



CALGARY STAMPede

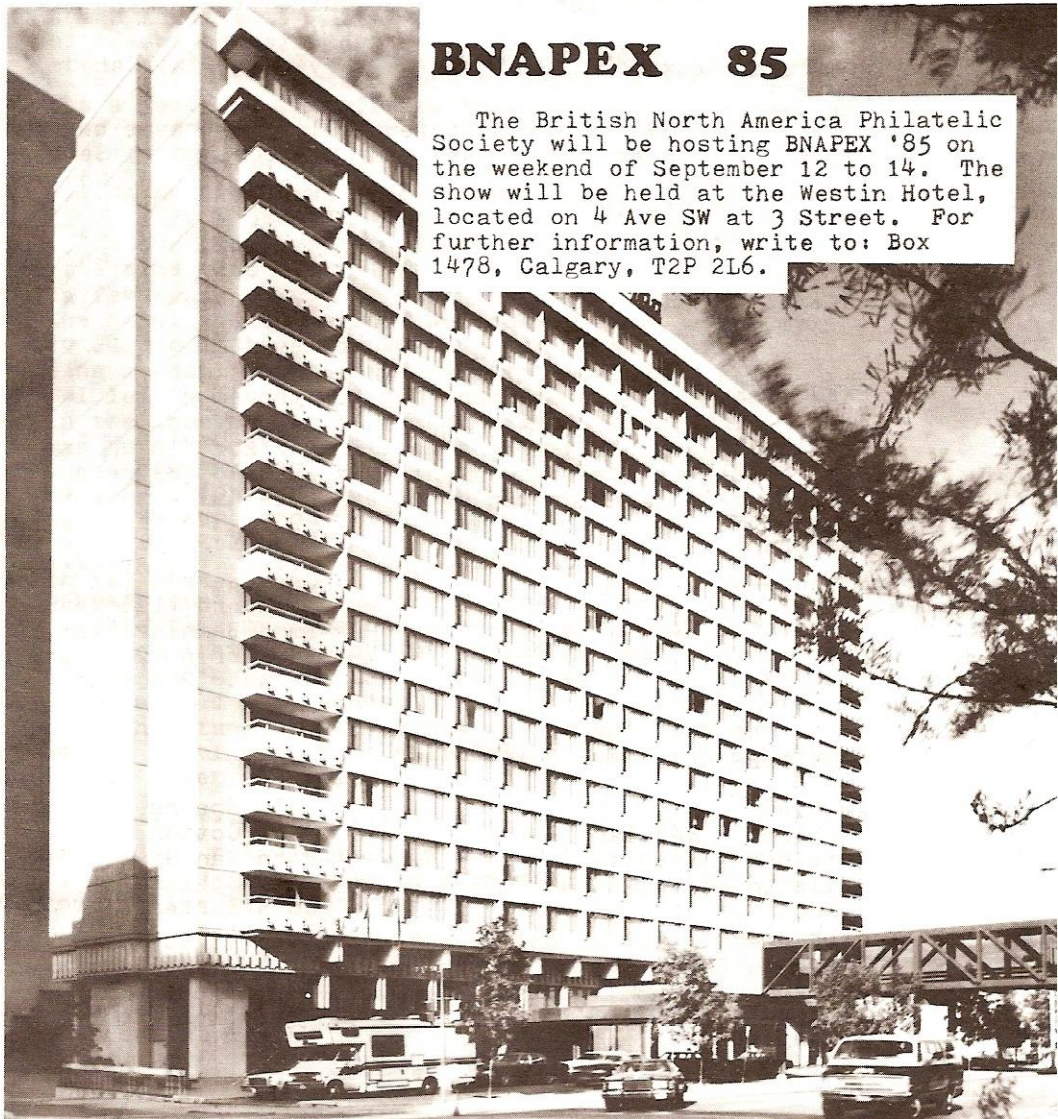
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CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY - ESTABLISHED 1922

BNAPEX 85

The British North America Philatelic Society will be hosting BNAPEX '85 on the weekend of September 12 to 14. The show will be held at the Westin Hotel, located on 4 Ave SW at 3 Street. For further information, write to: Box 1478, Calgary, T2P 2L6.





The Calgary Philatelic Society was founded in 1922 and is Chapter No. 66 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. The C.P.S. may be contacted at: Box 1641, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 2L6.

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DEADLINES for the next few bulletins are as below.
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PHILATELIC MAIL FRIENDS

by Steve Davis

Interested in trading stamps and making friends at the same time? Try corresponding with collectors in other countries. I have been doing this successfully for over ten years. Not only have I increased my collection but I have made many friends in other countries, gotten lots of interesting covers, and gained a greater appreciation for the countries I collect.

My most interesting correspondent has been a young man in Australia. I got his name thru an exchange circuit in which I was a member. He offered to trade on a more regular basis and we have now been corresponding for over five years.

I have met him in person on two occasions. The first time he was on an extensive tour of the United States and Canada, travelling by bus. Part of his tour included a one-night stopover in Jasper. Since I lived relatively close at the time (280 km), I was determined to meet him, even for a few hours only. I knew the date of his arrival but not the hotel his tour group was booked into. Upon my entry into Jasper, I began canvassing the local hotels. Jasper being a small town, I was able to locate the hotel easily. I left a message at the front desk that I would be waiting in the lobby. At 6 pm that night, the tour bus came in. I was so nervous that it was almost ridiculous. We met and proceeded to while away the hours chatting about stamps and everything else, as if we had known each other for many years.

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Two years went by and in the interval I had moved to Calgary. This time my friend's tour had a two-day stopover in Banff. I contacted him by letter and advised that I would meet him and show him the sights. He was my guest for two days, and we had many wonderful hours of stamping and just plain fun. Unfortunately the visit had to end, but our correspondence continues, more stimulating than ever, since we both know each other so well.

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This kind of relationship is one of the benefits of philately. If you interested in expanding your horizons, try it, you'll like it.

There are several methods for making contacts. Place an ad in a philatelic publication either here or in the country of interest. Check the periodicals for ads from other collectors desiring exchange.

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Like anything else, there are certain guidelines to follow when corresponding with collectors in other countries. When making contact, write first before sending stamps. This is so you can set up a trade basis and first see if he is interested. He may already have too many answers from his ad for him to handle.

Never boast about your material, possessions, or lifestyle. There is no better way to put him off. When sending stamps, always send good quality material. You only get back what you put into the exchange. Want lists are most helpful.

NEW MEETING PLACE IN SEPTEMBER

Beginning in September, the Calgary Philatelic Society will be meeting in the Lecture Room of the Kerby Center. The Kerby Center is located at 1133 - 7 Ave SW, just east of the Mewata Armoury. There are excellent parking and LRT facilities.

The first Wednesday of the month is still the general meeting. Check the calendar elsewhere in this bulletin for listings of auctions, bourses, and other events.

WHAT IS THIS MAN READING?



He is reading about the Australiasian Study Group, which meets the third Wednesday of every month. If you are interested, phone Leanna Johnson at 282-9775 or Don Fraser at 274-7411.

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June, 1985

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MICHEL CATALOGUES

by Don Fraser

In the last issue of Calgary STAMPede, I reported on a chart designed by Mike McPhail on the King George Sideface issues of Australia. This chart is shown here and you may find it useful to sort out the various issues. Perhaps some member of the local BNAPS group could come up with a similar tool to use with the 'Admirals'.

	WIDE CROWN NARROW "A"		LARGE MULTIPLE	WIDE CROWN WITH NARROW "A"		
	1914-15	1918	1918-19	1920	1922-23	1924
	Initial values	Postal Increase 1d war tax	Previous paper unavailable due to war shortage. This paper used only as emergency required	Postal rate increase 1d on top of war tax. Domestic rate. Interstate telegrams 1/3 increased to 1/4	U.P.U Colour changes	Rate reductions. 4d introduced to cover combined domestic plus registration.
1/2d	Perf. 14 Green & Yel/Green	Perf. 14	Perf. 14 Green	Perf 14	Perf 14 Yellow	Perf. 14
1d	Red		Red		Violet	Green
1 1/2d		Black/Br Red/ Br Choc.	Chocolate		Emerald	Red
2d				Orange Orange/Br	Red	Red-Brown
3d						Blue
4d	Yellow Lemon			Violet	Blue	Olive/ Bistre
4 1/2d						Violet
5d	Orange/Br					
1/4				L/Blue		

	LARGE MULTIPLE	NO WATERMARK	SMALL CROWN AND A MULTIPLE			C of A MULTIP.
	1924	1924	1926-27	1927-28	1930	1931
	U.P.U Colour change	Paper shortage from London.	Paper change only.	Perforation change.	Domestic rate increase by 1d. Provisional surcharges.	Paper change.
	Perf. 14	Perf. 14	Perforation 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$			
$\frac{1}{2}$ d			Orange	Orange		Orange
1d	Green	Green	Green	Green		Green
$1\frac{1}{2}$ d		Carmine	Rose-Red	Rose-Red	Red/Br	Red/Br
2d			Red-Brown	Red-Brown	Red 2d on 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Red
3d			Blue	Blue Die 1&2		Blue
4d			Olive/ Bistre			Olive/ Bistre
$4\frac{1}{2}$ d			Violet	Violet		
5d					5d on 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Brown/ Buff	Brown
$1\frac{1}{4}$			Turquoise	Turquoise		L/Blue

PHILATELIC BULLETINS WANTED

This Society has had three different publications in its lifetime. The first was a mimeographed newsletter which appeared in the early 1960s. The second was called 'STAMPede' and was published in the middle 1970s. The third was the present bulletin, 'Calgary STAMPede', which began in 1978.

If you have any of these, the Society will gratefully receive them. The Archives have only partial sets and urgently need more issues. All copies are accepted, as duplicates will be deposited with the American Philatelic Research Library and the National Library of Canada. Even the most recent issues are needed for publicity purposes.

If you have duplicates, please pass them to the Editor at meetings or auctions. You can also mail them to Box 6830, Stn 'D', Calgary, T2P 2E7.

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JULY 15th 1985

NOVEMBER 23rd 1985

SEPTEMBER 15th 1985



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APPROVALS

A CALGARY POSTAL HISTORY BRIEF

by E.A. Harris

In 1874, the North West Mounted Police arrived at the site of the present Fort Calgary Interpretive Center, near the confluence of the Bow and Elbow rivers. Mail to and from Calgary for the next ten years travelled by bullock team thru Fort Benton, Montana, and then by steamboat and train on the rest of the journey. Covers do exist which show proof of passing thru Fort Benton and one in the author's collection is addressed "Bow River, N.W. Territories, via Fort Benton, Montana, U.S.A." To date, the author has found none sent from Calgary. With no Calgary post office and no stamps available at that time, these covers have now lost their identity. The lucky collector finding such a cover has a gem indeed.

During the summer of 1883, our growing ranching center was excited by the approach of steel. On August 15, 1883, the first train from the east arrived.

On October 1, 1883, Calgary opened its new post office with William Bannerman as Postmaster. The Post Office was an unassuming place at the back of Bannerman's Flour and Feed Store, and lasted at this location for two years. Covers mailed from this fledgling Post Office are not common. In 1885, Bannerman disappeared from the Calgary scene and G.C. King became Calgary's second Postmaster. King had been a member of the NWMP party which established Fort Calgary. After receiving his discharge, he turned to the business of running a general store. King operated the Post Office within his store. Later he moved the Post Office to the NE corner of Stephen (8th) Avenue and 1 Street SW and operated there until 1893. A new building was constructed across the street and the Calgary Post Office moved to its third location.

The cover in Figure 1 is addressed to Major James Walker, Bow River, N.W. Territories. Major Walker was a well-known member of the NWMP until 1881. He left to become manager of the Cochrane Rancho Company. This cover has no receiving mark since no Calgary Post Office existed at the time.

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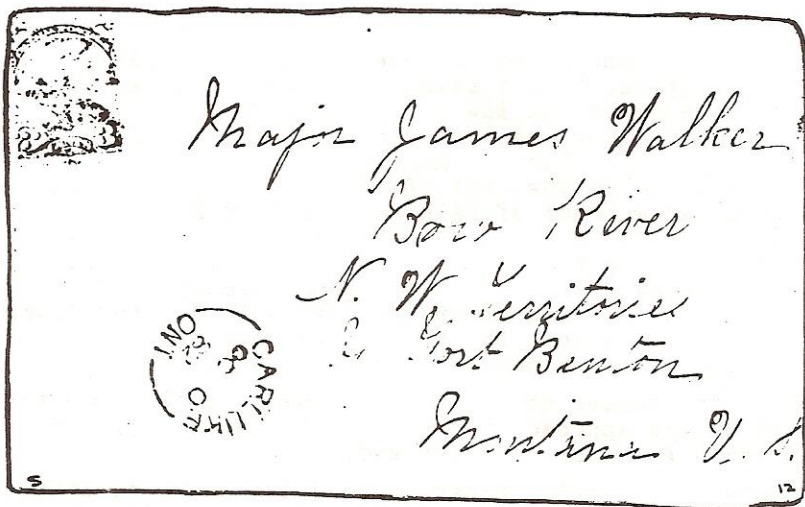


Figure 1



Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a cover processed thru Bannerman's first Feed Store location, seen in Figure 3. This post office occupied a small corner of Bannerman's store, located on 9 Avenue near 8 Street SE. On February 6, 1884, the building was physically moved by mule team to Stephen (8th) Avenue near Center Street.

Figure 4 shows the store of G.C. King, on the NE corner of 9th Avenue and 1 Street SE. This building was Calgary's main post office until 1894.

This brief glimpse of Calgary's early postal history may spark the interest of some of you to chase early Calgary covers. If you find a cover such as the NWMP cover described at the beginning of this article, be sure to call me.



Figure 3



Figure 4

BNAPEX 85

The contents of this issue of Calgary STAMPede are slanted towards the postal history of western Canada, in anticipation of the September 12 to 14 event called BNAPEX 85. This major show is put on by the Calgary chapter of the British North America Philatelic Society. You may expect to see some fabulous exhibits of early Canadian stamps and postal history. The show is at the Westin Hotel, in beautiful downtown Cowntown.

Shall see you there, eh?

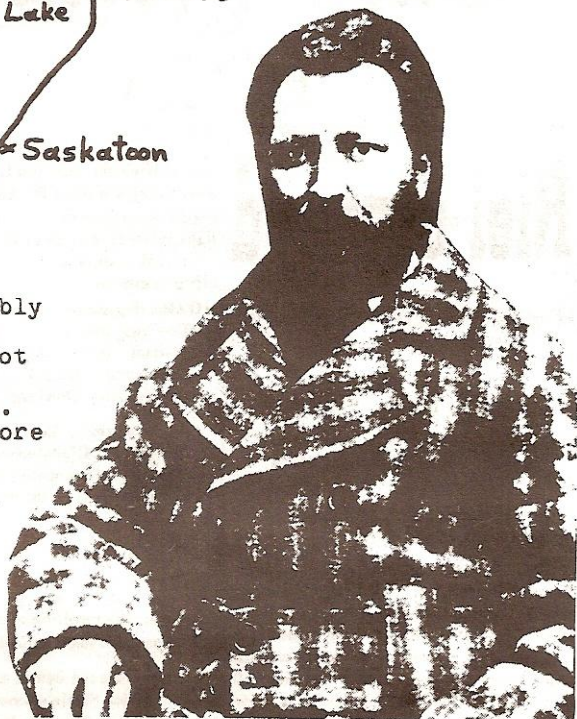
by D.C. Speirs

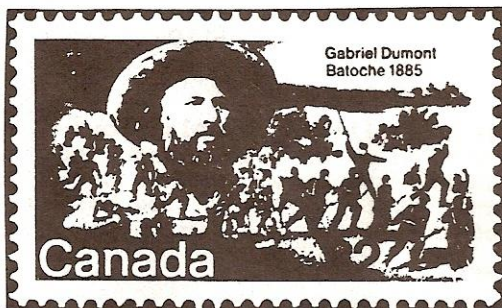
The second and final Riel Rebellion took place one century ago, in 1885. It ended on 12 May, 1885 when the government forces stormed Batoche. Gabriel Dumont, the Metis military leader, went into exile in the United States. Louis Riel was captured, stood trial, and was hanged on 16 November of that year.



Riel could probably have escaped the death sentence by pleading not guilty by reason of insanity. He did not. In his last speech before the court, he said:

"I cannot fulfil my mission as long as I am looked upon as an insane being ... the verdict against me today is a proof that maybe I am a prophet ..."





The Herald.

EXTRA.

Riel Corral'd

Gen. Middleton Surrounds
the Halt-Breeds.

A Hard Day's Fighting.

The Calgary Scouts.

The following dispatch was received
by Lt. Col. Osborne Smith last night:—

QU'APPELLE, April 24.—Riel is surrounded in a ravine. "A" Battery having shelled them out of their houses. About 30 of our fellows are killed and 2 wounded. Gen. Middleton's cap was shot off, and his aide's horse killed. Hard fighting all day. Hostilities are supposed to have ceased for the night.

By the expression "our fellows" it may be meant that 30 killed belong to the Winnipeg 90th.—Ed. Herald.

Col. Smith's regiment leaves for the north to-morrow forenoon. One company will be left in Calgary and the companies

now at Gleichen and MacLeod will remain where they are until the arrival of fresh troops when it is probable the rest of the light infantry will go to Edmonton.

Capt. Hamilton accompanies the Winnipeg regiment.

On the departure of Col. Smith, Inspector Dowling will remain in command of the district under the general order of Major-General Strange. Major Walker assists Inspector Dowling.

Chief Crowfoot, Commissioner Denny and Interpreter Gladstone went to the Sarcee Reserve this morning to have a pow-wow. Crowfoot re-affirms the loyalty of the Blackfeet.

Major Walker says that the ravine in which Riel is corralled is well known to him, and that if it was properly guarded last night, the rebellion may be considered settled as not a man could escape.

General Strange camps at Red Deer to-night. Major Steele's scouts are 40 miles ahead of him. No casualty of any kind has yet occurred.

The roads are bad and the snow reported deep.

Father Lacombe reports that Edmonton Indians are evidently restless.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

These ads are free to CPS members wanting to buy, sell, or trade philatelic material. Limit is ten lines, including name and address. Submit ads to the Editor at meetings or mail to: Box 6830, Stn D, Calgary, T2P 2E7. Next deadline is September 4 for the September issue.

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27 to 51, 66, 69 to 71, 73, 77, 78, 82 to 93, 95 to 102, 110
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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 1985

September	4		General meeting
	12	to 14	BNAPEX 85
	18		Auction
	25		Auction
October	2		General meeting
	6		Sunday bourse
	16		Auction
	23		Auction

Meetings and auctions are held at the Kerby Center, at 1133 - 7 Ave SW, starting at 8 pm sharp. Auction lots should be placed before 730 pm to allow bidder viewing.

BNAPEX 85 will be held at the Westin Hotel (4 Ave SW and 3 Street).

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

DISPLAY ADS

Display ads are accepted at the rates shown below. Camera-ready copy only, prepared on 8½ by 11 pages, with 2 cm margins on all sides of copy. Payment in advance by cheque or money order payable to the Calgary Philatelic Society. Send copy to the Editor, Box 6830, Stn D, Calgary, T2P 2E7.

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