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Collection of Christmas Seals Presented to the President of the United States

It was a great honor to be invited to accompany Dr. Kendall Emerson, Managing Director of the National Tuberculosis Association, to Washington, D. C. on December 8th, 1933, when he presented at 11:00 A. M. to the Hon. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, a collection of Christmas Seals from the National Tuberculosis Association. Mrs. Ernest R. Grant, Executive Secretary of Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis of the District of Columbia, introduced to the President the delegates, who were: Dr. Emerson, Mr. A. Schaeffer, Jr. Publicity Director of the National Tuberculosis Association, and myself, from New York and Dr. William Charles White, President of District of Columbia Tuberculosis Association and Mr. Edwin F. Potter, Director of Extensions and Publicity.

The President welcomed us most cordially and brought a feeling to all, that it was just a quiet family party. It was a busy day for the President so things moved quickly. The presentation followed the introducing of the delegates amid clickings of six cameras which was the full quota permitted at one time.

The President admired the beautiful black full leather spring back binding, which had on the front cover in gold leaf the initials "F. D. R." at top, and "Christmas Seals in the United States" at bottom, below which was a double barred cross in carmine and the back of the binder has printed in gold leaf "Christmas Seals in the United States" at top, and "F. D. R. at bottom. He likewise admired the front page which is a wonderful piece of red and black printing on vellum, the inscription reads, "Christmas Seals in the United States. A collection prepared by the National Tuberculosis Association

presented to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President of the United States of America and Honorary Vice President, National Tuberculosis Association (double barred cross in red) at the White House, Christmas, 1933."

The President then told us of a very interesting cover he has in his collection, of which he thought a great deal, especially because the country is now a part of the United States. The cover is from the Danish West Indies and has on it one of the first Christmas Seals issued by Denmark.

In running through the collection presented to him he paused to admire the beautiful multi-colored semi-postal 2 sh. 6 p. stamp of New South Wales issued in 1897 which was to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria and likewise to raise a fund for a home for consumptives. He seemed so interested in that particular stamp that I said, "Perhaps it might be of interest to you to know that that stamp came from Mr. Theodore E. Steinway." His reply was, "That is most interesting and I am glad to know that about the stamp." The delight in knowing about that stamp is no doubt, because the President and Mr. Steinway are both members of the Collector's Club in New York. Upon leaving I shook hands with the President and said, "I hope you have as much pleasure in looking at the collection as I did in getting it together" and to which he replied, his parting words to all of us, "I will take it to bed with me tonight." Those last words show the interest which he took in the collection and indicated that he wanted to be alone and in quiet, like all true philatelists, when a minute inspection could be made.

The collection comprises blocks of four of all seals issued from 1907 to 1933 inclusive. A few varieties of perforations are represented by single copies where blocks could not be secured. Booklet panes are shown in their complete form of three, six or ten seals and with stubs attached when so issued. In each year all types, perforations and printer's marks are shown and in many years

essays, proofs, progressive color proofs, etc. are represented. There are seventy-seven pages of seals mounted and written up with minute descriptions of all items which is the form followed in all specialized collections. In trying to locate some items needed it required contact with thirty-nine collectors and dealers in fifteen states. It took five months to gather the numerous items, mount and write up descriptions of them.

—Dorsey F. Whelless

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