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Up and Coming

Every Saturday 4pm Auction
Seaside Book and Stamp

March 9 Club Meeting
Sage Issues - John Eldridge
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Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

April 10 Stamp Fair
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

April 13 Club Meeting
Guest Speaker - John Hall
Auction

May 8 Stamp Fair
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

May 11 Club Meeting
Guest Speaker - Lloyd Tancook
Circuit Books

May 28 - 30 2004
Royal 2004 Royale
Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, NS

Sir Sandford Fleming

Sir Sanford Fleming, the most prominent and original of Canadian engineers, was born at Kirkcaldy, Fife, Scotland, on the January 7, 1827. He attended school there and excelled in mathematics with an inclination amounting almost to a passion. At fourteen he left school and articulated as a student of surveying and engineering applying himself to his work with a diligence and a zeal that might be taken as an earnest of the achievements that the future reserved for him. At the age of eighteen, and traveling with his brother David, Fleming set out for Canada, where he was resolved to seek his fortune, arrived at Peterborough in June 1845. The weather on trip from Scotland was so tempestuous that, despairing for his life, he wrote a final message and threw it overboard in a bottle.

Fleming was always searching for broader horizons and greater challenges. His keen intelligence and scientific and artistic ability involved him in many significant accomplishments. In 1852 he was appointed to the engineering staff of the Northern Railway. His promoted rapidly and the young engineer found more offers for his service than he could accept. When the idea of an Intercolonial railway extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific was proposed in 1863, it was decided that a survey should be made by a commission of three engineers. Canada nominated Fleming, and Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the imperial government accepted him as their



This commemorative stamp honoring the career of Fleming was designed by Will Davies of Toronto and released in 1977.

representative. Fleming was appointed sole engineer. Fleming conducted the survey for the first link from Riviere du Loup to Halifax. His outstanding success in this project earned for him the title of engineer-in-chief of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

In 1846, due to political and policy changes in the United Kingdom, it was determined that postal operations in the British North American colonies should operate as independent administrations. The Post Office Act of 1850 moved responsibility for the post office to what was then known as the Canadian Provincial Government beginning on April 6, 1851. The first Postmaster General for the Province of Canada, James Morris, commissioned the design of new stamps to mark the transition. The first stamp was issued on April 23, 1851. A red-



coloured imperforate, the Three Pence Beaver, was based on a sketch Fleming

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Stamp Oddities



The design of the first stamps of New Caledonia in the southwest Pacific were drawn by Sergeant Triquerat, of the local garrison,

in rough imitation of the current French stamps in 1860. The designs were transferred with a pin to the stone from which the stamps were lithographed.

These stamps were only valid for mail on the island. Outgoing mail required stamps of New South Wales to be affixed as well. The stamps were suppressed in 1862 replaced by French colonial stamps. The supply of stamps became exhausted in 1876 and special cachets were applied to outgoing mail.

New Caledonia had no regular mail service until 1882-3.

The first steamer left Marseille on 23 November 1882 and arrived on 13 January 1883.

The souvenir sheet shown with the Philex France 1999 logo was issued July 3, 1999 for the 140th anniversary of the New Caledonia's first postage stamp. Designer Claude Andreotto.

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drew on a napkin while breakfasting with Morris in Toronto. A recent article in CSN by Ian Robertson reports on an upcoming Firby auction of a page from Fleming's notebook dated Monday, February 24, 1851, depicting a "3d Beaver Venetian Red Plate Essay". The handwriting on the sheet states "Breakfasted at Ellah's Hotel with Mr. Rutter and Honble. Jas Morris Post Master General. Designing postage stamps for him." The item is estimated at \$90,000 US.

Fleming had suggested the beaver as a symbol of the industry, economy and hard work of the Canadian people. It was a significant departure from contemporary designs which usually featured the reigning monarch, a statesman, a geometric design or a coat of arms.



The classic beaver design has been featured seven times on a Canadian issue.

It first appeared on the 1851 debutante followed by the 1852 3d stamp on wove paper, the 1858 3d issue, the 1859 five cent, the 1951 15c, and the 1982 stamp-on-stamp for the Canada '82 philatelic exhibition.



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

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. The club publishes a monthly newsletter (except summer) which is released on the first week of the month.

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

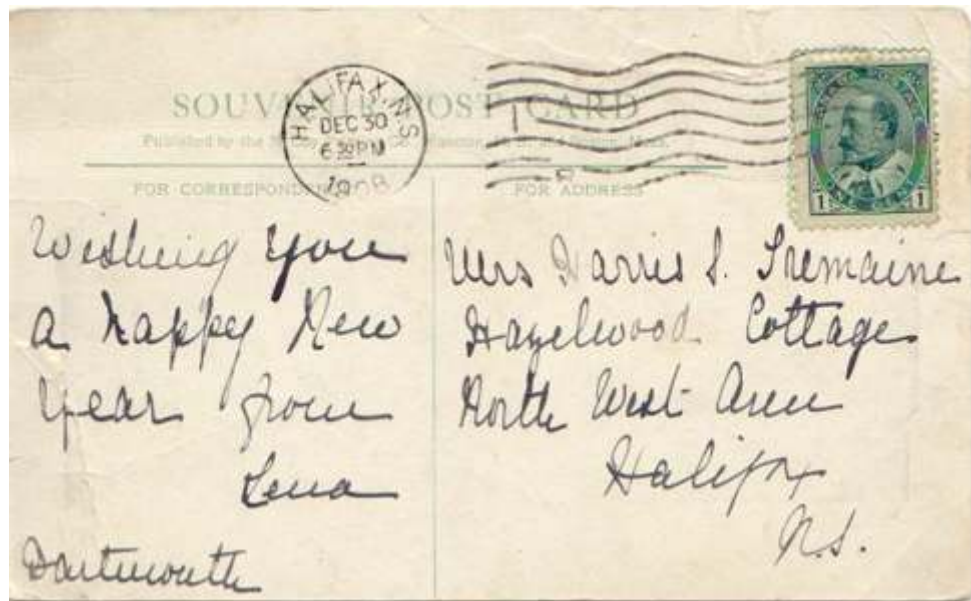
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A 1908 postcard looking up Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth. The first building on the left is the Quaker House and Christ Church is in the background. The card was cancelled Dec 30 1908 and mailed to Hazelwood Cottage, North West Arm, Halifax. There used to be cottages in the Edmonds Grounds which borders the North West Arm. So possibly there was a cottage there named Hazelwood.

Stamp Donations and Penpals Required

Do you have any unwanted small or medium sized stamps to clear from your collection. Undamaged worldwide off-paper stamps only. Stamps received are to be given to Junior Collectors at schools and stamp clubs, to get them started and interested in stamp collecting. I'll give you 100 large sized commemoratives for every packet of 500 small to medium size stamps received - small duplication is accepted. Donations gratefully received. Write to:

I am also looking for penpals to swap used large sized world stamps (1:1) on a regular basis. I can send Great Britain or World in 100, 200 or 300 commemorative stamp units for same from your country or World. Please send stamps first, I will reply within 48 hours of receipt. Please write to:

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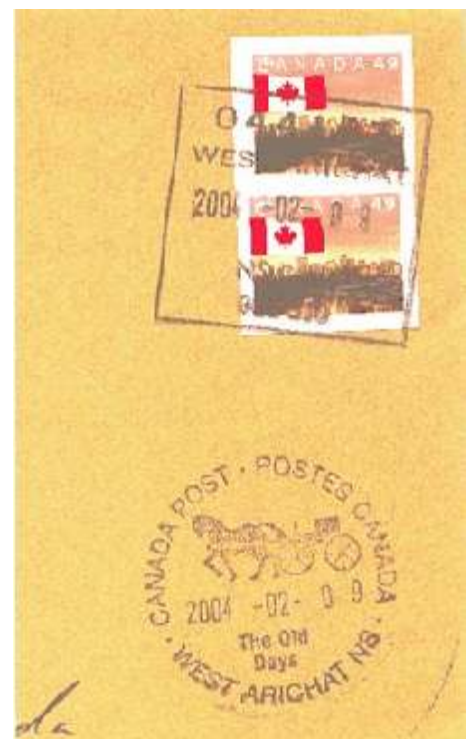
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EXHIBITING AT ROYAL 2004?

Are you still thinking about exhibiting at the Halifax Royal? The frames are going rapidly. The prospectus and entry forms are in the current issue of the Canadian Philatelist. The space is **limited** and is allocated on a first come first served basis. Please contact Marty Zelenietz, 463-0687, 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.

VOLUNTEERS ROYAL 2004

Lots of volunteers will be required during Royal 2004 for set up, registration on Thursday, lots of things during the show, and tear down on Sunday evening. Remember that the show is being sponsored by our club and a smooth running show will reflect credit on the club.

Please make a note of the volunteer dates, **Thursday 27 May to Sunday 30 May.**

STAMP LAUNCH ROYAL 2004

There will be a stamp launch during Royal*2004*Royale. The stamps to be issued mark the exploits of shipping magnates Sir Samuel Cunard and Sir Hugh Allen. The stamp will be designed by the local partnership Page & Wood.

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 Heather MacKenzie by email - h.mackenzie@ns.sympatico.ca.

Membership

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 (depending on availability). Think of it - your own postage stamp, just for recruiting member 1000. We are now only 3 people away from our 1000th member.



Ask Phil your philatelic questions. The Collectors Club of Chicago website has an amazing number of individually answered questions - www.askphil.org.

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

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

If you wish to receive the newsletter in an electronic format (Adobe Acrobat - pdf) you can either download it from the club website www.nsstampclub.ca or have it emailed to you. The web version has a reduced resolution and usually has a size of approx 300 Kb. The email version is better suited for those with high speed lines - higher resolution and therefore larger file size 1 - 2 Mb. Please contact Jeff jl parks@accesswave.ca if you would like to have the email version sent automatically each month.



The Royal*2004*Royale website:
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Worldwide Cover Box

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NEW!!! - a second box of covers, exclusively from Canada and the USA. Three for a buck, a lone loonie- what a deal!! Stock up while they last! All proceeds from cover sales go directly to the club.

Thanks to the estate of the late Brig. George Roberston, we now have a pile of interesting covers to add to the worldwide and Canada/US boxes. Our thanks to Shirley Robertson for donating the material. It may take a couple of months to fit them all in, so keep you eyes peeled for new additions.

NEW ZEALAND STAMP ISSUES 2004

March 3 - 150 Years Of Parliament

March 22 - Definitives

April 5 - Historic Farm Equipment

May 5 - World Of Wearable Art

June 2 - Garden Flowers 11

July 7 - Annual Scenic

August 4 - Olympic Games 2004

September 1 - Definitives 2004 Health A
Day At The Beach

Oct 5 - Christmas Fare

November 3 - Emperors Of The Ross
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