



# Nova Scotia Stamp Club Newsletter

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## Up and Coming

Every Saturday 4pm Auction  
Seaside Book and Stamp

**May 10** Club Meeting  
Program TBA, Circuit Books

**May 14** Stamp Fair/Auction  
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

**May 27-29** Royal\*2005\*Royale  
Middlesex Stamp Club  
London, Ontario

**June 11** Stamp Fair/Auction  
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

**June 14** Club Meeting  
Panel - Exhibiting, Auction

**September 17-18, 2005**  
**Novapex 2005**  
Dartmouth Sportsplex

## Last Day Covers

by Michael Peach

All of the stamps issued have a date of issue, and presently many first day covers are issued to mark the launch of a stamp or series of stamps. Some stamps have a demonetization date, or last date of validity. Although all Canadian and Newfoundland stamps with values in cents are still valid for postage, there must have been a date after which stamps with values in pence became invalid. The Nova Scotia stamps with values in pence could not be purchased from Post Offices after 30 September 1860 and could only be used postally for one month, i.e. up to 31 October 1860. The New Brunswick stamps with values in cents were issued on 15 May 1860. There appears to be no date for demonetisations of the pence stamps. However it is noted by the Postmaster General, Charles Connell, in his report for the year 1859, presented in 1860, "The principal part of those (NB pence stamps) remaining on hand are unfit for sale, having been damaged in storage". In the Province of Canada stamps with values in cents were available on 1 July 1859, and postmasters were requested to return stamps with values in pence, although pence stamps could still be used for postage. There appears to be no definite

final date for New Brunswick or Province of Canada stamps with values in pence (Argenti, Boggs).

In all the European countries that changed to the Euro, €, currency on 1 January 2002, there must have been a final date for the use of stamps with values in the old currency. Germany issued stamps with values in DM and €, in 2001, and in 2002 only with



values in €. Stamps with values only in DM ceased to be valid at the end

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**Last Day Covers...** Continued

of 2001, although these could be exchanged up to 30 June 2003.

Other last day covers can be found when countries ceased to exist. After the reunification of Germany on 3 October 1990, the stamps of the German Democratic Republic, DDR, with values in DDR Marks became invalid. The DDR stamps were replaced with stamps designated "Deutsche Post" having values in Deutsch Marks, and were valid until 31 December 1991. At the same time the stamps of West Berlin, although the values were in Deutsch Marks ceased to be valid. The earlier special stamps of West Germany, Deutsche Bundespost had only a relatively short validity. A fascinating area, where there must be lots of philately interesting covers. The illustrations show a picture postcard of east Berlin, and a cover with DDR and Deutsche Bundespost stamps, used on the last day of the DDR, 2 October

1990, one of which and a further two cancelled 31 December 1991, marking the end of validity of the West Berlin stamps and the East German, Deutsche Post, stamps, with values DM.

Despite the scrutiny of the post officials some invalid stamps do slip through. A commercial cover cancelled Göttingen 3.3. (19) 92, with a 50 Pfennig Berlin stamp is shown.



### Nova Scotia Stamp Club Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

<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.

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**PACIFIC EXPLORER 2005  
WORLD STAMP EXPO** 

**Kudos go to Members  
in World Stamp Expo.**

News from Sydney, Australia, reports that Nova Scotia Stamp Club members, Sandy Clark and Michael Peachs' exhibits have received silver awards at Pacific Explorer, 21 - 24 April, 2005. The Pacific Explorer was a World Stamp Expo, an international exhibition and exhibits were judged by FIP standards.

Both exhibits received gold awards at the Halifax Royal\*2004\*Royale last year. Sandy Clark exhibited "Early Nova Scotia Postmarks" and Michael Peach presented "Postal Union Letter Rates - Victorian Britain". Sandy's exhibit was given the Grand Award at the Royal\*2004\*Royale.

Our hearty congratulations go out to Sandy and Michael.

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**Stamp Oddities**

The LaHave Post Office opened in 1878 as Getsons Point and was re-named in June 1910. (Macpherson, 1982)

In 1896, Hiram Himmelman of LaHave took over the job as postmaster and was undoubtedly one of the oldest and longest serving postmasters of his time. In 1955, at the age of ninety-five, he was still on the job. Until recently the job of Postmaster/Postmistress was passed down through the family. In his advanced years, Mr. Himmelman was assisted by his daughter, Viola Corkum, who had been Postmistress of the New Cumberland Post Office (closed 1950 - Macpherson, 1982) for several years

Before the today's highways were built, the main route between Liverpool and Bridgewater followed along the coast and up the LaHave River. The mail was hauled to the Post Office by horse drawn wagon from Bridgewater. The driver's last stop was at Mill Village where he would spend the night and on the next day start the return trip.

One hundred years ago the LaHave area was a centre of activity. Several large outfitting companies operated fleets of fishing schooners in the salt fishing trade and traded with the Caribbean countries. There were several ship building yards too. A decline in activity with the changing times in the area also marked a change in the type of mail passing through the system - from mainly letters (envelope mail) to larger volumes of newspapers and magazines.

Ref: Macpherson L.B. (1982) "Nova Scotia Postal History Vol. 1 Post Offices (1754-1981)", Petheric Press, Halifax

**In the News**

On March 22, 2005, the German Court in Munich determined that although it is acceptable to sell stamps of the Nazi-era depicting a swastika, it is illegal to display them to the general public, such as in a seller's shop window.

The court found a stamp trader guilty of breaking this law by displaying these types of stamps in this manner, but the Judge did not punish the offender because the matter was deemed to be minor offense.

According to the law, such stamps can be openly displayed if the swastikas are concealed and if clients are informed of the ban on their public display, the court ruled. The display of "unconstitutional symbols" such as swastikas could have been punishable by up to three years in jail.



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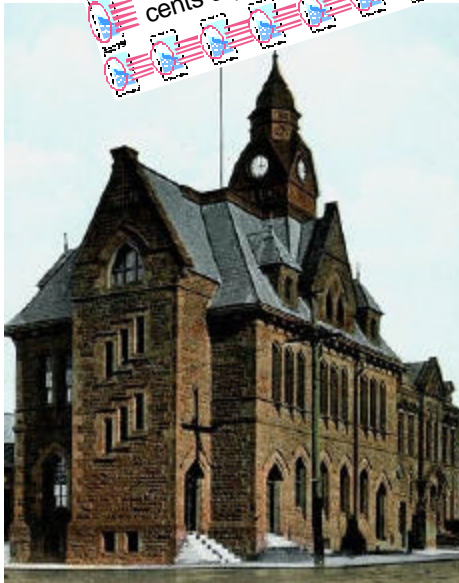
## Worldwide Cover Box

Covers are available at the monthly meeting in our "Worldwide Covers" box - a bargain at 50 cents each, or 5 for \$2. A second box of Canada and the USA covers are a deal at

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**May Blow-out sale**

The sale continues. We have a backlog of Canadian and USA covers so they are being offered this month for 10 cents a piece.



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## Club Library Collection Gets Huge Boost!

by Heather Mackenzie

Over 60 new philatelic books covering a wide variety of topics have been added to our Club Library, thanks to the Executive being able to take advantage of greatly discounted prices on philatelic literature being offered by Gary Lyons. The new collection includes many Canadian and Nova Scotian topics, with some general titles as well. There's sure to be something for everyone! Over the next few months, the newsletter will feature highlights of some of the new titles, and a complete up-to-date listing will be available at the May Club meeting (as well as the "unveiling" of the new books!) To whet your interest, here are the highlighted titles for May:

**The Royal Canadian Naval Postal History 1939-1945**, by Percy G. Colbeck and Maurice F. Hampson.

This four-volume set covers a wide variety of topics related to Canadian Navy postal services during World

War II. Subjects covered include Censor Stamps, cancellation types, POW mail and secret mail, rubber stamps, stamp and cover types, information on ships of the Navy and much, much more! Also included are some great vintage photos of wartime Navy post offices etc. Great summer reading for anyone interested in our military postal history!

**The Fruit and Flag Definitive Series 1989-1996**, by D. Robin Harris

This fact-filled book has probably everything you would ever want to know (and then some!) about this Canadian definitive series. There is general information on the series as a whole, and then detail pages on the individual stamps. Topics include postal rates, gum, paper, tagging, errors and much more, even information on the fruits featured on the stamps. Become an expert on the 3 cent Black Crowberry stamp and impress your fellow Philatelists!

## OOPS!!

Well, to err is human and I think the late night edits have something to do with it too. It seems that I was caught up on mistakes several times in last month's newsletter. **1.** The dates have been corrected in the Up and Coming section. **2.** I spelled Macdonald, as in the bridge, with a capital "D". **3.** In the Clayton & Sons cover blurb I said textile manufacturer, the reader says clothing. Pretty much the same industry grouping, but I concede. The reader says "They certainly were major clothing manufacturers and uniform makers and I well recall their Acadia Pride Homespun (APH) men's pants which were especially constructed for forestry/fishing/construction workers who required an almost indestructible garment."

The 77th Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada will be held in London, Ontario, May 27-

29, 2005. The show will be hosted by the Middlesex Stamp Club. Check out the NS Stamp Club website for a link to Royal\*2005\* Royale.

