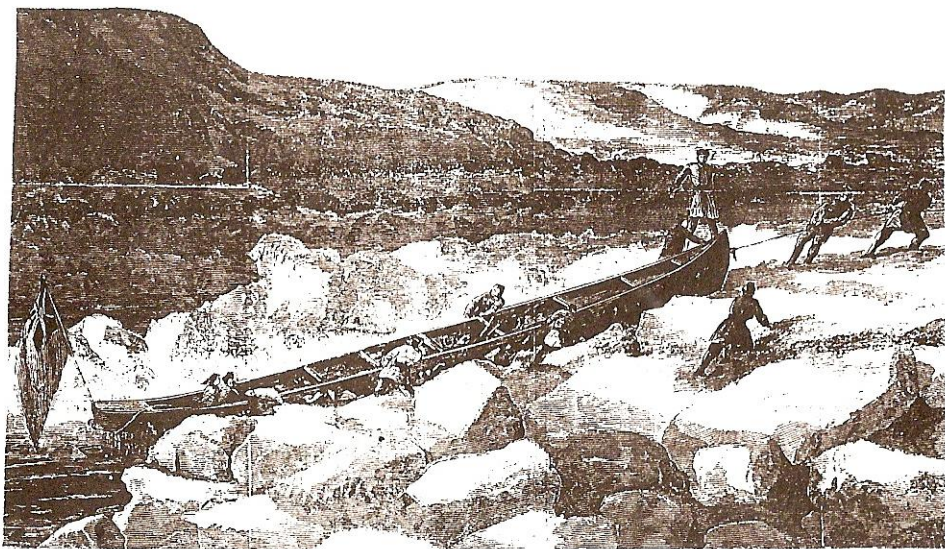


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This engraving, titled "Winter Mail Service On Prince Edward Island", makes one wonder why they waited another 130 years to build Confederation Bridge. This scene appeared in the April 6, 1867, issue of HARPER'S WEEKLY, page 213, and shows the struggles in getting the mail boat over the ice of the strait.



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CPS MONTHLY PROGRAMS ARE BACK TO BASICS by Ed Harris

Since January 1997, our regular meetings have featured a series of program speakers. The parameters given to each speaker are quite simple: (a) the subject should review or describe a philatelic basic such as perforations, gum, paper, printing methods, etc., (b) pick a subject that you know (or would like to know), do whatever studying or review you require to prepare a talk, (c) contact one of our photography volunteers and have your examples photographed for slides (the club pays for the film and developing). The talk should take about 20 to 30 minutes to deliver.

From what we have been told, most members enjoy the series and want to see it continue. Our club has a small but steady stream of new members who are beginners, and certainly the subject matter must be of particular interest to them. As well, many who have been members for years, also claim to be novices and enjoy learning new things or adding to their philatelic knowledge. Finally, there are the "experts" in our club, longtime members who have been our source of expertise for the monthly talks, who say they do not and cannot know everything about their subject. But they do take the time to prepare an interesting and worthwhile talk. Some of these members have purposely selected a subject that intrigues them, but about which they know very little. The urgency of having to talk to the club gives them the incentive to delve into their subject.

Please tell your program chairman whether you enjoy, dislike, or just tolerate the programs offered, and why. Tell us how you think the monthly programs can be improved. If you would like to speak at a club meeting but don't know how to get started, talk to any member of the club executive. You may think you don't have philatelic items suitable to illustrate your talk, or feel you don't have a subject that would be of interest to members, but we can help you.

Finally, I would like to thank the two club photographers who volunteer their time to photograph your treasures and turn out a set of slides that changes an ordinary talk into an interesting slide program.

Your speakers for the entire "Back to Philatelic Basics" series are listed below. Please consider filling the May or June vacancies. Our thanks to the speakers, the set-up crew, and the photographers for making these programs so enjoyable.

1997

January	Ed Harris	1935 Definitive issue of Canada, covering paper, format, perforations, varieties, etc
February	Bill Szaroz	Hungary
March	Ed Harris	The history of the post: Five centuries of written communication
April	Dale Speirs	The 75th anniversary of the C.P.S.
May	Jim Taylor	Club tables and mini-bourse
June	Hugh Delaney	Stamp separation
September	Don Wilson	Australia
October	Julius Szkrenyes	Collecting picture post cards
November	Don Fraser	Bits and pieces: Using the first two issues of Australia
December		Christmas party

1998

January	Andy Puczko	Collecting precancels
February	Earle Covert	Collecting postal stationery
March	Tim Presber	Begginer's guide to stamp collecting
April	Jim Taylor	Collecting covers
May	open	many subjects available - talk to me
June	open	club elections, but we are looking for a short program to fill out the evening

BNAPSERS ABOUT TOWN

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society is devoted to collecting stamps and postal history of Canada and the pre-Confederation provinces and colonies. This includes all eras up to the present date; you don't have to plate Pence issues to belong. Meetings are held second Wednesdays at the Museum of the Regiments just off Crowchild Trail and Flanders Avenue. They begin about 19h30; after the usual business session there is a talk by a member, followed by a show-and-tell by everyone else.

The October 8, 1997, meeting had Eldon Godfrey talking about the George VI rates, which he described as the War and Peace stamps. The war generated a variety of printings and useages of these stamps, which makes an interesting and relatively inexpensive study in lieu of plating Pence issues.

The November 12 meeting was the night that the posties were first threatening to walk off the job, so the strike was a conversational topic. This led to a reminder that strike covers and embargoed covers are an excellent idea for a postal history collection. There was some speculation about the possibility of BNAPSers cashing in by producing strike local post labels, to be validated by driving a batch of covers from a member's home in south Calgary to another's in north Calgary, but wiser heads prevailed and the matter will be left to others to cash in on!

After a business session talking about the planning for the April 1998 Spring Regional Meeting/Stamp Day, the programme was then given by Ed Harris on the development of poineer mail in western Canada. Ed went from the HBC fur traders of Rupert's Land to Lord Selkirk's Red River settlement scheme to the influx of settlers in the 1880s across the prairies. He mentioned that the American pirate John Paul Jones had once raided Selkirk's home island in Scotland, thus being the first philatelist to work in Jones into a history of the prairie mails.

In lieu of the December meeting, there was a Christmas party at a member's home. BNAPSers will be back out at the Museum of the Regiments on January 14.

CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY FINANCIAL REPORT ENDING JUNE 30, 1997
by E.C. Kraft

The attached comparative balance sheet and income statement for the year ended June 30, 1997, have been prepared by me after a review of the books and records of the Society.

In common with many non-profit organizations, the Calgary Philatelic Society derives its receipts from auctions, membership dues and other sources, and as such is not susceptible to a complete review of these operations.

In my opinion, except for adjustments that may be necessary resulting from cash operations as noted above, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Society as at June 30, 1997, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceeding year.


E.C. Kraft
October 9, 1997

CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY
CONDENSED STATEMENT OF INCOME
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30

	1997	1996
<u>INCOME:</u>		
Members dues and fees	\$ 1,617	\$ 2,192
Auctions	823	1,086
Circuit book commissions	1,259	1,264
Private treaty	143	188
Caltapex -net	2,986	2,698
Stamp Day-net	(106)	(258)
All other income	<u>1,051</u>	<u>752</u>
	<u>7,773</u>	<u>7,922</u>
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
Rents	1,700	1,625
Bulletins	1,372	1,501
Meeting expenses	438	298
Christmas Party	632	447
Awards	415	279
Office	559	360
All other	589	846
Depreciation	<u>1,924</u>	<u>1,924</u>
	<u>7,629</u>	<u>7,280</u>
Net income from club activities	144	642
Donation	-	5,000
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 144</u>	<u>\$5,642</u>

CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY
CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT JUNE 30

ASSETS

CURRENT:	1997	1996
Cash	\$ 8,464	\$ 8,133
Investments	25,184	18,516
Accounts Receivable	573	180
Inventories	1,277	750
	<u>35,498</u>	<u>27,579</u>
FIXED - net	15,394	17,318
OTHER	<u>1,926</u>	<u>1,071</u>
	<u>\$52,818</u>	<u>\$45,968</u>

LIABILITIES

CURRENT:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 149	\$ 1,255
Due to circuit book owners	7,962	4,096
Deferred Members dues	365	12
Deferred income - Royal	<u>3,504</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>11,980</u>	<u>5,363</u>

MEMBERS' EQUITY

Beginning of year	40,605	35,237
Prior year adjustment	-	(274)
Net income - per Statement of Income	<u>233</u>	<u>5,642</u>
End of year	<u>40,838</u>	<u>40,605</u>
	<u>\$52,818</u>	<u>\$45,968</u>

LIBRARY

In the back corner of the meeting room by the storage cabinets is the CPS Library, run by Penny Borrowman and Linda Kot. If you haven't browsed through the shelf stock yet, do so. You'll be amazed at the variety of material there; everything from the latest catalogues to obscure periodicals. Whatever you collect, ask Penny or Linda and find out what related literature is in stock there.



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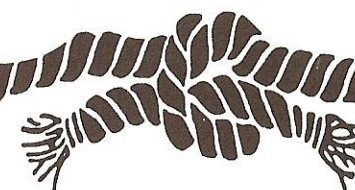
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

FROM: Michael Madesker
Downsview, Ontario

1997-9-25

Re: "The Future of Philately" in the August 1997 issue.

I have read, with some amusement, the prophecies of Leanteri Polvikoski. His analysis of our hobby is rather uninspired and is based on his own observations, not facts.

The fact is that the majority of people, in the age group he mentions, are returning to the hobby. Very few, if any, professionals who join stamp clubs on retirement have not been collectors as youngsters. To diminish our already inadequate efforts in teaching young people the art and science of stamp collecting is to doom philately. One cannot return to his/her roots when they were not planted in the first place.

Mr. Polvikoski claims that snobbery is rampant in postal history. I collect the now-defunct Republic of Venice. Venice as an independent state ceased to exist on May 12, 1797. I am, however, full of admiration for exhibits such as "Modern Canadian Parcel Post" by Dr. Earle Covert, seen at the Royal 97 Royale. My material can be bought, if you are so inclined. Dr. Covert's had to be researched and identified, a much more difficult task than mine. It is he who is entitled to snobbery, not collectors like myself.

Philately is a hobby, not a race for medals. Those who chase the elusive, expensive items must first consider what supports them in their collections. Expensive materials by themselves will not earn you a medal of value, but a well-told story will. The late Dr. Richard Maresch, a prominent Toronto stamp dealer, had a favourite saying: if you see an item which you can afford, buy it; if you cannot afford it, don't drool over it, you don't need it. Enjoy your hobby, teach it to your children, and enjoy both.

POSTAL HISTORY IN THE MAKING

As this bulletin goes to press, the posties have been on strike for a few days now. Would anyone be willing to write up the postal history of this strike once the shouting is over? Contact the Editor, who is always looking for original articles.

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compiled by Dale Speirs

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The Editor is always looking for original articles on philately of any aspect. Don't worry about your spelling or grammar; he'll fix that as he types up your copy. You can see from the above index that CALGARY PHILATELIST has published articles on a wide variety of subjects. Hand your articles to Dale Speirs at meetings, or mail them to him at Box 6830, Calgary, T2P 2E7.

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

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, T2P 2E7, or hand them to me at meetings. Next deadline is January 7 for the February bulletin.

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

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

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

FOR SALE: United Nations FDCs in album, 62 covers for \$65, just like new. Australian states stamps, used for sale. Call Bob Perry at 282-4520.

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, or see me at meetings.

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.

ATTENTION ROYAL 97 STAFF!

If you were involved in Royal 97 Royale, the CPS Archivist would like to have any documents or letters relating to the show for the club archives. Please hand them to Dale Speirs at meetings.

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS IN 1998

January	4	.....	Sunday bourse
	7		General meeting
	7		Deadline for February bulletin
	21		Auction
February	1	.....	Sunday bourse
	4		General meeting
	18		Auction
March	1	.....	Sunday bourse
	4		General meeting
	18		Auction
April	1	.....	General meeting
	1		Deadline for May bulletin
	5		Sunday bourse
	15		Auction
	24 and 25		BNAPS Spring Regional
	26		Stamp Day
May	3	.....	Sunday bourse
	6		General meeting
	20		Auction
June	3	.....	Election meeting
	7		Sunday bourse
	17		Auction
August	1	.....	Deadline for August bulletin
September	2	.....	General meeting
	2		Deadline for October bulletin
October	7	.....	General meeting
	21		Auction
November	4	.....	General meeting
	4		Deadline for December bulletin
	18		Auction
December	2	.....	Christmas party

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.