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Zoom Meetings

November 3, Sunday, 11:15-1:00pm (Eastern Time)

Canadian Aerophilatelic Society/BNAPS Airmail Study Group

Marc Castel: Research into the 1927 London to London flight and the CLP6 semi-official stamp

November 5, Tuesday, 7:00pm (Eastern Time)

West Toronto Stamp Club

“Contents of Letters and on Postcards - Who sent, who received, what is it about?”

November 11, Monday, 7:00 pm (Eastern Time)

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Leon Matthys: Halifax Explosion

Learn about Library and Archives Canada’s philatelic holdings and how you can access them.

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/5617039827939/WN_P6RxrvsCQJKBUdOUZrALtQ

Open to all but registration is required.

November 13, Wednesday, 7:00pm (Mountain Time)

Alberta Regional Group

Program to be announced

November 18, Monday, 7:00pm (Eastern Time)

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Specialists Societies – Focus on BNAPS

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/7517039830414/WN_V8hXwCbqRBedFKM3jnFNCQ

Open to all but registration is required.

November 19, Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Eastern Time)

West Toronto Discussion Group

Sid Mensinga: "The Straight Jack" cancellation as used between April 11 and April 22 in Montreal as part of the evaluation of the Imperial Rapid Cancelling Machine. This presentation will feature a new study that is being unveiled at the Philatelic Specialists Society a week earlier.

To receive invitations to this program, email Garfield Portch at garfield.portch@gmail.com

[Canadian Stamp News Listing of Stamp Events](#)

Study group contributions to the BNAPS website

In October, study groups contributed three newsletters. Also noted is an ORE article directly connected to a study group.

- Squared Circle Study Group: Oct. newsletter, *The Roundup Annex*, (Vol. 45, No. 5)
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/squaredcircle/newsletters.htm>
- Air Mail Study Group: Oct. newsletter, *The Pilot's Log* (Vol. 17, No. 3)
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/AirMail/newsletters.php>
- Newfoundland Study Group: Oct. news bulletin, *Newfoundland Study Group News*
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/Newfoundland/newsletters.php>
- Canadian Revenue Study Group: ORE article written by Christopher D. Ryan, "Miscellaneous Comments on Canadian Revenue Stamps"
Link: <https://bnaps.org/ore/Ryan-RevenueComments/Ryan-RevenueComments.htm>

(a screen capture from this ORE article by Chris Ryan is included at the end of this eLetter but a look at the longer article is warranted.)

BNAPS Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting

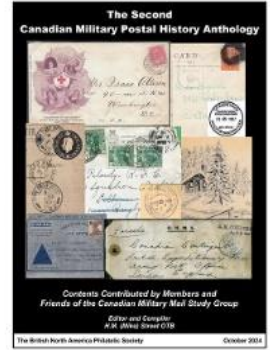


After a long hiatus, the BNAPS Mid-Atlantic had a meeting at BALPEX '24 on Saturday, October 26th. This was the 86th annual convention sponsored by the Baltimore Philatelic Society and featured a new venue at the BWI Airport Marriott and a new date for this "World Series of Philately" (*WSP*) show. BNAPS was also represented by a recruitment table. Although there were only 9 attendees, the talk by Past President Ron Majors, OTB, (left) entitled "Mail between Canada/British North America and the Confederate States during the US Civil War" was well received by members and some guests. The next Regional Meeting will hopefully be held in the Spring at NAPEX outside of Washington DC.

Second Canadian Military Postal History Anthology now available

BNAPS is pleased to announce the release of the *Second Canadian Military Postal History Anthology*, published by the BNAPS Canadian Military Mail Study Group; Mike Street, Editor/Compiler. October 2024, Spiral bound, 250+ pages, 8.5 × 11, colour. ISBN: 978-1-989280-46-1. Stock # B4h124-1. Price: C\$57.00.

The first *Canadian Military Postal History Anthology*, published in 1991, was 250 pages in length. Interest in Canadian Military Mail has continued to be strong enough to result in a second 250 page *Anthology*. The 44 articles, written by 21 authors, cover the period from 1897 to 1997.



There are several Boer War articles, more than a dozen from World War I, a larger number from World War II, plus a few from the Korean War and the post WWII peace keeping era.

Subjects include commemorative covers for Boer War Nurses; postage applied to WWI mail arriving in Canada from servicemen and women serving in France and Belgium; an explanation of WWII Blackout cancels originating in the United Kingdom; WWII Armed Forces Air Letter rates from India to Canada; and life on a Minesweeper during WWII. Other subjects include a photo of the Canadian Postal Corps Staff taken at Salisbury Base Camp in England in 1915; photographs from the transit of the Czech Legion



across Canada after World War I; and mail to and from Royal Canadian Navy personnel during World War II. The 1997 article concerns mail handling for Armed Forces personnel helping out during the devastating floods on the Red River near Winnipeg that year.



Czech soldiers exercising during their train trip across Canada following the Russian Revolution.



See below for the story about these mailboxes.



The Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain – Jersey meeting

BNAPS was well represented at the CPSGB convention on Jersey. Dave Bartlet and Richard Thompson traveled from Canada, Charles Livermore from the United States and Adri Veenstra from the Netherlands. And this doesn't include those BNAPS members who are already present in the UK.

Dave Bartlet (right), wearing his red Canada Post. "Try self-serve sending today" shirt, gave a fascinating talk on vending automation of Canadian postage. Perhaps he'll repeat the talk in a future Zoom meeting so we can capture it for all to hear.

Other BNAPS members offering talks were Colin Lewis on Newfoundland, Graham Searle who gave two talks, Canadian rate hand stamps from 1836 to 1875 and Canadian postal history from 1977 to 1986. Malcolm Newton spoke about 1937 Coronation Flag cancels and Charles Livermore talked about the Canadian Sponsorship Program and the Peterborough TRANSORMA marks.



At the closing banquet Malcolm Newton passes the Presidential medal to Graham Searle, who looks quite relieved to come out of the whole thing with his life.

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



Jersey is a fascinating island to visit. On the tours of the island we saw the Lalique chapel, a 13th-century Church, the remains of World War II German defense structures and a hospital the Germans built deep into a mountain in anticipation of many casualties when the Allies landed to regain the island. It turned out the Allies bypassed the island and simply waited for the Germans to surrender.

But, for your editor, perhaps the item of most interest was one of the many mailboxes scattered about the island. They date from the time of Victoria (I was on the wrong side of the bus as we passed it).

These mailboxes are now sealed and no longer in use, but they serve as a reminder of the postal history of the island. The box illustrated to the left is from the reign of George (I couldn't tell whether V or VI). At one point, the post office wanted to remove these boxes, but the community rose up and insisted they stay. And so here they are. I'm sorry I couldn't see more of these boxes, but I was able to buy the stamps Jersey issued

commemorating these mailboxes. See the illustration above

The Quebec Stamp and Paper Show



With Jersey at the beginning of the month and the Québec Stamp and Paper show at the end of the month, it was a wonderful month. Both were wonderful shows. What impressed your editor the most about the Québec show was its emphasis on youth philately. Pictured is one of the kids that won a prize, and he was delighted. Yan Turmine (left) and Jane Sodero (right) are two of the judges on hand to present awards.

There was plenty for the adults as well. There were close to two dozen dealers and the exhibits were top-quality. As last year, exhibit entries were limited to one or two pages. It's a formula that the Québec show has found to be very successful.

Unlike last year when the hotel was in one location, the exhibits in another and the banquet in yet a third, this year, everything was in one location, hotel, exhibits and banquet ... and with a very reasonable hotel rate. Congratulations to the organizing group for putting all this together in such a great package.

The BNAPS Order of the Beaver had a special ceremony for the three new members to the Order. Pictured to the right are Bill Walton, Chairman of the OTB, Mike Street, Vice-chairman, and the three new members from left to right, Hugo Deshayé, Bill Longley and John Hall. Three other members present but not pictured were Dave Bartlet, Doug Lingard and Charles Livermore.



Miscellaneous Comments on Canadian Revenue Stamps

Christopher D. Ryan
October 2024

The twenty-six items summarised below are discussed in greater detail in a number of articles published in *Canadian Revenue Newsletter (CRN)*, as cited at the end of each section.

1 - Provisional War Tax Overprints on Postage Stamps - No Post Office Connection

In the eyes of senior Postal Officials at Ottawa, the 5-, 20-, and 50-cent postage stamps overprinted "War Tax" were never valid for postage as they were no longer stamps of the Post Office Department. However, a poorly worded circular of 16 April 1915 opened the possibility for their postal use at the local level. This miscommunication was corrected by a circular of 20 May 1915. The Post Office played no part in the production or distribution of these provisionals. Their existence came as a complete surprise to the Deputy Postmaster General (the highest-ranking civil servant in the Department), and upon learning of them he immediately protested to the Postmaster General the appropriation of postage stamps by the Inland Revenue Department. (See *CRN* № 61 & 99)



2 - War Tax Stamps - Not Issued to Finance the War - Public Knowledge in 1915

The War Tax stamps of 1915 were NOT issued to finance the war effort. The government's policy at the time was to finance World War I (then known by variations of "Great European War") through borrowing. The money raised from Inland Revenue War Tax stamps (and other War Taxes) was intended to replace the Customs duties lost due to the wartime reduction in trade, and was used for general administrative purposes. The Postal "War Tax" stamps were postage stamps, and funded the operations of the Post Office, whose deficit would otherwise be financed out of general revenues. The various stamp and non stamp levies were taxes because of the War, not taxes for the War. (See *CRN* № 71 & 92)

As discussed in *CRN* № 118, the true status of the stamps was public knowledge in 1915. The situation was publicised in newspapers at the time of the federal budget of 11 February 1915. It is later philatelists who incorrectly interpreted the inscription of "War Tax" on the stamps as meaning taxes for the War. Some contemporary headlines of 12 February 1915 are given below:

– *Toronto Star*

**The New Tax Not War Tax:
Not a Cent for That Purpose: Posterity Will Pay All**

– *Manitoba Free Press* (Winnipeg)

**Special 'War Taxes' Are War Taxes in Name Only:
No Portion of the Thirty Millions to Be Raised
Will be Used in Defraying Expenses for Army ...**

– *The Globe* (Toronto)

**Canada's War Budget Now Before the People: ...
Finance Minister's Proposals to Meet Great Revenue Decline:
Loans to Cover War Expenditures:
... Where Special Taxes Fall: ... Not to Meet War Expenses**

The above is a partial screen capture of the longer article by Chris Ryan, but a look at the longer article is warranted.