



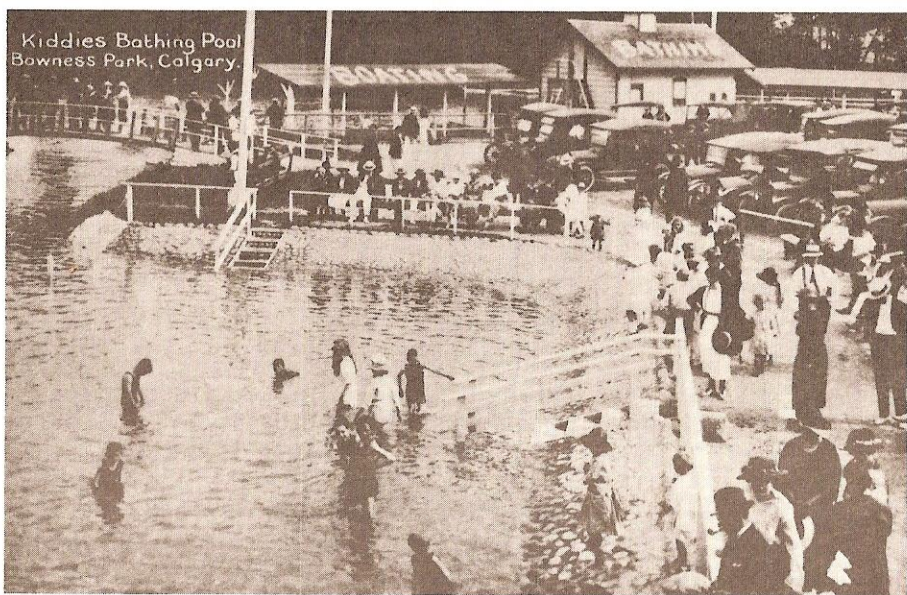
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CALTAPEX '79

Well CALTAPEX is over for another year. I feel it was another successful show put on by the Calgary Philatelic Society. My thanks go out to all Committee Chairman as well as all other people who helped in planning and production of the exhibition. A great deal of time and effort was devoted by many members to help make this a successful show. As well I wish to extend our gratitude to Jack St. Laurent, Gordon Haug, and Sid Richardson who were our capable and amiable judges of the show. Also my thanks to Alex Price who was special guest of the show and special guest speaker at the banquet.

Unfortunately attendance was down slightly at this years show, due to poor weather conditions. However there always seemed to be a good crowd around the display and dealer areas, with most dealers being quite satisfied with their sales and new contacts. 75 people attended the banquet.

The exhibits were once again of high caliber. They were also easier to view, thanks to our new CAPEX frames, which are also easier to erect and occupy less floor space.

Next year the Calgary Philatelic Society will be hosting the annual meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society in conjunction with CALTAPEX '80. This event will require even more active participation by members of the Calgary Philatelic Society in order for the show to be a success.

Hopefully we will be able to have a financial statement for CALTAPEX '79 prepared for the June 5th meeting. As well I will be happy to receive comments or suggestions towards improving our shows.

Philip Wolf



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CALTAPEX '79, by most reports, seems to have been a success. Despite lower attendance than last year, the philatelic interest in Calgary is high and is rather a matter of time and perseverance before our membership is built-up.

Tuesday, June 5th, is election night at the Club. Past President, Phil Wolf, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates, listed on page 70. Further nominations will be accepted from the floor. In addition to these *once a year duties* we will have a regular program, including a seminar on Surcharges and Overprints by Phyllis Weston. Circuit books, private treaty books, and a wall auction are planned for the interest of all members, who are encouraged to bring along their duplicates for convenient disposal.

I have enjoyed my year as President, and felt it was a privilege and a pleasure to work with the executive, directors, department heads, and membership at large to further the aims of the Club. Through our plans we hoped to make the programs more interesting and our activities worthwhile for all who were there. However there were some failures and a few programs we did not get around to. This year we have started to advertise speakers and auctions in advance both in the Bulletin and the local newspapers. Program format was changed slightly to accommodate a short seminar and the regular speaker. Private treaty books and wall auctions were added to the regular circuit books as a source of stamps during the evening. Name tags worn by members and gifts to speakers for their efforts seemed to receive membership support. Finally we were able to obtain the CAPEX frames, which added a more professional look to our exhibition.

Now for the failures. Membership did not increase at a rate considered necessary to support the new ambitious Club activities. One factor that is a possible cause for this is our dual meeting place, rather than a single, more comfortable meeting place to serve both meetings each month. A display frame for use by the speaker is still required, but awaits solution to design and storage problems. The library program has yet to be brought to life. Finally, the by-laws, decades old, require review. This, and many other items, will have to wait for another year.

Once again, thanks to all, and especially you, the average member, who attends regularly and supports the Club activities.

Ed Harris



SAINT-PIERRE & MIQUELON

A DEAD COUNTRY?

by James R. Taylor

An area of philately generally neglected by Canadian collectors is the postage stamps and postal history of a territory which practically lies within Canadian waters. Saint-Pierre and Miquelon are two groups of islands that occupy 93 square miles in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, off the southern coast of Newfoundland. The islands' geography, economics, history, and postal history are intimately intertwined with those of the Canadian Atlantic Provinces.

Since 1959, as a result of a referendum held on the Islands, Saint-Pierre and Miquelon have been a Department of the Republic of France. This relationship with France has recently resulted in important philatelic changes. From the first of April, 1978, postage stamps of France have been valid for postage and on sale at Post Offices. While stamps inscribed *SAINT-PIERRE ET MIQUELON* were not withdrawn, no new issues so inscribed have been released since.

Recent correspondence with Monsieur L. Munoz, head of the Service des Postes et Telecommunications at Saint-Pierre, revealed that most of the issues of Saint-Pierre and Miquelon, both airmails and regulars, from 1973 through 1977 are available at face value (*plus postage and registration*) from the local philatelic agency in addition to the newly introduced French stamps. This presents an opportunity for collectors and dealers to obtain these stamps before they go off sale as it appears that any new issues inscribed with the name of the Islands will be few and far between. Collectors should watch for stamps of France postmarked Saint-Pierre and Miquelon as these are bound to be scarcer than the same stamps used in France itself. The address of the Philatelic agency at St. Pierre is:

Services des Postes et Telecommunications
49 rue Marechal-Fosh
St. Pierre
Saint-Pierre and Miquelon Islands
via — N. Sydney, Nova Scotia

Saint-Pierre and Miquelon uses French currency. The current exchange rate is approximately 4 Francs to the U.S. dollar.

Will Saint-Pierre and Miquelon become a philatelically dead country? Perhaps, but recent events, which have cut down considerably what was already a conservative new issue output, make Saint-Pierre and Miquelon an interesting new collecting area for collectors looking for relief from the flood of printed paper from Canada and other countries.

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WHY NOT SAVE RUBBER STAMPS?

by Don Bowen

For years rubber stamp impressions have served us well as a means of providing an inexpensive practical marking device. They are used for making impressions by meat inspectors, indicating the date a piece of paper is received or a library book is due, stamping trademarks on everything from eggs to lemons . . . the list is virtually endless.

There is of course a more whimsical side to rubber stamps, namely those used by the philatelic community at large. Rubber stamps have enhanced the mail systems since the American Civil War. They have been used more seriously as cancelling devices by the Post Office, who have used them for every conceivable purpose ranging from obliterations to directional markings. Canadian *MOON* cancels are a classic example of a cancellation made from a rubber stamp. Rubber stamped envelopes and postcards have amused and delighted people who have handled and received them.

Rubber stamp impressions have side benefits. Since no particular inherent artistic sophistication is required on the part of the person applying the rubber stamp, for it is completely possible to look canny and clever without actually being able to do more than give a cover a good swift whack.



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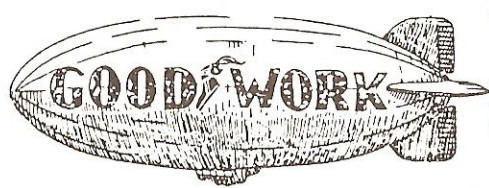
Consider some of these collecting areas which are really a means of collecting rubber stamp impressions:

- First Flight Covers
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- Specific Country Cancels eg. Tin Can Mail
- Redirection Markings
- Return Address Corner Cards
- Express Cover Cancels
- Moon Cancels
- Registration Cancels
- Parcel Post Cancels



RUBBER STAMP ENTERTAINS ZEPPELIN PASSENGERS

Lakehurst, N.J. — Hans Hinrichs, New York business man, probably holds the Hindenburg's record for the number of postcards — somewhere around 200 — sent from the airship.



He's a practical fellow. Before leaving Berlin he had a rubber stamp made.

It read *Greetings from mid-ocean and mid-heaven.*

While others were plodding away writing greetings or chewing their pens in an effort to think up something bright, Hinrichs sat there with his rubber stamp. Thud, thud, it went — and everybody laughed.

Marking Devices, August 1936.



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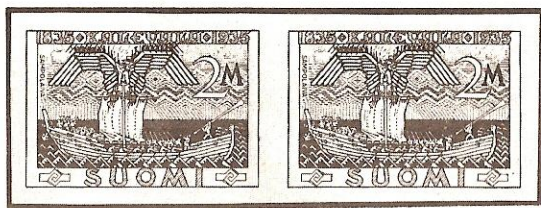
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CANADA POST LOSS AT CALTAPEX '79

Canada Post reports the loss of 12 display cards at the Show. These were either left at the Show or were left at the Palliser Hotel's loading dock. The 36" x 30" cards were as follows:

Kluane Park Definitive	\$1.00
Postal Code Commemorative	.17
Turtle Commemorative	.17
Whale Commemorative	.17
Eastern White Pine Commemorative	.35
Parliament/Queen Definitive	.17
Quebec Carnival Commemorative	.14
Margarite d'Youville Commemorative	.14
Inuit Travel Commemorative	.14
Christmas Noel Commemoratives	.12, .14, .30
Peregrine Falcon Commemorative	.12
CNE Commemorative	.14

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of these cards is asked to call Ed Harris at 274-0021.

STAMP THEFTS

What with Lundberg being ripped-off, Gendy having an armed robbery, and a dealer losing an entire stock book of Canada at a local show, not to mention the Club circuit book theft problem, I am referring here to Alberta at large stamp thefts, who knows when you might be next? Well if you should be unlucky and have this type of thing happen to you the C.S.D.A. should be notified immediately following a theft or hold-up. The present Secretary of the C.S.D.A. is John Talman, 3 Victoria Street, Toronto. Telephone (416) 863-1465. *My thanks to George Wegg for passing this bit of information along to us!*

DECISION '79

Tuesday evening, June 5, 1979 is election night at the Club. The slate of candidates put forth is as follows:

President Joe Werner
Vice-President ... Ross Skaken
Secretary Keith Brown
Treasurer John Jarabek

Director Ed Harris
Director .. Perry Holinshead
Director Tom Moore
Director Greg Sereda
Director Phil Wolf

Further nominations from the floor will be accepted.

HELP

Our new Capex Frames are convenient and nice to look at — but they are costly to maintain. We require dry storage space for these frames. They are presently stored in a garage at a cost of \$20 per month. This amounts to approximately half of all the dues collected and seems a lot to pay each and every year. If you have dry, safe storage space, at a cost of less than \$20 per month, we would appreciate hearing from you. Contact any member of the executive.

EDITOR WANTED

Your Club is looking for a new editor, or at least it should be. I volunteered for this job for only one year, and now it's time for someone else to take a shot at it!

The greatest difficulty I have experienced, not only with this Club but others also, has been getting articles, **original articles**, from Club members, which has proven to be harder than trading with Ed! I really wonder if anyone reads it anyway? The classic experience was the show catalogue. Phil had given me a brief on the services of the Club which was to be printed in the catalogue. Phil asked Ed to tell me to print it in this issue of the Bulletin, because Phil said I had not printed it in the catalogue. So Ed passed the message on to me. I promptly told Ed I had printed it in the Catalogue, as requested by Phil, which prompted a reply from Ed, when I asked him if he hadn't read the article in the Catalogue, "No, I didn't read the Catalogue". Well I suppose they were both too busy with "stamping around at the Show" to have really had time to read it. The article appeared on page 15 for those interested!

Anyway, your Club needs a new editor this fall. Since the executive makes the decisions you should contact them if you are interested. You may contact me, however, if you should have any questions about this kind of thing before madly waving your hand in the breeze as a happy volunteer.

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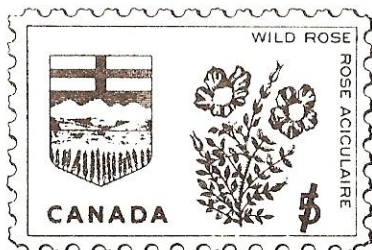
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