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1953 Golden Anniversary 2003

By Michael Peach

The year 1953 is quite memorable. The coronation was held on 2 June. If I remember correctly, it was a somewhat rainy day. It was one of the first national events to be televised in its entirety, albeit only in black and white. This anniversary will be marked by Canada with the issue of an anniversary stamp on 2 June. The stamp



will be very similar to that issued to mark the 50th anniversary of the Queen's accession. The stamp will be inscribed "Coronation" rather than "Golden Jubilee". Great Britain will issue a series of ten first class stamps. Five stamps in colour capture



The pomp and ceremony of the coronation (two of these stamps are shown) and the other five in black and white show how the rest of the country celebrated. The great day was marked by the announcement of the conquest of Everest by the New Zealander, Edmund Hillary and his Sherpa guide, Tenzing Norkay on 29 May. This event will



be remembered in the Royal Mail "Extreme Endeavours" series issued on 29 April, 2003. The conquest of Everest is depicted on the first class stamp.

Earlier in the year there was also an event of very considerable significance that has had enormous implications. About noon on Saturday 28 February 1953, Francis Crick

Told the drinkers in the Eagle pub on Benet Street, Cambridge, England "We have discovered the secret of life". The Eagle pub is just around the corner from the old city centre site of the Cavendish



Laboratory, where Crick and his American collaborator James Watson had determined the helical structure of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid). There is now a plaque in the Eagle to mark this event. There were two other scientists involved, both Cambridge graduates, working at the University of London, Rosalind Franklin and the New Zealander, Maurice Wilkins. The structure had been deduced by Crick and Watson, using X-ray crystallographic data obtained by Rosalind Franklin while working in Maurice Wilkins' laboratory.

This anniversary was marked by the issue of a series of stamps, "The Secret of Life", by the British Post Office on 24 February 2003.



The stamps, which were designed by political cartoonist Peter Brooks, endeavour to present this complex topic in an uncomplicated

manner. The 1962 Nobel Prize for Physiology and Medicine was awarded to Crick, Watson and Wilkins for this achievement. Rosalind Franklin had died of cancer in 1958, possibly brought on by her experimental work with X-rays. The three

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Up and Coming

Every Saturday 4pm Auction
Seaside Book and Stamp

June 10 Club Meeting
Philatelic Flea Market. Stamp Quiz

June 14 Stamp Fair
Brunside Motel

June 14 Kermesse
Stamp Tables, Halifax Forum

September 9 Club Meeting

October 14 Club Meeting

May 28 - 30 2004
Royal 2004 Royale
Lord Nelson Hotel

June 10th Meeting of NSSC

The June meeting will be a Philatelic Flea Market. We haven't had one in several years, so we hope that people will bring their duplicates, traders, and unwanted philatelic treasures to sell or exchange. Because the back room of the Auditorium will be used for temporary storage in June, we will be hold the trading session in one of the Program rooms immediately following the business meeting.

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Hubbards Postmaster Richard Nowe receives Silver Postmark Award

Reprinted from the Masthead News

Hubbards Postmaster Richard Nowe received the Silver Postmark Award in the Commitment to Service Standards category at a gala recently held in Halifax. Postmark Awards highlight the dedication and involvement of employees who are fully committed to their work or their community, a news release explained.

Richard was cited for his actions on December 21, 2002, when he was involved in a serious car accident. When rescuers arrived on the scene and freed him from his overturned vehicle using the jaws of life, Richards's "first call was to the Hubbards Post Office," the release says.

Fortunately for Richard, the accident left him relatively unhurt but shaken. Instead of going home, he went to the post office and "worked diligently to ensure that the mail was all sorted and delivered to meet Canada Post service standards."

Richard scheduled himself to come in every Saturday morning during December to make sure the mail went through.

"The Silver Postmark awarded Richard is admirable evidence of the appreciation felt by his employer and coworkers for his professionalism," says the press release. "Richard is a shining example of commitment and dedication."

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 Club website is located at:

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

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

Golden - Continued

others are still alive. Incidentally Halifax native Charles Huggins was also awarded the Nobel Prize for Physiology and Medicine in 1966 for this work on the hormonal treatment of prostatic cancer.

It is interesting to note that the recent centenary of another major achievement at the Cavendish Laboratory, the discovery of the electron by Sir J.J. Thomson in 1897, was ignored by the British Post Office, which perhaps showed its priorities by issuing a series of stamps to mark the centenary of the birth of the author of children's books Enid Blyton.



Sweden issues stamps to honour the winners of the Nobel Prizes. The discovery of the electron was among the 1966 stamps, and the structure of DNA appeared in the 1989 series. Charles Huggins's work has yet to be recognised.

Parking to be discussed At June Meeting

The "pay-for-parking" situation at the museum has caused us to start looking for other meeting venues, to cut down costs to our members. We need to know how many people drive to the meetings, and how many parking spaces we need for club members. We will be discussing this at the June meeting, to determine what we need in the way of parking, how we can carpool a bit, and if the number of staff spaces at the museum can accommodate our needs. If you can't attend the June meeting, but normally come and drive, please let Marty know. Give him a call at 463-0687, drop him at a line at 33 Beech St, Dartmouth, NS, B3A 1Y6, or at selen@ns.sympatico.ca.

Stamp Oddities

In June 1961, Poland issued a set of six stamps featuring the Polish shipbuilding industry. The series differed from most sets of stamps in that the size of each stamp increased in length with the relative tonnage of the vessel being depicted in the design. The top value 5.60 zloty, depicting and oil tanker was a giant size stamp more

Sodero elected RPSC Fellow

Hanover, Ontario- Elizabeth Sodero of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. She signed the Roll of Fellows during a ceremony in which she also received her Queen's Jubilee Medal. By all accounts, Elizabeth is only the third woman to be honored with Fellow status in the Royal. Elizabeth has received medals for exhibiting on the local and national levels, and is known for her "Youth Booth" at Novapex, the annual show of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club. The ceremony in Hanover was attended by husband Peter (a collector) and daughter Jane (also a collector).

Mark Your Calendar

The tentative NS Stamp Club meeting dates for the 2003-2004 season are listed below. Watch the newsletter and e-mails for correct dates and programmes.

2003 - Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9

2004 - Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 9, Apr. 13

May 11, and Jun. 8



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Geomatics Sciences on Stamps

By Stephanie Bourgon and Rock Santerre

In the beginning, one found portraits of political leaders on stamps. Since then, in Canada and throughout the world, stamps have been issued to commemorate special events or technological innovations. This article aims to present some examples of stamps related to geomatics science.

Canada Post issued 15c stamps commemorating two international conferences hosted in Canada in 1972, those being the 12th Congress of the International Society for Photogrammetry (ISP) and the 6th Congress of the International Cartographic Association (ICA). The ISP, founded in 1910, changed



its name to the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) in 1980. ISPRS is devoted to the advancement of photogrammetry, remote sensing, geographic information systems (GIS) and their applications. The stamp is a visual simplification of an aerial photograph. Since 1958, the mission of the ICA is to promote the discipline and profession of cartography (Conception, production, dissemination and study of maps). A simplification of mountains drawn in schematic shapes appear on the stamp.

With the successful launch in 1962 of Canada's first satellite, Allouette 1, Canada became the third country in the world to have a satellite in orbit. Moreover, in the year 1970, Canada became the first country in the world to have a domestic communication satellite system in the



geostationary orbit. Canada has a notable history in remote sensing too. Canada has contributed to American LANDSAT and the French SPOT programs. In 1992, these achievements were depicted on a 42c stamp.

In 1995, Canada launched a 45c stamp related to ocean technology. The science studies the seas and oceans as well as the techniques of marine resource exploitation and protection. The stamp includes the



vessel "Louis R. Desmarais", an electronic navigation system and a three-dimensional representation of the sea bed (hydrography). The same year, Canada Post also launched a 45c stamp related to information technology. On this stamp, the light beams on the world map represent telecommunications, the computer and binary code illustrate computer science and the map of the Great lakes displayed by the computer represents the geographic information systems and consequently geomatics sciences.

The International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) established in 1919, is dedicated to the study of shape, dynamics and internal structure of the Earth. In 1983, the IUGG General Assembly was held in



Hamburg, Germany. A 1.20 Mark stamp commemorates this event. A satellite, a weather map, a triangulation, a seismogram and a digital elevation model are represented on the stamp.

In 1983, the 17th Congress of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) took place at Sophia, Bulgaria. A 30 stotinki stamp marks this event. The image represented on the stamp symbolizes a theodolite. The aim of the FIG, founded in 1878 in Paris, is to ensure that the disciplines of surveying and all who practice them meet the needs of the markets and communities that they serve.



The Post of Portugal issued a stamp (250 escudos) in 1983. This stamp shows the evolution of surveying instruments being used to measure horizontal and vertical angles. On the left, an old theodolite and an

Azimuth reading device are represented while on the right a modern theodolite is illustrated.



In Austrian stamp (7 schillings) represents the European Remote Sensing Satellite (ERS-1). ERS-1 was launched on 17 July 1991 with the Ariane rocket. It has a sun-synchronous, near polar orbit at mean altitude of 785 km and an inclination of 98.5 degrees. ERS-1 is a near earth observation satellite used for climatic, oceanic and environmental studies.

[Editor's note: This story was reprinted with edits for readability from an English translation of the original story - Geomatics Sciences on Stamps and Currencies. Originally printed in *Geomatique* (French) and reprinted in the *Saskatchewan Land Surveyor's Association Newsletter* Dec. 2002.]

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.

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EXHIBITING AT ROYAL 2004?

The rules for exhibiting and entry form were available at Royal 2003 in Hanover. The space is **limited** and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please contact Marty, exhibits chair, as soon as possible to reserve you space. There is a frame charge of \$12 per frame for two or more frames or \$20 for one frame exhibits. The fee for youth and junior classes will be \$3 per frame.

Space can only be reserved when the application is accompanied by a cheque for the appropriate amount, payable to the Nova Scotia Stamp Club.

The forms will be available at the June club meeting.

BLUENOSE PAINTING

The draw for the Bluenose painting by Peggy Bignell was won by Kevin Colvey, who visited Novapex on Saturday. The draw was made at the reception by Court of Honour exhibitor Cliff Abram. The draw raised \$280, **Thank you Peggy** for your donation.

There will another draw starting in the September, with the draw at the Christmas social.

Do you know anyone who might like to make a donation towards Royal 2004? Please contact Michael Peach, 832-1662.

Royal 2004 pins. These are selling well, so do not miss out on the opportunity to get one.

Meeting Location Under Review

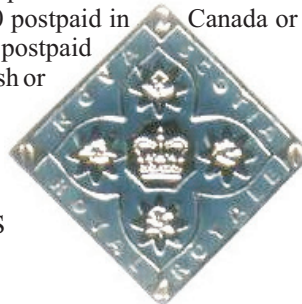
With the newly-instituted \$1.50 per hour parking fee at the Nova Scotia Museum, NSSC members will collectively pay in excess of \$100.00 for parking at each meeting. In addition, the meeting room is no longer available during March break, which usually falls on the second Tuesday of March. As a result, 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.

Fund Raising for ROYAL*2004* ROYALE

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.

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. When the current lot have all been sold, we are planning to produce pins with a deep red or green background. 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 Royal*2004*Royale website has been recently been posted on the club website at <http://www.nsstampclub.ca/royal>
A nice section on Nova Scotia on Stamps has also been included.

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.

The newsletter is available electronically to the NSSC members in Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (pdf) via the club website 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 (jl parks@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.

TIDBITS

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

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.

Last Meeting of the Year

The June 10 meeting will be the last for this year. A Philatelic Flea Market and Stamp Auction are planned. This is your last opportunity to post your open frame items. 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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