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CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

REGULAR MEETING: Lower floor of the Calgary
Central Library, MacLeod Trail at 7 th Ave. SW
December 2 7:30 Trading & Circuits
 8:10 Business Meeting
 8:30 PROGRAMME
 P. Weston
 "Woman's Point of
 View in Collecting"
 9:00 Trading & Circuits

AUCTION MEETING: C.U.P.E. Hall, Upstairs
104-13 Ave. S.E.
December 16 7:30 Viewing
 8:00 Auction
 9:00 Trading & Circuits

CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY ANNUAL EXHIBITION

As in past years we are again planning for our Annual Exhibition. This year we are trying to find better facilities so we may be able to increase attendance at the show. Also we are thinking of increasing the show to a two day event so we may be able to attract out of town dealers to our bourse. We are also considering the idea of a banquet in conjunction with the show. However to make this exhibition a success we require greater participation of the membership in the entering of exhibits. With this postal strike most members won't be as busy obtaining new material so you should all have time to prepare an exhibit for the show.

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Fancy Cancellations.

1. PITTSBURG.
2. LINCOLN.
3. STONEHAM.
4. NEWARK.
5. NEW YORK.
6. BRATTLEBORO.
7. PACKERTON.
8. NORFOLK.

PHILATELIC FIRSTS

- 1) The first stamp auction was held in New York in 1870.
- 2) The first stamp catalogue was issued in Paris on December 1861 by Alfred Potiquier. It consisted of 43 pages.
- 3) The earliest stamp magazine was printed in 1862. It was called the Monthly advertiser.



The earliest known postally-used picture post card featuring views of Berlin. Used in November 1868.



Sketch #193—Canada Scott's #25, the 6 cent large Queen of 1868 with re-entry. See upper right and lower right corners. Sent us by R. H. M. Falls.



Sketch #260—Canada Scott's #225 shows a scratched plate. See below Maple Leaf at upper right. Sent us by Leopold Plamondin.

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HENRY HECKLER, PHILATELIST EXTRAORDINARY

(Condensation of an article by E. A. Smythies
Stamp Collecting July 22, 1966 p 197)

90 years ago Henry Heckler lived in Halifax N.S. Originally a tobaccanist he added stamp dealing as a sideline. He was also a major in the 63 Halifax Regiment. When he died in 1928 he left probably what was the greatest accumulation of 19th century Canada. Among the accumulation were sheets of $\frac{1}{2}$ c and 15c large Queens, small Queens all values, Widow weeds 20c and 50c, and Jubilees. Postal stationary filled two large packing cases. Small Queens used 3c 350,000, 1c 42,000, 2¢ 30,000 other values in bundles of 100.

However he also produced Philatelic items of potential value, which are now known as "Heckler Covers".

- 1) When his regiment was mobilised to deal with the North West Rebellion of 1885 he overprinted his postal stationary with "service" and also stamps with "service" and "official". These overprints were never officially authorized.
- 2) He connived with some friends at the Halifax Post Office and had 2¢ small Queens vertically bisected and cancelled on pieces.
- 3) He also produced 8¢ registered covers dated in Halifax from 1837-1890. These are overfranked for 5¢ paid the rate at the time. The 8¢ are only genuinely postally used on covers of pre 1879 vintage and are extremely rare.

However today these produced items are of interest to collectors and are not easily obtained.

Members are welcomed to use space for non-commercial adds.
