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## UP AND COMING

Every Saturday 4pm Auction  
Seaside Book and Stamp

**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

**Feb 6** Moncton Stamp Fair  
100 War Veterans Ave 10am-4pm

**Feb 9** Club Meeting  
Program TBA, Auction

**Feb 13** Douglas J. Gray  
Open House Show, Dartmouth

**Feb 18** Friends of Philately  
Bloomfield Centre, Halifax

**CSDA Spring National April 9-11**  
QE Bldg., Exhibition Place, Toronto

**RPSC Convention May 28-30**  
Windsor ON

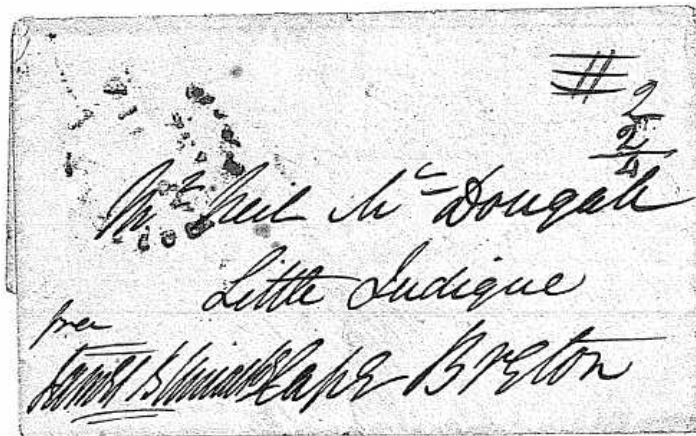
**Novapex 2010 September 24-26**  
Dartmouth Sportsplex, Dartmouth

## James B. Uniacke

by Dennis Bedley

James Boyle Uniacke was born at Halifax in 1799, the son of Richard John Uniacke, prominent citizen and Attorney-General for Nova Scotia. James was a favoured son in Nova Scotia politics and society. After studying law (King's College, 1818) he articulated with his father and studied in London. He practiced law in Halifax and also was involved with other ventures. He entered politics in 1830 for Cape Breton County but was unseated because he did not have the proper qualifications. He was re-elected as a Conservative representing Cape Breton County 1832-48, Halifax Township 1848-51 and Richmond County 1851-54. In 1838 he joined the Executive Council and became a reformer (ca. 1840) during the struggle for responsible government. The 1848 election brought in the first responsible government in the British Empire under a Liberal Party administration led by Uniacke. He was the first premier of Nova Scotia (1848-1854) serving concurrently as the Attorney General.

Uniacke worked closely with his old rival Joseph Howe, the most influential reform politician of the era. Howe was the Provincial Secretary in his cabinet. The two politicians adapted Nova Scotia's institutions to the new democratic forms. Howe's



role become more prominent as Uniacke's health declined. Uniacke was eased into retirement in 1854 and was appointed commissioner of crown lands and surveyor general (1854-57). He died at Halifax on March 26 1858.

This letter from James B. Uniacke in my collection is addressed

to Mr. Neil McDougal, Little Judique, Cape Breton. The signature in the letter was compared to an 1835 deed in the Uniacke Papers by Gary Shulak at the NS Archives and it was considered a match. It is not readily known who McDougal was, but he may have been a prominent citizen of the area. Mr. Uniacke is seeking support for Mr. Laurence O'Connor Doyle (a protégé of his father, Richard Uniacke) for a seat in Cape Breton. Uniacke was also running for a seat. Doyle was considered an incorrigible punster and regarded by Howe as the wittiest man he had ever encountered. He ran in the 1832 by-election for the Cape Breton County seat but after visiting the Island decided to represent Arichat - Doyle was Irish Roman Catholic and thought it more fitting to represent an RC area, albeit predominantly French. The three new Cape Breton seats were thus filled by Uniacke, Doyle, and William Young, but Young's seat was contested and Richard Smith, Superintendent of the General Mining Association, was declared the ultimate winner. Young returned to politics in 1836 in Inverness County and later served briefly as premier in 1860. The letter....

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Dear Sir

A bill having passed the Legislature permitting the inhabitants of Cape Breton to elect three additional Members for the General Assembly in the following manner vizt [sic] One for the township of Arichat one for the township of Sydney and one for the County at large.

I take the liberty of soliciting your influence in favour of my friend Laurence O'C. Doyle Esquire who has announced himself a candidate for your suffrages. I hear of no other except Mr. Young who offers on the interest of Mr. Chandler and [Mr.] Hubert and as that was found insufficient to return one of themselves, I anticipate its failure on a second trial. Of Mr. Doyle's talents and abilities I can speak with the greatest confidence and I know his politics are such as will insure many benefits to the Island of Cape Breton, moreover he will unite with your present representatives on all occasions and thus give full effect the object of obtaining additional Members as it is possible if a difference in sentiment prevails among them instead of gaining strength by having five we shall lose it and sacrifice the interest we ought to support and cherish Hoping to hear from you on this subject and any other connected with the Island. I remain

Dear Sir ... yr obt Servt [sic]

James B Uniacke [signature]

12 April 1832

**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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## Cover Story

by Michael Peach

A souvenir cover was produced for the Third Annual London Stamp show, 21-28 January 1939, held at the Central Hall, London. It also marked the 750th Anniversary of King Richard Coeur de Lion becoming the King of Normandy and England in 1189. It was mailed during the show on 27 January 1939 at the Empire rate and is addressed to the well known Newfoundland philatelist, Canon E.E. Rusted. The souvenir block was printed in sheets of 12 by Harrison and Sons, Ltd. In the top row there are airplanes, a British Airways Lisbon service airliner and, in the air, a British Airways 200 m.p.h. airliner. On the bottom row there are famous ocean liners, the Norddeutsche Lloyd line S.S. Bremen 51,656 tons and the Cunard line S.S. Queen Mary 81,235 tons. The Bremen was one of the liners involved in catapult mail, which during the early 1930s, expedited transatlantic mail. A seaplane was launched by catapult from the liner when it was 600-700 miles from either Cherbourg or New York, taking almost two days off the west-east mail transit time and about a day and a half off the westbound time. The Queen Mary made her maiden voyage from London to New York in May 1936, was retired in 1967 and is now a hotel and museum in Long Beach, California. The Queen's project is proposing to restore her to her original grandeur and returning her to sail the oceans. Incidentally the Second Annual London Stamp show was held in Coronation year, 1937.



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The two Small Queens pictured below have interesting fake CYPRUS Overprints. The size and design of the Overprints appear to be similar to those which appear on these Cyprus stamps, which are also fake. The Postal Administration in Cyprus didn't use this style of font for their overprints.



**Philatelic Book Review**

by Gordon Smith

Having Trouble Finding Philatelic Information, Try the National Library!

If you are doing philatelic research and looking for old journal articles and other obscure information, try looking on-line in Library and Archives Canada ([www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/philately-postal/index-e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/philately-postal/index-e.html)). They have an amazing collection of books, journals, and other archival material primarily related to British North American and Canadian philately, but there is some other countries' information found there. If you go to the Philatelic Bibliography ([www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/philatelic-biblio/001050-100.01-e.php](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/philatelic-biblio/001050-100.01-e.php)), you can search the collection for specific terms. Much of the material found in Cimon Morin's *Canadian Philately: Bibliography and Index. Volumes 1-3* is indexed and can be found within the collection. Articles out of the Canadian Stamp News, BNA Topics and many other journals and books are provided.

The best thing is that you can borrow the material through inter-library loan. For people with a valid Halifax Public Library card, go to [www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/services/borrowing/interlibrary-loans.html](http://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/services/borrowing/interlibrary-loans.html) and fill in the appropriate form.

I have borrowed many items through this system. When an item is too old and fragile to be shipped out, staff at the National Library will usually photocopy the relevant pieces and send them out to you at no cost.

Another good source for BNA information is <http://bnatopics.org/>. This site provides a searchable database of BNA Topics magazines. All issues with the exception of the most recent five years are available for download.

Interestingly, I was doing an on-line search to see what libraries would have a copy of *The Stamps of Canada* by Bertram Poole, so I could get it by inter-library loan. I got a hit from *Project Gutenberg*

([www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page)), where I was able to download a digital copy of it. *Project Gutenberg* digitizes books that are in the public domain due to expiration of their copyright. Unfortunately, the interface for searching their database of publications is cumbersome, making it difficult to browse; it works best if you know the book for which you are looking.

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**Stamp Oddities**

Other than the "A" (right) and "P" denominated stamps, did you know that some Canadian stamps have been issued with no denomination at all. In 1984 this experimental label was issued for Christmas and use stick and tick envelopes. It sold 12 for \$3.39 equivalent to



28¼ cents each. The domestic first class rate in 1984 was 32 cents.



Nov 1994 saw the release of another non-denominated Christmas stamp. The "Greet More" stamp featuring a choir soloist (Sc. 1536) was sold for 38c (the domestic rate was 43c). This stamp, issued in booklets only, was for use on greeting card envelopes bearing the printed postal code matrix. It was only accepted in this format until Jan. 31, 1995.



In May 1995, CP issued two sets of stamps with no value shown. On the 1st, the Flag over the Lake stamp, commemorating the thirtieth anniversary of our flag, was issued. It was accepted for the 43c domestic rate.



The next issue, released on May 5, celebrated 275 years of the founding of the Fortress of Louisbourg. The five stamp (Sc. 1547-51), se-tenant, continuous design set shows a panoramic view of the fortress in its heyday. It was thought that these and the flag issue were printed at the time a rate increase was eminent. Although all other rates increase on Mar 1 1994, the Domestic rate did not increase until Aug 1995. Rather than delay the printings of the commemorative stamps they were printed without the value on them.



### Dr. Sandy Clark (1922-2009)

Dr. Alexander "Sandy" MacDonald Clark passed away on December 4, 2009 in Yarmouth, NS. Sandy was born on August 21, 1922 in Walsall, England and studied medicine at the University of Birmingham, graduating in 1947. In 1966, he moved to Canada, first to Ontario and then to Pubnico, Nova Scotia where he practiced medicine for 27 years. Sandy will be remembered for his extensive volunteer work in his community. He volunteered at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital, at the Yarmouth County Museum, the Yarmouth St. Andrews Society and he was a charter member of the Pubnico Area Lions Club. He was committed to the St. John Ambulance Brigade for 40 years - he received the title Serving Brother of the Order of St. John. In 2002, he was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for his service to the community. He was an active member of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club and a passionate reader, gardener and traveller. He is survived by his children Dr. John (Carmen) Clark, Jill (Greg) Grist, and Sara (Peter) Jackson, and several grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife.



Sandy was very active in the stamp field. Among his Philatelic affiliations were memberships in RPSC, BNAPS, PHSC, PSSC, and the Disinfected Mail Study Circle. Whenever possible he attended the meetings of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club. He had planned to attend the December meeting of the club on the Tuesday after his death. During the winter he visited his daughter Jill and her family in Australia. He contributed various exhibits to Novapex and the Royal. The exhibits mainly reflected his interests in medicine and Nova Scotia, including the titles, *Disinfected Mail and Vessel Quarantine*, *Smallpox on Stamps*, *Tuberculosis and Philately*, *The Stamps of Nova Scotia*, *The Star Postmarks of Nova Scotia & Nova Scotia Postmarks with a Crown* and *Early Nova Scotia Postmarks*, as well as *Royal Death and Mourning*. His exhibit *Early Nova Scotia Postmarks* won the Grand Award at Royal\*2004\*Royale, held appropriately in Halifax.

### 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](mailto:webnews@nsstampclub.ca)

Unless of a timely nature, items will be printed on a first come basis. **The deadline for the Feb. 2010 issue is Jan 29, 2010.**

**2010  
Year of  
the Tiger**



### 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.

### Novapex 2010

Novapex 2010, a National level show, will 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 until 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.

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### St. Pierre et Miquelon Expo 2011

Hosted by Club Philatélique, SPM, June 2-4, 2011. Three competitive classes of exhibits in a national level show 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>

### Membership Comings and Goings

Time's up. If you are reading this then you have paid your dues - with much thanks. There are however a few that we have been removed from the record of the club for non payment. These include...

#924 Janet Hathaway  
#968 Craig Miller  
#1004 George Murphy  
#1008 Tena Keefe  
#1024 Robert Boudreau  
#1034 Orville Osborne

If their payment is forthcoming then they will be reinstated.

A new member application has been received from Gary Steele. Gary is a former NSSC member and is very familiar to many in local and national collecting circles, having exhibited award winning material for several years. Gary collects Dead Letter Office material, 1937-38 Definitive Issue, and Short paid covers.

He is also a member of BNAPS, RPSC, AAPE and PHSC.