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## UP and COMING

If our regularly planned activities are being cancelled as a result of changes in the pandemic, we will update you as we learn more.

NS Stamp Club - Tues. Dec 14  
Charity Auction, Quiz

Moncton Stamp Fair - Dec 11,  
See page 4 or the website

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.csaonline.com/shows](http://www.csaonline.com/shows)

Stay Home! Stay Safe!

## THE INSULIN CENTENARY

by Michael Peach

The centenary of the isolation of insulin at the University of Toronto by the Banting group: Charles H. Best, James B. Collip, John J.R. Macleod and Frederick G. Banting, occurred in 2021. The first successful treatment of diabetes with the purified insulin sample took place at the Toronto General Hospital on 23 January 1922. A purified sample of insulin obtained from an ox pancreas was injected into a young patient. The miraculous results were seen ore or less immediately.

Researchers had known for some years that there was a connection between pancreatic excretion and diabetes. Subsequently, samples of pancreatic excretion were tried on diabetic humans but without success as the extracts proved to be too impure. The Banting group at the University were able to isolate a sufficiently pure sample.



Milestones in the insulin story have been marked with commemorative stamps by several countries. The centenary was no exception. So far, I have been able to find five different 2021 stamps.

Swiss Post issued a one Swiss franc stamp on 4 March that shows the tertiary structure of insulin as

a 3D model. The band model has two cross linked amino acid chains, A and B.

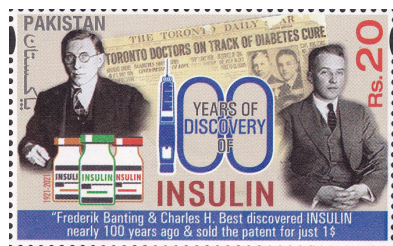


An early vial of insulin and a sample of Banting's notes are seen on the Canadian permanent rate, P, stamp, issued on 15 April.

The 73 dinar North Macedonian stamp was issued on 16 April. It shows a sample of synthetic insulin human being taken from a vial.



Pakistan issued a 20 rupee stamp on 24 June. Frederick Banting and Charles Best are pictured on the stamp as well as the headlines of The Toronto Daily Star announcing the discovery. The stamp also features an old-fashioned syringe along with a vial.



The innovative Brazil stamp was issued on 30 July. It is the first Brazilian stamp with a



2D barcode or QR code, a sequentially generated alphanumeric code, with five letters and four numbers. The stamp value of 2.10 real, the first step in the letter rate. The graphic representation of the iris of the eye, suggests watching for the symptoms of diabetes. The blue circle, which is the symbol for diabetes,

also includes the text "Centenary of the Discovery of Insulin". The molecular structure of insulin, an ampule with its chemical composition and a syringe are also shown.

The Canadian Mint marked the centenary with a two-dollar coin, in both a regular and a coloured version.

It must be noted that insulin is used for the treatment of diabetes and is not a cure.



## DEAD LETTER OFFICE HANDSTAMPS #65 - PRE 1898 HANDSTAMPS

by Gary Steele

We are lucky here in Halifax to have not only an early post office history but a plethora of different offices and handstamps over 270 years.

Here we see a nice Halifax Squared Circle handstamp applied to a 5 cent Small Queen on a NO 13 97 cover mailed to *Glasgow, Scotland* by ship via *New York*.

With an address of *Mess. Wm. Muir & Co., Glasgow* it was imprinted with a handstamp **INSUFFICIENT ADDRESS** and sent to the Glasgow Return Letter Office per attached label **OFFICIALLY SEALED IN THE POST OFFICE, GLASGOW** (note print run of M. & G. Ltd. - 5000 labels 8, 97, M. & G. is Morrison & Gibb in Edinburgh).

Per handwritten notation on the back *Opened by but not for Muir & Co. 26 Charles??*

With insufficient information it was then forwarded to the Ottawa Dead Letter Office (the only DLO office in Canada prior to June 30, 1898).

On Dec 27, 1897 forty-four days after initial mailing, it was received at the DLO with a Shift Marking applied (small diamond shaped D L O 1 handstamp with a Maltese cross at the bottom. A dated handstamp REC'D AT DEAD LETTER OFFICE 3 indicating the date. The next day the letter was examined per DE 28 1897 closed circle handstamp and then dispatched in a DLO Return envelope on DEC 30, 1897 per DEAD LETTER BRANCH handstamp.

No additional markings will show from this point on as the Dead Letter Return envelope would have any further notations and imprints applied to it.



What is interesting is the four different DLO handstamps applied clearly shown, from the DLO Ottawa Office / Branch.

### GOOGLE SEARCH HINTS

To exclude words from your search: Put a minus sign or dash in front of a word you want to leave out. For example, *Canada stamps -beaver*

To search a particular website: Put "site:" in front of a site or domain. For example, *postal history site:https://www.nsstampclub.ca*

To search an exact word or phrase: Put quotation marks around the search term(s). For example, *"nova scotia postal history"*. This can also be used in combination with other search terms. For example, *nova scotia postal history "Annapolis"* would return results which all include the word Annapolis but might not include all of the other search words.

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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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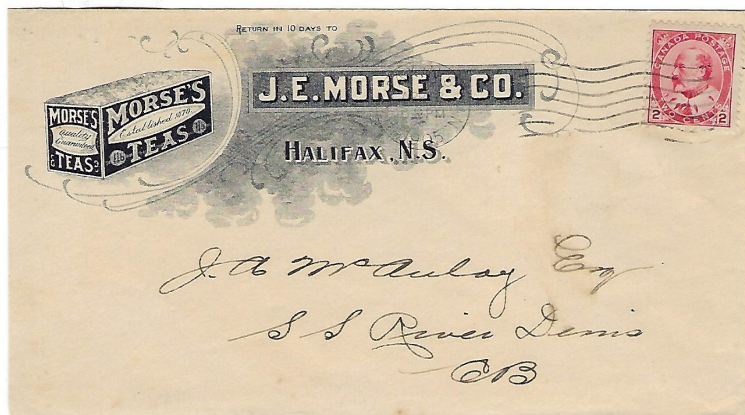
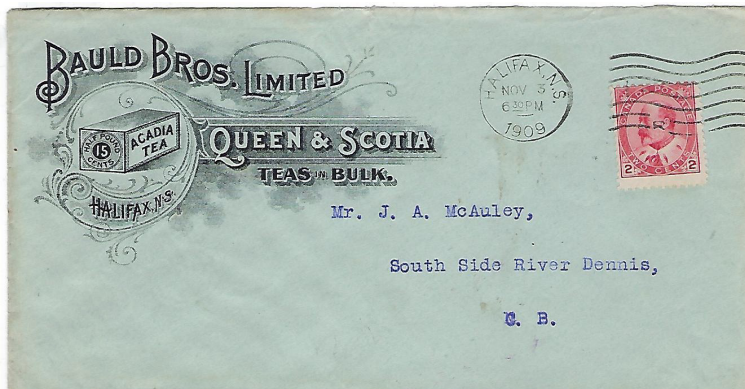
Come to Toronto for CAPEX 22  
June 9-12, 2022  
Venez à Toronto pour CAPEX 22  
<https://capex22.org>

## TEA FOR CAPE BRETON

by Tom Reyman

For dedicated tea drinkers, there are few personal pleasures better than drinking a cup of fine tea on a cold day or while taking a break on a quiet afternoon. The residents of Cape Breton in the early 1900's must have been among those who appreciated a good cup of tea based on the number of tea suppliers who sent written communication to the merchants in the communities of Arichat and South Side River Dennis.

Here are some of the tea brands that were featured on the advertising envelopes sent by tea supplies to these two communities. The three tea merchants were located in Halifax (Bryant & McDonald, Bauld Bros. Limited, and L.E. Morse & Co.). To deliver the mail and the shipments of tea to Cape Breton the railroads would connect from Halifax to Mulgrave, then by ferry to Point Tupper in Cape Breton. From there, they would go North to South Side River Dennis or Eastward to Arichat.

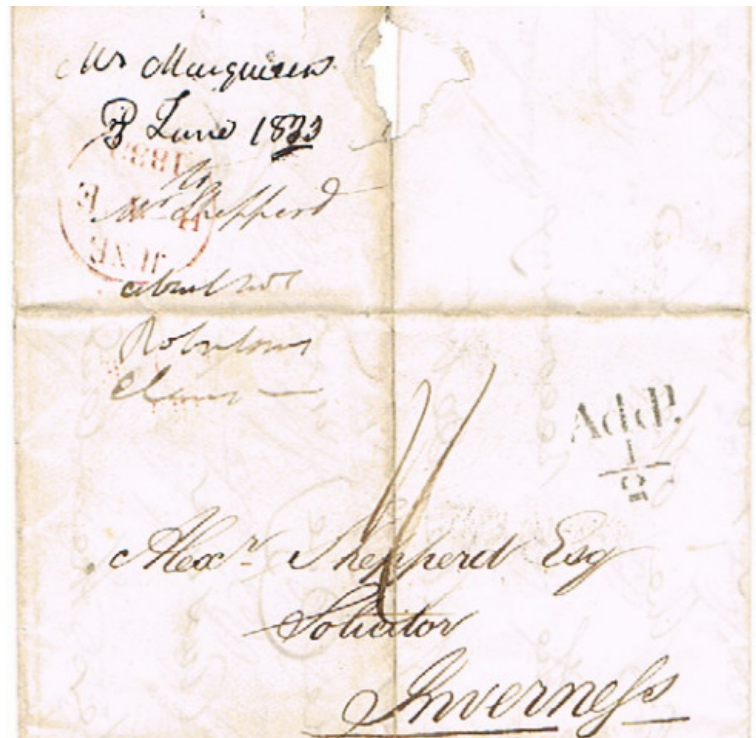


## SCOTLAND: HALF PENNY MAIL COACH TAX 1813-1839

by Elizabeth Sodero

One of the pleasures of our Covid times has been the offerings of Zoom and Webinar by clubs and organizations we have not previously known. On October 11, 2021 Kathy Johnson of Chicago presented Scotland: Half Penny Mail Coach Tax 1813-1839 to the British Empire Study Group. This is still available for those who missed it the first time round, or even if you would care to revisit a fascinating talk ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCU9FCQ2avI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCU9FCQ2avI)).

The half penny mark started quite formally, often boxed, but by the end of the period had been reduced to a postal scribble. An 1813 Act of Parliament declared that mail coaches of more than two wheels were to be taxed. A ha'penny toll charge was levied on coaches to reimburse the landowners whose provided access across their estates.



Kathy Johnson described the challenges faced by the postal service during this period and spoke about her own collection of half penny markings.

The self-folded letter shown is dated June 1833. The black Add'l mark is not boxed, the circular unpaid is red.

Addressed to solicitor Sheppard in Inverness, the letter appears to be a legal opinion about a lady's debt and land. Penmanship makes reading quite difficult.

With thanks to Kathy Johnson.

## CLUB NEWS

We are sad to report that recent Nova Scotia Post contributor **Robert Coulson** passed away in early November. His contributions to the newsletters on flyspecking will be missed.

**Moncton Stamp Club** will be hosting a Stamp Fair on December 11, 2020 10 am - 4 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion 100 War Veterans Ave. Moncton. Live auction at 1:30 pm. Proof of vaccination to gain entrance and masking protocols will be observed.

### Upcoming Meetings

December - Charity Auction/Quiz - There will be no social.

January - Hockey - Hugh Rathbun

February - Some Postal History of the Intercolonial Railway 1874-1919 – Jim Graham

March – TBD, Michael Pierce

April – TBD, Bill Burden

May – TBD, Jeff Parks

June – Social (maybe?)

**From Guy Jeffery:** The use of the camera/projector is becoming more widespread at the monthly club meetings. Several members have asked for a “How to Use Guide” so they can better participate in the show and tell.

There are two parts to the club system. The first component is the camera which captures the picture that goes to the projector. The second component is the projector that sends a picture to the screen. The camera/projector will be set up for you to use. All you have to do is place your display item on the table under the camera lamp and your item will project to the screen with the correct orientation. The camera is set up to automatically focus but, if you want to magnify the item, there is a dial in the middle of the camera which adjusts the magnification when you rotate it. The focus will automatically change when you use the dial.

That is all there is to it. Volunteers will set up the camera projector so it is ready for you to display your show and tell item. Bring anything interesting and remember to talk to the members and not the screen.

**New Member:** Kevin Smith (NSSC#1104) of Lucasville has recently joined the Club. His collecting interests are Canada, Germany and USA.

**Donations to the Club:** Over that last several months there has been an increasing number of small collections donated to the club, most have little value to the owner and rather than through them away they have been contacting us through the Club website/email. This month alone there were two in the same week. Once the collections are sorted they are put in the Club's monthly auction and all proceeds stay with the Club.

**Available for trade or sale** over 200 pages of printed Stanley

Gibbons Windsor album pages covering GB 1840 to 1970. Almost completely unused only lightly used in some places. I seek similar material for 1980 onwards or a good Windsor binder. Contact: Dave Ferns: [fernsdnh@eastlink.ca](mailto:fernsdnh@eastlink.ca)

**News from Jack Forbes:** Jack Forbes recently participated in NOTOS 2021 in Athens, Greece. His 8 frame exhibit, Cyprus - King George VI Definitives Used in Making Up Postage Rates on Air Mail items was awarded a Gold Medal with 93 points. Congratulations Jack!

### News from Royal\*2021\*Royale (a virtual exhibition):

Congratulations to the following club members on their achievements (many exhibits are still available for viewing on-line at <http://www.canpex.ca/exhibits.php>)

Gary Steele - Canadian Dead Letter Office Re-Organization Handstamps - Large Gold and Reserve Grand Single-Frame; BNAPS Best BNA Exhibit; BNAPS Best BNA One Frame Exhibit

Gary Steele - Dead Letter Office Handstamps 1872 to 1898 Decentralization - Large Gold - APS Postal History Medal

Michael Mather - London Cancels - Development during the Victorian Period - Gold and APS Pre-1900 Medal of Excellence

Jack Forbes - CYPRUS - The Publicity Handstamps 1934-1940 & 1950 - Large Vermeil

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## UPCOMING SHOWS

The **Edmonton Stamp Club** will be hosting their **2022 Spring Show** on April 2-3 at the Central Lions Recreation Centre, Edmonton. Features of the Show will include: Stamp circuit books, show and tell exhibits, door prizes, presentations, fun frame exhibits and junior stamp tables. There will also be no cost appraisals of stamp, postcard and cover collections. This is a free, all ages event where everyone is welcome & encouraged to “shop the dealers”. There are an anticipated 20 dealers attending with a nice array of worldwide stamps, postcards, & postal history items for sale. Parking is free, and the venue is accessible to persons with disabilities. We hope to see you there! Contact show chair John Bucci [mjrpostcards@telusplanet.net](mailto:mjrpostcards@telusplanet.net) or see the ESC website for more details [edmontonstampclub.com](http://edmontonstampclub.com)

The **Ottawa Philatelic Society** is planning for **ORAPEX**, a National Stamp Exhibition, to be held on April 23-24, 2022 at the Curling Rink, Nepean Sportsplex, Ottawa. The deadline for exhibit entries is December 31. Both the entry form and rules will be available on the ORAPEX website [www.orapex.ca](http://www.orapex.ca)