

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB



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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. No meetings July or August.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 1991. FLEA MARKET

Newsletter Mailing Address: 831 Tower Rd., Halifax, N.S. B3H 2Y1

IN MEMORY: Henry Hicks, 1915 - 1990. Scholar, political leader, educator, philatelist.

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES, December 11, 1990.

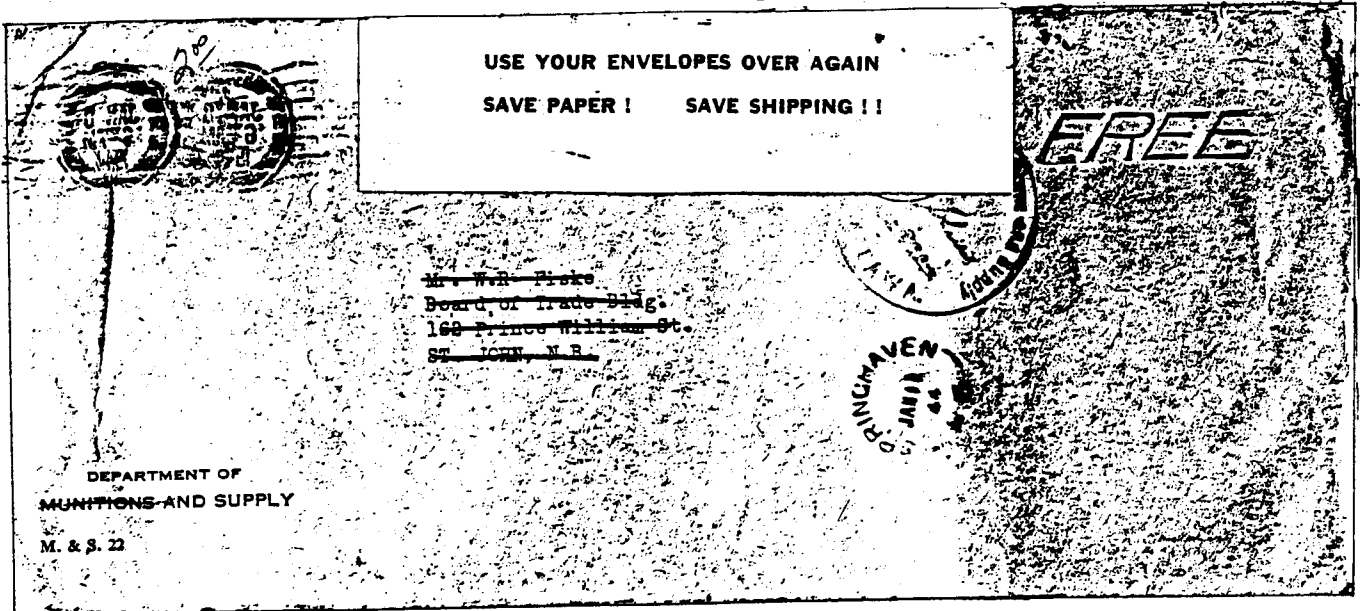
A moment of silence was observed for Henry Hicks. It was decided to give the executive authority to dispose of the remaining Navy League Covers as it deems appropriate. The Chairman of the GIANT AUCTION is Phil Melanson. Get your material in to Phil at the January meeting. This is expected to be better quality material with reserves over \$2. Ken MacDonald would like the names of any prospective Bourse participants. Next month's PROGRAMME is a Flea Market, bring your goods and set up your wares. John Hall is the Programme Director if you have any questions. Museum doors do not open until 7p.m. Cliff Abram presented the evening's programme on the Post Offices of Barbados. As the Museum's projector was not working properly, both John Hall and Stan Dunfield became Volunteers of the Month with their relay system of communication. Cliff followed this with a short show of the Trains of Great Britain. Both were most enjoyable and if you missed it, perhaps Cliff will present another in the future.

PHIL-A-TELIC: Still no answer on our judging question but hopefully next month -- Phil has one himself this month and I'll be interested in the answer having been the Editor of this worthwhile publication for a few years. The Executive met on Monday, Nov. 26 and the Editor stated that any copy for the Newsletter had to be in her hands by 10 a.m. the next day. My question is how did you get the Newsletter finished, printed, put in envelopes, mailed and at my place by 11 a.m. the following day? In other words the Newsletter was printed, mailed and delivered by Canada Post in about 24 hours. Don't forget questions and answers to Phil at 1333 South Park Street, Apt. 515, Halifax, B3J 2K9

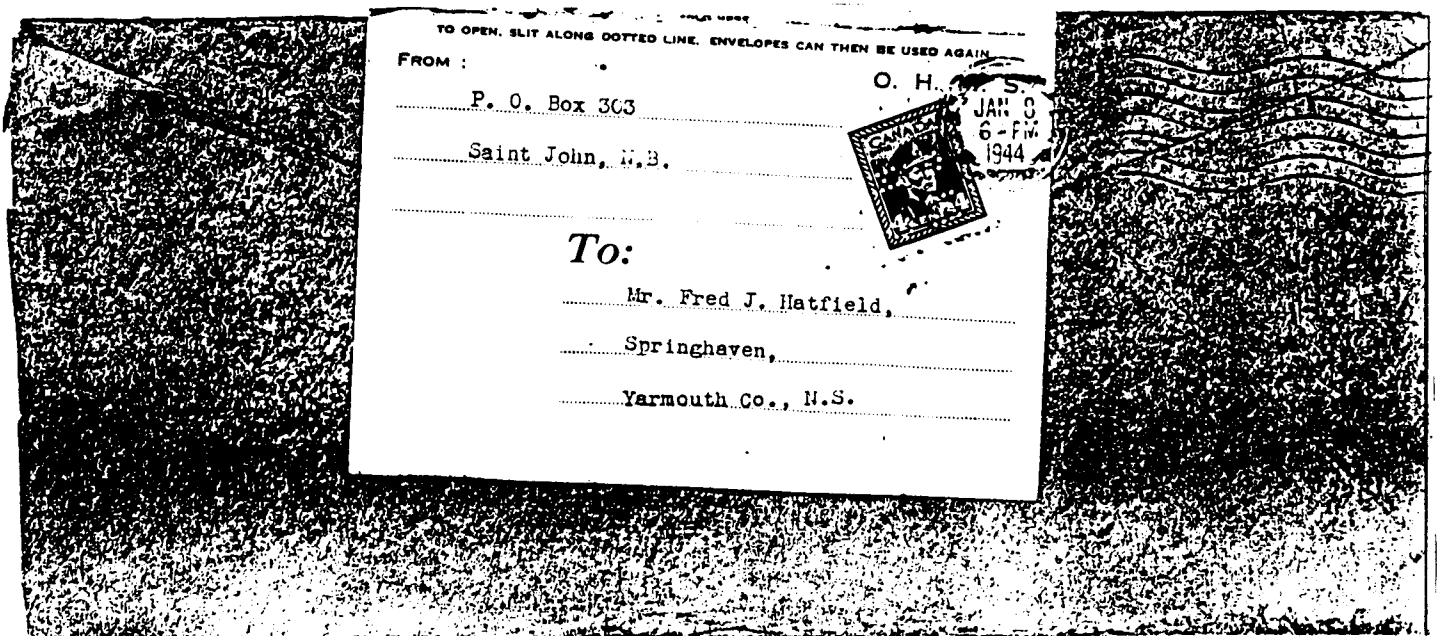
Ed's note: It is amazing what the pre-Christmas panic does to everyone!

COVER OF THE MONTH: A Reused Cover, Dave Cooper

During the American Civil War paper was so scarce that envelopes were turned inside out and reused. Thus it is possible to find envelopes with stamps or FREE franks and addresses on both sides. Having grown up during WWII the most common expression heard was "WANT NOT - WASTE NOT". The expression now is REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE. It is common for consumers to recycle newspapers, aluminum cans, glass bottles. Of course, stamp collectors have been recycling stamps and envelopes for a very long time. This cover is pertinent to the above and is of interest for various points.



It was originally sent by the Department of Munitions and Supply to Saint John, N.B. utilizing a free frank. The free frank was authorized by the blue circular hand stamp of the Department of Munitions and Supply and the circular date stamp under the label reads Jan. 3/ 10PM/ 1944, Ottawa Ontario. This envelope was obviously given to the Department of National Revenue, Customs & Excise in Saint John. The name of the addressee and sender were pencilled out and a label was folded over the top of the envelope. The back part blocked



out any previous stamps etc. with the motto "USE YOUR ENVELOPES OVER AGAIN SAVE PAPER! SAVE SHIPPING! The front of the label covered the previous back of the envelope and was addressed to Mr. Fred J. Hatfield, Springhaven, Yarmouth Co., N.S. and the sender was P.O. Box 303, Saint John, N.B. The reused envelope was postage paid by a red 4¢ stamp, perfinned O H M S and the stamp was cancelled by the Saint John BLACK-OUT cancel of Jan. 8 1944 at 6pm.

Of special interest to me was the completed closure, U.S. form 138, INVOICE OF MERCHANDISE covering the export from Canada to Brooklyn N.Y. of 368 spruce & hack(matack) ships knees with a total value of \$1599.65. Mr. Cliff Priest, who originally hired me in 1959, served several years in the RCNVR out of Halifax, N.S. and prepared this type of form in the late 1940's. Cliff has recently retired after over forty years and spent the month of October touring Nova Scotia.

Form 138
FOREIGN SERVICE

—Attach Additional Sheets Here—

INVOICE OF MERCHANDISE
(Before preparing this invoice, read instructions carefully.)
(1) PURCHASED (2) NOT PURCHASED

(Do not include PURCHASED and NOT PURCHASED merchandise in ONE invoice; use SEPARATE invoices for each.)

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EXHIBITION WATCH: George MacKenzie

For hopefully all of you members interested in entering an exhibit in NOVAPEX '91, here is a repeat of Claude Michaud's Notes on Judging found in Newsletter #206, Vol. 25 #7:

The following notes are intended to help the exhibitor by sharing with him the guidelines by which the judges will appraise their exhibit.

There are 3 levels of exhibition: Local, National and International. Here, we are concerned with the local level. At this level, judges are not expected to be experts in all fields, but they must judge all entries. The emphasis is placed on what the exhibitor has done with the material at his disposal. Thus, importance is placed on Presentation, Research and Study, Collecting Challenge, and Condition. These vary in importance, according to the type of exhibit as seen below.

Presentation - Philately is a visual hobby, the postal item is the most important item on the page and must be shown in a tasteful manner. The exhibit should tell a story from page to page and frame to frame. Eye appeal is very important, especially for Topical exhibits.
Points.....Traditional and Postal History - 35
Topical - 45

Research & Study - Your exhibit should show at least the basic published information, original research being the ultimate. For Topical exhibits, knowledge of the subject is most important, but some basic philatelic knowledge is also expected.
Points..... Traditional - 35
Topical -25(Subject) - 5(Philatelic)

Collecting Challenge - How easy or difficult was it to form the collection.
Points.....Traditional - 15
Topical - 10

Condition - Damaged, off-centred, badly cancelled Postal items are down-graded, especially if the items are readily available in VF condition.
Points.....Traditional - 15
Topical -15

I hope that these few notes will help you achieve your goal in this year's exhibition. Remember, when you exhibit at this level you must meet all of these factors if you want to be successful. Most important, you must show your postal items in a tasteful manner and you must tell the judges what you know by putting it down on your pages. GOOD LUCK.

MEMBERSHIP: Granted to #884 Richard W. Russell