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ZOOM Meetings

Postal History Society of Canada

20 January, 6:00pm (Eastern Time)

John Reynolds: The Upper Canada Postage Rates Conundrum to 1821

Golden Horseshoe Regional Group

25 January, 1:00pm (Eastern Time)

The schedule of Zoom meetings for the January 31 BNAPS Virtual Exhibition and Conference (VEC) is on the next page.

Canadian Stamp News – Philatelic Events

BNAPS 2026 Membership Dues - it's that time again!

The second notice for payment of 2026 membership dues was sent two weeks ago. Your prompt payment is greatly appreciated; it reduces the workload of our treasurer and Membership Committee. If you did not get the notice yet and your membership is paid up to December 31, 2025, please check your spam folder. Some internet providers are blocking email sent to a large group of recipients. You might consider adding the treasurer's

name and email to your contact list: Luc Frève - treasurer@bnaps.org . Otherwise please contact the treasurer at treasurer@bnaps.org or l_freve@videotron.ca and he will email you the notice.

BNAPS Virtual Exhibits and Convention January 31, Saturday (VEC) **Schedule of**

Zoom Meetings

10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada) **Stream 1 (1 hour) (B)**

Newfoundland SG

Malcolm Back - The Newfoundland 1897-1908 Royal Family Issue; The Stamps, Specimens, Proofs and Postal History

10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada) **Stream 2 (1 hour) (L)**

Digital Philately SG

11:15 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada) **Stream 1 (1 hour) (B)**

Airmail SG

Show and tell. – Everyone is invited to share a recent acquisition or ask questions about an old one.

11:15 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada) **Stream 2 (1 hour) (L)**

Large Queens/Small Queens SG

45 minute break

1:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) **Stream 1 (1 hour)** (B)

Canadian Military Mail SG

Harold Krische - American Aid for German Prisoners of War in Canada in WWII

1:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) **Stream 2 (1 hour)** (L)

Elizabethan II SG

Show and Tell

2:15 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) **Stream 1 (1 hour)** (B)

Admiral SG

Discoveries and curiosities

2:15 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) **Stream 2 (1 hour)** (L)

Perfin SG

3:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) **Stream 1 (1 hour)** (B)

Fancy Cancel SG

1. Discussion on the upcoming 100th Newsletter
2. Development of a Fancy Cancel Website
3. Early Fancy's (do you have any on pence, first cents or early LQ's?)

3:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) **Stream 2 (1 hour)** (L)

Gary Steele

Departmental Handstamps

4:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) **Stream 1 (1 hour)** (B)

Judges Exhibit Feedback

4:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) **Stream 2 (1 hour)** (L)

Squared Circle SG

6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) **Stream 1 (1 hour)** (B)

Pence-Cents Era SG

1. Dave Hobden: "Differences of Paper for Unitrade #1 and #4 Pence Issue"
2. Bill Radcliffe: "Pence-Cents Rarities"
3. Jim McCormick: "1864 2¢ Decimal Stamp - Printing Orders & Plate Varieties"

(B) Barlet Hosts Stream 1

(L) Livermore Hosts Stream 2

VEC2026 Virtual Exhibition and Conference 31 January 2026

(La version française suit)

As can be seen elsewhere in the eLetter, progress is coming along very well for the seminar portion of our virtual conference. While the main slots are filled, if someone or group wishes a spot at 9am Eastern, or around 6 pm Eastern we may be able to accommodate you. Contact Ron Smith if you want to partake of these times.

I am sure many of you have been working hard on exhibits for the virtual exhibit portion – presently however we have 4 submissions, and I hope we can get more prior to the **January 21 Cutoff date** for submitting a complete exhibit. You can submit your exhibit entry form now, but just provide the Exhibit by that date (21 January).

Other meetings and things around our Society

Watch the Upcoming Events section on the website home page to view meetings and events that should be of particular interest to our members. Our regional group meetings and study group meetings are listed there as are other major shows you can attend. For example, the Golden Horseshoe Regional Group usually meets in person 4 times a year (next one in late January), the Alberta Regional Group meets monthly on Zoom (2nd Wednesday), the Lower Canada Regional Group meets in person twice a year as does the St. Lawrence Seaway Regional Group.

You can now manage your *Topics* delivery in your website profile. After logging in, Go to Member Routines > My Profile on the home page to choose whether you prefer an electronic copy of *BNA Topics*. If you opt out, you'll need to view *Topics* online.

We still have souvenir covers and stamps from the BNAPEX 2025 convention available (many shown in the September eLetter). If you are interested contact me at dave.bartlet@shaw.ca.

Boston World Show 23-30 May 2026

The world convention will be held in Boston 23-30 May 2026. There will not be another in North America until maybe 2036 so visit this spectacle this time around. The main hotel is full; however, there are surrounding hotels with availability with rates in the \$230 range (but research may find you cheaper accommodation). The convention site is close to the Boston Airport and local transportation to the city is readily available. BNAPS

will have a table in the Society area jointly with other Canadian societies at the show. Ron Majors is heading this up and he is looking for people who will be attending the convention to help be at the table a couple of hours during the 8-day show. Ron can be contacted at ronald.e.majors@gmail.com

BNAPEx Valleyfield Convention 18-20 September 2026

It is never too early to start thinking about our next convention which will be held at the MOCO hotel in Valleyfield, Quebec. It is a 30 minute drive south of the Montreal airport. Transportation to the hotel is being looked into by the committee co-chairs of Sebastien Crete and Gregoire Teyssier. You will see much more information coming out in the coming months regarding events at the convention with information in this newsletter and on the BNAPS website. While BNAPS was in Quebec City 7 years ago, it has not been in Montreal since the 1950s. The weekend will be a great time for you to meet with your fellow collectors and acquire those items of philatelic importance for your collection. Please mark the dates in your calendar so you can attend and enjoy the gathering. Registration and exhibit entries will open in March 2026. Stay some extra days and explore the sights and sounds of Montreal.

Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain Convention 2026

The CPS of GB convention will be held in Aberdeen, Scotland, at the Aberdeen Altens Hotel, from Wednesday, October 7 to Sunday, October 11. As usual, it will be an exceptional event that will allow you to enjoy Scotland and philatelic camaraderie.

BNAPS Policy and Procedures Manual

We are looking for members who have an interest in helping to update our Policy and Procedures manual. Since last updated this manual needs revisions to make it easier to use and updated to our current environment. Please contact dave.bartlet@shaw.ca if you have an interest in working on this team.

Salon et conférence virtuels VEC2026 - 31 janvier 2026

Comme mentionné ailleurs dans cette infolettre, la préparation du séminaire de notre conférence virtuelle progresse très bien. Bien que les créneaux principaux soient complets, si une personne ou un groupe souhaite participer à la session de 9 h (heure de l'Est) ou vers 18 h (heure de l'Est), nous ferons de notre mieux pour vous accueillir. Veuillez contacter Ron Smith si ces créneaux vous intéressent.

Je suis certain que plusieurs d'entre vous ont travaillé d'arrache-pied sur leurs collections pour la partie virtuelle de l'exposition. À ce jour, nous avons reçu quatre propositions et j'espère que nous pourrions en recevoir d'autres avant la date limite du 21 janvier pour le dépôt des collections complets. Vous pouvez soumettre votre formulaire d'inscription dès maintenant, mais veuillez fournir votre collection avant cette date (le 21 janvier).

Autres réunions et événements de notre association

Consultez la section « Événements à venir » de la page d'accueil de notre site Web pour découvrir les réunions et événements susceptibles d'intéresser nos membres. Vous y trouverez la liste de nos réunions de groupes régionaux et de nos groupes d'étude, ainsi que d'autres salons importants auxquels vous pouvez participer. Par exemple, le groupe régional Golden Horseshoe se réunit généralement en personne quatre fois par année (la

prochaine réunion aura lieu fin janvier). Le groupe régional de l'Alberta se rencontre mensuellement sur Zoom (le deuxième mercredi du mois). Le groupe du Bas-Canada se réunit en personne deux fois par année, tout comme le groupe de la Voie maritime du Saint-Laurent.

La fonction de profil du site Web pour gérer la distribution de la revue *Topics* est maintenant disponible. Sur la page d'accueil, cliquez sur « Membres », puis sur « Profil ». Les options affichées vous permettront d'activer ou de désactiver la réception de la version imprimée de *Topics*. Si vous choisissez de ne pas recevoir la version imprimée, vous devrez consulter le site Web pour lire la version imprimée de *Topics*.

Nous avons encore des enveloppes et des timbres-souvenirs du congrès BNAPEX 2025 (dont plusieurs sont présentés dans le bulletin électronique de septembre). Si vous êtes intéressé, veuillez me contacter à l'adresse dave.bartlet@shaw.ca.

Salon mondial de Boston : du 23 au 30 mai 2026

Le congrès mondial se tiendra à Boston du 23 au 30 mai 2026. Il n'y en aura pas d'autre en Amérique du Nord avant 2036 environ, alors ne manquez pas cet événement exceptionnel ! L'hôtel principal affiche complet, mais des chambres sont disponibles dans les hôtels environnants aux alentours de 230 \$ (vous pourriez trouver des hébergements moins chers en faisant des recherches). Le site du congrès est situé près de l'aéroport de Boston et les transports en commun vers la ville sont facilement accessibles. La BNAPS tiendra un kiosque dans l'espace des sociétés, aux côtés d'autres sociétés canadiennes. Ron Majors, responsable de l'organisation, est à la recherche de participants pour tenir le kiosque quelques heures durant les huit jours du congrès. Vous pouvez le contacter à l'adresse suivante : ronald.e.majors@gmail.com

Congrès BNAPEX Valleyfield, du 18 au 20 septembre 2026

Il n'est jamais trop tôt pour commencer à penser à notre prochain congrès, qui aura lieu à l'hôtel MOCO de Valleyfield, au Québec. L'hôtel est situé à 30 minutes de route au sud de l'aéroport de Montréal. Les coprésidents du comité, Sébastien Crête et Grégoire Teyssier, étudient présentement les possibilités de transport jusqu'à l'hôtel. Vous trouverez plus d'informations sur le programme du congrès au cours des prochains mois, notamment dans cette infolettre et sur le site Web de la BNAPS. Bien que la BNAPS se soit tenue à Québec il y a sept ans, elle n'a pas été à Montréal depuis les années 1950. Ce week-end sera l'occasion idéale de rencontrer d'autres collectionneurs et d'acquérir des pièces philatéliques importantes pour votre collection. Veuillez noter ces dates à votre agenda afin de pouvoir participer et profiter de ce rassemblement. Les inscriptions et les exposants ouvriront en mars 2026. Prolongez votre séjour de quelques jours et découvrez les charmes de Montréal.

Congrès 2026 de la Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain

Le congrès de la CPSGB aura lieu à Aberdeen, en Écosse, à l'hôtel Aberdeen Altens, du mercredi 7 au dimanche 11 octobre. Comme toujours, ce sera un événement exceptionnel qui vous permettra de découvrir l'Écosse et de partager la convivialité philatélique.

Manuel des politiques et procédures de la BNAPS

Nous sommes à la recherche de membres intéressés à contribuer à la mise à jour de notre manuel des politiques et procédures. Ce manuel, dont la dernière mise à jour date de quelques mois, nécessite des révisions afin d'en faciliter l'utilisation et de l'adapter à notre contexte actuel. Veuillez contacter dave.bartlet@shaw.ca si vous souhaitez travailler au sein de cette équipe.

Study and Regional group contributions to the BNAPS website

Seven study groups put presents under the Christmas tree. Here to unwrap them:

- British Columbia Postal History Study Group: Dec. newsletter, No. 136
Link: <https://bnaps.org/hhl/n-bcr.htm>
- Squared Circle Study Group: Dec. newsletter, *The Roundup Annex*, Vol. 46, No. 6
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/squaredcircle/newsletters.htm>
- Newfoundland Study Group: Dec. news bulletin, *BNAPS Newfoundland Study Group News*, No. 32
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/Newfoundland/newsletters.php>
- First Day Cover Study Group: Jan.-Mar. 2026 newsletter, *First Impressions*, No. 58
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/FDC/newsletters-fdc.htm>
- Perfin Study Group: Dec. newsletter, *The BNA Perforator*, No. 175
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/Perfin/newsletters-perfin.htm>
- Fancy Cancel & Miscellaneous Markings Study Group: Dec. newsletter, No. 99
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/FancyCancel/newsletters-fc.php>
- Map Stamp Study Group: Dec. newsletter, *Xmas 1898 Map Stamp Report*, Vol. 5, No. 2
Link: <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/Map/newsletters.htm>

BNAPS Book Release Notes

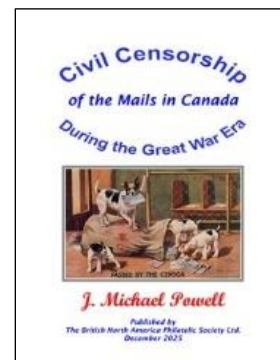
Civil Censorship of the Mails in Canada During the Great War Era by J Michael Powell. The product of years of collecting censored covers, this book is very readable both for its look at the philately and the history of the time. The amount of effort required in trying to prevent the enemies of Canada and its allies from learning their secrets was simply incredible. December 2025, spiral bound, 558 pages, 8.5×11, colour. ISBN: 978-1-989280-54-6. Stock # B4h129-1. Price: C\$99.00. Note: Weight is almost 1kg. Shipping will be at actual cost.

In his fourth BNAPS book, author Mike Powell shifts from looking at mail to and from Canadian and other Prisoners of War in both 20th century world conflicts, to how mail between Canada and myriad countries, friendly and unfriendly, was kept as safe as possible before and during World War I.

The First World War began in the summer of 1914 and spread slowly across the entire world. As Canada gained its war footing, censorship was first placed in the hands of censors based in Ottawa. Initial efforts are perhaps best described as sporadic and surviving early examples are rare. The Dominion Police were also engaged to assist the military in Prisoner of War Mail censorship until they could establish their own system. Nation wide sampling of certain mails was conducted in April of 1916 and again in April of 1917. Temporary censor stations were established mainly at border cities and towns. One significant research element in Mike's work is the establishment of a tentative list of the towns engaged in the 1916 effort. The 1917 stations are known from government sources.

In addition to Ottawa, permanent censor stations were established in Vancouver and Halifax. Over time, numerous censorship protocols were established at these stations, and this work discusses them all.

Vancouver looked after the entire Pacific, including mail to and from China, Japan and eastern Russia. A primary source of the mail to be checked resulted from the normal sailings of ships of the Canadian Pacific Line,



including a contract to examine mail from the United States Postal Station at Shanghai, China before the United States entered the war.

The Halifax station was established by the British military to examine mail carried aboard neutral country ships passing through that port.

The central Ottawa station looked after mail to and from neutral European countries such as Holland, Switzerland, Ireland and the three countries of Scandinavia, as well as the almost entirely neutral countries of Mexico, Central and South America. That station was also involved in the censorship of certain Prisoner of War mail. Several other special censorship protocols were established there.

This book examines in detail the censorship elements (labels and handstamps) used at all of the stations, both temporary and permanent.

One item of interest to students of the subject is the inclusion as an Appendix of a near 100 page report prepared by the Government in 1920 summarizing the WWI censorship activity. It contains useful information beyond just the civil censorship activity.

WEB PAGE: <https://longleyauctions.com/product-category/bnaps-books/>

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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



Fan letter to Errol Flynn at Warner Brothers from Picture Butte, Alberta in 1949, paying the correct 4¢ rate to the US.

If fan mail intrigues you at all I can suggest a video, the first few minutes of which deal with this topic. You can also freely download a book published by the *Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada* which, on pages 216 to 230, has additional material on the subject. Links to these items can be found below.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5az5VZk7a2g>

Book: <https://www.philatelicsspecialistsociety.com/publications.php>

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