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Up and Coming

Every Saturday 4pm Auction
Seaside Book and Stamp

January 10 Halifax Stamp Fair -
Doug Gray. See Pg 4 for details.

Jan. 13 Club Meeting
How to Make a Stamp Exhibit,
Circuit Books

Jan. 15 Friends of Philately,
Bloomfield School, Halifax

Jan. 24 60th Cathex
St. Catherines, Ontario

February 10 Club Meeting
Famous Canadians on Stamps
A Heather Quiz, Auction

Feb. 14 Halifax Stamp Fair
(See Pg. 4)

April 17-19 CSDA Spring National
Postage Stamp Show
Toronto, ON

Canada Post to Issue 2010 Olympic Stamps

by Michael Peach



I recently attended the Fall Stampex in London, and noticed that there were articles in several philatelic magazines about the Olympics. Specifically it is 100 years since Great Britain hosted the fourth Olympics in 1908 and a pictorial record has been produced. Most of the events were held at the White City stadium, where the 1908 Franco-British Exhibition was also held. There were no special stamps produced, but there was a special cancellation. Canada was more forward looking and had issued

special stamps in 1908 to mark the Quebec Tercentenary Issue. London is now preparing to host the 2012 Olympics.

However closer to home (London, England is closer to Halifax than Vancouver, BC), what about Vancouver 2010? I was in Calgary in 1988 during the previous winter Olympics. There was an abundance for the philatelist, eleven special stamps, nineteen special cancellations at the various venues, and a stamp exhibition at the Convention Centre. Vancouver 2010 should have lots to offer the philatelist. The first was the July 2003 overprint of the definitive flag stamp with Vancouver 2010. What is there still to come? Canada Post is a *Vancouver 2010 Official Supplier*.

A collection from Vancouver 2010 would make an excellent exhibit. Canada has to date issued 54 stamps with Olympic themes, including two 51¢ stamps for the 2006 Torino winter games.



There will be 10 stamps issued in early in 2009. Five will feature the Olympic Disciplines celebrating Canada's important role as host. Two will show the emblems (Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Winter Games), two the Olympic mascots (Miga the sea bear and Quatchi the sasquatch) and one the Paralympic mascot (Sumi the animal spirit). At the time of writing there is nothing on the Canada Post website about the issue dates of these stamps. However the probable dates are 12 January, Olympic Disciplines, and 12 February 2009, the remainder.



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Cover Story

Here is a launch item of interest...the Charles Inglis issue of 1988 (Sc#1226). Bishop Inglis (1734-1816) was the first Anglican Bishop of Nova Scotia. He led a group of United Empire Loyalists that founded King's Collegiate School at Windsor, Nova Scotia in 1788. It was founded on strong religious affiliation and was modelled after English universities which were residential, tutorial and Anglican. The University was chartered in 1789, the first in Canada. The Collegiate School remains today as the private Kings-

Edgehill School at Windsor.

King's College remained in Windsor until 1920 when a fire destroyed the main college building. A generous grant from the Carnegie Foundation in New York stipulated that the college could be rebuilt at Halifax. King's entered into an association with Dalhousie University, where the new college was built on a five-acre site and opened in 1923. The relationship continues to this day.

This block of four on a card depicting the College at Halifax was cancelled in Windsor, NS on the Day of Issue. The card is signed by Hamilton Southam, Chancellor; Marion Fry, President & Vice Chancellor; Arthur, Bishop of Nova Scotia; Kevin Sollows, the stamp illustrator; and Steven Slipp, a Halifax-based stamp designer.

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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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Recent Error Discovered

An error has been discovered on the current low-value definitive insects series. The 3 cent Golden-eyed Lacewing, shown here as a corner block of four, depicts the error in the lower two stamps, where no space between the words "Canada" and stacked "Chrysopa Oculata" is visible.



Stress Cracks on KGVI Postes-Postage issue

I recently purchased the illustrated 4c carmine LL plate block (Sc# 287) No. 4 from John Talman who described it as an "unlisted cracked plate". In a discussion with Doug Gray, he informed me that this is in fact a stress crack caused by the printing press grippers (clamps). The grippers applied even pressure to all corners of the plate to feed the plate through the press. The lower left corners were only affected due to the application of the production control numbers in close proximity to the grippers. The impression in the plate was enough to cause the stress cracks over time.

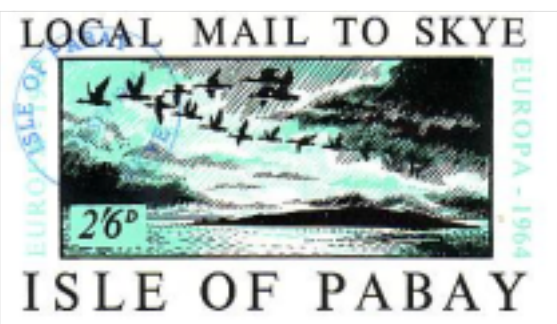
Doug inspected copies of the same block that he had in stock and all have some degree of cracking.



Pabay Local Carriage Service to Skye

Several small or privately owned islands by the Island of Skye have had their own "stamps" since the early 1960s. These "stamps" are carriage labels used to decorate outgoing mail and signify "postage" from the local post box to the nearest postal facility on Skye. The Isle of Pabay was owned by the Whatley family in the 1950s and 60s. The British General Post Office agreed to one delivery to the island per week from Broadford, Skye. This was found to be inadequate for Mr. Whatley's businesses (pottery and knitwear) and requested a twice week service in keeping with other islands in the area - the GPO refused.

After unsuccessfully being able to contract more mail service, Whatley took on the job himself and was able to "export" his products and gain some income from tourism using a specially converted lifeboat. The first issue in 1962 was a 2d stamp printed in blue on white paper depicting the mailboat. The example shown here is the 2/6d EUROPA - 1964 miniature sheet (100 x 60mm). The black and green ink sketch depicts Eider ducks flying over the Island and with a blue ISLE OF PABAY 16 Sep 1964 SKYE cancellation.



Nearly two hundred different issues were produced to 1970, but were mostly ignored by collectors because the stamps pandered to the philatelic themes of interest during this time - including regular issues and overprints such as Kennedy, Churchill, Europa, Expo, Olympics, and the Prince of Wales.

The Gerrards bought the island in 1971 and issued three new stamps in 1972. More followed in 1978, 1981, 1992 and 1993 with themes related to the island - birds, seaweed, trees, fossils, and establishment of the first amateur radio on Pabay.



Stamps have been issued yearly since 1998, continuing with themes that reflect the island's events and heritage, including the 2004 issue at the left showing Stuart Whatley pottery.

Issues are also available in First Day Covers.

Stamp Oddities

Brought to you by the letter.... This is the end of the alphabet overprints in general terms. I may revisit some overprints in more detail. If you would like to share a little research on overprints please forward to the editor.

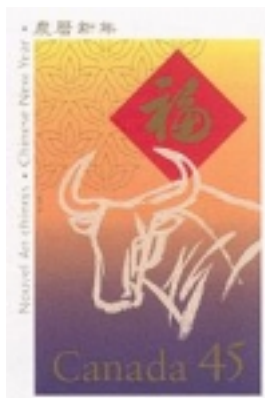
V in many circles refers to "victory", and in the first case is no exception. Belgium stamps of 1935-41 were "V" overprinted to mark victory at the end of WWII. Norway stamps of 1941 were overprinted with the letter by the Quisling regime to commemorate the successful invasion of the country by Germany.

W Prior to the 1874 use of "O.S." overprints to indicate Official use, South Australia used a number of different overprints to indicate use by specific government departments. "W" stood for Waterworks.

Z on Bolivia air mail stamps of 1928 indicated mail carried by the airship *Graf Zeppelin* on May 6, 1930. The stamps were also overprinted "1930" and surcharged.

The Ox Came Back

Just when we thought that we were clear of the twelve year Lunar New Year series, Canada Post decided to renew the series for another twelve year run, starting again in 2009 with the Year of the Ox. The stamp will have the permanent domestic rating and the series will also have an international rate souvenir sheet as with past issues. The domestic rate stamp is shown below left. The other image is the Year of the Ox stamp from 12 years ago. The 1997 souvenir sheet was also a domestic rate stamp. International rates were introduced in the 1999 set - Year of the Rabbit.



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Dues. The Final Word. If you are reading this in early January then you are among the paid up members of the club. There are a few (more than I would like) that have had their memberships cancelled for non-payment. The names of those unpaid will be posted in the next newsletter. Thank you all for patronage.

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Newsletter Articles

Hopefully the garden tools are now or soon to be tucked away for another season. So...what to do with all that spare time? How about writing a short philatelic article or a couple of paragraphs on your favourite item. How about writing a serial or theme based column. It doesn't take much material to fill 4 pages - I do it every month - thanks to those who contribute - like you!!!

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 February '09 issue is Jan. 20, 2009.**

Membership Report

The following application for membership has been received.

John Simms, Halifax, NS collects BNA, British Empire and Canada. He says he will see us at the January Meeting.

NOVAPEX 2009

So now that we have all caught our breath following this year's successful combined BNAPS/Novapex, it is soon time to put our sights on next year's local show Novapex 2009. The show and bourse, under chairman John Hall, will be held on September 25 to 27 2009 at the Dartmouth Sportsplex, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. I am sure John would love to hear from you if you are willing to take on a particular role in helping to organize the event. Information concerning the stamp show will be posted in this newsletter and the website www.nsstampclub.ca as it becomes available.

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HELP REQUESTED

British Diamond Letter Marks

In order to complete an article on British Diamond Letter Marks, Michael Peach needs some more examples of covers or postcards, colour copies or scans, specifically, mail from overseas mail coming into the UK ...

- OHMS covers
- Paquebot covers with diamonds
- Airletters, or aerogrammes
- Triangular cancellations with diamond markings

The diamonds were not cancellations, but were used when mail, either outbound or inbound, was counted. The marks can be either on the front or back.

If you can help, please contact Michael at 832-1662.

HALIFAX STAMP FAIRS

Doug Gray is offering an Open House show at 6 Berkley Brae, every second Saturday of the month from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. There is ample free parking at the Penhorn Mall. Doug is also open to club members Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment - 461-0528.

