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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year 1983 has, I believe, been a good one for the local philatelic community. Canada Post celebrated its one hundredth anniversary of postal service in Calgary, marked by special services held at the mail processing plant; a new stamp, the Scouting issue, was unveiled at the Scout Jamboree in the Kananaskis; and there was no postal strike to keep our Christmas cards from reaching their destinations on time. Well . . . most of them, anyway.

Within the Calgary Philatelic Society, 1983 presented a successful and entertaining Caltapex '83, leaving members, visitors and dealers alike looking forward to Caltapex '84. Club auctions offered a wide variety of material to bidders in a year in which bargains were plentiful. Programs presented at regular meetings were augmented by new audio visual equipment, making them even more entertaining than in the past.

1983 was climaxed by our annual Christmas party on December 15. This event featured a fascinating exhibit of Danish Christmas seals by Morten Thielgaard, and the presentation of the Founder's Award to a most deserving and (even though he won't admit it) extremely happy Al Munro. The excellent food and tasty refreshments prepared by the Jarabek's certainly highlighted the evening. But most important, the Christmas gathering amply demonstrated the spirit of camaraderie and good fellowship that has undoubtedly been the greatest asset of the Calgary Philatelic Society throughout 1983 and, indeed, all years.

May 1984 present us with many more good times together!



Greg Sereda
President

The following poem, author unknown, should be of interest to anyone writing an article for publication in a philatelic periodical.

BOIL IT DOWN

If you've got a thought that's happy, boil it down.
Make it short and crisp and snappy. Boil it down.
When your brain its coin has minted,
Down the page your pen has sprinted,
If you want your effort printed, boil it down.
Take out every surplus letter. Boil it down.
Fewer syllables the better. Boil it down.
Make your meaning plain; express it so
we'll know, not merely guess it.
Then my friend, ere you address it, boil it down.
Skim it well, then skim the skimmings. Boil it down.
Trim it, then retrim the trimmings. Boil it down.
When you're sure 'twould be a sin to
cut another sentence in two,
Send it in, and we'll begin to — boil it down.

DO YOU COLLECT AUSTRALIASIAN STAMPS?

The Australiasian Study Group meets the third Wednesday of each month, year round. All collectors are welcome to the informal meetings, especially those interested in stamps from Australia, New Zealand, and the southwest Pacific region. For location of the next meeting, phone Don Fraser at 274-7411 or Leanna Johnson at 242-2864.

1. NAME.

This society shall be known as the CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

2. OBJECT.

The object of the Society shall be the furtherance of the science of philately, and the promotion of good-will and fellowship amongst its members.

3. MEMBERSHIP.

- (a) Any person eighteen (18) years of age, or over, shall be eligible to make application for membership.
- (b) Applications for membership will be received together with applicable fees and dues payment. The Club Executive will accept or reject application in 60 days. Dues will be refunded on unsuccessful applications.
- (c) Life Membership - a Life Membership Committee to be constituted of the existing Life Members of the Club and the current Board of Directors. This committee will meet once per year, during the month of January, to review and suggest a candidate or candidates, for Life Membership in the Calgary Philatelic Society. The criteria for the selection shall be long and continuous membership in the Club, combined with a record of active service to the Club. The committee need not suggest a candidate in any particular year if in their opinion none is deserving. The Chairman of the committee will be the senior Life Member of the Club and will be responsible to call the meeting and to pass any recommendations to the Club Executive.
- (d) Society Members - each Member, on joining the Society, shall be given a number, which number shall be used in all transactions within the Society, or which may be used in any other philatelic transactions undertaken by the member.

4. FEES AND DUES.

- (a) Fees and dues shall consist of an application fee and annual dues as set by the membership. Annual dues are payable on or before the first meeting in each society year, except in the case of new members when it shall be effective on receipt of application.
- (b) Life Members shall pay no annual fees.

SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS.

- (a) Any member of the Society whose dues are three months in arrears shall be considered suspended until such time as his dues are paid, and shall be so notified in writing by the Secretary.
- (b) Any member may be dropped from the rolls for cause, after a full investigation by the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.
- (c) Non-payment of dues for one year by any member shall be considered a resignation and should such person wish to re-join the Society, he must apply anew for membership and his case will be reviewed by the Executive Committee.

OFFICERS.

- (a) Officers shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a directorship of five members.
- (b) Officers shall be elected by ballot.
- (c) Directors shall consist of Past-President and four other members - Director to serve 2 years with two new directors to be elected each year.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

- (a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and meetings of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors meetings and have general supervision over the affairs of the Society.
- (b) The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, preside at meetings of the Society and assume the duties of, and be vested with, the same powers as the President. The Vice-President shall also act as Sergeant-at-Arms.
- (c) The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the monthly meetings, of the Annual General Meeting and of any Board Meetings. He will carry out the correspondence of the Society, attend to the mailing of notices of meetings, and will take care of the ordering and purchase of such stationery, notice cards, minutes books and other items as shall be needed from time to time to carry out the business of the Society.
- (d) The Treasurer shall keep the books of the Society and will be in charge of collecting members' fees and such other receipts to which the Society is entitled, and will disburse such sums as need to be paid to properly conduct the business of the Society. All checks drawn on the Society's bank account must be signed by one other officer in addition to the Treasurer.

8. COMMITTEES.

- (a) The Executive Committee of five members will include the Past-President of the Society. It will assist the other officers when called upon in all matters concerning the Society. At least one member of the Executive Committee will be a member of any other committee appointed by the Executive.
- (b) The Executive may appoint other committees to deal with specific items of business, and whose term of office will terminate with completion of the business concerned. One such committee will be the Nominating Committee, which will be appointed annually at the last business meeting preceding the Annual General Meeting, and which will present to the Executive, and the membership a slate of nominees for officers for the following fiscal year.
- (c) The Executive or a Special Committee appointed for the purpose of conducting philatelic exhibitions shall from time to time formulate exhibition rules, which will be submitted to the Executive and/or the membership for approval.

9. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT HEADS.

- (a) The Auction Department Head shall organize and conduct regular monthly auction sales of the Society. He will, from time to time, formulate auction rules and will submit these to the Executive for approval.
- (b) The Circuit Department Head shall organize and supervise the circulation of sales circuit booklets and manage their accounting. He will, from time to time, formulate rules applying to the circuit and will submit these to the Executive and the membership for approval.

10. MEETINGS.

- (a) Meetings of the Society shall be held at the place and time as designated by the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.
- (b) An annual general meeting of the Society shall be held on the first Tuesday in September for the purposes of accepting committee reports, financial and general statements of this Society. The fiscal year will end on August 31st.
- (c) At the Election Meeting in June, new officers will be elected. These officers will be installed at the Annual Meeting in September.
- (d) The Vice-President shall take the Chair in the absence of the President. Should both be absent, the meeting shall elect a Chairman.

(e) At all meetings of the Society the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Calling of the meeting to order.
2. Welcome guests and announce new members.
3. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
4. Correspondence.
5. Reports of the Executive Committee including Secretary and Treasurer.
6. Reports of Department Heads.
7. Unfinished business.
8. Installation of new officers.
9. New business.
10. Miscellaneous.

11 AWARDS

The society will make the following awards in the manner or style as listed below ;

(a) THE N. C. TUNNA AWARD

Awarded to the best philatelic exhibit shown by a Calgary Philatelic Society member in the annual philatelic exhibition. The winner will be determined by the official judges at the show , but the award need not be awarded every year if the judges so indicate. The award will be presented at the annual banquet.

(b) FOUNDERS AWARD

The Founders Award will be presented to the member who made the greatest contribution to the furtherance of the club during the past year. The award will consist of a silver tray suitably engraved, and will be presented at the last regular meeting before Christmas. The Life Members of the club will receive nominations for the award and will cause a ballot of club members to determine a winner.

(c) THREE PENNY BEAVER AWARD

The Three Penny Beaver Award will be presented to the member who presents the best program of the club year. The executive of the club will be responsible to determine a winner and may poll members in this task. The award, suitably engraved or identified, will be presented at the last meeting of the club year in June.

(d) OTHER AWARDS

Particular awards may be presented at the annual philatelic exhibition as may be determined by a properly constituted committee of the Calgary Philatelic Society.

#12 CONSTITUTION

(a) This constitution may be altered or amended by written notice of motion 60 days prior to any regular meeting.

BITS AND PIECES (5)

by Bob Monilaws

Hotel stamps - In the late 1800s and early 1900s, various European hotels issued local stamps to cover a fee charged for delivering guest's mail from the hotel to the local post office. The three main hotel groups were Swiss (the largest group), Hungarian, and Austrian. In 1883, the Swiss government banned these locals, but Austria continued up to about 1938.

L & S Post - meaning Land and Sea. This is a sideways overprint on the 1931 Newfoundland airmail stamp, so that it could be used for ordinary postage.

Loose Letter - Any mail arriving at an office of delivery or for forwarding that did not have a cancel or mark of origin was marked in this manner. They were usually letters from an incoming ship.

Mulreadies - are well-known in the postal stationery field. They were issued 1840 May 6 in conjunction with the Penny Black and are named after their designer William Mulready. The caricatures portrayed on the Mulreadies were so ridiculed that their life span was very short.

Naphthadag - The first graphite line issue of Great Britain stamps was known by this name, which is a description of the substance used for the lines, naptha and the initials for Defloculated Achesons Graphite.

Personal delivery stamps - These were stamps used to insure that only the actual addressee received the parcel or letter. These stamps were issued in Czechoslovakia in 1937 and Bohemia in 1939.

Mafia - This is a small island on the east coast of Africa, just south of Zanzibar. Formerly part of German East Africa, it was occupied by British forces in December 1914. In the early stages of occupation, stamps of German East Africa were overprinted 'Mafia' or 'G.R.I. Mafia' and used for postage. The island was finally incorporated into Tanganyika.

UPU says machine labels are not stamps

Many philatelists, especially those who collect European countries, will be familiar with machine labels. These are printed labels dispensed from vending machines and which are valid for postage. The value of the label depends on how many coins were inserted. The problem has arisen as to whether or not these labels should be considered as stamps.

The Universal Postal Union has now declared that these labels are to be considered to be in the same group as postage meter marks. A letter dated 1982-1-29 was sent to all postal administrations. The letter stated that it was not necessary for governments to exchange reference collections of labels as is required for stamps.

(The above information is from the December 1983 issue of IFSDA Report, published by the International Federation of Stamp Dealer Associations)

CLASSIFIED ADS

These ads are free to C.P.S. members wanting to buy, sell, or trade philatelic material. Limit is ten lines, including name and address.

WANTED TO BUY - Back issues of the following stamp journals, clean unmarked copies only. Phone Dale Speirs at 243-1752 or see me at meetings.

BNA Topics - 1982 Nov-Dec

1966 and earlier: all issues

American Philatelist - 1982 Nov, Dec

1981 Jan to May

1980 August

1978 Jan to May, July

1977 and earlier - all

MEETING DATES

1983

November	13		Sunday Bourse
	15		Auction
	23		Auction
December	7		General meeting
	15		Christmas party

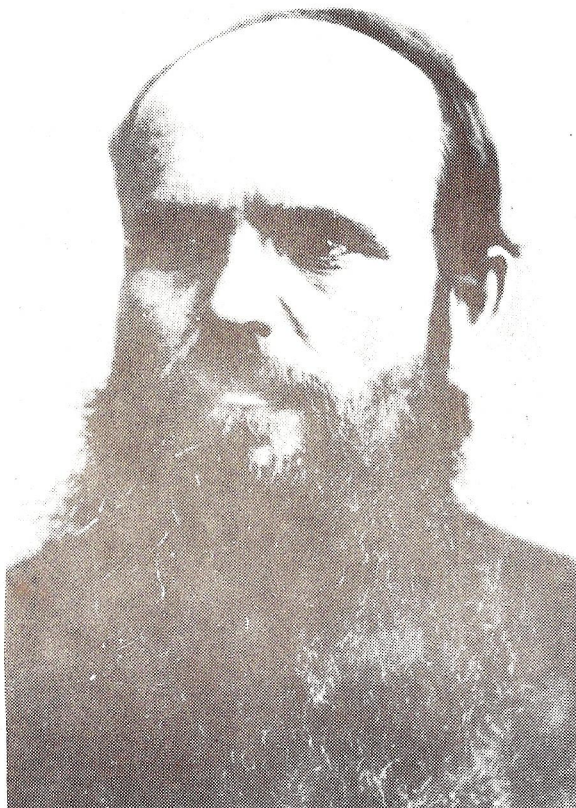
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January	4		General meeting
	17		Auction
	25		Auction
February	1		General meeting
	5		Sunday bourse
	22		Auction
March	7		General meeting
	20		Auction
	28		Auction
April	4		General meeting
	17		Auction
	25		Auction
May	2		General meeting
	15		Auction
	23		Auction
June	6		Election meeting
	19		Auction
	27		Auction

General meetings and auctions are held in the lower auditorium of CUPE Hall, corner of Center Street and 13 Ave SE. Starting time is 8 pm sharp.

Sunday bourses are held at the American Women's Club, 1010 - 14 Ave SW. Bourses are open from 10 am to 430 pm. For further details phone Walter Jackson at 242-4128.

Calgary's first post office began operations one hundred years ago on October 1, 1883. The postmaster was Wm. Bannerman.



William Bannerman