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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Editorial

Once more the Christmas season is with us and this edition heralds another Year Book.

In view of the number of articles in this number we are keeping these notes to a minimum.

Exchange Packet

A warm word of welcome to our new Exchange Packet Secretary, Mr. J. A. Grant. As with his predecessors he looks forward to as much support from our membership to keep a steady flow of material in circulation. Get down to sorting out those duplicates and send a booklet or two along now.

Handbooks

Sales of our recent publications are moving along at a steady pace and up to date some very excellent reviews have been noted. One of our Canadian members has written to say what a wonderful job the Society is doing in publishing these handbooks, well printed and reasonably priced. These kind words are most appreciated.

Whilst on the matter of handbooks we hear from Bob Woolley of B.N.A.P.S. that three handbooks are in preparation by that Society. A revised Perfin Handbook, a revised edition of McCready's work on Flag Cancellations and also one on Booklets and panes. Publication date of the first two items is the latter part of 1961.

Copies will eventually be for sale through your Editor, so please watch for further announcements.

CONVENTION AUCTION

Llandudno 1960

Well, the hopes expressed in the April Maple Leaves were realised and it was an avalanche after all. With the late arrivals there were 477 lots on offer, a record that will probably stand for a few years and the total sales amounted to just on £1,200, another record which will take some beating.

In all, 109 members bid in the sale of whom 89 succeeded in getting something. Overseas support was good and the 55 bidders from abroad included representatives from Australia, Sweden, Italy and Kenya as well as Canada and U.S.A. The competition on most material was acute, the "Covers" and "Cancellations" sections being especially well contended. On the other hand it was obvious that straightforward "stamps" (excluding varieties and so on of course) do not attract attention unless really fine. Some quite nice but quite ordinary Pence issues found no favour in the eyes of the bidders but a lovely copy of an 1859 10c. bright red-purple proved itself with a realisation of £5 and a fine 17c. deep blue made 65/—. I feel this is a point worth emphasising for the benefit of potential vendors in future auctions.

This summary cannot be closed without expressing my own (and the Society's) thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the sale. In particular we have Mr. H. F. Blease, Jim Cater, Dr. Jacob, Pierre Langlois, Jim Macaskie, and Aubrey Smith, all of whom sent in Gift lots for the Funds. Then there are all those folk who rallied round and sent P.O.'s and stamps to help expenses, space prevents listing them all and the most generous donation has to remain anonymous because that's the way the donor wants it. Jim Woods saved me hours of work by obtaining and addressing all the envelopes for despatching the catalogues and finally I must mention Charles Hollingsworth. In blithe ignorance of what the future held he offered to help and got stuck with the job of auctioneer's scribe for his trouble. "Never again" quoth he when he had time to draw breath at the end but let it be known that he turned in a flawless record of the afternoon's activities and seemed none the worse later that evening! Many thanks Charles, Jim and all of you.

DAVID FORTNUM.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As one who has been associated with the Society since the early days when our total membership comprised barely half a bus load, it is with a feeling of pride and pleasure that I now pen this message as President of what has now become the largest specialist Society in the British Isles.

My first thought on assuming this high office is one of sincere appreciation of the honour which has been bestowed upon me by my election as your President. To follow in the footsteps of my predecessors who have successively raised the standard and growth of the Society to the present

high position in the philatelic world, is no easy task. However I am willing to do all that is expected of me and more, in furthering the interests and well-being of the Society. In this endeavour, I am comforted by the knowledge that supporting me is a willing and competent team of Society Officers who voluntarily work so hard on your behalf in the little

free time at their disposal and to whom the Society owes so much. They

deserve every support which you are able to give them.

The past year has been an outstanding one for the Society and an unqualified success for my immediate predecessor—Jim Macaskie, in whose year of office was held the great International Exhibition in London. This event attracted many of our members to the Metropolis, when on the occasion of our Luncheon and Reception we were able to meet and entertain a number of distinguished philatelists from Canada and the U.S.A.

The second highlight of the year was the Convention at Llandudno, our first in Wales. From both the philatelic and social angles combined with the magnificent scenery and excellence of the hotel, it was a most successful and enjoyable Convention. A full report will be found else-

where in this issue.

Looking ahead to the future, plans for the next Convention are already well advanced. The Convention will be held from October 4th to October 7th, 1961, and the venue is the Hotel Metropole, Brighton, one of the finest hotels on the South Coast. The management have kindly placed at our disposal the excellent series of Reception and Conference rooms for our Exhibition and Meetings. For the Exhibition, we shall have on loan the frames of the Brighton and Hove Philatelic Society which we used at the Eastbourne Convention and if required the use of similar frames belonging to the Worthing Society.

May I remind you that the success of the Exhibition depends on your support in the various Competition Classes, details of which will be announced as soon as possible in order to give you plenty of time to

prepare exhibits.

The Society now possesses several handsome trophies for annual award and it is with pleasure that I am able to announce an addition to these through the kindness of Mrs. Stephenson, the wife of our Founder President, who has presented a trophy for annual Competition at the Convention. Mrs. Stephenson has requested that this trophy shall

be awarded to the best entry of "Admiral" issues.

The social side of the proceedings, particularly in regard to the entertainment of the ladies will not be neglected for we realise how important is the presence of the ladies to the success of our Conventions. There is no need for me to exert any pressure on our regular attenders who have been coming year after year and enjoy renewing the friendships which they have made. If you have not attended a Convention, make a special effort to come next year and join in the fun. You can be assured of a warm welcome.

This being the Christmas number of "Maple Leaves", I conclude this message by sending Greetings and Best wishes to all Members for a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

STANLEY GODDEN.

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that my year in office has come to an end I am able to look back on many enjoyable events. The London luncheon has been mentioned in previous issues and many reports concerning the Llandudno Convention are included in this issue but, in connection with the Convention, I do want to pay particular tribute here to my Convention Committee—

Mr. and Mrs. G. Whitworth and Dr. and Mrs. R. Willan, who did so much "behind the scenes" to ensure its success, and to David Fortnum whose hard work on the auction established a new record total of sales. I am grateful also to all who supported the Convention either by taking part in it or, where this was not possible, by sending in exhibits or supporting the auction. All these combined to make the event one which was not only very successful from the financial aspect but which I think was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Convention was the culmination of a very busy year and I should like to express thanks here to all the officers of the Society, who between them have had to cope with a tremendous amount of work in the past twelve months. Much of this activity is rather taken for granted because it does not often come to the notice of the majority of the members except in the general sense of appreciation that the Society is operating smoothly in all its branches, but I know that it is a source of considerable amazement to non-members that so much is achieved by voluntary efforts.

In wishing your new President, Mr. Stanley Godden, all success in the year ahead I can assure him that, with the support of such a fine team of officers, he need have no fears for the well-being of this Society. With Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to you all.

I. P. MACASKIE.

CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

Appointments for 1960-61

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	Mr. S. H. Godden		Mr. W. E. Lea
Vice President	Mr. G. F. George	Mr. S. H. Godden	Mr. L. Baresch
Committee (South)	Mr. L. D. Carn	Mr. J. C. Cartwright	
	Mr. J. C. Cartwright	Mr. S. H. Godden	Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth
	Mr. S. R. Rutter	Mr. J. E. Woods	Mr. S. H. Godden
Committee (Scotland)	Mr. J. M. Allen	Mr. A. E. Stephenson	
Committee (North)	Mr. G. Whitworth	Mr. J. P. Macaskie	Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth
Treasurer	Mr. D. L. Fortnum	Mr. S. H. Godden	Mr. J. P. Macaskie
Secretary	Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth	Mr. S. H. Godden	Mr. J. P. Macaskie

Convention Awards 1960

Aiken Trophy—Lt/Col. R. H. Webb—articles on M.P.O.'s. Founder's Trophy—Dr. R. Willan—Newfoundland. Godden Cup—Mr. J. J. Bonar—19th Century Registration rates. Bunny Cup—Mr. R. Woodall—N.W.T. Post Offices. Admiral Cup—Mr. J. Hannah. Lees-Jones Trophy—Mr. H. H. Brown—Q.E. Booklets.

DIPLOMAS

Contributed Class A

- Mr. J. J. Bonar—Registration rates.
 Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth—Flag Cancellations.
- 3. Mr. J. F. Bird-Flaws and re-entries.

Contributed Class B

- 1. Mr. R. Woodall-N.W.T. Post Offices.
- 2. Mr. H. H. Brown—Q.E. Booklets.
- Mr. A. E. Stephenson— $\frac{1}{2}$ cent 1908.

Group Displays

- 1. Manchester.
- Precancel.

Research

1. Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth—Calgary and Vancouver R.P.O.'s.

2. Mr. E. A. Smythies-Initial Cancellations.

3. Mr. G. Whitworth-5c. Beaver.

ENLARGED STAMP ILLUSTRATIONS

It is proposed, should there be sufficient demand within the Society, to obtain and supply to members, enlarged prints of various popular issues for marking up varieties. Blocks are already available for the production of prints of the Edward and Numeral issues, and there is already sufficient demand for the obtaining of one for the Admiral issue. Suggestions have been received for prints of the Small Cents, and Map stamp.

The most useful size would seem to be approximately 2in. by $2\frac{1}{4}$ in., and where there are several similar denominations of one issue, it would be most economical to have a print with blank spaces where the letters and figure of value appear. The cost from previous experience would

probably be in the region of 1d. each.

To attempt to judge the demand, it would be appreciated if any members interested in obtaining prints of their favourite issue, would contact the **Secretary** giving details of the stamps concerned, and the probable number of prints required. Also if any members have blocks of their own suitable for this purpose, which they would be willing to loan, the **Secretary** would appreciate hearing from them.

Should there be sufficient interest, it is hoped to make an announce-

ment in the next issue of Maple Leaves.

OUR NEW FELLOW

This year only one new Fellow was elected and who could make such a popular choice as our Past President J. P. Macaskie besides assisting in much useful Research work on his stamps it is really in his most indefatigable work on behalf of the Society that we know him. In 1949 he was thrown into Committee work at the deep end to start a Group in the West Riding of Yorkshire. This he did with great thoroughness. In 1950 he was handed the next Convention to prepare for the next year at Harrogate. This he did virtually single handed.

It was as Treasurer where his light shone out. To those of us who knew the state of our finances when he took over will never forget the shambles he inherited. He sorted out our, shall we say, financial embarrassment and gradually built up our now very sound financial

state.

His next job was the Presidency of the Society. Here again he chose the hard road because during his term he had perhaps the busiest and

toughest year any president has had to face up to.

It has been said that any member taking office is expected to do the job he is given, but it should be remembered a man is judged by the quality of work he puts into it. Mac put both quality and hard work.

Congratulations Mac, but don't think we are letting off the lead,

not vet.

A.E.S.

NEWFOUNDLAND CORNER

by Dr. R. Willan, F.C.P.S.

It will be generally conceded that of all Newfoundland stamps none is more interesting than the 5c brown seal of 1866 and the later printings from the same plate in black and in blue. Without arguing whether seals have or have not feet, it must be agreed that Jeens' engraving depicts a delightful animal with the entire northern seas for playground. But apart from this "thematic" interest, a close examination reveals a wealth of markings on the stamps not rivalled by any others, even including the lithographed Guy issue. These markings are so definite and varied that the only obstacle to plating the stamp is the difficulty in finding multiples to fix the plate positions. I can identify more than half the positions, but can get no further unless I can see multiples to fix the remainder.

The most obvious feature is the "position dot" which appears on all except the bottom row of stamps. It appears in relation to the right outer frame line—either just inside, just outside, touching, or cut by this line. Its vertical position is about the middle of the bottom label bearing the value, but this again varies slightly and may be a little higher or a little lower. The most striking feature of the dot is its large size, which varies but is considerably greater than that of the corresponding dots on other values of the issue. When a plate is laid down, horizontal and vertical guide lines are scratched lightly on the plate, the required distances apart, and at the intersections of these lines small dots are made with a punch. A side point is attached to the shaft of the transfer roller, and the plate is so adjusted on the bed of the transfer press that this point impenges on the punched dot, and the impression is then rolled in. Usually the side point is released by a spring so that it is clear from the guide dot during the rocking, and the dot remains in its original state. It would appear that in the press used for laying down the 5c seal, the side point was not released and was rolled in, so increasing the size and depth of the dot. In several of the stamps there is a second dot near the position dot. These are the original guide dots which have not been accurately engaged by the side point. As to why only this stamp shows these large dots, it may be pointed out that the American Bank Note Co. was a combine of several firms still working on their own premises, and this plate may well have been laid down by a different establishment

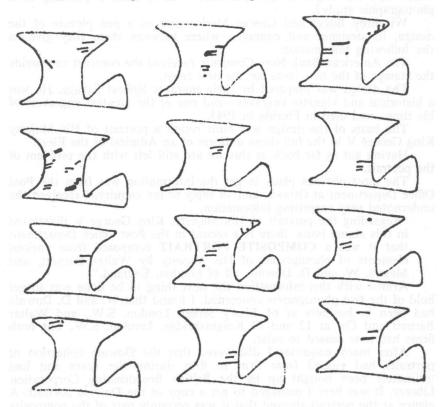
from the others.

Portions of horizontal guide lines appear through the numerals and letters of "FIVE CENTS" at the bottom in many of the stamps. These are at the level of the guide dots. The vertical guide lines only show at the right hand edge of stamps in the tenth vertical row, and in a similar

position on stamp No. 91.

Besides these dots and guide lines, almost all the stamps show distinctive flaws which fall into two groups. In about five positions the flaws are due to a second application of the transfer roller. These are all "fresh entries", having been done before the plate went to press, as they occur identically in all printings. There are no true re-entries—impressed subsequently to the first prints.

The second group, comprising the great majority of the stamps on the sheet, shows flaws in the form of dots and lines. They occur in all parts of the sheet and appear mainly in the letters of "NEWFOUND- LAND", but a few in the letters of value at the bottom. I know only two of these flaws in the vignette portion of the stamp. No. 42 has a dot above the seal's nose, and one stamp whose position I have not yet ascertained has a spot in the iceberg below "F". These marks are not re-entries as they cannot be identified with any part of the stamp design. What are they? Some of them are mere dots, but many have the appearance of short engraved lines. Moreover they are predominantly—more than 90%—in the right half of the stamp.



"DL" of "NEWFOUNDLAND" is the commonest site of considerable flaws, and if these are examined carefully it will be found that many have a certain resemblance. I give sketches of the letter "L" in a number of the stamps which I think show this definitely. These marks are obviously not on the transfer roller. What then can cause similar marks to recur on many stamps in approximately similar positions?

If the plate had been previously used for a stamp of the same size as the 5c seal, and a portion of this stamp were more deeply engraved than the rest, this part would tend to remain slightly if the burnishing off of the original impressions were not absolutely complete, and these remains would show in approximately the same position on the seal stamps subsequently impressed. This is a possible explanation of the markings, and the only one of which I can think. If anyone can make an alternative suggestion, I should be very glad to hear it.

THE ADMIRAL DESIGN AND MISSING PORTRAIT

A. E. Stephenson, F.C.P.S.

Having been interested in the various portraits used in issues of Canadian stamps ranging from "Chalon Heads" to the modern Dorothy Wilding portraits, and being an enthusiast of the "Admiral" issue, I had always been intrigued by the portrait shown of H.M. King George V. What was the origin of this portrait? Was it from a painting or a photographic study?

Winthrop Boggs and George Marler give us a pen picture of the design, its designer and engraver, where between them they give us

the following information.

The American Bank Note Company received the contract to provide

the stamps of the new issue for the new reign.

The design was prepared by their engraver Robert Savage. He was a historical and vignette engraver—and one of the greatest engravers of his time—and died in Florida in 1943.

The basis of the design was built round a portrait of His Majesty King George V in the full dress uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet.

Having got as far back as this we are still left with the problem of

the portrait.

The most obvious place to get the information was from the Post Office Department at Ottawa, and, in reply to my enquiry, I received the

undernoted very surprising information.

"Regarding the portrait of His Majesty, King George V illustrated in this stamp issue, there is a record in the Post Office Department that it was a **COMPOSITE PORTRAIT** composed from various elements of photographs of His Majesty by Walter Barnett, and Messrs. W. and D. Downie, all of London, England."

Armed with this information the next thing to be done was to get hold of the two photographs concerned. I found that W. and D. Downie had been in business at 61 Ebury Street, London, S.W., and Walter Barnett and Co. at 12 and 79 Knightsbridge, London, S.W., but both

firms had now ceased to exist.

After many enquiries I discovered that the Downie collection of portraits had passed from firm to firm during the years and had ultimately been bought up by the British Broadcasting Corporation Library. It was here I managed to get a copy of the Downie portrait. A glance at the portrait showed that it was certainly part of the composite portrait but it was still essential that the Barnet photograph be found to complete the design.

After innumerable lines of search, all failed to produce the portrait. An approach was made to the National Portrait Gallery with the same results but, through the kindness and courtesy of the Director of the Gallery, enquiries were made to the Lord Chamberlain's offices with similar results. However the following extract is part of a letter from the Press Secretary at Buckingham Palace to the Director of the National

Gallery.

"I am unable to find any record of H. W. Barnett having been granted any special photographic sittings by King George V. This does not surprise me, since a permanent record of such an event would not have been a necessity in those days."

It is astonishing that the work of a firm who reached the status



The portrait, taken in 1903, by Messrs. W. and D. Downie of London used by Robert Savage in the preparation of the composite design for the Admiral issue.

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The portrait of King George V in the full dress of an Admiral of the Fleet attributed to Walter Barnett of Kensington, London, and used in the build up of the composite design of the Admiral issue by Robert Savage.

of being Royal Photographers should completely disappear in a matter

of fifty years.

After months of searching a photograph, which was attributed to W. Barnett, was picked up in a second hand book shop and sent to me. This point has still to be confirmed and I would be pleased to get any further confirmation if any member can help.

The photograph does have all the characteristics and details of the uniform of the Admiral of the Fleet required in the design of the stamp.

In the illustrations of the two photographs it will be seen, in the Downie portrait, that the King is in the full dress uniform of a General of the Army, hardly the thing to depict or portray the "Sailor King", but it will be seen the head and neck are exactly what is required for the build up of the design which would give the side face view, which had become traditional in the requirements for stamp design, up to that date. In the case of the presumed Barnett photograph it will be seen that the portrait is full faced which would not be suitable for the traditional design, though the naval uniform details correspond exactly with those of the finished design. With the remainder of the vignette, as built up by Robert Savage, it will be seen that he used the basic design as shown in the three previous definitive issues, except for the lesser details, to build up what, in my own personal opinion, is perhaps one of the finest stamp designs Canada has produced.

The Design build up for the Admiral Issue

Robert Savage in preparing the vignette for the Admiral issue used the same basic design as was used in the three previous definitive issues, except for minor chances. (fig. 1.)



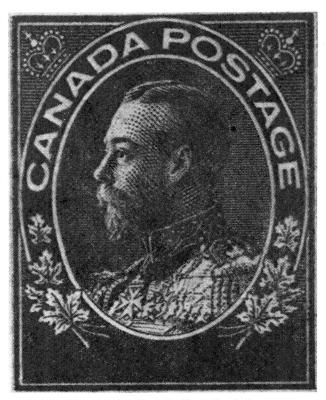
(fig. 1) Robert Savage's Vignette basis.



(fig. 2) The head portion used from the Downie portrait.

(fig. 3) The chest and uniform portion taken from the portrait attributed to W. Barnett.





(fig. 4) The final "build up" of the composite vignette and accepted design.

From the two portraits chosen to make the composite design it will be seen that the side face view of the Downie (fig. 2) portrait was ideal for stamp design, but the Army uniform was not exactly what was wanted to depict the "Sailor King". Again the full face of the presumed Barnett portrait would not lend itself to a good design of the traditional type, though the uniform details give all that is required (fig. 3).

CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN YEAR BOOK SECTION

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

TITLE. OBJECTS.

- The name of the Society shall be "The Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain."
- (2) The objects of the Society shall be:-(a) To associate those interested in the study of the postal history and postage stamps of the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland or the Pre Confederation Colonies of British North America and to encourage such study inter alia by the holding of meetings, reading and publication of papers and the arrangement of private and public displays and exhibitions.
- (b) To provide facilities for the disposal of Members' surplus material.
 - (c) To provide a library of philatelic literature relating to British North America for the use of members.
 - (d) To hold an Annual Convention which shall meet in rotation in Scotland, in the North of England and in the South of England.

- MEMBERSHIP. (3) Candidates for admission as Members of the Society must be eighteen years of age or over. All applications for membership must be made on the official form. Candidates must either be proposed and seconded by members of the Society or furnish to the Secretary such references as he may reasonably require.
 - (4) Candidates shall be admitted at the discretion of the Secretary, who may refer any application to the Committee. If the candidate is accepted, the Secretary shall notify him and shall send him a copy of the Rules, by which he shall then be bound. On payment of his subscription he shall be admitted to member-
 - (5) The Annual Subscription shall be Fifteen Shillings (\$2.00) or such sum as the Annual General Meeting may decide, payable in advance on the first day of October.
 - (6) Any member who shall fail to pay his subscription by the 30th of April following the date it fell due, shall be liable to forfeit his membership. The Secretary and the Treasurer acting together shall have discretion to apply this rule.
 - (7) Every member shall be liable for his subscription for the ensuing year unless his resignation has been tendered in writing to the Secretary on or before 30th September.
 - Members may compound their subscriptions and become Life Members on payment of the following fees:—Age up to and including 50 years, £7 7 0; age over 50 years, £5 5 0, or the equivalent in other currencies as may be fixed by the Committee. The number of Life Subscriptions accepted shall be subject to such limits as the Committee may decide from time to time.

HONORARY LIFE (9) MEMBERS.

Individuals of outstanding merit may be elected Honorary Life Members of the Society by the Committee for reasons of exceptional service in the field of British North American Philately. Honorary Life Members shall have all the privileges of Members, except that they shall have no vote in the affairs of the Society.

FELLOWS.

(10) Members may be elected Fellows of the Society by a majority of two-thirds of those present at a meeting of the Committee. No member shall be so elected except on the recommendation of the Fellowship Sub-Committee in accordance with the separate rules governing the award.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the Society to be elected by the Society (11)

in Annual General Meeting shall be:—
(a) A President, who shall hold office for one year and shall not be eligible for re-election for one

vear thereafter.

Three Vice-Presidents, who shall hold office for three years, and of whom the senior shall retire each year and shall not be eligible for re-election for one year. One Vice-President shall be chosen from members resident in Scotland, one from members resident in the North of England, and one from members resident in the South of England.

(c) A Secretary. (d) A Treasurer.

The Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office for one vear and shall be eligible for re-election. All officers shall serve in an honorary capacity.

The President shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring among the officers. The appointee shall hold office for the remainder of the term of his predecessor and shall be eligible for re-election.

The Committee shall appoint a Librarian, an Editor of Maple Leaves and a Packet Secretary, and may make such other appointments as it shall think necessary from time to time. These appointments shall be at the discretion of the Committee.

MANAGEMENT.

The Management of the Society shall be vested in a (14)Committee composed of:-

(a)

The Officers of the Society.
The immediate Past President (ex officio). (b)

(c) The Founder President (ex officio).

(d) The Editor of Maple Leaves.

(e) The Packet Secretary.

The Librarian. (f)

Nine members elected by the Annual General Meeting, three to represent each of Scotland, the North of England and the South of England, of whom the senior representative of each region shall retire each year and shall be eligible for re-election.

The President, whom failing the senior Vice-President present shall be chairman. Six members present in person or by proxy of whom the President or a Vice-President shall be one, shall form a quorum. The Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Seven days' notice of meetings of Committee shall be sent to all members along with an Agenda of the business. Any member of the Committee may appoint another member of Committee as a general or specific proxy

for the meeting. NOMINATION AND (15)

ELECTION.

Nominations of officers and members of the Committee for election at the Annual General Meeting shall be made in writing by two members of the Society to the Secretary not later than three months prior to the meeting and shall be published in Maple Leaves in an issue previous to the meeting. Failing receipt or acceptance of nominations the Annual General Meeting shall make its own appointments.

ADMINISTRATION. (16) The Financial Year of the Society shall commence on 1st October in each year. Officers shall take office at that date or at the close of the Convention for the

vear if held later.

(17) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not earlier than nine months nor later than fifteen months after the preceding Annual General Meeting. The President or, in his absence, the Senior Vice-President, shall preside and shall have a second or casting vote. At least two months' notice of the date, time and place of the meeting shall be given by an official notice in Maple Leaves.

(18) Every member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to appoint another member as a general or specific proxy. Instruments appointing proxies must be lodged with the

Secretary before the commencement of the meeting.

(19) Maple Leaves shall be the official organ of the Society. Publication of a notice in Maple Leaves shall be deemed to be sufficient intimation to all members.

(20) The Annual General Meeting shall appoint two members to audit the Annual Accounts, which shall

thereafter be published in Maple Leaves.

(21) The treasurer shall maintain an account in the name of the Society with a Bank approved by the President. All uninvested funds of the Society which are under the Treasurer's control shall be deposited in this account. Any investments shall be held in the names of two Trustees, who shall be appointed by the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for a period of five years, or for such shorter period as they may remain members and who shall be eligible for re-election. The Treasurer shall be required to take out a bond of fidelity insurance for such amount as the Committee may decide, the premium being payable by the Society.

MISCELLANEOUS.

(22) Regional Groups may, subject to the approval of the Committee, be formed to carry out the objects of the Society, such groups to be self-supporting. Each group shall appoint a Contact Member to maintain liaison with the Society.

(23) Study Groups for research in particular branches of British North American Philately shall be encouraged. Each such group shall appoint its own Secretary. The Committee shall have power to contribute towards the reasonable expenses of such Study Groups. The findings of Study Groups receiving such contributions shall not be published otherwise than in Maple Leaves without the consent of the Committee.

(24) The Committee shall have the right to suspend any member for a definite period from his rights and privileges in the Society or to expel him without cause

assigned.

(25) In construing these Rules, the dividing line between the North and South of England shall be a line from Gloucester to the Wash. Wales shall be included with the North of England and Ireland with Scotland.

(26) Amendments to these rules shall only be made by a majority of two-thirds of those voting in person or by proxy at the Annual General Meeting. Notice of proposed amendments shall be sent to the Secretary not less than three months prior to the Annual General Meeting and published in Maple Leaves in an issue previous to the meeting.

(27) The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules and the decision of the

Committee thereon shall be final.

RULES GOVERNING THE AWARD OF FELLOWSHIP

Members of the Society may be elected as Fellows

(a) For outstanding research in the Postal History and/or Philately of British North America, or

For outstanding services in the advancement of the interests of the Society.

No Officer shall be elected a Fellow under head (b) while holding office in the Society.

Nominations for the Award shall be made to the Secretary by two members of the Society on a form to be obtained from the Secretary and shall be submitted at least two months prior to the Annual General Meeting.

All Nominations shall be passed by the Secretary for scrutiny to a Fellowship Sub-Committee to be nominated by the President consisting of three Fellows who have held office of President.

The Fellowship Sub-Committee may

(a) Recommend the nomination to the Committee of the Society.

(b) Reject the nomination.

(c) Withhold the nomination until such time as they consider it acceptable. Nominees recommended to the Committee may be elected as Fellows by a majority of two-thirds of those present at a Committee meeting.

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All communications relating to Nominations for the Award of Fellowship shall be strictly confidential.

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3.—The Judging Committee will comprise the President, the Immediate Past

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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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To be awarded annually at the Convention for the most meritorious Exhibit of Classic Issues.

Canada 1851 to 1897 (end of the 'Small Cents' series).

Newfoundland 1857 to 1897 (up to S.G. 65a).

New Brunswick, Nova Scotia.

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1.—Amateur collectors only are eligible to compete. 2.—The Trophy to be held by the winner for one year.

3.—A previous winner is not eligible to win the trophy until three years have elapsed.

4.—Entries must not exceed the maximum of 12 sheets.

5.—In making the award consideration will be given to Philatelic knowledge, presentation, condition and interest.

N.B.—It is impracticable to send the Trophy out of Great Britain. If won by an overseas member, a special Diploma will be awarded and the winners name engraved on the Trophy.

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- 1. Booklets of stamps, covers, etc., may be sent to the Packet Secretary at any
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- The number of books comprising the Packet should be checked against the number given on the Postal List sheet.
- Books should be examined for unsigned spaces. Any unsigned spaces should be marked as such and the Packet Secretary notified. The prompt observance 13. of this rule will greatly assist in tracing defaulters.
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- 15. Credit transactions are not permitted, neither is it permissible for a member to set off his purchases aginst prospective sales.
- 16. All remittances sent to the Packet Secretary should be MADE PAYABLE TO THE SOCIETY.
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THE POSTAL HISTORY AND STAMPS OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (contd.)

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Let us now consider the various issues of the stamps. There were 13 values. Gibbons' simplification brings in the three values of the fifth issue making 16, and detail 48 main varieties plus another 26 sub-types for specialists, giving a total of 74 varieties. My own reference list contains 85 varieties as will be seen, and I think it is quite likely that

others will yet come to light.

The first issue consisted of three values, 2d., 3d. and 6d. perforated by Machine A. They were designed by Chas. Whiting, or for him anonymously, and were electrotyped, as were all Whiting's values for this country. The 2d. value was printed in sheets of 60 stamps, six horizontal rows of 10. The other two values, and the three remaining pence values which came later, were printed in sheets of 30, six horizontal rows of 5. There is only one secondary type in the pence values, namely in the 2d. The fifteenth cliché on the sheet gave out during the preparation of the plate, and a second mould was used. This type is constant in all reprintings, and is seen on the original plate.

The authorities realised prior to this issue that they had omitted to provide for 1d. and 1½d. rates. A 1d. stamp was needed for the internal rate for books, pamphlets or periodical publications, as well as for soldiers' and sailors' letters from Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and a 1½d. stamp for newspapers to Newfoundland and Bermuda. They therefore announced that the 2d. and 3d. values would be accepted postally if they were bisected diagonally. A 1½d. value was never made. Having once been allowed to bisect stamps, the islanders formed the habit of bisecting any value which they required, even horizontally or vertically, and the Post Office always accepted them. However, they are rare when genuine, and as many faked bisects are found, great care should be taken in forming an opinion. The type of cancel used is a help, as are also sub-office stamps. In this connection, a knowledge of the sub-offices is very helpful. There were over 700 of these at various times, of which rather more than 100 remain.

A major variety comes next and should really constitute a separate issue. I refer to the 2d. rouletted. So many complaints were made of the difficulty of separating the stamps of the first issue that it is thought that Whiting submitted one or two sheets of these for trial. The only stamps which have been recorded came from one batch of correspondence, and six or seven of these were reported, at least one on original cover. King says they should rank among the great rarities. Bartlett says they are far rarer than a Canada 12d.

The second issue came in 1862 and consisted of 1d. and 9d. values, perforated by Machine B. There are no plate varieties or perforation

variants.

The third issue was for bulk reprinting of all five values, perforated on Machine C and issued between 1864 and 1868. While the colours were apparently intended to be the same as for the previous issues, they differ quite widely in some cases. In the 1d. value of the 2nd issue, the main shade was orange-brown, while in the 3rd issue it was yellow-orange occasionally verging on yellow. In the 2d. value of the 1st issue the colour was dull rose verging to deep rose and claret, while in the third issue the stamps are carmine-pink. The 3d. value of the 3rd issue appears to be generally brighter in colour than that of the 1st issue. In the 6d. value, the colour is substantially the same in the two issues, yellow-green, though there are also distinctive blue-green stamps which may even comprise a separate issue as they are found from 1869 onwards. The 9d. stamps of the 2nd issue are dull mauve in colour; in the 3rd issue they are lilac, though there are also found stamps of a reddish mauve shade, which again may have come from a separate printing.

The 4d. value is a mystery. I have read 28 articles about its date of issue, and they range from Dec. 1860 to May 1870. I believe that it was printed at the same time as the other stamps of the third issue, yet it had not been recorded before 1869, except for one unchecked report. The postal charge to U.S.A. was reduced from 6d. to 4d. in Nov. 1868, and it would have been useful for overweight internal letters throughout, but I do not think it was put on sale before the spring of 1869. I have

classified this as the 4th issue.

All four issues were printed on unwatermarked, yellowish toned paper, and apart from the main variations of shade already detailed, there are further variation sof shade caused by inking density. The gum also

varies considerably.

The fifth issue consisted of reprintings of the 2d., 3d. and 4d. values, and these are scarce used though common unused. They were issued in 1870-1 as the earlier stamps were used up. This issue is printed on a very different paper. It is a coarse wove bluish-white paper, which usually gives a different appearance to the stamps, though sometimes when it has discoloured with age or stain it appears at first sight to be the original paper. However on examination it will be found that there is a mesh to be seen on holding the stamp up to a light. Sometimes the mesh is faint and indistinct, usually it is pronounced, but the appearance is quite different from the toned paper, which is always clear and never leaves any doubt. The stamps have quite a different appearance—they seem harder, coarser and more metallic.

All six values are known bisected. The 3d. value is found doubly printed. The 2d. TWC has achieved catalogue status but is not a true secondary variety, as it is not constant even in the one issue. Many

perforating varieties are found, some of which are catalogued.

The sixth issue consisted of the beautiful $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp, which was issued in 1870. It was printed by the British-American Bank Note Co. in sheets of 120—two panes of 60 with a gutter between. No trace of an order for this stamp has been found, nor does the warrant for payment of the stamps appear in the account books. It was ordered for the occasion of the reduction in the postal charge to Great Britain from 9d. to $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. cy. The Chalon head is different from those used for Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

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DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE NUMERAL ISSUE (1898-1902) OF CANADA (contd.)

by H. H. Brown

Constant Plate Markings. Transfer from the die by Transfer roll.

HALF CENT. A constant fine dot at top left corner ½mm. out from

the centre line of top frame.

TWO CENTS. An extremely fine line with fine centre dot at centre of right frame, in the middle of white oval frame (outer). This constant marking from the original die soon wears off, and when found signifies an early state of the particular plate. Fine traces however may be found in the late plates, and even in the booklets which come from a special plate and possibly from a second die.

THREE CENTS. A well defined dot in the centre of the bottom frame,

just inside the fine frame line.

FIVE CENTS. Nothing positive, but there is a slight break at the bottom corner of right numeral box, which may have either come from a defective die or from a break in relief of the transfer roll.

SIX AND SEVEN CENTS. Nothing that is certain.

EIGHT CENTS. A short vertical line just outside the right frame, and about 0.3mm. long opposite top end of A of POSTAGE.

TEN CENTS. A short horizontal line in the space between top of right

numeral box and the inside of frame.

TWENTY CENTS. A sign of damage to the transfer roll transmitted to some but not all prints is a pinching of the top frame at right over maple leaf.

Constant Plate Markings Made upon the Plate:—

Positional guide lines are much in evidence, as the plates were not

all properly "burnished off". The following are noted:-

HALF CENT. Guide dots near top left corner of all stamps on the left file of the left hand pane. A similar dot near centre of left frame on same file. A series of divergent dots at the bottom left corner of the same file—these gradually "drift" apart progressively from being close at the first (top) subject. Vertical guide lines were placed at the bottom left corners of all subjects of this vertical file, but they were mostly burnished off and the traces are found only on the early printings. A small dot is to be found, also restricted to early printings, at the top right corner of the top row of the left pane.

On the right pane a much better job was made of removing the guides,

and little remains of the original marks.

ONE CENT. Guide lines and a very short vertical line were marked on

one plate near to the centre of the left frame on the left file of both panes, but traces only remain on early prints. Top row subjects on both panes of all plates show positional dots at the top left corner, while some stamps may be found with traces still of vertical lines at bottom left.

TWO CENTS (purple violet). For the most part all traces of guides have been removed, but a very bold double dot and vertical guide line is to be found at the top left. This obviously came to mark the top left

line and file of as yet an unidentified plate.

TWO CENTS (red—both types). Guide lines and dots are mostly on the left side, longer lines being vertically placed to mark the bottom left, with shorter markers for top left corners. Left hand files also had dots and horizontal lines, but wear soon removed traces, and only early prints have these bedding marks.

FIVE, ŠIX, ŠEVEN, EIGHT AND TWENTY CENTS. Not sufficient

observation.

TEN CENTS. Guide dots are found on a few subjects just over the right corner, also near the centre of left frame. At the bottom may sometimes be found a vertical line which extends nearly to the top and which came probably from the left file.

(to be continued)

CONVENTION EXHIBITION

At the Llandudno 1960 Convention, the displays provided an even higher standard of study and thought than have been seen for a number of years. A noteworthy point is the care and neatness that was apparent in the mounting and write-up of the sheets submitted.

In the research class, Dr. Hollingsworth put up a very well arranged display of Rail Post Office markings, many of which are rarely seen in England. The Rev. Izzett showed what appeared to be a very concise study of pre cancels. Mr. J. Hannah had a very well arranged and written up display of the Admiral War Tax issues. Beyond the ordinary overprinting he had discovered quite a number of re-entries which had not previously been published.

In the Study Group class, the Manchester circle had put together the history of Canada as depicted on postage stamps. This made a very fascinating study and was certainly very original. The London group displayed a selection of cancellations as found on the small Queen stamps, while the Pre Cancel Study circle submitted a few sheets of early pre cancels, many of which had not been seen before. The West Riding group carried their small Queen study a stage further by making a very comprehensive display of the 10 cent value. It was interesting to note that they had based their colour names on Stanley Gibbons colour chart, and the descrip-

tions were very apt.

In the contributed Class A section, Mr. Bonar had a very interesting display of registration rates and stamps of the small Queen period. There were a number of unusual items, and as usual, Mr. Bonar had made a very thorough investigation into this subject. Mr. J. Bird put up a short display of re-entries found on early Canadian stamps. Considering the vastness of the field, it was very satisfying to see the selection he had made covering the main range of known re-entries. Hollingsworth displayed a very compact study of the Flag cancellations as found during the period 1897 to 1900. There were quite a number of new items here that we had never seen before.

In the class B Section Mr. R. Woodall submitted a number of sheets showing the cancellations of the closed Post Offices of the Northwest Territory. This was a very unusual display and proved of great interest to many people. Mr. A. E. Stephenson submitted a study of the ½ cent 1908 stamp, showing many large mint blocks and pieces. Mr. Bartlett of America sent us a very tidy and well written up display of the King George V Scroll issue of 1928. We were also able to see this issue in imperforate blocks which is very rare in England. Mr. H. H. Brown put up a very thorough study in the booklet stamps of the Queen Elizabeth issue. We are also very grateful to Mrs. Barrett who contributed a number of her Newfoundland

sheets which did not appear to duplicate previous years displays.

Dr. Willan and Professor Kaye of New York displayed some rare proofs and stamps of Newfoundland and Mr. D. Robertson put up a selection of sheets of the Admiral issue. Mr. Smythies of Tralee had a very comprehensive display of unusual cancellations of the small Queen period, many of which had not been seen before. The whole exhibition proved of great interest to our members, and we were complimented on it by the members of the local North Wales Philatelic Society who came to one of our evening meetings.

REPORT OF THE FELLOWSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

The Sub-Committee met and considered the various nominations put

forward.

Some concern was expressed in the fact that the enormous amount of very original research done by members of the Society, both in this country and overseas, had not resulted in members putting forward a greater number of worthy names.

It is not the Sub-Committee's take to make nominations, their job is to give an unbiased judgment of the nominations before them and then recommend what they consider the best of them to the General Committee.

It is surprising the number of nominations which are put forward which should never be nominated at all.

A complete lack of detail and information is noticed on the nominations put forward. This makes the work of the committee arduous. The committee would be grateful if members would in the future give as much detail as possible to substantiate their nominations.

To sum up:-

- (a) The quality of many of the nominations put forward is not good, whilst a number of more worthy names are not put forward.
- (b) More names should be put forward to create more competition for the very few vacancies.
- (c) It should be noted that the nominees not recommended one year do come forward for further consideration in later years.

Fellowship Sub-Committee.

THE UNCONVENTIONAL CONVENTION

by Jack Canuck

Jack Canuck booked in early to the Convention H.Q. only to find J. E. Bielby already in possession of the Imperial Hotel, Llandudno, new ground for the Society, never having ventured into Welch Wales before.

By Tuesday a host of members had arrived ready for the official opening of Convention on the Wednesday. There appeared to be all nationalities.

This prompts us to ask what are the ingredients for a Q.P.S. Convention. From what we make out it comprises

Two Canadians, One American Canadian, Three Irish, One Welch Welshman, and a bundle of mere Sassanachs, plus one Aberdonian, still looking for his bawbee.

It was pleasing to see the flow of members make their way to Herb. Bucklands table in the dining room to greet him. It took poor Herb. two days before he could sit down to a meal in peace. Incidentally this is his third visit in four years to be with us. You can't keep a good man down.

We were delighted to welcome back to Convention Phil. Marsden, he would be a great asset to the Manchester Group. We also were pleased to have Louis Lamouroux of Toronto with us and hope he is infected with Herb's desire to come back and see us. The same applies to Marshall Kay, but we have not yet decided whether we accept him as a Citizen of the U.S.A. or a Canadian, though I expect the Professor will be very decided in his answer to that one.

We also had our beauty chorus Bunny and the three Barratt Sisters, could we help it if folks forgot stamps while they were about.

One of our ladies was rather alarmed when some of the townsfolk on seeing her Convention badge stopped her and asked "Are you here on the Old Age Pensioners trip." On the prom we saw Miss Walker taking Celia the Bull terrier for a walk, and wondered who was taking who.

The very bracing air appeared to have its effects for on arrival at hotel lounge we found the sleeping figure of H. F. Blease with what appeared to us to be a "Don't disturb" notice across his chest.

On Thursday we were off on a delightful trip round Snowdonia where we had difficulty in restraining our Geologist Marshall Kay from taking Snowdon and the Llanberis Quarries back to U.S.A.

as specimens. We also became alarmed when Don Avery started a strip tease act and only stopped him in time or he would have given us the "Dance of the Seven Veils."

While on the subject of laundry, we still want to know why Margaret put Geof Harper in the Drip Dryer. Did she forget he was still inside the shirt.

On Friday a trip to the Swallow Falls, and then to a Welsh Woollen Mill where Jim Cater decided to hold up the bus while he bought his winter woollies, his return being accompanied by the Kruschev slow hand clap. By now everybody appeared to be wearing Tweed neckties made in Wales. We had the spectacle of Geof Harper coming back from what he says was a walk round the Great Orme, we still say he took a bus.

During the morning sessions we had some very interesting Study Circles, Dr. Willan leading the Newfoundland Circle. While Geof. Harper and Charles Hollingsworth brought out some very interesting points for the Edwardian

students.

We were also regaled by "Heffie" with Pre Cancels, but the most courageous man at the Convention was J. J. Bonar, fancy starting off a discussion on the shades of the Large and Small Cents. Well we had the inevitable war of what exactly is Indian Red which was only resolved when P. G. Walker decided to cater for "Ladies Choice" in the colours and shades of the Small Cents.

We were also regaled by a very fine discussion on the Plating of the 5c. Beaver by Geof. Whitworth who is a

master of his subject.

A very fine display was given by our new President Stanley Godden of the Large and Small Cents. Guide us through the next year Stanley in the same style as your display and we will be happy.

Incidentally, this reminded us that the first Invitation Display ever given to the Society was by Stanley at Perth

in 1947.

On Friday L. F. Gillam gave us a wonderful and most interesting display and talk on "R.P.O.s". His wonderful sense of humour set the talk off and did not allow interest to lag. Mr. Gillam's deep knowledge of Canadian Railways appears to vie with Winn. Bogg's knowledge of British Railways.

The Banquet was its usual brilliant show and everybody in happy mood. The Toasts were all put over in really witty speeches, but the best humour of the evening was when Mrs. Whitworth

replying for the "Ladies" turned the tables so nicely on Dr. Willan. While Sir George Williamson in his Scot's Doric proposing the "Guests" leaving our Welsh speaking Councillor Roberts of Llandudno wondering, in his own words, what the "Element."

We had the colourful ceremony of the "Signing of the Fellowship Roll" by our now Past President J. P. Macaskie, and who could have been a more worthy nominee than "Mac" who has done wonders for the Society.

The early hours saw a very tired gathering making for bed with Robin Hood Avery the last man on his feet.

The "Weeping and Wailing Meeting" on Sunday when we found that, when the usual time for departure came many refused to go and many were still hanging on till the bitter end and Monday.

Jack Canuck.

A FEW RANDOM NOTES ON THE 14th ANNUAL CONVENTION AT LLANDUDNO

By Jim Cater

This Convention attracted a nucleus of about 60, which was swelled by a few other philatelists who resided within reasonable travelling distance, and who came to participate in one or more of the varied items.

The displays, which were full of interest, attracted a great deal of attention, though possibly the intrinsic value was considerably less than on some previous occasions. Many of the exhibits proved that much can be done by a careful study of some of the commonest Canadian stamps, booklets,

The Study-circles were greatly enjoyed and a difficulty here was the impossibility of being at 2 Study-circles at the same time! Much useful information was brought out in the varying discussions, including the "Hardy perennial" of shades on the Small Cents. Perhaps Mr. Smythies could be persuaded to write an article describing his procedure for picking it out.

Proceedings opened on Wednesday, 28th September, but some members had arrived earlier. Many old friends, including a strong Scottish contingent, were waiting to greet the later arrivals, and a few new acquaintances were soon making themselves known, including Professor Marshall Kay from U.S.A., who combined some Geological Research with his philatelic activities. Other Transatlantic visitors included

Louis Lamouroux from Toronto and the younger than ever Herb Buckland who we were glad to find in fine form in spite of his dreadful ordeal by fire since his visit to us last year.

During Wednesday evening the visitors were officially welcomed in both Welsh and English by the Chairman of the Llandudno U.D.C. (Councillor Robert Roberts, J.P.) in a most homely

and pleasing manner.

Two excellent coach tours were thoroughly enjoyed by those taking part. On Thursday afternoon the trip covered the area of Swallow Falls, Capel Curig, Snowdon and Llanberis. Friday's trip was kindly arranged by the Llandudno U.D.C. and included a visit to the Trefriw Woollen Mills, where the processes various were extremely interesting to everyone except the Yorkshire members, to whom all this was already well known, and they were able to give much helpful information to those making the tour. After tea the return was made by a most picturesque route, with views of Anglesey, Beaumaris, etc.

The evening display after dinner was on "R.P.O.'s of Canada" by Lionel Gillam of Rotherham, whose excellent knowledge of the subject was ably demonstrated.

Stanley Godden now takes over the Presidency and he took the opportunity to announce the venue of the Convention for 1961 which will be held at the Metropole Hotel, Brighton, 4th-7th October.

Names of the winners of the various competitions were announced and

hearty congratulations were extended to them all.

After Lunch the Auction Sale was ably conducted by David Fortnum, the realisations creating a record for the

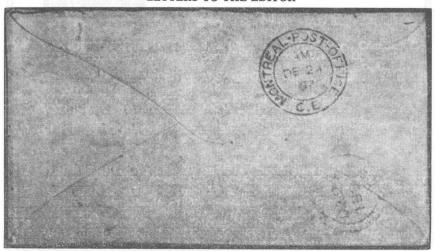
ociety.

Saturday evening saw the commencement of the Annual Banquet. Speeches were excellent, the toast of the Society being moved by Mr. J. Alfred Birch, President of the North-West Federation of Philatelic Societies, whose "ten commandments" for running a Society caused great amusement. He made it quite clear that the C.P.S. of G.B. needed no such advice and was confident that we would go on from strength to strength. He believed the Society was quite a model for other Societies and it was certainly getting itself talked about in other philatelic circles. Dr. Willan's toast "The Ladies" occasioned much hilarity, as did Mrs. Whitworth's able acknowledgment. Sir George Williamson, now recovered from the shock of having to judge the competitive exhibits, ably proposed the toast of the Visitors. Our New Fellow, Jim Macaskie, was brought forward by "Stevie" to sign the Roll of Fellows and then "Auld Lang Syne" terminated the proceedings. Mention must be made of the "philatelic" garment purchased by Bill Lea, which swelled the Society funds by a fiver: no one will now dare to call Bill a "Square"!

Sunday brought the usual sad farewells and many went home with pleasant memories of a Convention which fully measured up to previous

high standards.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



EARLY CANADIAN POSTMARKS

Dear Mr. Woods,

The above illustrations may be of interest to collectors of early Canadian Postmarks.

It showed up among a few odd covers the writer was lucky enough to run

across, a short time ago.

The cover mailed at Lacolle C.E. on the 24th December, 1867, bears a 5c. beaver stamp is addressed to Ayr C.W. which shows as a back stamp but the transient postmark of the Montreal Post Office C.E. is without doubt a very rare avis.

No local collector to whom I showed the cover had seen this before and I had again to consult Mr. Frank Campbell of Royal Oak, Michigan, and

here are his comments:

"The Montreal Post Office C.E. Gothic Double circle you enclose is as scarce or scarcer than the tombstone marking which generally sells for plenty at auctions on account of its odd designation. I had this double circle listed for 1867-8 but had not seen it before. Such a perfect Strike too and even as a transient marking it certainly is rare.'

W. M. C. Willcock.

19th CENTURY CANADIAN CANCELLATIONS

Dear Mr. Woods.

A Study Group, entitled NINE-EENTH CENTURY CANADIAN TEENTH FANCY CANCELLATION GROUP, has been formed, with members in U.S.A., Canada and Great Britain, and I have been asked to act as liaison member on this side of the Atlantic.

The Group is aiming to collect data on all types of fancy cancellations, and in particular to locate the P.O.'s of origin, and they have already made about 600 photographs of covers, cards,

and pieces, showing this.

If any members in Great Britain have any covers, cards, etc., showing P.O.'s of origin of any interesting or unusual fancy cancellations-such as Leaves, Stars, Letters, Crosses, Faces, Masonic Signs, Geometrical designs, etc., which they would like to bring to the notice of the Group, would they please contact me at Castle Morris, Tralee, Ireland, in the first instance, with a brief description (or tracing) of such material. The ultimate aim is to produce a handbook recording and describing all known types.

Yours sincerely, E. A. Smythies.

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