



Nova Scotia Stamp Club Newsletter

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UP AND COMING

Every Saturday 4pm Auction
Seaside Book and Stamp

October 9 Club Meeting, Auction
Postal History Illustrated with New-
foundland Royal Family Issues -
JC Michaud

Oct 12-14 Royal 2007 Royale Ex-
hibition Place, Toronto

October 13 Burnside Stamp Fair
Burnside Hotel 10am - 3pm

October 18 Friends of Philately,
Bloomfield Centre, Halifax

October 20 BRUNPEX 2007
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Moncton
10am - 4 pm

October 27 South Shore Stamp
Club Annual Show Wandlyn Inn,
Bridgewater 10am - 3pm

October 28 Saint John Stamp Club
Stamp Show - Fort Howe Hotel
10am - 4:30 pm

November 13 Club Meeting, Cir-
cuit Books, The Other Lives of
Stamp Designers - C. Wallace

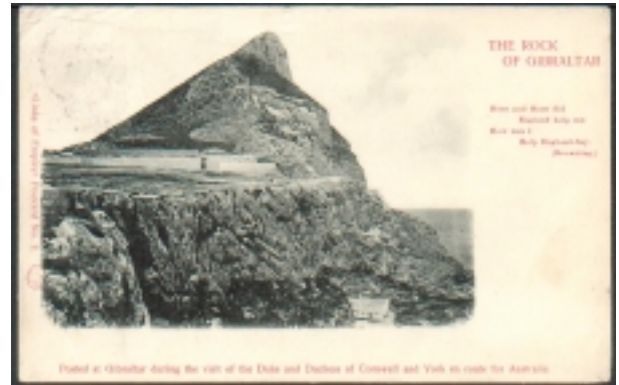
November 17 Burnside Stamp Fair
Note 3rd Saturday time date
change

December 11 Club Meeting, Char-
ity Auction, Christmas Stamps,
RPSC Slide Show - M. Peach

The 1901 Royal Tour

by Michael Peach

Postcards showing the Rock of Gibraltar are not particularly uncommon. The card shown is, however, "Links of the Empire Postcard No. 2", and at the bottom it says "Posted at Gibraltar during the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York en route for Australia". The 1d lilac stamp is cancelled "Shipletter MR 26 01, London". What makes this card interesting?



Queen Victoria had died on 22 January 1901. The trip to Australia had been planned earlier, where the Duke and Duchess, later King

George V and Queen Mary, would take part in the inauguration of the Commonwealth of Australia. An invitation to extend the tour to Canada had been proposed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to which Queen Victoria had agreed. So the tour of the British Empire went ahead as planned. The Orient Line ship R.M.S. Ophir had been chartered by the Admiralty and during the tour was manned by a Royal Navy crew, becoming H.M.S. Ophir. At that time the Panama Canal had not been opened, and a trip around Cape Horne was out of the question, so the itinerary was Portsmouth, Gibraltar, Malta, Port Said, Aden, Colombo, Singapore, Albany, Melbourne, Sydney, Hawkesbury, Auckland, Wellington, Lyttleton, Hobart, Adelaide, Freemantle, Mauritius, Durban, Simonstown, St. Vincent, Quebec, Halifax, St. John's, and Portsmouth. During the

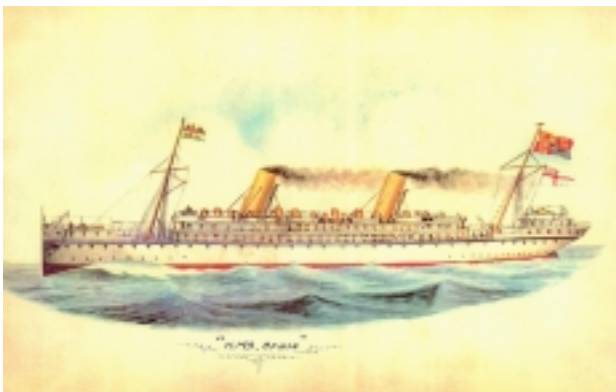
course of the tour, the Duke was presented with many stamps as souvenirs, and during the periods at sea examined and organised the treasures.

H.M.S. Ophir arrived in Quebec City on 15 September 1901, and left Halifax on 21 October. During this period in Canada, the Duke and Duchess travelled across Canada by train from Quebec to Victoria and back to Halifax. The Royal couple arrived in Halifax on 19 October, at the old train station, later destroyed in the explosion, and had a busy day. The next day, Sunday, there was a luncheon on board the Ophir, and dinner at Admiralty House. On Monday, amid snow flurries, the Ophir left Halifax, and Canada, for Newfoundland. Despite the busy schedule, the Duke managed to spend an hour with the Halifax stamp dealer Harrison L. Hart and examine his superb collection of BNA stamps.



Newfoundland had issued a 5c stamp in the Royal Family series in 1899 showing the Duke, and two days prior to the arrival of the Royal Tour, on 21

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... 1901 Royal Tour Continued



October, a 4c stamp was issued, depicting the Duchess. The Ophir arrived back in Portsmouth on 1 November.

More information about the Royal Tour can be found in...

Joseph Pope, *The Tour of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York*, King's Printer, Ottawa, 1903.

Harry Price, *The Royal Tour 1901: or The Cruise of H.M.S. Ophir*, W. Morrow, 1980.

Both of the above are available in the Halifax library.

Nicholas Courtney, *The Queen's Stamps*, Methuen, 2004.

The visit to Halifax is reported in the *Halifax Herald* for 19, 21 & 22 October 1901, available at the N.S. Archives.

Does anyone know of any philatelic souvenirs of the Canadian part of the tour?

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.

Dues are C\$15 per person (US\$20 US, US\$25 International) or C\$22.50 per couple payable to :

Nova Scotia Stamp Club
 102 Birch Bear Run
 Lewis Lake, NS B3Z 4B8
webnews@nsstampclub.ca

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



If you were not able to get to Novapex 07 and would like to have one or more of the souvenir postcards with the stamp and show cancel, the cost is \$2 each plus shipping. Volume discounts are available. Contact Jeff at the newsletter address shown below. These will only be available for a short time - order now.

Royal 2004 Royale Pins

Marty has located the stash of Royal 2004 pins and are offered for sale for \$5 each. Yes, that is 3 pins for \$15. If you recall the original price was about \$8 each. The best deal in town.

Royal*2007*Royale The 79th Annual Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada will be held in Toronto, Oct 12-14, 2007. Sponsored by The GTPA and CSDA, details at

<http://www.gtapa.org/Royal/>

Symphony Nova Scotia to perform Dr. J.J. MacDonald inspired work

Members of the NS Stamp Club might be interested in the January 17, 2008 concert of Symphony Nova Scotia. Jane Gordon gave a donation to the Symphony to commission a piece by a woman composer in memory of her husband, Dr. J.J. MacDonald. "While music had always been a part of his life, attending the symphony was one of the things he got joy from in the last years of his life", Gordon says.

Elizabeth Raum, from Saskatchewan, was given the commission and Jane met with her to tell her about J.J.'s life and interests. She was particularly interested in his work as a philatelist and read his book *The Nova Scotia Post*. She is using the book as a inspiration for the work which will premier on the 17th. This is likely the first time the book has been used in that way. Ms. Raum will be at the premiere and will speak about her work. The working title of the piece is Halifax Harbour.

Tickets for the concert are available through the Dalhousie Box Office. Further information is available from Jane Gordon. The symphony will likely do more publicity closer to the time.

Great Britain 2008 Issues Announced

- January: James Bond – six stamps, miniature sheet, prestige booklet
- February: Working Dogs – six stamps
The House of Lancaster and York – six stamps, miniature sheet
- March: Celebrating Northern Ireland – miniature sheet
Rescue at Sea – six stamps
- April: Action for Species/Insects – ten stamps
- May: Cathedrals – six stamps, miniature sheet
- June: Classic Carry On and Hammer Films – six stamps
- July: Airshows – six stamps
- August: Olympic Games 2008 – miniature sheet
- September: RAF Uniforms – six stamps, prestige booklet
50 Years of Country Definitives – miniature sheet, prestige booklet
- October: Women of Achievement – six stamps
- November: Christmas – six stamps, miniature sheet
Lest We Forget – miniature sheet

NOVAPEX 2007 PALMARES**Court of Honour**

Dave Cooper	My Ship Sank - When Can I Come Home
George MacKenzie	Aviation Through the Ages
John Hurst	Newfoundland Publicity Issue 1929 - 1931
David Harvey	Nova Scotia Covers
David Harvey	Nova Scotia Forgeries

Certificate (Non Competitive)

John Hall	Holograms in The Philatelic World
Michael Peach	Postal Union Letter Rates - Victorian Britain

Certificate of Participation

Steward Purdy	Kabuki Theatre In Japan
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Bronze

Dennis Bedley	Postage Due Various
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Silver-Bronze

Alex Faulkner	Sports on Stamps (Youth) (David Cooper Memorial - Team)
Dave Harvey	The Semi Official Air Mail Stamps
Gordon Leslie	Flora of Australia

Silver

Andrew Winter	Newfoundland Postal Stationary
Ary Kalkman	The Royal William
Carl Munden	Handstruck Postmarks of Pre- Newfoundland
Jack Colwell	Orchids on Stamps
Laszlo Szantor	Hungary - Issues of the Monarchy 1871-1918
Liam Parks	Birds of Canada (Youth)
Lorraine Rasmussen	A Tour of Early 20th Century Halifax through Henry Hechler Picture Postcards
Neil Bowlby	New Zealand Advertising Stamps of 1893
Sandy Clark	Royal Death and Mourning
Sean Weatherup	The Mail by Rail - Collecting Cancellations of the Railway Post Office
Sean Weatherup	The Railway Post Office in Pictou - New Glasgow

Vermeil

Gary Steele	1897 1 cent Jubilee
Hugh Rathbun	Postal History of Cheverie Nova Scotia
Jane Sodero	Milford House Postcards 1905 to Present
Jeff Parks	Finding Halifax - Halifax Bicentenary Issue 1949 (J. Doug Allen Novice Award)
Jim Carde	Shades of Canadian Postal Stationery Postcards 1871 - 1929
John Eldridge	Centennial Issues 1967-73 50 cent High Value
Michael Peach	A Hundred Years Ago in Great Britain - A Picture Postcard View - How Things Have Changed
Michael Peach	Mulready Postal Stationery - Great Britain
Michael Peach	Postal Union Rate Postcards - Victorian Britain (David Cooper Memorial - Team)
Rev. Ray Corbett	The Dotted Postmarks of Edinburgh (David Cooper Memorial - Team)
Elizabeth Sodero	Night Mail (with Felicitations) (David Cooper Memorial - Team)

Gold

Jack Forbes	Import and Export Control (David Cooper Memorial - Team)
Jack Forbes	Shades of Canada's 8 cent Small Queen
Jane Sodero	Guysborough, N.S. Post Office 1838-1937 (K.C. MacDonald Postal History Award)
John Eldridge	Collecting the 15c Blue - Peace Commemorative Issue of France
Lorraine Rasmussen	Anton Hechler - The Story of a 19th Century German Immigrant (People's Choice)

Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award - Hugh Rathbun

And as noted above ...

J. Doug Allen Novice Award - Jeff Parks**K.C. MacDonald Postal Award - Jane Sodero****People's Choice Award - Lorraine Rasmussen****David Cooper Memorial Trophy (Team Competition)**

Ray Corbett

Alex Faulkner

Jack Forbes

Michael Peach

Elizabeth Sodero



British Collectors Club of Nova Scotia

A meeting of the Club was held during Novapex 2007. Over the years the number of active participants has unfortunately decreased, such that at the last few meetings there were usually about half a dozen members present. As no one was willing to take on the organization of this club, it was decided to suspend the club meetings. A meeting will be scheduled during the 2008 BNAPS/Novapex to review the possibility of reactivating the club.

Any newsworthy item that would be of interest to British collectors, can be included in this Newsletter. Please send it to Jeff Parks for publication.

On a positive side, the members of the club organized a team for Novapex 2007, the members being Ray Corbett, Jack Forbes, Michael Peach, Elizabeth Soderro, with Alex Faulkner (Dave Cooper's grandson) as youth exhibitor. This proved to be the winning team.

Thank you Dave Cooper for your initiative and drive over the years.

Michael Peach.

NSSC - Club Table

Ten members submitted material for sale. Although two realized no sales, six members had total sales of \$100 or more. Total sales reached \$1,841.50. The club received 10% of sales (\$184.15) + \$4.50 from the sale of 2004 souvenir sheets + a donation of 65 cents, for a total of \$189.30. In addition, the club received \$45 from the sale of souvenir sheets during the previous nine months.

Hugh Rathbun

**"Post Offices of Pre-Confederation
Newfoundland"**

Available on CD only from Carl Munden. Price CDN \$35.00. This project was completed in MS Word and may not be compatible with a MAC computer.

Souvenir Cards from Novapex 06 and 07 are still available. Contact Hugh Rathbun or Jeff Parks.

Novapex 2007 Summary

Novapex 2007 is now history. It was an excellent show with a good range of dealers and lots of exhibits. It was a pleasure to see so many new exhibits. Unfortunately the weather was very poor on Saturday.

Many thanks to all who helped, Jeff Parks and his committee, the exhibitors, Jane Soderro and the judges, Hugh Rathbun and his helpers at the Club Table, Marilyn and Lloyd Melanson and helpers at the welcome desk, all the other volunteers, as well as the dealers.

We look forward to having another successful show next year, in conjunction with BNAPS 2008, on the Labour Day weekend. Make a note of the date.

Michael Peach.

**Novapex 2007 One-Frame
Team Competition**

The first annual One-Frame Team Competition for the David Cooper Memorial Trophy was staged at NOVAPEX 2007, and resulted in four team entries, providing 20 frames of varied material to be viewed. The points totals for the four entries ended up being very close, with the British Collectors' Club of Nova Scotia taking top honours, the British North America Philatelic Society Regional Team in second, followed closely by the Valley Stamp Club and Nova Scotia Stamp Club Teams who were tied for third. The winning team was made up of Alex Faulkner, Michael Peach, Elizabeth Soderro, Rev. Ray Corbett and Jack Forbes.

This idea was termed a major success, and bodes well for the up-coming years, providing a chance for groups to band together to show off some of their "treasures" in a spirit of friendly competition. Hopefully some of the other regions will field teams in the up-coming NOVAPEX shows.

J.A. Forbes, Jr.

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The invoice is in the envelope. Please pay in a timely matter. If you have recently sent me your dues and have not yet received your member card it should arrive with the next newsletter.

New Members

Laszlo Szantor, Halifax, has been accepted as a club member. Novapex has resulted in four new applications for membership.

Derek Smith of London, ON was last years recipient of the Ken C. Macdonald Postal History Award. Mr. Smith collects transatlantic mail to and from the NS, NB, PEI up to 1859, and Saint John, NB corner cards, postcards and killer strikes. He is also a member of several philatelic clubs and societies.

Dawn Attis, Nine Mile River, is a former member who has come back into the fold. Her collecting interests is the Maritimes and early Canada.

Barry Millman, better known as the proprietor of Millbar, a Hamilton, ON based philatelic dealer specializing in Germany. Barry collects Germany and Area, especially East Zone stamps, covers & locals, and propaganda forgeries. His other memberships include RPSC, BNAPS, APS and the German Philatelic Society of North America.

Dr. Robert Boudreau, Wolfville, confesses that his collecting base is broad and shallow at present - Canada, world stamps and first day covers.

Newsletter Articles

If you have an item (article, cover, show & tell) for the newsletter please contact Jeff for details at:

webnews@nsstampclub.ca

Unless of a timely nature, items will be printed on a first come basis. **The deadline for the October issue is Oct 31, 2007.**