

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB



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

Next Meeting : Tuesday, November 12th, 1985 -- 2000HRS (8PM)

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

The program for the November 12th meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club will be a 57 slide program by Major R.K. Malott of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. The title is " Canada - Its Beauty on Stamps " and for those who know Major Malott, he's a specialist on Airmail issues so this should be an interesting program as he'll, I think, be out of his chosen field of collecting. It could be a good lesson to members who don't feel they can enter our exhibitions because their speciality isn't good enough - pick another area and enter a frame or two. Don't forget this meeting will also feature the " CHRISTMAS CHEER AUCTION " so bring out all the lots you can as the total receipts go to organizations dedicated to helping others. Lets beat our total of last year which was \$233.00

636. Delinquent Dues -- The Treasurer :

As stated in last month's Newsletter, those members who have'nt paid their dues for the 1985-86 season will be struck off the membership list the end of this month-October. For those of you in this situation, a special insert will be found in this Newsletter notifying you of your forgetfulness.

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

I have often been asked if stamps are a good vehicle for investment. This is quite apart from the fact that most of us collect for the fun of it, that is until the time comes for our

hobby/collection to be passed on to a relative or friend, dealer or auctioneer. Then our leisure time spare cash " hobby " becomes serious business. It suddenly turns from a fun hobby to a profitable investment so we think and hope. The following " tips " come from Hansen's 2nd Edition of " The Guidebook & Catalogue of Canadian Stamps " Is stamp collecting a hobby or investment ?

- YES ---for the lucky individual who has the funds to purchase the blue chip stamp of Canada.
---for the individual who has time on his hands and wants a relaxing hobby.
---for the wise collector who budgets his stamp expenditures to suit his purse.
---for the young collector who wants to learn more about the world around him.
---for the collector who enjoys studying stamps for their varieties.
---for the collector who takes the time and effort to attractively mount and write up his collection.
---for the specialist who is willing to spend endless hours researching his particular interest and is prepared to intelligently collate his material into an attractive presentation.
---for the hobbyist who is willing to realize that he must pay for his entertainment and amusement and is prepared to accept the salvage value when the time comes to dispose of his holdings.
---for the collector who has patronized a good, reliable stamp dealer and has built up a solid relationship with him, for that dealer will most often be willing to re-purchase material at a more than fair price.
---for the collector who loves stamps for what they are - remarkable ambassadors of goodwill towards all men ; purveyors of dreams ; distributors of romance ; examples of all that is finest in the arts of the world.

Note : The NO side will be in the next Newsletter.

638. A German Panorama -- Doug Casey :

(Cont'd) In 1875 a decimal currency, based on the mark of 100 pfennigs, was adopted and the result was a new issue of stamps in the new currency, and with a change of design.



Other stamps were issued during this period but the most popular, and most familiar, is the one bearing the allegory of Germania in the design. This was based upon the portrait of the

Wagnerian actress Anna Fuhring. It was first issued in 1902.

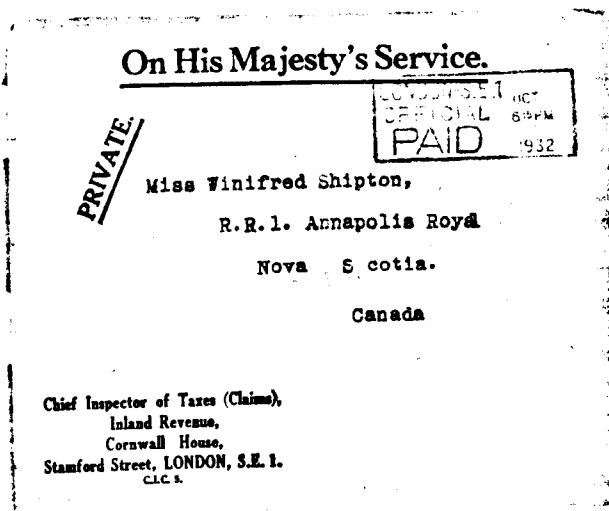


The German Empire came to an end in 1918, following the defeat of Germany in World War I. The Emperor abdicated and fled to Holland and on November 9th, 1918, the Weimar Republic was formed.

To celebrate the convening of the National Assembly at Weimar, the Republic issued it's first stamps starting on July 1st, 1919. These and later issued emphasized a new order with new growth and development.



639. Cover of the Month -- Dave Cooper :



The cover on the left is an official cover sent by the Chief Inspector of Taxes (Claims) London, S.E.1, to Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia. Unfortunately when I received it there was no cheque enclosed. The franking is a rectangular reading LONDON-S.E.1/OFFICIAL PAID Oct 11 6.15PM, 1932.

640. Stanley Gibbons -- Information :

The 1986 Edition of " Stamps of the World " continues in the two-volume format established in previous years. Volume 1 (containing countries from A-J) appeared on August 30th while Volume 2 (K-Z) is scheduled to be released on October 30th.

Over 3,700 new stamps and 950 illustrations have been added to the new Volume 1. Catalogue numbers for stamps listed are, as usual, in line with Gibbons Part 1 British Commonwealth (1986 Edition) and their 21 current Sectional Foreign Catalogues. Prices have also been brought into line with these catalogues.

In addition, a number of notable price raises have been added to the new Volume in several sections, these have been specifically revised for this edition. The sections involved include China, Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greece, Greenland, Hungary and Iceland. " Stamps of the World " Volume 1 (A-J) in England is priced at Thirteen Pound 50, check your dealer for the price in Canada.

641. Membership :

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

817	John J.F. Harvey
818	Deepak Haritwal
819	Denise Parsons
820	Andrew S. Elliot
821	Russell H. Deveau

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642. Philatelic Knowledge -- A Definition ? :

I found this in my Newsletter file tucked away for use at some time, don't know for sure but think it came from an old Scott Monthly and written by the late William Wylie --it'll take a few

Newsletters to complete ;

WHAT WE CALL PHILATELIC KNOWLEDGE

Stamp collecting and philately are popularly regarded as being one and the same thing and individuals interested in stamps and the collecting of stamps are generally called philatelists - at least by those who feel able to pronounce that word. In the ranks of the hobby however, stamp collecting and philately aren't always considered synonyms and a stamp collector is not necessarily rated as a philatelist.

The novice discovers this when he becomes interested in exhibiting in competition. He finds that something called PHILATELIC KNOWLEDGE is given more weight than any other factor when awards are made in stamp shows. He's likely to wonder exactly what this term means.

Organizers of exhibitions usually take the position that nothing more than a well-filled pocketbook is required for the simple collecting of stamps. Since the well-heeled collector would enjoy an obvious advantage if only numbers of stamps shown and their rarity and condition counted in competition, show sponsors seek to establish a species of equity by recognizing the study of stamps as well as their accumulation.

What has come to be known as philatelic knowledge underlines the difference between the stamp collector and the philatelist. When a new stamp is issued by the United States, Antigua or the Netherlands, a stamp collector is satisfied when he obtains a nice copy and perhaps a few extra copies for trading etc. But mere acquisition of a stamp doesn't satisfy the philatelist. More potent than his possessive instinct is a desire to know all there is to know about his stamps.

This is the essential difference between a stamp collector and a philatelist - at least according to well-established philatelic usage. It must be realized that the hobby has a recondite terminology, usage having given precise definitions to words and phrases which have rather different meanings in non-philatelic contexts.

(To be continued)

Ed's Note -- The following is known as " filler " ---- PHILATELY this word was coined by a Frenchman Georges Herpin in 1864 from the Greek " Philos " for friend or amateur, and from such an object as a stamp. This stamp which exempts something such as a letter from further tax, is " ateleia " :- ergo - " philately ". His comment was that a letter required a charge or tax for transmission. The stamp, paid for in advance, enabled the Post Office to make no further charge, and those who collect are presumably amateurs.

Did you know that the world's first stamp depicting a dog was Newfoundland's 1887 issue, Scott #56. The first USA stamp to include a dog in the design was the 1893 30¢ Columbian showing a dog lying on the floor.

How's that for Philatelic Knowledge ?

Stamp Coasters --For Sale ;;; Are you looking for an appealing inexpensive gift to give this Christmas ? Try stamp coasters. A package of four featuring four different Canadian stamp designs, including the 50¢ Bluenose and the 10¢ Mountie. The sets, which sell for only \$ 7.00, will be available at the November meeting. Profits from the sale of coasters will help offset the cost of the annual Exhibition.

643. Executive Meeting -- Notes :

The October meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Executive was held on Monday, October 28th, 1985, with the following items of business being brought forward ;

- Revised Policy on Awards -- Marilyn Murphy presented the new policy on awards to the Executive and after a brief discussion it was accepted in total. This policy will be outlined in next month's Newsletter.
- Now Frames -- A few volunteers are still needed to assist in manufacturing these frames. The time period will be within the next two weeks so please call Peter Ineson at 426-9717 if you can lend a hand.
- 1986 Catalogue Auction -- After a period of discussion the Executive decided that the Club must hold a major auction at some point during the year but what form should it take . It was decided that to cut down on the cost and work involved, a large descriptive listing as in past years would not take place, but a shorter version of probably two pages would suffice. This listing would only carry the Scott # and condition. Bob Fear volunteered to be the Chairman with Dave Cooper and Gary Coolen his assistants. Members are asked to enter lots and submit them to Bob before the end of December. More on this in the next Newsletter.
- 1986 Exhibition Chairman -- Who else ?? Bob Fear has taken on this position again and as usual is looking for Club members to volunteer their services to look after or at least help in the various chairmanships. The dates of the Exhibition are set-up on Friday, April 11th with the Exhibition on April 12th & 13th.
- Outstanding dues -- The treasurer announced that 21 members still owe their dues for this year. If you are one of these people, a special notice will be included in this copy of the Newsletter and if your dues are not paid by the end of October your name will be removed from the membership list and this will be the last copy of the Newsletter. Of course we'll accept late returns.
- Coasters for sale -- Refer to the top of the page, these make excellent Christmas gifts even if your friend is not a stamp collector and the money makes Archie happy.
- Navy Stamp Launch -- The Editor announced that the 34¢ Navy stamp, although being issued on November 8th, will be officially launched on November 11th at 12.15 Noon at HMCS Scotian, Lower Water Street. All members will receive a special invitation by separate mail at no cost to the Club.