



2017

SYMPOSIUM

July 20-23, 2017

Sheraton Hamilton Hotel, Hamilton, ON

July 20-21: Speakers, Historic Tours & Social Events

July 22-23: Speakers, National Exhibition & Bourse

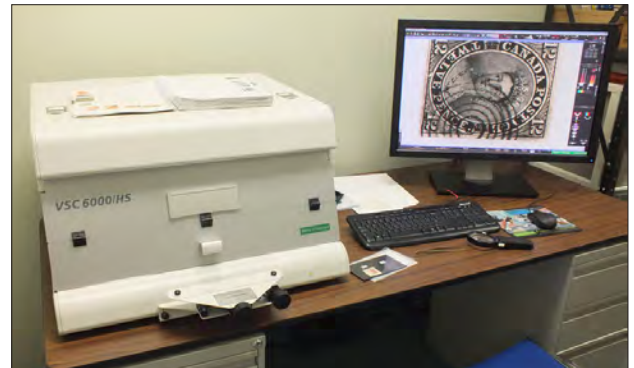
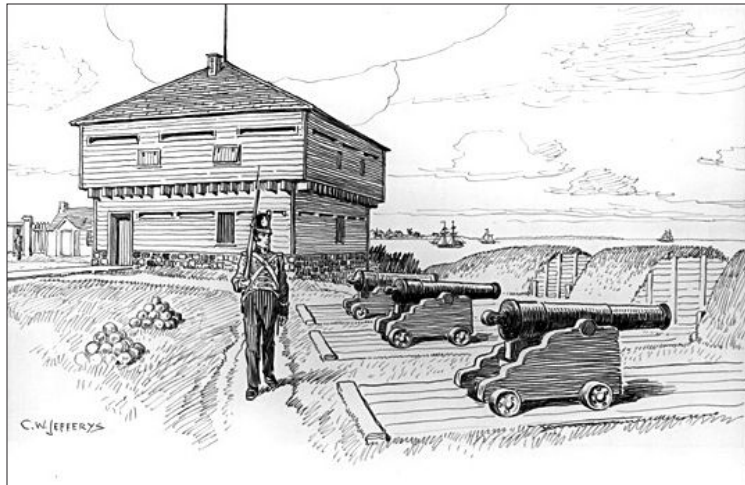
Info: postalhistorycanada.net/php/Symposium/

As you may have seen in the last issue of the PHSC *Journal*, we'll be holding the Inaugural *Postal History Society of Canada Symposium* this summer at the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel from July 20-23. As members, we'd like to take this opportunity to give you a sneak preview of what's in store, and as space at many of the events will be limited, offer you an opportunity for early registration.

Overview*

Thursday, July 20

The *Symposium* kicks off with a tour at the *Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation* - including *The Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library* and a demo of the *VSC 6000 Video Spectral Comparator*, an interesting "high-tech" tool used in the process of expertising stamps and covers. All the events on the first day take place in Toronto and there will be optional transportation by coach available from the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel.



VSC 6000 Video Spectral Comparator at the Greene Foundation

In the afternoon, we'll head out to *Old Fort York*, where *Charles Livermore* will lead a discussion on the *Postal History of York*, as Toronto was originally known. Following Charles' presentation, we'll take a guided tour of the fort and then sit down for a catered dinner. Following the meal, David Hobden will give a talk on the *Mails and Dispatches of the War of 1812*.

Friday, July 21

On Friday, we'll start the day at the Sheraton with a presentation on the *Postal History of the Western District* by Rob Leigh. We'll then carpool to the *Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum* where we will enjoy a meal together followed by a tour of the museum. In the afternoon, Dr. Robert Galway will speak to us about *The Development of Air Transport in Canada and the Evolution of Pioneer Airmail: The First Decade (1919-1928)*.



Lancaster MkX at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum

* A complete, preliminary itinerary can be found at the end of this document

Saturday, July 22

The *Exhibition and Bourse* opens Saturday Morning at 10am. There will be 15 dealers and a 120 frame National Level Exhibition featuring BNA Postal History exclusively – including military, transportation and postal stationery postal histories. Both multi-frame and single-frame exhibits may be entered.

After lunch, Gray Scrimgeour will give a talk on the *Postal History of the Lower Mainland of British Columbia* followed by Gary Steele's presentation on *Post Office Departmental Postal Markings*.



HMCS Haida, the "Fightingest Ship in the Royal Canadian Navy" and one of the last of the allied ships to have taken part in the D-Day landings on the beaches of Normandy in 1944.

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Eastern Auctions	Brian Wolfenden
Canadian Stamps	Tom Watkins
Peter Piszco	Roy's Stamps
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In the evening, we'll gather onboard the *HMCS Haida* for a BBQ Awards Banquet.

Sunday, July 23

The *Exhibition and Bourse* continue on the final day of the *Symposium*. The day starts out with the *PHSC Annual General Meeting* at 8:30. At 10:30 Ed Kroft will give a talk on *Canada-Palestine Postal History: 1890-1948*. In the next few pages, we'll take a little closer look at the various presentations.



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Not just another stamp show!

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Special thanks to:
The VG Greene Philatelic Research Foundation

More about the Presentations

Charles Livermore: Toronto – a Philatelic Adventure

Thursday, July 20: 3:30 pm

Whether it's post offices, perfins, permits, RPOs, legislative marks, military philately etc. – you can't collect it all from all of Canada, but you can collect a lot of it by limiting their attachment to Toronto. But if you think it's easy or less expensive – think of Toronto as an iceberg – most of what is collectible isn't even seen from the surface. At times I feel a bit like the Titanic. Let me tell you some stories that keep me collecting Toronto...



Charles' philatelic history goes back to his childhood. His grandfather collected and when he inherited that collection, Canada was the most developed country – and that was the start. His current study areas and collecting interests are Toronto post offices, World War I and II cigarette acknowledgement cards and the advanced posting service. He has held a number of positions in BNAPS, currently serving as Chairman of the Board. He has created a cumulative index to BNATopics, Maple Leaves and the PHSC Journal which is searchable on the BNAPS website. He has also written a few articles and entered a few exhibitions. Charles is working as a librarian at St. John's University in New York City and has no plans for retirement.



David Hobden: Toronto – Mails and Dispatches of the War of 1812

Thursday, July 20: 8:00 pm



David's presentation will review both the civil postal and military dispatch systems of Canada during the War of 1812, and the sometimes tenuous relationship between the two. Especially noted will be the dispatch

systems of Upper Canada west of York, Lower Canada south of Montreal and the varied methods of handling both military and civilian mails during the conflict.

The handling of American mails during periods of occupation of the Canadas, and of British mails during periods of occupation of the USA will also be discussed.



Born in Blind River Ontario, raised in Oakville and Burlington, David graduated the University of Waterloo in Engineering in 1987. Since an early age, his passion has been Canadian Military history. David's approach to the study of Postal History has been written with the **History** in large font. His interest has taken him into both philatelically and historically uncharted waters in researching both his military and Halton county materials.

Rob Leigh: The Development of Postal Services in the Western District of Upper Canada

Friday, July 21: 10:00 am

When Upper Canada was created in 1792, it was divided into a number of districts, with the lines being redrawn in 1800. The Western District comprised the area that became known as Essex, Kent and Lambton counties.

The District was strategically important in its location relative to the upper Great Lakes and the American frontier. I will trace the development of postal services in these farthest reaches of Upper Canada from its beginning to its dissolution around 1850. This period saw slow expansion, from its early settlements along the Detroit River (principally Sandwich and Amherstburgh), to development along the Talbot Road, the settlements along the Lake Erie shore and the Thames River, to the later settlements along the St. Clair River. With these settlements came demands for reliable communications, and I will show examples of the postal markings used at each of the established post offices.



1840 letter from Raleigh to Edinburgh, routed via New York and Liverpool, prepaying the 12½¢ freight money charge. One of three recorded freight money letters originating at Raleigh.



Having been born and raised in Chatham, Ontario, it seemed natural for Rob to develop an interest in the postal history of Kent County, a subject that he took up about 15 years ago. More recently, he has extended this interest into Essex and Lambton counties, whose territories together with Kent made up the Western District of Upper Canada. Other interests include the early machine cancels of Canada and the earliest postmarks of British North America. Rob is the Vice President of the Society and is responsible for the development of the PHSC website and its postal history databases, which first began about ten years ago. In real life, he is Professor of Physics at the University of Illinois, actively involved with research in string theory.

Dr. Robert Galway: The Development of Air Transport in Canada and the Evolution of Pioneer Airmail: The First Decade (1919-1928)

Friday, July 21: 4:00 pm

This presentation will present an overview of the history of Canadian Aviation and focus on pivotal events that contributed to the development of Air Transport in Canada in the first decade following the end of WW 1.

Of specific interest will be the role of:

- The Laurentide Company of Grand-Mere Quebec in pioneering the use of aircraft for timber surveys and fire detection. (1919)
- The Canadian Aero Film Company of Burlington Ontario in pioneering the use of aircraft in aerial photography and the creation of documentary films. (1920)
- The Canadian Aerial Service Company in establishing a role for aircraft in geological exploration (1922)
- Bishop Barker Air Service and the RCAF in pioneering the development of aerial topographic surveys.
- The Laurentide Air Service Company of Grand-Mere Quebec in establishing inter-city air transportation and the first scheduled Passenger and Air Mail service in Canada (1922-1924)
- The Ontario Provincial Air Service in the development of advanced aerial techniques for Fire Detection & Suppression & Mercy Flights (1924)
- The Red Lake Gold Rush that established the role of aircraft in the field of Northern frontier development and Mining exploration. (1925-1928)

The presentation will include an overview of Semi-Official Air Mail in Canada for that period. However, it will exclude those aviation entities residing in Western Canada.

Specifically included in the presentation will be an indepth discussion of the pivotal contributions made to the evolution of Air Mail in Canada by:

- Laurentide Air Service
- Northern Air Service
- Jack V. Elliot Airways
- Elliot- Fairchild Air Service & Fairchild Air Transport
- Patricia Airways & Exploration
- Patricia Airways
- Western Canada Airways up to 1928.



Dr. Galway (L) with hand on spinner, May 2016



Address to Doc Oaks who formed WCA with James Richardson in late 1926 and signed by pilot J. Ross, it was one of only two flights to bear the WCA Jubilee stamp

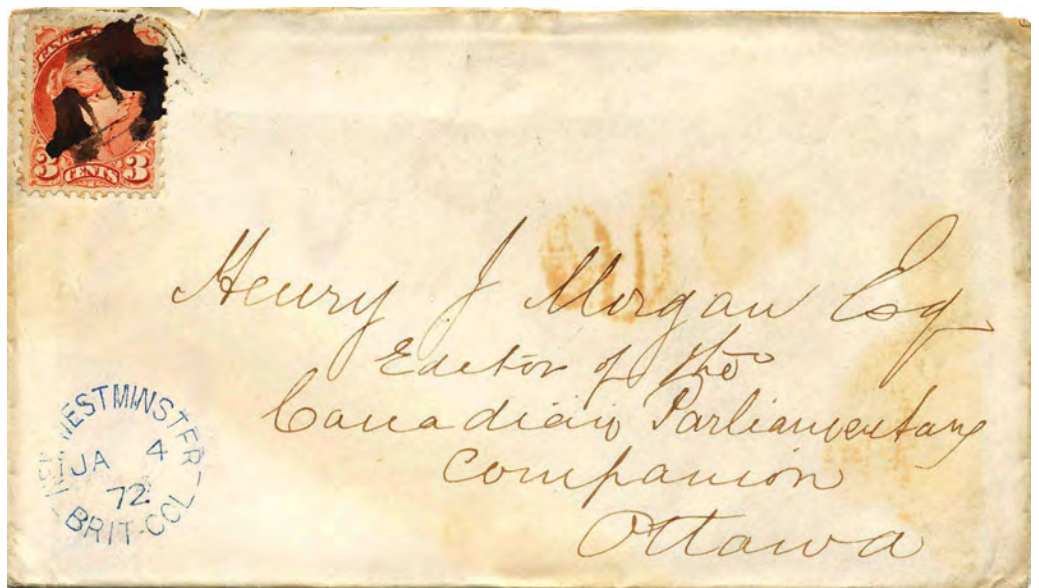
Gray Scrimgeour: The Lower Mainland of British Columbia

Saturday, July 22: 1:30 pm



Born in Vancouver, Gray Scrimgeour returned to British Columbia in 1992 when he retired from the Department of Biochemistry, University of Toronto. He has been a member of the PHSC since 1975. His main collecting area is postal history of western Canada, including trans-Pacific steamship mail through Victoria and Vancouver.

Mail service for the Lower Mainland of B.C. did not start developing until the Fraser River gold rush in 1858. The Hudson's Bay Company had established a fort at Langley in 1827, and this location was provisionally chosen as B.C.'s capital in 1858. In February 1859, Col. Richard Moody selected a new site for the capital, downstream from Fort Langley on the north side of the Fraser River. This became the city of New Westminster. New Westminster became a distribution centre for both the Lower Mainland and the interior mines. In 1869, a post office named Burrard Inlet was opened at a hotel 10 miles from New Westminster. Granville and Moodyville opened nearby as sawmill towns. Granville grew, and became Vancouver (western terminal of the CPR) in 1886. Moodyville became North Vancouver.



An early view of New Westminster (B.C. Archives #A-03330)

Gary Steele: Canada Post Departmental Handstamps

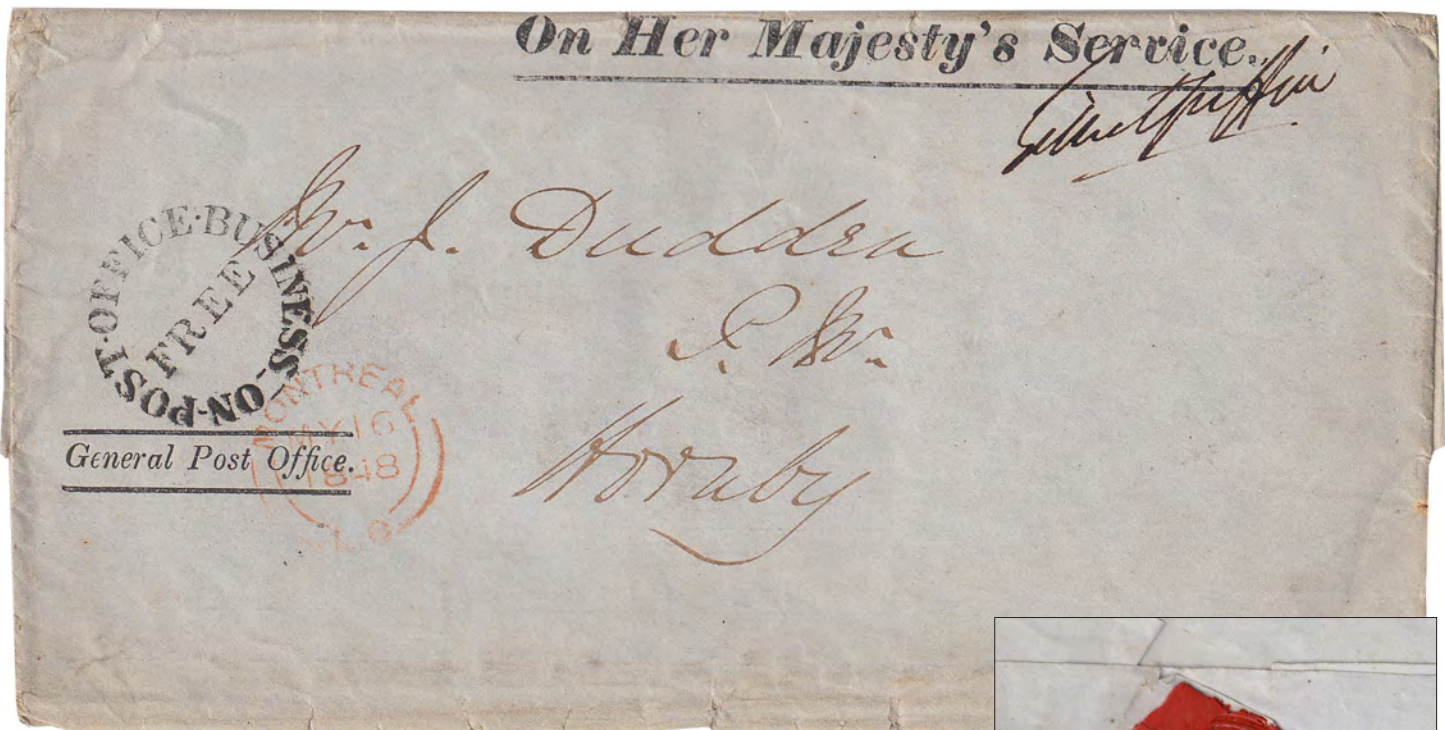
Saturday, July 22: 3:30 pm

This presentation covers the handstamps created for various departments within Canada Post. Many of these departments are small with only a few handstamps, however, several hundred can be found for other areas. Over 140 major departments have been identified with subsections for many. All forms of mail matter and many internal documents can contain handstamps related to this study.

Not all departments are included that are basically in all or a majority of Canadian Post Offices. These may include handstamps for Assistant Postmaster, Exhibition, General Delivery, Money Order, Letter Carrier, Postal Station, RPO, Dead Letter Office, Parcel Post, Receiving branch, PO Savings Bank, Customs, and Registration etc.

However, there could be Supervisors, Managers or special sections within some of these departments mentioned that are included.

The period of study starts pre-Confederation and runs to 1975 when a majority become bilingual and used mainly internally rather than on mail matter.



Gary started collecting when he was nine inspired by a little girl who brought her stamp album to school. Gradually, he spread out into Canadian and American collections and some FDC's. In 1979, he sold everything to specialize in the 1937-38 Definitive issue which gradually developed into other specialties.

One of those areas being the *Canadian Post Office Departmental Handstamps* similar to many of the *Dead Letter Office handstamps* but covering virtually every branch, division, office, and section of the Post Office.



Ed Kroft: Canada-Palestine Postal History: 1890-1948

Sunday, July 23: 10:30 am



This presentation will review the postal relations between Canada and various postal authorities operating in the Holy Land prior to December 31, 1948. Specifically, this presentation will examine rates, routes and markings pertaining to mail traveling between Canada and the Holy Land. Examples of various types of Canadian and foreign mail will be shown.



Ed Kroft is an avid collector and exhibitor of Holy Land postal history and aerophilately. His particular areas of interest include studies of Holy Land postal rates and postmarks. He is a director and national judge of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and President of the Society of Israel Philatelists. Ed is a member of many philatelic clubs and societies, including the PHSC, the PSSC and BNAPS and has written over 25 articles for various philatelic publications on a wide variety of subjects.

Help us improve the PHSC Postmark Database

The Symposium will be a great place to report your new finds – or your old ones – to the PHSC postmark database. We'll have a computer and scanner set up throughout the show with someone there to help you through the process. We can also do it for you if computers aren't your cup of tea.

Report your covers at the PHSC Symposium



PHSC Symposium 2017 – Preliminary Itinerary February 8, 2017

Thursday July 20

1:00 pm	Coach departs Sheraton for VGG
2:00	Tour of VGG, HSPL, VSC 6000
3:15	Coach departs VGG for Fort York
3:30	Fort York – Presentation #1 - Toronto – a Philatelic Adventure, Charles Livermore
4:30	Guided Tour Fort York
6:30	Catered Dinner at Fort York
8:00	Fort York – Presentation #2 – Mails and Dispatches of the War of 1812, David Hobden
9:00	Free Time at Fort York
9:30	Coach Departs for Sheraton

Friday July 21

10:00 am	Sheraton – Presentation #3 – Postal History of the Western District of Upper Canada, Rob Leigh
11:30	Carpool to Warplane Heritage Museum
12:00	Luncheon at Warplane Heritage Museum
1:00 pm	Warplane Heritage Museum - Presentation #4 – TBD
2:00	Guided Tour of Warplane Heritage Museum
4:00	Warplane Heritage Museum - Presentation #5 – The Development of Air Transport in Canada and the Evolution of Pioneer Airmail: The First Decade (1919-1928), Dr. Robert Galway
5:00	Carpool Return to Sheraton

Saturday July 22

8:00 am	PSSC Breakfast
10:00	Sheraton Exhibition and Bourse Opens
1:30 pm	Sheraton – Presentation #6 – The Lower Mainland of British Columbia, Gray Scrimgeour
3:30	Sheraton – Presentation #7 – Canadian Post Office Departmental Handstamps, Gary Steele
5:00	Exhibition and Bourse closed
5:00	HMCS Haida, Awards BBQ
11:00	HMCS Haida Awards BBQ close

Sunday July 23

8:30 am	PHSC Annual General Meeting
10:00	Sheraton Exhibition and Bourse opens
10:30	Sheraton – Presentation #8 – Canada-Palestine Postal History: 1890-1948– Ed Kroft
1:30 pm	Sheraton – Presentation #9 – TBD
5:00	Exhibition and Bourse close