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

Next Meeting : Tuesday, October 8th, 1985 -- 2000hrs (8PM)

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

The program for the October 8th meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club will be another one of our " Single Page Stamp Exhibition " which have become so popular over the past few years. For new members, the idea calls for each member to bring to the meeting an interesting stamp, cover or any other piece of philatelic material, mounted on an album page with a simple write-up pointing out the feature of interest. Some members will have an opportunity, if they so desire, to talk for a couple of minutes on their exhibit and then all exhibits will be mounted for display so members can view them easily. This program will fill a two-fold purpose ; give older members a chance to get their first page done for our 1986 Exhibition and provide newer members the chance to see how they can set up a display for the Exhibition. Don't forget, find something of interest in your collection and show it to the rest of the membership.

627. A German Panorama -- Doug Casey :

(cont'd) Following Great Britain's issuing of the penny black in 1840, other countries established postal services as well. Amongst these were some of the small kingdoms, grand-duchies, principalities and free cities which covered the area which later became Germany.

The first to do this was Bavaria in 1849. Fourteen others followed in the years up to 1864. They were encouraged to do so following the signing of the German-Austrian Postal Agreement in 1850. This was the first international postal union and was negotiated between Austria and a number of German states.



In 1867 a number of German states joined together with Prussia to form the North German Confederation. It issued stamps starting on January 1st, 1868, which superseded the stamps of the member states. As a result of the Franco-Prussian War, the inauguration of the German Empire took place on January 18th, 1871. On January 1st, 1872, the German Empire issued its first stamps, which eventually replaced the issues of all the earlier German States.

The first stamps had the centre embossed, the design being the Imperial Coat of Arms. At the time there was not a common currency and thus the first issue was released in two currencies. In groschen, with a small shield in the Coat of Arms; for the northern districts, and in kreuzer, with a large shield, for the southern districts.

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628. Stanley Gibbons News Report :

The 1986 edition of the ever-popular and informative Part 1 British Commonwealth Catalogue was due to be published on August 30th. As always, extensive editorial improvements have been made. For example the listings of the 1935 King George V Silver Jubilee sets have been expanded to include a number of additional Plate varieties. Notes and illustrations are now included for the various Postage labels (' Framas ') and the Canada " Stick and Tick " experiment. Major revisions have been carried out to the listings of Batum, Burma, Egypt, the Indian States, Long Island, and the Orange Free state among others.

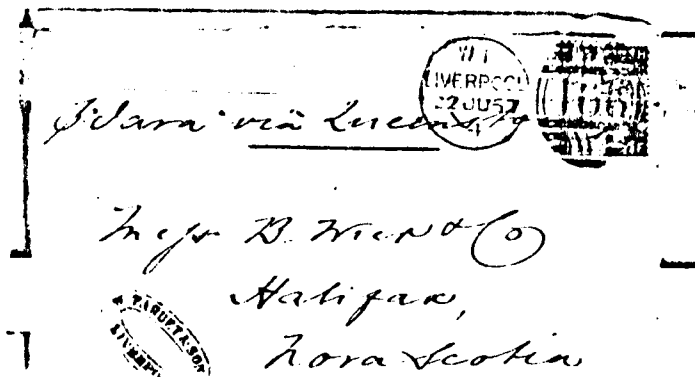
It is encouraging to note that the steady consolidation of prices has, in general, been sustained in the new catalogue. Increasing demand for stamps from the latter part of Queen Victoria's reign to that of King George V has continued, spreading to the more common stamps of this period. This interest is particularly noticeable among the West Indies issues, Bermuda, Fiji, Gibraltar and the Seychelles. In addition, some issues from the reign of King George VI have risen in value. It should be noted however that these apply mainly to pre-1945 stamps.

India up to 1949, together with the related Convention and Feudatory States, continues to prove popular, and is being joined as a major collecting area by the territories which now make up Malaysia. Prices have improved throughout this group, including those covering the Japanese Occupation 1941-45. Many items from this period are now acknowledged to be very scarce.

A revival of interest in used stamps has become most noticeable coupled with increasing demand for errors and varieties. A special effort has been made this year by the Catalogue Editor to provide prices for such items, previously left unpriced. Prices for new issues have been oscillating for some time now due to currency fluctuations. It is to be hoped however, that, with the steady revival of sterling, that this period is now at an end.

It is not known what the price of this Catalogue will be in Canada but the price in England was Seventeen Pound, Fifteen.

629. Cover of the Month -- Dave Cooper :



The front has a 6 pence lilac with hyphen issued in 1867. The cancel is a duplex Liverpool cancel of 22-Ju 67 - W1 Liverpool, clerk 4. This cover bears the notation at the top " S. Java via Queenstown ". The steamer Java left Liverpool on August 3, 1867, and arrived in Halifax August 13, 1867 - 10 days steaming. This cover especially of interest if the freight forwarders stamp " W Tarbet & Sons, Liverpool.

630. National Stamp Collecting Month--Canada Post :

DID YOU KNOW ... that all Canadian postage stamps issued since 1859 can still be used to prepay postage on mail ?

DID YOU KNOW ... that, in the early days, when mail could be sent either prepaid or collect, the Post Office made a refund to addressees who found that they had paid postage on anonymous letters ?

DID YOU KNOW ... that a boon to postal customers was introduced in 1858, when sheets of stamps were first perforated ? Prior to that time each stamp had to be detached from the sheet with scissors.

These are just some of the facts that contribute

to making the world of stamp collecting so fascinating. Many more facts will be discovered by Canadians this October, when Canada Post Corporation, and the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada launch a month-long campaign to stimulate interest in philately.

October has been designated as Stamp Collecting Month in many countries, and this is the fourth year that Canada has participated. As part of Canada Post's continuing involvement in International Youth Year, this year's program will focus attention on the ambitions and interests of young Canadians. Schools will be supplied with information kits, and local postmasters will be available to speak to interested groups. Stamp collecting has been practiced for nearly 150 years and is considered the world's most popular hobby.

631. Canada Post Corporation's 1986 Stamp Program :

EXPO 86', sports, explorations, Canadian literary and historical figures, broadcasting, science and technology will be highlighted in the 1986 stamp program announced by Judge Rene J. Marin, Chairman of the Canada Post Corporation.

The Calgary Winter Olympics, to be held Feb. 13-28, 1988, will be the subject of the first stamp of 1986 to be issued Feb. 13. Two other stamps, featuring winter olympics sports, will be issued October 15th, 1986. Four stamps will be issued to mark EXPO 86', the world exposition to be held in Vancouver from May 2nd to October 13th. Two stamps will be issued on Feb. 26th (one of these was originally scheduled to be issued on November 22nd, 1985) and two others May 2nd, 1986. La Mauricie National Park, located in the Laurentian mountains, 220 km northeast of Montreal, will be featured on a \$5 definitive stamp to be issued March 14th.

Philippe Aubert de Gaspé (1786-1871), a renowned French Canadian author, and Molly Brant (1736-1796), an Indian Loyalist forced to take refuge in Canada because of her pro-British activities in the United States, will each be the subject of one of two stamps to be issued April 14th. A stamp will be issued on May 9th to mark the 75th anniversary of the Canadian Forces Postal Service which was formed in 1911 to provide postal service to members of the Forces (and their families) wherever they may be serving .

Four of the more than 500 different species of birds in Canada will be depicted on four stamps to be issued May 22nd. Featured will be the Snow Goose, the Great Blue Heron, the Spruce Grouse and the Great Horned Owl. Four stamps, to be issued June 27th, to mark Canada Day, will represent some of the various groups and individuals involved in the exploration of Canada. On July 23rd, a stamp will be issued to mark the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Canada's first national radio and television network. Four stamps, first in a series dedicated to Canadian science and technology, will be issued August 29th. They will feature four unique Canadian inventions ; the rotary snowplow, the variable pitch airplane propeller, the anti-gravity flight suit and the Canadarm space arm.

James MacLeod, who helped greatly in the development of the Canadian West as Commissioner of the North-West Mounted Police and later as a judge, and Crowfoot, a chief of the Blackfoot tribe remembered for his efforts to promote the interests of his people and maintain peace in the West, will be commemorated on September 5th. Three Christmas stamps will be issued on October 29th. The fourth and last set in Canada Post's train series, this time featuring four locomotives in service between 1925 and 1945 will be issued on November 21st.

632. Membership :

The following has been accepted as a member of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club ;

816 William H. Grandy

The following have applied for membership in the Nova Scotia Stamp Club ;

John J.F. Harvey, 30 Helene Ave, Dartmouth, N.S. John collects Canada and German issues.

Deepak Haritwal, Apt 1506, Edmund Rice Bldg, St Mary's University. Deepak collects aerophilately, stamps on Mahatma Gandhi, Postal Stationary and Thematics.

Denise Parsons, Dartmouth. Denise collects used American, particular 1910 Washington 2¢.

Andrew S. Elliot, Windsor. Andrew collects Canadian , Vatican City and Colonies.

Russell H. Deveau, Dartmouth. Russell collects Canada.

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WANTED -- Newfoundland Postcards with scenes of " Cupids " and " Clarke's Beach ". Contact MEL BOONE, PO Box 284, Slemon Park, P. E. I. COB 2A0

633. Executive Meeting -- Notes :

The September meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Executive was held on Monday, September 23rd, with the following items of business being brought forward ;

- Revised Policy on Awards -- As Marilyn could not be at the meeting, the new policy on awards was put off until the next Executive meeting.
- New Frames -- Peter Ineson announced that 20 frames could be manufactured for a cost not exceeding \$500.00. These would be wood frame with plexiglass. A motion was made and passed to get the frames built. A total of 8 members will be required to help Max Somers build these frames in late October or early November. Volunteers are required to leave their names with Pete at the next meeting or call him at 426-9717.
- Catalogue Auction -- We still need a Chairman for the Catalogue Auction but more important is the query " Is a Catalogue Auction worth all the time and work " This was the basis of a thought provoking discussion as over the past few years less and less of the members are entering lots and sales are dropping also. It was decided to put this item before the members so be ready to air your views at the next meeting.
- Exhibition -- We still need a Chairman for the annual Exhibition to be held on April 11th & 12th, 1985. Some names were passed to the President and he will contact them to see if one can be found. Any volunteers are asked to contact the President as soon as possible.
- 1985 Exhibition Financial Statement -- The 1985 Exhibition ended with a deficit of \$462.63 which has been the case over the past few years.
- Monthly Meeting Auctions -- The topic of reserve bids was brought forward at the last meeting and was one of the agenda items at the Executive meeting. After a period of spirited discussion it was decided to give the idea a try. Members are to note that the December monthly auction will be comprised totally of " NO RESERVE " lots. This should make an interesting auction at least - what will members put in, better than our average auction etc?

634. Delinquent Dues -- The Treasurer :

The dues for the 1985-86 season were to be paid on April 1st but every year some members forget and have to be reminded officially so here goes. All members should note that if their dues are not paid by October 31st, they will be removed from the membership. 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 them around April 1st.