

November 1961.

Now that the 1961-62 season is well under way, the executive feel that the current dues should be paid immediately. The bylaws of the society provide that when a member is in default 3 months after the current dues are payable, then he shall be suspended from membership. With this letter therefore, we wish to remind one and all, that the three month period expires the 30th November. In the December news-letter we propose printing the names of those members whose dues are not yet paid and whose membership will be suspended. We are sorry that this action must be taken but unfortunately it is principally these dues which keep our organization functioning.

AUCTIONS: It has become more and more evident over the past few months that something is amiss with our regular monthly auctions. Fewer people are contributing material and less material is being sold. We know for a fact that the absence of interest has caused a couple of regular contributors to forego entering lots. At one time we had thought that it might be because of price or unpopular material, but the last couple of auctions have proved that this is not the case. For a moment, consider the following statistics:

	<u>Sept. 1960</u>	<u>Sept. 1961</u>	<u>Oct. 1960</u>	<u>Oct. 1961</u>
LOTS ENTERED	49	35	51	32
LOTS SOLD	30	13	39	16
TOTAL SALES (in \$)	70.00	34.75	103.85	42.15

This shows very clearly the trend. In an effort to stimulate some interest, I am told by the Auction Committee that the next auction, that is the 21st November, the lots will be disposed of by "DUTCH AUCTION". This means that instead of starting the bidding at a reserve and proceeding higher, the auctioneer starts the bidding at the very top price that it is anticipated any lot might realize, and if no one is interested, then the price is reduced to the next lower price. The price is continually dropped until a purchaser signifies his desire to buy. Naturally the owners reserve will still be recognized. In this type of sale it is very necessary that you signify your desire to buy as quickly as possible after the lot is put up other-wise you will be disappointed. Unless more interest is shown at this next auction, then auctions will be held only once every two months instead of once a month. How about some of you out-of-town members sending in some lots? If you will drop a line to Jack Cotton, the auction committee chairman, he will send you some entry forms and a copy of the rules. The club's commission is only 15%. Jack's address is: 2824 - 37th Street S.W..

CIRCUIT BOOKS: In order to keep this department alive, Bob Traquair has volunteered to look after these books until a permanent chairman is found. By permanent, we mean one who will hold office for at least a year. These books will be available at the next meeting which will be the 7th November. Mark this down in your memory for this will be your only notice. A wide variety of material is available from these books. A quick look through indicates some nice looking Canada as well as material from Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Haiti, Netherlands, Great Britain and Colonies, Australian States, Sweden and U.S.A. (this book is new and unpacked.) Don't forget that most of these books were priced by the old catalogues and with the increased prices in the new catalogues, there should be some good bargains to be had. These books may be taken home by members so here is an opportunity to really study them. By the way, we will have a shipment of Circuit books of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada at the 7th November meeting also.

All members are asked to prepare books for entry into the circuit as we can always use fresh material. Canada is always popular but don't forget the other countries as well for we are sure that in our club a collector can be found for any country which you can name. The blank books are sold 8 for \$1.00 and the club's commission is again 15%.

Out-of-town members are also invited to participate in this function either by entering material or purchasing. For either purpose, see Bob Traquair at 3323 Canberra Place, Phone AV4-1148.

While speaking of OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS, we would like to remind you that we welcome your membership and invite you to take a part in all the club facilities. These memberships are available for \$1.00 a year and in an effort to stimulate interest in our club we are experimenting by sending this newsletter out each month to a dozen or so stamp collectors in other areas. We will enclose also, an application for membership. We would ask any out-of-town collector who wishes to join and wants to receive circuit books, to ensure that one of his references is a bank. If those of you who receive this bulletin get a little tired of seeing this information in the next several bulletins, just be patient till we see if our efforts bear any fruit.

PROGRAMS AT MEETINGS: Sam Nickle is slated to be speaker at the 7th November meeting and while we have not been told the text of his talk, we would hazard a guess that it will have something to do with some of the earlier Canadian material on which Sam is considered an authority. Whether your interest is along these lines or not, We are quite sure that you will find something of interest in the talk. We are hopeful that the texts of these talks will be printed in our newsletters so as to provide a reference for our member's libraries. Keep this in mind those of you who are on the panel to speak at future meetings.

Word from the North has it that sometime during the past summer, an Edmonton member of our Society, Murray Ward, went and got himself married. Congratulations to you and your wife Murray.

This business of cancellations is receiving a great deal of attention these days and in the last week or so we have heard of two more collectors of "Socked on the Nose" cancellations on Canadian stamps. They are Harley Maerz and Bob Galli. Harley collects as well, Ghana and other British Colonies with "socked on the nose" cancels and Bob I think is a recent convert just getting his feet wet. If any of our members can help these fellows out with this type of material they would probably appreciate it. I would venture to say that there are at least half a dozen of our members that now collect this type of cancel.

While we are on the subject of collectors interests, we wonder if anyone other than Kathleen Lane is endeavouring to reconstruct used miniature sheets of Canada. We are not sure that this is the proper description of this aspect of collecting but what it is is this; A weather eye is kept open for used Canadian stamps to which there is still attached a piece of selvedge. An effort is made to secure stamps from both sides, top and bottom of pane and all four corners so that in effect, a miniature sheet may be reconstructed. If you think this is kid's stuff, just try and get some of these pieces, well centred and with a nice light circular cancel. Particularly the corners. A dealer at the West Coast recently advertised a small collection of these panes and you would be very surprised at the price. How about a contest? I am sure that we could arrange to have a suitable prize for a small collection of this type. Let us say for a collection of the present Queen issue from 1¢ to the 6¢ value all in miniature sheet form with 8 stamps to the sheet. The prize will be awarded on the basis of the neatness in mounting and appearance and quality of the stamps. If we are able to persuade a dealer to put up the prize then the owner should be prepared to give the material to the dealer for display purposes. Contest to close 31st March 1962. Even with her head start I'll bet that Kathleen is missing some of those toughies of the 6¢ value.

Our Secretary, Mr. Bennett has informed me that he has a small supply of lists of members and the Society's history that he would be glad to send anyone who has not already received their copies.

NEW MEMBERS:

T.A. Hawthorne - 2209 Centre Street N.
Collecting Interests: Australia, Great Britain, New Zealand,
U.S.A. Comems and Canada.

P.H. Worsley - 2401 - 41st Street, S.E. Forest Lawn.
Collecting Interests: Canada and Geo. VI and Queen Elizabeth
issues of British Colonies.

C.C. Griffin - 3716B - 41st Street S.W.
Collecting Interests: Canada - mint and used singles, Coils
and Booklet panes.

I hear that Jim McComb's junior group is flourishing with the assistance of a couple of our members. Jim has 16 youngsters (at last count) and they meet at the A.E. Cross School every Thursday from 7 to 8 P.M..

Sam and Rosemary Nickle returned recently from attending the annual convention of the British North America Philatelic Society, of which Sam is a life member, at Elmira New York. It was evidently a most enjoyable visit and many friendships were renewed which had been made at the Convention in Banff in 1960.

Word has been received that the Edmonton Stamp Club has formulated plans for their second annual exhibition and mail auction to be held sometime next March. Best of luck fellows. Those of you who were fortunate to be in Edmonton for the first show last spring will recall that it was a tremendous success.

A word to the wise - Start preparing for our own Society's Annual dinner to be held Saturday, January 27th 1962 in the Ballroom of the Palliser Hotel. This will again consist of a dealers bourse, auction, exhibition, dinner and the highlight this year is to be an illustrated talk by A.G.G. deChastelain, a collector of Moldavia (now part of Romania) Mr. deChastelain honored us with this talk some years ago and we are grateful to him for letting us have the opportunity to hear him again and see his excellant slides.

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Bob Traquair 3323 Canberra Place

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