

THE GOLDEN HORSESHOE POST CARD CLUB

South Central Ontario, Canada

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Please note the special location of our next meeting!!!

Here are the date, time and location of our next meeting. The room should be open at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 26, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

The Canadian Football Hall of Fame and Museum, Auditorium

58 Jackson Street West

Hamilton, Ontario L8P 1L4

Jon Soyka has arranged for us to once again use the Canadian Football Hall of Fame's auditorium for our meeting. The Hall of Fame auditorium is located on the first floor of the building, but there is an elevator just to the north side of the front steps for those who would like to use it. The City Hall parking lot, with entry off of Jackson Street, is open to anyone, 24 hours a day. Payment is required until 10 p.m. and city security keeps an eye on the lot. There will be lots of parking spots right beside the Hall of Fame at that time of night.

Upcoming Meetings: This is the last club meeting for this calendar year. Meeting dates for the first part of 2015 are: January 28 (normally our annual dinner at an area restaurant), February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27 and June 24. Meetings are always on the 4th Wednesday of the month (except for July, August and December, when no meetings are held).

Agenda for the Meeting of November 26, 2014 (although not necessarily in this order)

- (1) General Discussion:** Bring any information that you'd like to share with the group. No doubt we'll have our usual lively discussions.
 - (2) Discussion About The Book:** Jon will probably let us know about the success of the book to date, so if you have feedback to pass along, from others or from yourself, feel free to do so.
 - (3) Special Presentation:** Guest speaker, club member Carl Schlosser, will give us a presentation about "The 13th Regiment - The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry" and its history in post cards. Thanks Carl. We look forward to Wednesday night!
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Membership Renewals:

As you'll recall, memberships are up for renewal on September 1 of each year, and are valid until August 31 of the following year. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2014, please do so at the meeting, or via post to Peggy MacLeod, 213 Grant Avenue, Hamilton ON L8N 2X9. Cheques should be made out to the Golden Horseshoe Post Card Club. Please don't mail cash! If you're unsure of your status, feel free to send along an e-mail to check – ms12fd34@aol.com. Memberships are \$20 per year. A renewal form can be found as a link from the Membership page on the web site at www.ghpcc.ca.

Attention: Writer at Work!

Thanks once again to Lorne Smith who has been slaving away writing another interesting article for the newsletter, and has included some great post card images. He forwarded this article back in October, but I didn't have time to include it in the last missive.

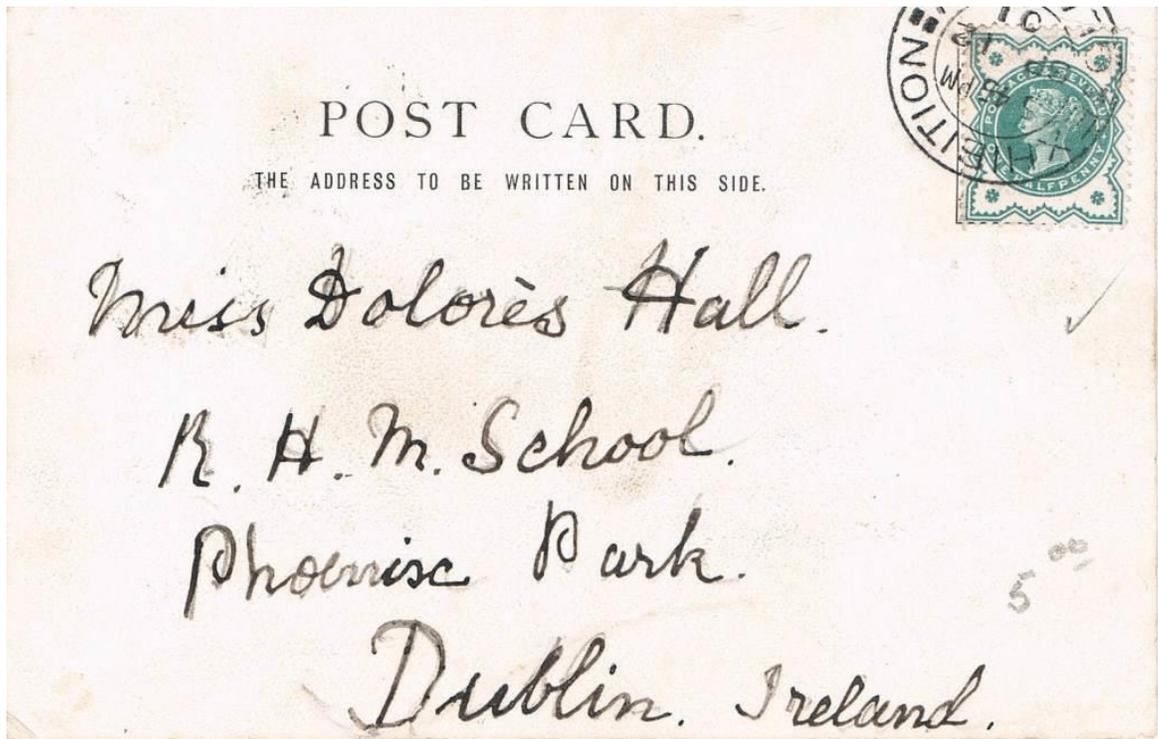
In Fair Condition by Lorne Smith

My prize find at our annual September postcard show in Dundas was this postally used, undivided back, Glasgow International Exhibition 1901 card with a Victoria halfpenny postage stamp and official Exhibition cancellation [Figures 1 & 2]. It was written in the site's tearoom [probably Miss Cranston's Teahouse - was there more than one?] and sent to a Miss Dolores Hall in Dublin, Ireland. Last initial is the same - were they related, perhaps siblings?

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A striking feature of this card is the early coloured lithograph of opening day which depicts the fair's most dominating architectural structure, the Industrial Hall. Today, the only surviving building of this enterprise is Glasgow's Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum [Figure 3] and, on a much smaller scale, a recently restored 40 foot cast iron 1901 Saracen fountain which was moved to the city's Alexandra Park in 1914 [sadly no postcard in my collection].

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The back story of this exhibition is that it marked the 50th anniversary of the Great Exhibition of 1851, the first world's fair, held in London in the Crystal Palace. This was Glasgow's second major exhibition, the other being in 1888 [unfortunately too early for postcards] which was also held in Kelvingrove Park near Glasgow University.

The Prince of Wales was supposed to be on hand for the opening ceremonies but the death of Queen Victoria in January 1901 meant that king-in-waiting Edward VII was otherwise occupied preparing for his Coronation. So that duty fell to his eldest daughter Princess Louise, Duchess of Fife, who unlocked the Grand Entrance on May 2nd, apparently with a golden key. When the fair finally closed November 4th 1901, there had been over 11.5 million daily visitors, including the King of Siam.

Russia and Canada both had pavilions, the former being an imposing and impressive building constructed in a traditional log style. Canada's charming twin towered hall can be viewed along with other Exhibition images at:

<http://canmore.rcahms.gov.uk/en/site/139397/details/glasgow+kelvingrove+park/&biblio=more>

On the postcard's reverse side, we see that it was addressed to Dolores Hall at R.H.M. School in Dublin's Phoenix Park, which turned out to be the Royal Hibernian Military School (1769 - 1924), a former asylum which was founded to educate orphaned children of members of the British armed forces originating in Ireland. Since some sources indicate that the girls transferred to a separate establishment in the mid-19th century, was Miss Hall a teacher or possibly a domestic rather than an orphan student? Unfortunately, school records were destroyed by fire during the WWII London blitz, the boys' school having been moved to England in the 1920's, so that mystery is unsolved. However, the school buildings still exist as part of St Mary's Hospital. By the way, if Phoenix Park sounds familiar, it was the site of the infamous fatal stabbings in 1882 of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Thomas Henry Burke by Irish Nationalist assassins.

Finally, a bit of postal trivia for our Philatelist colleagues who no doubt will point out that the Victoria halfpenny had recently changed [in 1900] to a blue-green colour from vermilion in order to conform to international standards. [Figure #4]

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Minutes of the Meeting of 2014 10 22

Total Attendance: at least 23 club members, former members, guests **Chaired by:** Jon Soyka

Present and Former Members at the Meeting: Don Babb, Sandra Beveridge, Marg Brown, Brian T. Bunting, Larry Cherns, Wayne Curtis, Joyce Farnell, Alan Hebb, Ivan Killins, Wilf Lowry, Peggy MacLeod, Beth Mills, John & Judith Sayers, Carl Schlosser, Ron Sinclair, Sanna Sinclair, Lorne Smith, Jon Soyka, Ross Taylor, John Thompson.

My apologies to any others whose names I didn't manage to scribble down. It was a bit difficult to keep track of the members, former members and visitors. Quite a few guests were interested in John Sayers' presentation and the club's book, having seen the article which began on the front page of the Hamilton Spectator that morning.

Jon Soyka started the meeting with comments about the September 28th post card show in Dundas. Turnout was not as high as expected due to the good weather, especially considering that it was one of the few fine days this year. The dealers made money anyway, and we had good publicity in the local papers and other locations.

Sales of the club book, "This is a Beautiful City", are doing quite well, at 11 retailers and through club members. Jon joked that he expects sales to reach half a million by Christmas. Jon was unable to get the book into Indigo because we would lose money on every book sold, based upon their terms. They have a department for regional books which Jon will deal with if reasonable terms can be arranged. Multimedia at James and Cannon is selling the book, along with other outlets as listed on our web site. There are no Mountain outlets, and only one in Stoney Creek, so if anyone has any ideas, please put them forward. The Calendar Club head office said that they wouldn't stock the book despite interest from the local outlet. There are no tables available to groups such as ours in any of the shopping malls through Christmas. We have a table booked at Juravinski on Tuesday, November 18th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Jon asked for volunteers to help sell the book.

We were then treated to a wonderful presentation "Real Photo Cards - Liners", which was given by John Sayers. John is a well-know post card collector, and a member of our club as well as the Toronto Postcard Club. He travelled by ship across the North Atlantic to England in 1954, and came back to the remains of Hurricane Hazel. He started collecting lapel pins, having bought one shipboard for his aunt on the way back to Canada, collected stamps starting at age 15, and also collected coins. With the increase in the price of silver, pre-1967 coins disappeared and were either held by collectors or melted and sold for the value of the silver. John collects primarily post cards and ephemera.

John divided his presentation into 7 topics: Jumbo cards, ships in action, war time, accidents, interiors, passengers and greeting cards. He noted that next spring marks the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the British ocean liner Lusitania (which occurred on May 7, 1915). Cards of a number of ships including the Empress of Britain and the Olympic were shown. John noted the practice of doctoring cards to increase their interest to the purchaser, giving an example of a post card of the Titanic with the addition of an iceberg. He explained that between peace and war times, ships' prefix letters would change, to reflect the changes in use of the vessels. Some examples are HMHS (His/Her Majesty's Hospital Ship), HMT (Hired Military Transport), HMS (His/Her Majesty's Ship/Submarine), and RMS (Royal Mail Ship). The prefix letters were commonly used on post cards, and could be clearly seen in some images of the ships depicted on the cards. The Aquitania showed letters RMS and HMHS in respective post cards. The HMT Olympic was shown in several cards, including one view which featured the ship painted in full camouflage, a very striking appearance to say the least.

Most frequently, interior shots depicted areas such as “The Lounge”, “The Grand Salon”, and “The Children’s Room”, since travellers wanted to send post cards of areas where they were allowed to go on the ship. Rare are shots of the bridge or radio or engine rooms. Pictures of passengers often showed travellers posed with phoney back or front drops – for instance, with their faces inserted into cutouts in a life-sized group view. Alternatively, a passenger might have been photographed in charge of a phoney ship’s wheel which would have had no function except to serve as a prop for picture-taking purposes.

After the presentation, from which only a few items of information have been provided in this account, John answered questions about his post cards and about travel in the days of the early ocean liners. When asked if the White Star Line had intended to replace the Titanic after its sinking, he noted that they were in the process of building the Britannic at the time of the disaster and were in financial trouble at the time. A number of other questions were asked and answered and several club members had information about the final sailing of the Aquitania, from Halifax in 1949.

Jon Soyka thanked John for his presentation, which was well received by those in attendance. Discussion moved to cards purchased on sites such as eBay, and clues to determining their authenticity. Reproductions are supposed to be advertised as such on eBay, but occasionally, a seller may offer a card which may be a photocopy of the original, with a stamp of the period affixed. In such a case, the postmark will not line up with the mark on the stamp, and the edges of the card will be white. In most cases, there will be yellowing on an old, genuine post card. The seller may or may not know that the card is a fake.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 p.m.

Upcoming Shows

A list of upcoming post card and antique shows is presented here, but for a more complete list of shows near you, visit the club web site at <http://www.ghpcc.ca/Shows-Exhibits.htm>. Before travelling any great distance, please make sure that any show you’re attending is going ahead. Last-minute cancellations are always possible. The show listings have been updated with all confirmed shows which are known at this time. If you don’t have a computer at home, you can normally check the listings on computers which are available to the public at the local library.

For easier location in the list, entries for post card, stamp and paper shows are preceded by an exclamation mark "!". The following list provides show notices for at least the next few months, in chronological order. Please email any show notices or corrections to Postcards@GHPCC.ca.

One Of A Kind Christmas Show & Sale: Thursday, November 27-Sunday, December 7, 2014. Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place (CNE grounds), Toronto ON. 800 exhibitors. Information: www.oneofakindshow.com. It’s not an antique show, but offers lots of amazing gift ideas for the holidays.

Toronto Military Show (East): Saturday, November 29, 2014. 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. General Sikorski Hall, 1551 Stevenson Road North, Oshawa ON. Over 150 vendors selling all types of military antiques and collectibles. Lots of parking. Admission \$8. Information (416) 427-8379, cmhctoronto@hotmail.com. Web: www.torontomilitaryshow.com.

Brantford Model Train Show & Sale: Sunday, November 30, 2014, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Best Western rant Park Inn, 19 Holiday Drive, Brantford ON. Free parking. Admission \$5, children under 12 free with adult. Information: Ian, call Monday-Friday before 8 p.m., (519) 426-8875, toyshow@kwic.com, www.collectorshows.ca.

Antiques Show at the Grand Luxe: Sunday, December 7, 2014, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The Grand Luxe Event Boutique, 3125 Bayview Avenue, Toronto ON. 5 blocks north of Sheppard. Vintage clothing and accessories, mid-century modern, retro, fine jewellery, antiques. Admission \$5. Information: Heritage Antique Shows (416) 483-6471, www.heritageantiqueshow.com.

Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale: Sunday, December 7, 2014, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Marritt Hall, Ancaster Fairgrounds, 630 Trinity Road, Ancaster. Admission \$5, children under 12 free with adult, free parking. Information: Ian, call Monday-Friday before 8 p.m., (519) 426-8875, toyshow@kwic.com, www.collectorshows.ca.

Woodstock Toy & Collectibles Expo: Sunday, December 14, 2014, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Woodstock Fairgrounds, 875 Nellis Street, Woodstock. Admission \$4, children under 12 free with adult. 180+ tables. Information: Ian, call Monday-Friday before 8 p.m., (519) 426-8875, toyshow@kwic.com, www.collectorshows.ca.

Woodstock Toy & Collectibles Expo: Sunday, December 28, 2014. See previous listing above.

! 16th Annual UNIPEX Coin & Stamp Show: Friday-Sunday, January 16-18, 2015. Toronto Plaza Hotel, 1677 Wilson Ave (HWY 400/401), Toronto ON. Hours: 11-6, 10-5, 10-4. (hours likely but not yet confirmed.) Bourse. Information: unitrade@rogers.com, Susan, 416-242-5900.

! CATHEX, St. Catharines Stamp & Postcard Show: Saturday, January 24, 2015, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Grantham Lions Club Hall, 732 Niagara Street (at Parnell Road), St. Catharines, Ontario. Free admission and parking. Lunch counter. Information: stuart.keeley@sympatico.ca.

Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale: Sunday, February 1, 2015, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Marritt Hall, Ancaster Fairgrounds, 630 Trinity Road, Ancaster. Admission \$5, children under 12 free with adult, free parking. Information: Ian, call Monday-Friday before 8 p.m., (519) 426-8875, toyshow@kwic.com, www.collectorshows.ca.

! BURLPEX 2015 Stamp Show: Saturday, February 21, 2015, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Burlington Seniors Centre, Drury Lane/Teen Tour Drive off New Street, Burlington, ON. Information: jjglasbergen@sympatico.ca.

! Toronto Postcard Club 34th Annual Show: Sunday, February 22, 2015, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, 6 Garamond Court, Toronto ON M3C 1Z5 (Don Mills Road & Wynford Drive). Admission for general public \$7. Admission \$5 for TPC members. Free parking. Snack bar on site. TTC accessible on the 100 Flemington bus from Eglinton or Broadview stations, or the Don Mills 25 from Pape station. Information: info@torontopostcardclub.com, www.torontopostcardclub.com.

Toronto Antique & Vintage Market: Saturday-Sunday, March 7-8, 2015. Queen Elizabeth Building (just west of BMO Field), Exhibition Place (CNE grounds), Toronto ON M6K 3C3. Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission: \$10 (cash only). Under 12: free. Re-admission: free. Sign up for discount coupon at www.torontoantiqueandvintagemarket.ca.

! Postcard Memories Show, Kitchener-Waterloo-Cambridge Regional Postcard Club: Sunday, March 15, 2015, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bingeman's Embassy Room, 425 Bingemans Centre Drive, Kitchener ON. Admission \$5, free parking. Information: Dave at 519-885-3499, Leigh Hogg at stamphogg@hotmail.com. Web: www.kwcrpcc.com.

! OXPEX/OTEX Stamp Exhibition (Oxford Phil. Society): Saturday, March 21, 2015, 9:30 - 4:30. John Knox Christian School, 800 Juliana Drive, Woodstock, ON. Contact: ward2221@rogers.com. Free admission & parking, lunch & snacks available. Dealers, exhibits, youth gift bags, Canada Post booth, show cover, prize draw, club circuit books.

! North Toronto Stamp Club Spring Bourse: Saturday, March 21, 2015, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street, Toronto ON. Subway access via St. Clair station. Free admission, 40 free parking spaces at the church, wheelchair access. Information: ntsc.treasurership@gmail.com, www.northtorontostampclub.ca.

Gadsden's Toronto Vintage Clothing Show: Sunday, March 29, 2015, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wychwood Barns, 601 Christie Street, Toronto ON. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., admission \$8, 12 and under free. On-street parking only. TTC information, show information and discount coupons available from web site at: www.antiqueshowscanada.com. Gadsden Promotions. 1-800-667-0619.

! Old Book and Paper Show: Sunday, April 12, 2015. Wychwood Barns, 601 Christie Street, Toronto ON. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., admission \$8. On-street parking only. TTC information, show information and discount coupons available at: www.antiqueshowscanada.com. Gadsden Promotions. 1-800-667-0619.

24th Annual Elora Spring Antique Show: Saturday, April 18 - Sunday, April 19, 2015. Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Elora Community Centre, 15 minutes north of Guelph, off Hwy. 6. Admission \$6, children free. 55 dealers. Information: Gadsden Promotions, 1-800-677-0619, www.antiqueshowscanada.com.

Aberfoyle Saturday Special Antique Show: Saturday, May 9, 2015, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Aberfoyle Antique Market, 57 Brock Road S., Guelph ON. From Hamilton, take Highway 6 north to 1 mile north past the 401. If taking the 401, use exit 299. Admission \$5. Information: 1-877-763-1077, www.aberfoyleantiquemarket.com.

! Royal 2015 Royale - Annual Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada: Friday-Sunday, May 22-May 24, 2015. London Convention Centre, 300 York, London ON. Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 9-3. Information: royal15@royal2015.com, www.royal2015.com.

Christie Antique Show: Saturday, May 23, 2015, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m., Christie Conservation Area, Hwy 5, 9 km. West of Hwy. 6. Admission \$10. Free parking. Information: 905-525-2181, ext. 147, www.christieantiqueshow.ca.
