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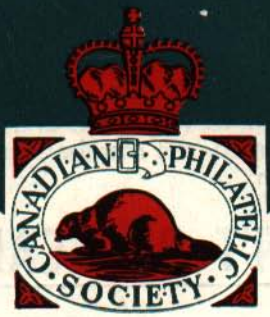

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IT WAS indeed a great pleasure to all of us at Headquarters to hear that the Moncton Stamp Collectors Club, the North Bay & District Stamp Club, the Winnipeg Philatelic Society and the Sarnia Stamp Club had all applied for chaptership in the C.P.S., and furthermore, that at least six more clubs were in negotiation. This says quite a lot for the energy of Eric Rushton, Co-Ordinator of Chapters, and we are almost certain to have over fifty Chapters by the end of our fiscal year.

While we feel that every Club has some tanglible advantage in becoming a Chapter of the Society, there is to my mind, a far more important intangible benefit. Every Club, in becoming a Chapter, obtains the support of the Society and is expected to support the Society in its turn, and creates thereby a feeling of solidarity among collectors from one end of the country to the other.

However, once a Club has been admitted as a Chapter, that is not all. We have a very energetic Co-ordinator of Chapters and every Chapter should keep in touch with him regularly and keep him informed as to its activities. We all like to know what is happening to our fellow collectors all over the country.

For several reasons, we have decided to postpone the issue of the Year-book until February. We intend to make this an outstanding number and to facilitate this, we earnestly entreat each member, each Chapter, **to do his best to obtain some advertising—from dealers, small ads, club notices,** etc. Every dollar thus obtained brings down the heavy cost of this issue and thereby improves it by ensuring more reading material. Won't YOU help? Send in your ads for the Year-book right now to Gwen Dawson, 81 Day Avenue, Toronto 10, Ont. DO IT NOW! Thanks!

And now, to all our Members and Chapters, in every part of Canada, and to all those abroad, a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year, from me and from every member of the Board.

C'ÉTAIT un grand plaisir pour nous tous à la direction de la Société de recevoir la nouvelle que les clubs de Moncton, North Bay, Winnipeg et Sarnia avaient demandé d'adhérer à la C.P.S. comme "Chapters". Mieux encore, nous sommes en train de négocier avec six autres sociétés à cet effet. C'est un témoignage frappant de l'énergie de notre coordonnateur de Chapters, Eric Rushton, et nous sommes à peu près certains d'avoir au moins 50 chapters d'ici la fin de l'exercice.

Nous savons que chaque société régionale trouve des avantages tangibles à devenir un chapter de la C.P.S., mais il y a, à mon avis, des avantages intangibles qui ont peut-être un importance encore plus grande. Chaque club, en devenant société régionale de la C.P.S., obtient l'appui de la société et, à son tour, on s'attend à recevoir son appui, et à créer ainsi un esprit de solidarité parmi tous les collectionneurs du Canada d'un bout à l'autre du pays.

Pour plusieurs raisons, nous avons décidé de ne faire paraître l'Annuaire de la Société qu'au mois de février. Nous tenons à en faire un numéro en dehors de l'ordinaire, mais pour y arriver, il nous faut une grande mesure de publicité, marchands, petites annonces, avis de clubs, etc. Chaque dollar que nous pouvons ainsi obtenir réduit les frais onéreux de ce numéro spécial et, en même temps, l'améliore. Nous invoguoms VOTRE aide. Envoyez donc vos annocnes pour l'Annuaire à Mlle Gwen Dawson, 81 Day Avenue, Toronto 70, Ont. Merci d'avance.

Et maintenant, à tous nos membres et à toutes nos sections régionales, nos voeux les plus sincères pour un bien joyeux Noel et une Nouvelle Année heureuse et prospère, de ma part et de la part de chaque membre du Conseil.

L. M. LAMOUROUX,
President.

Here's How a Collector Received $1,250 For an Initial 5c Investment

By Lorne Wm. Bentham

Former Director of the Canadian Philatelic Society, and at present columnist to Western Stamp Collector, Scott's Monthly Journal and The Philatelic Magazine of London, Eng.

THIS is definitely a true story of how one collector obtained a valuable United States semi-official airmail stamp for practically next to nothing and later sold it for $1,250. And as a matter of fact, I am quite sure that this story has never appeared before in any of the philatelic or lay press publications, either in Canada or the United States as well as Europe.

The story concerns one active member of the Collectors' Club of Washington, D.C. The main incident of the story took place at one of the club's regular monthly auctions of stamps, about a year and a half ago.

Included in one auction was a group of picture postcards, which any philatelist who happened to see them for the first time considered them to be worthless, that is from a philatelic point of view.

However, worthless or not, they were put up for auction and one member bid five cents only and was the lucky purchaser.

Immediately after this auction was completed, he examined the postcards much more closely and there was one that caught his eye over the others.

This was a postcard with a photograph of an aviator and his airplane on one side, while on the opposite side appeared his autograph. There was a regular 1c U.S. postage stamp with a Vin Fiz label attached to it, too.

He wasn't very familiar about this Vin Fiz label and began to ask his fellow members if they knew anything about it. But, they, too, couldn't offer any helpful information about his newly acquired item.

Fortunately for this member, though, present at this particular meeting was Joseph A. Herbert Jr., of Washington, D.C., an official of the American Philatelic Congress as well as on the Board of Governors of the Washington Philatelic Society. Mr. Herbert gave this member the necessary information he was seeking. And not only that, he advised the member to send this postcard on to an airmail dealer, since the Vin Fiz label, which was attached to it, was very valuable. Mr. Herbert had remembered seeing it in Sanabaria's Airmail catalogue with an exceptionally high catalogue value.

The member in question did just that and communicated with an airmail dealer in the United States. Within a few days later he received a cheque for $1,250 for the postcard that he had previously purchased for only five cents.

It should be explained here, however, that some airmail specialists consider this Vin Fiz issue as a label only while others recognize it as a semi-official stamp of the United States.

This Vin Fiz label, or Semi-official airmail stamp, which ever you want to call it, was primarily issued fo rthe Calbreath Perry Rodgers flight from Sheepshead Bay, New York, to Long Beach, California. The flight began on September 17, 1911 and after a series of accidents was completed on December 10.

Souvenir post cards franked with these stamps were sold to commemorate the flight. Regular U.S. postage stamps were used on the post cards in order to have them transmitted through the U.S. mails. The flight was sponsored by the Vin Fiz Company who were manufacturers of soft drinks. A Wright airplane was used for this flight.

This Vin Fiz issue was released in an imperforate condition and is not too common today. Here's a brief description of this Vin Fiz

stamp. It is black in color with the wording at the top "Rodgers Aerial Post", while at the bottom appears "Vin Fiz Flyer". The denomination of this stamp is 25c and appears at the top and bottom of the design. The central part of the design of this semi-official airmail stamp of U.S. consists of an airplane.

Perhaps you may be just as fortunate as this member of the Collectors' Club of Washington, D.C. was. But the moral of this story is: "It pays to closely examine every philatelic item put up for auction at any stamp club, irrespective if the item appears to be too common. Otherwise, you will lose out on some good stamps, at bargain prices."

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AN INTERESTING FIRST DAY COVER

In Winnipeg an interesting story of a first day cover of the Alberta-Saskatchewan stamp was told to the writer by a well-known collector, Bert Warren.

Just before the issue of the Alberta - Saskatchewan stamp, Mr. Warren decided to try and make a really interesting cover of this stamp for the day of issue. The village of ALSASK, the etymology of which is obvious, was picked for this cover, as the village is right on the border of the two provinces and, as a matter of fact, the main street is divided by the provincial line.

The problem was how to get the covers, as it was soon discovered that the village would not have the new stamp on its day of issue, and also that it would not be possible to send the covers to Alsask, as neither the C.P.R. nor the C.N.R. ran a train that could connect in time. Other sources were tried and it was finally decided to send a taxi from the nearest place in which there was an interested collector.

One hundred of these covers were made and the cost thereof works out at about $1.15 each!

L. M. L.

Eardley-Wilmont Gets First Prize In Stamp Show

Vancouver Island Philatelic Society's annual exhibition recently saw V. Eardley-Wilmot win first prize in the general section for a display of early Great Britain stamps.

Second prize went to Mrs. A. Molesworth for modern issues of the same country.

Judges Gerry Wellburn and C. Wildig picked Jessie M. Gordon's Chalon Head types of British Colonies for first award in the topical section and Mrs. V. Dunphy was given second in the section and first for being best in the show.

A special prize went to Abner Garland for his display of ships on stamps.

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NOTE FOR SELLERS IN SALESBOOKS

During my Western journey, on several occasions the remark was made that sellers who make up books should offer purchasers the high value stamps in order to enable them to complete their sets, especially in Commonwealth issues, although this is applicable to all countries. This observation has been confirmed by enquiries made around Toronto.

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PART II

Mr. Woodford had for a long time adopted the practice of maintaining a stock of New South Wales stamps for his own use, as well as for the use of other residents. However, on the 25th July, 1906, he informed the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific (Sir Everad im Thurn) as follows:

"The sum of 2d. is enclosed in for the Australian Colonies and my mail bag (sent to Sydney) for Great Britain. A sum of 2½d. is payment of postage on each letter enclosed for letters adddressed to foreign countries.

"The stocks of New South Wales stamps which I formerly kept are now almost exhausted, and I do not propose to replenish them. In place of the New South Wales stamps I am using a handstamp like the impression in the margin, of course forwarding the amont of postage in the mail bag."

The type of impression referred to by Mr. Woodford measured approximately 22 mm x 32 mm.

This decision did not alter the requirement that New South Wales stamps were to be used but they were then affixed to letters in Sydney instead of the Solomons. The distinctive locally used handstamp did, however, indicate the specific point of origin of letters.

Issue of British Solomon Islands Stamps

About this time Mr. Woodford was considering the provision of postage stamps for the Protectorate and, as is known. Mr. Woodford himself designed a set of stamps which depicted a New Georgian war canoe. Mr. Woodford arranged for th stamps to be printed by lithography in Sydney and they were first issued in the Solomon Islands on the 14th February, 1907.

Mr. Woodford notified the Deputy Postmaster-General at Sydney that the stamps had been issued but because they were only intended for local use it was still necessary for the British Resident Commissioner to forward, with letters bearing such stamps, a sufficient amount in cash to pay for the New South Wales stamps which had also to be affixed.

This unusual position prevailed for some months and further light on the situation is revealed in a letter dated the 28th June, 1907, from Mr. Woodford to the Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, this being as follows:

"A proper Government Post Office has now been built at Tulagi and Mr. F. J. Barnett, the Collector of Customs, has assumed the duties of Post Master.

"The establishment of a Government Post Office has been for a long time a desideratum, as up to the present the bags of mail addressed to the British Solomon Islands Protectorate were opened on board the steamers and many complaints of the loss of letters and more especially of newspapers have reached me.

"An erroneous impression appears to exist that the Protectorate Postage Stamps now in use are not an authorised issue.

"I have, therefore, the honour to inform you that the issue of Postage Stamps for the Protectorate was authorised by The Secretary of State for the Colonies in April, 1906, and that the stamps now in use are a Government issue only.

"I propose to continue to forward to you in the Mail Bags made up at Tulagi the full

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RECENT NEW ISSUES

The Realm Of Stamps

By Montor

There is no doubt that the interest in Canadian material is at an all-time high. This was emphasized by the figure of $4,200 obtained in the J. N. Sissons auction for the "Dundas" 12d. the property of the late James D. Smart of Oshawa. This was a new high for this stamp the previous recorded highs being about $2,700 for a used copy and $3,300 for an unused copy. It is understood that the "Dundas" 12d. will remain in Canada having been purchased by a member of the C.P.S., an Ontario collector, who wishes to remain anonymous. The under-bidder was Raymond H. Weill of New Orleans. Other items in this sale demonstrated that really fine copies command strong competition and without exception unusually fine copies of the 3d. Beaver brought over catalogue despite the fact that there were over 250 copies of this stamp in the sale.

The late Mr. Smart's wonderful collection of the Large Queens, which includes the magnificent block of 16 of the 2 cents showing the complete "Bothwell" watermark, a block of 20 of the 6 cents and a unique block of six of the 1 cent orange, will now be probably placed on the market and will intensify the interest in these stamps, which are regarded by many collectors as being the most attractive of all Canadian issues.

The Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada celebrated its first anniversary on November 12 with a dinner and lecture at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto under the chairmanship of Herbert Dube, President of the Society. After an excellent dinner the speaker of the evening Harry Gates of New York, President of the Essay-Proof Society, gave a most interesting address illustrated by passing around pages from his collections. He first spoke on the subject of Patriotic covers of the Boer War period and showed examples of the "Patriotics" published by the J. C. Wilson company of Montreal.

This was followed by a beautiful display of essays and proofs of the pence and the first cents issues of Canada and a most interesting talk on this fascinating subject. Mr. Gate's collection of these included a fine range of the proofs of the 12d. value. The speaker was introduced by Walter S. Bayley and a vote of thanks for his exceedingly interesting address was expressed by Russell T. Waines.

The Philatelist Specialists Society of Canada was formed last year to foster the promotion in Canada of serious study and research in all branches of philately. The executive consists of the following; President, Herbert Dube; Vice President, Russell T. Waines; Secretary, William Slate; Treasurer, Jules Reissman; and Directors, Douglas A. Patrick, James Law, all of Toronto, and A. H. Christensen of Montreal.

The President and Officers of the C.P.S. as well as the Convention and Exhibition Committee from Windsor, who were meeting that week end in Toronto discussing plans for the Society's forthcoming Convention, attended this function. Dr. N. O. Boyd was invited by Herbert Dube to address the gathering at the dinner on the subject of the Exhibition in Windsor.

J. J. Bonar of Edinburgh has been elected President of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain in succession to Leo Baresch of Weybridge. The Society's Convention took place this year at Sanderstead, Surrey, at which the Aikens Trophy for the best article in "Maple Leaves" was awarded to Frederick Tomlinson, the Editor of the Society's journal. The Founders Trophy went to Nicholas Argenti for research on the stamps of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and the new cup presented by Stanley Godden was

won by J. F. Bird for his display of Classics in the Convention Exhibition. A fellowship was awarded to Oswald Fraser for services to the Society.

Handsome plaques for annual competition have been presented to the Westmount Stamp Club and the Westmount Junior Stamp Club by Mrs. I. H. Levine in memory of her husband who passed away last summer and who was for many years an active member of the Club and of the Canadian Philatelic Society.

They will be known as the "Israel H. Levine Philatelic Memorial Trophies" and will be awarded to the member of the senior club making the greatest contribution to philately during the year and to the junior showing the greatest knowledge of philately.

In making this gift Mrs. Levine also wished to express her grateful appreciation to the Westmount Stamp Club for the great pleasure her late husband had derived from attending the meetings of the Club during the past years.

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RECORD OF NEW ISSUES

AUSTRALIA. The 2/ blue stamp issued last December to draw public attention to the XVIth Olympic Games, which will be held in Melbourne, was re-issued printed in green on November 30.

CEYLON. A special 10 cents brown and orange to commemorate the Royal Agricultural and Food Exhibition to be held in January has been ordered from Harrison and Sons Ltd.

GRENADA. The 50 cents and $1.50 with Royal Cypher changed were issued on December 2.

HONG KONG. The 10 cents stamps have been ordered in reels for use in stamp vending machines.

KENYA, UGANDA and TANGANYIKA. New values, 65 cents and Sh. 1/30 issued December 1.

PAKISTAN. The 1½ a. red, as illustrated above, and 12 a. maroon and flame overprinted "Tenth Anniversary United Nations, 24.-10.55" in four lines were issued on October 24. On sale for 15 days.

ST. HELENA. The 3d., 4d., and 6d. commemorating the Island's first postage stamp will be issued on January 3, as chronicled in September issue.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA. The 2d. commemorative, printed alternatively in English and Afrikaans, to mark the Union Covenant celebrations at Pietmaritsburg issued December 1 as chronicled in last month's issue now illustrated on page 6.

ARGENTINE. A 1.50 p. olive green to commemorate the recent revolution showing figure of Liberty holding broken chains and with the inscription at the base "Revolucion Libertadore /16 de Setiembre de 1955" issued October 16.

BELGIUM. Set of six semi-postals portraying Belian scientists issued October 22: 20 plus 5c. Ernest Solvay, inventor of soda making process; 80 plus 20c. Jean-Jacques Dony, inventor of the "Liegeois" zinc furnace; 1.20 fr. plus 30c. Egide Walschaerts, inventor of the distribution slide for steam engines; 2 fr. plus 50c. Leo H. Baekeland, inventor of Baketite; 3 fr. plus 1 fr., Jeanne-Etienne Lenoir, inventor of internal combustion engine; and 4 fr. plus 2 fr., Emile Fourcault, and Emil Gobbe, inventors of mechanically drawn-out glass. (See illustrations on page 6.

DENMARK. Surcharges: 5 on 6 are orange; 5 on 7 ore brown and 30 on 20 ore red were issued in October.

A 12 ore dark blue postage due issued November 3.

FRANCE. Seven further values to pictorial series depicting tourist attractions were issued on October 15: 6 fr. Bordeaux red, the Bordeaux District; 8 fr. swallow blue, Marseille; 10 fr. China blue; Nice; 12 fr. grey blue and brown, Pont Valentre, Cahors; 18 fr. dark green and blue, Uzerche; and 25 fr. sienna and brown, the Ramparts of Brougae. On November 1 a 25 fr. dark violet and violet was issued showing the volcano Mont Peele in Martinique.

A 12 fr. red brown and black to commemorate Gerald de Nerval (1808-1855) a well-known man of letters, issued November 11.

GERMANY. A 10 pf. green and red to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the United Nations on paper watermarked "DBP" issued October 24 as illustrated above.

Set four semi-postals, 7 plus 3 pf. brown, Amalie Sieveking; 10 plus 5 pf. green Adolph Kolping; 20 plus 10 pf. red Dr. Samuel Hahnemann; and 40 plus 10 pf. blue, Florence Nightingale, issued November 15.

ISRAEL. Now illustrated in page 6 are the four stamps of the "Tribes" series issued in November as chronicled in last month's issue.

LUXEMBOURG. Set six semi-postals depicting local folklore issued December 5; 25 plus 5c. brownish red and orange pink and 2 fr. plus 25c. dark and light brown, St. Nicholas Day; 80c plus 20c, greenish black and light grey, and 4 fr. plus 30c. greenish grey and wellowish olive and 7 fr. plus 3.45 fr. brown violet and reddish light violet, Twelfth Night. See illustration on page 6.

NORWAY. A 30 ore red and 55 ore blue, as illustrated on page 6, to commemorate the 50th Jubilee of H. M. King Haakon VII, as King of Norway, issued November 25.

PHILIPPINES. A second set in the famous aviation heroes series honouring Lieut. Cesar Fernando Basa, who was the first Filipino fighter pilot to be killed in action in World War II; 30c brilliant red and 70c. brilliant sunset blue issued December 12. (Illustrated above.)

SAAR. Set three overprinted "Volksbefragung 1955", 15 fr. dark rose, 18 fr. dark rose brown and 30 fr. ultramarine (Illustrated above). Issued October 22. Set three semi-postals, Volkshilfe, issued December 10.:-5 plus 3 fr. dark green; 10 plus 5 fr. light green; and 15 plus 7 fr. olive green.

SWITZERLAND. Set of five Pro Juventute semi-postals, as illustrated on page 6, 5 plus 5c. brownish carmine, Charles Pictet-de-Rochemont; 10 plus 10c. green, brown, yellow and blue, Peacock-Butterfly; 20 plus 10c. red, grey, yellow and blue, Great Horntail; 30 plus 10c., brown, black, red and light ochre, Yellow Bear; and 40 plus 10c. blue, grey and red, Apollo-Butterfly, will be issued January 31.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. A 3 cents to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Andrew W. Mellon bearing his portrait reproduced from a paint-

ing by Oswald Birley will be issued at Washington, D.C., on December 20.

Now illustrated above is the 7 cents stamp portraying Woodrow Wilson which will be issued at Staunton, Virginia, on January 10.

UNITED NATIONS. A 3 cents and 8 cents stamp in honour of Human Rights Day issued on December 9, as chronicled last month.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

With reference to the letter from Charles D. Lundy in last month's issue regarding the status of the six stamps issued by France on June 11.

The official announcement from the French Ministry of Posts clearly stated that the surtax on these stamps was for the benefit of the French Red Cross. I quote the relative paragraph as follows: "Ces timbres sont grevés d'une surtaxe au profit de la Croix Rouge francaise".

From the above it is evident that Mr. Lundy's correspondent in England is misinformed in stating that the surtax was for the benefit of the "National Relief Fund". It would therefore appear that this issue can be regarded as Red Cross Stamps according to the classification as set forth in his letter.

A. H. Christensen,
Montreal.

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amount of postage due on all letters, etc., and I will undertake, through the Postmaster, the distribution of all mail matter which may arrive here in your mail bags without charge, until arrangements for the admission of the Protectorate into the Postal Union are completed by the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, such negotiations being now in course of settlement.

"I would ask you whether, in the meantime, it would not be possible for you to recognise the Protectorate stamps to the extent that instead of affixing stamps of New South Wales to letters sent from here in the Government Mail Bags, upon which the postage is forwarded in cash, and which are already stamped with the Protectorate stamps, you could merely stamp them with a Postage Paid Post Mark, signifying that the postage had been paid."

This request was acceded to by the Department to a limited extent, New South Wales stamps still being affixed to some categories of mail.

HISTORICAL COUNTY ATLASES

By EVERETT N. DRAKE

It is the policy of some philatelists, and some stamp clubs to encourage the collecting of sideline interests to provide a good background for our hobby, and at the same time provide a new associated hobby, in case we have tired of the original collecting pursuit. Collectors, while hunting for stamps, often come across old documents, books, maps, and prints. Historical county atlases of Ontario can be found in this way.

Historical county atlases were published from 1875 to 1881, chiefly in Toronto by several publishers. From 1875 to 1879 each atlas showed information only about the county concerned. In 1880 and 1881 the Dominion type of atlas was introduced. It showed many maps of the world, of Canada, and of the provinces resulting in the crowding of county information into smaller space. The atlases (1875-1879) recorded the owner of each farm on each township map, while the Dominion type showed only the names of subscribers on the township map, much reduced in size. Both types of atlas contain a complete list of subscribers. These lists are useful in tracing the names of pioneer families, either from a viewpoint of interest, or research.

The value of the first type of county can readily be understood when we find that they are used in lawyers' offices for searching land titles. Various government bodies use them for the same purpose. Libraries try to have at least a copy of their own county. Some large libraries have good-sized collections.

To the philatelist, the maps and list of the post-offices provide a good source of information for the tracing of post-offices which do not exist now. It is likewise revealing to note how much some comparatively small places have expanded since the pioneer days of less than eighty years ago. At the time the atlases were published, most Ontario communities were scarcely one generation advanced from the original settlements.

County atlases measure about 14 in. by 18 in. Because they were large, they were abandoned, thrown into woodsheds to mildew, burned or otherwise destroyed. Few remain today. No complete collection of originals is known. It is hoped that stamp collectors will preserve copies they find for themselves, or dispoose of them to their libraries or to interested collectors.

The following check-list indicates 32 county atlases known to collectors and libraries. If others are found, I would appreciate reports to bring the list up to date.

County	Date	Publisher
Brant	1875	Page & Smith, Toronto
Bruce	1880	H. Belden & Co., Toronto
Carleton	1879	H. Belden & Co., Toronto
Elgin	1877	H. R. Page & Co., Toronto
Essex	1861	H. Belden & Co., Toronto
Frontenac, Lennox & Addington	1878	J. H. Meacham & Co., Toronto
Grey	1880	B. Belden & Co., Toronto
Haldimand	1879	H. R. Page & Co., Toronto
Halton	1877	Walker & Miles, Toronto
Hastings & Prince Edward	1878	H. Belden & Co., Toronto
Huron	1879	H. Belden & Co., Toronto
Kent	1881	H. Belden & Co., Toronto
Lambton	1880	H. Belden & Co., Toronto
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Going home late one evening recently, who should we see in the Bloor Street Station of Toronto's subway but our old friend Fred Jarrett, looking very pensive, standing just by the baggage lockers. Upon enquiry as to why the pensive look, Fred looks at us quizzically and states that looking at the lockers, charge for which is 10 cents a day, the thought came into his mind that he could open up an office right there for only $3.00 a month! He thought he could place his stock in a locker, set up a table in front and right away do a land office business . . . Trust Fred for ideas like that!

Fipex To Open As Scheduled April 28, 1956

There is no basis to reports that further delays on the construction of the New York Coliseum will make necessary further postponement of the Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition (Fipex) according to Carl H. Pihl, Albertson, N.Y., who is chairman of publicity for the show.

Fipex officials, he writes, have been assured by the contractors that the building will be completed on schedule so that what is being planned as the greatest philatelic exhibition ever staged in this country may open April 28 as scheduled to continue through May 6.

Truly amazing progress in the planning for the 1956 show is being made, according to the event's publicity chairman and during coming months the management expects to have many interesting details to announce to the philatelic world.

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In my boyhood days I added a few hundred stamps by the usual means of begging stamps from relatives and friends, small purchases with my pocket money, and constant swapping with other boys. Then came college, war service, and residence in South Africa and it was many years before I looked at my old albums again. It was not till 1933 when I was convalescing in England from a serious illness that I took up philately in a serious manner. I then decided to embark on a system of buying high value British Colonial unused stamps, preferably commemorative issues. My first purchase was the Falkland Islands Centenary Issue and its cost was £2-10-0. Scott now lists this issue at $282! My next success was the St. Helena commemoratives. Naturally I bought the complete Silver Jubilee collection and the Silver Wedding issues, but these have financially proved rather disappointing. Better to have bought a number of the high value stamps only. The great mistake the average collector makes, I think, is to fill his albums with stamps which will never have any commercial value. Time and time again, both in England and Canada, I have been asked to buy such collections. In several cases the would-be sellers were country clergymen extremely anxious to sell, who used to point out that they were only asking a fraction of catalogue prices. But except for really valuable stamps, to my mind catalogue prices mean little or nothing. One collection that I did pay a good price for was the property of an English collector, not a clergyman, who assured me his standing in the philatelic world was so high that he had on several occasions been invited to Buckingham Palace to discuss stamps with King George V. Nevertheless a number of the "best" stamps proved to be forgeries!

Nowadays I am rather cynical about fellow collectors. I prefer to make postal bids at the big American auction sales. I have found that sometimes one can obtain quite rare stamps by bidding a little over one quarter of Scott's catalogue price. Membership of the Canadian Philatelic Society is evidently a sign of respectability for my purchases have always been sent before payment was demanded.

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