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HISTORY OF THE CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY: PART 8. THE SEVENTIES by Dale Speirs

The CPS held its stamp show on April 15, 1972. The event commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of the Society, which had finally got its historical dates straightened out. Due to difficulty in arranging for judges, the exhibits were non-competitive.

Elected at the June 12, 1972, meeting were Jim Sadler (President), Bill Charles (Vice-President), Ted Chiswell (Secretary), John Jarabek (Treasurer), John Payne (Circuits), Tom Lemon (Auctions), and as Directors, Ken Ford and Fred Oelhauf. At the same meeting, Life Member #7 was installed, being John Learmonth.

1973 was a busy year for exhibitions. The CPS staged a show on April 28, with Walter Jackson as show chairman. On October 20, a joint meeting was staged in Red Deer, with the clubs from Red Deer, Lethbridge, Calgary, and Edmonton participating. BNAPEX 73 was held in Calgary from September 19 to 22; this was put on by the Calgary chapter of the British North America Philatelic Society. Although not officially part of the CPS, the overlap in membership of the two groups is considerable. The CPS and the Calgary BNAPSers had contact with each quite frequently, one such item being the sharing of glass for the exhibition frames used at both shows.

At the February 12, 1973, meeting Sam Nickle spoke on the Design Committee of the Post Office, which is responsible for stamp designs. Nickle was a member of this committee for many years, prior and after.

At the June 11, 1973, election meeting, Ted Chiswell was elected President. Others taking or returning to office were Walter Jackson (Vice-President), Jim Taylor (Secretary), John Jarabek (Treasurer), Tom Lemon (Auctions), John Payne (Circuits), and Ken Ford (Programs). Elected as directors were Len Breeze, Ken Ford, and John Payne.

Although seldom, if ever, mentioned in the minutes, Society members were still actively helping out at various junior stamp clubs around the city. Jim Karr, Ted Chiswell, and John Baisch were helping such clubs at the Public Library.

Interestingly enough, the CPS had been meeting at a school, but was forced to move because of a no-smoking rule. Jumping ahead to May 1986, one of the most vigorous business meetings in CPS history passed a motion outlawing smoking at the meetings. The times, they are a changing!

In 1973, the CPS initiated a new award to be given to the club member having done the most for the CPS in the past year. The first winner was Jim Sadler, who received a plaque at the October 2 meeting.

Ted Chiswell was returned as President at the April 2, 1974, meeting. Also elected were Len Breeze (Vice-President), Jim Taylor (Secretary), John Jarabek (Treasurer), Walter Jackson (Circuits), and Tom Lemon (Auctions). Directors were Phil Wolf, John Payne, and Ken Ford. The annual show was held in April, and the Red Deer conclave in October.

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The second annual award for the member having done the most for the CPS in the previous season was given to Ken Ford.

The circuit books had amongst them 'orphan' books whose owners could no longer be located. It was decided at the October 1, 1974, meeting that such books have their income forfeited to the Society, and remainders auctioned off for the benefit of the club.

The previous attempt at a club bulletin had run from September 1961 to May 1963. It was a mimeographed 8½ by 14 Newsletter. At the beginning of 1975, the CPS started up a new bulletin called 'STAMPede'. Ken Ford was the editor. STAMPede was a folded sheet with four pages in the 5½ by 8½ format, photocopied. The contents were cut-and-paste items mixed in with CPS news and articles by club members. STAMPede went until 1978, when it was replaced with a new bulletin 'Calgary STAMPede'. Phil Wolf edited STAMPede after May.

Tom Lemon was the Show Chairman for the event, the 1975 version being held on April 4 and 5, at the Kerby Centre. Exhibits tried to emphasize local postal history, it being Calgary's centennial year. The Red Deer show was Sept. 25.

Jim Taylor was elected President at the April 1, 1975, meeting. The other Officers were Dr. Ghazi Karim (Vice-President), Phil Wolf (Secretary), and John Jarabek (Treasurer). Directors were Bob Monilaws, Jack Cotton, and Jim Kunkel.

For the first time in more than a decade, two circuit books were unaccounted for, costing the CPS \$297 to reimburse the member who suffered the loss.

At the September 2, 1975, meeting, Tom Lemon became the third person to be honoured as having contributed the most to the CPS.

The 1976 election meeting returned all Officers to their previous positions. Mike Reid was Librarian. Directors were Garry Braunworth, Jack Cotton, and Bob Monilaws. The annual show was held April 24 and 25, 1976, and the Red Deer joint meeting on September 25.

The Red Deer meeting stirred up a bit of controversy over the low attendance. In the Edmonton Stamp Club bulletin, an article critical of the Calgary club had appeared in the October 1976 issue. Jim Taylor replied on behalf of the CPS, pointing out that of 22 people attending the meeting, 14 were from Calgary. The Red Deer club had basically collapsed, with little organization from the hosts and only 2 members attending. The entire Edmonton delegation left early to get back home for an Eskimos game, and the 2 Red Deer delegates left on other business, thereby destroying the afternoon activities. The CPS decided at its October 5, 1976, meeting to suspend any participation in further Red Deer get-togethers.

Ted Chiswell was made Life Member #8 at the September 6, 1976, meeting. At the December 7 meeting, Walter Jackson was awarded the member of the year for the past season.

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CALPEX 77 was held April 29 to May 1; Ed Harris was Show Chairman. During 1977, the CPS agreed to bid for ROYAL 80, the national show of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. The bid was successful, and the show was held under the name CALTAPEX 80.

The 1977 slate elected at the May 3 meeting was Phil Wolf (President), Ghazi Karim (Vice-President), Garry Braunwarth (Secretary), and John Jarabek (Treasurer). Directors were Tom Moore, Charles Aubin, and Harold Rowe. At the June 7 meeting, the issue of membership dues came up. A motion was made to raise dues to \$4 commencing September 1. This was immediately amended to \$5, and so passed. There were 73 paid members.

The guest speaker at the September 6 was Rod Sykes. He was the Mayor of Calgary, but spoke in his capacity as a stamp collector. His subject was "Junk Can Be Fun", and dealt with how odd-lot items could be of interest to a philatelist.

For some time in the past while, and again in future years, the rules of conduct for the monthly auctions were a subject of discussion. The matter flared up again in 1977, and a few rule changes were adopted. The auction rules have probably been changed more often than any other section of the Society, in an ongoing search to maximize interest in the auctions and put better-quality lots through at better prices.

At the December 6, 1977, meeting the guest speaker was John Hopkins, from the Public Relations department of Canada Post. He showed two films on postal mechanization, one on postal codes, the other on electronic sorting equipment.

CALPEX 78 was held April 28 to 30, with Joe Werner as Show Chairman. For CALPEX 77, arrangements had been made with the Post Office to have a slogan cancel on Calgary mail. This was repeated for CALPEX 78, but this time a flag cancel was used on the machine.

The 1978 Nominating Committee ran into difficulty preparing a slate of Officers for the forthcoming season. The election meeting was held September 5. The Nominating Committee presented a slate for all positions except President. Ed Harris was nominated from the floor for the President's post and acclaimed. Other Officers elected were Keith Brown (Vice-President), Ross Skaken (Secretary), John Jarabek (Treasurer), Jim Sadler (Circuits), Jack Cotton (Auctions), Tom Lemon (Programs). The Directors were Phil Wolf, Bill Charles, Walter Jackson, Bob Monilaws, and Tom Moore. Phil Wolf was CALTAPEX 79 chairman.

At an executive meeting on September 20, 1978, the possibility of upgrading the club bulletin was discussed. It was agreed to accept a proposal by Don Bowen, who offered to print the bulletin at no cost to the CPS in exchange for having the advertising revenues. The bulletin was typeset and illustrated with black-and-white photographs. It was renamed 'Calgary STAMPede', and the first issue was published in November 1978. The agreement with Bowen lasted until the November 1979 issue, which was whole number 11. Bowen resigned, and the bulletin then regressed to a single-sheet photocopy. Calgary STAMPede eventually returned to the previous digest-sized format in 1982.

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In late 1978, Calgary stamp collectors had been having problems with one of the Canada Post clerks at the philatelic wicket. This was so much so that the CPS was moved to officially complain to Canada Post about the poor service. Since then, philatelic services have been by and large reasonably good.

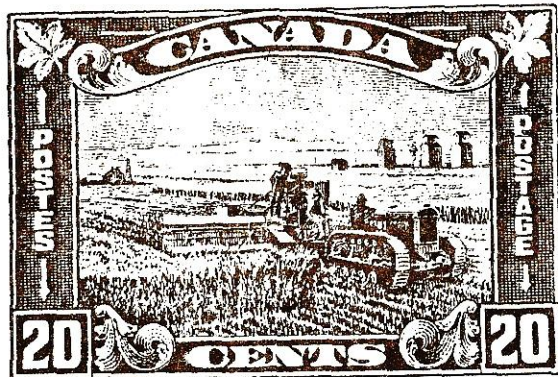
Tom Lemon resigned as Program Chairman in late 1978 and his place was taken by Joe Werner. A year later, in November 1979, Lemon was killed in a vehicle-pedestrian accident.

The CPS annual show underwent a slight name change. The 1979 version was now CALTAPEX 79, and was held May 4 to 6. The exhibits were a little easier to set up, as the CPS had obtained frames left over from the CAPEX show in Toronto.

At the June 5, 1979, election meeting, the new Officers were Joe Werner (President), Ross Skaken (Vice-President), Keith Brown (Secretary), John Jarabek (Treasurer). Ed Harris and Greg Sereda were Directors. Committee Heads were Jack Cotton (Auctions), Jim Sadler (Circuits), Greg Sereda (Private Treaty books), and Phil Wolf (Table [silent] Auctions).

Membership totals had not been recorded in the minutes for many years, and most of the membership lists in the CPS Archives are undated. However, the 1978 membership list is available and has 106 names on it. Calgary's population at this time was approximately 500,000.

The CPS had a number of meeting places during the 1970s. They had started off the decade meeting at a school, then the Calgary Public Library. The expanding membership eventually forced a move to Fort Calgary at the start of the 1980s.



MODERN CANADA REVIEW (2)

by Mirko Zatka

How many times do you see a straight-edged Canadian definitive stamp on your mail? Until this past year, this was quite uncommon, as booklet useage had been steadily declining. With the restructuring of Canada Post in 1989 and the expansion of stamp sales through small stores, this trend has been reversed and has produced some interesting and scarce stamp varieties.

All these stamps are from booklets, either the 50¢ vending machine variety or the over-the-counter booklets. Booklets have been in use in Canada since the turn of the century with the same stamps as in sheets. The only thing that set them apart back then was a straight edge on one or two sides of each stamp. Catalogues have never listed the individual booklet stamps, and thus only a few people to date have appeared interested in (or perhaps aware of) stamp singles and pairs from booklets.

In the late 1970s, things began to change with booklets. Sheet perforation on first-class stamps was changed to 13 x 13.5, while the booklets remained at 12 x 12.5 (ex. Scott #789A), resulting in new perforation varieties previously unavailable from booklets. With the advent in 1978 of the large counter booklets of 25 stamps came fully perforated stamps from booklets (middle row stamps). In 1982, the booklets further diverged from the long-standing standard by including new stamps unavailable from sheets (ex. #941A, #942 etc.). Catalogues, for the first time, started to recognize these new stamp varieties and have listed two of the three types. What the catalogues have not recognized, however, are the booklet stamps with perforations all around. These are much scarcer due to their generally limited useage, and the fact that they have been overlooked by collectors when on sale at post offices. Let's have a closer look at these stamps.

The first of these was the 14¢ red Queen (#716A). Scott catalogue lists it only as a generic 'perf 12 x 12.5' booklet single. Those issued in 50¢ vending machine booklets (BK 78, straight edged) are quite common, as the booklet was around for most of the rate period (one year). The large \$3.75 booklet (BK 79), containing amongst straight-edged copies the four-sided perf 12 x 12.5 variety, was issued late in the rate period (Nov. 1, 1978) with little notice given by the post office. As the rates changed in early March 1979, the actual period of useage of this booklet was only four months. Despite access to substantial quantities of Canada stamp mix, I have seen only three used copies to date, and practically none on covers. While the complete mint booklet can be found with most dealers that offer booklets, mint singles are generally not stocked, and nicely used (CDS cancelled) copies appear to be exceedingly scarce.

Three other stamps of this type were issued in subsequent years: 17¢ Queen (#789A), 30¢ Maple Leaf (#923b) and 32¢ Maple Leaf (#924b). Of these, the 30¢ appears to be the toughest to find used, probably due to its short period of useage (nine months). Nicely used copies (CDS) of any of these stamps are scarce.

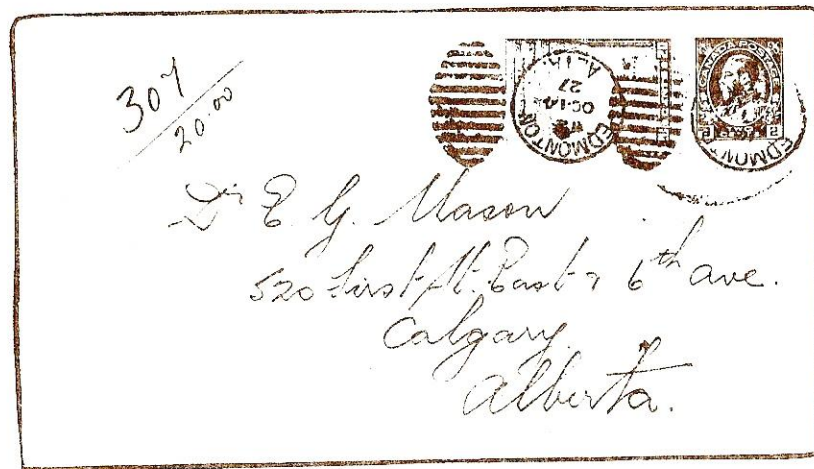
TIP TO COLLECTORS: Put away any used or mint copies you can find of the four-sided perf 12 x 12.5 stamp variety, especially the 14¢. They are grossly undervalued in the current Scott catalogue, and will come into their own in the future.

EARLY CPS COVER by Dale Speirs

One of our club members, Jack Benningen, attended a recent Bob Lee auction in Kelowna, BC. While looking through the lots, Jack came across the cover shown below, addressed to Dr. E.G. Mason, the founder of the Calgary Philatelic Society. In the auction catalogue this cover was merely listed as a Special Delivery from Edmonton to Calgary, and of course few if any people outside the CPS would have known the significance of the addressee.

The cover was mailed from Edmonton on October 14, 1927, and received in Calgary that same day. The date is of interest because it was on October 22, a few days later, that the CPS staged the first public stamp show in Calgary.

This cover now resides in the CPS Archives.



Backstamp



BNAPS BUSY IN COWTOWN

On Saturday, April 21, 1990, the Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) staged its fourth annual one-day get-together. The event was organized by Bill Pawluk, Jim Karr, and Jack Benningen, and drew visitors from across Alberta, B.C., and Saskatchewan. Seminar speakers were Ken Ellison (Canadian WW2 army in Newfoundland), Ron Leith (Small Queens), Deirdre McKay (Admiral Iathework), and Keith Spencer (cinderellas issued by Canadian stamp dealers). There was a silent auction during the afternoon, and a dinner that evening, where John Humphrey spoke on early postcards of southern Alberta. The Calgary BNAPSers thank Keith Brown of Clyde Vincett Stamps for defraying the costs of the meeting room, coffee, and muffins, at the Marlborough Inn. Thor Rudyk of the Stamp Gallery provided the wine for the evening meal.

STAMP DAY IN COWTOWN

On Sunday, April 22, 1990, the Calgary Philatelic Society held its annual one-day minishow. STAMP DAY '90 featured a fair number of dealers in the bourse, as well as CPS activities such as private treaty books (Bob Hoffman), circuit books (Mike McPhail), and the 2¢ table (Al Munro). Exhibits on display were Canada Bill stamps (Bradley Harris), Australian perfins (Jon Johnson), Papua New Guinea (Jon Johnson), and aloe stamps (Dale Speirs).

WHERE HAVE ALL THE POSTAL STATIONS GONE?

Gone to 9th Avenue, every one. Canada Post recently announced that three downtown postal stations will be merged later this year into one superstation on 9th Avenue where the old post office used to be. By the end of 1990, Stations C, D, and M will be gone from their present locations. Preliminary reports indicate that the box numbers and postal codes of the present stations will be moved without change to the new place, although there is no indication what the new station will be called. Since the CPS address is at Station M and the editorial address is at Station D, this will be of more than passing interest to anyone doing business with us.

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

The Life Members Committee is responsible for providing candidates for awards given by the CPS, and is now soliciting nominations. The Founder's Award goes to the member contributing the most to the CPS in the previous year. Life membership is awarded for long and continuous service to the club over many years or decades. If you would like to nominate anyone for either award, contact Jim Taylor at the meetings and give him something on paper.

A DREAM COLLECTION OF CALGARY POSTAL HISTORY

by Leanteri Polvikoski

I got to wondering the other day what items would be needed for a complete collection of Calgary postal history. My list is as below. What do you think?

- 1) Covers addressed to each of Calgary's earlier names: Bow Valley Post, Fort Brisebois, Fort Calgary.
- 2) A first day of use cover for the Calgary postmark, dated October 1, 1883, when the first post office opened here in Bannerman's Store. Ideally it would be an advertising cover for that store. A good forerunner would be an End-of-Track postmark used just before the railroad reached Calgary.
- 3) First and last day covers for all the small towns that have been swallowed up by Calgary, such as Bowness and Midnapore.
- 4) Covers from the myriad of postal stations, sub stations, Retail Postal Outlets, Letter Carrier Depots, the Mail Processing Plant, and other places that ran post office functions. This will be tough to get completion!
- 5) Military mail from CFB Calgary, such as the Currie Barracks cancel.
- 6) Handstamps such as POCON, MOON, supervisors, and other non-postmark cancels.
- 7) All the variations of machine cancels from slogans to just plain wavy lines.
- 8) All hand cancels from squared circles to CDS.
- 9) First-day covers for Calgary stamps such as the centennial of Calgary and the 1988 Winter Olympics.
- 10) All the commemorative postmarks for the Olympics, the Stampede, CALTAPEX, and other special events.
- 11) First-flight covers into and out of Calgary, especially the Katherine Stinson flight which was the first by a woman and only the second airmail flight of any kind in Canada.
- 12) Covers to or from important Calgary personages (including one Prime Minister). This would also include free franks from MPs.
- 13) A good selection of advertising covers to show the businesses of this city, especially meat packing and petroleum.
- 14) Likewise a good selection of postcards showing the changes in Calgary's geography over the years, especially street scenes.

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

These ads are free to paidup CPS members. Mail your ads to the Editor. Box 6830, Stn D, Calgary, T2P 2E7, or hand them to Dale Speirs at meetings. Deadline for the October bulletin is September 5.

WANTED: Town-dated singles, blocks, and plate blocks of Canada, especially pre-WW2. Call Ed Harris at 274-0021.

FOR SALE: OLYMPLEX 88 show catalogue, illustrated with articles on Olympic and winter sports philately, and Calgary postal history. Price is \$6 each postpaid anywhere from the CPS, Box 1478, Stn M, Calgary, T2P 2L6.

WANTED: WW perfins, especially France, GB, USA. Also want information on Luxembourg and Netherlands precancels. Call Charlie at 276-9802.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Mint Dutch stamps, booklets, souvenir sheets, yearbooks, singles, pairs, etc. Also mint Canada stamps, singles and plate blocks from 1939 to 1989. Telephone 246-5316.

WANTED: Canada FDC Scotts #1043, 1050-59a, 1070, 1120a, 1214-16. Call Franz at 288-3919.

WANTED: Australia Post 1988 Year Book. Buying for \$100. Phone N. Mitchell at 282-6355.

WANTED: Clean unmarked copies of the following philatelic periodicals. No stains, cut-out ads, or writing in them please. Contact Dale Speirs at 243-1752 anytime and leave message on answering machine or write to Box 6830, Stn D, Calgary, T2P 2E7.

Topical Time: 1988 Jan/Feb, 1987 Jul to Dec, 1986 Jan/Feb, 1985 need all issues
 SPA Journal: 1982 Mar, 1981 Jan to Mar, 1980 Mar to May, Aug, Nov, Dec, 1979 Mar
 Popular Stamps: 1955 Jul to Sep, 1954 May, Jul, Aug, 1953 Jan, Jul, Aug
 Canadian Philatelist: 1959 Jan, Feb, 1958 Jan, Feb, Jul, Aug, 1957 Jan to Aug
 Maple Leaves: 1958 Dec, 1957 Jan to Oct, 1956 Dec, 1955 Dec, 1954 all except Jul
 BNA Topics: whole numbers 1 to 31, 33 to 75, 83, 89, 95, 96, 98, 99
 Philatelic Literature Review: whole numbers 1 to 9, 11 to 25, 27 to 51
 American Philatelist: 1963 Aug, 1956 Feb, 1955 Sep to Dec, 1953 Jan to Mar

CALGARY STUDY GROUPS

Australasian Study Group meets third Wednesdays. Info from Leanna Johnson 282-9775.

British North America Philatelic Society Calgary Regional Group meets second Wednesdays. Info from Jim Kerr 287-0897.

Ireland and British Europe Study Group meets every second month. Info from Steve Davis (237-5806) or David Warren (253-7342).

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS IN 1990

June	6		Election meeting
	20		Auction
	27		Auction
Sept	5		General meeting
	5		Deadline for October STAMPede
	7		Collectibles show
	19		Auction
	26		Auction
Oct	3		General meeting
	17		Auction
	24		Auction
	26 to 28		CALTAPEX 90
Nov	7		General meeting
	7		Deadline for December STAMPede
	21		Auction
	28		Auction
Dec	5		Wine-and-cheese party

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

CALTAPEX is at the Glenmore Inn. For information, contact Phil Wolf at 251-4109.

COLLECTIBLES SHOW is a commercial bourse at the Roundup Centre, Calgary Stampede. For information call 233-7742.

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