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We shall have the effrontery to call this the first issue of the 1962 - 63 season although a bulletin was issued in September through the very welcome efforts of our good president. It is with a good deal of regret that we notice that our last regular newsletter was in January of this year but perhaps with a little more time available to him - and the most welcome goading of President Martin - your Editor will get the monthly newsletter out regularly.

ANNUAL DUES - The 1962 - 63 annual dues are now payable. You are reminded that they are \$3.00 for Calgary residents and \$1.00 for out - of - town members. Mr. Bennett will be delighted to take either cash or cheque.

NEW MEMBERS - Quickly glancing at the new membership list prepared by Mr. Bennett and which you now have in your possession, we notice these new members since our last newsletter:

Miss M. McRae	M.G. Smailes	Gunter Pagel	Otto Valeri
	Dr. Victor W. Wright		
	308 Savoy Plaza Hotel		
	Edmonton, Alta.		

Other changes in our membership were, a resignation of one member because of dissatisfaction with the results of auction sales of his material, and the move of Al Barker from Calgary to Paris, France. We have had a couple of letters from Al and he seems to be pretty well settled. This probably means he has covered half the stamp dealers in Paris.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION AND BANQUET - You might think that we are somewhat premature in mentioning this function so soon but we want each and everyone of you to start putting an exhibit together and put aside some of that choice material for the auction. While a definite date has not yet been arranged, it will probably be early in April and a committee are already working to ensure that it will be a much more successful venture than the last couple of years. SO, START PREPARING NOW.....

CIRCUIT BOOKS - Bob Monilaws tells us that he needs 50 new books for distribution immediately. He has the buyers but little material. He has lots of blank books which he will let you have for 8 for \$1.00. Here is an ideal way to dispose of that surplus material. Out - of - town members - why dont you drop Bob a line for some books? Either blank ones or filled. Please specify your interests.

AUCTIONS - Jack Cotton has completed 2 very successful auctions already this year. He too needs more good material. With the new auction rules, bidding seems to be more spirited and many more lots sold. We must confess that we were an opponent of this new system but are convinced that it was a good move. We are sure that Jack would be glad to receive material from you people out of town as well.

IS OUR FACE RED DEPARTMENT - As you all know, The Calgary Philatelic Society celebrated it's 20th anniversary last January. Evidence has now come to light which conclusively proves however that we were one year too soon. During his spring housecleaning, Syd Richardson unearthed a lot of old records of the Society in his basement and among these old papers were the necessary notes dealing with the formation of our Society. What the heck - let's have another party this next January.

The annual convention of the British North America Philatelic Society was held this year at the Alpine Inn at Ste. Marguerite, Quebec which is about 90 miles from Montreal. Calgary was strongly represented by Messrs. Benningen, Horne, Nickle and Traquair and their wives. It was an extremely good "do" and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It consisted of an exhibition of very professional calibre,

a dealers bourse, annual meeting and a banquet. Naturally the most enjoyable feature of such a gathering is the meeting on a common ground of people from all walks of life and of all ages. Big names such as Fred Jarrett, J. Sissons and W.R. Lea of London England, to mention only a few were in attendance and glad to talk "shop" with even the rankest amateur. Probably the most gratifying aspect of the convention was the awarding of two medals to entrants in the exhibition from Alberta. As a matter of fact they are both members of our group - from Edmonton unfortunately. Bill Rorke won a Silver Award for his exhibit of coils and Stu Kenyon won a Bronze Award for his superb exhibit of the 1859 1¢ Rose. Vincent G. Greene made the comment when making Stu's award that "He didn't know so many re-entries existed on that stamp." This came from a man considered an expert in the field of philately. I also hear via the grapevine that Stu's exhibit won a grand award in it's class, in an exhibition in the U.S.A.. Many of us have been fortunate enough to see both these exhibits at the Edmonton exhibition where they were also prize winners. Bill Rorke first cut his teeth by exhibiting at the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada show at Windsor where his marvellous "coils" brought home a medal.

We thought the following article was so interesting that it's worth reproducing in our newsletter.

EXCERPT FROM "THE CANADIAN MARKET"
Column of Lorne W. Bentham appearing
in the January 5, 1962 Edition of
"The New Stamp Dealer"

From a prominent British North American dealer in Toronto comes the following information about the six sheets of the inverted vignette variety commemorative which reached the public in 1959.

Six additional sheets of the stamp with the inverted vignette were located during a search of post office stocks in Canada, but none of them reached the public. One was kept by the Canadian Post Office Department for its archives and the others were destroyed.

Here's the information on the six sheets of the famous error which sold to the public at post office counters.

One sheet was purchased August 10, 1959, at Picton, Ontario, and 25 copies were used by the Bank of Nova Scotia on that day. The other 25 mint were kept and 22 of them were in this dealer's possession by August 13. They were sold on September 9, two days before the news of the find broke to the public.

Three used copies were located from this lot in the first week, one in a garbage dump somewhat wrinkled, one damaged on a large cover and one on a card from which it had been cut out and cancelled twice. Both of these had first - day cancellations.

Sheet number 2 was sold in Winnipeg, where the Canadian dealer, K. Bileski who did much to make this error well - known, purchased portions of it. Some of the stamps of this sheet are still in the hands of the original owners. It is the belief that there were 25 copies, all mint in this lot. This dealer also believes that two stamps in from this lot may have been used from Montreal. He hasn't seen the covers, but believes Pitblade handled them.

Sheet number 3 was sold in Ottawa. Ten copies were purchased by a chap who he has since met. A block of six was preserved mint and he believes it has subsequently been broken up. Two covers from these 10 copies have turned up, one of which was sold by the Administrator of the Saskatchewan Hospital for the benefit of a patient; the other is damaged, but still attractive. Another used single, which is reported to be creased, has been traced. There were at least ten of the balance of the sheet sold, mint, how many more got into collectors' hands isn't known.

Sheet number 4 was sold at Smith Falls, Ontario. A strip of 10 was purchased by a travelling salesman. On his arrival at his destination he mailed two postcards to friends, the other eight copies he sold. Incidentally, he was able to recover one of the used copies, and this was acquired by Philip H. Ward Jr., a stamp dealer in Philadelphia, for a client of his. A second used copy was found and this may have been from the second souvenir sent out from this lot.

Sheet number 5 was the second sheet sold at Picton, Ontario. It's interesting to note that this sheet was responsible for 22 mint copies being sold.

Sheet number 6 was sold at Southampton, Ontario. A block of 17 mint copies were sold. Only two blocks were saved.

This Toronto dealer says "I can definitely verify 106 copies. My feeling is that there is no reason to alter my original figure of 125 to 150 copies in existence today, which includes at least five covers, one badly damaged, and two

postcards with the stamp cut out and replaced. There are at least seven blocks. It is one of only four regularly issued British Empire inverted centres whereas there are a number of U.S. inverted centres. The eventual demand for it, I should think, approach or surpass that of the 24 cents inverted airmail stamp of the United States."

From studying these facts, it appears that the number of Canadian Seaway commemoratives with inverted centres in existence, is much smaller than at first was thought to be the case. Not long after news of the find of inverted Seaway copies was broadcast to the four corners of the stamp world. Postmaster - General William Hamilton issued a press release in which he estimated the number of Seaway inverted centres to be at least 300.

Many of you will no doubt have heard of the passing of Bill Good. We know he will be missed by his friends in the Society. Our sympathy is extended to his family.

NEXT MEETING - November 6th at 8 o'clock in the usual place - that is the Board Room of the Mobil Oil Company.

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