



# THE NOVA SCOTIA POST

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## UP AND COMING

STAMPEX23 - Nov. 4  
South Shore Stamp Club,  
Michelin Club, Bridgewater 10am-3pm

NS Stamp Club - November 14 7:30pm  
Museum of Natural History

Moncton Stamp Fair - TBA  
100 War Veterans Ave, Moncton NB

Friends of Philately - Nov. 16  
3rd Thursday of the month  
Museum of Natural History

Fall Stamp Fair - Nov. 19  
East Dartmouth Community Centre

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)

## NSSC 2023-24 PROGRAM

If you have a program or newsletter item that you want to share please let us know. We still have program openings for the 2024 season.

November 14 - Meredith MacKinlay Egg Design, Stamp Designer of 2023  
*Animal Mothers and Babies*

December 12 - Anything Goes Charity Auction, and Social

January 9 - Michael Pierce TBA

## JERUSALEM UNDER SIEGE, 1948

by Marty Zelenietz

The current fraught situation in the Middle East is nothing new. In 1948, as the creation of the new state of Israel approached, the Jewish population of Jerusalem was under siege. Contact with the rest of the Yishuv (Jewish population of British Mandate Palestine) was cut off on April 20 when a convoy to the city was ambushed. Mandate postal service was suspended on April 25. It was not until June 18 that another convoy, composed of improvised armoured cars, made it through and the siege was lifted. In the interim, Israel had declared independence on May 14.



Figure 1

The citizens of Jerusalem relied on mail service provided by the local governing authorities of the Minhelet Ha'am, the People's (or National) Administration Council. Several standard Minhelet Ha'am hand-stamps were provided before the siege (Figures 1 & 2). Keren Kayemet L'Yisrael (Jewish National Fund) charity labels showing the United Nations partition plan for Palestine were locally overprinted to serve as postage stamps. The first overprint (Figure 3) features wide spacing between the Hebrew "Doar" (Post) and value, while the later overprints (Figure 4) have narrow spacing. A special "Jubilee" cancel (Figures 5 & 6) was used on May 16 to mark Israel's independence. A doubling "Liberation" cancel (Figure 7) entered service on May 21 for the reopening of the Main Post office.

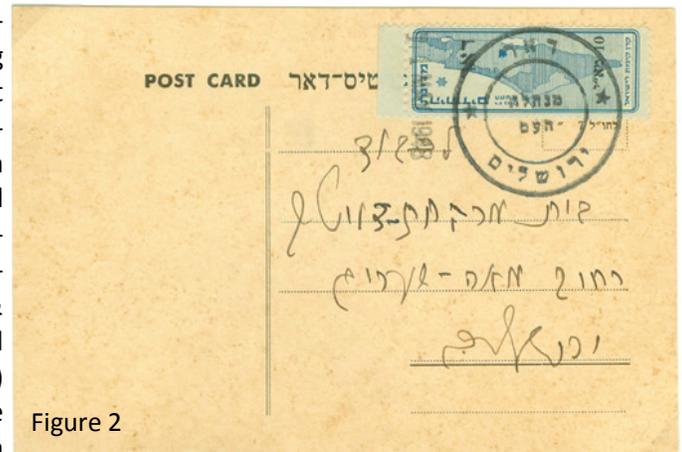


Figure 2



Figure 5

## STAMP FAIR

Hosted by The Nova Scotia Stamp Club

Sunday

November 19, 2023

9:00am - 3:00pm

East Dartmouth  
Community Centre

50 Caledonia Road  
Dartmouth, NS



DEALERS WILL BE PRESENT SELLING  
AND BUYING STAMPS

LIVE AUCTION AT 1:30PM

FREE ADMISSION

FREE PARKING

Figure 3



Figure 4



Jerusalem 1948 continued on Page 3

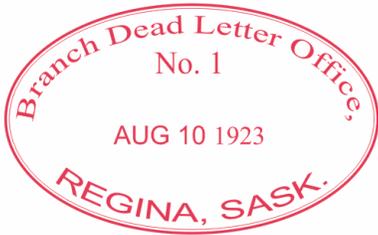


Second Jerusalem Overprint



DLO ITEMS ON DOMINION LAND COVERS - REGIONAL DOUBLE OVAL

by Gary Steele



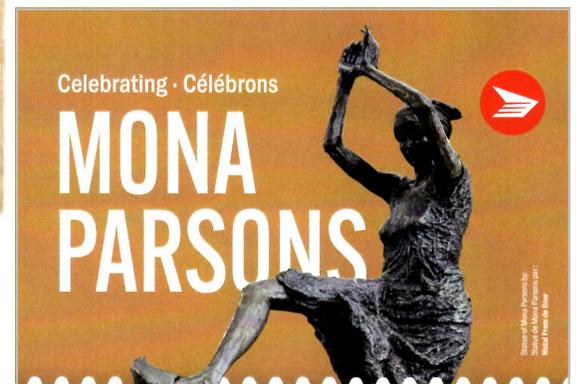
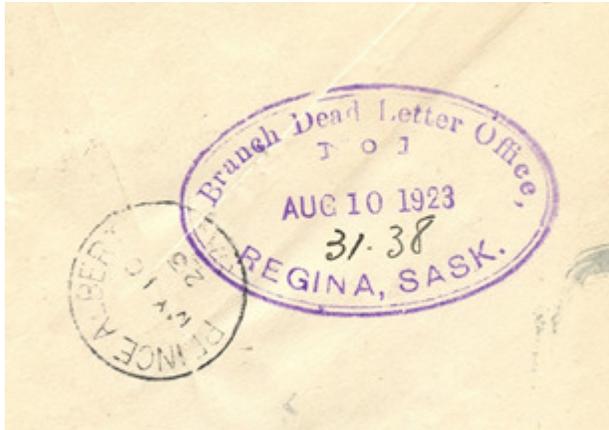
50.5x31mm, ERD  
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Many people may have seen these larger Dominion Lands covers from Saskatchewan over the years. I do not know the story behind them - who found the stash, how many there were and what time frame they covered. The Dominion Land Office administered the *Dominion Lands Act* which governed policies to encourage settlement of Western Canada between 1872 and 1930.

This cover originated from the Dominion Lands Office in Prince Albert, Sask. on May 10, 1923 and was addressed to Cudworth, Sask where it arrived on May 11 as per backstamps. It was then held for 90 days and marked **Not Called for / at Cudworth**. Cudworth is located about 80 km due south of Prince Albert and 280 km NNW of Regina. From there, on August 2 it was sent to the Regina Branch Dead Letter Office No. 1 and was processed on Aug 10, 1923. A second Dominion Lands Office indicates that it was received there on August 12, 1923.

Although everyone must have known where the Dominion Lands Office was, the envelope did not state which office only ***If not called for within 30 days please return to / Dominion Lands Office at .....***

These envelopes are a treasure trove of additional postal history depth for the western provinces small towns, registration handstamps, Admiral varieties and rates and DLO markings. This **No. 1 Branch Dead Letter Office** double oval handstamp has been very elusive to me over the years as only one other report was previously known. It is nice to see a very clear fully struck handstamp as many are overlapping stamps and other post marks on postcards and covers.



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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

**IN THE NEWS**

Hugh Rathbun reports that the Halifax commercial service centre of Canada Post on Almon Street now has a pictorial postmark. They received it about two months ago.



There will be a stamp launch of the new Mona Parsons stamp in Wolfville on Monday November 6 at 3:30 pm. See details on the circular shown at right.

**Join us!**

Canada Post invites you to join us as we celebrate WWII hero Mona Parsons at a special stamp unveiling event.

Help us honour her incredible courage.

All community members are welcome.

**Monday, November 6  
3:30 pm**

Wolfville Post Office  
407 Main St.  
Wolfville, NS

**Soyez des nôtres!**

Postes Canada vous invite au dévoilement d'un timbre spécial en l'honneur de Mona Parsons, une héroïne de la Seconde Guerre mondiale.

Aidez-nous à rendre hommage à son courage exceptionnel.

Toute la communauté est la bienvenue.

**Lundi 6 novembre  
15 h 30**

Bureau de poste de Wolfville  
407 Main St.  
Wolfville (N.-É.)

**JERUSALEM 1948... CONTINUED...**

After bitter fighting in the Judean Hills, the siege was lifted on June 18 with the arrival of the first convoy, which returned to Tel Aviv the same day. Covers carried out



Figure 6



Figure 7

of Jerusalem on that convoy (Figure 8) received a boxed "National Loans" handstamp and a Tel Aviv trilingual backstamp. The second convoy arrived on June 21, bringing with

a supply of the "Doar Ivri" (Hebrew Post) first issue stamps of Israel (Figure 9). By July 4, the Jerusalem postal authorities were fully supplied with the new national pattern tri-lingual handstamps. This summarizes my presentation to the club at the October meeting.



Figure 8



Figure 9

**HEINRICH VON STEPHAN 1831-97**

by Michael Peach



Heinrich von Stephan was one of the leading figures in the development of the postal system. He instigated the federalization of the Prussian Postal service, the introduction of the telephone in Germany, the idea of a postcard, the Rohrpost (Tubepost, Pneumatic) in Berlin and the collection of historical materials of the German Post, which led to the first public Postal Museum opened in 1898.

His greatest contribution to postal services around the world was, however, the formation of a uniform worldwide postal system, later the Universal Postal Union (UPU).

In 1848, at the age of 16, he joined the service of the Prussian Post Office. His promotion through the ranks was rapid. In 1870 he was appointed Postmaster General of the North German Confederation and in 1871 of the new German Empire. In the 1878 reorganization, he was secretary of state for the separate Post Office department and becoming State Secretary of the Reich Post Office in 1880. In 1895 he was promoted to State Minister. The development of the Post Office showed his great power of organization.

In 1859 he published *Geschichte der Preussischen Post von ihrem Ursprunge bis auf die Gegenwart*, a History of the Prussian Post. In 1874 he gave a futuristic lecture to the Berlin Scientific Society about World Post and Air Shipping, *Weltpost und Luftschiffahrt*, later published as a book by Springer. Balloon Post had been used during the siege of Paris, 1870 – 1871. The books have been updated, reprinted and translated into English.

In 1872 he received an honorary doctorate from the University of Halle and in 1884 he was ennobled by the Kaiser, becoming von Stephan.

The German Post Office marked the centenary of his death in 1997 with a commemorative stamp showing his achievements: some signatories to the 1874 Berne Confer-



ence forming the Universal Postal, an early postcard, Correspondenz-Karte, of the North German Confederation, a steam ship, a Grusse aus Berlin picture postcard showing the Berlin Post Museum, Reichspost Museum Berlin, and an early telephone.

**ODDS AND ENDS**

**Requests for information:**

From NSSC member, Rob Ferguson

*I recently came across three identical unopened envelopes that my father mailed from Winnipeg on 14 April, 1961, with the 1¢ Wilding stamp, labelled "for philatelic use." I*



*can't find anything philatelically significant about that date. Can anyone help me out?*

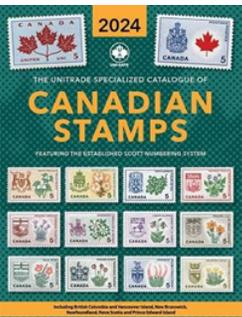
*I have another envelope he sent 20*

*July, 1959, also unopened obviously for philatelic interest. Any idea what the significance of that date would be?*



From RPSC and BNAPS member, David McLaughlin

*I have had two registered UPU covers in my collection and exhibit from Middleton, Annapolis Co., one sent to Fremantle, Australia and the other to Haiti in 1898. By comparing the handwriting, they are from the same person. I have obtained a postcard from Middleton to Africa and was able to determine that the writer was Charles F. Fisher who appears to have been in the stamp trade. Does anyone have any further information on Mr. Fisher. Responses can be sent to David at [david.mclaughlin@rogers.com](mailto:david.mclaughlin@rogers.com) or to the Newsletter Editor at [jmfsodero@hotmail.com](mailto:jmfsodero@hotmail.com)*



A reminder that The Unitrade 2024 Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps will be available in time for the upcoming holiday season – if a copy is on your wish list a number of stamp dealers are promoting special offers.

**Upcoming RPSC Stamp Talk and Panel**

November 13 - Bill Longley – Military Philately  
November 20 - Auctions

**Mark your Calendars! Royal\*2024\*Royale will be held in Fredericton September 20 – 22, 2024.**

**ROYAL\*2023\*ROYALE**

The Annual Show of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada was held in London, ON from October 13 - 15, 2023. The extremely successful show included 25 dealers and almost 40 competitive exhibits. Friday evening's dinner and entertainment was organized by RPSC President Gregg Redner, who improvised the soundtrack to the 1922 silent film Nosferatu: A Symphony of Horror, an adaptation of Bram Stoker's novel, Dracula.

At the Saturday evening banquet, Nova Scotia Stamp Club members took home several prizes including: Jean-Jacques Tillard, who was awarded a Large Gold and the multi-frame Grand for his exhibit "St. Pierre et Miquelon: le type "Groupe", 1892-1908" and Gary Steele (upper right), who was awarded a Large Gold and the single frame Grand for his exhibit "Ottawa Dead Letter Office Hand Stamps – 1872-1898 Decentralization". In addition, John Hall (lower right) received a Gold and the Jury's Choice Award for his multi-frame exhibit "Gasoline Rationing on the Home Front". Brian Murphy earned a Large Gold and the APS Research Medal for his multi-frame exhibit "Canada's External Mail, 1873-24 December 1898". Michael Mather's multi-frame exhibit "London Cancels – Development During the Victorian Period" garnered a Large Vermeil and the AAPE Gold Award of Honour Pin.



Tillard's single frame entry "Les Entieres Postaux "Pecheur" et "Goéland" à St. Pierre et Miquelon 1909-1919" earned a Large Gold as well as the United Postal Stationery Society single frame award and the APS 1900-1940 Medal of Excellence. Finally, Derek Smith received a Large Gold and the APS Postal History Medal for his single frame exhibit "New Brunswick Postage Rates "Cents Issue" – 1860-1868". NSSC newsletter editor, Jane Sodero was a jury member along with Ed Kroft, Vancouver, BC, Darrell Ertzberger, Arizona, Bernie Beston, Australia and apprentice Yan Turmine, Drummondville, QC.

The Secretary of the Fellows of the RPSC, Charles Verge was also on hand at the banquet to have six new members sign the Roll of RPSC Fellows: Hugo Deshayé, Michel J. R. Houde, Roy W. Houtby, and Dr. Gregg Redner. David McLaughlin and Dr. Joel Weiner, elected in 2022, signed the Roll as this was their first opportunity.