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This month represents the 100th anniversary of letter carrier delivery in Calgary. It was in June 1907 that Calgary posties began twice-a-day service to downtown businesses, and daily service to far-flung suburbs such as Beltline, Mount Royal, and Bridgeland.

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Those who collect older Alberta postmarks may come across one for Calvin, but trying to find its location on a map will prove difficult. It is an interesting case of a post office changing its address and winding up in a different municipality without physically moving. Calvin P.O. opened on 1947-07-14 in Burt's Store, operated by John Austin Burt, who was the postmaster as well. The store was and still is on the southeast corner of 50 Avenue SW and what was then 7 Street but is today Elbow Drive. The initial address was 843 - 50 Avenue SW, which was the south side of the avenue. This point is important because at that time 50 Avenue SW was the southern city limits. People who lived on the north side of the avenue were citizens of Calgary, while those on the south side, such as Burt, were residents of Winston Heights. The post office name is an obvious contraction of the two names. Calvin P.O. was located at the extreme northwest corner of Winston Heights.



On 1951-12-24, Calvin P.O. officially became Calgary Sub #43. This coincided with an expansion of the city that swallowed up Winston Heights that year. Simultaneously, the Calvin P.O. changed its address to 743 - 50 Avenue SW. It might have been a move to a new building, but when I checked the Henderson's Directories for that time, I noticed that the 900 block addresses suddenly shifted to the 800s, just as

the 800s went down to the 700s. It appears, therefore, that the address changes were a re-numbering to make the annexed avenue conform to the same type of house numbering as the City addresses north of it. After 60 years, Burt's Store is still operating in its original location and name, but without a post office. Sub #43 closed on 1956-05-01. Today, there is a postal outlet cater-corner across the intersection in Britannia Pharmacy.

References.

1] City of Calgary (1948) VOTER'S LIST OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE CITY OF CALGARY. Page ii

2] Henderson Directories Ltd (1947 to 1952 editions) HENDERSON'S GREATER CALGARY DIRECTORY

3] Library and Archives Canada (downloaded 2006-12-14) Post offices and postmasters. ARCHIVIANET, www.collectionscanada.ca

THE TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHTS OF ITALO BALBO

by Dale Speirs

During the 1920s and 1930s, flying across oceans was every bit as dangerous and daring as the space programme is today. As many flights failed to make the trip as those who did. It wasn't until World War Two that aircraft could be trusted enough to be considered reliable, and ground control was able to forward weather reports so that pilots would know what to expect.

One of the pioneers of trans-Atlantic flights was Italo Balbo. (His father was very patriotic. Not only was Italo named after his country of birth, but his sister was named Trieste after the disputed Italian territory.) Balbo became involved in politics and in 1926 was named undersecretary of the Air Ministry, later rising to Minister. He revitalized the Italian Air Force, and showed off Italian progress by leading flights of aircraft across the Atlantic Ocean. He was killed in action during World War Two in Libya on June 28, 1940.

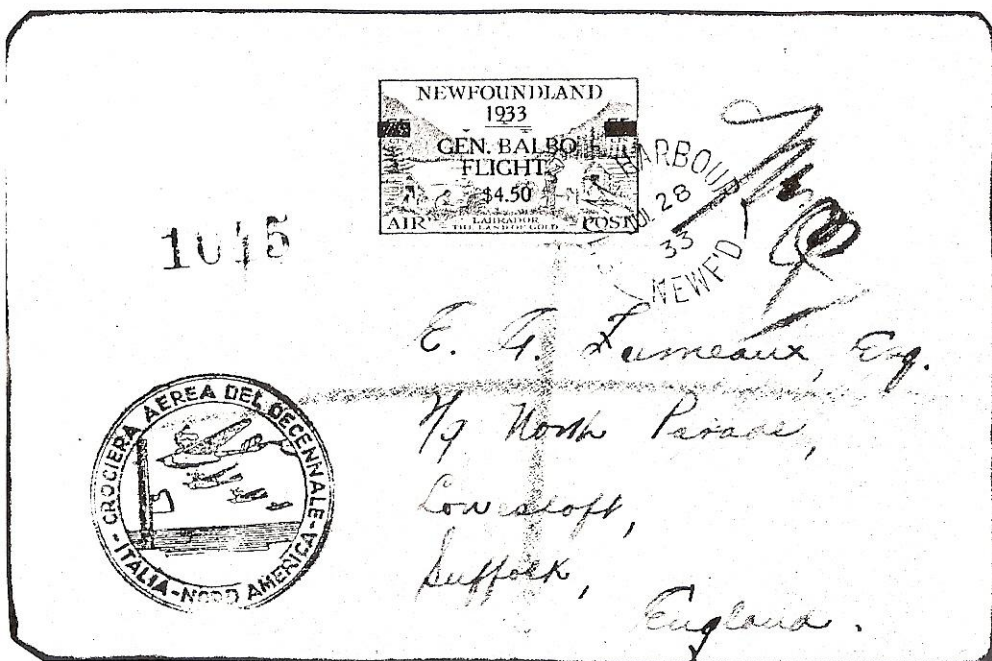


Figure 1: Address side of 1933 Balbo cover.

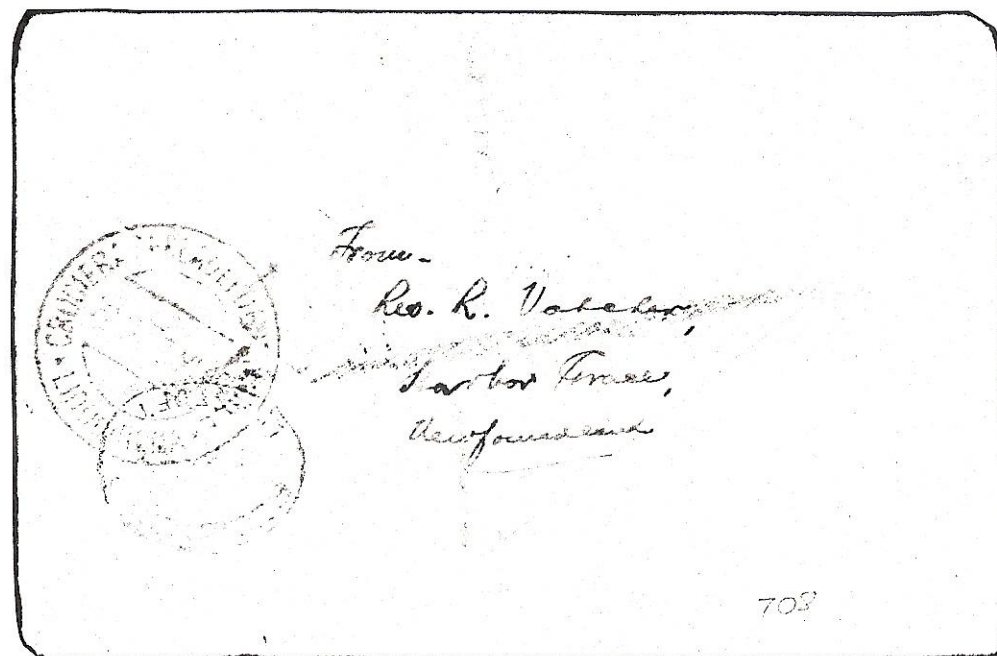
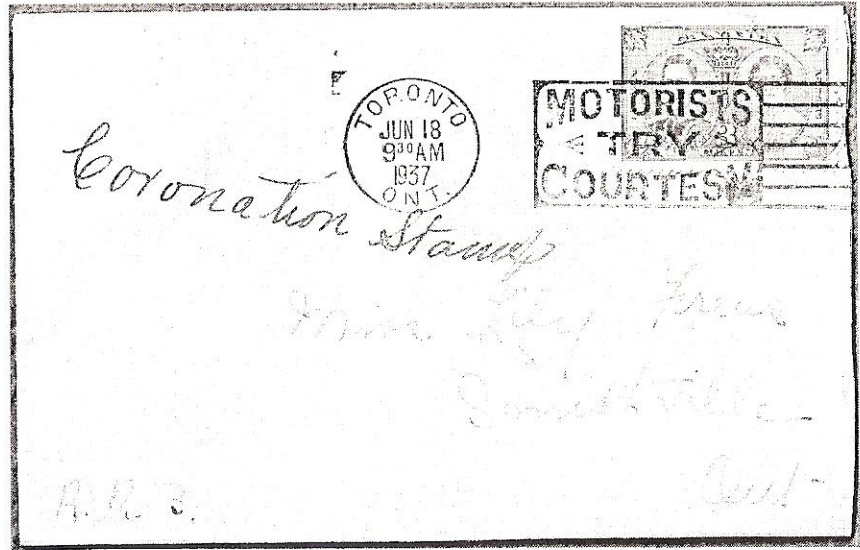
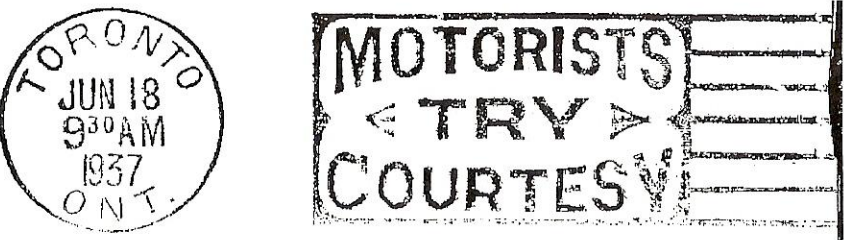


Figure 1: Reverse side of 1933 Balbo cover, showing backstamps.

As was usually standard procedure for almost all pioneer flights, the cost of the Balbo trans-Atlantic flights was partly paid for by philatelists. The Newfoundland government overprinted 75c airmail stamps for what was then the very princely sum of \$4.50, especially given that the Great Depression was just reaching its nadir. The cover shown here is from my collection and is dated 1933-07-28. This was flown on the return trip from New York back to Italy, and has an Italian backstamp. Only 70 covers are known from Shoal Harbour, as compared with 1,078 covers from St. John.

TRAFFIC WOES
by Neil Maki

No matter which route you drive in Calgary, you'll run into road construction. It is an inevitable side effect of our booming economy. Matters will get worse this coming year when 6 Avenue South is closed downtown for construction, while Glenmore Trail continues to be a choke point in the south. It might be an idea for Canada Post to re-issue the slogan they used so many years ago as shown below!



QUICK FINDER FOR TOPICALS ON CANADIAN STAMPS TO 2005:
PART EIGHT
compiled by Dale Speirs

News media,			
general	1976 20		
broadcasting	1971 15	1986 34	
	1998 45	1999 46	
magazines, Maclean's	2005 50		
National Film Board	1989 38	1999 46	
newspapers	1984 32	1992 42	
press agencies	1958 5	1967 5	
radio	1974 8	1987 36	
	1999 46	2002 48	
Newspapers	see under News media, newspapers		
Northwest Territories and Nunavut,			
general	1970 6	1980 17	1982 30
	1984 32	1989 38	2002 125
Auyuittuq	2001 105		
Bylot Island	1967 15		
Copper Mine River	1971 6		
Great Bear Lake	1946 10		
inukshuk	2000 47	2005 50	
Katannilik Park	1993 43		
Northwest Passage	1977 12		
Nunavut, creation of	1999 46		
South Nahanni	1991 40		
Wilberforce Falls	2003 65		
Yellowknife	1984 32		
Notman, William	1989 38		
Nova Scotia,			
general	1982 30	1984 32	
Antigonish	2003 48		
Blomidon Park	1993 43		
Cabot Trail	1997 45		
Canso	2005 50		
Fort Anne	1985 34		
Fort Redoubt York	1985 34		
Grand Pre	1930 50		
Halifax	1938 13	1949 4	
	1958 5	1983 32	
	2002 48	2005 50	
Louisbourg	1995 43		
Lunenburg	1995 43		
Margaree River)	1992 42		
Oak Island	1991 40		
O'law Lake	2000 95		
Peggy's Cove	2002 125		
Pictou	1973 8		
Port Royal	2005 50		
settlers to	1973 8		
Truro	1994 200	2005 50	
universities	2002 48		

Nunavut	see under Northwest Territories and Nunavut	
Nursing	see under Health, nursing	
Oceans, general	1972 50	1982 30
	1983 32	1991 40
	1992 42	
, icebergs	NL1897 35	NL1941 5
	1955 10	1963 5
	1965 5	1968 5
	1986 34	1989 38
	1992 42	1995 45
	2000 95	
, storms	1991 40	
, tides, Fundy Bay	1979 100	
Oil industry	see under Petroleum	
des Ormeaux, Dollard	1961 5	
Ontario,		
general	1982 30	1984 32
Agawa Canyon	2002 65	
Algonquin Park	1993 43	
Fort Erie	1985 34	
Fort Frederick	1985 34	
Fort Henry	1983 32	
Fort Wellington	1983 32	
Fort William	1983 32	
Fort York	1985 34	
Hamilton	2003 48	
Highway 401	1995 45	
Kingston	1991 40	
London	2001 47	2003 48
Niagara Falls	2000 55	2003 125
Niagara-on-the-Lake	1981 17	2001 47
Oakville	2004 49	
Ottawa (city)	1965 5	
Ottawa River	1992 42	
Point Pelee	1983 500	
Precambrian Shield	1967 25	1970 6
Stratford	2000 46	
Sudbury	1983 32	
Toronto	1967 5	1978 14
	1986 34	1989 100
	1993 43	2000 46
	2003 48	2004 49
	2004 50	
universities	2002 48	
Wine Route	1997 45	
Order of Canada	see under Awards	
Orr, Bobby	2000 46	
Osler, William	1969 6	
Ouellette, Gerald	1996 45	
Paintings	see under Art, paintings	

Palaeontology	for individual fossil species, see under Biology	
	1989 38	
Palliser, John	1988 37	
Pan-American Games	see under Sports, events	
Park, Brad	2004 49	
Parks	see under the appropriate province or territory	
	1971 6	
Papineau, Louis-Joseph	2003 48	
Payette, Julie	2000 46	
Peace, general	1964 5	
, "Pacem in Terris"	1973 6	2000 46
Pearson, Lester	see under Writing implements, pens	
Pens	2002 48	
Pension plans	Individuals are listed under their surnames.	
People,	1932 13	1935 20
allegorical	2005 50	
Peterson, Oscar	see also under Geology	
Petroleum	1950 50	1955 5
	1958 5	1967 3
	1967 100	1978 14
	1988 37	1998 45
	2000 46	2005 50
Pharmacies	see under Health, pharmacies	
Philately	1987 souvenir sheet	1992 souvenir sheet
Photography	1987 36	1989 38
Physics,		
atomic	1966 5	1971 6
spectrography	1973 10	2004 49
Pilote, Pierre	2005 50	
Plante, Jacques	2000 46	
Plants	see under Biology, plants	
Poetry,		
"Cremation of Sam McGee"	1976 8	
"In Flanders fields ... "	1968 5	
"We hold a vaster empire ... "	1898 2	
Poets	1961 5	1968 5
	1976 8	1989 38
Police,		
general	1991 40	
Royal Canadian Mounted	1935 10	1973 8
	1973 10	1973 15
	1982 35	1986 34
	1992 42	1996 45
	1998 45	2003 65
vehicle	see under Vehicles, police	
Politics,		
Confederation	1917 3	1927 12
	1927 2	1927 20
constitution	1982 30	1987 36
francophone summit	1987 36	
Governors General	Individuals are listed under their names.	

Politics, Parliamentarians	1965 5	1966 5
politicians	1977 25	1985 34
Prime Ministers and Premiers	Individuals are listed under their names.	
Québec	Individuals are listed under their names.	
representative government	1996 45	
responsible government	1927 20	1958 5
women's vote	1947 4	
	1967 5	
Portugal	2003 48	
Post Office,		
buildings	see under Buildings, post office	
delivery	1974 8	1990 39
	2000 46	
employees at work	1974 8	
mail boxes	2000 46	
military	1986 34	
postal codes	1979 17	
postmasters	2002 48	NB1860 5
PTTI	1997 45	
rates	1998 45	
routes	1963 5	1976 10
	2003 48	2004 49
UPU	1933 5	1957 5
	1957 15	1974 8
	1974 15	1999 46
Potts, Jerry	1992 42	
Potvin, Denis	2001 47	
Press agencies	see under News media, press agencies	
Prime Ministers and Premiers	Individuals are listed under their names.	
Prince Edward Island,		
general	1973 8	1982 30
	1984 32	
Anne of Green Gables	1975 8	
Cedar Dunes Park	1993 43	
Charlottetown	1964 5	1969 6
	2003 125	
Confederation Bridge	1997 45	
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or see Penny Borrowman at the CPS meetings.

Questions can be directed to Jon Johnson (jcjperfins@hotmail.com)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER
by Dave Russum

We are drawing to the end of another stamp collecting season. On the positive side, we had a very successful Royal 2006 Royale which was a great credit to the CPS and all those who contributed their time and skills. On the downside, we are seeing dwindling membership, our volunteers are a year older, and a few more dealers are throwing in the towel.

The CPS has decided to team up with BNAPS for our fall show. It is a different date, a different format, and a different location. It is also an opportunity to try something new, to see new dealers, to hear new speakers, to see new exhibits, and to make new friends. Please support this event over the Labour Day weekend. You may get a pleasant surprise!

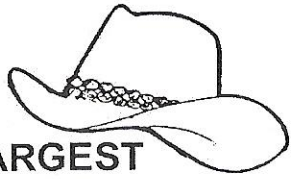
We all need to give thought to how we can make our club more meaningful in the 21st Century. Your thoughts and feedback are always welcome. Enjoy the summer; don't forget to pay your membership dues!

PHILATELIC LITERATURE REVIEWS
by Leanteri Polvikoski

Beware Of Cat (2007, hardcover) by Vincent Wyckoff is a book of reminiscences by a letter carrier in Minneapolis. Wyckoff had been telling friends and family for years of anecdotes about his mail route, and was finally convinced to write them down for publication. Wyckoff writes of run-ins with assorted animals, not all of which were bad; most were friendly. This includes the time he thought a homeowner's sign "Beware of Cat" was just a joke, and found out the hard way that felines can be vicious as well.

Like most letter carriers, he kept an eye out for elderly or infirm people who might need help. He attended a block party on his route, and none of the others recognized him out of uniform. He delivered a much re-routed 1976 letter from Saigon that finally reached its recipient 14 years later, a Vietnamese refugee who had never bothered to tell the post office her forwarding address because she thought all her family were dead. He watched the neighbourhood change, as retirees moved on to nursing homes or the graveyard and were replaced by young families.

This book is not a major tome on postal history or an expose of the USPS but makes for pleasant spot reading. Available through the usual on-line stores.



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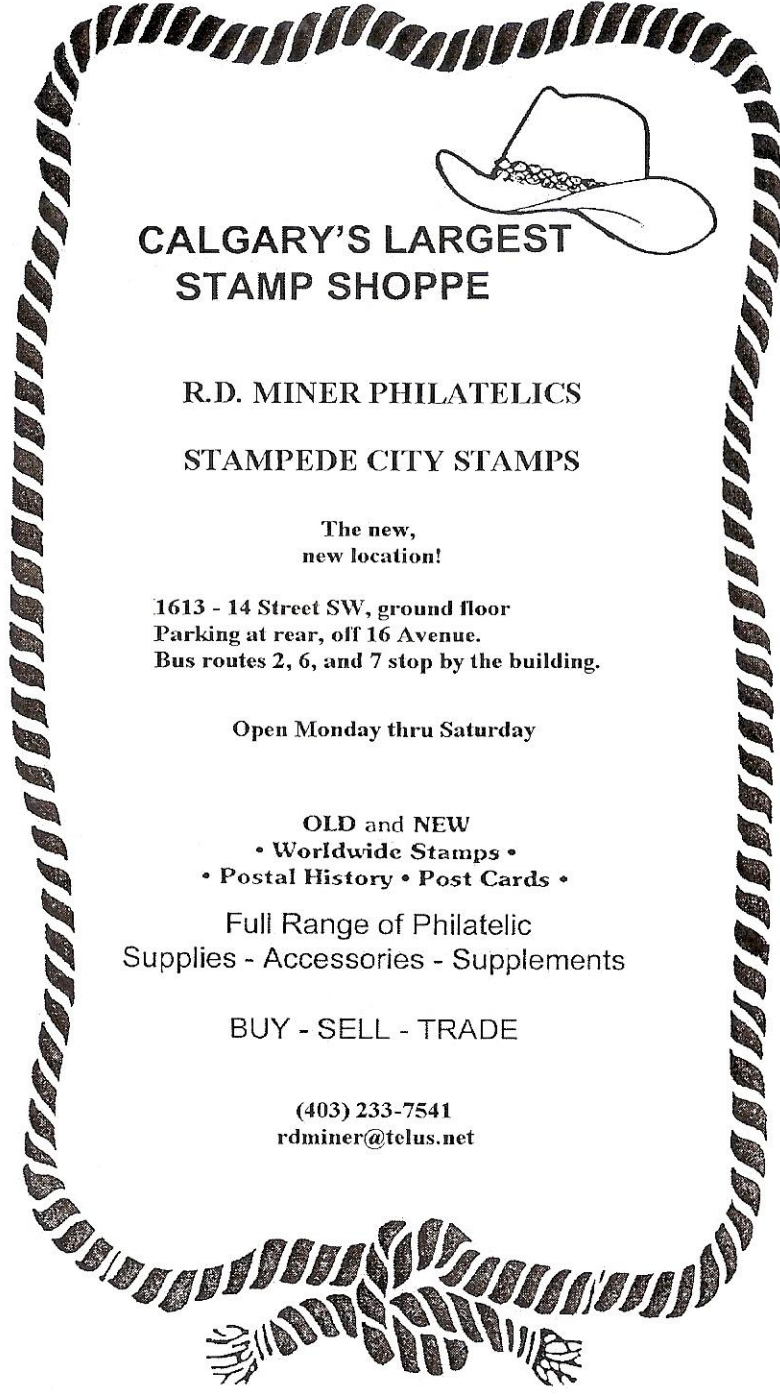
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	6	Election meeting
	20	Auction
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September	5	General meeting
	5	Deadline for October bulletin
	19	Auction
October	3	General meeting
	17	Auction
November	7	General meeting
	7	Deadline for December bulletin
	21	CPS auction
December	5	Christmas social

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