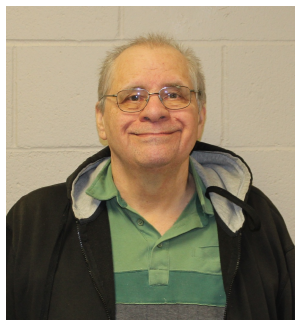


**Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 7 PM**

**Hillyer Hall, St. Mary's High School, 1555 15<sup>th</sup> Street East, Owen Sound**

### From the President



First the bad news. According to the Weather Network, we can expect an extra snowy winter this year. The good news is it will give us more time to hunker down with our stamps. Our next meeting will feature the circuit books from our sister club, Saugeen. In December

we will have our presidents "funny munny" auction. Please donate any items for the auction. Thank you. Also our December, meeting is our unusual Christmas party. If you can donate any Christmassy treats that would be appreciated. there will also be a gift exchange.

Larry Crane  
President  
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### From the Editor

Phil Visser

A lot of exciting thing come on the following pages. The main thing is that this club is vibrant and is a great place to collaborate with other collectors in the area.

There are again some requests in the **Looking For...** section. Take a few moments to see if you can assist in this search. This part of the newsletter is open to any member to extend a plea to find something they are looking for. Please speak with me at the meeting or by my email address, given on the back page.

This months article is about the month of November. Each person may have a different thought about this month of the year, but recently I have been challenged by a family member to participate in the Movember Cause. In response to that challenge, and with the approval from my wife, I have started to grow

a mustache. If you are not familiar with the campaign, the cause is to raise funds for research into prostate cancer.

My youngest brother-in-law was diagnosed with incurable prostate cancer at the beginning of this year. While he is still with us, he asked the family to help raise funds for research towards this silent killer of men. You will see how the moustache has grown when we get together on the 15th.

A club news section is a brief report on the going on at the last meeting. Hopefully everyone will have an opportunity to join the crowd searching through the Saugeen Circuit Books.

I received a surprise answer on the mystery stamp from last month. A brief article follows on that topic. You will also see something from the editor of The Canadian Philatelist as well as the usual section on upcoming stamp shows. Don't forget the GRVPA Club Circuit Book Fair to be held in Cambridge on November 18<sup>th</sup>. There are two silent auction periods which is open to any club member to list and sell some excess material to others at the fair.

And now the story teaser scans!



Figure 3 Unitrade #936. This scene is tied in with the following story, Gray days of November. What is the tie in?

## Gray days of November

By Phil Visser

Looking outside and seeing the gray soggy clouds bring back many memories for me. Precipitation varied from rain, to sleet to the real four letter word, snow! Of course the temperatures varied greatly during this month and from a professional point of view, watching the weather forecasts for the predicted winds was an essential part of the job. The gales of November are indeed nasty and are not to be scoffed at. There is another colour that I am always proud to see and honour in November, the red poppy that adorn hats, coat lapels and suit jackets at this time of the year.

Hearing the winds whistle through the ships rigging also reminds of what was heard by those soldiers serving on the Western front of France and Belgium one hundred years ago. Whatever misery we may be experiencing from the weather now just doesn't compare to that of the First World War. Of course the efforts of the soldiers are remembered on November 11<sup>th</sup> when the armistice was proclaimed and the poppy is purchased every year to support the veterans of the armed forces and their families.

Of course the sacrifices made to preserve freedom are also remembered in our hobby. In 1989 Canada issued a se-tenant pair of stamps, Unitrade #1249-50, to celebrate the formation of two Canadian military regiments, the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and the Van Doo's or the Royal 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment. The stamps themselves are not particularly colourful, being dull black and mauve with a hint of daybreak in the background. Both of these two regiments are active today in the Canadian armed forces, so most readers would heard or seen the names in the media.



**Figure 4** A slogan cancel celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the PPCLI

Even with familiar names, it is easy to forget how these names came into existence. Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) was a privately formed regiment at the start of the First World War. Up the end of the First World War, the defence of Canada was through militias funded by the volunteers and some other local support. Capt. Andrew Hamilton-Gault offered \$100,000 (more than \$2 million in today's currency) to finance and equip a battalion in order to participate in the Canadian war effort overseas. This

offer was accepted on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1914 and the charter was proclaimed on August 10<sup>th</sup> by the Governor General of Canada, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. The Duke of Connaught was the seventh child of Queen Victoria and was the father of Princess Patricia, his youngest daughter.



**Figure 5** Ottawa is the home of the Prime Minister and the Governor General

Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Farquhar was the Military Secretary to the Governor General. He assisted Hamilton-Gault in the formation of the PPCLI, and he requested the Duke to name the regiment after his daughter. Princess Louise was pleased to accept the honour and served as Colonel in Chief for the Regiment until her death in 1974. Between Hamilton-Gault and Farquhar the regiment had 3,000 applicants within eight days. Following training in Canada they then arrived in Great Britain on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 1914 and the front lines in France on January 6<sup>th</sup> 1915. They participated in many of the battles covered in the history books. Having started as a private militia, on March 20<sup>th</sup> 1919 the regiment became a component of the Permanent Active Militia.

Princess Louise was more than just a figure head to inspire the troops. She designed the flag and shoulder patch that the unit wears on it uniform. When the troops left for overseas, a popular refrain was "we'll be home by Christmas." This was not the case, so Princess Louise sent a card and a box of maple sugar candy to every Canadian serving overseas for Christmas of 1915. Like many of the other ladies left behind in Canada, she also participated in knitting socks for the soldiers.

Unitrade # 1250 was issued to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Regiment. Many of the early French speaking militias had volunteered for service and they were dispersed among the other regiments formed at the start of the war. In September, 1914, Arthur Mignaud petitioned Prime Minister Borden to form a completely French

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**Figure 6** Unitrade # 1249 & 1250

Canadian regiment. This was supported with the donation of \$50,000 to the government to form this regiment. Because Canada had promised to provide 500,000 soldiers to the Allied cause, it had become apparent that this promise was going to be difficult to fulfil. Therefore, Prime Minister Borden accepted the offer from Mignaud and on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1914 the 22<sup>nd</sup> Battalion was authorized.



**Figure 7** The Quebec Citadel is the headquarters and museum of the Royal 22e Regiment

This regiment arrived in France in September of 1915. Army tradition has it that the regiment/battalion number is used to identify the unit. Since the soldiers were French, they would naturally call the unit the Vingt Deuxieme, but the French pronunciation was beyond the English speaking members of the army and was anglicized into the Van Doo's. Following

the armistice of 1918, the regiment, along with all the other numbered regiments in the Canadian Army, were disbanded in 1919. Public pressure was put forward that a permanent French language speaking unit be created for the peace time Regular Force. Thus the 22<sup>nd</sup> Battalion was reformed from veterans of the previous unit on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1920. In June of 1921, King George approved the renaming of the unit as the Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Regiment.

Royal naming of units was not confined to Princess Patricia or King George V. There was another person of the royal family who had a number of different units carry her name. Princess Louise was the sixth child of



**Figure 8** The Halifax citadel is the headquarters of the Princess Louise's Fusiliers.

Queen Victoria, as well as the fourth daughter. Her siblings married into other European royalty families and so when she wished to be married it was thought to diversify the relatives pool and Princess Louise married the Duke of Argyll. Argyll is a region of Scotland and this led her to loan her name to units with a highland affiliation. Four

units carry her name in Canada, the Princess Louise Fusiliers of Halifax NS; the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada in Hamilton, ON; the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards in Ottawa, ON; and the 8<sup>th</sup> Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) of Moncton, NB.

Princess Louise's full name was Louise Caroline Alberta. The last name given was to honour her father, Prince Albert, the husband of Queen Victoria. When provincial status was given to the western territories, the Province of Alberta was named in her honour. Other names that are associated with Princess Louise are Lake Louise in Banff National Park and Mount Alberta.

Earlier it was mentioned that Princess Patricia sent tins of maple sugar candy to the PPCLI for Christmas in 1915. This act of kindness wasn't the first time that a Christmas gift was sent to the members serving in the armed forces. Princess Mary, the 17 year old daughter of King George V, thought that "every sailor afloat and every soldier on the front" should have a present. Initially it was planned to purchase this out of her allowance, but the sheer number of service people made that impractical. Instead, she applied her personal charm and her name to attract donations from the public to a fund to provide them with a Christmas present to those serving the King.



**Figure 9** King George V was the father of Princess Mary and the ruling monarch during WW1.

The gift was an embossed brass box containing one ounce of pipe tobacco, a pipe, twenty cigarettes and tinder lighter. Besides these articles was enclosed a Christmas card and photograph. This initial thought soon changed due to the diversity of people serving in the forces lead to some changes taking the cultural differences into account. On account of the Sikhs, the box was filled with sugar candy, a tin box of spices and other Indian troops received cigarettes and sugar candy, with spices and card. Due to time constraints other items made its way into the brass box as substitute gifts. These include "bullet pencils cases", tobacco pouches, shaving brushes, combs, and pencil cases with packets of postcards, knives, scissors, cigarette cases and purses.

At the conclusion of this remembrance of Royal participation in the First World War, let us remember all those who have served to let us live lives of freedom. Please wear a poppy, and make a donation.

Princess Patricia

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princess\\_Patricia%27s\\_Canadian\\_Light\\_Infantry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princess_Patricia%27s_Canadian_Light_Infantry)

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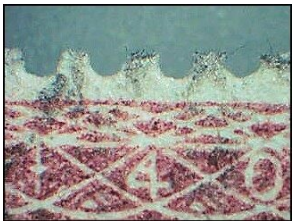
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## Club News

The October meeting was joined by 18 members and one guest. Paul Lang found the club on the web and found many stamps in the circuit book pages that are available to see on the website. These scans are there for members to see if there is something you are looking for your collection might be in the circuit books. Paul, we hope the evening was of interest to you and that you may wish to join the club. It is really a learning environment where most members will try to help others out if there is something we can do about the search. It was nice to see Trevor Ham come again with his usual assortment of "Phil you gotta see this." Temptations but also interesting, because it continues to confirm my impression that a collection is never complete!

The Show and Tell portion of the meeting had a number of items for members to see. In continuation of last month's article on the eclipse, the two post cards were passed around and there was an opportunity to apply heat to the stamp (from one's finger) to see the face of the moon appear.



At the September meeting, Mike Raynsford asked for help in seeing the plate number on Great Britain Scott #33. Randy Rogers showed a scan done through his digital microscope of a #33 and it

showed the Plate Number very clearly. A great tool if the eyes are beginning to weaken.

Larry Crane brought along a card that had been mailed from Old Crow, Yukon Territory. Here again is proof that if you don't know the significance of something, you will miss out on an intriguing item. Old Crow is inaccessible by road, so how does the mail come from

and go into that fine community?

Following the Show and Tell portion of the meeting, the Club Auction was held. At times the bidding was fierce and at other times it was tough to get a bid. Where were you Mike?

The October newsletter had a mystery stamp on the back page. Well our intrepid detective, Randy Rogers searched the net and had an answer to the mystery. More on that subject follows below.

Lastly, our condolences are extended to Chris Tschirhart with the passing away of his father, just before the last newsletter was published. His father lived into his 90's, but it is still a shock when a loved one passes away. Strength and peace to you Chris.

## Looking For...

Randy Rogers is working on a special Christmas present for his daughter's future mother-in-law. For this project he is looking for inexpensive stamps with elephants on them. If you have any duplicates, please bring them to the November meeting. A second request from Randy is he would like three Harris Citation Stamp Albums, no pages or stamps and preferably in good condition.

## The Canadian Philatelist

*The Canadian Philatelist* will start the New Year exploring post offices on the Niagara frontier. It was the first permanent outpost of European settlement in what was to become Ontario. Couriers de bois used a French fort established there to begin the portage of their canoes past the waterfalls on the Niagara River between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie. In 1759, the fort was captured by the British. Later, the British contingent provided a safe haven for British Empire Loyalists, escaping America after the revolution. It was also a staging point for British troops in the war of 1812. Author Peter Moogk will take us back in time to explore the region, once again, through postage stamps and envelopes, which travelled the area as it was being settled. That's the January February edition of *The Canadian Philatelist*, published by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

If you have a philatelic story that you'd like to tell, or an exhibit that you'd like to feature, contact Herb Colling, editor of *The Canadian Philatelist* [hacolling@cogeco.ca](mailto:hacolling@cogeco.ca)



This 1829 cross-border letter has the rare "Niagara U. Canada / Paid to New York" handstamp as well as an ink note that the two pence charge for the ferry to Youngstown, N.Y., had been paid. Picture courtesy of Gene Labiuk, from his postal history collection.

### Mystery Stamp



This is the scan of the mystery scan from last month's newsletter. Randy did some on line searching and provided the following link about trains on stamps <http://alphabetilately.org/toc/parcels-7.html> Going to this website showed the stamp immediately as having been issued in 1946 by the Dutch

Railroad (Nederlandse Spoorwegen).

A second link connected me with a blog which explained why they were used. The following is a copy of that blog:

"The term "errinophilia" refers to the collection of Cinderella's. In the (world of) philately, Cinderella's is understood to be almost anything that looks like a stamp, but it is not. In the Netherlands, city postage stamps, train stamps, tax stamps, soldiers stamps, memorial stamps and closing stamps are (also) included."

As a final minor point of interest, I checked out the "authority" on these stamps, Mr Hans Vink, and see that there are more than 230 different stamps besides the different perforation varieties! Although some of these stamps have accumulated, I'm not sure if I will make an active search for this area of Dutch Philately depending on the definition of philately.

### Upcoming Shows

#### NOV 10 UkrainepeX 2017

November 10, 2017 to November 11, 2017 The Old Mill (Brule Room), 21 Old Mill Rd., Toronto, ON, M8X 1G5

The Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society's international exhibit UkrainepeX 2017 is being hosted by the Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto). In addition to comprehensive philatelic and numismatic material, the exhibit will include medals, postcards, sport cards, ex libris, etc. The show hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days and there is no admission. During the show, two "Picture Postage" stamps will be released – one to honour Victoria Cross winner Filip Konowal while the second to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Ukrainian World Congress.

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#### NOV 18 GRVPA Club Fair

United Kingdom Club, 35 International Dr., Cambridge, ON, L2V 4S1  
23rd Annual Club Fair hosted by the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 15 Clubs, 450+ circuit Books, 2 silent auctions, free parking, snack bar. Phone: 905-227-9251

Email: [stuart.keeley@sympatico.ca](mailto:stuart.keeley@sympatico.ca)

#### NOV 25 STAMPFUN 2017

Royal Canadian Legion, 316 Marsland Dr., Waterloo, ON, N2J 3Z1

The Waterloo Region Stamp Club hosts their annual stamp show. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission and parking. We feature 10 dealers, silent auction, circuit books, and door prizes. Lunches sold by the Legion kitchen staff. For more information please contact Oscar.

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#### DEC 16 Burloak Stamp Fair

Burlington Seniors Centre, 2285 New St., Burlington, ON, L7R 1J4

Hours: 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Twenty years of regular monthly shows on the third of Saturday of every month. Six to nine dealers, active buyers, and always something new.

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When you have a chance, why not visit the club web site at [www.owensoundstampclub.org](http://www.owensoundstampclub.org). Feedback is always important to keeping this means of connecting up to date. To end this edition of the newsletter, here is a picture of a wedding gift we received. It is the brass box, pipe and Christmas card that was sent to the sailors and soldiers in 1914.

