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UP and COMING

February 8 Moncton Stamp Fair

Feb. 11 Club Meeting
Dennis Bedley on Postage Dues;
Show & Tell - "Hearts Delight"

Feb. 20 Friends of Philately

Feb. 22 Halifax Stamp Fair
Dartmouth East Community
Centre

March 10 Club Meeting

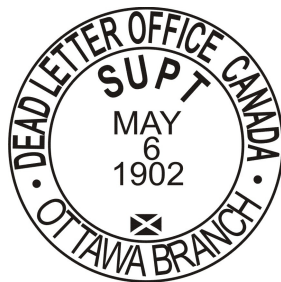
Mar. 14 Moncton Stamp Fair

Mar. 19 Friends of Philately

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

DLO HANDSTAMPS #48

by Gary Steele



36mm +25.5 diameter double
rubber circle
One of two reported, LRD

There are still several Dead Letter Office proofed handstamps that I do not anticipate ever showing up. In addition there are several DLO handstamps not proofed that have yet to be reported or maybe only one known as an anomaly. This is one of those handstamps with no proof known. There was, however, one report with questionable dimensions that can now be confirmed.



The handstamp itself is a rubber circle, double ring with the wording between the two

rings. A seldom used **SUPT** lettering after 1898 is shown at the top of the inner circle with a large Maltese Cross under the year date all in red ink.

An accident at the Ottawa DLO by a clerk resulted in the use of this very rare type handstamp. It resulted in inspection by the Superintendent of the Ottawa DLO Branch and explanation of why it was damaged:

Accidently cut in Ottawa D. L. O. GJB

The cover was cut / trimmed accidentally resulting in a misshapen envelope. Fortunately there is also a further story here. A Queen Victoria 2 cent numeral stamp was applied on a cover to France, the rate was 5 cents per half ounce resulting in it being **INSUFFICIENTLY / PREPAID**. A shortage of 3 cents x 5 centimes per cent for a deficiency of 15 centimes per circle handstamp **T15**. Usually the Dead Letter Office only collected the single deficiency for domestic or US mail, however, per UPU regulations double the deficiency was to be collected resulting in the franking of the 30 centimes French Postage Due stamp tied to cover. It is not known how much the contents were affected.



FROM CYPRUS TO CANADA

by Jack (JA) Forbes

Three Modes of Transportation: Mule - Motor Bus - Airplane

Note the Manuscript "By Mule to Polis" marking, and the violet blue Post office supplied air mail label. The reverse shows Polis 4 My 50 (Type 6) Transit Mark.

The Mule Post

Stavros Psokas was a Forest Station, located on the western face of Cyprus' Southern Mountain range. Because of the rugged, remote terrain, ordinary means of travel were often unavailable. To facilitate mail transport, local postmen, known as muleteers, leading their mules, were frequently pressed into service to carry letters.



Stavros Psokas 3 May 50 (Type 7) to Hastings, Ontario., Canada
3 pi + Horizontal Pair 4 1/2 pi pay the single air mail rate of 12 pi

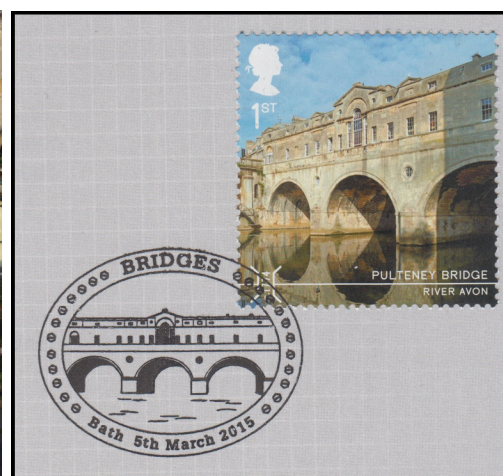
THE BATH STAMP SHOP

by Michael Peach

The city of Bath Spa in south west England is a world heritage site and well worth a visit. Besides the major attractions, such as the Abbey and Roman Baths, there is a Postal Museum and a Stamp Shop.

The Bath Stamp and Coin Shop is uniquely situated on Pulteney Bridge, over the River Avon, www.bathstampandcoinshop-bath.co.uk. The bridge was completed by 1774, and connected the city with the land of the Pulteney family which they wished to develop. It is exceptional in having shops built across its full span on both sides. The stamp shop is relatively small, but has a good collection of modern G.B..

The Pulteney Bridge was one of the bridges illustrated in the 2015 British Bridges series. The rear of the stamp shop is seen to the immediate right of the higher building in the middle.



WINTER STAMP FAIR

22 February, 10am - 3pm

8 Dealers

Club Table

Auction at 1:30

East Dartmouth

Community Centre

50 Caledonia Rd., Dartmouth

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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**
and **renewal payments** to...

NS Stamp Club c/o Jeff Parks

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CLUB NEWS

by Marty Zelenietz

January's meeting was well-attended for a winter night, including visitors from Ontario and Halifax. Gary Steele gave an excellent presentation on the short-lived Empire Airmail Scheme which promoted better connections between Britain and the imperial domain.

Gary has the organization of BNAPS 2020 (coming to Halifax this September) well in hand, but can always use more volunteers. If you want to lend a hand, contact Gary at gwsteele57@gmail.com.

Bob Boehner has organized another Stamp Fair, our first winter one. It will be Saturday, 22 February, at a familiar venue: the East Dartmouth Community Centre on Caledonia Road. It will open at 10, and there is an auction scheduled for 1:30. Bob is accepting auction lots from members. Admission, as always, is free, and ample free parking is available. The Club Members sales table will be available with Karen Galbraith at the helm. If you have anything for sale make arrangements to get it to her, or bring to the club meeting or directly to sale. Contact Karen at 902-865-1361 or kgalbraith@eastlink.ca.

The Club welcomes new member Gianfranco Merlino.

February's meeting on the 11th will feature a presentation by Dennis Bedley on Postage Dues. The Show-and-tell theme is "Heart's Delight" to tie us in to Valentine's Day. No one had anything to share at January's meeting for the "Winter Blues" show-and-tell, which left me feeling a little blue. So look for something to share with the membership and brighten up the meeting.

A follow-up to Glenna Machette's article on the SS Nerissa that appeared in the September Post: William (Bill) Dziadyk, Lt. Cmdr. (Ret.), RCN, published a book in November on the Narissa's last voyage. It is available from Amazon at <https://www.amazon.ca/dp/1704113822>. Worth a look! Bill suggests that stamp clubs across the country support an effort to have a commemorative stamp issued to mark the 80th anniversary of the sinking, on 30 April 2021.

A reminder to check out our Facebook page. Like it, like the daily posts provided by Jane Sodero, and share them- spread the word about the club!

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB CENTENARY

by Marty Zelenietz

I thought I had exhausted the Royal 2004 material until I came across the tickets illustrated here. I'd never been in the military library, which made a terrific venue for the President's Reception. The Awards Banquet in Dalhousie's Great Hall featured enjoyable entertainment by Laurence d'Entremont.

I have two pairs of tickets that I don't really need. If you collect club memorabilia and ephemera, and you want a pair to add to your collection, let me know. The first two respondents will be "winners."



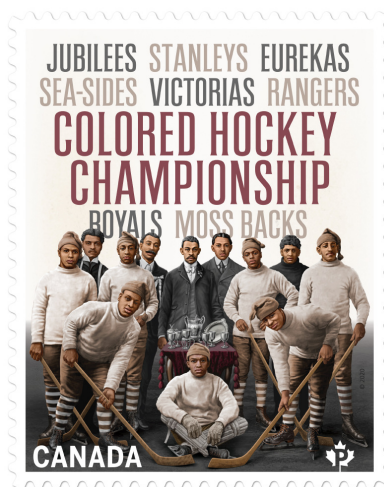
STAMP LAUNCH

by Sean Weatherup

Thursday, January 23rd saw Canada Post's unveiling of their newest stamp issue, celebrating Black History Month with a permanent value stamp commemorating the Colored Hockey Championship. The championship ultimate goal of all-black teams from across the maritime. The league operated from 1895 to the 1930's. The Halifax Eureka's are depicted on the stamp and FDC, and 13 other clubs are listed on the cover's reverse. The event was held at the Black Cultural Center and very well attended by a couple of hundred people including political and community leaders, a large number of relatives of former players, and the general public including over a dozen members of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club. Elia Anoaia and her crew put on a good program and a very nice reception following.



Photo: On hand for the unveiling of the Colored Hockey Championship Stamp were, left to right, the Honourable Tony Ince, MLA Cole Harbour and Minister of Culture as well as African Nova Scotian Affairs, Lt. Governor Arthur LeBlanc, Doug Ettinger, President and C.E.O. Canada Post, Sgt. Craig Smith, President for the Black Cultural Center Society, and Halifax Deputy Mayor Lisa Blackburn.



OSLER - REGISTERED ADMIRAL COVER 1916 - 8 CENT EMPIRE RATE

by Elizabeth Sodero

Sometimes, with a little research, the addressee can make a pleasant cover become quite special. This cover is addressed to Sir William Osler M.D. (1849-1919) who became one of the world's preeminent physicians. Born in rural Ontario, into a large family where the family dog was trained to go on its own to collect (and return with!) the mail 15 miles away, Osler studied medicine in Toronto, Montreal, Philadelphia and Baltimore but Oxford was his special place, "I have lost my heart to Oxford" he wrote. In 1905 he was appointed Regius Professor of Medicine at Oxford, and became Sir William in 1911. He felt that a physician must learn medicine at the bedside and it was through this belief that he created the 'residency' programme for doctors. "The good physician treats the disease; the great physician treats the patient who

has the disease" he said. Professor David Cranston at Oxford declared Osler to be "One of the greatest diagnosticians ever to wield a stethoscope".

Osler and his wife Grace resided at 13 Norham Gardens, Oxford, from 1907-1919 in a home known as 'The Open Arms'. Over 6000 visitors passed through their home in those 12 years. Portraits of Linares, Harvey, Sydenham (physicians all) hang over the sitting room mantel piece. The home is now part of Oxford University and houses Reuters Research, remaining much as it was when the Oslers lived there.



Osler's son, Revere, died at Ypres in August 1917. He was named for his maternal great great grandfather Paul Revere.

Canada issued the 6 cent Osler stamp in 1969 on the 50th anniversary of Osler's death. McGill University houses the Osler Library and Archives.

Toronto to Oxford England

b/s Toronto Canada MY 6 16,
Bristol 33 9 AM 31 My 16, Oxford
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CANADA POST 2020 STAMP PROGRAM

VE Day
History of Radio
Group of Seven (100th)
Legends of Canadian Ballet
First Nations—Inuit and Métis
Vintage Travel Posters
Medical Groundbreakers
Mary Ritter Hamilton—WW1 artist

Plus the regular cast of stamps:
From Far and Wide (Jan 13)
Lunar New Year—Year of the Rat (Jan 17)
Black History Month—Hockey (Jan 24) see pg 3
Flowers - Dahlias (March 2)
Canada Post Foundation
Eid, Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas

