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UP and COMING

April 9 Club Meeting
"Virtual Collecting?" Jeff Parks

April 13 NSSC Spring Stamp Fair
See details below

April 13 Moncton Stamp Fair
RC Legion, 100 War Veterans
Ave, Moncton NB 10 am - 4 pm.

April 18 Friends of Philately

May 15 Club Meeting

May 24-25 ORAPEX 2019
RA Centre, Riverside Dr, Ottawa

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

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB SPRING STAMP FAIR

Saturday, 13 April
East Dartmouth Community Centre
Caledonia Road
10 AM to 3 PM
Auction @ 1:30
Many Maritimes Stamp Dealers

NOVAPEX 2019

The NS Stamp Club will be hosting a Regional Stamp Exhibition and Bourse at the East Dartmouth Community Centre, 50 Caledonia Road, Dartmouth on Friday and Saturday September 20 and 21, 2019. Details will follow as they are made available. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Joanne Hodder, Novapex 2019 Chair at jh@postalhistory.ca

150 YEARS OF POSTAL SERVICE BY THE BELLIVEAU FAMILY OF BELLIVEAU COVE, NOVA SCOTIA

by Glenna Metchette

Is there any name more recognizable in Canada than Belliveau? Jean Belliveau, "Le Gros Bill," Hockey Hall of Fame inductee, is probably the first that comes to mind (Fig. 1). He played 20 seasons with the Montreal Canadiens from 1950 to 1971 and is widely regarded as one of the ten greatest NHL players. And yes, he has distant roots in Belliveau Cove, Nova Scotia. Anne Murray, "Canada's Songbird," grew up in Nova Scotia (Fig. 2). She has sold close to fifty million albums and has a star on both the Hollywood Walk of Fame and Nashville's Walkway of Stars. However, Anne has never forgotten her Acadian roots. Her mother was born in 1913 to Arthur Burke and Mary Belliveau. Anne says of her Acadian background: "I am living proof. My great, great, great, great grandfather, Piau Belliveau, seized a British ship, threw the Captain overboard, and led families to their 'promised land'."

Belliveau Cove is an Acadian community on the west coast of Nova Scotia's peninsula on St.

Mary's Bay. When British authorities were about to expel the Acadians, they hired Charles Belliveau, ship builder and navigator, to replace a broken mast on their ship, *The Pembroke*. Without warning, on December 8, 1755, Charles and 225 men, women and children comprising 32 families, were rounded up and taken aboard that same ship for exile to South Carolina. During the trip six men, including Charles, revolted. When they were allowed on deck for a short time, they brazenly seized and bound the Captain and crew. Charles Belliveau took the wheel, turned the ship around, landed the crew in Maine, and sailed home.



Fig 3. Benjamin Belliveau (standing), and brother Charles, built the first Belliveau Ship and named it after their father Urbain.

In the 1800's, the sheltered harbour of Belliveau Cove bustled with activity. Surrounding forests supplied resources for the booming ship building industry and West Indies Trade. All of the Belliveau family ships were built on the beaches of the Cove (Fig. 3).

A postal way office was established at Belliveau Cove in 1856, with Mathurin LeBlanc as way office keeper. The first two cancelling hammers, proofed in 1883 and 1914, spelled the name "Belliveaux" (Fig. 4). A third hammer issued in 1923 omitted the "x." The cover addressed to P. A. Theriault & Co. was cancelled front and back in 1921 with the "Belliveaux" spelling (Fig. 5).



Fig 1. Jean Belliveau (issued 28/09/2017)

Fig 2. Anne Murray (issued 29/062010)

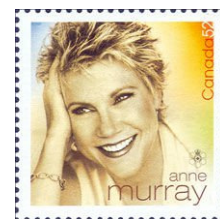


Fig 4.

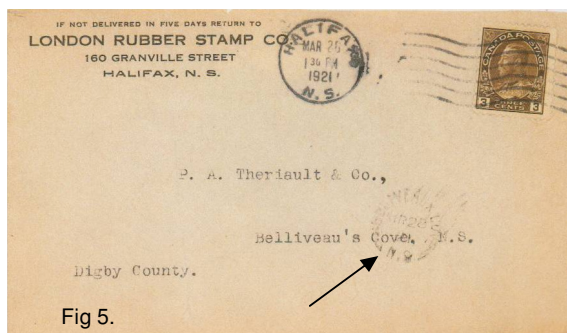


Fig 5.

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BELLIVEAU PO CONTINUED

Urbain Belliveau was the official Postmaster from 1868 until 1897. All mail was delivered by stagecoach until 1891 when the railroad was completed. The post office was in the front parlour of his home. His sister, Chantale, who liked to bake, would often have a cake in the post office for customers. Urbain's son, Benjamin Belliveau, replaced his father in 1897 and served as Postmaster until his death in 1930, so Benjamin cancelled the above-mentioned cover in 1921. It was during his tenure that the post office acquired a home of its own when it was moved to a new building next to his home. Currently, this heritage building resides in a local park.

Pierre A. Theriault, merchant and receiver of the cover, was appointed Postmaster on September 1, 1930. The post office was moved to his store (Fig. 6). His daughter Marguerite looked after the post office while her father was busy. Pierre served until 1936. Theriault and Belliveau families had intermarried, so the Belliveau postal service continued.

Joseph Louis Belliveau, son of Benjamin, succeeded Pierre Theriault in 1936. When Louis was granted military leave to join the Army in 1943, his wife Zephie Belliveau was appointed Acting Postmaster, which she held until his return from the war in 1946. During Louis' tenure, trucks replaced trains in transporting mail.

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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...
NS Stamp Club c/o Jeff Parks
102 Birch Bear Run, Lewis Lake, NS B3Z 4B8

Membership renewals are sent to...
NS Stamp Club c/o John Harvey
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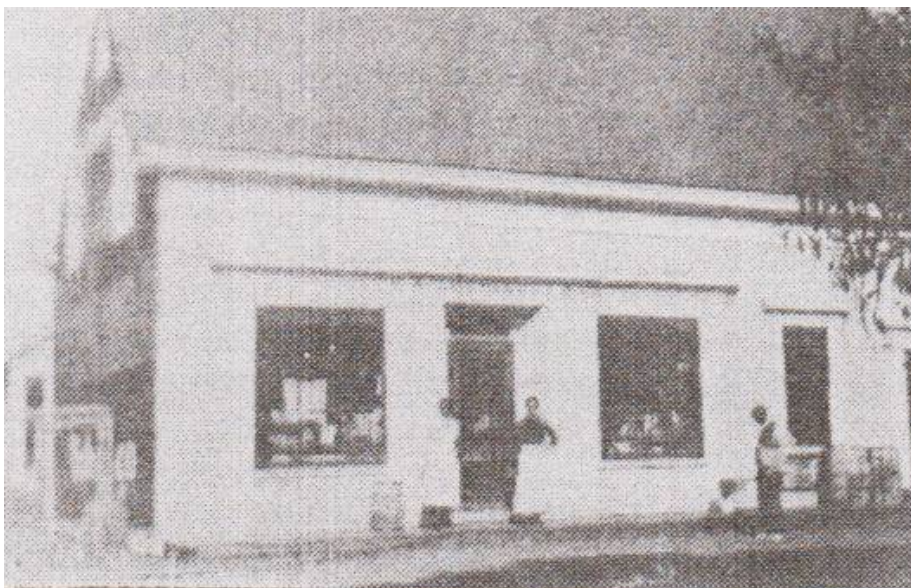


Fig 6. The P.A. Theriault store. The Post Office was located to the right of the door.

Louis resigned in 1958.

The next Postmaster was Joseph Fidèle Theriault, also a World War II veteran. In 1959 the post office was moved to his store. In 1964 it was moved again into the newly-constructed Federal Building. Fidèle resigned in September 1974.

Mrs. Thérèse LeBlanc served from 1974 to 1987. Hubert Boissanaut served for ten years, then Marion Belliveau served from 1997 – 2007. Anita Dugas served until 2016 when Gail Comeau was appointed and remains the current Postmaster. The current cancellation is shown in Fig. 7.



Over the past 150 years, the Belliveau family and their relatives, including the Doucet, Theriault, Comeau, LeBlanc and Dugas families, faithfully served the people of Belliveau Cove. Is there any other Canadian family who can boast 150 years of service to Canada Post?

Fig 7. BELLIVEAU COVE NS BOW 1J0

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DLO HANDSTAMPS #40

by Gary Steele



54x34 mm
Only proof previously known
Purple Ink



Proof strike



ONLY KNOWN COPY

This particular item caught my eye due to features similar to an Internal Handstamp of the British and Foreign Mail Branch. However, the wording and format was different to any listings made. If you look closely in the second line you will see the lettering 'Rebutts D. L. O.'. A very significant find as there are no other proofs or handstamps known of this type of Dead Letter Office handstamp.

Non DLO listings of British and Foreign Mail handstamps are only known proofed or reported for the cities of Montreal, Toronto and Quebec. The question here is why this cover that was paying the 30 cent Trans-Atlantic per half ounce air mail rate was struck with this particular handstamp. I believe that this cover was unpaid, with the destination to a foreign country it was sent to the Dead Letter Office within the British and Foreign Mail Branch. Postage was obtained, applied and cancelled with this handstamp.

A back-stamp dated as 19 - 8 / 46 for 19 Aug 1946 indicates a quick shipping time. Handstamps over the front address **Retour / a l'envoyeur** translate to 'Return to Sender'. Since there was a commercial return address indicated there was no need to be sent back to the DLO and put in a Dead Letter Office Return envelope.



BRITISH STAMP DEALER WRAPPER

by Michael Peach

I recently found the Post Office postal stationery wrapper shown. It conforms to the Post Office size 113x280mm with two corners cut off and buff paper. It was mailed on 24 November 1919 from Woolwich B.O. to Leeds. There are three different green half-penny stamps: two George V's: a letter press printed on the wrapper and a Mackennal head adhesive, and an Edward VII cut out from a postcard. Cut-outs, stamps cut out from postal stationery, were valid for postage from 1905 until 2012 and were often used for dealers during the early years of the last century. If undelivered it was to be returned to the philatelic auctioneers Harmer,

Rooke & Co., of Fleet Street, a major stamp & coin dealer and auction house in London.

Why was the postage 1½d? As the two stamps added are tied to the wrapper, they were definitely not added later. There is no Leeds cancellation, so it was not redirected in Leeds, presumably the writer noticed the wrong address and after crossing it out wrote the correct one. In 1919 the inland letter rate was 1½d for up to 4oz, and the printed matter rate was the same as the letter rate for above 2oz. The folded wrapper is 78mm high, so it is unlikely that it was used for printed matter weighing more than 2oz. The blank back shows that it is definitely a wrapper and not a cover that has had the ends trimmed. As the sender was confused about the address, he/she may have accidentally have



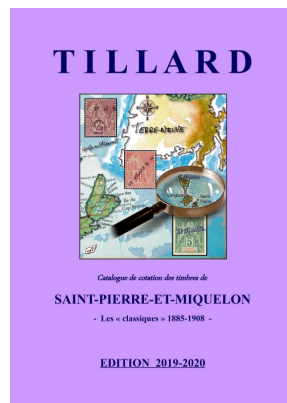
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CLUB NEWS

Keith McKay supplied this report from our "field trip" meeting: March 12, 2019. Whew - no snow storm ! 26 members & guests. 7:15 - 9:00 Plant Manager, Dave Staples, and Supervisor, Lisa Galloway, both very knowledgeable and enthusiastic about postal system operation. They gave an overview of the operation of the postal system and the part that the Almon Street processing plant plays. They also deftly fielded ques-



tions about a variety of quirky experiences members have had with the postal system. And their explanations gave us all lots of interesting insights into the life of the postal service. We even got the closely guarded secret meaning of the letters and numbers in our postal codes. Half the time Q&A and half a walking tour of the plant floor. BIG plant! It's the largest East of Montreal and handles an impressive volume of mail - 1.1 million pieces of mail one day recently. Great hospitality with coffee, tea, cookies, cookies, and cool, hard to get, souvenir pins..



Congratulations to our SPM member JJ Tillard, who had great success at AMERISTAMP 2019. He won the Grand Award in the Open Class (44 entries) with the single frame "SPM, le renard de 1952". He also received a Large Gold medal and 1st Topical Award. Well done!

JJ is pleased to announce the publication of his new catalogue of 128 colored pages about the SPM classics, edition 2019-20. Much information is provided on varieties, quantities, marks, millesimes, specimen..... Many scans. Essential for collectors of SPM. Price : **C\$35** including shipping. Paypal and email address : texspm@cheznoo.net

A Nova Scotian has been named President of Canada Post. Doug Ettinger has been a senior exec with CP for about three years, prior to which he had been CEO of the Scotsburn Dairy Group.

David McLaughlin writes "The next international exhibition open for applications is the always popular London 2020 running from May 2 thru May 9th, 2020. Although the show is over one year away, the application deadline for exhibits is June 30, 2019. The Canadian Commissioner is Ed Kroft who can be contacted at e.kroft@shaw.ca. More detailed information, including copies of the regulations (IREX) and the application form, is available at the exhibition website <http://www.london2020.co>.

April's meeting will feature a presentation by Jeff Parks on "Virtual Collecting?", as well as a Show and Tell and an Auction. April will also see our first Spring Stamp Fair- see the notice elsewhere in the Post.

DEALER WRAPPER CONTINUED

mailed it at the letter rate. Or is it just a philatelic item - doubtful?

In 1919 Harmer, Rooke & Co. was owned by Ernest Harmer. Martin, Ray & Company, founded in 1901, had been purchased in 1905 by the brothers Ernest George Harmer and Henry Revell Harmer. They were joined by the Reverend Edmund Rooke in 1906. In 1907 the company moved from Chancery Lane to new premises at 69 Fleet Street, London, the site of the former premises of Perkins, Bacon & Company, the printers of the Penny Black and where the sales room and offices were all on the same floor. The firm was renamed Harmer, Rooke & Company in 1908, and shortly afterwards Rooke left the company. Henry also left in 1908 to found his own renowned philatelic auction house (HR Harmer Ltd.). The auction house Walter Bull & Company, which had conducted its first philatelic auction in 1888, was purchased by Harmer, Rooke in 1920.

Following Ernest Harmer's death in 1937, the Company was carried on by his three sons, Gordon, who purchased Scott Publishing Company in 1946, Guy and Kendrick. The UK operation was taken over by Stanley Gibbons Limited in 1959 and was renamed Stanley Gibbons Auctions Limited in 1966.