

Synopsis: Pre-Confederation Postal Markings and Postal History of Halifax NS

Purpose of Exhibit: To take a look at the chronology and development of the postal markings and Postal History of Halifax from the inception of the postal system up to the time of Confederation as used **"From", "Through" and "To" Halifax.**

Exhibit Plan and Flow: This exhibit is divided into three sections.

1. Mail Posted at Halifax to various destinations showing the postal marks of the time in chronological order. (Outbound mail)
2. Mail travelling through Halifax to other destinations, often but not limited to within the province of NS. (Transit Mail)
3. Mail received in Halifax as the ultimate destination. (Inbound Mail)

Observations: It should be noted that this exhibit does not contain all known pertinent items as some are known on only one or two copies. In some cases, known items are shown by scans of exiting material from reference sources.

During this time period from the Founding of Halifax in 1749 the French and British immigrants to Nova Scotia were actively engaged in the building of infrastructure, roads, waterways and methods of communication including the postal system. It also included conflicts with between the French and British as well as building relationships with the indigenous peoples of the region.

Agriculture, fisheries, commerce and trade were the necessities of the development of the region. The development of roadways and sea routes impacted the movement of the mails as well as the eventual development of the railways.

References:

The Nova Scotia Post – J.J MacDonald

The Postal History of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick – Jephcott, Greene, Young