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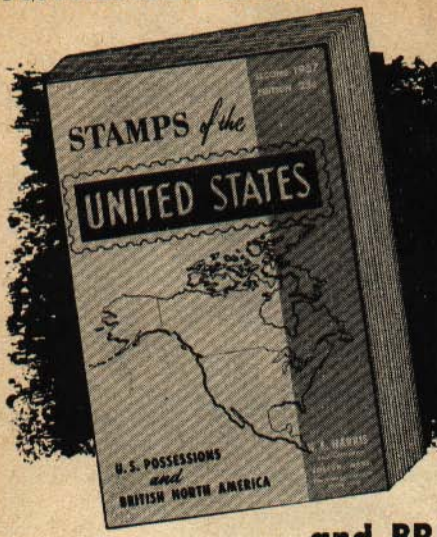

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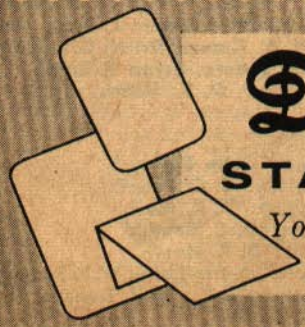

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Impressions of "Bypex"

By Fred Jarrett

I AM at a loss to know how to report the C.P.S. Convention in Ottawa. I will sum it up in one word — terrific — and then try to give a few details.

It was as big as Capex in the sense that Capex filled the Automotive Building in Toronto and this show filled one of the largest hotels in America. It was bigger than Capex in the percentage of collectors and non-collectors that came to see the exhibits and shop among the twenty dealers in the bourse, incidentally one of the best organized bourses we have so far seen in a Canadian show.

Lets start with the attendance. Young and old came in large numbers all day Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and were still coming right up to eleven o'clock each night. To say they were delighted with what they saw is putting it mildly, they were the most enthusiastic crowd I ever saw at a stamp show. This show undoubtedly created scores of new collectors and put new life into the old timers. Canada's big names in philately were there, if not in person then with outstanding exhibits. The auction end of philately was represented by Jim Sissons for Canada and Gordon Harmer for the U.S. Frank Politz of Boston was in the dealer section. Doctor Holmes was kept busy autographing copies of that bible of BNA philately, the Holmes Handbook . . . ? ? . . . Isaac of Winfields, London, made a host of new friends and connections.

As for the exhibits, how glad I was that I didn't enter anything for competition, I wouldn't have had a chance nor anyone else whose material was not strictly top-drawer. Frame after frame made us positively drool. Actually, the exhibits were Cipex and Capex quality. The judges did a marvellous job in making the awards.

Any of us who have had to solve the problem of hotel accommodation know what it means to get space for a stamp show—"sorry, all our public rooms booked far in advance—" We take our hats off to the Chateau Laurier management. They practically turned the entire hotel over to the Canadian Philatelic Society—convention halls, parlours, and salons. Never has a stamp show enjoyed such a setting, for this is one of Canada's finest hotels and in my opinion the finest. Even the restaurants took note of our presence. One had a banner reading "Welcome to Philatelics."

The different committees that organized and carried this show through to such a successful conclusion knew their business. They solved every problem as it arose, from finances to frames, with expediency and efficiency. There were undoubtedly headaches but the boys have the satisfaction of knowing that they have set a pace and a standard that puts Canada at the top philatelically.

Great credit is due the different Embassies that contributed their support financially and otherwise. The exhibits of the different countries were most outstanding. The court of honor was a center of interest throughout.

It was a grand show. Let's hope it will be duplicated in future, but it isn't going to be easy.

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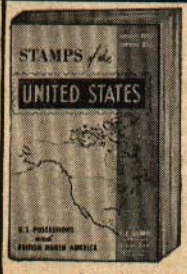

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WELL, BYPEX is all over, but it certainly is not forgotten. Our Ottawa friends of the Ottawa Philatelic Society and the R.A. Stamp Club did a marvellous job and gave us what was, without doubt, the finest show ever put on by any club in Canada, or anywhere, if it comes to that. The material exhibited at the Exhibition was outstanding in every way and many exhibits which would have won awards in previous years went without one at BYPEX, such was the high quality generally. The Embassy exhibits were most interesting and a great success and certainly added a lot of colour.

The attendance from outside Ottawa was remarkable. Both Montreal and Toronto were there in force, but every Chapter East of the Great Lakes was represented and we were particularly glad to meet members and friends from Vancouver, Edmonton, Halifax and Moncton.

Dr. G. M. Geldert, of the Ottawa P.S., and Miss Elizabeth Spohn, of the R.A.S.C., are to be congratulated on the way the two clubs carried the whole thing through, and we feel a special word of commendation should be addressed to Henry Stockwell, the General Chairman, and his wonderful assistants, Walter Anderson, Mrs. Laura Barnard, Henri Gauthier, Colin Bayley, Miss Grace Lewis, to mention but a few. On the Saturday night, after the banquet, they must have been dog tired—I know I was—but I am sure they all looked back with deep satisfaction on a job superlatively well done which will live long in the memories of all those who were present. Thank you, Ottawa, for the perfect arrangements and the wonderful time you gave us. We hope you ask us to come back one day in the not too distant future.

So I have been re-elected President for another year. I can but thank all of you for such a mark of confidence, but I do hope that no one considers this as a life-time job. Victoria will have to be my swan song, but it is a delight to me to be able to say that I shall certainly be there next May.

As everyone knows, I hope, the 30th Annual Convention and Exhibition of the Society will take place on the 9-10-11th of May next year, in the Empress Hotel in Victoria, B.C., under the joint auspices of the Greater Victoria Philatelic Society and the Vancouver Island Philatelic Society. We are indeed fortunate in having two successive conventions in what may be called two of the great show places of Canada. I know already that plans are being laid for a very good contingent indeed from the East.

The Convention committee, under the chairmanship of Major Henson, has already been hard at it. Our Convention coincides with the British Columbia Centenary celebrations. Everyone going to the Coast is assured of a good time. Lay your plans NOW to go there.

So our watchword is VICTORIA and VICPEX in '58.

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BYPEX est finie et la première chose qu'il nous incombe de faire, c'est de féliciter nos deux sociétés d'Ottawa, la Ottawa P.S. et le R.A. Stamp Club, de l'effort magnifique qu'elles ont fait. Tous ceux qui ont assisté à l'exposition et au congrès ne manqueront pas de s'en souvenir pendant longtemps.

J'ai eu le grand plaisir de rencontrer nombre de nos amis de la province de Québec, de Montréal, de Shawinigan, de Québec, de Sherbrooke, de Hull, etc. et tous ceux auxquels j'ai causé étaient émerveillés des beautés philatéliques dont on nous a régalé.

Nous tournons maintenant nos regards vers Victoria. Notre congrès et exposition annuels auront lieu à l'Empress Hotel à Victoria, les 9-10-11 mai 1958, sous l'égide des deux sociétés de Victoria, la Greater Victoria

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"BYPEX" OTTAWA 1957

"Bypex", the 29th Annual Convention and Exhibition of the Canadian Philatelic Society, held at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa from May 2 to 4 was an outstanding success.

The Exhibition was under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, C.H., Governor General of Canada, and the Honorary Patrons were His Excellency A. H. J. Lovinck, Ambassador of the Netherlands and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Ottawa; the Honourable Hugues Lapointe, Postmaster General, the Honourable George C. Marler, Minister of Transport and His Worship George H. Nelms, Mayor of Ottawa, who officially opened the exhibition.

It was by far the best convention exhibition ever held in Canada and was adjudged to compare most favourably with any similar show held on this Continent or in Europe.

The Committee, under the general chairmanship of Henry P. Stockwell, of the Ottawa Philatelic Society and the R A Stamp Club of Ottawa, the host clubs to the convention, are to be most sincerely congratulated on this magnificent exhibition presented in Ottawa, of which Canada can be justly proud, and which marks a new era in the history of Canada's national philatelic society.

The material on display was of an extremely high standard and would grace any international exhibition.

Members of the Executive Committee of "Bypex" were as follows: General Chairman, Henry P. Stockwell; Vice-Chairman, Miss Elizabeth Spohn and Hans Reiche; Members-at-Large, Mrs. W. R. Barnard and Dr. G. M. Geldert; Secretary, Colin Bayley, Finance Chairman, Walter F. Anderson; Exhibition, Thomas A. Stott, J. A. Calder, Jr., and A. H. Ward; Publicity, Mrs. W. R. Barnard; Advertising and Printing, W. T. Reid and Wayne Fry; Banquet, Miss Grace Lewis; Hotel, W. F. B. Martin; Bourse, Walter F. Anderson; Registration, Mrs. W. R. Barnard and Mrs. Lillian Garvin; Auction, Dr. C. Y. Hopkins; C. P. S. Liaison Member, A. H. Christensen (Montreal) and Hon. Post Office Dept. Advisor, J. R. Carpenter.

The Judges for the Competitive Section of the Exhibition were A. H. Christensen of Montreal, Vincent G. Greene of Toronto and Russell T. Waines of Toronto.

The Grand Award, the Brisley Trophy, was won by Dr. J. J. Matejka, Jr. of Chicago, with his magnificent and internationally outstanding showing of the air mail stamps of Newfoundland. This exhibit was also awarded the "Bypex" Trophy for the most popular display as determined by public ballot.

Other Gold Awards winners were as follows:

J. Watson Yuile of Montreal for a selection of pages from his specialized collection of the 3rd Beavers of Canada. This exhibit was also awarded the Philatelic Specialist Society of Canada's Medal for research.

Dr. G. M. Geldert of Ottawa for his Pence Issues of Canada which included a lovely 12d. on cover. This exhibit won the Seagram Trophy for 19th Century Canada.

J. Watson Yuile of Montreal for two frames from his highly specialized collection of Nevis which also won the Harris Trophy for British Commonwealth.

Mrs. CeDora J. Hanus of Berwick, Pa. for her study of the 5 cent Jefferson issues of the United States which was also awarded the B. F. Goodrich Trophy for U.S.A.

J. A. Calder of Ottawa for selected pages from his collection of the 1850-1865 issues of Spain which tied for the Green Trophy for Europe.

Carl Mangold of Montreal for his specialized collection of the Classic issues of Switzerland which also tied for the Green Trophy.

A. Graham Fairbanks of Westmount for his specialized collection of the early issues of Brazil,

which won the Lord Elgin Hotel Award for the best exhibit of Other Countries.

The Westmount Stamp Club for their beautifully presented display of four frames showing pages from the collections of some 50 individual members illustrating the diversification of the collecting interests of the members. These ranged from a page of the Pence Issues of Canada, which included a unique strip of four of the 7½d. green, to pages of modern stamps. This exhibit won the Ford Inter-Club Trophy against strong competition.

Other Trophy winners were as follows: Woodhead Trophy, Roy Wrigley (Vancouver) for Canadian officials; Christensen Trophy, E. D. Berry (Ottawa) for Great Britain; Lamouroux Trophy, A. H. Ward (Ottawa) for France; Hanselman Trophy, Lieut.-Col. R. H. Webb (Ottawa) for Canadian Army cancellations; "Bypex" Trophy, W. J. Banks (Toronto) for best exhibit valued less than $10, and Montreal Trophy, Mrs. Laura N. Barnard (Ottawa) for Topicals.

The Ottawa Philatelic Society's Calder Trophy was won by A. H. Ward for his showing of France. The R.A. Stamp Club's Trophies were won by W. F. B. Martin for Canadian cancellations; Hans Reiche for Germany cancellations and the C.P.S. Plaque was awarded jointly to Mrs. Laura N. Barnard for Topicals and G. E. Fairbairn for U.S. postal-cards.

Silver Award winners were as follows: W. E. D. Halliday (Ottawa) Bytown cancellations; Major G. A. E. Chapman (Ottawa), 5 cents Beavers specialized; W. F. B. Martin (Ottawa) Canadian cancellations; Dr. Alfred Whitehead (Amherst, N.S.) 2 cents Numeral 1898 specialized; Roy Wrigley (Vancouver) Canadian officials; Lieut.-Col. R. H. Webb (Ottawa) Canadian Military cancellations; E. D. Berry (Ottawa) Great Britain; Major R. M. Watson (Montreal) Barbados; James Law (Toronto) Cayman Islands; C. H. Bayley (Ottawa) B.W.I. 19th century covers; S. E. Nolan (Gloverville, N.Y.) Sudan; A. H. Ward (Ottawa) France; Wm. H. P. Maresch (Toronto) Austrian postal history; Ben Graifer (West New York, N.J.) Israel; Bernard Davis (Philadelphia, Pa.) French Colonial postal history; Mrs. Laura N. Barnard (Ottawa) Topicals, explorers; Dr. F. E. Colien (Madison, Wis.) Topicals, microbiology; Dr. Douglas F. Green (Burlington, Vt.) Number Ones of the World; Kenneth Rowe (Toronto) Forwarding Agents; Dublin Stamp Society (Dublin, Ireland) study of the Easter Rising commemorative, etc. R.A. Stamp Club of Ottawa, Stamps on Stamps and the Windsor Y Stamp Club, Canadian Pence issues.

Winners of Bronze Awards were as follows: Dr. W. H. Harvey (Kitchener, Ont.) Canada 1 cent 1859; R. Gollop (Ottawa) Canada Map Stamp; War Tax Study Group (Ottawa) Canada 1915-16 war tax issue; W. J. Reid (Ottawa) 50 cents Bluenose; O. E. Green (Ferndale, Mich.) Canada semi-official airmails; Dr. C. D. Parker (River Forest, Ill.) G.B. postal history; J. S. Martin (Kitchener, Ont.) G.B. postal history; J. S. Martin (Kitchener, Ont) G.B. line-engraved; V. L. Eardley-Wilmot (Victoria) G.B.; Major R. M. Watson (Montreal) Falkland Islands; Dr. G. M. Geldert (Ottawa) Malta; Gaspare Signorelli (Brooklyn, N.Y.) Oklahoma postal history; D. B. Johnstone (Burlington, Vt.) U.S. 3 cents 1870-87; Capt. T. S. Dukeshire (Chevy Chase, Md.) Confederate States; Leo Goldman (Windsor, Ont.) Czechoslovakia; H. P. Stockwell (Ottawa) Denmark; H. Reiche (Ottawa) Germany; J. Chang Lee (St. Lambert, P.Q.) clever satirical exhibit; R. K. Eadie (Montreal) Switzerland military franks; Dr. S. de Abravanel (Town of Mont Royal, P.Q.) Israel; R. Gollop (Ottawa) United Nations; Dr. Richard W. Garlichs (Havertown, Pa.) Topicals, "Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II"; Walter E. Theobald (Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont) Topicals, "50 Years of Scouting"; C. H. Magee (Clinton, Ont.) Topicals, Boy Scouts; C. F. Black (Ottawa) Errors of Design; Wolfgang Fritzsche (Geneva, N.Y.) Zepplin mail 1912-39, and Westmount

Junior Stamp Club, Topicals.

The Court of Honour contained many unique items and included beautiful displays of Canada by the Hon. George C. Marler (Montreal and Ottawa), Dr. Alfred Whitehead (Amherst, N.S.), Walter S. Bayley, Vincent G. Greene, Dr. C. M. Jephcott, and J. G. Glassco (all of Toronto), the latter also showing some fine pages of Great Britain. Also showing in the Court of Honour were Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York with pages from his world famous collection of "Religion on Stamps"; Wilfrid Webster (New York) map stamps; Henry Borden (Toronto) pages from his famous collection of Brazil and Hans Lundberg (Toronto) with a lovely showing of the early issues of Denmark.

A feature of the Exhibition was the court of Nations where some 27 countries showed interesting displays of their postage stamps which were specially sent over to Canada for this exhibition. Of particular note was the showing of De La Rue proofs and essays of the stamps of the British West Indies, British Guiana and British Honduras. This display, which was the property of Thomas De La Rue & Co. Ltd. of London, had been especially selected for "Bypex" and contained many unique items which had never before been shown.

There were also most interesting displays by the British-American Bank Note Company and the Canadian Bank Note Company and the Canada Post Office of Canadian proofs and related material.

Thanks to the wonderful advance publicity received, attendance during the three day show were excellent especially on the Saturday when large parties came up from Montreal and surrounding areas to visit the exhibition Many Americans as well as several from Great Britain were in Ottawa to attend the convention. So many people were at the auction conducted by Walter S. Bayley that three salons had to be thrown open to accommodate the crowd.

A feature at "Bypex" was the publication of the "Windsor Y Stamp Club Bulletin" giving a list of award and trophy winners. Only a couple of hours after the judging had been completed the "Bulletin" had been printed and was being distributed on the floor of the exhibition. This is, as far as it is known, the first time that such a publication has been made at any stamp exhibition.

The Post Office on the floor of the Exhibition had on sale stocks of stamps from the Philatelic Bureau and a special cancellation was used on mail posted at this special post office, reading in four lines "Bypex, 2-4 May 1957, Philatelic Exhibition."

The Trophies and Awards were presented at the banquet on the Saturday night held under the chairmanship of Henry P. Stockwell. Speakers included His Worship George H. Nelms, Mayor of Ottawa; L. M. Lamouroux, of Toronto, President of the Canadian Philatelic Society; Dr. G. M. Geldert, president of the Ottawa Philatelic Society, and Miss Elizabeth Spohn, president of the R.A. Stamp Club of Ottawa.

"Bypex" was indeed fortunate in having such magnificent facilities at the Chateau Laurier for presenting the exhibition in such spacious and comfortable surroundings. Uniformed guards were on duty day and night watching over one of the most valuable accumulations of stamps ever assembled in Canada.

Ottawa is the ideal city for a philatelic convention and visitors were able to take in several most enjoyable sightseeing trips around the city which were provided by the Committee. Due acknowledgement must be made to the wonderful co-operation extended by the Federal and Provincial authorities and particularly by the City of Ottawa. "Bypex" will long be remembered in philatelic circles as one of the finest conventions and exhibitions ever held.

The following directors and officers were elected by the Canadian Philatelic Society for the 1957-58 term: President, L. M. Lamouroux, Toronto; First Vice-President, A. H. Christensen, Montreal; Second Vice-President, D. A. Patrick, To-

ronto; Third Vice-President, W. A. Teare, Victoria. Directors: Dr. N. O. Boyd, Windsor, Ont.; Wm. Erbach, Kitchener, Ont.; Fred C. Green, Toronto (Secretary-Treasurer); A. D. McMurtrie, Sarnia, Ont.; Eric Rushton, Simcoe, Ont. (Co-ordinator of Chapters); H. Sutherland, Toronto; Russell T. Waines, Toronto; and Cyril Woodhead, Toronto (Sales Manager).

The second annual breakfast of "The Order of the Tie" was held in the dining room of the Chateau Laurier on the Sunday. A specially printed menu giving a list of the members of the Order had been prepared. The breakfast was attended by 14 members under the chairmanship of Perley Wakeham, including Stan Shantz of London, Ont., who had been made an Honorary Member of the Windsor Y Stamp Club during the previous evening. The next breakfast of the Order will be held at the Empress Hotel in Victoria at the conclusion of the 1958 C.P.S. Convention.

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Send for the "Bypex" Catalogue

The BYPEX Committee informs us that they have a few BYPEX catalogues left over. The catalogue is a very fine 100 page publication, with some very good and authoritative articles by several well-known philatelists: "Postmarks of the Canadian United Nations Emergency Force", by Lieut.-Col. R. H. Webb; "Squared Circles", by Alfred Whitehead; "The Admiral Issue of Canada", by the Hon. Geo. C. Marler; and others. There is also a list of the Philatelic Agencies of most countries issuing stamps.

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Philatelic Society et la Vancouver Island Philatelic Society. L'événement fera partie des fêtes du centenaire de la Colombie britannique. Ajoutez que Victoria est certainement une des plus jolies villes du Canada, un véritable jardin de fleurs, et vous vous rendrez compte que tous ceux qui auront à coeur de faire ce long, mais agréable, voyage, ne le regretteront jamais.

Notre mot d'ordre est donc VICTORIA—et VICPEX—en '58!

L. M. Lamouroux, President

HISTORY OF THE CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

1888 - 1957

F. C. Green, Secretary

FROM 1888 the Canadian Philatelic Association had a very up and down career, being abandoned several times for years. It was not until 1919, when the great philatelist Mr. Fred Jarrett was president, and the constitution was amended to read The Canadian Philatelic Society, and with 238 members the Society began to function. By 1926, mainly through the efforts of Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Herbert Buckland, both whom are still with us, sought and were granted by the Federal Government at Ottawa, incorporation. At this time we had 400 members.

In 1928 under the presidency of Rev. J. G. Perold, the Canadian Philatelist was born. And so the years passed with the Society maintaining an average membership of 300-500, and always limitations being placed upon it by the lack of funds. This has been over the years the Society's trouble, too small a membership to provide the members with a free magazine.

Despite the very generous efforts of many fine philatelists in Canada who gave freely of their time and money to build a National Society, members dropped faster than they could be replaced, with the result that the C.P.S. has more or less suffered relapses over the years.

But a new spark was introduced with the advent of Mr. Cyril Woodhead as president. During his several years in this office the membership climbed to over 1,000, and yet the C.P.S. owing to rising costs could not gain sufficient ground to offset the cost of the magazine. This despite the efforts of the President and Directors who spend of their spare time so generously and unpaid, and always endeavouring to promote the philatelic interests of our members. Our present President has gone from coast to coast visiting practically all clubs and members. Compare this to the 162 philatelists who accepted membership with us last year and did not pay their dues, failed to answer the president's letter in any way. Those who write that they are not getting the magazine and yet fail to give us their change of address. Those who write for information and forget to enclose a stamp for reply. All these items and many more make a $3.00 fee look very small.

The real need for our Society is a constant membership of at least 3,000. May all who read this please help us to achieve this goal whereby we can really do our duty as a National Society.

We have a very fine roster of officers who are at all times very conscious of the membership. We have 57 Chapter clubs and at the present over 1,000 members. Will you in turn help by adding at least one new member during the coming year. It is an old cry but a solid fact that the C.P.S. must have increased membership to survive and go forward to better benefits to our membership and philately.

The BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY, will hold its Ninth Annual Convention and Exhibition at the Sylvania Hotel, in Philadelphia, on Sept. 19-20-21, 1957.

The Philadelphia Group, of this Society, will be the Hosts, under the Chairmanship of James T. Culhane, who issues a cordial invitation to all collectors, of BNA material, who are in the vicinity of Philadelphia, on these dates, to visit the Exhibit, where you will find the WELCOME mat out.

Inquiries, as to the program and details of the show, should be addressed to A. H. KESSLER, 7934 Pickering St., Phila. 50, Penna., and a prompt reply will be received.

The Realm of Stamps

By Montor

PHILATELY is now receiving more and more notice in the Press and this recognition by the daily newspapers and the large circulation weekly and monthly publications cannot fail but to increase the interest of the general public in stamp collecting.

The March issue of "The Reader's Digest" had its covers devoted to Canadian stamps. It was a most effective layout in colour and was arranged by Carl Mangold a member of the Montreal Advisory Committee of the Society.

In April the "Montreal Star" commenced the publication of a weekly series of articles on stamps. A very welcome addition to the Canadian newspapers regularly devoting space to philately.

It is indeed significant that the Press is coming to recognize more and more the great and increasing interest being shown by Canadians in stamp Collecting.

The Canadian Philatelic Society's substantial increase in the number of its Chapters during the past year is but another indication of the growth of philately in Canada.

"Bypex" has been another excellent example of this ever increasing interest. It has been quite the most outstanding Convention and Exhibition ever staged for Canada's national society. Its success has been not only a great tribute to its sponsors the Ottawa Philatelic Society and the R.A. Stamp Club of Ottawa, but is a very definite indication of the immense interest being shown in stamps today in this country.

Canada is indeed fortunate in that her stamps are one of the most popular with collectors throughout the world. They have a very high publicity potential and it is up to the authorities responsible to see that the best use is made of this world wide interest by producing stamps which will give Canada the maximum in publicity value and at the same time be a credit to the people of this country.

The United States Post Office Department have recently issued a list of a panel of seven members to advise the Department on matters pertaining to the subject matter, design, production and issuance of postage stamps. Might not it be a good idea if Ottawa followed suit.

During recent years Canada has issued some stamps which to say the least of them have neither been a credit to those responsible for their issuance or to the people of Canada. If there had been such a committee in existance these mistakes could surely have been avoided.

The 5 cents stamp showing the Canadian loon, the last in the wildlife series, has proved to be one of the more attractive stamps among

Canada's recent issues. A great deal of the appeal of this stamp is in its colour, black and white. No doubt other stamps in this series, some of which came in for marked criticism, would have looked much more attractive if they had been issued in more appropriate colours than the purples and blues in which they appeared.

Among the more attractive stamps which have recently made their apearance are those issued by Australia. The 10d. value, for instance, as illustrated above, is simple in design and bears a pleasing portrait of Her Majesty together with just the name of the country and the denomination of the stamp, with no unnecessary words such as postage to detract from its simplicity and charm.

Two more beautifully engraved stamps, also illustrated, have been issued by Finland. These show some of the country's historic and picturesque buildings and are extremely pleasing like other values in this series issued during recent years.

The stamp showing a frigate in full sail issued by the Argentine is also attractive and will be of course eagerly sought after by thematic collectors. Another attractive stamp was the one issued by France showing a mail boat as used about the middle of the 18th. century for transporting mails between Marseilles and Genoa. It was issued in honour of the Day of the Postage Stamp.

The design for the set of stamps issued by Monaco in honour of the birth of the Princess Caroline of Monaco was extremely pleasing. It showed an attractive portrait of Princess Grace with the date of

the baby's birth across the bottom of the stamp.

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There are several hundreds of price changes. The majority of changes is mainly in issues prior to 1930, with only scattered changes in later issues. The plate blocks also show a good proportion of changes in varieties prior to 1930, evidencing the trend of collectors working back to the older issues. Coil line pairs had many moderate adjustments, indicating a renewed interest in this specialty group.

One of the popular extra features is a complete U.S. Stamp Identifier section, which is a constant valuable guide and a source

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A RECORD ANNUAL MEETING

OTTAWA, MAY 4, 1957

NO LESS than 87 members, representing among them 28 chapters, were present at the Annual Meeting which took place at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa during BYPEX. This is far and away the best attendance we have ever had and we all hope that this can be considered as evidence that members in general are beginning to take a more active interest in the affairs of their Society and in what their Directors and Officers have done during the preceding year and hope to accomplish in the course of the coming year and the future in general.

The President, L. M. Lamouroux, started the ball rolling with a brief report on the activities of the Society during the past financial year and he particularly laid stress of the great number of chapters which are now members of the C.P.S. and of the continuation of the somewhat stringent financial situation, although we did finish the year in the black.

The Secretary, F. C. Green, reported that renewals were about the same as the preceding year, the total strength of the Society being 7 Hon. Life members, 2 Life members, 741 members in good standing and 50 chapters. There were 303 members still to renew, and these renewals were coming in nicely. He also stressed the fact that a great effort should be made in the course of the coming year to recruit new members and asked each member to bring in one new one. He thanked most sincerely all those who had taken such a lively interest in him when he was sick earlier in the year and sent such kind words of encouragement to him.

The President read out telegrams of good wishes and encouragement from Mr. L. D. Shoemaker, President of the American Philatelic Society, Mr. P. Miller, Editor of The Canadian Philatelist and Mary and Doug Patrick, who were unable to be present owing to an accident to their car.

The Treasurer presented his financial statement as follows:

The Canadian Philatelist		
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Advertising		81.20
Sundries		234.25
Printing & Stationery		94.06
Credit balance		266.55
		$4640.45
Bank a/c 31.3.56		428.47
Chapter fees		185.00
Admission fees		59.00
New Members' Fees		163.50
Renewals 1956/7		2166.00
Renewals in advance 1967/8		255.00
Transfer from Insurance Fund		853.93
Advertising receipts		529.55
		$4640.45

The Sales Manager, C. Woodhead presented his report as follows:

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Sales Bank Account:	
Balance 31.3.56	5521.61
Total deposits	20572.73
Cheques o/s	501.92
Cash on hand	20.00
	$26616.26
Cheques cashed	21176.16
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Bank Balance	4938.67
	$26616.15

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Sales Insurance Account:	
Savings Balance 31.3.56	811.05
Bond coupons	63.76
Interest on savings	2.69
Insurance earned on books	699.44
	$1576.94
Transfer to general Fund	853.93
Safekeeping charges	2.50
Insurance Premium	60.00
Savings Balance	660.51
	$1576.94

Actual Value of Insurance Account	
Savings Balance	660.51
Bonds in safe	1400.00
	$2060.51

The Librarian, H. Buckland, presented his report and reported that he had, during the year, sent out 341 items and ended the year with a cash balance of $6.10 in hand. He also asked, most reluctantly, that steps be taken to replace him in the near future, as he felt that he should be replaced by a younger

man, as, after 20 years of service in the Society, he felt he needed a rest. He mentioned that the Library would not be available during August, September and October, when he would be visiting England and be present at the Convention in Scarborough, Yorkshire, as representative of the Canadian Philatelic Society.

The Co-Ordinator of Chapters, Mr. E. Rushton, reported that seven chapters had joined the C.P.S. during the year, viz: Vancouver Island P.S., St. Catharines S.C., St. Lawrence International S.C. (Cornwall & Massena, N.Y.) Oshawa, S.C., Northern Electric P.C. (Belleville), Lethbridge Y.P.C., Kwaratha S.C. (Peterborough). He mentioned also that he had been able to verify that 25 chapters and 51 cities were represented at the Meeting and that the very best relations existed between him and our chapters.

In view of the long and valuable services rendered by Mr. Herbert Buckland, our Librarian, he was appointed by acclamation, an Hon. Life Director of the Society.

A motion was also adopted, by acclamation, that the warmest congratulations of the Meeting be presented to the Ottawa Philatelic Society and the R. A. Stamp Club for the wonderful Exhibition and Convention they had organized.

The President indicated that Mr. George Thompson, of Halifax, would be awarded an album of his choice (within reason) as the member present who had come the furthest distance. He mentioned that Mr. Dilworth of Vancouver was present, but was not a direct member of the Society, and also Mr. A. W. McIntyre, of Edmonton, one of our oldest members, but he had had to return home. Later on, Mr. Thompson asked the President to purchase, with the price of the album presented to him, some worthy philatelic book for the Library, for which the President thanked him very sincerely.

The following Directors were elected: L. M. Lamouroux, Toronto; A. H. Christensen, Montreal; D. A. Patrick, Toronto; W. A. Teare, Victoria; F. C. Green, Toronto; Wm. Erbach, Kitchener; C. Woodhead, Toronto; A. D. McMurtrie, Sarnia; E. Rushton, Simcoe; R. T. Waines, Toronto; Dr. N. O. Boyd, Windsor; H. Sutherland, Toronto.

Following the Annual Meeting, a meeting of the Directors took place and elected the following: L. M. Lamouroux, President; A. H. Christensen, 1st Vice-President; D. A. Patrick, 2nd Vice-President; W. A. Teare, 3rd Vice-President; F. C. Green, Secretary and Treasurer.

This concluded a most successful Annual Meeting and we sincerely hope that the next one, in Victoria on the 9-10-11th of May 1958, will be as well attended and as successful.

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of reference for both the novice and the advanced collector.

Highlighting the points of interest in brief: the UN issues, a highly volatile group of sets, refuse to stabilize, and keep climbing to higher levels; Canada continues to be extremely popular, with an exceptionally active demand for older issues; Newfoundland, formerly the most popular of the British Colonies, has finally shown a strong resurgence of interest, with more changes than noted in several previous editions of this catalog.

In the British North America section, Canadian issues showed many indications of growing importance. The unused 1926 King George V, 2c on 3c (#139) rose from $2.35 to $3.00 while the unused 1933 (#203) 20c Grain Conference issue made a gain to $1.85 as compared to the previous listing of $1.50. Noted gains in the official Stamps were the 1950 unused 50c Lumbering OHMS (#09) increasing from $12.75 to $17.50; and the unused 50c oil wells OHMS (#011) moving from $2.25 to $2.95.

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