



BNAPS eLetter

February 2021 v2n2

Zoom Meetings this month

Feb 6 – Saturday - 1:00pm Eastern Time – RPO Study Group

Brian Stalker and Peter McCarthy will talk about the Buffalo & Lake Huron Railway

Time: Feb 6, 2021 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Feb 7 – Sunday - 11:30am Eastern Time – CAS and BNAPS Aerophilately Study Group

Pilot “Wop” May, Commercial Airways Ltd, and the first air mail flights to Aklavik - 929 – Denny May

Feb 8 – Monday - 7:00pm Eastern Time – Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

E.L.D.O.: FORERUNNER TO THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY - David Foot

Register in advance for this webinar

Feb 9 – Tuesday - 7:00pm – Eastern Time – Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Stamp Collecting and Real Life:

Moderator - Chris Hargreaves

Panelists - David Hobden, Sam Chiu and Bob Gardner

Register in advance for this webinar

Feb 10 – Wednesday – 7:00pm Mountain Time - Calgary Regional Group

Early Australian Mail to the UK – Don Wilson

Frodel - Part II - BC, Nfld, USA, world and detection techniques – Ken Pugh

Feb 13 – Saturday – 2:00pm Eastern Time – Pence-Cents Study Group

Various Speakers. For more information email: ronald.e.majors@gmail.com

Feb 14 – Sunday - 2:00pm Eastern Time – Postal Stationery Study Group

Postal Stationery Cards of Henry K. Wampole & Co., Perth/Toronto, Ontario - Christopher Ellis

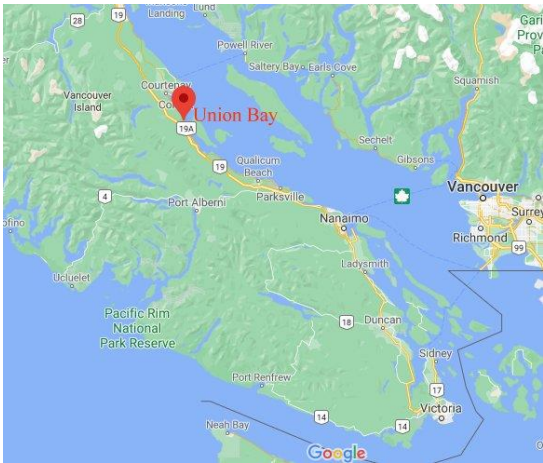
Regularly Issued Postal Stationery Post Cards of the King George VI Period - Robert Lemire

Feb 28 – Sunday - 1:00pm Eastern Time – Golden Horseshoe Regional Group

New Brunswick Cents - Derek Smith

Union Bay BC Post Office

David Webb of Qualicum Beach BC asks the following:



I'm doing some research on the development of the postal system in the area I live on Vancouver Island. It's important to me that I get the facts right on one of the many questions I have, and I'll trouble you, if I may, with one. See the attached photos; one from a book I'm using for research and another, a photo I took, each of the post office building in question.

I'm told that this building is the last operational, wooden structured, post office building in Canada. That is, the last one that was built as a post office and still functions as one; it's at Union Bay on Vancouver Island, B.C. It was built in 1913 and it was purchased from Canada Post some time ago and fully restored, as a working post office in its original form, by a heritage group from that

community and leased back to Canada Post.

The other, *possibly working*, post office building that might compete for this status, is in Dawson City, Yukon. I believe that building was restored also but that it does not continue to function as a post office. Do you know, or do you know someone who might know, the answer to my question?

David can be reached at dwwebb@outlook.com



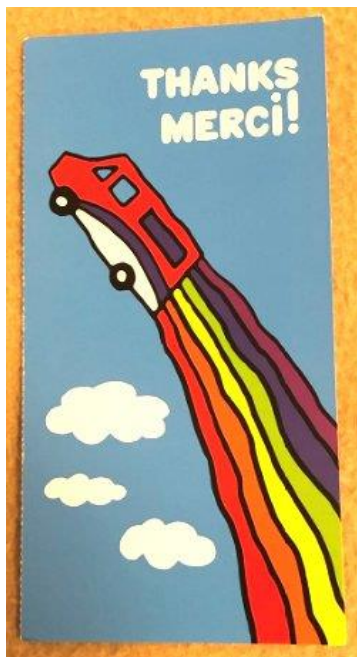
The eLetter is published monthly by the BNAPS Membership Committee. Philip Atelic is looking for biographies of BNAPS members. If you know of someone who has an interesting story to tell let us know. If you have an illustration and a one or two sentence explanation send it along. If you have a question about an item you own – send a copy and your question. Contact email: charleslivermore@hotmail.com

THANKS MERCI! – to Canada Post Workers

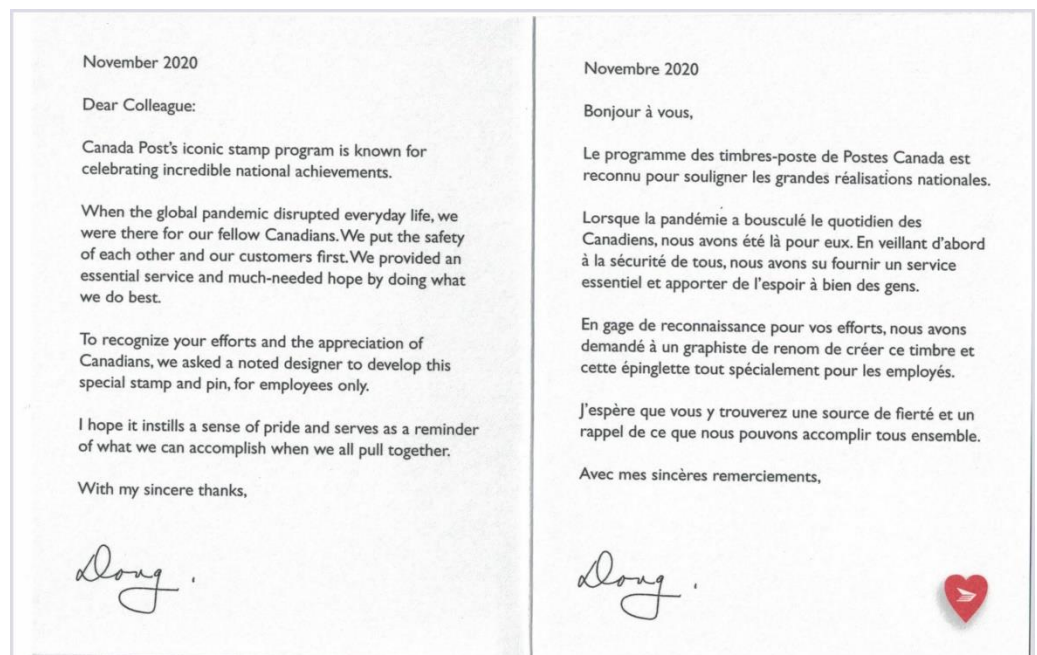


In November 2020, Canada Post presented to Canadian postal workers a thank you gift package (11.2 x 14.7 x 1.3 cm) for their commitment to providing postal service for all Canadians during the Covid-19 pandemic. Pictured to the left are the items included in this gift package. Among the items were booklet panes of forever stamps for domestic usage and a pin. Below is the *Thanks Merci!* note. These stamps were not available for sale to the public. However, they are finding their way into the hands of stamp collectors. The first eBay appearance of this issue was on December 4, 2020. The Calgary Philatelic Society's online exhibition contains [an exhibit by Dave Bartlet showing Covid-19 covers](#). He includes illustrations of the items in the gift package given to postal workers. He notes that there are over 100,000 of these booklets. The earliest used cover to date is November 24. The asking price on eBay for this package has been as high as \$300 Canadian.

Message inside *Thanks Merci*



Booklet cover



Pin



Stamp

Covid-19 Exhibits

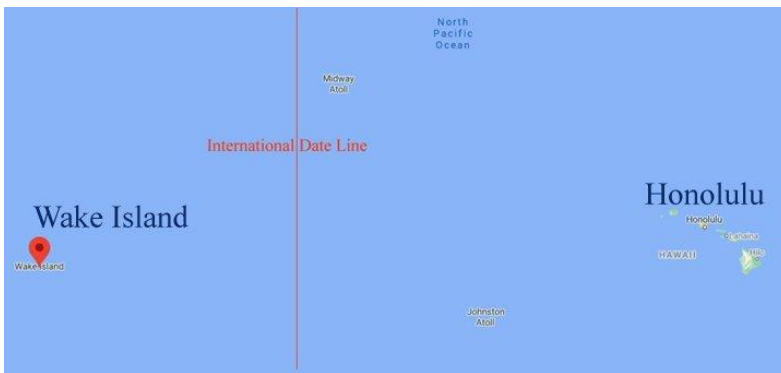
Dave's exhibit (mentioned above) is one of three exhibits dealing with the Covid-19 Virus. The Calgary Philatelic Society also has two other exhibits dealing with Covid: see Exhibit #15 on "Toilet Paper (Covid-19) Stamps) and Exhibit 24, "Canadian Mail, the Post Office and Covid-19". Both can be found at <https://calgaryphilatelicsociety.com/virtual-exhibition/calvirt-exhibition-20-jan-2021-10-feb-2021/>. Look quickly however, as they are listed as being available only until February 10, 2021.

BNAPS switches to HTTPS

The BNAPS website has switched to the secure HTTPS communications protocol. This protocol encrypts data exchanged between the web server and your browser while in transit over the Internet. **Update your bookmark.** The website URL has changed from <http://www.bnaps.org> to <https://bnaps.org> (note the "s" after "http" and the elimination of "www").

GMT and the International Date Line

In the last eLetter I suggested I usually had problems figuring out Greenwich mean time (GMT). Jerry Jarnick sent an Air Force recollection indicating I'm not the only one. "When flying we always used GMT as our base time, but USAF finance insisted that we use local time for our travel vouchers and collecting travel pay. Flying from Wake Island to Honolulu resulted in a departure on the 15th of the month, and arrival on the 14th. I spent hours trying to explain the international date line to a finance clerk in order to collect a couple of bucks."



Searching for Newfoundland 115.



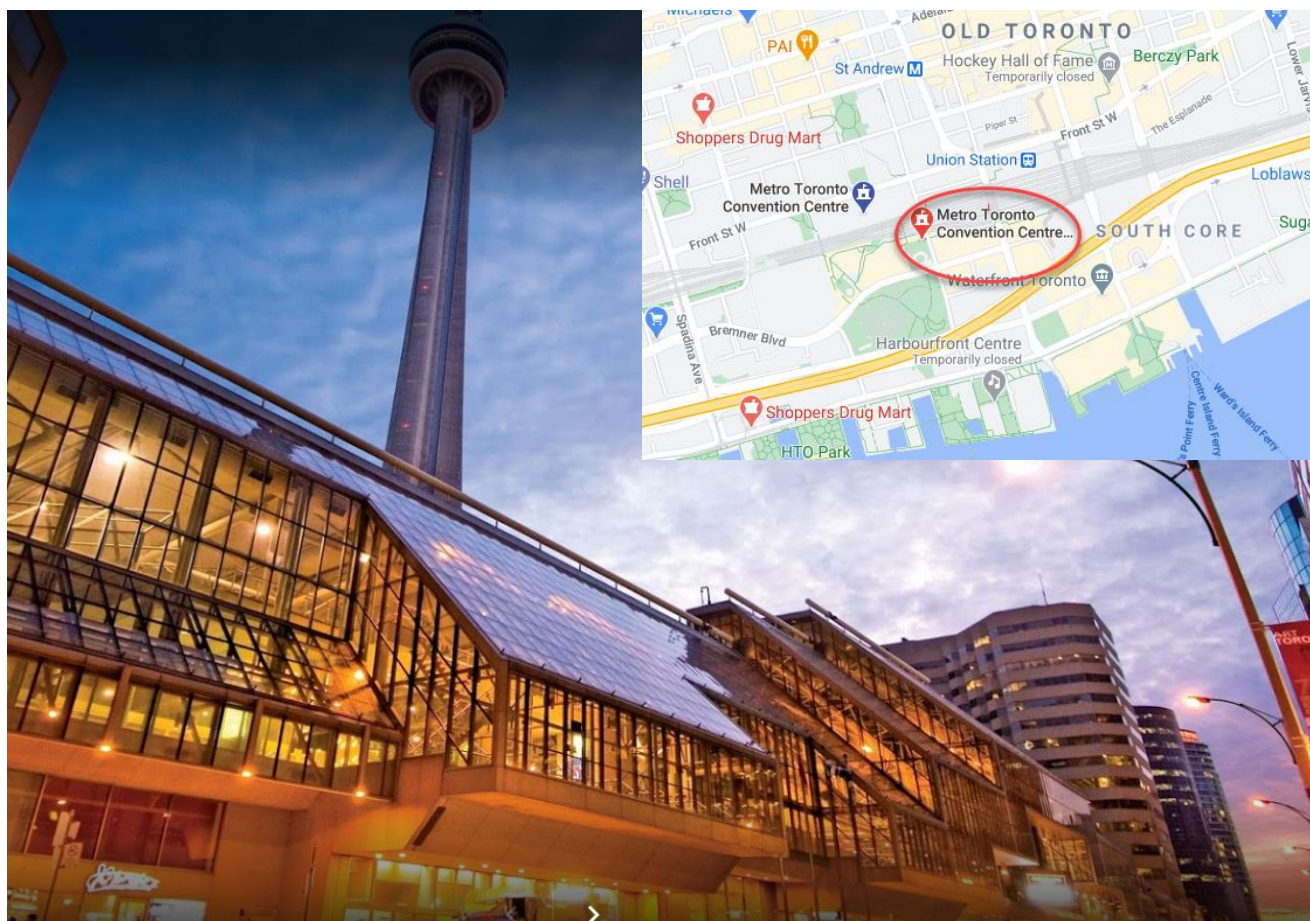
Jamie Hennebury, is looking to purchase full sheets or large multiples of Newfoundland Scott number 115. Scans of your sheets or multiples would be welcome. If you are able to accommodate this request you can reach Jamie at:

probuck5@hotmail.com



The stamp is part of the *Trail of the Caribou Issue* and appeared in January 1919, to commemorate the Newfoundland contingent in World War I. The names on the stamps are locations at which the Newfoundland contingent fought.

The illustrations are taken from *The Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps*, 2020 edition



The **CAPEX 22** website, www.capex22.org, is now live. Show information, visitor information, and bourse information has now been posted, and information for exhibitors and exhibit application forms are now available.

Hosted by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC), **CAPEX 22** will be held under the patronage of *Federación Interamericana de Filatelia* (FIAF) and the recognition of the *Fédération Internationale de Philatélie* (FIP). All federation members of FIAF and FIP will be invited to participate, including Canadian exhibitors.

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