



# THE NOVA SCOTIA POST

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## UP AND COMING

**Valley Stamp Club** - March 7  
Port Williams Community Centre.  
Annual General Meeting.  
Presentation: Mike Mather "Tools of the Trade"

**NS Stamp Club** - March 10  
Trivia Quiz. Show and Tell. Auction.  
Presentation: Marla Hillier, retired  
Canada Post Manager, Communications,  
Alberta and Northwest Territory speaking  
about stamp launch ceremonies.

**Moncton Stamp Fair** - March 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.

**NSSC Stamp Fair** - March 15 9am-3 pm  
East Dartmouth Community Centre  
Live Auction at 1:30 pm

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

**NSSC Stamp Fair dates for 2026**  
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)

## Member Dues

If you have not paid your dues for 2025-26 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](mailto: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.

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## QUEEN VICTORIA ON 2025 BRITISH STAMPS

by Michael Peach

Royal Mail in its ongoing Special Stamp Issues Royal Mail issued twelve first class stamps featuring Queen Victoria on November 27, 2025. A set of eight stamps in two se-tenant strips of four, using the stamp-on-stamp format featured eight different Victorian stamps arranged chronologically. A miniature sheet showed some aspects of Victoria's long reign.

The first strip (Fig. 1) has the Penny Black, two-penny Blue, 6d Embossed and 4d first letterpress and the other (Fig. 2) has the 1s Small Letters, Penny Red, Penny Lilac and 4d Jubilee. The stamps were also available in counter sheets of 48. All the original stamps had 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 sub-



Fig 1: Penny black strip



Fig 2: 1862 1 schilling strip

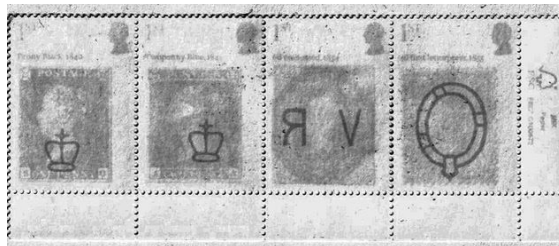


Fig 3: Back scan of the penny black strip

sequent issues although later a frame was added and subsequently modified. The eight stamps illustrate the development of the frame from the simple onochrome 1840 Penny Black and 1841 two-pence Blue through to the two colour 1887 4d Jubilee.

The original stamps all had watermarks, the classical security measure. The stamps on stamps were printed on gummed paper and the correctly positioned reproduction watermark was printed on the back (Fig. 3).



Fig. 4: Issue number on 1d lilac, number 23

Closer examination shows a microtext 2516 on all the stamps. The 25 is the year and the 16 is the year's issue number (Fig. 4). Similar microtext can be found in other recent issues.

Self adhesive stamps without watermarks were issued in a collector's sheet was produced with two columns of five stamps (Fig. 5). The original stamps are shown se-tenant with the 2025 stamps. The penny black and two pence are at the top and bottom of separate columns. A sheet of penny blacks forms the background of the sheet.

There were counter sheets with all the stamps on stamps in strips of four. The Prestige Book has all the stamps arranged in

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CANADA POST DEPARTMENTAL HANDSTAMPS #29

by Gary Steele

**OTTAWA, ONT.  
POST OFFICE.**

APR 23 1957

Registration Division.

Rectangle, 47x35mm  
No proof known.

This cover to Scott Base (New Zealand's Ross Dependency), Antarctica April 18, 1957 was sent to the Undeliverable Mail Office (UMO) from the **Ottawa Post Office Registration Division** (per handstamp) April 23. When the Ottawa UMO Return envelope was purchased, the original blue-ish cover was very fortunately inside (unfortunately no original correspondence included). Scott Base still exists next to a small settlement called **McMurdo Station**. Plans for the station began in 1956 when the New Zealand Ministry of Works were given the task of designing the base for construction in 1957.

It appears that the addressee on the UMO Return envelope that **William D. Christenson**, from St. Catharines, ON was the original sender matching the St. Catharines barrel cancel. A notation to: D.L.O./No Such Address required the return of this original cover.

As few people in the world knew of Scott Base, this letter bounced around between Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa eventually being handled on April 23, 1957 at the Registration Division in Ottawa, mailed out on the April 24. A full month



later it shows up at the **Toronto UMO** on May 21 per circle handstamp **No. 8 ERD** of 2 known reports on the UMO Return envelope. The rare **R Toronto U. M. O.** registration handstamp No. 301 is also 1 of only 3 known and the ERD.

The end of this story is both having arrived at the St. Catharines PO on the May 22 with delivery of the blue cover back to the original writer.

Because the original cover was Registered it required the UMO to also return it by registered mail. A charge of 5 cents as indicated by the 4c and 1c postage dues. In this case it was not a requirement to charge for the 20c registration fee also.

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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.

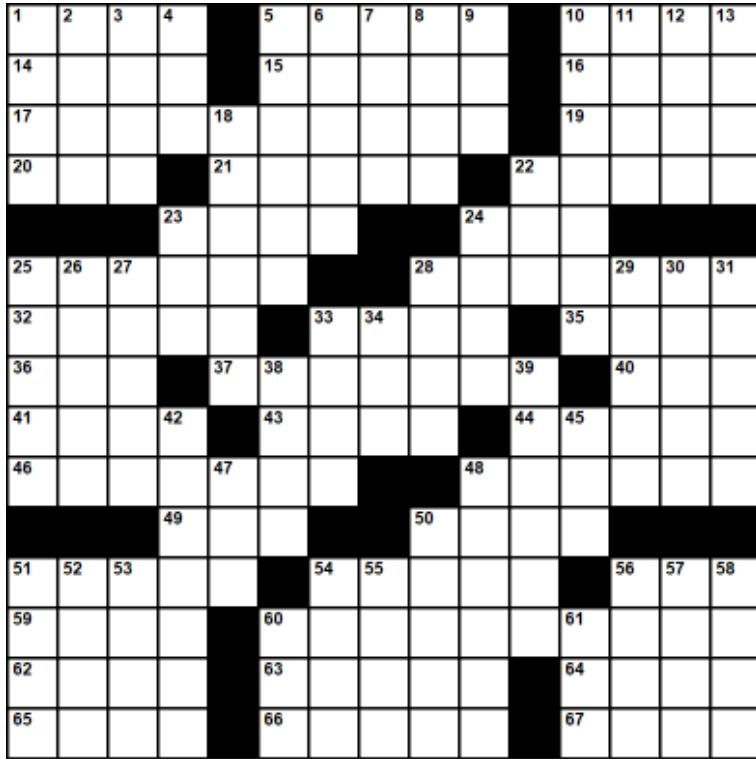
E-Membership is C\$10 per person or C\$15.00 per couple.

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

Send membership applications to...  
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Lewis Lake, NS B3Z 4B8

CROSSWORD

by Kevin Smith



**Across**

1. "Dancing Queen" band
5. Mideast's Meir
10. Make fun of
14. Wander
15. Indian or Arctic
16. Not mint
17. 1973-1976 series
19. Like Mother Hubbard's cupboards
20. Cdn consumer's woe
21. Phone notification
22. Turn red, maybe
23. Agitated state
24. Bus. card no.
25. Candle support
28. It can be golden
32. Country with Correos on it's stamps
33. Like a GI off base
35. Merit
36. Internet company big in the 90s
37. Word on many US stamps
40. Naughty
41. Actress Barrymore
43. \_-beche, joined stamps, upside down in relation to the other
44. Overact
46. Soap operas, e.g.
48. Bawled
49. Like Abner
50. Dalai \_\_\_
51. Time off
54. Take off
56. Prefix with angle
59. "Bonne Fete \_ \_"
60. 1967-1971 series
62. 1982 Disney film
63. Sedated
64. Garfield's pal
65. Fronted a band
66. Openings
67. Lairs

**Down**

1. Eyebrow shape
2. Feather scarves
3. The Simpson's kid
4. Person singing 59 across, maybe
5. Hockey position
6. A group of eight
7. Your, in Quebec
8. Pub missile?
9. Chemical suffix
10. 1897 series
11. Now!
12. Mere's mate
13. Famous garden
18. Stamp a stamp
22. Sis, for one
23. NBC sketch show
24. Turn to the side
25. A lot
26. Vacuuming or mopping
27. Edmonton NHLer
28. Achy
29. Coffee company
30. Shipping container
31. Ceased
33. Lincoln and Vigoda
34. Dripping
38. "\_\_\_ cost you"
39. Petty officers
42. 1954-1962 series
45. Exec.'s degree
47. Tire contents
48. Those clicking on the floppy disk icon
50. Not 11 down
51. Sewer inhabitants
52. Razor brand
53. Lunchtime
54. Comedian Jay
55. Opposite of ecto-
56. Gain competitor
57. Damp forecast
58. Seine sights
60. Cow's mouthful
61. Agree wordlessly

**QUEEN VICTORIA CONTINUED...**

three panes of four stamps. Two pairs of the penny black are featured in a Special Stamp Book.

The Wyon image of the young Queen was used on various early stamps of the British colonies, including Canada.

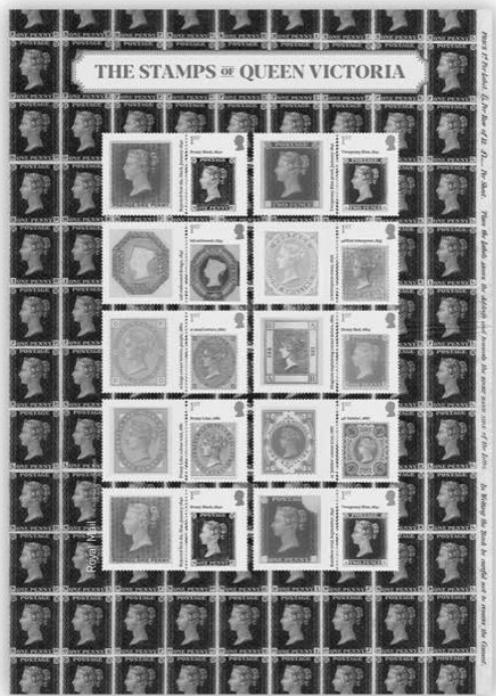


Fig 5: Collectors sheet

