

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB



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Meetings : Nova Scotia Museum, Summer Street, Halifax, N.S.

Next Meeting : Tuesday, October 9th, 1984

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536. Program For The Next Meeting -- Ron Lewis :

The program for the October 9th meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club will feature another " PHILATELIC FLEA MARKET " which proved so popular at our June 12th meeting. The rules are the same ; any member that wants to sell, buy or trade stamps or anything of a philatelic nature can bring them along as they may be just what some other member has been looking for. Those members having a lot of material are requested to bring along a table of some sort and space will be allotted for setting it up. A short business meeting will open the evening and then you'r free and on your own to sort through what's available.

537. Delinquent Dues -- The Treasurer :

The dues for the 1984-85 season were to be paid on April 1st but every year some members forget and have to be reminded officially and this is the time for that operation. All members should note that if their dues are not paid by October 31st, they will be struck off the membership list. Remember the dues are ; North America \$10.00, Other Countries \$15.00 with spouse rate (2 for 1½ the price of 1) North America \$15.00 and Other Countries \$22.50. Remember this is not a general call for dues, just if you didn't pay for this season around April 1st.

Ed's Note : You all know our treasurer, Archie Thomas - he's the smiling fellow unless you hand him a bill.

538. Stamp Exhibitions -- The Editor :

(Cont'd from last month) Generally speaking, a

stamp exhibition should be capable of drawing those people who are not collectors but who wish to familiarize themselves with this ever fascinating hobby. A stamp exhibition may also enable collectors to acquire new ideas and skills, to discover new areas of interest or even simply to take note of some items they are missing in their own collections.

A stamp exhibition gives the participants the satisfaction of having their work displayed and the experience of a friendly challenge with other philatelists. Success will be based on the exhibitor's understanding of philately : a winning exhibit being chiefly the result of a skillful knowledge of stamps. The philatelic quality of an exhibit may be rather difficult to describe due to the vastness of the subject, but these considerations have not prevented stamp exhibits from being fully appreciated by the public at large as well as by the specialist. Past experiences have already proven that the best exhibits have always retained the attention of both the average viewer and the appointed judges. This can easily be understood : stamps have an appeal of their own and have something to say to everybody regardless of their experience in the field ; stamps need only to be left to speak for themselves.

(to be concluded next month)

539. Truro Philatelic Society Annual Show

The 1984 edition of the Truro Philatelic Society Annual Show will be held at the Nova Scotia Teacher's College, Arthur Street, Truro, on Saturday, October 27th, from 11AM to 5PM. In addition to the senior and junior competitive and non-competitive stamp sections, a new attraction has been included ; a Post Card Exhibit. It is the intention of the Truro Club to have the view side shown.

Numerous dealers will be in attendance as well as Canada Post who will have a full compliment of Canadian issues along with a special Truro Philatelic Society cancellation for October 27th, 1984.

Ed's Note : All members are urged to attend this show to see the work carried out by another club ; there is no admission fee, a lunch is available throughout the afternoon and the opportunity exists to meet old friends or better still, make some new ones. From the membership of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club to the Truro Philatelic Society ; " The Best of Everything on October 27th ".

540. Canada Post Corporation's 1985 Stamp Program :

February 8th	International Youth Year	Domestic rate
March 8th	Therese Casgrain	Domestic rate
May 6th	Gabriel Dumont (Northwest Rebellion Centennial)	Domestic rate
June 21st	Definitive - Banff National Park)	\$ 2.00

June 28th	Canada Day - Forts Booklet	10 X Domestic rate
August 1st	Additions	Domestic rate
September 4th	Girl Guides - 75th Anniver	Domestic rare
September 12th	Trains -(Last Spike)	2 X Domestic rate 1 X USA rate 1 X International rate
October 3rd	Lighthouses	4 X Domestic rate
October 24th	Christmas	1 X Domestic rate 1 X USA rate 1 X International rate
November 8th	Royal Canadian Navy - 75th Anniversary	Domestic rate
November 22nd	Expo '86	Domestic rate

Ed's Note : Notice how no denominations are included - just in case postal rates are increased ?

541. BNAPS Study Groups :

Postal History Society	Henry Stollnitz, PO Box 20, Bayside, N.Y. 11361
Eire Philatelic Association,	Joseph E. Foley, PO Box 2352, Denver, Colo. 80201
Precancel Stamp Society	Al Gerstenberger, PO Box 14533, Phoenix, Ariz 85063
British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group	Gale J. Raymond, PO Box 35666, Houston, Tex. 77035
Germany Philatelic Society	Werner M. Bohne, PO Box 1005, Longwood, Fla. 32750
Christmas Philatelic Club,	Roy E. Gillespie, 2990 Lookout Br. Zanesville, Ohio 43701
Civil Censorship Study Group	Dann Mayo, 5443 Paseo, Kansas City, Mo. 64110

542. Stanley Gibbons Info :

NEW INFORMATION IN " COLLECT BRITISH STAMPS "

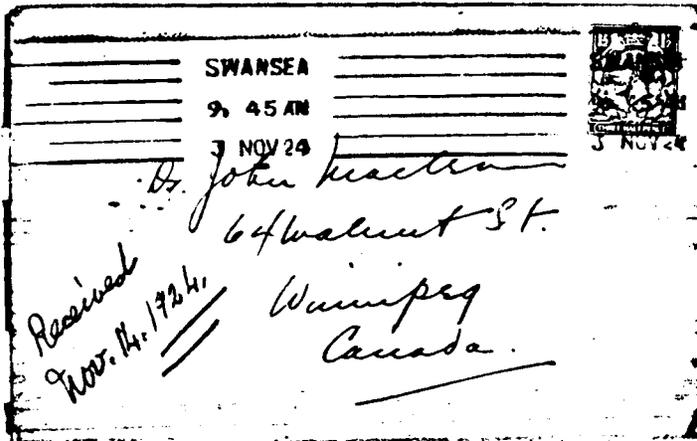
Listing of First Day Covers for Elizabethan definitives and Regional issues are just some of the highlights in the new 35th (Winter 1984/85) edition of " Collect British Stamps ", to be published by Stanley Gibbons Ltd on October 26th at a price of 2 pound 25 in England.

Another feature included for the first time will be the Royal Mail Postage Labels, with prices for sets and the First Day Cover as supplied by the Post Office. Phosphor band omitted errors, set prices for many definitive issues, and Traffic Light Gutter pairs (listed and priced in sets) appear again, as they did in the previous edition. This edition also includes the full listing of Post Office Commemorative First Day Covers, which appears regularly in Winter editions and alternates with the Booklet

listing appearing in the Summer catalogue.

With over 3 million copies sold to date, "Collectors British Stamps" now lists and prices all British stamps, from the Penny Black to the British Council issue due to appear on September 25th.

543. Cover of the Month -- Dave Cooper :



The cover on the left bears an excellent strike of a type of Columbia ? machine cancel. The cancel consists of one solid line at top and six additional lines broken by a block with the place name (SAANSEA), time 9.45 AM) and date (3 NOV 24) and was applied in a continuous impression. This envelope was sent to Winnipeg and a manuscript note reads " received Nov. 14/24. All of this for a red brown three halfpence stamp. The cover is from the Swansea General & Eye Hospital and is addressed to a Dr John MacLean.

544. Canada Post -- Stamp Error :

The locations of two of the 12 paintings representing scenes in each province and territory, have been incorrectly identified on the Canada Day postage stamps which went on sale June 29th, 1984, Canada Post Corporation announced recently. While creating interest in the issue, the error will not increase the value of the 52 million 32¢ stamps.

The two stamps involved depict a church in the Northwest Territories and a landscape in the Yukon. The Corporation said the identification of the two scenes in the margins of the stamps was reversed early in the design process when work was being done from slides and a photograph of the paintings supplied to the Corporation. The error was discovered recently by National Postal Museum staff when the original paintings were unpacked for cataloguing and display. The paintings are by well-known Quebec artist Jean Paul Lemieux. They are being issued as part of celebrations marking the 450th Anniversary of Jacques Cartier's arrival in Canada.

545. Questions & Answers -- Phil-A-Telic :

Dear Phil ;

In catalogues and at stamp dealers tables, I have seen stamps which have " specimen " marked across them. What is a " specimen " ? Yours Truly,
Wondering

Dear Wondering ; I too have seen such stamps and have wondered. From the introductory pages of Scott's Catalogue comes the following information which helped me and I pass it on to you. " One of the regulations of the Universal Postal Union requires member nations to send samples of all stamps they put into service to the International Bureau in Switzerland. These are then sent to all other member nations as samples of what stamps are valid for postage!" Sincerely

Phil-A-Telic

NOTE : Send your philatelic questions and concerns to ; Phil-A-Telic, 5890 Pine Hill Crescent, Halifax, N.S. B3H 1E5.

546. Executive Meeting -- Notes :

The September meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Executive was held on Monday, September 24th, with the following items of business being brought forward ;

- Best in Show Award & Court of Honor Medals report ; Marilyn Murphy stated that she had no feedback from former winners of these awards as to their views/comments, so nothing new could be reported at this time.
- Exhibition Frames Report ; Pete Ineson stated that he was still working on cost estimates of new frames and would have his report at the next Executive meeting.
- George MacKenzie stated that no volunteers have come forward for the 1985 Exhibition so he'll start to contact people hoping they'll accept his offer.
- UNPAID DUES ; The treasurer announced that 36 members still owe their dues which should have been paid in April. All members are requested to check their membership card to make sure the expiry date is March 85'. If you don't pay, the October (end) Newsletter will be the last one you receive.
- Cost of advertising in the Newsletter ; The editor stated that the policy of the Newsletter in regards to advertising over the years has been \$3.00 for small four to six line ads which are put in for three issues ; \$20.00 for full page as part of the Newsletter (one issue) and \$20.00 for single page, two-side insert printed by the advertiser. The Newsletter is our major expense and advertising has given us a little extra revenue to work with. After some discussion by the executive, Claude Michaud & George MacKenzie were requested to review the existing policy to see what additional guidelines, if any, need to be added. They are to report their findings to the Executive at the October meeting.
- Rental of frames to Charlottetown Stamp Club ; A request has been received from the Charlottetown Stamp Club for

the use of some of our frames for their planned hosting of BNAPS in 1987. The President is to contact their representative to get further particulars and advise them that we agree in principal but thay would have to cover all transportation charges, damage etc.

547. Post Card Exhibition --Notice :

All members should plan to attend HALIFAX'S FIRST POST CARD EXHIBITION, sponsored by the HALIFAX POST CARD SOCIETY on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th, from 10AM to 5PM at the LORD NELSON HOTEL in the GEORGIAN ROOM. Featured will be EXHIBITS, DEALERS and information on post card collecting. OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC -- FREE ADMISSION.

548. Membership :

The following application for membership has been received ;

Theresa Irene MacDonald -- Collects Canadian and UN mint singles.

The following changes of addresses have been received ;

Mrs Elizabeth Sheward, PO Box 655, Lower Sackville, N.S.
B4C 3J1
Guy Gatin Jeffery, 12 Susan Place, Dartmouth, N.S. B3A 4M3
Basil Patriquin, Wentworth, RR#1, Cumberland County, N.S.
BOM 1Z0

The following member has resigned ;

Charles A. Shields #727

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ONCE AGAIN -- PLEASE VOLUNTEER YOUR SERVICES FOR THE 1985 STAMP EXHIBITION. WE HAVE TO GET SOME NEW PEOPLE IN THE COMMITTEES AND ESPECIALLY THE EXHIBITION CHAIRMAN POSITION. THE PLAN IS TO HAVE CO-CHAIRMAN NEXT YEAR SO YOU WON'T HAVE THE WHOLE RESPONSIBILITY YOURSELF BUT BE IN A LEARNING POSITION. NO OFFER WILL BE REFUSED. CONTACT EITHER THE PRESIDENT OR THE EDITOR OF THE NEWSLETTER.

DON'T FORGET THE FLEA MARKET OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT ON OCTOBER 9th AT OUR REGULAR MEETING.