



THE NOVA SCOTIA POST

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UP AND COMING

STAMPEX 2025 - November 1
Michelin Social Club, 221 Logan Rd,
Bridgewater, NS: **10 am - 3 pm**
Dealers, Exhibits, Auction (1 pm),

Valley Stamp Club - November 8
Port Williams Community Centre.
Speaker: Jeff Parks "The Lady Boats"

Moncton Stamp Fair - November 8
10 - 3pm, 100 War Veterans Ave,
Moncton, NB

The Fundy Stamp Club will hold a Silent
Auction which will run from 10 a.m. to 1
p.m. and a Live Auction at 1:30 p.m.

NS Stamp Club - November 11
Program: Show and Tell from anyone

Show philatelic material which tells the
story of:

Military members

Military Mail

Involvement in the military post office

Relative who served in a military

South Shore Stamp Club - November 22
New Life Christian Church, Elm St.
Bridgewater, NS

NSSC Stamp Fairs for 2026

March 15

July 26

Sept 13

Nov 15

Check out the status of other events at
www.rpsc.org/shows.php or
www.csdaonline.com/shows

Member Dues

It is incumbent on each member to
pay their dues in a timely manner.

Please pay at the next meeting
or by e-transfer to

Treasurer@nsstampclub.ca.

Member dues can be forwarded by
mail as per the bottom of page 2.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS NOVA SCOTIA - PART 2

by Marty Zelenietz

I've covered missent mail that relates to the province's geological origins. Going farther afield, this 1993 underpaid cover (Figure 8) from Richmond, Virginia to Halifax somehow made the journey via Panama, as indicated by the 64mm x 20mm boxed, double-line handstamp reading "CORRESPONDENCIA MAL / ENCAMINADA A PANAMA" (translates to "correspondence incorrectly / routed to Panama"). There are no markings on the cover's back to indicate why or how this happened.

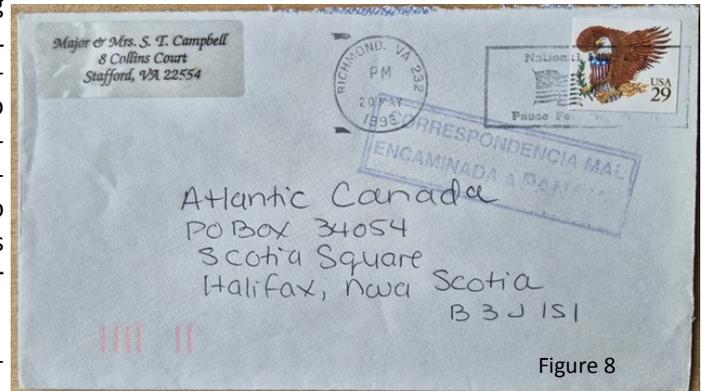


Figure 8

Moving into the Indo-Pacific we encounter another case of name confusion.

In 1977, a Jewish religious school in Jerusalem sent a letter soliciting donations to Temple Sons of Israel in Sydney, Nova Scotia (Figure 9). The aerogramme (front only survives, so we don't have any information about backstamps) took the long route to arrive at its destination, as evidenced by the "G.P.O SYDNEY- N.S.W.- AUST/ AIR/ 8-AI-NO77" 31mm diameter CDS.

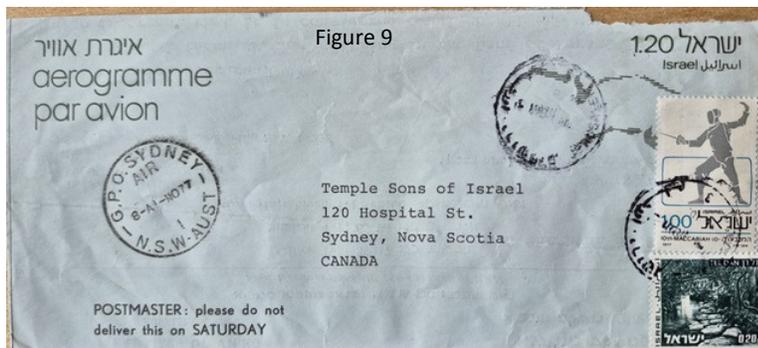


Figure 9

The 1975 1.20 shekel aerogramme was issued at a time of moderate inflation in Israel, and by 1977 required an additional 1.20 shekels postage.

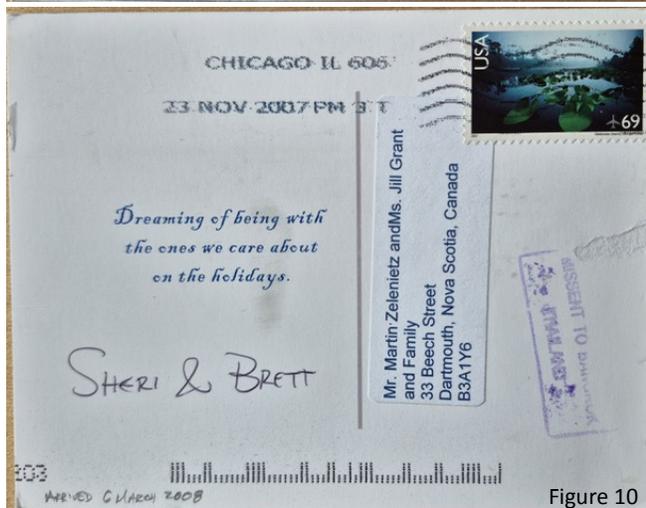


Figure 10

Thailand is our next stop in the search for Nova Scotia. In 2007, a recently married cousin in Chicago sent us a holiday greeting card, postmarked November 23 (Figure 10). The card carries a printed mailing label with the correct address. Perhaps it was the label's orientation that caused the card to go astray and end up in Thailand, where it received a

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40mm x 13 mm boxed two line "MISSENT TO BANGKOK/ THAILAND" handstamp. The holiday greeting reached us on March 6, 2008.

Two pieces of U.S. mail from the same era were routed to Halifax and Dartmouth via the Philippines (Figure 11). The small cover, sent from Los Angeles, California during the holiday season on December 17, 1984, carries a 47mm x 13mm boxed single line "MISSENT TO MANILA" handstamp. The larger manila envelope (I'm resisting the temptation to pun) was dispatched from Bangor, Maine on August 4, with no year date evident on the roller cancel. A straight line 55mm x 5mm "MISSENT TO MANILA" marking documents its journey. Neither cover has any backstamps to help us understand why these items went astray.

Despite appearances, my final example of mail gone awry (Figure 12) is NOT a case of Canada Post being unable to move a letter from Winnipeg to Halifax without a detour to Indonesia. Notice the 64 cents in postage paid (contemporary airmail rate) by the March 23, 1983 meter imprint, and the hand-addressed label covering the envelope's window. In 1981-2, I had been a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Papua New Guinea in Port Moresby, returning to Nova Scotia in July 1982. The letter from the University of Manitoba arrived in PNG long after I departed, and was forwarded to me. The back of the cover shows strikes of two



Figure 11

different 30mm "UNIVERSITY-PAPUA NEW GUINEA-/ 12 AP 83" CDS, #s 1 and 3 (Figure 13). Three weeks or so was the average transit time for airmail between Canada and PNG in those days. When the letter arrived at UPNG, the departmental secretary readdressed it, put it back into the mail stream, and then the cover made a slight misstep, showing up in Jakarta, Indonesia (a country adjacent to PNG) and receiving the 70mm x 10mm boxed "MISSENT TO JAKARTA." From there, it made its way back to Canada and into my hands.

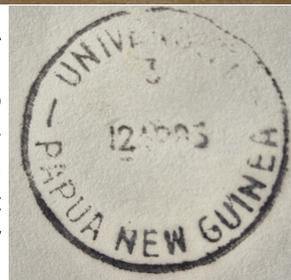


Figure 13

Whether through human or machine error, mail sometimes goes astray. Postal administrations are prepared for this, as seen through the variety of markings shown here. At least some of the misguided mail makes its way to the proper destination. We'll never know about the mail that doesn't.

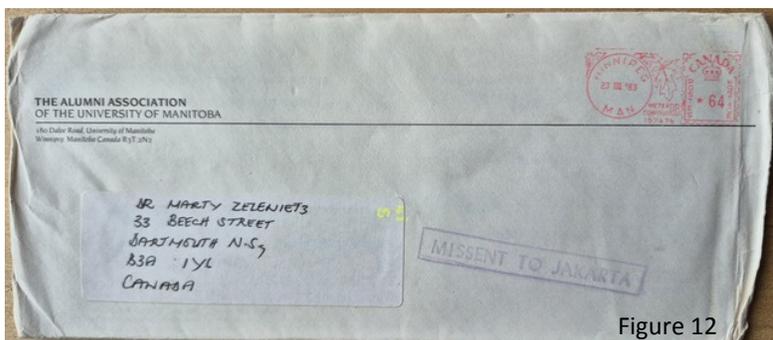


Figure 12

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Nova Scotia Stamp Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on every second Tuesday of the month (except July and August) at the Nova Scotia Museum, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. The club publishes a monthly newsletter (except summer) released in the first week of the month.

E-Membership is C\$10 per person or C\$15.00 per couple.

Print Membership is C\$15 and C\$22.50.
Foreign mailings available at a premium.

Send **membership applications** to...
NS Stamp Club c/o Jeff Parks
102 Birch Bear Run,
Lewis Lake, NS B3Z 4B8

NSSC MEMBER SUCCESSES IN EXHIBITING**BNAPEX 2025 - Vernon BC**

Gold - Gary Steele – Dead Letter Office Wax Seals & Boxed Registration Handstamps

CANPEX 2025 - London ON

Reserve Grand Award and Large Gold

Jean-Jacques Tillard Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon, le type «Groupe» 1892-1908

Single Frame Grand Award and Large Gold

Jean-Jacques Tillard Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon, the «Fox» of 1952

Large Gold and Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada Research Award

Michael Mather London Cancels – Development During the Victorian Period

Vermeil and RPSC Award for Excellence – Presentation

Michael Mather Falkland Islands Dependencies 1946 Map Stamps – Oh! What a Mess!

Vermeil - Ann Miller Princess Elizabeth Stays In Malta: The 1950 Malta "Royal Visit" Issue

CANADA POST DEPARTMENTAL HANDSTAMPS #25

by Gary Steele



POW
Quedlinburg
message

Double Oval,
45x31mm
Sans-serif, all caps.

Canadian handstamps are seldom seen on Prisoner of War (POW) material. This message card has a Postmaster's Office double oval handstamp applied to a message card from a POW in 1917, written on December 25, 1916.

This is a similar handstamp to one proofed in 1909 but is 4mm longer, a definite difference to distinguish itself as a separate listing.

Note the 'W' and 'C' in 'WINNIPEG, CANADA.' are larger. This and the proofed item are the only examples with 'CANADA.' in all caps in the handstamp out of 11 known proofed or reported.

Mike Powell, a specialist in POW material shared the following information about the Quedlinburg POW camp located about 200km southwest of Berlin.

The Quedlinburg POW camp was in the IV Army Corps District (Magdeburg) and was constructed about three kilometers outside of the town. Initially, it consisted of eight compounds each with six barracks housing a total of 12,000 POWs. By 1918, the population increased to as many as 17,000 POWs. The camp was burned down after the last Russian prisoners left in 1921.

Sender: Carr, Walter Edmond, #424452, Private 28th Battalion,



Saskatchewan; captured June 2, 1916 and released January 2, 1919. Carr died in Winnipeg in 1955.

In addition to the departmental handstamp, there are several other handstamps of not including the London machine arrival date stamp and the F.a. strike.

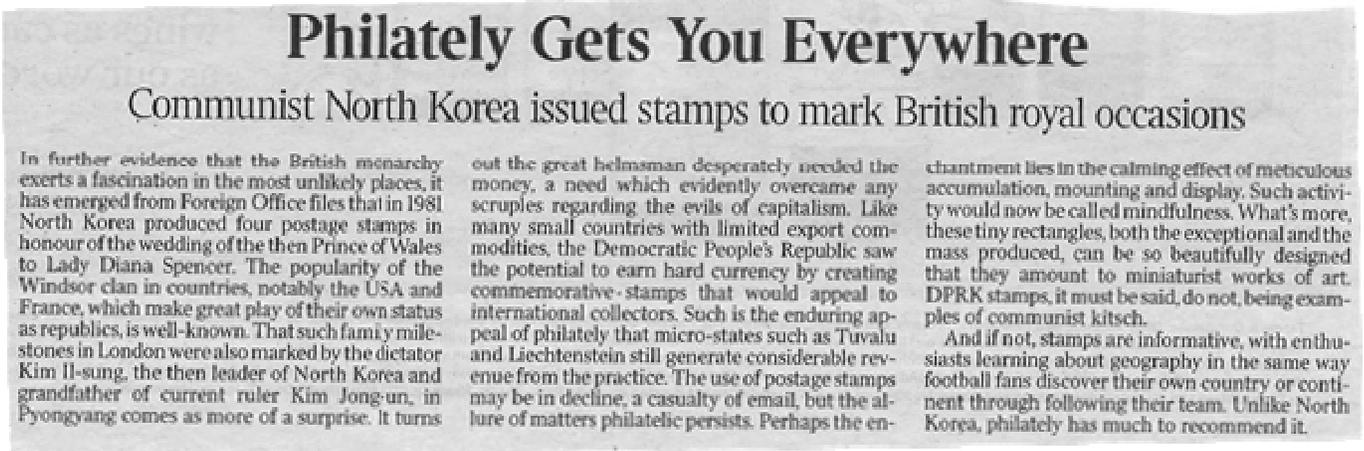
The letters "F.a." in a purple circle marking on the left side is an abbreviation of 'First abgelaufen' which translates as 'Period of time expired'. This referred to the practice of detaining outgoing POW mail, usually for about two weeks, to ensure that any news in a correspondence would not be current when it was delivered.



A SURPRISE BENEFIT

by Dave Ferns

Recently I was surprised to discover how my hobby, much ridiculed, or ignored, by my family and friends, was in fact doing me some good all along. 'Mindfulness is at the centre of much of the advice offered to us in these troubled times. Please read the item below to the end. From **The Times of London** - Oct 3, 2025:



BICENTENARY OF PUBLIC RAILWAYS

by Michael Peach

The Stockton and Darlington Railway in northern England was the world's first public railway hauled by a locomotive, rather than being horse-drawn or using stationary steam engines. The line was part of a system that was used to transport coal with horse drawn wagons. The first train left Stockton on Tees in the morning of September 27, 1825. It was hauled by Locomotion No. 1, that had been built by George and Robert Stephenson. The train left carrying between 450 and 600 people, most travelling in empty wagons but some on top of wagons full of coal. Brakemen were placed between the wagons, and the train set off, led by a man on horseback with a flag. The average speed was about 8 mph.



To mark the bicentennial of this momentous day, Royal Mail issued six stamps with British locomotives over the years and a mini-sheet featuring the Stockton and Darlington Railway Company, with four first class stamps. The stamps depict the Opening of the Railway in 1825, Locomotion No. 1 in Darlington ca. 1890, the Centenary of the S&D 1925 and Replica Locomotion No. 1, 1975. Below the stamps there is a drawing of the train, there were actually 40 wagons.

The opening of the S&D had wide ranging effects contributing to the Industrial Revolution and the development of national rail networks. The gauge of the colliery railway 4 feet 8½ inches has become the international gauge and is used in most countries around the world.

NEW HOME FOR CLUB LIBRARY

by Kevin Smith

The club's library has a new home! The full collection is now housed at my place in Lucasville. The complete list of available books and catalogues can be found on the club website. Whether you're looking for help identifying a tricky postmark, diving into a specialized collecting area, or just browsing for inspiration, there's a wealth of information waiting for you.

If there's a book you'd like to borrow, just send me an email (captaindynamo@hotmail.com) or catch me at a meeting. You're welcome to stop by to pick it up, or I can bring it along to our next get-together. Feel free to reach out anytime if something catches your eye.

The library listings can be found at:

www.nsstampclub.ca/pdfs/library.pdf

VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS - NOV. 2025

compiled by Ann Miller

You can register for the event via the host's website. Most of the groups listed have past presentations available to view through their websites, or YouTube. Times listed are for the ATLANTIC time zone.

American Topical Association (ATA):

Nov. 4, 8 pm. Dan Rabinovitch, "The world or chemistry of postage stamps".

Nov. 11, 8 pm. Greg Galletti, "An introduction to United Nations philately".

Auxiliary Markings Club:

Nov. 29, 2 pm. Chris King, "Danish auxiliary labels".

British Empire Study Group (BESG):

Nov. 13, 7 pm. Jay Biglake, "Let's talk Scott catalogue".

Collectors Club of New York:

Nov. 12, 6:30 pm. Tim O'Conner, "We were British once".

Nov. 19, 6:30 pm. Michael Laurence, "The US 1869 issue – a 50-year study of postal uses".

Learning About Stamps Online:

Nov. 18, 9 pm. Anton Aboud, "Recognizing American labour on US stamps".

North Toronto Stamp Club:

Nov. 20, 8 pm. Chris Robinson, "Around the world in 72 Blobs".

Postal History Society of Canada:

Nov. 18, 7 pm. Darcy Hickson, "History of the Brandon, MB post office".

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC):

Nov. 10, 8 pm. Stamp Talk, John Moore, "Canadian Centennial issues".

Nov. 17, 8 pm. Stamp Panel, Natalie Mitchell, Ingo Nessel, David McLaughlin, "VGG Foundation – 50 years and growing".

Royal Philatelic Society of London (RPSL):

Nov. 4, 11 am. Wayne Menuz, "Creating the new catalogue: British East Asia Postal Stationary".

Society of Australasian Specialists / Oceania:

Nov. 20, 7 pm. Bruce Haynes, "Western Australia WWI censorship of civilian mail".

West Toronto Stamp Club:

Nov. 4th, 8 pm. Learning Workshop, "American Topical Association (ATA) awareness night".

Nov. 18th, 8 pm. Discussion Group, David Hobden, "Paper used in printing Canada's first stamps, 1851".