



# THE NOVA SCOTIA POST

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## UP AND COMING

**Valley Stamp Club** - February 7  
Port Williams Community Centre.

**NS Stamp Club** - February 10  
Constitution revisions...see pages 5-7.  
Show and Tell. Auction.  
Presnetation: David Ferns "Dorothy Wilding: The woman, the world and the stamps."

**Moncton Stamp Fair** - February 14  
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.

**South Shore Stamp Club** - February 21  
New Life Christian Church, Elm St.  
Bridgewater, NS

**NSSC Stamp Fair dates for 2026**  
March 15  
July 26  
Sept 13  
Nov 15

Check out the status of other events at  
[www.rpsc.org/shows.php](http://www.rpsc.org/shows.php) or  
[www.csdaonline.com/shows](http://www.csdaonline.com/shows)

## Member Dues

It is incumbent on each member to pay their dues in a timely manner. If you have not paid your dues by the end of February you are in danger of being dropped from the member roll.

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.

Contact Jeff Parks, membership chair, if you have any questions.

[webnews@ns.stampclub.ca](mailto:webnews@ns.stampclub.ca)

## SERVICE SUSPENDED FROM JAPAN

by Marty Zelenietz

The Canada Post labour disruption of fall 2025 meant that mail from overseas could not be sent here. The cover illustrated here shows Japan's response to service unavailability. The cover was sent from Tajimi, in Gifu prefecture. The two strikes of the Tajimi CDS appear to read 25 10 24, i.e. 24 October 2025. Canada Post employees were on total strike from 25 September until 10 October, at which point there was a partial return to work. The strike continued on a rotating basis until 21 November when a tentative agreement was reached.



Japan Post neatly taped a label over the destination address on the item to return it to sender on 4 November. The label is generic, with the text reading:

We are returning the mail item you submitted because acceptance is currently suspended for the specified addressee and destination country.

For inquiries regarding the return of postage, please contact the post office where you submitted the item.

From Tokyo postal office

There is no mention of the destination country, or why service has been suspended.

The cover eventually arrived as part of a holiday parcel sent from Tajimi on 25 December 2025, arriving in Canada on 8 January 2026.

Canada Post re-releases (January 27, 2026) hip-hop trailblazers stamps for Black History Month



CANADA POST DEPARTMENTAL HANDSTAMPS #28

by Gary Steele

REGISTERED  
Postal Terminal A.  
MAY 30 1928  
TORONTO, ONT.

Double rectangle, 48.5x35mm  
Sans-serif,  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> lines caps,  
2<sup>nd</sup> line mixed  
No proof known.



Fortune follows those sometime who chase down material from the most unlikely finds. Many pictures on websites, auction sites and eBay are so poor you just have to take a gamble. This particular Admiral issue Bank of Montreal Money Tag from 1928 has a few surprises and also raises some questions.

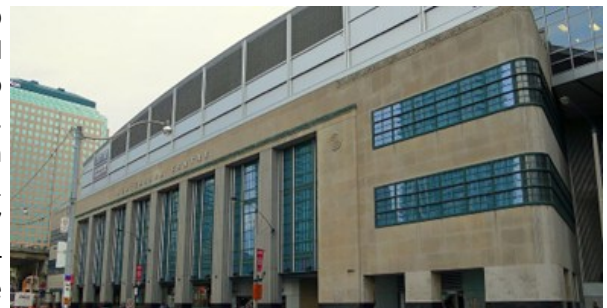
Canadian banks used to send large quantities of money, I assume coin or cash, by registered mail. Rates varied according to postal regulations and time frames. In this case, Money Packets addressed to places within Canada were five cents for the 1<sup>st</sup> ounce and five cents for each additional ounce plus 10 cents registration fee to be prepaid. A total of \$10.70 was paid for a weight of 212 ounces (13.25lbs) that is - \$10.60 plus a 10-cent registration fee.

A tag such as this item was attached to the parcel by the Bank of Montreal Head Office on the 29 May 1928 as indicated by the handstamp

and separate CDS, with an additional Registered handstamp applied. The registration of this item was numbered 12679 – a high number since this large office would register a quite a number of registered items in any given year. The destination was Toronto. Note a Wax seal remains over the string was applied and torn off upon opening at the final destination to the upper left of the postage stamps.

As this parcel was valuable, the Railway Post Office (RPO) clerk A. E Cain applied his handstamp. Which has been found to be a **RARE NEW FIND R. P. O. MONT. & TOR. R. P. O. Tr. 19 MAY 29 1928 A. E. CAIN to keep a record of the chain of custody.** RPO Clerk handstamps can be quite scarce depending upon the area and usage.

Another new Departmental Handstamp **REGISTERED Postal Terminal A.** dated May 30 1928 at Toronto, Ont. was also applied at the final postal destination. This Postal Terminal A. was the main postal sorting and delivery hub at 61 Front Street West. It opened in 1927 near Union Station and is now incorporated into the Air Canada Centre. Note no exact address for the Bank of Montreal in Toronto was indicated.



Normally money tags were cancelled by handstamps, however it seems as there were several at one time cancelled with a large black crayon or old-style marker or sorts used to cancel the stamps quickly, not common but legitimate.

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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

REDACTED

by Elizabeth Sodero

On September 23, 2025 a birthday gift was mailed in Halifax to Manchester UK. Regular untracked service was \$25.37. Expected delivery would be two to three weeks, 'oodles' of time for the November 28 birthday, but plenty of leeway given due to past experience. Canada Post went on strike September 25, 2025, surely the parcel had cleared. Checking regularly with the intended recipient no parcel was delivered to Rowan Avenue. As the birthday drew closer, it seemed the parcel had gone to that place where parcels would never reappear and a substitute gift was ordered online from Manchester. That arrived promptly!

Scrolling ahead, the birthday boy came to Canada on December 14 for Christmas. Canada Post must have sensed this!!!! The parcel, returned to sender, arrived on the doorstep in Halifax on December 22, heavily redacted but super-sleuthing revealed the charges that prevented the parcel from being delivered. A notification card had been delivered to the recipient in Manchester. He, in the meantime, had ordered a bicycle part from Germany and thought the notification was for that. Unwilling to pay the charges, the card went into recycle bin. The redacted information showed an International handling fee of £8, VAT £8.52, for a total £16.52. The parcel had arrived in Manchester October 17, 2025 and was delivered in Halifax on December 22, 2025. The small print indicates that VAT is applied to gifts over £39. The gift was valued at \$80 Canadian (current conversion £42.77)

The result: Canada Post did an excellent job, the present had a lovely trip to the UK and back to Canada on the original parcel charge of \$25.37 and a birthday gift turned into a Christmas gift.



QUEEN VICTORIA—BRITISH STAMPS

by Michael Peach

The first British stamp, the penny black, showed a profile of a young Queen Victoria. The image was based on a medal that William Wyon had prepared to commemorate the Queen's visit to the City of London in 1837. She never aged on all subsequent issues although later a frame was added and subsequently modified.

The Royal Mail stamps issued eight first class stamps on 27 November 2025 showing the young queen on stamps issued during her long reign. At the same time, a mini-sheet was issued with four first class stamps. The image of Queen Victoria was now insufficient to identify the country and her great-great-grandson's profile was added.



Photography was becoming popular in the 1840s. The first royal photograph was of Prince Albert in 1842 who began keeping a record of his family photographically. The Queen was also interested. The stamps on the mini-sheet feature images of the Queen during her long reign. The two 1854 photographs by Roger Fenton show the young Queen and the Queen with Prince Albert. Prince Albert died in 1861 and in the 1885 photograph the Queen is seen in her widow's weeds that she wore for the rest of her life. She is writing, probably a letter, at her desk in the 1896 photograph.

She is wearing her Diamond Jubilee regalia (1897) in the portrait in the selvedge of the min-sheet.

She died on 22 January 1901 at Osborne House, her home on the Isle of Wight. The first day cancellation of the mini sheet is from Osborne.

**VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS - FEBRUARY 2026**

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. Association headings contain a link to their website.

**American Topical Association:**

Feb. 3, 8 pm, David Ball, "Are you exhibit curious?" (Introduction to exhibiting – Part 1) FREE

Feb. 10 and Feb. 17, 8 pm, David Ball, "Introduction to Exhibiting, Parts 2 & 3" (ATA members \$10 US, non-members \$15).

**Auxiliary Markings Club:**

Feb. 10, 8 pm Hironobu Unesaki, "Hako-ba', Post box markings of Osaka and Kyoto, Japan".

**British Empire Study Group:**

Feb. 12, 8 pm, Della Moses Walker and Ashley Turbull, "African American Musicians".

**Collectors Club of New York:**

Feb. 4, 6:30 pm, Michael Mahler, "My latest, greatest, revenue research hits".

Feb. 11, 6:30 pm, Apratrim Bhattacharya, "Mails through chaos: navigating postal disruptions during the Indian Mutiny 1857-59".

**Learning About Stamps Online:**

Feb. 17, 9 pm, Maris Tirums, "Stamps of Port Said".

compiled by Ann Miller

**North Toronto Stamp Club:**

Feb. 19, 8 pm, TBD

**Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada:**

Feb. 18, 8:30 pm, Jean Wang "British and Canadian Tobacco Funds in WWI."

**Postal History Society of Canada:**

Feb 10, 8 pm, TBD

**Royal Philatelic Society of Canada:**

Feb. 9, 8 pm, Stamp Talk, Douglas Hill, "Canadian Illustrated Permits".

Feb. 16, 8 pm, Stamp Panel, Garfield Portch, Michel Houde, Paul Sarjeant, and Gregg Redner, "My favourite philatelic publications and literature".

**Royal Philatelic Society of London:**

Feb. 10, 11 am, Ian Gibson-Smith, "Philatelic database digitization makes identification of early pre-stamp marks easier".

**Society of Australasian Specialists / Oceania:**

Feb. 19, 7 pm Jerry Weirich, "Tasmanian OS punctured official stamps". Contact Steve Zirinsky [szirinsky@cs.com](mailto:szirinsky@cs.com) for a link.

**West Toronto Stamp Club:**

Feb. 3, 8 pm, Learning Workshop "Cinderellas".

Feb. 17, 8 pm, Discussion Group, Alec Globe, "From mud hole to metropolis". The development of Toronto, Part 2.



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Check us out at <http://www.kwstampclub.org>

**CONSTITUTION 2026 REVISED...**

The Nova Scotia Stamp Club is currently in the process of registering as a non-profit society with the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stocks Companies., which requires filing a Constitution and By-laws. The Constitution & By-laws were last revised in June 2022. The current constitution was put before the Registry and they subsequently requested we make a few minor changes.

The proposed revised Constitution & By-laws were vetted by the membership present at the regular January meeting and a lively discussion ensued warranting additional changes. Provided questions have been addressed to the satisfaction of those raising concerns, there will be a call for a motion to adopt the revised Constitution & By-laws at the regular February meeting. A quorum of 15 members is required at the meeting and the motion must be carried by a three-quarter majority vote of those present.

If approved, the Executive will take the appropriate steps to complete the requirements of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies for registering as a non-profit society.

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**Nova Scotia Stamp Club**  
**Current Constitution and By-laws**  
(Last Revised June 14, 2022)

1. The name of the Club is The Nova Scotia Stamp Club.
2. The object of the Club will be to encourage the collecting of postage stamps, related items and the study of philately. To promote interest in the hobby, the club will meet once per month (except July and August) to exchange and acquire philatelic items and knowledge for the mutual benefit of all members.
3.
  - a. The executive of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club will consist of the President, Vice-President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and three Directors. Two of the Directors are to be elected by the Club membership and the third will be appointed by the Executive. At executive meetings, five (5) executive members in attendance will constitute a quorum.
  - b. The authority and discretionary powers granted to the executive for the purpose of conducting the Club's regular business may be exercised and approved by a quorum of club executive members in a virtual meeting, or by e-mail or other electronic means and shall be as valid and effectual as if conducted at a duly constituted in-person meeting. Any business conducted in this manner shall be read into the minutes captured at the next scheduled executive meeting.
4.
  - a. An Auctioneer, Assistant Auctioneer, Librarian, and Auditor will be appointed by the Executive from Club members.
  - b. The Club's Exhibition Chairperson, appointed by the Executive, will sit as an ex-officio member of the executive.
5. Committees will be formed and designated as follows:
  - a. A membership committee that can be made up of members of the Club or the executive. The Terms of Reference will be read into the executive minutes.
  - b. A program committee composed of the President, or Vice-President and two other club members.
  - c. The Executive may, as deemed necessary, appoint individuals or sub-committees to the business of the Club. The individuals of sub-committees may include members of the Executive, members of the Club-at-large or a combination of both. The Executive will read into the minutes the name of the individual or the composition of the sub-committee(s) and the required Terms of Reference.
6.
  - a. The Club will hold regular monthly meetings (normally from September of any year to June of the following year) at a place, date and time to be determined by the executive. At such meetings, fifteen members, including the Club President or his/her appointed representative will constitute a quorum.
  - b. The Annual General Meeting will be held in the month of September each year.
  - c. In May, the Past President will chair a Committee of three members to prepare a slate of potential of nominees to form an executive for the next year that will be approved by the executive prior to being presented to the membership at the Annual General Meeting. The consent of such members to act as Officers must be obtained before their names are submitted. The Club membership will receive notification of the nominees in the newsletter issued immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting.
  - d. The President and Treasurer will submit their Annual Reports at the Annual General Meeting.
  - e. The President is empowered to call a special executive or Club meeting at any time by giving due notice of the place, date and time and by providing an agenda of the topic(s) for discussion.
7. The annual membership dues for all classes of membership will be reviewed by the executive annually. A recommendation to change membership dues will be published in the earliest Newsletter possible and recorded for the reading of the minutes. Any change in the membership dues must then be approved by a majority vote of the attending quorum at the next regularly scheduled Club meeting.
8.
  - a. An application for membership does not imply acceptance.
  - b. If, in the opinion of the Executive, a member is deemed to have exercised dishonest or unfair practices (internal or external to the Club) and thus reflects discredit upon the Club, such member can be expelled by the executive. This action will be considered only after a hearing at a meeting of the Executive.
9. The Executive may approve petty cash funds to facilitate effective and efficient conduct of repetitive club business. The petty cash funds may be revoked by the Executive at any time.
10. Proposed changes to the Constitution of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club may be presented in writing by any member. The proposed change will be reviewed by the Executive. If accepted by Executive, the proposal will be published in the Club newsletter and presented to the membership for consideration at the earliest possible meeting. The change(s) must be approved by a majority vote of the attending quorum at the next meeting.

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**Nova Scotia Stamp Club**  
**Proposed Constitution and By-laws**  
(January 28, 2026)

1. The name of the Society is Nova Scotia Stamp Club.
2. The object of the Society shall be to encourage the collecting of postage stamps, related items and the study of philately. To promote interest in the hobby, the club shall meet to exchange and acquire philatelic items and knowledge for the mutual benefit of all members.
3.
  - a. Application for membership will be in the submitted format set by the Executive in consultation with the Membership Committee. An application for membership does not imply acceptance.
  - b. Members are:
    - (i) obliged to pay annual dues;
    - (ii) entitled to attend meetings, make motions, debate and vote;
    - (iii) obliged to support the object of the club and comply with the club by-laws;
    - (iv) encouraged to participate in Club activities and serve on committees; and,
    - (v) entitled and encouraged to serve on the executive.
  - c. The annual membership dues for all classes of membership shall be reviewed by the Executive annually. A recommendation to change membership dues shall be published in the earliest newsletter possible and recorded for the reading of the minutes. Any change in the membership dues must then be approved by a majority vote of the attending quorum at the next regularly scheduled club meeting.
  - d. If, in the opinion of the Executive, a member is deemed to have exercised dishonest or unfair practices (internal or external to the club) and thus reflects discredit upon the club, such member can be expelled by the Executive. This action shall be considered only after a hearing at a meeting of the Executive.
4.
  - a. The Executive of Nova Scotia Stamp Club shall consist of the President, Vice-president, Past president, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and three Directors. Two Directors are to be elected by the club membership and the third shall be appointed by the Executive. At Executive meetings, five (5) Executive members in attendance shall constitute a quorum.
  - b. The authority and discretionary powers granted to the Executive for the purpose of conducting the club's regular business may be exercised and approved by a quorum of club Executive members in a virtual meeting, or by e-mail or other electronic means and shall be as valid and effectual as if conducted at a duly constituted in-person meeting. Any business conducted in this manner shall be read into the minutes captured at the next scheduled Executive meeting.
  - c. Executive members shall serve without remuneration, shall not receive any profit from club business, or be paid for being directors.
5. The club shall hold regular monthly meetings (normally from September of any year to June of the following year) at a place, date and time to be determined by the executive and posted in the club newsletter. At such meetings, parliamentary procedure will be followed. Fifteen (15) members, including the club president or their appointed representative shall constitute a quorum.
6.
  - a. Appointees and Committees: The Executive shall, as deemed necessary, appoint individuals or committees to conduct the business of the club. Committees may include any club members including Executive members. The Executive shall read into the minutes names of individuals or the composition of the committee(s) and the required Terms of Reference. An Appointee or Committee member may be paid for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties with prior approval of the Executive.
  - b. The Executive shall appoint Auctioneers, a Librarian, a Membership Chair, an Exhibition Chair, and an Auditor from amongst the membership.
  - c. The Exhibition Chair shall sit as an ex-officio member of the Executive.
  - d. At minimum, Committees shall be formed and designated as follows:
    - (i) Membership Committee of no less than two (2) Club members;
    - (ii) Program Committee composed of the Vice-president and two other Club members; and,

- (iii) Nominations Committee, chaired by the Past-president, and consisting of three (3) additional Club members.
7. a. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday of September each year at a place, date and time to be determined by the Executive. Members shall be notified of the meeting, along with the agenda, through the preceding newsletter and/or e-mail, at least two weeks prior to the meeting.
- b. The President and Treasurer shall submit their annual reports at the Annual General Meeting.
- c. Election of Officers at the Annual General Meeting:
- (i) Starting in May of each year the Nominations committee will prepare a slate of potential nominees for each position to form an Executive for the next year. Any current Executive member may stand for re-election. The consent of such members to act as officers of the Club must be obtained before their names are submitted. The slate of nominees shall be approved by the Executive prior to being presented to the membership. The membership shall receive notification of the slate of nominees in the newsletter issued immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) Additional nominations for every Executive position shall be called for from the floor at the Annual General Meeting. If no other name is added to the slate and there is only one name on the slate for that position then it shall be declared elected by acclamation. If more than one name is on the slate for a position then a vote to elect a single member for the position will be made by secret ballot. Ballots will be counted by two scrutineers who are club members. The scrutineers' decisions are final. The outgoing president will automatically become past president.
8. a. The President is empowered to call a Special Executive Meeting at any time by giving due notice of the place, date and time and by providing an agenda of the topic(s) for discussion.
- b. The President is empowered to call an Extraordinary Meeting of the club by giving at least two weeks' notice of the place, date and time and by providing an agenda of the topic(s) for discussion. Notice shall be made through the newsletter and/or by electronic means email, telephone, etc.)
9. a. Financial records shall be maintained by the Treasurer. The fiscal year shall run from August 1 to July 31 annually. After fiscal year end, records shall be scrutinized by an Auditor appointed by the executive.
- b. Members have the right to view any and all records and books for the club. Reasonable time for the Secretary or Treasurer to produce these records must be given. The member and the Secretary or Treasurer shall agree to a time and place for viewing.
- c. The Treasurer's report along with a signed statement of approval from the auditor shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting. Approval must be obtained by a membership vote. The approved financial statement shall be forwarded to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.
- d. The Executive may approve petty cash funds to facilitate effective and efficient conduct of repetitive club business. The petty cash funds may be revoked by the Executive at any time.
10. Members may repeal, amend or add to the Constitution and By-Laws of Nova Scotia Stamp Club by special resolution.
- a. Proposed amendments to the Constitution may be made by any member and shall be presented in writing to the Executive.
- b. Details of the proposed by-law change shall be published in the club newsletter.
- c. At the earliest general meeting, the proposed by-law change shall be presented to the membership for deliberation and vote. At the general meeting a quorum must be present.
- d. Approval of the proposed amendments requires a three quarters (3/4) majority vote in favour.
- e. No by-law or amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of Nova Scotia Stamp Club shall take effect until approved by the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

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