



# Nova Scotia Stamp Club Newsletter

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## Greetings from Brazil

By Michael Peach

I am interested in old British picture postcards, particularly those with only the address on the back, and a message written on the picture side. These cards are usually found with dates in the 1890s or early 1900s. The international use of cards with a divided back, for both the message and the address, was permitted for countries of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) from 1 October 1906. When looking through a dealer's selection recently I came across the postcard shown addressed to Liverpool, England, with a British one penny Edward VII stamp, the correct rate for British postcards to countries of the UPU, but with a circular cancellation of Bahia (Brazil). The card was printed in England by Thornton Bros., Brompton, Kent and is No. 4,000. The text is in Portuguese on the back, which can only be used for the address.

Before looking at the picture, I thought that there was no part of the old British Empire that would have issued postcards in Portuguese. Bahia, now called Salvador in the state of Bahia, is a port and resort in Brazil. It is one of the oldest cities and was founded by Tomé de Sousa in 1549. It was the first capital of Brazil. The postcard was probably mailed on board a British ship, hence the use of the British stamp. From 1894 the UPU permitted mail posted on board a ship to be mailed at a port of call. The stamps were often of other countries, such as the country of registration of the ship. Britain was one of the original members of the Postal Union and Brazil had joined in 1877. The only thing missing is the "Paquebot" stamp. The cancellation is Recd. 4A Secc. Tarde (received 4 am late section) Bahia, 19 MAR 1908.

## Brazil - continued

The picture shows a religious procession, "O Procissão da Nossa Senhora da Luz", Procession of Our Lady of the Light. Checking on the web revealed a chapel Nossa Senhora da Luz on the island Morro de São Paulo in Bahia, which was completed in 1845. The island is about 100 Km. South of Salvador and can be reached by boat from Valença. Donations are being requested for the restoration of the church. The only indication of the sender is the initials R.R. under the picture.

There are various Brazilian stamps featuring Bahia. In 1923 the centenary of the taking of Bahia from the Portuguese is the theme of Sc. 264, issued on 12 July. The Independence of Bahia is now celebrated with a public holiday in the state on July 2. The church door at Salvador, Bahia is shown on Sc. 1318, and the washing of the Bonfim Church, Salvador, Bahia on Sc. 1210. A Bahia woman is depicted on Sc. 1441.



## Up and Coming

**Every Saturday 4pm Auction**  
Seaside Book and Stamp

**May 10 Stamp Fair**  
Burnside Motel

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

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

**June 14 Kermesse**  
Stamp Tables, Halifax Forum

**May 28 - 30 2004**  
Royal 2004 Royale  
Lord Nelson Hotel

## Programme for 2003 - 2004

This year is drawing to a close and the NSSC executive is already planning for the 2003-2004 club year. We are looking for ideas or volunteers for next year's programme. A great way to give others a look at what you collect and to display your expertise. **Don't delay, only nine spaces left.** Please contact Doug Gray for more information - 465-3268, [DJGPS89@accesswave.ca](mailto:DJGPS89@accesswave.ca).

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## **NovaPex 2003 Awards**

Congratulations to this year's winners.

### **Court of Honour**

Snakes and Their Relationship to  
Mankind *Cliff Abram*

Selected Covers and Cards of the Admiral  
Era 1911-1928 *Elizabeth Sodero*

### **Gold**

Early Nova Scotia Postmarks  
*Sandy Clark*

Edinburgh: A Postal History 1840 - 1901  
*Raymond Corbett*

Postal Reform and the Birth of the Penny  
Black and Mulready Stationery  
*Raymond Corbett*

Postal Union Letter Rates - Victorian  
Britain *Michael Peach*

### **Silver**

Canadian Airmail Stamps and Related  
Covers *Hugh Bignell*

Mexico Exporta Series *Dave Cooper*

Night Mail *Elizabeth Sodero*

End of the Cunard Era in Halifax,  
1866-67 *Elizabeth Sodero*

### **Silver - continued**

Czeslaw Slania: Master Engraver  
*Jane Sodero*

An Overview of Postal History of  
Guysborough, Nova Scotia *Jane Sodero*

Cape Triangles - Real or Fake; or will the  
real Hope Please Stand Up.  
*Carmichael Wallace*

Helvetia - To Sit or Stand.  
*Carmichael Wallace*

### **Bronze**

Official Mail O.H.M.S. Free Envelopes  
*Dennis Bedley*

Postal Stationery of Canada - Postcards,  
Lettercards and Business Reply Cards  
Issued during the Reigns Queen Victoria to  
King George V *Dave Cooper*

Cancels of Registered Military Parcels  
*George MacKenzie*

Down to the Sea in Ships  
*George MacKenzie*

Great Britain A Century of High Value  
Issues *Carmichael Wallace*

Postmarks by lot number/Prince County,  
Prince Edward Island *Michael Wood*

2002: A Year in Birds. *Marty Zelenietz*

### **J. Doug Allen Novice Award**

*Dennis Bedley*

### **Madge Morrison Trophy** *Sandy Clark*

### **Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award**

*John Harvey*

### **Ken C. MacDonald Postal History Award** *Sandy Clark*

### **ERRATUM - Dorothy Wilding**

With the use of word processors, enabling  
manuscripts to be modified constantly,  
Michael Peach regrets that there was an  
error in his article on Dorothy Wilding in  
the April edition of the NSSC Newsletter.  
It even occurred in the first sentence! Next  
year, 2004, of course, marks the 50th  
anniversary of the Canadian Wilding  
definitives.

## **Hawai'i Post - An Update**

By Charles W. MacIntosh

Inspired by the article by Jeff Parks in  
February 2003 edition of the NSSC  
Newsletter, I keyed in the website address  
(<http://www.hawaii-post.com>) on my  
computer and viewed the magnificent  
newly issued Hawaiian stamps displayed  
there.

Four days later I was on a plane on my way  
to Honolulu. Upon arrival, I attempted to  
reach Hawai'i post by phone (808-924-  
7678). I was greeted by a taped message  
requesting that I leave a message. I left my  
room number, but did not receive a reply.  
Several days later I did make contact and  
discovered that my failure to leave a name  
meant that the hotel switchboard would not  
allow access without a name.

In due course I met with the proprietor of  
Hawai'i Post, Paul Edney. He told me that  
his company had been in business for six  
years, but only started issuing stamps with  
the release of a first day cover on June 13,  
2000. This date is one hundred years to the  
day after the last day that Hawaiian stamps  
were valid for postage, having been  
replaced by stamps of the United States.  
The cover features a replica of a 1900 post  
mark dated June 13 and the Hawai'i Post  
cancellation for the same date in 2000.

All the stamps have a Hawaiian Theme. On  
this point I queried Mr. Edney about the  
June 2, 2002 issue which featured a map of  
Prussia. He explained that this was to  
honour the memory of Captain Henry

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## **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  
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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](mailto:bowlby@accesswave.ca))



**Hawai'i Post - continued**

Berger, a native of Potsdam, who was ordered to Hawaii by Kaizer Whilhelm I. He arrived on June 2, 1872 and remained in the islands to organize brass bands, a feature of entertainment for many years.

Mr. Edney advised that he is in the process of finalizing a new series of stamps commemorating the Hawaiian Railways.

All stamps issued by Hawai'i Post are still available from the company. Most can be obtained as mint used first day cover and mini sheet. All issues to date are listed on their web site. The total face value of the

Issues release to date are \$355 US.

I attempted to interview a stamp dealer in Honolulu to determine whether there is a secondary sales activity for these stamps, bu the company that I used to go to was no longer there and I was advised that I had closed.

The spelling "Hawaii" is found in ordinary usage. The traditional spelling of the islands is "Hawai'i". The punctuation mark is like an upside down apostrophe that represents a 'glottal stop'- a pause between elements of a word. This *correct* spelling is being used more frequently of late, with the pronunciation of the 'w' more resembling the 'v' sound.

**Another Threat to Our Hobby?**

from the  
*Edmonton Stamp Club Bulletin*

Club member John Northcott has discovered that Britain's Royal Mail intends to market electronic stamps to be sold over the internet if trials prove to be successful.

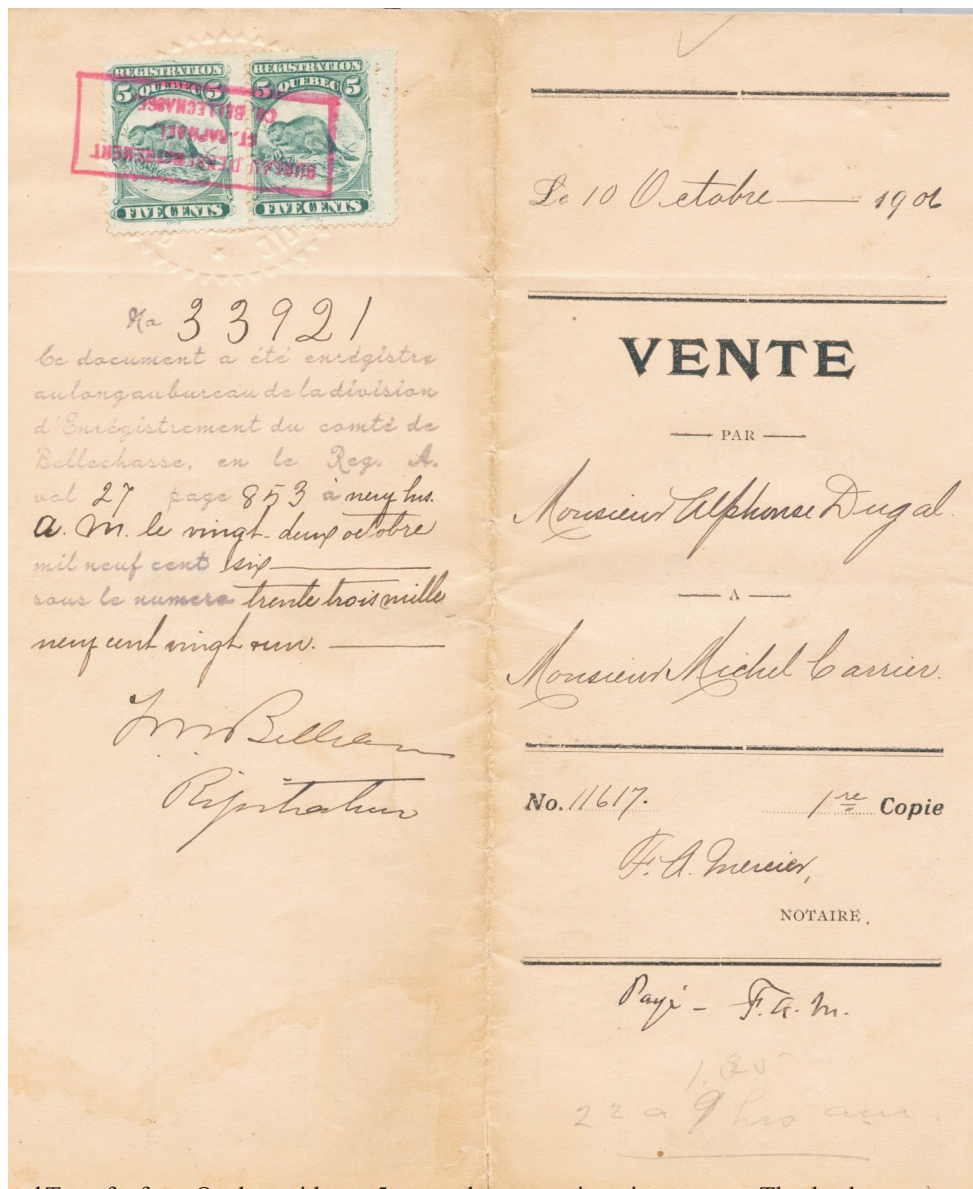
It wasn't bad enough that Royal Mail for a time adopted the weird name "Consignia" and found-no surprise-that the word meant nothing to the public so they went back to Royal Mail. (One wonders how much the marketing "experts" were paid for that one?)

The idea is that you will be able to buy your stamps online and print them on your computer, adding you own logo or a picture next to it.

Apparently this technology is being developed by Lockheed Martin, supplier of sorting machines to Royal Mail. The solling machinery will have to recognize that the "stamps" have been properly paid for, so the stamps will contain encryption technology to reduce the risk of fraud. When an electronic stamp is printed, the cost will automatically be deducted from the customer's account.

It seems that it's the home computer user who will be targeted, as the stamps will be designed to work with applications such as Microsoft Word and Excel.

We can only hope that home users who need postage will find it continues to be more convenient to purchase stamps that are gummed for ease of application to envelopes.



Deed Transfer from Quebec with two 5c green beaver registration stamps. The deed concerns the sale of a 10 acre wooded lot in the County of Bellechasse in the Parish of St. Raphael and is dated Oct 10 1906.

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**TIDBITS**

Last call for **Royal 2003 Royale** to be held in Hanover, Ontario, May 30 - June 1. 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.

**Ask Phil** your philatelic questions. The Web site of the Collectors Club of Chicago has an amazing number of individually answered questions, maintained on a user-friendly database.

[www.askphil.org](http://www.askphil.org)

*Donations of philatelic material* is required for the Youth Table for Royal 2004. Please contact Elizabeth Sodero for more information.

Frame storage space, about 10 feet square in an location with preferably no stairs, is required for **ROYAL\*2004\*ROYALE** from Fall 2003 until May 2004. Please contact Dave Harvey 435-1517.

NSSC is rapidly approaching membership number 1000. 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. We are now only 12 people away from our 1000th member.

**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.

If you haven't turned in your questionnaire yet, please do so at the next meeting, May 13 or return by post to the club address.

**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, starting in the Fall, with the draw at the Christmas social.

Royal 2004 pins are still 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** feature the design from a Nova Scotia, Sc. #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 orders are available C\$10 postpaid in Canada or US\$10 foreign postpaid (payment in cash or cheque) from:

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The newsletter is available electronically to the NSSC members in Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (pdf) via the club website [www.nsstampclub.ca](http://www.nsstampclub.ca). At present there seems to be a bit of a problem viewing the file directly over the internet, however, if you right click, "Save Target As..." And save to your hard drive the file opens without complication. If you have any insight on why, please contact Jeff Parks ([jlparks@accesswave.ca](mailto:jlparks@accesswave.ca)). The pdf file has been degraded to allow for smaller file sizes. If you wish to have the full resolution version, please contact Jeff.

**Nova Scotia Stamp Club  
Program Spring 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.

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

June 10. Philatelic Flea Market. Stamp Quiz.

**PROGRAMME - May 13, 2003**

The programme for the next meeting will be a presentation by Carl Munden on various modern day cancels, including MOONS, POCONS, and MOODS. Carl is known to Club Members as a preeminent postal historian, author of a series of four carefully researched books "Post Offices of Cape Breton", founder of the NS Postal History Study Group and in his spare time an authority on the wild orchids of Nova Scotia. Carl has prepared a special slide programme to illustrate his presentation, which will, no doubt, be highlighted with anecdotes and personal observations. An evening to look forward to.

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.

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