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

Next Meeting : Tuesday, June 11th, 1985.

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

The program for the June 11th meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club will feature another " PHILATELIC FLEA MARKET " which has proved so popular over the past year with it being the main attraction at our June 12th and October 9th, 1984 meetings. The rules are the same as before ; 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'll be free and on your own to sort through what's available.

610. Letter Regarding the Closing of the National Postal Museum :

The Honourable Perrin Beatty
Minister Responsible for Canada Post
House of Commons
Parliament Buildings
Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6

Dear Mr Beatty :

The Nova Scotia Stamp Club is appalled by Canada Post's decision to close the National Postal Museum. Although some of the Museum's resources will still be available, documents, records, and artifacts relating to Canada's postal history will be placed in storage. The inaccessibility of this data will stop the research of many philatelists and postal historians, who are contributing to the education and culture of Canadians.

Postal history is part of Canada's historical and cultural history. We feel the Government of Canada should support people who are attempting to develop and promote this heritage.

A small portion of the huge profits that Canada Post makes each year from philatelists would easily finance the construction and operation of a postal museum.

We urge you to require Canada Post to announce, within the next few months, plans for a new postal museum for Canada.

Sincerely Yours,

Bob Vaison
President

CC : Stewart MacInnis
Michael Forrestall
Howard Crosby

Ed's Note ; It is believed that due to letters such as this one, that the following announcement was made by Canada Post. Our letter was dated March 25th, Canada Post's April 1st.

Canada Post Corporation today announced the selection of a temporary site for the National Postal Museum which will house the National Stamp Collection, the Philatelic Library and the philatelic sales counter. This announcement was made today at a meeting of Ottawa-area MPs, organized as a result of a request made to the Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister Responsible for Canada Post Corporation, by Dr. Bill Tupper, MP.

The new location is on the main floor of the Journal Building, at the corner of Kent St. and Laurier Ave., in downtown Ottawa. Work on air conditioning and security measures is now in progress, and the new site could open its doors to the public by the end of the school year.

" When we announced the closure of the National Postal Museum, we promised to make the National Stamp Collection and Philatelic Library accessible as soon as possible ", said Andre Villeneuve, Vice-President Corporate Communications. " I am pleased to announce today that not only have we found a suitable site in downtown Ottawa to make these two important elements of our national heritage accessible in time for the summer season, but we have also included the philatelic counter formerly located at the museum".

As a result of a motion by the Board of Directors, the Corporation also announced the formation of a planning committee to effect the permanent relocation of the National Postal Museum within three years.

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

Dear Phil ;

I have several intact " booklets " of Canada, Great Britain and Australia which I would like to display. If I explode the booklet, do I depreciate it's value ? Is there a " proper " or accepted manner of displaying the booklets within a

collection ? Is it fair/correct to assume that a booklet pane is 1 page from a booklet ?

B.E. Wildered

Dear B.E. Wildered :

You raise some interesting questions. If you explode the booklet for display purposes you will depreciate its value. If you want to exhibit them, its a price you will have to pay.

In displaying booklets everything relating to the booklet must be displayed including the staple or string. All the bits and pieces plus the stamps go into making the booklet.

To the best of my knowledge and that of a few other collectors, a booklet pane is one page from a booklet.

Sincerely Phil-A-Telic

Ed's note : Thank goodness we finally received a live one, not one of Phil's - see it's possible. Let's have more from the members for the next season starting in September - Write Phil-A-Telic, 5890 Pine Hill Cres., Halifax, N.S. B2H 1E5.

POSTAGE PAID

Here's to the memory of Willoughby Smudge,
The quick-licking, lip-lapping, stamp-sticking king
who favored the flavor of mucilage much
And found the collecting of stamps quite addicting

It started quite innocently in his youth,
When Willoughby was but a pup,
With a trading stamp book to be filled page by page
by licking and sticking it up

He got in his licks with a shlurp and a shlep
and he stamped much faster than most
Till his quick-licking, lip-lapping, stamp-sticking routine
Was famous from coast to coast.

His powers and prowess grew wonderfully keen,
And loudly his praises were sung.
Statues were raised and streets were renamed,
In praise of " Old Flypaper-Tongue ".

But alas to the roof of his mouth his tongue stuck,
And he came to a full glottal stop.
" Mi Tum I Tuck " he said quite surprised,
With his heart going flippity-flop.

How will he speak ? and how will he eat ?
" By gum, I fear he's had it "
And that's how old Willoughby ended his days --
The late great philatelist addict.

Well, they packaged him up in his Sunday best,
Had a coffin especially made.
Then they sent him to heaven with this request :
" Please handle with care. Postage Paid "

(Thanks Collins)

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

The Man Who Called Time --- On May 20th to the 24th, 1982, Canada was host to the International Philatelic Youth Exhibition at the Canadian National Exhibition Grounds in Toronto and to honor the event, Canada Post had the Threepenny Beaver on its 30¢ Postage stamp. But there is another story about this stamp that few collectors have heard about and it's even more fascinating. For the stamp was designed by Sanford Fleming, a 24-year old Canadian who became a legendary figure.

In 1883 he stopped millions of clocks all over North America when he created the Universal Day. Two years later, people on every continent re-set their watches to the new system he had proposed for a 24-hour day. He divided the world into 24 time zones and created Standard Time, now used throughout the world. Fleming is known as the first man also to plan a railway across Canada and became "The Father of the Canadian Pacific Railway". In almost any other country he would be a national hero. Raised in the small seaport of Kirkcaldy in Scotland, he emigrated to Canada in 1845, age 18, without any formal education. Fleming settled in Peterborough and quickly found a job as an architectural draughtsman. He received his engineer's certificate. Four years later he moved to Toronto. After the rebellious 1830s, the 1840s were relatively peaceful and many of the young sons of the Family compact and the city's young professional men, who had been involved in politics, now began to dabble in the arts and sciences. The new gas lamps and telegraph messages had become the talk of Toronto. The railway boom was about to hit Upper Canada and, in 1849, the young Fleming became the principle figure in founding a scientific society that became known as the Royal Canadian Institute.

In 1851, when the government of Canada proposed to introduce the revolutionary new idea of postage stamps, Fleming's design was chosen for Canada's first stamp. Before 1851, other countries had been reproducing the heads of reigning monarchs or heads of State on their stamps. On April 23rd, 1851, Canada became the first country to use a picture. It had chosen the animal that became a national symbol and the stamp became known as the "Threepenny Beaver".

613. Custom Duty Stamps -- Dave Cooper :

If you wait long enough you are bound to get a sequel. Newsletter 118, Vol 14, 1981, page 4 & 5, covered an article on Customs Duty Stamps. My second paragraph advised they were still usable and were for the prepayment of duty on printed matter in accordance with Customs memorandum D49-2 and referred to 17¢ postage. Well the 17¢ postage rate is now history and so is the provisions for prepayment of duty on printed matter.

Customs tariff classification 17800-2 did read ;
" On goods specified in tariff item 17800-1 when forwarded to Canada by mail, duties may be prepaid by customs duty stamps,

under regulations by the Minister, at the rate specified in the item, except that on each separate package weighing not more than one ounce, the duty shall be each B.P. 1¢ MFN 2¢.



On February 16th, 1984, Group 5, Schedule "A" was revised showing that tariff item 17800-2 was struck out. The reason for striking out this tariff item was that it became redundant. Prior to the February 16th Federal budget, advertising matter from other countries was subject to duty (excluding countries entitled to British Preferential tariff treatment. U.K. and Ireland were excluded from the benefits of the British Preferential Tariff after they joined the European Economic Community.

The February 16th, 1984 budget reworded tariff item 17800-3 to exempt from duty advertising matter produced in countries entitled to either the Most Favoured Nation tariff or the British Preferential tariff, when the advertising matter related exclusively to products or services of such countries. Advertising matter produced in a foreign country pertaining to Canadian products or services still remained subject to duty.

614. Executive Meeting -- Notes :

The May meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Executive was held on Monday, May 27th, with the following items of business brought forward ;

- Retirement of Awards -- Marilyn Murphy announced that a firm decision still hadn't been reached in this matter. Some of the former donors still hadn't officially agreed to discontinue the award while another member has shown interest in donating an award. It was agreed to hold the matter over until the new season commences in September.
- Third Director -- The President announced that a number of members had been approached for this position but each had a specific reason why they couldn't take it at this time. A further drive will be put on by the President and hopefully one will be found by the next meeting of the Club.
- Philatelic Coasters -- We only have 25-30 coasters left and

Hugh Rathbun will have some at the next meeting if anybody is interested in getting a set to take to their cottage or even somebody else's cottage for the summer. The price is still only \$7.00.

615. Membership :

The following have been accepted as members in the Nova Scotia Stamp Club ;

810	Hugh Corkum
811	Ben McLellan
812	T. Peter Soderro
813	Elizabeth Soderro
814	Lucille C. Robinson
815	Dawn Attis

ADVERTISING

WANTED : Newfoundland Postcards with scenes of " Cupids " and " Clarke's Beach " . Contact Mel Boone, PO Box 284, Slemon Park, P.E.I. C)B 2A0

TRY A NEW EXPERIENCE : Buy quality stamps at affordable prices from HOUSE OF STAMPS, PO Box 398, Station "M", Halifax, N.S. B3J 2P8. I deal mostly in Canada and Provinces, but have a good selection of Commonwealth and USA.

NOTE The 1984 Stamp Exhibition's Certificates of Participation will be presented at the June 11th meeting prior to the commencement of the " Flea Market ".

REMEMBER

THE NEXT MEETING (AFTER JUNE) SEPTEMBER 10TH

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER LATE AUGUST

The Executive hopes you have a happy and safe summer season -- For those of you we don't see at the June meeting, we look forward to seeing you in September. Remember the Club holds no meetings in either July or August.

Canada Post Issue Reminder ;

June 21st	Definitive-Banff National Park	\$2.00
June 28th	Canada Day-Forts Stamp booklet	10 X 32or 34¢
August 30th	Louis Herbert	32 or 34¢
September 3rd	Inter-Parliamentary Union	32 or 34¢
September 12th	Girl Guides	32 or 34¢
October 3rd	Lighthouses	4 X 32 or 34¢