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UP AND COMING

Every Saturday 4pm Auction
Seaside Book and Stamp

Dec 8 Club Meeting
Christmas Auction for Charity -
Anything Goes, Christmas Quiz

Dec 12 Douglas J. Gray
Open House Show, Dartmouth

Dec 17 Friends of Philately
Bloomfield Centre, Halifax

Jan 9 Douglas J. Gray
Open House Show, Dartmouth

Jan 12 Club Meeting
Program TBA, Club Member
Bourse

Jan 21 Friends of Philately
Bloomfield Centre, Halifax

The Private Chaplain

by Michael Peach

Did you know that during the latter part of the 19th century the Anglican Bishop of Nova Scotia had a private chaplain? From 1878 to 1881, the Reverend Robert Wyllie was private chaplain to the bishop, the Right Reverend Dr. Hibbert Binney. While working on my collection of British Victorian Imperial Penny Postage covers, I found the cover shown to Reverend Wyllie. It was mailed on June 13 1899 from Blackheath, London to the Reverend Robt. Wyllie at St. Bartholomew's Parsonage, Essequibo, British Guiana. The penny lilac stamp has a squared circle cancellation.

Short biographies of Anglican clergy can be found in Crockford's Clerical Directory, of which various editions are available in the King's College library. Robert Wyllie attended St. Stephens College (now Bard College), associated with the Episcopal church, Annandale, NY and the General Seminary in New York, becoming a deacon in 1875 and a priest in 1876. Prior to coming to Nova Scotia, he had been Rector of Holy Trinity, Lewiston, Maine. After leaving Nova Scotia, he went to British Guiana and he was perpetual curate (parish priest) of St. Bartholomew's from 1885 to 1904. From 1904 to 1923 he was at various parishes in England.



St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Queenstown, is unique, being constructed in the design of a ship, which is said to have transported African slaves to Essequibo. It was constructed by ex-slaves and was dedicated on October 24, 1859.

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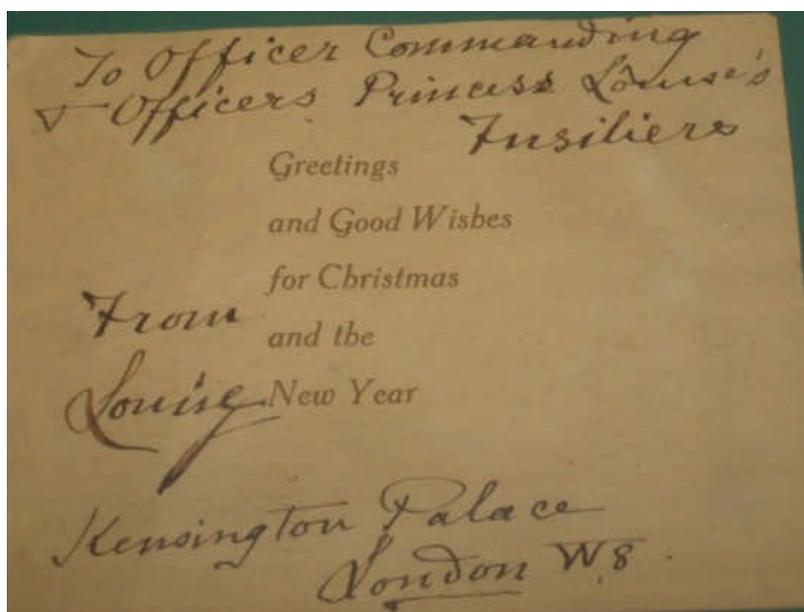
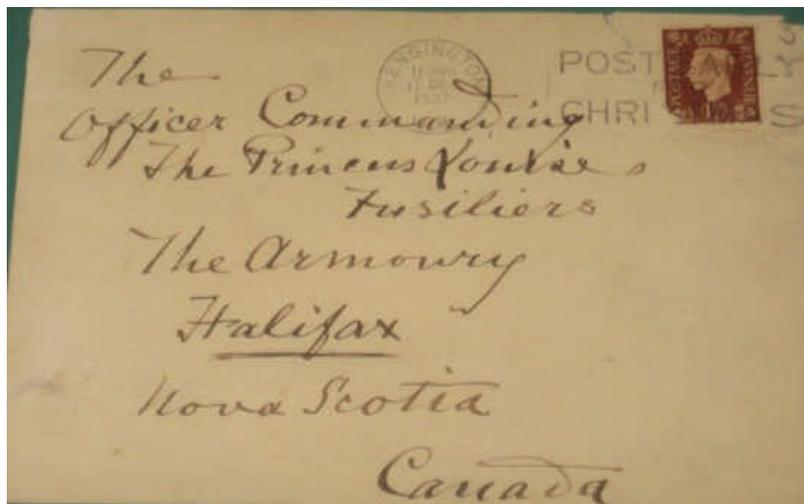
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Christmas Cover Story

by Jeff Parks



Here is a cover that really needs little explanation. I noticed it and its contents on display this summer when my children and I were visiting the Halifax Citadel - a card of Christmas greeting from Princess Louise to the Princess Louise Fusiliers in Halifax. Obviously a cherished item that has been preserved in the museum collection.

The Fusiliers, an infantry regiment based out of the Halifax Armouries, can trace its roots to a local militia formed in 1798. In 1867 it became a constituted unit of Canada and in 1869 was named the 66th Halifax Battalion of Infantry. In 1879, the name was changed to the 66th Battalion "Princess Louise Fusiliers" in honour of Princess Louise, wife of then Governor General of Canada (1878-83) John Douglas Sutherland Campbell, Marquis of Lorne. In 1900 the name changed again to the 66th Regiment "Princess Louise Fusiliers" and in 1915 to its current name the "Princess Louise Fusiliers". Battle honours include the Northwest Rebellion, Boer War, The Great War (5 honours), and World War II (9 honours). In 2007, Master Corporal Chris Stannix was killed, along with five others, in Afghanistan.

Princess Louise (1848-1939) was fourth daughter and sixth child of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. She was the longest living and most accomplished daughter. A natural talent in the arts, she was permitted to pursue training in painting and sculptor and is responsible for some famous works in London including the memorial in St. Paul's Cathedral to Canadian casualties of the Boer War. She became companion to her grieving mother in 1866 - described as a demanding job given her mother's intent of dampening any enjoyment around her. In 1871 she married Lorne, who was also the heir to the dukedom of Argyll.

The cover is franked with a 1½p red-brown George VI issue (Scott 237) and cancelled KENSINGTON 1130 am 17 DEC 1937. Louise's last public appearance is thought to be the Jubilee celebrations of George V in 1935. She died at Kensington Palace on Dec. 3, 1939, at the age of 91.

Nova Scotia Stamp Club
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
<http://www.nsstampclub.ca/>

Nova Scotia Stamp Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on every second Tuesday of the month (except July and August) at the Nova Scotia Museum, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. The club publishes a monthly newsletter (except summer) which is released on the first week of the month.

Dues are C\$15 per person (US\$20 US, US\$25 International) or C\$22.50 per couple payable to :

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Philatelic Book Review

by Gordon Smith

Book Review of *Stampin' Around or The Life of a Stamp Collector* by Fred Jarrett, edited by Merrick Jarrett and Gray Scrimgeour

I had noticed this book in a number of ads in various philatelic publications. The descriptions provided in the ads did not really capture not imagination, so I was not very interested in tracking it down to read. However, when I came across an article referencing this book in relation to some information on the Port Hood Provisional (one of my major philatelic interests), I ordered it on inter-library loan.

The book is a compilation of philatelic stories from Fred Jarrett (1889-1979), who is one of the early giants of British North American philately, who wrote *Stamps of British North America*. The stories are short snippets, mostly one or two paragraphs long, dealing with his experiences including descriptions of his and other peoples' stamp finds, and many famous philatelic personalities he met through his stamp collecting and dealing.

The stories of early collectors of British North American material are very interesting and the descriptions of the philatelic fantasies they created to fool each other (not always in jest) were very informative. Most of the stories are from the 1920's to 1970's.

The back of the book contains transcribed copies of Jarrett's B.N.A. Record from November 1930 to May 1931. The book was compiled by

Gray Scrimgeour and Merrick Jarrett (Fred's son) from Jarrett's rough notes and marked up galleys. From the introduction, it appears that this was a laborious labour of love.

Unfortunately, some of the stories are repeated multiple times. Despite this problem, I found the book enjoyable. I recommend it as a nice light philatelic read.



Fred being awarded the Order of Canada, Ottawa.

John Scrimgeour

Stamp Oddities

FACTS ACKNOWLEDGED!

A. G. JONES

As a **MONOPOLIST** as well as a **BOODLER !!**

AT THE DRILL SHED MEETING HE STATED

"The document referred to was signed by me and it was sent to England.

A VOICE--You ought to be ashamed to tell it. (Cheers.)

MR. JONES--I am a merchant above all things, and **IN MY OWN INTEREST.**

The above notice and subtext was forwarded by member David Jones. The headlines are eye catching but does not give a hint of the text - the shipment of mail from Halifax. The date is unknown. The text...

To the Right Honorable, the Lords of the Admiralty,

I, the undersigned merchant, ship-owner and inhabitant of the city of Halifax and Nova Scotia, fearing the possibility of any renewal of the expiring contract for the conveyance of the mails between this city and the British Isles by steamer, respectfully beg to draw your attention to the following facts:

That there now exists opportunities for postal steamer communication with the British Isles by way of the United States at least thrice a week, and that to pay for even a weekly direct communication from this is of no possible communication whatever.

That any subsidy so paid is nothing less than a subsidy in another form for merchandize traffic, and by heavily handicapping legitimate traders, is a serious interference with private enterprizes.

That your petitioner has had large amount invested in wooden vessels engaged in carrying trade between two countries which has been most injuriously affected by undue competition with subsidized companies;

That the increased trade between the two countries would give employment to the Nova Scotia shipping which now seeks employment in carrying trade to foreign countries;

That your petitioner has had large amounts invested in the carrying trade between the two countries which has been injuriously affected by undue competition with subsidized companies; [yes, stated twice -ed.]

And, they therefore pray that your lordships will not sanction the renewal of the present expiring contract, or the making of a new one;

And, as in duty bound, your petitioner will ever pray.

A.G. Jones & Co.

Cyprus Stamp Prices by JA Forbes Jr.

In a recent issue of the Circular Post (the Newsletter for the Cyprus Study Circle), there was an article noting the significant drop in prices over a two year period, for some higher priced Cyprus material. Christopher Cruttwell was a pre-eminent Cyprus collector who passed away three or four years ago, and his collection was sold at auction in 2007.

I have a feeling that the stamp market has softened in a major way in the past 12 to 18 months...much like the stock market, and these figures, along with some recent realizations from U. S. sales, would seem to support that theory.

The Feldman Auction – Ron Watson The Feldman sale which has just finished should provide some interesting material. Almost all the Cyprus was from Christopher Cruttwell's sale of two years ago. A few items sold for a bit more than they did then but on the whole prices were less and in some case significantly so.



SG2 pl217

Some of the more spectacular reductions:

SG2 pl 184 mint €2600 (Cruttwell £7000),

SG7 pl 216 with 17mm surcharge variety €150 (Cruttwell £680),

SG24 block 18 used with JAB and red cds €360 (Cruttwell £1000),

SG25 with double surcharge €900 (Cruttwell £3200).

[The stamps shown are for illustration only and do not reflect or represent the items described above. -ed.]



SG24



SG25

Novapex 2010

Novapex 2010 planning is in its infancy. It will be a National level show to be held September 24 to 26, 2010 at the Dartmouth Sportsplex. A silver award at the Regional level is required to enter. It is a good time to start planning your exhibit - why wait till the last minute. Watch the club website for further details. If you are interested in assisting with the planning and development of the show, please let the Club executive know.

WANTED:- I would like to accumulate examples of the Gottingen Street and Morris Street post offices (on stamps, cards & covers) in the period 1894-1910. The cancellations (CDS and roller of both offices) may be found on the issues of that period, namely: Small Queens and Widows Weeds, Jubilees, Victoria Leafs and Numerals, the Map and Special Delivery stamps of 1898, Edwards and Quebec Tercentenaries (i.e. Scott Nos. 41-103). I would be interested in either purchasing, or trading for, any number (one, or many) of examples. Keith MacKay (NSSC Member No. 1036), 5669 Victoria Road, Halifax NS B3H 1M9 Tel: 902-421-1376 keithmackay@eastlink.ca

Membership Comings and Goings

David Wolfe (#1040), Halifax, has been accepted as a club member.

There are still a few outstanding unpaid members for this year who are now in danger of being stricken from the record of the club. If this is you then please pay promptly or have the decency of sending me a note of resignation. If resignation is your intention then you have received four newsletters at the expense of other members!



The Nova Scotia Post Needs You!!!

Still looking for new Writers. The pool of material for the coming newsletters is quite low. I now have an abundance of cover stories but one page features are lacking. This is the club newsletter, it would be nice to have more member participation.

Send me your articles and cover stories now. webnews@nsstampclub.ca

Unless of a timely nature, items will be printed on a first come basis. **The deadline for the Jan '10 issue is Dec. 31, 2009.**

St. Pierre et Miquelon Expo 2011

Club Philatélique, SPM is hosting a national level show, June 2-4, 2011. Three competitive classes of exhibits will be allowed - multi-frame, one-frame and youth. Details will be provided in a future newsletter. For more information visit...

<http://www.clubphilatelique.com>

Help on Paper Types Requested

Member Martin Farrell is looking for some help in learning to distinguish early Canadian stamps printed on Laid paper and Wove paper. If you have some of good examples of these to show or a little knowledge to impart upon Martin please contact the newsletter and we will put you in touch.

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