

Stanley Fair in Years That are now Gone by

Some of the Men Who Took a Leading Part in the
Old Days—Visitors From the City—The
Judges' Dinner

Do you remember the old days thirty years ago when the Stanley Fair was a feature and many of our prominent citizens looked forward to taking a day off and driving up to Stanley, or else taking the old Canada Eastern to Cross Creek where Jerry Coughlan drove them up to the village, Barney McMinimin up the hill and Harry Turnbull at the foot of the hill kept the principal hotels. These were always the headquarters of the bunch from town and were also frequented by farmers from the surrounding country. The night previous to the fair was a jolly one as one sat around the hotel office and swapped yarns, enjoyed a smoke and perhaps had an odd drop of Scotch. Tom Feeney, Dan Canty, Dave Stockford, Geo. F. Wilkes and other prominent supporters of the fair were always on hand from town. Mat. McGivney from Covered Bridge could be counted on to be present and he always enjoyed a good dance at the fair in the evening. Mat still attends the fairs but nearly all the others whom we have mentioned have passed to the Great Beyond.

Mike Crotty, Fred Brown, Charlie Merrill, Major Howe, Harry Turnbull, and Joe Thorburn were generally on the fair committee. I can see them now. As good a bunch of men as ever took charge of a fair. Arthur Pringle,

Jack Sansom, Andy Humble, Robert Ashford and others most of whom are gone, were all there. Doc. Sterling who now lives in Fredericton and Doc Wainwright were also at Stanley when you were up. Doctor Moore who was known far and wide was another prominent citizen, and the Malones could always be depended upon to give you a glad hand.

The Judge's dinner in the evening was the big feature of the entertainment for the visitors.

The Stanley Fair is still going strong. This year it will be held on September 25, 26 and 27th and promises to be bigger and better than ever. This year will mark the Seventy-sixth anniversary of the fair. There will be special attractions and improvements in Every Department.

The Board of Directors of the Agricultural Society are:—John Douglass, Hon. Pres.; John Pringle, Vice-Pres.; Jas G. Thorburn, Pres. T. A. Best, Sec'y-Treas., Lloyd Boulter, Lloyd Logan, James Keenan, W. J. Pringle, H. Reid, H. K. Sansom, A. R. MacMillan, Douglas Sansom, Thomas Hawkes, David Boulter, John T. Kerr, Frank Boulter.

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FREDERICTON MAN WRITES ABOUT POSTAGE STAMPS

Gives An Interesting Description of the Connell Stamp and Other Varieties of Interest To Collectors

A well known citizen sends The Mail a communication regarding different stamps. These will be of interest to collectors and others. The communication is as follows:—

Speaking about postage stamps your readers may like to know that a new Canadian two-cent double size stamp commemorating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of New Brunswick has been issued by the Post Office Department.

New Brunswick was discovered in 1534 by Jacques Cartier and was acquired by England under the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713. It was colonized in 1761 and originally included Nova Scotia which was separated in 1784.

New Brunswick issued its first postage stamps in 1851. The Province issued eight stamps in all prior to Confederation in 1867.

The new stamp is only on sale in New Brunswick but collectors may obtain these stamps by writing to the Postmaster, Saint John, New Brunswick, enclosing postal order covering price of stamps and postage.

To Rowland Hill, a schoolmaster, is given the honour of bringing into use the postage stamp. In 1830-1834 efforts were made to introduce wrappers for newspapers but nothing came of this idea. In 1837 Rowland Hill issued his famous pamphlet advocating a uniform postal rate over the entire country and the adoption of postal wrappers advocated by Whiting and Knight a few years before. In 1840 the first real postage stamps were issued in England. The design of the first stamp was not well received and its issue was stopped. A stamp that was popular was a small black stamp bearing the head of Queen Victoria, the first of our adhesive stamps and known as the "Penny Black."

Stamps are usually square or nearly so, but the republic of Liberia has chosen a three sided stamp, printed in two or more colors, as a rule quite large and depict attractive scenes.

The Russian postage stamps, since the revolution have of course no longer borne the image of the Czar, but neither has there been substituted the portrait of any of the revolutionary leaders, a symbolic device has taken the place of the portrait. To be portrayed on postage stamps has some times been the ambition of people who were not rulers, more than seventy-years ago (1861) it occurred to a Postmaster-General named Connell a resident of New Brunswick that he was himself entitled to occupy the position of honour on the stamps of his province. Scarcely had the stamps, half a million in number, arrived from the printing office when Mr. Connell's rivals made an uproar and brought public ridicule upon the postmaster-General throughout his native province.

The stamps were repudiated by the higher officials and a new one was proposed bearing the Queens head.

Mr. Connell lost his post and a ballad of the time relating to the story, refers to the amount of the salary attached to his lost position in the couplet,

"Six hundred pounds to see his face
Posted around from place to place."

Very few of the stamps were ever used or issued for most of them were destroyed and they are consequently extremely scarce and valuable.

Apart from commercial stamps issued by governments of all nations, none is more deserving of recognition than stamps issued for the cause of charity. A Portuguese postal official is credited with originating this system of producing help for the needy. The stamps used was designed showing a red cross on a background of rose and black. Letters bearing this charity stamps were sent out by institutions asking relief for the suffering, free of charge and hence termed the (first) "Charity stamps."

Commemorative stamps became also charity stamps for in different parts of the British Empire where events such as the Queen's Jubilee stamps were issued in the colonies and the proceeds from the sale of these stamps was given to some worthy object. In Victoria local charities were helped. In new South Wales hospitals caring for tuberculosis patients re-

ceived help! Stamps worth 1d, and 2½d, were sold for one shilling and half a crown respectively. The design on such stamps being different from the ordinary postage stamps.

Following the South African War these two colonies again adopted a similar system of producing revenue for charity and these stamps were inscribed "Patriotic Fund."

Only once has Britain ventured upon this means of raising funds. That occasion being in 1924 and 1925 on behalf of the British Empire Exhibition.

In Russia a stamp was issued, the proceeds from which was given to widows and children. The Jugo-Slavia helped disabled soldiers. A Belgium stamp was devoted to help tubercular subjects. While in Switzerland a 40 cent stamp for the young issued at Christmas time (an unofficial stamp) produced 130,000 francs. An official stamp was later issued at 5 cts, above the face value. Of the surplus money thus gained four and a half cents went to "Pro Juventute" (for the young), the other half cent to a postal benevolent fund. In 1917 France issued stamps which were sold at double their face value, the surplus being devoted to the needs of orphans.

Since the war Germany designed charity stamps, of which one issue at Christmas 1922 is perhaps the most striking. It shows an angel watching the Star of Bethlehem, being of course allegorical.

Another interesting collection is found in "Documents of a crazy time" containing copies of seven varieties of 50 Pfennig notes. Official stamps valued from 5 marks to 1000 marks, sold in 1919-1923. Also a sheet of commemorative stamps "Lest we forget," in mourning for the 19 German stolen districts. An interesting stamp is one showing, a miner, a nail smith, between these two pictures is shown an old nail makers forge, with this inscription,

"While the war is forged in a red glow
poor Germany must not lose heart."

The Fascist "Blackshirt" stamps issued in 1923, on October 28th, the day that Fascist marched to Rome to establish one of the strangest rules in history. These stamps were sold at double their face values and the proceeds were given to a benevolent fund.

Many stamps issued by Canada are prized by collectors, among them the 50 cent, on which is shown the famous Bluenose "the Queen of the North Atlantic."

Obertungwitz, a town in Saxony, is famous for making stockings and socks, and the German postal authorities allow the town to advertise its product on its post-mark.

In Uruguay a stamp was issued to commemorate a football victory.

Three hundred and seventy volumes comprise the stamp collection of King George and there, is not one-foreign stamp in the lot. The collection forms a complete and up to date record of the postal development of the Empire.

OLD TIMER.

September 1934.

29 YEARS AGO TODAY

From the Files of the Daily Herald

DIRECTORS' MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the directors of the New Brunswick Telephone Company was held yesterday, but no business of importance was transacted. Those present were:—Hon. A. G. Blair, Dr. A. A. Stockton, M. P., J. L. Black, Senator Thompson and W. T. Whitehead, M. P. P.

A WESTERN TRIP

Mr. James Inch, of Marysville, and Mr. John Sloat of Nashwaak, leave on Monday next on a trip to the west, and before returning will visit Winnipeg, Vancouver, and take a run down the Pacific coast to Oregon and California, returning via the United States.

BENNET-STICKLES

Mr. William C. Bennet and Miss Sarah R. Stickles, daughter of Mr. James Stickles, were married at the bride's home this morning by Rev. J. H. MacDonald.

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Estelle MacNutt, of Lower Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, is in the city, visiting her brother, Mr. J. D. MacNutt.

Hon. L. P. Farris, commissioner of agriculture is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. Darius Jewett, the popular merchant and postmaster at Zealand Station, is in the city today.

Mrs. E. B. Yerxa has returned from a couple of months' outing at Sheffield Academy.

PIPES DOWN

London, Eng., Sept. 5—George Bernard Shaw has decided not to talk so much in public, it was learned today and has found a characteristically original way of getting out of it. People who ask him to make public addresses now receive the following printed postal card from his secretary:

"Mr. Shaw, who is not and never has been a professional lecturer, is now obliged to restrict his appearance as a public speaker.

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