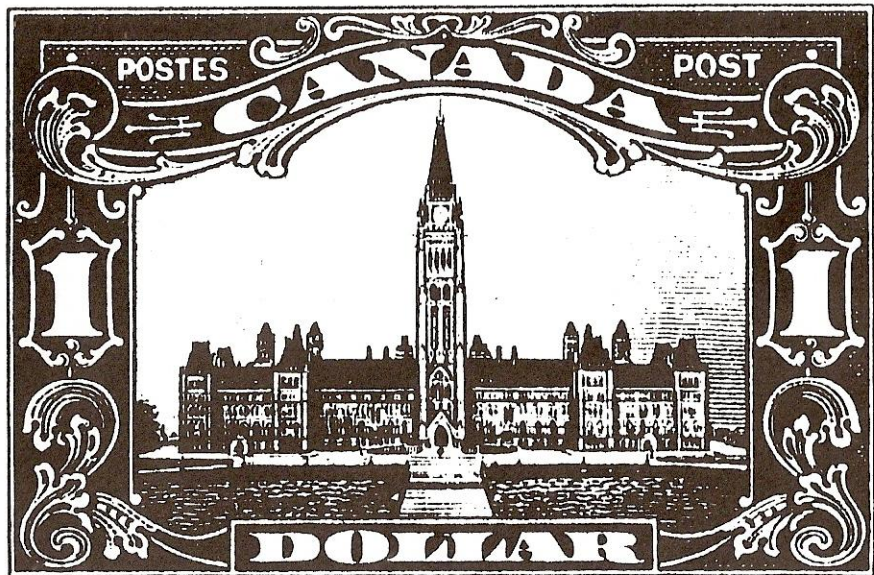


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In honour of the June 2nd federal election, this issue contains absolutely nothing about politics. Except to note that according to the Natural Law Party, Canada's problems are due to the fact that the doors of the Parliament building (see above) face south.



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The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society meets second Wednesdays at the Museum of the Regiments, off Crowchild Trail and Flanders Avenue. The club members collect mostly postal history of Canada, but all aspects of philately are represented. This is not an elitist group dealing in stampless TransAtlantic covers or pence issue multiples; BNA also includes modern Canada.

The March 12 meeting featured a talk by Earle Covert on special-order postal cards. These were usually utility bills, ads, or freight notices. "special-order" means the cards or envelopes were completely different from regular issues sold over the post office counter. Regular postal cards and pre-stamped envelopes overprinted with a company's return address are not special-issue, but rather privately-printed. The real special-order cards could be done by any printer. The Post Office would send the printer a plate for the stamp, and ask for it to be returned after the job was done. Originally the Post Office would send an inspector to watch the job and keep count, but they realized that it cost more to send an inspector than any overrun in stamped cards would be. Earle also told stories about his cross-country hunts for postal cards in rural areas. He once traded a pair of Northwest Territories licence plates for 200 special-order cards! (He is originally from the NWT but moved to Calgary about a year ago.)

For the April 9th meeting, the BNAPSers skipped the Museum and instead met at Unicom Graphics, for a tour of their printing plant, courtesy of Don Taylor. Unicom is the descendent of Universal Engravers Ltd, whose engraver Hubert Earle was well known to philatelists for the FDCs he produced during the 1950s and 1960s. Don showed us around the huge plant, which has a wide range of equipment ranging from \$6,000,000 presses that print directly from computer setups, to a Linotype, to old-fashioned presses for engraved letterheads and business cards. The computerized presses do four colours in one run, are the size of a 4-ton truck, have the ink computer-controlled at up to twenty points, and use plates prepared on Apple computers. But as Don pointed out, engraved items are still printed the way they were fifty years ago; the only difference between the old machines and the new ones is the price! There are only a few engravers left to prepare the dies; Unicom sends to Montréal to have them prepared for the press. Philatelists who specialize in modern issues should be aware that printing methods cannot be assumed to be the same as for older issues. No more retouches or re-entries; instead one might be spotting corrupted files!

At the May 14 meeting, there was an extended show-and-tell on the subject of Back of the Book. Each member displayed some aspect of non-postage philately, such as matchbook revenues or political labels.

Incidentally, being a member of the Calgary BNAPSers will help you build up a collection of Alberta postal history, as Jim Karr mails out meeting notices from small towns in this province. The May notice, for example, had a commemorative cancel from Ponoka, celebrating 100 years of their post office.

ROYAL CALTAPEX *1997* ROYALE

THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA
69th NATIONAL STAMP SHOW & EXHIBITION

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COWTOWN DOES WELL IN EDMONCHUK

Ed Harris advises that the Edmonton Spring National show in March was a good one for Calgary exhibitors. Ed was an apprentice judge on the exhibits jury; fellow CPS member Bill Pawluk was chief judge. Calgary winners were as follows. Congratulations to all!

Court of Honour: Ed Harris (Pioneer Post Offices of the Prairies)

Grand Award: Fitz Roett (Barbados: 1765 to 1882)

Reserve Grand: Earle Covert (Canadian Postal Stationery)

Vermeil: Tom Gosse (Newfoundland - King George VI)

Silver: Frans Rummens (Nederlands Vending Machine Booklets)

Silver-Bronze: Jim Karr (Montréal Duplex Cancels)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR C.P.S.

The April 2 meeting of the Calgary Philatelic Society was the 75th anniversary of the club. It was on April 22, 1922, that five stamp collectors got together at the urging of Dr. Edward George Mason and decided there was enough interest to warrant forming the C.P.S.. They would be pleased and proud to know that 75 years later the club is still going strong with more than 200 members.

Dale Speirs, club Archivist, gave a brief talk on the history of the club, showing specimens from the Archives such as the minutes of that first meeting, a photograph of the first public stamp show in Calgary in 1927, early circuit books, show covers, and other items. This club is very fortunate that all the records are still preserved from 1922 to present date.

After the talk, Dale led the 100 or so members present in a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday To You". Following that, there was a cake cutting. We had two large cakes; Jack Benningen (the oldest member at the meeting) did the honours of cutting the cake. The Honourary Life Members were also asked to stand up and be recognized. Life membership in the C.P.S. cannot be purchased; it is only given for long service to the club and only 26 people have received that honour in 75 years.

The cake disappeared rapidly. See you again in 25 years! Thanks to Isobell Attrell and Dale Speirs for supplying the cakes.

The book "History of the Calgary Philatelic Society" is still available for \$2 each from Dale Speirs at the meetings, or for \$4 by mail at Box 6830, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2E7.

APRIL GOES OUT WITH A PHILATELIC BANG

The weekend of April 25 to 27, 1997, was the usual back-to-back running of two stamp shows. Friday and Saturday the Calgary Regional Group of BNAPS put on their seminars and meetings, while Sunday was Stamp Day, hosted by the CPS.

Friday evening the BNAPSers welcomed incoming philatelists with a hospitality suite at the International Hotel, followed by a no-host dinner. Saturday was a day of seminars at the same location, with Ed Harris as the moderator. Speakers were Bill Topping, Vancouver (semi-official airmails), Earle Covert, Calgary (Santa's letters), Ian Mowat, Victoria (eastern Arctic mail), Gray Scrimgeour, Victoria (Robert Bell covers), and John Powell, Edmonton (Lake Hazen, NWT). An interesting trend that started several years ago and is now in full flower is that of the speakers photocopying their collections or the text of their talk and making up inexpensive books to sell to the attendees.

Other activities that filled out the day were a sale of consignment covers arranged by Hugh Delaney, a show-and-tell, and, of course, food. Jim Karr did his usual sterling service in helping to arrange the details of the meeting, with Ed Harris and Hugh Delaney here, there, and everywhere behind the scenes. Strong supporters of the Regional were the dealers who sponsored part of the costs. They were Bow City Philatelics (Bruce Crow), Calgary's Stamp Shop (Hans Steinbok), Clyde Vincett Ltd (Keith Brown), and Select Stamps and Covers (Phil Wolf). In the evening there was a cocktail hour followed by the traditional banquet.

Sunday was Stamp Day at the Chinese Cultural Centre, with a non-competitive exhibit and dealer bourse. Exhibits were as follow.

Andrew Avramenko (Ukraine 1990 to present)
 Pat Bates (Of madness and melancholy)
 (Serbia)
 Earle Covert (Special order envelopes)
 Tom Goss (Newfoundland George VI)
 Jim Karr (Alberta oldies)
 Ken Kutz (Black gold)
 Alex Malucky (Ukrainian postal stationery)
 John Powell (Silent wings in the sky)
 Minaz Ramji (Sudan 1884-1970)
 Fritz Roett (Barbados pre-stamp and other markings)
 Frans Rummens (Netherlands booklets)
 Dave Russum (Machins)
 Bill Topping (Yukon Airways)

Coralee D'Waal (Cats)
 Michelle Gombos (Birds)
 Randi Gombos (Horses)
 Natalia Kisiel (Butterflies)
 Kelly Liusz (Bears)
 Jean-Paul Montambault (Volcanoes)
 Jamie O'Hara (Boats)
 Tatjana Yurich (Boats)

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

These ads are free to paidup CPS members, and will also appear on the CPS web page at no extra cost. Mail your ads to Dale Speirs, Box 6830, Calgary, T2P 2E7, or hand them to me at meetings. Next deadline is August 2 for the August bulletin.

NOTE TO INTERNET VIEWERS: Unless otherwise specified, telephone numbers are area code 403.

WANTED: Newfoundland stamps, British Africa, and British Asia. Call Felix Lutz at 620-4201.

WANTED: Booklet 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.

BUY, SELL, TRADE: British Commonwealth and worldwide topicals. Please write to George Tsang, Box 20229, Calgary, T2P 4L2.

FOR SALE: Ukrainian and Russian stamps new and used. Also Ukrainian FDCs and special cancels from 1991 to date. Call Andy at 236-2037.

FOR SALE: 1967-73 Centennial issue definitives. Singles, plate blocks, coils, booklets, and varieties. Get together your want list and you won't be disappointed. 60%-75% of Unitrade prices. Call Doug Kollar at 547-3838 or see me at the meetings.

WANTED: 1870-1893 Small Queens used, in any quantity. Also want F1-F3 registration stamps, mint or used in any quantity, top prices paid. Call Doug at 547-3838 or see me at meetings.

FOR SALE: The complete printing of BNAPS Re-entry Study Group from Vol. 1 to 1993, in two binders. Excellent study of all BNA re-entries. Call Doug at 547-3838.

WANTED: Postmarks of western Canada on cover, piece, or stamp. Phone Al at 282-1030.

FOR SALE: British Oceania mint sets LH. Also new circuit books of country collections via our circuit book manager. Call Bob Perry at 282-4520.

WANTED: Older Scott Specialty Series albums in used, decent condition. Phone Ron at 251-7460.

FOR SALE: Brand-new Harris United States Liberty stamp album incl. 1994. Phone Agnes at 252-0007.

WANTED: Postal history of the following Alberta towns. Postmarks must be good strikes; no fragments or weak strikes please. Eckville pre-WW2 postmarks and postcards, Hespero and Pitcox any era, Evarts and Leslieville pre-WW1. See Dale Speirs at meetings or leave message on answering machine at 243-1752.

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

1997

June	4		Election meeting
	18		Auction
August	2		Deadline for August bulletin
September	3		General meeting
	3		Deadline for October bulletin
	19 to 21		ROYAL 97 ROYALE
October	1		General meeting
	15		Auction
November	5		General meeting
	5		Deadline for January bulletin
	19		Auction
December	3		Christmas party

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January	7		General meeting
	21		Auction
February	4		General meeting
	18		Auction
March	4		General meeting
	18		Auction
April	1		General meeting
	15		Auction
	24		BNAPS Spring Regional Meeting
	25		Stamp Day
May	6		General meeting
	20		Auction
June	3		Election meeting
	17		Auction

MEETINGS and AUCTIONS are at Kerby Centre, 2nd floor, 1133 - 7 Ave SW, at 730 pm. Auction lots should be in before 730 pm to allow viewing.

ROYAL 97 ROYALE is at Coast Plaza Hotel (formerly Marlborough Inn), 1317 - 33 Street NE. Details from Hugh Delaney at 255-0422.

CALGARY REGIONAL GROUP OF THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets second Wednesdays except July and August at the Museum of the Regiments. Details from Ed Harris at 274-0021.