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## UP and COMING

**Dec 10** Exhibiting Workshop  
Keshen Goodman Library, Halifax (see page 4)

**Dec 10** Douglas Gray Philatelic  
Open House, Dartmouth

**Dec 13** Club Meeting  
Christmas Charity Auction & Social

**Dec 15** Friends of Philately  
Bloomfield School, Halifax

**Jan 10** Club Meeting  
Program TBA; Members Stock.

**Jan 14** Douglas Gray Philatelic  
Open House, Dartmouth

**Jan 19** Friends of Philately  
Bloomfield School, Halifax

**Also in Jan** - The 3rd Exhibiting  
Workshop - place and time TBA.

**Travelling?** Check out time and place  
of other shows at  
[www.rpsc.org/shows.html](http://www.rpsc.org/shows.html)

## At Our Next Meeting

The final meeting of 2011 on December 13 is our annual Holiday Social and Charity Auction. This is an anything goes auction and all proceeds are donated to a local charity. In the past we have given to the Food Bank and Salvation Army. Please bring in items for the auction and be prepared to buy generously.

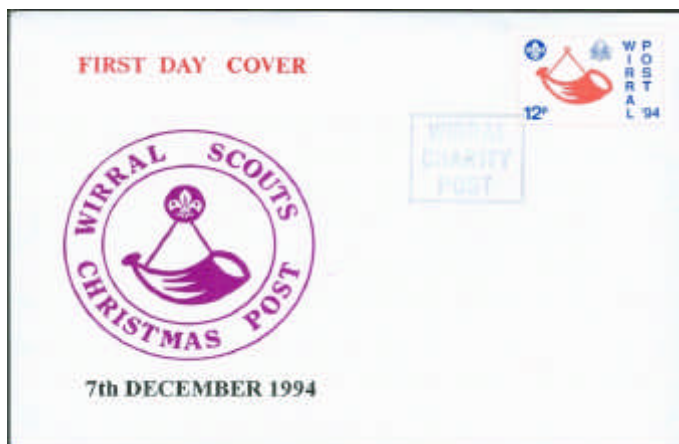
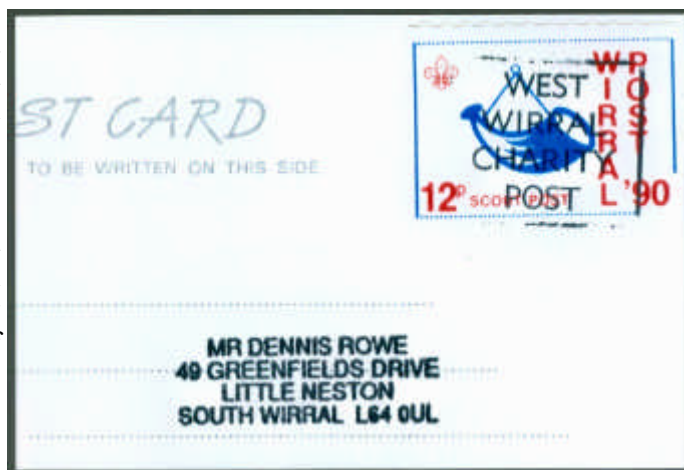


## Scout and Guide Christmas Stamps - Great Britain

By Michael Peach

In 1981 the British Post Office monopoly for the delivery of letters was rescinded. It was now possible for charity groups to carry Christmas cards between 25 November and 1 January, and also for courier companies to deliver urgent mail for a minimum charge of £1. The Scouts immediately set about organising local deliveries, and the Scouts and Guides Christmas Mail delivery is now well established. Local area stamps were produced. The service is voluntary and the Scouts can use the funds generated to support their activities or distribute them among local charities.

The Scout and Guide group on the Wirral Peninsular, Cheshire, is one of the more active and has a website, <http://www.wirralscoutpost.org.uk/>. Each year the group has raised about £20,000, more than \$ 30,000, for the benefit of various local charities. The service was started in 1982 by the West Wirral Scout District. The Wirral group now includes suburban Birkenhead, and serves an area with a population of more than 100,000. There are 48 Scout Groups and 9 Guide Units involved (2009). The stamps are printed by a local printer, initially on gummed paper, but they are now printed on self adhesive paper. The stamps, 20p in 2009, are sold in various ways. The Scouts and Guides sell them to family and friends, and at locations in the Wirral, such as card shops, libraries, and set up tables in local supermarkets, these latter also have mailing boxes. The delivery is scheduled for the two weekends prior to Christmas. Cards cannot be mailed in the red Royal Mail boxes.



In 2010 the Wirral group delivered 560,000 cards, and donated £22,500 to local Charities.

The 1990 postcard has the 12p stamp, which clearly shows the Scout logo, and says *Wirral Scout Post*. The rate was about one third lower than second class Royal Mail, 17p. The rubber stamp *West Wirral Charity Post* cancellation is undated. The 1994 rate was still 12p as shown on the First Day Cover. The stamp now includes the Guides logo, to the right at the top. The cancellation shows that the group has been extended and it is now the *Wirral Charity Post*.



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## Nova Scotia Stamp Club Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

<http://www.nsstampclub.ca/>

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:

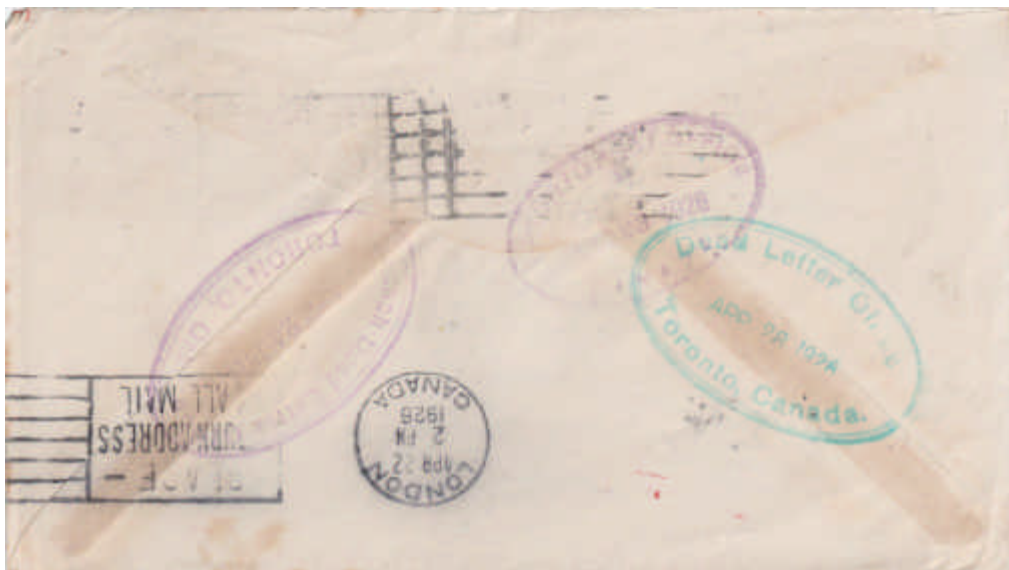
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Advertising rate for the newsletter or website is \$50 (CDN) per year.

## DEAD LETTER OFFICE / APR 28, 1926 / Toronto, Canada

## New DLO Handstamp by Gary W. Steele

Similar to my last report this item does not have any known proof either. There are many different types of Toronto oval DLO handstamps, however, few start with the words 'Dead Letter'. Most start with the words 'Branch Dead Letter Office'.



In addition any that do start with 'Dead Letter Office' usually have a letter or number above the date. This item does not appear to have any letter or number above the date.

I believe that we may conclude that a new handstamp has been discovered. The dimensions are 52mm x 31mm, double oval, green ink. All letters are sans-serif and mixed, with a period after 'Canada.'

Franked with an Admiral 3 cent stamp at Toronto, Ont. On APR 18 1926 this letter was sent to London, where a manuscript '*left city*' and RETURN TO pointing finger were applied. It was then sent to Toronto on APR 22 after receiving a London machine marking, and received in Toronto DLO on APR 24 1926. There it was processed before being mailed out on April 28 1926, likely in a Dead Letter Return envelope.



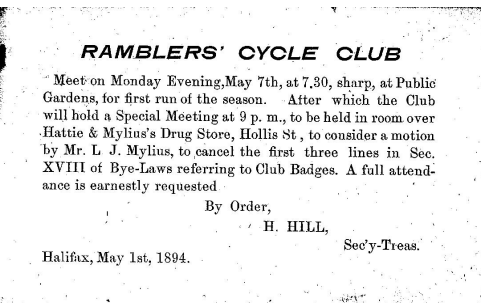


## The Ramblers' Cycle Club Card

by Keith MacKay

This UX5d first caught my attention because of the nice clean Gottingen Street CDS dated May 1, 1894. The date is exactly 2 months after that branch office's official first day of business, March 1, 1894. The addressee, H.L. Hart, is Harrison ("Harry") Hart, a stamp dealer who specialized in BNA material and conducted business from his shoe store at 71 Gottingen Street. The office's location at 107 Gottingen Street placed it in the next block north of his shop on the same side of the street and all of his out-going covers during the life of the Gottingen Street office that I've seen are postmarked there.

The reverse bears a printed notice advising members of the Ramblers' Cycle Club that the first run of the season would start from the Public Gardens at 7:30 the following Monday evening, followed by a Special Meeting above Hattie & Mylius' drug store on Hollis Street to consider a motion by Mr. L. J. Mylius to amend the Club's by-laws. The full poignancy of the card emerges when you consider that exactly one year later, on May 1, 1895, the Morris Street



branch post office, located at 38½ Morris Street at the back of Hattie & Mylius' 2<sup>nd</sup> retail outlet, opened for business with Louis J. Mylius as the postmaster of record.

**PUZZLE:** Can you see a connection between the UX5d card and the picture postcard below? (Hint: It has nothing to do with the outhouse on the right of the scene.)



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## United States Penny Post Card

Penny Post cards were so named because they cost 1c to mail, however, from 1917 to 1919 they were raised to 2c to cover the costs of the Great War (WWI), and also again from 1925 to 1928. Prior to 1898 only the US Post Office could manufacture post cards. These cards were very generic - blank on one side where the sender could write a message and a printed postage on the other side with space for a mailing address. Postcards were made because people were looking for an easier way to send quick notes. The first postcard to be printed as a souvenir in the US was created in 1893 to advertise the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

The Private Mailing Card Act, passed by Congress May 19 1898, allowed private firms to print postcards, although at first they were prohibited from calling their cards "postcards", so they were known as "souvenir cards" that had to be labelled "Private Mailing Cards". This changed on December 24, 1901, when private firms were allowed to use the word "postcard".

Small advances were made with the development of the postcard in the US with the Post Office controlling the process. Divided backs were initially not allowed. One could only write on the front of the postcard. This was known as the "undivided back" era of postcards. By 1907 citizens were allowed to write on the address side of a postcard thus beginning the "divided back" era - the left section for the message and the right side for the address.

The Golden Age of postcards ran from 1907 to 1915 when the war blocked the import of fine German printed cards. In 1908 more than 677 million cards were mailed in the US.



The card shown, face (above) and back (left), mailed from Ohio to Kansas Dec 13 1909 is of divided era.

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**US Penny Postcards continued**

Other eras of cards are known as the "white border era" (1916-1930) for the white border found on cards done to save ink and get more cards on the market; the "linen era" (1931-early 1950s) when cards were printed on fibre board with a textured surface similar to linen; and, the "chrome era", which continues to today with its glossy, colour photograph.

Many good resources can be found online for images of these eras. One in particular is on the USGenWeb Archives Web Site. A GenWeb is a website devoted to Genealogy. An extensive collection of cards by State, County and Town are here: [www.usgarchives.org/special/ppcs/ppcs.html](http://www.usgarchives.org/special/ppcs/ppcs.html).

**Ramblers Club continued**

ANSWER: If you look closely at the arch over the footbridge, you'll find that it bears the words "Ramblers' Cycle Club". The Prince's Lodge actually served as the Ramblers' clubhouse for several years (1895-1898) - Louis Mylius and 2 other members holding legal title to the property as trustees for the Club.

**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](mailto:ARL1964@yahoo.ca).

**Membership**

Bud Whalen has been reassigned number 402.

**DUES**

If you have not paid your dues yet, then you will hear from us no more!!!

**The Valley of Ottawa Masonic Stamp Club** has been publishing a newsletter for about a year. If you are interested in the Masonic subject theme or Masons on Stamps then this newsletter is for you. You can subscribe free to receive a PDF of the newsletter by contacting Editor Larry Burden at [larryburden8@gmail.com](mailto:larryburden8@gmail.com). I can also forward to you the last three issues. Ed.

**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 from you again. **The deadline for the January issue is December 30, 2011.**

**Exhibiting Seminar**

The second in the series of Exhibiting Seminars will be presented starting Saturday afternoon 10 December 1:00 to 4:45 pm, at the Keshen Goodman Public Library (near the Halifax Home Depot). A third seminar will be presented in mid-January of 2012.

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