

**CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY
ANNUAL STAMP EXHIBITION & BOURSE
CALTAPEX**



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CALTAPEX '80 May 28 - June 1

Palliser Hotel, Calgary

Tentative Schedule (Subject to Revision)

High-Lites

Wednesday, May 28th

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Dealer Bourse opens

Thursday, May 29th

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Exhibition opens
Dealer Bourse
Stamp Launch
Seminars

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Glen Bow Tour and Cocktails

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Dinner and Evening with the
Calgary Philatelic Society

Friday, May 30th

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Exhibition, Bourse, Seminars

Saturday, May 31st

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Exhibition, Bourse, Seminars

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Cocktails

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Awards Banquet

Sunday, June 1st

10:00 a.m. Annual Auction

2:00 p.m. Annual Auction



B E T H E R E ! !

Tom Lemon - The death early in December of veteran Calgary stamp dealer and collector Tom Lemon took from the Calgary Philatelic Society one of its oldest and most active members.

Mr. Lemon was killed when struck by an automobile as he crossed a city street (in the crosswalk) while on his way downtown to open his shop in the old Grain Exchange Building at the corner of 9th Avenue and 1st Street S. W.

For many years he conducted the auctions of the CPS. On several occasions did a one-man job of organizing the annual stamp show, and more recently served as program chairman, in which role he provided club members with many entertaining evenings.

In addition to operating his retail stamp business and conducting an expanding country-wide mail and floor auction, he was a collector with a principal interest in used stamps of Ireland. As both collector and dealer he was responsible for introducing many young people to the pleasures of stamp collecting and also gave many present-day club members their first introduction to the CPS. His untimely death is a sad loss to the hobby to which he devoted a great part of his life.

A Tough Assignment - A few years ago, when CPS member Dick Wilsey bought a job lot of several thousand Great Britain Victorian penny reds (the ones with letters in all four corners and plate numbers in the design) he became hooked on a project that fascinated hundreds of collectors during the 1800s.

He decided to attempt to assemble a complete sheet with all 240 letter combinations, and all with the same plate number.

It's a tough assignment, and the closer he gets to his target the harder and more frustrating it becomes. He has reached a point where he is concentrating on six different plate numbers. On one of them, he is a single stamp away from completion. Two need two stamps each, one needs three, one needs four and one needs five. That's a total of 17 stamps.

To give an idea of the odds that Mr. Wilsey is battling, another club member (who is happy to own a reconstructed sheet of all 240 letter combinations but with widely scattered plate numbers) checked through the letters and plate numbers of an accumulation of approximately 1600 "Penny Reds". He found only one stamp to donate to the Wilsey cause.

So if you want to help a fellow club member with his "impossible dream", check through any penny red duplicates you may happen to have yourself and see if there are any of these combinations: Plate 118, D-L, I-L; 119 G-B, J-A, J-B; 122 D-C; 123 T-J, J-L, H-F, F-J, G-L; 124 F-L, G-H; 134 D-A, Q-A, Q-L, T-L.

Incidentally, the penny red plates are probably the most-collected stamps in history. Developed from the design of the original Penny Black of 1840, they were collected extensively by Victorians who certainly weren't philatelists. All they wanted was to get their hands on as many different plate-and-letter combinations as possible. That meant they were shooting for a grand total of more than 35,000 stamps, each one with a different plate-and-letter actually visible on its face.

How did they keep them? Well, while some people pasted them into page after page of scribbles and scrapbooks, many proudly used their stamps to paper the walls of an entire room in their homes. Even as recently as the current half-century there have been reports of householders stripping off accumulated layers of wallpaper in old houses and finding that one layer was composed of Penny Reds.



"Flags" - Canada's recent provincial flag sheet has become one of the most popular issues in several years and most collectors have added at least one sheet to their collections. Many have included all four different inscription positions.

A number of members of the Calgary Philatelic Society have found there is an even greater challenge in the issue. They have tackled the job of reconstructing used sheets. It means acquiring the stamps complete with selvage, and while that isn't too difficult with the top, bottom and side stamps, it is turning out pretty tough finding the corner positions with the "waste" paper still intact. Seems that most mailers feel that it is just that, waste, and trim off the corner selvage before licking the already large stamps.

Raise your sights a little to an even more difficult target; try to assemble used sheets showing all four inscription positions.

AUCTION ACTION COLUMN

by Jim Taylor

Dec. Auction sets Sales Record - The CPS monthly stamp auction night held Tuesday, December 18, 1979 broke all previous sales records. Jack Cotton, official auction record keeper, reported net sales of \$863.25 for the evening. The auction, held at the CUPE Hall, 104 13th Avenue S. E., Calgary, attracted brisk bidding from a crowd estimated to number over 50.

The next auction date is Tuesday, January 15th at 7:30 p.m. (for viewing, Auction starts at 8:00 p.m.) at the same CUPE Hall location. Members may submit lots for this auction on the day of the sale (please arrive early and have your lots submitted by 7:00 p.m.) Sheets for mounting auction entries are available from the Society Secretary, John Jarabek - see him at the January 8th business meeting for sheets and commission information. Lots should have a minimum reserve (or value) of \$2.50. A 25¢ non refundable fee is charged for each "no sale" lot.

Annual Show Auction goes June 1st - The annual stamp auction held in conjunction with the CALTAPEX exhibition and bourse has been scheduled for June 1st with two sessions - at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Members in good standing may submit lots for auction. Lots should have a minimum cash value of \$20 and preferably \$100+. Auction sheets are available from yours truly at all society meetings in January and February. Commission charges are as follows:

Sales in \$	Incremental Commission in %
0 - 999	15.0
next \$1000 (1000 - 1999)	12.5
next \$1000 (2000 - 2999)	10.0
over \$3000 (3000 -)	7.5



Deadline for lot submission is February 20th, 1980. Payout 5 weeks after auction.

The Calgary Stamp Shop have been appointed official CALTAPEX '80 auctioneers and will conduct all aspects of the auction with assistance from society members. Auction realization is expected to exceed \$100,000. - An important philatelic event and an excellent opportunity to clear out your surplus stamps, covers, and collections.

FEBRUARY 1980 FEATURES

WEST AFRICA

The regular Society meeting scheduled for February 5, 1980 will feature Past-president Philip Wolf speaking on Nigeria (7:30 p.m. Central Library). February auction night is the 15th at the CUPE Hall location (104 13th Avenue S. E.).

TODAY!

JANUARY PROGRAMME

January 8th, 1980 - Central Library
(616 Macleod Trail)

- 7:30 p.m. Circuit Books, Private Treaty Books,
Wall Auction, Stamp Trading
- 8:10 p.m. Business Meeting
- 8:30 p.m. Guest Speaker - Mr. Jon Johnson
Topic: "PERFINS" (Perforated Initials)
- 9:00 p.m. Back to Club Circuits etc.

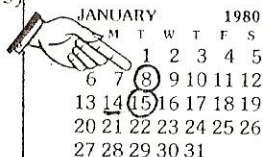
January 15th, 1980 - C. U. P. E. Hall
(104 - 13th Avenue S. E.)

- 7:30 p.m. Viewing of Auction Lots
- 8:00 p.m. Stamp Auction Sale
- 9:30 p.m. Circuit Books, Stamp Trading

VISITORS WELCOME - SEE YOU THERE

The January business meeting has been rescheduled to the second Tuesday of the month because of a conflict with the New Years Day holiday.

JANUARY
MEETING DATES



REMINDER

Are you holding overdue circuit books? Please return these to the circuit manager at the next meeting.

NOTICE

Notice of a Motion to be Moved at the January 8th Business Meeting:

That the Society advise the Auction Committee to consider the following changes in the conduct of monthly Society Auction Nights:

- New auction sheets be printed and put into use. These auction sheets be three hole punched and be of a size 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches.
- The number of auction lots permitted in each session be raised to 150.
- The auctioneering be streamlined and speeded up. Lot descriptions will no longer be read for each lot. No more than 30 seconds (on average) should be spent in selling a single lot.
- Bidder numbers be assigned to each auction bidder to speed up auction proceedings.

CALTAPEX '80 SHOW

COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of all Committee Chairmen is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 1980, at 7:00 p.m. Location is Rothman's Board Room, 1225 34th Avenue N. E. All interested Society members are invited to attend this meeting. Detailed plans for the Annual Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada 1980 will be discussed. Ed Harris will chair the meeting.