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ROYAL MARRIAGE ISSUE OF 1948

Postmaster General Bertrand announces that a special 4-cents postage stamp will be issued on Thursday, 15th January, 1948, to commemorate the marriage of Her Royal Highness The Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, R. N.

The over all dimensions of the stamp will be approximately 22 mm. x 26 mm., and will be vertical in arrangement. It will supplement the regular 4-cents denomination for a period of two or three months. The stamp will bear a portrait of Princess Elizabeth from a photograph by Dorothy Wilding of London, England, (*see front cover*). The colour has not yet been decided upon but will probably be reddish brown. The stamp will be issued in sheets of 100.

Plans are being laid to have the stamp placed on sale at all the principal Canadian Post Offices on the 15th January, 1948. FIRST DAY COVER SERVICE will be given only at the Post Office at OTTAWA. The Philatelic Division will not handle First Day Covers.

Orders for the new stamp only in mint condition may be sent to the Philatelic Division, Financial Branch, Post Office Department, Ottawa, and remittances (payable to the Receiver General of Canada) must be CERTIFIED, if by personal check, or REGISTERED, if in cash. All orders over \$1.00, from applicants outside of Canada and the U. S., must be accompanied by an additional amount sufficient to cover postage and registration; 14c, or more, according to size of order and packing required.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor, *BNA TOPICS*

Dear Sir:

Mistakes creep into many things but are only harmful if not corrected and allowed to continue. In my article on "Canadian O.H.M.S. Stamps" in the October 1947 issue, several managed to creep in.

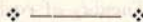
The labeling of two of the illustrations are incorrect. "C" should read INVERTED REVERSE and "D" should be INVERTED. The listing of the stamps is correct according to the illustrations.

In the listing of the 1937 issues, the 8c orange should read 2E. F. Somehow a fairly common stamp was completely omitted, the 2c 1942 with varieties 2E, F, Ft. We can also add a new variety for the 1c 1942—2 Ft. Also noted is the 1946 10c in Type 2C as well as the 7c 'goose' in the same type. A last addition is Type 2A to the 10c 1939 Special Delivery.

My thanks and appreciation to BNAPS'er G. Hemond for showing me two of the new additions. My appreciation also to the others who wrote, one of whom asks, "are there any other kind of perforated stamps (official)." There are. A few are perforated "L. A." and used by the Legislative Assembly and in 1940, or before, some Workman's Compensation Boards used stamps perforated "W.B." in the 5 hole normal style, Type IA. I do not have a listing of either of these but I'm sure one could be compiled.

Sincerely yours,

C. B. D. GARRETT



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More WJG Perforations

Dear Sir:

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There is no question of this perforation belonging to W. J. Gage & Co., Toronto, as I hold copies of this with the 3c Small Queens. This is rather a scarce item, even when perforated horizontally, but is extremely scarce when the perforation is vertical. I have only seen in many thousand copies one copy perforated vertically, and that was found by B. T. Denis of Quebec. I also hold two copies of the 1c perforated horizontally, so that the 1c could be added to the list of Small Queens that carry this perforation.

A. K. Grimmer
Temeskaling, Que.

The #245 New Shade

Dear Sir:

On the Canada #245 in the much darker shade than normal (Jan. 1950, p. 2, do you think it possible that it is from a sheet printed with the ink used on the die proofs on India, listed on page 410 of Boggs' "Canada"—D226A, Dark Violet; X-G 679?

S. F. Pell, Jr.
Las Vegas, Nevada

Convention Photo—Where, how much?

Dear Sir:

I would like to secure a photo of the group taken at our first Convention but your identification did not mention where a copy may be obtained and at what cost.

(ED.—My apologies. I advised the charge and the person from whom to secure a copy in the previous issue but should have repeated the information with the photo. In reply to the inquiries, I'm repeating: copies may be had from Richard Hedley, 452 Franklin St., Buffalo 2, N. Y., at \$1.50 each).

Our Best Issue

Dear Sir:

I would like to congratulate you on what I think is the best issue of BNAPS' magazine to date. Mr. Wellburn's article on British Columbia cancellations is outstanding. I enjoyed Mr. Chadbourne's article on Nova Scotia covers. Most of the other news items and comments were unusually interesting.

(ED.—I am especially pleased to publish the above excerpt. I don't know if or when authors are complimented for an excellent article but I feel they shouldn't be denied additional favorable comment.)

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A Boost for BNAPS

Dear Sir:

....and I will take this opportunity to tell you how much I enjoy "our" magazine, even though I do not collect Canadian stamps to any extent.

As to stampless, I became rather discouraged recently, but the four replies to my classified ad thus far, have driven me out of the blues.

H. McLellan
Champlain, N. Y.

A BNAPS "Recognition" Button

Dear Sir:

If I can enclose an application in every letter I write you this year, I will have attained the height of my ambition. Many of the new members I've written up seem to think we should have some kind of a recognition button. This may help to enroll new members as well as please the old members.

H. A. MacMaster
Vancouver, B. C.

B. N. A. Collectors Club of Montreal Elects New Officers

Dear Sir:

At the Annual Meeting held on January 17th, 1950, the following were appointed through vote of the members:

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G. Henshaw
R. M. Watson

P. J. Hurst
Montreal, Canada

Registration Stamp—perf. 12x11½

Dear Sir:

I think it should be brought to the attention of the Canada collectors that there does exist a rare variety of the 2c registration stamp (and possibly of the other denominations as well?) perforated 12x11½.

In the fall of 1945, Mr. Boggs and I

exchanged letters discussing the existence of a Registration stamp perforation 11½x12. I informed him that Registrations should not be expected to be found perforated 11½x12, but (because of their shape) 12x11½—and I submitted a copy of such a stamp. Despite which, volume I, page 472, contains the statement, "Although 11½x12 perforations have been reported, we have not seen any example so perforated, the only perforation being 12x12."

This variety deserves inclusion in catalogues and I hope measures will be taken to insure its future listing.

N. S. Bond
Roanoke, Va.

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Views and Reviews By the Editor

With this issue the editor takes on a new task and a new column makes its bow to Topics readers. Under the "Views" part of our heading you are likely to find anything from month to month upon which we wish to express an opinion—either good or bad! Under "Reviews" will be featured that part of Topics formerly handled by Russ. Allison in his "Looking Here" column . . . Russ. is going to concentrate most of his attention on presenting a real up-to-the-minute auction sale commentary, with occasional personal items that come his way. This division of work should allow both these departments to become more embracing and provide a much better coverage of both reviews and auction reports.

We will welcome, however, all the assistance possible from our readers. If you see an interesting B. N. A. item in the philatelic press, or read an interesting handbook on any phase of B. N. A., and feel the urge to write about it, don't hesitate to put your impressions down on paper. These items will be included in this column, with credit being given to the author, of course.

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Information Wanted

The following letter has been received from a non-member of BNAPS. If someone could help Mr. Duncan out with the information he seeks, perhaps we will win another member to our Society. The letter reads: "I would appreciate a little information if you can give it to me. Scott Publications Inc. referred you to me. I have a Princess Elizabeth one cent stamp known as the 'Weeping Princess.' What I would like to know is how I can determine that the stamp I have IS the 'Weeping Princess.'"

"I also have a King George V three cent stamp with a perfect letter 'D' stamped upside down on the top of the number '3' at the right side of the head. Could you tell me something about these stamps and their present value?" The gentleman's address is: R. Gordon Duncan, 4299 Western Ave., Westmount, Montreal, Quebec.

From "Small Queen" Chairman

The editor has received an interesting letter from Walter P. Carter, chair-

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How About an OHMS-G Group in BNAPS?

On page 95 of this issue of BNA Topics there appears an article on OHMS-G Issues of Canada written by 1st Lt. Vern Persinger, a leading specialist in these stamps, associate editor of Weekly Philatelic Gossip, and a new member of BNAPS. We are very pleased to welcome a member of this calibre to our society, and the editor is especially pleased in that Mr. Persinger has promised to write further articles for us. In a recent letter from Mr. Persinger, he enquired about the possibility of organizing a group for the study of Canadian OHMS perforated and printed, and "G" issues, which could contribute to BNAPS by working in this field in the following manner:

"1. Determine accurately the existing perfs. OHMS. I do not think any person or committee has examined all the listed varieties.

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AN EDITORIAL

The majority of the members of the British North America Philatelic Society seem to feel that our magazine is one of the best features of the society—one which does the most to keep the scattered members in contact with one another, and to effect an exchange of information one with the other. At the present time, the largest portion of our yearly expenditure is devoted to the publishing of BNA Topics, as can be seen by a look at the budget for the current year, published in the April issue of this journal.

In order to help defray the costs of this publication and to reduce the amount required from society funds, we have for some time been endeavoring to attract more advertisers to our pages. In a small way we have been successful, although there is room for tremendous improvement in this regard.

But stamp dealers are not in the business just for fun—or at least, not the majority—and like any other business man they demand value for the money spent on advertising. One of our advertisers has written, and men-

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HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR YEARBOOK AD?

A number of members have already sent in copy for their advertisement in the big (we hope!) CAPEX edition of the BNAPS Yearbook. To those who have shown that they are behind our efforts, many thanks. The preparation of this book entails a great deal of work which largely falls on the shoulders of the editor. It would be of great benefit to him if copy for advertisements was sent in as soon as possible. Final deadline has yet to be decided upon, but the book must be mailed by September 1, and even earlier if possible, and unless the advertising can be lined up at an early date, it makes the job of copy preparation all the harder. The more advertising revenue we receive, the larger will be the Yearbook, so won't you drop a line to the editor reserving your space . . . NOW. Rates are as follows: Full page, \$17.50; half page, \$10; quarter page, \$6; eighth page, \$3.50; column inch, \$2.00.

CANADA LOSING ITS REPUTATION?

The designs of Canadian postage stamps have certainly shown a deterioration in the last couple of emissions . . . and the stamps designed for CAPEX will do little to enhance the record, at least in the low values. We have only seen the official pictures of the designs released by the P. O. Department, but

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From the President

Dear Fellow Members:

So much has been said already about BNAPEX and CAPEX that this short message must be in the nature of a LAST CALL.

In a few short weeks the Big Show will be a thing of the past. Are YOU going to be able to say "I was there"? I confidently anticipate a large attendance. In fact, I predict a record which will set a real mark for the future. Do you know that there are to be EIGHT different Society Conventions in Toronto during the period of CAPEX, BNAPEX not the least of them? All this obviously adds up to numbers and a correspondingly increased overall interest in the Exhibition, and specifically in British North America.

I know we shall all return to our homes more than grateful for the genial hospitality of our Toronto and District hosts—with the happiest recollections of old friendships renewed, and with kindly appreciation of still more new friends well met at this historic event.

Sincerely yours,
Bury C. Binks, President.

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SALUTE TO "CAPEX"

The postage stamps of Canada have always been popular among collectors throughout the world, but never more so than today, as we celebrate the Centennial with a magnificent display brought together in a great exhibition—CAPEX.

Canada had an efficient postal system in operation for some years previous to the issuing of the first postage stamps on April 23, 1851, but was actually the twenty-sixth country in the world to issue these labels which we now value so highly. This first issue produced one of the most popular stamps and also the rarest to be issued by this country—the 3d Beaver and the beautiful 12d Black Queen Victoria.

Superb displays of these stamps, and other Canadian varieties, as well as the stamps of other countries, will make CAPEX an experience long to be remembered by those fortunate enough to be in Toronto during the event.

A large group of willing volunteers have been laboring for the past two years on plans for the staging of Canada's first international stamp show, and the results of this endeavor will be before you as you view the many exhibits and take part in the other features prepared for visitors to Toronto in September. Most of the leading stamp societies will be holding their annual conventions in conjunction with CAPEX, so many of the top philatelists on this continent and many from other parts of the world will mingle during the period this international show is under way. Such a gathering can only have beneficial results—both from a philatelic and political standpoint. All those who attend CAPEX can only benefit from the mingling with other collectors, and all will return home with many pleasant memories of old friends seen again, new friends made, and with renewed enthusiasm for the hobby and for B. N. A. stamps in particular.

So, to those who have given so freely of their time and effort to the staging of Canada's First International Stamp Exhibition, we doff our hats! You have done a wonderful job!

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Views and Reviews By the Editor

FOOTLOOSE AT CAPEX . . .

As this is written the great show is in its second day, and things are running smoothly. Viscount Alexander, Governor-General of Canada, officially opened the show on Friday to get things under way for over a week of philatelic enjoyment for an estimated 14,000 collectors from all parts of the world. We have not yet had time to look carefully over all the frames, but have seen enough to know that here is a veritable feast for the eyes of the serious philatelist as well as those interested in the more general aspects of the hobby . . . Many BNAPSers have already used our lounge and the first to sign the guest book was H. E. Canham of Regina, Sask. . . . A number of non-members have also dropped by and membership applications are constantly being flashed under the eyes of the unwary. About ten new members have been secured at the time of writing, and Dan Meyerson was seen with a fistful of money and completed blanks. Past President Dick Hedley paid a flying visit Friday night, and will be back again for the BNAPS convention. . . . President Bury Binks has met many Eastern members for the first time, and the Editor has also been introduced to many with whom the only contact has been by mail. It is a great experience to get to know such a grand bunch

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CAPEX RETROSPECT—It was a wonderful treat to meet personally all the wonderful, friendly members of our society during the week of CAPEX. Although the editor missed seeing a few members whom he would have liked to meet (due to the pressure of work in the daytime we were only able to be present at the lounge during the evening for the most part) the friendly spirit which makes BNAPS just that much better than any other stamp group with which the writer has been connected, was very much in evidence throughout the entire show, and especially during our own convention. It is a wonderful society and we are certainly going to make every effort to renew a lot of friendships at Ithaca, N. Y., in 1952. . . . The editor, unfortunately, was unable to be present at the annual meeting of the society, but members say it was directed with a smooth hand by President Bury C. Binks. Reports showed the society to be in a particularly healthy position, as recorded in another section of this issue of TOPICS. . . . Did you notice the exhibit of Red River covers at CAPEX prepared by BNAPSers Dr. Murray H. Campbell and Tom Miller of Winnipeg. These are some of the covers which formed the basis of the article by Dr. Murray which appeared in TOPICS last year and which won the "Greene Award" for the most popular article of the year. . . . Reports of CAPEX and the BNAPS Convention will be found in the back section of this issue devoted to official business of the Society.

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FESTIVE NOTE—

TO ALL OUR READERS
GREETINGS OF THE SEASON
AND
GOOD STAMPING IN 1952

CLEAN-UP—As this is our last issue for 1951, we are cleaning out our desk (much to the wife's delight!) and this column will consist of a number of odds and ends of short items. . . . BNAPS'er Ed. Richardson, who is chairman for BNAPEX-52, has just had published in the "Philatelic Literature Review" an article entitled "Canadian Philatelic Literature, a Working Library," which would make good reading for all members who intend, or hope, to form a working library of Canadian material. Ed. should also be commended for his boosting of BNAPS in his regular column, "The Hollow Tree" in "Popular Stamps." . . . Another "Popular Stamps" columnist who is a great BNAPS booster is T. B. Higginson, a BNAPS member who edits the plate block column in our contemporary. . . . We have received from "The Transit Postmark" their latest number which contains an article, "Railway Mail Service in Canada," which should be of interest to R. P. O. fans. If you
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Views and Reviews By the Editor

NEW VOLUME—With this number BNA TOPICS starts its ninth volume, for a total of 87 individual issues of our magazine. We haven't done any research on the subject but we think the last volume was the largest so far published, containing a total of 352 pages. We have some nice material lined up for the coming issues in the new volume, including the P. E. I. Handbook, prepared by the Prince Edward Island Study Group, which will commence serial publication in our February issue; and an outstanding article on "Prisoner of War Mail in Canada" by a noted authority in this field, Lloyd W. Sharpe. But TOPICS is still in need of more of the shorter type of article, from a few paragraphs up to one, two or three pages, so if you have anything along this line please let us have it. If you can supply illustrations to go with the article, so much the better. The editor is looking forward to a most successful year for TOPICS, and we hope our readers are pleased with the monthly fare dished up for them by the editorial staff.

MAIL BAG—J. P. Macaskie, whose articles on the "Admiral" issue were so well received during the early numbers of this last volume, writes that he

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THE 1952 STAMP MARKET

According to opinions expressed by two firms in publications received by the editor at the end of the year, the stamp market in 1951 was better than in past years and 1952 should see a firmer market still. In his assessment of the 1952 season, dated December 10, 1951, J. N. Sissons, Canada's leading stamp auctioneer, says in part:

"Judging by our last 1951 sale, 1952 should see a firmer market. We had a marked increase in the number and quality of bid sheets for our December sale, although December is normally a poor market.

"Increase and demand is noticeable all across the board particularly in the 20th Century Imperforates which have been selling at abnormally low levels due to all the sizeable holdings in existence coming on the market at once. Many of these are exceedingly rare, particularly those from 1930 to 1943. . . .

"The prospects for the future of the stamp trade appear much brighter than at any time since 1946. . . ."

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A Royal Philatelist

With the passing of His Majesty King George VI, the British Commonwealth and the world mourns the loss of a sovereign beloved by all. History will regard him as "George the Good." As collectors we have lost a fellow philatelist who took a keen interest in the hobby, and kept up the collection started by his illustrious father. We understand that Queen Elizabeth II is also a stamp collector, but whether or not she will follow philately as keenly as her father remains to be seen. What philatelic changes confront us now! How truly stamps reflect the history of a nation. "The King is dead! Long live the Queen!"

—Rev. John S. Bain.

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Brickbat! . . .

"BNA Topics and Maple Leaves, the journals of the two major societies devoted to Canadian specialization, both published in their respective October 1951 issues, an article by C. E. C. Shipton concerning the Quebec Tercentenary issue of 1908. Being obviously a digest of material previously published, but without credit lines, the article contributed nothing new, but it did contain the following mis-statement of fact: 'The stamps were on sale for three months only, the first values appearing on July 16, 1908, and the last value, 15¢, on October 14, 1908.'

"Mr. Shipton apparently, has tried to paraphrase and enlarge upon Dr. Holmes, with unfortunate results; Dr. Holmes wrote: 'The issue only lasted about three months, the 15¢ value being the last issued to postmasters on October 14, 1908.'

"The sale of these stamps was not limited; they were issued and sold until the supply was exhausted. Nor was the 15¢ denomination issued later than the other values; all eight values appeared together on July 16, 1908, but the stock of the 15¢ stamp outlasted the other values.

"The editors of philatelic journals of general distribution and world-wide coverage cannot be expected to know the details of every stamp written up by their contributors, but editors of specialized publications should know their

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The Royal Philatelic Collection

By ROBSON LOWE (#L510)

When one writes of "The Royal Collection" one refers to the remarkable collection founded by King George V and maintained by His Majesty the late King George VI.

The collection is housed in some 330 red volumes containing the issues up to the end of 1935 and comprises the collection formed by King George V. His son, the late King George VI, maintained the collection by adding certain rarities and pieces that helped complete the studies commenced by his father. In addition, a new collection was started, in which His Majesty included the stamps of Great Britain and the British Commonwealth issued during his own reign.

To distinguish this collection from that formed by his father, the albums



RARITIES FROM THE ROYAL COLLECTION—1c and 3c mint on laid paper.

The distributors of this book throughout Canada are: Robson Lowe Limited, 50 Pall Mall, London SW 1, and W. H. Smith & Sons Ltd.

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Views and Reviews By the Editor

Stamp Reproductions in Color . . .

Following a decision by the U. S. Treasury Department, colored pictures of demonetized foreign postage stamps may now be lawfully printed and published in the United States, if there is no fraudulent intent. This is the gist of a letter which the Treasury Department has written to Gordon R. Harmer, president of Scott Publications, in answer to a query by Mr. Harmer:

"The Treasury Department considers a demonetized postage stamp to be a stamp which is not valid for postage within the country that issued it. A cancelled or defaced foreign postage stamp, which in unused condition is currently valid for postage, is not considered to be a demonetized stamp."

This decision will allow the importation of the important work on the Royal Collection, which was reviewed by Robson Lowe in the May issue of BNA Topics. Many illustrations in this volume are in the color of the original stamps.

This seems to be a sensible way of looking at the matter, and brings to mind that this might be a good time to again express the hope that the Canadian Post Office Department will soon see the light in the matter of the senseless defacing line which disfigures all stamp illustrations originating in Canada. This disfiguration serves no useful purpose, as far as we can see. If it is supposed to act as a discouragement to would-be forgers, the Department is wasting its time. Any photographer could make as sharp a picture of any current stamp as those the Department sends out with its publicity releases.

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Views and Reviews By the Editor

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMEMORATIVE

On July 26th, Canada will issue a special commemorative postage stamp to honor the 18th International Red Cross Conference which will be officially opened in Toronto on that date.

The International Red Cross Conference is the supreme governing body in the world of Red Cross and meets approximately every four years. This will be the first time this conference has been held in the Western Hemisphere since the Washington Conference of 1912. It has not met in Canada before. The importance of this meeting cannot be overestimated in these unsettled times.

The commemorative postage stamp will be large, horizontal in shape, and printed in two colors. This stamp is being printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company, Ottawa, by the line engraving process upon which the Red Cross is super-imposed, by offset printing. The background will be light blue in color. (See front cover.)

This special postage stamp will be on sale at all of the principal Canadian Post Offices on the day of issue, July 26th. Orders for this stamp, in selected mint condition, may be sent to the Philatelic Section, Financial Branch, Post Office Department, Ottawa 4, Ont., Canada. This special stamp will not be overprinted to indicate its official use by Canadian Government Departments. The stamp will be distributed to post offices in panes of 50 stamps each.

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Views and Reviews By the Editor

ANOTHER SEASON CONCLUDED BY ROBSON LOWE—The stamp auction seasons seem to be lengthening to such an extent that they almost run into one another. Robson Lowe of London, England, concluded their season on August 8, to bring their total sales for the year to £216,348. Comparison with last season's auctions shows that with five less auctions, some 1,300 less lots were sold, realizing £20,000 less. The percentage realization of valuation is less than 1% down. From figures released by the auctioneers, it is shown that the market for British and British Empire stamps has continued to fall toward the lower level of the hard currency markets, and secondly, that the position of London as the centre of the world's stamp markets is firmly retained, for the export figures are a record.

VARIETIES DISCOVERED ON RED CROSS STAMP—Canada's latest commemorative stamp, the Red Cross issue, has proved very popular with collectors, and is one of the most attractive issued in some time. Eagle-eyed philatelists have been giving this stamp the once-over and varieties have already been reported. The first member to bring a variety to our attention was C. Russell McNeil (#649) who reported a red crescent to the left of "P" in POSTAGE, constant on the 6th stamp lower left, plates 1 and 2. This was reported by Mr. McNeil on August 14th. Member Hans Reiche (#783) has now prepared an article on his findings on this stamp after looking over the first batch of stamps delivered to the Philatelic Agency. This article appears on page 273 of this issue, and will certainly be an eye-opener to col-

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Views and Reviews By the Editor

WE TRY TO PLEASE ALL

Although most of the letters we receive from members are very generous in their praise of the material which appears in BNA TOPICS month after month, occasionally a letter turns up in which some reader takes us to task for not featuring his pet specialty in our pages. Of course, when this happens we have a stock answer, and that is: "Why don't you write something for us on that subject?" Sometimes this works, and a very interesting and informative article is the result.

We can only publish the material with which we are supplied by our members, plus the occasional reprinting of some outstanding article from other publications. It is utterly impossible to present all phases of B. N. A. philately in every issue, but over the course of a year there is not much that is not touched upon in the pages of TOPICS. Many members have written to say that they read our magazine from cover to cover, and no doubt this is true of most of our readers who seek an all-round knowledge of the stamps and postal history of B. N. A.

This brings us to the main point of this little "blurb", and that is, if you don't see any articles published on some subject in which you are vitally interested, why not try your hand at presenting the results of your collecting

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“ . . . Knit fast in bonds of . . . liberty, Rejoice today . . . ”

Although the quotation from the “Jubilee Ode” by Sir Lewis Morris which appears on Canada’s “Christmas Stamp” has no connection with this season of the year, a few lines further on in the stanza we find the lines quoted above, which we have cut to suit our purpose. They seem to voice our wish at this time of the year—that the whole world may be “knit fast in bonds of . . . liberty.” That is our hope for the world—to BNAPS members far and near we wish good “hunting” at this season and throughout the coming year.

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First P. O. in the West

Two years from now, February 28, 1955, will be the centenary of the establishment of the first post office in Western Canada (actually the first post office west of Sault Ste. Marie).

As outlined in an article by Dr. Murray H. Campbell in BNA TOPICS (Vol. 7, 1950), on February 28, 1855, the governing body at Red River, the Council of Assinaboia, appointed William Ross as postmaster for the settlement. They also authorized the transportation of mails monthly between Red River and Pembina, North Dakota (at that time in Minnesota Territory). At that time the post office was operated from the Ross residence, situated on the west bank of the Red River one mile north of Upper Fort Garry (now Winnipeg). This house is still in existence in an excellent state of preservation, and during Winnipeg's 75th Anniversary celebrations in 1949, it was used as a post office.

It has been reported that the Manitoba Historical Society is making arrangements to use the house (known as the Ross House) as a museum, and that the society is asking the Post Office Department to designate it as a sub-post office starting in 1953.

It has further been suggested that the 100th anniversary of the establishment of this pioneer post office in the West could be ideally commemorated by the issuing of a special postage stamp.

One hundred years is a long time in the comparatively "new" West, and a special stamp commemorating this date would certainly find favor with B.

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THE 1951-52 STAMP SEASON

Interesting comments, facts and figures on the stamp market throughout the world are contained in two annual reports received from the firms of H. R. Harmer and Robson Lowe respectively.

The H. R. Harmer Organization's "27th Annual Resumé, 1951-52" reports from its London house that "The past season may be summed up with the comment that it was of at least normal interest without being in any way exceptional; very little change was noted in the general level of prices in most groups." From the New York branch the following comment was made: "The season 1951-52 . . . can therefore be looked back on with satisfaction. Prices were very satisfactory and the season's total of \$601,446, with no outstanding properties, was excellent. Dealing with facts, there were 22 auction catalogues, comprising 65 sessions and 24,803 lots."

In addition to the auction turnover for New York as mentioned above, the turnover in private treaty sales totalled \$160,522. For the London branch the auction total was \$680,400, and private treaty \$271,777. The grand turnover for the Harmer organization, including the Australian branch, which operates on a different season, for the period September 1, 1951, to August 31, 1952, was \$1,769,600.

Some important prices realized during the year were as follows: Canada, 1851 laid paper, 6d slate-violet, fine used horizontal pair, \$200. A single copy tied on piece brought \$72.50, and a used strip of three made \$210. 1851 12d black, laid paper, unused with gum, creased but fine, \$1750. 1851 wove paper



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Our 100th Issue

It is with pride that we present this 100th issue of BNA TOPICS, containing a number of interesting articles on B. N. A. stamps and postal history, written by BNAPS members who are leaders in their respective fields. We hope you enjoy the fare we have "dished up" for you on this occasion.

Temporary officers were listed in the first issue of BNA TOPICS (March 1944) as follows: President, Walter R. Hoffmann; Vice-president, H. R. Meyers; Secretary, Jack Levine; Treasurer, William C. Peterman. These officers held office and carried out organizational duties until February 1945, when J. R. Barraclough replaced H. R. Meyers as Vice-president.

The first issue of our magazine contained eight pages, with articles by F. Walter Pollock, W. R. Hoffmann, "Twenty", and L. B. Sheffield. Editor was H. R. Meyers, and he retained this position until March 1945, at which time the Secretary, Jack Levine, took over this task in addition to his other duties. He carried on alone until November 1945, when Richard P. Hedley joined the staff as associate editor. In April 1950 the present editor took over after serving as associate editor for several months. BNA TOPICS has grown over the years to a position of importance in the philatelic world, and presents from 24 to 32 pages of material on British North America each month throughout the year, in addition to publishing a special enlarged Yearbook number each fall, usually in September.



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