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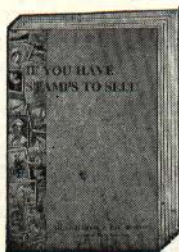
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BNAPEX-56

TO OUR FELLOW BNAPSers who did so much to make the 8th Annual Convention and Exhibition a success, the members and their families attending wish to extend a hearty "Thank you, Toronto!"

It is the sincere effort of your Society to make each annual gathering a milestone in your philatelic life. Once again, to those who were unable to attend this year's gathering, we remind you to mark on your calendar the 1957 dates—Philadelphia, September 19, 20 and 21—and as you receive your copy of TOPICS each month, you will be advised as to the plans for a convention and exhibition you will never forget—we guarantee it!

1956 Awards

The judges for BNAPEX-56, V. G. Greene, B. K. Denton and Lt.-Col. L. W. Sharpe, announced the awards at the annual banquet, as below:

Grand Award: L. S. Crosby (No. 79), "Prince Edward Island."

19th Century

Gold Medal: W. W. Chadbourne (No. 100), "Canada Pence and 1859."

Silver Medal: James Law (No. 516), "Canada 1868 Issues."

Silver Medal: Edward A. Richardson (No. 168), "British Columbia Covers."

Bronze Medal: George Hicks (No. 1033), "Canada Small Cents."

Bronze Medal: J. Ronald McMurrich (No. 780), "Canada Small Cents."

20th Century

Gold Medal: Daniel C. Meyerson (No. L3), "Newfoundland."

Silver Medal: N. A. Pelletier (No. 1268), "Canada and Newfoundland Airmails."

Bronze Medal: Donald Hicks (No. 1158), "Canadian Cancellations."

The Goodwin Trophy: C. P. deVolpi (No. L266), "Canadian Postal History."

In the Official Section of this issue of BNA TOPICS you will find a report of the business of the annual meeting as reported by the officers of BNAPS.

Here and There at the Convention . . .

A tour of the bourse tables brought to light the finest assortment of material available on the market today . . . and just in case you haven't noticed, stop "putting off" obtaining those items you want for that collection, brother! It is really getting tough to find those items which a few short years ago were in "shoe-box" lots.

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Those attending Jim Sissons' auction held in Toronto during the convention presented a "study" as they left same—some exuberant at successful bidding, and others—well, no luck!

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A tour of Toronto and its many points of interest by 14 of the ladies, Saturday, was pronounced "very enjoyable" upon their return.

* * *

Emanuel Hahn, the designer of some of Canada's recent issues, was the speaker at the annual banquet, and present the artist's view of designing stamps for the government.

* * *

Our founder and Secretary was missed by all present. Jack Levine was unable to attend due to business pressure, and while we are all pleased that "business is good", we sincerely hope that he will be with us in Philadelphia next year.

We bet Charlie deVolpi will not forget to register "Mr. and Mrs." when he comes to Philly in '57 . . . wanta bet?

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Jim Culhane's backing into a ditch outside the home of convention treasurer Cleo Fee proved to be only a temporary inconvenience, for which we were all thankful.

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Bert Llewellyn can present the most forceful letters of "intent", so we were informed by others attending the executive meeting held prior to the annual business meeting.

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"The Nutmeggers", led by Leon Banks, were present, and as usual, this group, along with the Philly gang, always present the largest visiting groups at a convention.

An interesting auction was conducted by the Toronto group, in an afternoon session on Saturday. BNAPSers Edwards, Bayley and Woolley took turns as the "hammer men."

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Many BNAPSers took advantage of the opportunity to examine the Caspary collection (Part 5—British North America), which Bernard Harmer brought to the King Edward Hotel on Friday.

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We could go on for an hour with those incidents which will stick with us until our next convention, but how about coming to Philadelphia next September 19-20-21, and learning first-hand about all these events. We'll be expecting you—come one, come all!

Bringing News About People and Stamps

By REV. JOHN S. BAIN (BNAPS 19)

RUMMAGING through an old box of covers brought to light several items which have that odd interesting appeal. That is, if you like that kind. The first was an air-mail cover bearing the 2c green Confederation 1927 issue and postmarked BLANC SABLON P.Q., MAY 25, 1928. On the face of this cover the following is written: "Bremen Flyers landed at Grunly Island 5:30 P.M. Atlantic time 11 A.M. Eastern Standard Time Friday April 13, 1928. John Le Lumpfir, Light Keeper, Grunly Island, Lourdes Blanc Sablon, Labrador." On the back is this pencilled notation: "autographed by the first man to see the Bremen fliers. Lighthouse Keeper." The cover is addressed to Ernest Smalley, 8025 Knodell, Detroit, Mich. I suspect that this cover is one of Roessler fame.

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The second cover, or I should say a pair of covers, were addressed to E. F. Gambs, a pioneer stamp dealer in San Francisco, Calif. In fact, one cover is addressed to his St. Louis, Mo., address and forwarded to San Francisco. These covers bore a 1c Small Queens and a 3c 1897 Jubilee respectively.

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BNAPSer Ed Richardson writes about Money Order cancellations. He asks the question: "Are the Newfoundland Money

Order cancels all with a 'Y' before the number? Or still something else again?" He also adds some new ones to the list: British Columbia—East Arrow Park; Nova Scotia—Boudreaville; Ontario—Kalada; Quebec—Grindstone Island and Val des Bois.

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The new Canadian stamp for Fire Prevention has been received by collectors over here with coolness. It falls into a mediocre class, although I believe it deserves better than that. One thing is apparent and that is the design with the lettering on the outside makes it very difficult to judge centering quickly. Take a look at a sheet and your eyes will soon be playing tricks on you! Many thanks to my old philatelic friend, BNAPSer Vizzard, for a nice first day cover and a lovely, centred mint block enclosed.

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The new Canadian booklets—now that is something different! They certainly have a clean modern touch to them, and are bilingual. This will mean that collectors will only have one copy to get. Those that I have seen are stapled, so I cannot report if they exist stitched. A rather nice touch in the form of a slogan has been added to the booklets. It reads: "Give Stamps To Shut-Ins." ★

BOER WAR PATRIOTICS

The Auxiliary Services Covers

CANADA never having mobilized troops before—for overseas service—it naturally follows that the Boer War was the first time that Canadian Auxiliary Services followed the troops to the front.

Auxiliary Service Covers have always been popular, and those of Canada are certainly no exception. They are ideally suited to fit into a topical collection—for the collectors of Red Cross material could find nothing better than examples of Red Cross covers to add to their collections. They also make interesting additions to a general collection of stamps and covers—but the greatest demand comes from those collectors who make specialized collections of Auxiliary Service covers alone, or in conjunction with a collection of war covers.

Auxiliary Service covers of Canada relating to the Boer War do not exist in any great variety. They are also scarce to downright rare. Only two of these services seem to have accompanied the Canadian Contingents to South Africa—the Red Cross and the Y.M.C.A. The Salvation Army did render services at points of mobilization and embarkation.

Many of the covers found will be those used in official correspondence of the organization and its employees overseas. Some, and these seem to be restricted entirely to the Y.M.C.A. types, were used by the troops and may also bear the familiar Canadian Contingent cachet.

Red Cross Society of Canada

There were no Red Cross nurses with the First Canadian Contingent which sailed from Quebec on October 30, 1899, and arrived at Capetown November 30th. With the Second Canadian Contingent there were four nurses, but it is not known whether they accompanied the first, second or third sections of this contingent. They arrived in Capetown sometime between February 17 and March 21, 1900. The four nurses were: Miss D. Hercum, Miss M. Horne, Miss M. MacDonald and Miss M. P. Richardson.

Col. G. S. Ryerson, Canadian Commissioner of the British Red Cross Society, also accompanied the Second Contingent to South Africa, and the four nurses were assigned to his station. They saw active service during the campaign, stationed at Bloemfontein.

The Red Cross Society of Canada lost no time in preparing an attractive patriotic envelope. In sepia green, miniature portraits of the four nurses appear superimposed upon four maple leaves, arranged around the emblem and words in red, "The Red Cross Society." At the bottom is a legend, in three lines: "DAUGHTERS OF THE QUEEN"/Nurses With The Canadian Contingent/South Africa. Along the left end of the envelope and reading up is "Authorized



THE ONLY KNOWN EXAMPLE of the patriotic prepared for the Red Cross Society of Canada. The four nurses pictured on this cover are those who accompanied the Second Canadian Contingent to South Africa.

for the benefit of the Society,—Copyright apd.” The reference to the “Daughters of the Queen” reminds one of the J. C. Wilson series of Boer War patriotics, one of which bears the legend “Soldiers of the Queen.”

Why are these patriotics so rare? They must have been produced with the idea of raising funds for the Society. The J. C. Wilson patriotics were used in great numbers—then why was this attractive envelope not used so extensively? The copy illustrated is the only one known. It turned up seven or eight years ago, and not one additional copy has been seen since.

The Salvation Army

Not a great deal is known to this writer of the activities of the Salvation Army during the Boer War. There is no record of any service force being sent overseas with the troops. However, the Salvation Army was active in Canada at this time, as is evidenced by their beautiful three-color postcard illustrated here.

It is entirely likely that the services of the Salvation Army were limited to those which could be conducted with the troops while still in Canada. Very likely there were stations located at some of the mobilization and embarkation centres. This, too, seems to be a rather scarce patriotic, the writer knowing of only one other copy, used at a later date.

Young Men's Christian Association

The Auxillary Service covers most frequently found are those of the Young Men's Christian Association (Y.M.C.A.)



Type II Y.M.C.A. cover. With Canadian flag in red and blue. Known used late (October) in 1900.

Apparently these representatives moved with the troops as covers are known from several stations. The one illustrated here was used from Belmont, or Orange River. Another is known from Springs, and a letter in my collection tells of Mr. Best having "a song service last night in camp" while located at Bloemfontein.

These envelopes were sometimes supplied to troops who made use of the Y.M.C.A. recreational stations, as an encouragement to writing home. They are therefore seen frequently with the Canadian Contingent cachet.

Two types of "patriotic" Auxillary Service envelopes are known to have been used from South Africa by the Y.M.C.A. Type I, the one usually seen, and the one definitely used by Dr. Barrie at his stations, is a simple design of crossed flags in red and blue, with the legend in the upper right corner, in five lines: "Headquarters/Young Men's Christian Association/Canadian Contingent/on Active Service with British Forces./South Africa".

Type II, with the Canadian flag, is quite rare. Unused copies are sometimes seen, but used ones are more difficult to obtain. They seem to have been put into use much later, probably September or October 1900. The five-line legend above the flag reads: "The Work of The/Young Men's Christian Association/With the Canadian Contingent in South Africa/Thomas F. Best, Officer in Charge." The two-line legend below the flag reads: "Home Office, 421 Yonge St., Toronto/Thos. J. Wilkie, Secretary". This was of course used only by those stations under the direction of Mr. Best. However, it may be that he too used Type I during his first months in South Africa. While it is possible that they exist, no copies similar to Type II have been seen with "Dr. H. G. Barrie, Officer in Charge".

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For the collector of war covers, Auxillary Service covers bridge the gap between patriotic and soldiers' covers. They bear patriotic designs, but more often than the regular patriotics, they were used for correspondence by the troops. No collection of Boer War covers would be complete without a few examples of these interesting items. ★

INFORMATION WANTED

• Librarian Bob Duncan, Box 118, Armstrong, B.C., has sent in the cacheted cover illustrated here with a request for information. If you know anything about the why or wherefore of this item please drop a line to Mr. Duncan.



Sketches of BNAPSers ...

By V. G. GREENE (BNAPS L40)

No. 82: George S. Wegg (No. 308)

B NAPSer George S. Wegg was born in St. Thomas, Ontario, on Sept. 22, 1911, a fourth generation Canadian, his ancestors being United Empire Loyalists.

During World War II he was in the Royal Canadian Air Force, completing six years of service and rising to the rank of squadron leader. After the war, George went into partnership with J. N. Sissons under the name of Sissons & Wegg, and this firm held the first public stamp auction in Canada. He is now a buyer for Page Hersey Tubes Ltd.

George Wegg started to collect stamps when he was 11 years of age, and has been active in the hobby ever since, either as a collector or dealer. Some years ago he heard that the famous Dundas 12d black, one of the finest used copies in existence, was on the market and, in spite of serious competition, he was able to purchase it. Shortly afterwards he sold it to the late James D. Smart. This stamp is now in the collection of a well known Toronto B.N.A. specialist.

For some time George has been accumulating the stamps of Denmark with a view to making a specialized study of the early issues of this interesting country. He also has a nice showing of the stamps of British North America.

In addition to BNAPS, George is a member of the Philatelic Specialists' Society of Canada, Essay-Proof Society, American



Philatelic Society, Canadian Philatelic Society and the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club.

He now makes his home in Toronto, is married with two boys, aged 12 and 7, and attended our recent convention at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto. ★



Revenue Group News

A GUEST COLUMN BY
ED RICHARDSON (BNAPS 168)

THOSE Hospital Aid Tax Stamps of British Columbia provide revenue collectors with an interesting group of varieties. These are Holmes' No. BCH 1-5, or CRS Cat. No. BH 1-5. Because neither of these catalogues lists these varieties, a list is presented here. The varieties have to do with the central figure of value, and only to the base of those figures.

- BCH—1 3c black on orange. Full figure "3", base is closed.
 —1a Base of "3" is open.
 BCH—2 4c black on pink. Full figure "4", base has large serifs.
 —2a Base of "4" has no serifs.
 BCH—3 5c black on brick-red. Full figure "5", base is closed.
 —3a Base of "5" is open.
 BCH—4 10c black on deep red. Full figures. "1" has large serifs at base. "0" base is open.
 —4a Base of "1" has no serifs, base of "0" is open.
 BCH—5 \$1.00 black on light blue. Full figures. "1" has large serifs at base, "\$" base is closed.
 —5a Base of "1" has no serifs, base of "\$" is open.

This set being type-set provides numerous other varieties of a more minor nature. However, there is one variety in the swastika border design of more than minor importance. This is the "Elongated, and Five Armed Swastika" variety. It appears roughly as sketched below:



I have found this variety in numerous positions on the different values, as follows:

- 3c—top border, 2nd from left (on BCH-1)
 4c—bottom border, 3rd from right (on BCH-2a)
 5c—bottom border, 3rd from right (on BCH-3)
 10c—bottom border, 3rd from right (on BCH-4a)
 \$1—bottom border, 3rd from right (on BCH-5a)

Does any BNAPSer know of any full sheets of these which might be available for study, so that the position of these varieties might be determined?

We illustrate this month the Alberta Holiday Pay stamps. These are not yet listed in any revenue catalogue. They appear to be printed by lithography, and are perf. 12½.



Type I used for the decimal values



Type II used for the dollar values

They are printed on a medium grade, white unwatermarked paper, without any distinct mesh.

The varieties so far seen are listed below. (All values are reported in at least two shades.)

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|------|------------|-------|---------|
| AH—1 | 1c brown | | Type I |
| —2 | 2c green | | " |
| —5c | blue | | " |
| —4 | 10c orange | | " |
| —5 | 25c yellow | | " |
| —6 | 50c red | | " |
| —7 | \$1 violet | | Type II |
| —8 | \$2 olive | | " |

With reference to the **Fifth Provisional Issue of Manitoba Law Stamps**—how come neither Holmes nor CRS catalogue the 50c green with the red ink manuscript "overprint"? The 10c value is listed both in red and black, but the 50c only in black. I know of one copy in red—how many others have a similar variety in their collections?

In the Quebec Assurance License Stamps, Holmes mentions but does not list the perf. 12x11½ varieties. The notes would leave one to believe that all values could be found in both the normal perf. 12 and the rarer perf. 12x11½ varieties. The CRS catalogue lists only two values as existing in the rare perforation—the 40c and 50c values.

In case you go for these perforation varieties you can add one more—the 30c value. Can BNAPSers report any other values with this perforation?

Wilmer C. Rocket (No. 249) writes:

"Here is a list of overprints on the 3 leaf design excise, not previously listed. Except for four items I have them all and Fred Jarrett (No. 283) has the items I don't have. Of course, most of these are printers waste; however they do exist.

Overprinted "specimen" small red gothic letters.

\$2, green

\$3, green

\$4, green

14c overprint on the following:

7c, King Geo. V., red overprint pair, one without overprint* diagonal overprint

Black overprint, small type*

9c, King Geo. V., red overprint

inverted overprint

diagonal overprint

double overprint, one pair, without overprint*

40c, King Geo. V., red overprint

inverted overprint

diagonal overprint

no overprint face; offset overprint on reverse

pair, one without overprint

Split overprint

70c, 3-leaf, blue, with red overprint

inverted overprint

Double overprint, one inverted

Quadruple overprint, two inverted

\$2, green, 3-leaf, diagonal red overprint*

\$3, green 3-leaf, diagonal, black overprint

inverted split overprint

red overprint, split overprint

\$4, green, 3-leaf, red overprint

diagonal overprint

double overprint

\$5, green, 3-leaf, red overprint

diagonal overprint

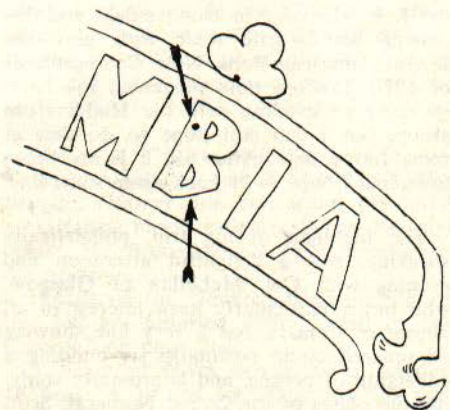
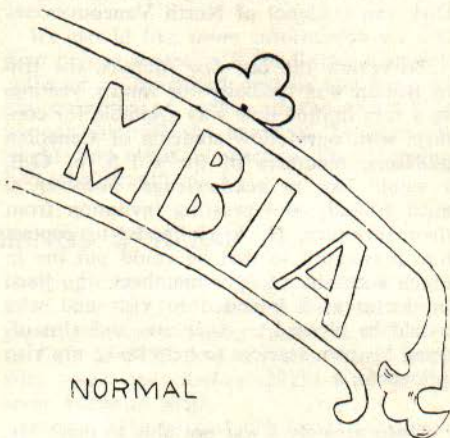
* this was caused by the plate printing one row down, so that the overprint misses the top row of stamps and prints in the bottom subedge."

In the Federal Weights and Measures Issue of 1915 the Holmes catalogue does not list the 20c value with the purple control numbers. This variety is listed in the original CRS catalogue, and also in the 1953 revised Catalogue of Federal Revenue Stamps of Canada, compiled by Nelson Bond. For those using only the Holmes catalogue—mark your copy that this variety does exist. ★

B.C. LAWS VARIETY

THE SEVENTH ISSUE of B.C. Laws of 1935 produced a variety in the 50c brown known as the "Flat B". This is noted in Holmes Catalogue and numbered BCL 30b, page 286.

Normal and variety are illustrated: the variety is found in Nos. 21 to 25 positions in the sheet, i.e. in the bottom row.





PERFIN

SECRETARY: R. J. WOOLLEY,
359 Ellis Park Rd., Toronto 3, Ont.

STUDY GROUP

AFTER a rest of almost six months from philatelic writing, it seems to take a little effort to get back into the swing again. You didn't miss the column, as the writer supplied our genial editor with sufficient material for the summer before leaving for a vacation in Europe, and had the help of the vice-chairman of the group who contributed an excellent article on a phase of collecting perfin with which the writer has only a limited experience. Many thanks to Dirk van Oudenol of North Vancouver.

To review the last few months, the trip to Britain was basically for family visiting, so a very limited time was available for contacts with our fellow students of Canadian philately, members of the C.P.S. of G.B. I would like to acknowledge, however, a most friendly and pressing invitation from their secretary, H. J. Hollands, to contact him personally so that he could put me in touch with any of their members who lived in the areas I intended to visit and who would be pleased to meet me, and also offered his own services to help make my visit enjoyable.

Unfortunately I was not able to meet Mr. Hollands, but did have the pleasure of meeting J. P. Macaskie in Huddersfield and discussing his favorite topic with him—the British American Bank Note Co. postcards of 1870. Limited time prevented me from spending an evening with the Huddersfield group, but I can still hope to do that at some future date. After all, it is my home town and I hope to be back again some day.

The highlight of my trip, philatelically speaking, was a delightful afternoon and evening with Col. McLellan of Glasgow, who has a particularly keen interest in all phases of Canada, has a very fine showing of squared circle postmarks, is building a collection of perfin, and is presently studying the plates of the 2c red Numeral, Scott No. 77. I suspect the Colonel started into these side lines when he had his collection of used Canada practically completed. We

have corresponded for the past few years and it was a real pleasure to spend my last day in Britain with him and his charming wife.

I can heartily commend the C.P.S. of G.B. and their excellent magazine, *Maple Leaves*, to our members.

Now that our annual convention is over a few notes of interest to perfin collectors would be in order. The writer exhibited his collection of perfin designs and had many comments on the three-frame display and felt well rewarded for the time and trouble expended.

Past-president Harry Lussey had a frame of covers which included a JH/S used on cover. As usual it was on a 1c Small Queen and carried a Montreal roller cancellation. Any hope of assistance in the matter of identification was lost when the corner card turned out to be an exhibition cover of 1896 instead of the commercial corner card of the company.

Other perfin collectors present at the convention were Russ McNeil of Hamilton, collecting all stamps of each company in all positions; Bill Russell of Melrose, Mass., still collecting anything punched in Newfoundland; and our worthy chairman, Dr. C. M. Jephcott.

The group was complimented by the president and the treasurer on the success of the publication of the handbook, and it is hoped that other groups will in time prepare similar handbooks for publication by the Society.

During the summer we have had three new items reported which are illustrated on next page.

CBTO is on Scott No. 233, the 3c red George VI issue of 1937. The cancellation is the usual wavy line machine cancellation of the period and has no town marking. This design is used by the Bankers' Trust



Co. of New York on U.S. stamps of the same period, so we are accepting this identification. This company has world wide connections so we presume had some particular reason for punching a Canadian issue, probably to prepay return postage.

SP is on a Scott No. 197, the 3c red George V issue of 1932. The cancellation is part of a slogan, so again is of no help in identification. A similar design is used in the U.S.A. by the Southern Pacific R.R. This is the second design we have recorded as Southern Pacific and we are making enquiries of our interested friends to the south to inform us of the difference of the two designs. Our first design (S9) has a seriffed letter "P", the new one has no serif.

CN/R.Y. This one gives us something to think about. The stamp is the 1c Medallion

type, 1932, Scott No. 192, and in addition is precancelled "Brantford/ONT", type 3-171 in Noble catalogue of Canada precancels.

We have handled thousands of Canadian National Railway perfins without coming across this design, nor have we had it reported on check lists of other collectors. It is reported to us that the same design is used in the U.S.A., but two enquiries of collectors of R.R. perfins in that country have so far drawn blank as to the identity of the user.

We would like more information on this item before accepting it for listing. Can any collector in Brantford give us any help, or any collector of perfins of the U.S.A.? If we can establish the name of the user, we might find what connection the company had with Brantford. ★

CASPARY B.N.A. BRINGS \$130,848

ONCE AGAIN the Alfred H. Caspary classics have sent world records tumbling. In the fifth auction to be held by H. R. Harmer Inc. in New York, a total of \$130,848 was realized for 482 lots of British North America. The October 9th session comprising Canada fetched \$59,079, and the October 10th session covering the Provinces and Newfoundland realized \$71,769.

As expected, the very attractive unused marginal copy of the 1851 12d black with full original gum aroused great interest and bidding was brisk until the piece finally sold for \$10,000 to Wingfield's, with Jim Sissons of Toronto the "runner-up". Three used copies of the same stamp sold for \$4,800, \$3,600 and \$1,800 respectively to Raymond Weill Co. of New Orleans, Sissons, and William Lea of Manchester, England.

Other exceptional realizations included the 1855 10d o.g. (cat. \$450) \$850—Cole; copies on entires, \$425 and \$420; another entire with a 10d and 6d, \$600; 1855 thick paper 10d o.g. (cat. \$500) \$700—Sissons; an unused copy, \$750 to a European collector; a used strip of three, \$1,000; 1857 7½d green o.g. (\$450) \$950—Sissons; and further o.g. copies, \$775 and \$600. A copy

showing imprint, used on cover, brought \$775. The 1857 6d on very thick soft wove paper, unused, with tiny faults (\$1,000) sold to Cole at \$750, and a glorious used copy with green cancellation (\$225) went to the same buyer at \$950.

In the 1858-59 perf. 12 issue, a brilliant o.g. 6d brown violet (\$300) was knocked down to Cole at \$1,100. The rare black brown shade of the 1959 10c, brilliant o.g., cataloguing \$350, went to the same buyer at \$1,350; while three used copies on part cover front (cat. \$240) went to Europe at \$600.

When Lot 131 was sold, the total for the Caspary Auctions reached \$1,000,000. Mr. Bernard Harmer, the auctioneer, presented a handsome black leather wallet to the purchaser, Mr. Bruce Daniels, to commemorate the occasion.

Details of the Newfoundland section of this sale are reported under "Trail of the Caribou" on page 264.

A beautiful Nova Scotia cover bearing 1851-53 1d, 3d and 6d fetched \$1,200, and an o.g. 1/- reddish violet (\$750) brought \$1,250, while two used copies realized \$875 and \$900. ★

Trail of the Caribou

By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS L3)



ANYONE who feels that Newfoundland is a "dead country" should have been at the Caspary sale at H. R. Harmer in New York on Oct. 10th. The prices realized were utterly fantastic. Even the common ordinary stamps went at a premium over catalogue or certainly near full catalogue. The sale opened with a copy of the 1d Scott No. 1, selling at \$26 for a used copy, or \$1 over catalogue, and from that point onward it got much worse.

An absolutely superb copy of Scott No. 2 in used condition and catalogued at \$450 was finally knocked down at \$950. Another copy with smaller margins and poorer color went at \$500. In fact even defects didn't seem to be much of a deterrent as one copy with a closed tear sold for \$475, and another with a corner crease at \$425.

The pièce de résistance was the cover with a strip of three of the 2d, and it started off innocently enough at \$4,000 and was not knocked down until the figure reached \$12,500, a new record for any B.N.A. item.

An o.g. copy of the 3d, Scott No. 3, with a slight crease went at \$34. An unused copy of the 4d, Scott No. 4, with a thin spot, sold for \$750, while a superb used copy changed hands at \$700, against a valuation of \$300. Another copy of the same stamp, not as nice, went for \$400. Two covers bearing the same stamp realized \$1,100 and \$1,000 respectively. An unused copy of the 6d, Scott No. 6, went at twice catalogue when it was finally sold at \$1,600. A magnificent unused copy with a tiny corner crease sold for \$750 and another copy rather heavily cancelled sold for \$450. However the surprise came when a third copy, absolutely superb in appearance but with a thin spot, realized \$750. A fourth copy, also with a thin spot, went at \$300.

A full o.g. bottom margin copy of the 6½d, Scott No. 7, valued at \$250, never changed hands until the auctioneer reached the figure of \$1,050. A copy only less superb sold for \$360. A used copy with a thin

spot, sold at the same price, causing Bernard charge extra for the thin spots."

Two mint sheets of 20 of the 8d, Scott No. 8, sold at \$1,300 each and superb used copies went at \$120, \$100, \$90 and \$67.50 respectively. A superb severed horizontal pair was finally knocked down at \$380. An unused copy of the 1/-, Scott No. 9, described as "Wonderful color, large margins, minor creases and scissor cut in top margin at the right clear of design" realized \$1,300. Three superb used copies of the same stamp went at \$700, \$750 and \$700 respectively. A fourth with slightly smaller margins was still over full catalogue when it sold at \$500. In fact, a copy with minor thinnings even brought \$475.

An o.g. horizontal pair with right sheet margin of the 2d, Scott No. 11, went for \$210, and a superb used copy realized \$110. The mint top right margin of the 4d, Scott No. 12, one of the showpieces of the collection, started at \$975 and finally reached \$2,000. A superb used copy realized \$180 and the rest of the copies seemed to go reasonably enough when two of them sold at \$110 each. A superior copy with thinnings even realized \$100. A bottom right margin copy of the 6d in mint condition (Scott No. 13) went very reasonably, by Caspary standards, at \$1,150. Used copies of the same stamp sold at \$95, \$150 and \$105, depending on the condition and the whims of the bidders. A horizontal pair folded between the stamps and with a slight thinning realized \$400.

An absolutely superb copy of the 1/- (Scott No. 15) with the papermaker's watermark, in used condition, brought the very fine price of \$1,700, and another copy with smaller margins but also with papermaker's watermark, sold at \$725. Two copies of the 1d reddish brown, Scott No. 16, one with o.g. and the other unused, were offered for sale and both realized prices over full catalogue—the o.g. copy sold for \$800 and the unused copy of the same stamp realized \$625. A mint block of four of the 2d rose, Scott No. 17, brought \$525. ★



OFFICIAL SECTION

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

A LETTER . . .

From the President

GEO. B. LLEWELLYN, 315 MAPLE AVE., SOMERTON, PHILADELPHIA 16, PENNA.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the honor conferred upon me in electing me your President. Our Society has attained an eminent place in the philatelic world as the result of the wisdom and character of its founders, and of their successors in office, and I shall do my best to preserve and enhance this prestige.

Those of you who attend our annual meetings are well aware of the wonderful spirit of good fellowship that exists among our members, and those unable to attend are acquainted with it through the medium of our monthly journal, TOPICS, which is the voice of the Society.

Much of our success can be attributed to that warm, friendly, informative voice, and to the foresight of our early officers who, through long term planning, laid the foundation for our magazine's growth and improvement.

Under Editor Gordon Lewis, the paper, format and general appearance have immeasurably improved. Advertising revenue has been built up to the point where it contributes substantially to printing costs. Recently there have been complaints by some members about non-receipt and late delivery of TOPICS. Steps are being taken to insure an efficient up-to-date mailing list and prompt distribution.

Now the foregoing is just a prelude to the plea that I am about to make. That is that those responsible for the publication of BNA TOPICS need all the help you can give them in order to achieve their goal of constant improvement. Articles by members, who are specialists in their field, are urgently required to provide the membership with interesting and informative issues. Such articles are the "meat" of our magazine. News as to the activities of the Geographical and Study Groups always makes welcome reading. Even the personal activities of individual members (philatelic, of course) are of interest, and each group should appoint one person to forward a monthly letter to the Editor presenting items which they consider of interest, and which he may be able to use.

Each and every officer, regional director and member, in addition to selling the Society, should constantly try to sell advertising space in TOPICS, as additional revenue from this source will help defray the expense of a larger and better magazine.

From past experience, I am sure I can count on your co-operation. I shall try to do my part in promoting all of these activities, and by keeping you informed of pertinent matters of interest through occasional letters in the Official Section of TOPICS.

G. B. LLEWELLYN, President.

MONTHLY REPORT . . .

From the Secretary

JACK LEVINE, 325 LINK AVE., SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

October 15, 1956.

NEW MEMBERS

(The following new members were included in the membership list in the 1956 Yearbook)

- 1431 Chappell, Chas. D., 2503 East 117th St., Seattle 55, Washington.
- 1432 Davies, Chesterton M., Bridgetown, Nova Scotia.
- 1433 Hall, Edward, 1389 Fernwood Crescent, North Vancouver, British Columbia.
- 1434 Heins, Rev. Henry Hardy, Box 765, Liberty, New York.
- 1435 Hopkins, Harris Hazen, 343 Park Ave., Parchment, Kalamazoo 15, Michigan.
- 1436 Legeer, Jacob J., 511 Beechwood Drive, East Rochester, New York.
- 1437 Leventer, Marshall D., 1703 Avenue J, Brooklyn 30, New York.
- 1438 Majerus, Geo. P., 4114 Rolando Blvd., San Diego 15, California.
- 1439 Scarlet, Leo, 191-17 104th Ave., St. Albans 12, New York.
- 1440 Smythies, E. A., Castle Morris, Tralee, Ireland.
- 1441 Thomas, Alfred R., 31 Linnaean St., Cambridge 38, Massachusetts.
- 1442 Westhaver, Clarence A., 11 Spafford Road, Milton 86, Massachusetts.

APPLICATIONS PENDING

Farewell, Joan Beverley, P.O. Box 35, Vananda, British Columbia.
Horan, Robert J., 117 Litchfield St., Frankfort, New York.
Rosenblat, Daniel G., 3247 Washington St., San Francisco 15, California.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

- COOPER, Miles, 1900 Goodrich Ave., St. Paul 5, Minn. (DCX) NFD—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. SPECIALTY: 1919 Issue of Newfoundland. Proposed by E. B. Forney, No. 20.
- GIBB, James S. J., P.O. Box 10, Oyama, B.C. (C) CAN, NFD—Mint and used postage. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint and used airmails. Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37.
- HALL, Leonard, P.O. Box 132, Kamloops, B.C. (CX) CAN, NFD, PROV—Mint and used postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint and used airmails. Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37; seconded by F. Cassar-Torreggiani, No. 1323.
- TODD, John Bernard, 2150 Franklin St., Vancouver 6, B.C. (C) CAN—Used. Used booklet panes. RPO cancellations. Proposed by G. P. Lewis, No. 506.
- TRAQUAIR, Robert Stuart, Ste 5, 510 - 19th Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alta. (C) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint and used booklet panes and complete booklets. Mint and used airmails. Proposed by G. M. Hill, No. 1095; seconded by L. H. Leacock, No. 1148.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

(The following address changes are included in the 1956 Yearbook and are included here as a matter of record)

- Davis, George H., 365 Bassett Road, North Haven, Conn.
Erental, Richard T., 9 Avondale Road, White Plains, N.Y.
Fletcher, E. D., 7138 Wiltshire St., Vancouver, B.C.
Hodder, Rev. Morley F., Divinity Students' Residence, 2 The Mound, Edinburgh 1, Scotland (from St. John's, Nfld., Canada).
MacDonald, W. A., R.R. 2, Lakeburn, N.B. (from Tweed, Ont.)
Moxham, G. H., 707 - 49th Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alta.
Reals, Willis B., 909 Eleventh St., Lawrenceville, Ill. (from New Rochelle, N.Y.)

DECEASED

- 305 Mills, J. Harvey, 974 North Holliston, Pasadena 6, Calif.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, September 15, 1956	960
NEW MEMBERS, October 15, 1956	12
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DECEASED, October 15, 1956	972
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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, October 15, 1956	971

J. LEVINE, Secretary.

SALES TOPICS . . .

From the Sales Manager

ALEXANDER HYDE, 337 STAGG ST., BROOKLYN 6, NEW YORK

ON OUR WAY AGAIN . . .

Beginning the end of September, the Sales Department started sending out circuits for the current season, and by the time that this appears it is expected that all books on hand will be in circulation. The past season was a good one, but there is still plenty of worthwhile material floating around in the books.

REVISION OF BUYERS' LIST . . .

The Sales Manager has been examining the names on the Buyers' List to determine in the case of each the extent to which we seem to have been able latterly to meet their collecting requirements. All members who have received circuits during the past year, and who have made purchases from them, are being continued on the active Buyers'

List, and no further action on their part will be necessary for them to receive circuits again this year. As for those who have received circuits, and made no purchase, or who have at some time indicated their desire to receive circuits but received none during this past year, their names are being placed on a "dormant list". In order that we may meet their desires and properly serve their philatelic wants, it is the intention to canvas all the names on this "dormant list" individually to determine whether they still wish to receive circuits, and the nature of the material they would like to see. Since some time may elapse before we are able to complete the canvassing project, it would be very helpful if those who believe their names might be placed on this "dormant list" and who

wish to receive circuits would write the Sales Manager requesting that he reactivate their names, and indicating their areas of interest in B.N.A. material.

MORE MATERIAL WANTED . . .

At the end of the past selling season, and over the summer, a major portion of the books then on hand were retired from the Department. These represented an original value of over \$8000, and to date only a very small part of this has been replaced by new books sent in for entry. In order that we may serve our buyers adequately, we are in urgent need of several hundred new books with desirable B.N.A. material.

While anything really nice in B.N.A. has its

MINUTES

OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY, HELD IN THE KING EDWARD SHERATON HOTEL, TORONTO, ONTARIO, ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, 1956.

President Charles P. deVolpi called the Annual Meeting to order at 11 a.m. for the consideration of any business of the Society which might come before it.

It was moved and seconded that the reading of the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, held in Hartford, Connecticut, Saturday, October 2, 1955, be dispensed with, and that the minutes of that meeting as published in BNA TOPICS for November 1955 be accepted as having been read. Motion carried.

President deVolpi formally welcomed those present, and expressed pleasure at being able to report another year of progress by the Society. He extended his personal thanks to everyone who had served either by election or appointment during his term of office. The President then begged to be excused temporarily in order to keep a business appointment, and turned the chair over to the Vice-President, George B. Llewellyn.

Mr. Llewellyn read a letter from Secretary Jack Levine regretting his inability to attend the convention due to the pressure of business. He then called upon the Treasurer to present the first report of the meeting.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer's Report for the year 1955 was published in the September issue of BNA TOPICS. The sources of income, with amounts for each, and the various expenses are itemized. This report shows that we finished another year with a surplus—this time it was a surplus of \$404.83. This surplus was much larger than we had expected at the time of our Annual Meeting last year, due largely to the following: Nearly \$100 profit on the Yearbook, a profit of \$75.90 from BNAPEX-55 and a gift of \$25 from Major W. H. White derived from the royalty on the Plate Block Catalogue. These items were not included in our budget and could not be anticipated.

An itemized interim report covering the financial operations of the Society from January 1st to Sep-

tember 15th of this year has been prepared. This period was used for comparative purposes as it is approximately the period covered by the interim reports at the past three conventions. Copies of this report have been handed to the Chairman of the Board of Governors, the President, the Secretary and the Editor. (See page 268 for "Statement of Operations, Jan. 1 to Sept. 15, 1956".)

Our blank sales books contain instructions for mounting and are available from the Sales Manager at 10 cents each, 3 for 25 cents, postpaid. They will be sent promptly upon receipt of your order and remittance.

At this time I wish to give you just a summary of the financial operations which are given in detail in the complete interim report, as I believe that you will be interested in how the Society has been coming along.

We are more than pleased with the results of our first venture in putting out handbooks. As you know, the "Perfin Handbook" is a very fine production from the standpoint of contents and printing. It received fine reviews in the philatelic press. The Perfin Study Group is to be congratulated. To come to the Treasurer's part of this story, the report for 1955 shows that the printing cost \$126.80 for 525 copies and that sales amounted to \$112.70. So far this year the Treasurer has received \$56.25 net from sales. This indicates a profit of \$42.15 to date. These fine results are due to the efforts of Bob Woolley and Gordon Lewis in pushing sales.

As you will recall, in the latter part of 1955 and early in 1956 we asked for gifts of \$1.00 or more to finance a lounge at FIPEX. The response to this was gratifying, as 71 members contributed \$260 in amounts from \$1.00 to \$25 each. The total cost of the lounge, including the rental of furniture, was \$264.80. Fortunately, there was a profit of \$8.36 from the BNAPS luncheon during FIPEX so that we ended with a profit of \$3.56.

No income or expenses in connection with the 1956 Yearbook are included in the interim report as only a part of the income has been received and no disbursements have been made.

The total income for this period from all other sources has been \$3318, or \$34 more than for the same period last year. Dues collection (despite 19 fewer new members) has been \$82 more and, as just stated, the profit from the sale of "Perfin

Handbooks", which we did not have in 1955, has been about \$42.

Against these gains we have had \$90 less income from TOPICS advertising, leaving us a net gain of \$34.

Expenses for the period have been \$2716 or \$143 more than for this period last year. We have, therefore, \$110 less of current funds than we had at this time last year for use toward expenses from September 15th to December 31st.

The balance of 1956 funds, as of September 15th, available for 1956 expenses was \$602. The estimated income for the rest of the year is \$325, making a total of \$927 to pay our estimated expenses of \$970. Thus, at this time it is expected that we will end the year with a deficit of about \$43, unless we are favored with a profit from this convention or the Yearbook, neither of which are budgeted items.

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

W. C. PETERMAN, Treasurer.

The motion was seconded by V. G. Greene and voted approved.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The report of the present Chairman of the Board of Governors is certainly not a lengthy one as he did not take over as Chairman until the latter half of April, when Lloyd Sharpe, who had so capably handled the reins for several years, was forced to resign because of the pressure of his business. It was a severe loss to the Society and to the Board when Lloyd stepped down from his high position.

As a result of the former Chairman's capable administration, there were very few matters that were passed over to me as the new Chairman, and the solving of these was tremendously facilitated by having four other members of the Board in attendance at FIPEX. Those visiting the show were Harry Lussey, Vincent Greene, Jim Culhane and Alex MacMaster. With myself this constituted a majority and we were able to sit down and in open discussion arrive at the solution to the two problems that were facing us. In the first case we acted upon an advertiser brought up for conduct unbecoming an advertiser, and the findings of the Board sustained the complaint and the guilty company was barred from future use of TOPICS. In the second case, the Board advised the Circuit Manager how to act on a matter involving a claim for substitution of material in a circuit book. After investigation, the Board decided in favor of the member and matters were settled to his satisfaction.

One of the matters left in abeyance at the last convention has just about been cleaned up. The redrafting of our rules to conform with the present papers of incorporation and to take care of the normal changes in procedure has just about been accomplished as the final drafts were being circulated for approval a few weeks ago.

That about sums up the work of the Board during the latter part of the current year, and in conclusion I must say what a privilege it is to serve the British North America Philatelic Society in any capacity because of the full measure of co-operation received from all members.

I move the adoption of this report.

D. C. MEYERSON, Chairman.

This was seconded by Al Kessler and voted approved.

INTERIM REPORT—STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (Jan. 1 to Sept. 15, 1956)

INCOME

Membership Dues, 1955 (Paid in 1956)	\$ 6.00	
Membership Dues, 1956 (Renewals)	2545.17	
Membership Dues, 1956 (From Life Membership Fund)	60.00	
Membership Dues, 1956 (New Members)	126.30	
Membership Fees, New Members	51.00	\$2788.47
Topics:		
Advertising	\$ 367.94	
Subscriptions and Sale of Back Issues	27.88	395.82
Handbooks: Sale of Perfin Handbook	56.25	56.25
FIPEX: Net Profit from Lounge and Luncheon	3.56	3.56
Accounts Receivable:		
Topics Advertising	69.50	
Dues in Abeyance	4.50	74.00
Total Income		\$3318.10

EXPENSES

Topics	\$2191.99	
Library	100.00	
General Expenses	371.16	
Handbooks: Balance of Cost of Perfin Handbooks	14.10	
Typewriters (2) Amortization (Final)	38.75	
Total Expenses		\$2716.00
Balance of 1956 Funds as of September 15, 1956		602.10
		\$3318.10

W. C. PETERMAN, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE ADVERTISING MANAGER

Display advertising revenue, excluding that contained in the Yearbook, amounted to \$761.10 in 1955, a decline of \$52.45 from the all-time peak of \$813.55 realized in 1954. This decline is equivalent to less than one-half page per issue at the annual rate of \$5.25 per half-page. A comparison of the first six months of 1956 with the same period in 1955 shows income of \$369, as against \$453.22, a decline of \$84.22 despite an increase in advertising rates effective January 1, 1956, of about 11 per cent across the board.

Analysis shows that this decline can be attributed to the loss of two full page advertisements. The income derived from these two ads. during the period under review would come to \$108, an amount considerably greater than the decline.

Advertising revenue from the Yearbook will also be considerably less than the 1955 high of \$502.50. Despite intensive efforts of both the Editor and the Advertising Manager in soliciting the membership, final results will indicate gross receipts of only about \$400.

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

GEORGE B. LLEWELLYN, Advt. Manager.

This was seconded by Lloyd W. Sharpe and voted approved.

REPORT OF THE SALES MANAGER

Your Sales Manager is pleased to report that this past season has seen a substantial increase in the activity of the Sales Department. During this period, 69 regular circuits were sent out to groups of seven members each, besides monthly special sendings to those regional groups requesting them. As a result of this heightened level of activity, the sales figure for the period totalled \$3979.44. This was in no small measure made possible by the gratifying response to your Sales Manager's appeal for the entry of more material, 172 new books with an original value of \$6787.85 having been entered during the year.

The statement of the condition of the Sales Department at the beginning and end of the past period follows:

	25 Au.'55	31 Au.'56
Cash in Bank—Demand	\$2718.96	\$1994.75
Cash in Bank—Time	—	1004.17
Circulating Value	7720.60	6310.69
Reserve, Insurance Chg. Rec.	198.38	170.97
Prepaid Insurance Policy	—	190.97
Sales Books	—	39.66
Owners Payable	9594.57	8430.73
Insurance Fund	845.42	951.23
Operating Surplus	197.95	329.25

The Statement of Income and Expense for the Sales Department for the period is:

Income	
Commissions Collected	\$314.37
Foreign Exchange Premiums62
Interest Income	4.17
Expense	\$319.16
Stationery and Printing	19.85
Postage and Registry	108.98
Accrued Insurance Premium	59.03
Net Balance to Operating Surplus	\$131.30

In renewing the commercial "floater" insurance policy which we obtained last year, it was found

possible to negotiate a revision whereby the previous limitation on coverage per salesbook was, for all practical purposes, removed—without additional premium. At the same time, it was deemed advisable to renew the policy for a three-year period, in order to effect the usual savings of one-sixth of the annual premium cost.

Your Sales Manager noted that the funds on deposit in the bank account of the Sales Department appeared to be in excess of the amount required by us for our purposes, and by the bank to support our activity, and therefore, with the approval of the Board of Governors, transferred from our demand account to a new time account the sum of \$1000—an amount roughly equal to the insurance fund. This time account currently yields an interest return of 2½%, which would pay about one-third of the annual cost of our insurance policy.

Losses during the past year have been for the most part in the "mysterious disappearance" category, and have been negligible in amount. No loss of any sort occurred in the field covered by our commercial policy.

Your Sales Manager is happy to be able to report that the problem of delinquency in returns has been for the most part considerably less serious and less frequent this past year than formerly. Thus, while the Board of Governors in revising the Rules of the Sales Department has provided for a system of fines, it has been found necessary to invoke this penalty in only one extreme case.

While some members have already sent in a number of books for entry in the new season, these are as yet only a small portion of the number required to replace those which have been retired. The Sales Department probably furnishes the best market available to the collector for the economical sale of fine B.N.A. material in the moderate and low price range. Once again we solicit the co-operation of all members possessing surplus desirable items in entering them for sale to those fellow members who may require them. With the aid of our membership again this year, we may anticipate that this season will be as good or better than last.

Respectfully submitted.

ALEXANDER HYDE, Sales Manager.

As the Sales Manager was unable to attend the Annual Meeting, his report was read to the meeting by Mr. Peterman, who moved its approval. This motion was seconded by H. W. Lussey and voted approved.

At this point, President deVolpi returned to the meeting and took the chair, calling for the Publicity Director's report.

Alfred Kessler, Publicity Director and Permanent Convention Committee Chairman, made a verbal report in which he emphasized the need for better liaison between local convention committees and the Permanent Convention Committee and Publicity Director. A general discussion ensued and various suggestions were made from the floor concerning the conduct of future conventions.

Unfinished Business

Robert J. Woolley, secretary of the Perfin Study Group, advised the meeting that the publication of the handbook, "Canadian Stamps With Perforated Initials", had been a financial as well as a literary success.

At this time the new officers of the Society were installed, and Mr. Llewellyn again took the chair as the incoming President. He expressed his appreciation of the great honor bestowed upon him and resumed conduct of the meeting.

New Business

It was suggested by Mr. Arnold Banfield that the Sales Manager should make the sales circuit books available to the membership at each convention. After much discussion it was decided that the Chairman of the Board of Governors would take this matter up with the Sales Manager and eventually advise the membership of the outcome.

There being no further new business, a call was

made for bids for the 1958 Convention. The successful bid was made by Mr. V. G. Greene and Mr. C. P. deVolpi on behalf of a group representing the province of Quebec, with the understanding that it would be held in the mountain resort area north of Montreal.

There being no further business before the meeting, it was voted adjourned.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of

JACK LEVINE, Secretary.

THUMBNAIL SKETCHES OF

Canadian Prime Ministers

AS SHOWN ON CANADIAN STAMPS

By T. C. BERKELEY (BNAPS 767)

No. 1: Sir John A. MacDonald

FIRST PRIME MINISTER of the Dominion of Canada, Sir John A. MacDonald was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1815 and came to Canada when a young boy with his parents, who settled in Kingston, Ontario. Here he was educated as a lawyer, and started to practice in 1836.

He was elected to the Provincial Legislature of Upper and Lower Canada (now Ontario and Quebec) in 1844, becoming Premier 10 years later.

Now known as the Father of Confederation, he was invited to take part in the first conference toward a united Canada at Charlottetown, P.E.I., in 1864. Out of this meeting came Confederation in 1867, with Sir John as the country's first Prime Minister, and for his efforts he was knighted by Queen Victoria.

The first major task facing MacDonald was the construction of a railway to connect British Columbia to Eastern Canada. This tremendous undertaking was finally completed in 1885, being known as the Canadian Pacific Railway. During the construction of the railway, and due to the need for opening up the Prairies to settlers

to bring revenue to the railway, uprisings of Indian and half-breed settlers had to be faced. He organized the North-west Mounted Police, who handled the maintenance of law and order in this enormous territory with only a handful of men. Also in 1869 he had completed the purchase of the Hudson Bay Company Territory, adding an area of two and a half million square miles to the Dominion of Canada.

Never one to commit himself in a hurry, he was popularly known as "Old Mr. Tomorrow". Truly loyal to the British Empire, his best remembered saying is "A British subject I was born, a British subject I will die." ★

• These articles came about through an appeal from a stamp collecting friend in England who wanted some information about our Prime Ministers. As I wanted the same thing myself, I started to dig up the necessary information, and much to my surprise, I found that in the branch of our Public Library, the highly educated librarians didn't know who the Prime Ministers were until I gave them a list of their names. Even then, we had quite a job digging up the various books that had anything in them about Canada's one-time national leaders. So perhaps there may be many BNAPS members in Canada, the U.S. and overseas who are no better informed than our librarians and they might be interested in these little thumbnail sketches.

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THE LAST WORD

By THE EDITOR

IN REV. H. H. HEINS' article in October issue entitled "The First Royal Visit Commemorative?" concerning the visit to Canada in 1860 of the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII) it was stated that "... the greatest event in the Prince's visit to Canada was the opening of the Victoria Bridge [at Montreal]. The next in importance was the laying of the corner-stone of the new Parliament Buildings at Ottawa." Evidence of another event at which the Prince of Wales officiated during this visit was a picture in the Toronto (Ont.) Globe and Mail of October 18 showing examples of new historical markers to be erected in Ontario. These markers are being erected by the Ontario Archaeological and Historic Sites Board, and one of those illustrated in the newspaper item contained the inscription: "Queen's Park. This park was opened September 11th, 1860, by the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII, and named after Queen Victoria. The main block of the present Parliament Buildings was constructed 1886-1892. The Ontario Legislature opened its 26th Session here April 4th, 1893, under Premier Sir Oliver Mowat." Queen's Park is the site of the Ontario Provincial Legislature in Toronto.

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● **WE MAY HAVE BEEN** unable to explain adequately why the September issue of this journal was late (actually it was because the editor was tied up with "bread-winning" activities when he should have been working on TOPICS) but it set up a sort of chain reaction—because the September issue was late, it naturally enough made the October Yearbook issue late. A change in our mailing facilities had something to do with this, too, but this change should make for a smoother mailing system in the future as it is being done entirely by a commercial firm, and will therefore take that additional load off the editor's shoulders each month. With a lot of overtime work on the part of the editor, and with the cooperation of our printers, we are able to produce the November issue two weeks after October TOPICS, to get the magazine back on schedule again.

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● **OUR LABORS** are made all the more difficult by a continuing shortage of articles for TOPICS. We sincerely thank those members who have sent in material to the magazine over the summer months, and please be assured that because they have yet to appear in print, they were not appreciated or are not of interest. It is very difficult to keep the contents of TOPICS in balance, without a preponderance of one type of article. With Ed. Richardson's series of cover articles now running, we try as much as is possible to avoid printing other articles about any phase of this subject at the same time. This also applies to other subjects from time to time. However, don't let this stop you sending in an article on any subject, as it is only by having a continuing supply of all types on hand that we are able to plan in advance the desired balance from month to month. ★

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