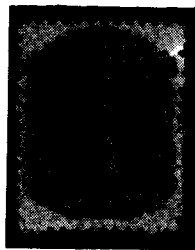


NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB



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Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at the Nova Scotia Museum,
Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. at 8 p.m.
No meetings July or August.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 1989

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COMMENT: We have just returned from that invention of the 70's, the March Break, which this year ended with the Easter Holiday week-end. Please bear with me if this edition seems a bit disjointed, I am still not quite back in the routine. We rambled and roamed in New England, visited Sturbridge Village at maple sugar time, saw some of those turn-of-the-century cottages, so-called, in Newport, Rhode Island, had a magnificent drive up the Taconic State Parkway to the Berkshires, saw a herd of deer in the Green Mountains, and our skier had a full day in deep winter conditions at Stowe. While we were wasting our time, I hope the rest of you were getting ready for the Exhibition. Gary Steele is still receiving application forms until April 10, and he is still asking for more one-frame exhibits. It is up to you to make the Exhibition a success by your participation.

NOVAPEX '89: As mentioned above, this is your show, your participation will make it a success. John Hall's committee has been hard at it. They still need volunteers. Helpers are needed for the Friday night set-up at the Lord Nelson Hotel, the date is April 14, contact person is Dave Harvey, also help is needed for the Sunday night take down, April 16. Volunteers for the Club Table can contact Al Burditt. Banquet tickets can be obtained from Anna Morris or Bob Vaison, \$20 each adult, \$10 each exhibiting junior. Speaker will be Stu Blumenthal. Ken MacDonald reports 13 dealers for the bourse.

NOVAPEX COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Meeting, April 4, N.S. Museum Boardroom at 7 p.m.

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NOVAPEX '89, Saturday April 15, and Sunday April 16, Lord Nelson Hotel, hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The Banquet is Saturday evening.

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MARCH 14 MEETING: The March meeting was extremely well attended, members who have not been able to attend regularly turned out in force. The President announced that a new home has to be found for the Exhibition frames. Dave Cooper has for many years provided storage at his place of employ, Border Brokers, and for this the Club is extremely grateful. Company expansion will make this space unavailable. If you have any ideas, please contact George MacKenzie. Carl Munden presented the Club Library with Volume III, Victoria County of his Post Offices of Cape Breton. Copies can be bought from the author, and the final volume is scheduled for June. Bob Vaison has a few copies of the new Newfoundland specialized catalogue for sale. Doug Allen noted the item on Peter Gzowski's radio programme concerning the pair of 12 pence Queens sold at auction, October 29, 1988 for \$165,000 U.S. from Sam Nickle's collection. Only three mint pairs are known to survive, one in the Canadian Postal Museum, one in an American collection, and this pair considered to be the finest. The radio item mentioned that the Marquess of Lorne had a number of mint copies which he disposed of as he would need ready cash.

The President noted the death of Club Member Harry Dacey.

Al Burditt provided the evening programme, "Paper Used For Stamps". His talk took us through the whole paper making process, dealing with the various processes involved, the resultant types of papers, and the finishing to suit stamp paper specifications. He is going to give me a layman's translation of these specifications which I will pass on to you in a future newsletter. It was a fascinating programme, and we thank Al for presenting it to us.

The evening concluded with a spirited auction.

APRIL 11 PROGRAMME:

The April programme will have the President finally bringing his aircraft in for a landing. This means the third and final segment of George MacKenzie's slide programme, MILITARY AIRCRAFT OF CANADA ON STAMPS, featuring the CT 104 Tudor, c-130 Hercules, CF5, CF 104, and others. For those of you who have seen and heard the previous parts of this programme, you know you are in for a good evening, for those who have missed the other parts, you had best not miss this final chapter. These programmes are of as much interest to the non-collector as the collector, a lot of history is covered.

MEMBERSHIP:

Application received: Peter B. Bowen, 46 Hazelhurst St., Dartmouth B2Y 3N2
Collecting interests: Canada, U.K., Commonwealth

VALLEY STAMP CLUB: The annual Exhibition of the Valley Stamp Club will be held in the Kentville Fire Hall, Saturday, April 29, 1989 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. An invitation is extended to all Nova Scotia Stamp Club members. Admission is free, and coffee and sandwiches will be served. Anyone who has attended this show knows it is a worthwhile trip!

PHIL-A-TELIC:

Another short pause in membership contributions, so away we go with another Phil myself question. What are the Maple Leaf and the Numeral Issues of Canada???

The Maple Leaf stamps of Canada were the regular issue of 1897 to 1898. The denominations were printed in words with Maple Leaves in all four corners. When the non-English speaking public complained that the denominations were not clear, the Post Office Department issued a new series of the same basic design, but numerals replaced the Leaves in the lower corners. These are called the Numerals.

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EFO'S - ERRORS, FREAKS, ODDITIES:

The final segment of this interesting topic of collecting:

TRENDS: Topical stamps with errors tend to have more value due to the extra demand because they are "spectacular". Preprinting paper folds usually provide the most financially rewarding experience, depending on the number of stamps affected and the degree of the folds. Errors are always worth more than freaks or oddities. Colour-missing errors are very popular, particularly if they result in parts of the picture, wording or denomination being omitted.

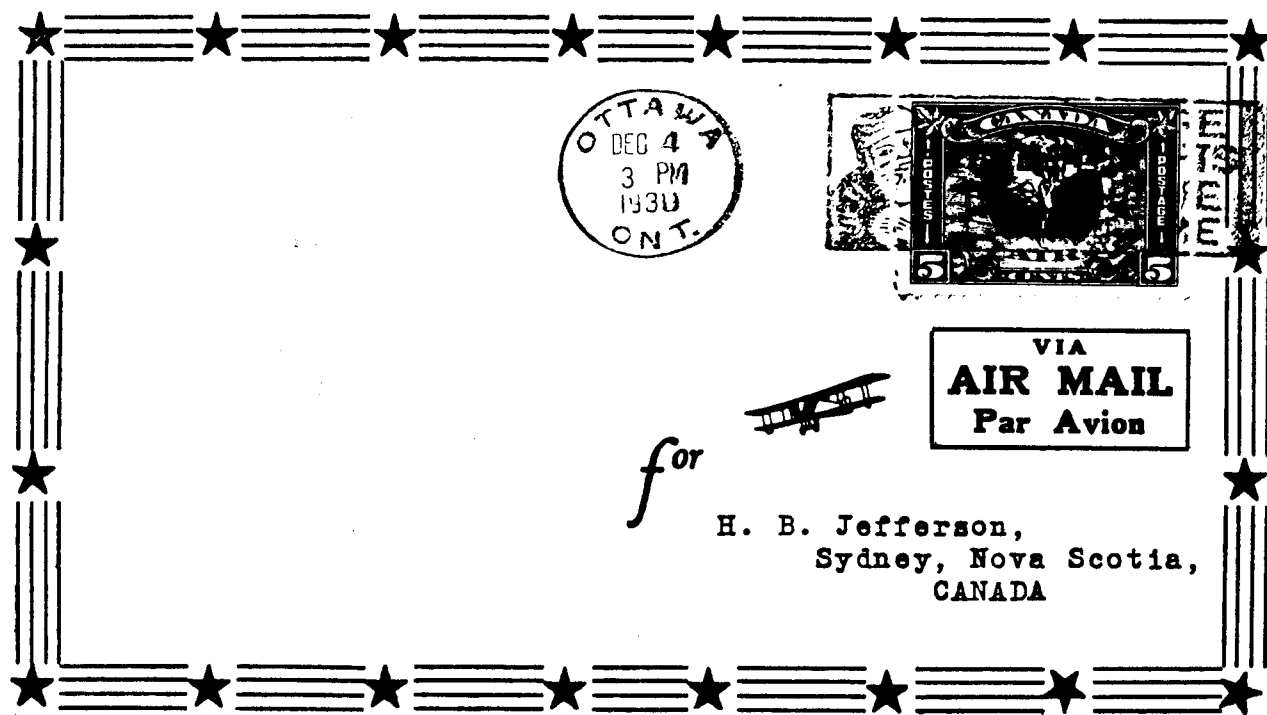
Here is the bad news about owning a "unique" error. As stamps are printed in four panes, if you own one pane of errors and in later years the other three panes are discovered and reported, then the value of your holdings may decline, sometimes by more than half. For every coil roll found with an error, there must be at least 17 additional similar rolls. The good news is that if you are not the owner of a "unique" error, there is a chance that you may also find one, since duplicates may exist.

So there you have the picture of EFO's, hope you found it interesting enough to get out and start looking for that bit of "unique" philately still out there waiting for you.

Don't forget, I still accept questions: PHIL-A-TELIC, 1333 South Park St., Apt. 515, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2K9

CORRESPONDENCE:

Newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 1, Nova Scotia Study Group for Postal History, received. Founding members, Carl Munden, Hugh Rathbun, and Ken MacDonald propose this study group to examine the province and its regions in both Pre and Post Confederation areas. They have tentatively set a meeting during Novapex '89. Interested persons can contact Carl at 902-435-0730, or write to him at 101 Lakecrest Dr., Dartmouth, N.S. B2X 1V7. The first issue includes "My Favourite Cover", "From The Archives", "The Mystery of Botting Street", "The New RPO's".

AIRMAIL:

On December 4, 1930, Canada issued a second airmail stamp showing Mercury, the messenger of Jupiter, a scroll in his hand and with a back drop of the Western Hemisphere.

Some years ago, a F.D.C. lecture on Canadian covers given at the Collectors' Club in New York, it was mentioned that only ten covers of C2 are known dated on the day of issue.

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DID YOU KNOW?

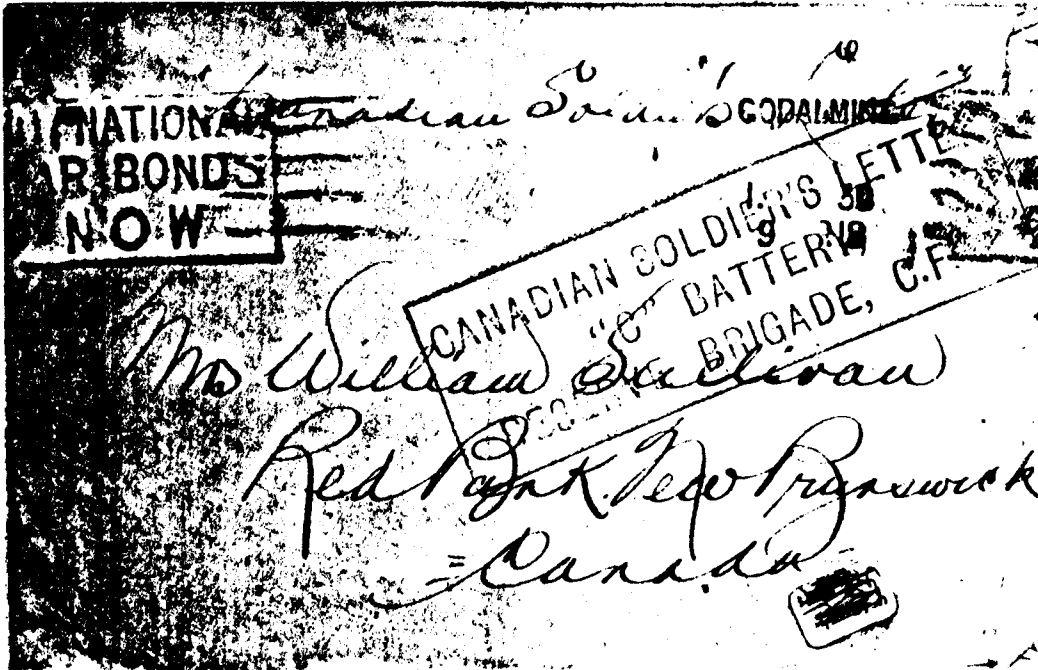
On June 21, 1918 Capt. B. Peck carried a number of pieces of mail via air from Montreal to Toronto. Also Canada had the first "all up" mail service in the Western Hemisphere - July 1, 1948.

But DID YOU KNOW that the only woman in Canada to carry officially flown mail occurred on the 9th of July, 1918, Calgary to Edmonton. Her name was Katherine Stinson. The aircraft used was a Curtis Stinson Special.

PENPAL

Letter received from Joachim Sole Palacios, Santo Domingo 142, Chinchalta, Ica Peru. He is eighteen years old, says that he can reply in Spanish, French, English and German. He is a topical collector, wishing to exchange subjects such as animals, arms, railroads, birds and "great men of your country".

ROYAL '89 ROYALE, May 5 - 7, 1989, Hamilton Convention Centre, Hamilton, Ont. 30 plus dealers, exhibits, seminars, youth booth, Canada and U.S. Post.

COVER OF THE MONTH, Dave Cooper

This cover came from an old, closed general store in Red Bank, N.B., a small village upriver from Newcastle. The letter is addressed to Mrs. William Sullivan, Red Bank, New Brunswick, Canada.

The postage was franked by notation at the top CANADIAN SOLDIER'S LETTER. Of interest is the rectangular marking, CANADIAN SOLDIER'S LETTER
"C" BATTERY
RESERVE BRIGADE, C.F.

I am not sure of the dates of these markings but perhaps some of our postal historians can let us know.

GIANT AUCTION: All is well, Larry has balanced his books.

CANADIAN STAMP DEALERS' ASSOCIATION:

Notice received of the "Montreal Spring National" which runs from April 7 through April 9, 1989 at Place Bonaventure, Montreal.

POSTAL HISTORY NOTES, from APS Journal.

Some new information from the Federation Internationale de Philatelie relevant to postal history collecting and exhibiting, in particular definitions of terms used. For example, Back stamp: A postmark, usually dated, applied to the reverse of an item of mail. The date indicates when the item was received

or handled by the office applying the mark.

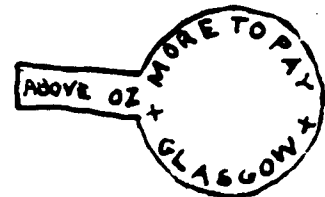
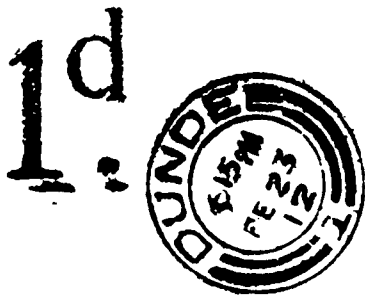
Cachet: A special mark impressed or printed on an item of mail indicating the special circumstances for which the mark was used. Although some such marks are applied by the Post Office, the majority are unofficial.

Cancel(lation): A mark applied by the Post Office to adhesives or to items of postal stationery, primarily to prevent their reuse. Sometimes a cancellation also indicates the office applying it. All such marks may be in manuscript (pen cancels), or applied by machine or by a hand-held stamp. They may comprise geometrical or other patterns, facsimiles of flags, advertising slogans, or an indication in code or in plain lettering of the office (and date) where the cancellation was applied. (Also known as an obliterator).

To be continued in next issue.

PHILATELY SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, Bob Vaison

An article in the 13 June 1914 issue of The Postage Stamp provided some interesting examples of marks used by the U.K. post office to indicate postage was still due to be paid. The marks shown here were in use from the late 18th through the mid 19th centuries.



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