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From The Chair

Mostly the Federation is concerned with what might be termed the ordinary stamp club and society as opposed to the specialist philatelic society. However, I was struck this summer while attending a meeting of the TPO and Seapost Society in York at the wide range of interests of the attendees. While you might have expected them to be interested in railway mail or sea post office mail, in fact, for many members their interest lies mainly elsewhere but crosses those domains. One of the members is interested in Late Fees but has been collaborating with others on an investigation and census of the Liverpool Floating Receiving House mark which has brought contributions from collectors of transatlantic postal history, Liverpool marks and specialists in the GB one shilling embossed stamp on cover! Another member used to live in Birmingham and admits to an interest in travelling post offices yet has been deeply engaged in leading a census of the BIRMINGHAM SHIP LETTER mark (yes!) which has led to looking up which liners dropped mail at Fishguard and at Plymouth and trying to work out why their mail bags ended up being sorted in Birmingham. Most of these members are also members of their local society and one or more of the national postal history societies. By meeting together we were able to discuss a wide range of topics and bring to bear different viewpoints and expertise valuable to each other's specific interests.

So, my point is, as well as being a member of your local society, seek out those specialist societies which may touch on some of your own areas of interest. They will probably help broaden your knowledge and enhance your enjoyment of studying your chosen area. I am often asked "Why should we support ABPS?" Well here is just one very good reason: it has a list of many (but not all) specialist societies. The list is here http://www.abps.org.uk/Societies_and_Federations/National_and_Specialist_Societies/index.xalter. I hope that you enjoyed this glorious summer and as the days and nights draw in you may resume your philatelic activities with renewed vigour.

Julian H Jones

Your Federation Needs YOUR Help......

Your Federation badly needs your help because as many of you will know every two years a **Yearbook** is produced with a **Speakers List,** giving details of the many collectors who are prepared to give displays. It also gives a list of **Accredited Judges** who are prepared to help on society competition nights, but don't panic we only want your help to put this list together. Once this list is put together and published, it is generally then that we find out that so and so does not do displays anymore because of ill health and so and so died six months ago which is most frustrating to the **Yearbook** editor.

The next **Yearbook** is due out in January 2015 and we would be most grateful if you could let us know now rather than when the booklet has been published. Come on, help put a little back into this great hobby of ours. If you can help please contact the Bulletin Editor.

And remember your Federation really does need your help.....

EDITORIAL

The summer I suppose is the close season for philately and this is reflected in the large amount of Tom Fowler in this addition. It is quite interesting stuff but we need a wider input of articles. There is one article I would point you to "The Effect of War on Philately". It is a document given to Paul Davidson and he was so fascinated by it that we reproduce it here (and the next Bulletin). There is also a note here about the Yearbook 2015-2016. We need all readers to have a look at the current one on line and forward any changes you are aware of. The yearbook will go live in January 2015 but will be solely electronic this time. This has been a busy year for me away from philately so there has been little of interest added to the collection. I did go to Spring Stampex and think it is getting better but was disappointed in Swinpex.

Fleet and North Hants held its annual auction again with a high success in sales but the dwindling support to man the day, and the ages meant that people had to be hired to do the heavy lifting and moving of lots so all in the day showed a small loss. It is sign of the times but despite that I have a feeling that the event may continue.

Please support us and come to Hampex.

Tom F

Can all Society Secretaries or Programme Secretaries please let me have their programmes as soon as they are published please.

If I get a programme you will get a slot. Thanks

Editor-Tom Fowler-email thfowler49@gmail.com

Hampshire Philatelic Federation - 2014-15 dates

27 September 2014 - Peterfield - Hampex Judging
18 October 2014 - Hampex at Wickham
25 January 2015 - Petersfield - Meeting
10 May 2015 - Petersfield - AGM
13 September 2015 - Petersfield - Meeting / Competion Entries
26 September 2015 - Petersfield - Hampex Judging
17 October 2015 - Hampex at Wickham

Hampshire Philatelic Federation Year Book 2015 - 2016

Date of publishing January 2015.

This is an urgent note to all philatelists in the Hampshire area. It has been brought to my notice that a lot of the speakers in the current year book have sadly died, have given up displaying or have moved from the area.

It is crucial that the information is up to date and accurate.

A pdf copy of the current handbook is now on the web page for review purposes or I can provide an electronic copy to anyone who needs one for review.

At the HPF AGM it was decided that the Yearbook would go electronic and that no paper copies would be issued.

The Yearbook will be on the Federation Web page at www.hpf.hampshire.org.uk.

Please support HPF by making input to editor asap.

Philatelic Congress of Great Britain 2015

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A note for your 2015 diaries. The event next year, including the RDP ceremony will be 6 August to 9 August 2015 at the lovely old Victorian Hotel, The Queens, in Leeds, Yorkshire, which has been thoroughly modernised and is very comfortable. This coincides with the 125th anniversary of the founding of Leeds Philatelic Society. Coincidentally it is also the 125th anniversary of the first catalogue published by Stanley Gibbons, who will be sponsors of the event again.

Society Round Up (more details of meetings and contacts are available on HPF web site.)

December 2014

Milford on Sea - 2 December 2014 - Civil Aviation - Tom Fowler

Southampton - 2 December 2014 - How to write up and display for competitions - Members

Farnborough - 3 December 2014 - Christmas Social

Basingstoke - 1 December 2014 - The letter is M - Members

Petersfield - 1 December 2014 - Chairman's Evening

Ferndown and West Moors - 8 December 2014 - Three sheet display - Members

Camberley - 9 December 2014 - Christmas Party

Gosport - 9 December 2014 - Mini Auction and Christmas Draw - Members

Ringwood PS - 9 December 2014 - Christmas starts here - Rev. Stuart Timbrell

Vectis - 9 December 2014 - Christmas Party and President's Display Winchester - 10 December 2014 -Ten Sheets / Ten Minutes - Members

Fareham PS - 10 December 2014 - Christmas Presents - Members displays

Hayling Island - 12 December 2014 - Christmas Social

Farnham and District - 8 December 2014 -Single Page Display for the Garrett Trophy - Members

Southampton - no meeting

Farnborough - no meeting

Ferndown and West Moors - 15 December 2014 - Secret Life of Stanley Gibbons - Hugh Jeffries

Waterlooville - 18 December 2014 - Chairman's Evening

Thatcham and District - 18 December 2014 - Christmas Social / Competition / Quiz

Basingstoke - 15 December 2014 - Christmas Party

Camberley - no meeting

Farnham and District - no meeting

Chichester - no meeting

Fleet and N Hants - no meeting

January 2015

Basingstoke - 5 January 2015 - 5 minutes, 5 sheets or 50p fine - Members

Petersfield - 5 January 2015 - Members Displays

Southampton - 6 January 2015 - Classic GB Line Engraved - Bill Barrell

Milford on Sea - 6 January 2015 - 15 sheets on any subject - Members

Farnborough - 7 January 2015 - But and sell - Members Gosport - 13 January 2014 - 1 to 10 sheets - Members

Fareham - 14 January 2015 - Postcard Panorama - Members

Hayling Island - 9 January 2015 - one and Eight sheet Competitions - Members

Vectis - 13 January 2015 - Postal History of Malta WWI - Roger Crew

Farnham and District - 12 January 2015 - Illustrated or Interesting covers - Members

Camberley - 13 January 2015 - John Hayward Entertains

Winchester - 13 January 2015 - Latvia 1785 - 1945 - Wendy Buckle

Ringwood PS - 13 January 2015 - Members Evening.

Southampton - 20 January 2015 - Auction

Farnham and District - tbc

Thatcham and District - tbc

Basingstoke - 19 January 2015 - GB Downey Heads - Michael Sefi

Farnborough - 21 January 2015 - Show and Tell 6 pages - Members

Waterlooville - 15 January 2015 - Postcards - Visit from Southampton PCC.

Chichester - tbc

Farnham and District - 26 January 2015 - Zeppelin Posts of the World - Ian Nutley

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Camberley - 27 January 2015 - Chairman's Evening

Fleet and North Hants - 27 January 2015 - Competition Evening

October 2014

Basingstoke - 6 October 2014 - £5 Orange - John Horsey Petersfield - 6 October 2014 - Imperial Russia - Nigel Chandler Milford on Sea - 7 October 2014 - Australia Stamps and Postal History

Gosport - 14 October - Autumn Auction

Southampton - 7 October 2014 - GB:KGVI Airmails - Gavin Fryer, RDP, FRPSL

Farnborough - 1 October 2014 - Member's Evening

Farnham and District - 13 October 2014 - Confrontation with Indonesia - Bernard Lardner

Ferndown and West Moors - 13 October 2014 - 6 in 2 or Q and R - Members

Winchester - 14 October 2014- Born and Bred a Wiltshire Moonraker - Malcolm Watts

Camberley - 14 October 2014 - WWI - Members

Ringwood - 14 October 2014 - Visit from Poole Philatelic Society

Vectis - 14 October 2014 - Covers- Eileen Carr and Canada Derek Hornett

Fareham - 8 October 2014 - On or under the water - Members Hayling Island - 10 October - Flight - Displays by Members Basingstoke - 20 October 2014 - The colour is red - Members

Southampton - 21 October 2014 - 15 Sheets / 5 Minutes - Members

Farnborough - 15 October 2014 - Always a photographer / postcards - Mike Miller

Waterlooville - 16 October 2014 - Safety at Sea - Mike Czuczman

Thatcham and District - 16 October 2014 - This and That - Colin Searle

Ferndown and West Moors - 27 October 2014 - 20 Cent Railway Station Postmarks - Bill Pipe

Farnham and District - 27 October 2014 - Bring, Buy or Display - Members

Chichester - 27 October 2014 - Colin and Fred Present

Fleet and N Hants - 28 October 2014 - Northern Ireland - Alan Kane

Camberley - 28 October 2014 - Ethiopia - Bernard Lardner

November 2014

Basingstoke - 3 November 2014 - Orange Free State - Mike Smith

Petersfield - 3 November 2014 - Visit from Waterlooville and District Philatelic Society

Southampton - 4 November 2014 - President's Evening

Milford on Sea - 4 November 2014 - Winter Olympics - Mike Chapling

Farnborough - 9 November 2014 - Quiz - Ian Hagara Gosport - 11 November 2014 - Secretary's Surprise

Ferndown and West Moors - 10 November 2014 - Six Sheet Competition and 9 in 4 - Members

Farnham and District - 10 November 2014 - Presidents Evening

Winchester - 11 November 2014 - Mecklenburg/Schwerin and Danzig - John Campbell

Camberley - 11 November 2014 - Newfoundland - Robert Prentice

Ringwood - 11 November 2014 - The Post Office Goes to War - Christine Earle FRPSL

Vectis - 11 November 2014 - White on Wight (IS White, Shipbuilder) - Mr Alan Dinnis

Fareham - 12 November 2014 - Messing about in boats - Philip Cant

Hayling Island - 14 November 2014 - Visit from Hampshire Postal History Society

Basingstoke - 17 November 2014 - Auction Evening

Southampton - 18 November 2014 - Letter I and Silent Auction - Members.

Farnborough - 19 November 2014 - Lundy Island - B Davidson

Thatcham and District - 20 November 2014 - Auction

Waterlooville - 20 November 2014 - Any Interesting Material - Members

Ferndown and West Moors - 24 November 2014 - Hong Kong - Spencer Coker

Chichester - 24 November 2014 - AGM and Member's latest acquisitions

Farnham and District - 24 November 2014 - Austria - Geoff Richardson

Camberley - 25 November 2014 - Transportation, Road, Rail and Air - Members

Fleet and N Hants - 25 November 2014 - President's Evening

1804 THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION

LEWIS AND CLARK



Following the Louisiana Purchase, President Jefferson commissioned Merewether Lewis and William Clark to explore the new territory and find a route to the Pacific. In May 1804 the expedition set out from St Louis in three boats and headed West up the Missouri River. They were joined in Dakota by a French trapper and his Indian wife, Sacagawea, who acted as a guide and interpreter for the remainder of the journey.

THE EXPEDITION



After crossing The Bitterroot Range of The Rocky Mts., they canoed down the Clearwater, Snake and Columbia Rivers, to reach the Pacific Ocean in November 1805. (Now known as Fort Clapsop). Their return to St Louis was not completed until September 1806. Despite the many dangers that they faced, only one man was lost on the expedition and this was due to illness.

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THE EXPLORATION OF AMERICA

1728 THE NORTH-WEST PASSAGE

VITUS BERING



1728

and 1741





THE SAINT PETER

1728 Vitus Bering explored the "Bering Strait" between Asia and America. He proved that the continents were not connected and therefore a North-west Passage could exist.



of VOYAGES

1741 He explored the coast of Alaska which paved the way for a Russian foothold on the North American continent. He died of scurvy during his return from this expedition.

COMMEMORATIVES OF HIS DEATH IN 1741 (200TH YEAR)







Examples of the many facets of the Exploration of America from Paul's collection

THE EXPLORATION OF AMERICA

1836 THE OREGON TRAIL

1836 OREGON TERRITORY



The first wagon train into the Oregon Territory completed the trek in September 1836.

A mission was set up at the junction of The Snake and The Columbian rivers.

1842/43 FREMONT



In 1842 Fremont travelled the Oregon trail as far as Fort Laramie and then explored South towards Santa Fe. The following year he explored and charted Oregon Territory and routes to the Pacific that could possibly be used by future emigrants.



FREMONT

1843 OREGON TRAIL



In 1841 the first wagon trail to cross the Rockies using the Oregon Trail arrived in Sacramento, California. (Before Freemont's charts).

CONESTOGA WAGON



THE OREGON TRAIL



1859 OREGON STATEHOOD



1848 SWEDISH PIONEERS



In 1846 Britain gave up its rights to joint occupation of Oregon (Oregon Treaty). Migration West now increased greatly, and by 1859 Oregon gained Statehood. Wagon trains usually started from Independence (Missouri), generally using the Oregon or Santa Fe trails and various 'cut offs' from the main trails.

ABPS DIRECTORY AND SPEAKERS LIST **IMPORTANT**

A major update is being undertaken of both the Directory and Speakers Lists, due to be published in 2015. Any contributions, updates and additions for this should also be sent to Rev John Walden. Please check your current details and advise us of any changes.

We would also like copies of any Federation or Society Lists of Speakers.

Please send to handbook@abps.org.uk

NEW CONSTITUTION FOR ABPS

Proposals for the new constitution have been circulated to members and this will be put to the AGM in July. Feedback to date has been generally positive. If you cannot attend the AGM, proxy votes can be sent to the Hon Secretary.

THE BRITISH PHILATELIC TRUST has now been wound up. Their funds have been distributed to BPMA (£850k), RPSL (£850k) and a new PHILATELIC FUND has been established (£1.7m) under the Chairmanship of Brian Trotter. All these organisations must use these resources in a way consistent with the objectives of the original Trust.

Applications for funding should now be sent to THE PHILATELIC FUND c/o RPSL, 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY.

AUTUMN STAMPEX

Autumn Stampex 2014 will be a full national exhibition with all classes.

There are only a few weeks before entries close.

There will also be German & Colonies Philatelic Society exhibits of up to 200 frames.

Entry forms for the national competitions are now on the ABPS website.

STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

Stamp Active Network will again be at Autumn Stampex with youth activities and a free children's auction. The theme of the event will be "Christmas".

A new activity book has been designed on the theme of "All at Sea", available free to young collectors.

A new website has been launched www.stampactive.co.uk

OTHER NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Spring Stampex 2015: GBPS with 200 frames. Singapore 2015 FIP Exhibition: 11th to 16th August: 50 years independence 2500 frames

Autumn Stampex 2015 Full National ABPS Exhibition: GB Overprints Society 45 Years

Spring Stampex 2016: ABPS Pictorial Classes Thematic, Open and Postcards

World Stamp Show - New York 2016 28th May to 4th June: Javits Convention Center New York City

Autumn Stampex 2016: King George VI Society and Cinderella Societies throughout the world.

Spring Stampex 2017: Middle East celebrating 100 years of Iraq stamps.

FRAMES

Frames - continued refurbishment by the Philatelic Fund. New store/source/stockpile of frames has been discovered very recently; they will be refurbished. Francis Kiddle confirmed that original agreement with all Federations that frames were loaned (permanently) but could be recalled for international exhibitions in UK.

June 2014



Panda Fairs 2014

2014 All Fairs Booked

21 Sept Sun Upper Hale, Farnham. Village Hall, Wings Road, GU9 0HN

25 Sept Thurs Plymouth Guildhall, Armada Way PL1 2ER

26 Sept Fri Clyst St George (Exeter) Parish Hall, Wooodbury Road EX3 ORE

27 Sept Sat Bournemouth Annunciation Hall, Charminster Rd, BH8 9RW

1 Nov Sat Portsmouth Cosham Community Centre, Wootton Street, PO6 3AP 8 Nov Sat Salisbury United Reform Church, Fisherton Street SP2 7RG

15 Nov Sat Southampton Methodist Hall. St James Road. Shirley SO15 5HE

27 Nov Thurs Plymouth Guildhall, Armada Way PL1 2ER

28 Nov Fri Clyst St George (Exeter) Parish Hall, Wooodbury Road EX3 ORE

29 Nov Sat Trowbridge St James Church Hall Union Street BA14 8RU

6 Dec Sat Bournemouth Pelhams Park, Millhams Road, Kinson BH10 7LH

28 Dec Sun Lechlade New Memorial Hall Oak Street GL7 3AY

29 Dec Mon Upper Hale, Farnham, Village Hall, Wings Road GU9 0HN

These include Rikki Hyde Southampton and Bournemouth and Bill Rowe (Brue Stamps) Yeovil, Plymouth, Clyst St George (Exeter), and Trowbridge.

Peter Jones (Solent Stamps) P O Box 14 Sarisbury Green, Southampton SO31 6YR 01489 – 582673 e- mail peter@solent2.freeserve.co.uk www.pandafairs.co.uk

From the Competition Secretary's Desk

As of 8th August the entry forms for the HAMPEX competitions are already arriving so I am looking forward to an exciting competition. As well as hosting an exciting display of philatelic exhibits we will present the trophies and medals at HAMPEX as usual at 11:45 so I hope that you all will come to Wickham on Saturday 18th October.

continued

Sutton Scotney Penny Post 3 November 1839. Letter to Messrs Bel and Howard, Solicitors, Lincolns Inn Field London.





Hurstbourne Penny Post

13 September 1840. Letter to Cole, Lamb
& Brooks Solicitors at Basingstoke.

Longparish Penny Post 28 April 1846. Wrapper to Mr Foster, Solicitor , Romsey, Hants. Andover Road transit and Romsey arrival on reverse





Micheldever to Andover



Micheldever Penny Post

1 February 1841 Letter from Mitcheldever
to Basingstoke.

Script 1 in red. Whitchurch Hants dated
circle as transit.

Whitchurch Hants Penny Post 20 July 1839. Letter from Mr. Col Hawker at Andover to Henry Earle Esq. solicitor, Andover.





St Mary Bourne Penny Post 21 September 1846. Letter to Mr Earl, High Street, Andover. Andover arrival on reverse.

continued

Condor Legion was a unit composed of volunteers from the German Air Force (Luftwaffe) and from the German Army who fought with the Nationalists during the Spanish Civil War of July 1936 to March 1939. The Condor Legion developed methods of terror bombing which were used widely in the Second World War. Operation Rügen, bombing of Guernica was the most infamous operation carried out by the Condor Legion. Hugo Sperrle commanded the unit, Kampfgruppe 88, which had three squadrons of Ju 52 bombers.



Publicity Poster showing a Junkers JU52/3 of the Condor Legion. The poster is perforated and has ration coupons on the reverse.





Rear of poster showing ration coupons for arroz - rice, harina - flour, azucar - sugar, maiz - maize, garbanzos - chick peas, judias - kidney beans, sal - salt, ajos - garlic, patatas - potatoes, lentejas - lentils,

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Man on the Run? by Tom Fowler

The letter addressed to Mr J A Mc Jannett "Care of Mr Crawford, Barns Terrace" explains what is happening in NY State and that JA Mc Jannett can expect the full support of family and friends in Ayrshire.

From Ontario County Journal June 1882

Ontario County police have announced the unexplained death of an unknown individual at the home of J. Alex. Mc Jannett at Academy, Ontario County, NY. Police state they have been unable to locate and question Mr J. Alex. Mc Jannett.



18 January 1883, Letter from James Mc Jannett at Academy, Ontario County N.Y. to JA Mc Jannett, Maybole, Ayrshire (Care of Mr Wm. Crawford, Barns Terrace.)

5 c US adhesive cancelled by a Canadaigua, NY. Cancelled by 'Paid Liverpool, US Packet, 4 Fe 83 code 2E' in red. Maybole circular date stamp FE,5,83 arrival on reverse



From Ontario County Journal 22 June 1894

Mrs. Janet McJannett died at the home of her son, J. Alex. Mc Jannett, in this town, last Sunday, June 17, aged 79 years. She had been a resident of the town since 1840, when, with her husband, the late David Mc Jannett, she came from Scotland, She was the mother of eight children, six of whom survive her. They are Robert M. of Naples; James P., J. Alex. and Margaret Mc Jannett, and Mrs. H. H. Outhouse of Canandaigua, and Mrs. H. D. Adams of Honeoye. The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

The above funeral notice mentions the writer and recipient of the letter.

Thatcham and District Philatelic Society

We have had quite a full and interesting programme for the last few months. The Thursday evening meetings included Sue Hopson kindly swapping with Tony Jordan and presenting her `Free Fronts` display, explaining just what they were and showing many signatures of quite famous people. We had a good club-stamps auction when all the lots were sold and in the second half members showed a wide and varied selection of their `Favourite Stamp` (or cover). Tony Jordan presented his superb American Independence material `1776 plus or minus a bit` which brought us forward from prehistoric times to almost the present day.

The Monday afternoon meetings continue to be well attended perhaps partly due to the members selecting the meeting topics.

The topics included `Queens` (of all sorts) and most of those attending showed at least a couple of sheets to make a good afternoon. Then there was `Marine Life` where once again great presentations were seen with some lovely material.

Colin Lee from the Reading Society was our guest speaker for the Monday meeting in May when the topic was `The Faroe Islands`. Colin showed quite a selection of cancellations, covers and stamps and spoke informatively about the history of these islands.

There are some very interesting meetings organised for the next quarter to include the AGM in September so do please come along.



Tony Jordan



Colin Lee

Sue Hopson

Barney Bardsley, Chairman

Proper Post from Greenland

Iceberg at Bay Bulls, near St. John's. In spring and summer, thousands of majestic icebergs drift southwards past Newfoundland and Labrador.

Monday 21 July. Pagortog, Granland.

Hi Tom

This coud is from Newfoundland



It is nice to get proper post from faraway places. My friend Mike was sailing from Newfoundland to Norway via Greenland so I asked for a postcard. Mike decided to buy the card in Newfoundland but wrote it and posted it in Qaortoq in Greenland. It arrived about six days later.

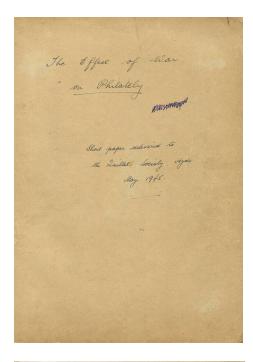
"The Effect of War on Philately"

The following pages illustrate a "short paper delivered to the Quillet Society Hyde in May 1945". It contains an essay fully illustrated with stamps and covers of the time. It is a fascinating insight to the immediate post war period.

The paper was passed to Paul Davidson for use with children at junior Hampex. It is clearly an important document so it was felt that it justified inclusion in the Bulletin

The second part will be included in the January 2015 Bulletin.

There is now an electronic copy held by me and the original and an electronic copy is back with Paul. If any reader recognises the document or indeed the society it was presented to all information would be greatly received



THE EFFECT OF WAR ON PHILATELY.

Most of us in our younger days have had some sort of Stamp Collection, which sconer or later has been given away to provide pleasure for someone else's child, with consequent discomfort to the parent's purse. Most people later adopt some other hobby or interest, but some often return to collecting.

During the war, the hobby has undergame a few changes, some important to the trade, and others merely of interest, because of the provision of new items to collect. These changes can be grouped into four aspects-COLLECTORS - who collects and why.

ECONOMICS - the curtailment of supplies and the effects of the increases in prices.

ACCESSORIES - various shortages

STAMPS - difficuties of printing, change of printers, shortage s in the colonies, creation of new plates.

COLLECTORS

Those who continue to collect can be roughly grouped as follows a larvesticating historians or researchers: the true philatelists who only collect a few items, but make a thorough study of their history and the slight variations of their printing. This is the type whom the dealers prefer, because they usually pay high prices to get what they want without much trouble and without counting the true value. In specialised items there is always a great difficulty in checking the price.

- b) Investor collectors, some of whom tend to buy only those items which have good prospects of increasing in price, others who buy quantities of commencementary stamps as a direct speculation without any interest in them as a collection, and finally those who buy odd rare stamps as an insurance against inflation, or in much the same way as certain fraternities bought sovereigns and itamonda before the way.
- Part time dealers collectors who buy and sell so that their own collection is formed without too great a contribution from their own pockets.
 Accumulators who collect anything which comes their way, and who buy anything which attracts their fancy--- usually something in the news.
- e). Sundry combinations of the above.

COMMICS. The over-riding factor determines the increased activity in the stamp trade is the tremendous jump in the prices of stamps. There have been several reasons for price increases.

- a) Wartime prosperity wages gave more money to collectors, and more pocketmoney to children, and the increased demand naturally increased prices. Incidentally children pay ridiculously high prices for odd stamps and packets.
 b). There has been less business post from abroad, and therfore fewer "commercially tamps
- c). Heatwictions on trading abroad, which have been both Statutory, and voluntary. The former coming under the Treasury regulations, and forbidding the sending of stamps in and out of the country without licence, and the setting up of the British Philatelic Association Ltd under the Board of Trade as controller of all such imports and exports. Philatelists in general are trusting fellows and it is quite common for file to fijo worth of stamps to be sent for sale or exchange to a mere collector-acquaintance at the other side of the world. However the risk of loss through U-Boats sinking many of the mail boats caused the voluntary suspension early in the war. Dealars who continued under licence increased their prices to cover all such risks.

 Nuch cheap packet material came from abroad (the continent and S_America), but lack of these imports have caused jumps of 500% or so.
- d). Inflation in this country has increased prices here.
- e). Exports were encouraged to raise Dollars, and this has caused a relative shortage in this country.

f). The Airgraph system is now extensively used by business houses; instead of the Airmail for many countries. Airgraphs dont help collectors.

g). There has been fear of inflution, and certain stamps, judiciously chosen, have been used as an insurance, as have precious stones. Certain stamps can always be used for transferring money from one country, and they can be easily smuggled. German refugees used stamps as one means of getting money out of Germany before the war, but the Reich discouraged the use of current stamps for such purpose by dumping new issues abroad at prices below Face Value on the exchange.

h). Transactions of investors, causing an earlier than normal increase in prices, and the cornering of the market by local dealers in Eastern Countries. It is alleged that entire recent issues have been reserved by Post Office officials in Egypt for the stamp dealers (Back-Door methods), who have then monopolised with a 400 g profit.

The increase in income of the lower wage groups has expanded the trade more than the various restrictions have contracted it.

Dealer's have benefited considerably from this, although the larger organisation have been sadly hanticapped by the lack of staff, and by the lack of stamps and accessories to sell. The appreciation in the value of stocks, and the case with which stamps can now be sold may be the reason why there are someny newcomers to the trade.

The true philatelist has not been much affected, but those who specialised in foreign countries have been unable to obtain much fresh material, except from those selling their collections, and there has been a teniency for them to concentrate on those of some British Colony.

The accumulators have noticed that fewer stamps are given to them, and that those they buy are several times their pre-war value. The investors who know the trade have made small fortunes, and at the same time in had a sure hedge against inflation. This position will not remain the same vary much longer.

ACCESSORIES:
Absolutely essential accessories such as hinges, an
album pages at extertionate prices, have been obtainable, but other material
has been difficult to obtain.

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In the case, this Radio Officer is still in perfect health, and now awaits his demolistration.



The letter availed the return of the "llan Hae Taggart" from Suraller, but she was sunk. The rescue ship was also to seasched

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Late in 1943, the envelope was returned to me.

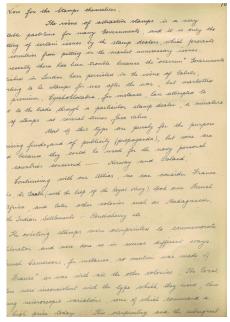












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