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... a look at mail contracts in the early part of this century, using rural Alberta as an example.

Expires *Dec 31st 1910*

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA

MAIL CONTRACT BRANCH.

Calgary Division.
Expires 190
ENTERED BY No. Book

CONTRACT

FOR

CONVEYING HIS MAJESTY'S MAILS

BETWEEN

Calville

AND

Reslieville

Contractor, *August B. Koski*

Frequency, *weekly* times per week.

Distance, *13* miles.

Rate, \$ *2.50* per trip per annum.

From *Mar 6, 1907*

Supersedes *E. Barreau*

Letter No. Book



Pitco, Alberta

Reslieville

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*e, Inc., Manufacturer
170 North St.
Adams
N.Y.*



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MAJORVILLE, ALBERTA
by Perry Holinshead

In 1910, a post office was opened in Section 20, Township 19, Range 20, West of the 4th Meridian, about 25 miles southeast of Gleichen. This post office was called Liberty, supposedly from an expressed desire of freedom by early settlers. In 1911, a post office called Liberty was opened in Saskatchewan. Mail for these two places got mixed up, and Liberty, Alberta, was changed to Major, Alberta on August 1, 1911. One would have supposed that the Alberta location, being earlier, would have had precedence, but apparently the bureaucrats did not buy this. The new name came from D.H. Shaw, an army major.

Again in 1915 the same problem arose when a post office was opened at Major, Saskatchewan, and again the mail got mixed up. On May 1, 1915, the name became Majorville. On December 7, 1935, Lee Francis purchased the Majorville store and post office from Mr. C. Narum. Francis took over as postmaster and remained until he sold to Dick and Edna Hodgson in 1966.

In the winter of 1947-48 the snow was deep and cars could not travel. Everything was moved by tractor until the snow got too deep again, whereupon Jack Bushell supplied Majorville with an airplane on skis. In the spring the roads flooded and the mail, which was ordinarily picked up at Queenstown, had to be picked up at Milo.

On June 30, 1970, the post office was closed and replaced by Milo in Section 31, Township 18, Range 21, West of 4th.

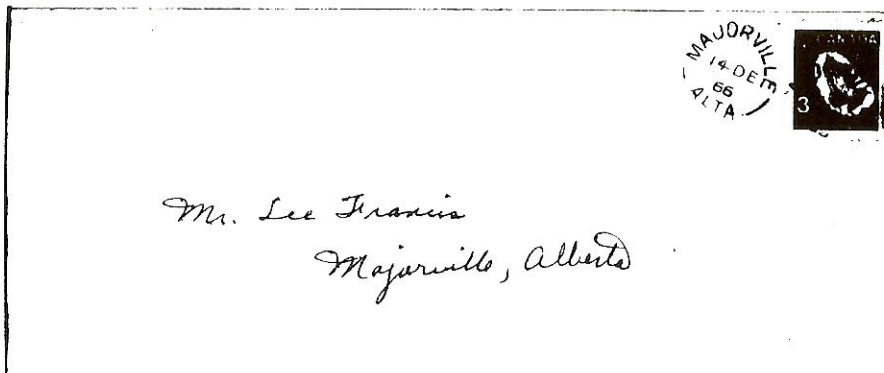
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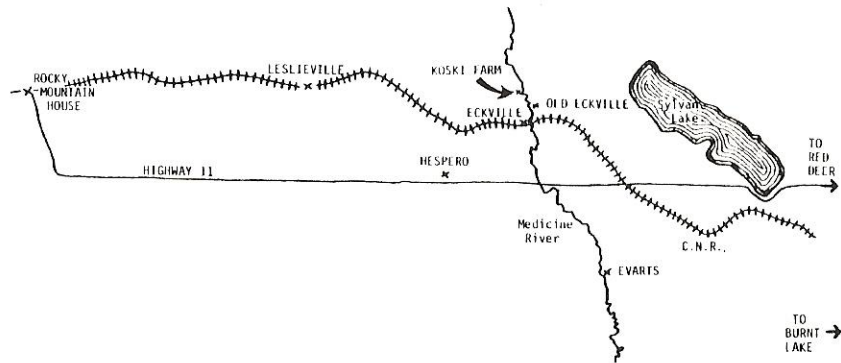
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POSTAL HISTORY OF THE ECKVILLE DISTRICT, ALBERTA
by Dale Speirs

The Eckville district is in central Alberta, about 50 km west of Red Deer. Most of the original settlers arrived between the turn of the century and World War One. This article discusses early postal history in Eckville, Leslieville, Pitcox (now Hespero), and Evarts. Even today these villages are still not much larger than they were fifty years ago. Agriculture and petroleum are the dominant industries.



Eckville

The village of Eckville, originally called Eckford, was founded in 1903 by Arthur E.T. Eckford. An Irish immigrant, he had arrived in Canada the year before, and soon became a community leader. He donated land for a store and post office, first operated by John Killick. Killick was postmaster until 1908. The original authority and supplies arrived in the name of Eckford Post Office, but Eckford himself changed the name to Eckville. The Eckville Post Office officially opened December 1, 1905.

The postmaster from 1908 to 1911 was R. Brunseraede. O.M. Forhan held the position from 1911 to 1918. The storekeeper and the postmaster were one and the same, as is seen in so many other pioneer places. In 1912, the railway came through the district but bypassed the townsite. Accordingly, all and sundry moved over to what was variously called New Eckville, South Eckville, or Kootuk. This location is the site of present-day Eckville, and Old Eckville is abandoned.

Subsequent postmasters in Eckville were C.S. Crosby (1918-1925), W.E. Hayes (1925), and Daniel Clausen (1926-1950). The first rural mail delivery was initiated in 1928, and the town itself had daily mail delivery by 1937.

Carrying the Mails

In 1903, a Finnish immigrant named August Polvikoski arrived in the district and homesteaded near Old Eckville. He changed his name to August B Koski (Bolvikoski is a variant spelling of the name) and became the first mail contractor in Eckville. The vehicle in which the mail was delivered was the front gear of a wagon, with a box on top. The tongue was removed and shafts fitted in place. Koski had to deliver the mail over a route that had no roads or bridges, during what seemed like continuous rain. The years just before World War One were wet and rainy. After about eighteen months after he first began delivering mail, the contract was amended to \$2.50 per round trip and included mail service to Leslieville. When Pitcox was added to the route, the amount paid was \$3, later increased to \$3.50.



Dear Sir,

Your offer to perform a mail service between Eckville and Evarts, once per week, $11\frac{1}{2}$ miles, at \$88.40 per annum \$1.70 per double trip, under a temporary contract subject to the approval of the Postmaster General. You will please govern yourself accordingly and commence the service on the 1st of December as per detail of travel enclosed

Yours truly
A.B. Koski

Mr August B Koski

Mail Contractor,

Eckville, Alta.

P. O. Inspector.

In the family archives of Koski's descendents is a copy of a postal contract reading as follows.

[Cover] "Expires Dec. 31st, 1910. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA. MAIL CONTRACT BRANCH. Calgary Division. CONTRACT FOR CONVEYING HIS MAJESTY'S MAILS BETWEEN Eckville and Leslieville. Contractor, August B Koski. Frequency, weekly. Distance, 13 miles. Rate, \$2.50 per trip. From Mar. 16, 1907. Supersedes E. Bureau."

[Contract text] "CONTRACT FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF HIS MAJESTY'S MAILS. This agreement entered into this twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven between August B Koski of the village of Eckville in the county of Strathcona in the province of Alberta and Dominion of Canada, Mail Contractor, hereinafter called the Contractor his Heirs Executors and Administrators of the one part and the Honourable Rodolphe Lemieux K.C. Postmaster General of Canada acting for and on behalf of His Majesty His Heirs and Successors of the other part."

"Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of money hereinafter mentioned the said Contractor engages COMMENCING the sixteenth day of March A.D. 1907 to convey or cause to be conveyed His Majesty's Mails between Eckville and Leslieville once per week each way in the manner and under the stipulations hereinafter set forth on serving each and every trip or journey all the Post Offices now established or which may be established on the route during the continuance of this contract it being agreed and understood however that in case the Postmaster General makes any change or changes by way either of increase or decrease in the services which the Contractor hereby agrees to perform a corresponding rateable increase or decrease as the case may be shall be made in the amount to be paid the Contractor the amount of such increase or decrease to be fixed and finally declared by the Accountant of the Post Office Department."

"The route to be pursued in the conveyance of the Mails to be that usually travelled. The computed distance is thirteen miles. The Mails to be conveyed in a suitable vehicle drawn by one or more horses."

"The times of arrival and departure to be as follows subject however to a right of the Postmaster General of Canada for the time being to alter the same should he deem it advisable so to do. Leave Eckville on Friday at 9 o'clock. Arrive Leslieville do. at 12 o'clock. Leave Leslieville do. at 1330 o'clock. Arrive at Eckville do. at 1630 o'clock."

"The rate of travelling to be uniform so far as the nature of the roads and the state of the weather will permit and at an average speed of 4 1/3 miles per hour including stoppages."

"The Mail Bags to be delivered into and taken from the Post Office on and at each terminus of the route by the said Contractor or his servants seven minutes to be allowed for changing the mail at each office on the route."

"And the said Contractor further agrees to convey without charge the Postmaster General or Agent of the Post Office Department who may in the execution of his duty travel in the vehicles used by the said Contractor in the transport of the said Mails."

"And the said Contractor further agrees to provide for the defense of the said Mail whilst en route from the weather or other causes of injury and from dangers of every kind and excepting at such times as they may be under examination by a Postmaster to keep the bags constantly in his own custody or in the custody of the Couriers employed by him."

"And the said Contractor further agrees to provide sober steady and honest men as Mail Couriers for the aforementioned service and that no person so employed shall be under the age of sixteen years."

"And the said Contractor further agrees that he as well as every person employed by him in the aforementioned service or who shall be entrusted with any duty connected therewith under by virtue or in pursuance or execution of this agreement shall previously to entering upon the same take and subscribe the oath or affirmation required by law to be taken and subscribed by all persons employed in the Post Office Department."

"And the said Contractor further agrees to pay all charges for Tolls Ferries or otherwise which are now established or which may hereafter be established on the route."

"The said Contractor engages not to employ any man who has ever been discharged from the Post Office Service."

"The said Contractor engages to provide each Courier or Driver employed in this service with a Post Horn which he is to sound distinctly on approaching and leaving a Post Office and occasionally along the road."

"The said Contractor engages that the Couriers or Drivers employed in this service shall carry a side Bag slung over their shoulders for the reception of Way Letters and that they shall receive all letters offered to them by any individual on the route provided that when a letter is so offered the distance from the nearest Post Office exceeds one mile and deliver the same to the Postmaster at the first Post Office at which they may arrive stating to the said Postmaster where the said letters were received."

"The said Contractor shall not have it in his power to transfer his interest in this contract without the special and written approbation of the Postmaster General."

"And to ensure the more faithful observance of the foregoing stipulations and the diligent performance of the service and because any failure therein would lessen the value of the said service it is further covenanted and understood that any default or failure therein or neglect or violations of the orders or regulations communicated by the Postmaster General to the said Contractor for his government in the performance of this contract shall subject the said Contractor to forfeiture or deduction from the allowance hereinafter provided to be paid Quarterly to the said Contractor of not exceeding ten dollars at the discretion of the Postmaster General for each fault or offence."

"And it is further agreed and understood that should the said Contractor at any time fail to provide for the conveyance of the said Mails the Postmaster General may at the proper cost and charge of the said Contractor hire sufficient means for the conveyance of the said Mails and the expense thus incurred shall be deducted from the compensation hereinafter stipulated to be paid Quarterly to the said Contractor."

"And it is further agreed that every such forfeiture or deduction aforementioned shall be retained by the Postmaster General out of the moneys which shall first thereafter become due and payable to the said Contractor for and on account of this agreement and the matters and things therein contained."

"And it is further understood and agreed that the Postmaster General shall not be liable for any loss that the Contractor may sustain by reason of any roads or bridges being out of repair or destroyed nor shall the Postmaster General be responsible for the loss or impairment of any other facility necessary or convenient for the performance of this contract."

"It is understood that this contract is to continue in force for a period not exceeding Dec. 31st, 1910, provided always that in case of failure to deliver the Mails within the Contract time or of violation of any of the provisions or stipulations hereinbefore set forth and declared the Postmaster General shall have the power to terminate the same and in such a case to consult his own convenience as to the notice to be given to the Contractor for the discontinuance of the service performed by him under this agreement."

"The Postmaster General also reserves the right to annul this agreement on three months written notice to the Contractor whenever in his opinion the public interest shall require it."

"The above services are to be performed and the stipulations observed by the said Contractor in consideration of the sum of two dollars and fifty cents per trip (less the deductions hereinafter mentioned) to be paid by the Postmaster General or his order in Quarterly installments -- such installments (subject to the deduction for any and every forfeiture hereinbefore mentioned) to be paid on demand at the Post Office Department in Ottawa within thirty days after the termination of each Post Office Quarterly period."

"The Post Office Quarterly periods are understood to be the 31st December, 31st March, 30th June, and 30th September."

"This Contract pursuant to the provisions of the statute in that behalf is hereby made subject to the express condition that no member of the House of Commons of Canada shall be admitted to any share or part of such Contract or to any benefit to arise therefrom."

"Signed and sealed by the said Contractor at Eckville the day and year first above written and by the said Postmaster General at Ottawa this twentyseventh day of August in the year of Our Lord 1907."

[Contract is signed by the Contractor, August Koski, a Witness to Contractor, the Deputy Postmaster General, and a Post Office Inspector.]

The final page of four in the contract is a performance bond that Koski and two other men signed. It reads as follows.

"Know all men by these Presents that we, August B Koski, mail contractor, Charles Kasper, farmer, and William W. Gaskarth, farmer, all of the village of Eckville in the county of Strathcona, in the Province of Alberta and Dominion of Canada are held and firmly bound to the Honourable the Postmaster General of Canada in the sum of three hundred Dollars of lawful money of Canada to be paid to him and his successors in office for which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves jointly and severally our and each of our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents sealed with our seals."

"Dated this twentieth day of June in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven."

"Whereas by the preceeding agreement bearing even date with the above written Obligation made and entered into between the above bounden August B Koski therein and hereafter called the Contractor of the one part and the Postmaster General of Canada acting for and on behalf of His Majesty the King of the other part, the Contractor for consideration therein mentioned engages commencing on the sixteenth day of March A.D. 1907 to convey or cause to be conveyed His Majesty's Mails between Eckville and Leslieville once per week each way in the manner therein provided."

"Now the condition of the foregoing obligations is such that if the above bounden Contractor His Heirs Executors and Administrators shall and do well and faithfully and truly perform fulfil and keep all and every of the articles, conditions, provisions, and stipulations in the said agreement expressed and contained on the part of the said Contractor to be done performed fulfilled and kept according to the words and true intent and meaning thereof then the above Obligation shall be null and void otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and virtue."

[The bond is signed by Koski, his two friends acting as Surety, a Witness, and a Justice of the Peace.]

Sometime about 1910 or 1911, Koski gave up his mail route. It was taken over by Fritz Kinna, who also had a mail route from Red Deer to Evarts.

The first rural mail delivery in Eckville began in 1928, eventually expanding to three routes serving about 300 farms thrice weekly. The first contractor for rural delivery was John Kemila, who had married Mary Elizabeth Koski, daughter of August. He was a jovial type who was quite innovative. Prior to taking the rural delivery route, he had delivered mail from 1912 on, in the Eckville, Gilby, and Leedale districts. In 1924, he built his own truck to haul the mail with. In 1932, after he had given up mail contracting, he built a snowmobile by putting a car on skis and adding a propellor to the engine.

Gilby is north of Eckville in the Medicine River valley. Kemila's contract read as follows.

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"CONTRACT FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF HIS MAJESTY'S MAILS (RURAL MAIL DELIVERY). THIS AGREEMENT entered into this eighth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight between John Kemila of the town of Eckville in the County of Red Deer in the Province of Alberta and Dominion of Canada, Mail Contractor, hereinafter called the Contractor his Heirs Executors and Administrators of the one part and the Honourable Peter J. Veniot Postmaster General of Canada acting for and on behalf of His Majesty His Heirs and Successors of the other part."

"WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of the sum of money hereinafter mentioned the said Contractor engages COMMENCING the First day of April A.D., 1928, to convey or cause to be conveyed His Majesty's Mails over ECKVILLE RURAL ROUTE NO. 1 VIA GILBY Three times per week in the manner and under stipulations hereinafter set forth serving on each and every trip or journey all the Post Offices now established or which may be established and all the Rural Mail Boxes now erected or which may be erected on the route, it being agreed and understood however that in case the Postmaster General makes any change or changes by way either of increase or decrease in the frequency or distance to be travelled which the Contractor hereby agrees to perform a corresponding rateable increase or decrease as the case may be shall be made in the amount paid to the Contractor the amount of such increase or decrease to be fixed and finally declared by the Postmaster General."

"The route to be pursued in the conveyance of the mails to be as described in the detail of travel or via such other roads as may be determined by the Postmaster General serving the Post Offices at Gilby."

"The computed distance which is accepted by the Contractor as the basis of this contract is 31 miles."

"The mails to be conveyed in a suitable vehicle."

With the arrival of the railroad, the Eckville mails began to arrive by train. By 1937, trains passed through Eckville daily with mail packets. Just as the trains displaced horse-drawn vehicles, so did the motor vehicle displace the trains. Beginning in September 1955, the Eckville and points west mails from Red Deer travelled by truck. The major road of the Eckville district is Highway 11, which passes a number of kilometres south of Eckville, but by this time the townsite was too well established to move a second time. The Eckville Post Office, for many decades an adjunct of a general store, became part of the Civil Service in 1948, at which time the postal staff became government employees with benefits and salaries accordingly provided.

Pitcox/Hespero

This post office was southwest of Eckville a few kilometres in several locations, and with one name change. It was eventually killed off by rural mail delivery, when Eckville Rural Route No. 4 was started September 19, 1960. Pitcox was founded a few years after Eckville by George Henry (Gerry) Macdonnell and his brother James A.W. (Jock). As might be surmised, they were Scottish, and named Pitcox after their home in Dunbar, Scotland.

Pitcox Post Office opened in a corner of Gerry Macdonnell's store on April 15, 1909. At that time the settlement was located on Section 2, Township 39, Range 4, West of 5th Meridian. The mails were brought in twice weekly by A.C. Foster, who had the contract to bring the mails from Red Deer. August Koski also carried the Pitcox mails on one of his routes, although the exact dates are uncertain. Macdonnell was postmaster.

Like Eckville, Pitcox was moved as a result of railroad construction bypassing the original townsite. On being relocated next to the railroad on June 1, 1916, the settlement was renamed Hespero by railroad officials. Consequently the post office also changed its name to Hespero. The new townsite was in Section 1 of Township 39. Mails and freight now came by train. Macdonnell was postmaster as before, and continued in the position until April 30, 1946. After his resignation Lorne Chisholm Gordon held the post until August 14, 1950. William Elmer Rivers Cole was postmaster from September 1, 1950, to August 21, 1951. Ernest Koots bought the store and was consequently postmaster as well, from September 1, 1951, to March 11, 1953. The store and post office burned down in 1953, and Koots gave it up. The last postmaster was Mrs. Winnifred May Shea who carried on until Hespero Post Office shut down on September 19, 1960. With the development of good roads in the area, and the close proximity of Eckville, the inhabitants of the Hespero district were served by rural mail delivery.

Leslieville

This post office opened in 1907 in the store of a Frenchman by the name of Edmond Bureau. After a few years he took his family back to France. He had been a mail contractor, but the route was taken over by August Koski on March 16, 1907. The store and post office were sold to Messrs. Campbell and McKinnon, and later operated as McKinnon Bros..

The Leslieville Post Office was officially opened January 1, 1907, and is still open.

Summary

Like much of rural Canada elsewhere, the postal history of the Eckville is one of pioneering, development of early post offices located in general stores, and the gradual shutdown of most of the post offices. With the spread of good gravel and paved roads, rural delivery became practical. Other postal services could be had from Eckville, which was now only minutes away by motor vehicles, not a day-long struggle through mud or snow.



TREASURER'S REPORT
submitted by Brenda Rosvick

CPS Cash Balance Sheet as at June 30, 1993

<u>Assets:</u> Bank - account balance	\$6225.95	
- cash to be deposited (June auctions)	359.90	
- cash to be deposited (Private Treaty)	275.00	
- outstanding cheques	<u>(373.95)</u>	\$6486.90
Term deposits		\$20228.37
Auction float		50.00
Circuit books - bank balance	\$3659.29	
- cash on hand	<u>60.00</u>	\$3719.29
Private Treaty books		34.08
CALTAPEX bank account		4485.10
Total Cash & Receivables		<u>\$35003.74</u>

Liabilities and Equities:

Accounts payable - circuit books	\$3719.29
Club equity - excludes assets listed below	\$31284.45
Total Liabilities & Equities	<u>\$35003.74</u>

Note: Known club assets not valued or inventoried include:

Slide projector
Sound system
Exhibition frames
Award medallions
Library
Auction sheets (supplies)
Coffee urn
Filing cabinets
Camera for slides

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Statement of Receipts & Expenditures for the Year Ending June 30, 1993

Receipts:

Interest on funds invested		\$1652.98	
Club memberships - 1991/92, 1992/93	\$2010.00		
- fees (new members)	185.00		
- fees prepaid 1993/94, 1994/95	<u>290.00</u>	\$2485.00	
Silent auction		390.20	
Regular auction		1133.00	
Auction sheets		86.00	
Stamp Day		1520.00	
Sale of "History of the CPS" books		131.04	
Miscellaneous - May meeting (book sale, draw)	121.90		
- other	<u>66.31</u>	188.21	\$7586.43
Circuit books		\$10926.44	
Private Treaty books		1773.38	
CALTAPEX		<u>7348.81</u>	\$20048.63
Gross Revenues			\$27635.06

Expenditures:

Club meetings - rent	\$2100.00		
- coffee	159.16		
- slide program	<u>182.93</u>	\$2442.09	
Bulletin - printing	\$722.24		
- postage	<u>292.73</u>	\$1014.97	
Christmas party		467.98	
Regular auction - advertising		165.00	
Library costs		315.89	
Membership costs (stationery, mailings)		209.21	
Stamp Day		1350.05	
Miscellaneous - post office box	\$144.45		
- name tags	91.93		
- frame storage	200.00		
- club awards	108.54		
- Christmas donation	200.00		
- camera for slides	233.38		
- other	<u>17.10</u>	\$995.40	\$6960.59
Circuit books		\$10328.20	
Private Treaty		1497.86	
CALTAPEX		<u>7800.62</u>	\$19626.68
Gross Expenditures			\$26587.27
Net Surplus			\$1047.79

AUTHOR OF THE YEAR

Each year a Certificate of Award is given out for Author of the Year, selected from those who publish in the pages of this bulletin. For the 1993 calendar year just concluded, the award went to Jim Karr, for his work on Calgary postal history. Congratulations Jim! The award was presented at the February meeting.

JUNIOR PHILATELY

Another presentation made at the February meeting was by Scouts Canada. Al Munro and Walter Herdzik have worked with a local group of Scouts in introducing them to philately. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented. Congratulations!

IN MEMORIAM: SAM NICKLE (1913-1994)
by Ed Harris

Sam C. Nickle Jr. died January 26, 1994, of pneumonia in his 81st year. A memorial service was held on February 2 at the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer. An honour guard and pipes and drums of the Calgary Highlanders paid an impressive tribute.

Sam was born in Winnipeg but at an early age moved to Calgary where he obtained all his schooling. Sam's interest in the military led him to join the militia in 1935, and he transferred to the permanent force in 1939. As a Sergeant Major he went overseas with the Calgary Highlanders but soon was selected for officer training and was seconded to the Canadian Intelligence Corps serving in Great Britain and France. After the war he rejoined the Calgary Highlanders and later served as their Honorary Colonel for many years. A prominent Calgary businessman, Sam founded Nickle Map Service and spent many years in the oil industry in Calgary. A very patriotic Canadian, Sam was well known as a collector of Canadiana specializing in Canadian maps, art, silver, and china. His collection of Canadiana Pence Issues was extensive and was recognized internationally. He leaves his wife Rosemary, a daughter Suzanne, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Sam was a member of the Calgary Philatelic Society for many years. He was Vice-President in 1958/59, President in 1959/60, and a Director from 1961 to 1970. He was a longtime member of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and became a Fellow in 1982. He was in the British North America Philatelic Society on the Board of Governors beginning in 1968, Vice-President in 1969/70, and elevated to President for 1971/72. In 1986, BNAPS made him a member of the Order of the Beaver. He was a member of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain and a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society (London). The membership he treasured most was with the Calgary Regional Group of BNAPS where he made many lifelong friends.

Well-known in international philatelic circles, he exhibited and judged at many shows worldwide. He served as a Director of the National Postal Museum, National Stamp Design Committee, and on countless Boards and Committees. Sam will long be remembered for his dedication to the hobby and for his willingness to share his knowledge and expertise. He was a great supporter of local philately and will be greatly missed by all collectors who knew him.

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These ads are free to paidup members of CPS. Mail your ads to Dale Speirs, Box 6830, Calgary, T2P 2E7, or hand them to me at general meetings. Next deadline is May 4 for the June bulletin.

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 OR TRADE: Russian and Ukrainian stamps, covers. Call Andrew Avramenko at 236-2037.

WANTED: Small town cancellations for Alberta and Saskatchewan closed post offices. Preferred on cover but will accept on piece and on stamp. Phone Al at 282-1030.

FOR SALE: Mint VFNH matching plate blocks sets of 4, #586 to 886, and some single corners. Also semipostal and postage due plates J28i to J40. Call Ned Burnyeat at 279-5205 or see me at meetings.

FOR SALE: "History of the Calgary Philatelic Society" for \$2 from Dale Speirs at meetings. By mail, add \$2 extra for postage and remit to CPS, Box 6830, Calgary, T2P 2E7.

FOR SALE: OLYMPIEX 88 show catalogue and first-day cover. Catalogue has articles on Calgary postal history, Olympic and sports philately. \$5 from Dale Speirs at meetings. Mail orders add \$1 extra for postage and remit to CPS, Box 6830, Calgary, T2P 2E7.

WANTED: Recent Canadian stamps on paper in the form of unsorted charity mix or commemoratives only, any amount, best price paid, steady supplier preferred. Call Mirko Zatka at 547-1435 evenings with description.

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

STUDY GROUPS

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

Australasian Study Group meets third Wednesdays. Contact Don Fraser at 275-0809.

Great Britain Study Group meets every second month. Call Bruce Irvine at 938-7027.

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS IN 1994

April	6		General meeting
	10		Sunday bourse
	20		Auction
	23		BNAPS Spring Meeting
	24		Stamp Day
	27		Auction
May	1		Sunday bourse
	4		General meeting (Stamp Fair)
	4		Deadline for June bulletin
	18		Auction
	25		Auction
June	1		Election meeting
	15		Auction
	22		Auction
September	7		General meeting
	7		Deadline for October bulletin
	21		Auction
	28		Auction
October	5		General meeting
	19		Auction
	26		Auction
November	2		General meeting
	2		Deadline for December bulletin
	16		Auction
	23		Auction
December	7		Wine and cheese party

BNAPS SPRING MEETING will be at International Hotel, 220 - 4 Avenue SW.
Call Hugh Delaney at 255-0422 for details.

STAMP DAY is at Chinese Cultural Centre, 197 - 1 Street SW. Details from Steve Davis at 288-0864.

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 BOURSE is at Rosscarrock Community Hall, 4411 - 10 Avenue SW, from 10 am to 4 pm. For details or table rentals, call Walter Jackson at 242-4128.

STAMP FAIR (May general meeting) details can be had from Jim Taylor at 238-3698.