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UP and COMING

October 8 Club Meeting
Halifax Buildings - Keith MacKay
Show & Tell: Spooky Philately

Oct. 12 Moncton Stamp Fair
RC Legion, 100 War Veterans Ave
Moncton NB 10 am - 4 pm

Oct. 17 Friends of Philately

Oct. 26 South Shore STAMPEX
Michelin Social Club, Bridgewater

November 9 Moncton Stamp Fair

Nov. 12 Club Meeting

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

JAMES BOYLE UNIACKE: AN 1832 NOVA SCOTIA POLITICAL LETTER

by Dennis Bedley

(Editor's note: as we approach the Federal Election, Dennis helps us reflect back on the roots of responsible government in Canada)

A few years ago, I bid on three Nova Scotia stampless covers in a Vance auction. Every so often I bid on Nova Scotia letters like these. This time, I was only successful in obtaining one, and I put it away for a while. Later, in the process of mounting it in my collection, I gave it a close to see who had written the letter. It looked to me to be written by James Uniacke. So I scanned it and sent it to Gary Shutlac at the NS Archives. Mr. Shutlac indicated the signature looked like one they had on a deed from their Uniacke Papers collection. Further investigation using Google and Wikipedia revealed that the gentleman being suggested as the author turned out to have connection to the Uniacke family through Richard Uniacke, who had built Uniacke House.

James Boyle Uniacke was born in Halifax in 1799, one of 11 children of Richard John Uniacke. James passed away on the 26th of March 1858 in Halifax. He led the first responsible government in Canada or any colony of the British Empire. He was the first Premier of Nova Scotia from 1848 to 1854, serving concurrently as the colony's Attorney-General.

James Uniacke was born into politics and entered the colony's legislative assembly as a Conservative in 1832 the same year as the letter featured here. In the letter, Uniacke seeks the support of Mr. Neil McDougall for Mr. Doyle's candidacy in Arichat. Doyle was successful, representing Arichat from 1832-1840.

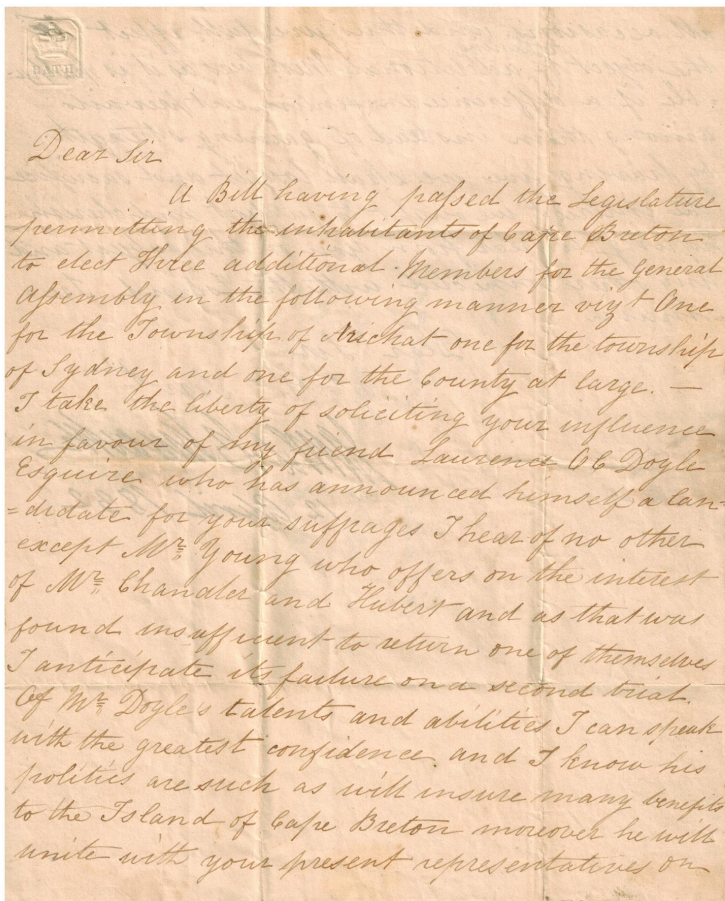
Uniacke joined the Executive Council in 1838. He became a Reformer during the struggle for responsible government, culminating in the 1848 Election, the first under responsible government. This resulted in a Liberal Party administration led by Uniacke, with Joe Howe becoming more prominent after 1851 as Uniacke's health declined.

Uniacke worked closely with Howe, the most influential reform politician of the era. He put Howe in his cabinet as Provincial Secretary. The two politicians worked to adapt Nova Scotia's institutions to the new democratic forms. Uniacke retired as Premier in 1854 to become Commissioner of Crown Lands and Surveyor-General.

The letter, dated 12 April 1832, reads as follows:

Dear Sir

A Bill having passed the Legislature permitting the inhabitants of Cape Breton to elect Three additional Members for the General Assembly in the following manner viz one for the township of Arichat one for the township of Sydney and one for the County at large.- I take the liberty of soliciting your influence in favour of my friend Laurence G.C.. Doyle Esquire who has announced himself a candidate for your suffrages. I hear of no other except Mr Young who offers on the interest of Mr Chandler and Hubert and as that



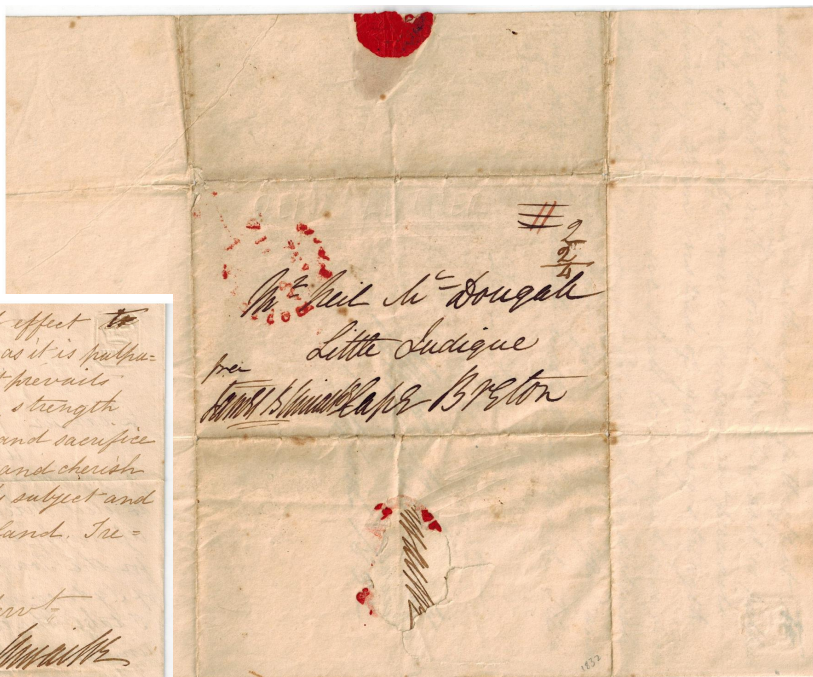
UNIACKE CONTINUED

was found insufficient to return one of themselves I anticipate its failure on a second trial. Of Mr Doyle's talents and abilities I can speak with the greatest confidence and I know his politics are such as will insure many benefits in the Island of Cape Breton moreover he will unite with your present representatives on all occasions and thus give full effect to the object of obtaining additional Members as is it [possible?] if a difference in sentiment prevails among them instead of gaining strength by having five we shall lose it and sacrifice the interest we ought to support and cherish hoping to hear from you on this subject and any other connected with the Island. I remain

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NEW MEMBERS

Applications for membership have been received from Jim McCorry, Halifax (Canada, Scouting on Stamps, Ireland); Brian Murphy, Chester Basin - (Canada covers 1873-1898; Air mail -1946; various issues 1928-1078, pre-1868 NS covers); and Ruth Thurston, Lower Sackville - (Canada, Cartographic stamps).

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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 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

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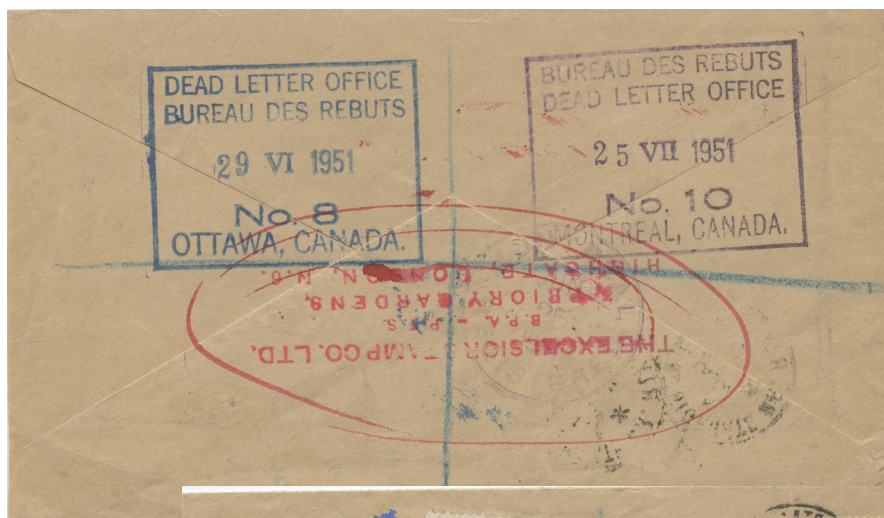
by Gary Steele

DEAD LETTER OFFICE
BUREAU DES REBUTS

29 VI 1951

No. 8

OTTAWA, CANADA.



Attached is a George VI cover from England on one side of the pond (Atlantic Ocean) to Montreal the other side. A nice pair of British George VI eight pence stamps are franked on this registered air mail cover found to be 'Non-transmissible' due to the address being no longer acceptable.

The cover was forwarded to the OTTAWA DEAD LETTER OFFICE on 29 June 1951 and imprinted with a scarce Ottawa No. 8 DLO handstamp. Almost one month later it was forwarded to the Montreal BUREAU DES REBUTS / DEAD LETTER OFFICE, per No. 10 handstamp dated 25 VII 1951 and returned to the sender per address circled in red.

Of particular note is that both the Ottawa and Montreal rectangular handstamps are part of larger sets for Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver. They were proofed between January and November 1948 as part of a larger Canada Post re-organization that included the Dead Letter Office. Few other DLO handstamps were used after 1948.



South Shore Stamp Club
Celebrating **25 Years** 1994-2019
STAMPEX'19
Exhibition and Auction
SATURDAY OCTOBER 26
10:00 – 3:00
Michelin Social Club 221 Logan Rd Bridgewater

► 10:30 - Unveiling Unique 25th Anniversary Bridgewater Stamp Club Cancel

Special Picture Stamp and 25th Anniversary Cover will be sold
Cutting of Birthday Cake

12:30 – Stamp Auction
Stamp Dealer Bourse
Canteen - Free Admission – Free Parking



Keith MacKay receiving the newly-instituted RPSC Volunteer Recognition Award for his contributions to philately from RPSC representative John Hall at the September Club Meeting.

CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to Sean Weatherup and Keith MacKay on receiving the newly-instituted RPSC Volunteer Recognition Award for their contributions to philately. On Page 3 is a photo of our Royal representative, John Hall, presenting the award to Keith at our September meeting. Congratulations also to Club members who fared well at BNAPS in Ottawa: Bill Burden and John Hall brought home Gold medals, and Sean Weatherup, Derek Smith, and John Hall received Vermeils. Our condolences to member Ralph Hawley on the recent passing of his wife Valerie.

We received this communication from Yves Drolet, RPSC, who has recently published an essay on the Montreal Philatelist. "That journal published from 1898 to 1902 had a worldwide readership and served as official organ of the League of Canadian Philatelists, an hitherto unstudied philatelic organization. This study provides an insight into the thoughts and practices of philatelists at the national and international level at the turn of the 20th century." If you would like a pdf copy of the essay, please contact Yves at yv61@hotmail.com.

The South Shore Stamp Club celebrates its 25th Anniversary with Stampex19. The annual Exhibition and Auction will be held Saturday October 26, 2019 at Michelin Social Club, 221 Logan Road, Bridgewater. The Show runs from 10:00 to 3:00. At 10:30 a special anniversary cancel will be unveiled along with cutting of a birthday cake. Club commemorative covers and stamp will be sold. A stamp auction will be held at 12:30. A canteen is available all day for refreshments. Exhibits will include both postage stamps and postal history. Stamp dealers will be present. Admission is free.

Speaking of shows, Novapex 2019, our regional level show held on 20 & 21 September at the East Dartmouth Community Centre, was a great success. Congratulations to all the exhibitors on their great exhibits and the awards they received. For a complete listing, see the Palmares elsewhere in the Post. Thanks go to Joanne Hodder for organizing the show, and to all the volunteers who put in the energy and effort to make it a success. Next show for us is BNAPS 2020, Labour Day weekend next year. Gary Steele is the show chair, and can use your help.

Our next Club meeting is 8 October at the Museum. Keith MacKay will do a presentation on "Halifax Buildings on Cover". The themes for Show and Tell are "Spooky Philately-Weird Coincidences" or "elections" (take your pick). There will be an auction and a draw. See you there.

!!! DUES !!!

Yes folks, it is that time of year again. Pay now and avoid the rush. Pay for several years...! John Harvey will collect dues at the October meeting for 2019-2020 or you can send a cheque to NS Stamp Club, c/o John Harvey, 46 Farquharson St., Dartmouth, NS, B2W 4A8.

NOVAPEX 2019 PALMARES

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Sanctioned Medal Awards

Bronze

Cheryl Grantham: Long to Reign Over Us
Cheryl Grantham: Witley Camp WW I
Lloyd Tancock: Curling

Silver Bronze

Cheryl Grantham: Nova Scotia's Majestic Post Offices
Lloyd Tancock: Cycling

Silver

Jane Sodero: Milford House

Vermeil

Brian Murphy: Nova Scotia Postal History
Elizabeth Sodero: Ellershouse – A Village not a House 1875 – 1899
Jane Sodero: Canada's 1955 Eskimo Hunter

Gold

Doreen Fitzgerald: Visiting Acadia University Through the Years
D. Fitzgerald: The Story of Kaulback Island Local Carriage Postage
Brainard Fitzgerald: The Apple, the Blossom, the People, the Story
Paul Grimm: Squared Circle Postmarks of Prince Edward Island
Jane Sodero: The Postal Markings of Guysborough, NS 1838-1937
Sean Weatherup: Newfoundland: The 1933 Gilbert Issue

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors - AAPE Awards

Silver Pins

Cheryl Grantham: Nova Scotia's Majestic Post Offices
Brian Murphy: Nova Scotia Postal History

WE Award - Sterling Achievement Award

Lloyd Tancock: Cycling

Novice Award

Brian Murphy: Nova Scotia Postal History

American Topical Association - ATA Awards

Gold Medal

Brainard Fitzgerald: The Apple, the Blossom, the People, the Story

Silver Ribbon

Doreen Fitzgerald: Visiting Acadia University Through the Years

1 Frame Award

Elizabeth Sodero: Ellershouse – A Village not a House 1875 – 1899

British North America Philatelic Society - BNAPS Awards

Best BNA Exhibit

Paul Grimm: Squared Circle Postmarks of Prince Edward Island

Best 2, 3, or 4 frame BNA Exhibit

Sean Weatherup: Newfoundland: The 1933 Gilbert Issue

Best Researched BNA Exhibit

Doreen Fitzgerald: ... Kaulback Island Local Carriage Postage

Elizabethan Study Group – White Queen Pin

Jane Sodero: Canada's 1955 Eskimo Hunter

Nova Scotia Stamp Club Awards

The Ken C MacDonald Postal History Award

Doreen Fitzgerald: Visiting Acadia University Through the Years

The J. Doug Allen Novice Award

Brian Murphy: Nova Scotia Postal History

J. J. MacDonald Award – Best in Show

Brainard Fitzgerald: The Apple, the Blossom, the People, the Story

Certificate of Appreciation (Non Competitive)

Denis Bedley: Annual and Thematic Collections