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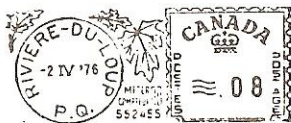
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Nous
Faisons
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We
Help
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Continuing with the Olympic theme from the last issue, Glenn Estus discusses meter imprints.

Calgary collectors have a good chance to get in on the ground floor of 1988 Olympic philatelics, but the time to start is now, not after the forerunners to 1988 have become elusive and expensive.



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CANADIAN OLYMPIC METERS

by Glenn A. Estus

There are many ways to specialize in an Olympic collection. It can begin with stamps, but from there the sky is the limit. Consider adding autographs, special cancellations (Figure 1), postage meters (Figure 2), organizing committee corner cards (Figure 3), and maximum cards. Do not be fooled into believing that collecting Olympics is a simple job. It can be as easy and uncomplex, or as difficult and complex as your inclination and pocketbook allow.

For instance, an interesting philatelic sideline of Olympic collectors is the specialization in meters. Unlike slogan cancels, which are usually used for months by a large post office and are readily available to collectors, meters are generally not publicized by the firms that use them because they do not realize the philatelic interest in such mail. Moreover, if these firms were to be flooded with collector requests for examples of meter cancels, there would be little time left to handle ordinary business. It is often months or years after the actual useage that collectors will discover such special meter cancels.

For the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, Canada Post realized that many businesses would want to help with the Olympic effort. These firms did not use postage stamps in their everyday mailings, and thus were not expected to use many of the specially-printed Olympic stamps.

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Figure 1.

SUPPORT YOUR
OLYMPIC TEAM
APPUYONS NOTRE
ÉQUIPE OLYMPIQUE



Figure 2.



XV Olympic Winter Games
Organizing Committee

P.O. Box 1888, Station C
Calgary, Alberta, Canada
T2T 5R4

Comité d'organisation des
XVes Jeux Olympiques d'hiver

Casa postale 1888, Succursale C
Calgary (Alberta) Canada
T2T 5R4

Figure 3.

In a folder entitled 'How you can participate', Canada Post stated, "The Canadian Post Office realizes, of course, that businesses and organizations using postage meters find it difficult to participate through the use of Olympic Action Stamps. For this reason we are offering for sale special Olympic Meter Imprints which will fit your meter machine and allow you to announce to all your customers and correspondents that you are actively supporting the 1976 Olympics."

The first slogans were used for Simpson's Toronto store's "Bravo Canada" promotion. Imprints were initially struck on October 17, 1974. 150 slogans were imprinted on engraved executive stationery (Figure 4).



Figure 4

According to an order form from Canada Post, postage meters were available for a number of machines, including Pitney Bowes, Friden, Neo-Post, and Postalita. Most machines seen used the Pitney Bowes meters. Text could be unilingual in either English or French, or bilingual. Over two thousand companies used such slogans (Figure 5 and the cover of this issue).

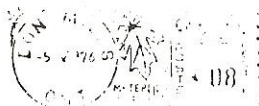
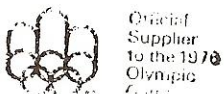


Figure 5

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The 'We help it happen / Nous faisons nos jeux' slogan came in several different type faces and arrangements. All the slogans seen have the symbols of the Montreal Olympics, the Olympic rings and a stylized M in the representation of a track oval.

Other special meters included those used by CBC (Figure 6) and the Borough of Etobicoke, which was '1976 Olympics for the physically disabled, August 3 - 11, Etobicoke, Ontario'.

At the present time, the Calgary Organizing Committee is using a very nondescript meter with the letters 'OCO'. If you write to the committee for information on the upcoming games, then perhaps the return information will have the meter on the envelope. You will have thus begun your collection of Olympic meters.



Figure 6.

C.P.S. PROGRAM SCHEDULE by Ed Harris

- 1986 - September 3: Early Stampede Covers, by Ed Harris
- October 1: Panel discussion - Dealers versus Collectors
 - For the dealers: Keith Brown, Hans Steinbock, Sam Nickle, Ihor Rudyk
 - For the collectors: Jim Taylor, Perry Holinshead, Don Fraser, Phil Wolf
- November 5: Early Norfolk Islands, by Michael Teekens
- December 3: Annual Christmas party
- 1987 - January 7: Turkish forerunners, by Ghazi Karim
- February 4: Who on earth is baldy?, by Don Fraser
- March 4: Thoses Hermes Heads, by Gordon Hill
- April 1: Development of the Key System, 1840 - 1956, by David Warren
- May 6: The computer-aided stamp collector, by David Ball
- June 3: open

SNEAK PREVIEW OF NEW POSTAGE STAMPS

The proposed stamp for the 1988 postage rates is shown at right.



Just before Christmas, Rose and I made an unexpected visit to Melbourne, Australia, for three weeks. The primary purpose for our visit was for family reasons; however, we did have the opportunity to dabble in matters philatelic. Melbourne appears to be the capitol city that collectors thruout Australia look upon as the leading center for stamp activities of all kinds. I believe that the largest of the auction houses are headquartered in Melbourne or suburbs thereof. There are also plenty of other dealers in the state to serve the needs of the philatelic community. Many of the philatelic departments of Australia Post operate out of Melbourne. In fact, the stamps themselves are produced by security printers in Melbourne.

I suppose the Mecca for those keen on the collection of Victorian stamps as I am is the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria, founded in 1892. One Tuesday afternoon, I found myself outside 6 Avoca Street, South Yarra, a rather exclusive neighbourhood just a short distance from the heart of Melbourne. This is the address of the Royal. The building must be at least 130 years old; it is a two-story semi-detached unit and is rather distinctive. The society owns the building, using the main and lower floors, and renting out the upper floor to defray costs. Club room and main library are on the first floor, and a cosy meeting room and storage facilities are situated on the lower floor.

The late J.W. Purves, a renowned collector and author, was instrumental in the purchase of the present home of the Royal. His achievements seem to be the cornerstone of the society, both past and present. I had the pleasure of meeting several members of the Royal while on our visit, including Max Watson and Geoff Kellow. Geoff is the librarian for the society, and a frequent contributor to the magazine 'Philately from Australia'. He is very knowledgeable on Victoria, as were all the fellows I met. Their warmth and friendship made the visit very special. Later, Rose and I accepted an invitation from Max Watson to spend an evening with him at his home. This was most enjoyable, especially for me, as I was privileged to view a part of his Victorian exhibit which was awarded a small gold at AMERIPEX 86 in Chicago; this was one of only six exhibits accepted from Australia.

In an endeavour to arrange a tour around the printing shops for the Australian issues, I met with a fellow from Australia Post who holds a senior position in the marketing department of philatelic sales. I offered my congratulations for the fine quality of the current and past issues, which, in my opinion, show fine artwork and originality in subject matter and design. Of particular merit is the America's Cup presentation pack, which includes several items of current interest, the most interesting being a colourful book called 'Winning and defending the Cup'.

I visited several well-known dealers in Melbourne, and learned that those who depend mainly on the auction trade do not carry much in the way of retail stock for over-the-counter sales. Often these dealers act more like clearinghouses for philatelic holdings. The retail dealers operating from storefront shops do not get into the auction game to any extent, so there are two very distinct approaches to the philatelic trade.

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The C.P.S. has had three publications since the first mimeographed newsletter was put out in 1961.

The first issue of the C.P.S. Newsletter was untitled and appeared in September 1961. The first editor was Bob Traquair. In the annual report for 1961, C.P.S. President Rudolf Martin stated that the newsletter was responsible for substantially increasing out-of-town memberships. Secretary H.N. Bennett confirmed this, and stated that C.P.S. had 80 to 90 members. Postal notices of the meetings were now mailed every second month, since the newsletter advised of alternate meetings. 1500 such notices had been mailed the previous year. The newsletter appeared monthly until January 1962. The next issue was in November, although an unofficial newsletter was sent out in September by Rudolf Martin. The January 1963 newsletter was apparently lost in the mails. The last issue published was probably the May 1963 newsletter.

The archives show that the general meeting of May 7 announced the new slate of directors for the forthcoming year, but there was no listing for Editor. A fiscal year-end report submitted by H.N. Bennett shows that \$121.85 had been spent on printing and mailing newsletters and auction lists. With that note, the newsletter passed into history.

Nothing further happened until the middle 1970s insofar as publications were concerned. Postcards were used to notify the membership of meetings. In 1974, a new publication called 'STAMPede' began. The format was basically a folded sheet in a digest-sized photocopy. Most issues are undated. Content was generally typescript club news, mixed in with reprints of new-issue announcements and such. STAMPede continued until 1978.

According to the September 20, 1978, executive-meeting minutes, the decision was made to revamp the bulletin. To quote from the minutes: 'Resolution agreed: Club bulletin should be spruced up and enlarged. The present bulletin has served its purpose but is not the right format to stimulate interest in the club. We should have advertising in it and list the officers, have articles on stamps or current new issues. The Bulletin could be left in philatelic stores around Calgary.'

In November 1978, the Calgary STAMPede came into being, an excellent printed bulletin with photos. Don Bowen published it ten times per year at no cost to the C.P.S., in exchange for advertising revenues. Phil Wolf continued as Editor. This arrangement lasted for one year, at which time Bowen bowed out of the publishing end.

For the years 1980 and 1981, Calgary STAMPede was a single-sheet newsletter, photocopied on both sides. Ed Harris edited, with Tom Moore helping him. In 1982, Keith Brown took over as Editor, and the bulletin reverted to its previous digest size. The torch was passed in September 1983 to Dale Speirs, the present editor, and the STAMPede was now printed by the printing class of E.P. Scarlett School.

On the next page is the September 1961 issue of the C.P.S. Newsletter. The C.P.S. Archives has only an incomplete run of C.P.S. publications. Anyone with unwanted copies is asked to donate them to the Archives. Duplicates are wanted for distribution to the American Phil. Research Library, National Library of Canada, etc.. Contact the Editor at meetings or mail to: Box 6830, Stn D, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2E7.

September 1961.

It is hoped that this Bulletin will become a permanent feature of our Society and every effort will be made to have at least ten a year prepared and mailed, not only to resident and non - resident members but to any other interested parties as well. Such a publication, if it can be called such, has long been considered by many Society members and it is perhaps an auspicious time to attempt such a project this year being the fortieth anniversary of the founding of our Society. Too, it has for some time been somewhat embarrassing that the Edmonton Stamp Club has been able to provide their membership with an excellent monthly newsletter, under the Guidance of our good friend Ernie Christensen. Naturally we feel that, even if their entries in our exhibition can merit most of the awards, "anything they can do, we can do better" or at least as well.

The first meeting of the 1961 - 1962 season will take place, as usual, in the Mobil Oil Company Auditorium at 8 o'clock, on the 5th September. Please remember this date as no cards will be sent. It is hoped that the newsletter will be mailed in time each month to remind the membership of the first monthly meeting. Cards will be sent as usual notifying you of the "Auction" night on the third Tuesday of each month.

This first meeting introduces our new executive who, as you probably know are as follows:

President: Dr. Rudy Martin, Vice President: Herb Alditt

Secretary: H.N. Bennett, Treasurer: Jack Bennington

AUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT: From past experience, most material of good quality and realistically priced usually sells well. Lots of "bulk" material are no longer too popular but for some reason "surprise" packages command a better than average price although it is doubtful that this will continue as there have been rumblings of discontentment. It would be very encouraging to see more people submit lots as it seems to have fallen on the shoulders of a very few to provide the material to support the auctions.

SALES CIRCUIT COMMITTEE REPORT: One would think that in this group it should not be necessary to mention the problem of HINGING stamps. Many, many of the books being entered have stamps hinged to fall out at the first opening of the circuit book while others appear to have had the hinge glued to the stamp. PLEASE use a good grade of peelable hinge which holds securely and the book will have a much more attractive appearance to a prospective purchaser. As with the auctions, good quality material of most any colony or country etc., if priced reasonably, will sell. New books of Canada, Germany and United Nations are needed immediately. We are urgently in need of someone to take over this job of taking care of the circuit books and although we won't pretend that it is an easy chore, it does have it's rewards and is quite interesting.

ON THE SICK LIST: Our good friend Bill Good has spent most of the summer in hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery.

If there is sufficient demand we propose that in future we will have a page of members ads in which they may indicate their current "wants" or let the group know of surplus material. Suggested rate is .50¢ an insertion. Anybody interested?

Remember that the 1961 - 62 dues are now payable and as passed in the recent amendments to the Bylaws, they are now \$3.00. Those members not paying punctually must, for economic reasons be dropped from the mailing list, so lets pay those dues NOW.

PHILATELIC BOOKS IN THE CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY: PART TWO
compiled by Emma Benning

Stamps of British North America - Fred Jarret
Quarterman Publications, Laurence, Mass., 1975

Hundred years of Canadian stamps 1851-1951
Ryerson Press, Toronto, 1951

Canada's postage stamps - Douglas and Mary Patrick
McClelland & Stewart, Toronto, 1968

Reference manual of BNAfakes, forgeries, and counterfeits - Kenneth Pugh
Pugh, Brandon, Manitoba, 1977

Large Queens report - Hans Reiche
Canadian Wholesale Supply, Brantford, Ontario, 1977

Wrigley's textbook & guide to Canadian Official OHMS & G stamps
Roy Wrigley, Canadian Wholesale Supply, 1975

Canada basic catalogue - Kasimir Bileski
Winnipeg, 1962

Canadian postage stamps 1953 - 1974, the Elizabeth era. - K. Bileski
Winnipeg, 1975

Canadian International Philatelic Exposition - Official catalogue
CAPEX, Toronto, September 1951

Canada/BNA postage stamp catalogue - Will Ganaby & D. Stanley
Cand. Wholesale Supply, Paris, Ontario, 1978

Guidebook and catalogue of Canadian stamps 1970-71
Regency Publ., Winnipeg

Specialized philatelic catalogue of Canada and BNA - LS Holmes
Ryerson Press, Toronto, 1963

Canada catalogue of constant plate varieties - Hans Reiche
Fritz Billig, Jamaica, NY, 1953?

Standard catalog of Canada revenues, telegraph franks, telephone franks, POW franks, officially-sealed, perforated OHMS, semi-officials, airmails.
Sissons, Toronto, 1978

Catalogue & guidebook of Canadian official stamps - Ray Wrigley
J & M Publ., Vancouver, 1979

Checklist and catalog, Canadian postage stamps, perforated, and overprinted OHMS and G - Ray Wrigley
Wrigley, West Vancouver, 1964

Edward VII issue of Canada - George Marler
National Postal Museum, Ottawa, 1975

Specialized stamp collecting - Robert Bateman
Barker, London, 1971

Stamp collecting as a pastime - Robert Bateman
Souvenir Press, London, 1960

Postage stamp gazeteer - Graham Blackburn
Bobbs-Merrill, Indianapolis, 1976

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Standard handbook of stamp collecting - Richard Cabeen
Crowell, N.Y., 1957

Stamps, their lure and lore - Ken Conoley
Longmans, Don Mills, Ontario, 1967

Royal Philatelic Collection: King George VI - Sir John Wilson
Dropmore Press, 1952

Stamp collectors handbook - Samuel Grossman
Longacre Publ., NY, 1957

Philatelist's companion - Bill Gunston
David & Charles, Engl., 1975

Stories to collect stamps by - Herman Herst
Philatelic Book Publ., NY, 1968

Funk & Wagnalls guide to the world of stamp collecting - Viola Ilma
Thomas Crowell, NY, 1978

Stamps for investment - K.R. Lake
WH Allen, London, 1969

Topical stamp collecting - MY Martin
Arco Publ., NY, 1975

Common sense philately - Barbara Mueller
Van Nostrand, Princeton, NJ, 1956

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

International guide to stamps and stamp collecting - D.A. Patrick
McClelland & Stewart, Toronto, 1962

Scott's new handbook for philatelists
Simon & Schuster, NY, 1967

Stamp collector's guide and companion
HE Harris, Boston, 1974

Complete guide to stamp collecting - Prescott H Thorp
Minkus, NY, 1973

Collecting stamps - Paul Villiard
Doubleday, Garden City, NY, 1974

Techniques of philately - LN Williams
Heinemann, London, 1969

Stamp collector's guide - Harry Zachary
Knopf, NY, 1956

Canadian philately - Cimon Morin

Stamp collector's guide to Europe - JL Allen
Arco, NY, 1974

Linn's world stamp almanac
Amos Press, Sidney, Ohio, 1977

Encyclopedia of British Empire postage stamps
R Lowe, London

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I found all dealers very helpful and anxious to be of service. They were pleased to hear about the Canadian picture, but the stamps of Canada are not a hot item in the philatelic market, as far as I could tell. However, the North American clients make up a very important part of each dealer's mailing list. One auctioneer told me that he gets fully 60% of his sales from Canada and the U.S.A.. Prices for material were, I thought, a touch on the high side compared to our market. Scott is not used much; Stanley Gibbons and local catalogs are the price guides, and dealers work on about 50% - 60% of catalog value most of the time. The prices appear to be holding steady, with no appreciable movement one way or the other.

As a conclusion to my last Aussie Cobbers, you may be interested to know that Australia Post has decided to handle the sale of archival material themselves on a sale-by-tender basis. This means that there will be no involvement by private business. I obtained a catalog for the first sale, which will be held in February 1987. All of the material featured in the first sale looks pretty juicy, and I am sure that there will be strong participation in the sale.

All things considered, our trip was very satisfying and enjoyable, but like most trips of this nature it is always nice to be home again. A Happy New Year to all for 1987!

SMALL 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. Send ads to Editor, Box 6830, Stn D, Calgary, T2P 2E7. Next deadline is March 25 for the issue appearing in late April.

WANTED: any 1967-73 Centennial definitives, 1c to \$1, mint full sheets, blocks, coils, precancels, minisheets, FDC, covers, or any other unusual items. Will buy or trade. Telephone Doug at 239-1965.

WANTED: For new collector just starting to specialize. Germany 1934 to 1945 (Nazi period), Channel Islands, Isle of Man. Used or mint, nothing special as I am just enlarging collection. I can offer most countries in exchange, but do not have anything really startling. Telephone evenings 281-1373 for Harry Bantock.

PROPOSED STUDY GROUP: Do you collect stamps of the United Nations and its related topicals? If so, and you are interested in learning about the stamps thru a U.N. Study Group (similar to BNAPS or Australiasian S.G.), contact John Van Staden at 285-1874 or Box 604, Stn J, Calgary, T2A 4X8.

WANTED: Mint or used, on or off cover, stamps of all sorts. If you collect stamps and specialize in any area of collecting, then we would like to see them in a one or two frame exhibit at STAMP DAY 87, Sunday, April 26, 1987 at the Marlborough Inn, Calgary. Rewards offered. STAMP DAY will also have a dealer bourse, circuit books, and private treaty sales. For more information, contact John Van Staden, Box 604, Stn J, Calgary, T2A 4X8 or telephone 285-1874 (please leave return phone number if machine answers).

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS IN 1987

February	18		Auction
	25		Auction
March	4		General meeting
	18		Auction
	25		Auction
	25		Bulletin deadline
April	1		General meeting
	5		Sunday bourse
	15		Auction
	22		Auction
	26		Stamp Day 87
May	6		General meeting
	13		Auction
	13		Bulletin deadline
	20		Auction
June	3		General meeting
	17		Auction
	24		Auction
September	2		General meeting
	16		Auction
	23		Auction
October	7		General meeting
	9		CALTAPEX 87
	10		CALTAPEX 87
	11		CALTAPEX 87
	21		Auction
	28		Auction

STAMP DAY and CALTAPEX are held at the Marlborough Inn,
1316 - 33 Street NE.

MEETINGS AND AUCTIONS are held at Kerby Centre, 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.

AUSTRALIASIAN STUDY GROUP meets third Wednesdays. For more
information, call Leanna Johnson (282-9775) or Don Fraser (274-7411).

CALGARY CHAPTER OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY
meets second Wednesdays. For more information, call Phil Wolf at
251-4109.