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60 YEARS OF STAMP SHOWS !!



The first public stamp exhibition in Calgary was staged on October 22, 1927 by the C.P.S. at the King George Masonic Temple in the Hillhurst district.

The building, located on the trendy part of Kensington Road, is now filled with boutiques and yuppies. Photo by Dale Speirs.



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HOW TO WRITE GOOD AND SHORT by Dale Speirs

While most of us will never be in a position to turn out heavy and impressive books with the weight of a gold ingot and a price about the same, there is little reason why short articles cannot be published in the philatelic periodical press. Too many philatelists take their knowledge with them to the grave. Periodical editors are always looking for short articles; you can write them.

- write in conversational English, not slang or stilted jargon.
 - write to your intended audience. BNAPSers know what an Admiral retouch is, but a general stamp collector reading Canadian Stamp News may not.
 - illustrations always go well. Photocopies must be high-quality with good black-and-white contrast; gray or smeared copies not acceptable. Photos should be B&W prints; few philatelic periodicals can afford colour. Colour prints do not reproduce well. Take photos with a single-lens reflex camera such as a 35mm. Slow shutter speeds or the use of floodlights will produce better pictures than flash. Closeup lenses are a necessity.
 - article format: 1) Start with a one or two sentence summary of the article as the first paragraph, but write it after the rest of article.
 - 2) What is it? Describe but do not interpret.
Example: a cover, registered, sent from Pictou to Montreal, 2c stamp on it, manuscript markings, no backstamp, addressee was famous person, according to markings the cover took 9 days to reach destination.
 - 3) Why is it important? new discovery, stamp variety, unusual useage, fake, earliest or latest useage, EFO.
 - 4) Does it raise or answer any questions? Postmark may be known from proof book but never seen on piece. Experts may be disproven by this item, dogma overturned or upheld.
 - 5) Appeal for help if necessary BUT do your homework first. Check public and society libraries, use interlibrary lending system. Ask fellow collectors. Keep your own library.
 - 6) Cite references. Readers might like to go into further detail. Proves you did your homework. Problem may have already been solved; too many articles in philatelic press are result of someone reinventing the wheel.
- Use this format for references: Author (year) title, periodical or book name, volume:pages. In text, use (author year), then list references at end of article by alphabetical order.
- Example: It has been shown that this retouch is from position 7 of the second plate (Smith 1978), although it has been suggested as being an inking flaw rather than a retouch (Jones 1984).
- References.

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compiled by Emma Benning

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R Lowe, London

Philatelic vocabulary in five languages: English, Francais, Deutsch,
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Philatelic Foundation, New York, 1978

Animals on stamps - Hans Strom
Philart, London, 1968

First man on the moon - R Kitchen
Vantage Press, New York, 1976

Around the world - Elizabeth Gemming
Barre Publ., Barre, Mass., 1968

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Ktav Publ. House, New York, 1974

World of birds on stamps - PJ Lanspeary
Harry Hayes, Batley, England, 1975

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

Great Jews on stamps - Arie Lindenbaum
Sabra Books, New York, 1970

A third display of old maps and plans - Walter Klinefelter
Sumac Press, LaCrosse, Wisc., 1973

Medicine told on stamps - Eril Ask-Upmark
Harry Hayes, Batley, England, 1976

Medicine and stamps - Robert Kyle
Amer. Medical Assoc., Chicago?

Postal saints and sinners: Who's who on stamps - Kent Stiles
Theo Gaus & Sons, Brokklyn, New York, 1964

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Audio-Master Corp., New York, 1956

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Cand. Wholesale Supply, Brantford, Ontario, 1977

Datz philatelic index of United States postage - SR Datz
Matchless Publ., Denver, Colo., 1973

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

Postage stamps and postal history of Canada - WS Boggs
Chamber Publ., Kalamazoo, Mich., 1945

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Quarterman Publ., Lawrence, Mass., 1972

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Canadian philately: bibliography and index - Cimon Morin
National Library of Canada, Ottawa, 1979

Arctic postmarks (Yukon, NWT, and arctic Quebec) - Phil Cove
Cand. Phil. Research Assoc., Ottawa, 1977

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Cand. Wholesale Supply, Brantford, Ontario, 1975

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Quarterman Publ., Lawrence, Mass., 1976

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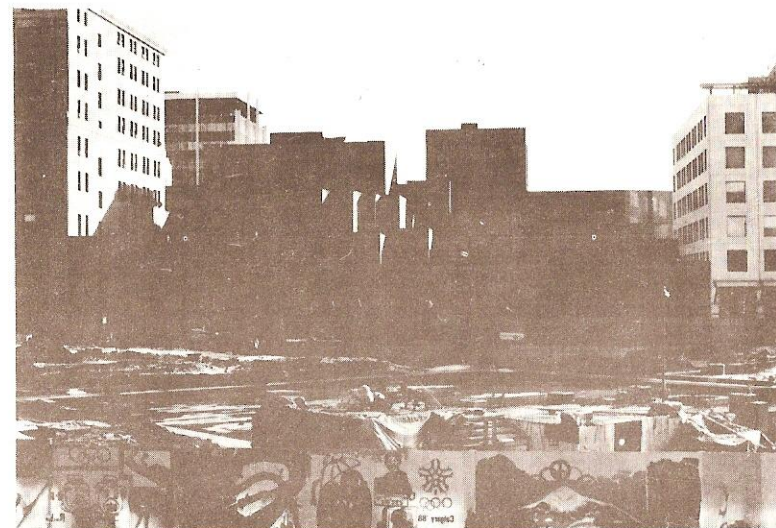
Postage stamp history of Canada - VP Seary
McGraw-Hill Ryerson, Toronto, 1972

Commemorative postage stamps of Great Britain 1890-1966 - LN Williams
Arco, London, 1967

American history thru commemorative stamps - HS Bloemgarden
Arco Publ., 1969

OLYMPIC STAMPS FIRST DAY

The speedskating and bobsleigh stamps of the Calgary Winter Olympics set were issued this past April 3. The first-day ceremony was held at the Performing Arts Centre, shown below in the background. Construction continues apace in the foreground on the Olympic Plaza, where the medals will be presented. Photo by Dale Speirs.



SIXTY YEARS OF PUBLIC PHILATELY

Although the Calgary Philatelic Society was founded in 1922, the first public exhibition put on by it was not until 1927. Exhibitions had been staged prior to that year, but they were internal club affairs, and not really a 'PEX' as we understand them today. 1927 therefore marks the jubilee year of CALTAPEX. On the next three pages you will read the photocopied records of that first show, as recovered from the C.P.S. archives.

REPORT of an EXHIBITION OF POSTAGE STAMPS, held by the CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY, on Saturday, October 22nd, 1927, at Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, Canada.

The Exhibition of Postage Stamps arranged and carried out by the Calgary Philatelic Society, in the King George Lodge Hall, Millhurst, Calgary, Alberta, on Saturday afternoon and evening, October 22nd, 1927, was the occasion of many expressions of favorable comment on the detail followed in the collections displayed. The Hall, aided by the splendid lighting system, proved to be an ideal place to display the collections. The exhibition itself passed even the most ardent expectation of the members and was one of credit to any stamp society. There were over 15,000 stamps on exhibition, some of the displays being wonderfully written up as to detail, showing that members had spent a vast amount of time in securing all information bearing upon the particular issue represented.

Mr. J. Selby Walker had a very interesting and instructive exhibit showing the progress of stamp collecting from the first attempt to gather a few stamps and stick them to a map showing the country they were posted from or used in, through the various stages of spaced sheets and leaves giving particulars of stamps issued, to the more recent loose leaf albums now in use so much throughout the world. He also showed pages properly mounted and other pages improperly mounted; repaired stamps, some forgeries and, in addition, a separate exhibit containing a philatelic library and accessories. The expression was frequently heard from visitors that they did not know there was so much written about stamps and stamp collecting.

Mr. G. A. Reid had a beautiful and completely written up collection of the stamps of Soviet Russia and Latvia. With the former he had in the last issue of the Romanoffs, a picture of the late Czar. Under the first provisional a picture of Kerensky and under the Soviet Republic, a picture of the late Nicholas Lenin. Mr. Reid is to be congratulated on his exhibit.

Mr. W. C. Plack, to whom the members of the Society are more than grateful for his untiring efforts in making up the frames and most of the arrangements for the exhibition, showed his collection of Dutch Indies and Brazil, the latter ranged from the early type of "Full's eye" right down to the current issues. He also exhibited his collection of German stamps, commencing with the states which formed that country, namely, the North and South German Confederation, the German Empire and the Republic. The latter portion showing in interesting detail the decline of the German Mark and its gradual incline.

Mr. G. A. Morrison showed, in almost complete form, the stamps of the Spanish Colonies of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands, also a very interesting display of the commemorative stamps of the United States, some of which were in sheet form and almost unknown to the average visitor.

Mr. W. E. Hives exhibited a very fine collection of the Irish Free State and also Malta complete with one exception. These were in mint condition in pairs, blocks and single. Mr. W. C. West also had an interesting collection of Malta, including a cover with a set of the provisional surcharged stamps of 1926 from the farthing to the one shilling, all postally cancelled on the one envelope.

Mr. A. F. Harris displayed a very nice exhibit of various countries including a fairly complete collection of Chili and Union of South Africa. Mr. H. W. Partney also exhibited the provisional stamps of Canada, very well written up as to details of issue and printing.

Mr. H. Lewis showed an almost complete collection of the stamps of Austria up to and including the current issues, only a very few of the highest priced stamps being missing. Mr. J. Stanley Horne also exhibited his collection of Belgium which, also, is almost complete. Mr. Sorby showed his collection of the United States, including many of the now popular pre-cancels. Mr. J. Moir also showed a very interesting lot of old covers on which were Canadian and United States stamps used in the early days of postal issues.

The display of Canadian stamps arranged by the President, Dr. E. G. Mason, was a very creditable one. The stamps of British Columbia and Vancouver Island were shown complete with the exception of some minor varieties. His exhibit of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and early Canadian before Confederation were the cause of many expressions of surprise that there should have been so many issues of those provinces, so rarely seen in the collection of the average stamp collector. At the last moment Dr. Mason was prevailed upon to show sheets of his three cent red (Victoria) stamp of Canada, as arranged by him in the order of the month and year of issue, and this exhibit attracted a lot of interest.

Long before the stamps were actually in place the visitors commenced to arrive and continued in a steady stream during the remainder of the day up to the closing hour and the members in attendance were kept constantly busy making explanations and giving information to visitors.

MINUTES OF MEETING of the CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY, held at the Public Library, Calgary, on Tuesday, November 1st, 1927.

Present - Dr. E. G. Mason, Chairman,
Messrs. W. C. Black, Reid, Lewis, Hives, Freeman,
Morrison, Sorby, Moir, Hall and Harris, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 8.15 p.m.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President read a report of the Exhibition held on October 22nd, 1927, copy of which is embodied in the Minute book, and it was moved by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Hives, that a very hearty vote of thanks be extended to the Committee and also Mr. Morrison for his newspaper report.

It was also moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Hives, that as a symbol of appreciation to Mr. W. C. Black and his co-worker, Mr. E. M. Hartney, for their excellent work they have done in connection with the exhibition, the members entertain these gentlemen at a dinner, the details of which to be arranged by a Committee appointed for that purpose. - Carried.

In connection with the foregoing the President appointed Messrs. Reid, Lewis and Harris a Committee to arrange for a Complimentary dinner to Messrs. Black and Hartney, the details to be reported at the next Social meeting.

Mr. Black presented the following accounts for expenses in connection with the Exhibition -

King George Lodge - Rent of Room	\$10.00
A. P. Cushing Lumber Co. Ltd.	18.12
Dominion Cartage Co.	<u>3.50</u>
Total	\$31.62

Moved by Mr. Hives, seconded by Mr. Sorby, that the accounts paid. - Carried.

It was also pointed out that although there were several breakages of glass which was kindly loaned by Messrs Pilkington Bros., that firm had made no charge in connection therewith. At the request of Mr. Black the Secretary wrote to Mr. Frank Truesdale, Manager of Pilkington Bros., and also Mr. J. W. Dingle, Manager of the A. P. Cushing Lumber Co. Ltd. thanking those gentlemen for their kind co-operation in loaning the glass and lumber for the frames to display our stamps.

SUNDAY BOURSE by Tim Presber

The C.P.S. sponsors bourses periodically where members and the public can buy, sell, or trade stamps, covers, postcards, and supplies. Members of the C.P.S. are able to rent tables for the day and are hosts for the bourse. Typically, the tables are attended by a couple of full-time stamp dealers, and the rest by parttime dealers and members who have a lot of philatelic material available. The C.P.S. circuit books and private-treaty books are usually there. If you find that our monthly meetings are too short for you to do your philatelic shopping, or that the auctions rarely offer material that you want, then the bourses provide a setting where you can seek at your leisure.

For the most part, the tables have been attended by more or less the same people in the past year. In the coming philatelic year, a couple of tables will be available for the membership at large on a first-come-first-served basis. If you have a desire to try your hand at being a dealer for a day, call Tim Presber at 280-9739, or see him at the club meetings to get more information on table availability. If you do not have enough material to take a table by yourself, then find a friend and share a table. The cost is \$12 for a table for the day. Because the tables will be attended by some new faces each time, new material can be expected. Come out and see what is available.

The bourses are held at the American Women's Club, 1010-14 Avenue SW, from 10 am to 4 pm on these dates.

1987 - September 13, November 1, December 6
1988 - February 7, March 6, April 3, May 1

APRIL WAS A BUSY WEEKEND

The weekend of April 25 and 26 was a busy one for Calgary stamp collectors. On the Saturday of April 25, the Calgary chapter of the British North America Philatelic Society held an all-day regional meeting called 'Take a philatelic break'. The events were held at the Marlborough Inn, and brought BNAPSers from Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, and Prince George together. Seminars were held thruout the day, as well as a luncheon and evening banquet. The meeting was successful enough that further such events are planned, possibly in Red Deer where Calgary and Edmonton philatelists can meet more conveniently.

The following day was STAMP DAY 87, hosted by the C.P.S.. This minishow featured a challenge between the Australasian Study Group and the Calgary BNAPSers to see who could put up the most prizewinning exhibits. The losers had to cancel their next meeting and instead put on a program for the winners. As it turned out, the BNAPSers won by five points.

Winners at STAMP DAY 87 are listed on the next page.

STAMP DAY 87 WINNERS

Gold - Jon Johnson (Australian perfins)	Jim Brown (Map stamps)
Mike McPhail (Australia George V)	Ed Harris (Prairie P.O.s)
Dwayne Miner (India proofs etc.)	
Silver - John Van Staden (West Irian)	Jack Benningen (Canada perfins)
Gordon Hill (Admiral coils)	Jon Johnson (W.J. Gage Co.)
Jim Karr (Alberta postmarks)	Sam Nickle (Irish mails)
Jim Taylor (St. Pierre)	Nicole Van Staden (Butterflies)
Ian Foss (Olympics)	Don Wilson (Australia markings)
Bronze - Don Fraser (WW2 Australia)	Bob Simpson (Australia)
Dale Speirs (Stylized maple leaf)	Dale Speirs (Damaged mail)
Dale Speirs (Design errors)	John Van Staden (Calgary Olympics)
Dick Wilsey (Weird mail)	
Honourable mention - Leanna Johnson (Australia medicine)	
Caron Wolf (Butterflies)	

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

These advertisements are free to paidup C.P.S. members; maximum is ten lines including name and address. Mail ads to Editor, Box 6830, Stn D, Calgary, T2P 2E7. Next deadline is September 16 for the bulletin appearing in middle October.

FOR SALE - Eastern Europe (DDR, USSR, Poland and Romania) 1980 to date, MNH at 40% face value, blocks and S/S at 50% face value. All the years, cancelled or MNH, at 50% Scott (Canadian dollars). Contact Jacob Renert at the club or call 278-0309. Want lists welcome.

WANTED TO BUY - Clean, unmarked copies of the following periodicals. Phone Dale Speirs evenings at 243-1752, see him at meetings, or write to Box 6830, Stn D, Calgary, T2P 2E7.

Canadian Philatelist - 1959 Jan, Feb	1958 Jan, Feb, July, Aug
	1957 Jan to Aug 1956 to 1948 all issues

Maple Leaves - 1958 Dec	1957 Jan to Oct
1956 Dec	1955 Dec
1954 all except July	1953 all
1952 all except Nov	1951 all except July

BNA Topics - Whole numbers 103, 85 to 99, 83, 33 to 79, 31 and earlier

CALGARY STAMP FAIR - July 3 to 5, Highlander Inn, at 18 Street and 16 Avenue NW. Free admission. Friday 2 pm to 9 pm, Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, call 290-1020.

DUES !!!

Enclosed with this bulletin is a self-addressed envelope for your convenience; it is to help get the new season's dues paid more efficiently. Please send your cheque for \$10 for the 1987/88 season, and in this way you will avoid the line-up in September. The Treasurer plans to have all the receipts and membership cards ready to be picked up at our first meeting this autumn for those who prepay by mail. Your co-operation in this new procedure will be much appreciated.

AUSSIE COBBERS (PART 13)
by Don Fraser

Tasmania: The island off the southeast corner of Australia offers a wealth of interesting history, philatelic and otherwise. Some members of the Australasian Study Group count Tasmanian issues and postal cancels amongst their most prized possessions.

But first a brief look at the early days, that is, the beginning of 'white' settlement of this remote island. The west coast of the island was first sighted by Abel Tasman in 1642. At that time it was believed to be part of the mainland. For many years this isolated paradise remained undisturbed and tranquil. The sparse native population represented a very different race of people from the tribes in other parts of Australia. It is apparent that this community had developed more attractive physical features than their relatives across Bass Strait.

The story of these quiet, gentle people is sad indeed, for the advent of white settlement spelled their doom. Early British colonials shot the natives like any other bush animals: as a result, the entire population was completely wiped out in a few short years. This episode represents a very dark day in Australian history. Several attempts were made to save the dwindling natives, including, in 1830, the forming of a human chain of some 5000 men, which stretched over a large area and pressed forward to collect all the natives they could find, with the idea of providing a safe area for their protection. After several days and nights of this exercise at a cost of £30000, they managed to capture only one small boy. The intentions were good, but all this did was to point to the tragedy of the previous disregard for human life and suffering. The last pure-blooded 'homo tasmanianus' died in 1860.

Tasmania was at first an extension of the settlement of Sydney. Those convicts who caused the most trouble for the authorities were shipped to Tasmania, the first such party in 1804. The penal history of Tasmania reads like a horror story; many convicts died in a brutal way at the hands of their jailers.

The postal history of Tasmania is rich and rewarding. Early settler's letters, cancellations, mail transportation, rates, and, if very fortunate, a convict's letter, offer the collector plenty of challenges. Add to that the unique classical character of the early issues, and one would have a lifetime of discovery in a very interesting field. There are several dealers in Australia who specialize in Tasmanian material, and quite a bit of late 19th-century material is available at reasonable cost. Reference books on Tasmanian philately are also to be found; one of my favourites is 'Tasmania, Stamps and Postal History', by W.E. Tinsley. The illustrations of classical items are excellent.

As this is the last of the AUSSIE COBBERS for this season, may I wish you all a very pleasant and safe summer season.

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS IN 1987

June	3		Election meeting
	17		Auction
	24		Auction
July	3		Stamp Fair
	4		Stamp Fair
	5		Stamp Fair
September	2		General meeting
	13		Sunday bourse
	16		Auction
	16		Bulletin deadline
	23		Auction
October	7		Dues were due last month
	7		General meeting
	21		Auction
	28		Auction
November	1		Sunday bourse
	4		General meeting
	18		Auction
	25		Auction
December	2		Wine and cheese party
	6		Sunday bourse

MEETINGS AND AUCTIONS are at Kerby Centre, 1133 - 7 Ave SW, at 730 pm. Auction lots should be in before 730 pm to allow bidder viewing.

SUNDAY BOURSES are at American Women's Club, 1010 - 14 Ave SW, from 10 am to 430 pm.

STAMP FAIR is at Highlander Inn, 18 Street NW and 16 Ave. Friday hours 2 pm to 9 pm, Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 5 pm. Free admission. For more information, call 290-1020.

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

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY Calgary chapter meets second Wednesdays. For info, call Phil Wolf (251-4109)