

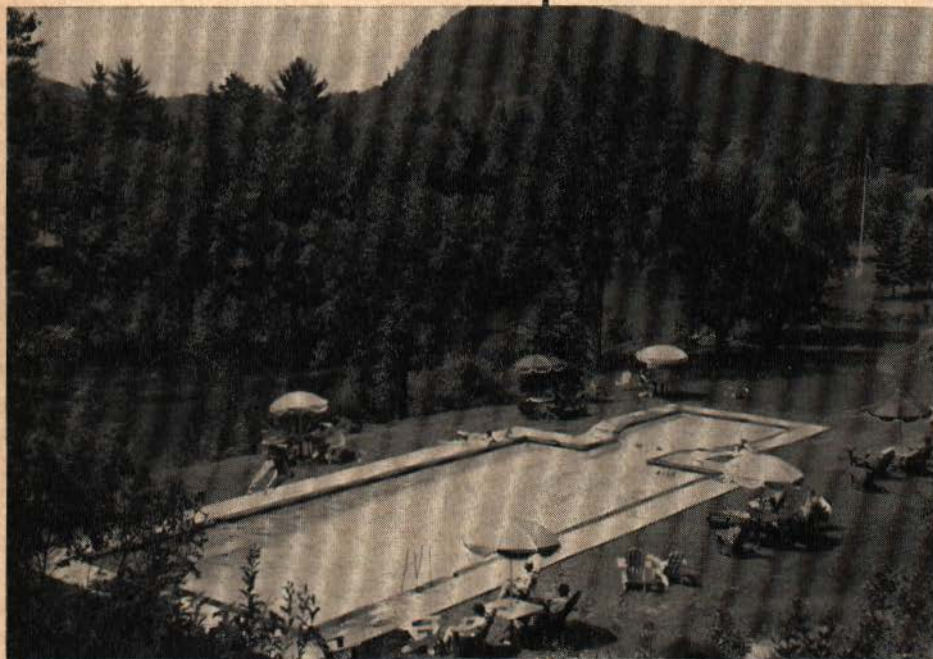
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# BNAPEX 1957

PHILADELPHIA, PENN., SEPTEMBER 19-21, 1957.

By A. H. KESSLER

**B**NAPEX-57 is now history, and the Philadelphia Group, host for our ninth annual convention and exhibition, wishes to express its sincere thanks to the many who contributed their support to its efforts to make this event a success.

September 19-20-21 were the chosen dates for this year, but Monday, Sept. 16, saw the arrival of the first BNAPSers, and each day brought more and more arrivals for the big event.

The 80-frame exhibit was opened on Thursday, Sept. 19, and by 6 p.m. 66 happy people were aboard two special buses which took them to the North Penn Post 676 V.F.W., in Glenside, Pa., where a catered buffet supper had been prepared for them. After a hearty supper there was an orchestra to provide the dancing music, and during the evening the host group presented BNAPSer No. 2, F. H. Odell, and Mrs. Odell with a cake, appropriately decorated to mark their golden wedding anniversary, Sept. 21.

## Gains Momentum

Friday, with more still arriving, saw the convention gaining momentum, with many viewing the exhibits, visiting the bourse dealers, taking in a sight-seeing tour, and on the official side, judging of the exhibit by V. G. Greene, Dr. C. M. Jephcott and Dr. K. M. Day, and a meeting of the Board of Governors.

After the closing of the show at 10 p.m., a reception was held by the host group in the 'Junior' and 'Locust' rooms of the hotel where a good time was enjoyed by all.

Saturday, a really big day for the convention, started off with the majority having a late breakfast, then off to the annual business meeting (details of which will be found in the Official Section of this issue). After the meeting and a hasty lunch, the majority attended an auction in the nearby offices of Earl P. L. Apfelbaum, who ar-

## THE AWARDS

**Grand Award:** Charles P. deVolpi, of Montreal, who showed five frames of Canadian Stampless Covers. This award was a sterling silver plate bearing the gold medal, engraved with the Seal of the Society.

**Gold Medals:** Dr. Robert Van Court Carr for his collection of Maritime Provinces; Edward A. Richardson for his showing of Federal and Provincial Revenues.

**Silver Medals:** D. C. Meyerson for his presentation of Newfoundland Decimal Issues; George D. Hicks for the Small Cents Issue of Canada; Stanley A. Wood for Newfoundland Specialized.

**Bronze Medals:** George B. Llewellyn, The Canada Decimal Issues; Dr. L. Seale Holmes for a display of Proofs and Essays; N. A. Pelletier for "Selected Pages from an Airmail Collection."

ranged his 144th public auction sale to coincide with our convention dates.

All present later gathered for the cocktail hour immediately preceding the annual banquet, where one heard of the 'finds' made by the visit to the bourse tables or 'bargains' obtained at the auction. At 7 o'clock, to the strains of 'The Star Spangled Banner' and 'God Save the Queen', 95 pulled their chairs up to the table and awaited the serving of a roast prime beef dinner.

## Presents Awards

BNAPEX general chairman Jim Culhane, as toastmaster, then presented the officers of the Society, expressed his thanks to the members of the committee, and introduced the chairman of the judging committee, V. G. Greene, who in his usual affable manner presented the awards to the winners of the various classes in the exhibition.

The rendition of 'Happy Birthday to You' by those assembled was in recognition of the birthdays of Mrs. E. A. Richardson and Mrs. Sayde Hodgson.

Now came the farewells, as many had to leave following the banquet, and others the following day. Thus one more year has



passed, climaxed by friends getting together for a few days of mixing social events and business. Once again, thanks to all for the support given the Philly Group, and we hope to see all those present this year plus those who were absent, at next year's show.

## ROAMING AROUND

### BNAPEX-57

**First arrivals** at the hotel: W. P. Carter, Mrs. Sayde Hodgson and Miss Dawn Hodgson, Monday, Sept. 16, at 11:15 a.m. . . . Last to leave hotel: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Peterman, Monday, Sept. 23, 11:40 a.m. ('Pete' wanted to make sure there were no 1958 dues left lying around.) . . . First casualty (and we hope, the only one): Prexy G. B. Llewellyn—one wrenched back. The sincere sympathy of all who attended the convention went to Bert.

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**The committee** is happy to report that not one piece of glass was cracked, chipped or broken in the round trip to and from the hotel, nor in the handling of the same by the entrants—a total of 88 pieces. Another record for BNAPS! . . . Speaking of frames, do you need haulers for same? Well, Culhane, Llewellyn, Rockett and Kessler are NOT available. . . . Long distance: From the north, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. deVolpi; from the south, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson; east and west—we ain't going to argue!

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**The sincere thanks** of the committee for BNAPEX-57 is hereby extended to the bourse dealers. Your support is as necessary as the registrations, and we hope that those

in attendance supported you in return. . . . The Chamber of Commerce and the Publicity Bureau of your state or province, city or town, is ready to help you if you ask. To the Philadelphia chamber and the publicity bureau the committee wishes to extend a 'thank you', especially to Mrs. Englehart, who was the lady at the desk on Thursday and Friday, and to Miss Gloria Honichman for her releases to the press.

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**While we doubt** if any talent scouts will be interested, you should have heard those BNAPSers singing on the buses Thursday evening, returning from the get-together, and again on Friday night at the reception. . . . Warning to future BNAPEX committees: Do not under estimate that feminine touch! Which reminds us, hats off to our ladies for their suggestions and help: Peg Culhane, Hilda Rockett, Bette Llewellyn and Betty Kessler. Thanks!

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**BNAPS is marching forward!** Help us to keep from any retreat! How? Do you know someone interested in collecting B.N.A. material? Tell them about BNAPS. . . . Have you thought about having the convention in or near your city or town? Consult your officers about the possibilities. . . . Duplicates that another BNAPSer would like to purchase? Contact Alex Hyde. . . . An article that you think should be published in TOPICS? Send it to Gordon Lewis, or if you are afraid you can't write it as you want it to be published, call on another BNAPSer to help you. . . . Let's hit the 1000-mark by next convention. . . . Save part of your vacation to attend our 10th annual convention in 1958. ★



# Rounding Up SQUARED CIRCLES

EDITOR: DR. A. WHITEHEAD, 52 Havelock St., Amherst, N.S.

## REVISED DATES FOR ONTARIO

(Part 3—M-O)

(Only those dates which supersede the Handbook are given here)

### Manitowaning

Earliest: Oc 31, 94; Latest: My 29, 00

The date is generally in three lines, but two-line dates are known.

### Markdale

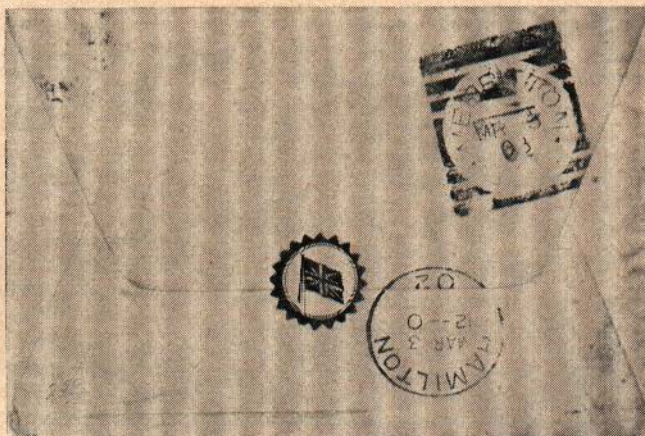
See TOPICS for March 1957, for the story of the recent discovery by Dr. E. C. Banno that two hammers were used here.



Dated Bloemfontein, O.R.C., Ja 31, 02. The South African War was about over, and peace was proclaimed in the following May. The hand-stamped initials P.B.C. (in blue) are censor marks, and possibly mean 'Passed By Censor' (see Stephen Rich's "Philately of the Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902", an excellent work.) Sent by member of the South African Constabulary to Merritton, Ont.



The reverse shows a fair impression of the Merritton squared circle, dated Mr 3, 02. The seal is an adhesive showing the Union Jack in full color.



I—Earliest: Sp 4, 93; Latest: Jy 6, 94; RF: 50  
II—Earliest: Sp 27, 94; Latest: Ja 30, 99;  
RF: 30-40

**Marmora**

Earliest: De 1, 94; Latest: De 10, 02  
Above the date: AM, PM, also Blank  
RF: 30

**Martintown**

Latest: Sp 5, 99

**Mattawa**

Earliest: Mr 6, 94; Latest: Jy 15, 01

**Merrickville**

Earliest: Sp 22, 94  
Three-line dates may be found in 1902

**Merritton**

Earliest: De 8, 94 (see illustration)

**Metcalfe**

Delete this!

**Milton West**

Earliest: Fe 4, 95  
Above the date: PM (AM is doubtful)

**Mitchell**

Earliest: Sp 1, 93; Latest: Au 12, 99

**Mount Brydges**

Earliest: Oc 4, 93; Latest: No 6, 1914  
RF: 30

**Nassagaweya**

Latest: Ja 10, 95

**Newmarket**

Earliest: Ap 13, 94; Latest: Ja 20, 97

**Niagara**

Earliest: Ap 3, 94; Latest: Sp 16, 97

**Niagara Falls South**

Latest: Jy 15, 01

**North Bay**

Earliest: Oc 30, 93  
Above the date: Blank; PM (AM not known)

**Orangeville**

Earliest: Au 5, 93; Latest: No 15, 93

**Orillia**

Earliest: Ja 2, 94; Latest: Sp 7, 99  
Above the date: 1, in July '94; generally Blank

**Oshawa**

Earliest: De 30, 93

**Owen Sound**

Earliest: Mr 3, 94; Latest: Oc 26, 98  
Above the date: Blank to Nov. '96; then A, B, C; '6' seen with '98 dates.

**Oxford Mills**

Earliest: Ap 29, 94; Latest: Oc 3, 1902





LINDSAY, ONT., 2/Au 10, '96. A most attractive illustrated cover of the Sylvester Bros. Mfg. Co., Lindsay, Ont. A triple corner illustration of factory, harvest scene and an angler, beautifully composed and printed. (From the E. A. Richardson collection).

### SOME FREAK INDICIA

The study of indicia can be amusing. In a long list of interesting facts dealing with squared circles, new dates, etc., Mr. C. A. Porter of New Westminster submitted the following. He even sent the pieces for inspection.

1. BROCKVILLE, Ont.: MR/PM 14/99  
Now, if St. Patrick's Day had been Mr 14 one might suppose the Brockville clerk to have been a celebrating Irishman. In all likelihood he was merely absentminded. In a rather extensive collection of R.P.O. markings I have quite occasionally seen such misplaced indicia, but this is the first example I have seen on squared circles.
2. MORDEN, Man.: 37/Jy 20/97. This was on a 3c Jubilee stamp. Here the clerk was not absent-minded nor on a binge. He was being festive, certainly, in a patriotic way. I am certain that the figures '1837' and '1897' prominent on the stamp, had caught his attention and that he was determined to have **both** on his postmark.

### NOTES ON CHARLOTTETOWN INDICIA

The story of the indicia above the date on Charlottetown squared circles is a most tangled affair. My collection of Charlottetown is not a large one, about 14 pages mounted and a few unmounted duplicates. A really comprehensive lot might reveal a more definite pattern than I can at present indicate, but I will do my best.

The figures '1', '2', hitherto regarded as clerks' numbers but in all probability representing 'AM' and 'PM', were generally in use up to Jy 27, '95. (There were occasional appearances of AM, PM, in April and May, '94, and again in January '95). By

July 29, AM and PM were in steady use up to My 18, '97, in my records. Again, there were exceptions, however. During the remainder of the squared circle period there was even less system, for 1, 2, seemed to appear just as often as AM, PM.

The subject is further complicated by occasional use of numbers '3' (rare) and '5' (very rare) above the date. I have never seen '4'. (Why was this never used?) If '1' and '2' indicate AM and PM as in all probability they did, why '3' and '5', and why no '4'? Perhaps Mr. E. A. Smythies and Col. McLellan, who have recently written on indicia so informingly, the one in TOPICS, the other in 'Maple Leaves', could enlighten us. The '3' has been reported for rare dates in April and May '95; January '96, and in June, July, August, September and November '97; '5', a great rarity, is known Au 2 '97; and '5' inverted, Au 11 '97 and No 6, '97. In addition, several 'blank' copies are known, with no number above the date.

Mr. Charles A. Porter has two interesting groups among his Charlottetown copies:

AM and '2', both used Ap 13 '97.

AM and '2', both used Sp 27 '97.

I have always felt that such groups are worth looking for, and am glad when I can mount such things in my albums.

### THANK YOU!

My appeal for assistance with the HALL-FAX chronology met with an excellent response. I have recorded dates sent in by many BNAPSers, including Miss M. Harris, Mrs. A. Kirk, Drs. McKee and Banno, and Messrs. Blois, Porter, Bolduc, Elliott, Kemp, Ludlow, Willcock, Greene, Chandler, Foster, Waite, Kraemer, and others. Some of these good souls have also helped me with Belleville and Winnipeg dates. Thanks! I shall have something to say about these pets of mine very soon. ★





# REVENUE GROUP

## News

EDITOR: E. A. RICHARDSON, 303 Pin Oak Drive, La Marque, Texas

**War Tax Stamp Mystery.** From Roy Wrigley (BNAPS No. 1065) comes the item illustrated herewith, a copy of the 2c carmine, Admiral issue, with a handstamp in purple **WAR TAX/STAMP**. What is it? The piece it was attached to seemed to indicate revenue usage. Is it of private origin? Who can help us clear up the mystery?



**War Tax Cancellations.** From E. L. Piggott (BNAPS No. 629) comes the unusual group of War Tax cancellations, illustrated herewith this month. The two 4c War Tax



with the "USE CROWN PENS" between two lines, all in carmine, are especially nice. This was probably a precancel, but can anyone add any further light?

The "X" cancels illustrated are all handstamps. The narrow "X" on the 1c is in bright green, the "X" on the 2c is magenta, and the large one on the 20c Excise is in purple. Again, were these precancels? Precancels or not, these only serve to show the tremendous possibilities in making up nice appearing pages of rather ordinary, common revenues, showing some very interesting cancellations. Revenues are FUN!

**New Unemployment Insurance Stamps.** Both Roy Wrigley and H. W. Walker (BNAPS No. 1380) have reported on the new Unemployment Insurance stamps which were supposedly issued April 1 of this year. This is a special issue for use of fishermen on the east and west coasts. As soon as possible we will report the denominations, number to the set, and illustrate.

**British Columbia Vacation Stamps.** Again from Mr. Wrigley comes the information that British Columbia is planning an issue of Vacation stamps. This will make at least the fourth province to have issued them, Ontario, Alberta and Manitoba being the others.

**New Brunswick Tobacco Tax Imperforate Panes.** Recently acquired was a set of four panes of the 1940, second or 'Lorraine Cross' issue. All are IMPERFORATE. The set not only includes the three issued values, 1c, 2c and 3c, but also includes a pane of the 5c value which was prepared but not issued. Probably the first three should be classed as proofs, and the latter one as an ESSAY, yet how come at the top of each pane is a staple mark, indicating these had been stapled into booklets.

All are in the colors of issue.



**Newfoundland TAX EXEMPT Cigarette Stamps.** These are of the sunburst design. There appear to be at least two types of these, with several minor varieties. Using



those reported by Meyers in the April 1944 issue of TOPICS, plus those in my own collection, we come up with the following:

**Type 1**—Sunburst design, blue, impression 21½x29 mm., imperforate, imprint at base of stamp, no denomination. OVERPRINTED in two lines in black, all in capital letters, "MILITARY/CANTEEN."

**Type 2**—As above, except is taller stamp, 20½x41½ mm. OVERPRINTED, in four lines in black, in upper and lower case letters, "Naval and/Military/Canteens."

**Type 2A**—As Type 2, but the overprint has been obliterated with a surcharge of three heavy BLACK bars extending across the entire stamp. Total bar surcharge measures 12½ mm. high with only a minute space between bars.

**Type 2B**—As Type 2A, but with RED bars.

**British Columbia Social Service Tickets.** Illustrated herewith is the 3c value of what appears to be a set of three. In the listing



below the first color is that of the design, second is that of the faint "safety paper" design contained within the framelines, and third is that of the paper.

1c black, pale pink on white.

3c black, pale green on pink.

5c black, rose on pale greenish-blue.

Would some

BNAPSer in B.C. drop me a note giving us the purpose for which these were issued,

what tax they represent, and if there are any other denominations or varieties? (Note: The 1c is illustrated on page 280 of Holmes' catalogue.)

**Quebec Bankruptcy Act Stamps.** For those with the English first line, Holmes lists all values existing in the perf. 11 form except the \$3 value. It always seemed strange that this one value was supposedly perforated 12 only. Recently acquired was a \$3 in the perf. 11 form, so we now know that all values appear with this perforation.

**Stamps I've given up hope of ever seeing!** I've just about come to the conclusion that the following revenue stamps do not exist. Will any member owning a copy, or knowing of the existence of any copy, please report it to the writer? If they exist they must be rarities—if they are phantoms, let's delete them from the catalogues.

1. Cheque stamp, bilingual rectangular, Holmes No. FCH5, Marks No. CH10.
2. Supreme Court Law, 1st issue, young queen, \$5 blue with blue control number, Holmes No. FSC 6A, Marks SC6a.
3. Quebec Licenses \$2.00 GRAY (not a shade of brown), Holmes QLI2, Marks Q122.
4. Supreme Court Law, George V, 50 blue, ROULETTED. Holmes No. FSC 13A, Marks SC 12. Holmes gives it a RED control number, Marks lists it as PURPLE. If either one exists, which is it?

Are there other Canadian revenues you doubt exist? If so, drop me a line as to which ones. Perhaps there are others we can drop from our want lists too! ★

## Trail of the Caribou

By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS L3)



**B**ACK in the June 1955 issue of TOPICS we reported the existence of a Presentation Sheet put out by Newfoundland for the 1928 issue. This sheet was in the collection of Alex MacMaster and at that time we reported that other sheets existed for either the Guy issue or the George V Coronation issue, or both. Recently we were fortunate enough to acquire what is really a

Presentation Card put out for the George V Coronation issue and we will describe it in detail. The entire issue, Scott No's. 104-114, with 110 the paper colored-through variety rather than the surface-colored variety, is mounted in four rows on a card 11¾ by 9½ inches. The top of the card is inscribed NEWFOUNDLAND / CORONATION YEAR 1911 in two lines. The bot-



tom of the card has the following in two lines: "Issue of Newfoundland Stamps to commemorate the Coronation of Their Majesties / King George the Fifth and Queen Mary, June 22nd, 1911." The last printed line at the bottom says: "With the Compliments of the Government of Newfoundland," and it is signed by what appears to be the name "V. P. Morris, Prime Minister." In the lower left corner is the printed line, "Whitehead, Morris & Co. Ld. London, EC." We still think that a Presentation Card or Sheet exists for the Guy issue and we would be pleased to receive any information about it that our readers may have.

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**On June 5** the firm of J. N. Sissons held an auction in Toronto that made Newfoundland revenue history, as it gave to stamp collectors auction realizations of some of the scarcer items that as far as we know had not been offered for sale at auction in recent years. For example the \$20 Queen Victoria, Sissons No. N8, in mint and used condition realized \$42.50 and \$50 respectively. The \$25, Sissons No. N9, in very fine o.g. condition never stopped until it reached \$145. A very fine used copy of the \$20 King George V, Sissons No. N22, in perf. 12, was knocked down at \$15, and a similar copy of the \$25 in the perf. 11, Sissons No. N23, topped that realization by \$3 and sold for \$18. In the Caribou issue very fine used copies of the \$20 and \$50, Sissons Nos. N31 and N32, sold for \$42.50 and \$50 respectively. Finally an unused copy of the 10c blue War Savings stamp went for \$9. This was the first time to our knowledge that the last stamp had ever been offered at auction.

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**The auction firm** of Harmer, Rooke & Co., of New York, certainly conducted the outstanding auction of Newfoundland air mail stamps to be held in recent times when they sold the air post collection of Oscar R. Lichtenstein on June 13 last. Some of the outstanding items sold and the prices realized are as follows: An o.g. copy of the Hawker, Scott C1, with trifling corner crease and some black paper adhering to the back, sold for \$1,400. A mint sheet of 25 of the Alcock-Brown, Scott C2, realized \$525. There were three single copies and one vertical pair of the Halifax inverted offered for sale. One copy with wide space and no period went at \$310, while another copy with narrow space and period went very reasonably at \$290. The other copies were all from the inverted sheet that had the

surcharge misplaced and a single with wide space brought \$335, while the vertical pair with one wide space and one narrow space sold for \$1,100. A mint pane of 25 of the Halifax overprint, Scott C3, showing the complete setting, brought \$400. A superb copy of the DePinedo, Scott C4, with right sheet margin, was knocked down at \$2,500, and a superb copy of the Columbia, Scott C5, brought \$650, which may be a new high for a mint copy of this stamp.

A complete set of the 1931 unwatermarked airs in mint horizontal pairs, imperf. between, Scott Nos. C6a, C7a and C8a, went at the very fair price of \$300. The same set but this time in mint vertical pairs, imperf. between, Scott Nos. C6b, C7b and C8b, sold for \$25 more when the auctioneer knocked it down at \$325. An imperf. pair of the 15c, Scott C6c, sold for \$85. In the watermarked set, a horizontal pair of the 15c, imperf. between, Scott C9a, realized \$120, while the 50c value in the same set in the same condition, Scott C10a, sold for \$107.50. The \$1 value but this time in a vertical pair, imperf. between, Scott C11a, realized the same price of \$107.50, and a variety of this pair, in that it was completely imperf. horizontally, brought \$130.

A copy of the Do-X with surcharge inverted, Scott C12a, went at \$875. A complete set of the Labrador airs in imperforate pairs, Scott Nos. C13a-C17a, realized \$390. A defective copy of the Balbo invert (all copies of this stamp are defective) sold for \$1100. The prize of the collection, the Balbo surcharge on the 10c value instead of the 75c value (only eight known) brought \$6125.

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**The July 26 issue** of 'Stamp Collecting' carries an advertisement by Zinopoulos & Sons of London, offering the 3c, Scott No. 246, in the line perf. 14.1 in mint condition at £25. This is the highest price asked for this stamp to our knowledge.

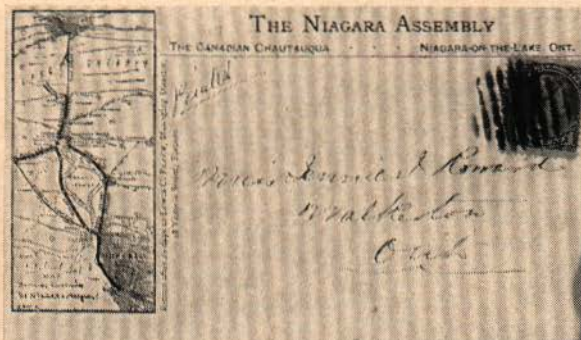
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**The Irwin Heiman sale** of September 19, held in New York, had a Newfoundland flown cover that is rarely seen offered for sale. In fact the last time we saw it at auction was in 1943. The flight took place in 1931 and is known as the 'Justice for Hungary' flight, from the name of the plane. The flight originated in New York and culminated in Hungary with an intermediate stop at Harbor Grace. The cover is franked with the \$1 airmail of 1931. In a subsequent column we will try to advise as to the price realized. ★



ILLUSTRATED ADVERTISING:

## Early Canadian Map Covers



A 19th century Canadian Map cover, showing the U.S.-Canadian border area from Buffalo to Toronto—'The Niagara Frontier.' Map outlines the various railroad and steamship routes then in existence; 1c Small Queen prepaid the circular rate.

**T**HE EARLIEST of all subjects to attract the attention of topical or thematic collectors was probably that group of stamps which had as their main theme maps or globes. It is logical, therefore, that map covers should also attract considerable attention.

The Canadian cover fan will find that covers with maps illustrated on their face are far from common, and it would be a most difficult task to assemble even a modest showing of them. Unlike hotel, exhibition, agricultural implement, patriotic and multicolored advertising covers, which are, with patience, available in quite considerable variety, Canadian map covers are few and far between.

In all the years that I have been attempting to bring together a representative group of Canadian advertising covers, I have never seen a single Canadian map cover, other than the types listed below. There must be other types in existence, but try and find them! If you doubt their scarcity, then the next time you attend a large bourse with a goodly number of Canadian dealers, check through their stock and see how many map covers you come up with. Chances are it will be a fat zero!

The only map covers seen by this collector are as follows:

1. The Niagara Assembly cover (illustrated), in black. Map of Niagara Frontier.
2. Renfrew, Ont. (illustrated). In blue. Overall advertising. Railroad map, Montreal to Georgian Bay.
3. Orillia. In blue. Overall advertising. "Chamber of Commerce" type. Map of area from Lake Ontario and Toronto to Georgian Bay.
4. Orillia. In black. Otherwise the same as No. 3.
5. Wallaceburg. In green. Overall advertising. Map only. Map shows the Ontario Peninsular area between Lakes Erie, Huron and Ontario. This type could have been in general use, and probably exists with corner cards of business firms in other towns located in this area.

While there are the only five known types which feature maps as the main theme, there are numerous other types of illustrated advertising covers which have maps or globes as a part of the pictorial illustration. Examples are (1) the 1903 Nova Scotia Exhibition cover (illustrated in the chapter on exhibition covers); (2) "WORLD'S BLEND TEA," a multi-colored advertising cover. The illustration includes a globe showing a crude map of Ceylon, India, Siam, Burma, China, Borneo, Philippines and Japan. (3) Freeman Fertilizer Works. Globe with crude outline of Western Hemisphere.

None of these, however, fall into my classification of true Canadian map covers, their main classification being either exhibition, foodstuffs or multicolored, and agricultural



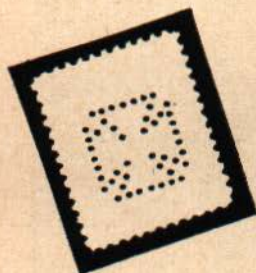
One of the 'Chamber of Commerce' type of map covers. This one expounds on the many advantages of Renfrew, Ont. Map shows the many railroads leading into the town; 8c Leaf used on registered cover.



supplies, respectively. These latter types, however, would most certainly appeal to a truly topical cover collector.

No one can deny that Canadian map covers are most attractive, and that they make interesting additions to one's cover collection. Most of them would serve beau-

tifully in illustrating a collection of railroad cancellations. However, they are not plentiful, and are hardly the ideal material for the basis of a specialized cover collection. But happy hunting—who knows but that someone will turn up a 'find' which will multiply this listing manifold! ★



## PERFIN *Study Group*

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### NEWFOUNDLAND PERFINS

SINCE reading N. W. Scales' article in the special Newfoundland issue of last April, we have had an interesting exchange of letters with him regarding his omission of our C11, lettered CH, from his listing of Newfoundland perfins.

Mr. Scales' contention is that until someone reports it on cover from Newfoundland it should not be accepted as used by a Newfoundland company, and suggests that it is probably used by a company in Canada who purchased Newfoundland stamps after the island became Canada's tenth province and the surplus Newfoundland stamps were sold through Canadian post offices.

To us the evidence is predominantly in favor of the CH design having been used by a Newfoundland company. To date the design has been reported in three collections and all are on Newfoundland stamps.

None have been reported as having been punched on Canadian stamps. All three of the known copies are on Newfoundland Scott No. 193, the 10c salmon, 1931 to 1939 series, which was re-issued with perforation changed to 12½ in 1941, several years before Newfoundland joined Confederation. It is unlikely that any of the perf. 13½ stamps still remained as surplus to be sold through Canadian post offices.

Unfortunately none of the copies have a town dated cancellation to support use in Newfoundland.

It would be of great help to this column to hear of a copy used on cover or even a town-dated copy showing Newfoundland usage. The user is still unidentified, so even a commercial corner card, most likely from St. John's, with a name that would fit the initials CH, would be an acceptable starting point for further investigation.



The above notes reminded us that we have not recently surveyed the Newfoundland stamps that were distributed through the Canadian post offices following the admittance of Newfoundland to Confederation, and which were punched by Canadian companies for use from points in Canada.

The designs with which we have been familiar for some time have been the CNR and CPR punches. Recently Mr. Scales has been good enough to send us a PS (Province of Saskatchewan) punched on the 5c Cabot, the last stamp to be issued in Newfoundland by its own post office department. We would be interested in hearing of other Canadian companies who happened to acquire some of the surplus Newfoundland stock and punched it with their own protective design.

**BT.** Two correspondents have recently drawn our attention to what might appear to be code hole types of the Bell Telephone Company's design. Both of these appear to have a code hole over the initials. However, one of these is over the spacing between the two letters and the other is over the outer limit of the horizontal bar of the 'T'.

We are of the opinion that both of these are due to an extra part punch, rather than being from additional machines with branch office identification marks. So far as we know, all BT punches are applied at the head office of the company in Montreal.

We understand that the use of this machine has been much reduced in the past year or two due to increased use of meter machines and changes in branch office accounting, so that it is unlikely that new machines have been put into use. We could be wrong and invite correction on this point.

**M8a and P3a.** The preceding paragraph brings to our attention the fact that we have never had confirmation of the Massey-Harris or Parke-Davis code hole types. Both have been accepted for listing but have been reported in only one collection each. Both of these companies were large users of postage stamps and if they had second machines used in branch offices, there should be other copies survived to confirm usage.

Will anyone with copies of M8a or P3a please report them to the secretary. M8a is punched MH with two holes above, P3a is the PD/Co punch with an additional hole between the P and D. ★

## CANADA'S 1932 PROVISIONALS

IN 1932 the 2c red of the 1930 Maple Leaf issue (Scott 191) was surcharged with the figure '3', the '2' being blocked out with four horizontal bars, each side.

In the June 1950 issue of TOPICS, under "Fortunate Flaws", Ron Tuckwell mentioned this emission provided some rare birds. He mentioned "chip out of 3," "bent surcharge bar" and "hump-backed 3". Likewise, Aubrey Kelson, in his "Dinky Daymuss" column which appears in 'Popular Stamps,' has spoken of and illustrated some interesting freaks in this issue. I recall the oddity 'flaw in C of cents', the 'high bar surcharge' and an outstanding one in which the cross bars and figure '3' are so misplaced the item is a freak of the first order.



Illustrated here is a mint block of four of Die II showing 'Dot after 3'. I also have a similar specimen from Die I in a used block of four. Not having seen any mention of this variety, it would appear this "fortunate flaw" is the best of them all for the variety hunter. Can any reader tell us what position this 'Dot after 3' item appeared on the sheet, and from which plate?—E. L. Piggott (No. 629). ★

### IMPORTANT SALE AT HARMER'S

H. R. Harmer Inc., 6 West 48th Street, New York, have announced that they will sell the fabulous collection of British Commonwealth (mostly mint) from the estate of Caroline Prentice Cromwell. One of the most important sections of the collection is the group of Newfoundland air post issues. More information next month. ★



# Union Steamships Limited



**T**HE CANCELLATION pictured here, plus some notes on it, has been submitted by BNAPSer A. G. Anderson (No. 997), Gibson, B.C., with the request that we "pull them together" so as to put on record in BNA TOPICS the existence of this marking.

It seems to appear on covers or stamps dated in the 1930's—whether it existed earlier or later than the dates listed is not known.

Mr. Anderson reports the following on cover:

(a) Addressed to "W. C. Black, Whaletown, B.C."

Cancelled: No post office cancel. Back-stamped WHALETOWN, B.C. MR 14, 37.

Steamship Marking: UNION STEAMSHIPS LTD./MAR 13, 1937/S.S. LADY CECILIA in violet; size 1 11/16" x 9/16".

Stamp: 3c Scott No. 219.

(b) Addressed to "Mr. Lambert, Whaletown, B.C."

Cancelled: No post office cancel. WAY MAIL printed in ink of same color as address. No back-stamp.

Steamship Marking: UNION STEAMSHIPS/LIMITED/MAR 2 . . . /LADY

. . . in violet; size 1 1/4" x 3/4". Marking is indistinct but likely should read LADY CECILIA.

Stamp: 3c Scott No. 233.

(c) Addressed to "Mr. Black, Chase River, B.C."

Cancelled: POWELL RIVER, B.C. in circle on one side of stamp; dated May 11/39. No back-stamp.

Steamship Marking: UNION STEAMSHIP/LIMITED/MAY 19—1939/S.S. VENTURE in violet; size 1 5/8" x 7/8".

Stamp: 3c Scott No. 233.

Markings are known with the names of the following steamships: Cardena, Chelosen (freight only), Cassier, Cattala, Cecillia, Venture, but there are possibly others. Colors are blue, green-blue, green, dark and reddish violet.

Mr. Anderson reports that he has this cancellation from Reid Island, Powell River and Vancouver, and on the following stamps: Scott No. 109; 197 (all dated 1933); 213; 219 (dated 1936); 233 (dated 1939).

The cancel is also found on WHM perfin on 1c, 2c and 3c George V, and WHM vertical perfin.

We would be pleased to hear from any member knowing more details of these markings. ★

## IMPORTANT NOTICE RE DEADLINES

Commencing with the issue for January 1958, both editorial and advertising deadlines for this magazine will be the **first day of the month previous to publication date**. For example, deadlines for the January 1958 issue will be December 1, 1957. Will all advertisers and contributors please take note of this fact and govern themselves accordingly.





**N**EARLY all the write-ups on the 1892 postmark mention the rare Seaforth, Ontario. Perhaps not many have seen a good example of the entire postmark. The above illustration shows it at its best—not once, but a second strike for good measure.

When Lizzie Imeson (then Mrs. John Walker) brought this in and with a twinkle in her eye handed me this cover, plus another one, and said, "I knew you collected stamps, Kenneth, and thought you might like these," I had no idea it was a rare

cancellation, but I knew it was unusual and a fine example of the marking.

I have often wondered why the two strikes on this cover. Having acted as postmaster at one time, I know the speed and accuracy that an old hand operator acquired and seldom, if ever, did he need to make a second pass at a letter.

Little did the person operating this hammer know they were leaving at least one fine example of Seaforth 1892.—**Kenneth C. Vizzard (No. 274). ★**

## THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

### 'FORERUNNERS'

There has been considerable comment both verbally and in BNA TOPICS on my article on the 'Forerunners to the Squared Circles', especially on my errors and omissions. I did forget to include London, Ont. in the list of post offices using this unusual cancellation, but I certainly will not forget again, after being reminded of it so forcefully by so many watchful readers. In fact, I originally intended to illustrate the article with a copy of it. It does seem that in the London forerunners, the '92' was left out of its usual position at the bottom of the postmark. However, there are not enough copies known yet to be sure if this was always so.

Seaforth, Ont., being a much smaller town than any of the other post offices using this cancellation, did not put CANADA after its name, as mostly only the larger cities did this. It followed the usual practice of putting the name of its province, ONT, at the bottom, so there was no place for the '92'. However, there was no problem finding another place for this as small towns did not usually give the hour, so right after the month and day, across the middle of the postmark, where other cities gave the hour, the Seaforth cancellations says '92'. I have two copies of the Seaforth forerunner, one

dated April 18, 1892, and the other May 1, 1892, earlier than those of Dr. Whitehead. Seaforth and London are undoubtedly the rarest of the squared circle forerunners, while Montreal, Que. and St. John, N.B. could come next in scarcity. I have the Montreal postmark on the 3c Maple Leaf stamp of 1898, but have not been able to get St. John on any stamp.

**Max Rosenthal (BNAPS 1104)**

### PRAIRIE CONSERVATION STAMPS

In answer to Ed. Richardson's query (p. 70, BNA TOPICS, March 1957) concerning Prairie Provinces Conservation stamps, it appears that the said 'stamps' were not stamps at all. They are not an official government issue—the caption "Prairie Provinces" would indicate that—and, consequently, their use would then be optional. They are probably seals similar to the so-called Quebec Conservation stamps (dealt with on p. 105, BNA TOPICS, May 1956) and as such are not regular revenue stamps. However, what one chooses to collect is one's own concern. Personally, I would not collect such paper as these so-called Conservation stamps with my revenue collection.

**H. W. Walker (BNAPS 1380)**



# Die Proofs, Plate Proofs and Specimens of Newfoundland Postal Stationery

**T**HE most complete work on the regular postal stationery emissions of Newfoundland is to be found in the handbook "The Postal Stationery of Canada" by Nelson Bond. This book is an absolute 'must' as it is in reality more than a handbook—it is a catalogue as all of the items are priced. To complement this work of Nelson Bond's, I think something should be said about the various proofs, die and plate, that exist as well as those few specimens that have been recorded.

I am sure the following will not be complete but it is done in the hope that interested collectors who have something to add will send that information on to me so that it may be recorded for future collectors. Since the information is rather skimpy, I will lump everything together and describe it under the individual card, envelope or postal band, and I will use Bond's catalogue numbers.

## A. Postcards

**NCA1**—Trial color proofs on india mounted on card, same size as issued card

1. Brown
2. Dark Orange
3. Plum Brown

**NCB1**—Essay on india mounted on card, same size as issued card but imprint and three lines for address missing

1. Red

**NCC1**—Trial color proofs seemingly on india mounted on card. Overall size: 140 x 93 mm. The size of the design same size as issued card

1. Green
2. Vermilion

**NCF1**—Trial color plate proof of design on card. Size: 19 mm. x 22½ mm.

1. Blue

**NCG1**—Die proof on card. Overall size of card: 125 mm. x 183 mm. Size of sinkage: 63 mm. x 65 mm.

1. Green  
—Plate proof on india. Same size as issued card

1. Green

**NCH1**—Plate proof on india. Same size as issued card

1. Red Orange

**NCL1**—Master die used for this card and for NCM1 and NLA1. It is 20½ mm. x 24½ mm. and is complete in every respect except that the values and the value tablet are empty so that it could be used either for the 1c or 2c values

1. Black

## B. Envelopes

**NEA2**—Specimen overprint in black diagonally across envelope. Size of overprint 90 mm. x 9 mm.

**NEB1**—Specimen overprint, 90 mm. x 9 mm. in black diagonally across envelope

## C. Post Bands

**NBA1**—Specimen overprint, 90 mm. x 9 mm. in black on Post Band

**NBA2**—Specimen overprint, 90 mm. x 9 mm. in black on Post Band

**NBA3**—Specimen overprint, 90 mm. x 9 mm. in black on Post Band

In addition, at CAPEX in Toronto in 1951 we saw two items that we wrote up in the November issue of "Trail of the Caribou" of that year and they were described merely as die proofs of NCF1 and NCK1. If my memory is not playing tricks, I would say that these die proofs were in the issued colors of the cards. Any further information would be appreciated. ★

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# OFFICIAL SECTION

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

A LETTER . . .

## From the President

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

WHILE there is probably a great deal mentioned elsewhere in this issue about BNAPEX-57, I would consider myself greatly remiss if I failed to comment on one of the best organized and most enjoyable conventions ever put on by our Society. From Thursday morning until Saturday night, those attending were offered a program that ran the gamut of pleasing entertainment, a comprehensive exhibit of fine material soundly judged, good stamping with the bourse and the auction, good fellowship, excellent food and conviviality.

It was most gratifying to have so many guests make a point of expressing their appreciation for a wonderful time after the banquet Saturday night, and again before leaving Sunday. My congratulations to the splendid job done by Chairman Jim Culhane; Al Kessler, the work-horse of the committee, Will Rockett, and their fair ladies, as well as John Siverts, who has no fair lady.

Next year we go to Alpine Inn in the Laurentian Mountains, Province of Quebec, under the chairmanship of Charlie deVolpi, who has already started to beat the drum for BNAPEX-58. No bids have been received for 1959, but there is a possibility that the Twin City Group may bid at some future date.

Our Editor, Gordon P. Lewis, who does a prodigious amount of work in order to get TOPICS out each month, has requested assistance in the form of someone to handle correspondence, solicit articles, and to perform like tasks for which Gordon finds little time available. I am therefore appointing Jack Levine as Assistant Editor effective immediately. As Secretary and a former Editor, Jack is well qualified to handle this and should be able to render valuable assistance to Editor Lewis and the Society.

G. B. LLEWELLYN, President.

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October 15, 1957.

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 1497 Black, Eugene Charlton, 16 Ivy Road, Belmont 78, Massachusetts.  
 1498 Clark, Emerson A., 2957 North Brighton Street, Burbank, California.  
 1499 Dean, Neville Byron, Electric AF/D Lighting, U.S.A.F., Goose Bay, Labrador.  
 1500 Harris, Sidney J., The Browns, Liss, Hants., England.  
 1501 Harrison, Horace W., Box 5780, Pikesville 8, Maryland.  
 1502 Hetherington, Robert Bruce, Beedings Cottage, Gay Street, Pulborough, Sussex, England.  
 1503 Jenkins, G. Maynard, 610 Dwight Bldg., Kansas City 5, Missouri.  
 1504 Jennings, H. I., 1937 Clermont, Denver, Colorado.  
 1505 Johnstone, Gene N., Box 618, Highland, New York.  
 1506 Klein, Fred B., 835 North Wild Olive Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida.  
 1507 Mills, George R., M.D., 535 Greenwood Southeast, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan.  
 1508 Pederson, Arvid P., 25 DesJardins Avenue, Dundas, Ontario.  
 1509 Pollock, John, 11142 - 70 Street, Edmonton, Alberta.  
 1510 Radford, W. R., 8300 Riverview Lane, Vancouver, Washington.  
 1511 Rorke, Willard, H.Q. Western Command, Edmonton, Alberta.  
 1512 Smith, Aubrey F., 16 Woodhill Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia.  
 1513 Warner, Donald R., 219 Hillcrest Blvd., Millbrae, California.

## APPLICATIONS PENDING

- Burton, F/L Robert L., 11511 - 119 Street, Edmonton, Alberta.  
 Mendelsohn, M. J., 1434 St. Catherine Street West, Montreal, Quebec.  
 McLaren, John N., 5 East Court Street, Hudson, New York.  
 Nourse, Barrie N., 6 Annis Road, Scarborough, Ontario.

## APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 506 Lewis, Gordon P., 37 Eldomar Avenue, Brampton, Ontario.

## APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

- ANDROS, Andrew, 154 W. Chestnut St., Kanakakee, Ill. (CC) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint and used airmails. Literature. Proposed by Jack Levine, No. L1.  
 BANKS, F. Marlow, 452 Gordon Ave., Peterborough, Ont. (CX) CAN—19th century used and 20th century mint. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Proposed by F. J. Hickey, No. 956; seconded by W. G. P. Benton, No. 1457.  
 GALLOWAY, Charles M., 1816 Rockwell Rd, Willow Grove, Pa. (C) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th century mint and used postage. Proposed by J. Levine, No. L1.  
 SCHUCK, Herbert F., 148 N. Hamilton Ave., Trenton 9, N.J. (C) CAN—Used postage. OHMS-G. Used booklet panes. Proposed by G. E. Foster, No. 293; seconded by W. T. Scheid, No. 1405.  
 SIEGEL, Samuel, 1065 Burnaby Street, Vancouver, B.C. (CX) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint (mostly) and used postage. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Mint airmails. Proposed by H. A. MacMaster, No. 484; seconded by F. B. Eaton, No. 608.  
 RICH, Stephen G., 13 Otsego Rd., Verona, N.J. (CC) NB, NS—Precancels only. Proposed by W. C. Peterman, No. L8; seconded by J. Levine, No. L1.  
 YOUNG, John H. M., 102 Vernon St., Halifax, N.S. (CX) CAN, NS—19th century mint and used postage and blocks. Stampless and Nova Scotia covers. Literature. Proofs and essays. Proposed by F. J. Hickey, No. 956; seconded by W. G. P. Benton, No. 1457.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

(Changes of address should be sent directly to the Secretary)

- L164 Hedley, Richard P., P.O. Box 6, Bidwell Sta., Buffalo 22, N.Y.  
 L198 MacDonald, Daniel G., 115 Elmwood Drive, Sunny Brae, West Co., New Brunswick.  
 L117 Nouse, Henry O., Box 2775, Hamilton Sta., Pompano Beach, Florida.  
 L1 Levine, Jack, 209 Pine Tree Road, Oxford, North Carolina.

## RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

- 1362 Thomson, G. Graham

## DECEASED

- 1508 Pederson, Arvid P., 25 DesJardins Avenue, Dundas, Ontario.



## MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, September 15, 1957 .....	957
NEW MEMBERS, October 15, 1957 .....	18
RESIGNATION, October 15, 1957 .....	1
DECEASED, October 15, 1957 .....	1
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, October 15, 1957 .....	973

# Minutes

of the Ninth Annual Meeting of the British North America Philatelic Society, held on Saturday, September 21, 1957, at the Sylvania Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

President George B. Llewellyn took the chair at 9:30 a.m. and declared the meeting officially open for the consideration of such business as should come before it. Mr. Llewellyn appointed Mr. Daniel C. Meyerson to act as Sergeant-at-Arms for the meeting.

The Chair recognized a motion by Mr. A. H. Kessler, seconded by Mr. J. T. Culhane, that the meeting dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the preceding Eighth Annual Convention meeting as published in BNA TOPICS and that these published minutes be accepted as having been read. The motion was affirmed.

The President called for the reading of any correspondence for the attention and information of the meeting and the Secretary, Mr. J. Levine, read several letters from various bureaus and departments of the city of Atlantic City inviting our Society to hold a future convention in that city.

Mr. Llewellyn formally welcomed all present at the meeting and convention. He requested that the meeting rise in silent prayer and memory to our departed members. After which, Mr. Llewellyn reported to the meeting that the Society had applied for exemption from income taxes on the grounds that it was a non-profit, educational organization but that the application had been denied. However, appeal against this decision was pending and it might be that the decision would be reversed in consideration of the fact that the Society has had an operational deficit for the past two years. In consideration of the past operational deficits and the still possible tax liability, it might become necessary to have a slight increase in dues in the future to offset the recurring operational deficit and possible greater one if taxes are required.

In concluding, Mr. Llewellyn commended the host group for the excellent show provided and expressed his sincere appreciation for the fine cooperation and efforts he is receiving from the various officers and appointees and membership.

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The Report of the Treasurer for the year 1956 has been published in the September issue of TOPICS. This report shows that our expenses for the year 1956 were \$110.87 more than our income, the first year for some years that we have had a deficit.

At the time of the Annual Meeting in 1956 it was estimated that the deficit for 1956 would be about \$43 but the estimate of income proved to be too great and that of expenses too low for the period from the time of the Convention until the end of the year.

An interim report covering the financial operations of the Society in detail from January 1st to

September 14th has been prepared and copies of it handed to the Chairman of the Board of Governors, the President and the Secretary. A copy is available here for inspection by anyone who is interested. (See Interim Report on page 289.)

With your permission, I will now give you a summary of this report so that you may know how the Society is faring. As the cost of printing the Yearbook is not known at this time, no advertising income for the Yearbook is included.

The total income for this interim period from all other sources has been \$3384, or \$80 more than for the same period last year. Expenses for the period have been \$2773, or \$71 more. Thus we have \$611 or \$9 more than last year toward paying expenses from September 14th to December 31st.

These bare statements might lead us to feel complacent about our financial situation but an analysis of the income and expenses, past and future, indicates that the deficit this year will be greater than that of last year.

This year a larger number of members have already paid their dues. Last year we had 55 membership dues unpaid at the time of the Convention, whereas, there are now only 38 members who have not paid 1957 dues. Future income this year from this source will be less than it was last year. Income from TOPICS has been \$57 more this year.

On the other hand, General Expenses have been \$138 less so far this year which, along with the \$25 less appropriated for the Library and \$38.75 less for amortization of the cost of typewriters, has partly concealed the increase of \$273 in connection with the publication of TOPICS.

After giving proper weight to all these factors and on the assumption that the cost of cuts for TOPICS can be reduced somewhat, it is estimated that expenses for the balance of the year will be about \$1130. Toward paying for this we have our present balance of 1957 funds of \$611 plus an estimated income of \$255, or a total of \$866. This indicates that the deficit this year will be about \$254.

Thus the increasing cost of publishing TOPICS is beginning to catch up with us. Heretofore, the income from our increasing membership has helped us to keep ahead of increasing expenses but for the past two years our membership has not increased appreciably.

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

W. C. PETERMAN, Treasurer.

The motion was seconded by Mr. D. C. Meyerson and approved by vote.



**INTERIM REPORT OF THE TREASURER**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (January 1 to September 14, 1957)**

INCOME			
Membership Dues—1956 (paid in 1957)	.....	\$ 16.75	
Membership Dues—1957 (Renewals)	.....	2592.97	
Membership Dues—From Life Membership Fund	.....	60.00	
Membership Dues—1957—New Members	.....	114.56	
Membership Fees—1957—New Members	.....	49.00	\$2833.28
<b>Topics:</b>			
Advertising	.....	\$ 407.86	
Subscriptions and Sale of Back Issues	.....	14.20	422.06
Handbooks: Sale of Perfin Handbook	.....	\$ 28.43	28.43
Accounts Receivable: Topics Advt. (incl. July-Aug)	.....	100.51	100.51
			<hr/> \$3384.28
EXPENSES			
Topics	.....		\$2465.11
Library	.....		75.00
General Expenses	.....	\$ 149.17	
General Expenses—Prepaid in 1956	.....	84.17	233.34
			<hr/> \$2773.45
Balance of 1957 Funds as of Sept. 14, 1957	.....		610.83
			<hr/> \$3384.28

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

I herewith submit my ninth annual report, comments and recommendations. I am privileged to express my appreciation and gratitude to all the officers and members for their considerations and co-operation extended to me during the year. Such considerations and co-operation emphasize the opportunity to be able to work with others to help to serve the members and the Society. I am honored by you and I sincerely thank you for such an honor. My report:

**Membership**

Summary—Sept. 15, 1956 to Aug. 15, 1957		
(as of date of monthly reports in BNA Topics)		
Total Membership, Sept. 15, 1956	.....	960
New Members	.....	65
Replaced	.....	7
		<hr/> 1032
Dropped	.....	35
Resigned	.....	27
Deceased	.....	13
		<hr/> 75
Total Membership, Aug. 15, 1957	.....	957

**Comparative Analysis 1956-1957**

	1956	1957
New Members	.....	65
Replaced	.....	7
Increase	.....	72
Dropped	.....	35
Resigned	.....	27
Deceased	.....	13
Decrease	.....	75
NET INCREASE or DECREASE	.....	3*

\*—Decrease.

For the first time in nine annual reports, I have to offer an unfavorable one—one that shows a loss in total membership rather than an increase as has

been the usual type of report in previous years. As the foregoing comparative analysis shows, there was a net loss of three in total membership as against last year's figure. Rather than dwell on the condition itself, let us review and analyze the reasons for this first showing of a loss. Recruiting of new members was 27 less than the previous year which was not by any standard our highest or even average figure. It is obvious that recruiting efforts must be stimulated and I strongly recommend that earnest plans and programs be studied and instituted to encourage membership recruiting.

Losses in 1957 from resignations and dropped from rolls was 62 as compared to 43 last year—19 more—and last year's figures in this category were above any previous year. Here, too, earnest efforts must be exerted to avoid a repetition of such a condition. I have personally tried to have submitted resignations reconsidered by the submitter and in some cases have been successful to a continuation of membership. I have likewise tried and sometimes successfully to effect payment of delinquent dues to avoid the need of dropping action. However, such individual efforts are not enough and I recommend that a Membership Retention Committee be established whose prime purpose shall be, as the name implies, to use every effort to retain members who have submitted their resignation or who are liable to dropping action for non-payment of dues or other indebtedness.

In concluding this portion of my report dealing with membership, I repeat that we must avoid a repetition of a loss in membership and I strongly urge your consideration of my recommendations or any other programs which will realize and effect the removal of such a condition.

**President's Certificate**

The 'President's Certificate', duly inscribed and attested, is awarded each year to the member who enrolled the most members during the year. From January 1956 to December 1956, new members were recruited by the following members in numbers as shown by the figures indicated: MacMaster, H. A.,



6; Duncan, R. J., 5. Three each—Foster, G. E.; Meyerson, D. C.; Richardson, E. A.. Two each—Atkinson, F. G.; Froomkin, N.; Holmes, L. S.; Russell, W. H.; Siverts, J. S.. One each—Anderson, C. A.; Bedrin, H.; Brandom, L. W.; Brown, P. L.; Caudwell, N. S.; Chandler, C. M.; Crook, L. G.; Davenport, L. A.; deVolpi, C. P.; Drake, E. N.; Forney, E. B.; Herst, H. Jr.; Hill, G. M.; Johnson, G. S.; Kessler, A. H.; Lambe, H. R.; Loukin, A.; Lum, S.; Norbeck, J. L.; Pollard, W. H.; Scott, B.; Sissons, J. N.; Wallace, J. M.; Webb, J. F.; White, T. D. L., and Williams, J. F.

The foregoing recruiting report shows the winner of the 'President's Certificate' for 1956 to be: Harris A. MacMaster.

#### Vincent G. Greene Award

Each year a winner is voted to receive the 'Vincent G. Greene Award,' a silver cup awarded to the author or authors of the best original article, articles or series of columns originally published in BNA TOPICS. To determine such a winner, the four (4) elected officers and the nine (9) members of the Board of Governors are canvassed for their three successive selections and points are allowed on a 3 for 1st, 2 for 2nd and 1 for 3rd choice basis. The previously named have been so canvassed and from the nine ballots received, the following point score resulted:

Richardson, A. E. ....	27
Meyerson, D. C. ....	12
Bond, N. S. ....	9
Revenue Study Group ....	3
Perfin Study Group ....	1
Reiche, H. ....	1

Accordingly, from the above reported results of the voting, the winner of the 'Vincent G. Greene Award' for 1956 is: Edward A. Richardson.

Worthy of note is the fact that Mr. Richardson was voted first choice on all ballots returned.

In concluding this report, I cannot help but remark that it isn't as I would have wanted it but I trust it will stimulate us to greater efforts whereby we will again have the gratifying reports to which we have become accustomed. Again, my sincere thanks to the officers and members for their co-operation and considerations in the past and of the future.

I respectfully submit this report for your consideration and formally move its approval.

JACK LEVINE, Secretary.

The motion was seconded by Mr. J. S. Siverts and voted affirmed.

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

Since our last Convention in Toronto, the Board has had few problems that are worthy of report. This augurs well for the conduct of the Society as in the main the Board swings into action only when there is trouble, and for the past 12 months it is my pleasure to advise that trouble has been non-existent.

The Board has discharged its regular functions, such as having its committee pass on membership applications and having the books of the Society audited by a certified public accountant.

A mail vote was taken as to whether a Grand Award donated by the Society should be awarded at this and all future exhibitions, and I am pleased to advise that the vote was in the affirmative and the award chosen is an eight-inch sterling silver tray with the Society's gold medal mounted in the centre. The tray is suitably inscribed. The award will be on exhibit at BNAPEX-57 and all members in attendance will see what an outstanding trophy the Grand Award truly is.

In conclusion I would like to close this short summary with the statement that it is a pleasure to serve the members of the British North America Philatelic Society as they are fully co-operative at any and all times regardless of the demands made upon them.

Respectfully submitted.

DANIEL C. MEYERSON, Chairman,  
Board of Governors.

It was moved by Mr. Meyerson, seconded by Mr. Kessler, that the report be accepted as read. The motion was affirmed.

#### REPORT OF THE EDITOR

(The following report was read to the meeting by Mr. Levine.)

The past year has seen an improvement in the amount of material available for publication in TOPICS, although there was not as great a variety of subject matter as in some previous years. This fact caused one English contemporary to remark that an issue which they received did not seem to be of as "varied interest as usual."

Our regular columns seem to be as popular as ever, and Dr. Whitehead's new column on Squared Circle Postmarks has a very large and active following. Alfred P. Cook of Ithaca, N.Y., is contributing a new column entitled "Cook's Books," which had its debut in the July-August issue, and further instalments will be published in coming months. The Revenue Group column, edited by Ed. Richardson; the Perfin Group column, edited by Bob Woolley, and "Trail of the Caribou," by Dan Meyerson, continue to be popular features, although it has been necessary to omit them occasionally because of space limitations.

Our special issue commemorating Newfoundland's postage stamp centennial was very well received, and other special issues will likely appear in the future, one on Revenues being in the making at the present time.

There was only one article during the present year which the Editor considered controversial enough or technical enough to submit to the Editorial Board, but it is nice to know that the members of this Board are available for advice when needed.

It continues to be an effort to get the magazine out in the early days of the month, and although we have always aimed at a mailing date of about the 7th of the month, this does not appear possible with our present deadlines when the mailing is being done by a commercial firm which requires approximately one week to address and mail the magazine. There seems to be a further delay at the Toronto post office, and some consideration is being given to once again mailing from the smaller Brampton post office, where the service was always must faster previous to the change in our mailing arrangements. There seems to be comparatively few errors in mailing since the mailing firm undertook to do this work, and the Secretary and the Editor have checked over the list during the summer months, and it should be 100 per cent correct as of September 1st.

The cost of publishing BNA TOPICS continues to be a problem, and another small increase in printing costs will become effective with the November issue. It is the intention to reduce the basic number of pages per issue to 28, plus four pages for the cover, and a special layout for lock-up and presswork has been devised so that the increase will only amount to about \$11 per issue. There will, of course, be no change in the appearance of the magazine after it is bound and delivered to the members.



Engravings for illustrations are also an expensive item, and although they are done by the cheapest method available, it may be necessary to cut down on the number used during the coming year.

Because of increased costs, the Editor has previously suggested to the Board of Governors that it might be advantageous to publish TOPICS less often than the ten issues now produced each year (the Yearbook not being considered in this number). If TOPICS was published at six-week intervals for a total of, say, eight numbers a year (plus a Yearbook), it would mean a considerable saving in production costs, and in mailing and postage also. In this case the budget would perhaps allow a larger magazine for each issue if there were fewer throughout the year. Many other respected philatelic magazines are published every two months without any apparent loss in prestige. This is a suggestion which the Editor would like to see discussed at this annual meeting, but it must be understood that this is only a personal viewpoint and not necessarily concurred with by the Officers and Board of Governors. It is likely that if they were directly concerned with filling the pages of the magazine each month, and with the problems of producing these pages as a complete magazine, they would look with some favor upon such a suggestion, even apart from the savings in costs.

There has been some criticism of the Editor for slowness in answering correspondence, but any slowness is not because of a lack of desire to carry on correspondence with members, as some very interesting friendships have been built up over the years through this interchange of letters. There just doesn't seem to be enough time to keep up with letters and deal with all the other matters connected with editing the magazine. There are editors connected with Toronto publishing firms who look after one magazine similar in format to TOPICS, but with perhaps twice as many pages, who earn upwards of \$5,000 yearly, and they have secretaries to look after their correspondence. Please disregard the \$5,000 stipend, but the Editor would like to suggest that someone be appointed to help with the correspondence in connection with TOPICS. Perhaps this could be an assistant editor, who could take over the editorship in the near future. In any case, the Editor would like efforts to be made to find a replacement as Editor to commence duties with the September 1958 issue.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GORDON P. LEWIS, Editor.

It was moved by Mr. Levine, seconded by Mr. Odell, that the Report of the Editor be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

#### REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD

During the last year the Editor submitted one article to the Editorial Board for approval, and, after some slight alterations, it was published in BNA TOPICS. I wish the Editor had submitted one or two other articles to the Board for review and approval as a few errors have crept into the magazine from time to time. Mr. Lewis, the Editor, has done an excellent job with the material available and is to be commended for producing the finest magazine dealing with British North America philatelic interests in existence.

Respectfully submitted,

VINCENT G. GREENE, Chairman.

It was moved by Mr. Greene, seconded by Dr. Holmes, that the report be accepted as read. The motion was voted affirmed.

#### REPORT OF THE ADVERTISING MANAGER

I am pleased to report that the declining trend in display advertising revenue which existed during 1955 and 1956 has been reversed. I feel certain that last year's total revenue of \$986.35 will be substantially exceeded.

Indicative of the expected improvement are the results of the first six months and of the Yearbook. Revenue from display advertising in the first six months of 1957 amounted to \$415.06, an increase of \$53.55 over the comparable period last year of about 15 per cent. Yearbook display advertising will gross \$457.00 versus \$398.64 in 1956, an increase of \$58.36, or again approximately 15 per cent.

The success of the Yearbook depends entirely upon the support of our members in this special effort and I take this opportunity to again thank those who so generously lend their support, particularly that small nucleus that do so year after year.

I respectfully submit this report and move its adoption.

GEORGE B. LEWELLYN,  
Advertising Manager.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Meyerson and voted affirmed.

#### REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

As another year rolls around, our Library goes on about the same as usual. I feel that our efforts are very well appreciated, as it is very well used. Of course, the use varies up and down from month to month.

I would like to mention some donations to the Library:

Cash donation of \$5.00 from H. H. Parker (No. 725); Wrigley's Check-List of O.H.M.S. from the author; 3rd Edition of the Plate Block Catalogue from the Stanley Stamp Co.; 2nd Edition of Arnold's Booklet Catalogue from the author; Latest Addendum to the R.P.O. Catalogue from T. P. G. Shaw; "90 Years of Security Printing" from the British American Bank Note Co.; BYPEX Catalogue from the President of the Canadian Philatelic Society; Folio of published articles on 1868 Large Queens through the kindness of the late H. G. Bertram; Folio of articles written for various philatelic magazines by the late Prof. R. DeL. French, contributed by his wife; "The Postmark" from F. W. Pollock.

The following books are available from the Library. I don't believe they have been listed before:

"Perkins, Bacon Records" by the Royal Philatelic Society, London; "Transatlantic Mail" by Frank W. Staff; "Canada's Flying Heritage" by Frank H. Ellis; "Commemorative Stamps of the World" by P. H. Thorp; "Meter Postage Stamp Catalogue" by Barfoot & Simon; 22nd American Congress Book 1956; "North Atlantic Seaway" by N. R. P. Bonsir.

Sorry I cannot be with you. Hope to be there another year.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. DUNCAN, Librarian.

It was moved by Mr. Culhane, seconded by Mr. Woolley that the report of the Librarian as read by Mr. Levine be accepted as so read. The motion was approved.

#### REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

On September 3rd Mr. Duncan, the Librarian, reports the essence of his loyal care of the literature needs of our members in these words:



"As another year rolls around our Library goes on about the same as usual. I feel that our efforts are well appreciated, at least they give me much to do. It is well used by the members but of course the use varies much from month to month."

As Chairman, with Mr. Sprung and Mr. DeLisle, I can say that not a single complaint of delayed books, damage books or customs problem has arisen in 1957.

I have had more than one suggest that the current small pamphlets be bought in quantity so that members can get a loan shortly after issue. On a budget of \$50 for the year, this is just not possible and I would suggest that members start a small library of these current pamphlets for themselves. It would be nice if each publisher of any philatelic pamphlet donated a copy for permanent use of the Library, autographed.

In conclusion, let me say that I have a fair idea about other libraries and I must say that we BNAPSers have a more complete one of the lending type than has any other philatelic group.

FRANK W. CAMPBELL,  
For the Library Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kessler, that the report of the Chairman of the Library Committee be accepted as read by Mr. Levine. The motion was voted affirmed.

### REPORT OF THE SALES MANAGER

During the past season, the activities of the Sales Department continued on a level almost as high as that of the previous year. During the active period, 59 general circuits were despatched, resulting in a sales total of \$3320.04; 186 new sales-books with an original value of \$7029.18 were received for entry during the year; unfortunately 51 of these arrived too late for general circulation during this season, since no new circuits are formed after May 15.

The Statements of Condition of the Sales Department at the beginning and at the end of the past period follow:

	31 Aug. 1956	31 Aug. 1957
Cash in Bank, Demand .....	\$1994.75	\$1505.11
Cash in Bank, Time .....	1004.17	1029.49
Circulating Value .....	6310.69	7164.06
Reserve, Insur. Chg. Rec. ....	170.97	171.74
Prepaid Insurance Policy .....	190.97	107.63
Sales Books .....	39.66	17.56
Owners Payable .....	8430.73	8501.94
Insurance Fund .....	951.23	1099.73
Operating Surplus .....	329.25	393.92

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

Income:			
Commissions collected .....	\$332.17		
Foreign exchange prem. ....	4.34		
Interest income .....	25.32	\$361.83	

Expense:			
Supplies, stationery and printing .....	\$114.82		
Postage and registry .....	88.98		
Insurance policy expense .....	83.34		
Uncollected "sales" .....	10.02	297.16	
Net Balance to Operating Surplus .....		\$ 64.67	

Once again we have been very fortunate in that the losses suffered during the period have been entirely negligible in amount, being, as usual, items of minor value in the "mysterious disappearance"

class. No loss of any sort occurred in the field covered by our commercial policy.

The recurring problem of delinquency in returns seems, for the most part, to have continued to decline somewhat in both degree and frequency. In no case was it necessary to invoke the system of fines now available, and in only a very few instances have we been forced to act against infractions of the rules by suspending members from further participation as buyer.

As we have come, so to speak, to feel the measure of our strength, it has been found entirely feasible to set our sales goal at 75 per cent for each book submitted, for in practice we find this is often reached and exceeded. As a working rule, relatively few books are voluntarily retired before attaining a 50 per cent sales figure. While there are exceptions, this is almost never the case where attractive material is submitted and priced properly. A number of our members have learned that our Sales Department is able to do an extremely efficient job in transferring to newer and more eager owners their fine surplus B.N.A. material in the low and medium-price classes, and some of these have become our main sources of desirable material. But there are many more members who have not yet discovered how well this Department can now serve them, and at what low cost. It is to these we must address ourselves in any attempt to extend the degree to which the potentialities of the Sales Department may be realized. It is to be hoped that many more members will utilize the services of this Department in submitting desirable material for sale during this coming year, so that their fellow members will thus be afforded the opportunity of acquiring an even wider and greater variety.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER HYDE.

It was moved by Mr. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Siverts, that the report of the Sales Manager be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

### REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Mr. Harry W. Lussey reported to the meeting that the Board of Examiners has been and is available to examine any questionable item submitted by the Sales Manager and that he was pleased to be able to report to the meeting that no such questionable item had been submitted during the past year—a commendable record.

### REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

I would first like to thank our President for entrusting me with the office of Chairman of this new committee, formed since the last convention, for the purpose of promoting the issue of additional handbooks similar to the "Squared Circle Postmarks" and "Perforated Initial" handbooks which have both been successfully published by our Society.

So far the work that has been accomplished has been in the nature of the investigation of subjects suitable for publication and the possibility of finding writers or groups who are qualified and who would undertake the responsibility of preparing a proposed publication.

As the work so far has been preparatory and all conducted by correspondence, it has all been handled up to this point by the Chairman of the committee, so any criticism of these remarks should be directed to the speaker and not to either of the other gentlemen who have been ap-



pointed to act on the committee. I mention this for their protection.

Your Society has been able to successfully launch two handbooks on sidelines of Canadian collecting which do not have too wide an appeal, and which under normal circumstances would not have been profitable as commercial ventures because of the limited interest in the fields covered at the time of publication. These handbooks have without doubt stimulated interest in the subjects and have provided a reference of authority and a comprehensive listing of their topics.

The BNAPS has been able to accomplish this by use of the handbook material as editorial matter in BNA TOPICS, the publication of TOPICS absorbing a good portion of the cost of type and plates, which have later been reviewed and re-run for publication of the handbooks.

It is not our intention to publish handbooks on subjects which are now adequately covered in other literature presently available. Most of the regular postal issues, from the pence issues on, have been the subject of reference works and catalogues by specialists, and although new information is available from time to time, it is not felt that the postal issues in themselves would be suitable subjects for our purpose.

Correspondence that we have had with the BNAPS study groups and with contributors to TOPICS, suggest the following as being of sufficient interest to collectors of B.N.A. to warrant an effort being made to produce a handbook on the subject.

They are not listed in any order of preference and publication will depend on some interested group or member taking a project in hand, the committee acting mainly in an advisory capacity.

1. Canadian Cancellations to the end of the 19th Century.
2. The Semi-Official Air Mail Stamps of Canada.
3. Illustrated Postal Stationery, Envelopes and Postcards.
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7. Prince Edward Island.
8. The 3c Small Queen.
9. Booklets of Canada and Newfoundland.

Some other subjects have been considered, such as Plate Blocks, Flag Cancellations, Slogan Cancellations, Essays and Proofs, but for various reasons, mostly recent publications from other sources, it is not thought to be advisable to consider these at the present time. Slogan cancellations are presently being studied by a group of the CPS of G.B. and because of the close relationship between ourselves and this society, it is advisable to consult with them before launching on any extensive program so that duplication of effort might be avoided.

The committee would appreciate suggestions from any of our members of other possible subjects. This is a long term program and as no handbook can be produced without the help of many members we would ask that when a handbook subject is discussed in TOPICS that all members interested in that particular subject contact the writer that has accepted the responsibility of editing the handbook and give him all possible assistance in gathering the required information.

Submitted on behalf of the Handbook Committee.

R. J. WOOLLEY, Chairman.

It was moved by Mr. Wooley, seconded by Mr. Culhane that the report of the Chairman of the Handbook Committee be accepted as read. The motion was accepted.

## REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Mr. Kessler reported to the meeting that the publicity lineage was increasing each year and that he expected that 1957 would follow the pattern and show a new high in coverage. Mr. Kessler solicited the co-operation and help of the various groups and individual members in providing news and items of interest to the committee for release.

Mr. Kessler continued to report as Chairman of the Convention Committee and to explain that it was the purpose of this committee to keep to a minimum and correct any possible errors by a host group to the end that any such mistakes might be avoided and eliminated. It was not the right of this committee to impose demands on the host group but rather to suggest advantages and receive co-operation in progressive reports whereby any possible errors which may occur can be avoided by recommendation.

Mr. Kessler concluded his report to advise the meeting that no bids had been received for the 1959 Convention but that he had hopes of a convention in that year being held in the mid-west.

There were no reports offered on behalf of any of the geographic or study groups.

The President, Mr. Llewellyn, advised the meeting that the next order of business on the agenda was the reading of the revised by-laws as prepared by the By-Law Committee after two years of deliberation and discussion. It was moved by Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Meyerson, that the Secretary read only such portions and sections of the revised by-laws which have been corrected or changed. The motion was voted affirmed and so ordered.

The Secretary, Mr. Levine, read such portions and sections of the by-laws which had been corrected or changed and it was moved by Mr. Moll, seconded by Mr. Whiting that the meeting approve the revised By-Laws of the Society as read, in digest, by the Secretary. The motion was voted affirmed and forthwith approved the revised By-Laws of the Society.

Mr. deVolpi advised the meeting that plans for the 1958 Convention were proceeding satisfactorily with arrangements completed to hold it at the Alpine Inn in the Laurentine Mountains, close to Montreal. Further details and information will be offered in the magazine.

The Secretary, Mr. Levine, reported to the meeting that he had not received any bids for the 1959 Convention and advised that any group or city wishing to host this convention year 1959 should communicate their wishes to him for report at the 1958 Convention.

The meeting rose to give a vote of appreciation to the Philadelphia Group and its Convention Committee for the fine show provided to the members, their guests and visitors.

There being no further business for the consideration of the meeting, it was forthwith voted adjourned on motion of Mr. Meyerson, seconded by Mr. Peterman.

Respectfully submitted.

JACK LEVINE, Secretary.



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By THE EDITOR

• **1957 YEARBOOK** . . . It has always been our custom in past years to include some articles of interest in the Yearbook, so that it appeared as an enlarged edition of our magazine. Although it still carried the masthead of BNA TOPICS, this year's edition was a true yearbook in that it contained all the statistical information usually found in this type of publication, but this special material occupied so much room that it was impossible to include any purely philatelic articles. However, the complete list of material in the Society Library, and the tabulated results of the questionnaires submitted to members regarding their exchange requirements, together with the complete roster of members, filled an issue that should be of interest to all throughout the coming year. And a 'thank you' to the many advertisers who made this Yearbook possible.

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• **ANNUAL MEETING** . . . The reports presented at this year's annual meeting were on the whole perhaps the least satisfactory to be presented in recent years. The steady advancement in total membership has been halted, temporarily we hope, and financially the Society is not in as good shape as has been reported by the Treasurer in previous years. It behooves every member to do his utmost to introduce more B.N.A. collectors to the advantages of belonging to the only Society on this continent catering to their specialty. Every member must know of one other collector interested in this field who would make a good member of our Society. Write to the Editor or the Secretary and ask for one or more copies of our pamphlet describing the Society and containing an application form. You will be doing a good turn to the Society and to your collector friend!

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• **NOTES AND COMMENTS** . . . **Frederick Tomlinson**, F.R.P.S.L., who has been editor of our British contemporary 'Maple Leaves' since April 1952, has resigned the position, and the post will be filled by **Jim Woods**, who has been assisting Mr. Tomlinson in the background for some time. We wish

every success to the new editor, and offer our congratulations to the retiring editor on a job well done in producing an always-readable and informative magazine for the members of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain. . . . By the way, 'Maple Leaves' issued its 50th number in October. Congratulations again! . . . An advertisement appears in this issue from **Bipin Dalal**, Ahmedabad, India, seeking exchange. An interesting point is that this advertiser sent payment for this ad. in unused Canadian stamps of recent issue. We say 'unused' and not 'mint' because all the gum had been removed, as is the custom in Eastern countries and the tropics, to prevent cracking of the gum and consequent ruining of the stamps. Since receiving them the Editor has been making use of these stamps for postage with the aid of a bottle of mucilage! . . . We thank **G. L. Barron**, Belle-moor Road, Southampton, England, for a nice airmail cover commemorating the departure of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip on their visit to Canada and the United States. This makes a nice companion piece to a first day cover bearing the Royal Visit stamp issued last month. Mr. Barron has a few of these covers available at a nominal price if any collector is interested. . . . The latest edition of **Juliard Classics** contains interesting material for those seekers after the better grade stamps of most countries, including some fine B.N.A. items. Published by A. S. Juliard, Narberth, Penna.

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