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CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

REGULAR MEETING: Lower floor of the Calgary Central Library, MacLeod Trail at 7th Ave. s.w.

FEB 7	7:30	Seminar on how to make exhibits
	8:00	Business meeting
	8:30	Program
	9:00	Trading & Circuits

AUCTION MEETING: C.U.P.E. Hall, 104-13 Ave. S.E.

FEB 21	7:30	Viewing of auction lots
	8:00	Auction
	9:00	Trading & Circuits

CALPEX 78

Preparations are moving on smoothly for Calpex 78. Help is needed in the following areas. Jim Taylor is looking for volunteers for the club table and admissions. Around two hours per person who volunteers is the time required to make sure club activities are handled well. Jeff May ran an extremely successful juniors table last year. Donations of stamps covers, old stock sheets, albums, catalogs, and stamp magazines are required. Bring as soon as possible all contributions to the club meetings. Also all members planning to exhibit and wishing more information on how to exhibit attend seminar on Feb. 7. at 7:30 .



Great Britain Scotts #142 used in Guernsey

THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF BRITISH EMPIRE POSTAGE STAMPS: Volume IV, The Empire in Australasia, published (in 1961) by Robson Lowe of London and now reprinted as Volumes 41, 42 and 43 of the Billig's Philatelic Handbook series by HJMR Co., P.O. Box 308, North Miami, FL 33161, price \$10 per volume.

Robson Lowe's "The Empire in Australasia" is, of course, as encyclopedic as the series title suggests, and even though it was published 15 years ago it is by far the most detailed coverage available.

It would have been better if it could have been updated throughout, but costs of composition of a completely new edition would have priced it far too high for the collector who needs it most. So HJMR and Robson Lowe have compromised.

HJMR has reprinted the original in three separate Billig handbooks. Volume 41 covers New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania, Volume 42 Victoria, Western Australia, the Common-

wealth, New Guinea and Papua, Nauru and Norfolk Island, and Volume 43 New Zealand, Ross Dependency, Cook Islands, Samoa, Tokelau Islands, British Solomons, Fiji, Gilbert and Ellice, the New Hebrides and Tonga.

With this division it is possible for the collector specializing in one of the areas to buy only one volume. Each is complete in itself, including the same introductory material, index and the final section on military campaigns which cuts across geographic and political lines.

And to update the work as far as possible, each volume includes a 20-page 1976 supplement prepared by Robson Lowe with additions, revisions and corrections to the original text.

It's not the ideal way to reissue a book but it is practical, and thanks to HJMR a great many new collectors of Australasia will have available at a price they can afford the collected wisdom of Robbie Lowe on the subject.



Examples of modern United States Imperfs

1838 ESSAY FOR A POSTAGE STAMP



The 1838 Chalmers essay for the first postage stamp.

historic piece in the saga of early British posts. Through 1839, the Treasury Competition invited designs for the proposed new stamps and covers.

Many designs were submitted but not one was successful. The only competitor to come up with a prize won £100 for a 'consultation' suggestion that the design "...was to be an embossment of a female head of the greatest beauty."

Among the unsuccessful competitors was James Chalmers, who had submitted essays in 1838 previous to the Treasury Competition, and depicted is his very rare 1d essay in black on a wrapper.

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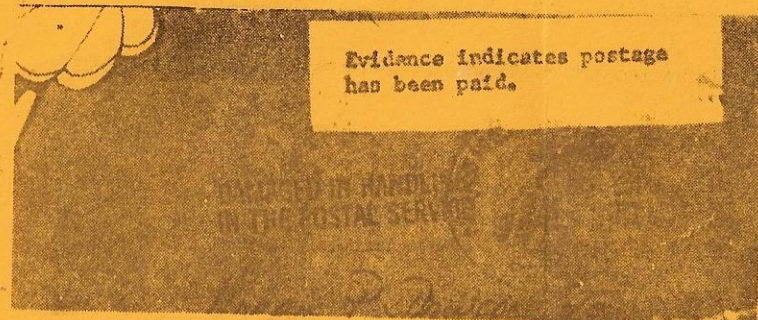
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Evidence indicates postage
has been paid.

Should Scott list this 'stamp'?

We suppose that the cover illustrated could be said to bear an adhesive postage stamp, even if it is only a yellow sticker with the typewritten message "Evidence indicates postage has been paid."

SC reader Harris P. Dawson of Sea Island, Ga. sent it along as an example of what he assumes must be a not uncommon occurrence, since a special sticker exists to take care of cases where previously applied stamps become detached because of rough handling by automated mail processing equipment.

The cover, mailed at Middleburg, Va., is also handstamped "DAMAGED IN HANDLING IN THE POSTAL SERVICE."

It represents another interesting item for a 'postal history in the making' collection.

Along with this bulettin you will be receiving the list of rules pertaining to the Auction being held by our club at Calpex 78. Read the rules carefully and start getting your lots ready.