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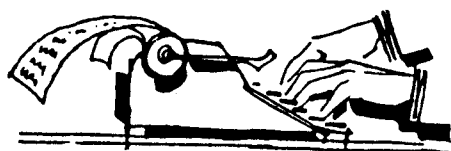
Newsletter

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Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at the Nova Scotia Museum, Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. at 8 p.m. No meetings July or August.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 1989.

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Welcome back to stamp collecting. Summer has faded, and a busy one it was! A highlight was the 200th Anniversary Celebration of my Alma Mater, the University of King's College (remember the launch of the Bishop Inglis stamp). Reunions are rather fun particularly when they only happen every 200 years. The University has begun a campaign to raise funds to build a proper

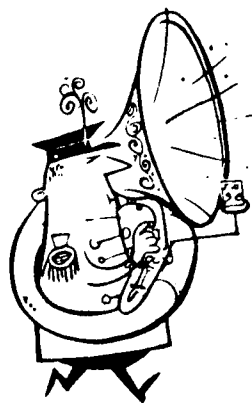
library for its INCUNABULA. For those of you interested in old books, this collection is well worth having a look at, many rare and valuable volumes as well as objects of antiquity, prints and Chinese Export porcelain. Can you believe that the hockey season is upon us again? John Hall has his regular Monday Night foray, as well as the Nordiques and Bruins at the Metro Centre -- I don't think they had summer out of their systems! Lots of talk about the World Skating Championships to be held here in the New Year -- plenty of subjects for topical collectors to enlarge upon.

OCTOBER 10 PROGRAMME: This will be a presentation by our President commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the last "Pony Express" ride from Halifax to Victoria Beach. This is a 77 slide programme featuring the people who took part in the ride as well as the horses. The technical quality of the slides is not perfect, very little of philatelic nature will be seen but it should prove interesting and at times humourous.

ANNUAL MEETING: The minutes of April 12, 1988 were approved as amended to include the names of the elected executive. John Hall summed up Novapex '89, a Chairman for Novapex '90 is being sought. Archie Thomas gave his treasurer's report, the bottom line being total receipts - \$7239.35, total expenses - \$7550.09, with a net loss for the period of \$310.74. Losses on the Exhibition are due to escalating prices at the hotel, as well as the purchase of frames and plexiglass categorized as Exhibition expenses. Bob Vaison moved the club's sincere thanks and gratitude to Archie for his many years of fine service to the club. The Nominating Committee Report was adopted as read. Your Executive is President George MacKenzie, 1st Vice-President Marilyn Murphy, 2nd Vice President John Hall, Treasurer John Harvey, Recording Secretary

Joan Harris, Corresponding Secretary Dave Cole, Newsletter Editor Elizabeth Soder, Directors George LaFontaine and Stan Dunfield, Past President Ron Lewis and Honourary Director Collins Baugild. The President thanked retiring Executive members, Larry Hitz, John Hurst and Russell Saulnier. Doug Allen gave an update on the London, Stamp World '90 trip. A down payment of \$150 is required by September 30 to secure a place. Doug can be reached at 463-4472. He still has places available. Dates are May 2 to May 13 inclusive. For those who are not aware of this adventure, the trip is to coincide with the major stamp Exhibition celebrating the 150th year of the penny black at Alexandra Palace (known more familiarly as the ALLY PALLY) in London England. Doug has arranged airfare, accomodation and a week's transportation pass at an approximate cost of \$1250 p.p. double occupancy. Further information can be had from Doug.

Stan Dunfield requires an assistant auctioneer. Apply to Stan.
The evening concluded with an auction of 60 lots.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Delivered by President George MacKenzie to the Annual Meeting.

It is with great pleasure that I have the honour of submitting the President's Report for the year 1988-89. The past year was another busy and stimulating one for the members of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club. To start off with, of course, the new Executive were tasked to carry out their duties for 17 months instead of the normal 12 due to a constitutional change at the April business meeting which moved the Club year from 1 April - 31 March to 1 July- June 30. As a result of that change, the Business meeting was moved from April to September, and here we are. As of June 30th, our membership records show that we gained 11 new members and lost 13 giving a grand total of 216. We note with sadness that five of our losses were by death, and we remember them tonight: Lloyd MacPherson, Eric Tizzard, Harry Dacey, Anna Cameron and Walter Anthes.

If there is a theme to this year's report, it must be "Participation", a well-known word and one, I guess, that has been my hang-up over the past years as Newsletter Editor, Programme Chairman and Exhibition Chairman. This has been a very successful year and I'd like to touch on just a few items where our success is directly related to membership "Participation". It really all started at the April 1988 meeting when, for the first time in many years, we left the meeting with the three major supplementary positions filled with a minimum of coercion: Elizabeth Soder as Newsletter Editor, Stan Dunfield as Programme Chairman and John Hall as Exhibition Chairman.

In regards to programming, due to the extended year, we held 12 meetings instead of 10 and had an average of 50 members per meeting; our low point was in December with only 41 present while our high point was the following month, January, with 60 in attendance. Membership participation was very evident during the year as Stan was able to fill every required spot with a member and didn't have to rent slide programmes from philatelic societies, the first time in years that has happened.

Another high point was our Annual Exhibition in April which brought a record number Exhibitors and frames, creating numerous Club records: total frames 123, 26 Senior Members exhibiting and winning 4 gold, 5 silver and 9 bronze awards. All was not rosy of course; shortly before the Exhibition we were forced to find a new storage

area for our frames which was not an easy task; damage occurred due to the move and storage in the Lord Nelson Hotel, which greatly increased our expenses compounded by the high exhibitor turn-out which necessitated additional plexi-glass. We are not complaining though, as everybody that took in the show agreed that it was one of the best yet.


Our auctions have been well handled by our auctioneers, Stan Dunfield and Gary Steele, ably assisted by the support staff of Larry Hitz and John Harvey. Numerous members participated in these auctions both by entering lots and/or bidding enthusiastically, providing entertainment for all concerned. Some members even got a philatelic item they wanted.

Our library, under Hilda Van Rooyen, has continued to add new philatelic items with a special thanks to Carl Munden who has graciously donated Volumes 2, 3, 4 of his Post Offices of Cape Breton this year to add to Volume 1 donated last year.

The Juniors, under the leadership of Marilyn Murphy, have continued to progress upward in both membership and philatelic knowledge, as shown by their exhibits this year. Marilyn has had to take on a helper in order to provide the required guidance and personal attention.

Another very important person is the Editor of the Newsletter, Elizabeth Soder, who has continued to provide all members with interesting articles supplied by members, and during the periodic lulls, herself. It should be noted that about 38 of our members continue to belong to the Club even though their only contact is via the Newsletter. There are also alot of members in the local area that never get out to a meeting.

Club members took part in two major events during the past year: Marilyn Murphy, Ken MacDonald and two Juniors attended the American Philatelic Society's annual Summer Seminar at State College, Pennsylvania. Our Juniors, Cheryl Murphy and Jane Soder, attended on 2 of the 6 scholarships awarded by APS. The other event was the First Day Ceremonies of the Bishop Inglis stamp at King's College where Marilyn Murphy represented the Club as a platform speaker.

Two other members took part in planning events for the Club which will take place in the next eight months: Doug Allen, Archie Thomas' auditor, initiated a group trip to London, England, for STAMPWORLD LONDON '90, May 3--13, 1990. This is the 150th anniversary of the first postage stamp and the show will take place at Alexandra Palace. At last count 38 members had shown interest in going. John Hurst, one of our Directors, has also been actively engaged in what must be one of the best kept secrets by an Executive in many years. With the announcement of the World War II block of four stamps being issued on November 10, 1989, the idea of First Day ceremonies for the Convoy stamp was put forward and John was asked if he would look into the possibility of having a special cover made up as a joint effort by the Club and the Navy League, Nova Scotia Mainland Division. A certain percentage of the profits would be returned to the Club, but the Club would have to cover a certain percentage of the costs to start with. I will call on John later on in the meeting to bring us up to date but I can say at this time, that any sales from now on will give us a profit. 

As you can see, the items touched on previously spell out one big word; PARTICIPATION, by either an individual or Club members as a group. The smooth and effective running of any club such as ours requires an interest in the organization and dedicated effort by its Executive and members. I thank you

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all for your solid support during the past year.

George MacKenzie, President

MEMBERSHIP:

Granted to # 876 Joycelyn Ann Keeping
877 Joseph Murray Weeks

PHIL-A-TELIC:

First off, Phil's articles on the War Tax Stamps and International Philatelic Exhibitions in last month's Newsletter were in answer to Lucille's questions #1 and #2 in June's Newsletter just in case any of you missed the connection. This month another question from Lucille and this is one I need alot of help with, so if anybody can help out please drop me a line.

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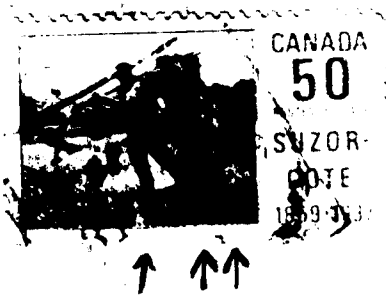


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Concerning the illustration of Scott #492, the 50¢ Suzor-Coté stamp -- In figures #1 and #2 where the arrows point are white irregular lines like cracks, but the paper is not broken. In figure #1 the lines are mostly vertical: in figure #2 they are pretty well all over the two people. Compare these with figures #3 and #4 which do not contain any of these crack-like lines.

Any thoughts as to what has happened on these top stamps? Send your answers and/or questions to Phil-a-telic, 1333 South Park St., Apt. 515, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2K9

DUES: Dues can be sent directly to your new Treasurer:

John Harvey
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EXECUTIVE NOTES:

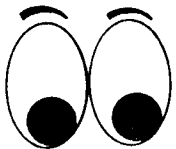
The new executive met Monday, September 18. Requests will be going out to the general membership for an assistant librarian, an auctioneer and a Giant Auction Chairman. If you are interested in any of these positions you may leave your name with the President or any member of the Executive. Stan Dunfield would like to have suggestions for future programmes. The November programme will be a presentation on Novapex '90, followed by the annual Christmas Cheer auction. This is a change from last year, so mark your calendar, November 14, and be generous as all proceeds go charity. Frames are still being discussed, it is thought that 20 to 30 frames are still without glass of any kind. There is a certain amount of repair to be done on the frames and an estimate is to be made of time involved and material costs. The frames are to be loaned only at the discretion of the President, with written permission and written and signed responsibility slips. Any damage incurred will be billed to the group that has borrowed the frames. Non-payment will result in that group not being able to borrow the frames.

JUNIORS: Meetings will begin Saturday, October 7 at the Nova Scotia Museum, these meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 11 a.m. Contact person is Marilyn Murphy.

TRURO PHILATELIC SOCIETY EXHIBITION:

The TPS Newsletter reports that their annual Exhibition, Bourse and Banquet will be held at the Glengarry Best Western Motel, 150 Willow St., Truro on Saturday, October 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in exhibiting should contact Penny Ferguson, 23 Riverside Ave., Truro, N.S. B2N 4G2 or call her at 895-1345 before Wednesday, October 11. The classes are 1. Competitive, 2. Novice-competitive, 3. Non-competitive.

NEWSLETTER PLEA: Last year I had a number of regular contributors, who could always be relied upon for good quality and informative material. I am sure there are others of you who could produce like copy, so please do not be hesitant, just send it along to the Newsletter mailing address at the head of your Newsletter. I try to compile the material the week following the Club meeting, so if you can pass it along at the meeting that would be just perfect.



WATCH FOR THE STAMP LAUNCH, MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC, ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 11. Refer to the President's Report p. 7.

LET'S COLLECT STAMPS: cont'd from London Sunday Times courtesy Rod Glover.

Stamps Go To War: Dominic Savastano, foreign stamp expert, Harmer's, London

All over the world, stamps help to raise money for charities, encourage people to vote and urge them to pay their taxes. In wartime they were even pressed into service as elements of subversion. The first "serious" forgeries for propaganda purposes began during the first world war. These were forged versions of the enemy's stamps and were used to convey subversive political messages to troops and civilians. The British secret service, probably via the Thomas De La Rue printing company, produced forgeries of Austrian, Bavarian and German Empire issues for use by British secret agents in enemy territory. These were attached to fake letters containing information detrimental to the morale of the troops and those at home. By the second world war these forgeries had become a sophisticated, international weapon. Both the Americans and British produced separate forgeries of German stamps. Fake German mailbags were filled with propaganda letters and dropped from bombers after raids on mail-carrying trains, in hopes they would be gathered and distributed with the rest of the mail.

Other forgeries were not intended to pass unnoticed. On one, Hitler's head was replaced by that of Himmler, head of the Gestapo. The aim was to spread the idea that Hitler had been deposed or killed, and that Himmler succeeded him, an unpleasant prospect for most Germans. When the forgeries were reported to German authorities, they produced their own. The Gestapo was in charge of counter-espionage and produced forged documents at its printing shop in Sachsenhausen concentration camp, staffed by imprisoned printers and forgers.

The British 1935 issue commemorating the Silver Jubilee of King George V was forged with the King's head substituted by that of Stalin and the inscription changed to read "This War is a Jewish War". The Star of David and hammer and sickle were also incorporated into the design. Similarly the 1937 Coronation stamp showed the Queen's head replaced by that of Stalin. The German designers were under strict instructions not to alter the profile of King George VI.

Propaganda and espionage forgeries are very much collector's items today. The British first world war forgeries are easiest to find. The American second world war forgeries cost about £30 and the "Death's Head" sells for about £25. The German forgeries are worth about £30 for each of the Silver Jubilee and Coronation. A word of warning --- look out for forged forgeries.



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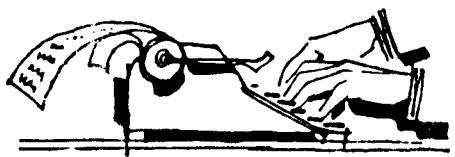
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Drove through the Wentworth Valley, what magnificence! The fall colours were at their peak, and with the absence of heavy rains and high winds each and every tree was perfect. We had our annual trek to the Atlantic Winter Fair and duly inspected the cows,

horses, goats and poultry, consumed our annual quota of cotton candy and were once again amazed by the Superdogs. Our own elderly Superdog is anxious to get to the woods with his master to rouse a few partridge. As for philatelic happenings, I hear that Gary Steele was a silver/bronze winner at the Royal in Hamilton, we send him our congratulations.

CHARITY AUCTION: Tuesday, November 14. This is the Club's annual fund raiser for charity also known as the Christmas Cheer Auction. All proceeds are donated to charity in the Club's name. During the past few years the donation was divided between two charities chosen by the Executive. So please be generous with your items and with your bidding, and make this year's auction a major success.

PROGRAMME: The programme originally scheduled for November will now be presented in January - Novapex '90.

NOVAPEX '90: George LaFontaine has accepted the position of Chairman for the Club's annual Exhibition to be held at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Saturday April 7, and Sunday April 8, 1990. George is a very busy university student who is willing to devote his extra time to organizing the Club's major event. He will need help! Immediately he needs a Senior Exhibits Chairman and an Advertising/Programme Chairman. If you are interested in either of these jobs or any other phase of the Exhibition contact George, or the other George (MacKenzie) the sooner the better.