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UP AND COMING

[Moncton Stamp Fair](#) - March 9
100 War Veterans Ave, Moncton

[NS Stamp Club](#) - March 12 7:30pm
Museum of Natural History

[Friends of Philately](#) - March 21
3rd Thursday of the month
Museum of Natural History

[Spring Stamp Fair](#) - April 14 9am – 3pm
East Dartmouth Community Centre

NBCheck out the status of other shows at
www.rpsc.org/shows.html or
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. Bring a Show and Tell item to any meeting.

March 12 - Marty Zelenietz
For the Birds

April 9 - Jim Graham
TBA

May 14 - Jane Sodero -
Experiences at EFIRO - Bucharest

June 11 - Closing Social

SPRING STAMP FAIR
Sunday, April 14 2024
9 am - 3 pm

Dealers / Club Table
Live Auction at 1:30

**East Dartmouth
Community Centre**

50 Caledonia Rd., Dartmouth
Free Admission / Free Parking

**? Want to Help ?
! Volunteers Always Needed !**

CANADA POST AND THE UPU

by Michael Peach

The Universal Postal Union, UPU, was founded in 1874 as the General Postal Union, GPU. The name was changed in 1878 to UPU. Initial efforts to simplify international mail had been made by Montgomery Blair, Postmaster General of the USA, at the 1863 Paris Conference. The impetus was then taken by Heinrich Stephan, a career bureaucrat at the Post Office, at the 1874 Conference in Berne, which resulted in the Postal Union being formed October 9, 1874. Since 1969, October 9th is noted annually as World Post Day. The Union has survived the years and in 1948 was incorporated into the United Nations. It is based in Berne.

Canada was one of the earliest members of the Union, having joined in 1878.

A 5¢ stamp for the non-UK overseas rate, was issued to mark the 1927 meeting of the UPU executive held in Ottawa to prepare the agenda for the 1934 Cairo Congress. The blue engraved stamp shows Parliament Hill from the Ottawa river side (fig.).



Canada hosted the 1957 UPU Congress and marked the Congress with two stamps 5¢ for the domestic rate and 15¢ for the international rate to Europe (fig.). Both stamps have a posthorn. The 5¢ also shows the Peace Tower in the Parliament buildings from the city side and the 15¢ has a map of Canada. The Congress from August 14 until October 3 was held in the Parliament Buildings.



For the centennial of the Union in 1974, Canada issued two stamps, an 8¢ for the inland rate and a 15¢ for the international rate (fig.). Both stamps show Mercury and winged horses together with the UPU global emblem. The 1974 Belgium stamps feature Blair and von Stephan.



The 150th anniversary will be celebrated this year. As far as I can see there will be no recognition by Canada Post, although there will be a United Nations stamp.



BRIDGEWATER LAUNCHES A NEW PICTORIAL CANCEL

by Cheryl Grantham

February 13, 2024 marked the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Town of Bridgewater. To commemorate the event, the South Shore Stamp Club approached Canada Post to help with the design of a new pictorial cancel. Bridgewater's Canada Post Lead Hand Paul McDonald created the new cancellation which reflects on the history of shipping on the LaHave River. The iconic light standard was added to overlook the river and a sailing ship of 1899.



Figure 1: Close up of cancel Source Kevin McBain, //lighthouseNOW.ca



Figure 2: Cheryl Grantham and Paul McDonald canceling a cover

Canada Post representatives, the public and town officials were present at the Feb. 13th 2024 reception held at the North St. Post Office. The cancellation was revealed at 11 am, followed by speeches, socializing and refreshments. Attendee's included members of the South Shore Stamp Club, Nova Scotia Stamp Club, and current and former employees of Canada Post including Ivan Rhodenizer a former Bridgewater postmaster (1971 - 1985), who attended school in Bridgewater with Donald Sutherland.

This is the fourth time that the South Shore Stamp Club has been involved in obtaining pictorial cancels for the Town. The previous projects were in 1996 recognizing Lunenburg County as the Forest Capital of Canada, in 1999 celebrating Bridgewater's 100th Anniversary and in 2017 promoting the opening of Puiuiskaq Park on the shore of the LaHave River.

As a footnote, In the excitement the organizers failed to notice that the date of the cancel was set to 2023 instead of 2024. When the cancellation was received in December, several test strikes were made to see the outcome of the design. However, when the date was reset before the launch, the year was not changed to reflect 2024. All the FDC's cancelled on Feb 13th are now an error item, perhaps even a rare collector's item. The date has now been corrected.

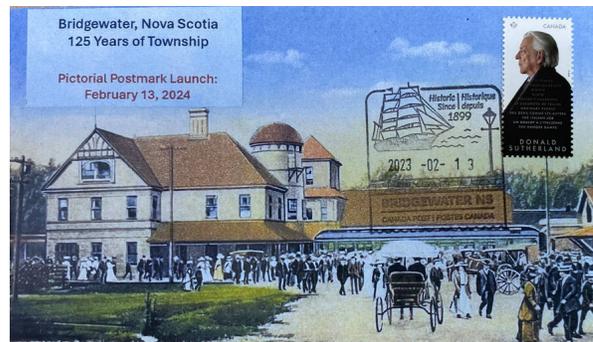
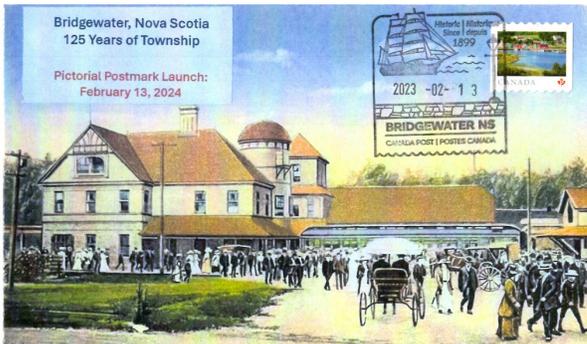


Fig 4. Hugh Rathbun's cover (top)

Fig 5. Hugh's cover with Donald Sutherland stamp (middle) source - //lighthouseNOW.ca

Fig 6. Cheryl Grantham's cover (bottom)

All photos and images are from Hugh Rathbun unless noted



Figure 3: Other Pictorial Cancels – from Hugh Rathbun's book "Nova Scotia Pictorial Postmarks 1975 – 2018"



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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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DISTRICT DLO: MOOSE JAW DLOs (ARTICLE # 81)

by Gary Steele

DISTRICT DEAD LETTER OFFICE. Moose Jaw, Sask.

Proofed 1946-47

67mm x 29mm boxed handstamp

1st & 2nd line sans-serif, 3rd line serif,

1st & 2nd line caps, 3rd line mixed



There used to be a radio show host Paul Harvey that would say 'and now for the rest of the story...' or something similar as he told clear concise interesting tales of days past.

Moose Jaw circle proof shown above.

To complete this DLO story, it took over a decade to obtain the second cover related to the first cover. The first cover in this case is the War issue letter mailed on Dec 13, 1947 to a Miss Laufey Melsted in California marked **REBUTS** and **INDEFINITE, UNCLAIMED** unclear but mailed from San Francisco (**DLO? Purple handstamp**) back to Canada. It was received at the Moose Jaw DLO on Feb 3, 1948 per very rare Moose Jaw circle handstamp (similar to proof shown).



The Moose Jaw Dead Letter Office was open for less than 2 years before being closed during a Post Office re-organization in 1948.

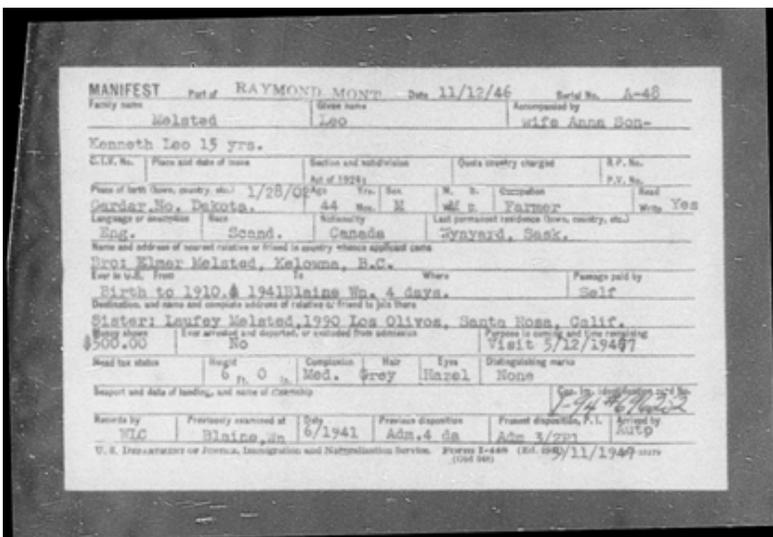
Upon receipt of the original letter at the Moose Jaw DLO it was processed, opened to obtain the sender's name and address, 'Leo Melsted of Wynyard, Sask.' and put into a Returned Dead Letter envelope. Leo Melsted was Laufey's brother. He and his family visited Laufey at the same address in California a year before his letter was sent¹. Laufey lived in California until her death in 1973, Leo died in 1992².



It left Moose Jaw on Feb 5, 1948 having been imprinted with a very large even more rare **DISTRICT DEAD LETTER / OFFICE. Moose Jaw, Sask.** boxed handstamp. The postman presented the item and upon receipt by the sender the 3 cent Postage due fee was paid, with a 2 cent and 1 cent

postage due tied to cover by a Wynyard, Sask. roller cancel. Now you know the rest of the story...

A side note is that I have had the Returned Dead Letter cover for two or three years not knowing that it was the missing piece to only one of many similar puzzles with Dead Letter Office material. I suspect that due to the rarity of Moose Jaw DLO items the odds were in our favour that both items existed and were more easily identifiable.



1. Montana Manifests of Immigrant Arrivals and Departures, 1923-1956, www.FamilySearch.com
2. www.FamilySearch.com

VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS—MARCH 2024

compiled by Ann Miller

You can register for the event via the host's website. Most of the groups listed have past presentations available to view through their websites, or YouTube. Times listed for the ATLANTIC zone.

British Empire Study Group

<https://bestudygroup.org>

Mar. 7th, 7:00 p.m., Robin Harris, "The evolution of the Unitrade catalogue".

Collectors Club of New York

<https://www.collectorsclub.org/Live%20Video%20Program/>

Mar. 13th, 6:30 p.m., Eric Scherer, "Reply cards in international mail - the story behind an UPU oddity".

Mar. 20th, 6:30 p.m., Sandeep Jaiswal, "Bahawalpur Philately - Part 1 (up to 3 October 1947)".

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

<https://www.rpsc.org>

Mar. 11th, 8:00 p.m., Stamp Talk, David Foote, "Eclipse philately".

Mar. 18th, 8:00 p.m. Stamp Panel, Elizabeth Sodero, Robert Stock, Mark Loomis, (Social philately)".

Royal Philatelic Society of London

<https://www.rpsl.org.uk/News-Events-Meetings/Online-Presentations>

Mar. 5th, 11:00 a.m., Terje Heskestad, "Postal history of the southern coast of Norway 1719-1855".

Postal History Society of Canada

<https://www.postalhistorycanada.net/php/index.php>

TBA

North Toronto Stamp Club

<https://www.northtorontostampclub.ca/>

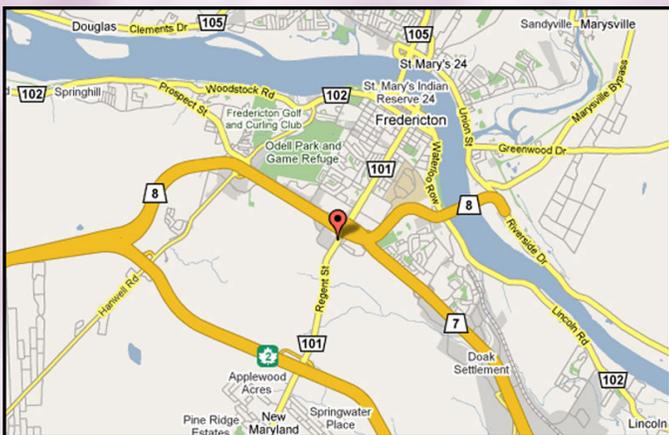
Mar. 21st, 8:00 p.m., TBA

West Toronto Stamp Club

<http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/>

Mar. 5th, 8:00 p.m., Learning Workshop, "What you don't know that you would like to know". (questions submitted in advance).

Mar. 19th, , 8:00 p.m., Discussion Group, "Long Distance covers, part 2".



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