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## UP and COMING

**June 11** Club Meeting  
Year End Social, Members Flea Market

**June 20** Friends of Philately  
NS Museum Boardroom, Halifax

**June 21-23** Royal 2013 Royale  
University of Manitoba, Winnipeg

**Aug 30–Sept 2** BNAPEX 2013  
Rodd Hotel, Charlottetown

**Sept 7** BRUNPEX 2013  
Rotary Lodge Centennial Park  
Moncton, NB

**September 20-21** NOVAPEX 2013  
Dartmouth Sportsplex

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

## **Branch Dead Letter Office Jul 22 1940 WINNIPEG, MAN.**

## **A New DLO Handstamp by Gary Steele Article No. 13 in a Series**

While at the Ottawa show I acquired this particular item not really knowing if it was a duplicate. It turned out to be a handstamp that was only known in the proof books.

Taking into consideration this handstamp there are now sixteen different oval handstamps for Winnipeg with 11 reported known and 5 OPK (only proof



A new stamp released by US Post on June 5 at the end of a year long celebration of Johnny Cash's legacy. The stamp image is based on a promotional picture used for the 1963 album "Ring of Fire: The Best of Johnny Cash". It sort of looks an old 45 or 78 rpm album cover.

**DLO 13 ... Continued**

known) and left to be discovered.

This item was proofed on OCT 1922 (no day date), a full 18 years prior to this handstamp being used. Until other copies surface the details of usage will still be unclear.

As previously mentioned there are six colour inks used on DLO mail with this being a nice clear green that stands out against the purple, red and black U.S. handstamps.

Mailed from Winnipeg, Man. on Jun 2 1940 to the Brownsville, USA Jun 5 1940 it was unclaimed and marked **RETOUR** on Jun 8 1940.

From Brownsville it was sent to the Washington, D.C. Dead Letter Branch on Jul 19 1940. From there it was forwarded to the Winnipeg Branch DLO on Jul 22 1940.

As with other DLO covers they were then placed in a Dead Letter Return Envelope and to send to the sender.

### **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:

Nova Scotia Stamp Club  
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Lewis Lake, NS B3Z 4B8  
[webnews@nsstampclub.ca](mailto:webnews@nsstampclub.ca)

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

**The Emblems**

by Michael Peach

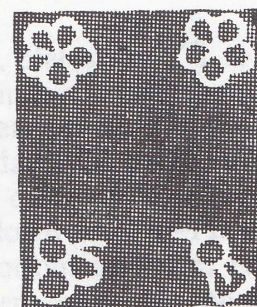
If you own a Victorian 1867 10d red-brown printed on paper with the Emblems watermark, you would be proud of it. Percy Gravener owned one and named his house in Bracknell, England, the Emblems. There are only thirteen examples of this stamp known, all used, eight of them in Constantinople. These are listed in the Gibbons Concise 2010 at £42,000, S.G. 99. The regular stamp with the Spray of Rose watermark, is listed in Scott as Sc. 53, but the variety is not listed. The 10d stamp was needed for the rate to India, Mauritius and Australia via Marseilles and only had a short life as the rate was changed in 1870. The emblems watermark has two roses in the two top corners, a thistle in the lower left and a shamrock in the lower right.

Percy had inherited the house, together with his mother-in-law and wife on the death of his father-in-law, Walter Callingham, in 1921. Percy made alterations to the house including the building of a strong room to house his stamp collection. The supplier of the bricks supplied some bricks burnt with the emblems watermark. Above the porchway there was a stained glass window with an emblem in each segment.

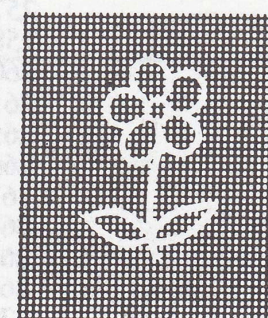
In the early 1980s the house was demolished. Mrs. Gravener retained the stained glass panels, and one of the bricks. Percy had died in 1942.

During the 1930s a stamp business, Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market, was operated from The Emblems. I have been unable to find any more details. Was Percy a stamp dealer? He is not listed in Who was Who in philately.

Maybe you need to rebuild your house with a strong room for your stamps!



**W6 Emblems**



**W7 Spray (of Rose)**





# NOVA PEX 2013

Novapex 2013, a Regional Exhibition and Bourse, will occur on September 20-21 2013 at the Dartmouth Sportsplex. Details are located on the club website—just follow the logo on the home page or go to [www.nsstampclub.ca/novapex13.htm](http://www.nsstampclub.ca/novapex13.htm).

Marcus Brauer his this year's chairman and he is pulling together a great show with military precision. The bourse is being handled by Gary Steele; and Sean Weatherup is spearheading the exhibits and team competition. Rob Lunn, Fredericton, will be head judge.

There are 10 classes of exhibits including the traditional classes plus Topical, Display or Social Philately and Picture Postcards. Entry forms are available on the website or at the June meeting. All entries must be submitted on or before to Wednesday August 21, 2013.

In a departure from our typical awards banquet, this year we will be dining at Royal Artillery Park—just below Citadel Hill. Details will be disclosed closer to the event date.

If this summer sees you cleaning out the attic, you may want to unload some of your material at the Club Table. This is a very popular sales table in which the members provide material and reap the profit save a 10% dividend on sales back to the club.

It is shaping up to be a great Regional show. Stay tuned to the website over the summer for additions to the program and dealers who will be present.

## News for Down Under

Content by Glen Stephens

by Jeff Parks

I receive a regular news/sales blast from Glen Stephens on items that have sold for high prices. I thought that I might share some of these with you. I have paraphrased somewhat! If you are interested in following Glen's news/ blog /sales pitch go to <https://www.glenstephens.com/> –ed.

"2013 is the centenary of the Kangaroo and Map stamps, thus the interest in them has been high. On May 9, a Melbourne auction house offered some "Kangaroos" for sale and broke price records by bringing in the collection at double the previous best sale for a single stamp auction. The £1 Kangaroo sideways watermark shown here was described as having a gum thin, and as we can all see, has "fluffy" perfs, but it sold for \$A233,000, on an estimate of \$40,000.

The market for Kangaroos is WHITE HOT, will get stronger still, as this Centenary Year of the issue has created many new collectors - globally.

A pretty ordinary looking 2½d Kangaroo with "missing fraction" sold for \$A53,590 on a sensible estimate of \$8,000. A dozen examples known from this market usually places the piece in the \$5,000-\$10,000 price range.

If Kangaroos are your "thing" then there is a catalogue for that. The "Australian Commonwealth Specialists' Catalogue—Kangaroos—Centenary of the First Kangaroo Stamps 1913-2013" is available for A\$95. The Australian Specialized Catalogues are suggested to be the best catalogue in the world for Australian stamps. The standalone "Kangaroos" edition made sense to separate these from the large volume of Australian material. It has been immensely popular.

Did you know the very CHEAPEST 1d red Kangaroo CTO stamp listed is \$A80? Well you do now!

The exceptional 1d example shown at the right, with full gum sold to a very experienced collector, and he was absolutely delighted to pay \$A100 for it.

Ten years ago, \$5 maximum would have paid for such a stamp as "fine used" at a dollar retail, tops.

It has no error, or variety or scarce die or shade - just a nice looking CTO example of the "commonest" type."



New Issue — Canada June 5 2013

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

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### Douglas J. Gray Supplies Sale

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All mounts: 20% off cat.

Call me with your order at 461-0528 and I will bring them to the next meeting.

### 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.

### Philatelic Books For Sale.

I am getting old and it is time to reduce my Philatelic Library.

Please contact

Dave Harvey 435 1517

[daveandsyl@eastlink.ca](mailto:daveandsyl@eastlink.ca)



Marty Zelenietz (far right) oversees the NS Stamp Club Table at the 15th annual Shearwater Spring Hobby Show, held at the Shearwater Aviation Museum in April 2013. The show is a major fundraiser for the museum, with all show proceeds being donated to the museum.

Marcus Brauer had booked a kids table for stamp/stamp supplies giveaway at the Hobby Show. And now we need more material for the Youth Table at Novapex 2013. Please make a donation to Marcus anytime prior to the show in September.

### Newsletter Articles Urgently Needed

My parting shot for the summer. *This is becoming a tedious exercise for me to chase down items of interest for the newsletter.* Please 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 year and I look forward to hearing from you **all** soon. **The deadline for the September issue is August 24, 2013.**

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