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UP and COMING

December 9 Moncton Stamp Fair

December 12 Club Meeting

December 21 Friends of Philately

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January 13 Moncton Stamp Fair

January 18 Friends of Philately

March 24-25 2018 Spring National
Edmonton Alberta

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



Our annual Holiday social meeting will be on Tuesday, 12 December, at 7:30 PM at the Museum. Coincidentally, this is the first night of Channukah this year. The meeting will feature a holiday stamp quiz provided by our intrepid quizmaster, Heather MacKenzie. Heather's quiz is sure to challenge and delight us.

The quiz will be followed by the annual Christmas Cheer Anything Goes auction. The funds generated will be donated to the Salvation Army and Feed Nova Scotia. We usually raise about \$300 for these worthy organizations. Help us reach (and surpass) this target: bring in your donations of philatelic material, holiday goodies, whatever. And bring your wallets, so you can bid up the price for charity!!

Following the auction, we'll have our annual holiday social. Bring some goodies to share. Spouses, partners, and potential new members are invited to this relaxed night of stamp club fellowship. So whether you celebrate Christmas, Kwanza, Diwali, or Channukah, join us for an evening of good cheer. Hope to see you there.



NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION

NOVA PEX 2018
National Stamp Exhibition & Bourse

EAST DARTMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTER
50 CALEDONIA RD
DARTMOUTH, NS
LOCATED NEXT TO BEAZLEY FIELD AND CALEDONIA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
SEPT 14 15 & 16, 2018

Exhibits	Stamp Dealers
Souvenirs	Group Meetings
Club Table	Awards Banquet
Door Prizes	Hourly Draws

Youth Day on Saturday with free stamps and supplies for all youth participants

Hosted by the
Nova Scotia Stamp Club
www.nsstampclub.ca/novapex18.htm



CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME. Post something in the Nova Scotia Post: write up an interesting stamp or cover, talk about a treasure in your collection, explain an item of philatelic jargon for Stamp Talk. Write something short - write something long. Share an outstanding title page from an exhibit. We like everything. Email your contributions to Marty (zelen@ns.sympatico.ca) and we'll get you published.

NOVAPEX 2018

After considering a number of options for our 2018 national level show, the Executive agreed on a three day show, 14-16 September, 2018, to be held at the East Dartmouth Community Centre. Committees are being formed. If you want to volunteer, contact Guy Jeffery or John Hall.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are now past due. All collection of dues for renewals of membership are now being handled by John Harvey. You can pay him at a club meeting, or send a cheque (\$15 individual, \$20 family) payable to:

Nova Scotia Stamp Club c/o John Harvey
46 Farquharson Street
Dartmouth, NS, B2W 4A8

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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...

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 102 Birch Bear Run, Lewis Lake, NS B3Z 4B8

Membership renewals are sent to
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 46 Farquharson St, Dartmouth, NS B2W 4A8

STAMPS AREN'T THE ONLY WAY TO DENOTE PAYMENT

by Gordon Smith

There are many ways that payment is received to move mail through the postal system. As a postal history collector, I am very interested in the types of markings used to enable the passage of items through the postal system. More specifically, as a marcophilatelist (now there's a mouthful for you, but it's nice to know what I am!), I study the details, style and design of the markings and like to develop typologies of the markings used. In this article, I am going to illustrate some of these marking based on my collecting interests in Botswana.



Figures 1 & 2

The method of paying postage that we are most familiar with is the **postage stamp**. Botswana has some beautiful stamps. Here are two of my favourites (see Figures 1 and 2). However, in Botswana, as in much of the world, other methods of paying for postage are actually more prevalent than stamps.

Probably, the next most familiar method of paying for postage is the **postal meter imprint**. In this method, the sender has a machine which they pre-fill with a set amount of postage to be used. Letters or labels to be a fixed to a parcel are then passed through the machine which applies an indicium or frank that functions as a postage stamp, a cancellation and a dated postmark all in one. The value of the indicium varies based on the weight and size of the item being mailed (see Figure 3). This is a

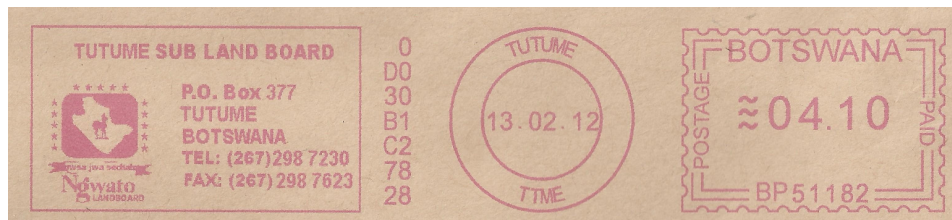


Figure 3: Example of a Botswana Meter Mark

popular method as the envelope or label is passed through a machine to receive the indicium, reducing the handling required compared to applying a postage stamp. Another advantage for the sender is that they do not have to safeguard postage stamps from employee theft. Additionally, the post office does not have to cancel any stamps, requiring less work to deliver the mail, and therefore post office often offer reduced rates for meter users.

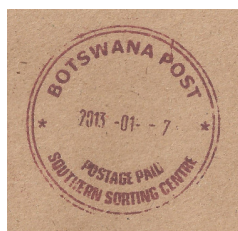
Another main method of indicating payment of postage is **permit mail** (see see Figure 4). In this case, a customer obtains a permit number from the post office and prints an indicium indicating the permit number on the envelope. This method is often used by organizations with large bulk or commercial mailings. The sender usually fills out a form indicating the weight, size, and number of items being mailed and the post office charges accordingly. This method has all the advantages of meter mail, but additionally often requires less handling due to standardization of the mailing and customer pre-sorting, so post office again offer customers reduced rates for using this method, however there are usually minimum quantities required

BOTSWANA CONTINUED



Figure 4: Example of a Permit Mail Mark

to qualify for this service. For customers who only send large commercial mailings intermittently, some post office will offer **bulk mail**. In this situation, while the sender does not have to affix evidence of the payment of postage, the post office applies a cancel to the mail to indicate payment (see Figure 5a and b). While the mailing is often standardized in terms of weight and size and the sender has done some pre-sorting, the application of the cancel requires more handling than permit mail, and the discount on the postage rate is often less.



Figures 5 a and b: Bulk Mailing Handstamps

In a number of countries, the post office allows the government and certain other organizations, such as government-run hospitals and schools to send mail for free. In Botswana, this mail must be handstamped with an **OFFICIAL FREE** indicium (see Figure 6) and mail from government departments must be in an envelope printed with "On Botswana Government Service" or in the case of the post office "On Botswana Postal Service" (see Figure 7).

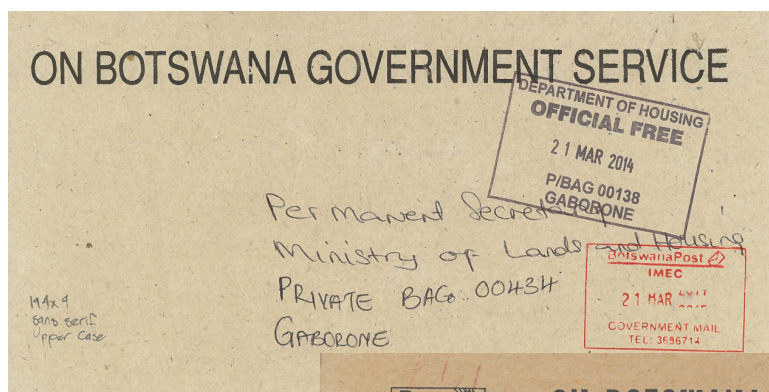


Figure 6: Example of an Official Free Mark and "On Botswana Government Service" Envelope

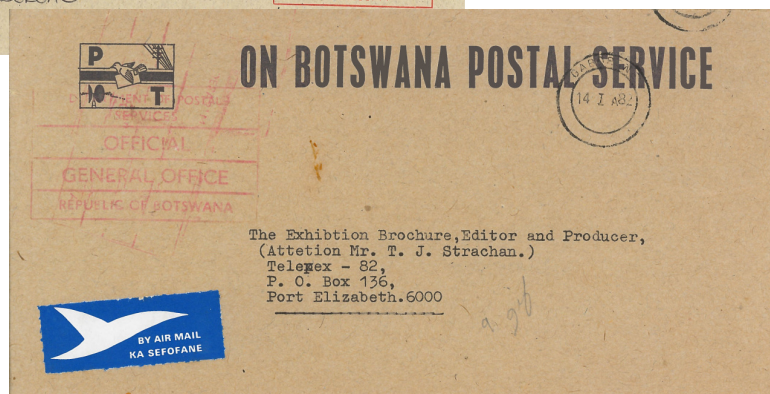
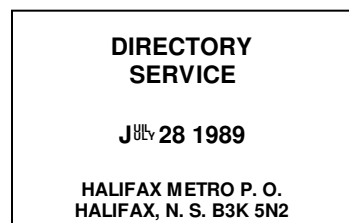


Figure 7: Example of an Official Free Mark and "On Botswana Government Service" Envelope

CANADA POST INTERNAL HANDTAMPS #6

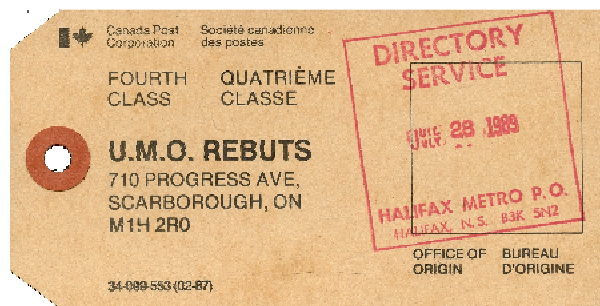
by Gary Steele



The attached tag #34-099-553 from Feb 1987 was printed for the Undeliverable Mail Office (previously the Dead Letter Office), and used by the Post Offices to send mail to the UMO. It is specifically for Fourth Class mail matter that weighs more than 1 pound, does not require payment at the first class mail rate, and is not acceptable at the second or third class mail rates for posting in Canada. There is also an International fourth class mail rate but this does not seem to fit in this case. Such items could be telephone directories or commercial catalogues, etc., up to 35 pounds according to an earlier postal guide.

Failing delivery of one item or several items, they were sent to the Directory Service department in Halifax, N.S. July 28 1989 with a 47.5x47.5mm handstamp applied to a Fourth Class Undeliverable Mail Office tag. From there the mail matter was then forwarded to the Undeliverable Mail Office in Scarborough, Ontario.

This Fourth Class mail tag is as important or more so due to its relationship to the UMO, having not been previously recorded. Ken MacDonald is the one credited for having recognized this special Halifax handstamp, with a side benefit of its relationship to the UMO. A similar tag for First Class mail matter also exists in unused and used form.



MONCTON STAMP FAIRS

The Moncton Stamp Fair takes place on the each month at the Royal Canadian Legion, 100 War Veterans Ave., Moncton, NB 10 am to 4 pm. Silent Auction from 10 to 1, Live Auction at 1:30 Dates: Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14 and May 12.

HALIFAX EXPLOSION STAMP LAUNCH by Leon Matthys

On the morning of November 6, 2017, at the Government House on Barrington St in Halifax, I had the honour to attend the private stamp launch of the Halifax Explosion 100 year commemorative domestic rate stamp.

The room was packed with all sorts of invitees ranging from Canada Post representatives, politicians from all levels, the Mayor, brasses from the RCMP, Fire Dept, Navy, plus artists, historians, media, Stamp Advisory Committee reps and even a stamp collector-exhibitor from our club!

Lt Governor of Nova Scotia, Arthur J. LeBlanc of West Arichat, had a very nice chat about the history of people and places of Isle Madame and nearby with author Joel Zemel and yours truly.

A special framed gift to the Lt-G was unveiled also. In it are a poster, a booklet and a FDC showing both sides of each.

Unfortunately, no special fancy cancel was made for the showing. The post office on Almon St. does not have any fancy obliterations (I found out the hard way), however their kind staff redirected me to the Bedford Row PO where 2 pictorial cancellers can be used to frank your cards and letters.

Let's give an honourable mention of thanks to Stamp Advisory Committee member Dwight Dorey of Cole Harbour First Nation.

*Keep an eye on the Nova Scotia Stamp Club's Facebook page for an announcement for a **January** or **February** 2018 stamp exhibit and presentation on the 'Great Halifax Explosion' to be held at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic on Lower Water St. Halifax.*

Leon can be reached at Matthys.Leon@gmail.com



Above L-R: Leon Matthys, Lt Governor Arthur J Leblanc, Joel Zemel (Author)

Left: The new Halifax Explosion issue

Hugh Rathbun reports:

The lead hand at Halifax Central has been successful in obtaining a *Halifax Explosion* postmark. The marking has not arrived yet but is expected before Dec. 6. The postmark will be available at the four Halifax Metro corporate outlets.

Halifax Central, Bedford Row
Dartmouth Main, Queen St.

Halifax Commercial, Almon St.
Dartmouth CSC, Burnside

CLUB NEWS

The club wishes to thank Peter Douglas for his donation of Admiral stamps, covers and research material. Sale of the philatelic material will benefit the club, and Jack Forbes has bound the research material so it can be available in our library.

Members of the NSSC were missed when invitations were sent out for the private Halifax Explosion stamp launch, as were some local historians. Somehow, Liberal politicians made the invitation list.

If you haven't paid your dues yet, get in touch with John Harvey to take care of it! Thanks.

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB CENTENARY

by Marty Zelenietz

In 2022, the Nova Scotia Stamp Club (affiliate #1 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada) will celebrate its 100th year. The Executive has begun the process of planning for this milestone year. As we approach the date, I'd like to use these pages to share pieces from our past. Our first item, provided by Judy Bowlby and soon to reside in the club archives, is the menu from the 1925 annual dinner. Tasty stuff!

If you have something of interest from our past, pass it on to me and it will grace the Post.

