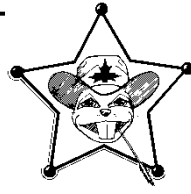


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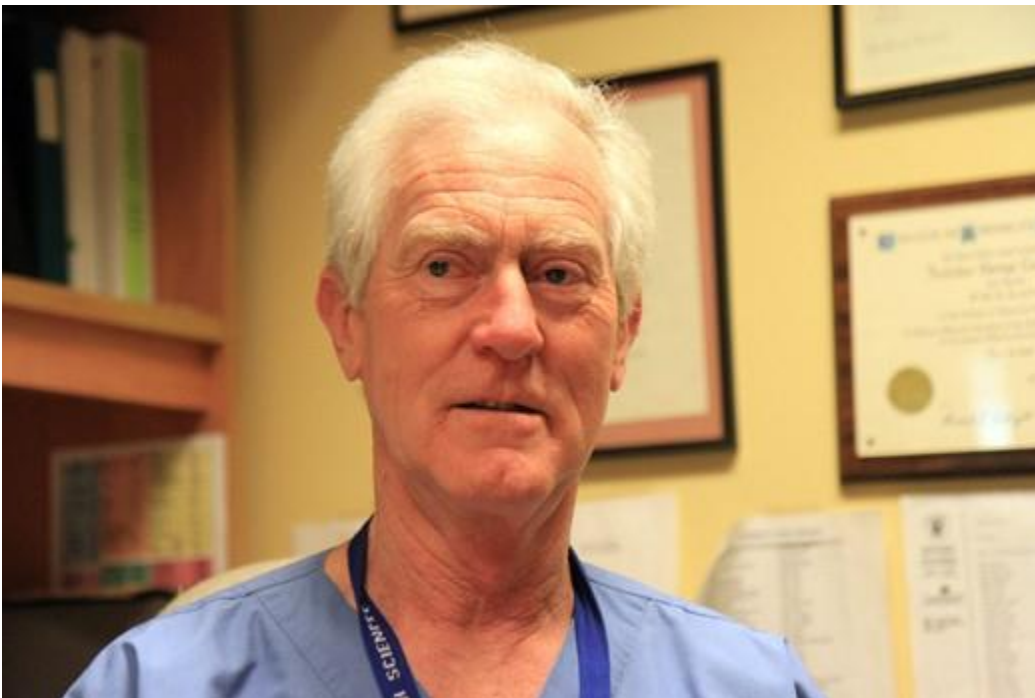
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March 2 MEETING IN COLLEGE STATION

We will meet at the St. Mary's Catholic Center, Church Avenue, College Station, Texas 77840, meeting wing on the second floor, probably Room 207, but it should be easy to find. Map p.2

LONGTIME MEMBER NICK ESCOTT HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 2019 MEETING

Longtime Prairie Beaver member Nick Escott, formerly from Houston and now Thunder Bay, Ontario, will attend out upcoming meeting while visiting in the Houston area. Nick is a physician, pathologist, and gynecologist. He has taught classes at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. He has also been active in birding and has published in the journal *Ontario Birds* and *A Field Guide to Monitoring Nests*, an ebook he edited that is currently downloadable. Nick's collecting interests have been in Northern Ontario postal history and he has gotten various awards at national shows for this rare material

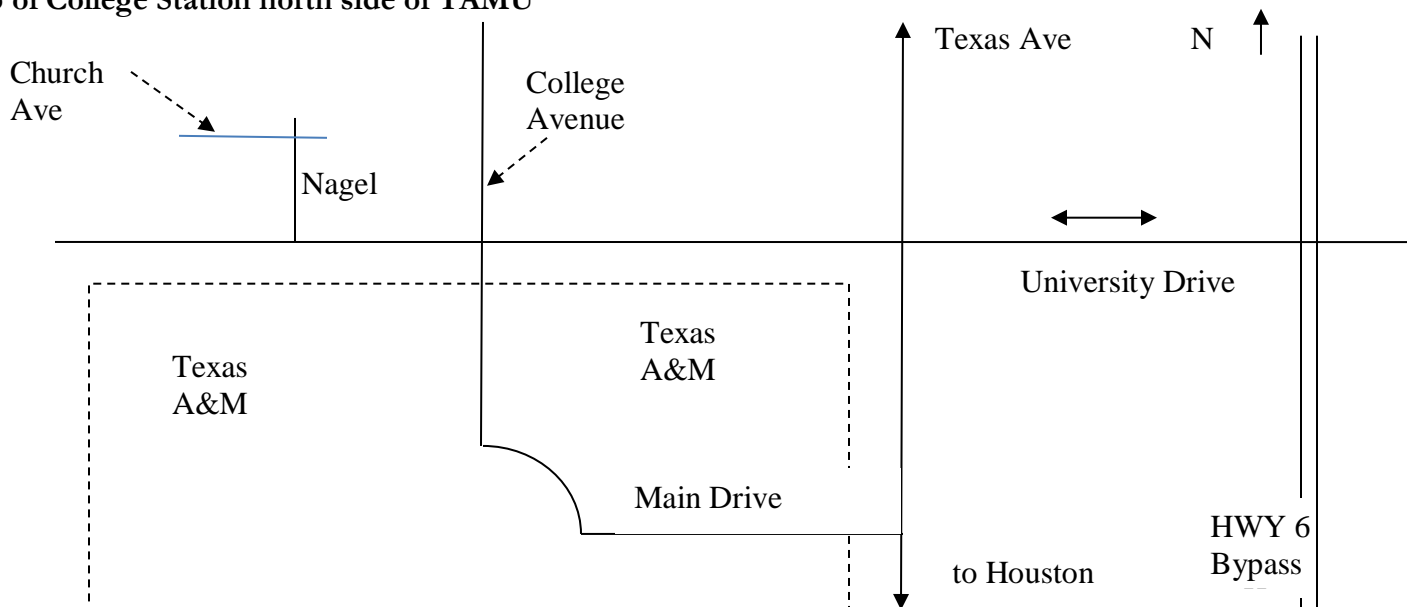


PRAIRIE BEAVER MEETING, March 2, 2019

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

8:45 - 9:00	Coffee, donuts, informal
9:00 - 9:15	Introductions
9:15 - 9:45	Book reviews- new BNAPS books, auctions
9:45 - 10:15	Swap, sell, buy, trade
10:15 - 11:00	Presentation: The Ontario - Manitoba Boundary Dispute in the 1870's- 80's: Nick Escott
11:15 - 12:00	Clothesline Exhibit
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 1:15	Business meeting
1:15 - 2:00	Presentation: "The Great Halifax Explosion: John Furlong
2:00 - 2:45	Swap, sell, buy, trade
2:45 - 3:15	Presentation: Lesser Known Ontario Fair and Exhibition Covers: George Dresser
3:15 - 4:00	Swap, sell, buy trade
4:00 - 4:30	Jubilee Postal History: Vic Willson
4:30 - 5:00	Wrap-up Leave for dinner at local venue

Map of College Station north side of TAMU



CENSUS OF CANADA’S WIDOW WEED COVERS Victor Willson

While the 20 and 50 cent stamps of 1893, the “Widow Weeds” properly belong with the Small Queen issue, they are not typically presented with them in either exhibits or reference works on the Small Queens. By themselves they are too small a collecting focus for much more than a couple frames in exhibits and are somewhat orphans in 19th century collecting of Canada. Part of that is because there is so little postal history material available. I provide an initial census of on-cover uses of the two stamps here to provide some perspective on their use.

The clearly intended purpose for the stamps was to pay higher amount postage on parcels, bulk newspaper mailing receipts, and registered bank mailings of currency and coin. The 15 cent Large Queen was still in use and stocks were not used up until the end of the 19th century, but more of those would be needed than a 20 or 50 cent stamp on large value mailings, There are plenty of used copies of both Widow Weed values available on stamp websites and in dealer stocks, suggestive that they were soaked from packaging. Fred Jarrett remarked in his book “Stampin Around” that he used to soak many blocks of the 50 cent Edward from bank packaging as a youth, suggesting the fate of most Widow Weeds also. Nevertheless, there was a need for mailing commercial and private letters with higher weights. Printed matter, for example, would fit into that category at 1 cent per four ozs. as well as parcel post at 6 cents per four ozs. Commercial enterprises that sent weighty documents might want better protection, such as registration and sealed envelopes. The two values provided such service for many years, the 20 cent until issuance of the Edward 20 cent in 1904 and the 50 cent Edward in 1908. Clearly the latter was not needed until stocks of the 50 cent Widow Weed ran out. Totals printed, per Hillson and Nixon (2008, p. 191) are 525,200 of the 20 cent and 530,200 of the 50 cent.

Relatively few covers have remained intact. I have gone through the last 60 years of auction catalogs, reference works, and notes from presentations to list 59 covers with either or both values, by themselves or with other stamps. “parcel” means parcel post and “pm” means printed matter below.

FRANKING	ADDNL FRANKING	REG?	FROM	TO	CANCEL DATE
20¢			Winnipeg	Pontypool England	Oct. 20, 1893
			Montreal	Italy	Ju 24, 1895
			Toronto	Toronto	Nov. 14, 1895
			Quebec	Sweden	Mar. 12, 1896
			Montreal	Scotland	Jy 17, 1896
		Yes	Halifax	Montreal	Aug. 20, 1896
			Ottawa	London England	Nov. 18, 1896
			Halifax	London England	May 29, 1897
		Yes	Berlin	Germany	Jan. 17, 1899
			Montreal	Honduras	Dec. 28, 1899
			Fredricton	Massachusetts	Nov. 10, 1902
			Fredricton	USA	Nov. 19, 1902
		PM	Ottawa	Brussels Belgium	undated pm
			Toronto	Argentina	Apr. 16, 1895

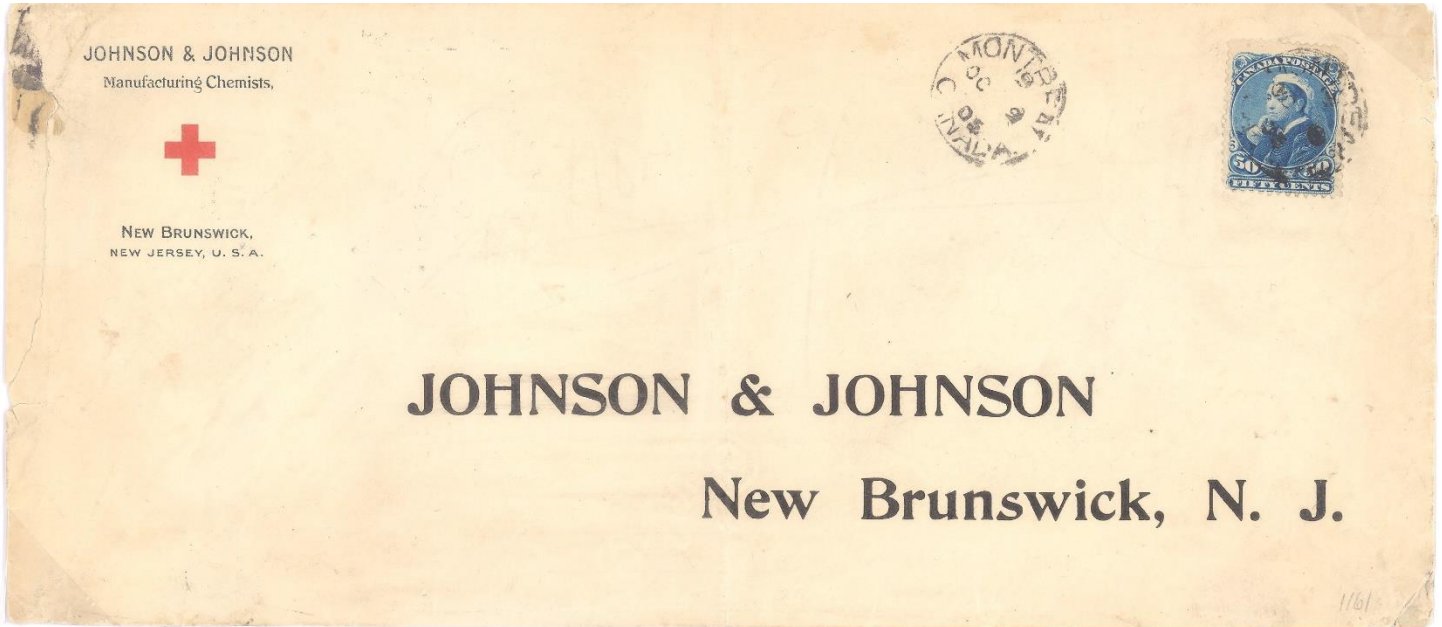
	5¢ RLS	Yes	Niagara Falls	Germany	Ju 28, 1893
	10¢ SQ		Cobourg Ont	Corrington England	Dec. 16, 1895
parcel	3¢ SQ	Yes p/p	Halifax	Yarmouth	Ju 27, 1895
	2¢ PSE	Yes	Montreal	NYCity	Feb. 1, 1896
	15¢ LQ + 2x2¢ SQ		Toronto	Berlin Ont	Feb. 28, 1896
	5¢ SQ	Yes	Ottawa	Austria	Ju 23, 1896
	2 x 5¢ SQ		Quebec City	Sweden	Aug. 11, 1896
	2¢ SQ + 5¢ SQ + 8¢ SQ	Yes	Toronto	Switzerland	Apr. 9, 1897
	5¢ SQ	Yes	Ottawa	Colchester England	Oct. 1, 1896
	10¢ SQ	Yes	Ottawa	Germany	Jy 26, 1897
	5¢ NUM	Yes	Nelson BC	Scotland	Mar. 23, 1898
	1¢ NUM	Yes	Niagara Falls&London R	Germany	Aug. 9, 1899
	2¢ NUM + 10¢ NUM	No	Montreal	Liverpool England	Oct. 19, 1899
	5¢ NUM	Yes	Charlottetown	Australia	My 15, 1900
	1¢ PSE	yes	Toronto	Detroit	Ju 6, 1910
	24 x ½¢ SQ + 8¢ SQ	Yes		Germany	
	20 x ½¢ SQ	Yes		Germany	
	2 x ½¢ + 1¢ + 2¢ + 3¢ + 5¢ + 6¢ + 8¢ + 10¢ + 15¢ LQ + 5¢ RLS (overpaid 2½¢)	Yes	domestic	domestic	
parcel	10¢ SQ + 2x2¢ SQ	Yes p/p	domestic	domestic	
2 x 20¢	5¢ SQ + 2¢ SQ	Yes	Yarmouth	Bridgewater NS	Nov. 5, 1897
	5¢ SQ + 2x2¢ SQ		Halifax	? NS	Nov. 9, 1897
	2¢ SQ		Toronto	Berlin Ont	Jan. 18, 1899
	8¢ SQ	Yes	Toronto	Berlin Ont	Feb. 23, 1899 ?
50¢	30 x ½¢ SQ	Yes	Windsor	Germany	Mar 13, 1895
		Yes	Moncton	Bangor ME	Ju 7, 1895
		Yes	Halifax	Montreal	Aug. 17, 1896
		Yes	Montreal	NYCity	Oct. 14, 1897
		?	Halifax	NS	1897
		Yes	Kingston	Chicago	2-May-00
			Montreal	New Brunswicj NJ	Oct. 9, 1905
	5¢ RLS	Yes	Niagara Falls	Germany	Ju 28, 1893
parcel	2x20¢ EDW	PP	Ottawa	Brussels Belgium	Oct. 6, 1906
	2x2¢ EDW + 2x7¢ EDW + 20¢ EDW	PP	Ottawa	London England	Feb. 14, 1907
	5¢ EDW + 2on3¢ PSE	Yes	Toronto	Detroit	Ju 6, 1910
	2x2¢ NUM + 5¢ NUM + 10¢ NUM + 20¢ NUM	Yes	Halifax	Queens Port NS	undated

2 x 50¢	2¢ NUM + 5¢ NUM + 10¢ NUM + 20¢ NUM	?	Halifax	?NS	Nov. 17, 1902
	5¢ EDW + 2x2¢ EDW	Yes	Toronto	Smithville, Ont	Aug. 3, 1905
3 x 50¢	2x2¢ NUM + 2x20¢ NUM	?	RPO	South Africa	Dec. 4, 1901
parcel	5¢ EDW	Yes PP	Halifax	Sydney Mines	Jy 28, 1903
20¢ + 50¢	5¢ RLS + 1¢ SQ + 1¢ PSE	Yes	Victoria BC	Germany	Ju 28, 1893
	½¢ SQ + 1¢ SQ + 2¢ SQ + 3¢ SQ + 5¢ SQ + 6¢ SQ + 8¢ SQ + 10¢ SQ + 15¢ LQ	Yes	Hamilton	NYCity	May 6, 1896
	5¢ SQ + 2¢ SQ	Yes	Toronto	Hanstings Ont	Jan. 3, 1898
	2¢ NUM + 10¢ NUM	PP	Ottawa	Brussels, Belgium	Jy 14, 1899
	½¢ + 10¢ + 15¢ LQ + 5¢ RLS	Yes	Hamilton	Colombia	Mar. 12, 1894
	2 x ½¢ + 1¢ + 2¢ + 3¢ + 5¢ + 6¢ + 8¢ + 10¢ + + 15¢ LQ + 2¢ RLS + 5¢ RLS	Yes	domestic	domestic	



4x5¢ per ½ oz UPU rate to Italy, courtesy of Dr. Jim Watt

25x2¢ per oz. rate to U.S., Vic Willson collection



Large Printed Matter Wrapper to England 1890s- Vic Willson

The UPU printed matter rate was 2¢ per 1 oz. through the end of the 19th century. Below is a new acquisition from eBay in England paying 36¢ for up to 18 ozs. of sheet music, per notation. The stamps are consistent with an 1890s mailing. This is the largest printed matter franking to England and second largest foreign printed matter item in the 19th century (\$1 to Belgium paid with 10x 10¢ Small Queens).



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