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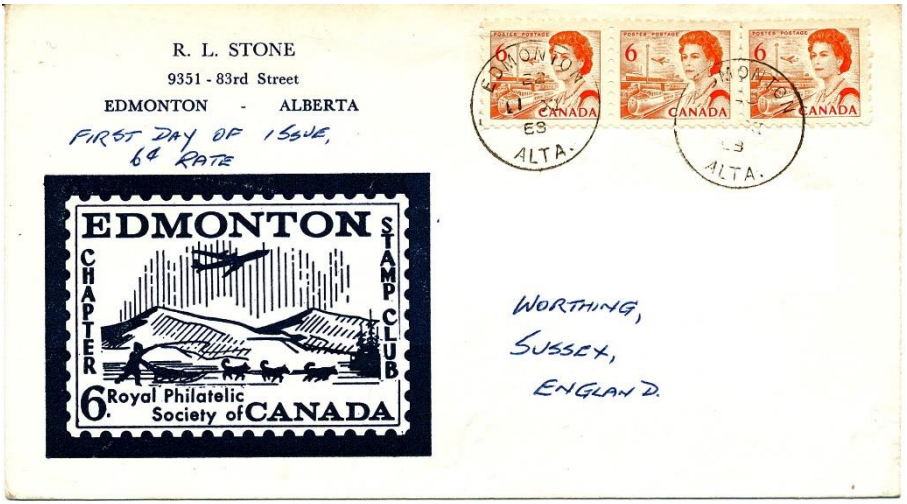

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Elections
Annual meeting
September 27 Meeting

Regular meetings
St. Joseph High School Cafeteria, 10830 - 109 Street, 6:00 pm

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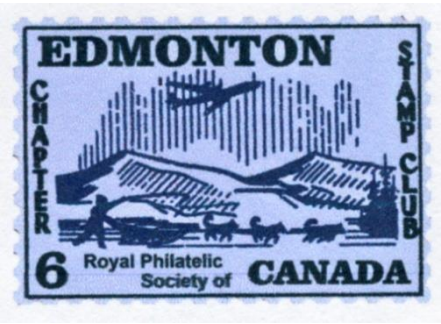

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MESSAGE

We Have a Perfect Storm

The first meeting of the Edmonton Stamp Club on 13 September is a Swim or Sink meeting for the ESC. We are coming out of the mire created by the Wuhan virus lockout. Is the ESC important enough to you to keep it functioning? Elections will take place at the 27 September meeting. Events have impacted long serving members requiring them to reevaluate their service to the ESC. *ALL* positions require nominees at this election from President to Directors [3 to 10]. The Edmonton Stamp Club requires members to think what they can do to support the Club. Look at the list of positions on the Board of Directors. Look and think about what you can do for YOUR club. If you want to let your name stand for election in the 27 September election contact Warren Stein, Secretary. All phone numbers and email addresses are listed in the Bulletin. Nominations are accepted from the floor.

On a different but similar note remember the service positions that the ESC needs to operate; coffee, meeting support for the auctions; set up, handling cash, making circuit books, writing for the Bulletin, providing programs for the membership at meetings, assisting with the Consignment Sales Service plus the many things I cannot remember at this time.

The Edmonton Stamp Club is planning to have a special meeting with a large auction of Estate Material on 29 November. The ESC is presently planning to hold our Spring Show in April 2022. The way Easter falls in 2022 we are unable to get space for the Spring Show at the Lions Club in March.

At the 13 September meeting the ESC is planning to have all our various routine functions, Estate Auction, Member's Auction, Silent Auction, Kilo ware, etc. Join us and enjoy yourself.

Above all come out to the 27 September meeting so you can express your support to the Club and VOTE.

Richard Barnes
Past President

NOTICE

HACKERS TRY TO GET YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

A recent form of phishing is rampant on the internet. They use public information about the ESC board of directors and send requests for payment from these names. **Delete, do not reply.**

Edmonton Stamp Club Elections

by Warren Stein

Hello fellow stamp club members. As we are all aware, stamp club meetings have not happened since last November. In addition to missing most of our club meetings this past year, we also missed our Annual Club Elections that are usually held in June. Since they were missed in June, the board has decided to hold our annual elections on our second regular club meeting for the new 2021-2022 club year, September 27. I ask that you consider helping get our club out of the COVID doldrums by serving on the board of directors for the new 2021-2022 club year (i.e., July 2021 through June 2022). Board positions include:

- President
- Vice President (we can have up to two vice presidents)
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Membership Chair
- Director (we can have up to 10 directors)
- Not interested in being on the board, the club is also looking to nominate two members to serve as the auditors of the financial statements for the recently finished 2020-2021 club year and/or the upcoming 2021-2022 club year.
- Still not interested!? The club also requires numerous volunteers to help with club activities such as handling the cash during our club auctions, bookkeeping, to help the Treasurer, organizing various portions of the Spring Show preparations, arranging for our Christmas meeting, our Summer Auction, etc. If you have any questions regarding the duties or responsibilities of any of the above listed positions, feel free to contact me. My contact info is provided on page 2 of this bulletin.

Closed Albums

Mathias Franz Kuester

December 25, 1924 - August 7, 2021 (ESC #1919)

Mathias (Thies) Kuester passed away peacefully in Edmonton on August 7, 2021, in his 97th year. Dad has gone to join his beloved Karin, who passed away in 1999 after almost 50 years of marriage. Thies was born in Tallinn, Estonia on Christmas Day, 1924 to Ernst and Margarete Kuester, and enjoyed a carefree, adventurous childhood on the island of Oesel (Saaremaa).

He had a lifelong interest in stamps. From his first stamp album at age 12, a gift from his older brother, until well into his nineties, Dad enjoyed collecting, sorting and studying stamps. They provided him a window on the world and an encyclopedic knowledge of world geography and history. He also enjoyed many sports — hockey, football and especially track and field.

Forced to flee his homeland of Estonia ahead of the Russian occupation, his family relocated to Germany, where he finished high school. At a school reunion after the war, he once again met up with his childhood friend Karin. He was smitten. They married in 1950 and emigrated to Canada to start their life together.

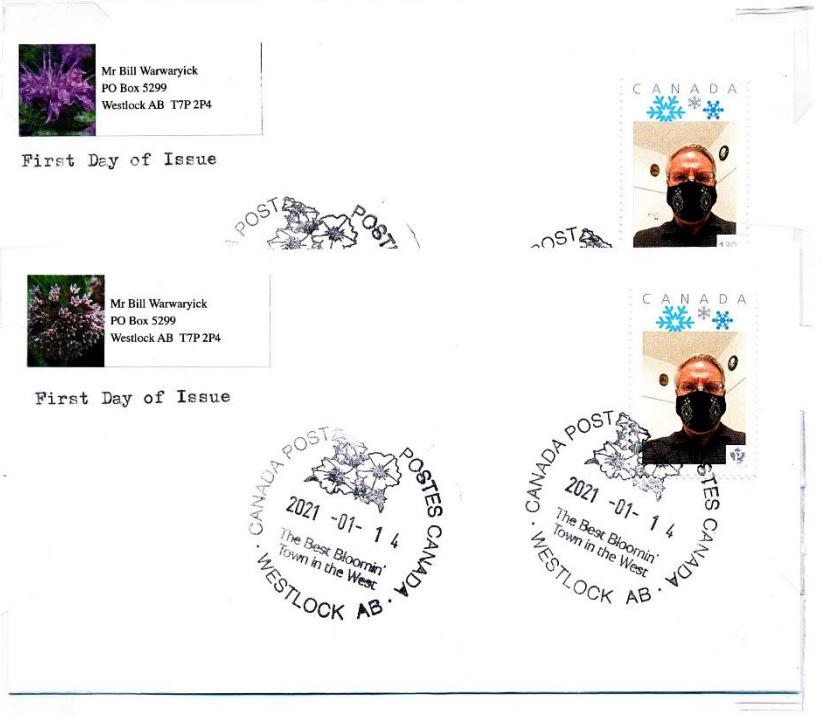
From the orchards of the Okanagan to the oil rigs of Alberta, Dad worked hard to provide for his growing family while taking university courses at night to further his education and career, primarily as a buyer for the University of Alberta, where he was respected for his diligence and hard work.

Dad was a prolific writer and a gifted artist. He was also dedicated to serving his community, taking on leadership roles with the Canadian Baltic Immigrant Aid Society and the Central and Eastern European Studies Society. He always maintained a close connection with his beloved homeland, returning to Estonia with Karin after 50 years and with each of his children so they could better understand their Baltic German roots.

Most of all, he was a devoted husband and father. His family was always his first priority and his greatest joy. He will be forever missed by his children, Peter (Judy), Barbara (Myrna), Susan (John), Tom (Janine); grandchildren, Ian, Mark, Karin, Greg, Frances, Georgia, Eve, Myna and Cordelia; great-grandchildren Katie, TJ and Hugo.

A YEAR TO REFLECT ON

These two first day covers were sent to me by Bill Warwaryick a good friend and life member of the Edmonton Stamp Club, who lives in Westlock, Alberta. Maybe out of opportunity and the need to do something about the circumstances of the world we live in, and his creative nature came to the surface, therefore I'm the recipient of two different custom made stamps. Now I can't tell if he was smiling behind that mask but well done Bill!!!! The top cover has the USA rate of $1.30 and the other has a "P" denomination.



I don't know if Canada Post keeps a record of these Custom Stamps and maybe someday someone will make a catalogue of these stamps.
If by any chance you feel the need to make your own custom stamps, go to the Canada Post site and look under "Create your own custom stamp. Just remember the stamp design is protected under copyright laws. Barend Wissink

TOPICAL COCONUTS

by Ed Pitts

This month's installment of Astronomers on Stamps concludes our brief narrative on Sir Isaac Newton, one of the foremost scientists of modern time. It will be heavy on the philately and light on text. Last month's chapter ended with his invention of the Newtonian telescope, an instrument still widely used today.

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By now, Newton's best years, and work, were behind him. In later life he ruled both the Royal Mint and the Royal Society, with an iron hand. As Warden and eventually Master of the Royal Mint, he overhauled England's currency, sending more than a few counterfeiters to the gallows. As head of the Royal Society, England's premiere scientific assembly, be picked fights with those he thought were stealing his ideas, destroyed the careers of up-and-coming young scientists who appeared as potential rivals and generally made life miserable for those he disliked, for whatever reason.

In his later life he spent most of his time and effort on the study of alchemy, the long sought-after wisdom that would allow one to turn lead into gold, among other things. The only indisputable results that came from that portion of his life's work were the harmful effects that the chemicals had on his brain, discovered during an autopsy.

Aside from developing the first practical reflecting telescope, Newton formulated complex theories of light and colour, using his experiments with prisms. In 1704 he published a book, *Opticks*, describing his ideas. This book took the scientific world by storm, as we would say. Later he developed theories on heating and cooling, and the calculation of the speed of sound among other things. This man surely epitomized the idea of the polymath.

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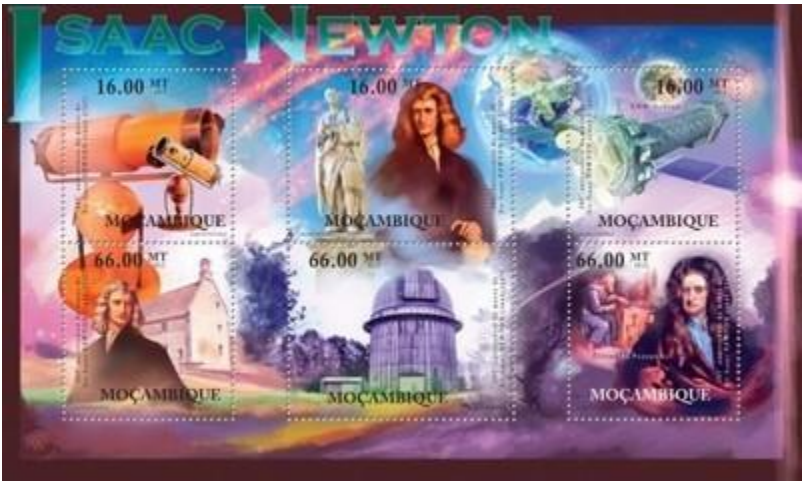
Newton died in 1727 at the age of 84 and was buried in Westminster abbey in the scientists' corner with the likes of Charles Darwin. By that time he was famous but pretty well friendless. He had alienated the few friends he did have with petty squabbles and disagreements.

For me, Newton represents the most brilliant, the most complex, the most troubled and the most unlikeable of all the astronomers that I have written about. I think it no coincidence how often those attributes coexist. Yes, I called him unlikeable, but that feeling is based on the evidence given by others, long after he ceased being able to defend himself. Medical science, in the form of an autopsy, may have given him the equivalent of a "Get Out of Jail Free" card on that score.



The story of this man's life is worthy of your attention, so I urge you to head to your nearest branch of the public library and check him out.

Some final quotes by Sir Isaac Newton:

"If I have seen further than others it is by standing on the shoulders of giants."

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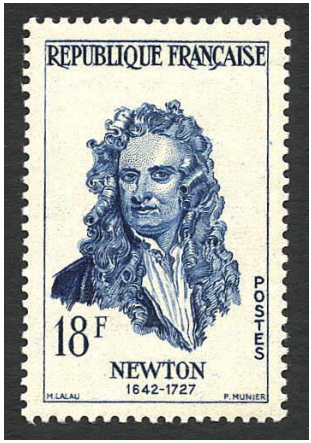
“My powers are ordinary only my application brings me success.”



Well, that’s it for this edition of Topical Coconuts. See you next time.

Ed Pitts

On Ebay

USA #C13, C14_COVER, zeppelin, first PanAm flight $322

Meeting Dates

The Edmonton Stamp Club meets Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of St. Joseph High School, 10830 - 109 Street. Park to the north of the school and use the main entrance at the south-east corner of the school. For information about the club call 587-341-0804 or 780-488-5288.

***2021**

September 13th & 27th (Annual Meeting) (Elections)
October 18th & 25th
November 8th & 22nd
November 29th (Grand Auction)
December 6th & 13th

***2022**

January 10th & 24th
February 7th & 28th
March 14th
April 2nd & 3rd (Spring Show)
April 4th, 11th & 25th
May 9th, 16th & 30th
June 13th (Elections)

***Meetings could be cancelled at any time. (Covid-19)**

Edmonton BNAPS
(British North America Philatelic Society) will meet on the last Sunday of the month. All BNAPSers welcome.
For information contact David Piercey at 780-437-2771 dpiercey@telus.net or Steven Friedenthal at 780-721-3669 sfriedenthal@shaw.ca

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On Ebay

Austria #19, 20 (or 24, 25) COVER, (12 bids) $43

A Question Answered?

I have been interested in German occupation stamps used during WW II. In passing I have always wondered at the absence of such stamps in France 1940-1945.

At the signing of the Franco-German Armistice on 22 June 1940 the civil administration of Metropolitan France and the French Colonies remained the responsibility of the French Government. The defeated Third French Republic stamps remained in service until they could be replaced.

The French State [Vichy Government] replaced the French 3rd Republic following the July 1940 meetings. They immediately authorized the overprinting of the stamps of the 3rd Republic by changing the denomination of the stamps [Fig 1-2]. By January 1941 the French State began issuing their own stamps replacing the word Republic with Poste [Fig 3].

Fig 1

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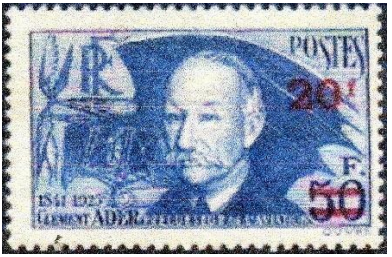

Fig 2

Fig 3

I was reading an article about overprints and found an example of a German "overprint", on a pair of French 3rd Republic stamps {Besetztes Gebiet Nordfrankreich}, [Fig 4].

Fig 4

A rough translation of this overprint is "Occupied Area of Northern France".

I spent time looking through conflicting information by using as a base source the Ottawa Philatelic Society's article "German Occupation Stamps of France 1870-1914-1940". I believe I have a handle on the history and philatelic use of this overprint. There are two different overprints. Overprint #1 [Fig 5] is credited to the main post office in Dunkirk and the overprint #2 [Fig 6] is credited to a post office in the suburb of Coudekerque within the city of Dunkirk.

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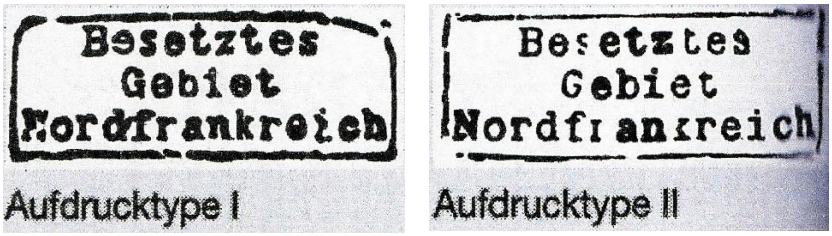

A total of 30 different post offices [Fig 7] in the Dunkirk area officially used these occupation overprints from 1 July 1940 to 10 August 1940 when the use of this overprint was officially ended.

Fig 7

Officially the postal official was to apply the overprint to a pair of stamps before they were put onto the envelope then after the piece of mail had the stamps on it the mail would be cancelled. These stamps were for internal mail within France. The postal rates at the time were 80c for a post card and 1f for a letter. The most recent Michel French Specialized catalogue listing that I found on the internet lists 14 different stamps that received a type 1 overprint and 211 different stamps that received a type 2 overprint.

You cannot keep a good stamp collector down even during war or occupation particularly when there is a possibility of a profit. Many of these overprints ended up on larger sized stamps that were large enough to take the full overprint on a single stamp.

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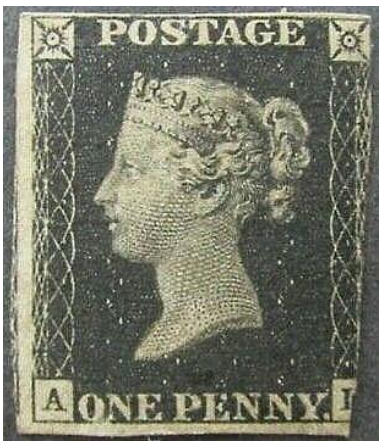
Officially these overprinted stamps were only in use for 6 weeks. These overprints were placed on French stamps well after the official use of these overprints ended [Fig 8].

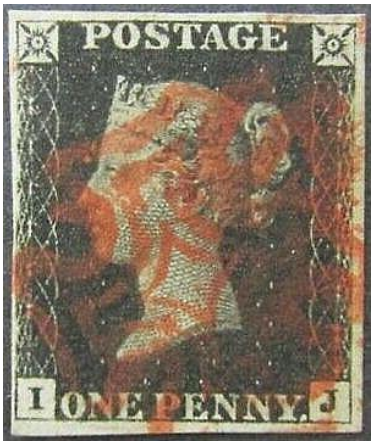
Fig 8

The Michel catalogue that I found on the internet did not have a publication date provided. I presume that the prices quoted in this catalogue are in Euros. The catalogue prices per stamp range between E1,200 and E16,000. There are numerous warnings that ALL stamps with this overprint should be considered forgeries without a competent certificate. To reinforce that statement all that is needed is a quick look at what these overprinted stamps are selling for on the internet with starting prices between $5,00 and $35.00 US.

Richard Barnes

Ebay Auctions (Canadian Dollars)





GB#1_MH, (28 bids) $454 / GB#1_U, (37 bids) $175

CBC Stamp Club

The CBC Stamp Club was started by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to engage young radio listeners in the 1950s. Stamp collecting was very popular at the time. To become a member, children sent in a letter with ten cents. They would receive a button, 50 different stamps, and a copy of the book *CBC Stamp Club: How to Start a Stamp Collection* by Douglas Patrick. CBC, established in 1936, is the oldest existing broadcast corporation in Canada.

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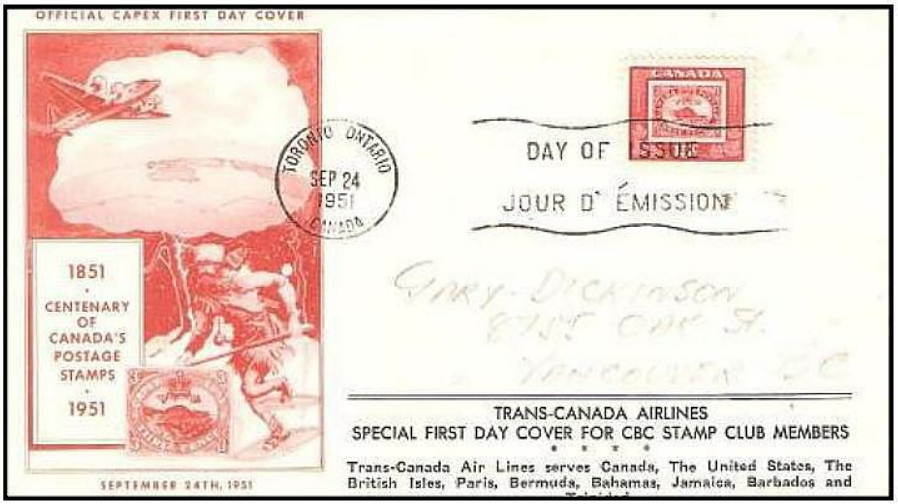

STAMP COLLECTORS' MANUAL

by
Douglas Patrick

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Glossary

Words On Stamps	Country
A PAYER TE BETALEN (Postage due)	Belgium
BAYERN	Bavaria
BELGIE BELGIQUE	Belgium
CAHATOPTYMb	Bulgaria
CESKOSLOVENSKO	Czechoslovakia
CORREIO (No country name)	Portugal
CCCP	Russia
DANMARK	Denmark
DEUTSCHES REICH	Germany
DJIBOUTI	Somali Coast
ESPANA	Spain
FLUGPOST (Airmail)	Germany-Austria
HELVETIA	Switzerland
HOby	Montenegro
ITALIANE	Italy
KAISERLICHE	Austria
MAGYAR (plus) ORSZAG or KIR POSTA	Hungary
MOYEN CONGO	Middle Congo
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NORGE	Norway
POCZTA	Poland
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SUIDAFRIKA	Union of South Africa

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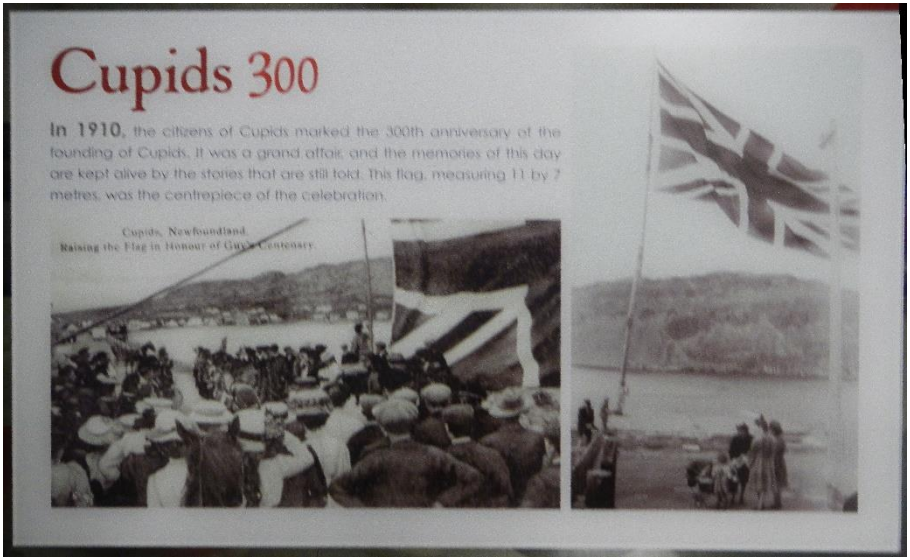
Cupids, NFLD Museum

Jeff Pacey

The Cupids Legacy Centre was built in 2010 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the establishment of the first English settlement in Canada here in Cupids, on the island of Newfoundland. It houses a state-of-the-art exhibit that illuminates the rich historical and cultural narrative of Cupids and the Conception Bay North area, more than 170,000 artifacts recovered by archaeologists from the Cupids Cove Plantation Provincial Historic Site, a coffee shop with a used bookstore, a full-service reception hall, a Family History Resource Centre, a rooftop Faerie Garden, and our Museum Shop.

These are the stamps on display at the Cupids, NFLD museum honoring the earliest official British settlement in Canada. The one set is the NLFD issue of 1910 and then the Canada issue of 2010



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1610
1910.
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With the Compliments of the Government of Newfoundland.
Prime Minister.

1910

Presented by Canada Post to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Cupids 1610-2010
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