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UP AND COMING

[Moncton Stamp Fair](#) - June 8
100 War Veterans Ave, Moncton, NB

[NS Stamp Club](#) - June 11 7:30pm
Museum of Natural History

[Friends of Philately](#) - June 20
Museum of Natural History

[South Shore Stamp Club](#) - June 29 2pm
Bridgewater Curling Club

[NOVApex 2024](#)- August 16 & 17
East Dartmouth Community Centre

[BNAPEX 2024 Kingston](#) - August 23-25
St. Lawrence College, Kingston, ON

[NS Stamp Club](#) - September 10
Annual General Meeting
Museum of Natural History

[Royal*2024*Royale](#) - September 20-22
Fredericton, NB

[STAMPEX](#) - November 2
Bridgewater (Details coming soon)

Check 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. . Bring a Show and Tell item to any meeting.

June 11 - Closing Social

We now have program openings for the 2024-25 season

1924 BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION

by Michael Peach

On April 23, 1924, St. George's Day, King George V opened the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley Park and the first British commemorative stamps were issued. The two stamps were single coloured, 1d scarlet for the inland postcard rate and 1 ½d brown for the basic inland letter, British Empire, preferred (USA) and overseas postcard rates. The stamps were only available at the Exhibition Post Office but could be used at any location. Eventually, stamp dealers were able to order the stamps by mail. A special exhibition cancellation was used at the Exhibition Post Office. The stamps were re-



Figure 1: 1924 Wembley Cancellation

issued on May 9, 1925 for the second year of the exhibition with 1924 being replaced by 1925. The postal rates remained the same. The stamps show the British lion and the King's profile that had originally been used on the high value Sea Horse stamps. The stamps were also used on postal stationery, postcards with both values and 1½d only on envelopes and lettercards.



Figure 2: Festival of Stamps 2010

King George V, a philatelist, had not been favour of issuing commemorative stamps describing them as un-British and American, preferring ones with his profile only. The United Kingdom did not issue multicoloured stamps until 1960 for the 1st anniversary of the European Postal and Telecommunications Conference.

For the 2010 Festival of Stamps, the 1d and 1½d 1924 Exhibition stamps were reissued in a stamp-on-stamp format in a mini-sheet together with the £1 and 10s high value 1913 Seahorse stamps.



Figure 3: Centennial 2024

To mark 100th anniversary of commemorative stamps, Royal Mail issued a mini-sheet of ten First Class stamps on April 16, 2024. The stamps are also the stamp-on-stamp type and feature 30 commemorative stamps issued during the previous hundred years. The King George V stamps on the first stamp are the red 1d 1924 British Empire Exhibition together with the other commemorative stamps issued during his reign, the black 1929 £1 Postal Union Congress and the 1935 2½d blue Silver Jubilee.

THE DLO POST RE-ORGANIZATION HANDSTAMP

by Gary Steele

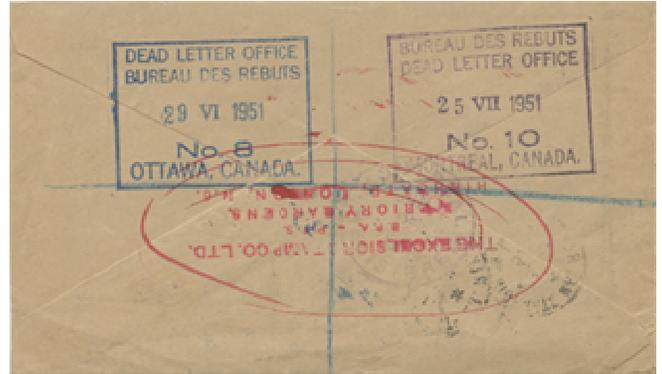
**THE D. L. O.
13 II. 1950
TORONTO**

Proofed April 11, 1949
37mm x 24mm
boxed handstamp
Sans-serif, all mixed

The Canada Post Office did a re-organization between 1946 and 1948 which resulted in a reduction of the number of Dead Letter Offices to four - Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver - by 1948. This was mentioned in previous articles on handstamps such as the cover to the right where a large group of consistent rectangle handstamps were proofed between January and November 1948.

Subsequent to these handstamps, there were a few replacement hammers and new types of hammers with a similar design. Two of these strikes were previously only known through Proof strikes - Vancouver and Toronto.

Recently, a strike of a Toronto handstamp was found. It is much smaller and has fewer words than previous iterations. It was proofed on April 11,



1949. The only known copy, it is shown on a Dead Letter Return envelope dated a few months later on Feb 13, 1950.

A similar Vancouver proof strike was recorded on the same day as the Toronto proof. The only known copy from Vancouver, shown here, is dated Oct 5, 1951. In addition to the mark in question, there are two similar larger earlier types from Vancouver in green and black ink. Few other DLO handstamps were issued and used after 1948 with the implementation of Undeliverable Mail Office (UMO) system. This shift resulted in totally new handstamps in the early 1950s.

I still find it amazing that it has taken decades to locate another elusive item of the Dead Letter Office with the hope more will come to light in the future.



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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

NOVAPEX 2024 Aug 16-17

by Sean Weatherup

Plan now to attend and/or exhibit at NOVApex 2024, August 16 and 17, 2024 at the East Dartmouth Community Centre. Committee planning is now in the final stages. The NSSC website has been updated with NOVApex 2024 information including exhibit prospectus and entry forms, dealer forms, and other pertinent information. To date there are ten dealers registered. Watch the website in the coming weeks for information regarding the awards banquet, accepted exhibits and preview of what you will see at the show.

SPECIAL OFFER
for NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB
MEMBERS only

Members attending NOVApex 2024 will be eligible to receive \$20.00 in vouchers, to use anywhere on the Novapex Bourse.

ORAPEX 2024 - MAY 4-5 OTTAWA

by Jane Sodero

Nova Scotia Stamp Club members swept the Grand Awards at Orapex 2024 with Patrick Burns taking home the Open Class Grand Award and Gary Steele earning the Single Frame Grand Award. The jury for the show consisted of Bob Anderson (Chair); Sam Chiu; John Wilson; Jane Sodero; David McLaughlin; Ron Leshner and Laurent Belisle (apprentice).

Patrick Burn's exhibit "The Nova Scotia Post: Early Mail and Markings" garnered 92 points from the jury as well as special awards including the Best Show Theme exhibit, the BNAPS Best British North American (BNA) exhibit, the American Philatelic Society (APS) Award of Excellence for pre-1900 material and the Postal History Society of Canada Best Postal History exhibit.

Gary Steele's exhibit "Canadian Dead Letter Office Reorganization Handstamps" earned 90 points. Several other NSSC members received special awards for their exhibits notably Mike Mather's "London Cancels: Development during the Victoria Period" which received the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitor's Award of Excellence-Treatment and John Hall whose "Canadian Postal Rates of the War Tax Era 1915 - 1926" received the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada Specialization Award, the BNAPS Best Researched BNA exhibit and APS Award of Excellence for material from 1900-1940.

Orapex was very well attended with attendees from coast to coast and quite a number from the United States as well. There was large contingent of Nova Scotia Stamp Club members including most of the exhibitors and many others. There were a number of new dealers on the bourse and new exhibitors as well. Of particular note, there were 4! Youth exhibitors. One 21-year-old and three 8- and 9-year-olds. A special feedback session was held with the 3 youngest exhibitors and it was great to see such enthusiasm among the children.

Open Class Exhibits			
Large Gold			
Patrick Burns	The Nova Scotia Post: Early Mail and Markings	92	Grand Award, APO Best Show Theme, BNAPS Best BNA, APS Award of Excellence (pre 1900), PHSC Best Postal History (BNA)
Mike Mather	London Cancels: Development during the Victoria Period	91	AAPE Award of Excellence-Treatment
John Hall	Canadian Postal Rates of the War Tax Era 1915 -1926	90	PSSC Specialization Award, BNAPS Best Researched BNA, APS Award of Excellence (1900-1940)
Vermeil			
Gordon Smith	The Postmarks of Port Hood	78	
One Frame Exhibits			
Large Gold			
Gary Steele	Canadian Dead Letter Office Reorganization Handstamps	90	One Frame Grand
Vermeil			
Michael Peach	The Post Office and Postmarks: 1824 - Present Day Rugby, Warwickshire, England	75	



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Photos 1-r

- Jane Sodero and youth (c. Chui)
- Gary Steele and his one Frame Grand Exhibit (c. Galbraith)
- Pat Burns receiving the Grand Award from Peter MacDonald, on behalf of Orapex Sponsor Sparks Auctions (c. Galbraith)



UPCOMING VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS - JUNE

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 (BESG):

June 13th, 7 p.m., Ian Kimberley,
"Censorship in the Solomons, 1939-1945".

June 27th, 7 p.m., Ian Matheson,
"Entertainment tax - a global perspective".

Collectors Club of New York:

June 5th, 6:30 p.m., Sandeep Jaiswal,
"Part 2 - Bahawalpur philately".

June 19th, 6:30 p.m., Ana and Henrik Mouritsen,
"Danish Royal Family sex scandal (1768-1772)."

June 26th, 6:30 p.m., Richard Malmgren and Fred Gregory, "Hawaii".

North Toronto Stamp Club:

June 20th, 8 p.m., TBA.

Postal History Society of Canada:

June 18st, 7 p.m., TBA

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC):

June 10th, 8 p.m., Stamp Talk, Jan Hofmeyr,
"Understanding the Grill stamps of the United States".

June 17th, 8 p.m., Stamp Panel, Pat Walker,
"Aspects of US philately".

Royal Philatelic Society of London (RPSL):

June 4th, 11 a.m., Simon Richards,
"Numeral Cancels".

West Toronto Stamp Club:

June 4th, 8 p.m., Learning Workshop, Modern philately - a collecting opportunity you don't want to miss".

June 18st, 8.p.m., Discussion Group, Ken Snelson,
"An imaginary circumnavigation of Great Britain and off-shore islands in the Paquebot era".

THE STAMP ACT

by Kevin Smith

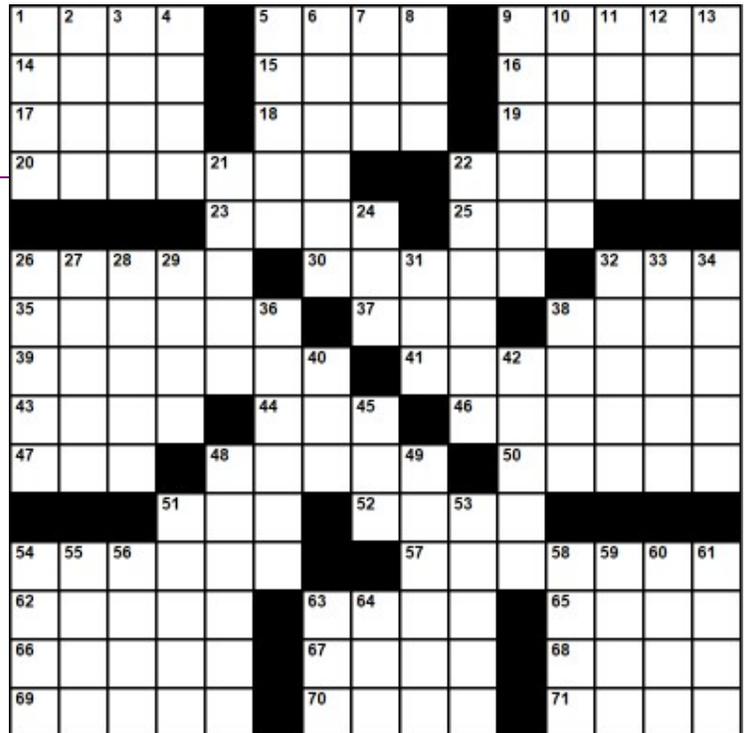
Across

- 1. Get by
- 5. Dead Letter Office expert Steele
- 9. John on a 2006 Canada issue
- 14. Copied
- 15. Suit to __
- 16. Earlier
- 17. _ avis
- 18. 27th U.S. President
- 19. Auto purchase
- 20. Christopher on a 2021 Canada issue
- 22. Extreme introvert?
- 23. Thor's father
- 25. You _ here
- 26. Front step area
- 30. Puts stamps in piles by country
- 32. Papua port
- 35. Bird, at times
- 37. Vampire or Little Brown
- 38. Raymond on a 2008 Canada issue
- 39. Video game meccas
- 41. Some gift givers
- 43. Fay on a 2006 Canada issue
- 44. Purpose
- 46. Barkin and Degeneres
- 47. SE Asian country
- 48. Concur
- 50. Bother (2 wds.)
- 51. Princess perturber of myth
- 52. Eye problem

- 54. Up-to-date
- 57. Katherine on a 2010 US issue
- 62. New York city
- 63. _ Rogers Folk Festival
- 65. Aware of
- 66. Weasel cousin
- 67. Pub purchase
- 68. Bad day for Caesar
- 69. Lena on a 2018 US issue
- 70. Sense
- 71. Come last

Down

- 1. Fished fish
- 2. Milky gem
- 3. Lima's land
- 4. Dutch cheese
- 5. Like some communities
- 6. Old gaming consoles
- 7. Ice official
- 8. So far
- 9. Provides vittles
- 10. Burning
- 11. "Cheers" regular
- 12. Three to Sigmund
- 13. Recently: Abbr.
- 21. Brooded
- 22. McDaniel on a 2006 US issue
- 24. San Francisco's ___ Hill
- 26. Give rise to
- 27. _ cotta



- 28. Razor handle?
- 29. Approve
- 31. Like sushi
- 32. "12 Angry Men" director
- 33. Hockey game locale
- 34. Surrealist Max
- 36. Ronald on a 2005 US issue
- 38. Actor Lugosi
- 40. Formal address
- 42. Catch a few Zs
- 45. ___ amis
- 48. Make fizzy
- 49. Fuel gas

- 51. Pie nut
- 53. 1983 Streisand musical
- 54. Baby food
- 55. ___ von Bismarck
- 56. Luxury fashion brand
- 58. Prepare pasta
- 59. Menu option
- 60. GPS suggestions
- 61. Face feature
- 63. Sunscreen rating
- 64. Suit accompaniment