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Notes and Comments

Greetings

May we take this opportunity of sending our heartiest greetings and good wishes to all our members, at home and overseas. This Year Book and Christmas Number will contain quite a few personal messages, we express our gratitude to those who took space for this purpose.

Belinda

Talking of greetings, may we also send a special one to our Lady Fellow, the one and only Belinda, who, by the way, was the first lady member and the first 'Sassenach' of the Society. This last honour was mistakenly accorded to Stanley Godden by one of the speakers at the Convention Banquet.

Kind Thoughts

We have a letter from Belinda in which she writes of the joy which was given her by a Greetings Telegram despatched from Convention, she got it at 8 p.m. on the day of the Banquet:—"It is a wonderful feeling not to be forgotten!" She asks to say how very much it was appreciated.

THE NEW SECRETARY.

Just as we go to press we are advised that Hedley J. Hollands has accepted the appointment of Secretary, and that President Bonar has confirmed him in that office. We are trying to get the alteration made throughout this issue, if we haven't managed it please note that the Secretary is now:—

Hedley J. Hollands, 32, Manor Park Gardens, Edgware, Middlesex.

We know our members will wish to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Hollands in his new office, and we trust all will do their utmost—as will the officers—to make his job as light as possible. He has been a popular and enthusiastic member of the London Group since his joining the Society and we are sure he will make an excellent Secretary.

We also wish Philip Marsden a rapid recovery to full health, every success in his new endeavours (the two factors which caused him to ask to be relieved from his office), and say that his invaluable services to the Society will not be forgotten. It is now possible that he will find time to collect a few stamps!

Misprints

We seemed to get more than the usual number last time—Mr. Printer please note—one of which originated with us and the others at Berwick-on-Tweed. Our error was in putting 1953 and not 1951 as the date on which she read her paper on Slogan Cancellations (page 284). The printer could not correct 'Prize' to read 'Price' in Roy Wrigley's advert on page x, although the proof was corrected for him. Neither can he apparently spell the name of our Newfoundland Corner compiler, Dr. R. Willan. This has now appeared in two issues as Willam, and the error has survived a special mention to the printer. We hope it is right this time, otherwise we shall have to pay compensation or the expenses of a deed-poll alteration!

Librarian

Since writing the last paragraph we have noted another mistake, we have mistakenly given the Librarian a wrong initial. He is, of course, no other than G. F. George; the 'R' which crept in instead of the 'F' could have stood for Rupert, Reginald or Rudolph—but it doesn't! Sorry, G. F. G.

News from "Down under"

Two first day covers, by the same delivery, brought the new Australian Nursing Commemorative from Don Cox and R. J. Tonkin. Mr. Tonkin tells us he is starting his caravan holiday in November, apparently he tows a van as we do, and that he is going North and hopes to visit Mr. Cox. We sent a reply which was far more about vans than stamps, and told him we were ready for a holiday ourselves. Another Summer, in Australia, wouldn't come amiss! Our best thanks to both of you for the kind thoughts.

Charges for booklets

Post Office Information tells us of a 6 x 4c booklet, sold since the 7th July at 25c. We would like to know how long it is since Canada abandoned charges for booklets. The early ones, Victoria and Edward types, contained 12 x 2c for 25c. Great Britain made a charge for her early booklets, you only got 5 x $\frac{1}{2}$ d and there was a blank space cancelled with an "X" (the 'cross attached of S.G.218a and 270a) so that you got 1/11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d value for your 2/-.

We had thought this idea was completely dead—of charging a premium—and that Post Offices generally were considering reducing the price of booklets to encourage people to buy stamps in greater quantity than one at a time. Standing in a Post Office, it is observed that a large number of people do actually come in for one stamp for a postcard or a letter. Thirteen for the price of twelve might cut down counter congestion and costs.

Misfortunes

Never come singly. Treasurer Macaskie booked his rooms and made all his arrangements to come to Convention, and his wife was taken ill at almost the last minute and he was billed as an absentee.

Mr. D. Pearson of West Bridgford, who had also booked his accommodation, was rushed to hospital the previous week and died there on the Thursday of Convention Week. He was a prominent member of the Notts and Derby Group and will be greatly missed by his many friends.

Kind thoughts

A most attractive cover, with the special postal cancellation for 'BNAPEX 1955' from Hartford, Connecticut reminds us once again of the kind thoughtfulness of A. H. Christensen. He also sent us the report of this, the seventh annual convention and exhibition of the British North American Philatelic Society (BNAPS to you!) which appears later in this issue. The continual liason work which he does in this way is only excelled by the kindness which accompanies it. Thank you A. H. C.

The Caspary Sales

Cyril Harmer keeps us abreast with the latest information. The section we are interested in is classified as Sale Five—British North America, and will be held in New York on the 9th and 10th October, 1956. We will let our readers have details when we get them from Cyril. The cost of what we are assured will be a lavishly illustrated catalogue—not yet available of course—will be 7/6d and the list of prices realised will be 6/-. You can have them for the whole of the Caspary sales for £5 10/- and £3 15/- respectively. Alfred H. Caspary is reputed to be the last of the truly great collectors—the men of Ferrari status—and it is improbable whether one man will ever be able to amass such fabulous collections in the future.

Finlandia 56

We have the preliminary advice that Helsinki will stage this International Stamp Exhibition to commemorate the centenary of the first Finnish postage stamps. Regulations and the first prospectus can be obtained from Frank Godden at 110-111 Strand, W.C.2.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My first thought in writing this message must be to acknowledge the honour which you have done me in electing me as your President. It brings pleasure but also responsibility and I can do no more than promise my best efforts to maintain the high traditions of those who have preceded me in the Chair.

I follow this by conveying the hearty thanks of all those who attended our Ninth Convention to Leo Baresch and his Committee who provided such a grand setting and such a philatelic feast as were spread before us at Selsdon Park. I need hardly say that the Scottish members will go all out to put on a better show next year.

It is too early to give news of place or date of next year's gathering but enquiries have started and I hope that next Maple Leaves will carry an outline of our plans. I would urge every member to earmark a few days of his holiday for a visit to Bonnie Scotland at the end of the summer. The more that come the merrier we shall be. Those who have attended a Convention know the friendly atmosphere. Those who have never taken the plunge do not realise the joys they are missing.

Our thanks are also due to those whom we may call the permanent staff of the Society. I often feel that their work is too readily taken for granted. I can, however, assure you that nothing would please them more than an increase in their labours. I cannot name them all but I would particularly mention our Packet Secretary. John Hannah has besought me for some time to get him more sheets for his Packets, a typical request. More sheets mean more work for him, but they mean also that more members receive packets, and of late there have been far too few packets to meet the demand. I am told that only 5% of our members ever take the trouble to make up sheets. Where do other members dispose of their duplicates? Do they just hide them in envelopes? Why not give them an airing and get some cash to extend your collection. I should like to see the number of packets doubled this year. Will every member undertake a spring cleaning and send the result to Aberdeen.

The other appeal I should like to make is for new members. I know that we have a large Society and that it is still growing, but there are many collectors who would be glad to join if they knew what we have to offer. Edinburgh Group has made a start for the season. How many other groups have done the same? I shall look for the results in Maple Leaves.

Before concluding I must remember that this is my last opportunity to

write you in 1955 and must wish all Fellows and Members the very happiest of times at the Christmas Season and the best of luck during 1956.

I am sorry to announce that owing to pressure of examinations, Philip Marsden has had to resign the Secretaryship. I am glad to say that Hedley J. Hollands, 32, Manor Park Gardens, Edgware, Middlesex, has agreed to take over as Acting Secretary. We are sorry to lose Philip's services for he has done good work for us. We wish him well in his examinations.

J. J. BONAR.

NEWFOUNDLAND CORNER

By Dr. R. WILLAN

I always enjoy the C.P.S. Convention, but the meeting at Sanderstead this year was better than ever. Of course, the highlight for Newfoundland collectors was the display and talk by Mr. Cyril Harmer on the Newfoundland Air Mails, which was a magnificent show, but it was a great pleasure to meet some of the members of our Study Group, and we had many little private sessions, some of which ran on into the small hours of the morning. I saw several items which were new to me. Mrs. Barratt showed me Balbo covers in both perforations. I had assumed that both existed, but had not previously seen the 13.7 variety, which seems to be the rarer. She also showed me a pair of the 7c red-brown of 1932, S.G.226, imperf. between vertically, the perforations being 14.1 line. Does anyone possess copies of the normal stamp with this perforation? It is obvious that it must exist, so look up the specimens in your albums.

The Newfoundland Study Group gained the first award in the Group Display class at the Convention Exhibition, though the entry was almost accidental.

Looking through the Perkins Bacon Proof Book at the Royal Philatelic Society, I found records of some facts of which I was previously unaware. The booklet plates of the 1932 1c, 2c and 3c stamps were composed of 60 subjects. Unfortunately, there is no statement of how these were arranged. As the booklet panes were blocks of 4 with margin at the top, the most practicable arrangement would seem to be 6 horizontal rows of 10 with horizontal gutters between rows 2 and 3, and rows 4 and 5. The only alternative I can see is to eliminate the second gutter and invert the last two rows of stamps. This would mean that one booklet pane in three would have inverted watermark. I doubt this, but I know very little about booklets. Can someone with more knowledge help us?

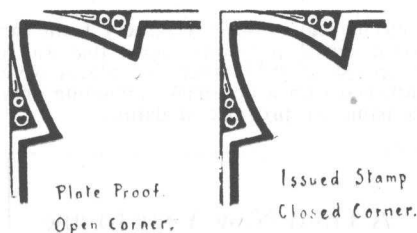
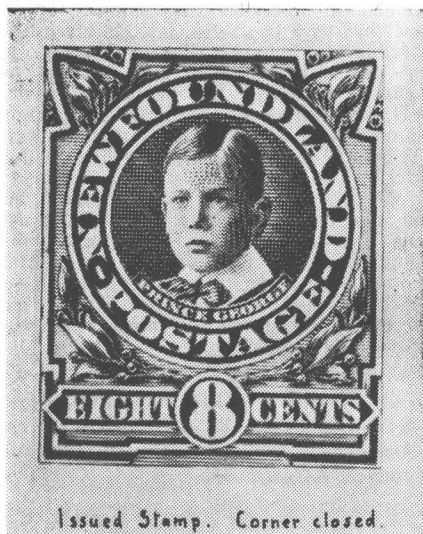
Another fact I learned is that plates were made, but not printed, for 14c and 28c values in the re-engraved "Publicity" issue of 1929. I know the die proofs of these denominations, but did not know that plates were actually prepared. Has anyone ever seen plate proofs?

Why is it that so many perforation varieties of the later Newfoundland stamps only

appear many years after the stamps were current? I refer not only to variations in gauge, which might be missed, but also to imperforates and part-perforates, which could not possibly be missed. All the values of the 1937 long Coronation set seem to have appeared lately imperforate, and it is only recently that I have seen the 3c fine head in pairs imperf. between both horizontally and vertically, and the 8c imperf. between vertically. Where have these been until now? Why have they never been described? Where are all the others, for there must be at least 100 of the imperf. and 10 pairs of each imperf. between? Were they ever issued, or are they printer's waste, coming on the market by devious routes?

I must confess that, like many other people, I require some incentive to make me examine my stamps really thoroughly. When I do so and find something previously unrecorded, the thrill of discovery is tempered by the realisation that I could have found it years ago had I but looked for it. A few weeks ago I acquired a complete sheet of 100 of the 8 cent 1911 Coronation





issue in black. This plate proof immediately interested me because, whereas all the plate proofs of this value which I had previously seen were on white card, this was on yellowish medium wove paper, quite different from the paper on which the lower values of this issue appear as proofs. But a more startling fact became evident when I looked at the impressions. In every stamp the top left corner was open. Evidently the die from which the plate was laid down had an open corner. In the issued stamps and in the ordinary plate proofs, the corner is closed. The question presenting itself now was:—Was this plate discarded, the die touched up, and a new plate laid down, or was this the plate used for printing the stamps after each impression had had the corner corrected? Examination of the ordinary plate proofs and stamps soon showed that the latter was the case. I had only 9 stamps and 5 proofs available for immediate examination but though the touching up was carefully done, there were differences which could only be accounted for by work on the plate. For instance, of those 14 specimens, in 7 the two frame lines meet exactly, in 4 the left frame line is slightly prolonged, in 2 the top line is slightly prolonged, and in one the top line falls just short of completing the corner. Moreover, the full plate shows a number of interesting re-entries, particularly on the bottom line, and I was fortunate to be able to identify two of these, one on a plate proof and one on a stamp. I have never seen a die proof of this stamp. Probably such proofs exist, but they would be regarded as incomplete "progress" proofs. Actually, it would appear that the die was never completed.

REVIEWS

At our Convention Auction I marked my catalogue for several lots I wanted to own, none of them came my way, in several instances bidding started higher than my maximum! I was thinking I was going to come away empty-handed when a small booklet of perfins seemed to be going begging. A nod is as good as a wink to Trevor, and they were mine. It was therefore with considerable interest that I looked through the second handbook which the British North American Philatelic Society have now produced. The first one, brought out last December, has been, I imagine, a best-seller. Alfred Whitehead's "Squared Circles" will be ever famous. Could the standard be maintained?

It has. In presenting "CANADIAN STAMPS WITH PERFORATED INITIALS"* we have the cumulative results of the work of the Perfin Study Group of BNAPS, and no attempt at personal editorship or authorship. Four names are given, Dr. Jephcott the Chairman, R. J. Woolley the Secretary, and Members P. D. van

Oudenol and E. B. Forney. I would like to extend my sincere and hearty congratulations to all four. The book contains an excellent exposition of the circumstances leading up to the perforation of stamps in this way, and the relatively unenthusiastic collector will read more than he intends as the interest is gripped by the way the tale unfolds. I myself was quite sorry to find I had arrived at the listing, and that the general part of the production had come to an end.

The listing is exhaustive, and everything listed appears to be illustrated. The code of the Perfins Club is used for describing the type and nature of each perfin, the issues over which it has been, or can be, found are listed, and even as to its use on revenues. The publication appears to cover the subject completely, both excellently and exhaustively.

There has never been to my knowledge, a great interest in this type of material in this country, and it seems likely that, over here, the handbook will not command the

attention of the first publication of BNAPS. It only needs one or two displays of this type of material however to start off many others on this by-path of Philately, and who knows when this may come? In sorting through future material, perfin's are going to be another class to pick out—and there are going to be some very interesting finds in a territory virtually unknown over here.

The high standard of the whole production, it is really beautifully produced, is a further testimony to the quality and work of Gordon P. Lewis. I am sure that the Perfin Study Group will agree that much of the success of their work depends on how it is displayed, and that Gordon must take a goodly share of the credit for another BNA production which enhances the already high standing of BNAPS.

* Price \$1 from Gordon P. Lewis, 37, Eldomar Ave., Brampton, Ont., Canada.
(A handbook of the British North American Philatelic Society)

There is no light reading in the other publication received this month. This * described as a check-list, is certainly not a handbook although it runs to 16 pages. It sets out to be, and we think succeeds in being, a complete list or index to the O.H.M.S. Official perforations. The author claims that it lists 230 major varieties and 611 minor ones. The listed items are not priced and there are no scarcity factors. It is only likely to have a limited interest on this side of the Atlantic, but will be essential to those who seek complete presentation of this field of philately. The production is adequate but one would have expected either a lower price or a cover for the existing price. It compares poorly with BNAPS handbooks.

* WRIGLEY'S CHECK LIST, CANADIAN O.H.M.S. OFFICIAL POSTAGE STAMPS. Price \$1.50 from Roy Wrigley, 2288, Bellevue Avenue, West Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

A NEW HANDSTAMP STYLE

By FRANK W. CAMPBELL



About three years ago the United States introduced a handstamp that had only one line of dating, the units being on wheels that were instantly changeable, except the year date was more permanently set into the bottom of the design, not on a "wheel".

It has been seen for Canada recently from Fort William, Ont., and Moncton, N.B., the latter illustrated here, full size.

It seems a little large, but the 31 figures arranged around the wheel that is largest decides the size, it can't be smaller. Examination of an instrument in a nearby United States office shows it is designed to a very close tolerance to fit this necessarily large wheel.

The large area for "length" will give room for some of the longer names, four of which I have picked out of the 1947 directory.

St.-Francois-Xavier-de Brampton, P.Q.
St.-Jean-Baptiste de Restigouche, N.B.
Sanitorium du Lac Edouard, P.Q.
South Branch of St. Nicholas River, N.B.
This up to-date postmark instrument in

a mechanical sense is a far cry from the first postmark instrument order that was a group list in 1828, when 105 places were furnished with a postmark containing only the name, no province or dating.

A Guid New Year to ane
and a,
And mony may ye see.

...

J. J. BONAR

sends heartiest greetings for the
Christmas Season and best wishes
for successful hunting during
1956 to all Fellows and Members
of the Society. May our friendship
never grow dim.

30 Greenhill Gardens,
Christmas, 1955. Edinburgh 10

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS AND INFORMATION



Two new additions to the Prime Ministers series were issued on the 8th November. The Rt. Hon. Richard Bedford Bennett, Prime Minister from 7th August, 1930, to 23rd October, 1935, appears on the 4c purple; and the Hon. Sir

Charles Tupper appears on the 5c blue. He was Prime Minister of Canada from 1st May, 1896 to the 8th July, 1896.

Panes will be of 100 stamps, and the stamps will not be overprinted "G" for Federal Department use. There will be two plates for each value, Nos. 1 and 2.

We are told in the same release that there has been a booklet on sale since the 7th July containing 6 x 4c 1954 design Q.E. stamps and selling at 25c.

Plates of the current Q.E. issue have now come into use as follows:—

- 1c Plates 1 to 3
- 2c Plates 1 to 3
- 3c Plates 1 & 2
- 4c Plates 1 to 6
- 5c Plates 1 to 7
- 6c Plates 1 & 2

BISMUTH AND SODA FOR JACK CANUCK

A strange title for a Canuck Column, but after a few days at Selsdon Park with all the delights of the Dining Room one found oneself grossly overeating before one realised one had to put the brakes on our appetites. The setting for the Convention was perfect and congratulations must be first on our programme, for the Convention Committee. Yes, Leo you excelled yourself, and must be a happy man now all is over and everything a success.

The official opening day was 27th September, but on the 24th we find W. C. Hinde dug in and established making sure he got a good front seat, and being followed shortly after by Dr. Willan and B. Howe. Meantime, the Convention Committee, Leo, Geoff. Harper and Stanley Godden had been working hard behind the scenes.

Stevie arrived with the Saltaire, or Scots Ensign, flying on his car and was shocked when someone whispered that it was the 'Admiral's' Pennant.

Monday and Tuesday were spent greeting old friends and meeting new ones. A special posse was sent off to the Railway Station to meet Jack Cartwright, upon his collecting his luggage from the guard's van he found the bottle was broken, so we just left him to walk.

Arrivals came from all directions as usual. Scotland, Ireland, England both North and South. It was very pleasing for us to have with us two of our real Canucks in Stanley Lum of Vancouver at present with the R.C.A.F. in Europe, and Mr. Duckworth of Hamilton, Ont.

We even caught up with Fred Tomlinson's caravan, and what a pleasant meeting.

Tuesday evening we had a great treat in our first Invitation Display by Stanley Godden, ranging from Early Classics to Moderns.

Wednesday morning was taken up with a well-attended and attentive study circle led by our new President J. J. Bonar this covered many aspects of Postal History. The afternoon developed into small study circles where Indian Reds and Blacks were studied from all angles. The same could be said literally in the Snooker Room, where for relaxation we had a blood feud. A match of Leo and Bill Lea versus Stevie and Cyril Harmer, a real endurance test,—for the spectators.

The ladies at this time finding Jack Cartwright looking very pensive, asked

why ? " Oh ! I am waiting for a bus to my bedroom " giving a very apt description of the size and length of Selsdon Park Hotel.

The evening brought our second Invitation Display when Cyril Harmer's Newfoundland Air Mails left us stunned but pleased. As one of our lady members said : " We thought some of these covers were only to be seen as pictures in Cyril's book on the subject, but now we have actually seen them for ourselves ".

The rest of the night and early morning was spent in some very interesting and serious study circles ranging over many subjects.

Thursday, the pace began to quicken. Stevie led a Study Circle which produced quite a pot pourri of problems. It is hoped we will see many of these problems of Wednesday and Thursday appearing in " Maple Leaves ".

The programme said : " This will be followed by an informal lunch under the Chairmanship of Jack Cartwright. This is intended as a jolly affair of impromptu speeches, maximum 5 minutes or you'll be gonged ". Well, with J. C. as chairman, could it be anything else ? Jack was at his best, but when Lees-Jones mistook an intimation on the hotel loudspeaker for the gong we drew the line, he did not get away with it. Again when Mr. Gatehouse, a non-philatelist, pleaded he thought all collectors were over 90 and teetotalers, he shook us and we all dived for a bottle.

After this we were all packed into cars and rushed off to a cocktail party laid on by our member Mr. Michael and his charming wife in their home and gardens, a delightful setting for a very happy party. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Michael, we all enjoyed ourselves.

Here we had the alarming sight of our President becoming airborne. Having found a garden swing Leo had to try it, but in mid-air he became separated from his under-carriage to make an undignified three-point landing in the middle of the lawn.

Another philatelic treat was in store in the evening when we saw Mr. Nicholas Argenti's collection of the Maritime Provinces. Some wonderful material and a wonderful knowledge of the subject. We hope to keep Mr. Argenti to a promise made in a weak moment, to have his Cents Issues ready for next year's Convention in Scotland.

Again the evening carried on into the " wee sma' oors ", with Bill Lea again as adviser-in-chief; what an amazing knowledge Bill has of all B.N.A. subjects. Carry on Bill, we are all very willing listeners.

Friday and the Committee were at work early on many subjects, followed by the A.G.M. where we had the able advice on legal matters from our new President and Fred Tomlinson as lawyers from Scotland and England, it is a pity Miller Allan was missing for Ireland to complete the entangling Trinity.

In the afternoon, David Gardner carried out his usual Auction with its usual success, ably supported by Trevor Edwards. Great credit is due to David who thought he had given up this job, but owing to our great loss of E. T. Lloyd, David again stepped into the breach.

The Banquet in the evening was a real shining and dazzling affair with all in a happy mood which infected all the speakers.

To open proceedings, Stanley Godden kindly presented us with a very fine cup to be given for the best display, annually, of classical issues. His witty reminiscences gave us a new angle on Stanley.

Major Beaumont, President of the Royal Society proposed the Toast of the C.P.S. and made very happy play on the meaning of substitutes.

The reply by Leo. Baresch applying the simili of grandchildren was very apt.

Jack Cartwright's wit as usual ran amok with his two old ladies of Tun-

bridge Wells. Jack at his best in proposing the toast of the Ladies. Mrs. Stephenson, in reply, caused much amusement by carrying Jack off as her gallant, into the medieval days and then dropping him with a thud back into the realities of today.

J. J. Bonar, our new president, proposed the toast of Our Guests, and the reply by Kenneth Chapman was a masterpiece of wit for a man called at very short notice to answer the toast.

Stevie led the Appreciation to Stanley Godden on the Ceremony of signing the Roll of Fellows. He reminded the audience of Stanley's faux-pas on a previous visit to Scotland when he asked who Wallace and Bruce were.

The presentation of awards so gracefully carried out by Mrs. Riesco, a very happy one was of Mr. N. Argenti receiving the Founders Trophy for Research, but perhaps one of the most pleasant recollections of the evening was the complete look of surprise on the face of John Bird when called upon to receive the new Stanley Godden Cup.

The evening finished again in the lounges, and at three-thirty the only two still on their feet fought it out with a duel at Snooker. Was it the relief from office for Leo ? but did Stevie get a hiding ?

Now to get out your sporran and kilt for next year's Convention.

CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

AWARDS—1955

FELLOWSHIP

OSWALD A. FRASER, ESQ.—for outstanding service to the Society.

BEST DISPLAY OF CLASSICS—John F. Bird, Esq.

FOUNDERS TROPHY FOR ORIGINAL RESEARCH—

N. Argenti, Esq.

AIKINS TROPHY—for the best article published in "Maple Leaves"
during the year—F. Tomlinson, Esq.

RESEARCH and STUDY DISPLAYS—

First—Col. D. McLellan.

Second—Hans Reiche, Esq.

Third—L. F. Gillam, Esq.

CONTRIBUTED DISPLAYS—

First—R. G. Woodall, Esq.

Second—F. J. Burroughs, Esq.

Third—D. G. Robertson, Esq.

GROUP DISPLAYS—

First—Newfoundland Study Circle.

Second—Newcastle Group.

Third—Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Group.

OUR YOUNGEST FELLOW

(Put this fellow in the prison (1 Kings 22:27))

This year our Fellowship Committee put forward only one recommendation for Fellowship, but their choice could not have been a happier one than



He was one of the few of the old Study Circle days, and a Founder-Member of the Society. For a few years he held office as Publicity Member and for a few more years he was the Society's Exchange Packet Secretary.

His tenure of both offices was one of much acceptance, due largely to his painstaking industry and to his whole-hearted and uninhibited devotion to the true interests of the Society.

He is acknowledged as an enthusiastic, energetic, astute and knowledgeable collector and student of BNA philately, and he has an intense interest in its Postal History.

By virtue of his breezy and readily amiable personality, in his attendances at the Annual Convention he has become an ambassador who has been able to ameliorate—to a great extent—the geographical difficulties which separate the North of Scotland from its sister groups.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1955.

Some 61 new members were enrolled during the year, of whom 14 are either Canadian or U.S. residents. One of our new Members lives in Sweden. Whilst this figure shows an improvement over last year, there seems no trend in the direction of an increased rate of growth.

This figure for new Members must be set against a very considerable loss of Members during the year, amounting to some forty Members. The net increase has thus been very low, amounting to only 20. This loss is arrived at as follows :—

By resignation	17	last year	14
By death	12	5
By Rule 13	12	1
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Total	41	20
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Thus the new total membership of the Society is 550.

The Society has sustained a heavy loss both in Members and in talent through death during the year. It is with great regret that we recall the loss of the following Members :—

R. D. Gilmour, J. Roberts, George Bell, G. Galloway, F. A. Crawley,
Col. A. O'Hanlan, Capt. G. Leonard Hearn, James T. Bain, E. T. E.
Lloyd, L. M. Bennett, J. H. Sinton, H. C. V. Adams.

A number of these have been prominent in philately generally, some were eminent collectors of Canada, some gave very generously of their time and service to the advancement of this Society.

P. MARSDEN.
Hon. Secretary.

EDITOR'S REPORT

From October 1954 to August 1955, five numbers of the Journal have been published, the second and third at quarterly intervals and then subsequently at bi-monthly intervals. It is thought that the change to the bi-monthly printings has been appreciated and has been accomplished without any falling off in the quality of the production.

Increases in membership caused us to run short of the October 1954 copies, we have no back numbers of this in stock, and the quantity ordered was increased from 650 to 700 as from June 1955 issue.

Contributors and advertisers have continued to play their part, we are receiving more advertising revenue than ever before—though not yet enough—and there has been no shortage of acceptable contributions.

The sale of back numbers, of the reprinted Volume One and of the Index, though slackening somewhat as may be expected, have maintained a steady income to the Society. This must be expected to drop still more, there are now three numbers which are out of stock.

The October number, now with the printers, is the last of the old Volume 9. The next number, December, will be the Year Book issue, which will be the first of the new Volume 10, and will contain a loose page, index to the previous volume.

We would like to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the kindness we have always been shown by the contributors, advertisers and printers, by the other officials of the Society, and by our many correspondents and friends. We would particularly like to mention Ernest Whitley, who has taken many photographs, and Jim Woods, who undertakes the preparation of all the wrappers and envelopes for each issue, a tiresome job which he does faultlessly.

There is one thing more. In twelve month's time, when Convention comes again, and the October 1956 issue is with the printers, your present Editor will have held office for $4\frac{1}{2}$ years and will have produced 23 numbers on behalf of the Society. The virility of our Journal depends on new blood and fresh enthusiasm, and the Convention of 1956 should be required to appoint some other member to the Editorial position.

F. TOMLINSON (Hon. Editor).

1955 CONVENTION AUCTION

At the date of writing (21st October) Auction accounts have not been cleared. This is due mainly to a number of delays in receipt of payments from purchasers, and vendors will, I hope, appreciate the fact that where lots are purchased by members abroad, a considerable delay is inevitable. On the whole the Auction was successful, and I shall, in due course, be sending the General Secretary a fairly substantial cheque. Unsold items were, in the main, Newfoundland, which was rather surprising, as the reserves on those were low. It is a good country to collect, and the time to buy is surely when good material can be purchased cheaply. I would like to express my thanks to the vendors, who contributed over 300 lots, to the postal bidders, and bidders in the hall, who responded suitably where desirable items were on offer. A special word of thanks must go to Mr. Trevor Edwards whose professional skill, plus his rather attractive informality in the circumstances were so successful, and to the others, Mr. Hollands, Mr. Fortnum, Dr. Hollingsworth and Mr. Howe, who all played a most useful part at the sale. There would appear to have been a slight mix-up at the end of the sale, and I would be grateful if any member or members who accidentally picked up the wrong lots would get into touch with me. The lots referred to are G.14, G.16, Lot 91 and Lot 226. (D. G.).

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

While I realise I have undertaken a hard task in following my predecessor, I hope I shall be able to be of service to you all and continue the development of the Library so splendidly set on its course by Mr. Lloyd.

It would be of great assistance if those members who have outstanding wants lists would be good enough to let me have them afresh and I will deal with them in rotation.

I am happy to report that Mr. W. E. Lea has most generously offered to give a further copy of Bogg's Handbook on Canada as an addition to the Library and the Society is very grateful indeed for this most welcome gift.

G. F. GEORGE.

CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPH

Whilst we are sure you would like to see the distinguished gathering at Selsdon Park, we have had some difficulty in getting all the names of those shown on it. Many were only introduced that day, and memory is always fickle. As far as we can be sure, it portrays the following:—

Back Row: D. Gardner, F.C.P.S. (Glasgow), A. Gabbittas (South Yorks), E. Gill (Liverpool), H. H. Brown (Hants), R. B. Hetherington (Sussex), D. Fortnum (Dorset), —, Duckworth (Canada) J. D. Harvie (London), W. Lea (Lancs.).

Third Row: F. Tomlinson (Kent), H. H. Gowers (Kent), G. F. George (London), Dr. Hollingsworth (Staffs), N. Argenti (London), H. J. Hollands (London), F. E. M. Betts (Bedford), S. Brayshay (Yorks), Major Barratt (Eire).

Second Row: J. Bird (Newcastle), W. Cheavin (London), J. C. Cartwright, F.C.P.S. (Kent), W. C. Hinde (Lancs), C. H. Greenwood (Devon), B. Hone (Edinburgh), Dr. Willan, F.C.P.S. (Lancs), G. B. Harper (London), G. Searles (Kent), Col. McLellan (Glasgow), H. L. Darnell (London).

Front Row: Mrs Fortnum (Dorset), P. Marsden (London), Mrs Gardner (Glasgow), J. J. Bonar (Edinburgh), Mrs Barratt (Eire), L. Baresch (London), Mrs Stephenson (Fife), E. A. Stephenson, F.C.P.S. (Fife), Mrs Willan (Lancs).

A DAY AT CONVENTION

By "MAPSTAMPER"

Getting up at the crack of dawn, our chariot shook off the dust of the ancient town of Oysterville about seven o'clock, and clattered to a standstill in front of the Selsdon Park Hotel about nine. There was nothing here to show the special nature of the assembly, no flags waving or bands playing, only the usual row of Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars indicating that the Scots contingent had arrived.

Asking at the reception desk, we were directed down miles of corridors to a lounge said to be reserved for the purposes of the Society. This we found locked, bolted and barred, with an extra chain and padlock looped between the handles of the swing doors, obviously our arrival had been anticipated!

Eventually we ran the earlier risers of the hotel contingent to earth in the dining room where they were just ordering breakfast. A cup of coffee, whilst Jack Cartwright stowed away a huge breakfast and Leo hopped around as if his trousers were alight, refreshed the weary traveller and we were then introduced to those of the hotel party who had managed to stagger downstairs. And so we met, for the first time, our Founder President and his lady; our President elect—now installed—and many others who had previously only been names or correspondents. We received several shocks, and are still pondering whether it is better to travel hopefully than!

A committee meeting due to start at 9.30 was under way before 10 a.m., and it was clear it couldn't complete its destined course of running over the agenda of the A.G.M. The time, for which this had been called, arrived, and the committee was abandoned.



There were about 35 present when the A.G.M. opened ten minutes late. A welcome by the President, Leo. Baresch, also referred to the losses to the Society, particularly of Edward Lloyd and H. C. V. Adams, and we went on to receive apologies from many absentees which included officers Macaskie and Hannah. The minutes of the previous A.G.M. were agreed and signed, arising from them the Constitution revisions came later in the agenda, and the Advertising re-arrangements were stated to be still the subject of discussion and exploration.

Then came the reports of the various officers. The Secretary told us of membership changes in the year under review, a net increase of 20 to a total of 550, with the annual rate of increase now slowing down. The Packet Secretary, not able to be present, submitted a written report telling of 11 packets circulated with a total value of £1122. Four had completed their circuits with total sales of £120, the remainder looked as if they would also sell an average of £30 each. John Hannah stressed the need for attractive material, stating he could sell as much as members cared to provide.

The Editor's report was not of much consequence, except that he said the members had better start looking for a new editor next year! Some very kind, but unwarranted compliments were paid by Bill Lea and Mrs. Barrett. A very brief report was given by our new Librarian, Mr. George, dealing with his period 'on probation'. Talking of book shortages brought Bill Lea to his feet again, this time to offer to give another copy of Boggs to the Library.

This was accepted with commendable alacrity by the President, Leo., amidst grateful applause from all present.

Next came the accounts and the Treasurer's report. Jimmy Macaskie also was unable to be present, owing to illness at home—a last minute cancellation, but he had assembled a formidable statement of figures which was far too professional for the rank and file to comprehend. When the Editor, who fancies himself as an Accountant, had finished his elucidation, nobody was any wiser at all! In brief, however, a most satisfactory position was shown, the probable balance at the 30th September being estimated at nearly one year's expenditure. The completed audited accounts will appear in the Journal in due course. Mac expects that the finances of the Society will stand the strain of 6 copies of Maple Leaves annually, and forecasts a small increase in the balance in the year now starting. The making available of a further £20 to the Librarian for the purchase of books as opportune was agreed. It was also agreed that £10 be made available to Convention Funds if needed, although it was confidently expected that this would not be wanted.

Then came the appointment of Officers. J. J. Bonar was elected our new President, with some considerable enthusiasm shown by the meeting, and Col. McLellan the new Vice-President. The remainder, the general officers, were all returned to their chores. Mr. George was confirmed in his office as Librarian, Phil Marsden agreed to carry on as Secretary until a successor could be found. We were told he must give up the office on the grounds of his health. J. J. Bonar, the new President, was left to look for Phil's substitute. The Editor again told the whole assembly they'd want another Editor next year!

A committee meeting on the previous day had discussed the draft of a new Constitution, prepared over a laborious period by a small committee, and it appeared that much more discussion and revision was still necessary if the product was to be generally acceptable. The A.G.M. left the drafting committee another year to do this job.

Then came the awards. One new Fellowship was awarded, to Ossie Fraser, a more popular choice could not have been found. Congratulations on the choice were forthcoming from all over the room. The Aikins Trophy, for the best article in the Journal, was awarded to a bloke named Tomlinson. This caused a bit of 'a do' as the said bloke didn't like it much and said so, thinking that the Editor oughtn't to qualify—no one having any knowledge of

what he might have rejected or deferred. When he badgers people for articles in future they can say:—"Write them yourself, you've won cups for writing!" As usual, no one took any notice of him. Mr. Argenti was awarded the Founder's Trophy for Research, for his work on Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The question of delegates to Congress and to the Scottish Association was left to the Executive, the venue of the next Convention (1956) was agreed as Scotland—probably in the Stirling area, it was said—and the Annual General Meeting came to its end.

Leo, said the photographer had been waiting for us all on the terrace for some time to provide a permanent record of this hysteric occasion, and would we all go out and group as requested. About half-an-hour later, the ever patient camera man was beginning to get the group into shape in spite of the obvious intention of several members to make it as difficult as possible!

There was time for a quick look at a few auction lots before lunch, and as soon as this was over it was time for the sale to begin. Cyril Harmer had some excuse for not attending, a Russian Ambassador turning up out of the blue we were told. I bet my wife would never believe a tale like that! Anyway, Trevor Edwards came in his place and was both entertaining and highly efficient. He told me one or two tales which were not in the catalogue! Total realisations were said to be £630, £780 and £720. You can take any of these figures with confidence. Trevor said:—"Who the h... produced this list?" after twisting and turning it every way (just like we all did). Anyway, it was a good sale, a pair of 3d Beaver proofs, lot 52, fetched £24, a mint block of 4 1928 \$1 Parliament £8. 15/-; there were three 1860 embossed envelopes, the 5c went for 50/-, the 10c for £5, the 8c, used, for £5 10/-. Lots 129-143, a fine selection of proofs, was put up as one lot and fetched £135 having started at 100 guineas. Five used copies of the Map stamp, including a precancel and a Nanaimo broken ring (cut-down Squared Circle) postmark fetched 52/6d with plenty of life still in the bidder—not me (I dropped out at 35/-), a mint block of 20 went up and up to £5. I did manage to buy one lot—a small booklet of perkins for 3/6d.

It was dark before the sale finished, but eventually your mapstamper set a course bar-wards to work up an appetite for the Convention Dinner, where he found he was not the only one with the same idea and where he was introduced by Trevor Edwards to other members of the H. R. Harmer Organisation who were turning up in force at the chance of a square meal. I found afterwards, to my great pleasure, that I was seated with them at the dinner, and I hope to follow up the friendships now begun.

After a small informal reception about 60 members and guests sat down to the Convention Banquet, where another pleasant surprise consisted of a most attractive table companion, editor of Philately and a fully-fledged Public Relations Officer into the bargain! Another friendship started!

Sir John and Lady Wilson were to have been our Guests of Honour, but the unfortunate illness of Sir John made last-minute changes necessary. The President of 'The Royal', Major K. M. Beaumont, took over the Toast of the C.P.S. of G.B. with Leo, responding. Stanley Godden said a few words as he presented a Cup to the Society for competition at the Convention Exhibition, a gesture very much appreciated by all present for which thanks were offered by Leo. The presentation of awards raised an odd burst of applause here and there, and a delightful little speech from Nicholas Argenti. The new Godden Trophy was given to John F. Bird for the Classics he displayed. A list of awards is elsewhere.

Jack Cartwright, in characteristic form, proposed the toast of 'The Ladies' to which Mrs. Stephenson made reply.

The award of a Fellowship to Ossie Fraser was loudly applauded, and it is hoped he will sign the roll next year. Stanley Godden took the opportunity to

sign the space awarded to him two years ago. Our Vice-President-cum-President Elect, J. J. Bonar, then offered the toast of the Guests, and we wound up with Kenneth Chapman, Editor of 'Stamp Collecting', replying on their behalf. Kenneth substituted for Major Beaumont, who had been promoted in the batting order, but left us in no doubt as to his appropriateness as he is Croydon's President this year, and we were on their territory !

The time was now after 11.30 p.m., and small and large groups mixed, milled and intermingled in the lounge outside the dining-room. It was perhaps a quarter after midnight when, reluctantly tearing away from friends new and old, and having undoubtedly not said all the 'goodbyes' which should have been said, I unlocked my car, checked the lights, cleaned the screen, and prepared to depart.

Quiet, steady motoring on relatively deserted roads, the rain had ceased, and it was a fine clear night, caused little effort. Checking my reaction against sleep, the miles were relentlessly put behind, and with a total on 'the clock' of nearly 140 miles (about 70 each way), I came to a quiet stop outside the garage at home. To avoid disturbing the family at what I knew would be a rather 'unholy' hour, I had put my sleeping bag and pyjamas in the caravan. Here I found a thoughtful wife had put a thermos of drinking chocolate, and before two o'clock I was catching up on my sleep.

It was quite a day, seven till two the next morning, 140 miles, continual incident, old friends and new, lots of welcome and happiness, much gossip and sly humour. I think the only thing we didn't talk about was stamps !

"BNAPEX 55" AT HARTFORD, CONN.

The British North American Philatelic Society's Seventh annual convention and exhibition "BNAPEX 55" held at the Hotel Statler, Hartford, Connecticut, was a most successful and enjoyable affair. The Connecticut "Nutmeggers" group acted as hosts under the chairmanship of Leon W. Banks and the arrangements made for the entertainment of the delegates were really excellent. Special mention should be made of the wonderful arrangements made by the ladies for the entertainment of the wives of out of town members who were taken on several most enjoyable tours in and around the city.

The convention was well attended with states as far away as California and Florida being represented. There was a strong delegation from Toronto.

A special cancellation reading "BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOC. CN. STA. HARTFORD, CONN." and date, was used at the special post office at the exhibition. Philately in the United States is indeed fortunate in having the full co-operation of the post office in matters such as these.

As to the exhibition at Hartford it was not large but contained some fine B.N.A. material. The grand award was won by Harry W. Lussey (New Milford, N.J.) with his very fine display of the admiral issue of Canada. Gold medals were awarded to Daniel C. Myerson (Harrison N.Y.) for a lovely display of the pence issues of Newfoundland and to Marcus W. White (Worcester, Mass.) for his very fine essays and proofs of Canada and Newfoundland postal stationery.

Silver medals were won by Charles P. de Volpi (Montreal) for stampless covers and by Roy Wrigley (Vancouver B.C.) for Canadian officials. Bronze medals were awarded to Walter P. Carter (Willowdale, Ont.) for 3 cents small Queens; George B. Llewellyn (Philadelphia, Pa.) for stampless covers; James T. Culhane (Norristown, Pa.) for Newfoundland; Wilmer C. Rockett (Glanside, Pa.) for Canadian revenues and Harry O. Rex (Plainville, Conn.) for war tax stamps.

Next year's convention of the society will be held in Toronto.

A. H. CHRISTENSEN.

GROUP NEWS

ABERDEEN

The Aberdeen Group made a very successful start for the new season with a display of Large and Small Heads of the Queen Victoria issues from the collection of Mr. John Hannah, the Packet Secretary. In addition to showing many fine copies of those stamps, Mr. Hannah displayed numerous rare postmarks, including the elusive "Collingwood" Marks, "Grills" and "Crowns" along with a profusion of the various "ring" and "cork" cancellations. Mr. Oswald A. Fraser, who presided, warmly thanked Mr. Hannah for a most enjoyable evening.

Mr. A. E. Stephenson, the Founder President, was a welcome visitor to this meeting, and after expressing his congratulations to Mr. Fraser on being made a "Fellow of the Society" paid tribute to Mr. Hannah's excellent display.

KENT & SUSSEX.

Kent and Sussex have two meetings arranged for the near future. One of these, on the 19th November at Eastbourne, will have been held by the time this issue makes its appearance. The second, however, at J. C. C.'s house—53, Madeira Park, Tunbridge Wells starts from 2 p.m. on Wednesday the 7th December—and there will be a DISPLAY of TEA, by the kindness of Mrs. Cartwright, from 4 to 4.30 p.m. J. C. C. or L. D. Carn will arrange a small luncheon party in one of the Pantiles estaminets for those who like to assemble early. The editorial staff—all of it—expects to be there, and when J. C. C. and F. T. get together . . . ?

LONDON

The Officers of the London Section for 1955-56 are:—Chairman: G. F. George; Contact Member: N. M. Clougher; Treasurer: H. D. J. Cole; Committee: R. H. Yorke, D. Back, General Spry and R. S. B. Greenhill; Secretary: T. R. Hutton.

At the September meeting, members entertained each other with short displays on the lines of "Six Sheets from each Member". A pretty mixed bag resulted, ranging from Leo Baresch's "3d. Beaver Varieties" to Mr. Klein's modern issues, taking in on the way some unusual "Bancroft City Post" items from the Librarian, Mr. G. F. George.

Mr. Francis Field did us proud in October, and brought all the way from Sutton Coldfield a selection of Air Mails, including quite a lot of non-B.N.A. items, which held the attention of those present. Mr. Field told us in concluding a lengthy display that he had not shown half of the material he had available, and he was promptly signed up to pay a return visit next season.

The Editorial "Maps" had a personal presentation on the 3rd November, when a good attendance enjoyed a racy explanation of scientific philately.

The meeting on the 8th December will hear a talk from Mr. Trevor Edwards, of Harmers, on "The Wiles of the Faker". We have heard Mr. Edwards lecturing—and auctioneering (Shades of Selsdon Park)—before, and expect a large attendance. Any non-members of the London Section who happen to be in Town on that day are cordially invited to drop in and pay us a visit.

OUR EDITOR'S BIGGEST KLANGER

In our October number of "Maple Leaves" I was shocked to note, in "Our Belinda's" article, that our Premier Local Group in Glasgow is **now defunct**. Perhaps it is, for nobody ever tells me nowt about owt. However, for a Group which so recently, as two years ago, turned on a show like the Glasgow Convention, and this year has produced our newest Vice-President, in Col. D. McLellan, seems to me rather a contradiction.

Well Glasgow, what about it? Does Fred Tomlinson get away with that one? Get out your battleaxes and claymores, or, better still, let him have some healthy reports of your meetings.

At Convention it was very gratifying to see and hear of the progress made by some of our Postal Study Circles: what was more, members were showing a deep knowledge of their subjects.

What is alarming however, is the "couldn't care less" attitude of certain

members receiving the circulating files. The Admiral file, after twelve months in the wilderness, returned anonymously. It was sent off again in May and turned up at Convention where it was found it had been sat on by two members for three months. Has Frank Staff's Postal History file surfaced yet? Again in "Maple Leaves" we get a "cri de coeur" from L. F. Gillam in his effort to keep the R.P.O. file moving. Let us hope his second volume, lets call it "Pheonix", will meet with a better fate than the first. It is however, pleasing to see L. F. G. imbued with the C.P.S. spirit that "the show must go on".

We had the pleasure of examining the Pre-Cancels File and great credit is due to our "Small boy" Hetherington; this file is a model other circles could well worth see and copy.

A. E. STEPHENSON,
Convener of Study Circles.

CLIPPINGS FROM B.N.A. MAGAZINES

Contributed by R. J. DUNCAN

23. TWO-RING NUMERAL CANCELLATIONS

By A. K. GRIMMER



Collectors of cancellations usually find it more or less difficult to secure the numerals from 1 to 60 or what are commonly called the "Two-Ring Numeral Cancellations" and to allocate the numeral to the Post Office which used it. Jarrett's excellent catalogue was able to define most of the post offices to which the numerals belonged, but there were a few numerals he had to specify as being "unknown."

While collecting cancellations on 3c Small Queens a lot of covers were secured which proved that "Two-Ring Numeral 34" belonged to Chatham, N.B. These covers were as follows:

- 1c Small Queen dated at Chatham, N.B., June 27th, 1873.
- 3c Small Queen dated at Chatham, N.B., March 18th, 1873.
- 3c Small Queen dated at Chatham, N.B., May 23rd, 1873.

3c Small Queen dated at Chatham, N.B., July, 1873.

3c Small Queen dated at Chatham, N.B., Nov., 1874.

3c Small Queen dated at Chatham, N.B., Dec. 18th, 1874.

Beside above a registered cover has been seen with the 2c and 3c Small Queen with Chatham cancellation and numeral "34". So it seems that these are adequate to establish that this cancellation belonged to Chatham, N.B. It is though one of the rarer of the two-ring numeral cancellations and rates a premium in value compared to the average value of two-ring numerals on the Small Queens.

It can also be stated that the cancellor or cachet was not always used only in one post office. From personal observation the two-ring numeral "11" which belonged to Fredericton has been seen on covers dated at St. Andrews, N.B., but these were dated later than when the cachet was in normal use and it is difficult to explain as St. Andrews had its own numeral "50".

Other instances of similar exchange has been reported also and this without satisfactory explanation or reason.

Popular Stamps, 1955.

24. MARGINAL LATHE WORK.—1911-1912 ISSUE

By MAJOR K. H. WHITE

The collector specializing in one country, especially if this happens to be Canada, can enter fields of absorbing interest that may entail many years of interesting study and research. The range is wide. It may be plating the early issues; hunting for elusive re-entries and retouches; possible shades,

paper or dies. One interesting study that has apparently been very much overlooked is the lathe work of the 1911-25 issue.

Boggs, in his Vol. 1 of "Postage Stamps", gives considerable space to the data covering lathe work, but it was not until Marler's Notes were first published that engine turnings first came into prominence, tied in as they were so meticulously with the plate numbers of all denominations. Several issues are unfortunately not included in Mr. Marler's Notes of the period, and this article purports to bring to the collector's notice a rough résumé of the whole subject.

Lathe work may have been one of the "war babies" of the first war. Wear on the plates always occurred first on the lower edges as they were curved slightly in the vertical direction. Entering a band of lathe work at the lower edge of the plate gave perfect indication of the rate of wear the plate was undergoing.

It seems established, with some certainty now, that four different designs of engine turnings were employed which for refer-

The Aberdeen Group

extends hearty greetings to all for

**CHRISTMAS AND THE
NEW YEAR**

"Happy to meet, Sorry to part,
Happy to meet again."

Bon Accord.

ence can be termed Patterns "A", "B", "C" and "D"—of which only patterns "B" and "D" occur with the design inverted, it is thought.

Mr. Marler's Notes give the following information covering the approximate period each pattern was in use:

January 16, 1917, to March 24, 1917
Pattern "B"—

March 29, 1917, to October 26, 1920
Pattern "C"—

March 18, 1920, to January 21, 1921
Pattern "D"—

November 22, 1920, to Dec. 16, 1924.

THE FOUR LATHEWORK TYPES



"A"

"B"

"C"

"D"

Photo by Ernest Whitley

The machine used by the printers to manufacture these strips of lathe work looks sufficiently massive to turn out siege guns, and it is said that once set in motion, mechanical perfection follows to an uncanny degree. It is not known what lengths these strips of lathe work came in for entering on the plates, but it is very curious the number of instances that can be found of distinct joins or overlapping in the engine turning, perfectly visible to the naked eye, and some very badly matched together.

The method utilised to enter the lathe work on the plate is the most intriguing problem. "Rocking" a strip the length of ten stamps seems utterly impossible; extreme pressure does not seem altogether feasible, and the plates could not have been inserted in the engine turning machine, as the joins seem to preclude this possibility. An expert engraver can presumably solve this problem with the greatest of ease.

The essential purpose of lathe work is early detection of plate wear, and given plenty of suitable material, a pleasing and logical evolution is to assemble strips of engine turnings graduating from full colored width down through the steps of pronounced wear until vanishing point is almost reached.

Some of the peculiarities in lathe work for the various denominations now follow:

104 1c Green—Types "B" and "C"

Type "B", with lines above and below the design.

Type "B", join between 9th and 10th stamp (lower right); large figure "1" 5th stamp shows through engine turning.

Type "B", strong guide line extending just below top line (trip of three stamps).

106 2c Carmine—Types "B" and "C"

Type "B", join at 3rd stamp and again at 7th stamp, strip of 10 lower right.

Type "B", lathe work does not run full length of 10 stamps in several instances.

108 3c Brown—Types "B", "B-Inverted", "C", "D", and "D-Inverted"

"C", "D", and "D-Inverted"

Type "B", join at 7th stamp, strip of 10 lower right.

Type "B-Inverted", only found one strip to date but see M.R. 4 2c plus 1c Brown.

116 10c Plum—Types "A", "B" and "C"

Type "A", Imprints A-7 & A-8 appear in left or right corners level with lathe work.

Join in lathe work appears level with 3rd stamp both left and right positions Plate A-8 on, strips of 10 stamps.

P. O. No. 934, F. can be traced through the engine turning at 9th stamp Plate A-7 left and right, and at the 10th stamp Plate A-8 right.

"A-8" can be detected under the engine turning at the 2nd stamp of Plate A-8 left, and "7" at the 3rd stamp of Plate "A-7" right.

It can only be surmised that existing lettering was not burnished out before entering the lathe work on these two plates.

Type "C", join in lathe work (position not known).

119 20c Olive Green—Types "A" and "D"

Type "A", join in lathe work at 3rd stamp both on Plates A-4 and A-5, right positions. The figure "5" appears beneath the engine turning at 2nd stamp on Plate A-5 right position.

Imprints "A-4" and "A-5" appear in left or right corners level with lathe work.

109 3c Carmine—Type "D"

Type "D", a series of guide dots appear just above the top line of the engine turning.

Lower Left Positions at stamps 4 and 10, other strips at stamps 4, 7 and 9.

Lower Right Positions at stamps 4, 7 and 10; other strips at stamps 1, 3 and 7; and still other strips at stamps 4 and 9.

These guide dots appear to be constant, in the respective strips, and must have been useful to the engraver for some reason.

The writer possesses one pane of 100 stamps, upper right, with no imprint but with a definite band of engine turning at the extreme TOP of pane. A pencil note on the selvage states: "First lot on sale—Calgary P. O., 4 Feb., 1924."

Coils in Sheet Form

The first group printed on thick wove paper, lower strips of 20, confirm Mr. Marler's Notes.

126b 1c Orange—Lathe work Type "B" well defined.

128b 2c Deep Green—Lathe work Type "D" but very badly worn to a fine strip of color, disappears at stamps 8, 9 and 10.

130b 3c Carmine—Lathe work Type "D" but badly worn to a fine strip of color.

(Note. The second group printed on medium wove paper, 126a 1c yellow and 128a 2c Green, has no lathe work.)

112 5c Violet—Lathe Work Type "D"

Type "D-Inverted" is also believed to exist.

114 7c Red Brown—Lathe Work Type "D"

Lower Right Positions—Guide dots appear at stamps 1, 5 and 6; again on other strips at stamps 4 and 7.

1915 War Tax M.R.2 2c Carmine—Type "B"

Upper and lower lines show above and below body of engine turning.

Lower Right Position—Lathe work terminates at mid-centre of 10th stamp (two strips of 10 are identical).

1916 War Tax M.R.4 2c plus 1c Brown, Die II—Types "A", "B" and "B-Inverted"

Lower Left Position—Type "B", a strip of 10 with a beautiful join at 6th stamp.

Lathe work Type "A" commences with Plate No. A-31 (Serial No. 937 M) which follows Plate No. A-30 lower left showing imprint "Ottawa No. A-30" between 2nd and 3rd stamp, Serial No. 937M, below 9th stamp. Type "A" is used continuously on all Plate Nos. between A-31 to A-42 (inclusive). Possess all these plate numbers mostly in strips of 10 both left and right positions. The imprints appear below the first stamp right position, and the 10th stamp left. The serial number was evidently always shown below the imprint, but was sometimes either cut in half or guil-

lotined off completely. Some imprints exclude the prefix "A", such as Plate 36.

Plate No. A-43 (Serial No. 937P) is the change-over to lathe work Type "B" with the location of the imprint changed to a vertical position; lower left covers stamps 81 and 91; right stamps 90 and 100. Plate No. A-44 (Serial No. 937P) has the imprints horizontally; lower left below the 10th stamp, and lower right below the first stamp, with no sign of lathe work being entered. It is thought that from Plate No. A-45 onwards imprints only appeared in top positions, left and right, with lathe work Type "B" covering all 10 stamps in the lower panes. Possession of strips of 10 confirms this idea, but further investigation is necessary to substantiate this view on all Plate Nos. A-45 to A-56 (inclusive). Much of the lathe work in this denomination is of an unusual nature, sometimes truncated once or twice, cut off at an angle, and other funny stunts.

It is hoped that the foregoing remarks on lathe work may have proved of general interest. Below is given a summary covering the whole field.

SUMMARY LATHE WORK

Demonination	Marler's Code	Bogg's Code
104 1c Green	B.C.	II.III.
105 1c Yellow	C.D.	III.V.
106 2c Carmine	B.C.	II.III
107 2c Green	C.D.	III.V.
108 3c Brown	B.C.D.	II.III.V.
109 3c Carmine	D.	V.
110 4c Bistre	D.	V.
112 5c Violet	D.	V.
113a 7c Bistre	B.	II.
114 7c Red Brown	D.	V.
116 10c Plum	A.B.	I. IIa. III
117 10c Blue	D.	V.
119 20c Olive Gr.	A.D.	I.V.
120d 50c Brnsh Blk	D. (b)	V. (b)
122 \$1 Orange	D.	V.
M.R.1 1c Green		
War Tax	B.	II.
M.R.2 2c Carmine		
War Tax	B.	II.
M.R.4 2c+1c Brown		
War Tax	A.B.	I.II.
126b 1c Orange, first printing	B.	II.
128b 2c Deep Green, first printing	D.	V.
130a 3c Carmine, first printing	D.	V.

Note: Denominations not shown in the above list have no marginal lathe work.

N.B.: All the above mentioned types are now in the writer's collection excepting two items—

(a) 116 10c Plum, Type "B".

(b) 120d 50c Brownish Black, Ty. "D".

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CANADIAN 2-CENTS MAP STAMP

by F. TOMLINSON (74)

PART IX

Red Printing—Plates 1, 2 and 3.

It is convenient, having dealt with the characteristics of the black printings of Plates 1, 2 & 3, to consider the red printings which appear jointly with them. There appears to be no reasonable doubt that there were two, and two only, red plates and that the first of these was used exclusively in conjunction with black plates 1, 2 & 3 and that the second red plate was used exclusively in conjunction with black plate 5. My researches so far must be well into the hundreds of thousands of copies of this stamp, and I have found nothing to cause me to doubt this statement. The red plate used in conjunction with black plate 5 is generally capable of such clear identification that it would seem improbable that the use of the other plate could be overlooked.

The printings in red were made by the typographical process, not the lithography mentioned for so long by the earlier students, and are full of variety and change. Typography, or surface printing as it is popularly known by most philatelists, is a less expensive method and usually produces a less attractive and less accurate result than does the line engraved method. A study of this stamp, with the black portions line engraved and the other two colours surface printed, quickly brings out some measure of the qualities of each process.

As far as I have been able to ascertain, what we might care to call the principal varieties caused in the red printing can be relied on for constancy, and the remainder occur most of the time but are varying all the time and cannot be relied on implicitly. Similarly, in the minor varieties there are so many which are either almost identical or only differ very slightly, that they can only be used as a clue. For example, I have noted the position of 'extra islands', one position is common to 5 stamps, another to another 5 stamps, and a third to not less than 7 stamps! So if a block of four requires identification and an extra island in one of these positions is the only immediate clue, it is often necessary to compare it with many located pieces before it can be assigned correctly to its position.

Now many readers will no doubt be attempting to allocate items from these articles. I have said earlier, and I say again, you cannot allocate with accuracy from the red printing; you can only use the red printing either to provide an original clue or to confirm other features which may not be strong enough in themselves. As an example, the re-entries in column 9 of Plate II have a similarity of feature, and a heavy postmark on certain parts of the stamp may make it difficult to be sure which one you have found. There are, however, particular features in the red printing of stamps 19 and 39, and if the red islands in the Pacific Ocean are not obliterated you should be able at least to tell if it is one of these two—leaving only two others it might be, and these two are not likely to be confused. But to find either of these two stamps, by itself, from one of the other plates where the re-entries don't run, and to say "This is stamp 19" (or 39 as the case may be) is, to put it mildly, chancing one's arm.

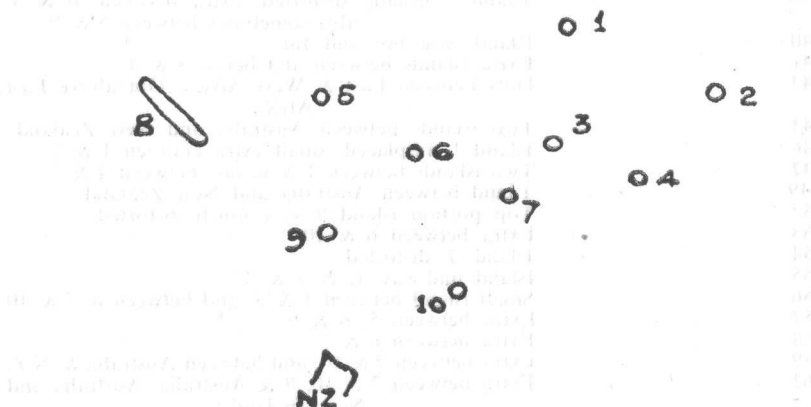
Again, don't rely on the minor varieties of the red printing as a sure identification feature!

Now for what there is to be seen. I expect others making the same or a future examination will find other items. There is almost no limit. But what

is related here has been seen AT LEAST FIVE TIMES on full located sheets, two from Plate I, two from Plate II and one from Plate III. Many other things have been seen on one or another of these inspections but only those which I have seen every time are listed. I will mention what I consider to be the principal varieties, they appear in the total list but the others are considered only minor.

The identification is principally based on the islands in the Pacific Ocean, which are shown here, diagrammatically enlarged and given numbers.

ISLANDS IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN.



Incidentally, the chain of islands shown on the stamp in the Indian Ocean also displays varying characteristics as between one stamp and another, though not perhaps such clearly different ones as some of those in the Pacific. A future student seeking to amplify—or dispute—these findings might well have regard to the Indian Ocean Islands.

Red Printing—First Plate, used with Black Plates, I, II and III.

Varities found to be constant.

Major	Varities		Description
	Position	No	
	33, 79, 89		Island Missing
	2		Two islands instead of One.
	46		Distorted, Islands 1 & 2 are parallel
General	List		
	2		Extra island between 3 & 7, or two small islands instead of island 3
	5		Extra island between 8 & 9
	6		Dot between Australia and New Zealand
	8		Island 6 distorted sideways, extra between 7 & 10
	10		8 & 9 almost join, 4 & 7 almost join, extra between 5 & 9
	11		8 & 9 almost join, dot between Australia and N.Z.
	12		Islands 3 & 4 join—one wedge of red.
	14		3 & 4 almost or do join, 5, 6, & 7 almost or do join,
			Dot midway between & above East & West Africa
	16		Small dot between 7 & 10
	17		Small island between 6 & 7

- 19 Island 7 distorted, extra between 9 & 10, & 3 & 7
 20 May be extra between 1 & 3
 23 Extra between 1 & 3, between 3 & 7, 'Colony'
 between East and West Africa.
 27 Small island between 5 & 6
 28 Small dot between 6 & 10
 29 Island between 5, 6 & 9—but not always on Plate 3
 30 Dot between Australia and New Zealand
 31 Islands 6 & 7 distorted
 32 Extra island between 1 & 3 and above Tasmania
 33 Island 2 missing, all are small, island 3 is just a
 diagonal dash
 34 Two very small islands between 9 & 10
 36 Small island between 3 & 6
 38 Small island usually between 6 & 7, on some printings
 stamps 3 & 7 join
 39 Island 7 usually distorted, extra between 6 & 7,
 also sometimes between 5 & 9
 40 Islands are big and fat
 41 Extra islands between and below 3 & 4
 42 Dots between East & West Africa, Dot above East
 Africa
 43 Two islands between Australia and New Zealand
 46 Island 1 misplaced, small extra between 1 & 3
 47 Two islands between 1 & 6, one between 4 & 7
 49 Island between Australia and New Zealand
 52 Top portion island 9 very much distorted
 53 Extra between 6 & 10
 54 Island 7 distorted
 55 Island mid-way 1, 2, 3 & 4
 56 Small island between 1 & 3, and between 6, 7 & 10
 57 Extra between 5, 6 & 9
 58 Extra between 6 & 7
 59 Extra between 7 & 10, and between Australia & N.Z.
 62 Extra between 7 & 10, 9 & Australia, Australia and
 New Zealand
 64 Extra between 6 & 10, Island 5 distorted
 65 Extra between 1 & 3
 66 One large or three small extra islands between 9 & 10
 68 Island between Australia and New Zealand
 70 Islands extremely heavy, 3 & 4 join, 6 & 7 nearly
 join
 72 Islands extremely heavy, 3 & 4 appear to join, extra
 between 5 & 10, large 'colony' between East and
 West Africa almost joins or may join them. (I have
 seen this once with the islands not heavy)
 73 Islands average but East & West Africa appear to
 join
 74 Island between 6, 9 & 10
 75 Dot between 9 & 10
 78 Extra island between 5 & 6
 79 Island 5 missing
 80 Islands extremely heavy, 3 & 4 join, 5 & 6, and also
 9 & 10, sometimes also appear to join
 82 Islands extremely heavy sometimes, extra between
 3 & 7 may cause them to appear to join
 83 Small island mid-way 5, 6 & 9
 84 Small island between 9 & New Zealand
 86 Island between 7 & 10 (other minor islands too)
 88 Island between 9 & New Zealand, and sometimes
 between 6 & 7
 89 Island 3 missing—little islands all over the place
 90 3 & 7 almost, or do join
 92 Small island mid-way 5, 6 & 9
 95 Extra between 9 & 10
 96 Small extra between 9, 10, & New Zealand
 100 Uncertain definition of islands, small extra may
 appear between the following pairs—2 & 4, 3 & 7,
 9 & 10

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONVENTION

DEAR MR. TOMLINSON,

I should like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone for the hospitality shown to me, especially the Secretary and Mrs. Philip Marsden who went through so much trouble to ensure that my visit to England was an enjoyable one.

After witnessing some of the C.P.S. Convention activities, I am inclined to believe that the collectors in England know more about Canadian stamps than the people in Canada.

Not only was the interesting programme well planned but it was most informative, and I learned a good deal about the earlier Canadian issues. I shall certainly look forward to visiting Scotland next year, when the 1956 Convention is held.

Yours sincerely,
STAN LUM (780).

ANOTHER "WEEPING PRINCESS"

DEAR MR. TOMLINSON,



I enclose a photo: of a copy of the 4c. Violet Royal Visit, 1951 stamp which shows clearly a very large tear under the Princess's left eye. On the stamp this shows prominently in violet the same as the stamp. Would you care to illustrate this variety in a coming Edition of "Maple Leaves" in the hope that someone may have also seen it and thus establish it as a constant variety. It appears to be a much better tear than the little black spot on the Silver Jubilee 1c.

Yours sincerely,
H. P. BRYANT. (107).

3c. JUBILEE

DEAR MR. TOMLINSON,

A short time ago, I came across a rather remarkable specimen of the 3c. Jubilee of 1897 which, on first inspection, appeared to be a re-entry since doubling of the whole design was apparent to some degree and was most pronounced in the words "Three Cents" and the bottom frame lines. I submitted the stamp to our

microscope expert Ernest Whitley for his examination and opinion and, eventually, we came to the conclusion that it was probably what is known as a "kiss" print. This type of print occurs during the printing process through some fault in the application of the machine and is not due to any defect in the plate itself. Other examples are known on Canadian stamps.

As I am not aware of the existence of a re-entry on this stamp and have never seen one reported, it would seem unlikely that a re-entry (if such it were) of such a prominent character would have remained undiscovered for so long on such a common stamp.

Perhaps some members will be able to give information on this or have already a similar variety in their collections.

Yours sincerely,
J. MILLAR ALLEN. (422).

PRECANCEL VARIETY

MY DEAR FRED,

I herewith enclose a Photograph of an interesting Precancel variety, which was recently sent me by our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. P. Macaskie. As far as I know, this variety has never been recorded, it is most certainly not catalogued in the "Official Catalog of Canada Precancels" (Fifth Edition).

This variety on the 1912-18 Admiral Issue, 1c, Green, should be catalogued as 1-85 d, "QUE" missing.

I have had it photographed with a normal stamp for comparison.



Normal

"QUE" missing

I hope that you will be able to publish this photograph in the next issue of "Maple Leaves", and I should very much like to know if any other member has seen, or has, a copy of this stamp.

Yours ever,
R. B. HETHERINGTON. (84).

BRAMPTON ROLLER PRECANCEL

MY DEAR FRED,

Regarding the "WISE" Postmaster of Brampton, and the issue of the above, I have read Mr. C. Garrett's letter in

"Maple Leaves" for October 1955. I am afraid I cannot agree with what he says, he refers to the issue as an "emergency precancel" a better term would be "provisional precancel", these stamps are a modern replica of the early unofficial precancels such as were issued by Ottawa, St. John, Montreal and Toronto in the late 80's of the 19th century.

I have had several letters (which have been quoted in various issues of "Maple Leaves") from the Director of Financial Services, Post Office Department, Ottawa, regarding the issues of the above, there is NO doubt that these issues are PRE-CANCELS for all Mr. Garrett says. Any stamp which is postmarked or cancelled BEFORE issue is a PRECANCEL, and to say that anyone could manufacture these precancels by using used stamps on envelopes is quite wrong, the stamps would have to be regummed and it would not be difficult to expose this type of fraud.

Mr. Garrett also says that this type of unofficial precancel is a common practise, this appears to me to be rather extraordinary in view of the number of collectors of precancels, why were they not reported? The Brampton ones were, within a day or so of their use.

I am afraid I cannot agree with Mr. Garrett that we just forget them. I consider them a most interesting use, even if an improper one, of modern Canadian stamps, they are NO DOUBT precancels, as he admits himself in para two of his letter.

As to the Postmaster being "WISE" with this statement, I again cannot agree and, in view of a letter I have received from the Director of Financial Services, dated 20th July, 1955, I think he (the Postmaster) would be very UNWISE indeed if he issued any such precancels again. He has already received an official "rocket" for so doing in the past and a reminder has been issued to all postmasters that this type of precancel is against the Post Office

Department regulations.

In view of the great interest collectors of Canadian Precancels have taken in the Brampton issues, I hope that you will be able to publish this letter in your next issue of "Maple Leaves".

Yours very sincerely,
R. B. HETHERINGTON,
C.P.S. of G.B. (84).
Precancel Study Group.

PRICES ARE RISING

SIR,—In a letter from Brandon, Man. dated Sept. 21/55, John Lane of "S.C." days tells me of a collector friend's experiences.

He says: "Ever since, he's been purchasing good early Canada from all sources, including Sissons' auction sales, and is gradually putting together a fine lot of material.

He was out in Vancouver a couple of years back, and in one of the stamp shops there, he found a lovely copy of the 15c Green Queen, and bought it for about \$4.50. He tells me it was labelled "the Bileski shade"! It should have been the "F.B" shade, seems to me.

Too bad you've given up "S.C.", as there would be a great story in the huge raise in prices for Canadian stamps. 'A' has been working on the 1859's and the prices he has paid out for fine copies of each value of that issue are almost unbelievable.

Can you imagine \$17 (£6 2/-) for a fine used 17c Cartier?

Or a lot of six 12 1/2c Queens for \$85, (£4 8/- each)? That's what he paid.

He bid \$105 for a 'log in waterfall' variety at one of Sisson's sales, and he tells me that it went for over DOUBLE that figure.

He paid \$36.50 (£13 7/-) for a copy of Jarrett's Handbook."

Yours, etc.,
F. L. BROWN. (383).

CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

YEAR BOOK SECTION

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

- 1.—The Society will be called "The Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain."
- 2.—The object of the Society will be to associate those interested in the Postal History and the Stamps of the British North American Colonies and the Dominion of Canada and by reading, discussion and publication of papers, to encourage these studies; to provide facilities for the exchange of duplicates and generally to promote interest in the study of the Postal History and Stamps of these territories.
- 3.—The Society will be composed of (a) Members, (b) Fellows, and (c) Honorary Members. The word "Member" used throughout these rules will be held to include "Fellow" when the context so admits. Members may be admitted to Life Membership on payment of the following:—Age up to 50 years, £5 5s.; Age over 50 years, £4 4s. The number of Life Memberships accepted at any time shall be controlled by the Committee.
- 4.—In areas where the Committee consider it advisable, Study Groups will be formed.

Where a Group is formed and approved by the Committee, it shall be self-supporting and the Society will not in any way be responsible for expenses or debts incurred by any Group. Each Group will elect a "Contact Member," who will become a member of the Committee of the Society. The Contact Member will organise the Group in matters of Study and act as the Contact between the Group and the Committee of the Society.

5.—Groups will endeavour to work in association with the local Philatelic Societies in any matter relating to British North American Postal History and Philately.

6.—The officials of the Society will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and will consist of the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Exchange Secretary, Bulletin Editor, Convener of Study, and Publicity and Advertising Manager, who with the Contact Member from each local Group will form a Committee for the Management of the Society. Three will form a quorum for any Committee meeting.

An official may hold more than one office if such is in the interests of the Society.

7.—Any member of Committee may put forward in writing to the President or Secretary items for discussion by the Committee. A member of Committee unable to attend a Committee meeting may appoint a Deputy Member or vote by proxy on any matter on the agenda. In order to vote by proxy he must state definitely in writing to the President the way he wishes to vote.

8.—The retiring President, if not re-elected to Committee, will (unless circumstances render it impossible) automatically become an extra member of the Committee during the year succeeding the date of his retirement, with a view to his rendering assistance to the new President, and in the interests of the Society.

9.—Membership and Fellowship will be limited to such members as the Committee may from time to time determine.

10.—Members may be elected Fellows by the Committee in recognition of any outstanding research in the Postal History and Philately of British North America, or for outstanding work in the advancement of the Society's interests. Election of Fellows will be effective only on the recommendation of the Fellowship Sub-Committee in accordance with the Rules Governing the Election of Fellows.

11.—Members or individuals of outstanding merit may be elected by the Executive Committee as Honorary Life Members of the Society for reasons of exceptional service in the field of B.N.A. Philately.

12.—Candidates for admission as Members must be eighteen years of age or over, and must be proposed and seconded by Members of the Society. Such Members under the age of 21 shall not receive the Exchange Packet.

13.—If admission be granted, the Secretary will intimate the fact to the member, and on receipt of his subscription he will send him a copy of the Rules, when he will then be held to be bound by them. Members taking advantage of the Exchange Section will be held to agree to be bound by the Special Rules applicable thereto. Any member who has failed to pay his subscription by the 30th of April following the date on which the subscription falls due, shall be liable to forfeiture of his rights to membership and such privileges that membership carries. The Secretary and Treasurer shall have power to decide whether the circumstances in any individual case warrant forfeiture of membership of the Society. Where their decision is adverse to the member they will have the right to remove his name from the roll of members without cause assigned.

14.—The Annual Subscription will be Ten Shillings (Dollar Rate \$1.50), and will be payable annually, in advance, on 1st October, a certain sum to be allocated from each annual subscription to be placed to the Convention Fund, the said sum to be agreed upon at the Annual General Meeting.

15.—Two members of the Society will be appointed annually to audit the Accounts of the Society.

16.—Nominations of officials, together with proxies, if any, should be in the hands of the Secretary one month prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Rules Governing the Award of Fellowships

1.—Election to Fellowship of the Society shall be in the manner and form hereinafter set forth.

2.—Nominations of such members deemed worthy of election shall be sponsored by at least two members of the Society, who shall submit to the Secretary full details (on the prescribed form*) at least two months prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

3.—The qualifications for election to Fellowship shall be:—

(a) He must be a member of the Society.

(b) He should be distinguished by having:—

(i) carried out outstanding research in the Postal History and/or Philately of British North America.

(ii) rendered outstanding services in the advancement of the Society's interests.

N.B.—In the case of (b) (ii) the award is made in exceptional circumstances only and office-bearers whilst in office are not eligible for the award on this count.

4.—Nominations received by the Secretary shall be passed to the Fellowship Sub-Committee, who will be responsible for checking the suitability of the nominee. The Fellowship Sub-Committee shall be appointed by the President and shall comprise three senior Fellows. The Fellowship Sub-Committee shall have the power to accept or reject the nomination.

5.—Such nominations as are accepted by the Fellowship Sub-Committee shall be presented to the Committee, where election shall become effective by a two-thirds majority of members' votes recorded.

6.—Nominations rejected by the Fellowship Sub-Committee may be re-submitted for further consideration after a period of not less than three years from the date of the original submission.

7.—Where considered desirable in the interests of the Society, the Fellowship Sub-Committee may, whilst not rejecting a nomination, withhold it until such time as they consider it acceptable for presentation to the Committee for decision.

8.—The Fellowship Sub-Committee shall exercise the utmost discretion in the selection of suitable nominations in order to maintain the highest level of award and to ensure the impossibility of any abuse. All matters regarding the selection of nominations shall be treated in the strictest confidence.

*Forms are available from the Secretary.

Rules Governing the Award of the Founder's Trophy

1.—The Trophy shall be awarded only to members of the Society. It will be held by the winner for one year.

2.—The Trophy will be awarded for work considered by the Judging Committee to be the best subject of ORIGINAL or INTENSIVE research in any branch of British North American Philately.

3.—The Judging Committee will comprise the President, the Immediate Past President, and the Fellows of the Society.

4.—A quorum of this Committee shall be four, and the Committee's decision will be final.

5.—Throughout these Rules the word "Committee" shall mean the Judging Committee.

6.—The Committee may withhold the Trophy in any year when they feel the intended standard of original or intensive research has not been reached.

7.—The Committee may make the award in any year for outstanding research in previous years, providing the member concerned is still alive.

8.—Any winner of the award will understand his subject of research will be made available for its initial publication in the Society's Journal, for the benefit of all members.

9.—Nominations for the award, proposed and seconded, may be sent in through the Secretary, or brought up by the Committee themselves.

10.—All nominations, and discussion in Committee, will be treated as strictly confidential.

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