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UP and COMING

April 9 Club Meeting, Auction Program "Machins" by Bruce Wiseman and presented by Bob Boehner

April 18 Friends of Philately NS Museum Boardroom, Halifax

April 27 Valley Stamp Club Annual Show, Kentville Fire Hall (See Pg 4)

May 4-5 ORAPEX
RA Centre, Ottawa

May 14 Club Meeting, Auction Program "What I Collect"

May 16 Friends of Philately NS Museum Boardroom, Halifax

June 12 Club Meeting
Year End Social, Anything Goes Auction

June 21 Friends of Philately NS Museum Boardroom, Halifax

September 20-21 NOVAPEX 2013
Dartmouth Sportsplex

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The Royal Philatelic Society of London

by Reverend J. Raymond Corbett

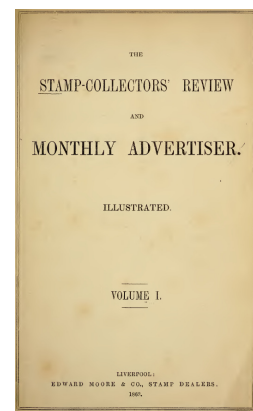
I received recently an Information Pamphlet from the Royal Philatelic Society of London, of which I am a member. I thought I would abbreviate some of the information which might be of interest. The Society, universally known as "The Royal", the oldest philatelic society in the world, was established in 1869 as the Philatelic Society of London. Permission to the use the prefix "Royal" was granted by His Majesty King Edward VII in 1906. The society purchased its present headquarters at 41 Devonshire Place, London in 1925 (picture right).



Publications: The Society has published its own journal, *The London Philatelist*, since January 1892. It is sent by post free to members 10 times per year. It contains research papers and articles of a specialized nature as well as general papers and reports of meetings. A wealth of philatelic knowledge has been printed in its now 34,200 pages. The entire *LP Archival Edition* up to June 2010 can be purchased on 2 DVDs for £90. The Society has also published numerous volumes on specific topics.

Council and Committees: The Society's Council is made up of the president, five Officers, and ten Members, plus the Keeper of the Royal Philatelic Collection—who is an ex-officio member. The various committees number ten, including the Expert Committee, which manages expertising services for members and the philatelic public.

Libraries: The Small Library holds the majority of the Society's reference book and may be borrowed for a period of four weeks. Over 10,000 titles are held on the Society's premises. The Main (Large) Library houses a bound run of the Society's journal, *The London Philatelist*, and other journals currently used. The Society receives copies of the up to 300 periodicals each year. A total of 2,400 periodical titles are held with the earliest being the first periodical wholly concerned with philately, *The Stamp Collector's Review and Monthly Advertiser*, from December 1862¹.



Meetings: Ordinary meetings of the Society are held fortnightly intervals throughout the season starting September and ending June.

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¹ A complete scanned copy of this volume can be found on The Internet Archive website: <http://archive.org/download/stampcollectorsr12pemb/stampcollectorsr12pemb.pdf>

RPSL ... Continued

Dress Code: Meeting days—gentlemen should wear a tie with a suit, blazer or sports jacket as those invited to make presentations will be smartly dressed. Ladies should be smartly, but not formally, dressed. On non-meeting days informal wear is perfectly acceptable.

Opening Hours: The premises are open from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday, On non-meeting days tea, coffee and biscuits are provided free of charge, from mid morning to mid-afternoon.

For more information on the Royal Philatelic Society of London please consult their website:

www.rpsl.org.uk/home.asp

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

Stamp Oddities

Admiral William Brown (22 June 1777 – 3 March 1857), the Irishman who created the Argentine Navy was honoured on a stamp set of Ireland in 1957. When the Spanish American colonies were in revolt, Brown, then a merchant Captain, threw in with the insurgents and created the Argentine Navy, which defeated a much superior Spanish force on numerous occasions. Brown's victories in the Independence War, the Cisplatine War, and the Anglo-French blockade of the Río de la Plata earned the respect and appreciation of the Argentine people, and today he is regarded as one of Argentina's national heroes as Creator and first admiral of the country's maritime forces.



Brown was born in County Mayo, Ireland in 1777. When he was nine, his family emigrated to the United States, however his father contracted and died from Yellow Fever a short time after their arrival. Young William was soon after engaged as a cabin boy that started him up the ladder to promotions that eventually landed him Captain of a merchant vessel. He was, however,

press ganged into British service. To press gang an American merchant navy captain in possession of a captain's ticket was unheard of and entirely illegal. He scuttled a galley during the Napoleonic War to try to escape, but was subsequently captured by the French, thinking that he was a British Captain—a very convoluted tale.

In 1809 he returned to England and renounced his maritime career, was married, sailed for Rio de la Plata, and set himself up as a merchant in Montevideo, Uruguay. He eventually purchased a ship and started a regular sailing-packet service between Uruguay and Argentina, the first such venture in South America. Brown's ship was destroyed by Spanish ships when Argentina tried to defend its coasts against Spanish raiders. In successive campaigns between 1814 and the 1840s, first with Spain, and then against Brazil and Uruguay, William Brown was increasingly called upon to lead Argentina's efforts at sea and leading to Argentina's independence. When Brown died in 1857 he was buried with full military honours. The Argentine government issued a communiqué stating that "With a life of permanent service to the national wars that our homeland has fought since its independence, William Brown symbolized the naval glory of the Argentine Republic."



The 3p and 1sh3p stamps (Sc 161-2) shown above were issued by Ireland in 1957. Argentina has put Brown on a stamp several times: 1891 (Sc 88), 1935 (Sc 425-6), 1956 (Sc 662), 1965 (Sc 828 and reprinted with several different denominations into the 1970s), 1977 (Sc 1155 - left), 1980 (Sc 1262 - right).



Canadian Freemason of the Month

John Molson 1763-1836

Few people have contributed to the success of a new country than John Molson. He was born in 1763 in Lincolnshire, England and moved to Montreal in 1782 because he had heard it described as a land of exciting opportunity. In 1783 he started a brewing business that has operated within the Molson family to this day. He then expanded into banking, hotels, a theatre, a foundry and politics. In 1809 he built Canada's first steamship, the *Accommodation*, and he financed Canada's first railway. He was a co-founder of the Montreal General Hospital and as a politician; he sat in both the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council of Lower Canada (Quebec).

He was a member of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 374 UGLE, Montreal and the Past Provincial

Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Montreal.



1986 Scott #1117

[This article was reprinted from *The Watermark* - Canada's Online Masonic Philatelic Newsletter March 2013 Vol. 3 Issue. If Masonry and Philately are of interest to you please see all the issues at <http://bytown.ottawamasons.ca/Stamp.html> - Ed.]

Bluenose Sails Again

Further to the Bluenose article in the March 2013 Newsletter, NSSC member Irene MacCready writes... "On January 17, 2012 The Royal Canadian Mint issued a new Gold Coin, (\$129.00) and used my late husband, Philip's painting of the original Bluenose in full sail on the Coin. He has a website (philsart.2gwebdesign.com) where they found his watercolour painting of the 1921 Bluenose. I am from Lunenburg, and my uncle Frank Meisner, a Sea Captain himself was a member of the Racing Crew of the original Bluenose that never lost a race."



A Cover's Story

by Jeff Parks

This month's cover story is a story in reverse. It has not been written yet. The cover's owner would like to get more info on this and for any information that is collected, we will tell the tale in a future issue. The details may not be all that clear here so if you think you need a closer look then you can download the image from <http://tinyurl.com/cpgev2j>. The 1841 cover features a Penny red, has several markings and in script is written "Alex Gillespie Esq, Constitution for Queen's College Canada". It is addressed to William Young in Edinburgh. If you can provide some insight of flesh out the tale please let us know.



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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For Sale - Frames

I have 6 of the old club 8 page wooden frames in good condition for sale. Price \$10 the lot, or \$2 each. Please contact: Michael Peach, 832-1662.

Framed Bluenose Keepsakes consisting of the 1929 50c Bluenose stamp, a 1937 Dime and a piece of the new replica Bluenose II½, is available for \$50 each and can be purchased through Marcus Brauer (466-4339). Photos of the project development and available frames can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/c42o6te> and <http://tinyurl.com/c5hy7vz>. This endeavour is supporting local Scouting.



New issue: April 9 2013
Princess of Wales Own Regiment

Orapex 2013

ORAPEX 2013 will take place at the RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, on Saturday, **May 4** and Sunday, **May 5, 2013**. ORAPEX is one of the four national level philatelic exhibitions recognized by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. In 2013, we will celebrate the 250th Anniversary of Formalized Postal Service in Canada (1763-2013). Of course, all your members will receive a warm welcome at the event whether or not they are presenting an exhibit.

Halifax Harbour Performance

Stamp Club members might be interested to know that Halifax Harbour, composed by Elizabeth Raum, in memory of Dr. J. J. MacDonald will have its second (and third) performance in Ottawa on April 26 and 27, 2013. The symphony was premiered by Symphony Nova Scotia in January 2008 and subsequently reviewed in the February newsletter by Rod MacLennan.

Further information on the Ottawa performance can be obtained from the web site of the Divertimento Orchestra which is performing the work, www.divertimento.ca. Club members might enjoy the concert, if travelling, or be able to recommend it to friends and acquaintances in that city to attend.

SPM EXPO 2014

St. Pierre & Miquelon will be hosting an FIAF recognized International Exhibition on September 24 -28, 2014.

Their website will be provided when available.

Newsletter Articles Urgently Needed

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 April issue is April 26, 2013.**

Valley Stamp Club Annual Show

VSC's annula Show and bourse will take place at the Kentville Firehall on Saturday April 27th. NSSC will have a sales table at the Show. Anyone wishing to place items up for sale should bring them to the next club meeting on April 9th or contact Karen Galbraith at 865-1361.

New members

We have recently received applications for membership from Donald Mosher, Lake Echo, who collects Canada; and Patsy White, Halifax, who states that she is beginning a new hobby.

Shearwater Spring Hobby Show

The 15th annual Spring Hobby Show, which will be held at the Shearwater Aviation Museum from 10 AM - 4 PM on Saturday & Sunday the 6th & 7th of April 2013. The show is a major fundraiser for the museum, with all show proceeds being donated to the museum. General show information can be found on the museum's website

www.shearwateraviationmuseum.ns.ca

Marcus Brauer has booked a kids table for stamp/stamp supplies giveaway at the Hobby Show. Please contact Marcus (i_win@live.ca or 902-466-4339) if you are able to assist or donate philatelic materiel for the kids table. More details of the event were provided in the Jan Feb newsletter.

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