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UP and COMING

Oct 11 Club Meeting

Program: Neil & Judy Bowlby Collecting

Interests; Auction

Oct 20 Friends of Philately Bloomfield School, Halifax

Nov 8 Club Meeting Program TBA; Auction

Nov 12 Douglas Gray Philatelic Open House, Dartmouth

Nov 12 Exhibiting Workshop Keshen Goodman Library, Halifax

Nov 17 Friends of Philately Bloomfield School, Halifax

Dec 13 Club Meeting Program TBA; Christmas Charity Auction & Social

Travelling? Check out time and place of other shows at www.rpsc.org/shows.html

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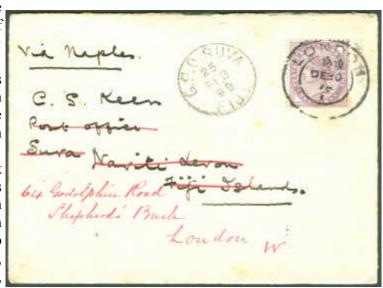
Stamp Collecting Month

What could you get for a penny in 1898? A Trip from London to Fiji and back!

By Michael Peach

Imperial Penny Postage, one penny per ½oz to most countries of the British Empire, was introduced on 25 December 1898. Yes, the Post Office worked on Christmas Day. Fiji, being part of the British Empire, was included from the start. The cover shown was mailed from London on Friday 30 December 1898, just

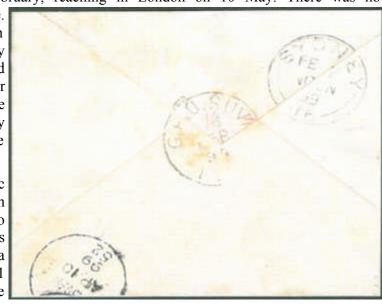
five days after the commencement of Imperial Penny Postage. The 28mm hand stamp was mainly used letters with late fee paid and mailed in Sunday special posting boxes. It travelled to Naples by rail and was then transferred to an Orient Line ship bound for the East, arriving in Sydney, New South Wales,



on 2 February 1899. It was sent on to the Fiji, arriving in Suva on 18 February. Unfortunately Mr. Keen was now in London, and the letter was sent back to London on 25 February, reaching in London on 10 May. There was no

redirection charge. The cover had been almost half away around the world and back, and all for one penny! The outbound journey took 51 days, while the return took 44.

In 1898 the basic letter rate from Great Britain to New South Wales was 6d. Australia was formed on 1 January 1901 by the unification of the



six colonies and did not join Imperial Penny Postage until 1 April 1905.

NOVA PEX 2011

Palmares

Novapex 2011 occurred the weekend of Sept 23 & 24. At the annual Awards Banquet, held at MacAskill's Restaurant, awards were given as shown to the right. In addition to the Awards of Merit for exhibiting, the Club also presents an award to a member that has shown outstanding contributions to the advancement of philately to the club or in Nova Scotia. This year's recipient of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Award was Gerald Tucker.

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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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GOLD

Brainard Fitzgerald The 1939 Royal Tour of North America - The Philatelic Trail

Graham McCleave * Straight Line Cancels in Early New Brunswick
Michael Peach Three Halfpenny Postage in Victorian Britain

Jane Sodero Milford House - A Rustic Resort for Over a Century

Jack Forbes Cyprus 1924-28 Shield Type Definitives Paying Surface Lettermail
Jack Forbes Selected Decimal Blocks from Pre-confederation Eastern Canadian

Jane Sodero The Postal Markings of Guysborough, N.S. 1838-1937

VERMEIL

Sean Weatherup The Railway Post Office in 19th Century Nova Scotia

Mary Pugh * G B George V Commemorative Issues

Doreen FitzGerald Greetings from Digby through Post Cards 1905 - 1935

Derek Smith Saint John, N.B. - McCoy Patriotic and Heraldic Picture Post Cards
Graham Forbes * Occupation Stamps of German East Africa During World War I

Elizabeth Sodero Dilettante or Dreamer? William Parsons Colchester Ron Smith * New Brunswick Fancy Cancels on Small Queens

SILVER

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John Hall RMS Lusitania

Lorraine Rasmussen Henry Hechler, Foreign Stamp Dealer 1880-1889

Hugh Rathbun Nova Scotia Postmarks in use when Victoria Ascended the throne...

Michael Peach Imperial Penny Postage - Victorian Britain

Robert Lunn * Canada's Space Accomplishments

Hugh Rathbun Post Cards Showing Events at Post Offices in Nova Scotia

SILVER-BRONZE

Raymond Corbett Stamps of British Central Africa Protectorate 1893-1907

Marty Zeleneitz Life List: A Collection of Birds on Stamps

John Hall Dazzle Paint

Bill Burden Admiral Re-entries: The One Cent Green and the Two Cent Carmine

JJ MacDonald Award (Best in Show)

Brainard Fitzgerald The 1939 Royal Tour of North America - The Philatelic Trail

J Doug Allen Novice Award (Best First Time Exhibitor)

Graham Forbes Occupation Stamps of German East Africa During World War I

Ken C MacDonald Postal History Award

Graham McCleave Straight Line Cancels in Early New Brunswick

David Cooper Memorial Trophy (One Frame Team Competition)

Fredericton Stamp Club - Team denoted with star (*) above

stamp Oddities

New Zealand has been issuing stamps sine 1855 with the release of a image of Queen Victoria on a 1p stamp. New Zealand was one of the first countries of the world to put pictures of the landscape, flora and fauna on its stamp. On 5 April1898 it issued its first pictorial series, of which the 2½d value featured Mt. Earnslaw and Lake Wakatipu. The S-shaped, inland lake, New Zealand's longest (80 kilometres) and at 291 km², the third largest, is located in southern end of the Southern Alps region on South Island. Queenstown is the prominent town on the lake. It is also reported to be over 400m in depth, where at 310 m elevation puts the bottom nearly 100 m below sea level.

The Lake Wakatipu stamp, is quite famous because a mistake was made on the design of the stamp that was not noticed until after the stamps had been issued. The inscription of the lake's name read Lake Wakitipu, exchanging the middle "a" for an "i".

The New Zealand Post Office ordered the stamp to be reprinted with the correct spelling and slight changes in the design.

Many of the stamps with the spelling mistake were purchased and kept by collectors. Today unused $2\frac{1}{2}$ d Lake Wakatipu stamps are more rare than the incorrect version of the stamp with the lake spelt Wakitipu.

Other than colour (probably scanner and source related), see if you can spot the other changes between the original



left and the Aitutaki overprint with corrected spelling below.



NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB

OUESTIONNAIRE RE EXHIBITING SEMINARS

Your executive is proposing to offer a series of seminars designed to encourage greater participation in the exhibiting activities of the club. The plan would be to have two seminars this year, on Saturday afternoon 12 November and Saturday afternoon 10 December, both at the Keshen Goodman Public Library (near the Halifax Home Depot) and a third in mid-January of 2012. Each seminar would cover different topics, so it would be necessary to attend all three to get the full list of subjects to be dealt with. There is also the question of how long these sessions should be, and how deeply the participants will want to go into the actual formation of an exhibit. In addition, it is planned that a portion of one of the later programs would deal with the construction of the Title Page, and the Synopsis. To attempt to gauge the level of interest that exists among the club members, would you please fill in this questionnaire, and either bring it to the October meeting, or mail it to Michael Peach, 100 Lake Drive, Bedford, N. S. or reply to,

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Name	e:		
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Secti	<u>on 1</u>		
(If"N	No", go directly to Section 2)		
Will	you be using a computer to construct your pages?	Yes	No
How	long do you feel these seminars should be?		
What	topics would you like to see discussed at the semin	nar?	
(Che	ck off all that apply.)		
	Help with choosing a subject/country to exhibit		
	Basic exhibit page layout		
	What size and style of Type Fonts to use		
	Page frame lines, or not		
	Discussion of One Frame versus Multi-frame ext	hibits	
	How do the Judges view exhibits, and what do they look for in a properly constructed exhibit?		
	Other questions – please list on a separate sheet		
Secti	on 2		
Are y	rou planning to exhibit at Novapex 2012? Y	es	No
Do yo	ou think that the idea of holding exhibiting seminar Y	es	
Woul	d you attend these seminars if they were held at a c		e? No

Classifieds

Hayden Collection

There is still a some material in Mrs. Barbara Hayden's collection that she donated to the club for it's benefit. Countries (mint and used) include: Canada, United States, Great Britain, Australia. Some quality early Canada stamps can be found.

If you wish to review and/or purchase any of this material contact Jeff Parks 876-0099.

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Amanda Lewis has begun a business selling stamps and supplies - more details will follow in future editions. You can contact Amanda at ARL1964@yahoo.ca.

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BICENTENARIO PARAQUAY 2011

Success for Nova Scotia Philately

The Bicentenario Paraguay 2011 International Philatelic Exhibition was held under FIP recognition and FIAF auspices in Asuncion May 6 -11, 2011.

Thirteen International judges performed jury and Expert Committee duties. Fifteen countries participated from North & South America and Europe with 146 exhibits on display.

NS Stamp Club member Fred Fawn's exhibit *Nova Scotia 1851-1853: The Preliminaries* received Gold (91 points), and was the only Gold award that Canada took home.

To see the high regard for Nova Scotia Philately, especially in South America, is very rewarding.

NSSC extends is congratulations to Fred for an exceptional exhibit, and maybe it will be seen in Nova Scotia in next year's Court of Honour.



Deer Mailbox This rural route mailbox was spotted by Neil & Judy Bowlby near Judy's sister's house on Oakview Circle, Morgan Hill, California. If you see an unusual mail or post box in your travels, take a picture and share with the rest of the readership.

Membership

Barry Zolkivski, #1053 has been accepted as a member of the club.

Executive Members

Past President, Michael Peach is pleased to announce the appointment of Lealand Frizzel to the NSSC Executive Committee.

DUES

Dues are being paid in short order however, many are still outstanding. The first invoice is included with this month's newsletter if you are unpaid. Please diligent in paying as soon as possible. It may only be a small amount but the club needs your dues to assist in planning activities for the year...

Newsletter Articles

Send me your articles and cover stories now. Unless of a timely nature, items will be printed on a first come basis. Thanks for all those who have contributed in the past we look forward to hearing form you again. The deadline for the October issue is October 28, 2011.



From the Smithsonian Library, a booklet promoting the hobby from about 1898.