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A FRIENDLY CHAT



Officers of the Canadian Philatelic Society discuss the agenda for their annual meeting held April 18, 1952, as part of the London Philatelic Society's two-day exhibition, before an exhibit at the public library. Left to right, Fred Green, Toronto, secretary-treasurer; Bert L. Baulch, Brantford, retiring president; W. H. Freeman, newly-elected president and Cyril Woodhead, retiring secretary, who continues as a director.

CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Minutes of the 24th Annual Meeting

Held at London, Ont., April 18, 1952.

About twenty-five members representing various points in the Province attended the meeting which was commenced at 8.30 p.m.

The President, Mr. Bert Baulch, hearty welcome to all those present, occupied the chair on a dextended a He gave a resume of the activities and progress shown since the last meeting at Toronto, Ont., during "Capex." He wished to thank all the Officers and Directors for their close co-operation during this period of the last seven months.

Minutes of the 23rd Annual Meeting were read. Moved by V. Crouse and seconded by W. H. Freeman that minutes be accepted. Carried.

The President wished to thank our hosts, the London Philatelic Society under Dr. Holmes' leadership for their invitation to convene in London, Ont. He gave a report on the Sir Sanford Fleming Plaque which had been unveiled in Toronto during "Capex" and said this was entirely a C.P.S. venture. The matter of the necessity of raising the fees to \$3.00 was reviewed.

The Secretary's Report — Mr. Woodhead reported that many obstacles had been overcome during this period under the leadership of Mr. Baulch. We can truthfully say that we face the new season with all confidence. The calling of nominations resulted in twelve members' names being submitted for Directors. The Directors for 1952-53 are as follows:

W. H. Freeman, Toronto, Ont.
 Fred Green, Toronto, Ont.
 Bert L. Baulch, Brantford, Ont.
 Miss M. Hanselman, Brantford, Ont.
 Rev. D. Goodger, Ayr, Ont.
 V. Crouse, Windsor, Ont.
 C. S. Neville, Vancouver, B.C.
 W. A. Teare, Edmonton, Alta.

W. Gladish, Ottawa, Ont.
 D. Patrick, Toronto, Ont.
 H. E. Canham, Regina, Sask.
 C. Woodhead, Toronto, Ont.

The Secretary also reported that 75 new members had been enrolled since the last Annual Meeting and at this time there were 1170 members on the roster. Report moved by C. Woodhead, seconded by V. Crouse. Carried.

Treasurer's Report — Mr. Fred Green reported assets of \$93.50 and liabilities of \$449.71 as of March 31, 1952. At the present time there is a bank balance of \$116.13. Monies since received from renewals will more than offset the debts outstanding. All accounts have been audited. Report moved by F. Green, seconded by W. H. Freeman. Carried.

Sales Manager's Report — Mr. Woodhead reported during seven months total books received and handled were 1015. The total sales were \$4,472.50. Balance in Sales Bank account \$1,791.57. The Insurance Bank account balance and bands total \$470.65. These accounts were duly audited by C. F. Foster. Report moved by C. Woodhead, seconded by V. Crouse. Carried.

Librarian's Report—Mr. F. Green read Mr. H. Buckland's report of activity in this department. A very fine report was submitted. Moved by F. Green, and seconded by P. Stewart. Carried.

Reports from various clubs—The reports and comments were made by the following members:

Fred Green—Canada Life.
 Doug. Patrick—C.B.C. Stamp Club.
 W. Carter—North Toronto Stamp Club.
 Mr. Fuller—Kitchener.
 Mr. Fuller—Grand River Valley.

V. Crouse—Ford and Windsor Clubs.

Miss Hanselman—Brantford.

Dr. Holmes — London Philatelic Society.

General Business—The President replied to various questions asked about the Society. Also motion was moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Fuller that Mr. Roy Pennell be commended on his fine work re the "News Letter." Mr. Crouse suggested supporting Junior collectors, with the idea of eventually having them become members of the C.P.S.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m. on motion of W. Carter and seconded by W. A. Irvine. Carried.

Directors and Honorary President attending: B. L. Baulch, Miss Hanselman, W. H. Freeman, Fred Green, D. Patrick, V. Crouse, C. Woodhead, F. Jarrett.

Mr. Baulch occupied the chair.

Moved by F. Green, seconded by D. Patrick that Mr. W. H. Freeman

be elected President for 1952-53. — Carried.

Mr. Freeman then occupied the chair, calling for nominations for Vice-President.

Moved by V. Crouse, seconded by D. Patrick, that Miss Hanselman be elected First Vice-President. Carried.

Moved by C. Woodhead and Miss Hanselman that W. Gladish be elected Second Vice-President. Carried.

Moved by C. Woodhead and B. L. Baulch that W. A. Teare be elected Third Vice-President. Carried.

Moved by B. L. Baulch, seconded by V. Crouse that the offices of Secretary and Treasurer by combined and that Mr. Fred Green be appointed to this office. Carried.

The remaining members are Directors for the year as follows: B. L. Baulch, D. Patrick, V. Crouse, Rev. D. Goodger, H. E. Canham, C. S. Neville, C. Woodhead.

CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

April 18th, 1952.

Sales Department Report—Aug. 15th, 1952 to Mar. 31st, 1952	
Total No. of books on hand August 15th, '51	219
" " " received during 7 months	796
	1015
Total number of books retired to March 31st	323
Books in circulation	692
Total sales recorded to March 31st (7 months)	\$4472.30
Sales Manager's commission, 12½%	\$559.03
Insurance account commission, 1%	352.87
Postage used in this period	175.00

SALES ACCOUNT BANK ACCOUNT

Balance as of Aug. 14th, 1951	\$856.38	Cheques issued	\$3706.41
Deposits to March 31st, 1952	4641.60	Bank balance	1791.57
	\$5497.98		\$5497.98

INSURANCE ACCOUNT BANK ACCOUNT

Balance Aug. 15th, '51, including Bonds	\$513.58	Transferred to General Fund	\$400.00
1% Insurance on books received	\$352.87	Paid Insurance Policy	37.80
	\$908.45		\$908.45

Report Audited April 14th, 1952.

C. F. Foster.

Submitted by Sales Manager.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA

Financial Branch

Postage Stamp Division, Philatelic Section

— February, 1952 —

List of Canadian Postage Stamps issued since 1897, showing quantities issued, with the exception of items still remaining on sale through the Philatelic Section, Postage Stamp Division, at Ottawa 4, Ont.

ISSUE	QUANTITY
Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee, 1897	
½c Black	150,000
1c Orange	8,000,000
2c Green	2,500,000
3c Red	20,000,000
5c Blue	750,000
8c Purple	200,000
6c Brown	75,000
10c Purple	150,000
15c Blue	100,000
20c Vermillion	100,000
50c Blue	100,000
\$1.00 Rose	249,000
\$2.00 Purple	25,000
\$3.00 Brown	13,500
\$4.00 Purple	14,500
\$5.00 Green	15,500

Queen Victoria Maple Leaves, 1897	
½c Black	2,000,000
1c Green	34,000,000
2c Purple	8,000,000
3c Red	44,000,000
5c Blue	3,500,000
6c Brown	500,000
8c Orange	1,400,000
10c Purple	300,000

Queen Victoria Numerals, 1893	
½c Black	6,080,000
1c Green	313,900,000

2c Purple	72,021,200
2c Red	619,000,000
3c Red	51,287,600
5c Blue	22,070,000
6c Brown	560,000
7c Yellow	1,515,000
8c Orange	893,800
10c Purple	2,725,000
20c Olive	540,000

Special Deliver Stamps, 1898	
10c Green	3,667,500
Imperial Penny Postage, 1898	
2c Red, Black and Blue	19,927,500

ISSUE QUANTITY	
Queen Victoria (Surcharged), 1899	
3c Red Surcharged 2c	9,914,800

King Edward VII, 1903-12	
1c Green	1,470,000,000
2c Red	2,160,000,000
2c Red - Imperforate	100,000
5c Blue	66,210,000
7c Yellow	25,305,000
10c Purple	15,080,000
20c Olive Green	3,150,000
50c Violet	500,000

Quebec Tercentenary, 1908	
½c Sepia	2,000,000
1c Green	22,530,000
2c Red	35,100,000
5c Blue	1,200,000
7c Olive Green	700,000
10c Violet	500,000
15c Orange	300,000
20c Brown	304,200

King George V, 1912	
1c Green	3,218,400,000
2c Red	3,043,450,000

ACCUMULATIONS !

1. NEWFOUNDLAND COLLECTION.
2. STOCK BOOK, USED, B. EMPIRE
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CYRIL WOODHEAD

123 Albertus Ave. - Toronto 12, Ont.

ISSUE	QUANTITY		
3c Brown (1918)	2,044,000,000	8c Blue	887,500
5c Blue	198,000,000	8c Orange	5,912,500
7c Yellow	103,200,000	10c Green	21,100,000
10c Plum	148,800,000	12c Grey	6,975,000
20c Olive Green	95,416,000	20c Carmine	21,000,000
50c epla	3,420,000	50c Blue	2,811,400
War Tax, 1915		\$1.00 Olive Green	606,350
1c Green	267,500,000	20c Red Special Delivery	950,000
2c Red	118,400,000		
3c ITc	172,300,000	King George V, 1931-32	
3c ITc 29/8/16 Brown	514,500,000	2c Brown	355,700,000
3c ITc Red (Perf 12x8)	4,800,000	3c Red	491,700,000
		2c Red Surcharged 3c	58,265,000
		10c Dark Green	64,300,000
Confederation, 1917			
3c Brown	98,650,000	Ottawa Conference, 1932	
King George V, 1922-25		3c Red	100,700,000
1c Yellow	1,273,763,000	5c Blue	8,300,000
2c Green	2,228,975,000	13c Green	2,000,000
3c Red	1,091,797,300		
4c Blstre	75,900,000	King George V, Medallion, 1932	
5c Violet	184,650,000	1c Green	527,440,000
7c Red-Brown	16,280,000	2c Brown	514,300,000
8c Blue	25,350,000	3c Red	1,162,700,000
10c Blue	128,382,000	4c Blster	7,017,400
10c Light Brown	89,713,000	5c Dark Blue	54,500,000
\$1.00 Orange	2,600,000	8c Orange	4,465,000
20c Red pecial Delivery	2,300,000	13c Vollet	5,016,500
1c Yellow Imperforate	50,000	20c Red pecial Delivery	600,000
2c Green Imperforate	50,000	Postal Union, 1933	
3c Red Imperforate	100,000	5c Blue	5,100,000
King George V, 1926			
2c Surchage on 3c one line	50,000	Royal William, 1933	
2c Surchage on 3c two lines	103,600	5c Blue	4,854,200
Confederation, 1927		Regina Grain Conference, 1933	
1c Orange	148,034,000	20c Red (Overprinted)	1,560,000
2c Green	333,757,000		
3c Carmine	15,431,000	Jacques Cartier, 1934	
5c Violet	26,627,000	3c Blue	12,370,000
12c Dark Blue	7,492,000	New Brunswick, 1934	
20c Orange Special Delivery	671,400	2c Brown	5,050,000
Historical, 1927		United Empire Loyalists, 1934	
5c violet	20,349,000	10c Green	3,000,000
12c Green	5,273,000		
20c Carmine	7,632,000	King George V, Silver Jubilee, 1935	
		1c Green	30,500,000
King George V, 1928		2c Brown	31,000,000
1c Yellow	278,652,000	3c Red	60,425,000
2c Green	1,131,188,000	5c Blue	3,050,000
3c Red	11,000,000	10c Green	3,125,000
4c Bistre	10,020,000	13c Blue	1,100,000
5c Violet	21,421,900		
8c Blue	12,100,000	King George V, 1935	
10c Green	36,077,000	1c Green	355,495,000
12c Grey	4,330,000	2c Brown	331,000,000
20c Carmine	7,008,600	3c Red	701,490,000
50c Dark Blue	1,044,900	4c Yellow	7,037,000
\$1.00 Green	560,950	5c Blue	41,044,551
		8c Orange	3,066,000
King George V, 1930		10c Rose	4,085,500
1c Orange	74,900,000	13c Purple	8,035,000
1c Green	422,550,000	20c Olive Green	13,512,841
2c Green	318,700,000	50c Purple	2,416,000
2c Red	431,000,000	\$1.00 Blue	818,000
4c Bistre	11,100,000	20c Red Special Delivery	883,814
5c Violet	10,300,000		
5c Blue	45,500,000		

ISSUE QUANTITY

Coronation, 1937	
3c Carmine	51,400,000
King George VI, 1937	
1c Green	1,393,677,600
2c Brown	1,163,103,500
3c Red	2,633,940,000
4c Blstre	24,074,000
5c Blue	133,102,302
8c Orange	14,035,353
10c Rose	10,186,690
10c Red	54,019,523
13c Ultramarine	13,028,291
20c Brown	30,499,240
50c Green	49,241,000
\$1.00 Violet	2,210,219
20c Carmine Special Delivery	200,000

Special Delivery, 1939	
20c Carmine Surcharge 10c	300,000
Special Delivery, 1939	
10c Green	2,305,450

Royal Visit, 1939	
1c Green and Black	50,043,000
2c Brown and Black	50,224,000
3c Dark Carmine and Black	100,000,000

King George VI, 1942	
2c Brown	470,710,000
3c Red	605,750,000
4c Grey	7,900,000
8c Red Brown	22,978,621
10c Brown	157,680,577
13c Dark Green	4,000,000
20c Brown	62,028,166
50c Purple	16,486,515
\$1.00 Blue	6,195,600
16c Blue Air Mail Special Delivery	814,841
10c Green Special Delivery	3,276,404
Pictorial, 1943	
14c	14,878,673
17c	868,689

Pictorial, 1946	
17c Air Mail Special Delivery	300,000
Alexander Graham Bell, 1947	
4c Blue	25,050,000

Roll Stamps

1912 Perf. 12 Hor.

Perf. 8 Hor.

Perf. 8 Vert.

1916 Perf. 8 Vert.

1922 Perf. 8 Vert.
(Sheet form)

(Sheet form)

(Sheet form)

Citizenship, 1947	
4c Blue	25,100,000
Princess Elizabeth, 1948	
4c Blue	50,010,000

Responsible Government, 1948	
4c Grey	50,300,000

Union of Newfoundland, 1949	
4c Green	50,850,000

King George VI, Unrevised Design, 1949	
2c Brown	10,200,000

King George VI, Overprinted O.H.M.S. 1942

1s Green	1,500,000
2c Brown	500,000

King George VI, Overprinted O.H.M.S. 1943

50c Green	30,000
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Air Mail Stamps

5c Olive Brown, 1928	10,000,000
(2,000,000 surcharged)	
(2,950,000 destroyed)	
5c Olive Brown	400,000
6c Surcharged on 5c, 1928	2,000,000
6c Surcharged on 5c, 1930	500,000
(Ottawa Conference)	
6c Brown 1935	5,000,000
6c Brown, 1937	29,008,650
6c Deep Blue, 1942	14,990,000
7c Deep Blue, 1943	97,793,352

Postage Due Stamps

1906 1c Violet	18,870,000
2c Violet	44,178,000
4c Violet	1,487,000
5c Violet	13,000,000
10c Violet	1,000,000
1930 1c Violet	5,344,000
2c Violet	10,758,000
4c Violet	2,442,000
5c Violet	523,000
10c Violet	309,000
1932 1c Violet	2,070,000
2c Violet	4,390,000
4c Violet	1,900,000
10c Violet	500,000

1c Green	20,890,000
2c Red	13,710,000
3c Brown	500,000
1c Green	500,000
2c Red	4,005,000
1c Green	190,000,000
2c Red	171,742,500
3c Brown	126,300,000

3c ITc Red	15,315,000
3c ITc Brown	35,185,000

1c Yellow	102,200
1c Yellow (Precancel)	25,700,000
2c Green	154,435,000
2c Green	102,200
3c Red	47,585,000
3c Red	2,200

1922 Perf. 12 Hor.	2c Green	250,000
1928 Perf. 8 Vert.	1c Orange	10,000,000
	1c Yellow (Precancel)	8,515,000
	2c Green	83,259,000
1930 Perf. 8½ Vert.	1c Yellow	2,000,000
	1c Yellow (Precancel)	4,350,000
1930 Perf. 8½ Vert.	1c Green	16,427,000
	1c Green (Precancel)	11,130,000
	2c Red	24,880,000
	2c Green	20,000,000
1931 Perf. 8½ Vert.	2c Brown	25,255,000
	3c Red	37,190,000
1932 Perf. 8½ Vert.	1c Green	13,573,000
	2c Brown	19,265,000
	3c Red	28,310,000
	1c Green (Precancel)	10,500,000
1935 Perf. 8 Vert.	1c Green	9,625,000
	2c Brown	13,500,000
	3c Red	24,080,000
	1c Green (Precancel)	2,955,000
1937 Perf. 8½ Vert.	1c Green	23,021,500
	2c Brown	34,565,000
	3c Red	57,827,000
	1c Green (Precancel)	12,005,000
1942 Perf. 8 Vert.	3c Red	9,975,000
1942 Perf. 8 Vert.	1c Green	26,000,000
1942 Perf. 8 Vert.	2c Brown	8,465,000
1943 Perf. 9½ Vert.	3c Purple	45,990,000
	4c Red	47,590,000
1949 Unrevised Perf. 9½ Vert.	1c Green	2,680,000

1953 SILVER JUBILEE YEAR

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BUILDERS OF THE "C. P. S."

Mr. Herbert Buckland

By: Fred Green

"Herb," as we who are privileged to be his friends know him, was born in England some few years ago. He began collecting stamps and postmarks at the age of eleven and in 1949 he still remains incurable, just mention stamps and Herb is right with you. The year 1910 found Herb in Toronto when there were no Stamp Clubs in Toronto, so he found solace and stamps at two good friends, the Marks Company and Mr. George Lowe. In 1915 he proceeded overseas and whilst stationed at Sittingbourne, Kent, Herb lost no time. A friend had a sackful of Great Britain Penny line-engraved stamps; these were dumped on the table and—a good time was had looking them over and as Herb tells me, "the love of these stamps ha snever left me."

In 1920, Herb arrived back in Toronto and joined the "C.P.S." in 1923 and found himself in short order a Director and Librarian, which position he held for a number of years. The "C.P.S." was formed in Winnipeg, September, 1919 and under the leadership of Fred Jarrett, to whom the members of the Society must ever be indebted for "Fred" saved the Society from an early death and in 1923 the Society was moved to Toronto where reorganization and a new constitution was drawn up meeting at Mr. Creber's Tombstone Works on St. Clair Avenue West. In 1926, the Society was in such good condition that a Dominion Charter of Incorporation was applied for and granted. Herb was one of the Charter members and has to this time given much service to the "C.P.S." In 1935 he resigned as Director and Librarian but in 1937 the late Dr. E. S. Ball, who was then President, found the Society at a very low ebb and appealed to Mr. Buckland to

take the post of Corresponding Secretary to assist in rebuilding the Society. Shortly after again becoming a Director, the Society lost the "Toronto Stamp Collectors Club" which brought the Society to a new low level in membership, the total strength at this time being considerably less than 200 and from herein Herb took hold and ere he resigned as Director and Corresponding Secretary in 1947, he very proudly saw the membership was over 1,000.

We were very loath to lose Herb. His devotion and loyalty was unswerving, to the Society and its membership and now Herb is at his home in Port Perry, Ontario, enjoying his beloved Great Britain Penny stamps and may I say, fellow members of the "C.P.S.", that we are all deeply in debt to Herb for his devotion and ever generous gift of so many years of service on our behalf.

"Thanks, Herbert Buckland."

Saint John Stamp Club

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8 p.m.

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The Jeffery Stamp Collection

By J. Howard Crocker

The Jeffery Stamp Collection housed in the Lawson Memorial Library of the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, is one of the most treasured possessions of the institution. Albert O. Jeffery, the original donor of this collection, was born in the Township of London, July 5, 1857. Of Empire Loyalist stock, he was educated in London in 1878. Dr. Jeffery's public interests don and called to the Ontario Bar were varied and he rendered valuable civic service as a member of the London Public Schools Board and the Public Library Board. He was appointed Queen's Counsel by the Ontario Government in 1898. From 1920 until his death on June 6, 1928, he was president of the London Life Insurance Company.

Dr. Jeffery was interested in philately throughout his life and after his death his expressed wishes were carried out in the gift of his collection to the library of the University of Western Ontario. Sufficient funds were also provided for the construction of a stamp cabinet and for the proper mounting of the stamps. The original collection has been extended and carried forward by grants from the Board of Governors of the University and by gifts from others interested in the development of the collection.

The board of trustees was appointed by the University: Chairman, Professor Fred Landon, Messrs. James A. Campbell of the London Life Insurance Company and J. Howard Crocker as Secretary.

Blueprints and specifications from the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, D.C., were kindly loaned and a stamp cabinet, containing seventy-five double-faced panels, twenty-two by twenty-eight inches, was completed. In 1934 selection and mounting of stamps began.

While Dr. Jeffery's collection was general in scope, one could clearly

see that two of the collections were outstanding: the United States of America and the Canadian with England and the Dominions. It was, therefore, decided to mount, bring up to date and maintain these two collections.

It was further decided that any subsequent gifts of stamps to the collection should be acknowledged and credit given by having the donor's name inscribed on the panel of the exhibit. In 1934, for example, the London Stamp Club donated a panel containing all the Canadian issues for 1932-1934.

Mr. Henry P. Graves of Geneva, New York, has supplied the collection for a number of years with all the United States commemoratives. Three of his panels have been mounted. The trustees secured complete sets of the British Colonies of the Jubilee of King George V and a set of the King George VI Coronation.

Notable additions to the collection have been:

1. Panel of stamps and covers commemorating the centenary of postage stamps in England.
 2. A memorial panel showing a sheet of the Alexander Graham Bell stamps, a fine photograph of Mr. Bell in the centre with a picture of the homestead in Brantford and another picture of Graham Bell standing on the steps of the Bell Memorial Monument in Brantford.
 3. As President Roosevelt was a world famous stamp collector, the trustees considered that an historical panel in the United States would be desirable. A photograph of President Roosevelt seated at his desk examining stamps was secured and the collection of memorial stamps issued by seventeen different nations at the time of his death was included.
- The aim of the trustees is to se-

Notes on Barbados and Its Stamps

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This article was to be written on the stamps of Barbados but as such an article would be too lengthy and perhaps of interest to comparatively few people, I am confining it to what I hope are interesting side-lights on the Island and its philatelic history.

The Island of Barbados is now one of the most densely populated islands in the world with a population of over 200,000 in an area of about 166 square miles but it was uninhabited when discovered by the Portuguese in 1536 and later settled by the British early in the 17th century and it has remained British ever since. When the first settlers landed the island was covered in dense jungle with, strangely enough, no food bearing plants native to the country so the necessary seeds and plants had to be imported from Dutch Guiana. At first tobacco and cotton were tried as the main crops but later it was found that sugar

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cure and mount all stamps which have been issued in Canada and the United States as well as Great Britain and the Dominions. The stamps in the original collection which were not needed have been disposed of and the money thus raised has been used to fill in the vacant spaces.

The library has established the jolice of acquiring stamp literature, catalogues, magazines and books on the subject of philately to supplement the collection. In addition to a set of Scott's catalogues, many early Canadian philatelic journals have been presented to the library by Dr. L. Seale Holmes, of London.

The collection has proved itself of value in the undergraduate student life of the University, for the students have organized a stamp club for stamp talks and exchange.

The collection may be seen by the public during library hours. Everyone is welcome.

was more profitable and to this day sugar is the foundation of the island economy. There has never been much intermarriage between the white settlers and the colored people. Perhaps in the near future the tourist industry will be added as its beauty and delightful climate become better known and facilities for getting there quickly are improved. It will then perhaps regain some of its past glory for in the 17th and 18th centuries it was quite an important place and its capital, Bridgetown, was larger than Boston, U.S.A.

The House of Assembly, one of the oldest forms of representative government in the Empire, celebrated 300 years of existence in 1939. It has always been British but at the same time it has always had strong ties with the North American continent and the preamble to the Constitution of the United States follows very similar wording to that contained in the Charter of Barbados, written over a hundred years previously, perhaps because many of the "colonists" of the U.S.A. arrived there via Barbados.

The Island was for a long time the headquarters of the British Forces in the West Indies and has strong links with Admiral Nelson who spent sometime there with the fleet. They were the second community in the world to erect a statue to his memory in 1813, which statue appears on the Nelson Centenary stamps of 1906. Surprisingly, the first Nelson statue was erected in Montreal in 1808.

I have always found the stamps of the Colony interesting. They are not too complicated, do not have too many values, and not overburdened with high values as up until the new dollar issue this year, the highest denomination was only Five Shillings and there were only three of them. The stamps have more variety than the majority of British

Colonies and the classic "Britannia" type, a dignified design, has always been popular with collectors. There have been a few official bisects to add spice to a collection but few overprints. It seems they ran out of 1d stamps every once in a while and had to bisect the 1d stamps for use as a half penny and once they used half of the first five shilling stamp with the tablet of value cut off and 1d printed on each of the halves, when out of penny stamps.

Perhaps their bad luck in running out of stamps stems from the fact that the first shipment of stamps to the colony were lost at sea.

The first proposal for an inland post was made in 1840 but it took them until 1851 to really get started. The very first stamps for reasons of economy, used the same plates as the Trinidad stamps, who had started using them the previous year, and were printed on the same handmade paper as the British stamps and were in consequence subject to blueing for awhile, just as they were in England. They were imperforate and unwatermarked and only three values were actually issued, to which two more were added later, and went on sale in April 1852. In 1850 however, the Colonial Secretary requested a supply of perforated stamps 'like the English stamps' but all he received were stamps known as the "Pin Perfs" with a series of practically useless pin pricks in the paper and it wasn't until 1861 that the first properly perforated stamps were shipped. Even these were not well done and for nearly ten years they had to put up with what are known as the "rough perfs." Here it might be remarked that for many years the half penny, 1d and 4d stamps were without values printed on them and could only be identified by the colour. As there were many comparatively small printings, there are a number of interesting shades.

Towards the end of 1870 Perkins Bacon replaced the unwatermarked paper with greyish white wove paper

watermarked with a six rayed star and for the next five years there were a number of issues varying in the perfs and the size of the star. The occasional stamp has a watermark consisting of either Barbados or Post Office.

In 1873 the first Five shilling stamp was introduced, presumably for regular postage as there was no parcel post until 1886, and at the same time a 3d was put into use. During all the period of the Britannia issues the printings were never very large and some were only a few thousand. There is one nice thing about the Barbados stamps, and that is, from the time that "date" stamps were used it is possible to get a large proportion of the stamps with the date clearly marked on the stamp.

In 1875 De La Rue and Co. took over the printing and changed to the Crown C.C. machine made surfaced paper, still using the Britannia design but with new plates and with a perforation at first 12½ but later changed to 14. Here again there are quite a few shades, including a 6d bright yellow aniline, surely one of the first aniline colours used, as the aniline dyes were only in their infancy at that time. I have a used copy. There is also a shilling violet aniline in each perforation.

In 1882 a new design was used of the profile of Queen Victoria and this is the only issue to show the Queen's face as the main part of the design. For the rest of her reign she had to be content to be shown in miniature as the figure in the chariot of the so-called "seal" design. In August 1886 the second five shilling stamp appeared and this is one of the rarest stamps of any country as only 3600 were printed. In 1892 the first Seal of the Colony stamps appeared and they lasted for 20 years. This set contained the first two shilling and six-penny value. During this period also the first farthing value was issued, May 5th, 1896. This farthing

rate for newspapers was the cheapest in the Empire.

One of the first charity stamps also appeared in 1907 for the benefit of the sufferers of the great Jamaica earthquake, although it was not particularly successful.

Barbados was also progressive enough to be one of the few colonies to issue stamps to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897. The aforementioned Nelson Centenary set also appeared in 1907.

No stamps were issued with the portrait of King Edward VII and in 1912 the first King George V stamps were issued, still using the seal of the Colony design with Queen Victoria's figure in the chariot, but with the addition of a portrait of the King in the top left hand corner. There were thus two monarchs on the same stamp. Only 12,000 of the three shilling value were ordered and not many more of the two shillings, both new denominations. As some of these were overprinted "Revenue" prior to the appearance of the definite fiscal stamps on June 22nd 1916, they are therefore a desirable property. Four years later, in June 1916, they went back to the seal of the Colony design with the King's features in the figure in the chariot. In February 1918 the 4d and the 3/- were reissued in different colors. There were two shades of violet in the 3/- and the bright violet is quite rare. It only recently attained catalogue status in Scott's nearly 40 years after it was issued, an example of extreme caution. In September 1920 the famous "Victory" issue appeared, again one of the few issues to celebrate this event. There can only be less than 20,000 sets of these very attractive stamps. In 1921 they reverted to the small Seal of the Colony design which has been used until the latest dollars and cents pictorial issue appeared this year. All the 3/- stamps have turned out well. In June 1939 a set of five stamps to 3d was issued to celebrate the tercentenary of the General Assembly, again a modest

issue. Its George VI stamps have interesting perf varieties and changes of color.

From the above very brief description of the stamps of this popular colony it will be seen they were the first to issue ½d and ¼d stamps, they have had a pleasing variety of design, no very high values and only a fair and reasonable emission of commemorative stamps to celebrate important events in the Island's history, some of which consisted of only 1d stamp. They have been conservative and progressive at the same time.

There is no monotony in a collection of Barbados and there are many interesting sidelights such as collecting the postmarks used for the eleven Post Offices, known as "Parishes."

The postmarks used for the first 20 years or so contained a number in the centre, No. 1 for Bridgetown, No. 2 for Christchurch and the other nine parishes, all with the names of Saints, were numbered 3 to 11. They are not too easy to find and quite difficult to complete, as I have discovered. Later the names of the parishes were used but never the name of Bridgetown, the capital. Surely this is also quite unique.

There have always been close relations between Canada and Barbados and with the better communications now being developed, the Island could easily become one of the more popular tourist resorts as it has so many attractions to recommend it, especially its cheap cost of living. To a collector, not the least of its attractions, are the varied and well designed stamps of this Island Paradise.

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