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Up and Coming

Every Saturday 4pm Auction
Seaside Book and Stamp

March 10 Club Meeting
Members Night "What I Collect"
Circuit Books

March 14 Douglas J. Gray Stamp
Fair, Dartmouth (Details on Pg. 4)

March 19 Friends of Philately
Bloomfield School, Halifax

April 11 Douglas J. Gray Stamp
Fair, Dartmouth

April 14 Club Meeting
Program TBA, Auction

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

April 18 Exhibiting Workshop
Sackville Library (Details on Pg. 4)

April 25 Valley Stamp Club
Annual Exhibition and Bourse

June 12-14 Royal*2009*Royale
Parkway Convention Centre
St. Catharines, Ontario
St. Catharines Stamp Club

Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen, 1845-1923

by Michael Peach

Some remarkable discoveries were made in physics in the late 1890s, including that of X-rays by W.C. Röntgen on 8 November 1885 at the University of Würzburg, Germany and that of the electron by Sir J.J. Thomson in 1897 at the University of Cambridge, England. Both were early winners of the Nobel Prize in Physics. Röntgen was awarded the first prize in 1901 and Thomson the 1906 prize.

The rays discovered by Röntgen were named after him, and such was the impact of this that his name has become a standard verb/adjective in the German language. Besides being used for medical and other diagnostic purposes, such as checking structures for metal fatigue, X-rays have been used in the determination of crystal structures. The impact of the computer on X-ray technology has been immense. Gone are the days of photographic plates, except possibly in dentists' offices. Medical X-rays are now recorded as digital images, available immediately in the physician's office. CAT (computer axial tomography) scans generate 3 dimensional images. In the scientific field the determination of crystal structures using X-rays is now a task that takes about a day, whereas before the widespread use of computers, using slide rules and tables of logarithms, the determination of one crystal structure was sufficient for the award of the Ph.D. degree.



The first stamp with Röntgen's portrait was issued by Danzig in 1939 as part of an anti-cancer campaign. In 1952 the Deutsche Bundespost issued a stamp to mark the 50th anniversary of the award of the Nobel Prize. The Swedish stamp series honouring Nobel Prize winners started in 1961, with the 1901 winners, including Röntgen. In 1965 the Deutsche Demokratische Republik issued a stamp to mark the 120th anniversary of his birth. Subsequently Spain issued a

stamp to mark the First European Congress of Radiology. Many countries

issued stamps to mark the 100th anniversary of the discovery of X-rays. The 1995 Egypt stamp shows the generation of X-rays using a cathode ray tube and an X-ray image of a hand, possibly that of Mrs. Röntgen.



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Canada Post Website Revitalized

After a bit of hibernation the Canada Post website is back in full form. My last report was that the site was looking like a shadow of it's former self -and difficult to navigate. The new look is nice, with more accessible features than before. The page of most interest to us is the collecting section. Not only are the current issues posted here to 2006, the site now sports an "Archived Stamps" section that has all the listings back to 1999. There is also a "Coins and Philatelic Products" section for those with a numismatic craving.

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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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BNAPS/Novapex 2008

To the Editor:

Many thank yous have been said, in many ways, following the BNAPS/Novapex show of 2008. We of the Nova Scotia and Atlantic provinces stamp collecting fraternity have been honoured to be part of a series of excellent stamp shows at the local, regional and national levels. These shows do not "just happen". They are the products of a finely tuned team of volunteers who have worked over the years to put on first class stamp shows. With each show the volunteers become more and more able at their respective jobs, but this does not lessen the work and time involved. Nor does it lessen the onus on the chairmen and co-chairmen of each and every event. As we all know time is a precious commodity! The time spent in preparation by the committees, by their families and friends is overwhelming. The casual observer does not necessarily realize the thorough preparedness of each committee member. All this said there has to be an ultimate authority, the person in charge, where the final decisions rest. We were indeed fortunate to have Jack Forbes at the helm for BNAPS/Novapex 2008, with Michael Peach and Hugh Rathbun as his seconds in command. No club could be more fortunate than the Nova Scotia Stamp Club to have such a team. Not only do they organize at the highest level, they exhibit at the highest level and contribute to the hobby at the very highest level. How privileged we are!

Gratefully,

Elizabeth Soderro

Cover Story - 1941 Oswald Marsh Cover to USA,

by Michael Peach

This cover was mailed by London stamp dealer Oswald Marsh, from London W.1, 31 JAN 1941, at the preferential inland (surface) letter rate, 2½d, to Pennsylvania, and presumably received by the addressee on FEB 26 1941. Oswald Marsh was a dealer from the early 1900s until his death in 1951. The advertising cover lists his specialties. The brown George VI 1½d stamp was cut out from an envelope, and the rate was made up to 2½d with two green George V ½d adhesive stamps. The addressee was a regular customer, as the address was printed using a numbered addressograph plate. Many Marsh covers can be found with stamps cut out from postal stationery, addresses produced by addressograph plates, and often mailed from Norwood S.W. (19). The faint oval stamp "Passed by British Philatelic Assn. Ltd., 3, Berners St., London, W.I.", is signed, dated 31/1/41, and numbered 12948. The British Philatelic Association was responsible for controlling the import and export of stamps during World War II. The cover was released by a censor.



Silver Dart Stamp Launch (a non-event)

by Elizabeth Sodero

The 100th anniversary of the Flight of the Silver Dart was celebrated at Baddeck February 20-23, 2009. Daily events were scheduled to highlight the flight recreation on Monday February 23. The Canadian Air Force demonstrated a CF-18 cockpit at the Bell Bay Golf Course. Paintings by the Canadian Aviation Artists Association were on display at the Alexander Graham Bell Museum. The Silver Dart replica was housed in a hangar on the shore near the head of Baddeck Bay. Baddeck Bay was frozen solid (two feet of ice) for the first time in many years. A runway was plowed for the flight. During the weekend helicopters and fighter planes (including astronaut Chris Hadfield in an RCAF F-86 Sabre 5) passed overhead. On Sunday three members of the Sky Hawks dropped from a helicopter with their red and white chutes, flying the Canadian, British and American flags over the frozen Bay. Quite a sight!

Canadian astronaut Bjarni Tryggvason piloted the Silver Dart down the runway Sunday morning. A wheel was damaged on the first attempt. The crew replaced the wheel and Tryggvason made five more runs, each time he was able to reach a higher elevation. Hundreds of people gathered on the ice raising tremendous applause for each of these successes. On Monday February 23, the actual anniversary day, old man winter closed down the outdoor activities. We were fortunate to have witnessed the Sunday triumphs.

Monday, the stamp launch was scheduled for the Old Post Office at the head of Baddeck Bay, depending on what information one read. With the bad weather the stamp launch, Historic Sites and Monuments plaque unveiling, and Canadian Mint ceremony were combined at the Bell Museum and announced for 9:30 am and 10 am but actually got underway about 10:45 am. Lots of dull speeches, but astronaut Roberta Bondar (Honorary Chair) spoke eloquently. Canada Post presented a couple of souvenir items to descendants of the original Aerial Experiment Association. The audience was directed to buy first day covers at the Old Post Office or Post Office. Bad enough they didn't give the long suffering public souvenir covers but to send people out into the "weather" to buy rather than have the PO bring the covers to the Museum to sell. Oy! However it is an exquisite stamp designed by Trampoline of Halifax. But be careful, the backing of the "peel and stick" stamp has more stick than peel and the stamp is easily damaged in removal. A disappointing launch by Canada Post.



Stamp Oddities

Thule (too-ley) is located on Greenland's west coast at 77° north Latitude. In 1910, Knud Rasmussen (1879-1933) formed the Thule Company and used the area as a base for his high arctic expeditions. The company also assisted the indigenous peoples that were beyond the reach of the the Kongelige Grønlandske Handel (Royal Greenland Trade Company), established in 1774 to conduct administrative work in Greenland. There was no regular post to Thule so in 1935-36 these five local stamps were produced to cart parcels



to the nearest station or Copenhagen. Letters from Copenhagen to Greenland were free. The parcel rate was one øre (1/7 cent) per pound with a minimum charge of 10 øre.

These stamps are plentiful, both mint and used, but covers franked with the local Thule stamps, and sent by the Thule Company in its own ship to Copenhagen, where they were re-franked with Danish stamps, and carried by the Danish Postal Service, are quite scarce. The designs include an image of Rasmussen (10 øre), Scenes around Thule (15, 25 and 45 øre) and walruses (30 øre). The Thule stamps were discontinued in 1937 when the Royal Greenland Trade Company took over the service to Thule. Regular Greenland issues began in 1938 with an image of Christian X.

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Membership Report

All votes are in and our final member number for this year is 111.

The following members have been removed from the membership role for non-payment as per a motion at the February monthly meeting. They will be reinstated if dues are forth coming:

1022 Dawn Attis
309 William Carty
978 Jean Chambers
992 Kenneth Magee

Members: 93 (1 Lifetime)

Family: 14 International: 4

NOVAPEX 2009

Novapex 2009 planning is underway. The show and bourse, under chairman John Hall, will be held on September 25 and 26 at the Dartmouth Sportsplex, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. If you are willing to take on a particular role in the organization of the event, please contact John or one of the club directors. Information concerning the stamp show will be posted in this newsletter and the website www.nsstampclub.ca as it becomes available.

Library Over Due Books

If you have a long overdue library book please return it post haste.

The Nova Scotia Post Needs You!!!

Please. Please. Please!!...new material and writers are required. This is the club newsletter, it would be nice to have more member participation. If 20 members committed to writing 2 articles (one feature and one cover story or other short piece of interest) per year we would be brimming over with material. Currently we have a stable of 3 to 5 writers providing material and thanks to those who contribute - like you!!!

Send your material to:

webnews@nsstampclub.ca

Unless of a timely nature, items will be printed on a first come basis. **The deadline for the April '09 issue is March 27, 2009.**

BUILDING A PHILATELIC EXHIBIT - WORKSHOP

Saturday April 18, 2009

10 am to 1pm

Sackville Library

636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville

This workshop is for those potential first time or novice exhibitors who would like to get a handle on how to put together or improve on an exhibit. This workshop is about layout and design of your exhibit and not about the mechanics of "making" the page. Bring your philatelic materials, notepad and pen, pencil and ruler. Paper for layouts will be supplied. Cost: absolutely Free!

Douglas J. Gray 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.

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Atlantic Food & Horticultural
Research Centre

32 Main St.

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Please [RSVP](#) to Geneviève Latour at Canada Post by telephone at (902) 494-4074 or by email at genevieve.latour@canadapost.ca



HELP REQUESTED

British Diamond Letter Marks

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

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

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