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Some Nova Scotian Philatelists: Lloyd B. Macpherson, M.B.E. by Ian Macpherson

Lloyd Macpherson, 1913 - 1988, was born in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia. In the 1920's the family moved to Wolfville, where he attended the public school and Acadia University, graduating in 1934 with a Bsc. In 1935 he attended the University of Toronto, where he did graduate studies under Sir Frederick Banting, the co-discover of insulin with Dr. Charles Best.

He joined the Canadian Army in 1940, serving in Great Britain and Holland, ultimately in Command of No.1 Canadian Chemical Warfare Defence Laboratory.

Returning to the University of Toronto in 1945 as a Research Associate with Dr. Charles Best, he obtained his PhD in 1949, and was an Assistant. Professor at the Institute.

In 1952, he became an Associate Professor in Biochemistry at Dalhousie University, and then Head of Department. He was appointed Associate Dean of Medicine in 1969, and Dean in 1971, the first non medical dean.

On retirement in 1984, it is hard to say which of his two main activities - birds and stamps - received the most attention. He distinguished himself in both.

He continued his study of birds, which he had started in Wolfville, influenced in part by Dr. Robie Tufts, arguably Canada's foremost ornithologist. He was a founding member of the Nova Scotia Bird Society, and was an avid bird-watcher, particularly along Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore. There was hardly a weekend in the spring or fall that he wasn't out there observing and recording! Several of the regulars found it hard to keep up with his sightings. His records and observations were used in the main publications concerning the activities and populations of Nova Scotia birds and are still valid.

In these latter years, he probably did not

"collect" any new stamps, but looked for better copies or varieties of those he held. He wrote about them, locally, and exhibited them too. He had a complete collection of the stamps of the Straits Settlements, and he kept up his Victorian era stamps of Great Britain. He did not neglect "good" Canadian stamps, though.

Eventually, he specialized in the Postal History of Nova Scotia, accumulating piles of covers with their various postmarks. He realised, however, if he were to produce a book about the Nova Scotia postmarks and all their variations, he would have to start with a study of the Post Offices, their locations and Postmasters. This he did in the 1970's, and his book *Nova Scotia Postal History, Volume One Post Offices (1754-1981)*, was published by Petheric Press, Halifax, in August, 1982.

Unfortunately, he never completed the volume on Post Marks, although he had amassed the necessary material. In time, Dr. J.J. MacDonald filled this gap admirably. Both these books are considered essential by the philatelic public.



The Royal*2004*Royale website:
<http://www.nsstampclub.ca/royal>

Up and Coming

Every Saturday 4pm Auction
Seaside Book and Stamp

November 1 South Shore Stamp Club, Stamp Fair, Wandlyn Inn, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia

November 8 Stamp Fair
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth

November 11 Club Meeting
Stephen Slipp - Korean War Stamp Curcuit Books

December 9 Club Meeting
Christmas Social, Charity Auction

December 13 Stamp Fair
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Our Club Dues are now payable for this year. Please mail your dues to John Harvey (see page 2 for address) or you can pay him in person at our next meeting Nov 11.

André Frodel fonds

Evelyn Arthur Smythies was born in India of British parents in 1885. Following the completion of a degree in geology and diploma in forestry from Oxford in 1908, he returned to India and lived there for 39 years, serving as a Forestry Officer. He moved to Ireland in 1947 where he died at his home Castle Morris, Tralee, in 1975.

Smythies began stamp collecting at the age of 9 concentrating on India and its postal history. From 1924 to 1927 he researched India 1854 Lithographs, and published a monograph which won the Crawford Medal from the Royal Philatelic Society of London.

In 1956 Smythies focus shifted to Canadian stamps and postal history with interests that included Canadian cancels, duplex cancels, registered stamps, precancels, rollers, secret dates, Admirals, perforations and forgeries.

He authored and co-authored many articles and handbooks on these subjects. He was once a regular contributor to "Stamp Collecting". Active in the philatelic community, he was a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London, Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, and Companion of Indian Empire. He was also a leading member of the British Philatelic Society of India; editor of their philatelic journal (1947) and permanent Vice-President.

**Nova Scotia Stamp Club
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada**

<http://www.nsstampclub.ca/>

Nova Scotia Stamp Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on every second Tuesday of the month (except July and August) at the Nova Scotia Museum, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. The club publishes a monthly newsletter (except summer) which is released on the first week of the month.

Dues are \$15 per person or \$22.50 per couple (\$20 US) payable to:

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The Club website is maintained Neil and Judy Bowlby. (bowlby@accesswave.ca).

BNAPS Regional Groups

In several areas throughout the United States and Canada BNAPS members have formed regional groups which meet two times a year, or more. Meetings are much like mini-conventions, some lasting the weekend, during which strong philatelic friendships flourish, and both knowledge and material are exchanged.

If you love BNA stamps and covers, and enjoy meeting others who share your enthusiasm, you are likely to find the benefits of a BNAPS regional group worth the Society dues alone. For more information contact:

Vice-President, Regional Groups:

Tracy Cooper - Home phone: (250) 398-8005, 60 Fairview Drive, Williams Lake, B.C. V2G 3T1;

Tracy.Cooper@gems3.gov.bc.ca

Stamp Oddities

When the Dutch settled the Island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean in 1644 they set about killing the slow moving Dodo birds with such efficiency that within 50 years the species was completely extinct, hence the phrase "As dead as a Dodo".

In 1950, Mauritius (now an Independent State in the Commonwealth of Nations) issued the world's first stamp showing a Dodo - but the designer made a curious error when he showed the latitude of the island as 21 degrees instead of the correct 20 degrees. The stamp design originally issued on a KGVI 12 cent (Scott 241) denomination was again seen as a 60 cent QEII stamp (SC 261) with the correct latitude depicted.



**Technology Stamps out
Hobbyist's Club**

Port Huron, Michigan (AP)
Date unknown

Their ranks decimated by lack of interest and their hobby eclipsed by technologies such as e-mail, members of the Port Huron-Sarnia Stamp Club are admitting they've been licked.

Members of the club founded 68 years ago have voted to disband. The club will hold its last business meeting Nov. 19 at St. Clair County Community College. Any money left in the treasury will be used for a Christmas Party in December, club president Roy Nowak said.

"It will be a sad ending," said Vice-president Jim Biskner, 65, of St. Clair County's Fort Gratiot Township, a member for 18 years,

"Things have to come to an end some time," Nowak, 71, also of Fort Gratiot Township, said. "There's no enthusiasm about stamps. No youngsters are interested.

The club had more than 100 active members in the 1960s. That number has dwindled to fewer than 20, and meetings seldom were attended by more than six people, said Nowak, a member since 1966.

It's not surprising that the Port Huron Club couldn't stick it out, said Shannon Labruyere of the U.S. Postal Service. Stamp collecting is in decline around the country and only wealthy people are able to keep up with collecting new stamps, she said.

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Over Sixty Decades Ago Sound Familiar?

by Jno. A. Hooper*
writing in Hobbies, October 1936, p. 37, noted:

The "old-timer" philatelist still treasures his nineteenth century stamps, despite their apparently "rough" appearance, when placed alongside the pretty art pictures of the present-day collections. These old stamps, that denote a service done in the past, require no apologies for being off center, slightly creased, one tooth of a perf. missing, or slightly soiled by cancellation.... Many of us in the early '70s and '80s looked upon unused stamps as no better than proofs, reprints, or trial issues. This became firmer in our mind when we saw tiny countries start issuing stamps, *solely to sell to collectors*. Many stamps issues have been made where NO actual genuinely used specimen has been found. Now, we also notice thousands of "postally" cancelled stamps that never were used for postage, being cancelled to sell to collectors by governments, small and big, who saw money coming from gullible collectors! These are indisputable facts. Every collector knows this to be true.

I noticed an item recently that stated the French Government claimed to have made a clean profit of over four million in gold in one year from the sale of stamps to collectors, because these stamps were NEVER intended for use as postage. Thousands of new issues for the colonies, who in any case would not need a separate stamp issue are sold at 5c to 15c a set to adorn the "pretty picture books." That is why we look at the genuinely used stamp today as real "Philately."

**Jno. A. Hooper, or John Reginald Hooper, was one of the leading philatelists in Canada in the 1880s, and the one of the prime movers in the formation of the Canadian Philatelic Association, of which he was the first secretary. The Canadian Philatelic Association was the predecessor of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. He would have been 77 when this article was written.*

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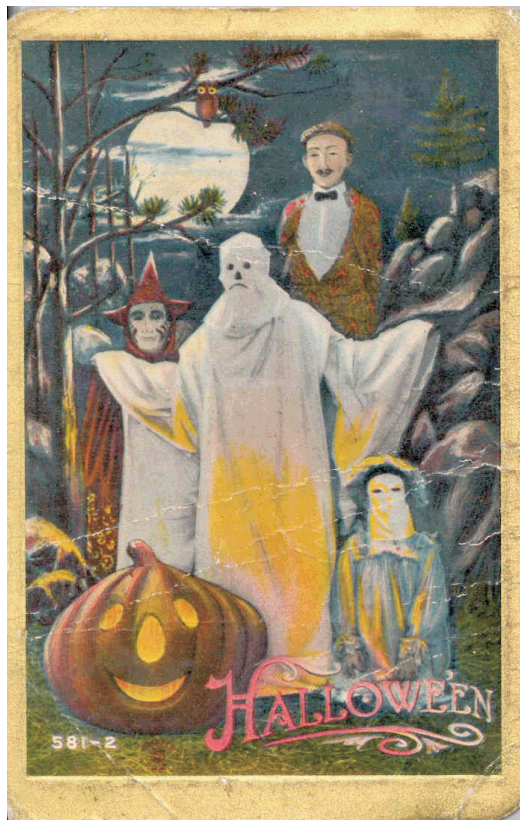
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A Halloween post card (left) mailed from Moncton, New Brunswick postmarked on October 30, 1911, 8:30 pm to Yarmouth Nova Scotia. This card might be part of a set or series since the card is numbered 581-2 on the bottom left. There is no indication on the card of who it was printed by. If you can shed some light on more information, contact Dennis.

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EXHIBITING AT ROYAL 2004?

The space is **limited** and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Please contact Marty, exhibits chair, as soon as possible to reserve your space. The frame charge is \$20 for one frame exhibits; \$12 per frame for exhibits of two or more frames; and \$3 per frame for youth and junior classes.

Frame space is reserved when the application is accompanied by a cheque for the appropriate amount, payable to the Nova Scotia Stamp Club. The forms are available at the next club meeting and on the Royal 2004 website or call Michael Peach, 832-1662.

Do you know anyone who might like to make a donation towards Royal 2004? Please contact Michael Peach, 832-1662.

**CHRISTMAS DRAW - ROYAL 2004
THE MILLENNIUM COLLECTION**

Tickets are now available for the Christmas draw with the lucky winner receiving the Canada Post Millennium Collection (value \$60), the runner up the 1999 Official First Cover Collection (value \$45) and the third winner the 2001 World Figure Skating Championships Medallion Set (value \$18). The winning tickets will be drawn at the Christmas Social. This is your chance to win these valuable philatelic collections. Tickets \$2, or 3 for \$5. With these prizes why not buy several tickets. You are not restricted to just 3 tickets, why not buy 3 for each member of your family!

VOLUNTEERS ROYAL 2004

Lots of volunteers will be required during Royal 2004 for set up, registration on Thursday, lots of things during the show, and tear down on Sunday evening. Remember that the show is being sponsored by our club and a smooth running show will reflect credit on the club.

Please make a note of the volunteer dates, **Thursday 27 May to Sunday 30 May.**

Programme for 2003 - 2004

Programme ideas for 2004 are still being sought. If you have any ideas or would like to **volunteer** please contact Doug Gray for more information - 465-3268, DJGPS89@accesswave.ca.

**Fund Raising for
ROYAL*2004* ROYALE**

We are also looking for advertisers for the programme. The price of advertisements will be very reasonable, from about \$25 for a quarter page to a about \$100 for a full page. The prestigious spaces inside and outside the cover have already been allocated. If you can think of any names of potential advertisers, please contact Doug Gray 465-3268 DJGPS89@accesswave.ca.

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The newsletter is now available electronically in Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (pdf) via the club website www.nsstampclub.ca. At present there seems to be a bit of a problem viewing the file directly over the internet, however, if you right click on the file link, "Save Target As..." And save to your hard drive the file opens without complication. If you have any insight on why, please contact Jeff Parks (jl parks@accesswave.ca). The pdf file has been degraded to allow for smaller file sizes. If you wish to have the full resolution version, please contact Jeff.

TIDBITS

NSSC is rapidly approaching membership number 1000. Member number 1000 will receive a gift suitable for the occasion and the person who recruits the 1000th member will receive a sheet of Canada Post's Picture Postage Stamps with his or her picture on the stamp. Think of it - your own postage stamp, just for recruiting member 1000. We are now only 7 people away from our 1000th member.

Ask Phil your philatelic questions. The Web site of the Collectors Club of Chicago has an amazing number of individually answered questions, maintained on a user-friendly database.

www.askphil.org

Donations of philatelic material is required for the Youth Table for Royal 2004. Please contact Elizabeth Sodero for more information.

Worldwide Cover Box

Our box of worldwide covers, established with a generous donation from J.J. MacDonald, was depleted at the June meeting. The box had proven to be a popular fund-raiser for the club. We desperately need covers to restock the box. If each club member could bring in five or 10 covers from their own accumulations, we can keep the box going for a long, long time. Bring your covers to Marty, who looks after the box. Thanks for your support.

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