

April 13th, 1922

S. Goldor, Esq.,
Secy. Automobile Club,
Vancouver Hotel,
Vancouver. B.C.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of a few men who are interested in stamps, it was decided to start a society, called the Calgary Philatelic Society. I believe you are the Secretary of the B. C. Society and I am writing to ask you for a copy of your constitution and By-laws. Being more or less isolated, and in a comparative new country, we thought greater benefit would come if we were properly constituted and organized, and having members only who were genuine collectors. Rather than speculators, we would greatly appreciate any advice or help you could give us in the way of suggestions which might not be contained in your printed manual.

Thanking you in anticipation, I am

Yours truly,



IN THIS ISSUE

The first part of a lengthy series on the history of the CPS appears this month, on the 67th anniversary of the founding date.

Shown here on the cover is a letter written by Dr. E.G. Mason, founder of the CPS. He wrote to the British Columbia Philatelic Society for advice on the formation of this club. The first constitution this club had was almost word for word copied from the B.C.P.S. constitution.

Elsewhere in this issue are some thoughts on stamp collecting by Perry Holinshead, and David Warren discusses a five-pound forgery. Dale Speirs has a few thoughts on philatelic pin collecting, and the usual ads and announcements appear.



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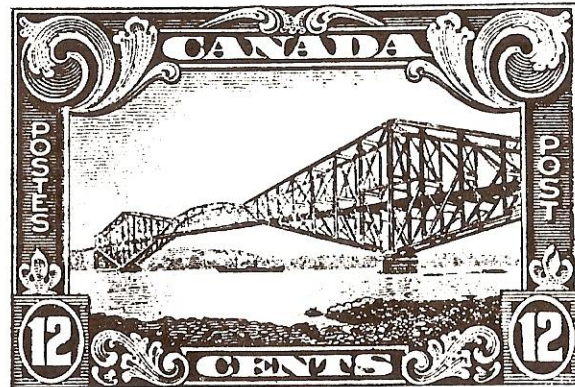
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SOME THOUGHTS ON
STAMP COLLECTING
by Perry Holinshead

People have been collecting adhesive stamps since the first ones appeared in Great Britain in 1840. Since then, postal departments have catered to the collectors for profit. In the first one hundred years to 1940, there are approximately 250 different numbered issues or separate values for Great Britain in the Scott catalogue. From this point through the next forty years to 1980, the Scott numbers reach 900, an increase of 650 or 260%.



Similar situations exist with other stamp-issuing countries. Australia's first issue was in 1913; in the next 32 years to the end of 1945, the Scott numbers reached 768, an increase of 669, or 336%. The Province of Canada issued its first imperforate stamps in 1851. There were 20 numbers to 1867. The Dominion of Canada issued the Large Queens in 1868; in 72 years to 1940 there were 240 stamps numbered. From 1941 to 1980 there were 529 numbers, for a 213% increase.

These are countries which have large postal systems which require stamps for normal usage, but such increases cannot be attributed to postal demand. They are simply capitalizing on the collector's interest in commemorative issues. If it was not lucrative, it would not be done.

Consider the many countries where illiteracy abounds but stamp issues proliferate and include large denominations. Anguilla, with a population of 6500, began issuing stamps in 1967. In the 14 years through 1980, 428 stamps were issued. Cyprus, with a population of 690,000, and where education is free but not compulsory, started issuing stamps in 1880. When they began issuing commemorative stamps in 1928, they had issued 110 definitives. To 1945 they had issued 155 stamps, but through 1980 they had issued 559. Thus, in 35 years the stamps increased by 404 or 261%.

It is a monumental task to collect all stamps of all countries, or even all Commonwealth countries. Most people find a country which pleases them and specialize in that country. As they progress in knowledge and ability, they may choose a specific field within that country.

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Study groups are a means by which to further your collecting interests and to extend your knowledge. The Calgary P.S. has the Australasian Study Group, and the Ireland and British Europe Study Group. Many C.P.S. members belong to the Calgary chapter of the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS). At last count, there were twenty-two study groups within BNAPS, most of which have newsletters, reference books, and other publications. (EDITOR: Information on BNAPS can be had from Earle Covert, Box 1070, Hay River, NWT, XOE ORO)

Some people collect mint stamps only, some collect used, and some collect both. To collect copies in pristine condition and full original gum, all you need is money. You can arrange with a new-issue supplier to keep you up to date and bill you accordingly. You can arrange with the Philatelic Bureau of almost any country to be kept up to date with a deposit account. You then encourage the profitable proliferation of issues as outlined above.

If you collect earlier mint issues in never-hinged condition, you must beware of re-gumming. Most European countries, particularly England, have damper climates than ours; this also applies to some extent to eastern Canada and British Columbia. It is common for mint collections from damp climates to become stuck down to the album sheets. In earlier times, hinging was the only method of mounting. When better mounts became available, many people could not afford them. Most collectors would be amazed to know how many MNH copies of earlier issues have been re-gummed.

Collecting used stamps of current issues encourages salvaging something from the wastebasket. Fine used copies of earlier issues present the greatest challenge, and are usually less expensive than mint copies.

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY compiled by Dale Speirs

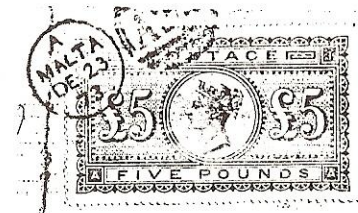
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ALL THAT GLITTERS IS DEFINITELY NOT GOLD
by David Warren

Ask any collector of early Great Britain stamps which of the high values he would like to have in his collection, and more often than not he or she will respond, "The 5 Pound Orange". Issued in the early 1880s, this stamp stands out because of two things; it is the highest denomination issued during the reign of Queen Victoria, and it is the largest stamp in size.

The 5 Pound Orange was first issued on March 21, 1882, on bluish paper watermarked "Anchor" and perforated gauge 14. Later issues of the stamp were on white paper, but still with the same watermark and perforation. The 1989 Stanley Gibbons Catalogue, Volume 1, lists this stamp at 3750 pounds for a mint copy of the later issues on white paper, and 1200 pounds for a fine used copy with a 75% premium for a well-centered, lightly used copy (2100 pounds). At today's exchange rate, that would make the specimen illustrating this article worth approximately \$4400!

The 5 Pound Orange illustrated here can be described at first glance as a superb used copy that is well centered and on piece. Any self-respecting GB philatelist would, and should, expect to pay \$2500 to \$3500 at auction for such a fine specimen. Or should he?



A closer inspection should set the alarm bells ringing, especially if you look at the date of the superb A25 Malta cancellation. Remember that I said the first issue was March 1882. However, this cancellation clearly shows December 23, 1873, almost nine years earlier than when it was first released. But, you say, perhaps the postal clerk was thinking of Christmas holidays, and inadvertently put a 7 where there should have been an 8. This would make the date 1883, and believable.

Unfortunately two further checks, almost as easy to do as the first, can be made. Firstly, the perforation is not 14. I tried to measure it with my Instanta gauge, and the perforation is best described as variable (I couldn't measure it). Secondly, the paper may be white, but there is no trace of the two anchors that you should see when you hold the stamp up to a strong light.

So there you have it, a superb FORGERY ... and it can be yours for \$100, just by asking J. Stoberneck

BULGARIA 89

In May of this year, the Bulgarians will be staging an FIP international show in the city of Sofia, called BULGARIA 89. Like other such shows, there is the stamp exhibition and the philatelic literature competition. Additionally though, the Bulgarians have come up with some interesting new ideas, listed in Bulletin #2 of the show. CINEPHILA 89 is a competition for short films and videos about philately and post offices. Films will be run continuously during BULGARIA 89 and prizes awarded. This may be the trend of the future!

Two other competitions are for the most beautiful stamp issued in 1988, and for the best poster on a philatelic subject.

CALGARY OLYMPICS

by John Van Staden Jr.

I am a collector of Olympic material relating to the XV Winter Olympic Games in Calgary. I would like to hear from other interested collectors regarding the material they have in their collection. I would like to have information, photocopies if possible, of the various venue cancels they may have; am interested in which post offices they came from, whether Calgary, Canmore, Kananaskis, or Antigonish. All information will be tabulated and published. Contact me at 285-1874, or write Box 604, Stn J, Calgary, Alberta, T2A 4X8.

(EDITOR: John has a list of various collectors from countries around the world who wrote to OCO, Canada Post, or the C.P.S. asking for trading partners or correspondants. Contact John if you are interested.)

C.P.S. MEETINGS

The February 1 general meeting saw attendance down a bit due to the -32°C weather, but even so philatelists turned out in fair numbers. Phil Wolf spoke on Canada military mail, with emphasis from the Boer War to the Second World War. John Van Staden Jr. is looking after Stamp Day 89, to be held April 23. Exhibits are restricted to one and two frames, and the competition is intended to encourage novice exhibitors. There will also be the usual dealer bourse and club activities.

The March 1 general meeting was better attended, as temperatures were only about -20°C. The program was given by Jim Taylor, who discussed his gold-medal Saint Pierre and Miquelon collection.

Dale Speirs, in his capacity as Archives chairman, would like to remind all club Officers, past and present, that any documents, correspondence, and other material relating to the CPS should be passed on to him if no longer required. See him at meetings or telephone 243-1752 and leave message.

PHILATELIC PIN COLLECTING

by Dale Speirs

One of the numerous legacies of the 1988 Calgary Olympics was pin collecting. Few people collected pins prior to the Games, but after a fortnight of pin mania on the 8th Avenue Mall downtown, quite a number of Calgarians caught the bug. As the Games recede into history, activity amongst pin collectors has shifted to other events such as the Calgary Stampede, the world's largest rodeo. One can collect pins by event or by topic; the subject of this article is the latter, specifically philatelic pins.

One of the easiest methods of getting started with philatelic pin collecting is to join societies that offer them to the membership. The usual cost is about \$5 or \$6 per pin. The photo on this page shows a few of the pins available.

At top left is the pin of the British North America Philatelic Society. At middle left is one from the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. The square pin at bottom left is the seal of the American Philatelic Society.

Going down the right side, there is first a pin of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. This pin is shaped like a prize rosette, very appropriate in view of the membership's interests. The central part of this pin has the initials of the A.A.P.E., although the photo does not show them too clearly.

At middle right is the pin of the American Topical Association. The pin at bottom right commemorates TOPEX 88 in Toronto, which was the national exhibition of the ATA. In the center of the pin is a depiction of a trillium, the provincial flower of Ontario.

The pin collecting hobby is not as advanced as the philatelic hobby. In the absence of any equivalent to Scott or Gibbons catalogues, pin collectors are generally in the dark about what is available or was issued in the past. As much as philatelists grumble about the imperfections of stamp catalogues, they should be grateful that such a tremendous and compact source of information exists. Pin collectors have a few specialized catalogues; Calgarians are familiar with the one issued for the Calgary Olympics. For off-the-beaten-track subjects such as philatelic pins, one has to do one's own research. This is not such a bad thing really, for as with stamp collecting the thrill of the chase is the best part of the hobby.



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GREAT BRITAIN STUDY GROUP by Steve Davis

This group covers Great Britain and regionals, Ireland, and Malta. We meet on an informal basis, usually every second month on the second Wednesday of that month, in someone's home. This group is fairly new, having just been started several months ago.

Our group consists of a couple of specialized collectors, as well as some general collectors, and seems to be a good mix, making for interesting discussions.

The most recent meeting was held on February 8, 1989, at the home of Bruce Irvine. We were fortunate to have a member attend who is a specialist in Machin definitives. A lively conversation ensued, during which much was learned. We would like to thank Mirko Zatka very much for his most interesting information.

If anyone is interested in this study group, please see Steve Davis or David Warren at the general meetings.

BUSY WEEKEND IN APRIL

There will be two philatelic events back-to-back on the fourth weekend in April, at the Marlborough Inn. On April 22, the Calgary Chapter of the British North America Philatelic Society will be hosting a one-day BNAPS regional meeting. There will be lectures, circuit book sales, and a dinner. Cost of the room for the BNAPS meeting has been kindly paid for by Keith Brown of Clyde Vincett Stamps. If you are interested in Canada or B.N.A. philately, and would like to attend the meeting, details can be had from Jim Karr at 287-0897.

On April 23, the Sunday of that weekend, the CPS will host a one-day mini-show called STAMP DAY 89. Exhibits are limited to two frames, and the show is specifically designed to encourage novice exhibitors. There are no entry fees. The usual dealer bourse is expected, as well as the club activities table with circuit and private-treaty books. For further information, contact John Van Staeden Jr. at 285-1874.

ATTENTION BNAPSERS

The Calgary chapter of BNAPS is setting up its own Archives, and would like to collect material for it from anyone who was associated with this group, past or present. If you have anything related to Calgary and area BNAPS activities, or the Banff and Calgary BNAPEXS, please forward the material to Dale Speirs. Wanted are minutes-of-the-meetings, correspondence, and any other documents, no matter how trivial. It is hoped that enough material can be collected to write a history of the BNAPS Calgary chapter. Dale Speirs can be contacted at the meetings or telephone 243-1752 anytime and leave message on answering machine.

HISTORY OF THE CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY: PART 1. IN THE BEGINNING by Dale Speirs

During the later part of 1921, a Calgary stamp collector by the name of E.G. Mason began action to form a stamp club in the city. Announcements were made to likely members and to the press. The November/December 1921 issue of Canadian Stamp Collector carried such an announcement. The first letter received by the CPS was from J. Tattersall of Calgary, who saw that announcement and became member #13.

In April 1922, five men met and decided to go ahead with a formal organization. The minutes of that meeting read as follows (unfortunately undated).

"The meeting was called to order at 8:30. Present at the meeting were Mr. K. Hall, Dr. G.R. Johnson, Dr. E.G. Mason, Mr. D.C. Howland, and Mr. M. Thomas. Moved by G.R. Johnson, and seconded by M. Thomas, that a Committee consisting of Mr. K. Hall, Dr. E.G. Mason, Mr. D.C. Howland, be appointed to procure a Constitution and Bylaws for the Society. [signed] E.G. Mason, Prest."

The next meeting was held May 2, 1922. Mason was voted into the Chair, and M. Thomas was voted Secretary-Treasurer pro tem. It was at this meeting that Hall moved that the new organization be called the Calgary Philatelic Society. The meeting then went into clause-by-clause examination of the proposed constitution, which was very heavily based on the constitution of the British Columbia Philatelic Society. Indeed, the minutes of this meeting show a series of motions that each clause of the B.C.P.S. be accepted subject to minor amendments. Additionally, sections were added taken from the constitution of the Canadian Philatelic Society. Altogether, eleven clauses were welded together from the B.C.P.S. and Canadian P.S. constitutions to produce the Calgary P.S. constitution, with appropriate changes made for local conditions.

Clause 2 of the Calgary P.S. constitution read "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. To discover and suppress in every legitimate manner the purchase, sale, and exchange of forgeries, counterfeits, and unauthorised issues of stamps."

Membership fees in the new society were set at \$2 per year plus an initiation fee of \$2. The CPS used a fiscal year equal to the calendar year. This constitutional meeting started at 830 pm and finally adjourned at 11pm.

The third meeting of the CPS was held June 6, 1922. At this meeting, the first club executive was voted into office. Dr. Mason was elected President, a position that he was to hold until 1929. Col. J.L. Potter was made Vice-President, M. Thomas continued on as Secretary-Treasurer, and a ballot taken for the Executive Committee. This Committee was made up of W.K. Hall, F.W. Herring, D.C. Howland, W.E. Hives, and G.R. Johnson. Once the elections were over, the members then sat back to hear the first program given to the CPS. Mr. Hall spoke on the paper and colour varieties of the early Canada stamps. After his talk was concluded, a general discussion ensued, and members examined each other's collections. The meeting finally broke up at 11 pm.

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A few days later, on June 14, the Executive Committee held a special meeting. A Membership Committee was constituted, consisting of Hall, Herring, and Howland, to examine prospective new members and carry out any other business related to memberships. An amendment to the newly-minted CPS Constitution was proposed in order to deal with out-of-town members. The Secretary was authorized to purchase items for the club library, including both Gibbons and Scott catalogues, and subscriptions to Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Gibbon's Monthly, Canadian Stamp Collector, and Stamp Collector's Fortnightly. A rubber stamp to mark these publications as club property was also authorized. The final item of this Executive meeting was to postpone the next general meeting, owing to a conflict with the Calgary Stampede.

The general meeting was held on July 11, at the usual place of 510 Lancaster Building, on 8 Avenue SW. The proposed constitutional amendment was read and passed. A new member, W.G. Simmons, was welcomed into the CPS and the financial statement of the club showed a balance of \$12. Dr. Mason brought a collection of Canadian stamps for review by the Society members.

After a summer break, the next general meeting was held on September 5. Col. Potter brought up the idea of inviting juniors aged 16 to 21 for the next meeting. When that meeting came around on October 3, it was decided to host a special meeting October 24, with a view to organizing a Junior Society. The result of this special meeting was an agreement to work with the YMCA in encouraging boys in stamp collecting.

The CPS did not have its own publication at this time. By the end of 1922 there were fourteen members, so it was obvious that a bulletin would not go. The club did receive, however, an offer from F. Holgate of Vancouver to have his publication "The British Columbia Stamp Collector" appointed the official organ of the CPS. In a letter dated October 9, 1922, the Secretary politely declined the offer on behalf of the Society.

The November 21, 1922, general meeting marks the first appearance of a slide show in the program. Col. Potter, in keeping with his recent interest in developing young philatelists, read a paper entitled "Philatelic Progress: Notes of a Beginner". He mentioned the various steps taken by the young philatelist, starting off with "first quantity, then quality". After discussing paper, colours, gums, and varieties, he then showed lantern slides to illustrate his talk.

The Society initiated two meetings per month, on first and third Tuesdays. The first meeting of the month was the formal business meeting and program, while the second meeting was an informal get-together for conversation and stamp swapping.

During the December 5 general meeting, the officers of the CPS were re-elected for the calendar year 1923. The minutes of this meeting also have a discussion about what to do with unsolicited approvals sent to club members. Some things never change! The club received stamps sent by Rev. Langfeldt of Edmonton to be circulated for sale, but none were sold and they were returned with regrets. The CPS finished off the year with \$24.61 in hand.

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

These ads are free to paidup members of the C.P.S.. Mail ads to the Editor, Box 6830, Stn D, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2E7, or hand them to Dale Speirs at the meetings. Deadline for June bulletin is May 17.

FOR SALE: OLYMPLEX 88 show catalogue. Illustrated articles include Calgary postal history, winter sports philately, and Olympic philately. Price is \$6 each postpaid anywhere in the world from the Calgary Philatelic Society, Box 1478, Stn M, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2L6.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Several thousand Canadian slogan cancels, cut 2 X 4, from the early 1900s to the late 1950s. Heavy duplication for some years, but overall, a good basis for collecting fun. Call Gordon Hill at 249-1094.

WANTED: United Nations collector wishes contacts in the Canadian military who can supply information or material regarding the various peace-keeping missions in the world, notably the ones in Iran, Iraq, Israel (Lebanon, Golan Heights, Gaza, Egypt), Cyprus, and Korea. Please contact John Van Staden Jr. at 285-1874 or write him at Box 604, Stn J, Calgary, Alberta, T2A 4X8.

WANTED: I will pay \$20 for a VF 1945 Calgary Stampede cover. Also looking for VF used Newfoundland stamps, singles, and blocks. Call Gordon Hill at 249-1094.

FOR SALE: Canadian plate block sets, singles from 1976 to 1983, some earlier singles, mint and used. Contact Ned Burnyeat at 279-5205 or at meetings.

WANTED: Will buy or trade for U.S. recent regulars, coil pairs, revenues. Have lots of general duplicates to trade. Call Steve Davis at 237-5806.

WANTED: Clean, unmarked copies of the following philatelic periodicals. No stains, cut-outs or missing pages, or scribbling. Write first to Dale Speirs, Box 6830, Stn D, Calgary, T2P 2E7, or telephone 243-1752 anytime and leave message on answering machine.

American Philatelist - 1963 Aug, 1956 Feb, 1953 Jan to Mar, 1952 Oct to Dec 1949 Jul, 1946 Dec

Philatelic Literature Review - whole numbers 1 to 9, 11 to 25, 27 to 51
Maple Leaves - 1958 Dec, 1957 Jan to Oct, 1956 Dec, 1955 Dec, 1954 all except Jul, 1953 all issues needed, 1952 all except Nov

Canadian Philatelist - 1959 Jan, Feb, 1958 Jan, Feb, Jul, Aug, 1957 Jan to Aug, 1956 all issues needed, 1955 all except Sep

BNV Topics - whole numbers 1 to 31, 33 to 79, 83, 85 to 99

Popular Stamps - 1955 Jul to Sep, 1954 May, Jul, Aug, 1953 Jan, Jul, Aug 1952 Jan to Oct, 1951 Dec, 1949 Apr, Sep, Oct, Dec

SPA Journal - 1982 Mar, 1981 Jan to Mar, 1980 Mar to May, Aug, Nov, Dec 1979 Mar, 1977 Aug to Oct, Dec, 1976 Jan, Apr, May, Jul, Aug
Topical Time - 1988 Jan/Feb, 1987 Jul to Dec, 1986 Jan/Feb, 1985 all issues needed, 1984 Mar/Apr, Jul to Oct, 1981 Jan to Aug

1989 MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Apr	5		General meeting
	19		Auction
	22		BNAPS regional meeting
	23		STAMP DAY
	26		Auction
May	3		General meeting
	17		Deadline for June bulletin
	17		Auction
	24		Auction
Jun	7		Election meeting
	21		Auction
	28		Auction
Sep	6		General meeting
	6		Membership dues are due!
	20		Auction
	20		Deadline for October bulletin
	27		Auction
Oct	4		General meeting
	6 to 8		CALTAPEX 89
	18		Auction
	25		Auction
Nov	1		General meeting
	1		Deadline for December bulletin
	15		Auction
	22		Auction
Dec	6		Wine and cheese party

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

BNAPS REGIONAL MEETING is at Marlborough Inn. Information from Jim Karr at 287-0897.

STAMP DAY is at Marlborough Inn. Information from John Van Staden Jr. at 285-1874.

CALTAPEX is at Marlborough Inn. Information from Jon Johnson at 282-9775.

AUSTRALASIAN STUDY GROUP meets third Wednesdays. Information from Leanna Johnson at 282-9775.