

Synopsis

Greetings from Kentville, N. S.

Treatment –

Development - Using postcards from as many publishers as possible and following the plan set out on the first page one can get a picture of what the town of Kentville was like from 1900 until approximately 1940.

Balance and comprehensiveness – The exhibitor has included overall views of the town, Multiview, street scenes, points of interest, buildings, and businesses that brought the town to life hopefully showing the viewer a picture of the town and with some of the historical information regarding the town provided maybe a better insight into the town that would cause one to look a little closer at Kentville or indeed their own city town or village. Using different headings for the pages makes it easy to follow and there is enough information laid out that one can get a feeling of what the town would have looked like and how it was laid out.

Subject Importance – The history of the towns and villages of Nova Scotia or anywhere in the country is preserved in the postcards that were created. More postcards were produced and mailed in the time period of this exhibit than in any other period of time. When reading a history of the town it is the ability to actually see the streets and buildings that one is reading about that brings it to life and one of the few ways available is through postcards of this time period. These postcards cover from approximately 1900 to early 1940's.

Deltiology and subject knowledge – Exhibitor has included publishers and information about publishers and one would assume that local publishers would not produce as many copies as some of the bigger publishers. This information is highlighted in bold print along with printing methods. The town of Kentville is only ten minutes or less away from my home and exhibitor knows the area and basic history, but did have to research some of the material.

Personal Study and Research – Exhibitor visited local museum, Court House Museum to find out information regarding local shop keepers who produced postcards and businesses. They were most helpful and contacted some local historians to help in the search. There are also a few local history publications however no one could help with information about Woodworth Bros. who published the postcards on page 4 of the exhibit.

Rarity, challenge, difficulty of acquisition – Exhibitor has been collecting postcards from Kentville for a great many years. Some are easily found and a few many from local publishers a little harder to locate. Exhibitor has noted those that were not listed in Ken MacDonald's publication.

Highlights of exhibit -

Page 4 – Two cards sent as postcards but thought to be illegal postcards as they both went through the post office but there is no acknowledgement on them that they indeed are postcards which was required at the time of usage.

Page 6 - The postcard on the bottom of page 6 shows a local parade. This has no publisher and is a real picture postcard that could very well be one of a kind.

Presentation – Exhibit is organized according to plan with headings on each page to help viewers follow along. Font size large enough to read comfortably, notable information highlighted in bold, hopefully pleasing to the eye.

References –

“Historic Kentville” by Louis V. Comeau

“POSTCARDS of KINGS COUNTY” BY Ken C. MacDonald