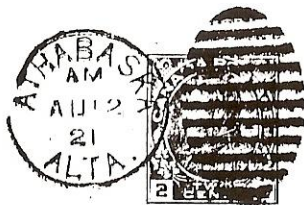
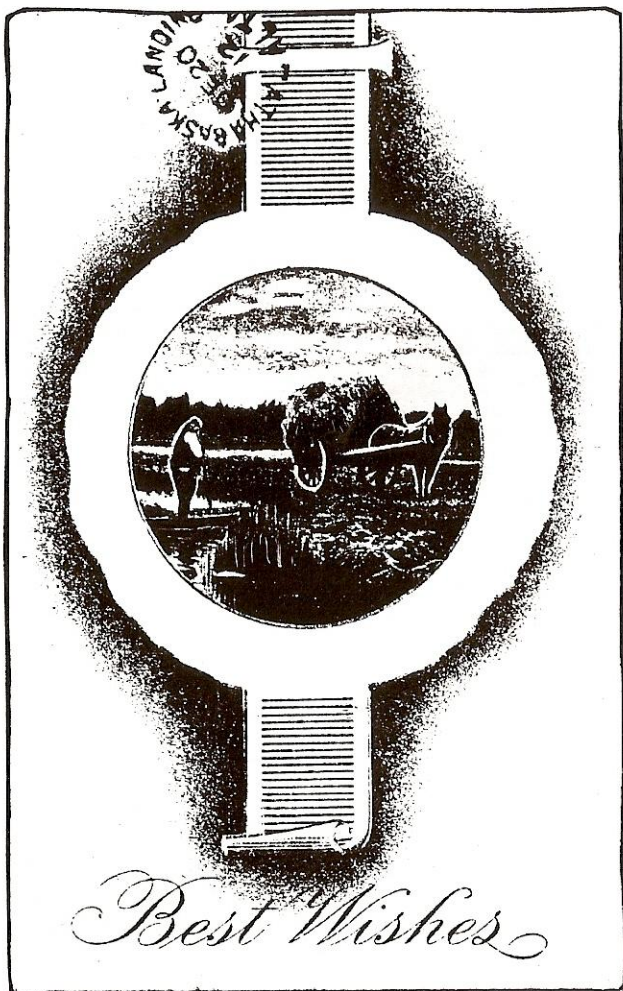


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Welcome to 1993 and the annual ritual of raised postal rates. Actually I think this is good, as the shorter the lifetime for a stamp issue, particularly definitives, the greater the chance they will someday be actually worth more than face value. While it sounds a little cynical, it is nonetheless true; consider the 36¢ plum Queen stamp.

In Canadian stamp circles, 1992 went out with a twist, due to the delay in the issue of some of the Christmas stamps. This was caused by the sudden need to reprint the entire printing of the 42¢ and 84¢ Christmas values. Apparently during the original production run the accent on the word 'Noël' was found to be misplaced as 'Noel' on these two values. An interesting variety was created on the reprinted 42¢ stamps, in that the perforations are not quite even on all four sides. You may have noticed that on the vertical perfs, just below the top horizontal perfs, there is a larger gap than usual between the adjacent perfs; it looks like a perforation is missing. In fact, careful measurement will show that it is only one-half of a perforation that is missing! This occurs on all the stamps in the sheet, and I have seen it on all sheets so far, as well as FDCs of the issue.

So what caused it? Since it cannot be a missing perforation, and it occurs on every stamp, it appears to be a deliberate variety. The 42¢ issue was reprinted by Ashton Potter in Canada, but due to the unavailability of Canadian perforating equipment (presumably used to run off the 84¢ reprint) was perforated in Ashton Potter's U.S. facility. I suspect the rapid turnaround demanded by Canada Post, and the possible unavailability of a perforator of the required dimension, resulted in Ashton Potter improvising a perforator to match the size and required perf gauge on the stamps. By vertically stretching one perforation on each stamp, they were then able to match the stamp size on the whole sheet. This is my theory; anyone with better information is asked to contact me.

The variety does not show up on the booklet version of the 42¢ stamp, which has different gauge perfs. This particular booklet, in philatelic 'cover unglued' form, appears to be already hard to find, at least in Alberta. Few post offices I checked with received any of these booklets, and most that had, ended up using the philatelic stock as regular stock when the ordinary supply of booklets ran out. Antigonish is also sold out, so you may well be advised to try to find a few and put them aside.

As a footnote on this issue, the 1992 annual collection album issued by Canada Post actually shows the original incorrect versions of the two stamps. Sorry, the stamps you get with it are the reprinted ones.

I have not found any additional perforation variations, aside from those originally issued, on last year's low and medium value definitives. Please let me know if you have come across any additional perf combinations on these.

One last item for this month. I have found unfolded strips from the 1992 commemorative stamp booklets in existence. They are only found as strips, rather than complete booklet panes, with the margins torn off (not cut). Although it doesn't seem like much of a variety, it indicates that complete, unfolded booklet panes exist, if only in the hands of Canada Post. Normally the booklet panes are glued

and folded into the covers by the printer so that Canada Post only sees the final product. My enquiries into this, with Canada Post, turned up the expected denial of the existence of these. I am not sure of the source of the unfolded strips but since I have been able to get a few of each, I can confirm they exist. They are useful in that the used booklet panes often fall apart when soaked off paper, due to the heavy folding the panes receive during production. This way, a complete used strip can be easily saved for one's collection. In comparison, complete unfolded U.S. booklet panes have been available to collectors from the U.S. Postal Service for a number of years now, but the equivalent has not been seen in Canada. These unfolded strips may be a sign of things to come.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
from Ed Harris

1993-1-13

At a meeting prior to our Christmas party on December 2, 1992, the club voted to send \$200 to the Food Bank, and this was done. I supported this effort but have a suggestion for a future donation of this kind. I ask you to consider the following.

Although this club is financially well off, we will soon be faced with the necessity of replacing our club frames. This little exercise will drain our treasury of many thousands of dollars. I feel we must preserve every dollar we can and dedicate ourselves to this essential expenditure.

For our 1993 Christmas party, rather than issuing a club cheque to the Food Bank, I suggest we ask all attendees to bring a donation of food. I am confident the good spirit of our members will encourage them to bring a worthy food donation commensurate with the value of the food and drink they consume at our party. This would result in a large donation of foodstuffs to a good cause and will enable us to conserve our club funds for those expenditures for which they were intended. This donation could be delivered to the CBC Food Bank Drive at the Petro Canada building or the CBC building on Memorial Drive. This way our club could gain a little publicity and we could challenge other clubs to make the same kind of effort.

EDITOR REPLIES: I agree, and I have marked my calendar to raise this issue at the September 1993 meeting so that it can be publicized in advance. I also suggest that we contact the Food Bank ahead of time to find out what kinds of food they need.

PHILATELY THEN AND NOW
by Dale Speirs

At the 1992 "Rarities Of Philatelic Literature" auction, run annually by Charles Firby of Detroit, Michigan, I was the successful bidder on an almost complete run of the periodical PHILATELY IN SCOTLAND. This was published during the Great Depression, and it was interesting to have confirmed once again the differences between stamp collecting sixty years ago and today. When writing the history of the Calgary P.S., I had noticed these differences, and had also seen them in other periodicals of those days.

Most notable is the fact that sixty years ago, the stamp was the thing. There were a few articles here and there on postmark collecting, but almost nothing on postal history. (Do not confuse postmark collecting with postal history; the two are not synonymous terms as many people think.) Instead, philatelic articles dwelled almost entirely on stamp varieties. There was a great deal of emphasis on printing methods, engraving flaws, and watermarks. A photograph in the C.P.S. Archives shows a 1927 stamp show with only a few covers; the hundreds of other pages in the exhibition were filled with only stamps. Today, as a visit to any stamp show will demonstrate, the exhibits are dominated by covers. Postal history is king.

PHILATELY IN SCOTLAND had an airmail column, which always had lots to report. Airmail stamps were just barely in the lead over airmail covers, but were starting to yield to the flood of cacheted covers from newly-opened routes. A very strong interest existed in airmail etiquettes, the blue-and-white labels handed out by post offices so that patrons could identify their letters as airmail. Today we think nothing of them, but there were full-scale exhibits of these stickers back then.

The usual schizophrenic attitude of philatelists towards new issues was evident back then. On the one hand, editorials denounced the excessive number of stamps put out by Newfoundland, stamps that are today considered classics. But in the next issue, the editor would condemn the British P.O. for not varying its stamps from the same boring definitives. How could philately attract new stamp collectors if there was nothing new to collect?

Although organized philately was well established, with local and national clubs everywhere, the idea of study circles was relatively new. There were some here and there, but not the profusion that we see today. The September 1934 issue of PHILATELY IN SCOTLAND lists the following study circles as being in existence: East African, Niger Coast, Windward Islands, Leeward Islands, South African, and Ship Letter (pre-stamp). There was a suggestion to start up organizations devoted to the study of Canadian, British Malayan, Scottish Post-Mark (note the hyphen), and British Eastern [Asia] philately.

The monthly reports of Scottish local societies shows that program chairmen had just as much trouble getting speakers as they do today. Worse, in fact, as during the Great Depression many clubs met weekly, stamp collecting being an inexpensive form of amusement during the hard times and a way to raise cash by wheeling and dealing in stamps. There is one noticeable improvement though. Prior to the use of slide projectors, the standard method of illustrating a talk was to pass pages around from one's collection, which meant that most people in the audience weren't paying attention to the speaker because they were looking at album pages. There were constant sermons to the membership to come out to meetings and to pay their dues on time, proving once again that there is no new thing under the sun.

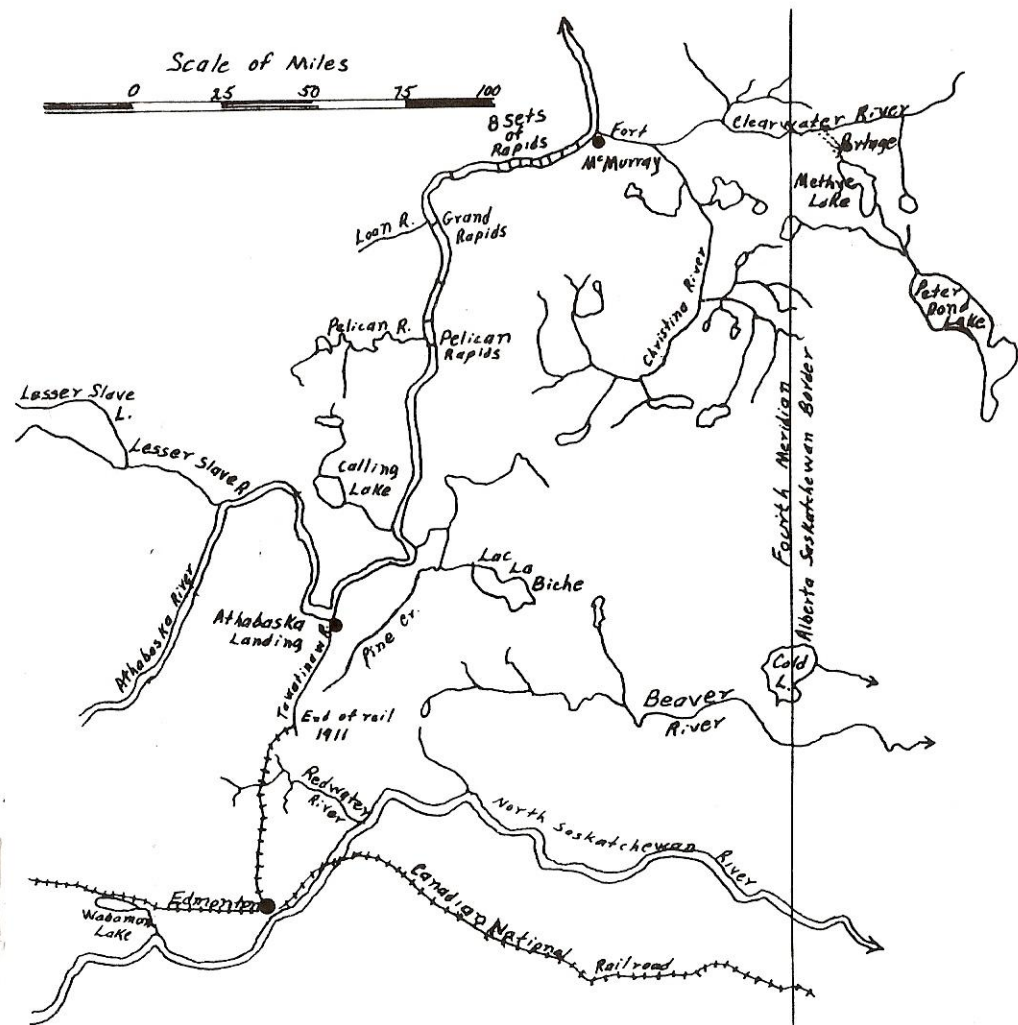
ATHABASKA LANDING, N.W.T.
by Perry Holinshead

In 1876, under the direction of Richard Hardisty, a pack trail was cut from Edmonton to the bend in the Athabaska River. The Hudson's Bay Company had used the Churchill River-Methye Portage route to Fort Chipewyan and the Mackenzie District for one hundred years. With the prospect of the railway to the prairies, they anticipated developing a faster, less arduous route.

In 1882 this trail was widened to a cart road and creeks and rivers were bridged. John Walter whipsawed lumber to build barges and scows, and with these it was an eight day trip to Fort McMurray. Supplies came to Fort Edmonton from Fort Garry by Red River cart. The location became known as 'The Landing', and in 1885 a post was opened. In 1887, a store, office, and warehouse were built, and 150 tons of freight were handled. By this time it travelled to Fort Calgary by C.P.R., by wagon to Fort Edmonton, and by cart to The Landing.

When the Athabaska Landing post office opened January 22, 1901, there was a population of 268. Settlers began moving in, and by 1912 there were 2500. Industry included ship building, sawmills, and a brickworks in the town, with lumbering, mining, and farming in the vicinity. The railway was completed from Edmonton in 1912, and a good deal of freight for the Edmonton Dunvegan and B.C. Railway construction passed through to Mirror Landing. With completion of the E.D.&B.C. in 1922, and the Alberta and Great Waterways railroads in 1925, the town lost all importance as a transfer point.

The name was changed to Athabaska on January 1, 1914, and slightly altered to Athabasca on August 9, 1950.



CALTAPEX 92 PALMARES

Court of Honour: Rosemary Nickle (SCADTA overprints)
 Fitz Rowat (Barbados 1801-1882)
 Sam Nickle (Province of Canada)

Grand Award: Allan Meech (Japanese occupation of Burma)

Large Gold: Dave Piercey (Fisheries of the North Atlantic)
 John Powell (Postal markings of Baghdad 1865-1931)
 Angie Anders (The British Royal Family)
 Allan Meech (Japanese occupation of Burma)

Small Gold: Bradley Harris (Canada Bill stamps)
 Jim Karr (Canada unofficial duplex cancellations)
 Patricia Bates (Hawaii)
 Cindy-Anne Attrell (Girl Guides and Girl Scouts)

Large Silver: William Herd (Lions International)
 Ed Harris (The used 1935 definitive)

Small Silver: Piet Steen (The Mexican revolution of 1910)
 William Herd (Miniature and souvenir sheets of the world)
 Burk Ritchie (First issues of emergent and reconstituted republics)

Bronze: John Powell (Lake Hazen IGY station)
 Steve Davis (Airmail slogans)
 Ed Dykstra (Territorial changes in the Soviet Union)
 Dale Speirs (Postal history of 1988 Calgary Olympics)
 Robert Urdang (Perfins of New York Life Insurance)

CHECKLIST OF C.P.S. COVERS

by Dale Speirs

The following is a list of covers issued by the CPS and which are in the club Archives. If you know of others, I would be pleased to hear from you.

CALPEX 77	100th anniversary of Calgary P.O. (1983)
CALPEX 78	Calgary/Daqing (1986)

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WINE AND CHEESE

The December 2, 1992, meeting was, as usual, a wine-and-cheese party, and, as usual, a great success. The membership quickly vacuumed up most of the food, wine, and non-alcoholic punch. Looking after the wine table were the Seredas, with Jon Johnson on the punch. Food was courtesy of Brenda Rosvick, Minaz Ramji, Bill Manyluk, Linda and Doug Kollar, Isobel Attrell, Marion Munro, and Barbara and Henning Jorgensen. The program for the evening was ably put on by Ed Harris, being the subject of philatelic proverbs. Contestants examined various sheets of stamps and from the stamps tried to guess the proverb illustrated.

FOUNDER'S AWARD

As usual, the wine-and-cheese was intermixed with the presentation of awards, one of which was the Founder's Award. This is given to a club member deemed to have contributed substantially to the CPS over a period of years and in particular the most recent year. For the 1991/92 season just concluded, the award was presented to Perry Holinshead. Congratulations, Perry!

Perry is a behind-the-scenes worker at the auctions. He also is a reliable contributor to the club bulletin. From 1980 to 1982 he was a Director of the CPS.

LIFE MEMBERS NAMED

At the wine-and-cheese, Phil Wolf and Sid Richardson, both of the Life Member's Committee (Phil is the chairman, and Sid is the club's oldest member, with 63 years consecutive membership), named two new Life members of the CPS. They are Greg Sereda and Jon Johnson.

Greg was Director from 1979 to 1981, Private Treaty Books Chairman from 1979 to 1982, co-chairman of CALTAPEX 83 and 84, Vice-President in 1982/83, and President in 1983/84. He has also done behind-the-scenes work.

Jon Johnson has been chairman of numerous CALTAPEXes and STAMP DAYS, and was a co-chairman of OLYMPEX 88. He was Vice-President in 1980/81, and President the following season. Like the others, he is active behind the scenes.

Congratulations Greg and Jon!

STUDY GROUPS

Calgary Regional Group of British North America Philatelic Society meets second Wednesdays. Details from Arno Kolster at 284-4239.

Australasian Study Group meets third Wednesdays. Call Jon Johnson at 282-9775.

Great Britain Study Group meets every second month. Call Steve Davis at 288-0864.

THE GAME

by Ed Harris

The Christmas party game this year was handled by yours truly with an acknowledgement to my wife Kay for her expert input (as is true of all prior years). The game this year was called 'The Proverb Game' and consisted of stamps and covers arranged in numbered exhibits to represent a well known proverb. The proverb guessed most times correctly was exhibit #1, which consisted of an illustrated advertising cover showing an apple, together with Scott #1302, a stamp depicting Jennie K. Trout, Canada's first licenced woman physician. Hence the answer "An apple a day keeps the doctor away".

My thanks to the following for their help with the game: Kay Harris (mentor), Mike Reid and Clive Brown (scrutineers), Bob Monilaws and Bob Perry (Sergeants at Arms), Barbara Jorgensen (Guardian angel).

THE NORM TUNNA AWARD

First awarded in 1980, the Norm Tunna Award was prepared in honour of a longtime member and former President of the CPS and was intended for a ten year period. It has now been retired from competition and has been replaced by the Sid Richardson Award. The award was presented twelve times, as listed here for the record.

1980 Ed Harris	1984 Jim Taylor	1988 Brad Harris
1981 M.F. Roett	1985 not awarded	1989 Don Wilson
1982 Jim Taylor	1986 Don Fraser	1990 Brad Harris
1983 Ed Harris	1987 Don Wilson	1991 Ed Harris

THE SID RICHARDSON AWARD

Named to honour our most senior member, the Sid Richardson Award was presented at CALTAPEX 92 to Brad Harris for the best exhibit by a CPS member. Brad's exhibit was titled "Canada's Bill Stamps: A Documentary History (with emphasis on the Third Issue)". The award is intended to be presented for five years.

Sid Richardson, member #67, joined the CPS in 1929. He was born in England and moved to Canada when he was 18 years old. He worked with British American Oil for 45 years. Sid has collected stamps for most of his life, and formed collections of British Colonies, Canada, and France, among others. Sid served the Society in many capacities including those of President, Secretary, Director, Auctions, and Vice-President. He was made a Life Member in 1947. We are proud to honour Sid with this award.

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

These ads are free to paidup members of the CPS. Mail your ads to Dale Speirs, Box 6830, Calgary, T2P 2E7, or hand them to me at general meetings. Next deadline is March 3 for the April bulletin.

FOR SALE: Mint Canada collection #34/1225 in two hingless Lighthouse albums with slipcases (retail \$600), covers to 1970 include B.O.B. and BNA is over \$3000. Face value from 1970 #1225 is over \$200. 90% of stamps are NH VF. An excellent collection to build on. \$800 firm. Call Doug at 239-1965.

WANTED: Canada FDC 'Millenium of Ukrainian Christianity'. See Dale Speirs at the meetings or leave message on answering machine anytime at 243-1752.

FOR SALE: Canada singles, plate blocks; USA; 1957-58 Europa, Nordic Swans, some British colonies. Call Harold at 255-7636.

FOR SALE: Olympic FDC included with OLYMPEX 88 catalogue. Articles on sports philately, Olympics, and Calgary postal history. Price is \$5 from Dale Speirs at meetings or \$6 by post from CPS, Box 6830, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2E7.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Canadian FDC, United Nations, worldwide mint stamps for sale. Phone Fred Oelhaup at 289-0852.

WANTED: Coil singles or multiples used on cover, any era. Price individually, as a batch, or ask for my offer. Will give generous trade of MNH Canada for items I need. Call Ed Harris at 274-0021 or see me at any meeting.

FOR SALE: "History of the Calgary Philatelic Society" book now available for \$2 each from Dale Speirs at meetings. Mail orders add an extra \$2 for postage and remit to CPS, Box 6830, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2E7.

WANTED: The CPS is looking for three swing-arm lamps so that the auction committee, program speaker, etc., can read in the dark and allow better view of slides by turning off all room lights. If any members have unwanted lamps, please contact Charles Dryden at meetings or phone 276-9802.

FOR SALE: People's Republic of China official presentation booklet #1/140 and C1-C5. 59 stamps total. \$200. Call Bruce Irvine at 243-2999.

WANTED: Mint plate blocks of Christmas stamps or booklet 1977 or earlier. Will trade. Call Jan Grasmeyer at 249-2657 or see me at the meeting.

WANTED: 1965 Churchill horizontal strips of five MNH Australia #389, Canada #440, USA #1264, Netherlands #606, New Zealand #371 strip of seven, mint hinged GB Army officials #054 to 058. Call Walter at 286-5513 evenings and weekends.

WANTED: Sunny Alberta. Alberta town cancels, covers, postal history, Edmonton and Alberta postcard views. Write to Keith Spencer, 5005 Whitemud Road, Edmonton, Alberta, T6H 5C2.

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS IN 1993

February	3		General meeting
	14		Sunday bourse
	17		Auction
	24		Auction
March	3		General meeting
	3		Deadline for April bulletin
	7		Sunday bourse
	17		Auction
	24		Auction
April	4		Sunday bourse
	7		General meeting
	21		Auction
	23 and 24		ENAPS Regional meeting
	25		Stamp Day
	28		Auction
May	5		General meeting
	5		Deadline for June bulletin
	19		Auction
	26		Auction
June	2		Election meeting
	16		Auction
	23		Auction
September	1		General meeting
	1		Deadline for October bulletin
	15		Auction
	22		Auction
October	6		General meeting
	20		Auction
	27		Auction
November	3		General meeting
	17		Auction
	24		Auction
December	1		Wine and cheese party

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

SUNDAY BOURSES are at Rosscarrock Community Hall, 4411 - 10 Avenue SW, from 10 am to 4 pm. For details or table rental, call Walter Jackson at 242-4128.