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The year 1974 was a most interesting one for stamp collectors and dealers alike. Aside from the flood of unnecessary new issues from Canada and almost any other country you may wish to name, there have been a number of features by which to remember the past year.

A complex set of factors came into play which have affected stamp values, quite drastically in some cases. General inflation of course showed up in stamp prices like anything else, but in addition the whole value picture was complicated by considerable investment buying of some of the most choice pieces at auction plus some additional clutter caused by speculation. This abnormal buying has caused shortages of many Canadian and foreign stamps in dealer's stocks, thus pushing some prices up still further.

However, in spite of all of these factors the stamp market has shown remarkable stability when compared to some other hobbies where values have gone to heights beyond all reason. I think we should all congratulate ourselves that philately is our hobby, and that if there is some levelling in prices in 1975 it will be good for the collector and dealer alike.

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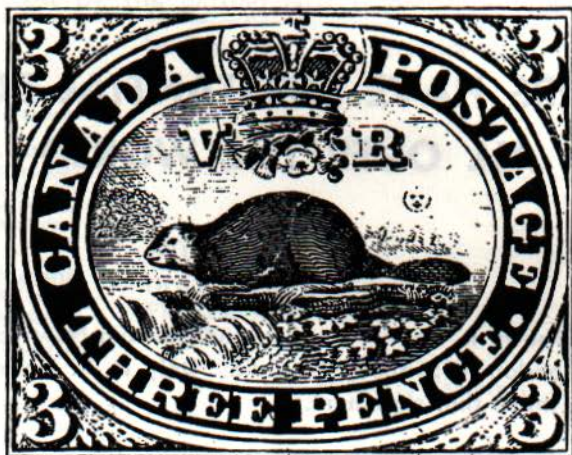
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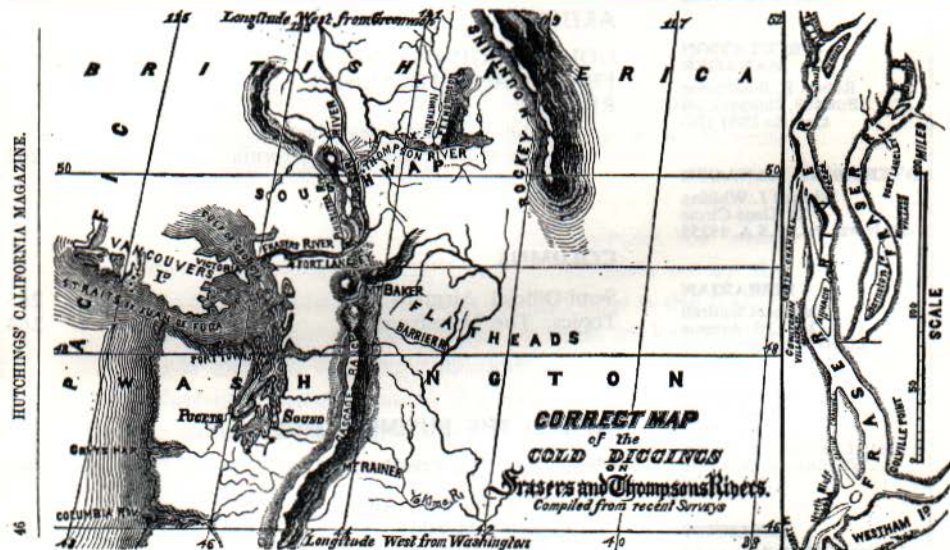
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Gold diggings
on the
FRASER
and
THOMPSON
Rivers

by Austin V. Misfud



Perusing through some old documents in San Francisco I came across the illustrated map published by *Hutchings' California Magazine* dated 1858 (a historic year for British Columbia) which collectors of B.C. will find interesting not only for its historical significance but the fact it could have been instrumental in the exodus of 30,000 men by land and sea to the newly-discovered gold fields in British Columbia.

Quoting from an early historian, "never in the history of migrations has there been such a rush so sudden and so vast." The reader will have to scrutinize the map carefully to observe the gold discoveries; a cross above the "H" of the Thompson River and one a little to the east, and two crosses between the name "Fraser River" just above its confluence with the Thompson.

By 1859, due to the rugged terrain and the severe winter climate, some 27,000 disillusioned men returned to California. Quoting from a contemporary miner's letter written to his sister in Ohio, on Oct. 9, 1858, from Lower Humbug Creek, Siskiyou County, California:

Crockett is at the Frasier River (Fraser River), I have not heard from him for some time. Great many of those that went there are coming back cursing the river."

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Semi-Official Airmails

Haughton E. Sanguinetti, 591 Mediterranean Manor, Dunedin, Fla., USA 33528



Graham Sinclair of Leyton, England, sent us the photograph of the memorial erected by the readers of the London (England) *Daily Express* to Capt. William Leefe Robinson, V.C., who brought down the first German airship destroyed on British soil in 1916.

The memorial was erected at Cuffley, Hertfordshire, England, near the spot where the wreckage fell. The inscription originally designated the destroyed airship as the Zeppelin L. 21, but research by Sinclair, backed by the official records in the War Office, established that the airship shot down by Capt. Robinson on September 3, 1916 was the SL. 11 and the inscription was corrected in 1973.

The L.21 was destroyed on November 28, 1916 off Lowestoft at dawn by three aircraft of the RNAS.

To be accurate the airship shot down by Captain Robinson was not a Zeppelin but a Schutte Lanz, hence the number SL. 11. The basic difference between the two types of airships was that a Zeppelin had a metal framework while the Schutte Lanz had a wooden farmework.

Scotia, has what is believed to be a Laurentide proof. It is a red ink impression on heavy card trimmed to the stamp margin.

Laurentide Air Service proofs have earlier been reported in black on white paper. Those who have any proofs, or information about Laurentide proofs, are asked to write this column so that the information may be preserved and correlated for the study material being gathered on all Canadian Semi-Official Air Mail stamps.

On the back cover of the booklets of the fourth issue, red, of Laurentide Air Service, the name of the printer was misspelled "Dood" instead of "Dodd" Simpson. I wonder if the misspelling was ever corrected in that issue of booklets.

Toronto-Hamilton Aerial Mail

Although catalogues affirm that the stamps were printed in strips of five, John Young believes that they were actually printed in strips of four. Reason: the measurement of his margin copy is such that a strip of five stamps would make an awkward size while a strip of four more nearly fits the ordinary or usual printer's sheet.

The facsimile (20 known to exist) is of a reduced size with narrow margins on all four sides and measures 28 x 45 mm, while the genuine has wide margins and measures 41 x 66 mm. Perhaps the cataloguers figured the printing in strips of five from the facsimiles.

First Canadian Air Flight

Canadians can rightly claim to be among the pioneers of flying. Their baptism in aviation was sponsored by Alexander Graham Bell, the leading spirit in the formation of Halifax, on October 1, 1907, of the Aerial Experimental Association "for the purpose of carrying on experiments relating to aerial locomotion with the special object of constructing a successful air-drome."

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Laurentide Air Service

J. J. MacDonald of Antigonish, Nova

TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

The United Postal Stationery Society, with headquarters at Bloomington, Illinois, announced that it established a centralized office operation on September 1; John M. Burt, a BNAPS member, has been appointed to head the new office..

George Wegg, the well-known Toronto dealer, advises us that he is well underway making the arrangements for the 1975 BNAPEX show being held at the suburban Toronto Guild Inn. Publicity director Dr. Fred Stulberg is hard at work getting promotion material underway, and from here on each issue of *Topics* will carry news of the convention. Don't forget the dates: September 18 to 20, 1975.

Interest is growing on the forthcoming Sisson's auctions of material from the Vincent G. Greene collection; the first sale of the 40-volume collection takes place February 11 and 12.

Post Office Department **NEW ISSUES**



William Hamilton Merritt is featured on an 8c stamp issued November 29; 28 million will be printed by Canadian Bank Note Co. and by British American Bank Note Co. — the first having done the lithography and British American Bank Note Co. the second (steel engraved) printing; to our knowledge this is the first time in Canada that a stamp has been printed by two printers. The stamp was designed by William Rueter from an oil painting of Merritt

by Robert Whale. The background shows the Welland Canal, which Merritt actively and successfully promoted during the middle of the last century.

The stamp is printed in five-color lithography with an added steel-engraved plate. The stamp measures 40x24mm (perf to perf, in the peculiar manner Canada Post uses to state a stamp's size). Perf is 13x13½.

SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Canada Special Airmail Stamps on Flown Covers, by Chester S. Forrest; size 8x11½ inches, 55 pages, coil bound, offset-printed and liberally illustrated in black and white as well as in color. \$8.50, postpaid from the author from 60 East 42nd Street, New York City 10017.

As the writer points out, the only previous book written exclusively on this subject was done by Ian Morgan in the early 1930s. "I somehow feel that after 40 years the subject needs some new coverage," he says.

The book covers the 15 airlines, their covers and their semi-official stamps — with the flights and covers listed, and priced. The book is done by typewriter-type with the color plates printed on heavy, coated stock.

This is not a "chatty" essayish-type of book, but one crammed with facts and more facts: there are maps of routes and listings of the 41 basic stamps plus their major varieties, an extensive bibliography, and a chapter devoted to each of the airlines with descriptions, listings of their first flights with dates and relative rarities, and a section on the cinderella issues. There is also a listing of extremely rare flight covers, plus one of the pioneer flights — and, at the end of the book, illustrations of 172 flight covers, probably from the writer's collection.

Clearly this is a book that no serious semi-official collector can be without, but it's a limited printing and one would be advised to order copies right away.

BNAPEX at Williamsburg, 1974

The annual convention was held at the Williamsburg Inn at Williamsburg, Virginia, September 12-14, 1974. A good turnout of about 175 were present and all enjoyed the well-planned events and activities.

The exhibition was an exceptional one with many fine displays of the various specialties in BNA collecting. In addition to the grand award to John E. Young for his early postal markings there were four golds, seven silvers and eight bronze awards; quite a showing.

The various study groups under the direction of Ed Richardson were all well attended and much interesting material was seen and discussed.

The usual gatherings were held each evening where all seemed to have a good time. The climax of course was the banquet which was served in the fine tradition of the Virginia plantation with the room candle-lit and butlers in colonial costumes. The entire service was in the old manor style. It even included a treat unknown to many — cream of peanut soup.

All in all it was a fine event and should serve as a memorial to Jack Levine and all his crew for staging such a memorable convention.

—Leo J. LaFrance

TOPICS: THE BUSINESS SIDE

BNAPS: ELECTED OFFICERS

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS	Nine sitting; three elected each year for a three-year term: 1972-1974: G. B. Llewellyn (chairman), C. R. McNeill, D. G. Rosenblat 1973-1975: Ed Richardson, Wilmer C. Rockett, S. S. Kenyon 1974-1976: James C. Lehr, E. H. Hausmann, Robert H. Pratt

Memo from the President

ALFRED P. COOK
Ithaca, New York

You are well aware of the necessity for a number of changes in appointive and elective officers during and since our convention at Williamsburg two months ago; so that everyone will be aware of these, I am pleased to make the following report:

Our sales manager, Jim Lehr, decided to return to his philatelic interests after 10 remarkable and record-setting years. His successor will be John Payne of Calgary. The mechanics of the transfer are underway and you will be notified in *Topics* when John starts.

Our treasurer of many years, Leo LaFrance, likewise plans to retire from this office at the end of the year. He will be succeeded by Ed Harris of Calgary, a professional accountant.

Dave Verity, our handbook sales manager, stepped down after doing a great job;

he has been succeeded by Doris Hollingshead of Hamilton.

Ed Whiting of Malvern, Pennsylvania, has agreed to become acting secretary to fill the unexpired term of the late Jack Levine. Since this is an elected office, he will stand for election at the next annual meeting. He will continue as advertising manager for *Topics* until a successor is found.

Clarence Stillions of Washington has agreed to serve as membership chairman, a vacancy created by the death of Al Kessler.

I am now in the process of filling the vacancies of ad manager and publicity chairman, U.S.A. — also a function of Al Kessler. I know you will appreciate the time it takes for persons miles apart to effect the transfer of records and the briefing and learning process to evolve.

— Alfred P. Cook

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

26th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1974

The meeting was officially opened and called to order at 10 a.m. by president Al Cook. He then asked members to rise in silent prayer to the memory of our deceased members, in particular to Al Kessler.

President Cook then read messages from Gerry Wellburn, Russ McNeil and Vic Crouse, all expressing their regrets at not being able to attend and sending their best wishes for a successful convention.

It was motioned by William Rockett and seconded by Edward Whiting that a reading of the minutes of the previous annual meeting be dispensed with since this was published in the October 1973 edition of *Topics*. It was so ordered.

President Cook then gave his report:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Being wed to a politician and having, shall I say, been exposed to the interminable meetings in the political field, my remarks in the BNA philatelic field shall be short.

Your elected and appointed officers have again done a job so typical of those who have served you through the past. Their deep interest in BNAPS and their personal sacrifice of time and energy are what really makes the past year another great milestone.

I would especially like to thank Russ McNeil, who really keeps us officers and chairmen apprised of what is going on. We miss him today.

I would be remiss if I did not point out that half dozen of our members who have honored this society by being chosen to advise not only the Post Office department on postage stamps, but even more interesting, to be seriously consulted in the development of the National Postal Museum, which officially opens in two weeks.

With so many participating in the ceremonies at Ottawa I have been honored with an invitation, and plan to attend.

I feel deeply that we should never forget that BNAPS embraces the whole continent, from the Northwest Territories to Florida, and from Texas and California to British Columbia—that is really boxing the compass. Why is this important? Look at who have attended this convention:

They did not come as delegates, not upon the orders of their superiors; they came because of a common interest, and a deep personal friendship strengthened through the years.

Now I must thank all our ladies who put up with our philatelic philanderings and still want to come to these conventions.

I must now report to you that several of our committee chairmen, after doing a great job, have requested relief:

Our sales manager, Jim Lehr, has served for 10 years as sales manager. You will be interested to know that we have had, since 1943, six sales managers; the first, Arthur Moll is here (Art, please stand up).. There is another sales manager here, yours truly—together we have served in this capacity 19 years, but Jim Lehr outdid us—10 years for BNAPS! He will be succeeded by John Payne of Calgary, who has a big head start compared to the rest of us when we began. John, please stand up.

Our treasurer, Leo LaFrance of Ossining, New York, will also be retiring after serving so well—another time-consuming labor of love. His replacement will be made in due course after this meeting. We hope he can get back to collecting stamps again soon. Leo, please stand.

We have also lost Dave Verity, of Burlington, Ontario, who really built up the Handbook Sales department. His has been a tough assignment. Thanks, Dave.

His place has been taken by Doris Hollingshead of Hamilton, who volunteered to assist Dave some time ago. She really is a worker and has more than served her apprenticeship. You have all seen her at the book department table. You may have noted that the handbook sales and the editorial and publications have been separated into two committees. At present Bob Wool-

ley will continue the second of these.

We are all saddened by the death on July 27 of Al Kessler, who has served BNAPS faithfully since 1946 in several capacities. He was chairman of the nominating and membership committees. These too have been separated and our new nominating chairman will be Ed Richardson, our Texas Appleknocker. Please stand, Ed.

The membership committee chairman will be Clarence Stillions. If you don't know who he is I'll tell you; look for a slim, good-looking black-bearded young man who has been dashing about the premises in the past five days. If you are an exhibitor you corresponded with him months ago. He has worked long and hard to mount the exhibits and bourse.

Now a word about *Topics*. I am proud of the fact that our publication has passed the 30th-volume mark. It is an outstanding publication. This is not just a happenstance — it is the result of a lot of hard work by those concerned — with the editing and publishing itself, as well as the labor of writing the contributions including so many of you here at present, who have furnished articles and studies about your favorite and special interests. We need your support —

as Nelson Bond said in his article many years ago on booklet pages, "Waddy-a set-tin' in yor hands for?" Send in material — you have the knowledge, you can write — though not always legibly. Let's keep *Topics* the best in its class!

Speaking of best of class, I would like to thank our host committee for the job they have done. Here we have another outstanding convention. Thank you all for coming. And now — on to Toronto . . .

— Al Cook

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The following actions were taken by the Board during their session:

—The Board voted to table any action with regards to transfer of the BNAPS library until 1977;

—Al Cook reported that a new membership list should be ready for distribution some time in November;

—Approved payment of cost by the society of medals and awards for recipients for this and future conventions;

—The Board also passed the resolution that the Handbook Committee handle only those handbooks published by the Society

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September 18, 19 & 20, 1975



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The Guild Inn, Toronto, Canada

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or by sister societies. This instead of any and all publications from other sources;

—The proposal that a handbook on the 1967 Definitive issue be published was also rejected;

—An update of the Squared Circle Handbook was tabled for the present;

—The Board also authorized that the treasurer-elect meet with the current treasurer for ordinary transfer of duties of the Society and expenses to be borne by the Society;

—The Board authorized establishment of an Honor Roll of deceased members who have rendered distinguished service to BNAPS;

—The Board ruled that blank applications appearing in various publications should not bear the signature of the proposer;

—The Board approved that the original Vincent G. Greene award be housed for safekeeping in the National Postal Museum, there to remain the property of BNAPS and that the annual winner receive a plaque to this effect;

—That members of the Order of the Beaver use the initials O.T.B. following their names, to indicate they have been so honored.

The Board of Governors met at 8:30 a.m. on the morning of September 13, 1964 and discussed the problems that had been encountered since the last meeting of the Board in Calgary on September 21, 1973.

Complaints by members charging conduct unbecoming to a member were polled by the Board and these members were rejected after the vote was taken.

The treasurer's report was not received by the chairman until August 7, and after discussion it was agreed to publish this in the earliest possible edition of *Topics*. (This will appear in the December, 1974 edition.)

Other matters covered by correspondence during the year were discussed and acted upon, and these were reported to the membership-at-large at the Annual General Meeting.

— G. B. Llewellyn

The report was motioned to be accepted by Lewis Ludlow and seconded by Edward Whiting. So moved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The annual report of the treasurer for the year ending December 31, 1973 has not yet been published in *Topics*. It is expected at

an early date. The main feature is that we ended the year showing a profit from operations of \$5,391.53. This was due to careful control of expenditures and our three mainstays: the Sales Department, the Handbook Department and advertising. The aggregate income from these departments was about \$6000. We take this opportunity to thank them all for their efforts.

Operations for the first eight months of 1974 indicated an unadjusted gross income of about \$15,000 and disbursements of \$13,500 indicating a plus of \$1500 at this point.

However, we are now printing 1,700 copies of *Topics* each issue since we have had such an increase in membership. At the present price schedule each issue costs about \$1200, so that this means an expense of \$6000 to finish out the year for *Topics*. With expected income of about \$5500 and with the present operating balance we should be a little ahead.

Since we still have funds that are available for current operating expense I have not asked that dues be increased for the year 1975. If however inflationary costs get out of hand it may be necessary to take interim measures.

Again thanking you all for your cooperation this past year and wishing my successor all the good luck I motion that this report be accepted as read.

— Leo J. LaFrance

Report was seconded by Bert Llewellyn.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Total membership increased this year by 146. Last year the total membership reported in the October 1973 issue of *Topics* was 1,330. The October 1974 issue will show a membership total of 1,476. Let me provide here a comparative analysis between this year and last to show and establish how this increase was realized:

	1974	1973
New members enrolled	188	167
Replaced on Rolls	5	3
Increase Total	193	170
Dropped from Rolls	20	40
Resignations	17	14
Deceased	10	13
Decrease Total	47	67
Net Increase	146	103
Total Membership	1476	1330

Reviewing this analysis, we note that 20 less members were dropped from the rolls than last year with an increase of three resignations. The life membership roster was increased by three but, with one loss, the total number of life members now totals 41, compared to 39 last year.

President's Certificate: Each year the President's Certificate is awarded to the member who proposed the most new members during the year. The secretary tabulated the new members enrolled and their proposers from January 1, 1973 to December 31, 1973 and the member who proposed the most new members is, once again, Glenn F. Hansen.

V. G. Greene Award: Each year a winner is voted, to receive the V. G. Greene Award — a silver cup awarded to the member or members who wrote the best original article or series of articles, column or series of columns, which originally appeared in *BNA Topics*. To select the winner, the secretary canvassed the elected officers, members of the Board of Governors, and the donor of the award for their three selections in order of their merit. Points are awarded; three points for first choice, two for second and one for third; the writer receiving the most points is the winner. The above noted were canvassed by the secretary and 11 of the 14 submitted their choices; the winner is Lewis M. Ludlow, Jr. for his column, *The RPO Cowcatcher*.

I am very pleased to offer this most gratifying report and move its adoption.

— Jack Levine, secretary

The motion was seconded by Lewis Ludlow.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN, EDITORIAL BOARD

Our editor, Ed Hausmann, who unfortunately is not able to attend the convention this year and sent his regrets, has sent a review of his activities to the Board. The Society is indeed lucky to have such a hard-working man as Ed for the thankless job of editor of a magazine with a circulation of 1,400, and no remuneration of his efforts except the thanks and best wishes of the members of the British North America Philatelic Society.

Respectfully submitted.

— V. G. Greene

The report was seconded by Horace Harrison.

The report by the circulation manager was read by the secretary:

REPORT OF THE CIRCULATION MANAGER

Another successful year for the circulation department:

Though revenue from the sale of back issues of *Topics* declined considerably in 1973 over 1972, so did the expenses of mailing them out.

Ample copies of all current issues and most back issues of *Topics* to the early 1950s are still available at \$1 per copy, post-paid through the department.

With our increasing membership we again raised the monthly production of *Topics* to 1,600 copies, which for the moment meets our needs.

Our biggest problem and most common complaint from the membership is the delay in receiving their *Topics*, and in some cases the non-delivery. The matter has been brought to the attention of the postal authorities by several avenues — but their hands seem to be tied. Strikes, slow-downs, walk-outs and work-to-rule seem to be the order of the day, and not only in the Post Office department.

The question of first class mailing of *Topics* has been mentioned and the matter is still under consideration — however this department does not feel that this extra cost would greatly change the situation.

The financial report of the department is herewith submitted:

Financial statement, January 1, 1973 to December 31, 1973:

RECEIPTS

Balance Forward	\$130.81
Sales of <i>Topics</i>	185.00
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	\$315.81

EXPENDITURES

Postage	\$ 42.04
Remitted to Treasurer	100.00
Miscellaneous Stationery	15.15
Phone Calls	6.35
P.O. Box	4.00
Misc. Operating Expenses	19.00
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	\$186.54

Balance forward to 1974: \$129.27

— Robert F. Boudignon

Adoption of the report was moved by Horace Harrison and seconded by G. B. Llewellyn.

REPORT OF THE ADVERTISING MANAGER

Another year has passed and I refer you to *Topics* itself to see for yourselves the volume of advertising. We appear to be maintaining a certain level which is such that the magazine does not appear to be just an advertising medium. There is a continuing problem of late issues which affects dated advertising.

I believe that the ratio of advertising to informative articles is at present at a highly favorable level in spite of the necessity of subsidizing the magazine.

Respectfully submitted,

— Edward Whiting

Edward Whiting moved this report be adopted; seconded by W. L. Simpson.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

The report by the librarian was read by V. G. Greene:

Unfortunately I again find myself unable to attend our annual convention; I am looking forward to attending our convention in Toronto next year..

Last year I gave some figures of the use of the library by the members, and although the number of requests of literature from the library are not as great, requests for specific information (especially in the postal history area) are up, although this is a time-consuming procedure, this saves time and postal costs for members.

The binding of library journals has been continued this year, as well as a number of special slip covers for the earlier sets of journals in our library.

I have taken on a long delayed project: a cumulative index of the journals in the library. The index will come under 75 chapters and will complement the existing library listing, allowing me to give better service to the members requesting information.

Contacts have been kept up with other philatelic libraries, notably, the American Philatelic Research Library, with the exchange of BNA copied literature, and this will continue in the future to the benefit of both our libraries.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those members who have donated

literature in the past year and hope that more will be in the offing in the future to expand our library.

— Michael J. Squirell

The motion to adopt was made by V. G. Greene and seconded by G. B. Llewellyn.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN, LIBRARY BOARD

Once again it is a pleasure to report the excellent progress our library has made under the able direction of Mike Squirell. You will notice he has started on a cumulative index of the journals in the library which is a laborious job but one which should be finished by the end of this year.

Respectfully submitted,

— V. G. Greene

The motion to accept the report was seconded by A. Moll.

REPORT OF THE SALES MANAGER

Although we have been fighting the lack of sufficient new material to satisfy the demands on the Sales Department as usual, this has been a good year to date. At the end of the first eight months sales are \$6,438, a little ahead of last year. Assuming that the receipt of new books will pick up after the summer, we should exceed \$9,000 in sales for the first time. There have been no real problems so far in 1974 and no known bases of substitution of material in the sales circuits for almost two years.

I assumed the job of sales manager from Al Cook in December 1964. I've had a lot of fun since then, have learned a lot about stamps I didn't know, and best of all have made a lot of friends through running the Sales Department. By the end of the year I will complete 10 years as sales manager and have decided to retire as of the end of this year—earlier, if you can find a replacement to take over before then. Hopefully this will enable me to start again on my own stamps..

— James Lehr

The motion to adopt this report was seconded by John Payne.

The chairman of the Board of Examiners, J. N. Sissons, having had no items in the past year submitted for examination, had no report.

REPORT OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Convention sites for the next few years were tabled as follows: 1975: Toronto, under George Wegg; 1976: San Francisco, under Lewis Ludlow; 1977: Edmonton, under Keith Spencer; 1978: Florida (probably), under Harry Lussey; 1979: Ottawa, under James Kraemer. 1980, to be announced.

— *Dr. R. V. C. Carr*

G. B. Llewellyn moved the report be adopted; seconded by Leo J. LaFrance.

REPORT OF THE STUDY GROUP CHAIRMAN

Chairman Ed Richardson reported that there were 10 group meetings scheduled during the convention and that attendance had been very good. He also reported that the Revenue Study Group catalogue and the Handbook on Revenues would be ready for publication this coming spring.

A motion to accept the report was made by Edward Whiting and seconded by J. Keally.

No report was available from the Handbook Committee.

The report of the publicity chairman was read by the secretary:

REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

I have diligently solicited publicity for BNAPEX' Williamsburg meeting and am ready to start publicizing the Toronto meeting next year — and those that will follow.

We have suffered a great loss in the death of my counterpart, the late Alfred H. Kessler, who looked after publicity in the U.S. To compensate I have already volunteered to combine Al's U.S. publicity with my own, if all concur — thus making one publicity office instead of two.

My correspondents on the west coast and Australia indicate BNA Topics is being delivered earlier, since first class mail has been used by our Toronto distributor — but regular mailings are gradually becoming worse.. I am most grateful to our president, Al Cook, Dr. Robert V. C. Carr, and the other officers for their assistance during the past year.

— *C. Russell McNeil*

The motion to adopt the report was made by Jack Levine and seconded by Edward

Whiting.

Under new business it was noted that the international exhibit in Geneva, Switzerland this past year was well represented by BNAPS members: of the 32 awards given, nine were received by BNAPS members, including the grand award. The magazine *Topics* also received an award for excellence.

V. G. Greene brought up the question of remuneration for some of the jobs and official duties — and it was pointed out that all legitimate expenses were taken care of by the Society.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Since the candidates for the various positions were not contested, the secretary cast one ballot and these candidates were officially elected:

President:	James A. Pike
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Secretary:	Jack Levine
Treasurer:	Edward A. Harris
Board of	B. G. Llewellyn (chairman),
Governors:	Daniel G. Rosenblatt and C. Russell McNeil (in addition to six other board members serving previously-appointed terms).

A motion was entertained by Richard Lamb that a standing vote of thanks be given to the officers and various committee chairmen for their efforts on behalf of the Society. The meeting was then adjourned.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

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As at December 31, 1973

ASSETS

Cash — Brown Brothers and Harriman	\$11,634.95	
Cash — in custody of Sales Manager	3,515.10	
Cash — in custody of Handbook Agent	521.84	
Cash — Treasurer	288.54	
Cash — Manhattan Savings Account	8,225.77	
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5% growth certificate	\$24,186.20	
C. M. Jephjott Memorial Fund at cost	2,151.69	
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	4,617.48	
Accounts receivable		1,038.85
Inventory — no record		
TOTAL ASSETS		\$29,842.89

LIABILITIES AND RETAINED EARNINGS

Prepaid Dues	\$ 400.00	
Capex Loan Fund	700.00	
Insurance Fund	4,388.91	
Due owners on Sales Circuits	2,884.13	
Life Memberships Fund	426.00	
Accounts payable	571.92	
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		\$ 9,370.96

TOTAL LIABILITIES

Retained earnings as of 12/31/72	\$15,080.40	
Profit 1973	5,391.53	
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	\$20,471.93	\$20,471.93
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		\$29,842.89

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INCOME

Dues 1972	\$ 11.75	
Dues 1973	9,018.75	
Fees	230.61	
Dividends	156.90	
Miscellaneous	448.54	
Handbooks — Net	2,635.92	
Circuit Sales — Net	661.08	
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		\$13,162.85

EXPENSE

Topics — Net	\$6,414.68	
Library expenses	179.20	
Miscellaneous	161.22	
Insurance expense	100.00	
BNAPLEX Exhibit	233.90	
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