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1898 British Railway Postcard

by Michael Peach

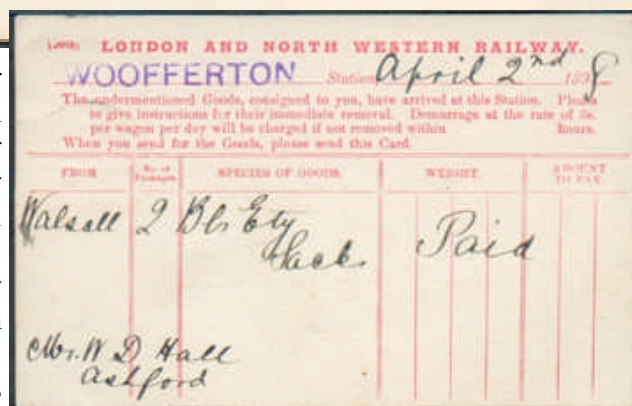
The London and North Western Railway postcard shown, advises Mr. Hall of Ashford that a shipment of goods, 2 Bls (bales?) Ety (empty?) Sacks, from Walsall has to be picked up at Woofferton (Shropshire) railway station. There are several interesting features about this card.

Woofferton was on the railway line from the north, via Crewe, Shrewsbury and Hereford, to South Wales. As the line bypasses Birmingham, initially its primary purpose was to transport coal from the mines in South Wales to the north, particularly the Manchester area. Woofferton was the junction point for the Tenbury and Bewdley Railway, known as the Wyre Forrest Line, with the LNWR line. This line joined the Severn Valley Railway, later absorbed into the Great Western Railway at Bewdley (Worcestershire). The Tenbury and Bewdley Railway had opened for business on 13 August 1864 and closed for passengers on 1 August 1962 and for freight on 6 January 1964. Woofferton Station is also closed. The LNWR line, now named the Welsh Marches Line, is still in use.

The postcard was written on April 2, 1898, and has a tall brown half penny stamp



cut out from a newspaper wrapper. The tall stamps on wrappers facilitated their cancellation with rubber cancellers. It was mailed from Crewe, the hub of the LNWR, on 3 April 1898. Presumably the stamp was affixed in Crewe, or it would have been mailed locally. Ashford is



only a short distance, about 2 km, from Woofferton. The use of stamps cut out from postal stationery although permitted from 1905, had previously been prohibited in 1870. It should have been charged one penny postage due, double the deficiency, but went through the post undetected. It is unclear why the London and North Western Railway used this stamp, as it presumably had stocks of regular stamps available. Perhaps the postal clerk had run out of regular half penny stamps and someone decided that they could cut the half penny stamps from the newspaper wrappers that were available.



Cover Story

by John Hall

Two Cent + One Cent Carmine Coil MR6

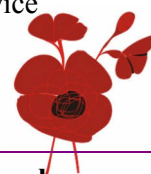
The coil version of the carmine war tax stamp (Scott MR6) is perforated 8 vertical and came in coils of 100 stamps for the convenience of customers with large volumes of mailings.

The cover shown above is very rare and hard to find item. Regulations stated that members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force stationed in France, Belgium, or the Middle East had free franking privileges if their mail carries a military postmark (if mailed to England, the sender had to affix stamps). However, when such free-franked mail arrived in Canada, bureaucratic paperwork made it necessary for the Canada Post Office to affix correct postage to avoid the item being taxed and the recipient being charged postage due - this all changed July 29, 1917. Note that the stamp and postal cancel are on top of the military cancel and "active service" note.

Cancelled: Field Post Office OC, below manuscript "On Active Service"

Censor mark: "PASSED FIELD CENSOR 4211" with crown

Postal Cancel: WINNIPEG MAN. NOV 13 1916



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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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Reflections and Remembrance



“Stamp of Approval” a Tired Headline

Have you ever noticed that when the mainline media report on the release of a new stamp, the headline that is, without a doubt, most used is *Stamp of Approval*. This is usually followed up some more qualifying subtitle and then the story with the requisite powers that be posing for the unveiling.

To the general public, who may see an article such as that once in a couple of years, may not notice the tired headline, but the collecting public, who seeks out any tidbit of information about a stamp release it can find sees these possibly several times a year. I provide several cases in point.

This month (October), Canada Post released the Montreal Canadiens 100th anniversary stamp. Both the wire services and the NHL Club, on its website, gave us their approval for this stamp release. A Vancouver Sun reporter, in late 2008, gave Bryan Adams and others his “Stamp of Approval” for the upcoming 2009 issue of Canadian Recording Artists.

In April 2009, Road & Track Magazine offered the title in the beginnings of a public initiative to petition the USPS to honour American racing heroes. American Idol and Photostamps.com got an approval rating from a reporter for a limited edition of 6 past idol winners. The American Cancer Society approved the sales of the USPS commemorative for breast cancer research in March 1999.

This is just a scratch on the surface of the examples box. Even our local reporters are not at fault. In 2006, a Daily News reporter used “Collectors give hobby a stamp of approval” to headline an article about Novapex06.

Okay, we get it! You approve of the design; the release; the commemoration; the fact that it was done here, or there, where it means something to somebody. With all the writing talent out there, surely someone can come up with a headline that in retrospect does not sound, well... cheesy, for the lack of a better word. How about this for a headline “Canada Post Scores with Canadiens Commemoratives”. That meets my approval!

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Stamp Oddities

Lenticular printing is a technology invented in the 1940s that uses a lenticular lens (a series of cylindrical lenses molded in a plastic substrate) to produce images that change, move or give an illusion of depth. The process was originally used for novelty items like the prizes in a *Cracker Jack* box that showed animation effects such as the blink of an eye. The process requires at least two images combined with the lens, incrementally offsetting various layers in to strips (interlacing) to give the desired effect. This interlaced image is printed on the back of the lens or printed on other media and laminated to the lens. Direct printing requires digital precision or image “ghosting” or poor image quality will result.



Canada Post released its first lenticular stamp on October 17th for the 100th anniversary of the Montreal Canadiens Hockey Club. The souvenir sheet of three-\$3 stamps depicts scenes Richard, Lafleur and Beliveau scoring their 500th career goals. Images and film were combined to show the sweeping action from shot to goal as the viewers eye position is changed. The selvedge contains players number that have been retired that also change with the angle of viewing. The printing process is called Motionstamp™ technology by Outer Aspect of New Zealand, <http://www.motionstamps.eu>. The lenticular material used allows for cancellations to be dry-to touch in 30 seconds and completely dry in 20 minutes.

Many countries have used this process in a stamp design over the last several years including some of the ones show here. Austrian stamps from 2008 show a multi-dimension view of a 25,000 year old artifact (left) and a film scene (upper left) from the 1997 Austria-Sweden soccer match of Herzog scoring the winning goal. Ireland (above right) released two stamps of Ryder Cup golf action in 2006.



Errata

First...Last month's newsletter was listed as no. 394 - it was actually 395. If you got the print copy, and you care about these things, the updated copy is available electronically on the website. If you received the newsletter electronically...well enough said.

Second...It seems I jumped the gun in announcing Keith MacKay as our new President. At least he is still thinking about. All other executive positions are as indicated. John Simms was appointed (as per the club constitution) by the executive to sit as a Director.

Third...In more of a right than a wrong, I neglected to report on the Door Prize winners from Novapex: Walter Wojtas, Marty Zelenietz, and Jeannette Amero.

Fourth, and hopefully final... if you received an invoice last month there were several data errors and the words Final Notice - read "last year's invoice format". The mistake has been corrected, hopefully I won't make that mistake again next year. BTW if you are still getting an invoice... please pay before December. And in the words of Forrest Gump "That's all I have to say about that".



Novapex 2010

Novapex 2010 planning is in it's infancy. It will be a National level show to be held September 24 to 26, 2010 at the Dartmouth Sportsplex. A silver award at the Regional level is required to enter. It is a good time to start planning your exhibit - why wait till the last minute. Watch the club website for further details. If you are interested in assisting with the planning and development of the show, please let the Club executive know.

WANTED:- I would like to accumulate examples of the Gottingen Street and Morris Street post offices (on stamps, cards & covers) in the period 1894-1910. The cancellations (CDS and roller of both offices) may be found on the issues of that period, namely: Small Queens and Widows Weeds, Jubilees, Victoria Leafs and Numerals, the Map and Special Delivery stamps of 1898, Edwards and Quebec Tercentenaries (i.e. Scott Nos. 41-103). I would be interested in either purchasing, or trading for, any number (one, or many) of examples. Keith MacKay (NSSC Member No. 1036), 5669 Victoria Road, Halifax NS B3H 1M9 Tel: 902-421-1376 keithmackay@eastlink.ca

The Nova Scotia Post Needs You!!!

I keep saying this every month "Writers required". The pool of material for the coming newsletters is quite low. This is the club newsletter, it would be nice to have more member participation.

Send me your articles and cover stories now. webnews@nsstampclub.ca

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Membership Dues

If you have received an invoice please pay promptly. There are, as of writing, still about 20 members outstanding.

Thank you for supporting the work of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club.

Comings and Goings

John Trut # 1038 has been accepted as a club member. We have also received an application from and accepted former member John McCarvell, Halifax (#1039). John collects Canadian material. David Wolfe, Halifax, who claims to collect everything, has made application and will be put forth to the membership at the November meeting. Leanna Johnson, Calgary (#1032) has resigned her membership.

