



# Nova Scotia Stamp Club Newsletter

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## Validity of British Stamps

By Micheal Peach

I have always had some difficulty in checking the validity of British stamps. The relevant dates, together with copies of the Post Office notices, are given in an article "Demonetisation of Obsolete Stamps" by Douglas Muir in the G.B. Journal, 40 [2002] 71. Slightly different dates are noted in the Michel British Specialised Catalogue.

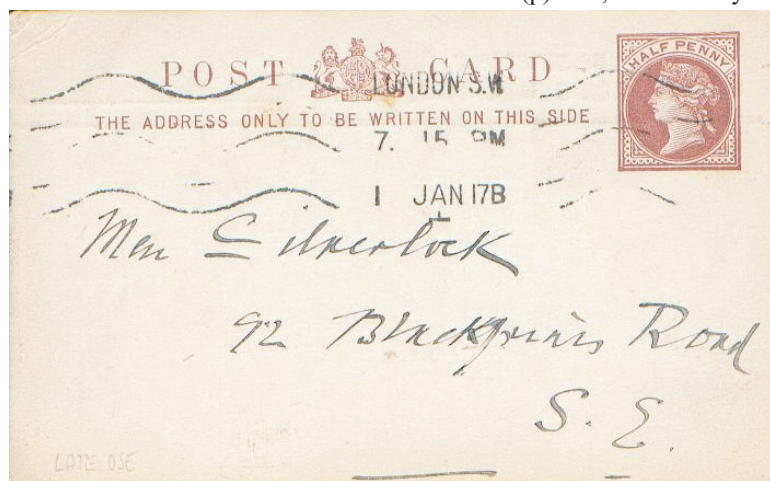
**Queen Victoria:** the validity of all stamps expired on 31 May 1901, except all of the Jubilee issue, including the ½d. green, the 1d. lilac, and the following higher value stamps: Sc. 55 2/- blue, Sc. 56 2/- pale brown, Sc. 73 8d. orange, Sc. 93 £5 orange,

Sc. 96 2/6 lilac, Sc. 108 5s. carmine, Sc. 109 10/- ultramarine, Sc. 124 £1 dark green. The validity of all the remaining Victorian stamps expired on 30 June 1915.

**Edward VII: all valid until 31 March 1930.**

**George V, Edward VII, George VI and Queen Elizabeth:** the validity of all stamps with values in the old monetary system (pounds, shillings, and pence) expired on 29 February 1972. However all the stamps with a value of £1 are still valid.

**Queen Elizabeth:** all stamps with values in the new monetary system, 100 new pence (p) = £1, are currently still valid.



Items of postal stationery follow the same dates, with the validity of Victorian postal stationery expiring on 31 May 1915.

Although the Post office was diligent in checking items with non valid stamps or expired postal stationery,

## Up and Coming

**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.

**June 10 Club Meeting**  
Philatelic Flea Market. Stamp Quiz.

The other Victorian brown ½d. postcard mailed from Peacehaven, 9 May 1939, to Birmingham was not subject to surcharge for postage due, as a red 1d. George VII stamp had been added for the correct postage, 1d..

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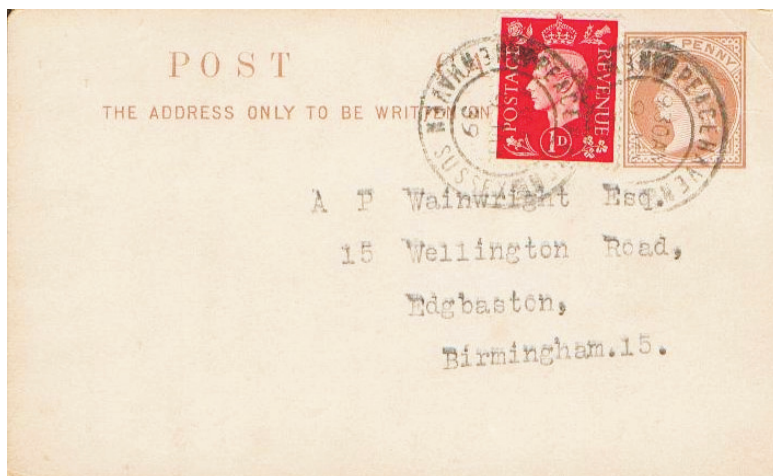
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various items slipped through the system. The illustrations show a Victorian postal stationery postcard with a brown ½d. stamp which is postmarked 1 January 1917 and was not surcharged for postage due.



# RECENT ISSUES



Guernsey:  
Memories of  
World War II -  
1943  
issued:  
January 30/03



Ireland: Centenary of the  
establishment of St Patrick's Day as a  
Public Holiday.



United States:  
international rate  
features a  
computer-  
generated design  
released on  
February 13, 2003.



Hong Kong:  
Flock Stamps  
on Lunar New  
Year Animals -  
Dragon/Snake/  
Horse/ Ram"

Issued:  
January 19,  
2003

Faroe: 2002 Christmas (Gøtu Church)  
December 2002



Canada: John James Audubon's Birds  
Issued February 21, 2003

## Great Britain:

### Secrets of life Collection.

"We have discovered the secret of  
life" were possibly the most famous  
words ever spoken in a pub?

Issued: February 25, 2003



Australia Post Legends Award 2003  
Issued: January 24, 2003

## 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)

## 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.  
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meetings, and in the NSSC brochures  
prepared by the Bowlbys. We are now only  
12 people away from our 1000th member.

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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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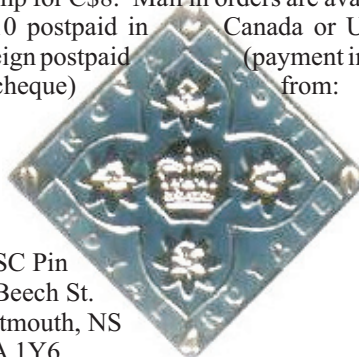
### **Fund Raising for ROYAL\*2004\* ROYALE**

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).

A new fund raising draw, this time for a painting of the **Bluenose** donated by **Peggy Bignell, is underway**. Many thanks to Peggy for this donation. The draw will be made at the Novapex reception in May. Tickets are now available - price \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Royal 2004 pins are now available and are 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:



NSSC Pin  
33 Beech St.  
Dartmouth, NS  
B3A 1Y6

### **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 [jlparks@accesswave.ca](mailto:jlparks@accesswave.ca) or 876-0099.

### **Donated Materials Needed**

Philatelic material is required for the Youth Table for Novapex 2003 and Royal 2004. Please contact Elizabeth Sodero 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 were included in the February newsletter. I have further copies available. 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.

## Meeting Location Under Review

With the newly-instituted \$1.50 per hour parking fee at the Nova Scotia Museum, NSSC members will collectively pay in excess of \$100.00 for parking at each meeting. In addition, the meeting room is no longer available during March break, which usually falls on the second Tuesday of March. As a result, the NSSC executive has approved the formation of a committee to search for possible alternative locations for the monthly meetings. If you know of a suitable location or would like to voice your preferences about desirable features in a meeting facility, please convey this information to Hugh Rathbun, Committee Chair.

## 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.

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**Above:** A portion of an envelope with a 2002 48c Christmas issue showing two cancellations. For the cancellation collector, the first cancellation is by hand from Broden-Carleton, PEI with a Feb 6/03 date. The envelope was then sent through the spray on cancellation process giving it a Feb 7/03 cancellation.

**Below:** A portion of an envelope with a return to sender "No such PO Box Number" and with also ?? a Chinese return to sender either from Hong Kong or Mainland China. There is also a cancellation on the reverse similar to the one on the front different numbers - perhaps some one can fill in the blanks for Dennis.

