

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB



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

Next Meeting : Tuesday, February 11th, 1986 -- 1930HRS (7.30PM)

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659. Program For the Next Meeting -- Ron Lewis :

The February 11th meeting of the NSSC will commence at 7.30PM due to the length of the Catalogue Auction. The auction lots will be on display from 1800-1930hrs and at that time, a brief business meeting will be held after which our capable auctioneers will place 230 lots of excellent material under the hammer. The listing of the lots is enclosed with this Newsletter and as outlined in previous Newsletters, only the basics are listed so you mail bidders will have to bid what you feel is the maximum you want to pay for a specific item. Those of you who attend the auction of course will be able to see the material and judge for yourself what is a competitive bid. After lot 115, a short intermission will allow further inspection of the remaining lots plus time to have a coffee and timbit in order to gain strength for the second part of the program.

This should be another good Catalogue Auction as an excellent range of countries and material has been provided by Club members. The Catalogue Auction Chairman, assisted by Dave Cooper and Gary Coolen, has appraised the submissions so you can be sure that those items up for auction are of a good standard and as advertised. As in previous years, this Auction is open to the public so bring along a friend or two and extra copies of the Auction list will be available 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 cash or by cheque. Nova Scotia Hospital Tax is added to all sales unless a licence for an exemption is provided. Remember also that no sales of unsold lots during the auction will be carried out by the Club afterwards as has been the case in past years.

As stated before, the Auction list has been reduced in order to cut costs ie. stamps, envelopes and paper plus the work involved. We have probably saved about \$100, is it worth it ? Let us know your feelings.

660. Exhibition Watch -- Bob Fear :

The Rules & Regulations for the Nova Scotia Stamp Club's 1986 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 maybe we can beat the 1984 record of 120 frames.

Please submit your entry forms to Bob Vaison as soon as possible, the sooner the better because we have to make up the program insert and have it printed after the due date for entries and hopefully most members already have their entry plans finalized by now, at least the title and number of frames, so you could even send your entry forms to Bob before you start your exhibit.

As stated in the last Newsletter, a specific number of frames will be allotted to those members who would like to enter an exhibit of a page or two or more not in competition. Those members are requested to fill out the entry form with all particulars but check off the no part of the competition block.

DON'T FORGET: Dates ----Saturday, April 12th & Sunday, April 13th
Times ----10Am to 5PM both days
Banquet --Saturday, April 12th
Set-up ---Friday, April 11th, 6PM-?

661. A German Panorama -- Doug Casey :

Cont'd ... As most are aware, Germany was divided by the major powers into four zones, the American, British, French and Russian. At first each zone was tightly sealed off from the others, with the armed forces of the occupying country in charge. Later there was more co-operation amongst them. On March 19th, 1945, the Allied Military Governments of the United States and Great Britain issued what came to be known as the "A.M.G." issue (Allied Military Government) for use by the civilians in areas occupied by these two powers. Accordingly they were used in the British and American Zones of Germany.



In February 1946, a series of stamps was issued which were valid for use in the American, British and Russian Zones.



The French did not participate and issued their own.



The previously issued A.M.G. stamps were valid for use until November 11th, 1946. This co-operative period continued until nearly mid 1948.



During this time, various issues were released followed by the last issue on May 22nd, 1948. Following currency reform in the American, British and French Zones on June 21st, 1948, the existing postage stamps became invalid. At this time Soviet authorities over-printed stamps for use in their Zone later releasing new issues. At the same time the British and Americans issued common stamps for use in their Zones. The French continued to operate independently and issued their own stamps for use in their own Zone.



662. Philatelic Knowledge -- A Definition ?

(cont'd) Most collectors at one time or another have said things because an otherwise desirable stamp was spoiled because a firm had perforated it with initials. When a philatelist was inspired to make a serious study of stamps with perforated initials he laid a foundation for an area of philatelic exploration with impressive potential.

It may be said that "why " is the most significant word in the vocabulary of the philatelist. As he studies stamps he runs across many things he doesn't understand and is moved to strive to seek satisfactory explanations for anything and everything that puzzles him. And no matter how much he learns about the stamps in his album he'll never cease to be alert for information which can add to his knowledge of them.

Essentially the stamp collector and the philatelist differ because the first is satisfied to acquire stamps while the other wants to know all there is to know about them. But it might be noted that philatelists/philatelic knowledge is related to stamps as stamps rather than to their political, geographical, historical or ethnological background. This doesn't mean the philatelist ignores these areas. On the contrary they're more often than not vital to an accurate understanding of a particular stamp's reason for being. Postage stamps, after all, are mirrors of history and the philatelist who thinks only of the physical differences in stamps is simply a taxonomist without genuine feeling for stamps as social documents.

Philatelic knowledge implies comprehensive understanding of stamps and this involves appreciation of the historical, social and ethnological forces which influenced their release. However, this is significant only when it is adequately integrated with postal paper. It is this integration of the physical stamp and its use which is the objective of those who have a truly valid claim to status as philatelists. The End.

663. US Postal Information -- New Issue

The US Postal Service has announced that it will issue a booklet of commemorative stamps on January 23rd, in celebration of the hobby of stamp collecting. The booklet will contain two identical panes of four 22¢ stamps each. On the same day that the US stamps are issued, the postal administration of Sweden also will issue a STOCKHOLMIA 86 IV (Stamp Collecting) booklet containing a single pane of four stamps that commemorate the world's favorite hobby.

Each of the four US stamp collecting designs features a " stamp-on-stamp " motif. " Stamp Collecting " appears across the top of each stamp and " USA 22 " is at the lower right of each. One of the stamps depicts a young boy working on his stamp collection, another features cancelled stamps, another canceled stamps on covers and handstamps used to cancel stamps while the last one features a 1938 three-cent US stamp under a magnifying glass.





664. Executive Meeting -- Notes :

The January meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club was held on Monday, January 13th, 1986, with the following items of business being brought forward :

- Deletion from Membership list because of unpaid dues ; The treasurer and Newsletter Editor announced that 15 members have been removed from the membership list due to the nonpayment of their annual dues. It was noted that this is two more than last year but still better than many of the previous years.
- Manufacture of new Frames ; This will take place at Pete Ineson's place on Saturday, January 18th, numerous members have pledged support to this task and 25 new frames should belong to the club by the time you get this Newsletter.
- Sale of Coasters ; Hugh Rathbun announced that 89 have been sold with 7 remaining which gives the club a profit \$ 204.90.
- Exhibition 1986 Update ; Bob Fear announced that the first meeting of the Exhibition Committee will be held on Thursday, January 23rd at 8PM at Bob's place. Most of the Chairmen have been actively working on their duties so this will be more of an update meeting with reports from all concerned.
- 1986 Catalogue Auction ; Bob Fear stated that a total of 240 lots will be in the auction. He also announced that the Museum warned him that they may not be able to provide the required number of tables due to other activities on at that time. Members are asked to put a card table in the trunk of your car that night just in case. Even if we end up with 100 card tables, it's better than having to lay the lots on the floor.
- Newsletter Editor Search ; We are still waiting for a volunteer to take over the editorship of the Club's

worldwide read Newsletter. Don't forget, as payment, after six years, you may get a glowing report in " Perforations like I did last weekend. Needless to say, anybody that knew me didn't recognize who Rob was talking about. Thanks Rob, you are the only one that knows the " real " me.

--- Upcoming Programs ; Ron Lewis announced the planned programs for the rest of the season ;

March	Postal History - Ken MacDonald
April	Annual Meeting followed by our <u>second</u> unreserved auction which was so popular in December.
May	Nova Scotia Cancellations by Lloyd MacPherson .. Forget about praying for fine weather, we were outnumbered by teachers and students last time.
June	Flea Market, another popular program.

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

I guess I is a roll for Phil, nobody has written to him since early December so all he has for us this month is information. I guess now that I have the answer I can pose the question ; Dear Phil ; What do you know about Canada's First Postage Stamps ?

Dear Editor ; Rawdon, Wright, Hatch and Edson of New York printed Canada's first postage stamps, the imperforate Pence issues of 1851 on laid paper. The 3d Beaver was designed by Sandford Fleming, a young civil engineer who was to be later knighted for his work on Canada's railway construction. He also devised the system of standard time zones now used throughout the world and in his later years served as Chancellor of Queen's University at Kingston.

The 3 pence Beaver - building a dam and symbolic of Canada and the importance of the beaver skin as a means of exchange in Canada's early days., issued April 23rd, 1851, printed from one plate of 200 subjects which was cut into two panes of 100, paper horizontally laid.

Ed's Note - See how easy it is folks, lets give that a try, send your answer to Phil and he'll provide the question. Don't forget his address -- Phil-A-Telic, 5890 Pine Hill Cres., Halifax, N.S. B3H 1E5.

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