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## UP and COMING

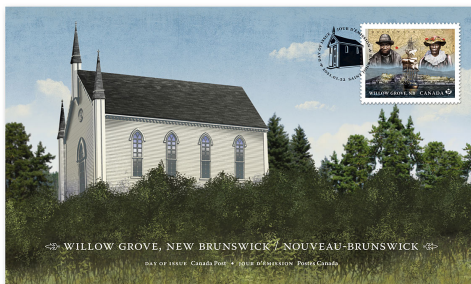
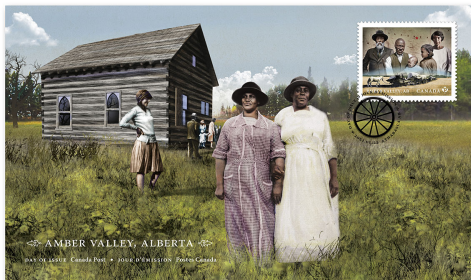
Regularly planned activities have been cancelled, as have many philatelic shows in the near future as a result of the pandemic. We will update as we learn more.

NS Stamp Club Meetings –TBA  
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!

## CANADA POST CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Released on January 22 2021, the stamps honour the communities of Amber Valley, AB founded around 1910 by Black Americans escaping escalating racial violence and oppressive Jim Crow laws; and, Willow Grove, NB founded in 1817 by Black refugees from the War of 1812 (mostly formerly enslaved in the United States).

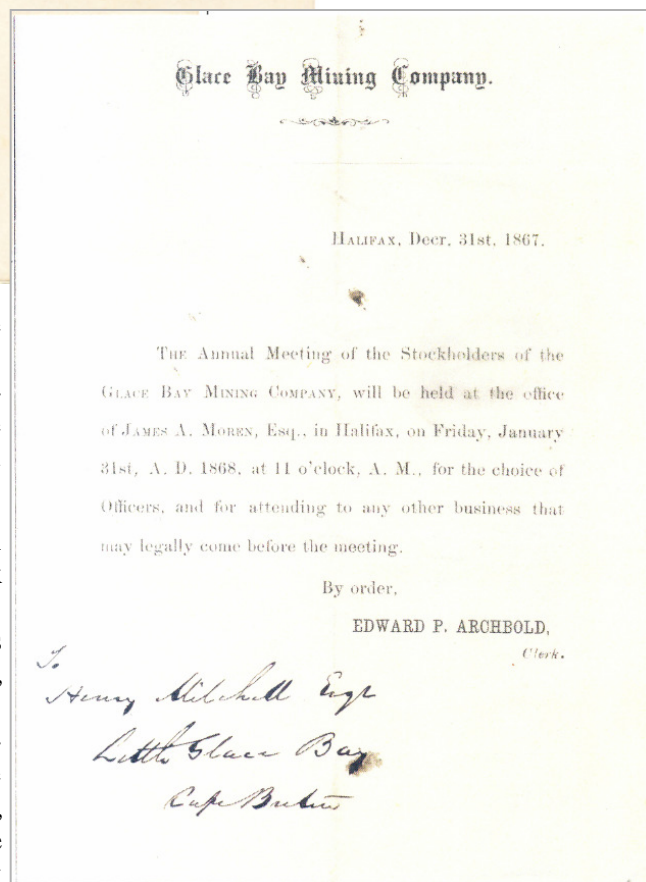
## UNPOSTED NOVA SCOTIA 1 CENT PRINTED MATTER RATE by Jack Forbes



In his *The Nova Scotia Post—It's Offices, Masters and Marks 1700-1867*, J.J. MacDonald indicates no specific single use for the decimal one-cent stamp. Never the less, it occasionally appears on printed matter items in the Pre-Confederation Period. This particular example bears the manuscript notation: "Printed Notice",

and the one-cent stamp of the period. Since this mailing is after Confederation, it's possible that the "Canadian" rate was used, but that doesn't explain other uses.

This item is cancelled with the Halifax H duplex (MacDonald Type HAL-24) dated Dec 31 1867. This mark originated on Jan 1, 1867, and saw use until 1875. Receipt of this notice is confirmed with a Little Glace Bay C.B. receiver dated JA 4, 1868 (J.J. MacDonald Type #201) which is designated by him as being a: **"Category II—Only one copy known in philatelists' hands."** This however, applied to pre-Confederation use, and it is more common after 1867.



Henry Mitchell was manager of the Glace Bay Mining Company from 1858 to 1883.

## DEAD LETTER OFFICE HANDSTAMPS #58

by Gary Steele

### DEAD LETTER OFFICE

I.R.,

JAN 17 1918

OTTAWA, ONT.

43 x 30 mm

Single oval milled outside rim

Proofed May 10 1917

Another rarity I am happy to have obtained is this Ottawa, Ont. D. L. O. handstamp with a clerk or postal official's initials **I. R.**

Initials in handstamps other than RPOs are not that common, and especially uncommon in Dead Letter Office handstamps. They exist on DLO handstamps in only two of 18 cities, Ottawa and Regina.

### Only Known Copy



If the letters are of a postal employee, then why are they very rarely seen? For instance, of the eight handstamps for Ottawa, four are Only Proof Known, and of the known copies only seven examples of the other four types have been reported.

Mailed close by in Upper Stewiacke, N. S. on October 1<sup>st</sup> 1917 to Australia (via Vancouver, B. C.), delivery failed due to the addressee being / *Deceased* /. It was then sent to the Australian Dead Letter Office per the Sydney N.S.W. handstamp on December 16<sup>th</sup> 1917 and forwarded in a closed bag to the Dead Letter Office in Canada, arriving on January 17<sup>th</sup> 1918.

This item took a full 3 and a half months during the last stages of World War I to return to the addressee.



Scarce D.L.O.

clerk handstamp #10 &gt;&gt;



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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...

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## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

by Elizabeth Sodero

Cover addressed to Brenton H. Collins, son of Enos Collins, at the family home "Gorsebrook" in Halifax. St. Mary's University was built on the Gorsebrook estate. The house was demolished in the 1960's. Enos Collins was a merchant, ship owner, financier, government official and founder of the Halifax Banking Company, known locally as Collins' Bank, which merged with the Canadian Bank of Commerce. He married Margaret Halliburton, daughter of Judge Brenton Halliburton.



Their son was Brenton. Enos Collins died in November 18, 1871 at the age of 97. The family was still in mourning in January 1872.



## CANADA - U.S. FRIENDSHIP COVERS

by Tom Reyman

Expression of friendship between the United States and Canada is often shown in philatelic offerings such as the three covers shown here.



Figure 1

The 1941 cover (figure 1) notes that the shared boundary between the two countries constitutes “The World’s Most Peaceful Border” and cites the 1814 Treaty of Ghent that established a non-militarized border. It is postmarked at Niagara Falls, Ontario and at the suspension bridge transfer



Figure 2

office.

The other two 1948 covers commemorate 100 years of cooperation and friendship between the two countries. The year 1948 also marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the completion of the railroad suspension bridge connecting the two countries in the vicinity of Niagara Falls. These two covers are unaddressed first day covers for the issuing of the Scott #961 stamp which shows the suspension bridge. The cachet on the first one (figure 2) shows the flags of Canada and the United States as they were in 1948. The Canada Unitrade #254 stamp is cancelled with a Toronto & Niagara Falls R.P.O. postmark. The other cover (figure 3) is also postmarked at the suspension bridge transfer office and, in addition, has multiple imprints for railroads that serviced the



Figure 3

Niagara area. They include G.T.R.Y.S.Y.S. (Grand Trunk Railway System), N.Y.C. & H.R.R.R. (New York City and Hudson River Rail Road), and M.C.R.R.-L.V.R.R. (Midwest Central Rail Road – Lehigh Valley Rail Road). There is also an imprint from Union Station No. 6 at Niagara Falls, New York.

## CLUB NEWS

As of press time, the Nova Scotia COVID regulations still prohibit us from having a Club meeting in February. However, the situation is fluid, and some prohibitions may be lifted in the next week or two. If they are, we will schedule a meeting for late February: those who receive The Nova Scotia Post by email will receive an email meeting notification, and those in the province who get The Post in hard copy will be phoned with the details. We have a program ready to go, there will be a Show and Tell (up to five people, first come first served, and two minutes or so per presentation), a table for members to swap material, perhaps two or three dealers, and an auction (you can bring up to five items, including non-philatelic stuff that will sell and reduce COVID boredom, like books, games, etc.). Stay tuned.

The pandemic must be driving people to be more connected in new ways. Time alone or with fewer social outlets

seems to have had people turning to their collections and now reaching out to others. To that end we want to extend a hearty welcome to four new members to the Club. Ann Miller (NSSC #1099), Wolfville collects Canada, UK, British Commonwealth & Empire—used, stamps of queen Victoria; Michael Hopper (#1100), Whites Lake is a collector of Great Britain—Queen Victoria stamps and postal history; Nathalie Comeau (#1101), Saulnierville collects all Canadian and US stamps, joint issues of Canada and US with other countries, fluorescent /phosphorescent issues; and, Jeff Newbery (#1102), Port Williams collects Canada, UK, Ireland, Sub-Saharan Africa, Cartophilately (maps on stamps), horses and history. If you have an equal interest and would like to get ahold of one of the new members, please contact Jeff Parks (membership) and he will put you in touch.

Now, a personal plea from the editor.

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## A PLEASANT SURPRISE

by Marty Zelenietz

We recently received a holiday card from a former Japanese exchange student who stayed with us for a year. She now lives with her husband and two young children in Singapore. The card, sent airmail on 3 December 2020, arrived at our house on 14 January 2021, and contained some lovely photos of the family. My bonus was the two stamps she used to send the card. One was from the Singapore/Israel joint issue of 2019, showing national birds for the countries: Crimson Sunbird (Singapore) and Hoopoe (Israel). More puzzling was the bird shown on the 2020 Singapore/Mongolia joint issue stamp: it appeared to be a Resplendent Quetzal, a bird of Central America (and the national bird of Guatemala). What was it doing on a Singapore stamp? The Singapore Post website provided the answer. The joint issue features traditional artwork of each country. The Singapore stamp shows a portion of a Peranakan wedding chamber beaded table cover, made up of over one million beads. The table covering features insects, birds and flowers of Asia, Europe, and South America. Why the traditional artist used South American images is beyond me, but the quetzal is a magnificent bird, and its spectacular colours rendered in beads brings the table covering to life. Both stamps were immediately added to my collection, as I have seen the Hoopoe in Israel, and the quetzal in Costa Rica.



## AN INTERESTING COVER

by John Hall

I purchased this registered cover off the Delcampe stamp site for \$6.00. I found it interesting for the Russian tape and handstamp on back. A check of the return address shows it came from Vance Stamp Auctions in Smithville, Ontario. I think they did not put their name on the cover hoping to conceal the fact that letter contained items of value - obviously, it did not work.



## CLUB NEWS CONTINUED

I am DESPERATE to obtain a used copy of a 2001 Bahamas bird issue, the 20¢ Wilson's Plover (Sc. 1010, SG 1252). I'm also looking for the same stamp with a 2002 inscription, and the high value of the set (Sc 1022) with either year's inscription. If you can help, please email me. Thanks.

