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UP AND COMING

Every Saturday 4pm Auction
Seaside Book and Stamp

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

November 15 Friends of Philately, Bloomfield Centre, Halifax

November 17 Burnside Stamp Fair
Note 3rd Saturday time date change.
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

December 1 Moncton Stamp Fair
Park House Inn, Moncton

December 8 Burnside Stamp Fair

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

Martin Luther

by Jeff Parks

A recent email from my church minister promoted me to look at the meaning of Reformation Sunday. The Church celebrates Reformation Sunday on the last Sunday of October (28th in 2007), commemorating a significant event in the history of the Reformed tradition. It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg (below right GDR Scott #962).

Of course my philatelic genes got the best of me as I was reading and I decided to see what stamps were available with this religious slant. I was rewarded.

Martin Luther (1483 - 1546) was a German monk, theologian, and church reformer, who is considered to be the founder of Protestantism. FRG Sc. 689 (right) depicts Luther and celebrates the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Hanover, 1952.

Luther's theology challenged the authority of the papacy by emphasizing the Bible as the sole source of religious authority and all baptized Christians as a general priesthood. According to



Luther, salvation was attainable only by faith in Jesus as the Messiah, a faith unmediated by the church. These ideas helped to inspire the Protestant Reformation and changed the course of Western civilization.

Luther's translation of the Bible into the vernacular, making it more accessible to ordinary people, had a tremendous political impact on the church and on German culture. The translation also furthered the development of a standard version of the



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German language, added several principles to the art of translation, and influenced the translation of the English King James Bible. The title page from the Luther bible is shown (previous page) on a GDR Souvenir Sheet (Sc. 2378)



His hymns inspired the development of congregational singing within Christianity. His marriage to Katharine von Bora (GER Sc 2026) set a model for the practice of clerical marriage within Protestantism.

Most of the stamps issued that could be found have been released in Germany and other European countries and colonies. Countries around the world have commemorated Luther and his legacy including Canada - *The Lutheran World Federation*. (Sc 1992), and United States (Sc. 2065).



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

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History Lesson - A Stamp Flap

The following article and several others were forwarded to me by member David Jones. Since there are only dates on some of these "Letters to Editors" I can only surmise that may be all related however they were listed from different papers. I will provide the text and dates (where known - some are dated 1876,) over the next few newsletters. - ed.

Correspondence.

POSTAGE STAMPS

To the Editor of the Daily Reporter and Times:

SIR, - I am one of the *unauthorized* class of stamp sellers, and with your permission will tell you how it is I happen to belong to that honorable body, Being hourly asked for stamps, I applied *more than a year ago* to the Postmaster for a license, and was referred by him to the Postmaster General. I immediately wrote to that official, and in due course received a printed form, acknowledging the receipt of my letter, and stating that the latter "should be inquired into." Two months elapsed, but no license came, and I wrote again, receiving the same form of answer, and every six weeks or two months since I repeated my application with precisely the same result. In addition to this I have called on one of the Halifax representatives, stated the case to him, and received his promise to see to it, yet so far I am without the necessary authority. This may not inconvenience some shopkeepers, but I sell stationery and the public seem to think that a stationer *must* sell stamps, and often when disappointed, express their opinions in language more forcible than polite. Apart from this, it is wearisome to have to explain to each would-be-customer the length of time I have been trying for a license, and that the only cause of delay must be that the Postmaster General has not yet arrived at a satisfactory conclusion as to which of Noah's three sons I descended from.

Yours, respectfully,

THREE CENT STAMP

[We have made an inquiry into this matter of selling stamps at the Post Office, and are informed that in all other cities in the Dominion the same rule which obtains here now has been in operation about two years; and that the Halifax Postmaster did all that he could to prevent the rule being enforced here. That the rule is a source of great annoyance is admitted on all hands. - ED. REP]

Cover Story



The "Lady" Ships, named after wives of famous British Admirals, of the Canadian National Steamship line plied the Atlantic waters between Canada and the Caribbean from December 1928 until World War II. The cargo/cruise line consisted of five ships - *Lady Hawkins*, *Lady Drake*, *Lady Somers*, *Lady Nelson*, *Lady Rodney*. During the war the ships were given over to "war work" serving as troop and cargo carriers to support the European needs. By 1942 *Hawkins*, *Drake* and *Somers* were sunk by German U-boats. *Nelson* was also sunk in St. Lucia but was re-floated and turned into a Canada's first hospital ship. Only *Rodney* was left unscathed. Both ships were used to repatriate soldiers, war brides and immigrants to Canada following the war. Both were sold to Egyptian interests in the early 1950s.

The cover is an eclectic mix of markings. It can be presumed, by the Barbados return address, that the letter was posted on board the Nelson (Posted on the High Seas) on a return trip to Canada in March 1938. Being a Canadian ship the stamps sold on board were Canadian and so affixed. The addressee is in Boston and the letter was cancelled BOSTON when the ship put into port there. So ... a Barbados envelope posted on the high seas with Canadian stamps cancelled with a US CDS in Boston!!

NOTICE!

TO STATIONERS AND DRUGGISTS

The Legislature having decided that the sale of POSTAGE STAMPS in the *City of Halifax* shall be confined to

Stationers and Druggists.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above named parties, that Stamps can be had on application at the General Post Office. A commission of 5 per cent will be allowed on their purchasing NOT LESS THAN ONE SHEET of any description of Stamp, *at one time*.

A. WOODGATE

General Post Office, Halifax 30th April 1861

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Can you imagine who would have the rest of the skeleton and how big it would be?

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Stamp Oddities

Another collection of short oddities...

The National Broadcasting Company has its own stamp collection on permanent display at Radio City new York.

Some stamps of Columbia have an "overprint" incorporated in the design.

The Star & Crescent overprinted applied to Turkish stamps in 1915, has a six pointed star of Judaism, which was subsequently changed to the five pointed star of Islam.

John Hill, a Yorkshire attorney, suggested a penny postage in a pamphlet which he published in 1650.



In 1922, the US issued the lower design for a Special Delivery stamp which was emulated by the Dominican Republic in 1925.

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.

"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.

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.

There are still a few people who have not remitted their dues. If you are not going to renew please let us know so that we can stop sending you an invoice. The cut off date is fast approaching. Don't be left in the cold.

Membership

The following new members have been accepted into the Club:

1021 - Derek Smith

1022 - Dawn Attis

1023 - Barry Millman

1024 - Dr. Robert Boudreau.

We have received resignations from the following people.:

774 - Marie Pyne (joined 1982)

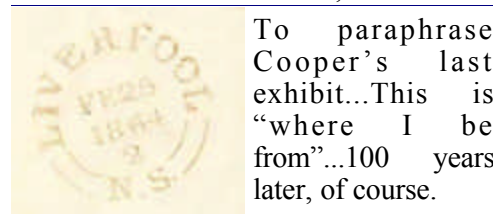
775 - Robert Pyne (joined 1982)

869 - Clifford Abram (joined 1988)

Membership currently stands at 116.



POST OFFICE - Oxford, NS 1940s



To paraphrase Cooper's last exhibit...This is "where I be from"...100 years later, of course.

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 December issue is Nov. 28, 2007.**