



# Nova Scotia Stamp Club Newsletter

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## Prince Consort Essays Great Britain

By Micheal Peach

The image of Prince Albert, the Prince Consort, has appeared on some of the earliest stamps of the Province of Canada, and on a Newfoundland stamp, but it did not appear on any British stamps. In Britain the Prince Consort essays were produced, but were not valid for postage.

The first stamps were produced in sheets without perforations. The sheets had to be cut with scissors by postal clerks in dimly lit offices. Hence it is difficult to find good copies of the imperforate stamps with four margins. Means were needed to be able to separate the stamps more readily.

One of the first attempts was made by Henry Archer in 1848 by using rouletting, in which a toothed wheel makes cuts in the paper. This was not successful and was followed later in the same year by an experimental perforating machine, also designed by Henry Archer. For various reasons the initial prototype was unsuccessful. The size of the stamp sheets was not uniform. During the preparation of the line engraved stamps the paper was dampened for the recess printing and consequently expanded and then contracted on drying. On treatment with the gum solution a similar expansion and contraction occurred. The gummed paper was more brittle and more readily perforated. It was also found that there were considerable differences in the alignment of the stamps on the various printing plates. As a solution to the expansion and contraction of the paper, Henry Archer prepared the Prince Consort Essay in 1851. This relief printed essay was engraved by Samuel William Reynolds, printed by Robert Edward Branston and promoted by Henry Archer. These essays had three main objectives:

1. To prove that relief printed stamps could be produced considerably less expensively than intaglio printed ones. This was a project of the Archer brothers, Charles and Henry.
2. Plates for relief printing were more regularly made than those for intaglio printing.

**NEXT MEETING Feb 11, 2003**  
**RPSC Premiere Slide Show: Military Aircraft on Stamps - Part I (1914-1939)**  
by George MacKenzie



3. Printing on dry gummed paper avoided distortions when the dampened paper dried, ensuring a uniform size of the printed sheets.

The essays were produced in sheets of 36, three horizontal rows of 12, in sheets of 240 and in sheets of 252 (21 panes of 12) and printed in various colours brown, red, black and blue. The stamps are superficially very similar to the early line engraved stamps, except that the image of Queen Victoria has been replaced by that of Prince Albert. There are stars in the two top corners. All the photographs that I have seen have the letters FJ in the two bottom corners. They exist with and without the tablets POSTAGE and ONE PENNY at the top and bottom. They are usually found imperforate and more rarely with Archer's experimental perforations. Although never used for postage, they are listed with the line engraved stamps in the Gibbons Specialised Catalogue, Volume 1 - Queen Victoria, 12th. Edition, unfinished imperforate from £6500, \$16500, and finished (with postage and one penny) imperforate from £575, \$1500, perforate 16 from £1500, \$4000.

## Up and Coming

**February 8 Stamp Fair**  
Burnside Motel

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

**March 8 Stamp Fair**  
Burnside Motel

**March 11 Off Site Club Meeting**  
Almon Street Sorting Station.  
Details will be announced.

**April 12 Stamp Fair**  
Burnside Motel

**April 15 Club Meeting**  
Guest Speaker  
Circuit books.

**May 2-4 Novapex 2003,**  
Dartmouth Sportsplex.

**May 13 Club Meeting**  
20th Century N.S. Postal History  
Auction, limit 5 items.

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### No More Free Parking

*Take note, this was not in effect last month so we are running the article again as a reminder.*

Starting [sometime soon], the Museum of Natural History's south parking lot will become a Pay and Display parking lot. This is necessary because government has provided challenging budgets that demand new revenue generation.

Pay and display parking will be in effect at all times, 7 days a week. The parking lot will be available to museum users and the public. Sixteen new spaces are being added, and the lot will be managed and enforced by Partners in Care, the non-profit arm of the QE2 hospital.

The staff lot, north side of the building is now monthly parking for permit holders only, from 7am to 6pm weekdays. The spaces marked as "Rental" are reserved for permit holders 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### Eastern Auctions Announces Halifax Public Sale Date

Eastern Auctions Ltd. will be holding its Winter Public Auction on February 22nd, 2003 in Halifax, NS. Among the 800 lots featured will be the J.J. MacDonald Connell Collection of New Brunswick.

### 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.  
Dartmouth, NS B2W 4A8

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)

### Nova Scotia Stamp Club Program for 2002-2003

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.

**Club dues due?.** Please contact John Harvey if you are in arrears.

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.



A 1988 military cover from Shilo Manitoba Airforce Base with both Post Office and Military mail room cancellations.

### Club Approaches 1000

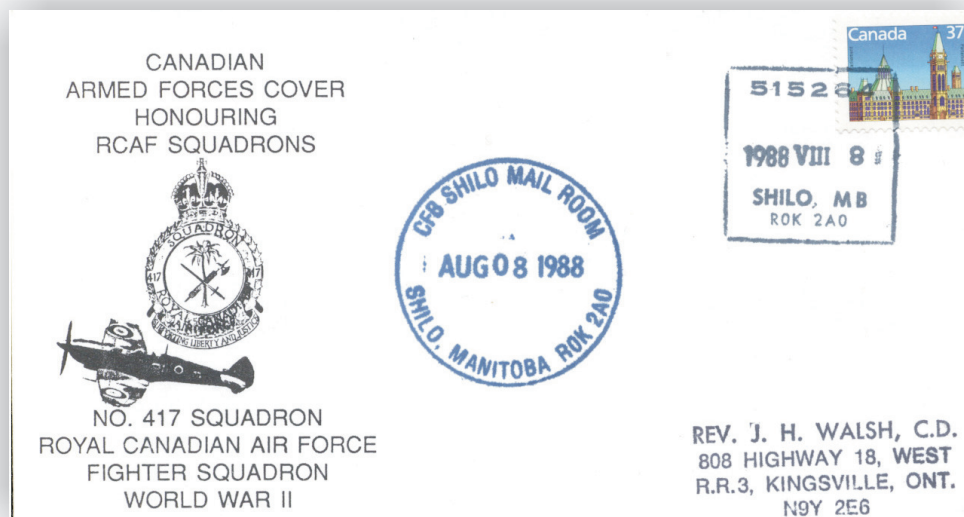
The Nova Scotia Stamp Club is rapidly approaching membership number 1000. To speed us there, and to mark the occasion, The Club Executive has decided to offer a bit of an incentive. Member number 1000 will receive a gift suitable for the occasion and the person who recruits the 1000th member will receive 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.

New memberships have been received from Paul Burgoyne, Carl Munden and Gordon Smith. We are now only 12 people away from our 1000th member.

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## Stamps honor crew that sank U-boat

by Ron Lowman, Toronto Star  
November 14, 1980

Syd Cole, who 36 years ago helped sink a U-boat and then beat off German crew members trying to board his overloaded rubber dinghy, gets a series of commemorative stamps tomorrow.

In the action off Iceland, his captain, Flight Lieutenant David Hornell of Mimico, won a posthumous Victoria Cross.

At Canadian Forces Base Downsview, where Defence Minister Gilles Lamontagne will present the first Kiowa helicopters to the two air reserve squadrons, he'll also give Cole his aviation stamps.

One of them shows Hornell's white Canso flying-boat diving for a depth-charge attack on the submarine - and it's wrong! Eagle-eyed Cole, 57, a former policeman now with North York's traffic department, spotted it right away. After all he was there.

Cole, winner of the Distinguished Flying Medal for the action, said the stamp shows the U-boat off the starboard side of the aircraft. In fact it was off the port side.

Last surviving member of the Canso's crew of eight - he hasn't heard from another Wireless/air gunner, Joe Bodnoff of Ottawa, for years and believes he must have died - Cole spent 21 hours in the water off Iceland with his crewmates.



Victoria Cross



On Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2001 the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum PBY-5A Canso was dedicated to the memory of Flight Lieutenant David Hornell, VC.

Both flight engineers died in the dinghy and Hornell, blinded and unconscious, died in the rescue launch.

Cole of Ellerslie Ave. Said Hornell, who at 34 was much older than the rest of the crew, insisted on taking his turn in the water, clinging to the dinghy which was built for only five. The other had burst when it was inflated.

Hornell's Canso, whose depth charges straddled the U-boat perfectly, was riddled with flak from its deck guns. One engine fell off as Hornell dropped his charges and the entire starboard side of the aircraft was on fire.

### Huge waves

"About 20 percent of the time we were all in the water anyway because of the huge waves", Cole said.

He remembers the urge he had to push the others out of the way and the counter-urge to let them go first in the tiny dinghy. Their 16 Royal Canadian Air Force squadron, based in Iceland but flying out of Wick, Scotland, had lost one Canso a day for a week to the aggressive U-boats.

Cole vividly remembers using a fresh-water cylinder to beat off U-boat crew members trying frantically to board the dinghy. Periodically, the eight men rubbed each other's limbs to keep warm and restore circulation.

After seven or eight hours, they spotted a Canso five miles away and decided to fire off their two little signal flares. The second was their savior and the Canso came over and dropped smoke floats to mark their position.

### Flying boat

On the Aldis lamp, the aircraft signalled: "Congratulations. Sub sunk. Help on way."

After two hours, its fuel low, the Canso departed. Two freezing hours later, a four-engined Sunderland flying boat turned up, but couldn't land on the mountainous waves.

The, another aircraft with a lifeboat attached soared overhead and dropped its precious cargo.

"It was bloody beautiful sight" said Cole. "It came down on six parachutes. But five collapsed and the sixth stayed on like a sail. Last we saw, it was headed for

Hornell's  
Canso  
banks for a  
dive on U-  
Boat (Scott  
846)



Greenland."

Another aircraft dropped spare dinghies, food and water, but it landed 100 yards downwind and the crew never saw the container again. At one point, there were seven aircraft overhead.

At last, after 21 dreadful hours, with two rough but reverent burials at sea, the rescue launch arrived and took them aboard.

When Lamontagne presents helicopters to 400 and 411 Squadrons tomorrow will be interested, of course.

But his memories will be back with 162 Squadron on that June day in 1944, when David Hornell won the highest decoration the Commonwealth can bestow and gave names to 442 David Hornell V.C. Wing, RCAF Association and David Hornell Public School.

**Editor's Note:** In researching this article I found the dedication of PBY-5A Canso as noted lower left. The article stated that at that time, in 2001, the only two remaining survivors of the Hornell incident were Graham Campbell, DFC, and Ed Matheson, DFC. There was no mention of either men in the article. For further information check out one of the URLs below or search on David Hornell and Canso.

[//www.geocities.com/bgmcanish/hornell/davidhornell.html](http://www.geocities.com/bgmcanish/hornell/davidhornell.html)

[//www.warplane.com/pages/june22.html](http://www.warplane.com/pages/june22.html)

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## Stamp Collecting and the Internet: HAWAI'I POST

By Jeff Parks

Every once in a while you come across something that either peaks your interest or completely knocks you off your feet. I certainly fell dead smack in the middle of those categories recently. Following our January meeting, I decided that I was going to write an article on the availability of stamp album pages from Internet sources (keeping with my *Stamp Collecting and the Internet* theme). In the middle of my search I found some free pages for stamps released by the Hawai'i Post.

Hold on... didn't Hawai'i stop issuing stamps 100 years ago in favour of the US Postal Service. Yes, but in May 1997 Hawai'i Post was established as a messenger and delivery service in Waikiki to pick up and deliver urgent mail. The Post operates under the exemption to the U.S. Private Express Statutes that allows urgent mail and is registered in the State until 2011. On June 13 2000, Hawai'i Post started issuing postage stamps for prepayment of services.

The issuance of stamps by an organization other than the USPS is perfectly legal. The stamps prepay a service that the Post provides. Many other local posts exist or have existed in the U.S.A. This is not the first nor will it be the last.

The denominations on the stamps the Hawai'i Post issues reflect the actual cost of the services they provide. The exemption to the U.S. Private Express Statutes that allows urgent mail requires a minimum of \$3 per delivery and only allows same day or overnight delivery. The \$3 minimum rate was set by law many years ago. Pick-up and delivery rates are very reasonable when compared to other express mail companies. By law, they can only deliver express mail and not regular mail. For example, the Post could issue a 37c stamp but it would be illegal for them to deliver a regular letter with it. Most of the stamps issued since 2000 have been a \$5 or \$8 rate. All stamps issued by Hawai'i Post have a Hawaiian theme or are directly related to Hawai'i. Your input for future issues is welcomed.



Waikiki is a bustling suburb of Honolulu. High-rise Hotels, Businesses & Condominiums compete for a view of the Pacific Ocean and Diamond Head. It's many diverse businesses, residences and hotels are all served by Hawai'i Post. Their office is not open to the public. All express mail is picked up and delivered. Future plans are for a walk-in office where express mail can be dropped off for delivery. Hawai'i Post picks up and delivers using four methods - on foot, by bicycle, by moped and by minivan. A moped has been found to be the fastest and most versatile method for small packages and larger packages are moved by minivan. If you are planning to visit Waikiki soon, and would like to purchase stamps, send them an e-mail in advance of your arrival detailing the stamps you wish to purchase. They will then deliver them to your hotel when you arrive, at no extra charge.



## SurfBoard Mail

A special service was added by Hawai'i Post on August 24 2002 called "Surfboard Mail". This consisted of a special cacheted cover with a \$3 surfing stamp and a special postmark. Only 500 covers were produced and carried by "Surfboard Mail". The surfer left Duke Kahanamoku Beach (in front of the Hilton Hawaiian Village) with a bag of mail at noon. Paddling his surfboard along the Pacific Ocean, the surfer arrived at the Outrigger on the Beach Hotel at about 12.25pm. Mailed covers were available for pick up at the Stamp Show in the Outrigger on the Beach Hotel on Saturday and Sunday August 24 & 25.

For more information contact the Hawai'i Post by Phone (808)-92H-POST (924-7678); Fax: (808)-922-2343; e-mail For Stamp Collectors: [stamps@hawaii-post.com](mailto:stamps@hawaii-post.com); website: <http://www.hawaii-post.com>; or the good old fashioned way mail:

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Normal Cancel

## SURFBOARD MAIL



A lifeguard tower on Waikiki Beach.

As part of the ceremonies for the release of stamps depicting surfing on August 24 2002, a surfer was commissioned by Hawai'i Post to paddle his surfboard from the Hilton Hawaiian Village on Waikiki Beach to the Outrigger Hotel, further down the beach. On his surfboard, the surfer was carrying with him many covers that were cancelled that day with a special postmark showing that they were "Surfboard Mail".

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### **Edmonton Spring National Stamp Show 2003**

The annual Edmonton Show is a national exhibition and will be held March 28 to 30, 2003. Details of the Rules and Regulations for the Entry of Exhibits as well as an Entry Forms are available from Michael Peach, 832-1662.

### **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](mailto: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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### **Fund Raising for ROYAL\*2004\* ROYALE**

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](mailto:DJGPS89@accesswave.ca).

There will be another draw for a painting of the **Bluenose** donated by **Peggy Bignell**. Many thanks to Peggy for this donation. The draw will be made at the Novapex reception. Tickets will be available starting at January the club meeting, price \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

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.

**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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### **Newsletter Articles**

Do you have an interesting 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.

### **Newsletter Available to High-Speed Internet Subscribers**

The newsletter is now available to the NSSC membership in an electronic format. The format - Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (pdf). The file is usually less than 1 Mb and should be easily received by those people with high-speed internet service. Those you have slower service (dial-ups) may consider receiving the file but should consider the length of download time. Other options are still being considered for electronic delivery. If you have any suggestions please contact Jeff Parks ([jl parks@accesswave.ca](mailto:jl parks@accesswave.ca)).

### **Donated Materials Needed**

Philatelic material is required for the Youth Table for Novapex 2003 and Royal 2004. Please contact Elizabeth Soderro for more information.

### **ROYAL\*2004\*ROYALE AWARDS**

We are looking for ideas for the Grand Award and Grand Reserve Awards for Royal 2004. Any suggestions? Please contact, Michael Peach, 832-1662.

### **NOVAPEX 2003 EXHIBITS**

The regulations and an entry form for Novapex are included in this newsletter. If you are intending to exhibit at Royal 2004, your exhibit must have been awarded at least a silver at Novapex or other regional exhibition before it can be submitted for Royal 2004. Please return the completed entry form **4 April**, to allow sufficient time for the preparation of the programme and arrangement of exhibits.

### **Royal\*2003\*Royale**

The Royal 2003 will be held in Hanover, Ontario, May 30 June 1. The official prospectus and entry form for exhibits is in the January/February Canadian Philatelist. More details can be found at the website: <http://log.on.ca/saugeenstampclub> Please contact Michael Peach, 832-1662, if you would like a copy of the prospectus and entry form.

