

The January newsletter got lost in the Christmas rush - sorry.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is on the 5th February in the usual place, the Mobil Oil Company Board Room at the usual time, 8 o'clock, but what is unusual is the speaker which Brien Horne has lined up for our entertainment. On Tuesday night we will have the thrill of boarding Ed Harris' Time Machine and Ed will guide us through 5,000 years of postal history in the space of one - half an hour. Some of us saw some of Ed's material in the Edmonton Exhibition 2 years ago and we know that this is a meeting you should not miss. Why not bring a friend? We also have a circuit from the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada for those who are looking for material be it common or scarce. A quick look at the books shows material from - Canada, naturally, British Colonies, nice used and mint, France, superb used commems., Germany, Switzerland and too many others to note.

UNDER THE WEATHER (Who isn't?) I'm sure that most of us heard of Albert Hill's misfortune. After a seige in hospital we understand that Albert has pretty well recovered. If it's any consolation, the culprits won't recover quite so quickly. For those who hadn't heard, Albert was attacked in his shop by a couple of hoodlums who secured almost nothing in the way of money. They were later apprehended and received stiff jail sentences.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION AND BANQUET As you know, this function is arranged for Saturday, April 6th in the Penthouse of the Palliser Hotel. Exhibition chairman Ed Harris has promised an exhibition the like of which Calgary has not seen in many years. He can still handle any quantity of material though as he has arranged, as a result of the demand, for a whole new set of frames of a new type which make the setting up much easier. Give Ed a call at 242-3854. Following the newsletter are the exhibition rules and an application form. Publicity Chairman Eldon Godfrey has been hard at it and the last word is of a Television appearance to be made. Details will be announced.

Auction Committee Chairman Jack Cotton is even now taking in the lots for what is expected to be a stupendous auction, entries will be on a first come, first serve basis and there is a limited number that can be handled in the time at our disposal so don't be dissappointed, get your entries to Jack now. It is anticipated that a printed list of the lots will be distributed in advance. Jack has said that the 5th of March is the last date for auction entries and that all entries must be attached to the Society's regular form. Reserves will be recognised but the committee has asked that all lots have a value of at least \$2.00 (except Junior lots which must be marked as such) in an effort to secure only better grade material. The committee reserve the right to refuse lots of inferior quality or those with excessive reserves.

While on the subject of auctions, the attempt to have a "Dutch" auction in December was not too satisfactory and early in the evening it reverted to the usual style, with much better results. We would like to take this opportunity to clarify a misunderstanding which arose at this auction as a result of bid-ins. At our regular monthly auctions, no reserves are recognized, and as a consequence, an owner must protect his lots by being there in person or arranging for someone else to lodge his bid-ins. While therefore there are no reserves, bid-ins by an owner or his representative are accepted. Many members were unaware of this procedure.

At our last business meeting, we conducted a hasty Popularity Poll with respect to 1962 stamp issues. In first place was the Victoria Centennial commem. and in last place was the new 5¢ regular issue. The results of our poll coincide with the results of the London Free Press Stamp Popularity Poll conducted across Canada. Two of the three prizes awarded by the paper were won by you might have guessed it members of the Edmonton Stamp Club. Over eleven hundred collectors competed in the contest.

A while back, we had a discussion regarding the pros and cons of the action of the United States postal authorities in reprinting the Dag Hammarskjöld error. We take the liberty of reproducing below the reflections of J.A. McLennan, a Vancouver stamp dealer, contained in his December "Bulletin".

STARTING A TREND?

At the time of this writing, the controversy over the re-printing of the Dag Hammerskjold error is in full swing - and to top it off, Canal Zone has also announced the reprinting of another error.

Now, whether or not this is a good thing, I do not wish to debate - but consider the possibilities. If or when things are a bit slow at the office, leak out an error or two, wait for it to be discovered, then print a million more - results? No slack times and it sure beats printing miniature sheets or high-valued semi-postals.

I suppose though, that there is a point of no returns. Could it be when the errors equal the normal stamps. Or will it go further and we can expect to see the day when a collector will slip furtively into a dealers shop with a newspaper wrapped parcel under his coat and whisper hoarsely 'Look what I picked up at the post office NORMAL STAMPS'

Ridiculous? Well perhaps it is at that!

Ridiculous, as Mr. McLennan states, but how many of our accepted practices in the philatelic field were not so described a short time ago?

Anyone going to Spokane on March 16th? We received the notice that the 5th Annual Exhibition, Bourse and Dinner of the Inland Empire Philatelic Society is to be held that day in the Ridpath Hotel. If further details are desired please contact the editor.

You would be well advised to make every attempt to get to Edmonton for their annual show on the 15th and 16th March. This promises to be one of the finest exhibitions and auctions held in the West and very definitely of professional calibre. The Edmonton Club held their annual elections recently and we were pleased to see Clark Bolton returned as President. Congratulations Clark.

STAMPEDE COVERS Arrangements have been completed to have prepared a distinctive cover for use by those desiring the annual Stampede cachet. The cover will be of good quality, small size, and have on the left hand side, the figure of a cowboy on a bucking bronco. The design will be in green and as no date appears on the cover, the same one may be used for different years. They will be available shortly for 5¢ each or 25 for \$1.00. All proceeds naturally go to the Society. For out-of-town members, we will be prepared to service as many covers as you may desire and further details of this service will appear in another edition.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITIONS

1. ENTRY

- (a) To be eligible for competition, entries must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor.
- (b) All exhibits must be framed - albums not accepted.
- (c) Entries to be limited to one exhibit in each classification and not to exceed four frames.

2. CLASSIFICATIONS

- (a) Exhibits may be accepted for competition within one of five classifications:

- 1. One Country Collection
- 2. Specialized other than B.N.A.
- 3. Specialized B.N.A.
- 4. Thematic Collection
- 5. Special Interest Exhibit

3. AWARDS The following awards are available:

- (a) Royal Philatelic Society of Canada shield will be awarded to the exhibitor who, in the opinion of the judges presents the most outstanding exhibit.
- (b) Calgary Philatelic certificates for:
 - Gold Award
 - Silver Award
 - Honorable Mention

The number of these awards to be made is at the discretion of the judges and will depend upon the calibre of the exhibits entered
- (c) Each class will be judged on the basis of -
 - Novice - one who has not previously won an award in class
 - Competitor - exhibit from an experienced collector for judging
 - Exhibitor - one whose entry is not for competition

4. JUDGES

Three judges will be appointed by the Executive but will not be eligible to judge their own entry.

- 5. The Society does not accept the responsibility or liability for any of the material exhibited.

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EXHIBITION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
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Application is made to exhibit _____ Album Pages in the following classification

Name and Membership Number