

# N. B. Auto Association Holds Annual Meeting

## Increased Tourist Trade Predicted by the Secretary Treasurer.

The New Brunswick Automobile Association at its annual meeting last week elected T. P. Regan, president for the 22nd consecutive year. Other officers are: first vice-president, R. D. Paterson, Saint John; second vice-president, J. F. Edgett, Moncton; third, J. E. Michaud, M.F., Edmundston; fourth, Max W. Mowatt, Campbellton; fifth, J. Whidden Graham, Milltown; secretary-treasurer, J. C. Berrie, Saint John; legislative committee, Hon. Lewis Smith, Coverdale; good roads committee chairman, J. F. Tilton, Saint John; publicity committee chairman, M. L. McPhail, Saint John; directors, C. T. Green, Saint John; R. Corry Clark, Newcastle; Fred Creighton, Woodstock; D. Leo Dolan, Fredericton; Dr. A. T. Leatherbarrow, Hampton; W. T. Chestnut, Fredericton; A. J. Tingley, Moncton; W. E. Roop and F. W. Fowler, Saint John.

The report of the secretary-treasurer showed that indications for tourist trade were good for 1934. His report in part was as follows:

Ten regular monthly meetings and three directors meetings were held during the year.

There has been a marked falling off in membership due to existing conditions. If each member would endeavor to get a new member, our membership would rapidly increase.

Due to economic measures, we were not represented at any conventions during the year.

Some of the affairs in which our members have gladly cooperated by supplying cars were the following: Conveying soldiers for decoration of graves on Remembrance Day, for the drive given to the Railroad and Steamship Agents Association when they were the guests of the city and the Eastern Steamship Co.

With reference to the Canadian Medical Association Convention held here last summer, we extended an invitation to doctor members of the various motor clubs to visit New Brunswick and call on us for information. For each doctor attending the convention, we presented him a road guide nicely put up in a special envelope. We also presented the railroad and steamship agents with the same. We received many favorable comments about the road guide.

Although there has been a falling off in foreign cars entering New Brunswick, we are gratified to state that there was an increase in motor club visitors to this province. This was due to the campaign which we have been carrying on in the last two years, and the excellent co-operation given us by affiliated clubs by bringing New Brunswick before their members.

There is an ever increasing demand for information covering rail, water and air travel as well as for motoring, and to meet this demand we have established connections which enables us to give up-to-the-minute information for all travel—awheel, afloat and afoot. Many people have expressed their appreciation of the services rendered them by this association and whatever success we have achieved in the different branches has been due to the untiring and unselfish manner in which Miss Nixon has carried on the work.

Mayor Brittain wrote a letter inviting motorists to visit Saint John during the Loyalist celebration, and any other time they could, and we forwarded this letter to various motor clubs who gave it publicity in their periodicals, and we know that this brought in a large number of enquiries about the province as well as the city.

We wrote to the different cities and towns in the province asking for information about any celebrations which might be taking place in their district during 1933 so that we could get them the publicity through the motor clubs, but none of them took advantage. We are giving them the opportunity again this year.

We took up with the cities and towns (through our directors where we had them, or direct with the city or town) the matter regarding the use of the courtesy sticker as used in Saint John and met with gratifying results.

We have been working with the Provincial Motor Vehicle Branch in connection with their new Motor Vehicle Act, and we are sure that this new act will be well received.

We have been actively engaged in seeking the co-operation of the motor clubs in Canada and the United States to interest themselves in having uniform traffic signals and speed laws. The hand traffic signals, as approved by A. W. Barbour, Deputy Minister of Public Works, are already in force in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and in the United States, the majority of states which have legal hand traffic signals use our system. The uniform traffic regulation campaign is progressing slowly.

Along with the other motor clubs, we have been working against any increase in the gas tax and endeavoring to have the motor vehicle fees and gas tax and other taxes reduced. We were called upon more than usual to take up matters pertaining to highway traffic and safety with the provincial and municipal authorities and in each case we have had satisfactory results.

The present location of our office is excellent. During the season we served over 3,500 visitors, and also there was a very large increase in the number of local people making use of the travel bureau. The working arrangements between travel information units made the exceedingly large amount of literature cost much less than usual.

Visitors from every province in Canada and every state in the United States, also from China, Norway, France, South Africa, Rio de Janeiro, New Zealand, Bermuda and Newfoundland called at our office.

We arranged for deep-sea fishing for 62 parties in different parts of the province. Through the co-operation of Alex Gray, chief engineer and manager of the Saint John Harbor Commission, a professor of one of the leading colleges in the United States was given an opportunity of studying tidal conditions in the harbor, which information he has used in his work and resulted in much publicity for Saint John.

As an added service during the last year for Canadian motorists going into the United States, we supplied them with the Customs permit form, so that they could have it filled out, thus avoiding any delay at the border. We received favorable commentation for doing this from officers along the frontier.

Chicago and New York clubs have reported an increased number of enquiries for New Brunswick every year. Through the co-operation of affiliated clubs, we have arranged for 391 parties to come to New Brunswick during 1934. These are parties made up of from two to five persons.

Copies of Mayor Brittain's broadcast about Saint John were forwarded to motor clubs to be used in their travel bureaus when giving facts about Saint John.

Whenever motorists reported a loss of grips, spare tires, etc., we

# Expatriate Turks Make Fortunes By Going Home

## Sell Homes in Bulgaria and Take Sugar To Turkey.

People have been wondering why so many Turks, who have lived happily in Bulgaria for years, have been selling their homes lately and emigrating to Turkey with large consignments of sugar bought with the proceeds of their sales and any other capital they could rake together.

Now it is revealed that about eight months ago the Turkish Government decreed that any Turks living abroad who would return to settle in their homeland might import goods duty free to the value of 350,000 leva (about \$3,800). As sugar for export can be bought in Bulgaria at 5 leva a kilogram, and sold in Turkey at 38 leva, many poor Turks in Bulgaria were delighted to take advantage of an opportunity to make a small fortune by returning home.

always received excellent co-operation from C. A. Munro, who so willingly broadcasted without charge through CFBO and greatly assisted in locating the lost articles promptly.

We have been recently called upon to mourn the passing of Dr. P. E. Doolittle, president of the Canadian Good Roads Association, and nationally known as the "Father of Good Roads in Canada." The doctor had often visited New Brunswick.

The financial statement, which has been forwarded to all members, speaks for itself, but I want to call your attention to the fact that all expenses were kept below last year except fixed charges.

When motorists realize how much good the New Brunswick Automobile Association has done and is continuing to do for them and the province as a whole, at such small cost as shown in our financial statements each year, they will appreciate the value of a membership in the New Brunswick Automobile Association and its affiliations. A member returned from a motor trip and reported as follows:

"I did not realize my New Brunswick Automobile Association card was so valuable until I presented it to affiliated motor clubs, hotels, garages, etc., and received such courteous treatment, excellent services, was saved time, and it paid for itself many times over."

We quote the following from a recent travel survey made by the American Automobile Association National Headquarters as evidence of a pick-up in travel generally:

"This survey made in connection with southbound winter travel disclosed that all mediums of transportation—by land, air and water—are benefitting from increased travel. American Automobile Association Clubs at key points in the East and Middle West reported a 40 per cent. gain in the number of southbound routings as compared with the number a year ago. Rail lines report a similar increase in the number of vacation-bound passengers. Seasonal travel on bus, air and steamship lines is also running ahead of that of a year ago.

"New car sales during 1933 were 44 per cent. above those for 1932, and sales for 1934 have started with a rush. This indicates that thousands of motorists are replacing their obsolete vehicles. Naturally they will be ready to go places this summer.

"There is also a renewed interest in reaping travel dividends on the part of those who cater to summer vacationists. Intensive campaigns to attract visitors are being launched in many sections, all this indicates that 1934 travel will be the heaviest in the last five years."

# STAMP COLLECTING

## TRINIDAD'S NEW STAMPS

An advance description of the eight designs approved by the local authorities for the forthcoming new postage stamps of Trinidad is published in the Port of Spain Daily Mirror.

Seven out of the eight subjects selected are from photographs taken by Louis Tucker, a Trinidad photographer and motion picture pioneer. The 3d. value has a reproduction of a diorama illustrating Sir Walter Raleigh's discovery of the lake of pitch at La Brea, which he used to caulk his ships in 1595. An alternative design represents scenery at Store Bay, Tobago.

The remaining vignettes depict respectively the First Boca (1/2d.), Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture (1d.), the Queen's Park Savannah (4d.), the New Town Hall, San Fernando (6d.), Government House (1s.), Memorial Park (5s.), and the Blue Basin (£1). The 1 1/2d. stamp will be devoted to Tobago. Each vignette has a border of coconut, grape fruit, cocoa, and sugar cane, together with an oil derrick, these frame designs having been prepared in the Survey Department.

The new stamp designs have already been submitted to His Excellency the Governor, and will shortly be transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for final approval.

## THE STAMP MIRROR

Our stamp albums are like magic mirrors, because we can often peep into them and see some of the men and women who in one way or another have been builders of history. One of them looks out at me now, on some stamps from Madagascar. Dressed in tropical uniform, and mounted on a spirited horse, General Gallieni, the famous French soldier and statesman, rides along. You can be sure that he is honored for some very good reason, and that reason we are going to find out. Go back 63 years and we see a young man rising quickly, after leaving his military academy, to a captaincy. In the Franco-German war of 1870, we find our hero, later see him sailing to Africa to explore the basin of the Upper Niger, where he did some good work, especially in making a trading treaty. For this the Societe de Geographie presented him with a gold medal. Gallieni was a pioneer, and he got to know the people, so that he gained their confidence, and was eventually made the Governor of Upper Senegal. When Madagascar became a French colony, no better choice could have been made for the important job of Resident General, and when he finished his work, the island was not only flourishing and prosperous, but peaceful and contented. But General Gallieni's work was not yet complete, for when the "dogs of war" were unleashed in Europe, he did some very valuable service, until his health broke down, and he died in 1916. After his death a grateful nation did honor to the memory of her heroic son, by conferring upon him the title of Marshal of France.

## DUTCH INDIES

Triangular stamps are becoming popular. If not with the post office clerks who sell them, at least with the countries who issue them, and have designs on raising revenue by selling them to collectors. We note that the new stamps of Dutch Indies and, also, of Netherlands are a triangular design.

## U. S. COMMEMORATIVES

If you feel inclined to buy some United States' stamps on speculation, you might go over the following list and see which you would nick out there as being the most likely to appreciate in value. Naturally, you might say that

those issued in the smallest quantities would become the most valuable. That might be so if it were not for the fact that the price of the Graf Zepps is already quite high and the demand is, of course, very much less than it would be for the lower priced stamps.

If you will permit me one guess, I will select the 2c. and 5c. Norse-American issue of 1925 as being the best bet of the lot.

One thing can be said of stamp speculating; you can't lose your principal, anyway.

The figures below are taken from a list supplied by the Post Office Department. It will be noted that perforation varieties, such as the Harding and Edison stamps, are not listed separately. Figures for each separate perforation variety are not available. Quantities issued up to March 1, 1931, are given:

1901, Pan Amer., 1c	91,401,500
1901, Pan Amer., 2c	209,759,700
1901, Pan Amer., 4c	5,737,100
1901, Pan Amer., 5c	7,201,300
1901, Pan Amer., 8c	4,921,700
1901, Pan Amer., 10c	5,043,700
1904, Louisiana Purch., 1c	79,779,200
1905, Louisiana Purch., 2c	192,732,400
1904, Louisiana Purch., 3c	4,542,600
1904, Louisiana Purch., 5c	6,926,700
1904, Louisiana Purch., 10c	4,011,200
1907, Jamestown, 1c	77,728,794
1907, Jamestown, 2c	149,497,994
1907, Jamestown, 5c	7,980,594
1909, Lincoln Mem., 2c	150,296,091
1909, Hudson-Fulton, 2c	72,351,411
1909, Alaska-Yukon, 2c	153,412,711
1912-13, Panama-Pac., 1c	334,796,926
1912-13, Panama-Pac., 2c	503,713,086
1912-13, Panama-Pac., 5c	29,088,826
1912-13, Panama-Pac., 10c	16,968,365
1919, Victory, 3c	99,585,505
1920, Pilgrim, 1c	137,978,207
1920, Pilgrim, 2c	196,037,327
1920, Pilgrim, 5c	11,321,607
1923, Harding Mem., 2c	1,569,207,385
1924, Huguenot-Walloon, 1c	51,378,023
1924, Huguenot-Walloon, 2c	77,753,423
1924, Huguenot-Walloon, 5c	5,859,023
1925, Lex-Concord, 1c	15,615,000
1925, Lex-Concord, 2c	26,596,000
1925, Lex-Concord, 5c	5,348,800
1925, Norse-American, 2c	9,104,983
1925, Norse-American, 5c	1,900,983
1926, Sesquicentennial, 3c	307,731,780
1926, Ericson Memorial, 5c	20,280,379
1926, White Plains, 2c	43,324,455
1927, Burgoyne, 2c	25,628,450
1927, Vermont sesqu., 2c	39,974,900
1928, Valley Forge, 2c	101,330,328
1928, Hawaiian, 2c	5,519,897
1928, Hawaiian, 5c	1,459,897
1928, Molly Pitcher, 2c	9,779,896
1928, Aero Conference, 2c	51,342,273
1928, Aero Conference, 5c	10,319,700
1929, Geo. Rogers Clark, 2c	16,684,674
1929, Edison, 2c	375,328,674
1929, Sullivan, 2c	51,451,880
1929, Fallen Timbers, 2c	29,338,274
1929, Ohio River, 2c	32,680,900
1930, Charleston, 2c	25,215,574
1930, Mass. Bay Col., 2c	74,000,774
1930, Graf Zepp., 65c	93,536
1930, Graf Zepp., \$1.30	72,428
1930, Graf Zepp., \$2.60	61,296
1930, Braddock, 2c	25,609,470
1930, Vo Steuben, 2c	66,487,100
1931, Pulaski, 2c (author.)	100,000,000

\* 986,200 each of 65c, \$1.30 and \$2.60 Zeppelins were printed, of which only the quantities given above were issued; the balance were destroyed.

## The SAINT JOHN STAMP CLUB

The regular monthly meeting of the Saint John Stamp Club will be held on Friday evening, March 23, in the Y.M.C.A. as usual. It has been found necessary to hold the meeting one week later than usual this month.

There will be the customary short business session followed by trading among the members.

Anyone interested in stamp collecting is welcome to attend. Telephone L. E. Rodney, secretary, 207 King Street East, telephone number 3-7282 for particulars of membership privileges and advantages.

## URGES HONESTY

Brussels.—The Belgian minister of finance, M. Jasper, has sent a circular letter to officials reminding them that old-fashioned morality is a necessity among persons called upon to deal with public money.

## HONOR CALVIN

Paris.—American Presbyterians and Scottish Calvinists will join with the French Protestants on July 10 in observing the 425th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin, in Noyon, a short distance from Paris, where his birthplace has been transformed into a Calvin museum.