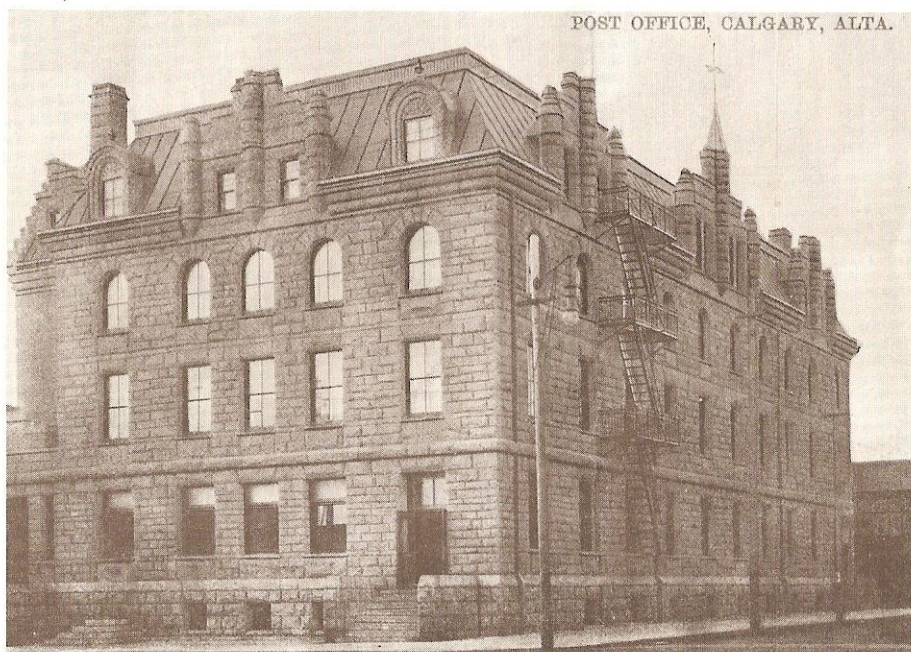




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the stamp season well under way, many of our members are taking advantage of the various activities provided by our Club.

The November general meeting was well attended, the highlight being the presentation by our guest speaker, Tom Moore, who talked about and brought along lots of interesting bits and pieces. The material was most interesting and Tom was kept busy answering many questions about his display.

Each month new members join our club, it is gratifying to see the club grow with many new faces showing up. We, who have been around a while, can take the opportunity to meet some of the newer members to extend a friendly handshake of welcome.

At a recent general meeting, several interesting motions were put forward and adopted. Some of the items were as follows:

Members who have not been active for several years can restore their original membership number by paying the annual dues in arrears up to a maximum of three years.

Proposed new members names will be published in the Bulletin.

AWARDS: We will be giving various awards at regular intervals throughout the year. More on this in the next Bulletin. Briefly, the Caltapex exhibit awards and life memberships (if there are any) are to be given at the show banquet. A new award for the best programme in a year will be given at the first meeting in June. The Founders Award is to be given at the Christmas meeting.

Once again our "Caltapex '83" annual show is well into the planning stages. We will have two chairmen as in 1982. They are: Greg Sereda and Phil Wolfe. We all wish them the best of luck for a very successful show in 1983. By the way, the dates are October 14, 15 and 16, 1983.

The club is always in need of help from members to make things run smoothly. If you would like to assist in some way, please contact one of the following people:

Wall Auction
Club Auction
Circuit Books
Bulletin
Programme
Caltapex
Catering

Larry Annis
Jack Cotton
Steve Davis
Keith Brown
Dick Wilsey
Phil Wolfe or Greg Sereda
John Jarabec.

Making your talents available for the betterment of the club is always most rewarding. We are fortunate to have many dedicated people who make the Calgary Philatelic Society one of the most successful stamp clubs in the country. Think about giving a hand to some of the hard working department heads and so share the benefits and rewards.

GOOD COLLECTING**DON FRASER**PRESIDENT

BULLETIN NEWS

DELUXE AUCTION: We have now conducted three of our deluxe auction sales and it is of the opinion of your auction committee that this type of a sale has not generated the response that we had anticipated.

For instance, in each sale we have only had from 40-60 lots as compared to 100-200 in our regular sale. In view of this, starting in January we will discontinue the "deluxe" type of sale and conduct it along the same lines as our other one.

Your Auction Committee

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NEW MEMBERS

John Silchmueller
Mike Williams
Len Stevens

John Van Staten, Jr.
Jacob Renert
Dave Edmonds

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CALTAPEX '83 AUCTION

Even as the Caltapex '82 post-mortem concludes with a verdict of highly successful, planning is moving ahead for next year's show. So far the general view is "more of the same, only more so", and the '83 show auction appears to be following that rule. If you want to enter lots into the auction, now is the time to start thinking about it. No details will be available for awhile yet, but it never hurts to plan ahead and set aside those items you want to convert into cash. At the risk of offending some, I do ask you to avoid junk lots such as boxes full of used worldwide on paper or stockbooks with mint Communist or Arabic wallpaper.

If you would like further information, contact Dale Speirs at 243-1752 or see me at the meetings or club auctions.

Dale Speirs

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The following motion was carried at the executive meeting of the Calgary Philatelic Society on March 12, 1979.

Life Membership Committee: Was discussed at length.

Upon motion, it was carried: "That the Life Membership Committee to be constituted of existing Life Members of the Club and the current Board of Directors. This Committee to meet once a year two months prior to the Annual Show to suggest a Life Member or Members if so determined. The criteria for this selection shall be long and continuous active membership and service to the Club. This Committee need not necessarily select any Life Members that year. The Chairman is to be the most senior Life Member present".

Bob Monilaws

LETTER OF THANKS

McKay Road Elementary School
2012 McKay Road
Calgary, Alberta
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Nov. 1/82

Dear Club Members:

Thank you for the stamps that you gave Mrs. Mitchell.

I like the Granada stamps and all the old stamps. I have joyinged Mrs. Mitchell's stamp club at school.

Last night at stamp club Mrs. Mitchell let me have three envelopes full of the stamps that you gave her. I really like the stamps and I thank you very much.

Yours Truely
(Seanna Smits)

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WANTED TO BUY: Back issues of the following philatelic periodicals. Must be good, clean copies. Not interested in damaged or marked copies.

Stanley Gibbons Stamp Monthly - 1971 to late 1979.

BNA Topics - pretty well everything.

Canadian Philatelist - up to 1970, 1972, most of the 1970's.

Maple Leaves - 1965 to date.

American Philatelist - all issues.

Phone 243-1752 or write Box 6830, Station D, Calgary, T2P 2E7.

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FOR SALE: Canadian Stamps. Mint Blocks and Singles from 1960 and up at Discounted Prices or Trade for older Canadian stamps.

Contact Club Member 596 or Phone 286-9718 after 6 p.m.

INTERESTED IN TRADING - Dutch stamps mint and/or used. Please contact Club Member 596 or Phone 286-9718 after 6 p.m.

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A General British Commonwealth and some Foreign Collector would like to spend an occasional evening trading stamps. Phone John at 252-5130.

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DIGITAL STAMPS
by Dale Speirs

I do not, and have not, ever attempted to put together a one-country collection of mint stamps, and this applies to Canada as well. Such collections only indicate that the owner had sufficient time and money to buy one of everything. But this is not to say that I never buy mint Canada. A few months ago, I picked up a horizontal pair of stamps, one normal and one with a "doughnut" freak on it. The stamp was the five-cent "Votes for Women" issue. An item about this stamp that caught my interest, besides the doughnut, was the voting ballot depicted on it. The ballot was part of the design for fairly obvious reasons.

If the ballot was to show the names of real or imagined persons, trouble would undoubtedly come knocking at the Post Office door. Diefenbaker was still breathing fire in those days, not to mention empty-dozen other politicians and pundits, so no suggestion of political parties or personages could be made. The Post Office got around this problem by putting ones and zeros on the ballot where the names would go.

When I saw the pattern of ones and zeros on this stamp, the first thing that came to mind was the binary system. But first, for those of you who do not have a copy of this stamp handy, I will show a rough (very) copy of the design.

101101	101	X
1110	10111	

In the binary system of counting, used by all computers, the numbers translate as below.

45	5
14	23

Knowing how stamp designers like to squeeze in hidden messages, do these numbers mean anything? If added across, the sums of 50 and 37 are obtained. Adding vertically gives 59 and 28. Adding diagonally produces 68 and 19. If a secret message is in there, I can't see it.

What about the other arithmetic functions? They are as below:

FUNCTION	HORIZONTAL RESULT	VERTICAL RESULT	DIAGONAL RESULT
Subtraction	40, -9	31, -18	22, 9
Multiplication	225, 322	630, 115	1035, 70
Division	9, 1609	3.2, .217	1.96, 2.8

Can you see a pattern? I sure can't. Well, what about some of the other mathematical functions, such as logarithms, exponents, square roots, etc?

(Con't)

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	45	5	14	23
Base Ten Log	1.65	.699	1.146	1.36
Natural Log	3.81	1.61	2.64	3.14
Square Root	6.71	2.24	3.74	4.79
Cube Root	3.56	1.71	2.41	2.84
Inverse	.0222	.2	.071	.043
Sine	.7071	.087	.242	.391
Cosine	.7071	.996	.970	.921
Tangent	1.000	.087	.249	.424

Still nothing, and my calculator is getting warm to the touch. The fellow who designed this stamp certainly hid his hidden message well. Another look at the stamp shows an "X" in the ballot. If, instead of reading it as a vote for 101101 101, it was read as a multiplication sign, then a different set of numbers might be implied. How about 455 x 1423, reading the ballot across and down. That works out to 647465. If you add the digits of this number together, the sum of 32 is obtained. Add 3 and 2, to get 5. AHA! The number 5! And on a five-cent stamp yet. Obviously the designer's secret message was that the five-cent stamp was, uh, five cents. Or no, maybe he meant that the five-cent stamp would soon be dead and gone as higher postal rates came into effect. Yes, that must be it. Paul is dead and all that, only ...

Nevermind.

Did you know that the new maple leaf definitives have 238 dots in each of the stylised leaves? I wonder what the designer meant by that? Let's see now, the square root of 238 is ...

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AUSTRALASIAN CLUB

The Australasian Club continues to meet on an informal basis, on the third Wednesday of each month.

Last meeting (November) was held at Mike Teekens home and about six other members were present. Mike presented the "Frame of Fame" on the issue of the Navigator series covering both the sterling and decimal issues. The presentation was most interesting and a general discussion followed.

There will not be a meeting in December but we will meet in January at the home of Jim Saddler. Any C.P.S. member who would be interested in joining this club, please contact either Mike Teekens or Don Fraser.

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YEAR 1922 -- WHEN C.P.S. WAS BORN

Submitted by Tom Moore

Except for the 12-penny black of the 1850's and the Port Hood provisionals of 1899, most of the members of the Calgary Philatelic Society, when it was formed in 1922, could reasonably expect to acquire a complete collection of every stamp ever issued by Canada and its provinces. They could even purchase the stamps directly from the Scott

Stamp and Coin Co. Ltd. of New York which at the time was issuing the 78th edition of its catalogue.

That 1922 catalogue makes interesting reading in the present-day era of inflation.

All regular and commemorative Canadian postage stamps to the time of publication were listed -- all 112 of them. In addition, there were three postage dues, four registration stamps, one special delivery and four war tax stamps with a few minor variations. Period.

Only the 12-penny and the Port Hood stamps were unpriced. The rest were actually offered from Scott's own stock and the highest priced items were the major varieties of the six-penny stamps showing Prince Albert. On very thick soft paper (1857 issue) it was priced at \$250. Mint and \$40 Used compared with today's \$9,000 and \$2,250.

The same stamp on laid paper (1851) was quoted at \$175 and \$30 and on wove paper (1852) it was \$125 and \$30. Perforated 12, in 1858, it was priced at \$150 mint but was given the highest price of all for used, \$75. Quotes on the latter today are \$4,500 and \$3,000.

Those early collectors could buy the country's first stamp, the 1851 three-penny beaver on laid paper for \$50 mint and \$8 used, compared with the 1983 quotations of \$9,500 and \$625.

Large Queens ranged from 75 cents mint or used for the half-cent black to \$7 mint and \$1 used for the six-cent dark brown. Half-cent small Queens were 12 cents mint or used and the highest price for unused was \$7 for the five-cent olive green. Jubilees went from 15 cents mint and two cents used for the three-cent rose to \$8.50 and \$5 for the \$5.00 olive-green stamp. Both maps were eight cents and five cents, mint and used, and the overprints of Queen Victoria were 12 and 8 cents. The Quebec issue topped out at 75 cents mint and 60 cents used for the 20-cent yellow brown and Edward's 50-cent purple was \$1.75 mint and 60 cents used.

Highest price for George V issues of 1912-18 was 85 cents for the 50-cent value mint.

Collectors of those days probably balked at the high cost of the eight-cent blue registration stamp because it wasn't considered to be very attractive. Scott asked \$4 mint and \$6 used. Today the prices are \$325 and \$250.

Many collectors were probably scared away from collecting British Columbia and Vancouver Island because Scott placed a price tag of \$300 mint and \$200 used on the imperf five-cent rose of 1865. Today it is \$25,000 and \$5,000. Otherwise the B.C. prices ranged from \$1.25 to \$60.

New Brunswick reached a high of \$600 mint and \$150 used for the 1851 dull violet imperf but a collector could buy a copy of the infamous McConnel five-cent brown for \$175. Prince Edward Island was easy to complete -- highest price was \$20 mint and \$18 used for the 1861 three-penny blue and most prices were from 30 cents to \$2.

Most collectors, at some time or another, get the urge to include the world's first postage stamp, the Queen Victoria one-penny black of Great Britain, in their collections. Probably every member of the Calgary Philatelic Society of 1922 was proud to own one -- even though it cost only \$10 mint and \$1.25 used at full catalogue. Try to duplicate the feeling today at \$2,250 and \$180 respectively.

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BITS & PIECES
by Bob Monilaws

Serbia "Death Mask" Stamps. This is the name given to the set of Serbian stamps issued in 1904 to mark the Centenary of the Karageorgevich dynasty and Coronation of King Peter I. They are so called because when the stamp is turned upside down, the deathlike features of the previous monarch King Alexander Obrenovich V are revealed, this mask is composed of the inner parts of the faces of Karageorge and Peter. Alexander, the last ruler of the Obrenovich faction, had been assassinated the previous year. It was his death that cleared the way for the Karageorgevich dynasty. The stamp design was engraved by the famous French designer Eugene Louis Mouchon, born 1843. Mouchon denied that the effect was intentional, and it is hard to believe that he could have been involved in any Serbian political intrigue. The effect is an amazing coincidence. Mouchon also designed the French "Peace and Commerce", the Tablet, the Sower and also the first stamps of Ethiopia.

Religious Theme. A small label or tablet was attached to the foot of all Belgian stamps issued between 1893 and 1914 inscribed in French and Flemish "Do not deliver on Sunday". The label was part of a campaign to reduce the amount of Postal work done on Sundays. By leaving the label attached, the sender could indicate that Sunday delivery was not desired.

"Farleys Follies" is the name applied to the miniature sheets and imperf stamps authorized by the U.S.A. Postmaster General, James A. Folleyso, named by the American philatelists who objected strongly to their being issued.

William Humphrys 1794-1865 was engraver to Perkins Bacon & Co. went to the U.S.A. and engraved some of the early "Washingtons" and returned in about 1850 to do some of the Great Britain classics.

Charles Henry Jeens (1827-79) was also an engraver for Perkins Bacon and Co. He designed the first Christopher Columbus issue for Cile, the 1860 Cents issue for Canada and the 1860 set for the U.S.A.

Charles Heath 1787-1848 was engraver to H.M. Queen Victoria and he engraved the first die for the 1840 Penny Black of Great Britain.

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UP-COMING EVENTS

Sunday Bourse

Sunday, January 30, 1983
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
C.U.P.E. Hall
104-13th Avenue, S.E.
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Auction

Monday, January 31, 1983
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Calgary, Alberta

Viewing: C.U.P.E. Hall

Sunday, 10a.m.-4p.m.-Jan.30.

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Sunday - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tour of Post Office Main Sorting Plant

A tour has been arranged for Club members and friends to tour the main sorting plant at the old Calgary airport. Tour - Approx. 1 hour.
Wednesday, Feb. 16, 7:30 P.M.
1100-49th Ave., N.E.
Parking at Visitor Parking Lot to Left of Flag Pole.
Please advise Jon Johnson if you wish to go. Phone:
Business: 290-1950 (local 71)
Home: 242-2864

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September	1	General Meeting
	21	Deluxe Auction
	22	Auction
October	6	General Meeting
	19	Deluxe Auction
	27	Auction
November	3	General Meeting
	16	Deluxe Auction
	24	Auction
December	1	General Meeting
	21	Deluxe Auction
	22	Auction

1983

January	5	General Meeting
	18	Deluxe Auction
	26	Auction
February	2	General Meeting
	15	Deluxe Auction
	23	Auction
March	2	General Meeting
	15	Deluxe Auction
	23	Auction
April	6	General Meeting
	19	Deluxe Auction
	27	Auction
May	4	General Meeting
	17	Deluxe Auction
	25	Auction
June	1	General Meeting
	21	Deluxe Auction
	22	Auction

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