THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our bulletin of last month was so kindly received by our philatelic friends that we have been favoured with several expressions of commendation upon our preliminary efforts to make the C.P.S. machinery speed at a good smoothly-consistent hum. All of the Officers are attending to their work so admirably that the President is having difficulty keeping up to the pace they are setting.

The regular meetings of the directors are held on the second Friday evening of each month at the Royal York Hotel, and all members of the society are very welcome to attend same. There is not time for much sociability at these meetings but the directors are always interested in any opinions or any comment that visitors may care to offer.

We regret that Mr. L. M. Rathbun has found it necessary to tender his resignation as a director of the society. Mr. Rathbun has been very unfortunate in his health during the past several months, and as he is also President of the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club we cannot expect him to also serve as a director at the present time. The appointment of a new director was deferred until the next meeting of the directors.

NEW APPLICATIONS

J. Bickerton, 628 Willard Ave., Toronto, proposed by R. M. Heenan. Clifford Aikens, 45 Armstrong Ave., Toronto, proposed by Mr. H. Buckland. Cecil R. Allison, 217 Bay St., Toronto, proposed by Dr. E. S. Ball.

SALES DEPARTMENT

We have new books in the Sales Department of various South American Air Mails, also general stamps of Brazil, Uruguay, Chile, Argentine, Bolivia; also several new British Colonies. For the benefit of members entering books of stamps for sale in this department, the insurance rate has been lowered to 2½% of the amount sold, which will be to the advantage of members entering books for sale.

We are pleased to acknowledge stamps from Charles Marshall, Oshawa, Ont.; Harold L. Payne, Moose Jaw, Sask; Charles Gagnon, Station B, Quebec City; C. P. Sutton. Fairville, N.B.; Miss Smith, Port Hope, Ont. and the Pine Tree Stamp Shop (A.L.Taylor) Box 173, Kittery, Maine. These will be sold along with others on hand at an auction this Fall, particulars of which will be published in later bulletins.

LIST OF ARTICLES ON CANADA IN THE LIBRARY.

The Early Issues. The Connell Stamp. Pioneer Posts of British Columbia. Postal Beginnings in Canada. Railroad Cancellations. Coil Stamps. Precancel Notes. Canadian Pictorials. Canadian Designs. The Royal William War Tax Stamps Early Railway Mail. The Small Cents Issue. Dies of the 1930 Issue. Proofs of New Brunswick. Proofs of Nova Scotia. The Large Cents Issue. The 3rd Stamp of Canada. Canedian Locals. Saskatchewan Law Stamps. The Postal History of Canada. Booklet Panes.

Nova Scotia (New discoveries in the Banknote Issues). British North American Provisionals. Canada, 1898-1902; two re-entries. Prince Edward Island Cancellations Die and Plate retouches, 2¢ Carmine, 1898. A study of the Map Stamp of Canada, 1898. The Georgian Issues of Canada. Canadian Stamp Statistics. The Seventieth Anniversary of the Canadian Postage Stamp. Retouches and re-entries in various Issues Cents Issue of Prince Edward Island. British Columbia and Vancouver Island. Perforations of the 1859 Cents Issue. The Large 15 cents 1868-1900. The Law Stamps of British Columbia. Canadian Stamps, oddly perforated. Canadian Geography and Stamps. A Forgotten Postal Agreement. Retouching the 2¢ Carmine 1898.

Our librarian is a serious collector of the stamps of Czecho Slovakia and is an authority on the forgeries of that country, he will be glad to hear from anyone with the same interests.

METER CANCELLATIONS

We are advised by the Canadian Postage Meter Co. that all meters under number 1500 are now obsolete. Models in use at the present time are numbered as follows:

 4000
 to 4304 inclusive
 46000 to 46200 inclusive

 04000
 to 04020 inclusive
 54000 to 54085 inclusive

 40000
 to 40412 inclusive
 82400 to 83200 inclusive

 48000
 to 48015 inclusive
 *84000 to 84030 inclusive

94000 to 94075 inclusive.

* These thirty machines show slight differences in the design from the 82000 series.

All the above model machines can be fitted with the advertising slugs which are growing in popularity with the users of meter machines. These meter advertising slogans can be changed at the will of the user; some firms have already provided themselves with a series of these, and change them according to the season, etc. The use of these has added greatly to the popularity of collecting meter cancellations, as one does not have to keep the letterhead of the firm using same for identification.

PERFORATED INITIALS ON CANADIAN STAMPS

The earliest known perforation or mutilation by initials in Canadian stamps is on the ld yellow small cents issue, the initials are W.J.G., this thought to stand for the W. J. Gage Co., but further information will be appreciated. We hope to publish a check list of all known initials and what they represent in a future bulletin. In the meantime, our member T. R. Woodhouse, 20 North Cval St., Hamilton, would like help in identifying the following initials. -- M.R.M.C.; W.U. or U.W.; J.H.S.; J.M.I. or I.M.J.; F.C.C.; B. Surrounded by a six pointed star; G.(Script Capital Letter); B.C. Co.; J.M.D.; O.A.G.; W.B.R.; C.M.S.; W.T.&Co.; R. & Q. Cos.; W.M.A. or M.W.A.; C.B.M.; F.S. & Co.; C. Co; O.T. Co; W.R. Co.; L.S.C. Mr. Woodhouse has 72 different types including the above. He mounts his face down on a black surface. Another collector recommends that these be mounted on a bright coloured paper such as orange or bright yellow.

CANADIAN VARIETIES - by Gordon H. Kingdon (Hamilton Philatelic Society)
Of the current plate varieties to come most recently to our attention is what
might be termed a "Dots in 'N'" error in the purple 13-cent value of the 1935 issue,
shortly to be replaced.

Unlike most of the so-called "dot" varieties, this one comes very close to the major classification and merits a place in the specialist's collection. It occurred in Subject No. 46 (lower left corner) of the lower right pane, Plate No. 1, and specifically in the right limb of the "N" of CANADA.

The error comprises a series of five heavy, shaded dots, in groups of three and two, extending in a line vertically through almost the entire length of the limb. If you possess reasonably good eyesight they may be seen readily without a glass.

Included among several other varieties reported in this stamp are what appears to be a tool mark in the "S" of CENTS and a "Broken E" of CENTS. Also, there are the usual number of dot and dash items of minor importance and mostly in the margins.

MARKET NOTES

We note that there are no items dropped from Ottawa list since last bulletin. The special delivery stamp of the new issue is dated 1937. The other values are dated 1938. Collectors will find most trouble locating the date on the 10¢ value, although it is not as well hidden as was that on the 1935 20¢ stamp or 1935 Postage Dues. The titles of the pictures on the stamps are shown on the plate number blocks only. We believe this will add to the popularity of collecting plate block numbers. All the stamps are evidently printed in sheets of 200, with the plate number and title in each corner. These are issued to the Post Office in sheets of 50, but are perforated so that there are no straight edged stamps and, of course, only one plate number on each sheet.

The prices realized of the B.N.A. Covers, except Newfoundland, from the Emerson collection were published in "STAMPS", June 4th. Many valuable covers from this collection were sold at the Collector's Club Auction, New York, on May 18th.

We have on hand prices realized of various Canadian Stamps at recent Harmer Sales and will publish same from time to time under Market Notes.

At our recent director's meeting the treasurer reported that over 30 members had paid their membership since last bulletin. If the treasurer has favoured you with his account he would appreciate hearing from you shortly. Our corresponding secretary reported that he had replied to 32 correspondents since he had taken over his new duties.

Your editor would be glad to have any article or item of interest on Canadian Stamps for publication in future bulletins.

The Stamp Club of Hamilton are electing their 1938-39 Officers at their June meeting so that a much earlier start on activities can be made than when officers were elected at the September meeting.

We wish to publish the names and addresses of the president and secretary, and the place and time of meeting, of all Canadian Philatelic Societies in a future bulletin; may we have this information regarding your local society by return mail.

Some of us will be sure to envy our new member Cecil R. Allison, of the Allison Travel Service, who frequently gets nice covers sent back to him by appreciative customers who know his keen interest in stamps.

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EDITORIAL

One of the matters to come before your board this cummer is the publication of a list of the members of the society and what they collect. If you are already a member please send in up-to-date list of what you collect. If you are not already a member, why not fill in the application blank - NOW?

The West Toronto Stamp Club recently had a debate at one of their meetings on the Subject "Should First Day Covers be collected?" The debate was won by the negative side under Mr. J. B. Filsinger.

We regret to note that on the anniversary of the Coronation most of the Coronation stamps can be bought at less than they could a year ago. The Current Issue of that old and well known house organ (The Emco Journal) quotes them at prices which will take some beating. Remember when you could buy the 1897 Jubilees at face value. (Nuff said)

We were recently shown a cutting from the Family Herald and Weekly Star of a news item of June 26th, 1897. This news item described how the Montreal Post Office had been using cancelling machines since May 1896. They were, however, particularly proud of the Jubilee Flag Cancellation which was first used on June 20th, 1897.

We are much pleased with the annual review of the British Columbia Philatelic Society. This can be obtained for 10ϕ plus 3ϕ postage from T. F. Daggs, 511 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. Those interested in Canadian Plate Numbers, Canadian Precancels, Great Britain Penny Blacks, Studies of Forgeries, Zeppelin Covers, Stamps of the Soudan, Charity Stamps of Holland & Hawaiian Cancellations will all find a worth while article to their liking.

PERFORATED INITIALS ON CANADIAN STAMPS

We have a member in Hamilton who can identify many of the initials found on the various issues. In passing we would mention that the letters O.H.M.S. have been definitely traced to the office of the Assistant Receiver General at Victoria, B.C. We understand that the use of this perforation has now been discontinued. (This month's Stamp Review)

PRECANCELLS

Post Offices supplied with precancelled postage stamps of the King George VI issue from January 1st to March 31st, 1938 -

l¢ precancells have been supplied to Oshawa, 3893; Saint John, N.B. X910; Brandon, Man, 5099; Moose Jaw, Sask, 7120; Yorkton, Sask, 7977; Lethbridge, Alta., 8605; Victoria, B.C., 9890; 2¢ and 3¢ Kingston, Ont., 3340; 3¢ London, Ont., 3470; 1¢ & 3¢ Hamilton, Ont., 3100; 3¢ General Type, Brampton, Ont. & St. Justin, P.Q.

We are advised by the Editor of the Canadian Precancel Catalogue that all copy for the new catalogue is now in the hands of the Publisher, Hoover Bros.

We want every member to feel that they are associate editors of this bulletin and welcome short snappy articles on any phase of Canadian Collecting.

We would like to draw your attention to the wealth of material in the hands of our Librarian. He will be more than pleased to forward to members articles on hand in regard to your particular interests.

We have some interesting information on hand for next bulletin for Collectors of Canadian Meter Cancellations, but would like to hear from a senior collector of these who would be willing to give us a News paragraph or so each month. We also need a senior collector of Canadian Revenue Stamps in a like capacity.

A group of Ontario Collectors headed by G. L. Woodrow are working towards the publication of a catalogue of Canadian Advertising Slogans. In the meantime our directors are willing to allot slogan collectors space in the Bulletin each month to publish a check list of Slogans, working from the current issues back. If you are interested in these or have a friend interested in same, drop us a line, now, which will insure publication of 1938 check list in an early bulletin.

We are also particularly anxious to secure an associate editor for Eastern and Western Canada in this department so as to make Check List as complete as possible.