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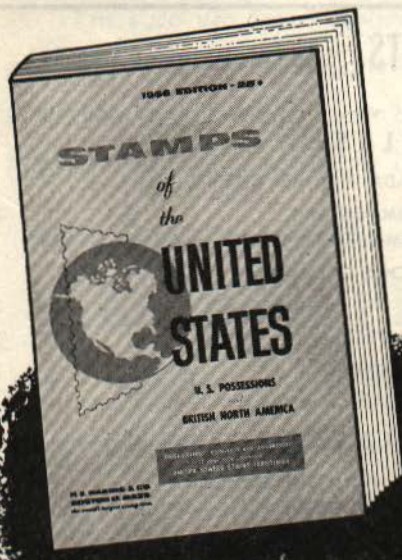
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## CANADA

## The 1859 5 Cents

## A Commentary

**E**NCOURAGED by the kind reception of my previous article upon the 5c Beaver<sup>1</sup> and in the belief that its revision will be welcome in view of the influence that subsequent study has had upon the trend of opinion, I submit a general view of the stamp in which several of its phases are discussed. Before proceeding, I must emphasize that I have written solely for the purpose of interesting those who are as yet not particularly versed in this stamp and with considerable diffidence in the knowledge that I expose myself to the criticism of those from whom I have gleaned what I know and to whom I gratefully acknowledge my indebtedness.

## THE DIE

The adoption of decimal currency in May 1859 necessitated the issue of new postage stamps having their values expressed in Cents. It being decided that the new design should follow that of the Pence issue as closely as possible, the original Pence die was converted for use as follows:

The design engraved (in reverse) upon the original PENCE DIE of hardened steel was transferred upon a new TRANSFER-ROLLER of soft steel thus producing the design in obverse and in relief. The areas of this Pence design that were inadaptable to the new Cents values were then erased and the roller, after being hardened, was rocked into a NEW DIE of soft steel which was incised

thereby with all that remained of the original design (in reverse). The blank portion of the die was then ENGRAVED with reference to 5 Cents, thus completing the design. Finally the die was hardened.

To continue up to the point of printing: Another and new TRANSFER-ROLLER of soft steel was rocked upon the NEW DIE so that it (roller) received two SUBJECTS of the 5c design (in obverse) upon its circumference in relief. Having been hardened the

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ROLLER was ready to transfer the design to each of the hundred positions on the PLATE which was and remained of soft steel. These impressions were incised in reverse and so produced sheets of stamps in obverse, i.e., as found. The extraordinary number of 398,000 sheets were printed.

## PLATES

The several facts and effective reasoning advanced by W. E. Lea<sup>2</sup> to establish that only one plate had existed have been so generally recognized as to practically achieve final acceptance of the theory. As the intensive study by Mr. Lea is far beyond presentation in outline and consequently also of inclusion here, it but remains to pick out and to make known the following telling facts—the fruit of research by Winthrop S. Boggs: The American Bank Note Co. of

<sup>1</sup> See American Philatelist, January 1949; BNA TOPICS, September 1950.

<sup>2</sup> See Maple Leaves, January 1953; BNA TOPICS, October 1953.



New York was commissioned by the Government of Canada to make the plates and to print the stamps therefrom for all values of the 1859 issue. Upon instruction to deliver all such plates (for destruction), the issue being ended, only one plate of each value was handed over. As only one 5c plate was sent therefore and no record of charge for a second plate exists, although stamps are currency, it must be surmised that only one plate was ever made. As the 1859 plates (all values) were of soft steel and consequently easy to re-enter and otherwise correct, the possibility of production was enormous. Although opinion is now such as to possibly render reference to the multiple plate theory redundant, it is considered that review of the problem would be incomplete without at least some description of it, if only as a matter of interest to the "uninitiated". The Hon. J. A. Calder conducted a study of this question in 1940-41. With a mass of material strong in strips, etc., he assembled two North marginal lines of stamps, one differing from the other in location of the corner guide dots of each of the ten positions. (The line or row that consisted of the earliest stamps was accepted as being of Plate 1.) His contention, therefore, that two plates at least must consequently have existed was, he considered, further supported by (a) the presence of flaws and re-entries that occurred in one or other (not both) of the two sets of marginal stamps; (b) the paucity of copies remaining (13!) out of the great number examined that would not match any one of the ten positions of either plate, and (c) printers' opinion that one plate could not possibly stand up to the production of 39,800,000 stamps that were issued. If the creation of two different marginal rows be accepted then two plates must be recognized as having existed, but the evidence in support of the one-plate theory has now reached such proportions that belief in two different North marginal rows is suspect.

Now these marginal rows, formed by linking up overlapping multiple pieces (strips, etc.) were in themselves undoubtedly correct, but inclination doubtless fostered by opinion that one plate could not have produced the whole issue of 5c stamps, led to the forming of two different sets of stamps from the ten North positions based in the main upon difference in the position and character of the corner guide dots. These dots are frail evidence, being liable to disappearance, sudden appearance (fresh entries) and change in position due to paper fluctuation, etc., so that any one North

plate-position may well produce stamps of varying aspect as regards the corner guide dots at different periods and so give rise to recognition of two different stamps from the same position. The presence of flaws or re-entries of known plate-position, of course, helps to support stamp identification but where two flaws are known to emanate from the same numbered plate-position it has been assumed because they have not been found together that they originate from different plates.

Finally, I invite consideration of the possible bearing that the imprints may have upon the problem. Although Mr. Lea touched upon this, I venture a different approach: The two imprints upon each of the four margins were added with such a small departure from accuracy that there can be little doubt but that similarity of position was intended. That the same degree of care would have been taken in the case of the so-called Plate 2 can surely be conceded, so that the care must have been extreme to have resulted in accurately reproducing the differences between the two imprints upon each margin as existed in Plate 1! There is just one unusual point, however, that should not be ignored, in that the East imprint (Type A) is to be found at two different distances from the stamp opposite to it. The difference, which is quite definite, has been utilized by Senator Calder to fill one of the East positions of Plate 2 which he contended had existed. In view of the strength of the case for the one-plate theory and the fact that none of the other imprints have any solid evidence of origin from a second plate, it can be assumed that the said difference is attributable to some factor that time and study will solve in due course.

### C DOT

"C dots" are those that appear in the "C" of CENTS and are position dots resulting from (let us call them) "pits" punched upon the surface of the plate to receive the "side-point" guide to the transfer-roller. As impressions were started at the top or N. side of the plate, based on position "pits" along its N. margin, the South or bottom row of impressions were executed based on position "pits" situated along the ninth row. No further position "pits" being required as there was to be no eleventh row, the tenth or bottom row of stamps carries no "C dots".

Each plate position was impressed by the transfer roller in such a way that the "C" of CENTS upon the roller happened to cover the position "pits" which thus resulted in their reproduction upon the stamp.



The difference in position and size of these dots may be accounted for by lack of precision in laying out the position "pits" on the plate and to varying depth of the "pits". These differences, if compared, render the "C dot" of value (as an aid) to identification to some extent.

Absence of a "C dot" on stamps not of the South row is due to the position "pit" concerned having been so out of place as to miss envelopment by the "C" on the transfer roller or owing to inaccurate setting of the roller side-point upon the position "pit", or both causes in conjunction, its reproduction being lost in the surrounding inked areas. The sudden appearance or altered position of the dot would indicate origin due to replotting.

The "C dot", being what it is, cannot be considered as a variety, as it is so frequently claimed to be, even in text books. An "undotted" C is more uncommon than one with a dot.

It would be negligent to close this subject without due reference to a factor that tends to render the "C dot"-position dot theory suspect. I refer to W. E. Lea's pertinent allusion<sup>1</sup> to the accurate alignment of subjects upon proof sheets. The alignment of the subjects upon the sheet attests to the accuracy expected of skilled craftsmen in aligning the position dots ("pits") upon the plate; this accuracy, if the "C dots" were printed from the position "pits", would result in each "C dot" appearing in one common or normal position in or about the "C".

## PERFORATIONS

In 1925, the late Dr. L. L. Reford established that the perforating of the 1859 issue came under three groups, each coming into use as follows:

11¾ x 11¾—1 July '59.

12 x 11¾; 11¾ x 12 (5 cents)—May '62.

12 x 12 —Jan. '65.

These groups, chiefly through adoption by Senator Calder in his work "Some Phases of the Canada 1859 Issue", are now generally accepted, and although recent study by Mr. Boggs has proved the perforation gauges to be actually 11.60, 11.85 and 11.95, recognition of the change to point of general usage is unlikely.

Variations in the perforation combinations are uncommon. They probably came

into existence upon change of an impaired comb of the perforating machine. Such departures from the ordinary call for careful measurement preferably by comparison with a selected "known" copy, and upon proof they are worthy of segregation. The art of perforating being then in its infancy, extreme instances of poor centering and of lines of incompletely-penetrated holes are to be met with; in fact, well-centered copies are the exception and command prices considerably over catalogue.

It would seem conformable to refer here to imperforated copies. Reference to Mr. Jarrett's catalogue and to Clive Hawes' book shows that imperforates were issued and used in 1860-61, and that there were copies in the Pack collection. Unusual pairs and blocks are known.

## FLAWS

Flaws may be defined loosely as the unintended features in the design of the stamp and they are considered under two groups, A and B.

**Group A.** Common irregularities. These flaws, of which ten are illustrated, appear so constantly—all of them on some copies, some of them in various combinations upon others—as to be rated universal. Flaw D, which consists of a "doubling" of the East outer frame line at its centre between the frames, is the most important (Flaw H is curious in that it duplicates Flaw D on the West frame but to a very minor degree). While the others are very minor, they are worth instant recognition as, being also common to all positions they are of no aid to identification, nor are they qualified for inclusion in Group B. To avoid confusion with flaws proper, they are referred to as "common" irregularities.

The constancy of these common irregularities is such that they persist from the beginning of the issue to the end. (The writer has a copy cancelled 5 Aug. 1859 that carries nine of the irregularities.)

In view of the universality of these common irregularities, their origin surely cannot be that of plate disintegration (corrosion, etc.) as in such case the plate would have broken out in a rash, each of its positions having disintegrated miraculously in ten or more identical localities. The transfer-roller likewise may be absolved of disintegration as it carried two "subjects" (impressions from the die) each of which would have to be identically affected. It seems reasonable, therefore, to consider the die as their origin, especially as instances of the presence of

<sup>1</sup> See *Maple Leaves*, January 1953; *BNA TOPICS*, October 1953.



irregularities A, B, C and G have been noted upon Pence copies, imperforate and perforate. Irregularity D (doubling at centre of E. frame) has not been observed upon the three pence value and therefore cannot be considered to have originated from that die. It is to be presumed that it came into existence upon the 5c die, probably at the time the vacant areas of it were being engraved.

**Group B.** While the flaws of Group A, to all intents and purposes, are common to copies throughout the issue, those of Group B, being the result of mischance to the plate and of corrosion, occur at various times and for periods limited by correction and wear.

The number of proven flaws (Group B) finally recorded by Senator Calder in 1939 has risen, to the writer's knowledge, from 196 to 260, while some hundred others are filed away awaiting proof of constancy. A revision of the numbering and description of

these (up to 196) arranged in three classes (1, Named or Major; 2, Intermediate; 3, Minor) appeared in "The Stamp Specialist (November 1948) and in BNA TOPICS in four parts (October 1950-January 1951).

While interest in flaws lies almost wholly in the major varieties, on account of easy recognition and of the market value of some, it is to the specialist that varieties as a whole appear as being of value for study and record.

The shorter its life the rarer the flaw is admissible, but unfortunately although records exist of early and late dates upon which various flaws have been noted, they are not necessarily the earliest and the latest, so that the life-span of no flaw is determined yet.

Owing to the difference in the life-span of flaws upon the plate and consequently in the quantity produced, flaws present themselves in varying and unknown degrees of frequency: hence accurate assessment of

### COMMON IRREGULARITIES





comparative rarity is impracticable at present. However, as a criterion of endeavor to satisfy inquiry, the numbers of copies of each flaw discovered originally are given in the accompanying correlated lists of major flaws. These numbers in themselves provide a rating of comparative rarity (e.g., No. 19—5 copies is twice as rare as No. 5—10 copies) and being the outcome of examination of material never again likely to be equalled in aggregation<sup>1</sup> and unpicked condition, they represent as good a “yard-stick” of comparative rarity as is likely to be found, albeit one of some elasticity in application. Of the

two correlated lists, one is in order of numerical sequence for easy reference and for comparison of any one flaw with another, and the other is in descending order of rarity as indicated by the “found” numbers shown as percentages of numbers found to total number of copies of major flaws found (296). It may be a matter of surprise to note the position into which some of the better known flaws have fallen, particularly the “Log in the Waterfall” with its very high market rating, and the “Rock in the Waterfall”. It is to be remembered that in the specialized field items of popular demand and easy recognition take precedence, especially at market, over others not yet so well known but very possibly of greater rarity.

<sup>1</sup> In the writer's experience over the last twenty years the expectancy of “finds” (flaws, etc.) per 100 unpicked copies (alas, how rare now!) is ten. Senator Calder discovered 1,434 re-entries and 1,531 proven flaws. Although some of these doubtless overlapped, and unpicked material circa 1925-30 differed from that of recent years, the total number examined must have been considerable!

Flaws, being of accidental creation and usually of short life owing to early removal, may be regarded as more rare than re-entries that resulted from intended action and of which features persisted for comparatively long periods.

### MAJOR FLAWS





## COMPARATIVE RARITY OF MAJOR FLAWS

Numbers		Name	No. Found	Numbers		Name	No. Found %
Rev.	Orig.			Rev.	Orig.		
1	1	Crown-Pos	4	16	16	VE-C scratch	2 .006
2	3	Scratch below PO	11	23	42	Ball on N. frame	2 .006
3	123	The Gauge	13	24	35	N.W. Spandrel blemish	2 .006
4	122	N.E. Void	8	21	60a	Hillside splash	3 .006
5	62	Comet splash	10	1	1	Crown-POS	4 .013
6	64	Splash over the Sun	13	19	46	Splash W. of CA	5 .016
7	7	R-AGE scratches	8	4	122	N.E. Void	8 .027
8	59	Splash S.E. of Sun	17	7	60	R-AGE scratches	8 .027
9	68	The Shaded Tree	15	14	29	Break in the Oval	9 .030
10	8	E. horizn. scratch	19	25	22	DA scratch	9 .030
11	42	S.E. Spandrel splash	14	5	62	Comet splash	10 .033
12	13	CENTS parallel curves	27	2	3	Scratch below PO	11 .037
13	51	EN splash	27	15	29	Log in the Waterfall	11 .037
14	124	Break in the Oval	9	18	61	Leaping fish	11 .037
15	29	Log in the Waterfall	11	3	123	The Gauge	13 .043
16	16	VE-C scratch	2	6	64	Splash over the Sun	13 .043
17	60	Rock in Waterfall	25	22	35	N.W. flag splash	13 .043
18	61	Leaping Fish	11	11	42	S.E. Spandrel splash	14 .047
19	46	Splash W. of CA	5	9	68	The Shaded Tree	15 .05
20	20	Beaver scratches	18	8	59	Splash S.E. of Sun	17 .057
21	60a	Hillside splash	3	20	20	Beaver scratch	18 .06
22	35	N.W. flag splash	13	10	8	E. horizn. scratch	19 .064
23	34	Ball on N. frame	2	17	60	Rock in Waterfall	25 .084
24	35	N.W. spandrel blemish	2	12	13	CENTS paral. curves	27 .09
25	22	DA scratch	9	13	51	EN splash	27 .09

### RE-ENTRIES

The plate was re-entered from time to time for the purpose of strengthening weak and worn impressions by re-application of the transfer-roller. This was usually done with such precision as to produce no evidence of execution, but in cases when the roller was not perfectly aimed the impression it then made did not coincide truly with the previous one (or ones) thereby giving a double appearance to a portion (or portions) of the design. Such "doubling" is termed a re-entry and it applies not to the last-made impression as might be expected, but to what remained visible of the earlier one.

The plate positions of several re-entries have been established (that of the major re-entry is not known) and in some instances two re-entries have been traced to the same numbered plate position. Consequently, if only one plate existed as is now contended, then the said re-entered stamps represent different "states" of that plate position.

The statement has been seen that some re-entries are duplicated in the Pence and Cents issues. It is considered that such instances can only be pure coincidence of appearance. Transfer-rollers do not carry

re-entries and so cannot transfer them to the plate but create them upon impact.

The importance of re-entries varies enormously and depends upon the area of design affected, from the much-sought major re-entry with its overall doubling and limited "life" down to simple doubling of portions of the frame lines. At the present some sixty re-entries are recorded and described<sup>1</sup>, a number that may well call for revision upon proof that some are one and the same in different states.

As slip prints may be mistaken for re-entries, recognition of what they really are is to be cultivated. Generally speaking, they are recognizable by a rather smeared broadening of the lines of the design.

### IMPRINTS

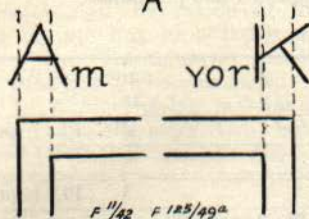
Early in 1865, following the adoption of Perforation 12x12 (now stated to be 11.95), an imprint in diamond type reading "The American Bank Note Co. New York" (previously known as Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch and Edson) was added to the plates (or plate), twice in each margin opposite

<sup>1</sup> See BNA TOPICS, June and July, 1951.

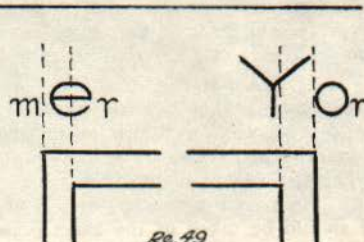
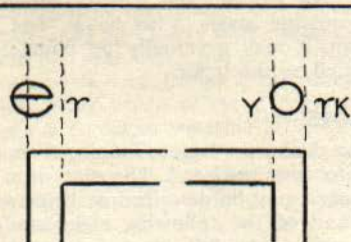
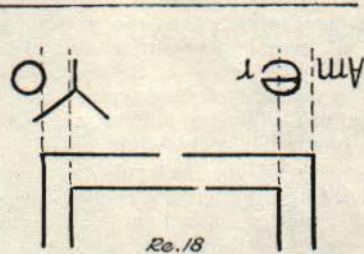
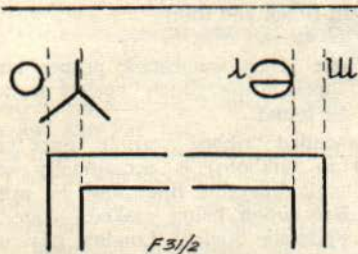
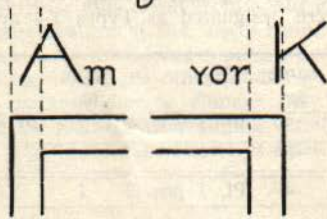


# 5<sup>c</sup> Imprints

Type  
A



Type  
B



*The Revised/Original numbers of the Flaws & Re-entries that may possibly be present are shown under the types that carry them*

the following plate positions: 3 and 8 (East), 93 and 98 (South) and 21 and 71 (West). The North, South and West imprints face inwards but the East ones face outwards.

A study of these imprints by Senator Cal-

der, for which he had a wealth of material (an average of 64 copies per margin including a strip of six with both imprints) resulted in it being established that of the two imprints on each of the four sides of the



plates, one differed distinctly from the other in position relative to the stamp impression immediately opposite. He also, in accordance with his "two plates" theory, identified 16 different imprints of which he had fixed the plate position of nine.

The four imprints of each set N E S and W were designated as Types 1-4 and it is

Type	same as	N	same as	E	same as	S	same as	W
1	3	Pl. 1 pos. 8	2	Pl. 1 pos. 30	3		4	Pl. 1 pos. 71
2	4	Pl. 1 pos. 3	1		4		3	Pl. 1 pos. 21
								Pl. 2 pos. 98
3	1		4		1		2	
		Pl. 2 pos. 8						
4	2		3		2		1	
		Pl. 2 pos. 3						Pl. 2 pos. 71

As the difference between stamps of similar positions on the two plates rests in almost every case upon untrustworthy evidence, such as varying strength of impression, disappearance of features, the possible presence of flaws and re-entries, etc., etc., the recognition of copies—as Senator Calder admits in the case of East types 3 and 4 as being "very difficult to differentiate"—is well nigh impossible with certainty.

In view of the lack of any concrete evidence it is the writer's opinion that only the two well established varieties of imprint are worthy of recognition and worthwhile considering, and that the same be recorded as Type A and Type B thus avoiding confusion with Senator Calder's four numbered types.

The accompanying key (on page 321) is given for identifying the imprints of the four margins and shows:

a. The distinct but slight difference of situation in the margin between Types A and B. Note should be taken of the exact point of intersection of the Imprints by the frame lines of the adjacent stamps if extended through them.

b. The Flaws and Re-entries that may be present upon the several Imprinted copies

Further allusion to these Imprints is to be found in the closing paragraph of the section "Plates."

## PAPERS

The 5c value of the 1859 issue seems to have been printed solely upon wove paper,

to be noted that of these, two types were of one variety of imprint, as referred to earlier, and two of the other variety—the types thus paired being different in some other way.

Table to show (a) Pairing of types; (b) Fixed Imprint Plate positions:

of which the following varieties of several are given as an aid in search:

White (coarse, hard, thick, thin, near transparent)

Buff (thick and thin)

*Grey and Bluish.*

There is no watermark proper but copies of the "Stitch" variety are to be found.

A so-called "ribbed" variety (once catalogued in Gibbons) is occasionally seen, within which parallel lines may be noted, particularly upon being soaked. Since the Royal Philatelic Society, London, has ruled it as "not ribbed" and paper company expert opinion states it to be a "fine laid" variety, it may eventually be philatelically accepted as the latter.

## SHADES

The shades are legion, running from near-pink to deep brick-red. The nine most definite ones may be described as being vermilion and of the following eight grades of red: pale, red, dull, deep bright, orange, brick and deep brick. The trade groups these in descending order of value as deep brick-red, bright red, brick-red and pale red. Any decided brown shade is likely oxidized.

## CONDITION

Condition is universally rated paramount in appraising value or philatelic standing, but since it is governed by abstract qualities such as freedom from damage, degrees of damage, degrees of appearance (completeness, strength of design, cleanness and



centering, each of which is open to opinion) a guide to classification based on such qualities is not practicable. However, a concrete basis upon which to classify copies according to completeness of design lies in determining measures of extent to which the frame lines are ruptured by the perforations. Such classification, by reason of the importance of centering as a factor of condition has merit. The following classes have been adopted and are recommended:

**CLASS 1.** Copies having margins on all four sides; i.e., the outer frame being untouched by the perforations. The broader

and more equal the margins, the nearer is superb condition.

**CLASS 2.** The inner frame intact and only one side of the outer frame touched.

**CLASS 3.** The inner frame intact and only two sides of the outer frame touched.

**CLASS 4.** Inner frame ruptured.

Some surprise may result from application of this classification at the lowly rating of copies previously considered superior. Surely completeness outweighs other qualities.

Poor condition due to damage may be condoned for the sake of retaining varieties, etc., that might not offer themselves again. ★

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## Sketches of BNAPSers . . .

By V. G. GREENE (BNAPS L40)

### No. 71:

#### The Late James D. Smart (488)

**J**AMES D. SMART was born in Brockville, Ont., on March 27, 1890, and recently retired as general manager for Canada of the General Motors Acceptance Corporation. A resident of Oshawa, Ont. he travelled extensively in Canada, United States, Australia and the Far East.

Like most of us, Jim had a collection as a boy but it was not until his return from Australia in 1931 that he commenced taking our hobby seriously. About 1935 he began to specialize in Canada and over the years had built up magnificent collections of the Pence, 1859 and Large Cents issues. His collection of Large Cents was one of the finest in existence and included the remarkable mint block of 18 of the 2 cent value showing the complete watermark "E. & G. Bothwell Clutha Mills." He also had a fine collection of Canadian pre-stamp and stampless covers beautifully written up, and a choice collection of Trans-Atlantic Mail covers in eight volumes. Shortly before his death Mr. Smart gave instructions to J. N. Sissons Ltd. to sell by auction his Pence and 1859 issues and the sale took place last month. It included the famous "Dundas Twelve penny", one of the finest, if not the finest, used 12d in existence.

Other hobbies of Mr. Smart were photography, fishing and gardening. He was a member of the Royal Philatelic Society, Collectors Club of New York, Essay-Proof Society, Canadian Philatelic Society, and the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club.



JAMES D. SMART

This sketch was held over from the October issue, and as we go to press we hear that Mr. Smart passed away in Oshawa Hospital on October 21. The funeral was attended by many BNAPS members and other collectors from the Toronto area.

(See next page)



THE SUCCESS of the Hartford convention was, in large measure, due to the chairman of the Convention Committee, Leon W. Banks, and to the excellent support he received from his fellow workers. Leon was born on April 19, 1914, in Worcester, Mass., and moved at an early age to Bethlehem, Connecticut, where he still lives. He is in the real estate business and also owns and operates the "Banks Electric". He is a charter member of the Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department, where he is very active. During World War II he was in the U.S. Navy in the Okinawa area, in charge of electrical installations on LST 559 as chief electrician, and was awarded the American Theatre Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Medal and the Victory Medal.

Leon says he must have started collecting stamps when he was very young, as he still has the first stamp given to him for his first Christmas (a Thrift Stamp) of 1914, and was only 13 when, in 1927, he won a \$2.50 U.S. gold piece for having the best exhibit of stamps at the Bethlehem (Conn.) Fair. He has always had a liking for very fine mint blocks of four and at one time had a complete mint block collection of all postage stamps printed by the U.S. Government; a mint block collection of complete 20th century Canada, as well as many blocks of 19th century Canada through the \$1 Jubilee, Newfoundland, Canal Zone, Philippine Islands, all British Colonies from the Silver Jubilees of 1935, and many before 1935, all in mint blocks of four.

A past president of the Waterbury Stamp Club and past president of the Connecticut Philatelic Society (No. 1 on the roster), Leon for the third time has been drafted as president of the New England Precancel and Stamp Club. He is also regional representative of the Society of Philatelic Americans.

A man with a remarkable memory, it was a revelation to see and hear Leon go from table to table during the banquet at Hartford with a roving microphone, where over 140 were seated, introducing every person by name, most of them with their first name included, and not making a mistake although he had only seen many of the members for the first time. Walter Bayley of Toronto nearly stumped him as Walter put on a false nose, but the gleam in his eye gave him away.

Leon's other hobby is coin collecting, and he has a fine representative collection of United States and Canadian coins.

He and his wife, Myrtle, have four child-



LEON W. BANKS

ren, with the oldest son, Stewart, attending the University of Connecticut.

Leon is already planning, with Myrtle and the "Nutmeggers", to attend our next convention in Toronto, September 27-29, 1956, at the King Edward Hotel, and we hope we can make their visit in 1956 as enjoyable as they made ours in Hartford in 1955 ★



### NEW 'PRIME MINISTERS'

• Two new stamps in the "Prime Minister" series are due for release November 8, as pictured above. The 4 cent in purple will portray Rt. Hon. Richard Bedford Bennett, Prime Minister of Canada 1930-1935. The 5 cent stamp in blue will portray Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, Prime Minister from May 1, 1896, to July 8, 1896.

The new stamps will be printed from two plates for each issue, Nos. 1 and 2. ★



# THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

## Experimental Date Stamp

In our July business mail was a letter from Halifax, N.S. with a hand canceller marking so strikingly similar to current American markings that I first thought it had been posted from the States.

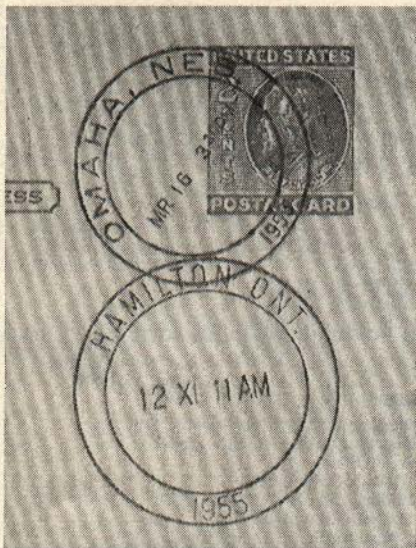
On the chance that Halifax was the only office using this stamp, I wrote to the postmaster for information and a specimen. In due course, my letter was returned via Ottawa with the usual form letter regarding non-compliance with philatelic requests.

The kindly postmaster in Halifax is very unco-operative, even to the point of forwarding to Ottawa covers sent for machine slogan cancellations. Post office business, to him, is a very serious matter and there will be no prying by stamp collectors.

There was an understanding soul at Ottawa who, seeing the Halifax returns, went to the trouble of giving the information that,

"A new barrel type hand date stamp was sent to a number of Post Offices during the latter part of June for experimental purposes to ascertain if this dater might be suitable for general postal purposes. I might add that the testing has not as yet been concluded".

Thank you, Mr. J. N. Craig, Director of Operations. **John Wilsdon (No. 196). ★**



## Harris First With BNA Catalogue



The new Harris U.S. and B.N.A. Catalogue has been received and the volume contains more pages than ever. The 144-page catalogue shows a firm upward market trend with over 1500 price revisions. Numerous increases in the BNA section indicate the

growing popularity of these issues. Among others, the 1c 1859, used (No. 14) advanced from \$1 to \$1.25; No. 45 unused 1888 10c from \$3.25 to \$3.75; No. 025 \$1 Ferry with G overprint, unused, from \$4.65 to \$6.50.

Included is a handy U.S. Stamp Identifier, and this useful and attractive list may be obtained for 25c from H. E. Harris & Co., 1420 Transit Bldg., Boston 17, Mass.

## EXPLANATION AND APOLOGY

Readers will find the regular features and columns, which go to make our magazine so interesting to the B.N.A. collector, missing from this issue of BNA TOPICS. The necessity for printing the complete minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Society, and the impossibility of printing extra pages at this time, has forced us to carry over a great deal of this material until the December number. To readers and especially to the loyal contributors of "Trail of the Caribou", "Bringing News About People and Stamps", "Revenue Group News" and "Perfin Study Group News", and other material, our apologies. Everything will be back in full force next month.

THE EDITOR.





# OFFICIAL SECTION

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

A LETTER . . .

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I HAVE just returned from the Hartford Convention and must say that it was an outstanding success and I am sure was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. The "Nutmeggers" Group under the chairmanship of Leon Banks, is to be congratulated on its marvelous efforts, and even more so for their outstanding "Northern" hospitality. It could easily put the famous "Southern" hospitality to shame.

Congratulations are also in order to Harry Lussey for winning the grand award. Other award winners are also sincerely congratulated and all exhibitors thanked for their efforts.

The Toronto Group of BNAPS, under the chairmanship of Vinnie Greene, has taken on the 1956 convention, and more about this will be heard in the near future as soon as location, date, etc., have been settled. I know we can all look forward to this affair. I am quite sure the Toronto boys will do a "stand-up" job, but one of the big problems that arose at Hartford was the matter of getting exhibits, and it is, therefore, up to every member of the Society to get their entries in and make the Toronto showing of B.N.A. material as fine as that shown at CAPEX—it can be done and should be done! This Society is the outstanding society of B.N.A. collectors in the world, and therefore at all its shows the outstanding B.N.A. collections should be shown.

Out of the convention also comes the request that Alex Hyde needs more material for the circuit books; Gordon Lewis needs more articles for publication in TOPICS.

You will also hear in the very near future the arrangements being made under our Convention Chairman, Al Kessler, for a get-together during FIPEX in New York in the spring.

I end this letter with the following: MORE EXHIBITS FOR BNAPEX-56—MORE MATERIAL FOR THE SALES BOOKS—MORE ARTICLES FOR TOPICS—MORE BNAPS MEMBERS FOR '56.

MONTHLY REPORT . . .

## FROM THE SECRETARY

JACK LEVINE, 2000 HOPEDALE AVE., CHARLOTTE 7, N.C., U.S.A.

October 15, 1955.

### NEW MEMBERS

- 1339 Black, Raymond, 629 Spruce Street, Winnipeg 10, Manitoba.
- 1340 Boudignon, Robert F., 366 Marion Street, Sudbury, Ontario.
- 1341 Buchanan, William O., 243 Russell Hill Road, Toronto 7, Ontario.
- 1342 Day, Walter T., 1510 East 11th Street, Vancouver 10, British Columbia.
- 1343 DeFrantz, Walter, 5142 South Parkway, Chicago 15, Illinois.
- 1344 Follinsbee, J. A., 760 Marine Drive, West Vancouver, British Columbia.
- 1345 Huff, Clayton, 925 Edgewood Avenue, Pelham Manor, New York.



- 1346 Hunka, Daniel, 115 Vachon Street, Apt. 2, Eastview, Ontario.  
 1347 Korzyn, Arthur, 2516 Linden Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.  
 1348 Lajrd, W. W., 26 Arnav Crescent, Willowdale, Ontario.  
 1349 Moore, Donald E., 2871 West 4th Avenue, Vancouver 8, British Columbia.  
 1350 Perkins, Thomas J., 1914 Garvin Avenue, Richmond 5, California.  
 1351 Powell, Edgar E. C., 10340 Wadhurst Road, Edmonton, Alberta.  
 1352 Shales, Arnold Burton, Box 214, Eckville, Alberta.  
 1353 Spry, Maj.-Gen. D. C., 132 Ebury Street, London, S.W.1, England.  
 1354 Williams, Edward A., Millbrook School, Millbrook, New York.  
 1355 Williams, John L., 142 Goodala Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts.

#### APPLICATIONS PENDING

- Abels, Robert H., 13205 Aetna Street, Van Nuys, California.  
 Brandom, Lee W., 1531 North 1st Street, Lufkin, Texas.  
 Frampton, Gene W., 6543 Beach Drive, Seattle 16, Washington.  
 Green, John V., 95 Passaic Street, Newark 4, New Jersey.  
 Harris, A. Leonard, 50 Victoria Road North, Southsea, England.  
 Pike, James A., 1725 West 40th Avenue, Vancouver 13, British Columbia.  
 Thomson, G. Graham, 56 Brock Street, Kingston, Ontario.  
 Wulf, Robert, 232 East 8th Avenue, New Westminster, British Columbia.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

(Objections must be filed with the Secretary within 15 days after month of publication)

- ALLUM, H. A., 235 Riverside Drive (P.O. Box 743), Drumheller, Alta. (CX) CAN—Mint and used postage. Used blocks. Plate blocks. Coils. Proposed by H. A. MacMaster, No. 484. Seconded by F. B. Eaton, No. 608.  
 BROWN, Albert G., 6 Kings Lane, Essex, Conn. (C). Proposed by L. W. Banks, No. 631.  
 BROWN, Robert J., 3101 Victoria Ave., Regina, Sask. (CX) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. 1st day and 1st flight covers. OHMS. Precancels. Mint, used and semi-official airmails and on cover. Proposed by G. P. Lewis, No. 506.  
 CRUMMEY, Dr. Clarence B., 94 Guestville Ave., Toronto 9, Ont. (C). Proposed by L. W. Banks, No. 631.  
 DOWSLEY, Douglas B., 1040 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna, B.C. (D-CX) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS. Mint booklet panes. Precancels. Mint and used airmails. Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37. Seconded by H. G. Walburn, No. 243.  
 LaFRANCE, Leo J., 4525 Nicholas Drive, Knoxville 18, Tenn. (CX) CAN, NFD—20th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Precancels. Used airmails. Postal Stationery entires. Literature. Proposed by J. Levine, No. 1.  
 GOOCH, John E., 926-16th St., Bellingham, Wash. (CX) CAN, NFD—Mint and used postage and mint blocks. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Mint and used airmails. Proposed by H. A. MacMaster, No. 484. Seconded by F. B. Eaton, No. 608.  
 MENARD, Clement H., 11 Hartford Ave., Wethersfield 9, Conn. (C). Proposed by L. W. Banks, No. 631.  
 MOYLE, Dr. H. B., Tower Hill Rd., New Hartford, Conn. (C) CAN, NFD—19th century mint and used postage. Stampless covers. Proposed by A. Peterson, No. 1312. Seconded by L. W. Banks, No. 631.

#### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- Beith, George, 4819 West Saonick Rd, R.R. 1, Royal Oak, V.I., British Columbia.  
 Denton, Bert K., c/o Monsanto Chem. Co., 1700 So. 2nd St., St. Louis 4, Mo.  
 Hamilton, H. T., Box 9, Churchill, Man. (from Edmonton, Alta.)  
 Jamieson, Robert A., 45 Bevier St., Binghamton, N.Y.  
 Linton, Cpl. H., 2(F)Wing, RCAF, CFPO 105, CAPO 5052, c/o P.M., Montreal, Quebec.  
 Lyman, Robert W., Box 23, Station D, Toronto 9, Ontario.  
 Lynn, Wm., 17 Thelma Ave., Toronto 7, Ont.  
 McAra, John D., 707-49th Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alta.  
 McNeil, C. Russell, Group Box No. 108, R.R. No. 1, Aldershot, Ontario.  
 Novotny, P.O. Box 285, Alfred, N.Y. (from Westmount, Quebec).  
 Stewart, A. W., 79 Maple Ave., Yorkton, Sask. (from Winnipeg, Man.)  
 Wadden, M. F., 400 West 54th St., New York 19, N.Y.

#### RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED

- 1013 McMartin, J. B., 59 East 6th Street, Kinona, Minnesota.  
 919 Ramsey, Rev. F. A., 915 West 23rd Ave., Vancouver 9, British Columbia.  
 1138 Wellburn, Ethel May, Box 427, Duncan, British Columbia.

#### DECEASED

- 1349 Moore, Donald E., 2871 West 4th Ave., Vancouver, British Columbia.  
 477 Thomas, Alice C., 8308 Cadwalader Rd., Elkins Park, Philadelphia 17, Penna.  
 488 Smart, James D., 583 Mary St., Oshawa, Ont.

#### MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, September 15, 1955 .....	920
NEW MEMBERS, October 15, 1955 .....	17
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DECEASED, October 15, 1955 .....	2
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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, October 15, 1955 .....	935



## OFFICIAL NOTICE

### Nominations

The following members' names have been placed in nomination for the office of Board of Governors for 1956-59. The Secretary, not hearing to the contrary before November 15, 1955, will cause these names to be entered on the Official Ballot for the election of Board of Governors for 1956-59:

**Daniel C. Meyerson**, Harrison, N.Y.

**Harris A. MacMaster**, Vancouver, B.C.

**Dutton A. Copp**, Edmonton, Alta.

Submitted by: Philadelphia Group.

JACK LEVINE, Secretary.

# Minutes

## OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Held at the Statler Hotel, Hartford, Conn., Saturday, Oct. 2, 1955

(Meeting at 11 a.m.)

A quorum being present, Mr. Charles P. deVolpi, President, took the chair and officially declared the meeting open for the consideration of such business as might come before it. Mr. deVolpi designated Mr. Daniel C. Meyerson as Sergeant-at-Arms for the meeting.

The chair recognized a motion by Mr. Arthur Moll, seconded by Dr. J. Balassa, that the meeting dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous annual meeting as published in BNA TOPICS for December 1954, and that these published minutes be voted accepted as having been read. The motion was affirmed and so ordered.

The Secretary, Mr. Jack Levine, advised the chair that there was no correspondence to be read to the meeting and the meeting was forthwith similarly advised.

The President, Mr. deVolpi, formally and officially expressed and extended a warm welcome to all members and visitors to the convention and meeting. The President asked the meeting to rise for a "moment of silence" in memory and prayer to those members of BNAPS who passed away during the year. The President expressed his sincere appreciation to the members and officers for their splendid co-operation in helping him effect some further benefits and advances for the Society to what he hoped was a successful year. He especially commended the members of the Board of Governors for their very fine study and con-

sideration of all matters brought to their attention and action. In conclusion, Mr. deVolpi lauded the committee in charge and responsible for this convention and exhibition for the excellent and most successful affair in every respect. Mr. deVolpi called on the Vice-President for his report to the annual meeting.

Mr. George B. Llewellyn, Vice-President, offered the following report:

### REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

To the best of my knowledge and belief this is the first formal Vice-Presidential report to be presented to the Society.

Earlier this year I appointed 25 Regional Directors whose duty it is to foster and promote the welfare of the Society. In making these appointments consideration was given, not only to the geographical location of the Directors, but primarily to their enthusiasm in furthering the welfare of the Society as evidenced by past activity, or by the recommendation of fellow members. The names and addresses of these Regional Directors appear in the 1955 Yearbook.

Up until the present this has been almost the only duty to be performed by my office.

Before closing, however, I would like to record the fact that due to the farsighted policy of President deVolpi in directing



copies of all official correspondence to me, the business of the Society could proceed with a minimum of delay or confusion in the event of an emergency. I would like to recommend that this procedure be made mandatory in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. LLEWELLYN, Vice-President.

It was moved by Mr. Llewellyn, seconded by Mr. Culhane, and that the report of the Vice-President be accepted as read. The motion was accepted and voted approved.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer's Report for the year 1954 was published in the July-August issue of BNA TOPICS and with your permission I will not take your time to repeat it here. However, if there are any questions about that report I will be glad to try to answer them.

Detailed interim reports have been prepared which cover the financial operations of the Society from January 1 to September 21 of this year. This period was selected for comparative purposes as it was the period covered in the interim reports at each of the past two annual meetings. Copies of these reports of receipts and disbursements and of operations for the year to September 21 have been handed to the Chairman of the Board, the President, the Secretary and to the Editor for publication. (See Table 2, page 330).

I purpose at this time to give you just a summary of the operations for this year to September 21, as I believe that you will be more interested in how we are faring financially this year and will not wish to be bored with a great mass of figures. No income or expenses in connection with the 1955 Yearbook are included as they are not as yet completely available. Nor have I included any of the funds so far collected towards defraying the cost of a lounge at FIPEX as this is to be an undertaking by those members of the Society who volunteer for it and it is only in its formative stage now. You will hear more about this from other members.

For the period covered, the income from all sources has been \$3284 or \$184 more than for the same period last year. Income from TOPICS accounts for about \$30 of this increase. Renewal dues have been about \$240 more but dues and fees from new members have been about \$90 less than last year. Expenses for the period have been \$2573 or \$333 more than last year. Thus

we had \$149 less of current funds than we had last year at this time for use toward expenses from September 21 to December 31.

The balance of 1955 funds available for 1955 expenses, as of September 21, was \$710. The estimated income for the remainder of 1955 is \$300. Thus, it is estimated that \$1010 will be available to pay the estimated expenses of \$980 for the same period and leave a surplus of about \$30.

The annual report of the Treasurer for the past two years has carried, in the Balance Sheet, a reserve item of \$125 to cover the cost of incorporating our Society. The Society has now been incorporated in the District of Columbia at a cost of \$119.73 and the difference has been added to the 1955 income. This subject will no doubt be brought to your attention more fully by others.

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

W. C. PETERMAN, Treasurer.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Moll and voted approved.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to be with you once again at a BNAPS convention. I had to forego that pleasure last year, and I sincerely hope that such denials will be far and in-between, if ever.

It was recorded in the minutes of last year's convention that, due to the Secretary's inability to be present and provide a report to the meeting, it would be published in a subsequent issue of the magazine and thereupon become part of last year's minutes. This was not done and I do apologize with the explanation that it was unavoidable, perhaps impossible. I am, therefore, including all information for last year's report in this one so that it is offered and, if approved, becomes officially recorded in the minutes of the Society.

It has been the practice to provide a monthly analysis of membership enrollment for the year, plus a membership summary for the year, and a comparative analysis of membership development for the present and past two years. These are provided herewith and follow, but I will not burden nor try your patience with all the figures for these years unless so requested. They appear

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TABLE 1  
MONTHLY ANALYSIS OF MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT

October 15, 1953 to September 15, 1954  
(Figures for 1953 in parentheses)

	New Members	Replaced	Dropped	Resigned	Deceased
10-15-53—4	(21) 23	(1)		1	
11-15-53—4	( 9) 9		14	(1) 3	
12-15-53—4	(21) 10	2	(36)	(2)	
1-15-54—5	( 5) 10	(3)	( 4) 2		(2) 2
2-15-54—5	( 9) 8	(2) 1		(8) 4	(1) 2
3-15-54—5	(13) 9			(2) 18	
4-15-54—5	(11) 9			(1) 2	(1) 1
5-15-54—5	(10) 6			(1) 1	(1) 1
6-15-54—5	(26) 7			(2)	
8-15-54—5	(16) 19			1	2
9-15-54—5					2
<b>TOTALS</b>	(141) 110	(6) 3	(40) 16	(17) 29	(5) 12

TABLE 2  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
January 1 to September 21, 1955

INCOME	
Membership Dues, 1954 (paid in 1955)	\$ 4.75
Membership Dues, 1955 renewals	2408.22
Membership Dues, 1955 from Life Membership Fund	60.00
Membership Dues, 1955 new members	165.30
Membership Fees, 1955 new members	70.00
	<b>\$2708.27</b>
<b>Topics:</b>	
Advertising	\$ 437.15
Subscriptions and Back Issues	16.67
	<b>453.82</b>
Gift of Maj. K. H. White (Royalty on Plate Block Catalogue)	25.00
Miscellaneous	5.41
	<b>5.41</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable:</b>	
Topics Advertising	85.52
Dues in Abeyance	6.00
	<b>91.52</b>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>
	<b>\$3284.92</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
<b>Topics:</b>	
Printing—7 issues of 1955	\$1435.33
Cuts	280.51
Addressing and Mailing	51.08
Postage	110.45
Envelopes	104.78
Miscellaneous	47.18
	<b>\$2029.33</b>
<b>General Expenses:</b>	
Postage	174.42
Stationery	111.72
Membership Cards, Ballots and Envelopes	24.40
Statement Forms and Application Forms	27.73
Advertising	9.00
Premium on Fidelity Bonds	45.00
Miscellaneous	15.70
	<b>407.97</b>
Library	95.75
Typewriters (2)—Amortization	40.00
	<b>40.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>
	<b>\$2573.05</b>
BALANCE of 1955 funds as of September 21	710.97
	<b>\$3284.92</b>



in this report and will be published in the magazine. (See Table 1, page 330).

**Membership Summary  
Sept. 15, 1953 to Sept. 15, 1954**

Total Membership as of Sept. 15, 1953 .....	779	
New Members, 10-15-53 to 9-15-54 .....	131	
Replaced on Rolls, 10-15-53 to 9-15-54 .....	6	
		926
Dropped from Rolls, 10-15-53 to 9-15-54 .....	40	
Resignations Accepted, 10-15-53 to 9-15-54 .....	17	
Deceased, 10-15-53 to 9-15-54 .....	5	
		62
Total Membership as of Sept. 15, 1954 .....	864	

**Membership Summary  
Sept. 15, 1954 to Sept. 15, 1955**

Total Membership as of Sept. 15, 1954 .....	864	
New Members, 10-15-54 to 9-15-55 .....	110	
Replaced on Rolls, 10-15-54 to 9-15-55 .....	3	
		977
Dropped from Rolls, 10-15-54 to 9-15-55 .....	16	
Resignations Accepted, 10-15-54 to 9-15-55 .....	29	
Deceased, 10-15-54 to 9-15-55 .....	12	
		57
Total Membership as of Sept. 15, 1955 .....	920	

The following is a comparative analysis of membership as of Sept. 15, 1953, 1954 and 1955:

	1953	1954	1955
Total Membership .....	779	864	920
New Members .....	135	151	110
Replaced on Rolls .....	2	6	3
Gross Membership increase .....	137	147	113
Dropped from Rolls .....	29	40	16
Resignations Accepted .....	23	17	29
Deceased .....	7	5	12
Gross Membership loss .....	59	62	57
Net Membership increase .....	78	85	56

A study of the above comparative analysis reveals several gratifying aspects in that once again our total losses in membership from members dropped from the rolls, resignations and deaths continues to be very small; in fact, smaller this year than the past two years—57 or 6.2 per cent this year as against 62 or 7.1 per cent last year, and 59 or 7.5 per cent in 1953. While the net increase in membership is less this year as against the past two years (56 vs. 85 and 78), this was caused, as shown, not by greater losses but by a smaller enrollment—110 vs. 141 and 135. To sum up on membership development, I am pleased to be able to report from the above figures that, as in every preceding year, membership continues to grow larger and losses small and even smaller.

For the purpose of determining the winner of the PRESIDENT'S AWARD for 1953 for the enrollment of the most members

from January to December 1953, the following record shows the number of new members enrolled by members from January 1953. I will not read the complete list as it appears and will be published but will only report that the figures of enrollment show the winner to be **Harris A. MacMaster**, with 26 new members recruited as against the next highest number of 11 by R. J. Duncan.

**Membership Enrollment  
Jan. 1953 to Dec. 1953**

H. A. MacMaster 26; R. J. Duncan 11; E. A. Richardson 7; L. W. Banks 6. R. P. Hedley 5; D. C. Meyerson 5. 3 each: T. B. Higginson, P. J. Hurst, C. P. deVolpi. 2 each: G. E. Foster, F. C. Bricker, E. P. Warren, F. L. Wilson, J. S. Siverts, R. W. Lyman, W. C. Peterman, B. C. Binks, C. G. Kemp. 1 each: R. C. Searles, D. P. Mower, L. D. Shoemaker, R. Burr, H. I. Nelson, H. L. Paine, M. L. Brown, J. R. Barraclough, T. J. Butt, J. H. Johnson, V. G. Greene, E. McGrath, W. H. Russell, C. A. Anderson, O. Fraser, W. Worwood, M. Kay, L. Baresh, H. H. Parker, C. Jones, G. H. Moxham, R. C. Meyerson, G. desRivieres, A. H. Kessler, J. P. Rouleau, J. C. St. Laurent, G. P. Lewis 10; J. Levine 10.

**Membership Recruiting  
Jan. 1954 to Dec. 1954**

W. C. Rockett 14; R. J. Duncan 13; C. Makepeace 10; H. A. MacMaster 8; E. A. Harris 5; E. A. Richardson 3; V. G. Greene 3; Dr. M. Campbell 3. 2 each: L. W. Banks, Dr. M. C. Adamson, R. W. Lyman, J. W. McGuire, N. Todd, J. S. Siverts, A. H. Kessler, H. W. Francis. 1 each: R. V. vonKlippstein, A. W. Stewart, Dr. C. J. Nemers, G. E. Foster, G. M. Hill, D. C. Meyerson, E. P. Warren, D. A. Young, J. V. Rogers, E. C. Doner, J. Lane, G. Olivier, P. Mullins, W. S. McNutt, H. W. Lussey, J. M. Young, L. G. Bowie, B. Zickerman, J. B. McLelland, M. Kay, W. F. B. Martin, P. Marsden, N. S. Bond, H. G. Saxton, L. Mitchell, C. deVolpi, H. Reiche, D. M. Steele, C. F. Southey, H. Rubisiak.

For the purpose of determining the winner of the PRESIDENT'S AWARD for 1954 for the enrollment of the most members during January to December 1954, the foregoing recruiting analysis shows the winner to be **Wilmer C. Rockett**.

To select a winner of the VINCENT G. GREENE AWARD, the nine members of the Board of Governors, the four elected officers and the donor of the award are canvassed for their first, second and third selections. These selections are allowed three points when a first choice, two when a second and one when a third. On this basis, the points received for 1953 were:

Lloyd W. Sharpe 16; Marshall Kay 9; Meyerson, D. C. and W. S., 8; P.E.I. Study Group 6; and accordingly, the winner of the Vincent G. Greene Award for 1953 is **Lloyd W. Sharpe**.



On the same point basis, the following shows the voting for the 1954 winner: Perfin Study Group 16; D. C. Meyerson 13; Georges April 9; Dr. Alfred Whitehead 7; Peter J. Hurst 7; Edward J. Whiting 3; Revenue Study Group 3; Lt. John S. Gordon 1; F. W. L. Keane 1; accordingly, the winner of the Vincent G. Greene Award for 1954 is **The Perfin Study Group.**

I would like to add for clarification, that the Vincent G. Greene Award is awarded annually to the author or authors who contributed the best original article or column and which first appeared in BNA TOPICS.

Once again it is my pleasure and privilege to bring you a very fine report, especially on membership development. Our membership continues to grow larger each year and one might expect losses to be proportionately greater. However, as mentioned, such is not the case in BNAPS; rather is it to the contrary—6.2 per cent this year as against 7 per cent in previous years. I want to emphasize that the one category of losses—dropped for non-payment of dues—is the one deserving and receiving the most concern because of its apparent indication of a possible lack of satisfaction with the Society; most resignations are due to ill health or stopping collecting. The percentage loss from dropped members is 1.7 per cent! I may presume to remark that I don't think many societies can boast a better indication of satisfaction with the Society.

This report is respectfully submitted for your approval and I so move.

JACK LEVINE, Secretary.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Moll and voted approved.

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

When I presented my report at Niagara Falls last year, I thought it would be my last report as Chairman of the Board of Governors. Appearing before you again in the same capacity, I desire to repeat that I fully appreciate the honor bestowed upon me. Once again I also want to express my thanks for the splendid co-operation I have received during the year.

I report to you that the past year has again 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.

If I may repeat myself, to cover in any detail all matters handled would make this

report too lengthy. I shall, therefore, as in the past, not deal with what may be termed routine matters. You will again realize that not all matters dealt with in this report have yet been fully brought to completion, and in some instances the report is perhaps a personal one, rather than the report of the full Board.

Before going on to what might be termed new business, I feel that comment should be made on matters dealt with in my report given at our last convention in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

First, I would like to comment on our splendid magazine, TOPICS. I am sure we all feel it has improved greatly and we continue to owe to our Editor, Gordon Lewis, a substantial debt of gratitude for his splendid work. Your Board of Governors urges you to increase your efforts in sending him articles, comments and notes on your discoveries. Basically it is YOUR magazine. You must keep it alive. Your contributions are its life blood.

As suggested in my report last year, a Board of Editors has been set up along the lines suggested and is functioning, or ready to do so, when called upon. It should prove of value.

A Convention Committee, as suggested in my 1954 report, is now in existence and has worked with your host club committee for this convention. It is felt that this committee can and will help in many of the problems faced in running a convention from year to year. It is not the intention of this committee, as I understand it, to dictate to the host club committee, but rather to suggest and help. We all know that the publicity for this year's convention has been good and was started early. I personally think this is the right idea.

We see on the program for this convention that our ladies are being taken care of. I think that it is a very important thing that, in our convention program provision should be made for their entertainment. I need scarcely say to you that if we go along for a year or two without providing entertainment for our ladies, they will cease to attend our convention and I personally have little doubt this would lower the number of our members who attend. Our conventions have developed into very friendly parties and the pleasure of having our ladies with us adds greatly to this. I understand that a meeting has been held between the host group committee and the Society's Convention Committee and the Officers of the Society to discuss convention problems. I think this in an excellent move.



I understand that a permanent Examining Board to help the Sales Manager has, or is being, set up. Our Sales Manager, who fills a very important place in our Society, often is called upon to check books and it is a great advantage to him to have what might be termed experts to whom he can refer these books. It is a simple fact that we must realize, that no one person can know everything about all stamps, and we should not place upon our Sales Manager the responsibility of having to verify personally all material sent to him.

It is regretted that no committee, as suggested in my last report, is yet functioning with regard to the redrafting of our rules, regulations, by-laws, etc. Once again your Board of Governors urges that this be done and we hope this matter will be dealt with at this meeting. This is of particular importance now that our Charter is ready for us.

As you know, the classification of exhibits and awards and special awards was dealt with shortly prior to our last convention, and a new set of rules was laid down as to awards and classification. We shall now have gone through two years using this set-up and we should be able to judge somewhat better how it is working out. Combined with this is the question of special awards, over and above our Society grand award and medals. This has been under almost constant discussion since our last convention and as yet no definite decision has been made on it. Certain members and groups of members have desired to place at the service of the Society, cups or other trophies commemorating certain members who have died or awards for special groups. These would, so to speak, be over and above our authorized awards. This your Board of Governors considers is a very serious question and it is hoped that it will receive full and careful consideration at this annual meeting.

Last year I suggested that a committee should be set up to deal with the printing of pamphlets and books under the name of or sponsored by the Society. There has also been a great deal of discussion, mostly by mail, on this matter and though it was suggested a committee be set up to handle this, so far one has not been designated and it is hoped that this matter will be dealt with here.

Last year in my report I suggested that there should be added to your Board of Governors, which presently consists of nine elected members, who in turn elect their

own Chairman, certain officers of the Society. I consider that your President, Vice-President and Secretary should at least be ex-officio members of this Board. I add to my thoughts of last year that they should not be voting members of the Board. I do think, however, that they should be, as I suggest, ex-officio members because they work so closely with the Board and are, so to speak, the senior Officers of your Society. I hope this will be dealt with on the agenda at the general meeting. This matter could perhaps be considered along with the acceptance of our new charter.

Now I shall go on with what are perhaps new matters, not specifically dealt with perhaps, but in some instances mentioned in my last report. First of all there has been some discussion, mostly by mail, of copy-righting our magazine and pamphlets issued under the authority of the Society. So far, opinion seems to be not wholly unanimous as to the necessity of this. I think it has some virtues, but suggest that this is a matter for discussion at this meeting.

I am pleased to report that the incorporation of the Society is now completed and we have largely to thank Clifford R. Schuman (No. 501) for this, and I wish to compliment him for the splendid work he has done in this matter.

Another matter that has been discussed considerably, and I see is on the agenda for the meeting, is the time at which our new officers take over their duties. I will not deal with this at any length in my report but I think that letting the new officers wait for several months before taking over is wrong. I think they should be installed perhaps at the convention each year, or perhaps as soon as they are elected.

Some discussion has taken place on the issuing of a special card for life membership. Perhaps our Secretary will give you the details of it and a proposed new membership card as well. He also has under way a new introductory pamphlet and application form.

We are happy, as your Board, to be able to report that there has been little in the way of disciplinary matters required to be handled this year. This, I think, is definitely worthy of mention, as it shows how well the Society is functioning and the members working with each other.

It is strongly suggested that the agenda for the general meeting should be available to the Officers of the Society, including the members of the Board of Governors, prior to the date of the convention, so that they



can give some study to the questions. It is also urged that the agenda be made available to all those attending the convention at the time of opening of the convention, and also be published in TOPICS. Perhaps members should be asked to send in their views in writing if not attending the meeting.

Some discussion has taken place with regard to making available bourse tables to non-members. The opinion on this is divided but I think it should be discussed at our open meeting. The basic reason for suggesting that they be made available is that the bourse is a great attraction to those attending the convention. True, the membership of the club costs little and any person who wants a table at the bourse perhaps should not be too niggardly to pay our fee. I wonder if, perhaps, the suggestion that applications be received and if the applicant is awarded a table and is not a member then his membership fee should automatically be added to or included in the cost of his bourse table.

There has been some correspondence with regard to changing the name of our periodical. Several suggestions as to names have been made. I see that it is a matter for discussion on the agenda and I shall not enlarge upon it.

I feel that I should make some reference to the position of the Society with regard to matters involving members. I refer particularly to a situation where a member has not made proper returns for material sent to him, particularly by another member. Also, I refer to the question where we, so to speak, have a complaint, as it might be termed, by a dealer that one of our members is delinquent in his dealings. While the Officers and members of the Board of Governors try in most cases to straighten out such matters, I would point out that there is basically no responsibility on the Society to do so. The Society is not in any sense of the word a collection agency. We do feel, of course, that where a justifiable complaint, as mentioned, is registered with the Society, that it does, so to speak, have a bearing on whether the member is conducting himself properly as a member of the Society.

As Chairman of your Board of Governors, I would be very remiss if I did not mention the great loss your Board feels at the death of prominent members of the Society during the past year. We have suffered the loss of more than one outstanding member. Your Board extends its sympathy to the loved ones of those who have passed on.

In closing, again I fully expect that this

will be the last time I have the honor to present a report as Chairman of your Board of Governors. This splendid Society which stands to high, can give none of its members a greater honor than that of Chairman of the Board of Governors. If some of the observations and comments in this report are perhaps more personal than those of the Board as a whole, I apologize for it. I personally have thought they were worthy of bringing to your attention.

Once again I give thanks to all members of the Board and Officers of the Society for honoring me with this position and the cooperation I have had during the past year.

I move the adoption of this report.

L. W. SHARPE, Chairman,

Board of Governors.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hoffman and voted accepted.

## REPORT OF THE EDITOR

The Secretary, Mr. Levine, read a correspondence from the Editor, Mr. Gordon P. Lewis, in which he expressed his sincere regrets at not being able to attend the convention. Mr. Lewis wrote: "I wish you would make an impassioned plea for more material for BNA TOPICS. I have a number of short items but urgently need more of the feature article type." At the conclusion of the reading of the Editor's letter, the President commended the excellent magazine the Editor, Mr. Lewis, is producing and providing and asked the members to extend every effort to co-operate and assist the Editor in his request for material for publication.

## REPORT OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Mr. Vincent G. Greene, Chairman of the Editorial Board, reported to the meeting that two articles had been submitted to the Board for review before publication and had been so reviewed by them. Mr. Greene praised the fine quality of the material submitted and published in the magazine and also repeated the request for continued support of the magazine with contributions of articles of such fine standard.

## REPORT OF THE ADVERTISING MANAGER

Display advertising revenue for the first seven months of 1955 is slightly ahead of last year's record pace. The figures for the five years, 1950-54 inclusive, and a comparison of the first seven months of 1955 with the comparable period for 1954, are as follows:



**Display 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
1953	1954	Increase	%
\$561.05	*\$743.00	\$181.95	32.4
7 mos. '54	7 mos. '55	Increase	%
\$502.00	**\$521.00	\$ 19.00	3.8

\* Indicates approximate figures.

\*\* Does not include certain ads., the status of which is still to be determined.

**Display Advertising Revenue (Yearbook)**

Yearbook display advertising revenue hit a new high this year with a total of 74 ads. grossing \$502.50 versus 64 ads. in 1954 totalling \$429.50, an increase of \$73.

Again I would like to thank all those loyal members who supported this special effort by the use of advertising space.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. LLEWELLYN,

Advertising Manager,

It was moved by Mr. Llewellyn, seconded by Mr. Chadbourne, that the report be accepted as read. The motion was affirmed and so ordered.

**REPORT OF THE  
SALES MANAGER**

Your Sales Manager took physical possession of the assets and records of the Sales Department on December 22, 1954. After familiarizing himself with the records, the contents of the sales books and the requirements indicated by the list of potential buyers, he began to send out circuits about the middle of February 1955. Thirty-four regular circuits were sent out to groups of seven buyers each by the early part of June, when further circuit sendings were terminated for the summer. In addition to these, special sendings were made to various regional groups who requested these, usually on a monthly basis, notably to those at Philadelphia, New York and Edmonton.

During this period of operation, your Sales Department sold stamps and covers to a total of \$2,252.30.

A statement of the condition of the Sales

Department as of December 22, 1954, and as of August 25, 1955, follows:

	Dec. 22, 1954	Aug. 25, 1955
Cash in bank .....	\$1560.17	\$2718.96
Circulating value .....	9807.83	7720.60
Reserve, Insur. Rec. ....	215.23	198.38
Owners payable .....	\$10,609.51	\$9,594.57
Insurance Fund .....	802.54	845.42
Operating Surplus .....	171.18	197.95

(The books of account are maintained on a cash, rather than an accrual basis, and the figures, therefore, take no cognizance of accrued commissions earned until actually received through retirement of the sales books involved.)

The state of income and expense for the Sales Department for the period is:

<b>Income</b>			
Commissions collected .....	\$80.60		
Book sales .....	5.65		
Foreign exchange premium .....	1.43	\$87.68	
<b>Expense</b>			
Stationery and printing .....	\$18.19		
Postage, registry (net) .....	42.72	\$60.91	
Net Balance to operating surplus .....			\$26.77

**Insurance**

A commercial insurance policy of the floater type has been obtained to protect the Society and the owners against loss resulting from most types of insurable risks. The notable exceptions are losses resulting from handling, deterioration, mysterious disappearance of individual items, and breach of trust. The total amount of insurance is \$10,000. While coverage is complete on salesbooks valued at \$150 and less, only a stated percentage of the total value insured may be in books valued at \$150 to \$500 each.

Your Sales Manager feels this obtaining of outside insurance to be a matter of great importance to the Department and the Society, since our own insurance fund manifestly might be unable to cope with a loss resulting from a major catastrophe.

The possible limitation of insurance on books valued in the \$150 to \$500 class has been no obstacle in covering to date, but to combat the possibility of losing partial coverage, your Sales Manager has been requesting potential sellers to make every effort to limit the total value of each new sales book entered to the \$150 (full coverage) figure, and has further requested that no new single book valued at over \$500 be sent for entry before writing the Sales Manager.

The cost to the Society of this insurance policy is \$100 per year. It is important to note that to liquidate this cost, we must



obtain at least \$5,000 per year of new material entered for sale in the Department.

#### **Losses**

Your Sales Manager is happy to report that no losses of any consequence occurred during the past season, and no claim of any sort has been required against our insurance carrier.

The only losses consisted of four items in the "mysterious disappearance" class, totaling 93 cents in price, for which no report was made and no buyer's signature appeared. Since these occurred in four different circuits and because of the very small amounts involved, your Sales Manager deemed it wise to absorb the loss and charge it to our own fund.

However, buyers in the circuits should be reminded that as a matter of procedure they should check each book upon receipt to determine that no blank spaces without signature occur. Failure to report such an omission necessarily renders the last buyer of record liable for the price of the item involved.

#### **Death of Sellers**

It seems strange indeed that with an active buyers' list of several hundred members, only a few relatively—less than 5 per cent of the membership—are currently taking advantage of the opportunity afforded by the Sales Department for the easy and economical disposal of their surplus B.N.A. material. This is rendered even less explicable when we consider the large B.N.A. holdings of our membership, and the fact that we have been able to sell in substantial volume for many of our members who had desirable material to submit and the will to price it to move.

It will be noted that our statement indicates a drop in circulating value (the value of unsold material entered for sale) of over \$2,000 for the period. This, of course, reflects a more rapid rate of sale and retirement than of entry of new material. To maintain our level of sales, and to acquire the volume of new entries required to liquidate our insurance costs, the balance of the year will have to provide in accelerated rate a larger amount of new material for sale.

It would be tragic indeed for many in BNAPS if the Sales Department, having developed so well over the years, should be forced to wither for lack of its life blood—goods to sell.

A greater degree of participation as seller by the membership is urged.

#### **The Operating Problem: Delinquency**

Your Sales Manager has been impressed

by the high degree of co-operation with the Department and observance of the rules by the buying membership. Because it is relatively so much less common, and because in its restriction on circulation it is so unfair to the large observing majority and to the owners, your Sales Manager has been considerably concerned over the problem of the delinquent return.

Your Sales Manager believes that a system of mandatory fines might tend to encourage the negligent buyer to observe the rules, and in cases of gross abuse, of course, he has the weapon of suspension. He solicits the aid of the Board of Governors in establishing such a fair and workable system of fines. This step is taken reluctantly, yet in the belief that maintaining a proper efficiency of operation renders it necessary.

#### **Prognostic**

In view of the large percentage of members who are active buyers in the Sales Department, many repeatedly making substantial purchases, there seems little doubt that given the support of the membership in the furnishing of sufficient attractive new material, the Sales Department may look forward to an extremely active and successful selling season.

Your Sales Manager anticipates that this co-operation of the membership will be forthcoming, and that his next report will reflect the happy result.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER HYDE,

Sales Manager.

It was moved by Mr. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Moll, that the report be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

#### **FURTHER REPORTS**

Mr. Alfred Kessler, Publicity Director, reported to the meeting that he was very pleased to be able to advise that his committee has received very fine co-operation from the various philatelic magazines, periodicals and press, for which they were very grateful. Especially commendable was the excellent coverage provided to the present convention, no small part of which was due to the ready supply of information releases provided by the convention committee of the Hartford "Nutmeggers" Group.

Reporting further for the BNAPS Convention Committee as its Chairman, Mr. Kessler referred the meeting to the report of the Chairman of the Board of Governors in which reference and report is made on that committee. He further advised that the



committee worked very harmoniously with the Hartford committee and received valuable experience to help with further conventions. Mr. Kessler expressed the appreciation of the committee for the assistance and co-operation they received from all with whom they had to work.

Mr. Wilmer C. Rockett, reporting for the Revenue Study Group, lauded the fine work being done by the secretary of that group, Prof. R. DeL. French, in compiling and preparing the material and news for the regular column of that group in BNA TOPICS. Mr. Rockett reminded the members that participation in the group was open to any members of BNAPS interested in that phase of collecting and assured any such interested member that he would surely enjoy his participation.

Mr. Robert Woolley, reporting for the Perfin Study Group, related that after two years of study and preparation, the group had finished compiling and had published the handbook, "Canadian Stamps With Perforated Initials" by the Society. He expressed appreciation and thanks to Gordon Lewis, Editor of BNA TOPICS, as responsible for the fine printing job on the handbook. He also thanked all who had helped to make the book the fine work it is.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The President, Mr. deVolpi, called for any unfinished business to be considered by the meeting and rose to announce that he had appointed Mr. Daniel C. Meyerson and Mr. Harry W. Lussey to serve and function as the Board of Examiners to perform such duties as their office shall require and, furthermore that they shall have the right to call on anyone they deem advisable to help them in the performance of their duties in this office.

Mr. deVolpi further advised the meeting that, subject to their acceptance, he was appointing Messrs. Clifford Schuman, Lloyd W. Sharpe, Jack Levine, William Peterman and Daniel Meyerson, to serve and function as a committee to study and rewrite the By-laws, Rules and Regulations of the Society to the publication in separate booklet type.

On the matter of a Handbook Committee, the President reported to the meeting that this issue has been receiving considerable study and discussion by the Board of Governors and that the matter be allowed to remain with the Board of Governors to their final decision.

After due consideration and discussion by the meeting, it was duly moved by Mr. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. Meyerson, that the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer be ex-officio members of the Board without vote. The motion was unanimously affirmed and so ordered.

On the issue of copyrighting of articles in the magazine, it was the opinion of the meeting that such copyrighting shall not be a requirement of the Society but one to and of the individual author if and when he so requires.

## NEW BUSINESS

There being no further unfinished business for the consideration of the meeting, the chair called for any new business to be considered by the meeting and opened for discussion the matter of special donated awards. The issue was thoroughly discussed by the meeting to a motion of Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Hoffman, that the Board of Governors be granted the right to accept and approve specially donated awards, providing the offer of an award meets certain standards for acceptance as shall be established by the Board of Governors and reported to the next annual meeting. The motion was accepted.

It was moved by Mr. Woolley, seconded by Mr. Culhane, that it be established that bourse tables at the Society conventions may be available to non-members of the Society. The motion was affirmed with only one contrary vote and so ordered.

Mr. Peterman rose to explain his suggestion that the schedule for elections be changed whereby newly elected officers may be installed at the annual meeting. Nominations would be open at an annual meeting until April 10, whereby any nomination at that date could be published in the May issue and allow for acceptance or withdrawal before the final list of accepted nominations is published in the June issue of the magazine. The President would similarly appoint the nominating committee some time before April 10 for the same reason. Ballots would be mailed with the July-August issue and a self-addressed return envelope to the Committee on Ballots. Closing date for return of ballots to be counted would be September 15 to allow the committee time to count the votes and report them to the Secretary for official announcement at the annual meeting, usually at the end of September. Once the result of the voting is reported at the annual meeting, the newly-elected officers



could then and there be officially installed into their offices. It was moved by Mr. Peterman, seconded by Mr. Llewellyn, that the outlined new schedule for nominations, elections and installation be approved. The motion was affirmed and so ordered.

It was moved by Mr. Moll, seconded by Mr. Greene, that the Society recognize and accept the incorporation of the Society. The motion was affirmed.

There was discussion by many members present regarding a change of name for the Society magazine, but all were against such a change as was the general opinion of most present by a voice opinion.

The successful bid for the 1956 convention was made by a representation from Toronto, Ontario, and Mr. Greene, acting as spokesman, advised the meeting that the 1956 convention would very likely be held the end of September that year with full information shortly forthcoming.

The successful bid for the 1957 convention was made by the Philadelphia Group and Mr. Culhane, acting as spokesman, advised the meeting that efforts would be made to arrange the 1957 convention at Williamsburg, Virginia, but full information would

be forthcoming depending on confirmation.

Subject to their acceptance and confirmation, the 1958 convention will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, and further information will be published later when in order.

It was moved by Mr. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Meyerson, that the matter of a special membership card for Life Members be referred to the Board of Governors. The motion was voted affirmed and so ordered.

The President, Mr. deVolpi, asked the meeting to rise and give a vote of appreciation to the "Nutmegger" Group of Hartford, Connecticut, for a magnificent affair in all respects.

Before asking for a motion to close the meeting, since there was no further business to be considered, the chair reminded the meeting again to support the magazine with more articles; the circuits with more books entered; conventions with entries of exhibits.

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Culhane, at 1:30 p.m., and affirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

JACK LEVINE, Secretary.

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