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UP AND COMING

Every Saturday 4pm Auction
Seaside Book and Stamp

CSDA Spring National April 9-11
QE Bldg., Exhibition Place, Toronto

April 10 Douglas J. Gray
Open House Show, Dartmouth

April 13 Club Meeting
"Buying & Selling on eBay" Panel
Auction

April 15 Friends of Philately
Bloomfield Centre, Halifax

April 24 Valley Stamp Cub
Annual Show, Kentville Fire Hall
Kentville NS

May 8 Douglas J. Gray
Open House Show, Dartmouth

May 11 Club Meeting
"Postal History of Annapolis Royal"
- Hugh Rathbun,
Members Books

RPSC Convention May 28-30
Windsor ON

Novapex 2010 September 24-26
Dartmouth Sportsplex, Dartmouth

U.S.A. Self-adhesive Dilemma



Any of us that collect USED American postage stamps have probably been part of a conversation complaining about the adhesives used on these issues.

The new "un-water-soakable", self-adhesive stamps are nothing short of a major pain. Thankfully Canada Post has not reached this level yet and lets hope that it remains that way.

Recently, I received a letter from a friend in the US with a list of "problem" stamps and a follow-up letter with somewhat of a solution to help remove some of these stamps from the paper to which the stamps are affixed. For those of us that are use to the water method to remove stamps through the years this will seem a little extreme but if you want a good used stamp to put in your album, without the paper still attached, this will work.

NAPTHA is the solution. You do not need to buy a gallon but get yourself some lighter fluid. This is pure naptha and the small container makes it very manageable.

With water soluble adhesives you could soak batches of stamps in the sink. This will no longer be the case, the "new" method will be one stamp at a time.

We must take a few precautions since Naptha is a flammable liquid. Keep open flames and sparks away from your work area. Smoking while doing this is not advisable. If you are going to work at this for a while use a little ventilation. Get a small fan. Wear a pair of latex gloves if you do not want to expose your skin to the naptha and work on a Formica or plastic surface and never on a finished wood surface. Common sense works well.

Step 1: Start by applying a few drops of naptha to the BACK of the envelope clipping. If possible leave an inch or so of paper on at least one side of the stamp so you have something to grip on as you separate the stamp from the paper. Hold the clipping vertically to apply the naptha and just moisten the back of the envelope paper. Within several seconds the adhesive will be soft. Bend back the corner of the paper until you have enough of the stamp to grasp. Peel them apart. The back of the stamp will be very sticky. Place it FACE DOWN on a piece of scratch paper. In the event that the stamp does not come free, moisten the front of the stamp as well. Naptha will not soften the paper or disturb the coloured inks.

Step 2: Use a soft terry washcloth moistened with naptha. Hold the stamp down



with finger or tongs. Rub the adhesive towards one end of the stamp. Turn stamp 180 degrees and repeat process. Some of the adhesive will stick to the scratch paper and to the cloth. Be careful not to lay stamp on adhesive

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that has attached itself to your scratch paper. Repeat this procedure until the stamp is free of adhesive. Do not be afraid to apply some pressure to the stamp. You can wash or toss your terry cloth. Perfect your procedure by practicing on a few of the more common definitives. The end result should be a smooth, adhesive free stamp which will be perfect for presentation in your album.

This is not a good procedure if you want a hundred or so copies of each stamp for your stock book but it is great for getting a nice copy for your collection.

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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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Stamp Oddities

Connecting Cancels

by Keith MacKay

One of the things I like about stamp-collecting is that you can follow whimsical interests. In that vein, I've found that hunting. For example, the 1938 Pictorial issue featured scenes of specific places in Canada: the Memorial Chamber in Ottawa; Halifax Harbour; Fort Garry Gate in Winnipeg; Vancouver Harbour; and Chateau de Ramezay in Montreal. So, the set shown here illustrates that collecting objective in that each stamp was used in the place represented in the design.

The 1964-66 Provincial Emblems series lends itself to the same sort of treatment. However, here the cancels can be from any of a number of towns or cities within each province that is represented. This group is obviously still a work-in-progress.



There can be personal themes, as well. For obvious reasons, this copy of the 5-cent UPU commemorative postmarked in MacKay, Alberta, appealed to me.

And, since my home is on Victoria Road, when I found this 3-cent 1939 Royal Visit commemorative socked on the nose in Victoria Road, Ontario, I couldn't resist it.

Similarly, since I've spent most of my life living in the Halifax area, where the sight and sound of a Sea King helicopter passing over is part of the landscape, this copy of Scott #1808k cancelled in Shearwater fits right in.

Pursuing themes of this nature is challenging and entertaining, and can produce a very satisfying result when a set is completed.



BRITISH NATIONAL SAVINGS STAMPS

Cover Story

by Michael Peach

Savings stamps were first issued as Postage Stamp Savings Slips by the British Post Office in 1880 to facilitate the saving of small amounts, which then could be deposited into an account at the Post Office Savings Bank. Six penny National War Savings stamps appeared in 1916, and were the forerunners of the National Savings stamps. National Savings stamps were discontinued at the end of 1976. Right from their availability until well after the end of the second World War, 6d National Savings Stamps were frequently found on envelopes that had passed through the Post Office without surcharge (Lionel D. Jones, *United Kingdom Savings Stamps, Labels, and Coupons*, Cinderella Stamp Club, 1977). This comment implies that, although not legally authorized, savings stamps could be used for postage.

The cover to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, was mailed from Swanage, Dorset, on 1 FEB 1963. In 1963 the postage for airmail to Canada was 1/3 (15d) for ½oz and 2/6 (30d) for ½ - 1oz. The double rate was paid with a 2/6 national savings stamp. This stamp had been introduced on 2 May 1960 and was withdrawn on 7 January 1967. It was based on a portrait by Tom Hustler of the Dorothy Wilding Studios. Prince Charles would have been 11 when the stamp was issued.



New Canadian Issues - April

Canada Post is issuing five new stamps in April. On April 14, a joint-issue (booklet of 6) with Israel commemorates 60 years of friendship. Portraits of the "Four Kings" - three of the Five Nations Confederacy of the Iroquois and one from the Algonquin nation are depicted on the set-tenant set and souvenir sheet to be released on April 19. The stamps commemorate the 300th anniversary of their trip to England to have an audience with Queen Anne.



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From Bygone Days

by Jeff Parks, Editor

New Member

As a continuation of our look over more than 400 issues of the newsletter, I have decided to bring, over the next couple of issues, some clips from previously news.

Vol IV No.22 Feb 1971

The winner of Namex was Mr. Leonard Anthes for his selection of the name "Novapex". As his reward, Lucky Leonard may choose and single item he desires at Scotia Stamp Studio provided that such cost does not exceed \$10.00.

Vol V No 33 Feb 1972 - Our 50th Year. Those were the days... The US PO has adopted a machine for canceling stamps. It send letters flying through it at the rate of 150-200 per minute. It's working is extremely simple. The operator, as fast as he can pick up the letters, drops them separately in to the V-shaped hopper, through which they are carried and registered, uniformly packed and, and propelled to the sorting table, all by one continuous operation.

The machine is operated by steam and can run at almost unlimited speed. Even a newspaper went through it.

The Philatelic Courier Halifax Jan 1885
Henry Hechler - Publisher & Proprietor

[See. I'm not the only one to recycle news!!-ed.]

Vol VI No.49 Sep 1973

As part of the Joseph Howe Festival, a Pony Express has been arranged to make the run from Digby to Halifax during 4-5 Oct 1973. Organized under the direction of the Rev. George S. McGray, the run will be made using thirteen mounts starting at the office of the Digby Weekly Courier on 4 Oct. and terminating at Province House, Halifax on 5 Oct. The rider for the last run from Bedford to Halifax will be Mr Mc Gray's Daughter Barbara. In the saddlebags, among other documents, will be 100 Joseph Howe Cachets supplied by NSSC. Eric Tizard will be handing off the bundle to the first rider.

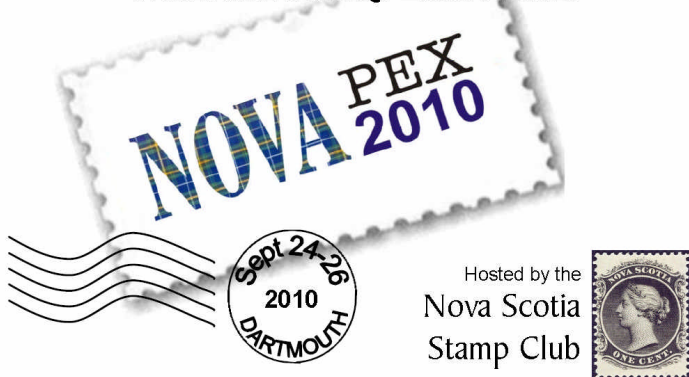
We have received a new member application from Cary Hatcher of Halifax. Cary's interest lie in collecting commonwealth related material. No other changes have been noted in the last month. Current membership stands at 111.

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Dartmouth Sportsplex	Saturday	9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia	Sunday	9:30 am - 3:00 pm

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For more information, visit our website
www.nsstampclub.ca/novapex10.htm
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Kaulback Island - Looking for Items!

I am looking for Kaulback Island material, specifically "stamps" of 1974 and 1975 - animals, the second birds issue and the Boston show. I would also like to get a hold of copies of the newsletters No. 1,2,3,& 4. If you have any of these items to give, sell or trade, please contact Jeff Parks care of the newsletter (address page 2).

The Nova Scotia Post Needs You!!!

Send me your articles and cover stories now. web-news@nsstampclub.ca. **THE CUPBOARD IS BARE!!**

Unless of a timely nature, items will be printed on a first come basis. **The deadline for the May 2010 issue is**

Novapex 2010, a National level show, will be held September 24 to 26, 2010 at the Dartmouth Sportsplex. A silver award at the Regional level is required to enter, however the regional show will be available for new entries. It is a good time to start planning your exhibit. If you are interested in assisting with the planning and development of the show, please let the Club executive know. Details available on the club website... www.nsstampclub.ca/novapex10.html.