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CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

REGULAR MEETING: Lower floor of the Calgary Central Library, MacLeod Trail at 7th Ave. S.W.

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| April 5 | 7:30 | Trading & Circuits |
|         | 8:00 | Business Meeting   |
|         | 8:20 | Program            |
|         | 9:00 | Trading & Circuits |

AUCTION MEETING: C.U.P.E. Hall, 104-13 Ave. S.E.

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| April 19 | 7:30 | Viewing of Auction Lots |
|          | 8:00 | Auction                 |
|          | 9:00 | Trading & Circuits      |

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## CALPEX 77

Preparations for CALPEX 77 are proceeding very well. The auction list should be out by the time you receive this bulletin. Any members wishing to enter exhibits should contact Gordon Hill. Banquet tickets are available from either Jim Taylor, Phil Wolf or other members of the executive. The cost is \$12.50 per person and this includes admission to the show as well as a guided tour of the exhibits after the banquet. Also a raffle is being held. For .50¢ one can have a chance to win a mint never hinged and very fine set of Canada 268-273. We still require volunteers so please let Ed Harris know when you wish to help out. This promises to be the best show put on by the Calgary Philatelic Society so I hope all members are willing to support it.





Silver Jubilee (1935) issues made by overprinting stamps from the Cook Islands, Niue, New Guinea and Nauru.



## INTERESTING NEWFOUNDLAND STAMP

On 15th August 1910 Newfoundland issued a set of stamps to commemorate the John Guy Tercentenary. The one cent value (Scott #87) which is a portrait of King James I offers collectors an interesting challenge in trying to obtain the varieties of this issue. A Crease in the transfer paper caused varieties on the 41st stamp in the right pane-- NFW for NEW and on the 42nd stamp JAMES for JAMES. JAMRS is another error on the stamp. Coupled with this the stamp exists perf 12x11, 12, 12x14, imperf both horizontally and vertically one can see the many possible varieties of this stamp. The stamp also exists imperf between stamp and sheet margin. Also this stamp being of a light color it is also a good stamp to collect for postmarks.



For any information about Calgary Philatelic Society or this bulletin you may write to Philip Wolf at 10515 Shillington Crescent S.W. 253-3819





Center stamp shows the five cent stamp error in a block of 2¢ stamps. This error Scott #505 was caused when a cliché of a 5¢ was substituted for a damaged 2¢ stamp. This error has a value of around \$500.

### THE WAR TAX STAMPS OF CANADA

Due to the increasing financial burden of the first World War, a tax of one cent was levied on each piece of first class matter. The 1¢ and 2¢ were prepared by adding the words on the Admiral type issue of the time. It was decided to prepare a new stamp which would combine the regular rate and 1¢ tax. The 2¢ value was modified to show a large outlined 1T¢. Two dies were used, in die 1 the lines below 1T¢ are horizontal and cross hatched while die 11 consists only of horizontal lines. The Inland Revenue Dep't ordered the overprinting of 5¢, 20¢ and 50¢ stamps with WAR TAX in two lines diagonally from upper left to lower right. At first these stamps were not intended for postal usage but later were accepted for a short time.



A pair of stamps from **Sierra Leone** showing two varieties in surcharging. Scotts numbers 58 and 59A.



### BRITISH CONSULAR MAIL IN MADAGASCAR

In 1864, the British people living in the capital elected their vice-consul William Clayton Pickersgill postmaster to handle the increasing volume of mail to other parts of the world, mainly to Britain. He promptly organized a postal system to transport mail to Tamatave and from the

British consulate there to the French post office or by another route.

A notice published in the *Madagascar Times* in 1864 announced that franks (postage stamps) could be purchased at the vice-consulate to prepay the transportation charges on mail to Tamatave at the rate of two pence for 15 grams. Each stamp was stuck at the corner of the mail and then removed for accounting use on arrival at Tamatave. Used examples of the stamps on their original letters (covers) are rare.

In 1867, J. Haggart, the consual at Tamatave, closed the vice-consular post at Antananarivo, disregarding the convenience to the residents. He stopped the sale of the stamps because stamp collectors and dealers were buying the stamps in quantities and possibly paying a handsome profit to the postmaster Pickersgill.