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December 10
Moncton Stamp Fair

Dec. 13 Club Meeting
Christmas Cheer Auction

Dec. 15 Friends of Philately

January 10 Club Meeting

Jan. 14 Moncton Stamp Fair

Jan. 19 Friends of Philately

February 11 Moncton Stamp Fair

Feb. 14 Club Meeting

April 22-23 Novapex

May 25-28 Royale 2017
Boucherville, Quebec

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



Celebrate the holidays and spread the good cheer on December 13th at our annual

Christmas Cheer Auction and Social

Bring your stamps, covers, albums, homemade jams, trinkets (this is an “anything goes” auction) to donate to our annual fund-raising event. All auction proceeds will go to Feed Nova Scotia and the Salvation Army, so bring your bulging wallets to bid big for charity. Heather will have a challenging Christmas quiz, and there will be holiday refreshments (you can bring those, too) to fuel the social afterwards. We usually raise around \$300 for our charities at the auction, so remember to bid big- it is for a good cause. See you there.



Christmas Greetings Postcards

by Michael Peach

The first postcard was produced in Austria in 1869 and the first picture postcard recognisable as such was posted from the top of the Eiffel Tower at the Paris exhibition in 1889. In Great Britain private postcards including picture postcards were permitted from 1 September 1894. The postage was paid with stamps.

The message and the picture were on the front and the address was written on the back. A further development occurred with the introduction of the divided back, for inland use in Great Britain 1902, allowing the address and message to be written on the same side. The picture covered the entire back, effectively the same as current picture postcards.

The first card shows a typical scene associated with Christmas, snow, Santa on his sleigh with the reindeers, and holly (Figure 1 above). The embossed Tuck's card which was printed in Saxony, and was

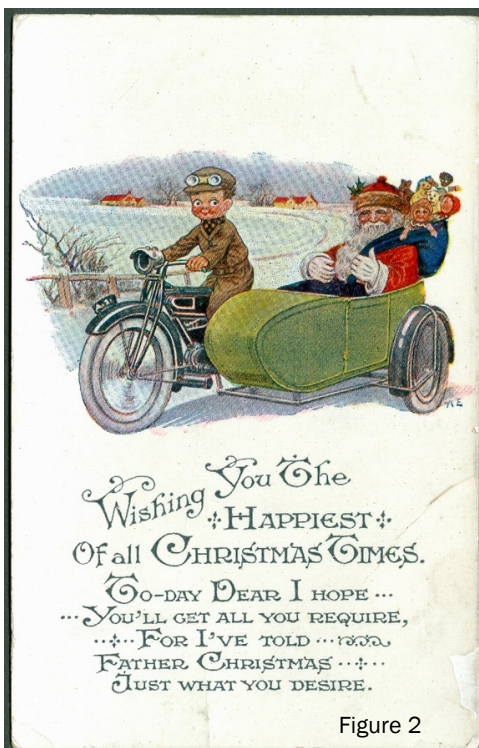


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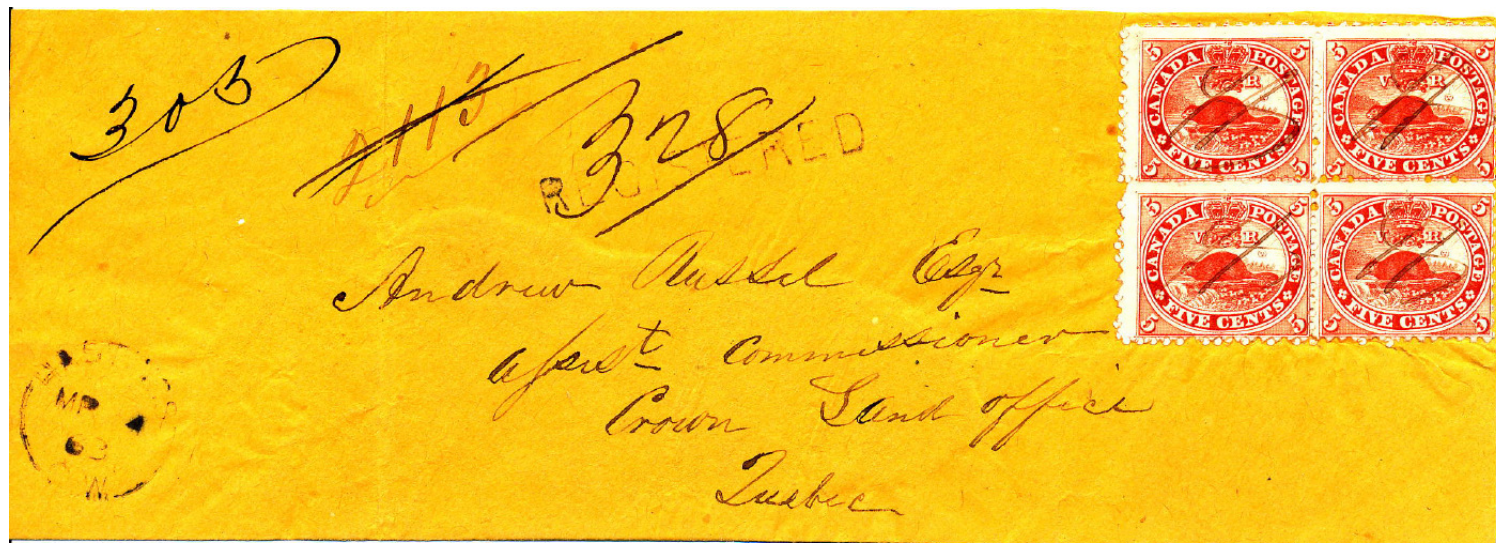


Figure 1

Who Paid the Registration Fee?

by Jack Forbes

This registered wrapper/cover has been in my possession for a number of years, but I wasn't able to justify the possible rate structure until recently. The block of four of the five cents Beaver paid quadruple the half-ounce rate for postage, but what about the Registration Fee? In recent discussions with David Handelman, I learned that the cost to register an item had been established as



2 cents in 1855, and up until 1865, had to be paid by the sender, in cash. The presence of the Registration Handstamp verified that the fee had, indeed, been paid. Consequently, there is no indication of the amount of the fee shown on the item itself.

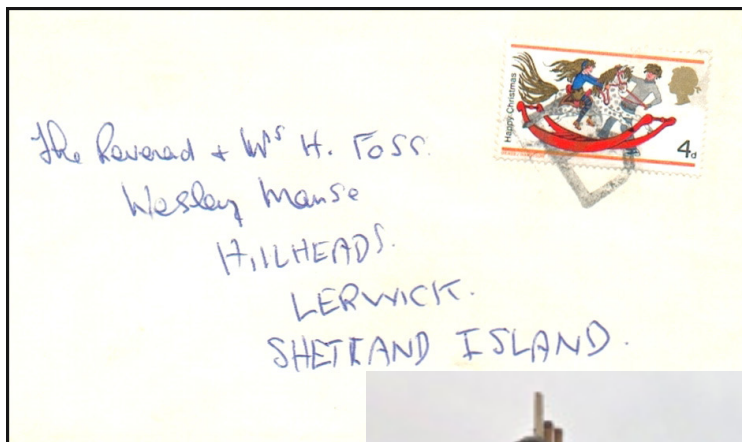
Note that the sending post office was in Hastings, Ontario as evidenced by the March 4, 1863 cancel. The stamps were "canceled" with manuscript "H"'s denoting, in all likelihood, "Hastings".

'B' Cancellation

by Michael Peach

While looking through the covers amassed by Dave Cooper, I came across the cover shown, with a large B cancellation. It is addressed to the Shetland Island. There is no indication of where the cover originated. It has a 1968 4d Christmas stamp, which would have covered the second class postage from September 1968 until decimalization in February 1972. It was probably mailed for

Christmas 1968. The 1969 Christmas stamp was issued in October 1969. The cover passed through the Glasgow South machine, but the wrong way



up and was not cancelled. The B cancellation was applied at the Glasgow Head Office. The B handstamp was usually employed for internal duties.

Thanks to John Strachan for details of the B cancellation.



Wesley Manse, Hillheads

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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.

Membership is C\$15 per person (C\$20 US, C\$25 International) or C\$22.50 per couple. Send **new memberships** to...

Nova Scotia Stamp Club
102 Birch Bear Run, Lewis Lake, NS B3Z 4B8

Membership renewals are sent to
NS Stamp Club c/o Marilyn Melanson
28 Birch St Halifax, NS B3N 2V1

Christmas Postcards continued

mailed from Ingersol, Ont on 22 December 1908 to Blair (Cambridge), Ont.

Santa's delivery was updated on the second card, a W & K London, E.C., British manufacture card. Santa is now been taken around in a motorbike sidecar (Figure 2 (page 1)). It

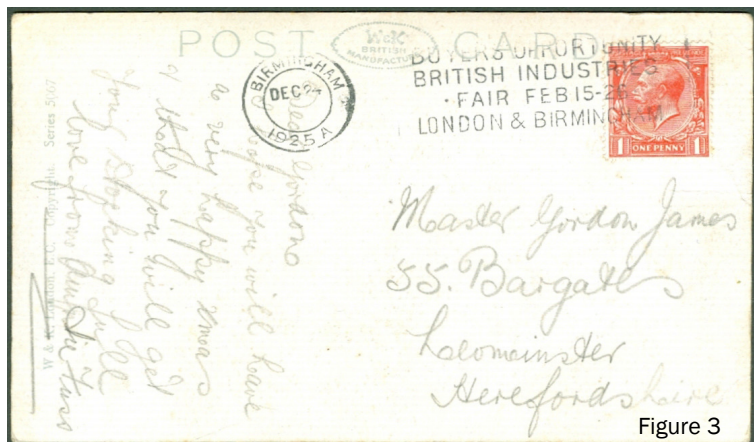


Figure 3

was mailed from Birmingham on 24 December 1925 to Leominster (Figure 3). Maybe it got there in time for Christmas Day delivery. The Post Office would have worked on at

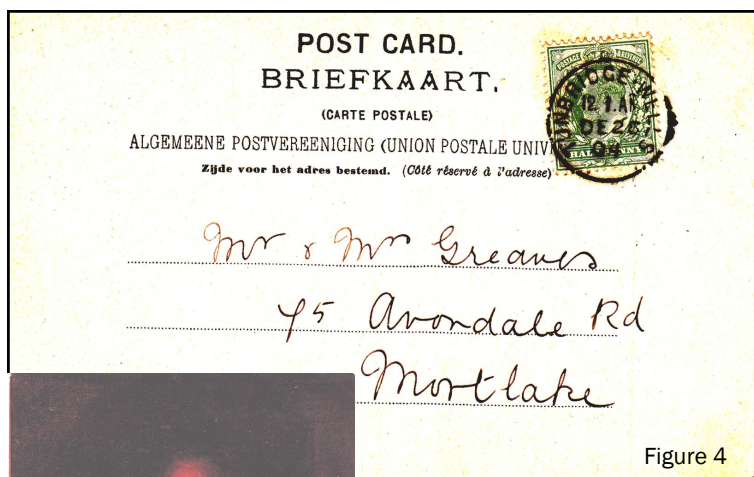


Figure 4



Meisjes Portret Rembrandt

Figure 5

(Figure 4). It may have got delivered on Christmas Day. The card has a Rembrandt painting, Portrait of a Girl (Figure 5).

least Christmas Day morning. In the late 1950s, I was a temporary helper at the Post Office during the Christmas rush and I even delivered mail on Christmas Day morning.

The third card, a Belgian UPU card with instructions in Dutch and French, was mailed on 25 December 1904 at 12 AM, from Tunbridge Wells, Kent, to Mortlake (Greater London)

Dead Letter Office (DLO) Handstamps (#27)

by Gary Steele

District Superintendent of Postal Service

D. L. O.

JUN 15 1932

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Winnipeg, Man.



It is the variety of material those DLO specimens provide creating the excitement of the search and chase to see something your brain can't even dream up. Here we have a South African cover mailed to an incomprehensible address 'c/o The French Consulate, Hausa, Haute-Volta, West Africa' a huge



several thousand-kilometer expanse of West Africa dissolved mere months after this mailing. Handstamps indicate it went through Matadi, a sea port in the Congo March 28 1932 onward to Haute Volta on the 30th where it may have been hand-stamped RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR (partial strike) and INCONNU.

It appears to have been short-paid 2d to a UPU destination, double deficiency 4d equivalent to 33 g centimes, or 35 centimes in this case (thanks to Ken Snelson's calculations). With the address crossed out and an octagonal T35 postage due handstamp applied, it was sent to Canada as the return address indicated to a Miss Nora Mather Estevan, Saskatchewan, Canada. To do so the Ottawa DLO received it on June



Club News

Moncton Stamp Fairs

The Moncton Stamp Fair is located at the Royal Canadian Legion, 100 Veterans Avenue Moncton on the Second Saturday of the month. The Fundy Stamp club will hold a Silent auction between 10 am and 1 pm and a Live Auction at 1:20 pm. Fundy Club Members may present stamp lots for the auctions.

Newsletter Material

The Nova Scotia Post is looking for articles of interest to the membership. Do you have an interesting or unique cover? Write it up and send it in. Find a new variety? Tell us about it. Been doing some research? Share it with us. Have an opinion about the club? Let the membership know. We are here for you. Thanks in advance.

New Stamp Store Opening in Dartmouth

NSSC member Marcus Brauer is opening a new stamp store, **Under Pressure Antiques**, in Dartmouth. Collectors will rejoice at the return of a retail stamp location in HRM. The premises are located at 35 Wentworth Street, Dartmouth, NS, B2Y 1G0, on the second floor of the Dartmouth Main Post Office. In addition to stamps, UP Antiques will carry collecting supplies, antique maps and books, postcards, and other wonderful collectables. There will also be space for collectors to meet and schmooze. UP Antiques also has 4 large rooms available to lease if you would like setup your own facilities, secure storage, studio or other use at reasonable prices. The Nova Scotia Post will carry further information once the store is up and running. We wish Marcus well in his new enterprise.



The Executive met on November 22nd and discussed the Novapex schedule for the next several years. We are going with a spring show for 2017: it will be April 22nd and 23rd at the Dartmouth Seniors' Centre. 2017 will be a regional show. The revised prospectus and entry forms should be available in the January Nova Scotia Post, along with an article by John Hall on the new judging standards and categories. Looking ahead, word is that the remodeled Sportsplex will not have space that suits our needs, so we will have to find a new venue for our National Level shows. We will get some guidance from the membership survey forms when Marty finishes analysing the data.

Advertising- The Executive decided in favour of allowing club members and philatelic businesses to advertise in the Nova Scotia Post. The ads will be accepted at the discretion of the editor, and may be modified to fit our format. Cost is \$5 per insertion, prepaid to the editor. Contact Marty at zen@ns.sympatico.ca for further information or to advertise.

Membership Dues

Last call for dues before we get out the big stick. It is your responsibility to ensure that your membership stays current. Individual dues are \$15 and a Family membership (same address) is still a bargain at \$22.50

Do not send dues to the new member address.

Dues are payable to:

Nova Scotia Stamp Club
c/o Marilyn Melanson, Treasurer
28 Birch St Halifax, NS B3N 2V1

DLO 27 continued

7th 1932 (for some reason it looks like June 17th but this does not make sense time wise), forwarded to Winnipeg on June 13th then to the Winnipeg DLO where a scarce newly discovered handstamp was applied on June 15th 1932.

If the Ottawa Inspection Division DLO handstamp was dated correctly June 17, 1932 it would have been sent from the Winnipeg DLO to the Ottawa DLO and returned to the sender in a Return Dead Letter Office envelope from the Ottawa office.

To add additional spice the letter was returned to the sender and charged a 3-cent Return Dead Letter fee with a 1-cent and 2 cent due cancelled and tied to cover. Usually these would be applied to the Return Dead Letter Envelope.

The circular Winnipeg #1 DLO handstamp is the first report with no proof known. This may actually have replaced earlier double ring Winnipeg DLO handstamps that look like a Barrel cancel as no reports exist past 1929.