



# BNAPS eLetter

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## Zoom Meetings

**7 Mar Thursday 6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**British Empire Study Group**

Robin Harris: The Evolution of the Unitrade Catalogue

Open to all but registration is required at the link below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/2716984214670/WN\\_inRtpP6aQby5xij\\_TMajCQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/2716984214670/WN_inRtpP6aQby5xij_TMajCQ)

**11 Mar Monday 7:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Royal Philatelic Society Canada**

Stamp Talks – David Foot: Eclipse Philately - On April 8, 2024, there will be a total eclipse of the sun potentially visible (clouds permitting) from Niagara Falls to Bonavista. A solar eclipse collection embraces the world, all eras, and can include stamps and postal history, as well as commemorative and first day covers.

**Register at the following link.** You will receive an email with the meeting information after registering.

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/1617036355739/WN\\_OTp\\_2YfBR6qi4NCIM5Q1xQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/1617036355739/WN_OTp_2YfBR6qi4NCIM5Q1xQ)

**13 Mar Wednesday 7:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)**

**Calgary Regional Group**

Program to be announced.

**18 Mar Monday 7:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Royal Philatelic Society Canada**

Panel – Elizabeth Soderro, Robert Stock and Mark Loomis: Social Philately

**Register at the following link.** You will receive an email with the meeting information after registering.

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/9317036361009/WN\\_raEh9WTQsX2QKdOZV17wYA](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/9317036361009/WN_raEh9WTQsX2QKdOZV17wYA)

**19 Mar Tuesday 6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Postal History Society of Canada**

Arlene Sullivan: The Stick 'n' Tick Labels of 1983/84

Email to the following link for registration. [PHSCpresentation@gmail.com](mailto:PHSCpresentation@gmail.com)

**26 Mar Tuesday 7:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Lower Canada / Bas Canada Regional Group**

A Show-and-Tell Meeting

## BNAPS Elections – 2024 is an Election Year

At the last Board of Directors meeting, the election procedure was modified as follows. (The modification is indicated in blue.)

### ARTICLE VII - ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

3.3 A Regional Group of the Society or any group of five members of the Society in good standing may also nominate a person to any office (excepting the Presidency), or directorship which is available to be filled in the election, by filing the name or names of such nominees with the Secretary not less than 110 days before the Annual Meeting of the Society in an election year.

*[The rationale for this change is to ensure that the first Vice President, who will have been expected to work closely with the President during the President's term, can carry this experience into their term as President. In essence this means that election to the position of first Vice President is an election to a four-year term. Two as first Vice President and two as President.]*

The deadline for notifying the Secretary of any nominations for the 2024 election is: 7 May 2024. Nominations received after midnight of 7 May 2024 will not be accepted. The Annual General Meeting for 2024 is 25 August.

Eligibility to vote requires that dues be paid by the end of day March 31, 2024.

## Proposed Census of Pence (Decimal) Era Covers

Ronald E. Majors, Chairman, Pence-Cents Study Group & Past-President BNAPS

I collect Canadian postal history of the decimal period with a focus on rates, destinations, and routes. The decimal period (1859-1868) falls after the Pence series (1851-1859) and before the Large Queens (1868-1876). For many years, the only census of Pence - and Pence - postal history was work by dealer Charles (Chuck) Firby who published a two-part typewritten census covering this area (1). This publication is now over 40 years old and since then new discoveries have been made which added to the total. A number of years ago, BNAPS member Wayne Smith took it upon himself to do an update Firby's listing on Pence covers and has done a really great job on updating the known Pence covers (2) greatly adding to the number covered by the Firby listing. The Smith census can be found on the BNAPS.org website under the Online Resources and Exhibits heading for a free of charge usage. Wayne frequently updates his tables so that more covers are added every year. The Wayne Pence census is now the leading known reference for dealers and auction houses determining Pence postal history pricing recommendations.

In addition, Wayne has also done a census of Large Queen Covers by rate (3) and of 1859 Pence stamps used on cover after April 1, 1868 (4), the beginning of the Large Queen period. This latter census covers Pence stamps used alone paying the proper postage or in mixed frankings with Large Queen stamps used in the Large Queen period.



Letter rate to Cuba via U.S. was reported in Canadian Almanac at 15¢ for ½ oz. 1859-1863. This cover was postmarked Montreal DE 18 61 and thus paid double letter rate.

through other auctions and dealers. I don't believe that Firby had photocopies of all of the decimal and pence covers and back in the time of his collecting it wasn't as easy to send scans or photos over the internet as it is today. I have a copy of Firby's wonderful decimal postal history exhibit and sometime in the future may show some of the highlights in the Pence-Cents Newsletter. In addition, I also have a copy the postal history exhibit of the cents issue by Arthur Leggett, another Canadian postal history dealer who collected and exhibited his fantastic collection. Adding to these exhibits are more recent auction catalogs and exhibits by Cantor, Brigham, Robertson, "Carrington", Willson, Arfken, Nickle, Harrison and others.

I have collected Canadian decimal postal history for over 40 years and have a decent number of properly used examples. I have exhibited my 8-frame decimal collection in BNAPEX 2017 (receiving Grand Award) and APS exhibits [achieving 2017 Large Gold (94 points) and reserve Grand Award]. So, over the years I have received many auction catalogs where I have bid on all sorts of covers and have attended many of the named auctions sold in the U.S. and Canada. So, I have a fairly large assemblage of auction catalog listings and photos and copies of decimal covers.

In additions, I have copies of most of the books pertaining to Canadian decimal postal history including the Arfken-Leggett (5), the Canadian Posted Letter Guide...the Classic Period, 1851-1902 by Firby and Wilson, Vol. 1, 1996 Edition (6) and access to the

**The Canadian Posted Letter Guide for Letters Mailed in the 1851-1902 Period**, 2nd edition (html) - Victor L. Willson and Charles G. Firby (7).

**PROPOSAL**



Letter sent from St. Agatha, U.C., Nov. 1859 to Papal States in Rome, Italy. Postage paid was 2 shillings and 4 pence (in manuscript). Transit markings on front and reverse.

additional information which you feel would be helpful to classify the cover for example, the rate to the destination, postmarks that would help understanding the route. I would put the information into an easily understandable format that may help other decimal postal history collectors. I would keep you posted through the Pence-Cents Newsletter on my progress of populating the tables with information. I would not identify you unless you wanted a citation in the census.

However, Wayne has never tackled the subject of doing a census of decimal stamps used within the proper period (July 1, 1859-April 1, 1868). The Firby census was adequate at the time. Mr. Firby was a dealer and auctioneer (now retired) and many Canadian decimal covers passed through his dealership and his auctions. In addition, Chuck also collected decimal covers himself, as did his wife, and served as an agent for collectors so had a vested interest in keeping track of Cents covers

through other auctions and dealers. I don't believe that Firby had photocopies of all of the decimal and pence covers and back in the time of his collecting it wasn't as easy to send scans or photos over the



Seven-cent domestic registered rate with Nesbitt 5 ct. franking and 2 X 1 ct for registration.

You can email your scans to me at [ronald.e.majors@gmail.com](mailto:ronald.e.majors@gmail.com) or post them to Ron Majors, 253 Caleb Drive, West Chester, PA 19382, U.S.A. Thanks in advance for your help.

The original version of the above article was published in the August 2022 issue of the Pence–Cents Study Group Newsletter. Both Ron and James Jung, the editor of the newsletter, have given permission to reprint this article.

## REFERENCES

- 1) Charles G. Firby, *The Postal Rates of Canada, 1851-1868. The Provincial Period-A Recording, Part I pence issue) and Part II, the 1859 (cents issue), 1976, revised Sept. 1, 1984.*
- 2) [Canada Pence Issue 1851 – 1859 Cover Census](#), January 2022 revision (html) - Wayne Smith  
Census of over 4,500 Pence Issue covers. The census is presented in two ways:  
1) By stamp/paper variety – lists the number of covers known for each rate paid by the stamp.  
2) By rate – lists the number of covers known for each way to pay the rate. This census is available free-of-charge on the BNAPS.org website.
- 3) [Census of Large Queen Covers by Rates](#), End of 2021 update (html) - Wayne Smith  
Census of 1868 Large Queen covers, almost 8,000 of them, sorted by postal rate and destination. Domestic mail: over 5,000 covers. Foreign mail to Newfoundland and PEI: 88 covers. To the United States: over 1,500 covers. To Great Britain: over 1,000 covers. To other foreign destinations (broken down by country): almost 250 covers. The end-of-2021 update added 103 covers.
- 4) [1859 Cents Issue Used on Cover after April 1, 1868](#) (html) - Wayne Smith  
Census of covers with 1859 Cents Issue stamps mailed after April 1, 1868, when the Large Queens were issued. The census is broken down by domestic mail and registered domestic mail and by foreign destination (U.S., Great Britain, and other destinations). Latest update: May 2022.
- 5) G. B. Arfken and Arthur W. Leggett, *Canada's Decimal Era, 1859-1868, VGG Foundation, Toronto, 303pp, 1996*
- 6) C.G. Firby and V.L. Willson, Eds., *The Canadian Postal Letter Guide, the Classic Period, 1851-1902, First Edition.* Charles G. Firby Publications, Waterford, MI.
- 7) *Ibid*, On-line and Updated Edition of Above, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, BNAPS.org, On-line Resources and Exhibits.

## “ALLUP” Air Mail Tag 7 AMS with “EMERGENCY” Handstamp

Luc Frève



On July 1, 1948, a franked envelope at the 1st class **surface** rate obtained the privilege of transport by plane between cities served by an airline, subject to the availability of space in the hold [1]. Shortly after, Canada Post began using new labels to identify mail bags intended for transport by this "All Up" service.

Ordered on July 30, 1952 and printed in 200,000 copies, the label shown above was used to send a 7 lb mail bag from Toronto to Quebec City by flight 280 on

September 4, 1955. As indicated by the mark "QUEBEC FWD.", the bag contained mail that the Quebec post office was to redirect to the final destination. We also note an “EMERGENCY” mark in red. We believe this mark identified mail bags put on a flight which was not scheduled to carry mail. Your assistance is requested to provide evidence to support this assumption. Responses may be sent to: [lfrève@videotron.ca](mailto:lfrève@videotron.ca) Thank you for your help!

### References:

[1] Crotty, D. And Hargreaves, C. (2022), *Air Mail rates of Canada & Newfoundland in The Air Mails of Canada and Newfoundland* 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, p. 500

## BNAPS Members with Dues Outstanding as of February 29, 2024

**IMPORTANT:** Members whose dues are unpaid as of April 1 will be dropped from the Membership.

James Allen	Fred Feddema	Gary Liddell	Rogen Roy
David N. Anderson	Keyword L. French	Milton Lowe	Mark Rubin
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John D. Eldridge	Rob Learmonth	Donald Quinn	
	Donald J. Leblanc	Ivan Robichaud	

## BNAPEX 2024 Update

BNAPEX 2024 Kingston, the 75<sup>th</sup> annual exhibition and conference for the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) will be held Aug 23-25, 2024, at the St. Lawrence College Event Centre, 100 Portsmouth Ave., Kingston ON. The St. Lawrence Seaway Regional Group and the Kingston Stamp Club are hosting BNAPEX 2024 Kingston.

Applications for the 160 frames of competitive exhibits are now being accepted. The exhibition prospectus and exhibit entry form were distributed as inserts with the Q1 2024 issue of BNA Topics. Entry forms are also available on the BNAPEX 2024 Kingston website <https://bnaps.org/bnapex/bnapex2024-Kingston/exhibits.htm>. Entry fees are \$25 per frame for single or multi-frame exhibits. Initial entry response has been good so enter early.

A special 10 frame Court of Honour display titled “Philatelic History of Kingston from 1673 to Present Day” is in progress. The non-competitive display exhibit will comprise 160 one-page exhibits, each page dealing with an aspect of Kingston’s philatelic history. Specifications for each of the 160 one-page exhibits in the display exhibit were published in the December 2023 eLetter <https://bnaps.org/hhl/newsletters/eLetter/BNAPS-eLetter-v004n12-Dec2023v2.pdf> . Contact Chris Anstead [acropolis@superaje.com](mailto:acropolis@superaje.com) or Chris Hargreaves [hargreavescp@sympatico.ca](mailto:hargreavescp@sympatico.ca) for further information on contributing a one-page exhibit to this special Court of Honour display.

A block of double residence rooms is available to members at a rate of \$Cdn 89.00 per night plus HST & MAT. These are not the college dorms of your youth with communal bath & shower down the hall. Each double room has a private bath with single bed sleeping areas on either side of the bathroom. With two members sharing a room the price is still \$Cdn 89.00 plus HST & MAT. A hotel room block off campus is also being arranged. Watch for further details on both the residence room block and the hotel room on the BNAPEX 2024 Kingston website.

Bourse Chair Chris Green reports strong dealer interest for bourse tables. Chris is currently out of country, but more detailed bourse information will be in the April eLetter update. Likewise, Ron Smith, Study Groups VP is quickly filling time slots in the seminar meeting rooms with Study Group meetings, presentations, and other society meetings. Watch for the meeting schedule on the website and in the April eLetter.

We are less than six months away from BNAPEX 2024 Kingston opening day. Plan now to attend and to enjoy the exhibition and everything that historic Kingston has to offer visitors.

**BNAPEX 2024 Kingston** | **75th Annual BNAPS Convention** | **23-25 AUGUST 2024**

St. Lawrence College Event Centre  
100 Portsmouth Ave., Kingston ON

Hosted by Kingston Stamp Club & BNAPS St. Lawrence Seaway Regional Group

**Special Philatelic History of Kingston from 1673 to Present Day display**

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Register for Cruise, Reception & Banquet

For exhibit entries, registration & more: <https://bnaps.org/bnapex/bnapex2024-Kingston/>

Fri. 10-5 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-3

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## Study group contributions to the BNAPS website

The website saw several contributions from study groups in February:

- The Perfin Study Group: an index to articles on Canadian perfins published in *BNA Perforator*, the newsletter of the Perfin Study Group, and several other newsletters and journals. The index was compiled by Russell D. Sampson. The web pages for the English and French editions of the *Perfin Handbook* were redesigned.

Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/Perfin/newsletters-perfin.htm>

- The Perfin Study Group: February issue of its newsletter, *BNA Perforator* (No. 170)

Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/Perfin/newsletters-perfin.htm>

- Squared Circle Study Group: February issue of its newsletter, *The Roundup Annex* (Vol. 45, No. 1)  
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/squaredcircle/newsletters.htm>
- Newfoundland Study Group: February news bulletin, *Study Group News*  
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/Newfoundland/newsletters.php>

## Malcolm Montgomery Collection of Anglo-Canadian Transatlantic Mails, 1859-1900

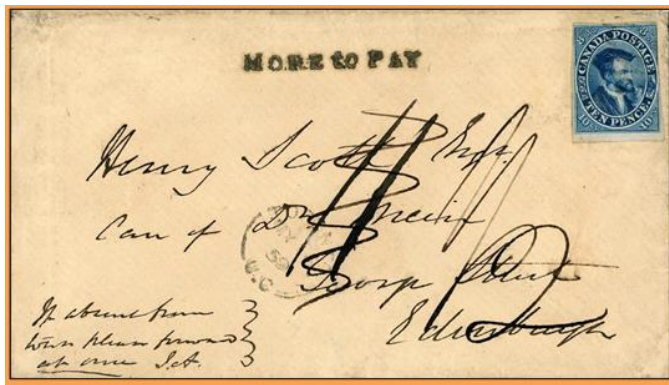
Malcolm is selling a small part of his own collection in the Cavendish Sale next Tuesday, March 5. I looked through and found a wonderful bunch of Decimal Era covers with rare handstamps. It's nice to even take a look because you might not see these again. You can view and bid on these (Lots 312-360) on Stamp Auction Network or on the Cavendish website listed below. Bidding is in British Pounds.

Stamp Auction Network

<https://stampauctionnetwork.com/CV/CV856.cfm>

Cavendish Philatelic Auctions

<https://www.cavendish-auctions.com/>




Lot 312



Lot 355

**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](mailto:charleslivermore@hotmail.com)



# ORAPEX 2024

Ottawa's National Stamp Exhibition

61<sup>st</sup> Annual Exhibition and Bourse  
 Theme: "Marcophilie / Postmarks"  
 APS World Series of Philately Show  
 Exhibit applications for all subjects welcome.

Saturday, May 4th, 2024 - 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, May 5th, 2024 - 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Free admission and parking.

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## National Philatelic Exhibition Exposition Philatélique Nationale

**CANPEX 2024**  
 October 19 - October 20, 2024  
 The Hellenic Community Centre  
 133 Southdale Rd. West  
 London, Ontario

Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4  
 Free Admission, free parking,  
 lunch counter.

For more information: [CANPEX 2024](http://CANPEX2024)



CANPEX is an event where collectors can gather to purchase stamps and postal history, view an impressive array of exhibits, and renew old acquaintances. The highlight of the weekend is the awards reception. It's a great chance for everyone to socialize after the exhibits have been judged. Click "Reception" above for information on tickets. Please join us as we celebrate philately and Stamp Collecting Month.

# QUEBEC CITY OLD PAPER SHOW

Saturday October 26, 2024 - 10 to 5:30 | Sunday October 27, 2024 - 10 to 3

DEALERS - EXHIBITION - CONFERENCES

FUTURE SHOWS:  
 OCTOBER 25-26, 2025  
 OCTOBER 24-25, 2026  
 OCTOBER 30-31, 2027  
 OCTOBER 28-29, 2028

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