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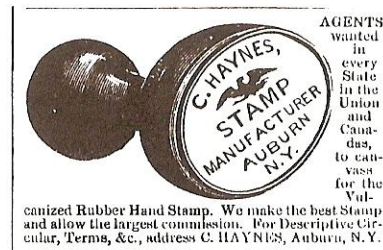
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THE ORIGIN OF RUBBER STAMPS

by Dale Speirs

Handstamps date back thousands of years, long before post offices began using them as postmarking devices. They were made of baked clay, stone, or metal for most of history. Rubber handstamps did not become a commercial proposition until the late 1860s. Practical mass production of them had to wait in the first instance until Charles Goodyear had patented vulcanized rubber in 1844, and in the second instance until manufacturing methods could make them in large quantities at a cheap price. As with so many other inventions, there are several people who developed the idea at about the same time. Rubber stamps appeared circa 1866. According to Miller and Thompson (1978), the contenders for the first mass-produced rubber stamps are L.F. Witherall (Knoxville, Illinois), James Woodruff (Auburn, New York), and Henry Leland (Lee, Massachusetts), all working in the period just after the American War Between The States. There were about 400 manufacturers by 1880, 4000 by 1892, and in 1911 the first trade association was formed, now called the Marking Device Association. At right is an example of an early advertisement for rubber handstamps, taken from HARPER'S WEEKLY, 1872-2-24, page 168.



Almost from the beginning of rubber stamps, they were used by post office: mostly official date stamps, but also unofficial fancy cancels. The height of fancy cancels occurred in the USA during the Great Depression. Postmasters in American 4th-class post offices were paid according to the volume of mail they handled. This led to fancy cancels because it was an inexpensive way for philatelists to collect during the hard times of the 1930s, and a good way to boost one's pay as a postmaster. Towns such as Bear, Arkansas or Squirrel, Idaho used animal cachets. Others used a special cancel for holidays, such as a shamrock for St. Patrick's Day or a heart for Valentine's Day (Walker and Sente 1980). These cancels were almost never authorized by the U.S. Post Office, and would eventually be suppressed by a Postal Inspector.

In the last couple of decades, rubber stamps have become very popular in mail art. They are a quick and easy way to personalize envelopes and add colour. There is a very impressive magazine RUBBERSTAMPNADNESS, perfect-bound in colour with 175 pages per issue (sample copy US\$9 from RSM, 408 SW Monroe #210, Corvallis, Oregon 97330).

References.

Miller, Joni, and Lowry Thompson (1978) The Rubber Stamp Album. Publish by Workman Publ., New York, pp 8-17.

Walker, William, and Marjory Sente (1980 January) Twentieth-century fancy cancellations. AMERICAN PHILATELIST 94:39-43

A ROYAL SUCCESS
by Hugh Delaney

"This is the best Royal show ever!". Those words were echoed by many visitors to Royal Caltapex 1997 Royale. The organization that carried off this outstanding event are all to be congratulated for their perseverance and care in bringing recognition to Calgary.

The largest exhibition ever for a Royal had so many fabulous presentations that the judges were hard pressed to choose the most outstanding exhibit. Juniors, Regional, and National exhibits were all of high quality work by their owners, and elsewhere in this issue will be a list of awards.

From the Official Opening Friday by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, the Elkana Ranch barbeque Friday evening, the Awards Banquet Saturday evening, and the breakfast of the specialist societies Sunday morning; the extensive bourse of dealers from across Canada; the seminars all three days; the Beginner's Room where new collectors learned more about stamp collecting; this show has set a new standard for future Royal shows across Canada.

Canada Post participated with a post office on site. There was also a special presentation at the Official Opening, unveiling a picture of the stained glass window in St. Stephen's Byzantine Ukrainian Catholic Church. This window will be featured on the 90¢ Christmas stamp to be released in November. The picture was presented to Fr. Randy Yackimec and his congregation by Micheline Montreuil of Canada Post. Our postal service also provided special material to hand out to beginners and prizes for attendees, as well as a major prize for the junior award.

Lighthouse provided a major draw prize for those in attendance at the show, a Lighthouse album and slip cover. Rick Paquette of Circuit City Electronics provided a phone as the major draw prize at the Saturday evening banquet.

A reception sponsored by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada was held prior to the banquet.

My personal thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of Royal Caltapex 1997 Royale.

3¢ TABLE VOLUNTEERS
by Bob Monilaws

We would like to extend heartfelt thanks to those who donated stamps for the beginners' table: Walter Jackson, John Cotton, Dale Speirs, Select Stamps & Covers (Phil Wolf), Bob Perry, and Bob Monilaws. There were a few others whom we forgot to record, for which we apologize. Thank you.

ROYAL CALTAPEX *1997* ROYALE

PALMARES

1. REGIONAL EXHIBITS

JUNIORS

BRONZE

230 - 231 Silent Wings in the Sky -- Natalia Kisiel (Alberta)

SILVER-BRONZE

229 Volcanoes -- Jean-Paul Montambault (Alberta)

ADULTS

SILVER-BRONZE

221 - 228 Morocco - Topics and Thematics 1982 to 1996 -- Abbey Medina (Ontario)

SILVER

218 - 219 The Railway Connection, 1897 - 1939 -- "Beaver Collections" (Alberta)

VERMEIL

205 - 209 Accidents in the Manufacturing Processes of Worldwide Philatelic Components -- Ken Ho (Alberta)

210 - 217 Morocco - A Country Philatelically Unknown -- Abbey Medina (Ontario)

2. ONE FRAME

SILVER-BRONZE

190 In Search of El Dorado -- Raymond Ireson (Quebec)

SILVER

187 Canada - The Toronto Oval Duplex Cancellations -- Herbert McNaught (Ontario)

189 World War I German East Africa - the Allies Mail -- Bob Toombs (B. C.)

188 Canada Celebrates Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, 1837 - 1997 -- Bill Pawluk (Alberta)

3. LITERATURE

SILVER-BRONZE

- Various Articles Published in Periodicals -- Jim Taylor (Alberta)

SILVER - with felicitations

- New Brunswick on Stamps -- Michael Nowlan (New Brunswick)

VERMEIL

- 2000 Postmarks of Prince Edward Island, 1814 - 1995 -- Douglas Murray (PEI)

GOLD

- Anglo-French Cameroons Expeditionary Force 1914 - 1916 --- R. J. Maddocks (U.K.)

4. NATIONAL CLASS

BRONZE**JUNIORS**

202 - 204 Bears, Bears, Bears -- Kelly Liusz (Alberta)

SILVER - BRONZE**JUNIORS**

191 - 192 Birds, Birds and More Birds -- Michelle Gombos (Alberta)

ADULTS

118 - 121 Canadian Nature Canadienne -- Benoit Carrier (Quebec)

135 - 139 Canada West and North -- Harold Gosney (Ontario)

SILVER**JUNIORS**

193 - 195 Horses Through the Ages -- Randi Gombos (Alberta)

199 - 201 The Cat Family - Felidae -- Coralee deWaal (Alberta)

ADULTS

23 - 26 Canada - 1897 Jubilees -- Herbert McNaught (Ontario)

40 - 43 St. Edward's Crown Watermark of the Wilding Issues of Great Britain -- Peter Lindner (B. C.)

44 - 48 De La Rue Key Plates of the British West Indies 1870 to 1912 -- David Warren (Alberta)

57 - 59 The Toronto Street Post Offices from 1886 to 1903 -- Hal Kellett (Saskatchewan)

71 - 76 Golden Prairie Diamonds -- Joe Smith (Alberta)

77 - 79 Railway Post Office Ornaments of British Columbia -- Jim Karr (Alberta)

96 - 99 Empire to Commonwealth, Canada at Peace and War, Asia and the Pacific -- Bob Toombs (B. C.)

100 - 104 Postal Markings of Territorial Assiniboia 1882 to 1905 -- Leslie Clinton (Saskatchewan)

105 - 106 Allied Forces in Iceland, 1940 - 1946 -- Dean Mario (Saskatchewan)

122 - 125 Salvation Army Philately -- Leslie Clinton (Saskatchewan)

131 - 134 Norman Rockwell - A philography -- Stan Freestone (British Columbia)

140 - 146 Soliloquy of a Postage Stamp -- Raymond Ireson (Quebec)

147 - 150 The Canadian 1897 Jubilee Postcard Rates Regulations and Usages -- Joe Smith (Alberta)

SILVER - with felicitations

86 - 95 Modern Canadian Parcel Mail -- Earle Covert (Alberta)

182 - 186 Burma / Myanmar, 1982 - 1996 -- Alan Meech (Alberta)

VERMEIL**JUNIORS**

196 - 198 Ships and Boats -- Tatjana Yurich (Alberta)

ADULTS

27 - 32 King George VI British Commonwealth: Not exactly the norm -- "George" (Alberta)

33 - 38 St. Pierre - Miquelon 1909 - 1953 -- Jim Taylor (Alberta)

66 - 70 Interment Mail in Canada 1914 - 1919 and 1939 - 1946 -- Steven Luciuk (Saskatchewan)

80 - 85 Pioneer Post Offices and Postal Markings of the Prairies -- Ed Harris (Alberta)

107 - 112 Postal History of East Africa under Imperial Germany's Influence 1888 - 1918 -- Egbert Heinemann (B. C.)

113 - 117 Memel 1800 - 1945 -- David Link (Alberta)

126 - 130 Energy and Power -- Mike Rhodes (W. Australia)

151 - 160 Special Order Postal Cards of Canada -- Earle Covert (Alberta)

162 - 166 Postal Stationery of Fiji -- Bernard Beston (Australia)

167 - 171 New Zealand Postcards and Lettercards -- Ian McMahon (Australia)

177 - 181 Australia's Peel Stick Revolution -- Barbara Hancock (Australia)

GOLD**ADULTS**

1 - 8 British Columbia and Vancouver Island - Jack Wallace (B. C.)

9 - 14 The Special Delivery Stamps of Canada and Their Uses -- Bob Bayes (B. C.)

15 - 22 The Province of Canada Pence and Cents Issues, 1851 - 1868. -- The Brigham Collection (Ontario)

49 - 56 Canadian Crash Covers 1915 - 1978 -- Dick Malott (Ontario)

60 - 65 Canadian Participation in the Anglo-Boer War 1899 - 1902 -- Bill Robinson (B. C.)

172 - 176 Queensland Revenues -- David Smith (Australia)

SPECIAL AWARDS

1. **AAPE PINS - for presentation**

Presented by the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors

- 126 - 130 Energy and Power -- Mike Rhodes (W. Australia)
182 - 186 Burma / Myanmar, 1982 - 1996 -- Alan Meech (Alberta)

2. **AAPE PIN - for creativity**

- 86 - 95 Modern Canadian Parcel Mail -- Earle Covert (Alberta)

3. **PHSC Certificate: Best BNA Postal History Exhibit**

- 60 - 65 Canadian Participation in the Anglo-Boer War 1899 - 1902 -- Bill Robinson (B. C.)

4. **Best Junior Exhibit**

Presented by Canada Post Corporation / Offert par Société canadienne de poste

- 196 - 198 Ships and Boats -- Tatjana Yurich (Alberta)

5. **AAPE Youth Grand Award**

Presented by the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors

- 196 - 198 Ships and Boats -- Tatjana Yurich (Alberta)

6. **RESERVE GRAND AWARD**

Presented by the Calgary Philatelic Society

- 1 - 8 British Columbia and Vancouver Island -- Jack Wallace (B. C.)

7. **GRAND AWARD**

Presented by Canada Post Corporation / Offert par Société canadienne de poste

- 15 - 22 The Province of Canada Pence and Cents Issues, 1851 - 1868. -- The Brigham Collection (Ontario)

AUCTION RULES (EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1997)

The Wall Sale (silent auction) takes place on the first Wednesday of the month, and the Floor Sale (regular auction) on the third Wednesday, or as published in this bulletin. A maximum of 150 lots will be accepted for each sale.

1) Only Life members and paid-up members may submit material for sale, and must be present during and at the end of the sale to collect monies and unsold lots. CPS will not be responsible for any money or lots not collected. Uncollected lots will become the property of CPS.

2) A maximum of 10 lots may be submitted by any member. The bid sheet must be firmly attached to the lot with room on the left side for bids. Extra lots may be entered if the Sales Manager calls for them to make up the 150 lot total.

3) Floor Sale lots are to be submitted to the Sales Manager for numbering. There is a \$3 minimum reserve bid on each lot. A 15% commission will be collected on all sales, and 25¢ on each unsold lot.

4) Wall Sale lots are placed on the tables, and must have a minimum reserve bid of \$3. A 15% commission is collected on all sales, and each unsold lot is subject to a 25¢ charge.

5) Lots must be properly described (mint, used, full set, broken set, etc.) and must show catalogue name and year used. Any defects must be indicated.

6) Lots may only be returned by the purchaser on the night of the sale and only if they are not as described.

7) No used uncanceled Canadian stamps accepted for sale.

8) Pay-out to sellers will commence when the Sales Committee has balanced cash received against cash payable.

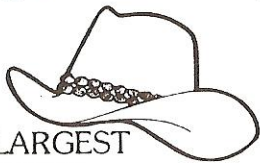
9) While buyers do not have to be members, they are encouraged to become members.

10) Buyers must remain until the end of the sale to pay for their purchases.

11) The Sales Committee will maintain proper records of each evening's transactions, and will turn in a full report to the Treasurer prior to the next sale.

ARE YOU PAID UP?

Membership renewals after December 31 will be \$15. Proof of membership must be shown when putting any materials in for sale.



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These ads are free to paidup CPS members, and will also appear on the CPS Website at no additional cost. Mail your ads to Dale Speirs, Box 6830, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2E7, or hand them to me at meetings. Next deadline is November 5 for the January 1998 bulletin.

NOTE TO INTERNET VIEWERS: Unless otherwise stated, telephone numbers are area code 403. Alberta is on Mountain Standard Time.

FOR SALE: Scout stamps, perfin, mint Australia, New Zealand. Phone Bob Perry at 282-4520.

FOR SALE: Mint and used Canada, USA, UN, foreign, FDCs, ship cancellations, air covers. Town cancellations on cover, paper, stamp, across Canada, mainly Manitoba west, RPOs. Call Mack at 640-2185.

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. Write to Dale Speirs, Box 6830, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2E7.

WANTED: Centennial issue covers addressed to foreign destinations, no USA or UK please. 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: Ukrainian and Russian stamps new and used. Also Ukrainian FDCs and special cancels from 1991 to date. Call Andy at 236-2037.

DUES ARE DUE!

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WHO'S ON FIRST? (I DON'T KNOW'S ON THE COMMITTEE)

Check the listing on the inside front cover of this bulletin to know who to contact for what committee of the CPS. Please note that mailing labels are prepared by the Membership Committee, not the Editor, so if you change address, send a notice to the Box 1478 address. This is the official club address. Box 6830 is the Editor's personal address and should only be used to send editorial copy and ads. While the Editor doesn't mind forwarding mail for other club officials, bear in mind that it could be two or three months before he sees them.

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

1997

October	1		General meeting
	5		Sunday bourse
	15		Auction
November	2		Sunday bourse
	5		General meeting
	5		Deadline for January bulletin
	19		Auction
December	3		Christmas party
	7		Sunday bourse

1998

January	5		Sunday bourse
	7		General meeting
	21		Auction
February	2		Sunday bourse
	4		General meeting
	18		Auction
March	2		Sunday bourse
	4		General meeting
	18		Auction
April	1		General meeting
	6		Sunday bourse
	15		Auction
	24		BNAPS Spring Regional Meeting
	25		Stamp Day
May	4		Sunday bourse
	6		General meeting
	20		Auction
June	1		Sunday bourse
	3		Election meeting
	17		Auction

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

SUNDAY BOURSE is at Hounsfield Community Hall, corner 19 Street NW and 14 Avenue NW (across from Lion's Park LRT station) from 10am to 4 pm. Table rentals and other details from Mirko Zatka at 547-1435.

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