

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, June 12, 1990

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MINUTES, May 8, 1990

The regular monthly meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club was held on Tuesday, May 8, 1990, at 8 p.m. in the Nova Scotia Museum with Ron Lewis in the chair and 41 members and guests present. Ron Lewis welcomed those attending and 8 guests introduced themselves. The minutes of the last meeting were read and there being no errors or omissions, they were approved by M. Zelenietz, seconded by H. Kircher, and all were in favour.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Novapex '90. There was nothing to report at this time with the absence of George Lafontaine.
- b. New Program Director. No one has volunteered as yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. A letter from the Regina Philatelic Club was circulated, asking for their support in requesting Canada Post Corporation to issue a postage stamp commemorating Tommy C. Douglas. Members were asked to sign up if they so desired.
- b. Program next month is London '90, a slide show by Doug Allen.
- c. Executive Meeting. The next executive meeting is Monday, May 28 at 7:15 in the Board Room.
- d. Comments from Members. Russell Saulnier mentioned someone from Cuba who is interested in obtaining postcards. Questions were directed to him concerning the CPC Prestige Booklet 'Moving the Mail - The Story of Canada's

Postal System'', after he stated supplies were running low at his postal outlet on Bedford Row.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. and the program for this evening, the flea market, continued.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Harris.

EXHIBITION REPORT: NOVAPEX '90

ATTENDANCE: The annual exhibition, which was held April 7 & 8, drew 411 visitors. This attendance figure is down slightly from previous years, however, inclement weather was most likely the major factor involved.

DEALERS: Eleven dealers were able to make the show (one even after making a wrong turn in Fredericton on his way down from Montreal). Four dealers were new to the show which allowed for plenty of new material to be viewed. The overall concensus of the dealers was that even though attendance figures were low, sales were brisk and some even reported a record show.

ENTRIES: There were only a disappointing 76 frames displayed this year. The breakdown is as follows:

Court of Honour:	10 frames from 3 members
Senior:	52 frames from 13 members
Junior:	14 frames from 7 members

Although this figure is low, the quality of the exhibits was excellent, and this was seen to be the first time in recent memory that all competitive entries received medals.

AWARDS: As per April's Newsletter.

JUNIORS: As in previous years, the exhibition opened with a well-attended Junior Auction conducted by the club's everpresent Hugh Bignell. Canada Post was on hand to present the Junior award winners with prizes.

BANQUET 55 members and guests attended the banquet Saturday night and were entertained by the presentation given by Marla Hillier.

George Lafontaine would like to extend his thanks to all of the exhibition committee for their many hours of hard work and dedication to the club. A special mention must also be given to those who helped with the club table, Junior Auction, judging, frame repairs, set-up, take-down, and to the exhibitors themselves.

Ed.'s note: I am certain that all club members would want me to say thank you to Novapex '90 Chairman George Lafontaine for all his effort to make the show the success it obviously was. It is alot of work under the best of circumstances, but to combine it with a set of university examinations takes a great deal of effort, determination and organization. Thank you.

STAMP WORLD LONDON90

by Doug Allen

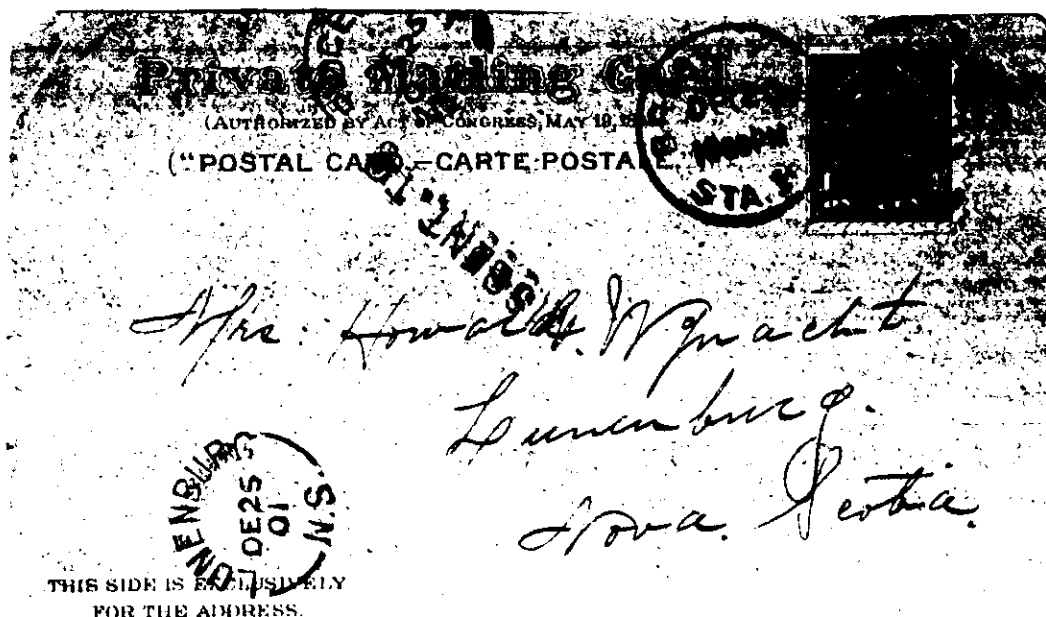
By any standard you wish to apply, the exhibition at the Alexandra Palace was a success. A goodly number of our members made one or more visits to the site and were not disappointed. Unfortunately the vast quantity of frames on display made it virtually impossible to do other than choose to view only those containing material in which one had a particular interest and ignore the others. The upsurge of interest in Postal History was very much in evidence and exhibits relating to this were in the majority.

The centrepiece of the show was the Court of Honour where stamps and documents relating to the Penny Black era and the years immediately following were displayed in a dramatic fashion in a walk-through closed area. The British Royal Mail exhibit and sales outlet was particularly striking and the longest lineups were found there. The miniature sheet sold there was the most popular show related postal emission and one sheet minus perforations was found by a collector and sold to RushStamps for £ 1,000 who then offered it for £ 2,500! Almost all of the 100 odd postal administrations represented appeared to be doing a brisk business. Royal Mail offered a philatelic passport souvenir and if one wished to take this around to the stands of other countries and buy a stamp, affix it to the passport and have it cancelled you would have a memento of the show. But you probably wouldn't have time to do anything else and few seemed inclined to engage in this pursuit.

The Alexandra Palace is a magnificent venue and even when there were large numbers of people present its vast size and open spaces tended to eliminate crowding. Each of the over 200 dealers present had to pay £2,500 for their space and most appeared to be doing a brisk trade. To North American collectors prices for most material offered seemed extremely high, but some of us obtained what we considered bargains. In fact high prices for everything is the rule in London today and most of us spent much more on meals than we did on philatelic material.

The weather during the run of the show was superb and London was ablaze with trees and flowers. Our hotel overlooked the vast Hyde Park where thousands chose to take advantage of the warm weather. Many of the NSSC group travelled widely outside London and regaled their fellows with accounts of their travels each evening at "bull sessions" in the lobby of our hotel. These evening gatherings were extremely pleasant affairs and added much to the pleasure of the trip. In view of recent attention paid to the role and expenses of Nova Scotia's Agent General in London perhaps it should not be mentioned that 11 of us were present at a lovely reception he tendered Lt.Gov. and Mrs. Crouse, but nevertheless I have, haven't I?

It was a wonderful trip and well worth all the planning and effort that went into it. None of us who attended London90 will forget it.

DEDICATION OR WHAT???

Whoever was postmaster/mistress at Bridgewater in 1901 could certainly be said to be dedicated to his/her job as evidenced by the post marks on the reverse of this early Christmas post card. The card, having been missent to Bridgewater from Brooklyn, N.Y., arriving on Dec. 25th, the postmaster/mistress somehow, on the same day, got the card sent over to Lunenburg, where it received a very clear split-ring cancel. Christmas was an official Canadian holiday at this time, so one wonders at the dedication of the local postmaster/mistress.

Thanks to Lucille Robinson for this contribution.

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Fellows of the Society by Beverlie A. Clark, p. 107. This issue features Brig. Gen. George B. Robertson, who joined the Nova Scotia Stamp Club in 1930, and whose material will be familiar to many of you who have seen it on display in the Court of Honour. Of further interest, is the article on p. 104, by James E. Kraemer, President of RPSC, on the RPSC Philatelic Research Foundation which is indebted to George Robertson for his perseverance and dedication in setting up the Foundation.

PROGRAMME JUNE 12, 1990 Novapex '90 Medals and Awards.

Pictures and stories about London '90, presented by those who attended.

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DUES ARE DUE:

As of May 1, 1990 Nova Scotia Stamp Club dues are as follows:

Single membership - Canadian \$15
 Single membership - Outside Canada \$20
 Couple membership - Canadian \$22.50
 Couple membership - Outside Canada \$30

Dues are payable to Club Treasurer, John Harvey. See him in person at the June meeting or send your dues to him at 30 Helene Ave., Dartmouth N.S. B2X 1G4.

Remember that the June 12 meeting is the last meeting until September 11 when the Club holds its Annual General Meeting.

PHIL-A-TELIC:

Talk about instant response to Phil's two questions in last month's Newsletter -- the first phonecall came on Thursday, April 26 from Doug Casey, even before I had received my copy of the Newsletter and then Eric Malmberg the next day, Friday. I asked them both to send the information by letter so I could pass it on to Club members, so here they are:

From Doug: Labels inscribed "Nagaland" exist and have confused collectors for a number of years. Nagaland is an area of India, located adjacent to the Burmese frontier. The inhabitants of the area have made attempts to secede from India, but without success. The so-called Nagaland "stamps" are propaganda labels prepared for an independence movement. They have no postal status and should be considered "Cinderella" material. Quoted from Volume Two of "This is Philately" by Kenneth Wood.

From Eric: In partial response to your question about the two "Whatever" depicting airplanes: Nagaland is in Assam State, India, and borders on Burma. It seems to me that an independence movement was active some years ago. I have seen, and probably possess some "Whatever" labelled "Nagaland", but it's a virtual certainty they've never been there or had any postal validity.

The other "Whatever" has a face value of 1000 Swedish Kronor, nearly \$200, which precludes the possibility of it being a stamp. Also, Swedish stamps are generally engraved and I've never seen one precancelled. The initials "ISO" in the upper left corner may help identify the producers of this "Whatever".

Phil thanks both Doug and Eric for their speedy and informative replies to these questions, even though I'll have to scratch these two from my Aviation series for 1992.

Questions for Phil can be sent to Phil-a-telic, 1333 South Park St., Apt. 515, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2K9.

EXECUTIVE MEETING, Monday, April 23

No news to report concerning the proposed BNAPS Convention for 1993. Marilyn Murphy is awaiting a reply from the BNAPS contact. The treasurer has requested payment of dues, as per schedule on p.5 of this Newsletter. The treasurer has 190 members on his membership list as well as 4 Honorary Life Members. He also reports that 111 Convoy covers have sold, and he still has a number on hand which can be purchased from him, John Harvey, at any Club meeting.

Concern was expressed about the lack of participation in Club events and Club meetings, with membership down slightly and attendance at monthly meetings averaging 46.

WHICH ARE YOU ?

*Are you an active member -
the kind that would be missed,
or are you just content
that your name is on the list ?*

*Do you attend the meetings
and mingle with the flock
or do you stay at home
and criticize and knock ?*

*Do you take an active part
to help your group along -
or are you satisfied to
simply say that you " belong " ?*

*Do you ever volunteer
to help the guiding stick ?
or leave the work to just a few,
then talk about the clique ?*

*Come out to the Meetings,
and help with hand and heart
don't just be a member,
but take an active part .*

*Just think this over, member
you know right from wrong,
Are you an active member -
or do you just belong ?*



HAPPY SUMMER! BACK THE END OF AUGUST .