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UP and COMING

January 9 Club Meeting

January 13 Moncton Stamp Fair

January 18 Friends of Philately

March 24-25 2018 Spring National
Edmonton Alberta

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and place of other shows at
www.rpsc.org/shows.html or
www.csdaonline.com/shows



CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME to the
Nova Scotia Post: write up an interest-
ing stamp or cover, talk about a treas-
ure in your collection, explain an item
of philatelic jargon for Stamp Talk.
Write something short - write some-
thing long. Write a serial or regular
column. Share an outstanding title
page from an exhibit. We like every-
thing. Email your contributions to
Marty (zelen@ns.sympatico.ca) and
we'll get you published.

EXCISE STAMPING REQUIREMENTS FOR CANNABIS

The Canadian Department of Finance is proposing to use Excise stamps on canna-
bis when it is legalized this year. Below is a section from the proposed scheme for
the Excise control and taxation of cannabis.

“All cannabis products that will be removed from the premises of a federal licensee
to enter into the Canadian market will be required to be packaged in a container
intended for sale at the retail level and will be required to have an excise stamp. As
with the current tobacco stamping program, a stamp will need to be affixed to a
product:

- In a conspicuous place on the package;
- In a manner that seals the package (i.e., once the package is opened the
stamp cannot be in a condition to be re-used);
- In a manner that the stamp remains affixed to the package after the package
is opened; and
- In a manner that does not obstruct any information that is required under an
Act of Parliament to appear on the package, including Health Canada warn-
ings.

The issuance of stamps will be administered by the CRA and the stamps will be
sold through an authorized provider. With respect to stamping within a coordinated
taxation framework between federal, provincial, and territorial governments with
potentially different duty rates:

- A cannabis licensee (i.e., the manufacturer who packages a product for final
retail sale) would have to apply an excise stamp with an indicator (e.g., col-
our) of the intended provincial or territorial market.
- Diversion of products intended for consumption in a particular province
would be subject to penalties.

The Act will also prohibit the possession or sale of any unstamped cannabis prod-
ucts by a person unless otherwise allowed under circumstances prescribed by regu-
lations. These allowances would include allowances for persons licensed or regis-
tered with the CRA and may further include allowances for:

- A person who is transporting the product under circumstances and conditions
prescribed by regulations;
- An individual or person who has imported the product under special permit
(see section 12: Imports and Exports below), not for final sale to consumers;
or



- An individual who has cultivated cannabis and/or
manufactured a cannabis
product in accordance
with personal-
use/cultivation limits as
provided under the *Can-
nabis Act*.”



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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.

Membership is C\$15 per person (C\$20 US, C\$25 International) or C\$22.50 per couple. Send **new memberships** to...

Nova Scotia Stamp Club
102 Birch Bear Run, Lewis Lake, NS B3Z 4B8

Membership renewals are sent to
NS Stamp Club c/o John Harvey
46 Farquharson St, Dartmouth, NS B2W 4A8

STAMP TALK - POSTAL HISTORY

by Gordon Smith

While philately is the study of stamps including their production and distribution, the study of postal history is the examination of rates, routes, means of transport, and marks related to the historical development of the postal system. The term is attributed to Robson Lowe, who in the mid-twentieth century, popularized the study of envelopes or "covers" as postal historians like to call them.

Through his efforts, the focus of postal history is on the paper aspects and does not tend to include other items which generally might be considered aspects of postal history such as actual hammers (not just the marks they make), mail boxes, or mail bags.

As defined by the American Philatelic Society Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting (2016), "Postal history includes folded letters, outer letter sheets, envelopes, postal cards and stationery, newspapers, parcel wrappings, parcel tags and any other items that have been handled by a postal system." The focus on paper is reinforced by the further statement from the Manual of Judging: "You might also include examples of paper ephemera such as contemporaneous maps, decrees, or post office forms if they aid in the development and understanding of your exhibit."

The study of postal history can be broken down into further categories such as

- general postal history that tells the story of how the mail was carried or handled by a post office including the development of postal services in an area. Aerophilately or the study of the postal history aspect of airmail, railway, maritime and zeppelin mail are aspects of this subtopic;
- marcophilately or the study of postal marks related to the origin, arrival, transit, delay, service, inspection, or further information related to the handling of the mail; and
- Historical, social or special studies which can include mail related to a specific area of commerce or society as it relates to the postal system. Military mail, postal censorship, postal rates and express mail are further aspects of this subtopic.

Further information on this topic can be found at:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Postal_history

https://postalmuseum.si.edu/research/pdfs/Michael_Laurence.pdf

<https://stamps.org/userfiles/file/judges/Judging-Manual.pdf>

INTERESTING METER IMPRINT/RATE

by Marty Zelenietz

When Canada Post introduced the current 85¢ domestic first class letter rate, they offered postage meter users a substantial discount of 10¢ per item. In the years since, the discount has steadily decreased by a cent or two a year, so that the current meter rate is 82¢. Thus, the item shown here caught my eye when it recently arrived: an apparently new meter rate, "Incentive Lettermail 1A", at 76¢. I invite any reader who has more information on this rate to share it in these pages.

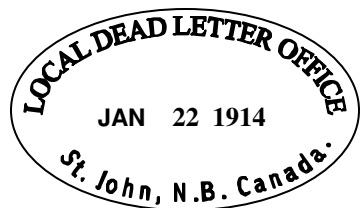


NEW FIND ST. JOHN, N.B. DOUBLE OVAL

D. L. O. HANDSTAMP

DLO HANDSTAMPS SERIES #33

by Gary Steele



Very seldom do you find a new handstamp for a Local Dead Letter Office. Local DLOs only handled non-letter mail thus most are found on postcards or printed matter material.

Most only existed for a short period of time and were in the smaller offices spread across Canada.

The key is when you see any handstamps at all you compare them to what are known and what are proofed for any differences. There is no known proof of this handstamp.

This post card from Denmark, dated Dec 9, 1913, was addressed to St. John, N.B., handled by the Superintendent of Letter Carriers, St. John, N.B. Dec 20 1913, held for one month and marked UNCLAIMED and NOT CALLED FOR at the St. John, N.B. post office. From there it was sent on Jan 21 1914 to the Local DLO office having been received and processed on Jan 22 1914.

No other St. John, N.B. DLO handstamp has 'St. John, N.B. Canada' in small letters. This is also the smallest of the oval double border Local DLO St. John, N.B. handstamp. Note some handstamps do not have a comma after N.B. while others may.

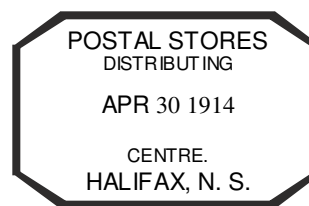


In addition to the DLO handstamp is a very nice strike of a Superintendent of Letter Carriers (a separate section within the Post Office) handstamp in the upper left. These and other Canada Post Internal Handstamps will be written up in future issues.

MONCTON STAMP FAIRS take place each month at the Royal Canadian Legion, 100 War Veterans Ave., Moncton, NB 10 am to 4 pm. Silent Auction from 10 to 1, Live Auction at 1:30 Dates: Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14 and May 12.

CANADA POST INTERNAL HANDSTAMPS #7

by Gary Steele



To increase efficiency the Canadian Post Office department has Distribution Centres in various larger cities across Canada to provide materials and supplies for day to day operations.

Below is a Supply Form #2½ B-1 in French to order envelopes, forms, cards and slips used by a post office within the Nova Scotia region from the Halifax Postal Stores Distributing Centre. Fifty copies of 23¾ B were ordered with a Postal Stores single frame border, 8 sided 45 degree corner handstamp applied.

APPROVISIONNEMENTS EXPÉDIÉS.

Le maître de poste trouvera ci-joints les approvisionnements de formules, etc., mentionnées dans sa demande au maître de poste de datée le.....

1914

11¼ A..... 2¼ G..... 20¼ B..... 30 B..... 60¼ B..... 60¼ B..... 67¼ B.....
 20¼ B..... 1¼ D.L.(g)..... 4 D.L.(g)..... 5¼ D.L.(g)..... 7 D.L.(g).....
 L.(g)..... 12¼ D.L.(g)..... 16 D.L.(g)..... Etiquette 9¼ B..... S. D. g.....
 Livre (lettres recommandées)..... Encre indélébile (choplines)..... Caractères.....

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 Mois Jan. Feb. Mar. Apl. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

Coussin en caoutchouc..... Clef pour sacs de maille..... Tampon.....

Observations.....

2¼ B-1

do bureau expéditeur.

A total of 16 different Canadian cities had similar handstamps proofed. Dimensions and lettering vary slightly.

Of note is that a form 2 ½ G is listed, this may be the English version of this form 2 ½ B, but being able to obtain this form may be the only way to confirm this.

NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION

NOVA PEX 2018

National Stamp Exhibition & Bourse

EAST DARTMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTER
 50 CALEDONIA RD
 DARTMOUTH, NS
 LOCATED NEXT TO BEAZLEY FIELD AND CALEDONIA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

SEPT 14 15 & 16, 2018

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 Souvenirs
 Club Table
 Door Prizes

Stamp Dealers
 Group Meetings
 Awards Banquet
 Hourly Draws

Youth Day on Saturday with free stamps and supplies for all youth participants

Hosted by the
Nova Scotia Stamp Club

www.nsstampclub.ca/novapex18.htm

MYSTERY COVER

by Michael Peach

I have been assembling some covers for an article/exhibit on Diamond Marks. I recently purchased the cover shown

There are several interesting features. It was mailed from the USNS Gen. Wm. O Darby (T-AP 127) and went via Frankfurt am Main (Nachträglich) 12.10.65 to Warrington, Lancashire. It has six orange red ½d Wilding definitive stamps, only cancelled on the corner with a black diamond census mark. The 3d postage would cover the inland postage from October 1957 to May 1965.

During the period 1956-1965 the General William O. Darby, a transport ship, was sailing on the New York to Bremerhaven route. Hence the possibility of being mailed on docking in Bremerhaven and going via Frankfurt to England.

The cover was presumably one to the passengers. Why the British stamps? Did the ship stop at one of the British naval port en route to or from New York? The cover has not been opened and there are no contents, so it is presumably a philatelic item.

Any suggestions?



NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB CENTENARY

by Marty Zelenietz

Another item of Club history came my way at the December meeting. I won the draw (always a notable event!) and my prize was the item shown here- "Souvenir of The Official Opening of the Provincial Philatelic Exhibition April 5, 1979", with a small CDS reading "N.S.S.C. Exhibition- N.S.-/ 5 IV/ 79". The card is signed by Phyllis Blakely. This was just before I moved to Nova Scotia and joined the Club in September of that year. Can anyone supply some background on Phyllis? If you have items of club history to share, please get in touch with me, and we'll use them here as we build towards 2022.



CLUB NEWS

The December meeting was our annual Holiday Social and Christmas Cheer auction. Despite the inclement weather, a good crowd turned out. Heather MacKenzie upped her game and provided us with a wickedly challenging quiz. It showed us how people can interpret the same image in different ways- we found meaning, and fun, in Heather's quiz.

Club members bid aggressively on many items in the Christmas Cheer auction. There were a variety of items donated, including some interesting bottles that still contained fluid. At the end, over \$340 was raised to donate to the Salvation Army and Feed Nova Scotia. The total far surpassed the money raised in recent years. Thanks to all club members who generously donated items, and those who bid with abandon.

One highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award to Keith MacKay. The award is granted by the Executive in recognition of exemplary service to the Club and the cause of the promotion of philately in Nova Scotia. Keith, our immediate past president, received the award from our current president, Guy Jeffery.



The evening ended with members and guests enjoying the delectable treats brought for the occasion. Thanks to all who brought the goodies, and to Gillian Keeping for organizing the spread.

Jack Forbes reports that the November 2017 edition of the Philatelic Specialists of Canada Newsletter carried a two page spread on Leon Matthys and his exhibit on the Halifax Explosion. Most of us had the opportunity to see this award-winning exhibit at Novapex this year. The PSSC story spreads the good word on Novapex and the NSSC. Kudos to Leon.

Kudos also to club member J.J. Tillard, whose exhibit "Saint-Pierre et Miquelon, Le Type 'Groupe' 1892-1908" took the Milcopex multi-frame Grand award in Milwaukee in September.

Our January program, on the 9th, will feature a presentation by the aforementioned Keith MacKay on "The U.S. Navy in Canadian Waters". Plan to attend! There will probably also be time for "Show and Tell", and there will be an auction, so bring a few lots.

MEMBERSHIP DUES are now past due. It is your responsibility as a member to stay in good standing with the club. Please send a cheque or pay cash in person (\$15 individual, \$20 family) payable to:

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