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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

WITHOUT a doubt, it was the best Convention ever and the Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society is to be congratulated on a wonderful job. The Exhibition was splendid and a tremendous improvement on last year's. There were interesting exhibits from all over Eastern Canada, but nary a one from the Prairies and the Coast. The visits to local industrial plants, Schneiders, Smiles an' Chuckles, Krug's Furniture, were most interesting. The trip around the Grand Valley was really worth while. We had an excellent Annual Meeting, well attended, and at the Directors' meeting the next morning, your Board re-elected me to the presidency. My humble thanks for this mark of your confidence. The auction on the Saturday afternoon brought the Convention to a close, and later we all trooped in to the banquet of the Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society, under the able chairmanship of Walter Allendorf. After brief remarks by various guests, your president was called upon to present the trophies to the winners of the various classes.

The attendance was magnificent. Saint-John, N.B., Montreal, Windsor, Toronto, the prosperous communities around Kitchener, from London to Stratford, were all well represented. It seemed to me that everyone enjoyed himself. I did, and so did all my colleagues of the Board. The Convention Committee of the Kitchener Society certainly deserve every congratulation for an outstanding job.

We have two new directors on the Board, J. P. Rouleau, of Montreal, and R. R. Doxsee, of Regina. To them we extend the hand of welcome, and to the older directors who were re-elected, I say: Thank you for a good year.

And last but not least, it was a pleasure to hear your secretary, Fred Green, announce to me on my arrival in Kitchener, that the British Columbia Philatelic Society of Vancouver, had been admitted as Chapter No. 31. Welcome to the fold, Vancouver!

And now ... **To Montreal in '55!**

SANS aucun doute, le congrés a été l'un des plus beaux que nous ayons jamais eus et la société de Kitchener-Waterloo mérite toutes nos flicitations. Lé'exposition était excellente et bien mieux que celle de l'année derniére. Il y avait du matériel de toutes les parties de l'Est du Canada, mais hélas, je n'ai rien vu de nos membres de l'Ouest. Les visites qu'on a organisées aux manufactures de la région, Schneider, Smiles 'n Chuckles, Meubles Krug, furent très intéressantes. L'excursion dans la vallée de la Grande-Rivière en valait réellement la peine. Nous avons eu une excellente assemblée annuelle, avec une excellente assistance, et au cours de la réunion du conseil d'administration qui eut lieu le lendemain matin, votre conseil m'a ré-élu à la présidence. Mes très humbles remerciements de cette marque insigne de votre confiance. La vente aux enchères qui a eu lieu vers la fin de l'après-midi du samedi a conclu la congrès, mais plus tard, nous avons assisté à un banquet de la Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society, sous la présidence habile de Walter Allendorf. Après quelques paroles prononcées par divers invités, on a prié votre président de remettre les trophées aux divers gagnants.

L'assistance était excellente. Saint-Jean du Nouveau Brunswick, Montréal, Windsor, Toronto, toutes les agglomérations de la région si prospère de Kitchener, de London à Stratford, étaient bien représentées. Je crois que tout le monde s'est bien amusé. Je sais que j'ai passé trois

très bonnes journèes, ainsi que tous les membres du conseil. Le comité du congrès de la société de Kitchener-Waterloo, mérite certainement des félicitations chaleureuses à la suite de l'excellent travail qu'il a fait.

Nous avons deux nouveaux membres du conseil, M. J.-P. Rouleau, de Montréal, et M. R.-R. Doxsee, de Régina. A ces deux messieurs, nos saluts les plus sincères, et aux autres administrateurs qui ont été ré-élus, tous mes remerciements d'une excellente année.

Et enfin, j'ai eu, dès mon arrivée à Kitchener, le grand plaisir d'entendre votre secrétaire, Fred Green, annoncer que la British Columbia Philatelic Society, de Vancouver, venait d'être admise en qualité de section régionale no 31. Salut au bercail, Vancouver!

Et maintenant, le mot d'ordre est: **A Montréal en '55!**

L. M. LAMOUROUX,
President.

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THE SHADY SIDE OF PHILATELY

By Max Rosenthal

I HOPE that this article's title won't make the reader think this is a revelation of how a common stamp had its perforations snipped off to fake a rare imperforate copy, or some such sinister doing. Also, this is not an attempt to have you examine stamps in the shade, because on the contrary, sunlight, or the best artificial lighting is needed to indulge in my topic, the collecting of shades in stamps.

Measuring perforations is a simple matter of using a perforation gauge, and a look at a stamp catalogue tells you how a stamp was printed, but, forming a collection of the different shades of color found in a particular stamp forces one to rely largely on his own eyes, and the deductions he draws from what he sees. True, the catalogues list a certain number of shades, the more specialized the handbook being the more varieties being listed, but just reading a list of them may not correctly identify the stamps in your possession.

The main reason for this is that you must have a mental image of what a particular shade is supposed to be, and, this may not be the same hue that the catalogue writer had in mind. Not only do different catalogues use different color names for the same stamps, but the same book may use two different terms for which seem to be the same color to us. This is one of the reasons why color charts have only a limited use. Another is that the exact shades shown on them may change with time due to aging and atmospheric effects.

This would seem to show a rather hopeless task for philatelists who are interested in collecting shade varieties of stamps, especially the older issues where the coloring of the stamps themselves has often changed to a certain extent. However, it seems to me that the very challenge it offers makes it an interesting part of philately. It certainly isn't as hard on the eyes as looking for printing varieties, and a magnifying glass is not needed. In fact, no special accessories are needed.

If you aren't going to specialize in shades, and simply want one copy each of the varieties listed in a generalized stamp catalogue, such as Scott's, the task is much simplified. The few shades of those stamps listed with color varieties are usually so distinct, that a little experience generally suffices to recognize them. It's when you start using more specialized catalogues, such as Boggs and Holmes in the case of Canadian stamps that these difficulties begin to assume major proportions. Reading about lemon yellow and chrome yellow, in the one cent small queens value, may make one wonder what the noted authorities mean.

Of course, you can get an advanced collector to show you, by means of examples in his own collection, but you'll have to have a good proportion of them in your own collection, to mark the correct terms under them, or your knowledge is likely to be forgotten. Therefore, the prime necessity is a good accumulation of the stamps that you are interested in. Then, one can try to make up a few pages, with the shades blending into one another. This should prove quite informative, and will probably show that each of these shades has its own shades, and that distinct varieties have intermediate hues which link them together.

In order to have at least a fair representation of shades in many of the earlier stamps, at least fifty to a hundred copies of each major color variety are needed. No catalogue hopes to list all of the shades in some old issues, but the

collector who looks for them can continue to add to his heart's content. Fortunately, many of these isues are still quite cheap, used, of course, especially by the tens and hundreds. The pence issues and large queens stamps of Canada can be left to the rich minority, as well as similarly priced early issues of other average means can have lots of countries, but the collector with fun, at small expense, with the later issues, such as the small queens and George V Admiral sets of Canada.

Working on making up a page of shades offers valuable experience in telling them apart, but there are some hues that even the experts don't seem to agree on, so don't be surprised at others disagreeing with you. You may both be right, only using different terms, both of which are equally applicable to the stamps in question. Getting together with more experienced collectors, and comparing your stamps with theirs, is the quickest way to find your way around in the maze of hues. Sometimes they will admit to being puzzled, and then you have an equal right to form your own opinions as to what to call it.

One aspect usually neglected is the influence of paper on ink. Exactly the same ink will present a paler, duller appearance on soft, pourous paper, which absorbs more of it, while a hard, smooth paper will absorb much less, and the color will be deeper and brighter. The type of printing may also influence the shade. Also, the relative darkness or lightness of a color may depend on how thin the ink had become through the course of printing many stamps, before being renewed.

In short, the question of color in stamps has many sides to it, and there is lots to be discovered by means of research. The fun of looking for certain shades in a bunch of stamps, or getting some particular one by chance that is really different from any of the others you have, are among the pleasures of stamp collecting.

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THE 26th annual Convention and Exhibition of the Canadian Philatelic Society was held at Kitchener, Ont., on April 22-24, 1954.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society the president, Mr. L. M. Lamouroux, first congratulated and thanked the Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society, the host club, for the excellent arrangements made for the convention and exhibition which was such an outstanding success.

The president then reported marked progress during the year in all departments of the Society and drew special attention to the steady improvement in the Society's journal, "The Canadian Phiatelist", which had since the beginning of the year been placed on a monthly basis. The Society's Sales Department has practically doubled its sales over the past two years and the library had more than doubled the number of items sent out to members during the past year. Membership was steadily increasing and there were now 31. Chapters throughout Canada.

Mr. L. M. Lamouroux (Toronto) was re-elected president of the Society for the 1954-55 term and Miss M. Hanselman (Brantford, Ont.) first vice-president. Mr. A. H. Christensen (Montreal) was elected second vice-president and Mr. Doug Patrick (Toronto) third vice-president.

Mr. Fred Green (Toronto) was re-elected secretary treasurer and Mr. Cyril Woodhead (Toronto) sales manager.

Other directors elected were: Messrs. Wm. Erbach (Kitchener, Ont.), W. H. Freeman (Niagara on the Lake, Ont.), Victor Crouse (Windsor, Ont.), R. R. Doxsee (Regina, Sask.), J. P. Rouleau (Montreal) and W. A. Teare (Victoria, B.C.).

Mr. Herbert Buckland was reappointed librarian and Mr. Phil Miller, editor of "The Canadian Philatelist".

The exhibition, which was held in the old Post Office Building in Kitchener, was well attended and consisted of over 200 frames with a wide variety of material represented.

The Grand Award—The Brisley Trophy—was won by Nick Lagios of the Union Philatelique de Montreal with his exhibit of early Greece.

The Canadian Stamp Dealers Trophy for the best exhibit in the show by popular vote was won by Mrs. R. M. Reavely of London, Ont., with a frame of Coronation stamps.

Other award winners were:—B.N.A. 19th Cent. (Seagram Trophy) Walter P. Carter (Newtonbrook, Ont.); B.N.A. 20th Cent. (Woodhead Trophy) R. J. Sutherland (Westmount, P.Q.); Great Britain, J. S. Martin (Kitchener, Ont.); British Commonwealth (Harris Trophy) Arthur Blakely (Toronto); United States (B. F. Goodrich Trophy) Doug. Patrick (Toronto); Europe (Green Trophy) Nick Lagios (Montreal); Other Foreign, L. M. Lamouroux (Toronto); Covers, 19th Cent., J. S. Martin, (Kitchener, Ont.); Covers, 20th Cent. (Hanselman Trophy) Edward Goodale (Toronto); Topical, Rev. Don. Goodger (Ayr, Ont.); Interclub (Ford Trophy) North Toronto Stamp Club.

One of the most interesting exhibits in the show, which received a first award and which was put together with literally 10 cents worth of stamps, was entered by Doug. Patrick of the C.B.C. Stamp Club of the Air. It consisted of a study of the cancellations on the 2 cents green stamp of the United States issued in 1887. The three frames, which were beautifully written up, were a fine example of what can be done in the way of philatelic research at little or no cost.

Other interesting exhibits were the two frames shown by the

Canadian Post Office Department of die proofs before hardening of the new Elizabethan stamps which are to be issued on June 10 and the recently issued animal stamps. Also examples of the new Canadian postal stationery.

A six frame exhibit of Irish stamps beautifully written up in English and Gaelic which had been specially sent over for the exhibition from the G.P.O. in Dublin attracted a great deal of interest.

Cardinal Spellman of New York sent two frames of illustrated pages from his famous collection of Religion on Stamps which were also greatly admired.

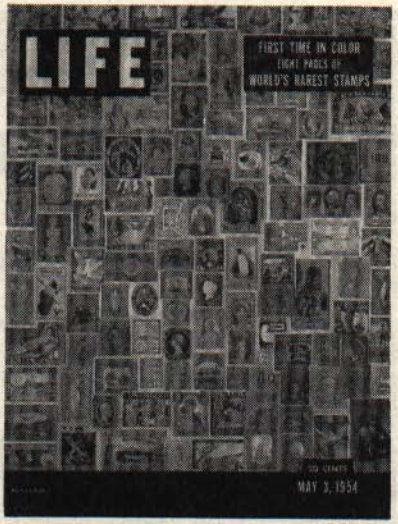
The Kitchener & Waterloo Philatelic Society are to be warmly congratulated on the splendid arrangements made for the convention and exhibition which was such an outstanding success and which stands as a tribute to all the hard work put in by all the members of their organising committees during the past year. The General Convention Chairman was Mr. James Kraemer and the Exhibition Committee Chairman was Mr. Wm. Erbach.

An extensive programme was prepared for the entertainment of the out of town visitors including visits to local industrial plants, a visit to the Kitchener market and a motor tour of the Grand River Valley. Five special casheted covers were prepared and mailed during this tour. A philatelic frame was presented to Woodside, the Mackenzie King homestead, which was also visited.

The Convention was concluded by a banquet at the Walper Hotel at which the guests included His Worship Mayor Donald Weber of Kitchener and Mr. J. R. Carpenter, Superintendent Postage Stamp Division, Ottawa.

It was announced that the Canadian Philatelic Society's next Convention would be held in Montreal in April, 1955, with the Union Philatelique de Montreal acting as host club.

An invitation from the Windsor Y Stamp Club for the Convention for 1956 was accepted by the Directors of the Society.



"LIFE" FEATURES STAMPS

The May 3 issue of "Life" contains a special article devoted to philately. It consists of some twelve pages including eight pages in colour besides the front cover in colour depicting stamps. The feature has taken two years to prepare and the pages of colour reproductions of stamps are the finest ever produced in a magazine. There is no doubt that this issue of "Life" will be eagerly sought after by all interested in stamp collecting. Many of the world's rarities are illustrated in colour including material which the average collector never has a chance to see except perhaps at an international exhibition. Publicity such as this is a truly wonderful thing for the hobby and cannot fail but to interest large numbers of people in philately.

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CANADIAN NEWS

by
U. KNOHU

IT IS very encouraging for Canadian philatelists to see the large numbers of news columns and special notes about Canadian stamps that are appearing in the United States and Great Britain philatelic magazines. However, it is rather discouraging to read the relatively large amount of misinformation which this writer calls "just plain nonsense" that has appeared lately.

With apologies to the readers who already know the official facts, I am referring to a few of the more glaring errors that have been recently printed.

First the question of the meaning of the official overprint "G"—I have read it stands for George and will likely be changed to "E" for Elizabeth, etc. etc.—yes, this was actually printed.

The true facts are that the letters "O.H.M.S." which represented ON HIS MAJESTIES SERVICE indicated to many that these letters were carried free of postage —that is, these stamps were issued free.This was an inaccurate impression because stamps so marked were sold to the Government Departments for use on official Government mail and had no connection with franking privi leges. Also the policy has been to print Canadian stamps in both French and English and these letters did not meet that requirement. The "G" overprint was selected to indicate Government which is very similar in both languages. The change and simplification to one letter reduced the hazard of having stamps improperly printed with a missing letter or period. Because of these facts it will be seen that the letter "G" will not be changed because of the introduction of new design postage stamps.

I have had a number of letters asking for official facts regarding the missing "G" in the 10c Fur Stamp. Several writers have obviously thought that there was "monkey business" concerning this error, probably due to the relatively large number of mint blocks that have been offered for sale, especially in Great Britain. Whether or not there has been "monkey business" I am not prepared to say but I would again draw the reader's attention to my remarks regarding the ease of forgery of overprints in Vol. 5, No. 3, Feb. 1954, Can. Philatelist.

The actual facts are these. A quantity of sheets of this stamp were received after being overprinted "G" and distibuted on demand to several Government Departments—at least one of which was in a prairie city. When the printing error was discovered in the postage supply section all improper sheets were assembled and returned to the manufacturers. It was not possible to trace if any similar sheets were issued to Government Departments (this obviously occurred in at least one instance) or the names of the office that received them. No attempt was made to recall these stamps. Since it is not known at what stage of the printing the letter fell off or was knocked from the printing plate, it can not be determined how many sheets were actually printed improperly. So its a case of "you pays your money and takes your choice". That a collector was working in a government department and had the opportunity to exchange any such error stamps for other ordinary "G" stamps from his own collection, is not at all unlikely and in my opinion, this may well explain the number of large mint blocks that have appeared on the market. The fact remains that the number printed cannot be determined and because of that and other factors I feel that collectors should always keep forgery in mind.

An English publication has real-

ly scored a "scoop" regarding a new Canadian stamp. It states that in 1955 a commemorative stamp honouring the jubilee of Alberta and Saskatchewan will be issued. It will have a sheaf of wheat and an oil well depicted on it. The detailed description sounds as if the writer had actually seen an artist's design of the stamp. However, while no doubt the Post Office Department is sympathetic to such an issue, a design for such a stamp **has not** been approved to date.

One of our readers has suggested that Canadian News publish advance notice of new wording cancellation slogans. This we would be happy to do but the Post Office Department feels that philatelists should be discouraged from forwarding self-addressd envelopes to Postmasters requesting items to be mailed for cancellation specimens. Some dealers have evidently in the past forwarded large numbers of covers for this purpose and the normal handling of mail has been interfered with.

The Post Office Department is gradually revising the design on all stamped envelopes printed for sale in post offices. 2c, 4c, and 5c, from the King George design stamps to the Queen Elizabeth. The large size Q.E. 5c (original Queen portrait design) envelope was first released on 17th March and the small size on the 24th March, to distributing offices for issue to Post Offices. The same design stamp on the 2c No. 8 and No. 10 envelopes was issued early in February and has also appeared on post cards sold in multiple sheets, 8 or 16 cards to a sheet. The real surprise was the appearance of a 4c post card (new rate) with not, as was expected, the original design Queen portrait, but with a portrait of King George VI. This item, especially, I would think, will have a short life. There have been rumors that the present KGVI. 3c post card supplies will be recalled and overprinted for the new rate. As yet I have had no official word on this and in two large Eastern Canadian cities the policy appears to be to sell these along with an additional 1c adhesive stamp. A final word about the portrait design printed on the 5c envelope. The value figure has been more clearly outlined and enlarged and the portrait of the Queen has been lithographed—probably on the Canadian Bank Note Co. machine that printed the 10c Aerogramme Envelopes. All in all a very much better appearing stamp—in fact I doubt if this form had appeared on the original Queen stamp releases would there have been the vigorous criticism that the engraved issue received.

The list below is the present stock situation of Plate numbers of H. M. Queen Elizabeth 1953 design postage stamps in the Philatelic Division:

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THERE seems little doubt that postal stationery, stamped envelopes, postcards, letter cards and newspaper wrappers, are well on their way to regaining at any rate part of their former popularity. The early printed stamp albums had spaces for this material and for many years it received recognition in the catalogues. A great deal of this material is very scarce and some of the early stamped envelopes of Canada are definitely rare. Illustrated in this column is the 5 cents blue Queen Elizabeth stamped envelope which has recently been placed in circulation. Incidentally it exists with a distinct colour dot under the right eye. No specialised collection can be complete without postal stationery being represented and collectors of the stamps of Canada would be well advised to see that they obtain examples of this material while it is still current some of which will no doubt be issued in quite limited quantities.

From reports it seems that the Midwest Postage Stamp Show held in Chicago at the end of March was an outstanding success. This was staged under the auspices of the American Stamp Dealers Association and they are to be congratulated on their initiative in its promotion. Such successful shows are of very real interest and benefit to the collector bringing as they do many new adherents to the hobby. Recently stamps have received a great deal of truly wonderful publicity in the lay Press. There was the article on Jacques Minkus in **Harpers** which was reprinted in **The Readers Digest,** the front cover of **Saturday Evening Post** devoted to stamp collecting and on May 3 **Life** is bringing out a feature in colour devoted to stamps together with the front cover depicting stamps. Never before has philately received such attention. This wonderful co-operation cannot help but create tens of thousands of new collectors and it is up to the stamp dealers and auctioneers to follow up this wonderful opportunity by doing everything possible to bring the story of stamps to the general public. In point of fact stamps are today well before the public and it is up to every society, club and individual who is interested in stamps to give their co-operation in capitalizing on the interest that these references in the Press have created so as to really bring home to the members of the general public the many attractions and benefits that can be derived from the pursuit of stamp collecting.

Since writing this column for last month's issue the Crown Agents have announced that the numbers of the Royal Visit stamps sold locally in Bermuda and Fiji

amounted to 197,164 and 145,500 which with the sales in London of 291,531 and 284,014 respectively make total sales for these stamps of Bermuda 488,695 and Fiji 429,514.

Local sales of the Three Power Talks stamps of Bermuda amounted to 423,919 for the 3d. value and 311,376 for the 1/- stamp. These stamps were not on sale at the Crown Agents in London.

A partial list has been issued of the local sales in the territories concerned of the Coronation stamps. These range from 14,906,-760 for the Hong Kong stamp to 7,334 in Grenada.

Three more Royal Visit commemoratives were issued in April and were placed on sale on or about the dates of arrival of Her Majesty in the territories concerned. Illustrated in this column are the 10 cents value for Ceylon, the 1/-. for Aden and the 30 cents for Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika. The Ceylon Royal Visit stamp will remain on sale until September 9 and the other two stamps were on sale for one week only or until stocks were exhausted whichever was the earlier.

On May 3 a 3d. Royal Visit stamp is being issued in Malta and on May 10 a 3d. value will be issued in Gibraltar. These will also be on sale for one week only or until stocks are exhausted whichever is the earlier.

The Crown Agents report the following new issues: Barbados: 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 12 cents with Royal Portrait changed and in new colours were released locally on April 15. Supplies were available in London on May 3.

Ceylon: 25 cents, 50 cents, Rs. 5 and Rs. 10 placed on sale locally on March 15. Released for sale in London on April 23. The 2, 3, 6, 40 and 85 cents and the Rs. 2 in the new definite issue will be released for sale on May 15.

Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika: new definite issue of the 5, 10, 20, 30 and 50 cents, 1/, 2/, 5/, 10/ and £1 values will be made on June 1.

Cayman Islands: the 2d, 2½d and 9d values with Royal Portrait changed will be released for sale on June 2.

New stamps have been ordered for St. Kitts with Royal Portrait changed of the current 24, 48, and 60 cents, $1.20 and $4.80 values of the St. Christopher Nevis and Anguilla stamps. One shilling booklets have been ordered for Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika containing four 5 cents and eight 10 cents stamps of the new issue.

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Minutes of the 26th Annual Meeting Held at the Officers' Mess, Kitchener Armouries, April 23rd, 1954.

The meeting opened at 8 p.m. attended by 75 members with the President, L. Lamouroux, in the chair. The chairman ordered the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting held at Toronto, Ont., in April, 1953. The minutes were read by the Secretary, F. Green, there being no business arising out of such minutes. It was moved by Mr. R. Haldimand, Westmount, and seconded by Mr. Geo. Goldman, Windsor, that the reading of the minutes be accepted. Carried.

President's Report

Mr. L. Lamouroux welcomed all members and expressed great pleasure at the very good attendance of members. Mr. A. N. Peatman of St. John, N.B., was adjudged the farthest member attending.

Adoption—Moved by Mr. A. N. Peatman; Seconded by Mr. F. Green. Carried.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary Mr. F. Green reported the Society was definitely on the upgrade with 1,030 members and 31 Chapters.

Adoption—Moved by Mr. F. Green; Seconded by Mr. H. Buckland. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer Mr. F. Green reported that the books of the Treasurer were audited by Mr. Lloyd Devinney and show an adverse balance of $185.08, as reported there are in our possession Trophys paid for and held for the future to more than offset this debit.

Adoption of report—Moved by Mr. F. Green; Seconded by Mr. H. Buckland. Carried.

Sales Manager's Report

Mr. Woodhead reported with another fine year of $12,702.20 for 12 months.

Adoption of report—Moved by Mr. C. Woodhead; Seconded by Mr. Phil Miller. Carried.

Library Report

Mr. Herbert Buckland reported a fine year with the library and a decided increase in the use of the Society's material.

Adoption of report—Moved by Mr. Herbert Buckland; Seconded by Mr. Asher Borth. Carried.

Club Reports

Members of 12 Clubs reported their Clubs in good and sound condition.

New Business

With a written application also personal plea Mr. Vic Crouse of Windsor Y Stamp Club asked to be the Host Club for the 1956 Convention.

This was on a Motion by Mr. Vic Crouse—Seconded by Mr. Doug Patrick. Passed by the Convention.

Mr. W. H. Freeman of Niagara-on-the-Lake presented Mr. Theobald who spoke on the coming world wide Boy Scouts Jamboree, the first ever held outside Europe.

The Acts of the Directors

Mr. Lamouroux our President asked that the Acts of the Directors for the year passed be confirmed by the Convention.

Moved by Mr. W. Batchelor; Seconded by Mr. R. Haldimand. Carried.

9.20 p.m. at this on a Motion by Dr. Boyd; Seconded by Mr. H. Canham, the Convention was adjourned to Montreal, Quebec, April, 1955. Carried.

Signed: F. C. GREEN,
Secretary, C.P.S.

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