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## UP and COMING

**April 5** Moncton Stamp Fair

**April 8** Club Meeting  
Auction; John Hall "Royal 2014"

**April 17** Friends of Philately  
Boardroom NS Museum of  
Natural History

**April 26** Valley Stamp Club  
Annual Stamp Exhibition and  
Sale

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**May 3** Moncton Stamp Fair

**May 13** Club Meeting  
Auction; Jim Graham "What I  
Collect"

**May 15** Friends of Philately

**May 3 - 4 2014**

**Orapex**

RA Stamp Club

RA Centre, Ottawa, ON

[www.orapex.ca](http://www.orapex.ca)

**May 30 - June 1 2014**

**Royal 2014 Royale, Halifax**

Lord Nelson Hotel

[www.royal2014royale.com](http://www.royal2014royale.com)

**June 10** Club Meeting

Flea Market; Scavenger Hunt  
Displays; Closing

**June 19** Friends of Philately

**September 24 / 28** SPM Expo

2014: International Exhibition

FIAF - St-Pierre-et-Miquelon

**Travelling?** Check out time and  
place of other shows at

[www.rpsc.org/shows.html](http://www.rpsc.org/shows.html) or

[www.csdaonline.com/shows](http://www.csdaonline.com/shows)

## **Dead Letter Office**

**AP 15 1876**

**- CANADA -**

#16 Continuing Series by Gary Steele

*Latest Reported Date*

A rare handstamp that I have been looking sometime for is the one on the back of item shown below. Although it does not stand out initially like my Ottawa oval handstamp on the cover to Gambia in the December newsletter, once you know what you are looking at, it does take on some significance. This item is also pictured on Brian Plain's DLO book cover.

There are two 21mm split circle handstamps, one with dots between the words 'DEAD.LETTER.OFFICE' and one without dots 'DEAD LETTER OFFICE'. It is listed as DLOS-1 and is the Latest Reported Date (LRD). The side arcs are 2.5mm wide and all letters as usual are sans-serif and capitalized.

Originally mailed from Wingham, Ont. AP 17 1876, a fancy business cover to Goderich Ont. un-paid as assumed to be Free On Her Majesties' Service, RETURNED - FOR / POSTAGE and RETURNED - FOR / DEFICIENT POSTAGE imprinted with a large '9', sent to the Ottawa Dead Letter Office AP 15 1876 (inset), postage received and franked with 3 x 3 cent Small Queens, received in Goderich on AP 18 1876.



## Canada's Priciest Stamp

by Glen Stephens

Canada's most valuable stamp is not the famed "12d Black" - but the innocuous looking 2¢ green stamp shown here.

Two of the 3 known examples will be auctioned in 2014. One was sold Feb 22, 2014 for \$C546,000 by Brighams in Toronto.

The firm is owned by Ron Brigham, the seller of this 2¢ stamp, and is part of his extensive and valuable Canada stamp collection being sold this year.

Charles Verge, the Auction CEO told me after the sale - *"The stamp was hammered at \$C546,000 with buyers premium. Taxes have not been established yet"*.

That appears to be a little higher than the invoice price of the 1851 "12d Black" MUH example sold in 2011 for \$US489,000, by Spink/Shreve in New York.

So for the time being, I think we can say this 2¢ green Large Queen holds the record price for any Canadian philatelic item.

At the time, I typed that was a bargain price for a pristine, verified MUH 12¢ example,



with massive margins like that, and I concluded my auction report with -

*"In my view it was a bargain, and if I had the money I'd have bought it in a heartbeat. Someone will do VERY nicely out of this next time it is sold."*

Someone clearly agreed - that stamp is now offered for 50% more than that 2011 Auction price, at about \$US750,000.

The 2¢ Large Queen on laid paper was printed in 1868, but not first discovered by Philately until 1925, and so far only three have been found, all used. Many more could exist, as at least one sheet must have been printed, and probably many sheets.

Other examples may lie unrecognised in stamp collections. Or circuit books!

The basic stamp is fairly common, and is printed on wove fibre paper, the type of paper used for most stamps in this period.

A small printing was done on the "horizontally laid paper" meant for postal stationery, and these are the scarce ones.

Until last year only 2 copies were recorded. Then a third example was bought from an American Philatelic Society sales book, for less than \$5.

Sales or Circuit Books are where owners place an asking price on their surplus stamps, and the books are passed or mailed around within clubs etc.

That new find has a 2013 Vincent Greene Expert Committee Certificate as genuine in all respects.

It has small defects, as did the Brigham example, and bears a very pretty "March 17, 1870 Hamilton C W" (Canada West) SON cancel.

This new example will be offered for sale at auction by Gary Lyon in Canada in October 2014.

It has noticeably better perfs, centring and cancel than the Brigham example, and has a current Cert, so I'd guess it will eclipse the realisation of that example.

The Greene Certificate working papers for this stamp runs to TEN detailed pages. [tinyurl.com/Green2c](http://tinyurl.com/Green2c)

This is only the third known copy of this stamp, and the first copy seen since the two other copies were expertised in 1935 by the Royal Philatelic Society, London.

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### 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  
102 Birch Bear Run  
Lewis Lake, NS B3Z 4B8  
[webnews@nsstampclub.ca](mailto:webnews@nsstampclub.ca)

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



## Announcing The Nova Scotia Stamp Club Scavenger Hunt

Last year the NSSC held a very successful Scavenger Hunt with a large number of members participating. The stamps found were quite varied and came from all over the world. The competition was very close until Carmichael Wallace was awarded the win with a display chocked full of bonus points. This year, the list has come from club members by ballot and there appears to be some very challenging items to find.

You will have two months to put your lists together. We have added a few more bonus points as well, so your knowledge of your own collection will hopefully shine through in your efforts. Be sure to bring your mounted stamps to the June 10th meeting where your results will be judged and displayed. June 10th will also be our year end social and flea market, so don't forget to bring along some edible treats, and a few of those items you would like to see become part of someone else's collection. This should be a nice wrap for what has been quite a year for the NSSC.

### Follow these simple rules:

1. All stamps must be legally issued stamps from any country in the world.
2. All stamps must be displayed in some fashion other than loose in an envelope. Vario sheets might work the best but if you prefer to mount the stamps on a page that works too.
3. Each stamp must be identified as to which category it is filling.

### How to gain points:

1. **One point** for each category fulfilled.
2. If a stamp covers more than one category, each category AFTER the first one counts as two additional points.  
**Note:** A stamp featuring two or more subjects receives bonus points but only fulfils one item on the list of 24. That is to say if you have a stamp with a goat and a church on it you receive three points but you have only covered one item on the list and should find another stamp with either the goat or the church so you can cover all 24 categories.
3. **5 bonus points** if all categories are covered.
4. **5 bonus points** if stamps are from 24 different countries.
5. **5 bonus points** for two used stamps from different countries postmarked the same day
6. **One bonus point each** for largest and smallest stamp.

### The following categories are to be covered:

1. An unusual Nova Scotia Place
2. War of 1812
3. Board Game
4. Dragon Boat
5. Sport of Cricket
6. Hot Air Balloon
7. British Lord
8. Bi-Plane
9. Bird Flying over a Train
10. Shotgun/Rifle
11. Snail
12. Piano
13. Church
14. Goat
15. Sport Utility Vehicle
16. HMS Victory
17. An Elephant Carrying or Transporting Something
18. A Man's Tie
19. A Living American
20. A Painting by or of Salvatore Dali
21. Nuts
22. Jewellery
23. Microphone
24. New Year's Celebration

Fun for stamp collectors of all ages!

Open to everyone, test your knowledge and recall.

Find all the items on the list and bring them to the **June 10th** meeting and Closing social.

Good hunting, HAVE FUN  
and good luck with the bonus points.

### Classifieds

**Amanda Lewis.** stamps and supplies - [ARL1964@yahoo.ca](mailto:ARL1964@yahoo.ca).

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

[penny.auction.stamps@gmail.com](mailto: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

Catherine Mackay and Raymond Wilkie have been struck from the membership for non payment of dues

### Valley Stamp Club—NSSC Table

The NSSC will have a table at the Valley Stamp Club Annual show and if any members wish to put anything up for sale at the table they should bring that material to the April 8th Club Meeting or contact Karen Galbraith (865-1361) to arrange a drop off at another time.

Also, please note the venue has changed to the Lewis Millet Center located across from the KenWo Golf Club between New Minas and Wolfville.



## 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.

### 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/>

