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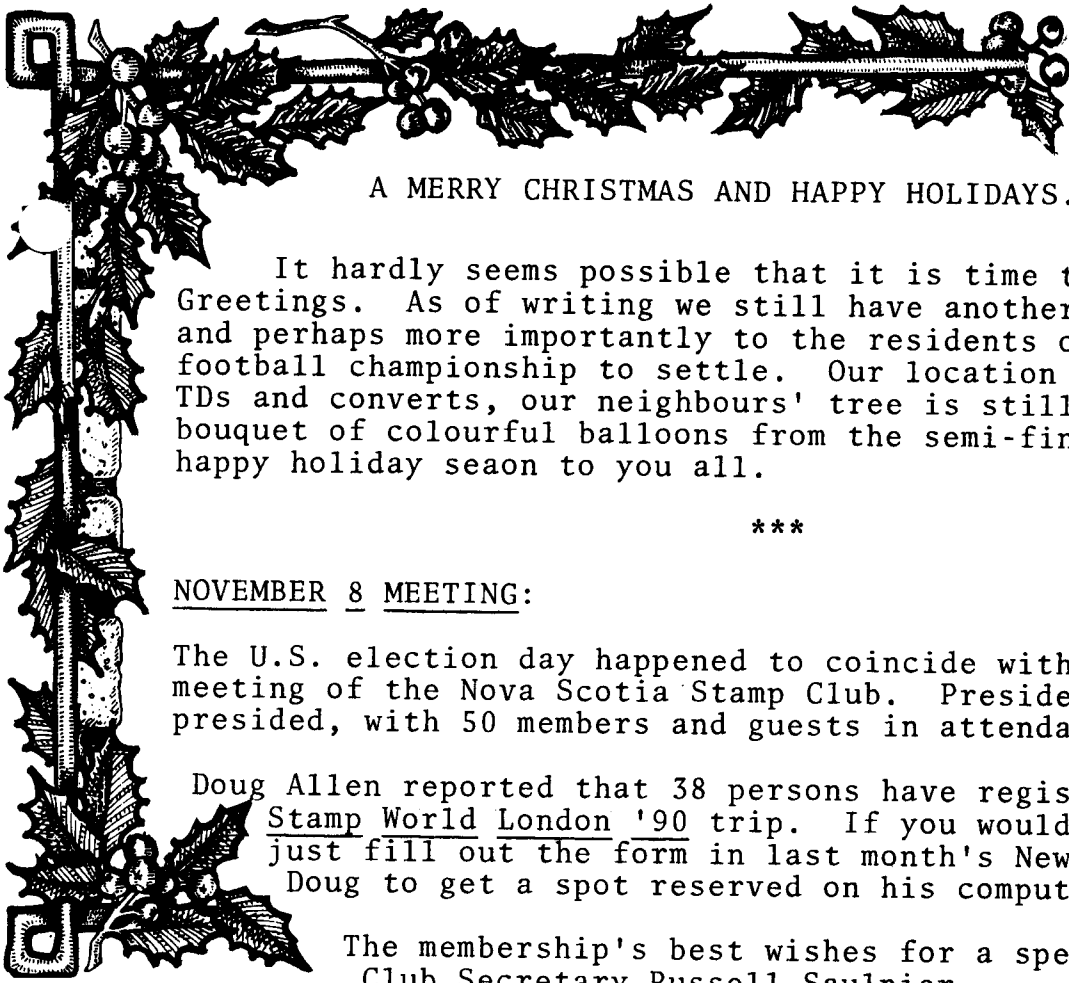
Newsletter

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Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at the Nova Scotia Museum,
Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. at 8 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 1988.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

It hardly seems possible that it is time to extend Season's Greetings. As of writing we still have another election to settle, and perhaps more importantly to the residents of Tower Road a national football championship to settle. Our location makes us very aware of TDs and converts, our neighbours' tree is still festooned with a huge bouquet of colourful balloons from the semi-finals. Anyway a very happy holiday season to you all.

NOVEMBER 8 MEETING:

The U.S. election day happened to coincide with the regular monthly meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club. President George MacKenzie presided, with 50 members and guests in attendance.

Doug Allen reported that 38 persons have registered interest in the Stamp World London '90 trip. If you would like to register interest just fill out the form in last month's Newsletter and return to Doug to get a spot reserved on his computerized list.

The membership's best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Club Secretary Russell Saulnier.

CHARITY AUCTION: This annual event takes place at the December 13 meeting, be generous in your auction contributions and in your bidding.

Members who attended the Truro Show reported that it was a good show, in a

fine facility, well organized and with good material.

Marilyn Murphy, first vice-president, represented the Club at the Nov. 2, unveiling of the Bishop Inglis Stamp at the University of King's College.

Concern was expressed at the absence of Rob Matthew's Perforations column in the new format of the Nova Scotian. Members were assured that it would return due to popular demand.

The evening's programme consisted of a presentation by Exhibition Chairman John Hall on Novapex '89, April 15 and 16. The following have agreed to act as Chairmen: Ken MacDonald, Bourse; Gary Steele, Senior Exhibits; Marilyn Murphy, Juniors; George MacKenzie, Facility; John Hall, Publicity; Claude Michaud, Judges; Bob DeBay, Programme. Help is still needed for Layout and Design, Club Table, and Banquet. John is hoping to attract 800+ to this year's exhibition. There will be a prize for the most popular exhibit and a one-frame exhibition will be revived. It is asked that you remember the Juniors, donations are needed for their auction. It is your show, the members of the committee are most willing to have your ideas, suggestions and participation.

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DECEMBER PROGRAMME: A Topical Panel, followed by Christmas Cheer Auction.

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MEMBERSHIP:

Membership granted to: #865 Robert J. McGregor
#866 Boyd L. Eavis

Application received: Dr. Juan A. Embil, 1980 Parkwood Terrace, Halifax, B3H 4G3. Collecting interest: Spain, Canada and Caribbean.

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TRURO PHILATELIC SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW AND BOURSE

For those of you who were unable to attend the Truro show, the following will give you an idea of what you missed. As mentioned in the meeting notes on page one, people were most impressed with the facility, the Glengarry. The rooms were spacious and well lit, club members hospitable, there was even a lovely offering of rosy-red apples at the welcoming table. The exhibit featured a Court of Honour, Nova Scotia Pence Issue, four frames by Dr. J.J. MacDonald; Imperforate Inscription Plate Blocks of Edward Issue, two frames, Dr. Henry Hicks. The competitive section saw a gold award for W.G. Burden's four frames of Postal Rates of the Small Queen Era. Silvers were awarded to Dr. R.A. Burden for seven frames of War Tax Issues of Canada; to Bob Murray for three frames of Early Truro Post 1812-1900; and to Alice S. Moore for four frames of Elizabeth II Philatelic Errors; a bronze to W.G. Burden for two frames of Truro Business Mail of the late Victorian Era. Other frames were Dr. H. MacCormack's Postcards and W.G. Burden's Liberia: The Rainbow Issue of 1949. Of particular interest to NSSC members was the awarding of a gold to Ken MacDonald for his three frames on the Use of Edward Stamps. The day concluded with a banquet, Dr. Hicks addressed the gathering,

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PHIL-A-TELIC:

Sure I'll ask myself another question but don't expect me to do it all the time.

Why were Canadian stamps printed with a map and "Xmas 1898"? Canadian stamps were printed with a map and the text "Xmas 1898" to commemorate the introduction of penny post within the British Empire. The map has most of the British Empire printed in red. On Christmas Day the new 2-cent rate became effective to prepay 1-ounce letters mailed from Canada to the British Empire. These stamps had been issued for domestic use on December 7, 1898. The map stamp of Canada is unique in many ways. It is the only Canadian stamp that had two official first days of use, December 7 and 25. It is the only Canadian stamp printed in three colours by two processes, engraving and letterpress. It was Canada's first map stamp.

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EFO'S --- Continued:

ODDITIES:- This type includes anything that isn't in the errors or freaks category listed in the previous two newsletters. These take in cancellation varieties, plate varieties, design errors, gum changes, shade varieties, and all "odd ball" items that don't fit into a specific specialization. Oddities can be found on your daily mail, in dealer's stock, and just about anywhere. The beautiful part of oddities is that a collection of this material makes a nice album to show friends and neighbours at a very low cost. Most of the time, when you show stamps to non-collecorers, they do not understand what you are showing them and it takes alot of explanation. When you display oddities a non-philatelist will be astonished at the "errors" that you own and each item is self-explanatory. And, when you tell them that you found this stamp on your mail, or only paid 25¢ for that cover, you may even make a convert to the hobby.

Next issue:- Where you can find EFO'S.

Don't forget Phil's address, send him a question, 1333 South Park Street
Apt. 515,
Halifax, N.S.
B3J 2K9

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PHILATELY SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, by Bob Vaison

Doing it in style with King George V (from The Postage Stamp of April 25, 1914):-

The Sixth Congress will be held under the auspices of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 20th, 21st and 22nd, 1914, at 4, Southampton Row, Holborn, London, W.C., and the following announcements have reached us for publication....

Visit to Windsor.

His Majesty the King has graciously invited the delegates of the

forthcoming Congress and the members of the various Committees, accompanied by members of their families, to visit Windsor Castle on the morning of Thursday, May 21st.

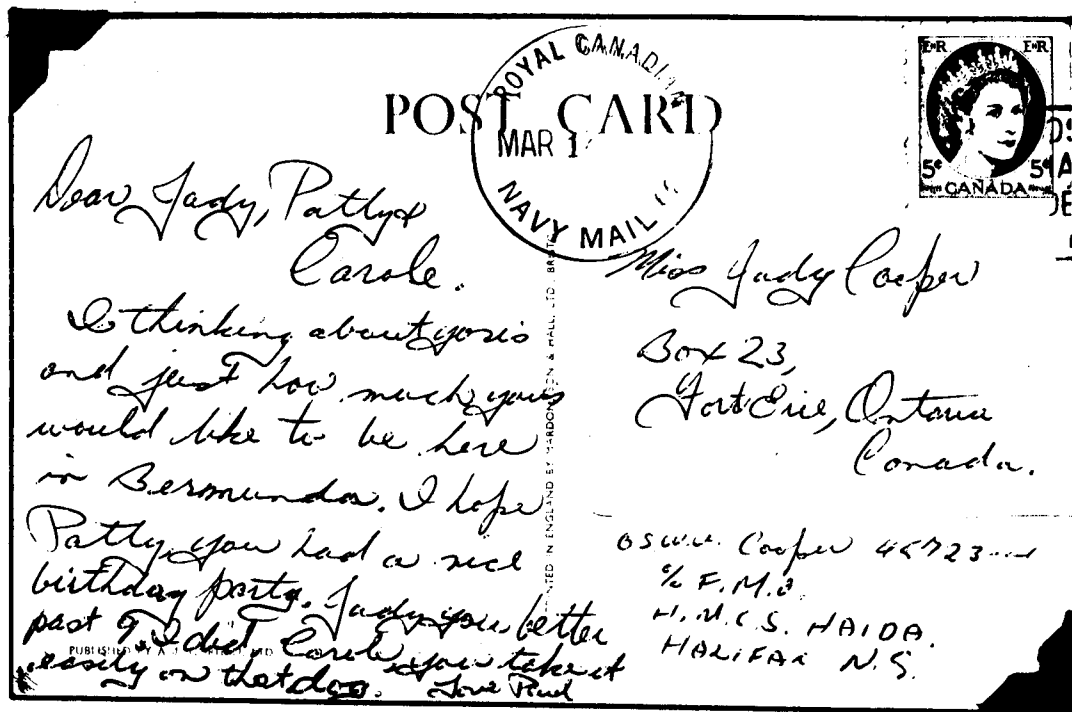
Applications for tickets, which are strictly not transferable, must be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Congress not later than April 30th, and the full name and address of each person for whom the tickets are asked must be given.

The number of visitors can in no case exceed 200.

This figure would just about cover our membership.

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NAVY MAIL COVER, Dave Cooper



The above is a copy of a card mailed by my brother from the H.M.C.S. Haida to my sisters in Fort Erie. The vessel was in Bermuda and the card travelled via the RCN to Halifax where it was placed in the Canadian postal system.

The cancellation is a large dark blue/black circle cancel reading:----- ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY MAIL (??) and is dated MAR 14. The year would be 1959 or 1960.

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TRACKING A LETTER

Reg Shortall loaned me the September 1988 issue of the wonderful magazine, the Smithsonian, pointing out an article by Jake Page, entitled, One in 500 million: tracking a letter across the country. In particular he noted

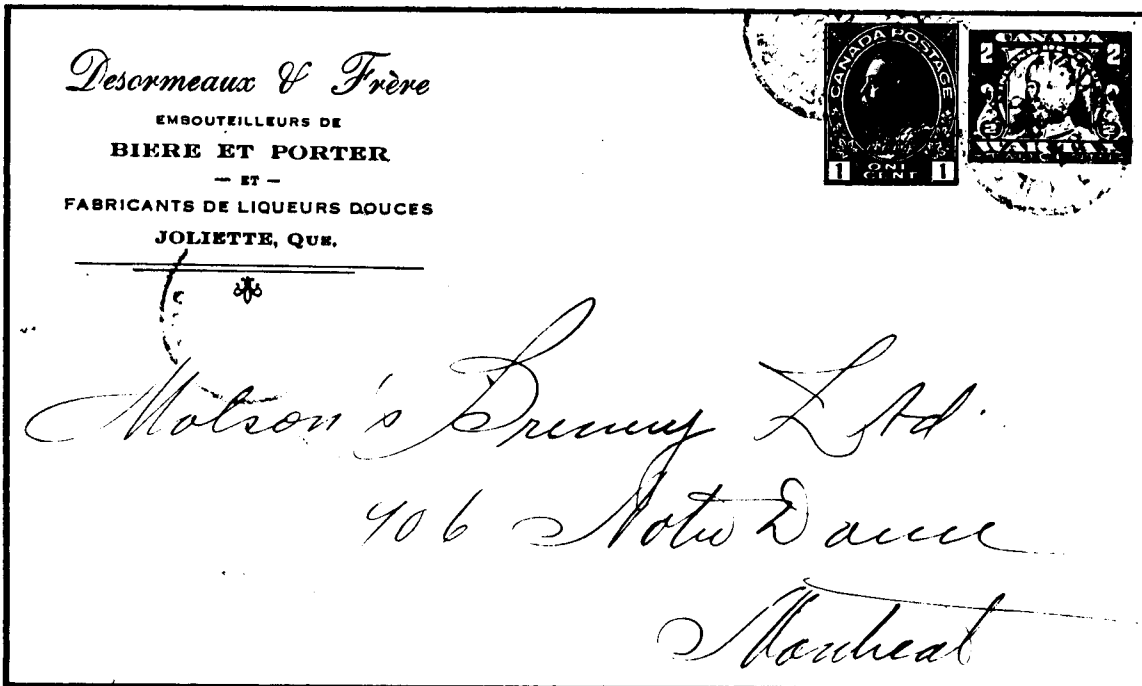
the author's comments on glue. He says that the United States Postal Service tends to think of a stamp as a sandwich, the ingredients being paper, glue, ink, varnish and a phosphorescent substance. They sell about 35 billion of these a year, enough to circle Earth 22 times. They are now mixing the phosphorescent material directly into the paper. The glue is extremely important, for if the corners of a stamp do not adhere, it could catch on another letter throwing handwork into the midst of the 30,000 letters an hour Merrifield, Virginia sorting machinery. The glue must be supplied in the correct number of minute globules, otherwise it will have an effect on the desired bland taste of stamps.

The U.S. Postal Service is introducing self-adhesive stamps this fall. Although they will increase the gluing price of stamps, it is anticipated that they will save the Service much by reducing jamming and otherwise slowing the automated process. There is no increase in cost to the public.

The author traces his letter's progress from Virginia to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and provides a fascinating read about the Postal Service. The Halifax Regional Public Library lends the Smithsonian.

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ADMIRALS ON COVER:



On March 25, 1915 the Post Office Department issued a "Circular to Post Masters";

RE ONE CENT WAR TAX ON LETTERS AND POSTCARDS MAILED IN CANADA FOR DELIVERY IN CANADA, UNITED STATES AND MEXICO, AND ON LETTERS MAILED IN CANADA FOR DELIVERY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND BRITISH POSSESSIONS GENERALLY, AND WHEREVER THE TWO CENT RATE APPLIES. This informed Post Masters the tax would become effective April 15, 1915.

There were a number of further circulars issued, one reading - "in no circumstances are Internal Revenue stamps to be accepted on letters, postcards, postal notes or Post-Office Money Orders". Above cover, a domestic first class rate, paid by using a one cent plus a two cent revenue war tax stamp, no four cent postage due collected.

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as guest speaker. He spoke about his own collections, with particular reference to his acquisition of material. The Truro club honoured Dr. Hicks with an Honourary Life Membership. Bourse participants ranged from the local to New Brunswick and Maine, eight dealers in all. My thanks to Bob Murray for giving me the above information, and our compliments to the Committee for their fine show.

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JUNIORS: Members are asked to remember the Junior Auction at the Exhibition. Last year the auction was rescued at the eleventh hour by some quickly rustled up donations. Marilyn Murphy will accept auction items at any time. With 24 juniors on the roster this year it could be quite a spirited event.

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EXECUTIVE NOTES: The treasurer reports that 30 members have not yet paid their dues. June 30, 1988 was renewal date, those who have not paid at year end will be struck from the membership list in January. A video, featuring Gary Burghoff (MASH 's Radar), on Stamp Collecting will be purchased for Club and Exhibition use. Auction receipts: October \$63, November \$34.05. Another reminder about the annual Christmas Cheer Auction, proceeds to charity in the Club's name, December 13, please be generous.

A PLEA: If you have any slides or photographs of Exhibitions past that you would be willing to loan for a Club programme, please contact Stan Dunfield

GIANT FEBRUARY AUCTION: This is the big one, no programme, only the business meeting and auction. Larry Hitz and Dave Cole are in charge, and request that you get material in to them early. You are reminded that we do not have access to Museum before 6:30 p.m., and if you leave everything to the last minute it complicates the whole auction. The date is Valentine's Day, February 14, 1989. Larry will provide further details in the next newsletter.

NOVAPEX '89: John Hall reports that all is progressing as it should at this point. He is hoping for good participation particularly in the one-frame exhibit, a chance for those who have never before exhibited to plunge in and an opportunity for the old hands to try something completely new.

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NEWSLETTER ITEMS: I am asking that any contributions for the next newsletter be made no later than the December 13 club meeting. With holiday season, children home from school, that turkey to cook, and a shorter time between meetings, the newsletter has to go the printer just a little earlier.

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