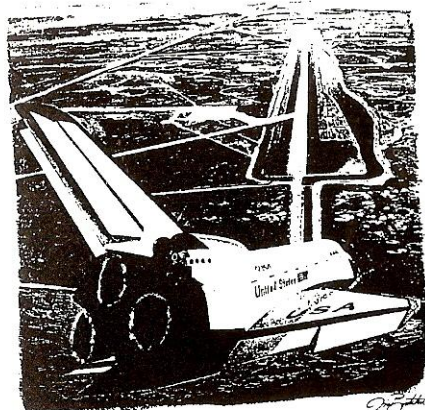


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Shuttle Returning to Earth

Having withstood temperatures of 2300°F, the Shuttle glides in for an airplane-like landing.



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FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

IN MEMORIAM: Columbia (1981-2003) and those who died in her.

This Fleetwood FDC cover does not mention the Columbia by name but since it is postmarked a month after Columbia became the first shuttle to orbit (12 April 1981, flight STS-1) it seems obvious what was being honoured. The caption to the cachet reads: "Having withstood temperatures of 2300°F, the Shuttle glides in for an airplane-like landing." On the back of the FDC is some text that in retrospect is ominous: "Like an unfinished jigsaw puzzle, heat dissipating tiles line the underside of the Space Shuttle. Without them, the orbiter would burn up on re-entering the Earth's atmosphere. ... If just one tile from a critical part of the orbiter falls off, the entire spacecraft could be severely damaged. ... "

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A cumulative subject index from issue #1 to date for the CALGARY PHILATELIST exists but because of its length is too long to be published in this bulletin. A copy can be had for free from the editorial address at Box 6830.

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by Mirko Zatka

Clark and Harrison Papers.

In early 1983, due to the decision of Abitibi-Price to stop producing stamp-quality paper, the printers were forced to switch to alternate sources of paper. The earliest ones to come into use was coated paper from Harrison & Sons in Great Britain, which was first used on the printing of the 32c Council of Churches issue in July 1983. Soon thereafter a second British paper came into use, from Clark Paper International Inc., first used on the September 1983 Canadian Pioneers issue. Definitive reprints, as they came into use, were also made on at least one of these new papers, with some issues available on all three papers. Much has already been written on this particular topic, and an excellent summary is available in the series of specialized catalogues from Robin Harris ["Canadian Definitive Series", published by Saskatoon Stamp Centre].

Clark paper is uniquely dead under a UV lamp, showing no fluorescence at all, front and back. This is common to all uses of this paper on Canadian stamps. Harrison paper, on the other hand, holds a couple of surprises. Although coated papers in the past tended to be dull, and in fact most of the printings of later Canadian stamps are on dull Harrison paper, at least two noticeable differences have been identified to date, as shown in Tables 3 and 4. Of those shown in Table 4, all three are quite uncommon. The \$2 Banff stamp with HF back I have only seen on one mint block of four to date.

Table 3: Harrison paper standards	
Degree of fluorescence	Stamp (Scott #)
Dull	#919a
LF	no specific issue
HF	no specific issue

Table 4: Harrison paper varieties			
Scott #	Description	Normal version	Variety
936	\$2 Banff (printer not confirmed)	Dull back	LF back
936	\$2 Banff (printer not confirmed)	Dull back	HF back
1003	32c Dalhousie Law School	Dull back	HF back

Rolland Papers.

Rolland paper came into use in September 1985, first being applied to the 34c Inter-Parliamentary Conference issue (Scott #1061). With even the first use of this paper we were thrown into the wild of fluorescence varieties! While the previous British paper manufacturers must have had some paper brightness guidelines in use as part of the manufacturing process, any such guidelines with Rolland seem to be loose at best. Used on several issues during 1985, this paper became the dominant source of paper for most issues from 1986 to 1987, including a number of definitive reprints.

Although not a fluorescence variety, the king of Rolland paper varieties is the 74c Wapiti stamp (Scott #1177i), simply by being printed on Rolland paper. Millions must have been prepared for distribution, but to date only around 250 mint copies have been found. This is closely followed by the 37c Parliament coil printed on Rolland paper (Scott #1194i), of which also only about 250 mint copies have been identified to date. Both must have been produced close to the end of the rate period, and thus only limited numbers made it to sales at post offices, and even fewer were identified as new paper varieties and saved.

Table 5: Rolland paper standards	
Degree of fluorescence	Stamp (Scott #)
Dull	1112a
LF	925b
MF	1094
HF	no specific issue

Table 6: Rolland paper varieties			
Scott #	Description	Normal version	Variety
926b var	36c Parliament, CB, ex sheets	Dull	F
932 var	64c Artifacts (wood stove)	LF	Dull
993 var	32c Scouting	Dull	HB
1081 var	42c Artifacts (linen chest)	NF	F
1083 var	72c Artifacts (cart)	F	NF
1083 var	72c Artifacts (cart)	F	MF
1103 var	34c CBC	Dull / Dull	HF / MF
1103 var	34c CBC	Dull	HB
1117 var	34c Molson	Dull	LF
1119a var	34c Trains	LF	HF
1120 var	39c Train	MF	LF
1120 var	39c Train	MF	HF
1121 var	68c Train	F	Dull
1121 var	68c Train	F	HF
1129a var	34c Explorers II	Dull / MF	MF / Dull
1130 var	36c Olympics speed-skating	Dull / MF	F / Dull
1130 var	36c Olympics speed-skating	MF	HB
1131 var	42c Olympics bobsleigh	LF	HF
1132 var	36c Volunteers	Dull	LF
1133 var	36c Charter of Rights	LF	MF
1134 var	34c Engineering	LF	Dull
1144a var	36c Shipwrecks	Dull	LF

by Dale Speirs

Sycophancy In Extremis.

Normally I would not be writing about local postal history of Ontario (I am an Albertan born and raised) except that while doing a keyword search on the Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproductions Website I came across a mention of a poem dedicated to a postmaster. This turned out to be a selection from a privately-printed chapbook published in 1865 by J.T. Breeze [2]. The poems praised various local businessmen and personalities in Picton, and no doubt the chapbook had most of its sales to them [4]. One such poem was titled "Mr. Barker; Postmaster". I print it below in its entirety.

Mr. Barker; Postmaster

*"Deep in thy heart trembles the love of right,
It sways thy soul with more than temp'ral might,
To every object of a lofty aim
That power is lent, void of the love of fame.
Thy soul doth shed its gen'rous sympathies wide,
To raise what's good to this our land of pride.*

*The Post, an agent that doth swift convey
Our holiest thoughts to distant friends away,
And in return may learn of joy or woe,
That they through time have oft to undergo.
The office rears her towering head on high,
Where hearts of love do guide the anxious eye.
Here young and old seek out the building grand,
That raised by wealth to decorate the land,
To its fond shrine the youth are on th' alert,
Love swiftly moves them to its doors expert;
To hear and know of some fond wandering heart,
That's left our land for other climes apart.*

*The seal is broke! the dew-drop fills the eye,
The heart beats swift and sends affection's sigh,
Weeps that the hand that pen'd the pensive line
Could not be grasp'd with warmth all but divine.
A mother's footstep often wanders here,
Seeking some knowledge of an object dear,*

Table 6: Rolland paper varieties (continued)

Scott #	Description	Normal version	Variety
1144a var	36c Shipwrecks	Dull	MF
1145 var	36c Air Canada	Dull	F
1147 var	36c Commonwealth meeting	Dull / Dull	LF / MF

Slater Papers.

Slater paper was first used on the October 1987 low value Animal series definitives (#1155 to #1161) and then the Christmas stamps (#1148 to #1151). It was yet another paper supplied from Great Britain, with a characteristic yellowish gum. Its use was dominant for the printing of stamps from 1988 through the November 1990 World War II issue (#1298 to #1301) after which time it was phased out. Like Clark paper, it is a characteristically Dull paper offering no known fluorescence varieties and thus being of little interest for our purposes here.

Please let me know of any other findings as I am building a reference collection of these to document their existence. You can contact me directly by e-mailing: mjzatka@bak.rr.com [Editor's note: For those without e-mail, Mirko can be contacted through the Papernet via the Editor at Box 6830, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2E7. If it is a short letter I will e-mail it through my account, otherwise I will forward it by real mail.]

[to be continued]

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We have a discussion group where members can chat about philatelic matters, club business, or post news. To join, send an e-mail to opuntia57@yahoo.ca with the subject heading "Subscribe CPS group". In the main body of the message, list your real name (no Internet alias, please) so we can verify your membership, and the e-mail address you want to subscribe under. If you are not a member of Yahoo Groups, you will have to register a name and password at their Website after sign-up, but this is free and only has to be done once. Thereafter, you can go directly to the www.yahogroups.com and read archived messages or post new ones. You will also receive a daily digest of messages from the CPS group. We are not a high-traffic group, so you may not get messages every day.

*Sends and receives the fruit of holy love,
To offspring dear in distant lands that rove.*

*Here friendship, too, exchanges hallowed thought,
Whose silken threads on Earth can ne'er be bought.
And kings may know that friendship is not sold,
For Damon spurn'd the offered royal gold.
And here may meet the great commercial mind,
Whose brows with thought and sorrows deep are lined,
Waiting to know if their success be sure.
Should doubts remain, what woes their hearts endure;
Their minds' a wreck, and reason leaves the throne,
The heart is broke and life's bright hopes are gone.
Poor prostrate man, seek commerce with thy God,
Get from His throne the purchase of his blood.
Then wealth eternal shall they soul secure,
Long as the throne of mercy shall endure."*

Picton Postal History.

The Picton, Ontario, post office was established in 1820 in the village of Hallowell. In 1829, the post office moved across the harbour bridge to Picton and took that name. The name changed back to Hallowell in 1831, and finally settled itself as Picton in 1837 when the two villages were amalgamated. David Barker was appointed postmaster in 1848 after his predecessor William Rorke got caught with his hand in the till [1]. Barker served until 1872, and died while still in office [3].

Sunday Closure.

Shutting down postal operations on Sundays was a political issue for many years in the 1800s. The Post Office Department did not like the idea because it disrupted the otherwise steady flow of mail. Sectarian politics reared its ugly head though, and legislators were plagued by petitions got up by ministers and their congregations for Sunday closure.

P.O.D. Order #49, dated March 10, 1860, read as follows [6]:

"To Post Masters in Canada West –

1. Referring to Article 9 of the regulations of this Department, Postmasters in Canada West are informed that they are relieved from the obligation to open their offices for the delivery of letters, &c, on Sunday.

2. The letter box for the posting of letters must nevertheless be kept accessible to the public at all times, and, as directed by the Regulations should have an opening in the road or street for this purpose, so that letters may be posted during the night, or when the office is shut.

3rd. When under the authority of this order, an office in Canada West is closed to the public on Sunday, it must be closed to all persons alike, and no exceptional and partial delivery to particular individuals can be sanctioned."

David Barker added a postscript: *"N.B. In accordance with the above instructions, the Post Office in this town will cease to be opened for the delivery of letters, &c, on Sundays."*

Sunday openings were then as now, a subject of controversy. It is impossible to say if Barker was that religious, or, what seems more likely, going along with the flow and secretly relieved at getting a day off work.

Mail Conveyance Contracts.

An 1860 advertisement appeared in the PICTON GAZETTE soliciting for bids to convey the mails between Picton and Milford, a distance of about ten miles [5]. The mails were to be carried by horse or wagon in summer, and via cutter in winter. Travel time was to be five miles an hour inclusive of all stops. There were to be three round trips a week on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, each round trip taking four hours. It is interesting to note that the Post Office Inspector supervising the contract was located in Kingston but the bids were to be sent to Québec City.

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1] Rosenthal, Max (1985) Postal beginnings in Prince Edward County. PHSC JOURNAL 42:6-11

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3] National Archives of Canada (downloaded 2002-03-06) Post offices and postmasters. ARCHIVIANET, www.archives.ca

4] James Thomas Breeze, of Brockville, published a number of such chapbooks dedicated to the glory of Toronto, Kingston, etcetera. The poems cover a wide range of buildings (mostly churches and lunatic asylums), local dignitaries, and news events such as Abraham Lincoln's assassination. The few chapbooks I have seen do not mention anything postal, other than the Picton poem I have quoted.

5] Sweetnam, N. (1860-04-27) Mail contract. [advertisement] PICTON GAZETTE, page 3

6] Barker, David (1860-04-06) Post Office Department. [advertisement] PICTON GAZETTE, page 3

REPORT ON THE JUNIOR PROGRAMME

by Jim Senecal

The Junior programme has been proceeding well with an ever increasing attendance as those who are interested latch onto friends and bring them to the meetings. We've also had a strong interest from parents; one family drove up from south of Highway 22X. The conference room we've been using at the Edgemont Community Centre may soon become too small! Fortunately there are other facilities in the complex where we may be able to expand if necessary.

Most of our juniors have an interest in collecting topicals, so if members wish to donate stamps, please keep that in mind. We've also had some donations of stockbooks, stock pages, tongs, and perf gauges; our thanks to Don Wilson and Bob Monilaws for their recent generosity. If you wish to donate, we would also like albums (Canada and others) which are in reasonable shape, along with any suitable stamps we can place in sorting boxes.

Another contribution which would be much appreciated will be volunteer members to make a presentation to the juniors on a suitable philatelic subject, approximately 45 minutes. It could well be a recycled talk previously given to the club but modified to suit the junior audience, or simply an informal talk about your particular collecting interests. A few more inputs would greatly assist the organizers and spread the load.

The original concept of establishing the Junior programme in the Edgemont area was to take advantage of several schools in this area and the proximity of the homes of the three principal volunteers. Unfortunately there hasn't been much in the way of interest from the local schools. However, there has been a very encouraging response from a small article which I'd placed in several surrounding community newsletters. Obviously that has a stronger potential since it goes to the adults first, some of whom we can hope to interest in becoming full members of the CPS.

For the future, it is believed that another Junior programme in a different quadrant of the city would expand our reach and encourage penetration into a different group. Right now, it is felt the southwest would be ideal, especially if we could build on a school club which is already in place in that area. What we need are three to four individuals willing to spend a couple of hours once a month, probably Saturday morning. The idea is that it would be a different Saturday from the Edgemont meeting (second Saturday), so that books and supplies could be shared. If volunteers and accommodation can be sorted out, we could start next September. If you are interested, please call me at 547-7681 or Marge Hunt at 274-2259.

PHILATELIC LITERATURE REVIEWS

by Leanteri Polvikoski

La Catastrophe (2002 Jul-Sep) (Sample copy is US\$5.60 from Wreck and Crash Mail Society, c/o Henry Berthelot, 132 Livingston Place West, Metairie, Louisiana 70005) Quarterly illustrated journal in card covers, with articles on railroad, aircraft, and ship wrecks, ranging from the 1800s to as recent as 1988. Crash covers are an inexpensive way to brighten up a postal history collection, and the stories behind the wrecks are often gripping dramas.

PHSC Journal (2002 September) (Sample copy \$5 from Postal History Society of Canada, c/o Roger Narbonne, 216 Mailey Drive, Carleton Place, Ontario K7C 3X9) This illustrated quarterly is devoted to Canadian postal history. The issue at hand has articles on the post offices of Shakespeare (Ontario), Edmonton, Bragg Creek, the Lake Simcoe steamer 'Emily May', the new postage meters which have two-dimensional codes, customs duty on incoming mail, and many other oddments. Please note that postal history is not confined to esoteric pre-1900 mail; it includes new developments in postmarks and routes as recent as yesterday.

Postal History Journal (2002 October) (US\$35 per year from Postal History Society, c/o 8207 Daren Court, Pikesville, Maryland 21208-2211) Published three times a year, slick-paper, illustrated throughout, devoted to worldwide postal history. Topics in this issue include a Flanders author discussing mail carried by the legendary Thurn & Taxis along a Roman road near his home, with examples of letters dating from the 1500s. I found this impressive; we here in Calgary live in a city that didn't exist until the Mounties arrived in 1874 and didn't get a post office until 1883. Elsewhere are articles on convict mail, missionary mail from the Pacific, anthrax mail bombs, folded postal cards, and lots of reviews.

Trident Visnyk (2002 December) and Ukrainian Philatelist (2002) (Membership details from Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society, Box 303, Southfields, New York 10975-0303) Two periodicals come with membership in the UPNS. TRIDENT VISNYK is the newsletter with breaking information about new stamps and commemorative postmarks from Ukraine as well as club news and notes. UKRAINIAN PHILATELIST is the journal of record, a squarebound semi-annual with detailed articles and monographs on all aspects of Ukrainian philately and postal history. Independent Ukraine has a reputation for issuing stamps relevant to that country, and since the fall of the Soviet empire in 1991 has gained lots of new collectors.

La Posta (2003 March) (US\$28 per year from La Posta, 33470 Chinook Plaza, Suite 216, Scappoose, Oregon 97056) Illustrated bimonthly for American postal history, with articles on local and state post offices the history of the U.S.P.O.

SPRING STAMP SHOW

This CPS event will go the last weekend in April, on the 26th and 27th. It will be held at the Kerby Centre gymnasium on the main floor, at 1133 - 7 Avenue SW. Expect all the usual events, including a silent auction and the dealer bourse. Details can be had from the Show Chairwoman Janice Brookes at 251-1769.

**NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THE APRIL 2 GENERAL MEETING:
AMENDMENT TO THE CPS CONSTITUTION**

by Jim Senecal

I wish to propose the following addition to paragraph 3 (Membership) of the CPS constitution.

f) The CPS will offer an associate membership costing \$3.00 per year to those wishing to participate in club auctions during the Spring and Fall shows. This membership will not entitle those who purchase it to receive a copy of the CALGARY PHILATELIST. The \$3.00 fee may be paid when a purchaser claims the auction lots. It may also be used as a partial credit towards a full membership. Out-of-town dealers at the shows will normally be given an associate membership as part of their table fees.

AIRMAIL GROUP FORMED

In January, some Edmontonians formed a western chapter of the Canadian Aerophilatelic Society, with a view to encouraging research into western Canadian aerophilately and recruiting new collectors of airmails. Details from Cecil Stoner via eek mail: cecils@telusplanet.net

CALGARY ASSOCIATION OF PHILATELIC EXHIBITORS

This newly-formed study group of the CPS held its second meeting on February 19, and the next meeting is March 26. If you are seriously interested in exhibiting at stamp shows and would like to learn how to improve your exhibit, this is the group for you. For details, you can e-mail Jim Taylor at: miquelon@shaw.ca or telephone him at 238-3698.

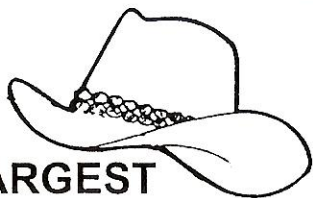
PRIVATE TREATY GUIDELINES

by Gerry Vader

- 1) All lots must be properly secured to the private sale sheet. If they fall off the sheet or out of the bundle, it is your responsibility.
- 2) The minimum selling price for a lot must be at least \$2. Any lot priced less than this will be returned. Pricing must be in 25-cent increments, i.e., \$2.25, \$3.50, \$4.75, etcetera.
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FOR SALE: Australian stamps, mostly VF postally used, recent years. Contact Michael Teekens at 286-7927.

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2003

April	2	General meeting
	6	Sunday bourse
	16	Auction
	26 to 27	Spring Stamp Show
May	4	Sunday bourse
	7	General meeting
	7	Deadline for June bulletin
	21	Auction
June	4	Election meeting
	18	Auction
August	1	Deadline for September bulletin
September	3	General meeting
	3	Deadline for October bulletin
	17	Auction
October	1	General meeting
	15	Auction
November	5	General meeting
	5	Deadline for December bulletin

SPRING STAMP SHOW is at the Kerby Centre, main floor gymnasium, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW. Details from Janice Brookes at 251-1769.

MEETINGS and AUCTIONS are at the Kerby Centre, second floor, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, at 19h30. Auction lots should be in before 19h30 to allow bidder viewing

SUNDAY BOURSE is at Palliser Community Centre, 2323 Palliser Drive SW, from 10h00 to 16h00. Details and table rentals from Bill Szaroz at 337-3260.

CALGARY REGIONAL GROUP OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets on the second Wednesday of the month except July and August. For details about meeting places and times, contact Ed Harris at 274-0021.