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New National Stamp Collection at Canadian Museum of Civilization

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A new permanent exhibit, *Reflections of Canada - The National Stamp Collection*, was inaugurated at the Canadian Museum of Civilization on July 1, 2002. The Collection is an exhibition that presents all the stamps ever issued in Canada, including those issued by the provinces before they joined Confederation. This project is the result of an unprecedented three-way partnership between the Canadian Museum of Civilization, Canada Post and the National Archives of Canada.

"Not only can visitors admire this beautiful collection for the first time, but the exhibition provides a unique opportunity to revisit Canadian history through the 2,300 stamps in the national stamp collection," said Dr. Victor Rabinovitch, President and CEO of the Canadian Museum of Civilization Corporation.

The stamps are windows on Canada's past and present. The exhibition explores eight themes treated in the stamps' artwork: history, culture, economy, environment, symbols, society, philately and sports. Some of these stamps have become icons over the years, such as the 1929 Bluenose, a celebrated favourite of collectors. Many significant stamps are explored in depth in the exhibition.

Visitors can obtain more information on each stamp by consulting the National Archives of Canada's Web site on computer monitors in the exhibition. They can also view historical vignettes on videos produced by the Historica Foundation of Canada. The Canadian Museum of Civilization will offer a special school programme in which children can discover the world of philately.

Reflections of Canada will be on permanent display at the Canadian Postal Museum located in the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

Austro-Hungarian Lettersheet

by Michael Peach

In the October Newsletter, Dennis Bedley had a copy of an old folded lettersheet, possibly written in German. I have been looking at it.

The letter reflects the European political situation as it was in the middle of the 19th century. It was mailed within the old Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1859. At that time the only stamps in use were those of Austria, as Hungary did not issue stamps until 1871. The red 5 Kr. Austrian stamp, Scott 9, is cancelled with a Szikszó CDS 27 August 1859. Szikszó is in Hungary. It was sent a distance of just over 50 km to Cashau (Kashau in modern German) which is now named Kosice, a city in Slovakia. In 1859 it was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The date of the receipt of the lettersheet is noted in the script on the letter, 28 Aug (1)859. The letter was written in German in the old style German script.



There are a few words missing in the text. It was sent by Nicholas von Vrubingy to the Respected R.R. Finance Procurator in Cashau. It concerns a summons from a judge received on 22 August to appear on the same date about the arrears of interest payment to a Foundation on a credit note. It is claimed that the payment should be directed to Michael von Vrubingi (? *same family*) living in Liptau(er) County (*Liptov or Liptó, now in Slovakia*), as the beneficiary of Ludwig Jacob (?). This also involves the R.R. Finance Procurator of Döbling (*Vienna*), concerning a credit note of Ludwig Jacob, dated 1822, which has long been repaid and on which the interest has been paid. - Dated 27 Aug (1)1859 by Nicholas von Vrubingy.

The name Lipauer is associated with a soft cheese originating in Hungary, and a cheese spread made of Liptauer, or a cream cheese substitute, and seasonings.

Up and Coming

November 9 Stamp Fair
Burnside Motel

November 12 Club Meeting
Bill Burden - Small Queens
Auction

December 10 Christmas Social
Christmas on Stamps
No limit Charity Auction.

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Burnside Motel

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Back to Basics session
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**Canada Post announces 2003
commemorative stamp program**

On September 12, 2002, the Honourable André Ouellet, President and Chief Executive Officer of Canada Post, Ottawa, announced the commemorative stamp program for 2003. The selection of the coming year will mark anniversaries for the Queen, six Canadian universities and the National Library as well as the end of the Korean War. Recognition will be given to volunteer firefighters, Canadian astronauts, the World Road Cycling Championships and the Canadian Rangers. The Lunar New Year, NHL All-Stars, and the Tourist Attractions, all popular themes from previous years, will again be included in the program.

The 2003 program:

New Year of the Ram (January 3) A domestic-rate stamp and an international rate souvenir sheet to celebrate the Lunar New Year - February 1, 2003.

NHL All-Stars (January 18) Six new domestic-rate stamps in the popular "hockey heroes" series.

University Anniversaries - 150th anniversaries of Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec and Saint Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia; 125th anniversaries of the University of Western Ontario and the University of

Montreal; and, the centennials of the University of Guelph's MacDonald Institute and the University of Victoria will be commemorated with individual domestic-rate stamps released in 2003.

Audubon Collection (February) Artwork of renowned naturalist John James Audubon (1785-1851), who painted and wrote about the birds of North America, will be released on four domestic-rate stamps and one U.S. rate

Canadian Rangers (March) The military reservists who have been patrolling Canada's coasts and northern territories for more than 50 years are to be commemorated with a single issue.

American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association in Canada (March 25) A domestic -rate stamp will be issued to mark the 75th anniversary of the association that promotes education, philanthropy and civic responsibility. The AHEPA is the largest Greek-American organization in the world, with chapters in the United States, Canada, Australia and Greece

Jean-Paul Riopelle (May) The works of celebrated artist Jean-Paul Riopelle, who passed away in March 2002 will be honoured with a souvenir sheet of three stamps (domestic, U.S. and international rates).

Volunteer Firefighters (May) This single issue release will be timed to coincide with ROYAL*2003*ROYALE, the 75th annual convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, in Hanover, Ontario from May 30-June 1.

Royal Coronation (June 2) A special stamp issued to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Queen's coronation. As was the case with last year's stamp, sufficient quantities will be printed to ensure it remains on sale throughout the year.

Tourist Attractions - The 2003 Tourist Attractions stamp series will feature more eye-catching Canadian destinations. Five stamps each will be available at the U.S. and international rates.

Pedro da Silva (July 9) The stamp commemorates the first official Canadian mail messenger, a Portuguese, as well as the

50th anniversary of officially-sponsored Portuguese immigration.

For the Healing of the World (July 21) A single stamp will be issued on July 21 to coincide with the start of the Lutheran World Federation Tenth Assembly in Winnipeg. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada will host the event, the first time it has been held in Canada.

Korean Veterans - A single issue to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Armistice that brought an end to fighting in Korea, and to honour those Canadian service personnel who gave their lives. The stamp was developed in response to many requests by Canada's veterans.

World Road Cycling Championships (October) A single domestic rate stamp will be issued in to coincide with the event will take place in Hamilton, Ontario.

National Library (October) Canada Post books famous authors for world tour To mark the 50th anniversary of the National Library a library dedicated to preserving Canada's published heritage Canada Post will issue a set of stamps featuring some of our country's most celebrated authors.

Stamp Collecting Month Celebrates Canadian Astronauts (October) A set of eight stamps, issued to kick off stamp collecting month, pays tribute to Canadian astronauts.

National Plants - Thailand Joint Issue (October) Canada Post and Thailand Post team up for a joint issue featuring national plants, timed to coincide with an international stamp show in Thailand.

Christmas 2003 (October) The domestic, U.S. and international rate stamps will be available in plenty of time to mail those Christmas packages.

Specific stamp release information can be found on Canada Post's Web site and in Details magazine.



**Nova Scotia Stamp Club
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada**

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.

Dues are \$15 per person or \$22.50 per couple (\$20 US) payable to:

John Harvey, Treasurer
46 Farquharson St.
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The newsletter is published monthly (except summer). The Newsletter mailing address is:

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The Club website is located at:

<http://www.nsstampclub.ca/>

and is maintained by club members Neil and Judy Bowlby. (bowlby@accesswave.ca)

**Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on
Lunar New Year Animals
Snake / Horse Issue
Date: 9 February 2002**

The first Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet was issued in 2001 to commemorate the opening of the Hong Kong 2001 Stamp Exhibition. It was welcomed by philatelists for its special printing technique - the use of genuine gold and silver hot stamping. The sheetlet featured the Lunar New Year animals which are key symbols of festival celebrations at Chinese New Year. Chinese people are fond of having souvenir items made up of genuine gold and silver, especially if they include Lunar New Year animals, at festival time.

This sheetlet, which is the second issue in the series, consists of the two consecutive Lunar New Year special stamps, Snake and Horse, at face values of \$50 each, to celebrate the commencement of the new year. The stamps, depicting the Snake and Horse, have been embossed and hot-foiled respectively with genuine 24-carat gold / 99.9% pure silver, and genuine 22-carat gold / 99.9% pure silver. A certificate of authenticity is included with the sheetlet. The design of this sheetlet is meant to symbolise the grand and prosperous mood of festivals, especially those marking Chinese New Year.

These stamp products include stamp sheetlet, presentation pack, souvenir cover and serviced souvenir cover (available at the 38 philatelic offices on the issue day only).

Stamp Sheetlet

Contains two \$50 stamps
and a comes with a
certificate of Authenticity.

Stamp Printing Details

Stamp Design : Bon KWAN
Printer: Cartor Security Printing,
France

Process: Lithography plus...

...Embossing and hot foil stamping with
24-carat gold and 99.9% pure silver - Year
of the Snake

...Embossing and hot foil stamping with
22-carat gold and 99.9% pure silver - Year
of the Horse

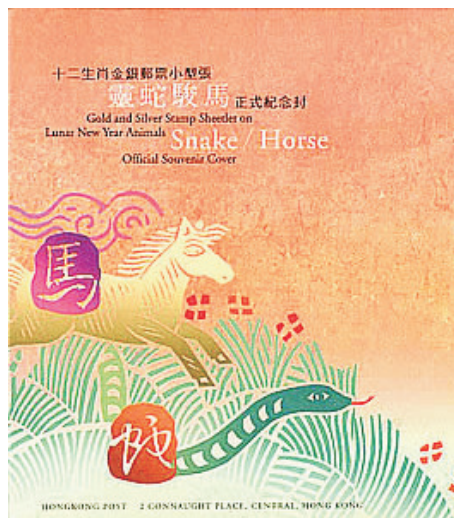
Sheetlet Size : 135 mm x 90 mm

Stamp Size : 37.5 mm x 51 mm

Perforation : 13

Paper : Unwatermarked

Date of Issue : 9 February 2002



First Day Cover Detail

The Serviced Souvenir Cover with a
stamp sheetlet sells for HK\$103.50

**Newfoundland and Labrador -
New Postal Symbol**

Canada Post announced that effective October 21, 2002, Newfoundland and Labrador will be recognized by the postal symbol NL. Customers using NL prior to that date may see a delay in their mail delivery. Canada Post will however continue to recognize NF for a period of six months after implementation of the new symbol.

**Edmonton Spring National
Stamp Show 2003**

The annual Edmonton Show is a national exhibition to be held next year from March 28 to 30, 2003. Details of the Rules and Regulations for the Entry of Exhibits as well as an Entry Form are available to us. To obtain a copy or for more information, please contact Michael Peach, 832-1662.

Club Approaches 1000

The Nova Scotia Stamp Club is rapidly approaching membership number 1000. To speed us there, and to mark the occasion, The Club Executive has decided to offer a bit of an incentive. Member number 1000 will receive a gift suitable for the occasion and the person who recruits the 1000th member will receive a sheet of Canada Post's Picture Postage Stamps with his or her picture on the stamp. Think of it - your own postage stamp, just for recruiting member 1000. So start recruiting today. Application forms are available at club meetings, and in the NSSC brochures prepared by the Bowlbys.



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Newsletter Articles

Do you have an interesting postal history topic that you would like to share? Please submit newsletter articles or information to Dennis Bedley by mail, email or in person at the monthly meetings.

New Members

We have recently received new membership applications from Sean Weatherup and Karen Galbraith of Lower Sackville, N.S. Their collecting interests are of Canada. They are member numbers 984 and 985. Sean and Karen, welcome to the Nova Scotia Stamp Club. Remember that we are only 15 people away from our 1000th member and a prize is being offered to the club member who recruits number 1000. See details in *Club Approaches 1000* on page three.

EXPO 67 Exhibit to be Auctioned

J.J. MacDonald has graciously donated a framed EXPO 67 exhibit which the club will be auctioning off at the December Christmas Cheer meeting. The Exhibit frame, which measures approximately 24 by 36 inches, contains both envelopes and mint stamps.



Great Britain Local Issue
Herm Island



Royal 2004 Logo Chosen

Errors Offered at Auction

The logo for Royal*2004*Royale was recently chosen at a meeting of the show's organizers. The design (above) depicts an image of the Old Town Clock as a focal point that also represents an 'A' in the text for Halifax. The Clock, which is easily identifiable with Halifax, represents the city's rich history - an underlying theme in the show with respect to the 250th anniversary of Canada's first Post Office at Halifax. The boldness of the text in both the words Halifax and Royal/Royale 2004 exemplify the location and the event. Stylized perforations on the top and bottom outline the internal design, bringing together the stamp theme. Jeff Parks, who created the conceptual design for the Novapex 2002 cancel, designed the Royal 2004 logo. A logo designed by Michael Peach, based on an early Halifax Nova Scotia cancel from J.J. MacDonald's book, was also well received and may be used as a cachet, cancel or in other appropriate ways.

You asked for it, you got it! As soon as Marty started to sell the Royal 2004 pins, club members asked him if there were any "errors" available. Thus prodded by his fellow collectors, Marty examined his remaining stock of pins and discovered, to his delight and amazement, about a half dozen true errors on the pins. Most of the errors are of the "Missing Ink" variety, but one unique and spectacular item has been "over-inked" and is missing several letters from the word "ROYALE". These finds will be up for auction (at a reserve above their "issue" value) at the November meeting. Don't miss this once in a life-time opportunity to own a rare error. And of course if you have not yet purchased your "regular" issue pin, bring along a few extra baubles for barter (the monetary type is most appreciated). Details on the pins can be found on page five. Oh...and they would probably make great Christmas gifts so stock up now before they are all gone.

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USED NEWS

This page contains news items from previous newsletters that still contain current or updated information. We will run these items in successive newsletters as reminders of coming events and opportunities as space is available.

NOVAPEX 2003 : 3-4 May

Please make a note of this important date. It is not too early to start thinking about Novapex 2003. Doug Gray, 465-3268, DJGPS89@accesswave.ca, has agreed to act as the Chair. Novapex is the highlight of the year for the Stamp Club. It is an activity that depends on the involvement of all the members of the club. A small group has already started planning, so that it can be improved. Do you have any ideas? If so please contact Doug.

One of the features of Novapex is the exhibition. Have you considered what you might exhibit next year? It is certainly not too early to think of a topic. With the busy Fall activities coming up, there will be plenty of opportunities to check out the various dealers' stocks to try and find any elusive items. If you have never exhibited before why not try to prepare a one frame non-competitive exhibit. You will not be limited by any of the constraints applying to the competitive exhibits. The judges will be more than willing to give constructive comments to how any exhibit can be improved. Please remember that an exhibit must have received at least a silver at the regional level, Novapex, before it can be submitted at the national level, Royal 2004.

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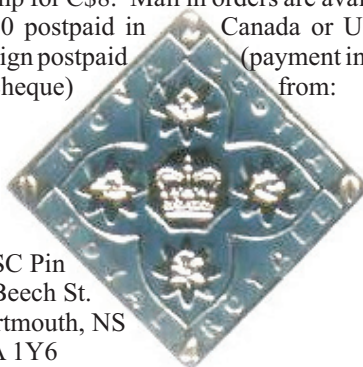
Do you know of anyone who might like to make a donation towards Royal 2004? If so, please contact Michael Peach, 832-1662. We are also looking for advertisers for the programme. The price of advertisements will be very reasonable, from about \$25 for a quarter page to a about \$100 for a full page. The prestigious spaces inside and outside the cover have already been allocated. If you can think of any names of potential advertisers, please contact Doug Gray 465-3268, DJGPS89@accesswave.ca.

Royal 2004 pins are now available and are already selling well. If you have not purchased yours yet, do not delay - see details below. When the current lot have all been sold, we are planning to produce pins with a deep red or green background, as per Scott

If you are interested in Canadian stamps then you cannot afford to miss the opportunity to buy draw tickets for the excellent book "**The Edward VII Issue of Canada: a detailed study**" by **George C. Marler**, which has been donated by Canada Post. Tickets are available at all the November and December club meetings - price \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Doug Gray will also have tickets available at his table at the Stamp Fair on Saturday, November 9. The name of the lucky winner will be drawn and announced at the Christmas Social on Tuesday, December 10.

Now Available

The Nova Scotia Stamp Club - Royal 2004 Royale Pins. The pins feature the design from a Nova Scotia stamp, Scott 2, with a deep blue background and Royal/Royale replacing Three Pence along the sides and 2004 in the corners. They can be purchased at Club Meetings or Seaside Book and Stamp for C\$8. Mail in orders are available C\$10 postpaid in Canada or US\$10 foreign postpaid (payment in cash or cheque) from:



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33 Beech St.
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Nova Scotia Stamp Club Program for 2002-2003

Don't forget to bring Open Frame pages to the monthly meeting. The Open Frame will host pages of material posted by members for display and discussion. We hope that all members will take advantage of this venue to display some of their collection.

Don't forget about those club dues. Please contact John Harvey if you are in arrears.

November 12. Bill Burden on Small Queens. Auction, 5 item limit.

December 9. Christmas Social. Michael Peach on Christmas on Stamps. No limit Charity Auction.

January 14. Panel, How to Improve Your Collection. Back to Basics session: soaking and self-adhesive stamps. Circuit books.

February 11. Royal Slide show. Some humour on Valentine Day. "Break the Winter Blues Anything Goes Auction".

March 11. Off site meeting, Tour of the Almon Street Sorting Station. Details will be announced when available.

April 15. Guest Speaker, to be announced. Circuit books.

May 2-4. Novapex 2003, Dartmouth Sportsplex.

May 13. 20th Century Nova Scotia Postal History, presented by Elizabeth Soderro and Hugh Rathbun. Auction, limit 5 items.

June 10. Philatelic Flea Market. Stamp Quiz.

Royal*2003*Royale

Royal*2003*Royale, the 75th Exhibition of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, sponsored by the Saugeen Stamp Club (log.on.ca/saugeenstampclub), will be held in the arena building of **The Hanover Regional Aquatic Centre and Coliseum**, from May 20 to June 1, 2003. Registrations for Royal*2003*Royale will be through **Hanover Holiday Tours Limited** (1-800-265-5530).

Stamp Collecting and the Internet

by Jeff Parks

I have been kicking around the idea of writing a monthly article on interesting stamp and stamp collecting resources that I have found while surfing the web for some time now. Well, as the famous slogan of Nike says, it's time to "just do it".

The Universal Postal Union through its World Association for the Development of Philately have published a numbering system on the internet. The aim of the system is to create a database of all legal postage stamps issued by UPU member countries including their territories and dependancies. So far over 100 postal administrations have signed up. The application has commenced with stamps issued since January 1, 2002.

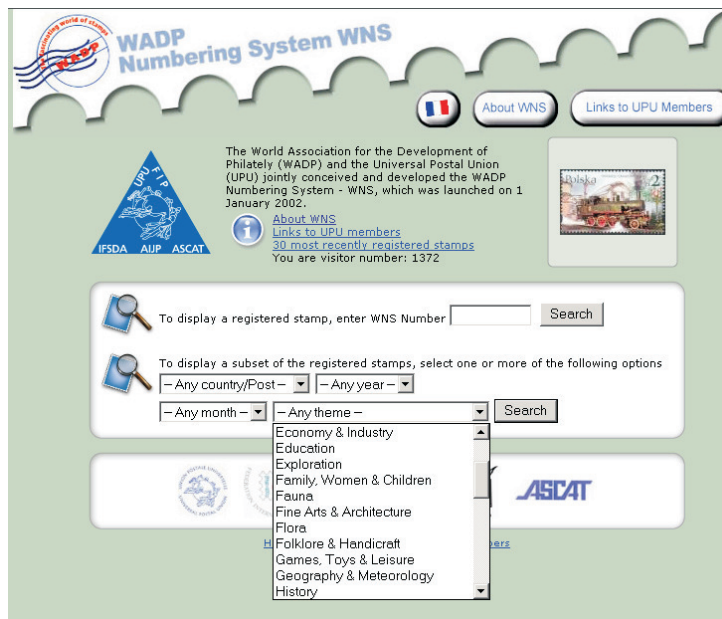
The web site for individual stamps contains an image of the stamp, technical data and a unique serial number (WNS number) that consists of a standard 2-letter country code, a three digit sequential number followed by a dot and a two digit year (i.e. CA013.02 - represents the 13th stamp issued by Canada in 2002).

"The goal is for the WNS to become the central point of reference against which stamp issues can be verified, supporting the legal philatelic market by endorsing those stamps that are genuine.

Only those postage stamps that, once received by the International Bureau (IB) of the UPU have undergone the process of verification of authenticity and registration will be attributed a WNS number and added to the WNS website, which is published in English and French.(www.wnsstamps.ch or www.upu.int)

The WNS website is therefore a reference tool and a control, by omission, of stamps that have been issued illegally and labels that are claimed to be stamps. The WNS is one of the tools the UPU has introduced, helping the Posts and the philatelic market as a whole to combat this problem on or after that date."

If you have any ideas for this column let me know.



The screen shot at the left is the opening search screen. From here one can search on certain parameters in each category or accept the default "any" value. This shot shows some of the themes available to choose from.



Results of searches by country and theme.

The shot below shows the technical detail that is included with each stamp. Note the WNS number (CA019.02).

CA019.02
Country / Post: Canada
Issued: 1 February 2002
Primary Theme: Constitution & Law
Subject: First Canadian-born Governor General
Width: 39 mm
Height: 40 mm
Denomination: .48
Number In Set: 1
Sheet Layout: four values alternating sheet
Issue Format: 13 x 12.5
Perforations: Canada Post
Stamp issuing authority:
Printer:

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