

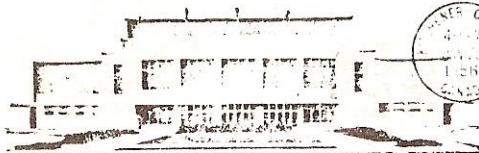
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Gleam Estus begins in this issue of STAMPede a series of articles on Olympic philately. Calgarians will be well placed to collect the philatelic material of the forthcoming Winter Games.



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OLYMPIC PHILATELY

by Glenn A. Estus

Soon Canada will be hosting its second Olympics and its first Winter Games. From the very start, philatelists have been interested in the Olympic movement, and governments have reacted by supplying ample materials. If one just wants stamps, then subscribing to a new-issue service can be the answer; however, if something more complicated and interesting whets the appetite, then read on.

A few facts about the Olympic games. In 1896, the Frenchman, Pierre, Baron de Coubertin, finally succeeded in his dream of re-establishing a modern version of the ancient Olympic Games. Since 1896, every four years has been an Olympiad. The Games of the first Olympiad were held in Athens in 1896. An Olympiad is numbered whether or not there are games during that period. In 1916, World War I forced the cancellation of the Berlin Olympics, thus there were no games of the 6th Olympiad. The same held true for the 13th and 14th games scheduled to be held first in Tokyo, then in Helsinki in 1940, and in London in 1944. We are now in the 23rd Olympiad which will end at the beginning of 1988. The games of the 24th Olympiad (1988-1992) will be held at Seoul, Korea in the late summer of 1988.

Winter sports were first held on their own in 1924 at Chamonix, France. These games are called Olympic Winter Games and are numbered only when they are held. For this reason, the 4th Olympic Winter Games were held in Germany in 1936, but because of World War 2, the 5th Olympic Winter Games were not held until 1948 in Switzerland. Calgary will host the 15th Winter Games in February 1988.

Philatelically, the Games of the 1st Olympiad (1896) were commemorated with a set of twelve stamps, picturing various ancient Greek scenes and panoramas (Figure 1).

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Figure 1

The first stamp to honour the Winter Games was issued by the United States in 1932 (Figure 2). The first slogan cancellation for the Winter Games was used by France in 1924 for the Games at Chamonix.

Canada's first Olympic stamps were issued in 1973 as publicity for the 1976 Montreal Games. However, its first Olympic slogan cancellations were used from Waterloo and Kitchener, Ontario in 1956, reading 'The home of Canada's Olympic hockey team 1956' (shown on the cover of this bulletin), as well as from Hamilton, Ontario, in the same year, reading 'Canadian Olympic track and field trials August 24-25'.



Figure 2

Other special slogan cancellations have been used at various times from Waterloo and Kitchener (The home of Canada's Olympic hockey team 1960), Calgary and Banff in 1966 (Canada for Winter Olympics 1972), and Toronto in 1975 (Olympics XXI support Polish Canadian participants) which was bilingual.

Canada issued its first set of stamps for the Calgary Games on Feb. 13, 1986, with a further issue October 15, 1986. Even now, it is not too early to begin planning your philatelic Olympic collection.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE by Ed Harris

1986 - Sept. 3	Ed Harris - The greatest outdoor show on Earth: Early Stampede covers.
Oct. 1	Panel discussion - dealers and collectors
Nov. 5	Michael Teakins - Early Norfolk Islands
Dec. 3	Wine and cheese party
1987 - Jan. 7	Ghazi Karim - Turkish forerunners
Feb. 4	Don Fraser - T.B.A.
March 4	Gordon Hill - T.B.A.
April 1	David Warren - Development of the Key System 1840 - 1956
May 6	open
June 3	open

CALGARY PICKED BY LIT CRITS

Calgary publications have recently won several medals in the philatelic literature classes of various national shows. Calgary STAMPede won a bronze medal at STaMpsHOW 86, the centennial convention of the American Philatelic Society. At this same show, held in Washington, D.C., a vermeil was given to the book 'Canadian Stamps With Perforated Initials', written by C.P.S. members Jon Johnson and Gary Tomasson. This team also won a silver for the same book at Stampex 86 in Toronto.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Dale,

May I take this opportunity to say "Thankyou" to Calgary Philatelic Society. I have been visiting The University of Calgary on study leave from my home university (Newcastle, Australia) and decided that while here I would also make some effort to acquaint myself with philately in Calgary. In late September and throughout October I attended various CPS meetings: an auction, a general meeting, two meetings in members homes (Sam Nickle's and Don Fraser's) and Caltapex 86 (which I attended on two days). At each of these I enjoyed myself thoroughly. The friendliness of CPS members, and the shared enthusiasms for our hobby, made the interactions enjoyable and memorable. I have written a short but enthusiastic letter on this subject to the editor of *Stamp News*, the most popular philatelic monthly published in Australia. I also wrote a longer and more detailed analysis of local philately (but still enthusiastic!) for the Newsletter of Newcastle Philatelic Society, my home society. (I have sent a copy of the second letter to Don Fraser -- ask him if you want to know more of the details.) So, well-deserved congratulations Calgary Philatelic Society, both for friendliness and for being so active in philately! I hope I shall have the opportunity to come back again sometime.

By the way, in case anyone wishes to communicate with Newcastle Philatelic Society, its address is P.O. Box 239 C, Newcastle, N.S.W., Australia 2300.

Yours sincerely,

Roger B. Eggleton
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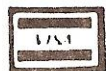
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PHILATELIC BOOKS IN THE CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY: PART ONE
compiled by Emma Benning

World's greatest stamp collectors - Stanley Bierman
F Fell Publishers, New York, 1981

Compleat philatelist - Herman Herst Jr.
Washington Press, 1979

World of stamps and stamp collecting - David Lidman & John Apfelbaum
Scribners, New York, 1981

Stamp collecting - James Mackay
Van Nostrand Reinhold, New York, 1983

How to specialize in stamp collecting - Bill Olcheski
D. McKay Co., New York, 1981

Opinions: Philatelic expertizing, an inside view - Elizabeth Pope
Philatelic Foundation, New York, 1983

How to detect damaged, altered, and repaired stamps - Paul Schmid
Palm Press, Huntington, NY, 1979

Beginner's guide to stamp collecting - Ted Schwarz
Arco, New York, 1983

Stamps for the investor - TN Trikilis
Simon and Shuster, New York, 1981

Stanley Gibbons book of stamps and stamp collecting - James Watson
Crescent Books, New York, 1981

Where in the world? - Kenneth Wood
Van Dahl Publ., Albany, Oregon, 1983

Stamp collecting, A to Z - Walter Young
AS Barnes, San Diego, 1981

Fell's international directory of stamp-auction houses - Peter Browning
Fell Publ., New York, 1982

Philatelic terms illustrated - Russell Bennett and James Watson
Stanley Gibbons, London, 1978

This is philately - Kenneth Wood
Van Dahl Publ., Albany, Oregon, 1982

Paintings and graphic arts on the stamps of Great Britain and the nations of
the British Commonwealth - Steve Forgo
Phil-art, Montreal, 1979

Adventures in topical stamp collecting - George Griffenhagen & Jerome Husak
Amer. Topical Assn., 1981

Map stamps of the world
Amer. Topical Assn., 1982

Art of postage stamps - Barbara Moore & Honor Holland
Walker, New York, 1979

New World Archaeology on stamps - Chris Moser
Mesoamerican Archaeology Study Unit, Riverside, Calif., 1981

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Bibliately - Leona Rostenberg
Amer. Phil. Soc., 1978

Topical issues of 1981, with 1982 catalog numbers - Ruth Wetmore
Amer. Topical Assn., 1982

Thematic Stamp collecting - Margaret Morris
Stanley Gibbons, London, 1977

Canadian patriotic post card handbook 1904-1914 - WL Gutzman
Unitrade Press, Toronto, 1985

Canada and Newfoundland postal stationery catalog - JF Webb
JF Webb, Hornby, Ontario, 1978

Mellone's official Canada Post cachets: FDC identification and pricing
guide - Dominic Sozio
Unitrade Press, Toronto, 1985

Guinness book of stamps: Facts and feats - James MacKay
Guinness Superlatives, Engfield, England, 1982

Collect British stamps
Stanley Gibbons & British P.O., 1983

Stoneham catalog of British stamps 1840-1981
Stoneham Publ., Eastleigh, Hampshire, 1981

Observer's book of postage stamps - Anthony New
F Warne, London, 1967

Philatelist's Companion - Bill Gunston
David & Charles, England, 1975

Stamps for investment - Kenneth Robert Lake
WH Allen, London, 1969

Successful investing in stamps and banknotes - Colin Narbeth & David Lyn
Graham & Trotman, London, 1975

Postal history and stamps of Bermuda - MH Ludington
Quarterman Publ., 1978

Stamps and coins - Richard Rosichan
Libraries Unlimited, Littleton, Colo., 1974

History of Canada in stamps - Thomas Berkeley
Ryerson Press, Toronto, 1957

Postage stamps and postal history of Canada - Winthrop Boggs
Chambers Publ., 1945

Postage stamp printing - Graham Blackburn
Bob Merrill, Indianapolis, 1976

Canada Post Office Department
Queen's Printer, Ottawa, 1968

Encyclopedia of British Empire postage stamps - R. Lowe
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Canada: Its postage stamps and postal history - Clifton Howes
New England Stamp Co., Boston, 1911

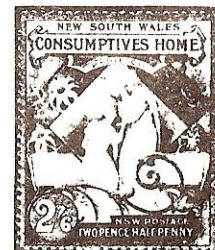
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AUSSIE COBBERS (PART 10) by Don Fraser

"To sell or not to sell, that is the question"

With apologies to William Shakespeare, this quotation expresses the dilemma facing Australia Post these days. In February of this year, Australia Post published an announcement of a plan to sell by public auction a number of items from the postal archives. The press release explained that there were a number of important pieces from the early colonial days needed to complete archival collections, such as die proofs, artist drawings, and other one-of-a-kind articles. By selling some of the duplicate and less-important stamps on hand, a fund would be established to repurchase some very select historically-significant pieces. The object is to enhance the over-300 leatherbound albums of philatelic archival material, and to present the entire collection in a more practical display mode.

On the surface it all sounds like a good idea, but collectors and dealers started asking themselves what such a volume of material placed on sale would do to the philatelic market. It was further learned that there were to be four auctions over two years. Why do they need a fund? Does not the post office make enough profit from collectors via new-issue sales to provide funds for additional purchases? The tide of objections by interested parties started to swell. In the meantime, and in spite of the opposition, Australia Post entered into contractual arrangements with a private auction house by the name of Charles Leski & Associates to conduct the auctions.



Then events turned nasty. Charles Leski received a death threat one night, and on another occasion was assaulted by unknown assailants. Mr. Leski is reported to have said that these attacks were linked to public opposition to the auctions and the part that he was to play. Following his request, Australia Post released him from his contract, and the whole matter now appears to be in a holding pattern. Many of the well-respected philatelists in Australia have come out against the idea of selling archival material. They complain that Australia Post has become a commercial market-driven corporation, insensitive to the philatelic community as a whole. The final chapter on this hot issue is still to be written, and it will be most interesting to see the end results.

Contrast this with another postal organization, the British Philatelic Trust. In 1980, a major international show was held in London, called 'London 80'. The British Post Office produced three miniature souvenir sheets in support of the exhibition, which were sold at a premium. It was agreed that any surplus from the sale, after meeting a fixed contribution to show expenses, would be used to establish a trust fund.

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The principal objectives included, and I quote, "to establish and encourage individual and group interest and participation in study, research, and knowledge of philatelic, as well as stamp collecting and postal history". In 1981, eight well-respected collectors were appointed trustees, and \$1,000,000 turned over by the post office for their administration. This money is being carefully managed to promote many philatelic projects thru loans and grants. For example, the seed money can be provided to get a book published. The trustees are obviously good stewards of the fund because even after spending \$189,000 up to April 1985, the value of the invested fund stood at \$1,600,000!

Earlier this year the trust members made a dream come true by purchasing a building in London which is now known as the National Philatelic Center. It will be a major library, storage facility, and a set of meeting rooms with display and audiovisual equipment. In particular, space is put aside for organizational meetings of committees who are putting shows together. Several societies hold their regular meetings at the center. The entire operation is handled as a registered charitable organization, and the post office plays no part in the management of the fund. The effect of the two events are, I think, in sharp contrast, and there is no doubt the British are clear winners in this contest.

Are any volunteers out there willing to put the bug in Canada Post's bonnet for CAPEX 87?

The Australasian Study Group meets third Wednesdays. For more information, call Leanna Johnson (282-9775) or Don Fraser (274-7411).

DUES ARE DUE

Because of rising printing and postage costs, people who have not paid their 1986-87 dues will be dropped from the mailing list.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

These ads are free to paidup members of the C.P.S. who want to buy, sell, or trade philatelic material. Limit per issue is ten lines, including name and address. Submit ads to Editor, Box 6830, Stn D, Calgary, T2P 2E7. Next deadline is January 21 for the issue appearing in late February.

FOR SALE - Canadian Olympic stamps, 11 full sheets. #s B1, B2, B3, 623-4, 664-6, 684-6. Face value \$129, catalog value \$710 plus. Will sell for double face. Phone Doug after 6 pm at 239-1965.

WANTED - King George V sideface issue from the Commonwealth of Australia, mint, used, and on cover. Phone Don Fraser at 274-7411.

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Court of honour: Fitz Roett (Barbados)
Sam Nickle (Franco-Canadian mail before 1878)
Stewart Kenyon (Advertising covers)
Ed Harris (Canadian military mail)

Noncompetitive: Irene Kenyon (Halloween greeting cards)

Grand award: John Powell (Iraqi Republic overprints)

Norm Tunna award: Don Fraser (1880-1912 Victoria era)

Gold: Stewart Kenyon (3¢ Small Queens)
Don Fraser (1880-1912 Victoria era)
Ed Harris (Victorian postal markings of the Prairies)
Jim Taylor (St. Pierre de Miquelon)
John Powell (Iraqi Republic overprints)

Small gold: Ken Barlow (Canada registered covers)
Robert Lee (B.N.A. duplex cancellations)
Gary Tomasson (Canadian perfins)
Helen Powell (Horses)

Silver: Jim Brown (Canada precancel errors)
Tom Moore (Blazing the airtrails)
John Boogerd (Philippines)

Small silver: John Powell (I.G.Y. cancellations)
Dwayne Miner (Canada EFOs)
Mirko Zatka (G.B. booklets)
Ian Foss (Olympics)

Bronze: Dale Speirs (Stylized Maple Leaf)
Jim Karr (Alberta closed P.O.s)
Larry Toole (Olympics)
John Van Staden Jr. (U.N. peacekeeping)

Honourable mention: Dale Speirs (Canada postcodes)
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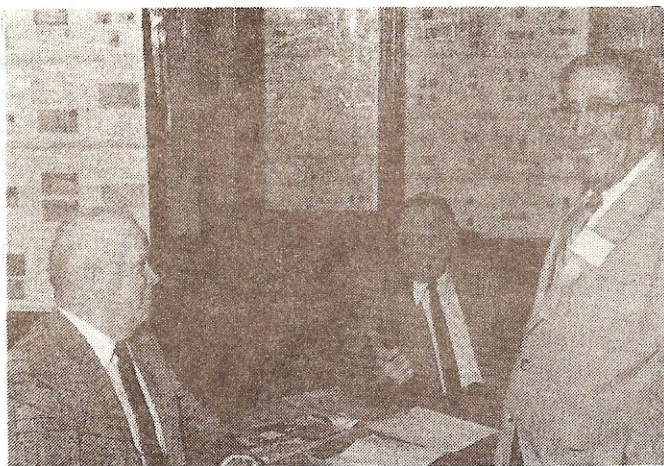
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MEETINGS AND AUCTIONS are held at Kerby Center, 1133 - 7 Ave SW, starting at 730 pm.

SUNDAY BOURSES are at American Women's Club, 1010 - 14 Ave SW, from 10 am to 430 pm. For table bookings, call Perry Holinshead at 289-6280.



A bunch of the boys whooping it up at CALTAPEX 86. From left to right: Bob Monilaws, John Jarabek, and Bob Perry.