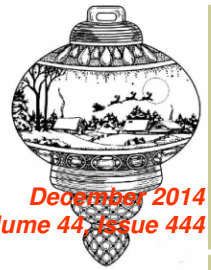




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The Newsletter of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club



UP and COMING

December 9 Club Meeting -
Social and Charity Auction

December 18 Friends of Philately

January 13 Club Meeting -
Buying and Selling on ebay

January 15 Friends of Philately

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

Buckingham Palace - Part 2 - The Interior

by Michael Peach

The minisheet shows four views of some of the sumptuous rooms. When Edward VII became King in 1901, he and Queen Alexandra redecorated their new home.

While showing my granddaughter the sights of London in the Diamond Jubilee Year/Olympic Year, we took a tour of the state rooms of the Palace. After waiting you enter through the Grand Entrance and Hall, and go up the Grand Staircase, stamp, to the state rooms. Today the stairs are used by almost all visitors to the State Apartments at Buckingham Palace, whether they are on their way to an Investiture in the Ballroom, a reception or visitors on a tour of the building.

The Grand Staircase leads up to the Green Drawing Room, stamp, which in turn leads to the Throne Room, stamp. The Green Drawing Room was redecorated in the early 1830's with green tabinet fabric lining the walls. The Throne Room is decorated in scarlet. The thrones are on a dais at the far end of the room and were used by Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh at the Queen's coronation in 1953. The Throne Room was designed for investitures and ceremonial receptions of dignitaries. Royal wedding photographs have also been taken in this room, including those of Princess Elizabeth (later The Queen) and The Duke of Edinburgh in 1947 and The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in 2011.

From the throne room we pass through the Picture Gallery, the Ball Room, and the State Dining Room to the Blue Drawing Room overlooking the gardens, stamp. The Blue Drawing Room is one of the finest rooms in the Palace and is a magnificent examples of Georgian sumptuousness in decoration. The blue flock wallpaper was

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Buckingham Palace...continued

hung by Queen Mary in the early twentieth century, and the Corinthian columns were repainted to resemble onyx during the reign of Queen Victoria.

The tour then passes through the Music Room, the White Drawing Room and exits by the Minister's Staircase to the gardens.

The Royal Stamp Collection was for many years kept in the Stamp Room at the Palace. King George V is reported to have spent three afternoons a week there. In 1999 the Stamp Collection was moved to St. James's Palace, so you cannot see it as part of the tour.

ebay Presentation—January

In January at the NS Stamp Club meeting, Gary Steele will be giving a presentation about buying and selling on eBay. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered please direct them to Gary gwsteele57@gmail.com. as soon as possible.



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.

Membership is C\$15 per person (C\$20 US, C\$25 International) or C\$22.50 per couple payable to:

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DEAD LETTER OFFICE NOV 25 1912 OTTAWA, ONT.

#21 Continuing Series by Gary Steele
New Handstamp (OKC)



Previously unknown items seldom come up, however knowing what to look for and taking chances helps increase the chances for new finds.

This handstamp is very similar to the Gambia cover DLO handstamp in article #15.

This item is also a double border with a thin inside line probably created by the two sides of the rubber oval. The main difference is the distance for the lettering 'DEAD LETTER OFFICE' is slightly shorter and the distance for 'OTTAWA, ONT.' is 3.79mm shorter at 33.33mm compared to 37.12 for the Gambia cover. This is a substantial difference that confirms these are two different handstamps.

Mailed from Cornwall, Ont. on Nov 20 1912 with an American Washington stamp it was RETURNED FOR / POSTAGE by the post office and sent to the Ottawa DLO, whereby payment was received by the addressee and a 1 cent Admiral applied at the DLO and cancelled per regulations.

Feel free to email me with any questions about Dead Letter Office handstamps, or any material I may have an interest in at gwsteele57@gmail.com.



Some recent Christmas and Holiday stamp offerings

THE GREAT WAR 28 July 1914 – 11 November 1918

by Michael Peach

The First World War started on 28 July when Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia. Great Britain joined the war on 4 August when Germany invaded Belgium. I have some covers from the war period, and as these do not lend themselves to a short concise article, I will show some of them from time to time in Cover Corner.

The first one is a picture postcard showing the troops marching off to war. It was mailed from Canterbury, Kent to Isle of Sheppey, Kent. The exact date cannot be read, but it was mailed in 1914. The content of the message is not related to the picture, but concerns the return of mother.



The Christmas Day Truce 1914

by Jeff Parks

Early in the First World War no one thought that the conflict would last long. The initial attack by the Germans through Belgium to France was repelled by French and British Troops. The Germans fell back to the Aisne Valley where they “dug in” and fortified positions. By November a stalemate of sorts had occurred with neither side able to gain or willing to give up ground. The British had flanked the Germans into Flanders and the front line reached from the North Sea to the Swiss frontier.

So it was in December 1914, the fifth month of war, that a series of unofficial ceasefires occurred along the Western Front. German and British soldiers actually crossed the lines to exchange seasonal greetings in the week before Christmas. However, it was on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day that men from both sides ventured into no-mans land to mingle, exchange beer, food rations (German sausage and British bully beef), and souvenirs, such as cap badges and coat buttons. Joint burials of those laid down in battle the week before and prisoner swaps took place. Carol-singing of familiar tunes in English and German occurred. Some men played football (soccer).

“On the day itself, Brigadier-General Walter Congreve, then commanding 18 Infantry Brigade, stationed near Neuve Chapelle, wrote a letter recalling the Germans initiated by calling a truce for the day. One of his brigade's men bravely lifted his head above the parapet and others from both sides walked onto no man's land. Officers and men shook hands and exchanged cigarettes and cigars, one of his Captains “smoked a cigar with the best shot in the German army”, the latter no more than 18 years old. Congreve admitted he was reluctant to personally witness the scene of the truce for fear he would be a prime target for German snipers” [General's letter from trenches, *Shropshire Star*. 5 December 2014. p. 12]

On November 11 2014, Royal Mail issued a Commemorative Sheet of the 1914 Christmas Truce (right). The Sheet features the 2010 Poppy definitive and ten labels with historic photographs showing different aspects of the Truce. There were other ceasefires or fraternizations during the war but as it dragged on the tolerance for this activity declined as the level of animosity between the ranks grew towards the enemy.



Classifieds

Wanted: 1-Cent Small Queens
cancelled on Aug 28/97 and Oct 8/97. keithmackay@eastlink.ca / 902-421-1376.

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.

If you have something to sell or
looking to buy, send a long a note
and we will post it here for a
time...**This space for rent!**

War Shorts

The entire field postal service of the Austro-Hungarian Army (1914-1918) was controlled by the Kaiserlich und Königlich (K.u.K.) (*trans: Imperial and Royal*) Generalfeldpostdirektor through a General-Feldpostdirektion located at Etappen-Oberkommando. Under it each Army had its own Armeepostdirektion bearing in its title the number of that army, and located at the Army Etappen-Kommando. In addition, and where in a war zone no field army was operating, a Feldpost-direktion (normally with an identifying number) filled the same role as an Armeepostdirektion, overseeing and administering the field postal service in its area. In occupied territory, when the field armies had moved on, a K.u.K. Etappenpost und Telegraphdirektion was established to oversee all postal and telegraph services in its area.



Shown is a 1918 registered cover from the 19th Corp in Scutari to Budapest, franked with a 40h. K.u.K. Felpost stamp cancelled "K.u.K. ETAPPENPOSTAMPT SCUTARI (SCHKODRA)/10.IX.18". An applied handstamp in blue reads "Fischerai Abeitlung der W8. des k.u.k. XIX". The registration sticker also reads similar to the cancel



Newsletter Material - WWI

This being the year to commemorate the beginning of the First World War. I am looking for your material - cover, stamp or other philatelic related items that have some link to 1914 to 1918. A short write up or even some notes that can be edited will be satisfactory for this endeavour. Please forward any material the editor.



SPM Expo 2014—Exposition Internationale de Philatélie, was held in September in Saint Pierre. The above pictures show the Exhibit hall - Salle des Fêtes Municipale (left) and the jury (right), headed by Chief Peter McCann (right centre (striped tie)), doing their duty. NS Stamp Club Member Loic Detcheverry received a Vermeil for his exhibit "Les entiers postaux, Saint-Pierre et Miquelon".

Membership

DUES. If you have not paid your 2014-15 dues yet, please do so ASAP.

Nova Scotia Stamp Club, c/o Marilyn Melanson, Treasurer
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New Members

Robert Ferguson of Halifax (#1067) has been accepted as a club member.

Barry Rhodeniser, (1068) Middle Sackville, has made application and been accepted as a member. His interests are Canada, Germany and Transportation topical stamps.