



The Nova Scotia Post

The Newsletter of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club

May 2019
Volume 48, Issue 478

UP and COMING

May 4-5 ORAPEX 2019
RA Centre, Riverside Dr, Ottawa

May 11 Moncton Stamp Fair
RC Legion, 100 War Veterans
Ave, Moncton NB 10 am - 4 pm.

May 14 Club Meeting
Dennis Bedley - "The Canadian-
Siberian Expedition 1919."

May 16 Friends of Philately

June 21-23 Royal*2019*Royale
Mississauga, ON

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

FACEBOOK PAGE ADMINISTRATOR WANTED!

For the past year, the Club has
been without a presence on Face-
book. We need an administrator to
set up and tend to the page. If you
are interested in undertaking this
project, contact Guy at
guy.jeffery5@gmail.com.

NOVAPEX 2019

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

SWAN SONG

by Marty Zelenietz

As a birder, seeing a species new to me, and adding it to my life list, is always a welcome experience. As a stamp collector, being able to add stamps of that bird to my collection of "birds seen in the wild" just increases my pleasure. On a recent non-birding trip to Greece and the UK, I saw four new species. When I got home, I went through my box of "stamps of birds I haven't seen yet" and found I owned stamps depicting three of those species. I started making new pages for my album.

Just last week, I visited my son and his family in Winnipeg. We went up to Oak Hammock Marsh (www.oakhammockmarsh.ca) on Easter Sunday to enjoy the mild, sunny day. The Marsh is a Wildlife Management Area north of Winnipeg, incorporating about 20 square kilometres of wetlands, with an Interpretative Centre that is also Ducks Unlimited Canadian headquarters. The Interpretative Centre is an amazing place, well-designed to catch and hold the attention of little ones like my grandsons.



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 5

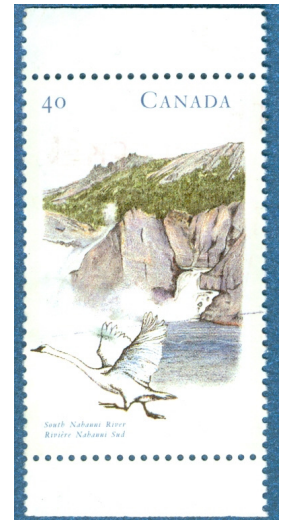


Figure 1

The Marsh is equipped with extensive boardwalks offering access to the property, which is recognized as an Important Bird Area. As we strolled along the paths, I was treated to a variety of birds going about their business: American Tree Sparrows and Dark-eyed Juncos busy on the ground, Tree Swallows at work in their next boxes, and Northern Shovelers, Mallards and Blue-winged Teals swimming on the open water. Red-winged and Yellow-headed Blackbirds squawked in the trees. I was smiling.

My smile widened even more when a pair of magnificent Tundra Swans flew across my path. A lifer! And the bird I had hoped to see. Tundra Swans (*Cygnus columbianus*) (Figure 1) breed, as their name implies, in the High Arctic tundra. The smallest of the "Arctic" swans, they winter in the south. Thus, Oak Hammock Marsh is on their migration route to their breeding grounds, and is an important stopping point on their journey north. It is no wonder that the Ramsar Convention considers the Marsh a Wetland of International



Figure 4

Continued Page 2

SWAN SONG CONTINUED

Importance.

After I arrived home, I went to my favorite bird stamp websites (www.bird-stamps.org and www.birdtheme.org) to check what was available in the way of Tundra Swan stamps. I learned that about a dozen countries had issued around 18 stamps showing the bird. A diligent search through my box turned up 10 "winners", and most of them were attractive stamps. In addition Figure 1 (from Canada's first Heritage Rivers issue of 1991), I am particularly fond of the depictions of the birds on Great Britain's 1988 Linnean Society set (Figure 2), and a trio of stamps from the Far East: North Korea's 1962 issue (Figure 3), China's (PRC) 1983 swan set (Figure 4), and Japan's 1990 Prefectural stamp (Figure 5). These stamps capture the beauty and grace of the bird. Other stamps from Mongolia, South Korea, Albania and the United States are ready to be mounted on my new album page. More stamps are out there to be found and added to the collection.

Looking at the stamps reminds me not only of the splendid bird and the outstanding location, but also of a wonderful day spent with grandchildren.

ELLERSHOUSE REGISTERED

by Elizabeth Sodero

Ellershouse N.S. split ring JU 3 97, poorly centred 8 cent Small Queen, registered cover to George .A. Pyke Esq Centrall(sic) Wharf, Halifax N.S.

Backstamps: HALIFAX&YARMOUTH M.C. JY 3 97 E HALIFAX-N.S.
CANADA JY 3 97 (note use of JU and JY for July)



George Pyke was a Wholesale Grocer & Commission Agent at 59 Upper Water Street. His advertisement in the Halifax City Directory read:

*Special attention given to the selection of tea,
the finest grades of which are always kept in stock."*

The cover is of interest to me with its connection to Ellershouse. Francis von Ellershausen no longer lived in the village with the anglicized version of his surname but he left an indelible print on the village he had created and the German families he had settled and employed there.

The Nova Scotia Post

is a publication of the
Nova Scotia Stamp Club
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Marty Zelenietz - Editor
Jeff Parks - Layout

<http://www.nsstampclub.ca/>
webnews@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.

Send **new membership applications** 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
46 Farquharson St, Dartmouth, NS B2W 4A8

A new record
sequence of work
shifts at Morris
Street PO

MARCOPHILY FUN #11
MORRIS STREET SEQUENCES

Date	Time Mark		
	1	2	3
August 16, 1899			
August 17, 1899			
August 18, 1899			
August 19, 1899			

DLO HANDSTAMPS #41

by Gary Steele

INSPECTION DIVISION
DEAD LETTER OFFICE

FEB 23 1940

No. 12
OTTAWA, CANADA.

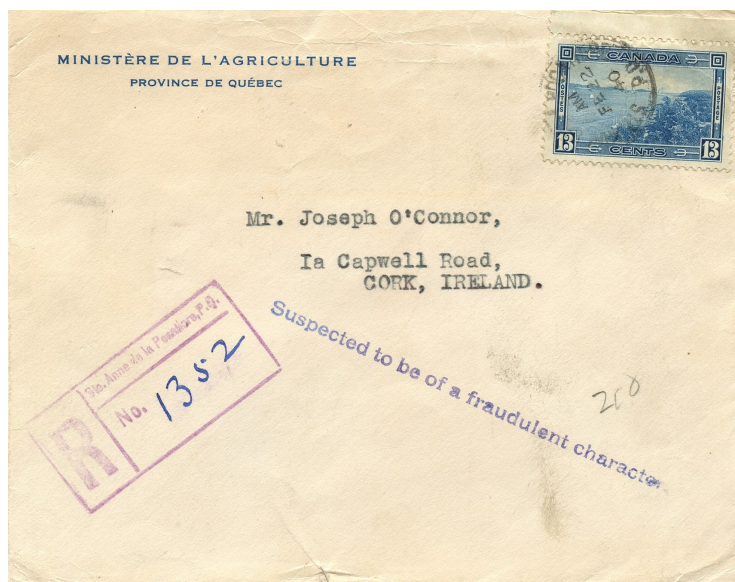
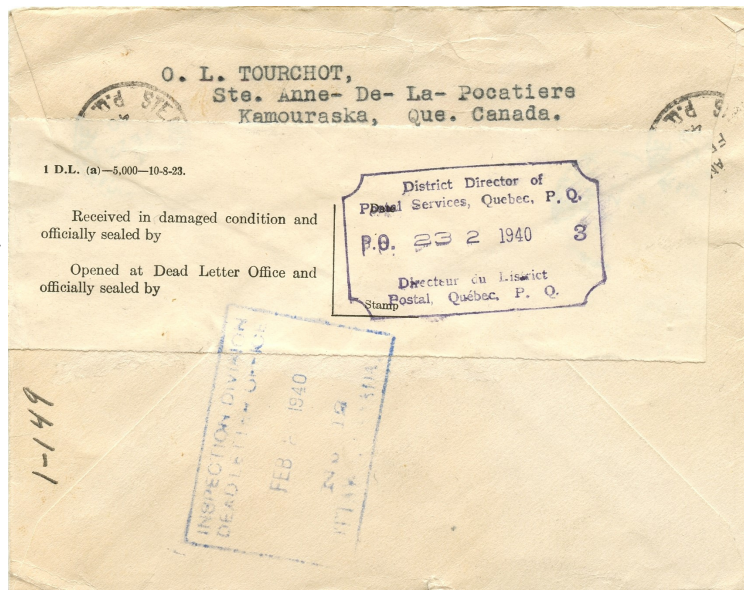
47x33 mm - Blue Ink

No proof known, only three reports to date.

When one searches for covers, you are usually looking for one thing to attract your attention. This particular item has a trifecta of items on the back side: the 1 D. L. label of which very few have survived, the District Director of Postal Services, Quebec, P. Q. Departmental Internal handstamp, and the Inspection Division Dead Letter Office No. 12 handstamp.

The sender, O. L. Tourchot, was not very smart sending a Quebec Provincial envelope to Ireland, recognized to a possible illegal address thus marked 'Suspected to be of a fraudulent character'. For this reason it was sent to the District Director of Postal Service, Quebec City. Per the 1 D. L. label of which only 5000 were printed it states: 'Opened at Dead Letter Office and

The sender, O. L. Tourchot, was not very smart sending a



officially sealed by...' the Inspection Division per handstamp on Feb 23 1940.

With regards to the CPO Departmental Internal handstamp, the letters 'P.O.' could easily be determined to be for 'Post Office'. However, in the past I have noticed the same initials used for 'Postmaster's Office', as a separate office within larger post offices. A side project for the future.

A fine item that could fit in either of two of my collecting interests.

MY FAVOURITE PURCHASE AT THE RECENT NSSC SPRING FAIR

by John Hall



My favourite item purchased at the Spring Fair was this beautiful maxim postcard of a Maude Lewis painting picked up at Hugh Rathbun's table (creator of this maxim card). This limited-edition stamp was launched as part of 2019 Heritage Day celebrations at the Nova Scotia Art Galley by the Nova Scotia Division of the Arthritis Society – Maude Lewis was the 2019 honouree. The Arthritis Society had phone calls from people all over Canada looking to purchase the stamp and it is a much sought-after picture postage stamp. Interesting to note that the stamp has Maude Lewis's signature at bottom right, while the postcard of the same painting has no signature.

Maud Lewis was born in Yarmouth in 1903 and lived in Marshalltown, N.S. She gained international recognition in the mid 60's, becoming one of Canada's best-known folk artists. Maude suffered from rheumatoid arthritis all her life and painting was good therapy for her arthritis. She died in 1970.

CLUB NEWS

Feedback indicates that our trial at a Spring Stamp Fair was a success. Many thanks to Bob Boehner and Michael Pierce for bringing this event to life. We are now exploring the possibility for more frequent Stamp Fairs: perhaps one in the late fall, or perhaps three a year. We'll keep you posted. And if you have any thoughts about Stamp Fairs, please share them with the Executive.

We have recently learned that 2020 might contain more than one major Maritimes stamp show. The Club is slated to host the BNAPS show in early September: Fredericton has just applied to host the ROYAL in mid-late June. Next year could be a very busy time for exhibitors, dealers and collectors in the Maritimes.

All this exhibiting requires people to judge the exhibit. There is a need for people to begin training as judges. If you would like to sign up to be an apprentice judge (Novapex 2019 would be a great place to start), or want to find out more about what judging involves, contact John Hall at john_hall_13@hotmail.com.

Member Cheryl Grantham wonders if anyone in the Club is familiar with the name Rev Ralph Harpell of Sherbrooke?

She has a number of covers with his name and a cinderella post label on them, dating from 1995. When she finds local post covers, she tries to put some history or interesting information with them. If you can help Cheryl out, email her at ccgrantham8384@hotmail.com.

The program for our next meeting (14 May) will feature a presentation by Dennis Bedley on "The Canadian-Siberian Expedition 1919." Dennis will shed some light for us on the little-known engagement of the Canadian Military in the post-war chaos of revolutionary Russia. We will also have Show and Tell and an auction.

We have received an application for membership from Rodney Caley, Halifax, who collects First Day Covers and Commonwealth Stamps. We are growing again.

Tired of reading about kookaburras, ibises and swans in the Post? Well, then, it is time for you to contribute something—write up an interesting cover, explain why you are attracted to a certain issue, tell us about your experiences acquiring, organizing, housing or disposing of your collection. It is your Post.

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB CENTENARY

by Marty Zelenietz

One of the more recent souvenirs from a Novapex was this small (13.3cm x 9.5 cm) cover, which contained an individually numbered ticket to the banquet. I have Tickets #1 and 2. Different versions of Hugh Rathbun's "Rural Mail" stamp were used on this elegant ticket format, designed by Guy Jeffery.



CANADA - NEW ISSUE

The Hartland NB, covered bridge, the longest in the world, to be depicted on a new issue coming in June 2019.

