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George Stephenson 1781-1848

Father of the Railways

by Michael Peach

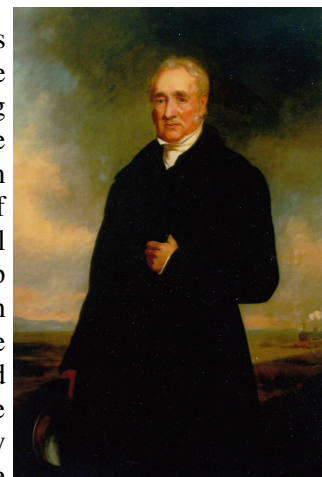
As many of you will have realised by reading my articles that, besides stamps, I am also interested in railways. The industrial revolution brought many changes, including speedier and more efficient transportation of both people and freight. In 2009 the British Post Office issued a series of stamps *Pioneers of the Industrial Revolution*. The 56p stamp featured George Stephenson, with the locomotive *Locomotion* in the background. *Locomotion* hauled the first passenger train on the Stockton and Darlington Railway

and is seen on the 7p stamp, one of a series marking the 150th Anniversary of Public Railways in 1975. It had been built at the Robert Stephenson works in Newcastle.

Although George did not invent the locomotive, Richard Trevithick deserves credit for this, he was the engineer responsible for the construction of the first public railways linking two cities, the Stockton and Darlington in 1825 and the Liverpool and Manchester Railway in 1830. A set of five stamps (below) was issued for the 150th Anniversary of the Liverpool and Manchester Railway in 1980. The locomotive is Stephenson's famous *Rocket*. Besides the railways themselves one of his legacies was the standards gauge, 4' 8½", used in most countries around the world. This was the gauge used on the horse drawn railways in the collieries.

George was a self made man. Without schooling, he started to educate himself at age 18 while working as an engine man at the local colliery.

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Stephenson Continued

His breakthrough came in 1811 when he was able to fix the malfunctioning pumping engine at High Pit, Killingworth, and was promoted to enginewright for the collieries in Killingworth. Stephenson designed his first locomotive in 1814 for hauling coal on the Killingworth wagonway. The locomotive could haul 30 tons of coal up a hill at 4 mph. The railways were his future and with his only son Robert, George and Robert became one of the leaders in railway and civil engineering.

Along the way in his early years while working in the collieries he designed a miners' safety lamp. There ensued a protracted disagreement with Sir Humphrey Davy about who invented the safety lamp, finally equal credit was given to both.

George died a rich and famous man at his home, Tapton House, Chesterfield, a far cry from his humble beginnings as an illiterate colliery worker.

Much has been written about the Stephensons, father and son. Besides Great Britain, George has been honoured on the stamps of several other countries. In the BBC's 2002 poll, he was voted one of the 100 Greatest Britons.

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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.

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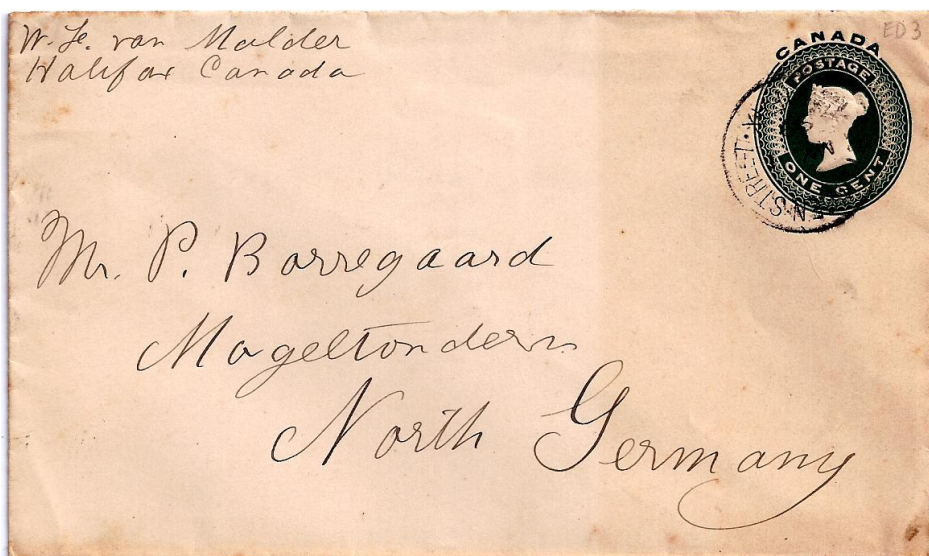
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Cover Story: Mogeltonder

by Keith MacKay

This cover is an example of Canadian postal stationery #U9, a cream-colored envelope embossed with a profile of Queen Victoria with a postage value of 1 cent. Issued in 1898, this product was in use until replaced by #U15 bearing Edward VII's profile in 1905. It was sent unsealed, so 1 cent paid the rate for circulars going to European destinations. It initially caught my attention because of its postmark: Gottingen Street, May 1, 1899. However, the destination adds another element of interest.



The Gottingen Street branch post office opened on March 1, 1894 and canceled its regular mail with that name until September 30, 1903. During that period, Germany had not yet coalesced into the country we know today, just as Canada had not. Politically, Germany was an empire dominated by Prussia and included the state of Norddeutschland ("North Germany"). At the time this cover was sent, North Germany included the duchies of Schleswig and Holstein as a result of the outcomes of the Second Schleswig War (between Denmark and Germany) and the later Austro-German War that ended in 1866. The cover is addressed to Mogeltonder, North Germany, a small village in Northern Schleswig a little to the West of Tønder. Historically, the population of Northern Schleswig was overwhelmingly Danish-speaking, and, based on a plebiscite following Germany's defeat in World War I, the territory was reunited with Denmark in June, 1920. So today, Mogeltonder is located in Denmark, a little to the North of the border with present day Germany.

The cover was sent by William F. van Malder, who, according to the City Directories of that period, was a painter by trade and resided at 32 West Street and later at 7 Agricola Street. I have several other covers sent by him in April and May of 1899 to destinations in Quebec, Ontario and Russia, none of which were sealed. And I have one postcard sent to him from South Africa in 1896, which does not have any message. So, I assume he was a collector corresponding with other collectors.



Do I have a Woodman Cache (Part 4 of a Series) The final instalment

By Brainard Fitzgerald

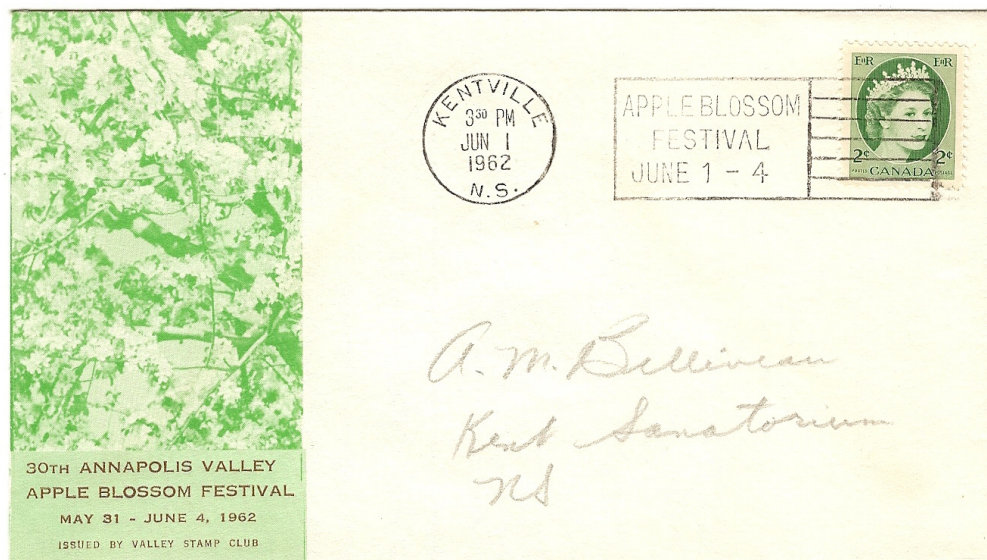
[This is a continuation of an article of the same name in the Jan 2014 Nova Scotia Post—ed.]

Other collectors that saved woodman First Day Covers were W. E. Jarret, Texas; Albert Carter, cancelled Kentville; Don Dawson at Nova Scotia Sanitorium, Kentville cancelled Ottawa; Stewart Peterson, Berwick cancelled Ottawa.

In the late 50's and early 60's Woodman's First Day Covers can often be found with a hand stamp with name and address that he would use to address covers to himself. Later on, the hand stamp changed not only in the size of letters but the Postal Code was added.

I have previously stated that I knew of no Woodman First Day Cover that had more than one color to make the cachet. I propose that the event cover issued by the Valley Stamp Club in 1962 is a Woodman cover and has two different colors, green and red. I believe he probably designed it and had the cover made for the club at the *Advertiser* where he worked. He also had experience in making many cacheted covers. He was also President of the Valley Stamp Club at this time.

One final clue to identifying a Woodman FDC is that he was very much into using a picture of the stamp or at least a portion of the stamp for the cachet. If the stamp was of a person



he tended to use the portrait of the head as part of the cachet. I believe that he had to use the advance pamphlets that informed the public of the new stamp. The pamphlet was an order for, information about the stamp and a little larger picture of the stamp was included. With this picture it was possible to have the cacheted cover ready for the Day of Issue of the stamp. Some were mailed to Ottawa for the First Day of Issue cancellation.

I have chosen six covers that I feel most represent the covers and some of the people I have mentioned. Five can be found in Part 3 Jan 2014 and the final one is presented here.

SAINT VALENTINES DAY

The Feast of Saint Valentine or Valentines Day is celebrated on February 14th that began as a liturgical celebration of one or more saints named Valentinus. Many theories and legends abound; however as to the true story—who knows. Romantic love became first associated with the Day in the Chaucer's time when the tradition of courtly love flourished. By the 18th century in England the Valentines Day traditions that we still know began with sending of flowers and confectionary as expressions of love.

Since Valentines Day is essentially not a holiday it does not get much air play in the stamp world. If you consider the heart as a symbol of love then you might find some more stamps that could fit the theme however it might take away from the intended commemoration of the stamp.

A case in point is Canada, which to my knowledge has not



issue a "Valentine" stamp; however, it has issued a heart on this 1972 stamp for World Health Day and a heart and arrow in the 1985 International Youth Year issue.

The United States Postal Service Love stamp series began in 1973. The stylized word LOVE was created by pop artist Robert Indiana in the 1960s and became a cultural icon the stamp was printed in over 300 million copies.



In January 2014, the USPS released its most recent offering in the Love stamp series. The Cut Paper Heart Forever stamp is printed in limited edition and depicts a large white heart enclosing a pink heart surrounded by pink swirls and red hearts. Note that in the image the word Forever is crossed out. This is the denomination that is good—forever, sort of like our now defunct Permanent stamp series.



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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.

Dues

Yes I am still going on about dues. Some haven't paid but sadly the will not be reading this because they are on the outs with regrets. One last attempt will be made and final numbers will be made in a future Nova Scotia Post.

Thanks to those you have paid their dues before the deadline. For those who receive the news electronically and don't attend meetings please let me know if you want your card mailed or sent as a pdf as proof of purchase.



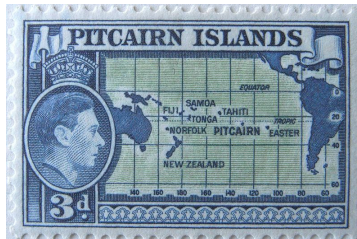
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Pitcairn Islands Stamps



A couple of weeks ago I stopped at Pitcairn Island and had the opportunity to see some postage and philatelic items that the local magistrate, Simon Young had to offer.

Simon has a good cross section of Pitcairn Island material from Scott's # 1 to current issues. While there are some used issues, there is a good amount of

MNH such as the Red Cross issue CD36-7 (below) in VF condition. As well, he has a good amount of FDC's for many of the issues.

His selling price, on this particular day, was in US dollars with no tax however, and it's up to you to ask, if some sort of accommodation could be made to purchase either in New Zealand dollars, through Pay Pal or some other means.

The only real problem is that Pitcairn Island only has mail and freight service (no air strip) via ship once every 3 months with the next ship due in March. There was a mail air-drop by the New Zealand Air Force a few years ago.....and I got the cover to prove it!



Anyway, if you have a particular hole in your Pitcairn Island collection or would like something actually mailed from the island please feel free to contact Simon (thebubuz@yahoo.com) and work out something suitable to you both. **ALSO please feel free to pass this along to any of your fellow philatelists.**

Peter Ineson