

# NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB



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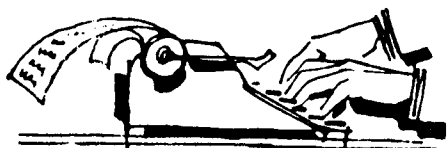
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Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at the Nova Scotia Museum, Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. at 8 p.m. No meetings July or August.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 13, 1990. CHARITY AUCTION.

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It is nearly the end of October, the witches and goblins will be at the door, and we are still harvesting zucchini. The quince bush outdid itself and forced me to make my first-ever quince jelly, and it is delicious. Club members have been very generous with Newsletter articles, which makes this job much easier and more interesting reading for you. Executive meetings are off to a lively start with the recording secretary forgetting to bring the corresponding secretary to the October meeting! As you can imagine, a few remarks were made, and a few more by the forgotten party when he finally arrived!

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## MINUTES, October 9, 1990

The regular monthly meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club was held on Tuesday, October 9, at 8 p.m. at the Nova Scotia Museum with president Marilyn Murphy in the chair. There were 44 members present. The president welcomed all those present on behalf of the new executive. The minutes of the June regular meeting were read. Motion of acceptance by Heinz Kircher and Ken MacDonald.

There was no old business.

Harry Steele asked why we were reading the minutes of the June meeting instead of the September meeting. The president explained that the September meeting was the annual general meeting and those minutes would normally be read at the next annual meeting. She then said that this policy would be discussed at the next executive meeting and that changes were possible.

Russell Saulnier has accepted the position of third director.

Members of the executive prepared the coffee and doughnuts for this meeting.

A volunteer would be very much appreciated. The Truro club will be holding their exhibition this Saturday between 10 and 5. Russ Saulnier gave a brief explanation of the PetroCan stamp packet. Harry Steele reminded members of the need for stamps for the Kermesse. European and topicals are in great demand. Bob Fear is recuperating from a prolonged stay in the hospital. The next executive meeting will be held October 22.

Russ Saulnier introduced the speaker for the evening. Glenn McQuinn gave an interesting talk on the daily life of a letter carrier, with many questions being asked.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45. Coffee and doughnuts were served, followed by an auction of 50 lots.

Dave Harvey, Recording Secretary.

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PROGRAMME, Tuesday, November 13, 1990, and CHARITY AUCTION

NOVAPEX '91 is on for April 13 and 14, 1991, and once again being held at the Lord Nelson Hotel, South Park Street, Halifax. At the November 13 meeting, the Exhibition Chairman, George MacKenzie, will review the rules and regulations as approved by the Executive at their October 22 meeting, and outline the duties of the various Chairpeople. As is the case every year we need help in many ways from you, the members, if we ever hope to continue these annual events. Come to the November 13 meeting to see how you can help out.

The programme is followed by the annual CHARITY AUCTION when through your generosity with auction lots, the club makes a substantial donation to charity in the Club's name. Last year the donation was divided between two charities. Your items and your bidding make this Christmas cheer event a success.

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TREASURER'S REPORT, from the Statement of Profit and Loss, Year Ended June 30, '90

Total receipts \$9323.40, includes membership dues \$3506.80, auctions \$1410.68 and \$455 from the Navy League covers. The exhibition receipts, bank interest and a few miscellaneous items make up the total.

Total expenses, with the Exhibition and newsletter making up the bulk, \$7971.50, showing a net gain for the year of \$1351.90. The bank balance as of June 30, shows \$4922.91.

This is merely a summary of the report given by the treasurer, John Harvey, to the September Annual Meeting.

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FORGERIES OF BARBADOS: Cliff Abram

Recently I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to purchase four copies of forgeries of the Britannia stamps of Barbados, initially, of course, this was to embellish my collection, as oddities etc. make, I think, points on which to set one's collection against, much as printing flaws do. I have not as yet determined whether the person responsible for these stamps meant to duplicate the original issue or whether it is a second copy of the blue variety, this I will investigate at a later date. These copies are not good but would get by an unsuspecting collector, one who was not familiar with the Barbados stamps, for example. The size of them is not constant, the ship is a poor reproduction as is the helmet of Britannia. The paper is thicker and has wider margins than would be expected on the real thing. The crescents around the stamp's design are different in that they curve outwards, whereas on the proper stamp they are inwards, also they are invariably cancelled, not I might add, with a cancel peculiar to the type that was used in Barbados.

All of the variances mentioned above are well documented in the book by Edmund Bayley, Stamps of Barbados. This book, by the way, won a Vermeil at Stamp World '90, a Vermeil at Chicagopex '89. It will also be entered in the World Show in New Zealand in November of this year.



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An Interesting Stamp

The U.S. issue of stamps to commemorate the four hundredth anniversary of the landing of Columbus in America is one of the most beautiful and most desirable of all the U.S. issues, as well as being the first commemoratives. Interestingly, the 8¢ value (pictured here) was not issued at the same time as the other values of 1¢ to \$5.00 in January, 1893. It was issued in March of '93 to coincide with the great Columbian Exposition of Chicago.

The Exposition, itself, was held a year late because the construction of the fair grounds lagged due to problems encountered when they drained the swamp the grounds were built upon.



Thanks to Lucille Robinson for the above item.

MEMBERSHIP: Granted to #881 Thomas Gordon Crosman  
#882 Gillian R. Keeping

Application received: Stan M. Smith, 6628 First St., Halifax, B3L 1E2  
Interests: Canada and Newfoundland

E.M.C. Morrissey, 106 Spring Ave., Dartmouth, B2W 4C5

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LIBRARY: Members are reminded that the Club has a rather extensive collection of philatelic literature, which is available to club members. These books are kept in the club's locker at the Museum, which the librarian, Heather MacKenzie, opens each meeting night. The borrowing procedure is very simple, just sign your name on the card found in the pocket at the back of each book, and give the card to Heather. She will return the card to the book when you return it. There are several excellent books on exhibiting, and it is time to think about getting an exhibit ready for April. A list of available books is also on hand if you are looking for something in particular.

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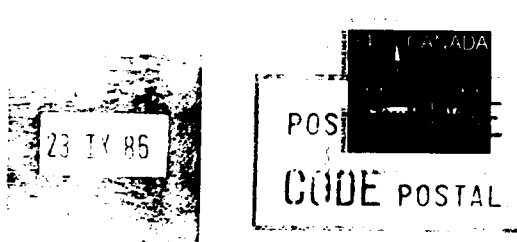
AUCTION LOTS: Please package your better auction items carefully. After the auction items have been handled by a number of viewers, certain wear and slippage can occur if the items are not carefully packaged, also it is helpful if the item can be seen clearly for condition. Describe your lot as accurately as possible, and bidders should check lots they are interested in carefully.

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PHIL-A-TELIC:

No reply yet on last month's judging question but one is promised for next month's Newsletter. For this month I'll repeat a couple that are still outstanding ----- I'm sure some member must be able to help out.

1. Fujeira in 1968 issued a set of ship stamps. What is the name of the ship on the 1 Riyal value?



2. Is the above a philatelic cancel, a company receiving stamp or what? Perhaps a wartime cancel (in 1986?), anybody have any ideas?

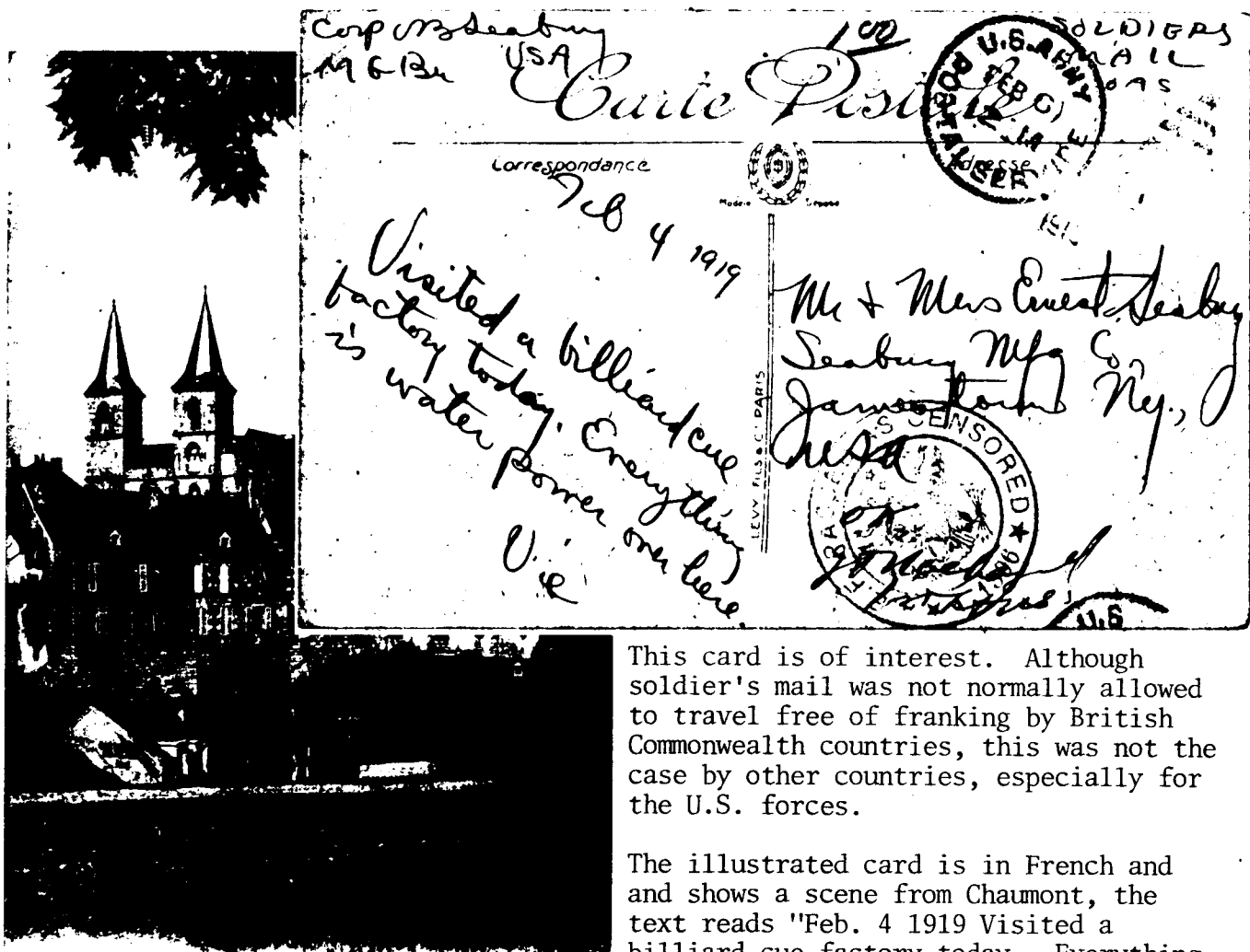
We need questions as well as answers. Please send them to Phil at 1333 South Park Street, Apt. 515, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2K9

MILITARY COVERS AND MARKINGS: Dave Cooper

Every stamp collector who has done more than just looked at a pretty stamp has some interest in history, and if they collect covers or postally used postcards, newspaper wrappers etc. then they have been bitten by the Postal History bug. Not fatal but the effects never go away.

It would be a major task to list all of the wars and skirmishes that have happened since the first postage stamp was issued in 1840. The First and Second World Wars, the Boer War, American Civil War, three between Israel and the Arab countries, battles between Pakistan and India, between India and Asia, Viet Nam, Japanese/Russian, etc.

The possible total number of items is impossible to calculate, but rather than ignore them, I will illustrate various items periodically that I have found to be of interest.



02 CHAUMONT. — Eglise Saint-Jean-Baptiste,  
Saint-John the-Baptist's church. — LL.

This card is of interest. Although soldier's mail was not normally allowed to travel free of franking by British Commonwealth countries, this was not the case by other countries, especially for the U.S. forces.

The illustrated card is in French and shows a scene from Chaumont, the text reads "Feb. 4 1919 Visited a billiard cue factory today. Everything is water power over here. Vie".

The card is from Corp. V.B. Seabury, M G Br. USA (Machine Gun) and is addressed to Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Seabury in Jamestown, N.Y. USA

The card was free franked in manuscript SOLDIERS/MAIL/OAS and the postal cancel is a clear 1919 duplex with full circle enclosing U.S. Army Postal Service Feb 6 12 M.

Dave Harvey pointed out WWI ended 11/11/18. However, this card still passed through the A.E.F. CENSOR AS PASSED BY CENSOR 1306. The American and other forces invaded Russia after WWI to assist the Tsar and loyalist forces. Is this card used in Russia or does anyone know where censor 1306 was stationed 18 February of 1919?

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SIR SANFORD FLEMING: Dave Harvey

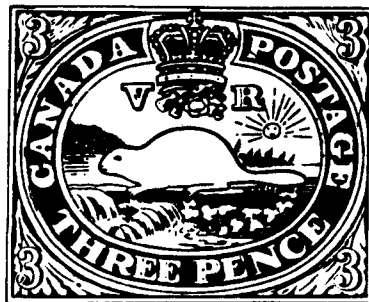
There is a plaque on the front of a grey wooden house at 1551 Brunswick Street. It reads:

Residence of  
Sir Sanford Fleming  
1866-1871  
Plaque presented by  
St. Leonard's Society of Halifax  
October 24 1984

I wonder how many members recognize the role Sir Sanford played in the history of our hobby?

He was born in Scotland in 1827 and came to Canada in 1845. For the next 35 years he was one of the foremost railway surveyors and construction engineers in Canada and Newfoundland. He then became a proponent for the underwater cable that eventually linked Australia, Canada and England. In 1884 his idea of "Standard Time" with its 24 time zones replaced the old and confusing local times. He was chancellor of Queen's University until his death in Halifax in 1915.

What has all this to do with philately? The answer is, of course, "Nothing". However, in between all this he found time to design Canada's (actually the provinces of Canada) first postage stamp. This is the popular 3 pence beaver issued in 1851. Look closely at this stamp. It depicts the beaver which has been called the symbol of Canada. In the sky at the right is the sun, rays radiating and face smiling. Sir Sanford had a sense of humour. Canada and philately owe alot to him.



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The National Archives of Canada has acquired a significant portion of the American Bank Note Company's philatelic archives through purchase at Christie's auction, Sept. 13 in New York. It includes Canada and British North America postage and revenue stamp preproduction documents of record, designer notations, approval signatures and related official commentary of national significance.