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UP and COMING

December 7 Moncton Stamp Fair
RC Legion, 100 War Veterans Ave.

December 10 Club meeting
Charity Auction, Club Social

December 19 Friends of Philately
NS Museum Boardroom, Halifax

January 4 Moncton Stamp Fair

January 14 Club Meeting
Auction; Program TBA

January 16 Friends of Philately

February 1 Moncton Stamp Fair

February 11 Club Meeting
Auction; Program TBA

February 20 Friends of Philately

May 30 - June 1 2014

Royal 2014 Royale, Halifax
Lord Nelson Hotel

www.royal2014royale.com

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place of other shows at
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www.csdaonline.com/shows



!!!! DUES !!!!

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invoice or notice please pay
promptly before Dec 15th.

!!!! PAY NOW !!!! PLEASE!!!!

DEAD LETTER OFFICE

JUN 9 1920

TORONTO, ONT.

New Handstamp by Gary Steele

Only Reported copy

Sometimes you wish you could split a cover up and have it in each separate area of your collecting interest. This particular cover not only has an Only Known Copy (OKC) of a previously Only Proof Known (OPK) handstamp, but, has an excellent destination for the Admiral era to Gambia. Also of note are the official seals from London, and two different Cinderella labels attached.

"Please Rush First Mail" indicates this registered cover was of

some importance in communicating with Mr. S. William Droz during the Christmas season. Franked with five Admiral stamps the cover was posted on Dec 2 1919 (manuscript *Mailed 1/12/1919*). Fees totaled 10 cents: 5 cent registration fee and 3 cents for the first ounce plus 2 cents for the second ounce to a British Empire destination.

Arrival may not have taken place to Gambia until January 1920 as indicated by two Gambian handstamps. Marked *unclaimed* and *Recd in damaged condition in ...* red ink, the cover was returned to Canada via the Returned Letter Section London Postal Service per the three RLS labels (no date indicated). Seven months later the Ottawa Dead Letter Office handstamp JUN 9 1920 indicates it was examined and probably returned to the sender in a Canadian Dead Letter Office Return envelope.



In the News...

The USPS again gives us a bit of new for the Christmas season. The kaffuffle follows on the heels of a "Naughty or Nice" list that ranks companies on how "Christmas friendly" they are, published by the American Family Association. The uproar started on Twitter when USPS sent out a holiday advertising mailer showing three stamps depicting Kwanza, Chanukah and a gingerbread house. However, some customers did not like the fact that an explicitly Christmas of Christian-based themed stamp was not shown. USPS jumped in on the Twitter traffic and did mention that it had several Christmas-based stamps including the two shown on page 1 of this newsletter.

It is getting increasingly hard to counterfeit Canadian money, but according to Richard Grafton, FIP, counterfeit stamps are costing Canada Post as much as \$10 million annually. This is mainly because of the permanent stamps, "P" only - no amount, on self stick paper that is relatively easy for counterfeiters to acquire. CP now has a team of 80 inspectors that go after the counterfeiters. In 2011, 5 people were arrested and 40,000 stamps seized from a network of convenience stores in Montreal and Toronto as part of a fraud ring that cost CP \$2.6 million.

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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Cover Story: Another Halifax

by J.A. (Jack) Forbes Jr.

We share our city's name with many other jurisdictions, as Halifax seems to be a popular name for cities in the English - speaking world. The United Kingdom has one such city, and shown here are three letters posted in that location.



The top example is cancelled with a popular British style double ring circular hammer dated August 6, 1897. The middle one uses another commonly seen style cancel, the Numeral Duplex, this one being #330, and is dated June 6, 1898. The bottom cover has the 1st II D-4 CT type squared circle cancel dated November 29, 1897. This is one of eight different styles of squared circle cancels used in the Halifax office. This particular hammer was in use between April 25, 1896 and March 23, 1899.

All three covers are One Penny pre-printed postal stationery items, and were sent to Bradford, England.

Online Reading /Research Suggestion

The Intelligent Citizen's Guide to the Postal Problem: A Case Study of Industrial Society in Crisis 1965-1988

books.google.ca

November Cover Story: Vertical Miscut?

It was noted by several readers that the most likely scenario for the stamps described by Michael Peach in the November Post is that they were from a stamp vending or dispensing apparatus that had the cutter misaligned with the perforation locations. This is evident by the V-shaped tear in the "misperf" location that is akin to the notches in a metal paper cutter.



WHO WAS "WOODY" CACHET MAKER EXTRAORDINAIRE (Part 2 of a Series)

By Brainard Fitzgerald

Harold Lovett Woodman was born in Smith's Cove, Digby Co, and was known to his friends as just "Woody". He died in 2005 at the age of 88.

A veteran of the Second World War, Harold Woodman in 1945 became employed in Halifax with the Department of Labour. He later moved to the Annapolis Valley and worked with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Kentville, Nova Scotia. In 1953, at the age of 36, he was named News Editor for the *Kentville Advertiser*. In 1977 the *Kentville Advertiser* was purchased by R. B. Cameron and at that time Woody was named V.P. of Kentville operations for Cameron Publishing. He later became Managing Editor for all Cameron Publications. Harold Woodman retired in 1984, but wrote a column for 20 years "Between the Lines". An appropriate first day cover of Woody's is the FDC of the free press stamp cacheted with *Advertiser* where Woody worked. It is a signed copy by the editor H. L. Woodman.



He was throughout his life very involved in community organizations. He was an Assistant Scoutmaster for 6 years and between 1953 and 1961 he was President of the Kings District Council of Boy Scouts. He combined this with his love of Philately to collect one of the best collections of world Scout covers and stamps. It was at one of the special anniversaries of the Valley Stamp Club that he informed everyone that he had sold his Scout Collection. As I remember it, all the long time members were really surprised at this.

It was 1949, when he joined the Kentville Lions Club and became president from 1959-60. While a member of the Lions Club he edited their bulletin for eight years.

In 1961 at the age of 44 he became a founding member and the first president of the Valley Stamp Club. Although Woody did not remain a long term member of the Valley Stamp Club, he returned to special anniversaries to be guest speaker. In 1991 an article by Wendy Elliot reports in the *Community Magazine* that Woody began collecting stamps as a boy in 1928. In his Anniversary Address he noted that Canada had only issued 390 stamps until 1961 and in 1991 the national total was 869. He would need a full time staff if he had not



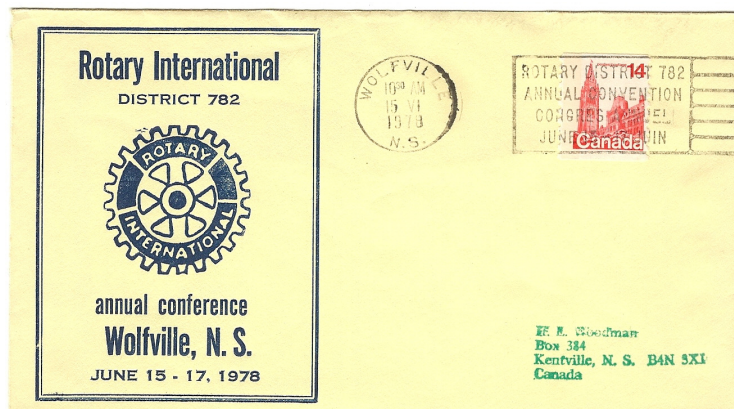
Shown above are the officers of the recently organized Valley Stamp Club, left to right: H. L. Woodman, president; Miss Anne Marie

Belliveau, secretary-treasurer; and Frank L. Howard, vice-president.

refined his collecting from collecting the world. In 1992 he published a book titled "A Pictorial History of the Apple Blossom Festival". The festival is held each year since 1932 involving the whole Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia from Digby to Windsor.

Woody held the position of Provincial President for the Red Cross and during his life time contributed 69 blood donations. He was also a charter member of the Horton Masonic Lodge No. 132 as well as the Cornwallis Chapter Royal Arch Masons. He served two terms as Council Member for the town of Kentville and served on the Kings County Amalgamated School Board from 1972-76. He served for 17 years as secretary for the Kentville Board of Trade and later director of the Annapolis Valley Affiliated Board of Trade and served two terms as President. In 1965 he founded the local chapter of the Society for the Preservation of and Encouragement of Barber-shop Quartet Singing in America.

It was in 1973 that Woody joined the Kentville Rotary Club, where he was President in 1981-82. He transferred from Kentville to Wolfville and in 1985 was named a Paul Harris Fellow. It was with the Rotary that Woody made three or four event covers marking Rotary events. Pictured is one of his later cachet event covers of the Rotary International District 782 Annual Conference in Wolfville, Nova Scotia in 1978.



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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While supplies last! (tax included)

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 and I will bring them to the next meeting.

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.

Our **Annual Holiday Social and Charity Auction** will take place at the December 10th meeting. All proceeds from the "anything goes" auction will go to two local charities - non-philatelic items are welcome. Sweets, snacks and sandwiches are also welcome for the social event following the meeting.

PHILATELIC WORD SEARCH

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R	P	E	X	P	E	R	T	I	Z	A	T	I	O	N	BACK-OF-BOOK
Q	E	T	E	K	C	A	P	T	M	T	L	X	B	O	CENSORED
H	R	A	A	D	M	I	R	A	L	S	X	T	F	I	CINDERELLA
A	F	L	M	O	V	Y	R	N	C	A	E	U	O	T	COIL
N	O	I	T	A	R	E	T	I	L	B	O	R	K	P	COMMATOLOGY
D	R	H	U	S	O	U	P	M	L	H	V	E	C	I	DENOMINATION
S	A	P	Y	L	I	H	P	O	R	C	A	M	A	R	DUPLEX
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A	E	R	K	L	E	T	T	E	R	P	R	E	S	S	EXPERTIZATION
M	C	E	N	S	O	R	E	D	U	P	L	E	X	N	FORGERY
P	T	A	L	L	E	R	E	D	N	I	C	P	V	I	GLASSINE
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Submit your own theme based word list. [NSSC ed.]

This letter written in Markham Ontario Dec 19 1832 and cancelled Dec 26 1832 in Nova Scotia bemoans "We have had an alarming disease here this summer. The plague or what is called the Cholera. It extended but a little further than York except in some cases. Although the tide of immigration was too great it carried it to different parts of Upper Canada."

In June 1832, Irish immigrants arrived in Quebec with a few feverish passengers on board. Within days cholera claimed it's first victim and it spread like wildfire up to Montreal and then into Upper Canada. About 11,000 immigrants reached York and the head of the lakes during the spring and summer of 1832. Everywhere infection followed them. It stretched south of the border to New York and the New England towns and villages. The epidemic of 1832 called into being the first public health legislation.

