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UP and COMING

March 1 Moncton Stamp Fair

March 11 Club Meeting
Auction; Jim Graham

March 20 Friends of Philately

March 29 Fredericton Stamp
Club
Spring Show
Fredericton High School Cafeteria

April 5 Moncton Stamp Fair

April 8 Club Meeting
Auction; Program TBA

April 17 Friends of Philately

April 26 Valley Stamp Club
Annual Stamp Exhibition and
Sale
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May 3 Moncton Stamp Fair

May 13 Club Meeting
Auction; Program TBA

May 15 Friends of Philately

May 3 - 4 2014

Orapex
RA Stamp Club
RA Centre, Ottawa, ON
www.orapex.ca

May 30 - June 1 2014
Royal 2014 Royale, Halifax
Lord Nelson Hotel
www.royal2014royale.com

June 10 Club Meeting
Anything Goes Auction; Closing

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

Madeline Smith Cancel

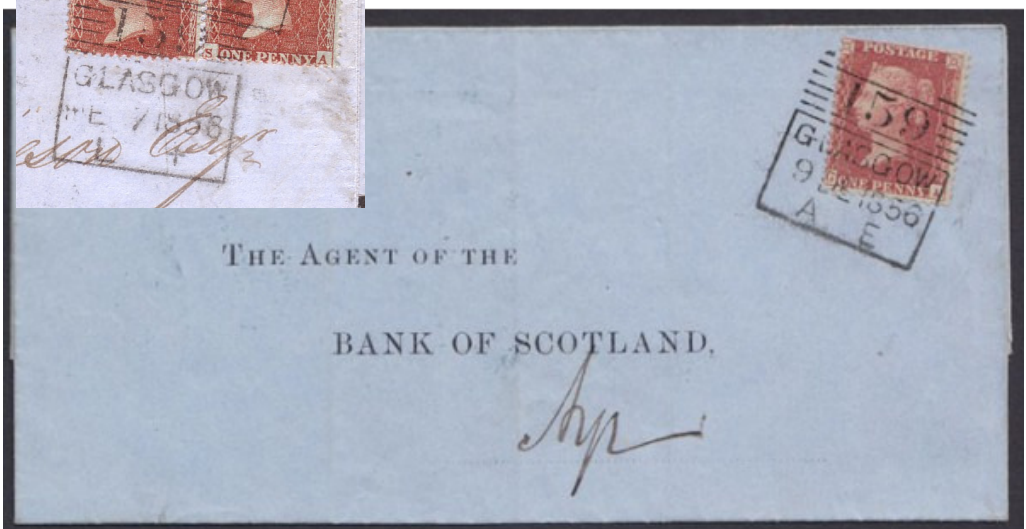
by Rev J. Ray Corbett

The Madeline Smith cancel was called officially: "The Glasgow Experimental Cancel, Type 2". Madeline Hamilton Smith (1835-1928), after whom the cancel was eventually named, came from an upper-middle-class Glasgow family, the daughter of James Smith, a wealthy architect, Janet, daughter of leading neo-classical architect David Hamilton. Breaking with the strict Victorian conventions of the time, starting in 1855, she had a secret love affair with Pierre Emile L'Angelier, a low salaried packing clerk originally from the Channel Islands. They engaged in voluminous correspondence. On becoming engaged to prominent Glasgow businessman William Minnoch, she broke off her relationship with Pierre and asked him to return her love letters. He refused and further said he would make them public to expose her and force her to marry him. Several weeks later he was found dead of arsenic poisoning.

On the 7th April 1857, aged 22, Madeline was arrested and put on trial for murder, on evidence of the letters found at L'Angelier's lodging house. Circumstantial evidence pointed to her guilt - she had recently purchased arsenic and she had motive; however the verdict was returned 'non proven', that is, "we know you did it, but we can't prove it". During the trial, one of her letters, undated, was produced. But because the post mark was illegible it could not be used as evidence. Some claim the illegible postmark saved her from the gallows. Such was the notoriety of the trail the Glasgow Type 2 became known as the "Madeline Smith Cancel".

After the trial she married English artist George Wardle and moved to the south of England. On separation from her husband she moved to New York City to live with one of her son Thomas. And there she died in 1928, age 93, under the name Lena Wardle Sheehy. There is some speculation as to the truth in this.

Madeline Smith Cancels are not common, but a good example could be purchased without digging too deeply into one's pocket. The earliest known date is 6th February 1856 and the last known date is 19th June 1857. The examples shown are dated FE 7 1856 (left) and 9 DE 1856 (below).



Cover Story: Cadet Fairbank

by Guy Jeffery



This cover is interesting for several reasons. For a small queen collector it is a very fine example of the one cent lemon yellow stamp perforation $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ on cover dated 21 November 1879. To others, who are interested in military history or military covers, it is a rare example of a letter to a member of the first class at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario.

Cadet Fairbank was Charles Oliver Fairbank (1858-1925) born in Niagara Falls, UC. He entered Military College on 1 June 1876, one of the "Old Eighteen". The "Old Eighteen" were the members of the first class to enter Military College. Each entrant to Military College is given a college number upon entry. Fairbank's College Number was 12. Of the original 18 entrants, 14 graduated four years later in 1880 with Fairbank among those graduates. The Military College in Kingston became the Royal Military College in 1878 when Queen Victoria granted the Royal nomenclature.

Fairbank was commissioned in the Royal Artillery but he resigned one year after graduation and went to Columbia University in New York City where he became a successful medical doctor. Fairbank became the Commanding Officer of the 18th Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force in World War 1. When the battalion was broken up to provide replacements to units serving in France, Fairbank took a demotion to Lieutenant and went to serve in France at the age of 57.

Charles Oliver Fairbanks was married and had four sons, the last one born in 1904.

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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The Valley Stamp Club



Annual Stamp Exhibition and Sale

Saturday April 26, 2014
10:00 am to 3:30 PM

Something for Everyone



- ✓ Award Winning Stamp Exhibits
- ✓ Stamp and Coin Dealers
- ✓ Flower Cart
- ✓ Canada Post
- ✓ Auction 2:00 PM



Refreshment area, free admission and large parking area

WHERE: Louis Millett Community Complex at 9489 Commercial Street
New Minas – Directly across from Ken Wo Golf Club



From Halifax: Take Exit 11 and turn right off exit ramp and left at stop light.

From Yarmouth: Take Exit 12 at New Minas, left off ramp, right at second set of lights.

Transit Mark?

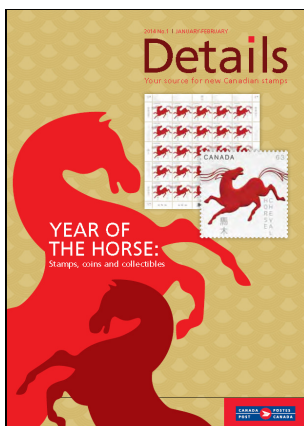
By Marty Zelenietz

Illustrated here is the corner of a large flat envelope sent from Victoria, BC, on 27 January 2014, as shown by the neat strike of the Victoria CDS. The envelope arrived in Dartmouth on 31 January. What caught my eye was the single-line sprayed-on marking in the upper right, "140128 06:07 6213". The date seems to be 28 January, indicating it was applied after the envelope entered the mail stream. I'd appreciate any information on this seemingly random transit mark.



The Small Details

If you subscribe to Canada Post's "Details" magazine you probably noted the smaller size (approximately 8" x6"), slightly reminiscent of the size it was years ago. The digest format is easier to hold and read, according to Jim Phillips, Director of Stamp Services at CP.



In addition to the size change it will now be published eight times a year instead of four. I assume this will be 6 issues covering two month periods and possibly two speciality issues—that wasn't stated. Phillips goes on to state that more issues means that we will have information on releases closer to the date of issue rather than only every three months and more editions means more extensive stories on some issues.

The new format started with the calendar year - 2014 No.1 January-February. This is the first week of March and I am still waiting on the next issue and typically March is a busy stamp release month. So it seems that the intention to get more information out sooner is there - something seems to be lost in the delivery...a recent, heralded issue.

The Inverted Jenny Flies Again

This souvenir sheet features a new version of perhaps the most famous error in the history of U.S. stamps: the Inverted Jenny, a 1918 misprint that highlights the ways a single stamp can turn history upside down.

The sheet includes six Inverted Jenny stamps, reprinted with an updated denomination and surrounded by an illustration that includes the National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C.; the route of the first regularly scheduled airmail service between Washington, Philadelphia, and New York; and aviation pioneer Reuben H. Fleet, who was in charge of the first group of airmail pilots. The intaglio printing plates for the new stamps were created using proofs made in 2013 from the original Inverted Jenny dies.

Issued to commemorate the start of the first regular airmail service in the United States, the original Jenny stamp was designed to show a Curtiss JN-4H, or "Jenny," the biplane used to deliver the mail. However, on May 14, 1918, the day an official notice said the stamp would debut, collector William T. Robey of Washington, D.C., purchased one sheet of 100 stamps that mistakenly showed the biplane upside down and one of the greatest philatelic treasures in U.S history was released into the world.

The art director for this souvenir sheet was Antonio Alcalá. The selvage artwork was created by Steven Noble.

The new Inverted Jenny stamp is being reprinted with a \$2 denomination to make it easily distinguishable from the 24-cent 1918 original.

Issue Date: September 22, 2013

Source:

https://store.usps.com/store/browse/productDetailSingleSku.jsp?categoryNavIds=catBuyStamps%3asubcatS_S_Commemorative&categoryNav=false&navAction=push&navCount=5&productId=S_580004&categoryId=subcatS_S_Commemorative



Classifieds

Amanda Lewis. stamps and supplies - ARL1964@yahoo.ca.

STAMP SWAP: Available - Better worldwide and Canada for trade by want list:

penny.auction.stamps@gmail.com

Douglas J. Gray Supplies Sale

While supplies last! (tax included)

Vario Sheets: 4 packs for \$20.00

Hinges: 2 packs for 5.00

All mounts: 20% off cat.

Call me with your order at 461-0528 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.

Membership

Jack Marshall, Sheet Harbour, has applied for membership. Jack Collects Canada, USA and Great Britain.

Andy Hare (#624) and Doug Moss (#1058) have resigned from the club.

Royal*2014*Royale

Lord Nelson Prize Winner

Dr. Graham McCleave is the winner of the complimentary 3 night stay at The Lord Nelson Hotel & Suites during the 2014 Royale Convention. Congratulations. The draw was for any registrant that booked accommodation prior to March 1.

PHILATELIC WORD SEARCH

G A P I O G N I X O F P R M M
P N I E R M L E B A L Q D S S
M L I N E E N G R A V I N G L
A R O L L L N I T D E H R A N
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A N S B P F A C H A T J B I S
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J R E L L I F E C A P S C E O
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ACCESSORIES
ADHESIVE
BACK STAMP
BISECT
CACHET
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DIE PROOF
ENTIRE
ERROR
FACE VALUE
FOXING
GUM
LABEL
LINE ENGRAVING
MULREADY
OMNIBUS
PEEL AND STICK
PLATE NUMBER
REPRINT
RETOUCH
SE-TENANT
SPACEFILLER
SURCHARGE
TIED
TONING

Submit your own theme based word list. [NSSC ed.]



The Royal is Coming

The Royal 2014 Royale Convention Committee is pleased to announce the official visitor registration form is now online under the "Registration" menu. As in previous conventions, the visitor registration is used to sign up for any of the events, which include a President's Reception, Awards Banquet, Halifax Harbour Hopper Tour, and finally an Annapolis Valley Wine Tour.

The official forms and prospectus for exhibitors are now online under the

"Forms & Documentation" menu. As in previous conventions, the prospectus defines the rules and regulations for an exhibit, and contains all the official numbers and addresses to contact Gary Steele if any issues or questions are raised.

In addition, the registration form is used to register your exhibit with the committee, in preparation for placement and display on the convention floor.

Please note that all forms must be submitted before May 10th, 2014.

For more information please see: <http://www.royal2014royale.com/>