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The next meeting of the Society will take place Tuesday the 3rd October at 8 o'clock in the Mobil Oil Board Room. This is the second meeting of the new season and all members are reminded once more that the current dues are now payable.

I am sure that all members are looking forward to the proposed program of speakers which was outlined by the President at the last regular meeting and about which you will learn more about in this newsletter. Brien Horne has undertaken the chairmanship of the committee set up to arrange the speakers and their topics and we can assure you that a most interesting program can be expected. By the way, Brien has also very kindly volunteered his services in the publishing of this newsletter.

Both attendance and participation at the last auction left much to be desired although it was a good night to break in our new Auction Committee, Jack Cotton and Mr. N. Bennett. There have been suggestions that our auctions are beginning to lose their interest. If such is the case, please make your thoughts known to President Martin.

YOURS FOR THE LOOKING: It has been reported that a full pane of 3¢ Queen Elizabeth - current issue - has been found without any vertical perforations. This "find" has been reported to the philatelic world by K. Bileski of "inverted seaway" fame and he also points out that there should be at least another 300 of these stamps which have not come to light. This is of course by reason of the fact that these stamps are printed in sheets of 400 and later split into panes of 100 each for distribution to the post offices.

Brien Horne, an ardent variety enthusiast, also drew to our attention certain guide lines, often in the form of a "T" which may be found on the tab portion of the current stamp booklets. An examination of a quantity of booklets evidently has produced only a couple of these varieties.

NEW MEMBERS: The following new members were admitted at the last meeting:

Eldon C. Godfrey - 412 Simons Road, Calgary
Roy W. Brochner - # 3, 615 - 15th Ave. S.W. Calgary

THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA: It would not be surprising if many of our members were unaware that our Society is a chapter of this National Society as, unfortunately, little publicity has been given in the past to our association. The only indication has probably been the display of circuit books at our meetings. The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, formerly the Canadian Philatelic Society, is probably the only national society endeavouring to serve all collectors in Canada. While other associations and societies cater to collectors in particular fields, the R.P.S. of Can. truly serves all collectors. It's official publication, the Canadian Philatelist, published 6 times a year, contains instructive and informative articles on most any subject of philatelic interest. The countries of the world are dealt with in the various issues and they are of such a nature that they are of interest to the layman as well as the specialist. Membership may be had for \$5.00 a year and we urge you, and particularly the members of our executive, to become a member. For further information and application forms please see Bob Traquair or Sam Nickle.

Recently we have had word that a movement has been started by Jim McComb to form an organization of junior collectors. We know that Jim has always been interested in the young people and we wish him every success in this task. If any of you in any way can help Jim, please let him know. We are sure that if you cannot spare any time, he can always use old catalogues, albums and particularly stamps for these beginners. In this same respect, Bob Traquair can always use help or contributions of material for the boys of the Y.M.C.A. Stamp Club.

Our neighbors to the North, The Edmonton Stamp Club have, according to Ernie Christensen, resumed their activities for the new season. They meet 1st and 3rd Monday of each month in the Public Library, and we are sure would be pleased to have you drop in on one of their meetings if ever you found yourself trapped in that City. By the way a non - resident membership costs only .75¢ and we think that that is probably the best bargain in the country. Bob Traquair has application forms.

While we're at it and as this bulletin does go to Edmonton, we would remind one and all that an associate membership in our society costs only \$1.00.

FOR YOUR LIBRARY: We have had an opportunity to quickly examine a copy of "Holmes Handbook of Canada and British North America". While not a recently published book, it seems to be one of the most comprehensive outlines of mail service and philately in Canada that we have seen. It touches on the history of the post office, postmarks, and varieties of the various issues. It is a "must" for every collector of Canadian material. It is available from one local stamp dealer at a cost of \$3.00.

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

In the past few years, the Calgary Philatelic Society has increased its membership considerably, and at the same time a noticeable diversification of the members' philatelic interests has taken place. It can no longer be said that most of the members are specialized British North America or even British Empire collectors. A great number of members are interested in one or more European countries, sometimes even to the extent of excluding the British Empire altogether.

This broadening interest cannot be called anything but healthy for the Society as a whole and stimulating for the members individually. Nevertheless, it has yet to find expression in the Society's activities sufficiently to make the Society really meaningful to its members as a centre of philatelic study, as it was set up to be, rather than just an exchange bourse for stamp collectors. At the same time, this broadening of the Society's scope should attract more new members than it is doing.

In order to give expression to this new trend and to give greater meaning to the Society, a number of plans have taken shape this year which had been considered by various executives in the past but had so far always been shipwrecked by lack of support from the membership as a whole. This year, the Executive equally needs your active support and participation in its program if it is to succeed. A group of eighty - odd people cannot expect a small nucleus of dedicated philatelists to carry the entire burden of organizing its activities. The Executive looks to you as individual members for ideas and suggestions, for contributions in the form of talks, articles or exhibition material, and for active participation in running the Society's affairs. For example, we deplore that not a single member's voice was heard to comment on the proposals for the new By - Laws at the last Annual Meeting. No member has yet volunteered for the post of Circuit Manager, which will be open at least until January of next year. Very few frames of other than Canadian subjects were exhibited at the two most recent shows at Calgary and Red Deer, and our friends from Edmonton received most of the awards even at our own Fortieth Anniversary show.

If therefore, our program for this and the coming years is to succeed each and all of the members must put their shoulders under it. Bob Traquair, a pillar of the Executive for many years, did not stop working for the Society when he stepped down as President, and has now set up this Bulletin single - handed. Let's all pitch in and lend him a hand by sending in short articles of philatelic interest, notes on the news or any other observations you want to make, and let's also help the Bulletin by sending in advertising matter. Secondly, Erien Horne, another Society supporter and former President, is resuscitating the old custom of having short papers given at the monthly business meetings. Three speakers have already been lined up for November, December and January meetings, but we need three more to come forward for February, March and April, so let's hear from you. Remember: whatever is of particular interest to you, stamp - wise, is probably also of interest to a lot of other members. So tell them about it, and bring a frame or an album or sketches along to illustrate your talk.

Thirdly, Jim McComb has ambitious plans for helping our young boys who are interested in philately by setting up informal meetings in one or more Calgary community buildings in the near future. They could not only get together among themselves this way, but it is also hoped that C.P.S. members will lend a helping hand in showing these boys what to do. Jim will discuss his plans in further detail at the forthcoming meeting on October 3rd. Several members are and have been very active in this type of work for many years in connection with the Y.M.C.A. and the Boy Scouts, and we ask those of you who can spare some time not to let these dedicated few men carry the entire load alone. One way in which the C.P.S. can help a youth program would be by holding an "Open Meeting" - another practice of former years. Such a meeting could take the place of the Gas Company Auditorium shows which were organized for several years each fall by the late Fred Dunn, and which were primarily directed at the public at large rather than at the specialized philatelists. Speaking of Fred Dunn, he used to do a great job at the Crippled Children's Hospital, which is also now waiting for a volunteer to take his place.

We now have a notice board which we shall attempt to bring to each future meeting. This is intended for use of the members - use it for advertising your needs and for displaying newspaper and magazine clippings of philatelic interest. A need is being felt for re - instatement of the former position of "recorder", a member of the executive who will handle public relations for our Society. Such a person could take care of notifying the newspapers of our meetings, of handling our relations with other philatelic societies and with the Post Office, and could take charge of the notice board, too. Anybody step forward?

Those who have not picked up their copy of the membership list and the history of the Calgary Philatelic Society published last May are urged to do so at the next meeting.

Rudi Martin

JIM'S COIN & STAMP SHOP

We are breaking up an extensive collection of U.S.A.. Mint & Used singles, pairs & blocks since 1920. We also have a stock of Mint Sheets of Canada many of which are being sold at face on a first come - first serve basis.

JOE CHOGI

British Colonials for sale
Mostly George VI with high
values

BOB TRAQUAIR

I want all types of 20th Century
Cancellations. Also wanted are
Booklets and Booklet Panes.
