



## Spring Shows

Its spring as I complete this issue of the journal, and with spring comes more stamp shows. The only show accepting philatelic literature is STAMPEX. ORAPEX will not be having a literature exhibition this year and the next Canada's National Philatelic Literature Exhibition is not planned until 1995.

Congratulations to Michael Nowlan who received a Silver plus Special Prize for "Articles in Canadian Stamp News "Philatelic Bookshelf" and Best in class D, at HAFNIA '94 in Copenhagen January 27-30, 1994. HAFNIA was a International Philatelic Exhibition in Mophila and Literature

"Philioigraphy Canada" received a silver-bronze for volume 3 in Copenhagen. While the certificates have been received from this show, the medals have not. Word is that they are being minted so as to have the correct number of each level.

A new book out is "The Money Order Office Number (MOON) Cancellations of British Columbia (1950 - 1973) A Working Draft" compiled by Michael Sagar, 2831 West 45th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6N 3L4.

Bob Heasman sent me a nice package with his renewal, some additions to Rickett's list. I am reproducing their title pages and some of their contents, but at a reduced size. I took the pages from Bob, and had each of the pages scanned into a computer file. I then manipulated the files to allow the images to fit in "Philioigraphy Canada". I will reproduce additional items in the next issue.

Last volume's Rickett's reprint did not mention which issues of "The Hobbyist" they appeared in. The title and Introduction appeared in vol. V, no. 4, Novembe 1912 whole #45 pp. 112-113 (Adams to Atlas Stamp & Pub. Co.). Auction catalogues to

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Dominion Philatelic Association appeared in vol. V, no. 7, February 1913 whole #48 pp. 170-173. The 4th entry of the Dominion Philatelic Association to Nutter (John A.) appeared in vol. V no. 9 April 1913 whole #40 pp. 222-226. "The Hobbyist" discontinued as a regular monthly publication with vol. V. no. 9.

What items do you have available for the upcoming issues of "Philioigraphy Canada"? Your material would be most welcome.

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