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Convention Report:**Niagara . . . 1954**

**100 Members and 200 Visitors View Diversified
Display of Fine B.N.A. Material at One of Best
Conventions Yet Held by Society—L. J. Mills, of
P.O. Department, Speaks at Annual Banquet**

THE Sixth Annual Convention and Exhibition of the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPEX-54), held October 27-31, was one of the best such shows yet staged by the Society. Due to its locale, in Niagara Falls, Ontario, there were no large numbers of visitors registered, but the committee was well satisfied with the figure of over 200, considering that the area to draw from was not New York, Montreal, or some comparable city. In addition to the visitors, some 100 members were registered, which is one of the largest numbers yet to register at a convention.

The Exhibition opened Thursday at noon (October 28), with a dealers' bourse of 14 tables of B.N.A. material. Friday, the 29th, and the afternoon of Saturday, were the big days, with most of the visitors entering the exhibit hall at that time. The frames were erected in line, with a total of three rows, and presented a most excellent appearance. The exhibit itself was very diversified, with a nice range of all groups, as will be seen by the awards given.

GROUPS STAGE RECEPTIONS

The first affair for the members was the reception given on Thursday evening by the hosts—the Niagara Group—in its suite at the Sheraton-Brock Hotel. All members in attendance were invited to this affair. The very congenial and wonderful Philadelphia Group also undertook a similar party on the following Friday evening.

The annual meeting of the Society took place on Saturday morning, October 30, and the minutes and complete details of this event will be found on page 355 of this issue of BNA TOPICS. Suffice to say here, our annual meeting was extremely well attended and the amount of participation in this will attest to the interest and sincerity of our members.

L. J. MILLS SPEAKS AT BANQUET

A highlight of the convention was the banquet on Saturday evening, preceded by a reception for Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Mills. Mr. Mills, Director of Financial Services, Post Office Department, Ottawa, was the speaker of the evening, and gave his audience of 110 people an informative talk as to the general procedure of producing a postage stamp and the selection of their designs.

Mr. Fred Jarrett, also at the head table, in thanking the speaker for his address, summed it up by saying that Mr. Mills is extremely well qualified to address a gathering of philatelists, and that much has been done through his department to assist stamp collectors.

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It was a wonderful evening and enjoyed by all, especially as Walter S. Bayley, of Toronto, acted as toastmaster. To conclude, Mr. Bayley introduced Harry W. Lussey, President of the Society, who also addressed the group.

Early Sunday, due to many members desiring to get started on the trip home, some of the exhibits were taken down, and by late afternoon BNAPEX-54 was almost concluded. From the comments the committee heard, everyone regretted to see it end, but now look forward to the show next year.

The committee responsible for the 1954 Convention included: Richard P. Hedley, general chairman; Homer W. Hendree, exhibits; Henry M. Rubisiak, bourse; T. Sloane Palmer, treasurer; Adolph Steeg, chairman of judges; Russell Allison.

The Niagara Group finds it almost impossible to thank all those who so willingly helped to put on the show—there were so many. But they do want to say thanks to Walter Bayley, Jim Sissons, Lloyd Sharpe, Charlie deVolpi, Fred Jarrett, Vinnie Greene, Clare Jephcott, Vinton Yeaton, Jack Levine, Dan Meyerson, Bill Rockett, Al Kessler, Jim Culhane, Bert Llewellyn, Art Moll, Leon Banks, R. A. Jamieson, Walter Chadbourne, Henry Gates and Alex Galt.

The Exhibition

Twenty-four Exhibitors Show Some Outstanding B.N.A. Material — Grand Award Goes to James D. Smart for Canada 1868 Issue

A TOTAL of 24 exhibitors showed a very diversified range of material to provide an interesting B.N.A. display for both members and visitors at BNAPEX-54. The show was conveniently laid out, and viewers found much of interest.

The Grand Award went to James D. Smart, of Oshawa, Ont., for his fine showing of the 1868 issue of Canada. Those exhibiting were:

C. Edward Chapman, Pre-stamp Covers; Charles P. deVolpi, Pre-adhesive and Stampless Covers; Harry W. Lussey, Stampless Covers; Peter J. Hurst, Canada 1859 Issue; James Law, Canada 1868 Issue; James D. Smart, Canada 1868 Issue; Russell Allison, Canada 1870, 1c Small Queens; Walter P. Carter, Canada 1870, 3c Small Queens; Cleo H. Fee, Canada 1870, Small Queens; Rev. John S. Bain, Canada 1898, Imperial Penny Postage.

C. M. Jephcott, Canada 1912-1926 Admiral Issue; Harry W. Lussey, Canada Admiral Issue; Hans Reiche, Canada Admiral Issue; John Moore, Canada Modern Issues; C. Kirk Liggett, Canada Revenues; Wilmer C. Rockett, Canada Revenues; Henry Gates, Canada Essay-Proofs, Pence and 1859; Albert Yapp, Canada Precancels; Fred Grumm, Canada Official Stamps; Dr. L. Seale Holmes, Canada Semi-Official Airpost; Edward Goodale, Canada and Newfoundland Postal Stationery; W. S. and D. C. Meyerson, Newfoundland Airpost, Newfoundland Stampless Covers; Alex T. Galt, Nova Scotia.

REPORT OF THE JURY

The report of the jury was as follows:

Grand Award—James D. Smart, Canada 1868 Issue.

Class 1—Gold Award, Charles P. deVolpi, Pre-Adhesive and Stampless Covers; Silver Award, Harry W. Lussey, Stampless Covers; Silver Award, Henry Gates, Pence and 1859 Essay-Proofs; Bronze Award, James Law, Canada 1868; Bronze Award, Walter P. Carter, Canada 1870; Bronze Award, W. S. and D. C. Meyerson, Newfoundland Stampless Covers.

Class 2—Gold Award, C. M. Jephcott, Canada 1912-26 Admirals; Bronze Award, Dr. L. S. Holmes, Canada Semi-Official Airpost; Bronze Award, Edward Goodale, Postal Stationery; Bronze Award, Harry W. Lussey, Admiral Issue.

With the felicitations of the jury for the exhibit of Canadian Stamp Publications by R. A. Jamieson.



THE CONVENTION DINNER: It was impossible for the camera to include all those in attendance at the dinner which concluded the activities at BNAPEX-54, but here is shown part of the dining room in the Sheraton-Brock Hotel at Niagara Falls on the evening of Saturday, November 30.

The Annual Meeting

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the British
North America Philatelic Society, held at the
Sheraton-Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario,
Saturday, October 30, 1954**

PRESIDENT HARRY W. LUSSEY called the Annual Meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. for the consideration of any business of the Society which might come before it. In the absence of Secretary Jack Levine, Richard P. Hedley was appointed to act as Secretary for this meeting. D. C. Meyerson was appointed to act as Sergeant-at-Arms in the absence of W. S. Meyerson.

It was moved by W. C. Rockett and seconded by V. G. Greene that the reading of the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held in Montreal, Quebec, on Saturday, October 3, 1953, be dispensed with, and that the minutes of that meeting as published in BNA TOPICS for November 1953, be accepted as having been read. Motion carried.

President Lussey formally welcomed all those present, and expressed pleasure at being able to report another year of progress by the Society. He then called upon the Treasurer to present the first report of the meeting.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

For information on the financial position of the Society for 1953, I refer you to the Treasurer's Report published in the June issue of BNA TOPICS. It is gratifying that last year, once more, we operated in the black.

Again I have the pleasure to bring to your attention an interim financial report on the operation of the Society from January 1 to September 21, 1954. The date of September 21 as the end of the interim period was chosen because the interim report to the Convention last year covered the year to that date. I have prepared reports of the "Receipts and Disbursements Account" and the account of "Operations for the Year to September 21". A copy of each has been handed to the Chairman of the Board of Governors and to the Editor, for publication. A copy is also available here for inspection by anyone who is interested. With your kind permission, I will give you just a summary of the report on "Operations for the Year to September 21".

In this report no income or expenses in connection with the 1954 Yearbook are included. To this date the Society's income from all sources has been \$3100, or \$400 more than for the same period last year. Expenses have been \$2240, or \$280 more. Thus, we begin the fourth quarter of the year with \$120 more funds toward expenses until December 31 than we had at this time last year.

As of September 21, the balance of 1954 funds available for 1954 expenses was \$860. It is estimated that income for the rest of this year will be about \$320. This together with the balance of \$860, or a total of \$1180, will cover estimated expenses of \$930 for the remainder of 1954 and leave a surplus of approximately \$250 for the year. These estimates take into account only the income from regular sources and normal expense items. Furthermore, when considering the estimated surplus for 1954, it should be remembered that the increased cost of TOPICS was not in effect during the first four months of this year.

At this time last year it was estimated that the surplus for 1953 would be \$50. However, we later had a profit of \$50 from the Yearbook and \$202 was turned over to the Treasury by the BNAPEX-53 Committee, their excess of income over expenses. These items, together with income from new members above that estimated, brought our actual surplus to \$334.

I should like to interpolate here a few observations on the budget. This is prepared each year on the basis of an estimate of income from all regular sources (except the Yearbook, which is planned to be self-sustaining) and on the principle of spending all of this income on TOPICS, except that required for the Library and normal General Expenses. A surplus is not planned, but for each of the past few years there has been a surplus; that for 1953 being \$334, as stated above. In 1953, \$300 more was spent on TOPICS than in 1952, although the percentage of total income so spent, 73 per cent, was less than in 1952. This was due to the larger income of a non-recurring type in 1953 which, of course, was not in our budget.

Happily our income has increased, so that it is possible to spend still more on the magazine without going into the red. I feel sure that all of you appreciate the greatly improved TOPICS which Gordon Lewis has been giving us recently. I believe that you will agree with me that this improved publication is well worth the additional \$300 a year which it will cost.

In addition to the increasing income from dues, the greatest single factor which has been adding to our income is the increasing advertising income which Bert Llewellyn has been so ably fostering. This year's advertising income for the first seven issues of TOPICS was \$518 as against \$350 for the same period last year, a gain of \$168 or 48 per cent.

This report is respectfully submitted for your consideration. I formally move its approval.

W. C. Peterman, Treasurer.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Moll, and carried.

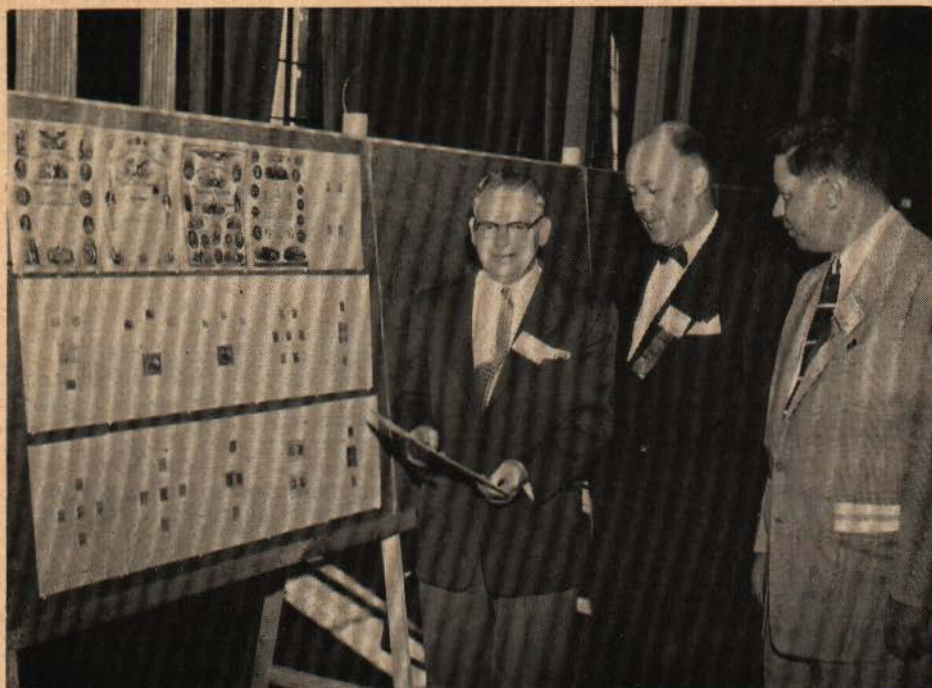
(A table showing the account of "Operations for the Year to September 21" will be found on page 368.)

It was announced that Alex Hyde of Brooklyn, N.Y., had been appointed to the position of Sales Manager. Retiring Sales Manager J. T. Culhane reported that all material relative to the Sales Department had been turned over to the Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE ADVERTISING MANAGER

It is with pleasure that I am able to report considerable progress in the advertising phase of our activities. At the time of our last Convention in Montreal, I refrained from making a formal report because the post of Advertising Manager had so recently been created. At that time I merely informed you that the 1953 Yearbook, which had just been published, was a financial success with a 12 per cent increase in advertising revenue over that of the previous year.

Now that I have had time to "sink my teeth" into the job, I would like to acquaint



THE EXHIBIT: Henry Gates adds his award-winning essay-proofs of Canada to the exhibition staged in connection with BNAPEX-54. President Harry Lussey and Convention Chairman Dick Hedley (right) lend a helping hand. Both Mr. Gates and the President captured silver medals with their exhibits.

you more thoroughly with our progress. With the co-operation of our Treasurer, Mr. William Peterman, I am able to present the following figures and comparisons.

ADVERTISING REVENUE (Exclusive of Yearbook)

1950	1951	Increase	%
\$368.00	\$389.49	\$21.49	5.84
1951	1952	Increase	%
\$389.49	\$406.96	\$17.47	4.49
1952	1953	Increase	%
\$406.96	\$561.05	\$154.09	37.86
7 mos. 1953	7 mos. 1954	Increase	%
*\$350.00	*\$518.00	*\$160.00	48.0

* Indicates approximate figures.

From the foregoing, you can readily see that substantial gains have been recorded in the last two years.

As to the Yearbook figures, which are separately maintained, the 1954 edition contained 64 advertisements, grossing \$429.50, as against 51 in 1953, totalling \$382.50, an increase of \$47.00, which again is just about 12 per cent. This year was by far the most expensive Yearbook ever published and the advertising revenue just about met the cost. We are very grateful to all those who, through the use of advertising space, helped us to achieve these results.

I know that it is the earnest desire of your Editor, his staff, and the Officers of your Society, not only to maintain the high standards set by TOPICS, but to constantly improve the magazine, and I am positive that your continued support will help them to attain their goal.

Respectfully submitted. I move the adoption of this report.

G. B. Llewellyn, Advertising Manager.

The motion was seconded by A. Kessler, and carried.

Being called upon for a few comments on BNA TOPICS and its new format, Editor G. P. Lewis stated that the main advantage in the new set-up was that he had control of the magazine right up to the time of printing, which was not previously the case. The fact that he was able to make layouts of each issue, coupled with the improved type and paper being used, went a long way towards creating the improved magazine which the members are now enjoying. The change in place of publication had caused some confusion in the mailing list, and this, coupled with the fact that members seem to have the habit of moving about without sending in their change of address, had caused some difficulty. The Editor added that the magazine was always in need of material for publication.

V. G. Greene stated that BNA TOPICS was the finest magazine in its field, and moved a vote of thanks to the Editor, which was carried.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Treasurer Wm. C. Peterman reported in brief on behalf of the Secretary, Jack Levine, who was unable to be present at the meeting, stating that the Society was still showing a steady growth. At the date of this meeting there were 30 members delinquent, as against 40 at the same time a year previous. During the year there had been 20 resignations, five deaths, and there were 19 applications for membership pending, the Society showing a net gain in membership of 62.

(The Report of the Secretary will be prepared and published in an issue of BNA TOPICS early in the new year, and it will thereupon become a part of the minutes of this annual meeting.—Ed.)

REPORT OF PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Al H. Kessler, Director of Publicity for the Society, reported that not enough information was being received by him which could be used in publicity releases to various philatelic publications. He stated that many magazines had been very co-operative, including Stamps, Linn's, Western Stamp Collector and Weekly Philatelic Gossip. More items of a local nature are required, and it is important that all items be sent to Mr. Kessler in time to be forwarded to the various publications previous to their deadlines. The Publicity Director reported that 19 new members had been added to the Society as a direct result of publicity placed by his committee.

REPORT OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

In presenting this report, as Chairman of your Board of Governors, I would like to express my sincere appreciation of the honor bestowed upon me. I hope, with the splendid co-operation of many others, that what I have been able to do has been of some benefit to the Society at large.

The past year has been a busy one. Your Officers and Board of Governors have dealt not only with routine matters, but with many questions of importance to the Society.

To cover in any detail all matters would make this report far too lengthy. I shall, therefore, pass over such routine matters as the budget, membership applications, bonding of officers, etc., and shall in fact confine myself to matters that I think should, due to their importance, be brought to the attention of the membership at large. They are not included in this report to instigate a discussion upon them, but rather to inform the membership concerning them. You will of course realize that some of the matters mentioned have not yet been fully dealt with. Work has still to be done regarding some of them.

1. You have all seen the changes that have taken place with regard to our magazine, BNA TOPICS. The Board was unanimous in favor of the Editor's wish to change printers and as occasion permitted enlarge the magazine and to make other changes. Even bigger and better things are to come, we hope. I am sure I express it for all when I say we owe a great debt to our hard-working Editor, Gordon P. Lewis. The Board of Governors urge you to help him by sending in to him articles and notes on your discoveries, regarding both 19th and 20th Century.

2. A great deal of work was put into the new set-up of classifications for exhibits. We realize that nothing can be 100% perfect, but it is hoped the new set-up, used for the first time at this convention, is an improvement. After study, no doubt it can and will be further improved.

3. The question of compensation for certain officers of the Society was raised. The general opinion seemed to be that our strength lay in the volunteer work of the members, and that we are not yet in a position to consider such remuneration, even if it is a good idea.

4. The question of a Board of Editors has been given considerable thought but has not yet been crystallized. The idea behind it is that in some articles submitted to our Editor there is often technical and other data, about which he could not be expected to have knowledge. The Board would provide him with a means of having such articles checked for inaccuracies. There have been complaints of some getting into TOPICS. This Board would not have power to reject an article.

5. **The printing of pamphlets** under the sponsorship of the Society has been given considerable thought. There seems to be justification for the Society giving this earnest consideration, and it is suggested that a special committee should be set up to enquire and report on it.

6. It is also earnestly suggested that a permanent examining board be set up to help the sales manager in checking circuit books.

7. The matter of publicity is one that is of extreme importance to the Society. Your Board urges you to do all you can in this respect and help your Publicity Director. One point he makes in particular, and it is not intended as a criticism of present or past convention committees, but your Board feels it is a point well taken—we do not announce the dates for the next convention soon enough. It should be done right after the conclusion of the current convention and be repeated throughout the year. He also considers that general convention plans should be formulated earlier in the year and earlier publicity be given them, at least to the members.

8. Your present Board of Governors consists of nine elected members. They select their own chairman. This is perhaps really a personal suggestion and not that of the Board as a whole. I consider your President, Vice-president and Secretary should at least be ex-officio members of that Board, as they have to work closely with it. The reason for my suggestion is too clear to need any further comment.

9. Your Board had to deal with some "discipline" cases. I am happy to say all but one were dealt with, and we think properly handled, without the necessity of a formal complain being lodged with the Chairman of the Board. In the one instance a complaint was lodged with the Board against a member under Article 3, Section 9, of our Constitution and By-laws. The procedure prescribed in handling the matter was duly carried out and by a majority finding of the members of the Board he was considered to have offended. He has been denied the use of the Society sales circuit for two years.

10. **Your Officers and Board of Governors** have carefully studied the present situation with regard to discrepancies and omissions in connection with our application for membership forms, sales circuit regulations, constitution and by-laws, etc. Some of these become very apparent in dealing with "discipline" cases. For example, our application forms do not bind a member to adhere to our constitution and by-laws. The extract printed in the front of the circuit books does not fully repeat the requirements as set out in the regulations. And there are others. It is strongly recommended that:

- (a) a special committee be at once set up to deal with the situation;
- (b) our by-laws, regulations, library rules, sales department rules, etc., be printed in pamphlet form and a copy be sent to each member and to new members on acceptance. There will then be no excuse for a member saying he does not know them;
- (c) the sending out or handing out of signed blank membership applications be discouraged, and that a member feel himself justified in recommending a person for membership before he does so.

I must repeat that not all the subjects dealt with have yet been fully placed before the members of the Board of Governors. Perhaps some are actually not within the scope of the Board. However, a keen interest in the Society and the fact that I shall shortly be retiring from the chairmanship has prompted me to do as I have done.

In closing I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the members of the Board and the officers of the Society for the splendid and willing co-operation they have given me during the past year.

I move the adoption of this report.

L. W. Sharpe, Chairman, Board of Governors.

The motion was seconded by J. N. Sissons, and carried.

PRESIDENT HARRY W. LUSSEY

The President commended the work which so many members are doing on behalf of the Society, and especially mentioned the efforts of members Jephcott and Woolley in regard to the new Perfins Group, and also those responsible for the new Revenue Group.

Mr. Lussey stated that conventions have become a very important factor in the Society's life, and are eagerly looked forward to by all those members who are able to attend. He added that the host groups who have sponsored conventions in the past have a limited number of members to draw upon, and this resulted in a very few people doing all the work necessary to staging an event of this kind. In view of this, the President announced the appointment of a Permanent Convention Committee, the duty of which will be to help, advise and to steer the host group. Members of this Committee are: A. Earl Edwards, Edward A. Richardson, R. P. Hedley, L. A. Davenport, Al. H. Kessler. Other names will be added, and a chairman will be appointed.

Mr. Lussey also announced the appointment of an Editorial Board to aid the Editor in checking the factual correctness of articles submitted for publication in BNA TOPICS. Members of this Committee will be: V. G. Greene, Chairman; Dr. C. M. Jephcott, Fred Jarrett, J. N. Sissons, Chas. P. deVolpi and Dan Meyerson. The function of this Committee will not be to approve or reject articles, but to ensure that there are no errors of fact, and it will be at the call of the Editor when needed.

In concluding his remarks, the President expressed disappointment that there was no provision made at conventions for the meeting together of the members of study groups, or other groups. He hoped it would be possible to arrange something of this nature at future conventions.

Mr. Lussey expressed his appreciation of the support he had received while President of the Society, and stated he had thoroughly enjoyed his term of office.

There was some discussion re incorporating the Society, and Lloyd W. Sharpe, Chairman of the Board, reported that proceedings were held up because there is no member of the Society resident in Washington, D.C. Dan Meyerson stated that it was a more simple procedure to incorporate in the United States rather than in Canada, and that Washington, D.C., offered the least complicated procedure in the United States, with only a nominal fee involved and no reports to be made.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

For the Nominating Committee A. Moll reported the following nominations: For President, Charles P. deVolpi, Gerald E. Wellburn; for Vice-president, George B. Llewellyn; for Treasurer, William C. Peterman; for Secretary, Jack Levine; for Board of Governors, James T. Culhane, Harry W. Lussey, Harris A. MacMaster, Colin MacR. Makepeace, T. Sloane Palmer, Lloyd W. Sharpe.

The President called for further nominations from the floor of the meeting, and none being forthcoming, it was moved by R. P. Hedley and seconded by W. L. Jackson that nominations be closed. The motion carried.

As Gerald E. Wellburn had asked that his name be withdrawn as a candidate for the office of President, Mr. Lussey introduced Charles P. deVolpi as the new President of the Society.

FUTURE CONVENTION SITES

On behalf of the Connecticut "Nutmeggers" Group, Leon W. Banks invited the Society to stage BNAPEX-55 in that state, probably in Hartford. Mr. Banks stated that all committees are appointed and already working on details of the program. It was moved by Lloyd W. Sharpe and seconded by W. P. Carter, that the 1955 Convention be held at the invitation of the Connecticut Group in a city to be designated later. The motion was carried.

There was considerable discussion regarding future convention sites, and in view of the probable staging of an international show in New York in 1956, D. C. Meyerson suggested that some thought should be given to the holding of the Society's convention at the same time. The consensus of opinion was that BNAPS should participate in the international show to the extent of operating a lounge for the convenience of members, and co-operate in all other ways possible, but that it would be to the benefit of the Society to hold its convention and exhibition at a different time and in another city.



NEW PRESIDENT: Smiling Charles deVolpi, long a leading figure in BNAPS affairs, is president of the Society for the 1955-57 term.



A "HIGHLIGHT" OF THE CONVENTION! The gentleman on the left is our president, Harry W. Lussey, and on the right is that eminent philatelist, Mr. Fred Jarrett.

F. B. Eaton invited the Society to hold a convention in British Columbia, especially in view of the fact that there would likely be an international show there within the next few years. Mr. Eaton promised that organizations on the West Coast would present a brief shortly outlining facilities available, and probable plans for a convention and exhibition there.

The matter of limiting the membership of the Society to 1,000 again came before the meeting, and several members spoke in favor of this action, in view of the fact that this would probably be the largest membership that could be accommodated with unpaid officers. As, at the present rate of increase, the membership will not reach the 1,000-mark for at least two years, the matter was held over for further consideration at a later date.

President Lussey voiced his alarm at the indiscriminate distribution of application blanks signed by members. This was a dangerous practice, warned Mr. Lussey, and could lead to considerable trouble if undesirable persons obtained possession of these forms. Members should know the person they are recommending for membership, he added.

There being no further business before the meeting, it was voted adjourned on motion of G. B. Llewellyn, seconded by R. P. Hedley.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD P. HEDLEY

(For Jack Levine, Secretary.)

WE REGRET . . .

that publication of this complete report of BNAPEX-54 has made it necessary to curtail the amount of space devoted to articles of a technical nature. This is the most extensive report we have ever carried on one of our conventions, but we believe it will be appreciated, especially by those who were unable to attend.

May the Editor, Advertising Manager, and Editorial Staff take this opportunity to wish you all

HEARTY GREETINGS AT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

On to Hartford!

**"Nutmeggers" Group of Connecticut Making Plans
For BNAPEX-55 in New Statler Hotel, Hartford,
September 29-30, October 1**

HARTFORD has already been decided upon as the location of BNAPEX-55, to be staged by the Connecticut "Nutmeggers" Group, and convention headquarters will be in the New Statler Hotel in that city, according to Leon W. Banks, chairman of the convention. The gathering will take place a month earlier than the '54 show—September 29-30 and October 1, 1955. Mr. Banks says the group hopes this will be the biggest convention yet, and if early publicity can do the trick, it should be so! Tours have been arranged for both the ladies and the men, and a big feature will be a "mystery ride", details of which are being kept a deep secret.

In addition to General Chairman Leon W. Banks, of Bethlehem, Conn., other committeemen are: Chairman of Exhibition, Donald P. Mower, 133 Central Ave., Waterbury, Conn.; Chairman of Bourse, Oren B. Maxim, Box 1505, Waterbury, Conn.; Chairman of Entertainment, Henry W. Francis, 786A Farmington Ave., W. Hartford, Conn.; Chairman of the "Mystery Ride", Harris R. Hint, Laurel Way, Norfolk, Conn.; Chairmen of Publicity, Al Kessler (International), Oren Maxim (New England), Henry Francis (local).

Complete information, plus hotel reservation cards will be sent to the membership in plenty of time to make reservations direct with the hotel. ★ ★



ASDA SHOW IN NEW YORK: Robert E. Fellers, Director, Division of Philately, Washington, and opening ceremony speaker, and Miss S. L. Redding of H. E. Harris & Co., Boston, find an old stamp friend on the revolving globe at the Sixth A.S.D.A. National Postage Stamp Show in New York.

It Could Be Luck!

ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO I became interested in machine cancellations, flags and bars. BNAPSer Ed Goodale was really the cause of it—he had shown me his collection and they attracted me. True, I had a few among my duplicates, the common ones, so I started on the hunt. I collected them on full cover only, and managed to get one or two here, another there, but none of the better ones. In fact, I found them not too easy to get.

Then one day Ed called me on the telephone. Jim Sissons had what looked like some interesting lots in a coming sale. Did I want to look them over? Sure thing! So, we made a date, and off to Toronto we went. I still did not know much about these cancellations and, in fact, had no idea which were the "goodies". Then came the sale. Ed got one lot, I got the other—knocked down to me for about five dollars.

I got quite a few fill-ins of the more common types for my collection, but came the fun! In my bundle was a "K" of Type No. 3 in Holmes' listing, No. 8 in Mc-

Cready's book, the scarce Montreal "K" of which only about five are known. (Fig. 1).

But came more fun! A new discovery is made—a hitherto unlisted variety is also included in the lot, Type No. 3 McCready, Type No. 7 Holmes (Fig. 2), with letters. It is from Hamilton, with letter "G", never seen before. Previously only "A", "B" and "C" were listed for Hamilton, the "G" being known from Toronto, and used for a short time in Ottawa. Scarce from both these cities, it is really scarce from Hamilton. Ed says he is sure there was another copy in the late Thomas Bucher collection. However, it was not in the part of the collection sold by Jim Sissons—we know, for we looked. It was likely sold unnoticed in the part disposed of by Robson Lowe.

So I keep looking here, looking there, picking up a cover here and there, putting them aside until I get a change to check them. Still not very conversant with types and dates, I more or less bought everything I saw. One day in a stamp shop I ran into quite a bunch. They were cheap so I bought



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

all, or one of each kind, more or less, and put them aside to check.

For years the earliest known use of these machines was in Montreal during March 1896. The earliest known date was March 21, 1896, bar type No. 1 listed in Holmes, and cut No. 1 in McCready.

So the day came when I checked my hoard, and what did I discover but a ma-

chine cover dated Mar 20/96. and another March 11/96. Both are earlier dates from Montreal, and they are not the types mentioned above as being the earliest; they are Type No. 2 Holmes and No. 2 in McCready (Fig. 3).

It could be luck . . . it certainly was fun! ★ ★



PERFIN

SECRETARY: R. J. Woolley,
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STUDY GROUP

WITH BNAPS 1954 convention safely under our respective belts, and I say "safely" advisedly, we columnists can again settle down to meeting deadlines. Your secretary on Thursday evening, the 4th of November realizes that he leaves for his annual hunting trip on the evening of the 5th, and won't be back before Gordon Lewis is phoning to enquire if there is to be a Perfin column this month.

Reporting of the convention I will leave to more competent writers and confine these notes to Perfin matters. There was no Perfin exhibit this year, probably because the group is still collecting data and there is as yet no published listing by which a collector can organize and display an exhibit. By the time the BNAPS Convention rolls around again, we are pleased to say that this situation will be corrected.

The important event of the convention to the Perfin Study Group was a full afternoon session attended by the chairman and secretary of the group, along with the president, the chairman of the Board, and our able editor of TOPICS. As a result of the meeting the publication of the handbook on Canadian stamps with perforated initials is now definitely under way. The January, February and March issues of TOPICS will each contain eight pages of Perfin matter which will be reprinted and collated into a handbook with a suitable cover. It was decided, after lengthy discussion, that the retail price of the handbook would be one dollar. This price may seem a little high, but was finally fixed at this figure to enable the Society to obtain distribution through trade channels and allow the recognized trade discounts to dealers, whom we hope will list the handbook with other Canadian literature. It will, of course, be available directly from BNAPS.

The designs will be fully illustrated, and although our identification is not complete we believe that 90% will be correctly identified. In our efforts to properly identify the user of each design we have been more fortunate than collectors of perfin in other countries in that we have had available the

Post Office Department's list of issued permits, the list of purchasers of machines from the Cummins Business Machine Co. of Chicago, and some very helpful co-operation from the American Perfin Club.

Many designs found on Canadian stamps have been perforated on machines which are not owned or used within Canada. This applies particularly to the punched Custom Duty stamps which are all of United States origin. American companies have also bought Excise stamps for use on cheques payable in Canada, and some companies have probably bought postage stamps to enclose a prepaid return envelope when mailing to Canada. When these companies have punched stamps for any of the above purposes we have relied on the services of the American Perfin Club for identification of the design.

J. Millar Allen of Lisburn, Northern Ireland, sends us a new listing this month. The initials are M.W. Format is horizontal with letters 5.5 mm. high. The stamp is a 1c Edward VII postally cancelled with wavy lines, which offers no help in determining the point of origin.

In checking over two earlier listings of Canadian perfin we find five designs which we do not have for our final listing before going to press with the handbook. Although some of these may be the result of erroneous reading of letters due to imperfect strikes, we mention them in the hope that some one may have a copy and will be good enough to send it in to us for examination: CBM, CGR, CWL, GF, OTC.

A few readers have asked us about the position dot varieties of International Harvester Co., Great West Life Ass. Co., and a few others. This study has been handled by P. D. vanOudenol of Vancouver. The writer found that publication of the article required some detailed illustration and was sufficiently complicated that he has avoided

making a separate article on this subject, but wishes to assure readers that the topic will be fully covered in the handbook material during the next three months.

The Freres Meyerson have been working on Newfoundland perfins and have a checklist of Newfoundland stamps perforated by Ayre & Sons, Anglo-Newfoundland Deve-

lopment Co., and George Knowling Ltd. There is no doubt that it will be seen in TOPICS before long. One copy only of the fourth Newfoundland perfin is so far reported—initials CH and so far unidentified.

Last call for any items not on our check list for inclusion in the handbook. Send immediately to the secretary, please. ★ ★

The Editor's Mailbag

Consular Fee Stamps

In the July-August issue of TOPICS there appeared a short note on page 212, concerning the Canadian Consular Fee Stamps. I would like to elucidate on this issue a little.

I believe to have started the hunt for the Canadian Consular Fee Stamps after I came in possession of the first two specimens of this kind of stamps. In October 1953 I found two one dollar stamps in a common mixture of postage stamps. Since I had never heard of these stamps before, I wrote—after consultation with the secretary of the now disbanded Canadian Revenue Society—to the Department of Foreign Affairs in Ottawa for information. I submitted the result of my enquiry to the secretary of the C.R.S. who then issued a revised page for the Catalogue of the Federal Revenue Stamps of Canada, which included a complete listing of the Consular Fee Stamps (viz. page 1-10).

I am of the opinion, that these stamps are not used solely for purely consular fees. This is borne out by the fact, that one of my two specimens is still on a piece of thin white paper and not on a passport, also bearing a rubberstamp cancel: Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, Hong Kong. I feel therefore, that it should be possible to obtain these stamps in other ways than by waiting for expired passports,

Josef Schonfeld (1146)

5c Registration Perf. 12x11½

More than a year has passed since I was privileged to announce the discovery of the 5c Registration stamp perforated 12X11½ (vide BNA TOPICS, April 1953) and although the discovery was widely publicized, and created keen interest, only ten other copies have since been reported—nine of

which I have been able to examine. All have been held by members of the B.N.A.P.S.—five from the United States and the others from points in Canada as widely distributed as Halifax, Ottawa, Vancouver and Victoria. There may, of course, have been further finds that have not been reported, but since this 5c denomination was used from 1878 for mail to Great Britain it is somewhat surprising that no finds have yet been reported from across the Atlantic, where interest has been keen.

While the 2c stamp bearing this perforation is found on both horizontal and vertical mesh paper all copies of the 5c, so far examined, have been vertical mesh. There is one noteworthy variation in the 11½ perforations of the 5c, however—BNAPSer Dilworth (No. 692) holds a copy perforated 11¾X11½—to be exact, 11.7X11.5 by Gibbons Instanta Gauge. With this exception, all copies seen have gauged a true 12.

The point that emerges, I think, is the extreme rarity of this 12X11½ perforation on the 5c. Following the finding of the 2c with this perforation many years ago it was only logical to assume that a contemporary issue such as the 5c would prove to have a similar perforation, and during the intervening years keen search was made for it, but not until last year was a copy brought to light. According to Boggs, only 12½ millions of the 5c were printed, as against 30 millions of the 2c. BNAPSer G. R. C. Searles (No. 423) after examining thousands of copies of the latter found that only an average of five copies per thousand proved to be perforated 12X11½, so the ratio of incidence for the 5c would naturally be expected to be much less.

In actual fact, however, in view of all the circumstances—the smaller quantity

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A 5c Blue Admiral Variety

AS A COLLECTOR of the Admiral Issue of Canada I am constantly hunting for mint blocks of this issue. My aim is to gather all varieties in mint blocks that Mr. Marler describes in his fine handbook of this issue. It is not too hard to complete such collection in used singles; plenty of material is available. But in mint blocks—that is another matter.

I find the 5 cents blue, Scott No. 111, about the hardest. Especially the varieties caused by the re-touchings on the plates. It is a well-proven fact that as the plates wore, some lines, especially the vertical closing lines in the spandrels, the vertical lines of the numeral boxes were re-touched. Such plate re-touches are found in practically all lower values.



The accompanying illustration is of a recently acquired block showing four distinct varieties. This block, as to Mr. Marlars definition, is a type 1A. As the vertical closing lines in all upper spandrels are absent, it indicates that this block is of the later printings of 1916 and possibly from plates 11 to 14.

The varieties:

Stamp UL. In the left numeral box the line at left, just below the top, bends slightly outward then at the top inward; characteristic of type 2. No vertical closing lines in the spandrels.

Stamp UR. No vertical closing lines in the spandrels. The outer line of the left numeral box is extended to the fourth horizontal line from the bottom.

Stamp LL. No vertical closing lines in the spandrels. The outer line in the left numeral box is extended to about the fifth horizontal line, while at right the outer line is weak at the bottom and strong at the top extending to the first horizontal line from the bottom. There is a large dot at the back of the king's head and signs of re-entry in "CANADA POSTAGE".

Stamp LR. While there are no vertical closing lines in the upper spandrels, there are strong lines in both lower spandrels extending to the frame junction lines. There is a break at the bottom in the outer line of the right numeral box.

If anyone could identify this block as to plate and position, please communicate with the writer. ★ ★

CANADA'S 1955 STAMP PROGRAM WILL HONOR ESKIMO, WILDLIFE, SCOUTS, PRAIRIES, PRIME MINISTERS

HON. ALCIDE COTE, Postmaster General, has announced that the Canada Post Office will issue at least seven new design postage stamps during 1955.

The present 10c postage stamp will be replaced by a new design that will illustrate an arctic scene, the central figure of which will be an Eskimo hunter.

In April 1955, two stamps will be issued illustrating wild animals of Canada. These stamps will be issued in support of National Wildlife Conservation. The jubilee of the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan and the first International Boy Scouts Jamboree to be held in Canada, will be commemorated by special postage stamps.

Two stamps will be issued portraying the former prime ministers, the Hon. Sir Charles Tupper and the Rt. Hon. Richard Bedford Bennett.

Further details with regard to the dates of issue and design will be announced as soon as word is received from the Post Office Department. ★ ★

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS—January 1 to September 21, 1954

INCOME

Membership Dues—1953 (paid in 1954).....	\$ 6.01	
Membership Dues—1954 Renewals.....	2167.25	
Membership Dues—1954 New Members.....	233.10	
Membership Dues—1954 from Life Membership Fund.....	57.00	
Membership Fees—New Members.....	95.00	\$2558.36
Advertising.....	410.85	

Topics:

Advertising.....	410.85	
Subscription and Back Issues.....	9.60	420.45

Circuit—Sale of Books.....	14.50	14.50
Miscellaneous Income.....	3.97	3.97
Accounts Receivable—Topics Advertising.....	107.00	107.00

Total Income..... \$3104.28

EXPENSES

Topics:		
As per Receipts and Disbursement Account.....	\$1906.24	
Balance of Petty Cash Fund as of 12/31/53.....	13.47	1919.71
1953 Advt. Uncollectable.....	5.00	5.00
General Expenses as per Receipts and Disbursement Account.....	215.22	215.22
Library.....	50.00	50.00
Circuit—Cost of Books Sold.....	11.10	11.10
Typewriters (2)—Amortization.....	40.00	40.00

\$2241.03

863.25

\$3104.28

Balance of 1954 Funds as of September 21, 1954.....

W. C. Peterman, Treasurer

Trail of the Caribou

By Freres Meyerson



HAROLD MEYERS, BNAPS No. 9, one of the charter members of the Society sends us a few notes as a result of his findings while working on the first two issues of the Newfoundland Revenue stamps. The first note concerns the 25c value of the Queen Victoria Inland Revenue stamps, Sissons No. N3. Harold reports the existence of this stamp on thick and thin papers, the thick paper being a dark blue shade and the thin paper being a lighter blue shade. The 50c value is also recorded in two shades according to Harold, orange and yellow orange. In the next issue Harold notes that the 25c value of the King Edward VII Inland Revenue stamp also exists on thick and thin papers as does the \$1 value, Sissons N12. Harold also makes a further comment concerning the 25c stamps, Sissons N10; he says that he has a copy that shows part of a watermark. As much as he can determine from his copy the watermark consists of a word or words in double line caps, 15 mm. high. The decipherable letter on his stamp is "M". Can any of our Revenue Study Group members give us any further information on this discovery of Harold's.

We've had some very good co-operation from various members of the Society in our efforts to complete a list of Newfoundland Perfins. We've had particular help from Pieter van Oudenol, BNAPS No. 684, R. J. Wooley, BNAPS No. 359, C. M. Jephcott, BNAPS No. 82, C. F. Southey, BNAPS No. 664, C. A. Ayre, BNAPS No. 712, and numerous others. As a result of all this help we are now listing the Newfoundland stamps reported as existing with Perfins. The G. K. Perfin has been recorded on stamps No. 83, 104, 105, 116 and 117 in normal position. In inverted position it has been reported on No. 83, 116, 117 and 119. In reversed position it is found on No. 83, 104, 105, 115, 116, 117 and 119. In the Inverted reversed position it has been recorded on No. 115 and 117. The next Perfin, A N D,

with the D at the base of the triangle has been recorded in 8 possible positions, namely, Normal, Reverse, Invert, Invert Reverse, Read up, Read up reverse, Read down and Read down reverse. This Perfin, like its predecessor G. K., is also first found on No. 83. In its Normal form it has been recorded on No. 83, 104, 105, 115, 116, 117, 122, 132, 134, 166, 185, 187, 189 and 191. In Normal Reverse it has been seen on No. 116, 133, 163, 165, 166, 187 and 191. The Inverted Perfin has been reported on No. 116, 117, 139 and 187. This same variety Reversed shows only two examples thus far No. 116 and 187. The Read Up variety is found on No. 108, 116, 164, 169. The Read Up Reverse is found on No. 164 and 169. The Read Down Perfin is evidently the scarcest of them all as it is only recorded as existing on No. 116. The last variety of the 8, the Read Down Reverse has been seen on No. 116, 164 and 193. The AYRE perfin is the most common and in the normal variety it is listed on more stamps than any of the preceding perfins. In the Normal state it is found on No. 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 139, 140, 141, 142, 146, 151, 153, 157, 163, 166, 118, 184, 185, 186, 188, 189, 190, 191, 196, 212, 214, 215, 216, 226, 227, 231, 245, 254, 255, 256, 257, and 269. In the Inverted position we have comparatively few examples No. 245, 246, 247, 254, and 255. The Read Up Perfin is not found on the earlier issues and makes its first appearance on No. 164, 166, 167, 169, 173, 193, 195, 196, 209, 211, 215, 220, 223, 230, 231, 232, 238, 239, 251 and C9. The Read Down Perfin has just one example No. 255. It should be noted that we haven't personally checked all of these recorded varieties and we are in hope that the list will be a beginning until a more complete list can be published in TOPICS. So, if you have any numbers not recorded above will you please drop us a note and we will periodically print the additions in this column.

MERRY XMAS

Bringing News About People and Stamps

By REV. JOHN S. BAIN (BNAPS 19)

HERE it is December once again. This calls for something philatelic tied with Christmas. Of course, there is only one item that I know of and that is THE Canada 1898 Christmas Map Stamp. Specialists interested in this stamp are acquainted with the special cacheted envelope bearing the Map stamp and dated Berlin, Ontario, December 25, 1898. However, I have never seen any reference to the enclosure found in these envelopes. It was printed in red, and divided in two: on one side the text was in English and the other side in German. It read as follows:

To Commemorate Imperial Penny
Postage

On Christmas day 1898 the Canadian government inaugurated Imperial Penny Postage. To commemorate the event this postage stamp was issued. To accompany it, the Review Printing Co., a business firm, issued the envelope to which the stamp is attached. Envelope

and stamp bear the imprint "Christmas 1898", with which date also the postmark corresponds, the whole thus forming a unique postal rarity which was obtainable on Christmas day 1898 only. The pretty and artistic design of the envelope is an allegorical representation of the British Empire and in keeping with the comprehensive conception of the stamp.

BNAPS

Collectors of Canada precancels rejoice in the appearance of the 5th edition of H. G. Walburn's official catalogue of these interesting items. Many price changes are in evidence and no doubt will startle some who have not been too close to the field.

BNAPS

To all BNAPSers I extend my warmest greetings, and say—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

With God's richest blessing (St. John 3:16)

VARIOUS and SUNDRY

GEO. E. FOSTER (BNAPS 293)

NEW BRUNSWICK in the early 1860's was an active centre of philatelic activity. The province boasted of several dealers and some stamp journals. The first of these publications was the "Stamp Argus", which ran five numbers in 1864, and then suspended. The second was "The Postman's Knock", first issued around the middle of the summer of 1866 and published more or less regularly until about 1872.

The editor and proprietor of both of these papers was a young law student, Edward A. Craig, afterwards admitted as an attorney. Craig did quite a flourishing business as a stamp dealer, but inflammatory rheumatism developing in the knee joint, he moved to California in 1872.

The third paper, also a St. John under-

taking, was the "Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette", edited and published by Geo. Stewart, Jr.,

Stewart was one of the first persons in St. John to become a stamp collector, and soon afterwards he launched his gazette. Quoting from the columns of his competitor, "The Postman's Knock", we read that the first four numbers contained but four pages each, but the success of the venture was such, that at the fifth issue its size was doubled, while at the beginning of the second volume, in addition to a fine ornamental heading, still four more pages were found to be necessary. Publication ceased July 1st 1867. While publishing the Gazette, Stewart launched a Literary magazine, and this proving a better venture than the stamp paper, and not having time for both, the stamp paper was sacrificed. Stewart was a pharmacist and store hours at that time were about 15 a day.

The fourth publication, "Philatelic Messenger", was an enterprize of Matthew R.

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Sketches of BNAPSers . . .

By V. G. GREENE (BNAPS L40)

No. 62: LEOPOLD BARESCH

THE PRESIDENT of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, Leo Baresch, was born in Austria in 1906 and studied at the Universities of Vienna and Paris, specialising in economic subjects. In 1928 he visited England for an intended six months' stay to learn English but liked the country so well he decided to settle there, becoming a naturalized British citizen. In Great Britain he was not altogether a foreigner as a remote ancestor by the name of Parrish emigrated from Scotland to continental Europe to avoid the consequences of some undisclosed misdeed!

Mr. Baresch is now a Director of an engineering company with a world-wide organisation including a branch in Toronto which provides a good opportunity for an occasional visit such as at CAPEX time and again earlier this year. Whilst abroad, all his spare time is spent in hunting out obscure stamp shops and spending a happy evening with philatelists all over the world. This is not entirely without its hazards, such as being invited by the President of the Philatelic Club in Bogota, Columbia, to a farewell dinner, where an overdose of the good things combined with tropical conditions at an altitude of 9000 feet, to knock him out completely, or, in Montreal, spending a very enjoyable evening with Charlie deVolpi with a lovely steak cooked by Charlie's own hands only to give him the strength on their way home, to push Charlie's car in a blinding snowstorm, clad in a tropical suit!

Leo, as he is called by his many friends, started collecting stamps as a school-boy but, like many of us, forgot about the hobby until a chance meeting with a philatelist at a snooker game after the War started him off again—seriously this time, and after his first visit to Canada in 1947 he began concentrating on that country—pre-stamps to Small Queens. His collection of cancellations on the Large Cents and Small Queens is probably the finest in Europe. Leo also collects some European first imperforates but abhors any "wall-paper" of the twentieth century.

A member of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, Leo takes a keen interest in philatelic affairs in Great Britain and on the Continent. He has written several interest-



ing articles on stamps, most of them appearing in "Maple Leaves", the interesting magazine of our contemporary, the C.P.S. of Great Britain. ★ ★

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Knight, and was issued for several years from Oak Hill, N.B., and afterwards from Boiestown, N.B. This periodical was established in 1888 and was still being published ten years later. Mr. Knight was very proud of his paper and claimed that it was regularly published on the last day of the month. The subscription was 25c per year, and each subscriber was entitled to an exchange notice of 20 words exclusive of the address, and also a packet of stamps to be selected from a list published in the paper. Glancing over the list before me, I note a 10c brown violet, unused, Canadian Jubilee, as one premium. ★ ★

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issued, the lengthy period during which, despite intensive research, its existence remained unknown, and the very few copies that have since been reported, this item appears to point to a philatelic rarity in excess even of the classic 3c Small Queen perforated $12\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$, and collectors might find it well worth while to check up on all 5c copies held by them. Needless to state, for the record, I should appreciate advices of further finds that may be made.

W. T. White (191)

OFFICIAL SECTION

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

From the President . . .

NIAGARA FALLS has come and gone, and it will go down in the memories of BNAPSers as another of our highly successful Conventions and Exhibitions. Ever since Buffalo in '49—Philadelphia, Toronto, Ithaca, Montreal, and then Niagara Falls—the same underlying influence has been true: the good fellowship prevailing at our annual get-togethers assures us all of a good time, even if the exhibition degenerates into a waste paper display by Perkins Paper Products officials, and the housing facilities are limited to igloos.

PERMANENT CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Since a good time is assured, what can we do to make our conventions even more attractive? Frankly, I do not know exactly what could be done, but I do think that if we were to call upon all of our manpower with a knowledge of convention organization procedure instead of merely one or two men in a specific area, we might come very close to solving the problem. Accordingly, as a step in this direction, I appointed the following members to a Permanent Convention Committee: Les. Davenport, Earl Edwards, Dick Hedley, Al Kessler and Ed Richardson. There will be others added to this next month, and a chairman will be designated.

The function of this Committee will be to co-operate with the host group in generating interest in the convention and exhibition, in the scheduling of special events, and in making their combined experience available to insure bigger and better conventions. The committee will only ride herd on the host group when the latter falls **badly** behind schedule in its arrangements and announcements.

In the past each of our conventions has stood out in one or two particular features—housing, planned activities for the ladies, special attractions for all, exhibition layout, etc., depending upon the specialized abilities of the members of the host group. I think we can harness the special abilities of certain of our members in this Permanent Convention Committee and have a gathering under the leadership of our Connecticut Group in 1955 that will set a new high standard for the future.

Those of you who were at Niagara Falls know what a fine affair it was. To those who were not in attendance, I can only say that Dick Hedley and his local group did a tremendous amount of work, achieved truly excellent results, and you missed one of the best conventions in BNAPS history. To Buffalo-Niagara I say thanks from a grateful membership.

ALEX HYDE SALES MANAGER

I am pleased to announce that Alex Hyde has accepted the appointment as Sales Manager. Alex is one of our very early members, being member No. 43, and has agreed to serve the Society in this very important field.

In connection with the Sales Department, I would like to express to the membership my personal regrets and, I believe, those of all other elected Officials of the Society, that the operations of the department were terminated so abruptly. Those of us who are interested in the future of BNAPS to the exclusion of other considerations realize how much many of you have missed this service.

Unfortunately, Jim Culhane's health was such that he felt he could not carry on until a replacement could be selected, as there was no assurance that a new man could be found within a month or even within several months. Those at the convention were all glad to see Jim none the worse for the period of ill health that he went through.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

In view of the agitation and apparent need for an Editorial Committee to check on the factual correctness of some articles submitted for publication in BNA TOPICS, I have appointed the following to serve in this capacity: V. G. Greene, Chairman; Dr. C. M. Jephcott, Fred Jarrett, J. N. Sissons, C. P. deVolpi and Dan Meyerson.

The function of this Committee will not be to approve or reject any article, but to be sure that no major errors of fact are involved. Differences of opinion are things which we must always respect, but incorrect statements should be screened out. It is also to be hoped that the Committee will take it upon itself to request a re-write in those few instances where one member might attempt to use TOPICS as a medium of attacking another member or outside philatelist, or for the purpose of starting an acrimonious debate. This Committee will be at the call of Gordon Lewis, and since most questions could be taken care of by the Toronto members of the group, it should function smoothly whenever it may be called upon.

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By JACK LEVINE, Secretary, 314 E. 6th St., Charlotte 6, N.C.

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NEW MEMBERS, November 15, 1954	9 895
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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, November 15, 1954	878

The Secretary sincerely regrets that he was unable to attend this year's Annual Convention. He has relocated in Charlotte, North Carolina, but, at present, does not have his files available. However, they will be available after the first of the year, at which time he will prepare and have published in BNA TOPICS his regular Annual Report which usually is offered to the Annual Meeting, wherein he will advise the results of the voting for the winner of the "Vincent G. Greene Award" for the best original article which appeared in BNA TOPICS during 1953, and also the winner of the "President's Certificate" for the enrollment of the most members during 1953. He will also prepare and have published a Membership Summary and Analysis for the whole year.

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