



# Nova Scotia Stamp Club Newsletter

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## UP AND COMING

Every Saturday 4pm Auction  
Seaside Book and Stamp

**June 10** Stamp Fair & Auction  
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

**June 13 Club Meeting**  
Fakes and Forgeries - Dave Harvey  
and Carmichael Wallace; Auction

**June 15** Friends of Philately  
Bloomfield School, Halifax

**September 9** Stamp Fair & Auction  
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

**September 12** Club Meeting  
Jane Sodero, Circuit Books

**Sept 15-17 Novapex 2006**  
Atlantic Canada's Premier  
National Exhibition,  
Dartmouth Sportsplex, Dartmouth

**Sept 30-Oct 1** Royal\*2006\*Royale  
Calgary Philatelic Society

**October 10** Club Meeting  
Auction

**October 14** Stamp Fair & Auction  
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

**October** Brunpex  
Howard Johnson  
Brunswick Plaza Hotel, Moncton

## British Victorian Letter Cards

By Michael Peach

The Post Office introduced prepaid Letter Cards on 11 February 1892. These were pale blue with a letterpress red 1d stamp, the same design as the 1d letterpress stamp on Post Office Postcards for overseas use. Although intended for inland use, it is clearly stated on the back that "if used for transmission abroad the additional postage should be supplied by means of adhesive stamps." The letter was written on the inside of the folded sheet, and the card was then sealed by using the gummed edges on the front. The cards were perforated for easy opening, following the instructions "To open the letter card, tear off the edge at the perforations." Two cards are shown, both used in 1892. The inland



card is from Brighton, office number 152, AU 8 92, to London. The other, to Bombay, which was mailed from Tunbridge Wells, office number 820, AU 5 92 has a 1½d jubilee stamp added to cover the postage, 2½d.

Various designs of Private Letter Cards appeared shortly afterwards. These



cards were similar to the Post Office ones, but had no stamp. The budget letter card series were patented and printed by Langley & Sons, Euston Works, London, N.W.. The cards had an additional sheet stapled on the inside. Two examples are shown. The budget letter card with red printing on a cream card,



was used from Oxford, office number 603, MY 27 97, to London, MY 27 97, and has two ½d vermilion stamps added for postage. The Commemorative Budget Letter Card was produced for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. It was printed in brown on a pale



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## Letter Cards... Continued

buff card and has rounded corners. It has two 1d lilac stamps and a ½d vermilion stamp and was mailed from Glasgow OC 20 97, to Kingston, New Brunswick, Canada, via New York, arriving in Kingston OC 30 97.

Mention is made in Huggins (A.K. Huggins, British Postal Stationery, G.B.P.S., London, 1970) of a Stamped To Order letter card produced in 1887 with a 1d pink embossed stamp. The earliest used example is 11.7.87, which predates the Post Office issue by five years.

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**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.

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

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Newsletter address as above.

Advertising rate for the newsletter or website is \$25 (CDN) per year.

## Cover Story

"There is nothing which adds so much to the prestige and importance of a place in the eyes of a stranger as first class hotel accommodations. Lindsay may be well congratulated on the possession of establishments of this kind of high order, and which in every way can compare most favorably with towns similarly situated. The leading and most popular hotel in Lindsay is that which to travellers and others is so well known as the Benson House, and which for the last 12 years has been under the able administration of the gentleman from whom it takes its name, Mr. E. Benson.

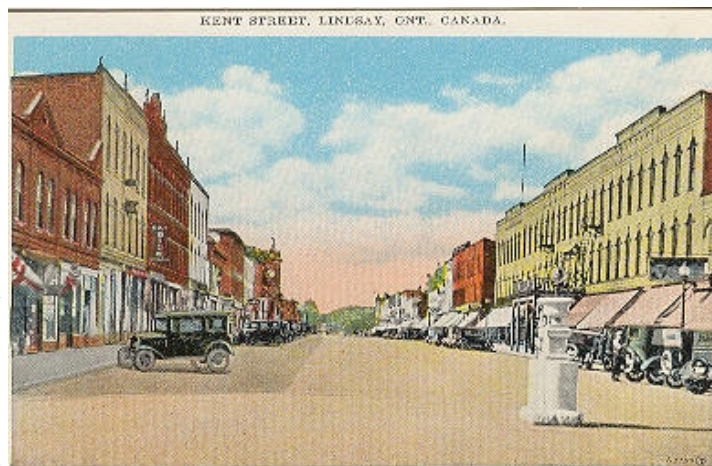
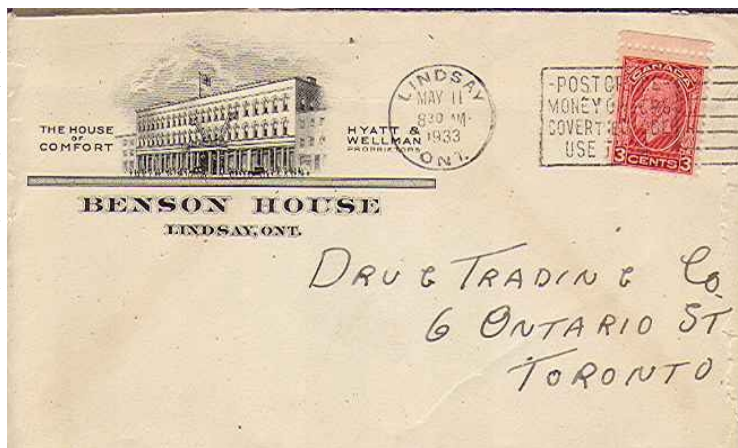
The building which is eligibly located, is a substantial brick structure, while the interior is modelled and furnished in the most thorough and complete manner, with all the modern convenience and arrangements of first-class city hotels. There are 50 bedrooms for the accom-

modation of guests, these apartments being large, well lighted and well ventilated, and neatly furnished throughout. There is a spacious dining room with six tables, capable of seating a large number of guests; also ladies' and gentleman's parlours and rooms, *en suite*, and a billiard room with two excellent tables. Every arrangement that can in any way add to the comfort of guests has been carried out; the halls and corridors are wide, spacious and convenient, while the rooms throughout are all commodious, handsomely furnished and elegant in all their appointments, fixtures and upholstery. The "Benson House" is in every way a most desirable hotel, not surpassed by any in the Midland counties; its *cuisine* is most excellent, the table at all times being served with viands and delicacies. Mr. Benson makes one of the most popular and esteemed of hosts, and on his part no pains are spared to make this hotel one in every way replete with home comforts. The rates of this house are \$1.50 per day, with special terms to boarder and long-time visitors, and in every way this house commends itself to all seeking hotel accommodation in this locality" *Reprinted from Industries of Canada*

*: Historical and Commercial Sketches : Peterboro, Lindsay. M.G. Bixby, Editor, Toronto, Ont., 1887, pg 66.*

Mr. E. Benson, a native of New York, established Benson House in Lindsay, ON in 1875. The cover (above) is franked with a 3c Medallion (Scott 197), cancelled with a CDS and a slogan cancel, is dated

May 11, 1933. The proprietors of the day listed as Hyatt & Wellman. The Hotel was built in front of where the first Lindsay Post Office was established in 1834 in the house of William Culbert. Benson House, 24 Kent St W, Lindsay is now known as the Your Tavern, which, I am told, is quite popular with the local college folk. The postcard shows Kent Street and Benson House (near right) circa 1930.





# NOVA PEX 2006

**Novapex 2006 Awards Banquet**  
**Saturday, 16 September, 2006**  
**MacAskill's Waterfront Restaurant**

7.00 pm Reception – Cash bar  
 7.30 pm Dinner, choice of menu

**Appetizer:** Seafood Chowder  
 or Caesar Salad

**Entrée:** Poached Salmon,  
 or Chicken in Filo,  
 or New York Striploin

**Dessert:** Cheesecake of the Day  
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A woman goes to the post office and says to the clerk, "May I have 50 Christmas stamps?"

The clerk says, "What denomination?"

The woman says, "O my goodness. Has it come to this? Give me 6 Catholic, 12 United, 16 Baptist and 8 Presbyterian!"

## Stamp Oddities

The first airmail flight in Australia was flown from Melbourne to Sydney between July 16th to 18th, 1914, by French aviator Maurice Guillaux (1883-1917) who had come to Australia to do stunt shows.

A previous attempt was to be made in June 1914 by rival American aviator Arthur "Wizard" Stone - commemorative cards were published but the flight never materialized

The Australian Post Office would not take responsibility for the safe delivery of the mail. The mail weighed 40 lbs, approximately 2,500 items which included 1785 souvenir cards.



The post office provided this special cachet (illustrated) for articles carried by the plane. The cards sold for 1/- each with 1d required for postage. All mail was cancelled at Melbourne with the oval violet cachet Australia, Melbourne, 16th July 1914 via Aerial mail and back stamped at Sydney on July 18, 1914. Regular airmail service was not established until 1925 between Sydney and Melbourne.

At the time this was the longest airmail flight in the world made with seven refueling stops. It was more astonishing that the flight was made in mid winter (southern hemisphere) over mountainous terrain in unfamiliar country to the pilot using maps for ground travelers. After the commencement of the Great War in August 1914, Guillaux left Australia to join his country's air service. He was attached for a short time in 1917 to No.5 Squadron, Australian Flying Corps as an instructor, then stationed in England. He was killed in a crash while testing aircraft on May 22, 1917 at Villacoublay, France.

Two stamps commemorating the 50th anniversary of this flight were issued in 1964.



## CLUB TABLE AT NOVAPEX!

A new feature at NOVAPEX 2006 will be a club table where members can sell their material. This is a wonderful chance to offer your goods to a large audience. Instead of paying for a table, sellers at the club table will pay a 10% commission to the NSSC. Let's make this table as exciting as a new dealer coming to town. Prepare your stamps, covers, philatelic books, etc. for sale and pass the material and an inventory list to Hugh Rathbun, who is coordinating the club sellers table.

## Annual Member Dues

Yes folks, it is that time of year again. Membership fees are due as of July 1. If you feel so inclined to send in your dues before September's meeting, please do so - address on Page 2. Invoices will be sent out with the September newsletter. The approved 2006/07 rates are as follows:

Member	\$ 15.00
Family	\$ 22.50
United States	\$ 20.00 (US Funds)
International	\$ 25.00 (US Funds)

## Cover Box

Covers are available at the monthly meetings. In our "Worldwide Covers" box - a bargain can be found at 50 cents each, or 5 for \$2. The Canada and the USA covers are a real deal at 3 for a loonie (\$1)!! All proceeds from cover sales go directly to the club.

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## Notes from the May Meeting

The May meeting of the NSSC was held on May 9. Gordon Smith discussed his St. Pierre & Miquelon collection. The monthly draw brought in \$46 to the club coffers and several nice prizes were received by members.

A Board of Directors meeting was held on May 30th.

The last meeting of the season will be held on June 13 with the topic for the night being Fakes & Forgeries. David Harvey will be presenting material on the forgers of Nova Scotia stamps and Carmichael Wallace will complement this with a few pages of Cape of Good Hope triangles, real contrasted with fakes from a few of the well known forgers of the day.

## My Summer Project

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, I have been electronically archiving NSSC Newsletters from the 1960s to present. After my work induced hiatus from this activity I am hoping to wile away some (rainy?) summer evenings finishing this project. I hope to have electronic copies (in acrobat PDF) available in the fall and possibly do a presentation at a later date.

## Newsletter Articles

Another year has slipped by and this is the last issue until fall, however a brief, late summer, pre-Novapex issue is being discussed. I would like to thank all those who have contributed articles, images, covers, etc. for the newsletter throughout the year. I would also like to encourage others to contribute - what interests you may be of interest to someone else. A few words (half a typed page) goes a long way in a 4 page newsletter, especially when an image is added. If you have an item (article, cover, show & tell) for the newsletter please contact Jeff for details at:

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

Unless of a timely nature, items will be printed on a first come basis. **The deadline for the September issue is August 30, 2006.**

# NOVA PEX 2006

**NOVAPEX 2006**  
**Sept 15-17, 2006**

**Dartmouth Sportsplex**

Novapex 2006 will be a regional/national show, a first for the Nova Scotia Stamp Club. The exhibits will be judged at the national or regional level. It will be the first national exhibition in the east since Royal 2004, and we hope that as many members as possible take this opportunity to exhibit at the national level. There will be space for 160 frames, and there will be several out of province exhibits. Some out of province dealers coming. **Please make a note of the date, and help to make Novapex 2006 a great success and an event to be remembered.**

## Exhibiting at NOVAPEX 2006

It is still not too late to think about your exhibit(s) for Novapex 2006. A number of exhibits have already been accepted, several from out of the province.

Exhibits can be submitted at the **National** or **Regional** level. The usual Novapex is a regional level show is available for first time exhibitors or those who do not want to enter a nationally judged exhibit. At the national level, the exhibits must have received at least a silver at a regional show. In accordance with standard procedures, there is a frame charge for national level exhibits.

Do not delay to submit your exhibit to Marty, [zelen@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:zelen@ns.sympatico.ca), 463-0687. The prospectus and entry form are available at the Club website, [www.nsstampclub.ca](http://www.nsstampclub.ca). Copies will be available at the June Club meeting.

**Deadline for entries is Wednesday, August 2, 2006.**

## Publicity Table – Sunnyside Mall

As part of the publicity for Novapex 2006, we will be having a table in the Sunnyside Mall prior to Novapex. on the Saturday September 9. We will be looking for help at the table as well as ideas for publicity. Please contact Michael Peach, 832-1662, with your ideas.