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## UP and COMING

**Regularly planned activities have been cancelled, as have many philatelic shows in the near future as a result of the pandemic. We will update as we learn more.**

NS Stamp Club Meetings  
November 14 - see Club News  
pg 4 for details

Moncton Stamp Fair - Cancelled

Friends of Philately - Cancelled

Check out the status of other  
shows at

[www.rpsc.org/shows.html](http://www.rpsc.org/shows.html) or  
[www.csdaonline.com/shows](http://www.csdaonline.com/shows)

**Stay Home! Stay Safe!**

## BADDECK, CAPE BRETON TO NEW YORK CITY - 1895

by Tom Reyman

Registration of mail with the post office was a means of tracking mail, speeding its delivery, and ensuring that it reached its destination. This extra service required an additional postage charge. In 1895, this letter from Baddeck, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia was registered at the Baddeck post office on May 2, 1895 and given registration number 01141. The 8-cent stamp (Unitrade number 44a, blue grey) paid for the 3-cent postal rate and the 5-cent registration fee. The journey from Baddeck to the Floral Park, New York (a community now part of New York City and is located in Queens County) destination took five days, arriving at the New York Registry Division of the post office on May 7.

From some research and with input from Carl Munden, the probable routing of the letter was:

- After leaving Baddeck, the letter possibly was carried by the paddle steamer ship "Marion" across St. Andrew's Channel (a branch of Bra d'Or Lake) to Iona, Cape Breton to meet the train going to Point Tupper.
- At Iona, the letter was placed on the train on the Intercolonial Railway (ICR) and travelled to Point Tupper where the ICR ferry would cross to the South side of the Strait of Canso and Mulgrave, Nova Scotia.

- The ICR train would have continued to Truro, Nova Scotia, and the letter would have been placed on a Halifax and Moncton Railroad train. The May 4 backstamp confirms this exchange.

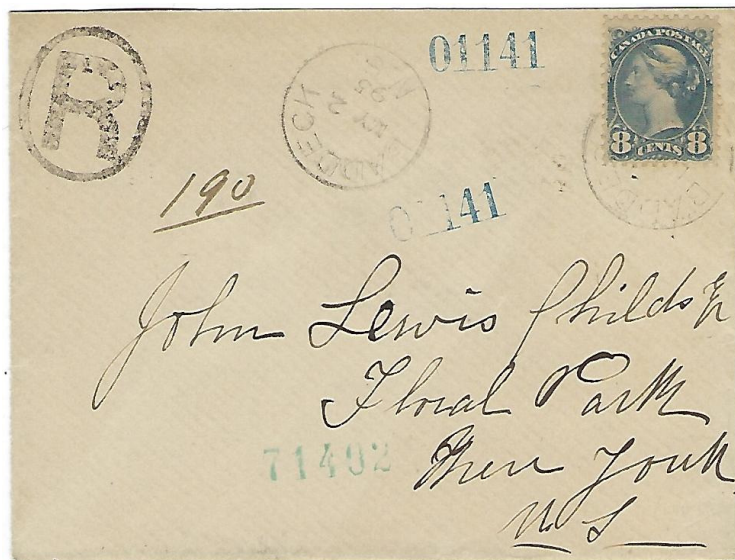
- The letter went by ICR rail to Saint John, New Brunswick arriving there on May 6. (backstamp). There was another railroad exchange with the New Brunswick and Canada Railroad to carry the letter to McAdam, New Brunswick, crossing the river to Vanceboro, Maine, and then continuing to Boston on the Boston and Maine (now Maine Central) Railroad.

- From Boston, there was regular train service to New York City on the New York and New England Railroad (later to become the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.)

- There is still the question regarding the second registration number of 71402. Who would have applied it, and why? Does anyone have an answer to this question?

Finding a very nice cover with a single use 44a stamp was a surprise in itself but the postal service handling of this mail makes this mailing even more interesting.

The author wishes to thank Carl Munden for contributing important information regarding the routing of the letter through the Maritimes.



## DEAD LETTER OFFICE HANDSTAMPS #55

by Gary Steele

### DEAD LETTER OFFICE

NOV 25 1907

OTTAWA, CANADA.

34mm circle  
No proof known  
1 of 2 reported copies

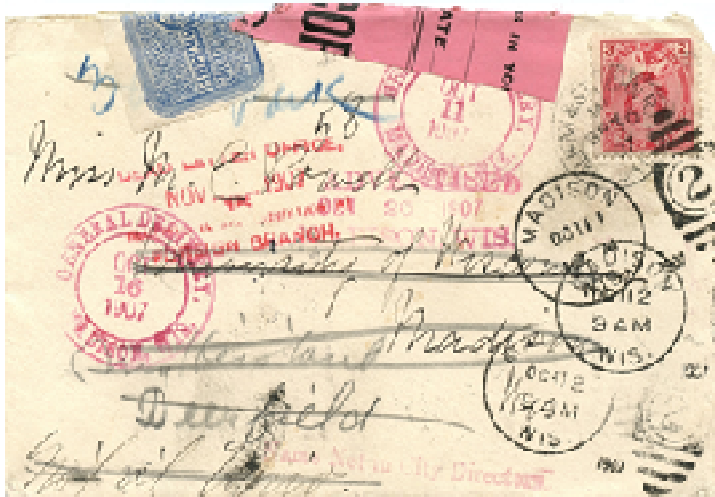


The long winter months of 2020 seem a lot longer for other reasons. I wonder if these times will make for their own postal history of disinfected mail, redirected mail or unknown due to death.

I hope I get the details right for this particular cover which I will list in order below:

- 2 cent Edward Halifax & St. John RPO DAY train SP 30 07 to Madison, Wis, USA Oct 2 1907;
- address crossed out, manuscript **My Husband, Deerfield** redirected to Deerfield, Wis., & marked **Not at Univ.** Oct 12 1907 (both scratched out);
- before and after Deerfield marked General Delivery, Madison, Wis. Oct 11 & 16 1907 (double circle handstamps) with cds Madison Oct 11 & 12th;
- **Advertised OCT 26 1907 & Name Not in City Directory** again Madison Nov 11 1907;
- sent to the DLO office, Division of Dead Letters Nov 14 1907, manuscript **opened by M. C. Powell marked DEAD LETTER OFFICE NOV 15 1907 RECEIVED IN BAD CONDITION AT FOREIGN BRANCH**, sealed with DLO label and tape; and,
- returned to Canada to the **DEAD LETTER BRANCH NOV 25 1907 OTTAWA, CANADA.**

From Ottawa it was returned in a Dead Letter Return envelope with the usual remaining handstamps.



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

### MORE COVID-19 ISSUES

It is getting hard, and expensive, to keep up with the plethora of worldwide COVID-19 issues. A rash of new issues have appeared recently on the market, many of them in omnibus format. Here is a summary of some (but by no means all) of them.

Stop COVID-19 globe design miniature sheet: Central Africa, Chad, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Niger, Sao Tome. Retailing for US\$12.95 each, or \$29.95 imperf (right).

IGPC (Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation) Frontline Workers sheet of four: Grenada, Guyana, Marshall Islands, Palau, Tuvalu. Sheets between \$12 and \$14, imperf sheets between \$50 and \$55 (figure on Page 3).

Masked Penny Black issue: Liberia, Niger, Sao Tome, Sierra Leone, Togo. Sheets and souvenir sheets, \$12.95 each. Imperfs @ \$29.95.





## POSTAL STATIONARY REDUX

by Marty Zelenietz

In Part 1 of my series on collecting postal stationery, I mentioned the relative difficulty of obtaining used postal reply cards with the reply card used and still attached. While going through my box of Papua New Guinea covers and cancels, I found such a beast.

Figure 1 shows the outgoing portion of a UK 4d reply card, postmarked in Brighton & Hove, Sussex, on 5 January 1971, addressed to the postmaster of the Esa'ala PO in Papua & New Guinea. The top of Figure 2 shows the message on the

outgoing card, requesting a "clear impression of the date stamp used at your Post Office," and asking that the card be returned intact. The reply portion of the card (back side blank) bears two strikes of the Esa'ala CDS, dated 27 March 1971. Although a philatelic creation, this is a nice example of used, complete reply card. Given the apparent scope of this project, there must be hundreds, if not thousands, of such cards extant for Commonwealth post offices.

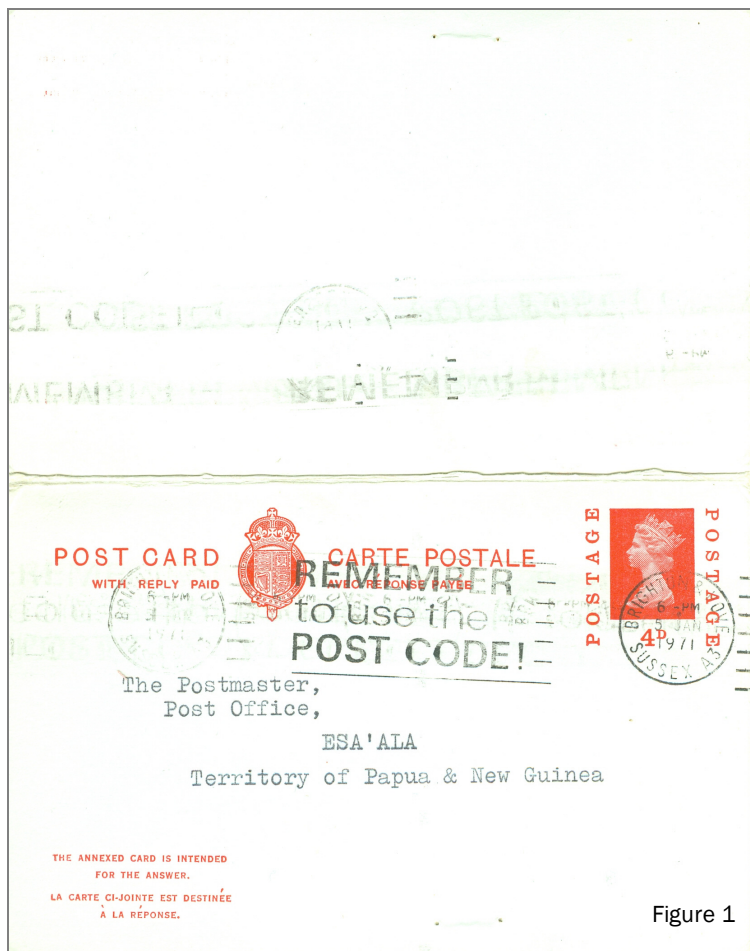


Figure 1

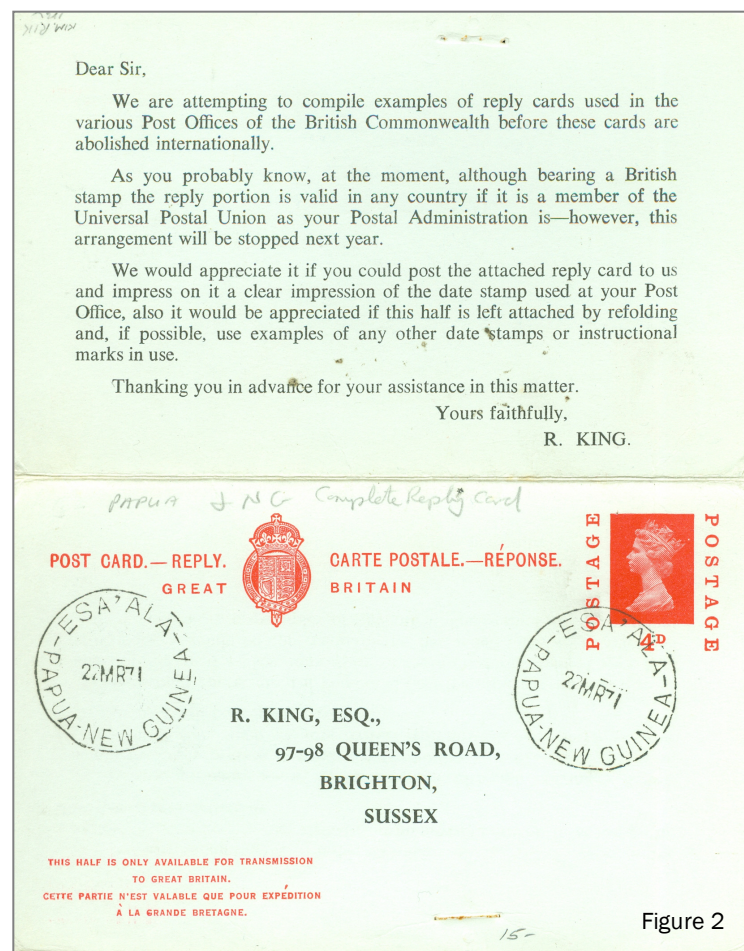


Figure 2

## MORE COVID-19 ISSUES CONTINUED

Coronavirus Pandemic Map: Chad, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Niger, Sao Tome. Sheets, \$13.95. Imperfs, \$29.95.

Many of these (and other) issues are undoubtedly exploitative, designed to separate collectors from their cash. On the other hand, the pandemic is global, thus there is a rationale for these issues. What you collect is your choice.

But if you want to be "rid" of the whole "business" than Austria has the stamp for you. Check out "Stamp Oddities" column on Page 4.



## CLUB NEWS

Our first club meeting of the new season drew nearly 30 members to Christ Church Hall on 3 October. People were eager to reunite philatelically after six months of separation. At the Executive meeting held just before the Club meeting, it was decided that "the executive agreed to waive all 2020-21 membership dues. For those members who have already paid their dues, they will receive full credit for all payments received starting in September 2021." A new Executive was elected (see [www.nsstampclub.ca/about.htm](http://www.nsstampclub.ca/about.htm) for exec members), club business discussed, and an auction held.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, 14 November, at the Christ Church Hall on Dundas Street in Dartmouth. We've got something different planned, to utilize the space and satisfy our cravings. Several dealers will be invited to attend and set up their wares at tables along the sides. The venue will open for business at 1 PM, and the Club meeting will start at 2. Members will be free to shop during the meeting. John Hall will provide us with a presentation on war savings stamps called it "Recycling a Stamp Exhibit". If members bring items, we will close out the meeting with an auction and more shopping. Contact tracing information will be taken at the door, stored for two weeks, then destroyed. Masking, distancing and all appropriate precautions will be taken.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to use Christ Church Hall after the 14th: it will be converted to an emergency shelter for the winter months. As we are still uncertain about the status of the Museum heading into the new year, Michael Pierce is undertaking a search for alternative venues. If you have any ideas or suggestions, email Michael at [mpierce@bellaliant.net](mailto:mpierce@bellaliant.net).

We need more material for the Nova Scotia Post- the cupboard is getting pretty bare. Write up an interesting cover or recent acquisition, tell us how you've spent your COVID time with your collection. We are eager to hear from you.

### NEXT CLUB MEETING

Saturday, 14 November

Christ Church Hall, Dundas Street, Dartmouth

Doors open 1 PM

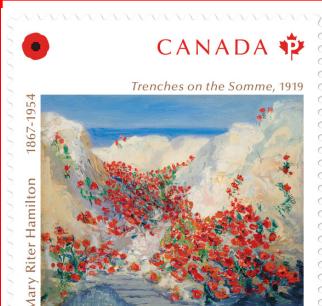
Meeting Starts 2 PM

Presentation, Dealers present, Auction

Masking, Distancing and all Precautions in effect.

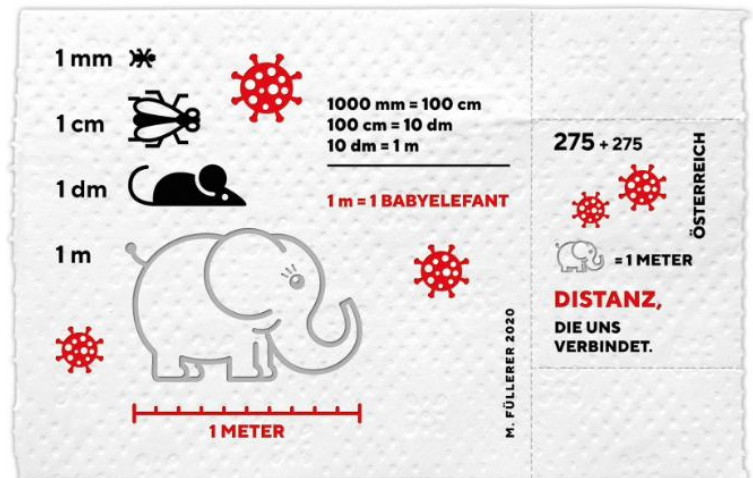
### LEST WE FORGET!

On Oct. 28 Canada Post issued "Trenches on the Somme, 1919" by painter Mary Riter Hamilton (1867-1954) in this year's salute to Remembrance Day. Hamilton was unofficially Canada's first woman battlefield artist.



## Stamp Oddities

This Austrian stamp was inspired by the panic-buying of toilet paper when COVID-19 first hit us in the spring. The souvenir sheet is the size of a sheet of toilet paper and shows various insect and animal symbols that represent distances to be applied to social distancing—a baby elephant is 1 metre, a house fly - 1 cm, etc. In fact, the stamp is printed on a sheet of three-ply toilet paper. I sh\*\* you not. The sheet measures



about 4 inches long and 10 sheets equal a metre in total length, the distance required in Austria and some other countries for social-distancing. It has a perforated tear away stamp with a self adhesive foil backing valued at €2.75 plus a surcharge of €2.75 that will be donated to those that have been severely affected by the pandemic. The issue rolled out on October 30th with the release of 300,000 stamps.

"With the Corona stamp, we not only want to issue an original stamp block to remember this year, but also to support those who have been particularly affected by this crisis," Austria Post CEO Georg Pölzl stated prior to the release.

## DUES! DUES! DUES!

This is another friendly reminder to promptly pay your dues soon. As noted in the Club News, the Executive has waived this year's dues but to stay current we are asking you to pay and we will extend your effective expiry date until June 30 2022 instead of 2021.

Anyone who has paid will also get his extension esp on mlti year payment - all pre-payments on future years will be extended by 1 year.

Remittance address is on the bottom of page 2.

**Please keep your membership current.**

Email reminders will be sent out this week to those in arrears. If you wish to cancel your membership please let us know. [webnews@nsstampclub.ca](mailto:webnews@nsstampclub.ca)