

# NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB



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

Next Meeting : Tuesday, February 12th, 1985

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576. Program for the Next Meeting -- Ron Lewis :

The February 12th Meeting of the NSSC will commence at 1930hrs due to the length of the Catalogue Auction. The auction lots will be on display from 1830-1930hrs and at that time a brief business meeting will be held after which our capable auctioneers will place 220 lots of excellent material under the hammer. The listing of the lots were sent out to all members during the week of January 14th so you all know what will be available, but you'll still have time to look over your items of interest on that night. After lot 110, a short intermission will allow further inspection of the remaining lots.

This should be another good Catalogue Auction as an excellent range of countries and material has been provided by numerous club members. The Catalogue Auction chairman, Gary Coolen, appraised the submissions, and although in some cases had to amend the description ie LH vs F, all reserves were left as received. This auction is open to the public so bring along a friend and extra copies of the Auction Listing will be available at that time for non-members. The only difference between members and non-members for this meeting is that non-members must pay cash for lots gained while members can pay by cash or cheque. Nova Scotia Hospital Tax is added to all sales unless a licence for an exemption is provided.

577. Exhibition Watch -- Bob Fear :

The Rules and Regulations for the Nova Scotia Stamp Club's 1985 Stamp Exhibition can be found as a separate part of this month's Newsletter. As in the past, the Exhibition Committee

is looking for at least 100 frames and just maybe we'll beat last year's 120.

Please submit your entry forms to Bob Vaison as soon as possible although the deadline isn't until Friday, March 29th. The sooner the better because we have to make up the program insert and have it printed after that date and I would think that most members have their entry plans finalized by now, at least the title and number of frames, you can send your entry form to Bob even before you start your exhibit. Another reason we need to know as soon as possible is that once again this year we have opened the Exhibition to any member of a Maratime Stamp Club so we may have numerous outside entries or maybe not. If we do have, decisions will have to be made as to space allotments etc. Remember the reason the Executive opened the Exhibition up was due to the lack of participation by our own members over the past years so lets have a few new exhibitors this year, we had some new names in the program last year so lets continue on with that trend.

578. Executive Meeting -- Notes :

The January meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Executive was held on Monday, January 14th, with the following items of business being brought forward ;

- Report regarding aluminum frames ; Peter Ineson stated that aluminum frames had been found in Ottawa and were being photographed and measured and this information will be sent to him at which time he will contact possible manufacturers for cost estimates. Peter hopes to have the final results available at the next Executive meeting.
- RPSC Court of Honor medals ; Marilyn Murphy advised that the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada do not have a specific medal/parchment for the Court of Honor but their representative suggested that we could use the normal Gold awards and suitably inscribe it for the Court of Honor. The Executive decided to take this approach and Marilyn will check to ensure we have sufficient stocks of Gold awards to cover both the Court of Honor and Senior Exhibits phase of the Exhibition.
- President's Award ; Marilyn Murphy distributed the revised guidelines for this new award and the main change is that it will become the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award. After reviewing the guidelines and a short discussion, the President requested that we review them at our leisure independently and carry out a final discussion at the next Executive meeting.
- Lowering turn-out at Club Meetings ; A lengthy discussion was held on this matter with a multitude of ideas covering numerous approaches. There are many reasons why members aren't coming out as often as in the past ; Senior members are affected by the weather as are those who live outside the metro area ; some former regular members have changed their way of life ie working Tuesday nights or attending any number of class types etc. We all agreed that we need to get new members but equally as important, we have to retain them as well as get our regular members out more often. It was also agreed that we have to do better publicity regarding

our Club meetings so Hugh Rathbun and Peter Ineson will contact Cablevision and the Newspapers for additional coverage of our monthly meetings. Rob Matthews of course provides excellent coverage in " Perforations " but maybe every stamp collector doesn't read it.

579. CANADA 85 -- IN HALIFAX ?

I assume everybody was aware that Canada Post initiated a National Stamp Exhibition in Montreal last October. This was a 300 plus frame Exhibition, open to Seniors and Juniors with awards covering a wide range of collecting interests. This Exhibition proved very popular in Montreal last year so Canada Post are planning to hold one every year and move it over the country. In December, Canada Post Regional and Ottawa representatives met with selected members of the NSSC Executive to discuss the pros and cons of the plan. Canada Post requested that the projected Exhibition be kept a secret until later so it has just been the last couple of weeks that the news could be released. At present the Nova Scotia Stamp Club has advised Canada Post that it will support the Exhibition by providing volunteers for different committees and the set up and it is hoped that members of other Atlantic Province Stamp Clubs can see their way to help in the support. Canada Post will provide all the finances and senior organization. IF the present plans go through, the Exhibition will be held from October 3rd-6th at the World Trade and Convention Centre, Halifax. This could be the only opportunity for people to see the highest standard of philatelic material available without going out of the eastern area as one of the rules in Montreal was that the exhibit ( each ) had to have won at least a silver award at a regional show. As plans are finalized, hopefully by the end of January, Club members will be notified as soon as possible.

580. Halifax Herald's Nova Scotia Philately Award -- Rob Matthews :

The following letter has been received from Rob Matthews, the editor of " Perforations ". For those of you who attended our 1984 Banquet at which he was the guest speaker, you'll remember he mentioned his hopes of a Nova Scotia award sponsored by the Halifax Herald Limited.

Dear Bob ;

I can now officially advise you that the Halifax Herald Limited's Nova Scotia Philately Award will be available as of 1985.

Eligibility for this award is restricted to philatelic material that relates directly to the postal history of Nova Scotia. It may consist of stamps, covers, cancellations, a treatise, a book, a monograph or any other form of stamp-collecting matter that in the opinion of the judges merits consideration.

It is a requirement that said material be entered in one exhibition where it may be viewed by the public. That exhibition

need not be of a competitive nature, ie, where medals and scrolls are awarded. The Halifax Herald Limited's Nova Scotia Philately Awards are not designed to spur competition, but to encourage collectors in Nova Scotia to study, exhibit and preserve this Province's philatelic heritage.

The judges are encouraged to eliminate both expense and expanse as overriding criteria for this award. It may be meant, instead, to acknowledge that many collectors labour with limited funds but are capable of excellent work nevertheless.

To be eligible, a club must notify the undersigned in writing ( which can follow a telephoned advisory ) at least 30 (thirty) days prior to the date of exhibition that there will be exhibits for judging for this award. Two frames constitute an exhibit for junior collectors, four frames for seniors. Only one exhibition per club per year will be eligible. An award shall be made on merit. If in the opinion of the judges there is no merit, no award shall be made, but certificates of appreciation will be given to all eligible participants.

At each exhibition, one award will be available for a junior, and one for a senior.

Any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Rob Matthews

" Perforations "

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

Dear Phil ;

I have been perplexed for some time about the gum on the 1971 Christmas stamps of Canada. The 6¢ and 7¢ ( Scott 554 & 555 ) appear to have a different kind of gum than the 10¢ and 15¢ ( Scott 556 & 557 ). Was the Post Office experimenting with a new gum with the set ? What are the two kinds of gum ? And why the Change ? If you or any of the members of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club could clear this perplexity up for me I would be pleased.

Sincerely, a NSSC Member

Dear NSSC Member ;

You have raised an interesting question. It would appear that the same gum used on 554 & 555 appears on issues before and after so this may not indicate a change with this set. Maybe if we have some gum experts in the club they would let me know so I can respond in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Respectfully

Phil-A-Telic

Send your questions & Answers to Phil-A-Telic, 5890 Pine Hill Cres, Halifax, N.S. B3H 1E5

582. Membership :

The following has applied for membership in the

Nova Scotia Stamp Club ;

Dave Bamber, 69 Hillside Ave., Lower Sackville, N.S. - Dave collects Canada and World Wide.

The following Change of address has been received ;

Laurence McFarlane, 115 Chelsea Road, Moncton, N.B. E1G 1K2  
from PO Box 333, Sackville, N.B.

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Fellow Club members will be sorry to hear that Claude Michaud will be entering hospital in the near future for major surgery. Our very Best Wishes go with Claude.

We wish him all the very best and a speedy recovery.

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583. Our Canadian Heritage -- Walter H.D. Horne :

( Cont'd from last Newsletter ) There are some lively sketches of Pratt's early literary contacts, particularly with English professor Pelham Edgar who held an informal poetry class. Pratt's future wife, Viola Whitney attended. It was the likely pleasure of her company that prompted Pratt to join the group and it was in those Monday's gatherings that Pratt first became interested in poetry and was inspired to write his early, derivative and apallingly bad verses : " Thou silver shell that liest near/The pebbled margin of the sea ". In such later poems as " The Titanic " and " Towards the Last Spike ", was to find its full flowering. In 1917, he wrote his first long poem, " Rachel ", a recreation of his boyhood world ; but it was until 1923 that the publication of " Newfoundland Verse " demonstrated that Canadian poetry had found a new voice.

By this time he had settled into married life and a steady job teaching literature, indulging himself in his love for golf and poker games, launching himself as a Toronto literary lion, convivial host of lively parties, mentor and patron of other writers. He was always short of money, and dreamed of " making a mint " from one flighty scheme or another and yet was always generous to impecunious students and editors of literary magazines.

" Ned was a prince ", wrote one of his friends, " You couldn't imagine him doing a mean thing, not because he would have rejected it, but because it would never have occurred to him "

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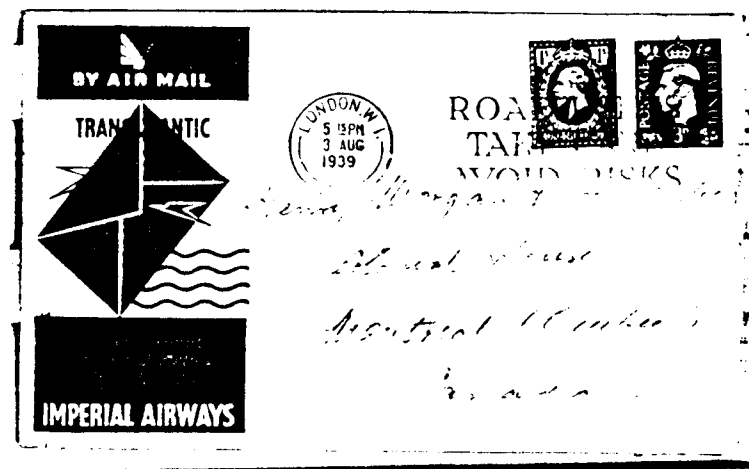
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584. Cover of the Month -- Dave Cooper :



The machine slogan reads in three lines - " Road Users/Take Care/Avoid Risks " and was issued in London WI at 5.15pm, 3 Aug 1939 and back date stamped in Montreal Aug 6, 7 pm 1939.

Possibly because WWII broke out shortly after this, the slogan does not appear in later years. This cover bears number 6760 on the reverse certifying this cover was actually flown to Montreal from Great Britain via Erie & Newfoundland. The postage I believe was 3D for overseas and 1s for Air Mail.

- DON'T FORGET ... Catalogue Auction at the next regular meeting, February 12th.
- ... Next Canada Post stamp issue will be a 32¢ value on February 8th honoring International Youth Year.
- ... Annual Stamp Exhibition will be held on April 13th and 14th, no admission charge -- Plan to put in a frame or two - Rules & Regulations are enclosed with this month's Newsletter.
- ... Canada 85 will probably be held in Halifax in October from the 3rd to the 6th.