



# Nova Scotia Stamp Club Newsletter

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## UP AND COMING

Every Saturday 4pm Auction  
Seaside Book and Stamp

Friends of Philately - Meet 3rd  
Thursday of each month at Bloom-  
field School, Halifax, NS

**November 8** Club Meeting  
"NSSC Website" - J. Parks  
Circuit Books

**Nov. 12** Stamp Fair & Auction  
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

**Dec. 10** Stamp Fair & Auction  
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

**December 13** Club Meeting  
"Christmas Quiz" - H. MacKenzie  
Charity Auction

**January 10/06** Club Meeting  
"My Cyprus Collection" - J. Forbes  
Circuit Books

## NSSC Newsletter wins Award

At Canada's Seventh National Philatelic  
Literature Exhibition in Toronto on Oct  
15, the NSSC Newsletter received a  
silver-bronze award.

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## German Reunification, Part 1

By Michael Peach

*[The following article is Part 1 of 2 on  
the reunification of Germany. Part 2  
will be available in the new year. -ed.]*

The fall of communism in Eastern Europe in the late 1980s, had a number of philatelic consequences. For example in 1991 the independent Baltic States started reissuing their own stamps, Latvia on 19 October, Lithuania on 28 September, and Estonia on 1 October.

The much publicized fall of the Berlin Wall, on 9 November 1989 was a dramatic symbol of the demise of commu-

administrations were integrated and new post codes were required, as the four number code had been used in both the west and east. Initially the old west codes were identified by placing a W in front of the number, eg. Bochum was now W 4630. Similarly the old east numbers are identified with an O (O for Ost, east) eg. old east Berlin has a series of numbers in O 1000 Berlin series. There is currently a new unified 5 digit post code. The street address of the Ruhr University in Bochum is now 44801.

Although the opening of the Berlin Wall



nism. The wall had been built in the early 1960s. On 3 October 1990, the East German State, the German Democratic Republic (DDR) ceased to exist and the five eastern German states were integrated within the Federal Republic of Germany. The stamps of both (West) Berlin and the DDR were no longer needed. The postal

marked the beginning of the end of a divided Germany, the first event with any philatelic significant was the currency union (1 July 1990). German reunification can be viewed as the assimilation of the eastern states (DDR) within the western states (BRD). This is true of the currency union, when the DDR money

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(DDR Marks) was changed to the Deutsch Mark (DM), the currency of the western states. The DDR marks were no longer valid. Some of the philatelic consequences are:

1. The DDR stamps with values in DDR Marks could no longer be sold. These were replaced by stamps with values in DM but instead of being designated DDR the stamps were labelled "Deutsche Post", as was used immediately after the war.

2. The postal rates in the DDR remained the same, and the DDR stamps with values in DDR Marks could still be used for postage within the DDR, although now the postage was calculated in DM. Hence there were two different postal rates, both in DM.

3. A large number of covers of philatelic interest were produced with mixed stamps, i.e. DDR, Deutsche Post, Deutsche Bundespost, and Berlin.

The cover (*previous page*) shows an air mail letter from Leipzig (4 September 1990) to Vancouver. Although marked registered it was not sent by registered

mail, probably due to the non acceptance of registered mail at the Leipzig Fall Trade Fair post office.

The cover has

1. Two overprinted DDR semi-postal stamps with new values in DM (30 + 5).
2. Two DDR stamps, 25 Pf and 1M.
3. One Deutsche Bundespost stamp, 10 pf.
4. Two Deutsche Post stamps, 10 and 50 Pf. The 50 Pf stamp shows the Brandenburg Gate, a symbol of a united Germany.

The total value of the stamps was DM 2.55, the air mail rate for a standard registered letter.

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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.

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**Stamp Oddities**

In 1936 Bermuda, the headquarters of British Yachting in the Atlantic, issued a stamp said to depict the "Viking" a six metre craft which won the Prince of Wales

Cup. The Bermuda Post Office was highly embarrassed when yachtsmen pointed out that the craft shown on the stamp wasn't the "Viking" at all, but the American owned yacht "Lucie"

In 1911, the newly formed Federation of Australia (1901) invited artists to submit designs for a new postage stamp. Of the over 1,000 designs entered first prize went to Herman Altmann for his design featuring the full face of King George V flanked by a kangaroo, emu, Crown and six shields bearing the state emblems.

As you might recall this was not the design of the first stamp. In 1912, the new staunchly nationalist Postmaster-General, Charles E. Frazer, wanting "something emblematic of Australia", rejected the winning entry.

When the stamp design was released on April 2, 1912 it showed a tuft of Kangaroo Grass in front of a kangaroo, on a map of Australia (a collaboration of designs). The design met with anger - it did not bear the king's head - ridicule and mockery. The cartoonists of the day poked fun at the piece of grass, claiming it to be rabbit's ears, so the grass was removed from the design before it was released in 1913. The stamps were produced in different colours for different denominations.

**Mailbox  
"Spotted"**

This mail box was found by Dave Cooper. If you see an odd or unique mailbox take a picture and share it with us.





## Novapex Clarifications

At the September Board of Directors meeting several points of discussion arose surrounding Novapex. Based on the those discussions, the Board has decided to add silver-bronze and vermeil awards to future Novapex events. This will put us on equal award granting with the national standard.

Secondly, a clarification on the re-exhibiting of Gold medal exhibits was made. "A gold medal exhibit may be exhibited in consecutive years but must be improved or expanded and the changes will be indicated on the application form."

Don't forget to prepare a one page exhibit for the December Club Meeting. We are trying a concept called a Club Frame where members can showcase something of interest on one page. Your contribution will go toward creating a 16 or 32 page exhibit in future shows.



A recent ebay offering - a silver gilt (.925 silver IF) medallion of the NS one

shilling stamp, from the Empire Collection. Asking price was about C\$10.40.



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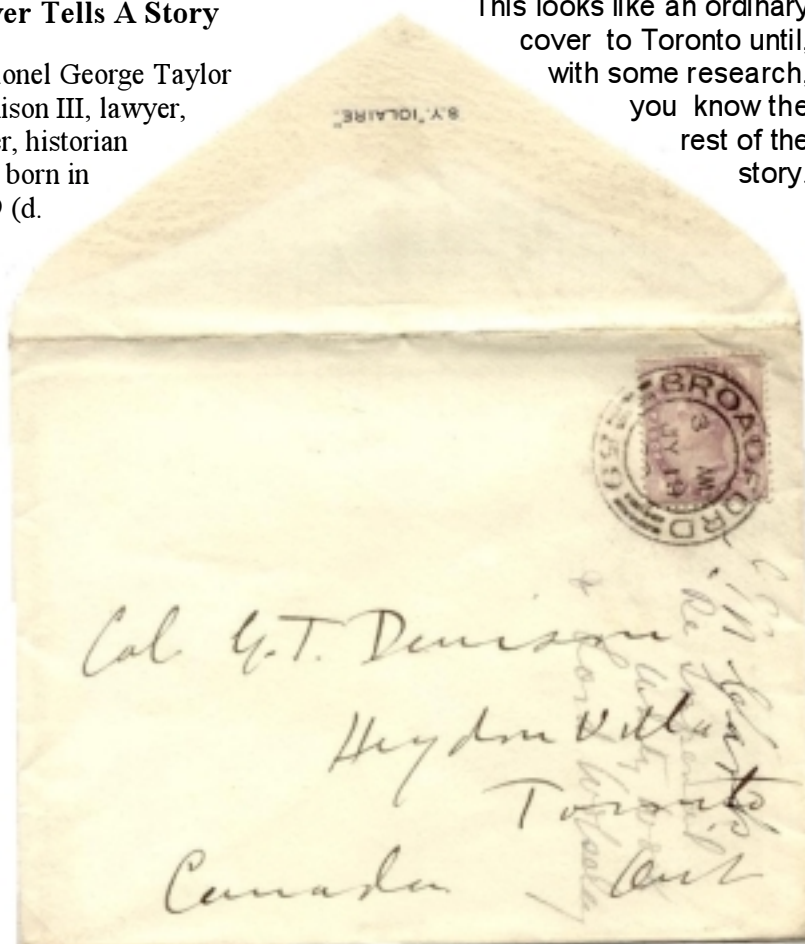
## Every Cover Tells A Story

**Addressee** - Colonel George Taylor (Col. G.T.) Denison III, lawyer, Canadian soldier, historian and author, was born in Toronto in 1839 (d. 1925).

Denison was called to the bar in 1861 and sat on Toronto city council from 1865 to 1867. In 1866 he joined the active militia as Lieutenant-colonel and was given command of the Governor General's bodyguard. This unit had been formed by his father in 1822 and was known as Denison's Troop. He commanded outposts on the Niagara River against Fenian Raids in 1866. In 1877, he was police magistrate of Toronto. Until 1917, he heard ninety percent of the indictable offences in Toronto and tried most crimes except those requiring a jury. In 1885 he served against the Riel rebellion in the then North West Territories. Denison became a prominent figure in shaping Canada's military forces.

As an author, Denison wrote on the cavalry and military. In 1877 he won a 5,000 ruble prize from the Russian Czar in an international contest to write a work on cavalry. The book "A History of Cavalry" had to be completed in St. Petersburg by January 1, 1877. With only a few months left, he sailed for England to do his final research in the British Museum and then to Russia. He hired 14 men to copy his notes into a final form and a few hours before midnight on the night the contest closed, he

This looks like an ordinary cover to Toronto until, with some research, you know the rest of the story.



delivered his book.

Heydon Villa was the name of the home that he built in 1864 on a hill west of today's Dovercourt Road, just south of College, in Toronto. The house was demolished in 1929 and the large property subdivided.

**Cover** - The cover is franked with a 1p lilac QV stamp (Scott 88) cancelled at Broadford, Isle of Skye. The year is illegible but presumably cancelled in the 1880's. The back flap has an imprint - **S.Y. "IOLAIRE."** The steam yacht *Iolaire* was built as the *Amalthaea* in 1881 and was commandeered by the British Admiralty in 1915 and based in Stornoway, Scotland. The *Iolaire* struck and broke up on the *Beasts of Holm* on January 1, 1919 with a loss of 205 of the 284 men on board.

**Docketing** - On the front of the cover is the penciled notation "J.M. Clark / Re Imperial/ Unity War? / & Lord Wolseley". What story does this hold?



Britain's largest private mail company, DX Services, is the first company to rival Royal Mail by trialling a new blue and white stamp for business users in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The stamp, priced the same as a RM first class stamp, has two main selling points: a) guaranteed delivery before start of the next business day; and b) the stamp applies to any item that fits in the letterbox, not just letters.

If the trial is successful the stamp will be made available across Britain later.

## NOVA PEX 2006

**NOVAPEX 2006**

**Sept 15-17, 2006**

**Dartmouth Sportsplex**

Based on our experience at the Halifax Royal, 2006 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 as possible will be 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.**

### 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. The Canada and the USA covers are a deal at 3 for a loonie!! All proceeds from cover sales go directly to the club.

### New Members

Three new members have recently joined the club. Dr. Jane Gordon has renewed her membership after a short hiatus. Jim Carde of Ontario deals in Worldwide stamps and postcards. Karen Mills of Halifax/Sydney collects British Commonwealth, aviation and space exploration stamps.



### Newsletter Articles

How about writing an article or something of philatelic significance for the fall newsletter. A typed page will fill several columns - add images and the text length can be shorter. Contact Jeff for details at:

[webnews@nsstampclub.ca](mailto:webnews@nsstampclub.ca)

Your notice of intent to submit should be sent by the middle of the previous month. Submission deadlines for December is Dec. 1.

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