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UP AND COMING

Every Saturday 4pm Auction
Seaside Book and Stamp

January 8 Stamp Fair
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

January 11 Club Meeting
"From the Mailbag"
Circuit Books

February 8 Club Meeting
"Valentine Quiz", Auction

February 12 Stamp Fair
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

March 8 Club Meeting
"APS Convention Review"
Auction

March 12 Stamp Fair
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

April 12 Club Meeting
"NSSC Post Cards"
Circuit Books

Cancelled 1 January

by Michael Peach

Years ago the Post Office was open for business on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. It is possible to find covers cancelled on 25 December as well as 1 January.

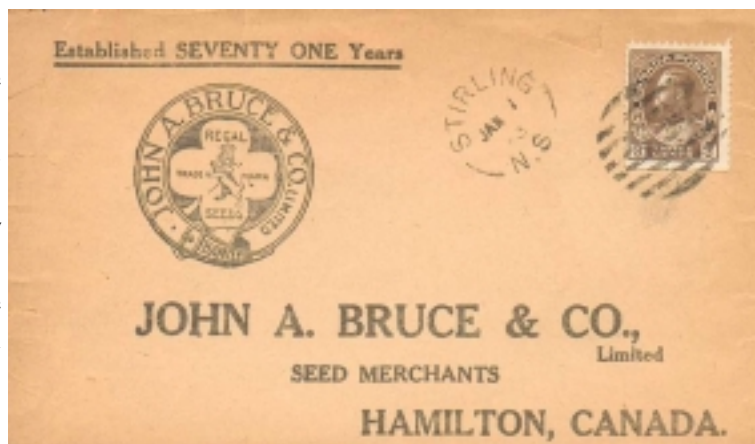
shows a first day cancellation of the green ½d. stamp cancelled with a North Kensington squared circle 1 JA 02, on a picture post-card of Westminster Abbey.

In Canada the Post Offices were also open and the second cover shown to John A. Bruce, Seed Merchant in Hamilton, has a King George V brown 3c. Admiral, cancelled Stirling, N.S. JAN 1 23.



The British stamps of the King Edward VII reign were first issued on 1 January 1902. Several of the designs were modified Queen Victoria Jubilee stamps with the King's effigy replacing that of Queen Victoria. A new design was used for the green ½d. and red 1d. stamps. The illustration

By the time of the millennium there were several philatelic covers produced to mark this event. The third cover shown is the Brit-



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Cancelled 1 Jan.... Continued

ish Millennium Timekeeper mini-sheet, cancelled twice 31.12.99 and 01.01.00. It is unlikely that this was actually cancelled on 31 December 1999 and then cancelled again on New Year's Day 2000.

Thanks to Hugh Bignell for the loan of the Seed Merchants cover.

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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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Stamp Quizzlers

1. In what year did Britain issue its' first hologram stamp?
2. What's the largest number (face value) on any stamp?
3. Which German State was the first to issue Postage Stamps?
4. What is the name given to an original engraved form from which plates are made for printing stamps?
5. Current Australian stamps have various different animals printed in the selvage. If you found a stamp, on a letter, with five koalas what would it be?

Answers on Page 4



Norway, Jan. 1, 1855
 Sc. #1 -4 skilling blue

Canada Post 2005 Stamp Roster **(Tentative!!)**

- 01/07 - Year of the Rooster (1)
 & Souvenir sheet
- 01/29 - NHL All-Stars (6 designs)
 (Booklet; Souvenir Sheet)
- 02/04 - Fishing Flies (4)
- 01/14 - Nova Scotia Agricultural
 College 1905-2005 (1)
- 03/04 - Expo 2005, The Wisdom
 of Diversity (1)
- 03/10 - Daffodils (2)
- 03/23 - J.J. Audubon Birds (5)
- 04/02 - Bridges (4)
- 04/?? - Maclean's Magazine
 1905-2005 (1)
- 04/ 22 - Irish joint Issue: World
 Biosphere Reserves (4)
- 04/ 29 - Battle of the Atlantic
 1939 - 1945 (1)
- 05/06 - Canadian War Museum (1)
- 05/27- Art Canada: H. Watson (1)
 & Souvenir Sheet
- 06/?? - Search and Rescue (4)
- 07/05 - FINA World
 Championships (2)
- 07/16 - Port-Royal 1605-2005 (1)
- 08/15 - Acadian Deportation (1)
- 08/?? - Alberta & Saskatchewan
 1905-2005 (2)
- 10/01 - Extreme Sports (4)
- 10/13 - Joint Issue with China:
 Big Cats (2)
- 11/0 2 - Christmas Crèches (3)

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Stamp Oddities

Away back in 1907, Sir Winston Churchill favoured union of Cyprus with Greece and he stated, "I think it is only natural that the Cypriot people, who are of Greek Descent, should regard their incorporation with what may be called their mother country as an ideal to be earnestly, devoutly and fervently cherished."

In 1957, the Greek Government prepared a stamp with this quotation on it and depicting the head of Archbishop Makarios, primate of the Cypriot Orthodox Church. He first pressed for the union of Cyprus with Greece, then for independence from the UK. The British exiled him to the Seychelles in 1956 - 57 on charges of collusion acts of terrorism connected with a Greek Cypriot resistance group "National Organization of Cypriot Fighters" he helped organize. Makarios was elected President of Cyprus in 1960 when Greek, British, and Turkish powers agreed on the conditions of an independent Cyprus, a post he held to his death in 1977.

The Greeks had second thoughts on the stamp and did not proceed with the 1957 issue. An image of the proof could not be located, however, the two images below show Makarios on stamps of Greece (Sc. 1218) and Cyprus (Sc. 485).



Non Philatelic Post Card of Genealogical Interest

This story does not particularly have a philatelic interest, because the post card shown below was not postally used. This common card, published by International Post Card Co., Montreal - No. 133, is unremarkable in nature except that it has the story of the picture handwritten on the back.

A unique sight at Mill Cove, NS is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Jennings and their brother Joseph. It is a little shanty 9 feet 1 inch long, 9 feet wide and 4½ to 6 feet high (under the pitch roof.) Mr. and Mrs. Jennings have lived in this little hen

coop for over thirty years (it was old when they were there), and raised a family of nine children. Their surviving children being married, the old folks kept a boarder in the person of Mr. Jennings' brother. The stove occupies a third of the ground floor beneath which is a cellar. Undated.

A little sleuthing on the internet did not reveal a date or any information concerning the postcard or the Jennings. It was found that Jennings is a common and long known name in the Mill Cove area of Nova Scotia. There was a lodger named Joseph Jennings listed in the 1901 Census but the head of household was named

Jacob, not John. Who knows for sure? An interesting story none the less. I'm sure they didn't care when the power went out!! ~ed.



USA 1993



Russia 1977



Ukraine 2002

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Newsletter Available Electronically

An online version of the newsletter is available on our club website www.nsstampclub.ca. The web version has a reduced resolution from the original and usually has a size of approx 300 Kb.

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If you see one in your travels please take a picture and submit it with accompanying information to the editors.



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Quizzler Answers

1. 2001.
2. Hungary, 1946 - 500,000,000,000,000 pengös
3. Bavaria - November 1, 1849
4. Die.
5. A forgery.

Newsletter Articles

Many members have provided us with feature articles as well as one column submissions and images of interesting cancels, covers and stamps. One typed page will fill several columns - add images and descriptive text and the length can be shorter. Contact Jeff for details at: webnews@nsstampclub.ca or by post (see pg. 2).

Need a Lift?

Are you a member who no longer comes out to the monthly meetings because of an aversion to nighttime or winter driving. Do you miss the camaraderie and the social aspects of belonging to the club. Do you miss the auctions and the circuit books. Let us know. We will try to pair you up with other members in your area to offer drives to attend our monthly meetings. Contact the club by email webnews@nsstampclub.ca, or contact another club member or a member of the executive.

Exhibiting in 2005?

Novapex 2005 will be held at the Dartmouth Sportsplex, September 17 and 18, 2005. There will be the "normal" exhibition, with exhibits judged at the regional level. I anticipate that the Valley Stamp Club will be holding its annual exhibition at the end of April. Why not try an exhibit at the Valley Stamp Club? It would add variety to the show, and give you a chance to attend the Valley show, which will be the only held in Nova Scotia in the Spring.

National level; shows to be held in 2005 include Edmonton, 1 - 3 April, Orapex in Ottawa 30 April - 1 May, Royal*2005*Royale in London, Ontario 27 - 29 May, Vanpex 11 13 November, and probably Stampex in Toronto in the Fall, 14 - 16 October.

NOVAPEX 2005: 17-18 SEPT.

Novapex 2006 will be held at the Dartmouth Sportsplex, September 15-17, Friday to Sunday. Based on our experience at the Halifax Royal, it will be a regional/national show. This means that exhibits can be judged at the national or regional level. It is hoped that as many members will consider exhibiting at the national level. There will be space for 160 frames. It is expected that there will be several out of province exhibits. We hope that there will be several out of province dealers. It will be the only national exhibition in the east since Royal 2004. Please make a note of the date.

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**Regular updates are
occurring**



Russia 1994