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UP and COMING

Feb 11 Douglas Gray Philatelic
Open House, Dartmouth

Feb 14 Club Meeting
Gerry Tucker; Auction.

Feb 16 Friends of Philately
Bloomfield School, Halifax

March 10 Douglas Gray Philatelic
Open House, Dartmouth

March 14 Club Meeting
Program TBA; Auction

March 15 Friends of Philately
Bloomfield School, Halifax

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

At Our Next Meeting

Jerry Tucker will speak to the club on Views on Philately from a dealer's Perspective. Robert Lemire, BNAPS will be addressing the Club on BNAPex 2013. Members stock books are welcome starting at 7 pm, but must be cleared away to make room for the auction material. Stock books can be again viewed following the auction.

A Collector's Picture Postcard of halifax

By Michael Peach

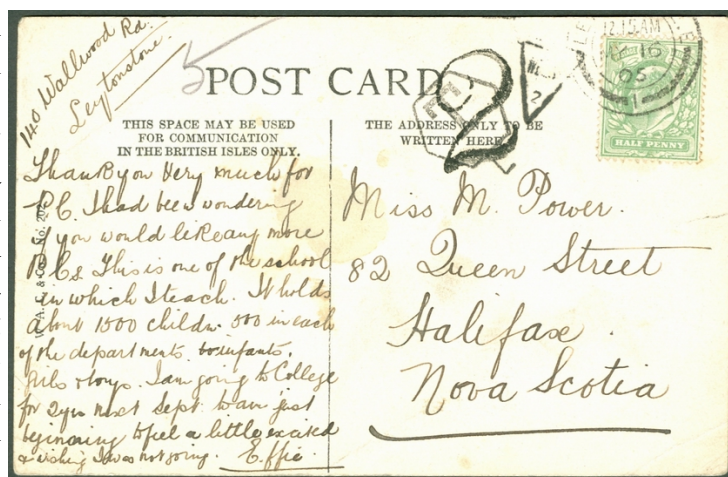


Suburban Directory showed that Mr. Samuel Best lived at this address, a typical Victorian terrace house. It can be seen on Google maps. The picture side shows the school, Goodall Road Schools, Leytonstone, where the writer was a teacher, probably a pupil teacher as she is going to college in the Fall. The school, a typical Victorian school, was opened in 1896, and had about 1500 pupils in 1905. The school was about 2 miles from the sender's home.

The addressee, Miss Power, lived at 82 Queen Street, Halifax. Checking the 1905 Halifax Directory at the Provincial Archives, shows that the Power family lived at 82 Queen Street with Frank, John and William being listed. The Halifax streets were renumbered in the early 1960s, and 82 Queen Street is now 1336 Queen Street. The house is still standing on the west side of the street, between Morris and Clyde streets, and probably not much changed since 1905..



The picture postcard was mailed from Leytonstone, London, on 16 May 1905, to Nova Scotia, with a green Edward VII 1/2d stamp. There are a number of interesting features. The international postcard rate was 1d



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Postcard, Continued

in 1905. The message was written on the left half of the divided back, contrary to the written instructions, and the card should have been sent at the letter rate, also at that time 1d, for Imperial Penny Postage. The card was underpaid by ½d. This was noted by the hexagonal T (taxe) stamp, with the L underneath for London. The postage due was 1d, double the deficiency, which was converted to 2¢ Canadian. There is an apex down triangle Welsh 2. Apex down triangles were used at the London Inland Offices, Mount Pleasant, to direct mail to the appropriate railway terminus. These included a time mark, the day being divided up into six four hour periods, with 2 being 4 – 8 am. The card was probably too late for the next sailing from Liverpool and went on the Irish Mail, via Holyhead, to Dublin, and then to Queenstown (Cobh) to connect with the steam ship from Liverpool to Canada.

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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DEC 23 1907
VANCOUVER, B.C.

A New DLO Handstamp

by Gary W. Steele

Small Things Become Big Things

Many handstamps have similar appearance, however, the dimensions can be different. Some are substantially different by 10mm or more. Others may be just a few millimeters. In this case the top post card with 2nd oval to the right is overlaid with the lower post card left oval. You can see the letters do not match up and the ovals now show three lines. The upper item is 2mm less in width causing this difference.



Left 42mm wide

Right 44mm wide

44mm x 28mm >

With rubber handstamps there is always the possibility that they can stretch due to wear and how struck. In this case I do not think this is the reason. Both items are from 1907 so little change in wear if they were the same handstamp. Thus a new handstamp is found.

A British Columbia post card (lower right), stamped RETURNED-FOR / POSTAGE, is franked with a U.S. stamp, on Dec 23 1907 sent to Vancouver DLO and franked with a 1 cent Edward Jan 6 1908, despatched from Vancouver Post Office to Montana Jan 6 1908. The upper left card to an Oakland California address is also stamped RETURNED-FOR / POSTAGE and stamped with the DLO stamp on Sep 5 1907.

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Stamp Oddities

Six Degrees of Separation

The theory that is six degrees of separation refers to the concept that any person on the planet could be six steps (or less) away from an introduction to any other person. I myself could do four steps to the Russian President in the 1990s, although the last two never materialized. Computer networks have made this concept a lot easier in the last twenty years, especially with the rapid rise of Social networking.

To bring this concept of connectivity a little closer to home and our hobby I want to turn start with Dr. Nicole Neatby, our guest speaker at the January meeting. She provided to those gathered some insight to the workings of the Canada Post's Stamp Advisory Committee. By the way of example of how they, or Canada Post, decides what images to use in the design of stamp she referred to her great aunt Dr. Hilda Neatby, who was honoured on a millennium series stamp (Scott 1829d) in February 2000. Dr. Nicole suggested that the family was not very happy with the image used on the stamp. So of course I had to look it up and I agree, it is not a very flattering image.



Hilda Marion Ada Neatby (1904-1975) was born in Surrey, England. She received a BA and MA from the University of Saskatchewan and a PhD from the University of Minnesota. She returned to U of S, Regina College to teach history and became eventually became Department head (1958-1969) at U of S in Saskatoon. She published several works of history

including a seminal work in 1966 about transitional events in Quebec between 1760 and 1791, following the French defeat to the British and the end of the Seven Year's War. She wrote *A Little for the Mind* (1953) which was critical of the Canadian educational system and garnered much praise as it did criticism. She became a companion of the Order of Canada in 1967.

John Dewey (1859-1952) was an American philosopher, psychologist, social critic, political activist and educational reformer whose ideas influenced education and social reform. He played an important role in the early development of the philosophy of pragmatism (linking practice with theory) and as a one of the founders of functional psychology. He is best known for his writings on education, but also wrote on many other topics such as logic, inquiry, democracy and ethics. He was of the opinion that learning was active and schooling

unnecessarily long and restrictive; basically learning through real world experiences. His teaching career spanned from 1884 to 1939.

Okay, you guessed it. The US Post office issued a Dewey stamp in 1968 (Scott 1291) under the Prominent American Series.



I hope you can begin to see the connectivity here in education reformers/critics. It is not known if Neatby ever met Dewey but at least she was knowledgeable of his work.

In 1953, Neatby wrote, "Dewey has been to our age what Aristotle was to the later middle ages, not a philosopher, but *the* philosopher."

So by meeting Dr. N. Neatby we are connected to two stamps by association - Dr. H. Neatby and Dr. J. Dewey - one by direct relationship, the other through similar careers.

New Additions to the Club Library

Thanks to a donation from the Truro Stamp Club, several new titles have been added to the Club Library. Titles include:

Canada and Newfoundland Postal Stationery Catalogue, 4th edition by J.F. Webb

The Canadian Ocean Mail Clerk 1860-1887, by Kenneth MacKenzie

The Centennial Definitives of Canada, by David Gronbeck-Jones

The First Philatelist?, by Kasimir Bileski

The Stamps of Great Britain Part I and II, by J.B. Seymour

From the author, we have also received the following title on CD:

Survey of Revenue Stamp Usage in Canada, by Christopher D. Ryan

We now have several titles on the CD format in the library which are welcome additions to our collection of philatelic research materials. A complete listing of all titles, roughly divided by subject, is available on the Club website. Suggestions for new titles are always welcome and can be sent to me at :

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Heather MacKenzie

Club Librarian

BNAPLEX 2013 - Charlottetown PEI

As you've probably heard, the British North America Philatelic Society is staging their 2013 annual Convention and Show in Charlottetown PEI. BNAPS President, Robert Lemire, who has taken on the task of organizing this event, has planned a trip to this area from Feb. 10 - 15.

Most Robert's trip will be spent in PEI, firming up arrangements, checking the measurements and features of the various halls and meeting rooms, and meeting with our members on the Island to solicit their help.

In that regard, since we have very few BNAPSers in PEI, Robert will be seeking assistance from other members in the Atlantic region. He will also be giving a short presentation to the Nova Scotia Stamp Club on February 14th. Local BNAPSers are also invited to gather for a quick supper meeting prior to the NSSC meeting thus giving Robert an opportunity to explain his plans more thoroughly.

If you are a BNAPS member and wish to attend the supper meeting please contact Jack Forbes, JAFRBS@aol.com

Classifieds

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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Canadian Philatelist

If you are interested in back issues of The Canadian Philatelist, Volume 25, 1974, to Volume 49, 1998, please contact Michael Peach, 832-1662.

Membership

The following application has been received for membership:

Leo Feinstein, Halifax, collects Newfoundland and pre 1949 Canada.

The following applicants have been accepted into the club membership:

Will Murray, Halifax. #1054

David and Anne Cottenden, Bridgetown. Reinstated # 339 and 340.

Six members have been unresponsive with respect to renewal of dues and are being stricken from the record:

#832 - Steven Korman

#979 - Bryan Rapson

#1013 - Jim Carde

#1031 - Michel Savard

#1037 - Douglas Langley

#1039 - Jack McCarvell

If any of these members comes forward then we will reinstate them.

The current membership roll including pending applications now stands at 110 members.

Canada Post 2012

Last month I gave a brief synopsis of the lineup of Canadian stamps for 2012. For the last several years I find January and February a very expensive month for collecting Canadian stamps. If you don't collect new Canada here is the run down.

January 10

Year of the Dragon - 1 single, 2 FDCs, 2 Souvenir Sheets and a booklet

Jan. 16

Queen's Diamond Jubilee - 1 booklet, 2 FDC and a mini sheets (more to follow in Feb and March).

Baby wildlife - 3 booklets (Domestic, US and Int. rates) one Souvenir Sheet, an FDC and 4 coils (3 rates plus oversize).

Canadian Pride - 2 booklets (10 and 30), an FDC and Souvenir Sheet.

A sizeable investment at about \$100 - and it is only January. Luckily it slows down a bit for a while - only three releases in February and March (not including Queen Jubilee issues).

February is African Heritage Month

For the third time since the series began a Nova Scotian has been honoured on a stamp for Black History Month. Viola Desmond (1914-1965) was jailed in 1946 for sitting in the whites only section of New Glasgow's Roseland movie theatre. She was on her way to Sydney from Halifax when her car broke down in New Glasgow. She was unaware that blacks were only allowed in the balcony and refused to move when confronted by the manager. Police were called and she spent a night in jail. Convicted of tax evasion the next day for not paying the difference in the full price to sit up front and therefore not enough tax - a difference of one cent. She was fined \$20 and 30 days in jail. She unsuccessfully appealed the conviction and fine. Nova Scotia dismantled its segregation laws because of the court battle. In 2010 she was granted a posthumous pardon and an

apology from Nova Scotia.



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