

CALGARY PHILATELIST

Issue 85

August 2007



Mike McKee, dressed in a 1907 letter carrier uniform, strolls under the Macleod Trail elm trees as he makes his way to Old City Hall to start the centennial celebrations of Calgary letter carrier service.

Calgary Philatelist is published by the Calgary Philatelic Society. It is copyright by the CPS, except signed articles, which are copyright by the authors. Written permission is required to reprint articles.

Articles or advertisements for Calgary Philatelist should be sent to the Editor, Box 6830, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 2E7. Small ads are free to paid-up CPS members. Display ads are \$10 per full page per issue for camera-ready copy (photographs extra). No partial-page ads accepted.

Membership dues for the season are \$15, plus an initiation fee of \$10 for new members. Send to the CPS, Box 1478, Calgary, Alberta T2P 2L6. Notice of address changes or enquiries about missing copies should be sent to the Membership Chairman, not the Editor.

The CPS mailing address is Box 1478, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2L6. The Web site is: www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com All articles as hard copy only, mailed to Box 6830, Calgary, T2P 2E7, or handed to Dale Speirs at meetings.

The CPS was founded in April 1922 by Dr. Edward George Mason. It is Chapter 66 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Chapter 1360 of the American Philatelic Society, and Chapter 91 of the American Topical Association.

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.

2007/2008 EXECUTIVE

Past President	Walter Herdzik	238-7845
President	Dave Russum	284-4775
Vice President	Jan Brookes	251-1769
Secretary	Donna Trathen	272-0804
Treasurer	Hans Jensen	252-7909

Directors - ex officio	Walter Herdzik	238-7845
- 1st year	Penny Borrowman	686-2662
- 1st year	Ray Schoepfer	230-9119
- 2nd year	Julius Szekrenyes	282-7982
- 2nd year	Jon Johnson	253-8411

COMMITTEES - see page 15 for list of committee chairpersons

CENTENARY OF LETTER CARRIERS IN CALGARY

by Dale Speirs

On June 11, 2007, at 12h15, a ceremony was held on the front steps of Old City Hall to mark the occasion of the 100th anniversary of letter carrier service in Calgary. Back then on that day, the first group of letter carriers set out from those exact same steps, so the ceremony was appropriate not only in time but in space.

Myself, Jim Taylor, and Jon Johnson represented the CPS at the ceremony. It began with a Canada Post letter carrier and postal historian named Mike McKee. He was wearing the 1907 uniform and walked down the sidewalk of Macleod Trail carrying the day's mail (real business mail, not ceremonial mail), then turned and came up the steps to where Mayor Dave Bronconnier was waiting for him. The mayor jokingly told McKee that he was expecting an important cheque, but alas it was only bills and official correspondence. (For outlanders who read this and don't understand the joke, Calgary and the provincial government are currently in a noisy dispute over funding promised by the Premier but not yet delivered.)



Bronconnier (left) accepts the day's mail from Mike McKee. They are standing on the steps of Old City Hall.

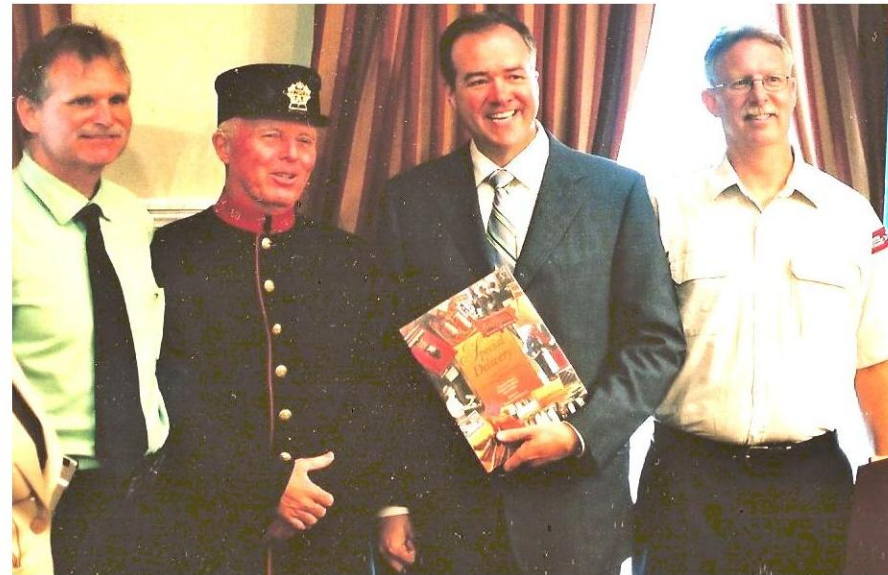


Mike McKee is shown above with the June 11, 2007, mail for the Mayor's Office.

From there, we moved inside Old City Hall to a reception. Tom Dixon, representing Canada Post, apologized to the Mayor for not having any cheques but assured him that all the bills and invoices would be coming through on time. The Mayor, in his reply, mentioned that the City of Calgary mails 125,000 pieces per month, not including the recently mailed property tax notices. ("Your taxes are due at the end of this month", he reminded the audience.)

Next up to the lectern was Bob Nickel, a Canada Post letter carrier who is the great-grandson of Calgary's first letter carrier Bert Rackham. He told some anecdotes handed down through the family about those pioneer days in 1907. Relatives from the Old Country usually sent their letters to Calgary unstamped with postage due, in the belief that the immigrants here were in a land of milk and honey and could well afford to pay the double deficiency. The 1907 letter carriers did not have green drop boxes along their routes. They started out with a maximum of 35 pounds of mail. Any amount over that weight was taken out by wagon and left at trustworthy homes and businesses for the letter carrier to pick up later.

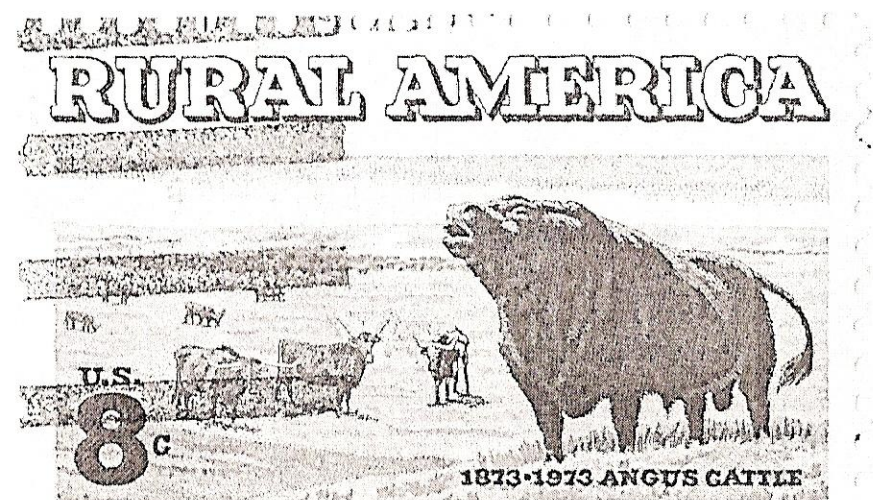
Bronconnier then read a proclamation declaring that June 11, 2007, would be Letter Carrier Day. After various presentations, the ceremony was concluded. What was interesting about the audience was how many were family members or descendants of Calgary letter carriers. Postal historians who come into that area via philately may not realize just how much history has been preserved by post office families.



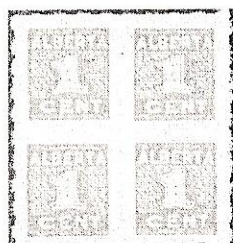
This photo, taken at the end of the ceremony, shows (left to right): Tom Dixon, Mike McKee, Dave Bronconnier, and Bob Nickel.

by Dale Speirs

If you study your stamps, you can find some oddities. The American stamp shown below is subtitled in honour of the centennial of Angus cattle being imported into the USA. What is curious however, is that only the bull in the foreground is an Angus. All the cattle in the background are Texas Longhorns.



The 1936 Alberta Prosperity Certificate stamp is generally considered a revenue because people had to put 104 of them on a \$1 certificate, giving the government a 4% profit. The stamps are very tiny, only 10 mm by 10mm. Can anyone advise if any country in the world has ever issued a smaller revenue stamp?



PART NINE

compiled by Dale Speirs

Québec,		
general	1984 32	
Baie Saint Paul	1981 17	
Confederation conference	1917 3	1927 2
Fort Chambly	1983 32	
Fort Coteau-du-Lac	1983 32	
Fort Lennox	1985 34	
Fort Point Levis	1983 32	
Gaspé	1999 46	
De la Gaspésie Park	1993 43	
Gatineau Park	2003 65	
Great Whale River	2000 95	
Jacques Cartier River	1991 40	
Hull	1974 8	
La Mauricie National Park	1986 500	
Lac St. Jean	2004 49	
Laurentians	1974 15	
Lennoxville	2003 48	
Magdalen Islands	2003 48	
Mont St. Hilaire	2004 50	
Montréal	see also under Sports, events, Olympics, Montréal	
	1938 100	1963 5
	1982 30	1974 8
	1992 42	1992 48
	1995 43	2001 47
	2002 65	2003 48
	2004 49	2005 50
New France	1962 5	
Plains of Abraham	1908 7	1959 5
politics	see under Politics, Québec	
Québec City	1908 5	1908 10
	1930 12	1932 13
	1958 5	1963 5
	1967 20	1972 200
	1979 14	1993 43
	1995 45	
Saguenay Fjord	2002 125	
Saint Joseph's Oratory	2004 49	
Saint Lawrence River	1993 43	
Saint Maurice	1988 37	
Saint Ours	1987 42	
Sherbrooke	2004 49	
Trois Rivières	1963 5	
universities	2002 48	
Queens	see under Royalty	
Quilts	see under Textiles, quilts	
Radio	see under News media, radio	
Radisson, Pierre	1987 34	

Railroads,		
Canadian Pacific	1970 6	1993 43
	2000 46	
military	1993 43	
monorails	1986 68	
rapid transit	2004 49	
routes, Agawa Canyon	2002 65	
, Rogers Pass	2000 46	
, White Pass	2001 60	
snowplough, rotary	1986 34	
stations	see under Buildings, railroad stations	
streetcars	1982 30	1986 68
	1994 88	
trains, bridges	1977 12	
, diesel	1951 4	1968 6
	1971 7	1986 34
	1993 43	2002 65
, steam	NL1928 5	
	1927 20	1951 4
	1963 5	1977 12
	1983 32	1983 37
	1984 32	1984 37
	1984 64	1985 34
	1985 39	1985 68
	1986 34	1986 34
	1996 45	2000 46
	2004 140	NB1860 1
Reading	see under Literacy	
Red Cross	see under Health, organizations	
Religion,	see also Mythology	
angels	1928 5	1947 4
	1986 34	1986 39
	1986 68	1986 29
	1998 45	1998 52
	1998 90	1999 46
	1999 55	1999 95
Anglican	1988 37	
Armenian	2001 47	
holidays	see under Holidays	
Christian, general	1983 32	
Christmas	see under Holidays, Christmas	
Judaism	1990 39	1995 45
Lutheran	2003 48	
Mennonites	1974 8	
missionaries	1965 5	1987 34
Presbyterian	1975 8	
Roman Catholic	1973 8	1978 14
	1981 17	1983 32
	1984 32	1984 64
	1987 34	1997 45
	2000 46	2004 49

Religion, Salvation Army	1982 30	
Seventh Day Adventist	2000 46	
Sikh	1999 46	
United	1975 8	
Resources, natural	1961 5	
Retail, cooperatives	2000 46	
, stores, Canadian Tire	1997 45	
, Eaton	1994 43	
, Home Hardware	2004 49	
, Hudson's Bay Company	2000 46	
Richard, Henri	2005 50	
Richard, Maurice	2000 46	
Riel, Louis	see under Riel rebellions	
Riel rebellions,		
Gabriel Dumont	1985 32	
Louis Riel	1970 6	
Rivers,		
Athabasca	1991 40	
Baldwinton	2000 55	
Boundary Waters	1991 40	
Churchill	1994 43	
Columbia	1994 43	
Coppermine	1989 38	
Fraser	1988 37	1993 43
French	1994 43	
Gosselin	1989 38	
Great Whale	2000 95	
Humber	NL1923 4	NL1923 10
	NL1923 15	
Jacques Cartier	1991 40	
Mackenzie	1938 6	1994 43
Main	1991 40	
Margaree	1992 42	
Montréal	1995 43	
Niagara	1992 42	
Ottawa	1992 42	
Red	1993 43	2000 55
Saguenay	1980 35	1994 43
St. John	1993 43	2000 95
St. Lawrence	1930 12	1930 13
	1959 5	1967 4
	1984 32	1992 42
	1993 43	
St. Maurice	1946 14	
Sandy	2000 95	
South Nahanni	1991 40	
South Saskatchewan	1992 42	
West (Eliot)	1992 42	
Yukon	1993 43	
Roads,		
Alaska Highway	1967 8	1992 42
Big Muddy	1997 45	

Roads,	Blue Heron Scenic Route	1998 45	
	Cabot Trail	1997 45	
	Dempster Highway	1998 45	1999 46
	Dinosaur Trail	1998 45	
	Discovery Trail	1999 46	
	River Valley Scenic Drive	1998 45	
	Route 132	1999 46	
	Sea to Sky Highway	1997 45	
	Trans-Canada Highway	1962 5	
	Wine Route	1997 45	
	Yellowhead Highway	1999 46	
Roberts, John		1998 45	
Robinson, Larry		2004 49	
Rodgers, Ted Sr.		1999 46	
Romance, weddings		1947 4	1994 43
		2004 49	
Rosenfeld, Fanny		1996 45	
Roue, William		1998 45	
Roy, Gabrielle		1996 45	
Royal Canadian Mounted Police		see under Police, Royal Canadian Mounted Police	
Royalty,	(alphabetical by title and regnal name)		
	Duke of Connaught	NL1911 12	
	Duke of Edinburgh	see under Prince Phillip	
	King Edward VII, as Prince of Wales		
		NB1860 17	NL1868 1
		NL1880 1	NL1887 2
	, as King	NL1910 12	
		1903 1	1903 2
		1903 5	1903 7
		1903 10	1903 20
		1903 50	1908 2
	King Edward VIII, as Prince of Wales		
		NL1887 0.5	NL1911 3
		NL1928 4	NL1932 4
		1932 5	1935 5
	King George V, as Duke of York		
		NL1887 5	1908 0.5

BNAPEX

2007

CALTAPEX

Free admission to dealer bourse and exhibits.

Friday, August 31: 10h00 to 17h30
Saturday, September 1: 10h00 to 17h30
Sunday, September 2: 10h00 to 15h00

Westin Hotel, 320 - 4 Avenue SW

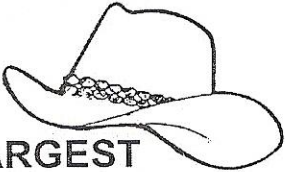
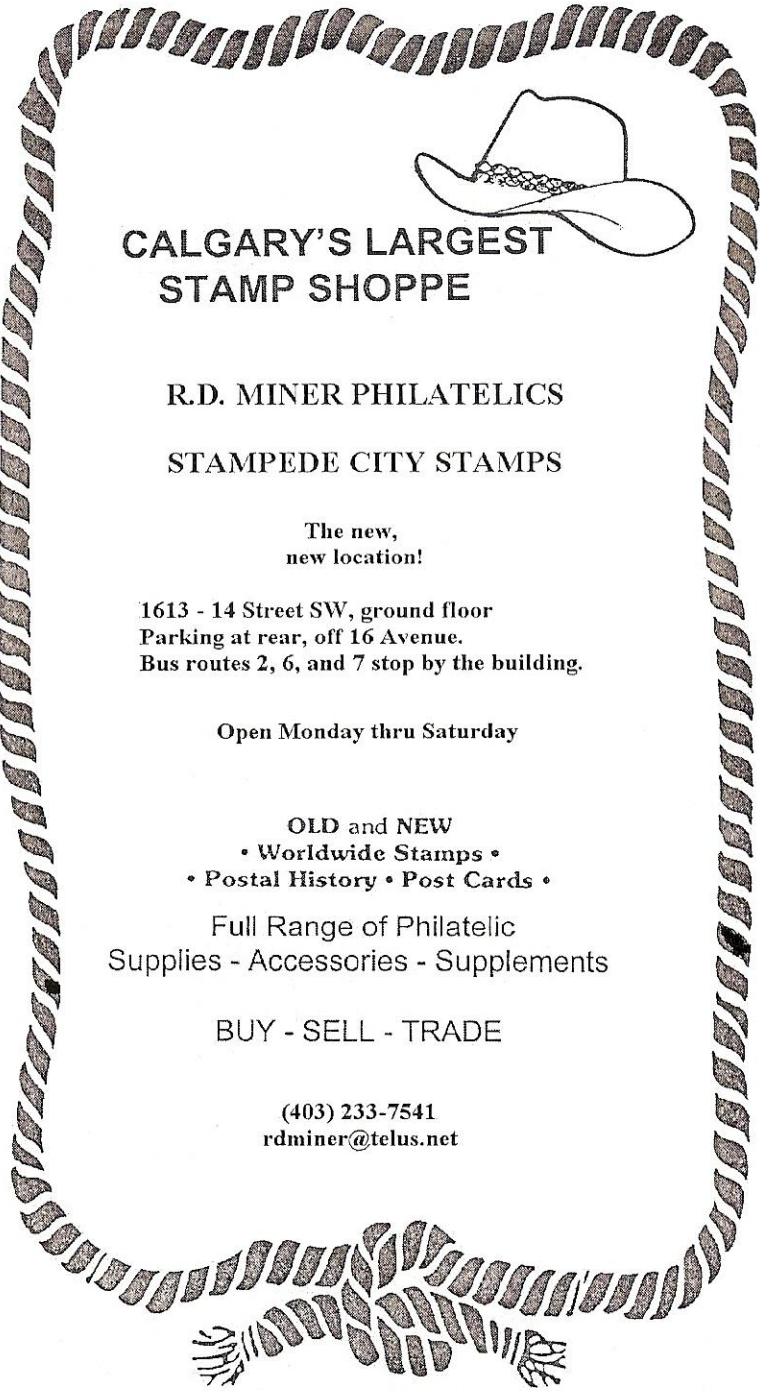
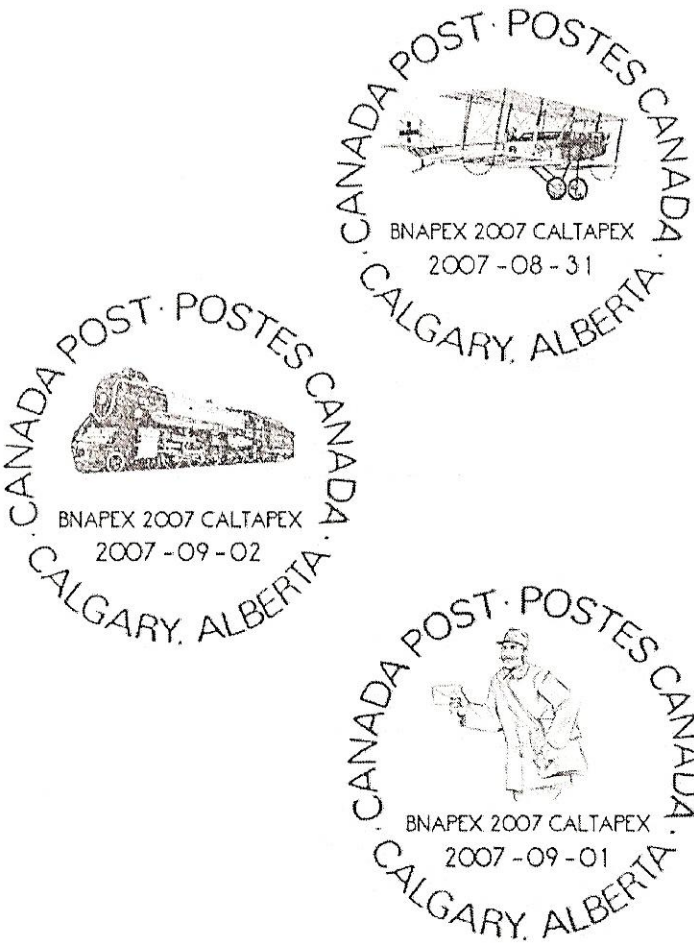
For registration for banquet, events, seminars, and exhibitors, visit:
www.bnaps.org/conv_events
or see Penny Borrowman at the CPS meetings.

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

[to be continued]

BNAPEX 2007 CALTAPEX SHOW POSTMARKS

Through the courtesy of Canada Post, the show will have the following commemorative postmarks.



**CALGARY'S LARGEST
STAMP SHOPPE**

R.D. MINER PHILATELICS

STAMPEDE CITY STAMPS

The new,
new location!

1613 - 14 Street SW, ground floor
Parking at rear, off 16 Avenue.
Bus routes 2, 6, and 7 stop by the building.

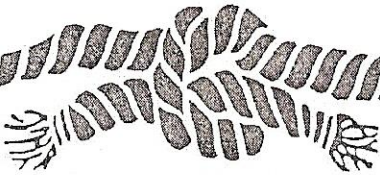
Open Monday thru Saturday

OLD and NEW
• Worldwide Stamps •
• Postal History • Post Cards •

Full Range of Philatelic
Supplies - Accessories - Supplements

BUY - SELL - TRADE

(403) 233-7541
rdminer@telus.net



SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

These ads are free to paid-up 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.

NOTE TO INTERNET VIEWERS: Unless stated otherwise, telephone numbers are area code 403. Alberta is on Mountain Time. Any advertiser can be reached through the CPS e-mail at calphilso@shaw.ca, but please allow time for forwarding to offline members.

WANTED: Any covers, wrappers, or postcards from Great Britain sent after May 31, 1951, bearing 1d postage. Excellent prices paid for good items. Contact Dave at 284-4775.

FOR SALE: Canadian annual collections from 1980 to 2001. Call Al at 282-1031.

WANTED: Used Machin stamps with selvage attached. Cash or trade. Call Georg at 547-0409.

FOR SALE: Selling estate of Philatelics Etc. Bring your want list to Sunday bourse or phone Bill at 337-3260.

WANTED: Used Greece 2003 and 2004 Olympic related stamps and covers (other than FDCs), CTO and special cancels considered. Cash or Canadian coils in trade. Phone Gordon at 249-1094.

WANTED: USA stamps, MNH, VF. Singles, sets, and sheets between 1980 and 2004. Paying face value plus exchange rate and GST. Call Bob at 257-1942 or email bob.dahl@shaw.ca

FOR SALE: Stamps of Australia, fine used. Up-to-date issues of the last couple of years, stamps and miniature sheets, good selection. Also have stamps and covers of Norfolk Island. Call Michael Teekens at 286-7927

WANTED: Collector of stamps, books, and history. Special interest in submarine material. Contact Wayne at 295-3275 or kingwi@shaw.ca

FOR SALE: Canadian plate blocks and mint stamps at face value. Call Henning at 271-2596.

WANTED: Canadian military covers and postcards with hospital ships (white with red crosses). Contact Jon Johnson at 253-8411 or jcjperfins@hotmail.com

WANTED: Tanna Tuva, especially covers. I used to have a few and now starting over. Phone Keith at (780)437-1787 (Edmonton)

WANTED: Owl stamps worldwide. Cash or trade. Call Pat at 238-3435.

WANTED: Stamp show catalogues, Canadian and international shows. The older the better. Please contact Ed at 274-0021 or harrise@shaw.ca

TRADE: Need automotive work done on your car? Let's trade my labour for your stamps that I need. I am a licenced mechanic with 20+ years experience. Phone Doug Kollar at 547-3838.

WANTED: Advanced collector of World Wildlife Fund (anything with the panda logo) stamps, postally-used covers, FDCs, postcards, maximum cards, even cookie cans. Top dollar paid! Phone Jan at 251-1769.

WANTED: Private collector pays cash for larger stamp collections. Phone Willi at 239-2273.

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: Stamps and covers from China to 1949, People's Republic of China, and Taiwan. Special interest in overprints and bulk lots. Prefer postally used. Call Penny at 686-2662 or pkborrowman@yahoo.ca.

WANTED: Calgary Stampede philatelic memorabilia. I collect all phases of this fascinating field. You may have just the cover or cancel I need. Cash or generous exchange. Call Ed at 274-0021 or harrise@shaw.ca

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Worldwide collections (mounted) by country. 30 to 50 countries still available. Also lots of individual stamps catalogued per Scott for trade. Call Joe at 277-7006

FOR SALE: Canada Scott #365 to 368, as 1,742 stamps MVF, all in blocks and strips of 4 to 10 stamps. Catalogue \$1390, asking \$790 o.b.o.. Canada Millennium collection book, never opened; asking \$89. Canada used sets VF, call for details. Canada Scott MNH for \$65. Call Les Gordon at 278-3511.

FOR SALE: Israel collection 1950 to 1982 missing a few but 90% there. Many duplicates, different tab locations. Catalogue \$1520, asking \$850 o.b.o.. Mint with tabs 1984 to 1988, catalogue \$118, asking \$60. Call Les Gordon at 278-3511

WANTED: Canadian stamps, mint or very fine used. Call Arnie at 279-5957.

COMMITTEES

Archives	Dale Speirs	701-0174
Auctions - regular	Doug Kollar	547-3838
- silent	Jim Senecal	547-7681
Bulletin - Editor	Dale Speirs	701-0174
Circuit books	Mike McPhail	239-9730
Library	Penny Borrowman	686-2662
Life Members	Keith Brown	248-0688
Membership	Isobel Attrell	294-0935
Private Treaty books	Gerry Vader	293-0158
Programmes	Penny Borrowman	686-2662
Sergeant-At-Arms	Dave Russum	284-4775
Webmaster	Jan van Staden	285-1874

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2007

August 31 to September 2		BNAPEX 2007 CALTAPEX
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

MEETINGS and AUCTIONS are at the Kerby Centre, 2nd floor, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, at 19h30. Auction lots should be in before 19h30 to allow bidder viewing

BNAPEX 2007 CALTAPEX is at the Westin Hotel, 320 - 4 Avenue SW. Details from Jon Johnson at 253-8411.

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 second Wednesdays. For details about meeting places and times, contact Ed Harris at 274-0021.

CALGARY ASSOCIATION OF PHILATELIC EXHIBITORS meets fourth Wednesdays. For details, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698.