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Item 91 - 1: The last issue of The Canadian aerophilatelist was Vol. VI No. 2 dated 1 November 1990. This is the first issue for 1991. Data concerning stamp shows in Canada and internationally are enclosed.

Item 91 - 2: The SAS elections held in December 1990 returned the previous incumbents. Those reelected are:

- a) President : W/C Pat Sloan;
- b) Vice/President: Major Dick Malott;
- c) Treasurer : Nelson Bentley
- d) Secretary : Major Ritch Toop

The incumbents are appointed to their indicated positions for a two year period - 1 January 1991 to 31 December 1992.

Item 91 - 3: The CAS pewter pins are still available at \$5.00 post paid from the CAS Vice/President. Wear a CAS pin to show that you are a Canadian aerophilatelist.

Item 91 - 4: The CAS will have a table to promote its activities at both the RPSC's ROYALE '91 ROYAL at Dorval, Quebec, 5 - 7 April 1991, and at ORAPEX '91, Ottawa, Ontario, 3 - 5 May 1991. CAS members from the respective areas, or those planning to attend these philatelic events are asked to get in touch with the President of the CAS, to arrange some time to help look after the CAS's activities.

Item 91 - 5: ROYALE 1991 ROYAL will be held in the Dorval Community Centre, 1335 Lakeshore Drive, Dorval, Quebec, 5-6-7 April 1991. The theme of the exhibition is aerophilatelic, the 50th anniversary of the opening of Dorval airport to commercial air traffic. CAS members are encouraged to support this event with their attendance, particularly if you live in the Montreal - Ottawa - Toronto area. President Pat Sloan has arranged on the show's schedule the following programme:

- a) In Room 202 of the Dorval Community Centre on Saturday 6 April 1991 from 2 pm to 3 pm the annual meeting of the CAS when reports from the CAS executive will be given and future projects discussed.
- b) In the same room on Saturday 6 April 1991 a coloured slide presentation on "Pioneer and Semi-official Flown Air Mail Covers of Canada 1848 - 1934" will be given by Dick Malott.

Item 91 - 6: ORAPEX '91, Ottawa's National Stamp Show and Bourse will be held 3 - 4 May 1991 at the Ray Kinsella Arena, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa. The theme is the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Ottawa Philatelic Society (OPS). The CAS will hold a regional meeting on Sunday, 5 May 1991 in the Bytown Room, 2nd floor, West Wing of the RA Centre, 3 pm to 4:30 pm. After the meeting a coloured slide presentation on anaerophilatelic subject will be given by either Dick Malott or Pat Sloan. Local CAS members are urged to attend.

Item 91 - 7: The CAS is pleased to enclose for its members information data on two future Postage Stamp Shows sponsored by The Canadian Stamp Dealers' Association in Toronto.

- a) 22 - 23 - 24 March 1991 The CBDA's "Toronto National at the Arts Craft Hobby Building Exhibition Place, Toronto, Ontario;
- b) 20 - 24 November 1991 The North American Stamp Expo and Philatelic Exhibition sponsored by the ASDA and the CSDA at the Arts Craft Hobby Building Exhibition Place, Toronto, Ontario.

Item 91 - 8: On 18 December 1990 the Federal Ministry of Transport dedicated a plaque to the 60th anniversary of the arrival of the R - 100 dirigible at Saint-Hubert, Quebec. The plaque is now located at the National Aeronautical School of Saint-Hubert, 5555 Place de la Savane, Saint-Hubert.

Item 91 - 9: Ritch Toop, Secretary of the CAS reported the following membership in the CAS as of 7 March 1991:

a) Total membership	137	NOTE: Also APS members	64
b) Canadian members	81	Also AAMS members	69
c) US members	27		
d) Overseas members	12		
e) Complimentary	<u>17</u>		
f) Total membership	137		

- g) Anyone wishing a complete listing of our members should write to the V/President Dick Malott for a copy.

Item 91 - 10: Nelson Bentley, Treasurer of the CAS reported the following financial status of the CAS as of 1 March 1991:

a) Cash in bank	\$ 1,386.56
b) Savings account	\$--1,149.23
c) Total amount	\$ 2,535.79

NOTE: A complete financial report will be included either in this volume or the next issue. See Annex "B".

Item 91 - 11: Murray Heifetz, member No. 14 has sent an interesting letter concerning the McGreely Express label sometimes found on the Klondike Airways covers prepared by Roessler of New Jersey. The letter is attached as Annex "A".

Item 91 - 12: Any member interested in obtaining current First Flight Covers flown by Lufthansa, the German Air Line, between Germany and various Canadian destinations, are invited to contact a well known German aerophilatelist Mr. Ferdi Volk, Albertusstrasse 9 - 11, D 4050 Mönchengladbach 1, Germany/Allemagne. One of his latest FFC's are the ones for the first flight of Lufthansa's DC 10 from Frankfurt to Edmonton on 1 May 1990 and return on the same date, Flights LH 6444 and LH 6445. Is it not a shame that a foreign air line can arrange interesting first flight covers to and from Canada, but our own Canadian air lines and the Canada Post Corporation are not the least bit interested in arranging or allowing others to prepare and mail historic first flight covers pertaining to Canada. There have been several new routes opened up By Air Canada and Canadian Airlines International from various cities in Canada but no FFC's could be arranged. An effort to obtain FFC's on CAI's inaugural flight earlier this year from Vancouver to Seoul, Korea was refused by both CAI and Canada Post.

Item 91 - 13: The Editor of The Canadian Aerophilatelist, Dick Malott, is planning to retire from the Canadian War Museum on 30 December 1992 when he reaches his 65th birthday. As the Chief Curator of the Collections for 17 years, and now as the Chief Special Projects at the CWM, he has not had too much time to work on aerophilatelic matters. In anticipation of continuing his varied interests in philately and military museums after his retirement, he is now organizing "Malott's Aerophilatelic and Militaria Consulting Services".

Item 91 - 14: Dick Malott's FIP Championship Class Pioneer and Semi-Official Flown Air Mail exhibit will be officially entered into international competition for the last time at Philanippon '91 in Tokyo, Japan, 16 - 24 November 1991. A review of this collection has revealed the duplication of two rare pioneer covers that will be placed up for sale as of 1 April 1991. Anyone interested in further details on these two items is invited to contact Dick Malott at 16 Harwick Crescent, Nepean, Ontario, K2H 6R1. The two items are:

- AAMC #6 4 September 1915, Windsor to Detroit. The flight to be flown by the Patterson brothers of the USA was cancelled due to insurance problems. Only 3 surviving postcards are known from this cancelled flight.
- AAMC #18e 7 August 1919, Lethbridge to Vancouver via Calgary and Golden, British Columbia. Only 2 covers and a few newspapers were carried and only 1 cover is known to have survived (front of cover only).

Dick Malott
(RK Malott) Editor CAS

I N V I T A T I O N

Le ministre d'Etat aux Transports, l'Honorable Jean Corbeil dévoilera la plaque commémorative du 60e anniversaire de l'arrivée du dirigeable du R-100 à Saint-Hubert.

L'événement a été organisé en collaboration par la Société d'Histoire de Saint-Hubert, l'Ecole nationale d'aérotechnique de Saint-Hubert, le ministère des Transports et Me Pierrette Venne, députée fédérale du comté de Saint-Hubert.

Vous êtes donc cordialement invités à assister à cette cérémonie.

JOUR: Mardi, 18 décembre 1990

HEURE: 10hres

LIEU: Ecole nationale d'aérotechnique de Saint-Hubert
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Dec. 4, 1990

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Dear Dick,

Over the past while I have had several enquiries about the McGreely Express label sometimes found on the Klondike Airways covers prepared by Roessler. I thought it might be interesting to tell the story of this label in an issue of our CAS bulletin. The following excerpt is from one of Roesslers Stamp News.

"McGreely's Express Stamp had a very short life. Seems to us that collectors of US locals should be interested in this. The lot that we turned up consists of about 400 stamps. When these are gone there are no more available. The die and the stone from which they were printed were destroyed with the San Francisco earthquake - beg pardon, we mean fire. There will never be any reprints. The following is an abstract from a letter from Mr. S. C. Marcuse, 514 Battery St. San Francisco (reprinted from the Philatelic Gazette).

I was living in Dyea during 1908 and at that time there was no regular mail service, the mail for Dyea being left on the wharf at Skagway, as that was the nearest wharf for Dyea and no steamer would land at Dyea except very small boats.

The mail would lie on the Skagway wharf until anyone who felt so disposed would bring it over to Dyea to the post office. On account of the irregularity of the mail leaving and coming at Dyea P.O., a man named McGreely who made daily trips to Skagway and return would mail any letter over there and enquire for mail, and for this service he would charge 25¢ for each letter coming or going.

After I became acquainted with McGreely, I suggested to him the use of stamps and he agreed to that. If I would furnish him with stamps he would attend to my mail without charge. Therefore I had the stamps printed in San Francisco and they reached Dyea a few days before April 1, 1908. We used only 100 between the date of arrival and April 1 when Mr. Clum, a Post Office inspector, arrived there and established a daily mail service between Dyea and Skagway. Naturally this put Mr. McGreely out of business."

I think this is a great story, Dick, and one of the many fascinating tales one finds in studying Roessler. Best wishes to you and your family in the coming holiday season and for the New Year.

Best regards


Murray Heifetz