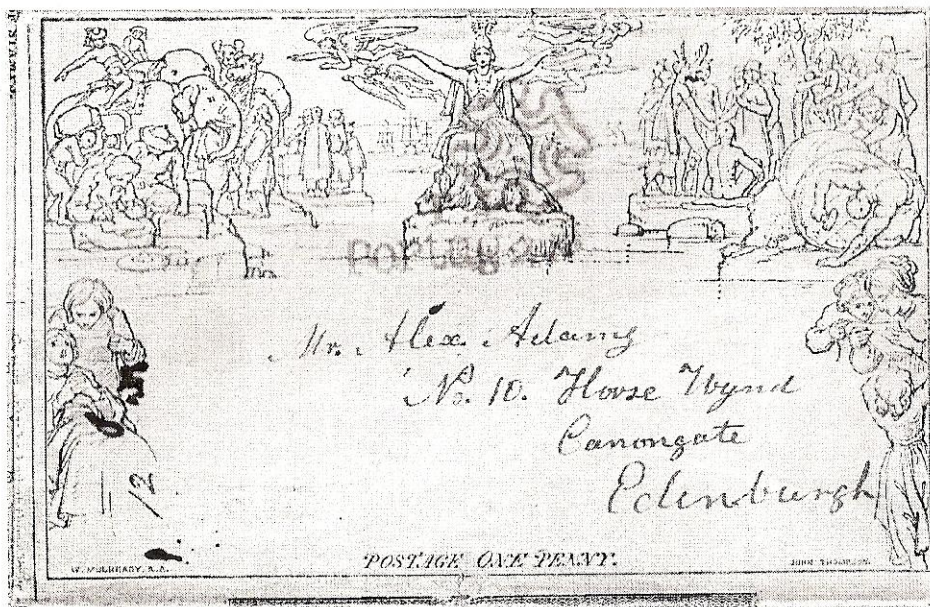


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A second-day of issue Mulready envelope sent from London on May 7, 1840, and received in Edinburgh on May 9. More on the story inside.

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SHREVES DREAMS
by Dave Russum

The Shreves Auction of 11th June 2007 saw the sale of the William H. Gross collection of early Great Britain stamps and covers. Donating the proceeds to the charitable organisation "Doctors Without Borders" was a remarkable act that caught the attention of collectors and investors alike.

I salivated as I studied the catalogue with many unique items of magnificent quality; any one of them would have qualified for pride of place in my collection. I knew when the block of 18 mint penny blacks was reunited with the previously detached strip of 6 for a cool \$1,000,000 (+15% commission) that this would be a record-breaking sale.

The first-day cover of a Penny Black (6th May 1840) sold for a 'mere' \$80,000 but there were an incredible twelve first-day covers of the infamous One Penny Mulready mailed on the same date with estimates of \$2,000 to \$5,000. I was convinced I could snag one of them. I studied them all with care and was attracted to one that had the lowest estimate of the sale \$2,000 to \$3,000. It was little more than a front since the back flap was torn removing part of the coveted 6th May 1840 handstamp. What had caught my eye was unmentioned in the catalogue; the addressee was a 'Mrs H'ry Cole'.

Henry Cole was Rowland Hill's assistant in the effort to introduce postal reform. I could well envision him rushing to the Post Office on that first morning after the trials and tribulations of the previous three years and sending a note to his wife in the new fangled envelope with some comment like "We did it!" I had already mentally laid out my exhibit page.

The anticipation built as I tuned into the sale and Lot 66 came up. For a fleeting moment I was high bidder. Then seemingly in the blink of an eye the lot was sold for \$23,000. My high bid would not even have covered the commission! Thanks to the marvels of the Internet, I was there at a sale that raised over \$9million; reportedly the largest ever dollar amount for a stamp sale in the United States. I don't have anything to show but the memory. Sweet dreams!

HOW ABOUT A SECOND-DAY MULREADY?
by Dale Speirs

The Penny Black and the Mulready envelope were both issued the same day, on May 6, 1840, with the expectation that the general public would prefer the Mulready, as it would save them the trouble of buying an envelope separately.

But, like New Coke and the Ford Edsel, it was ridiculed to death. The blame is traditionally attached to its ornate artwork, but I think this is unfair. It wasn't so much the actual art but the fact that so much of it was crammed into such a small area. The Mulready inspired dozens of satirical imitations and was left to die an unlamented death by the GPO, much to the disappointment of many postal officials.

By coincidence, about the same time that Dave Russum was bidding on a first-day Mulready envelope, I was bidding on a second-day Mulready in a Vance Auction. I have been wanting to add a sample of the Mulready for some time, and this seemed like a good opportunity. I bid \$2,000 and got it for \$1,840. Although most philatelists, myself included, refer to Mulreadys as envelopes, they were actually lettersheets. The copy I bought is shown below spread out, and on the front cover as it looked when folded up. The backstamps show the sending and receiving stations. On the front, not that visible, is "PORTUGAL ST", the London substation from which the cover was mailed to Edinburgh.

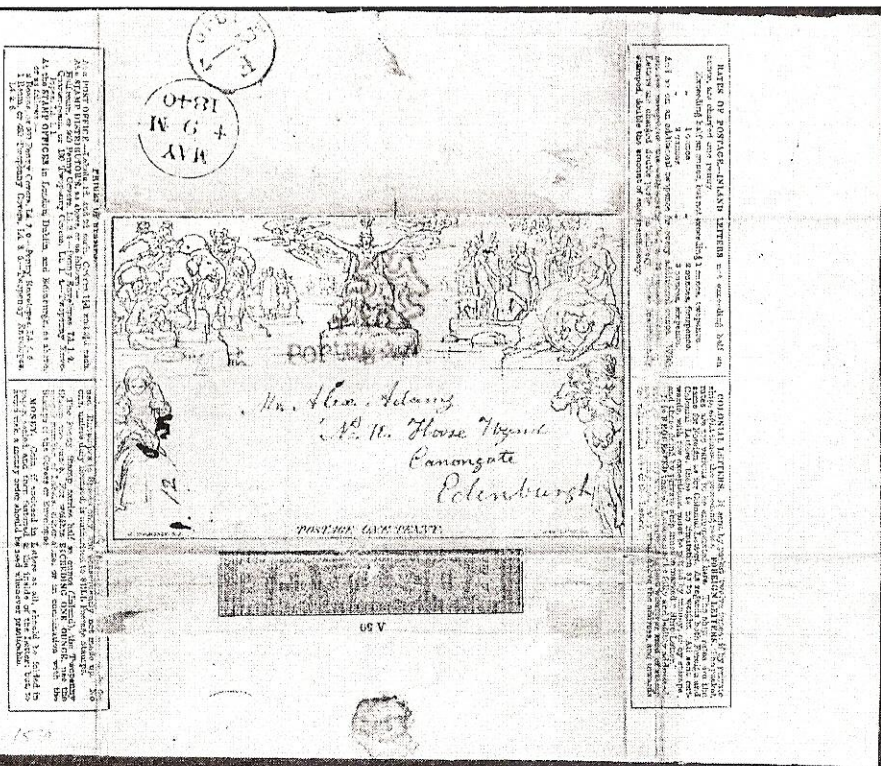


Figure 1: Unfolded Mulready lettersheet

WHISTLING PAST THE GRAVEYARD

by Dale Speirs

A front page story in a local Calgary newspaper [1] carried the laments of a Retail Postal Outlet (RePO) operator, the Highfield Copy Inn store at 929 - 42 Avenue SE, that his postage stamp sales were down 10% in the last eleven months. Traditionally, e-mail and automatic debit bill payments have been blamed for the decline. However, a Canada Post spokeswoman mentioned another cause. Postal customers mailing parcels can buy postage on-line, print off a label, and call for the package to be picked up. Canada Post now advertises that it isn't necessary to go to a RePO anymore to mail parcels. In popular Internet parlance, this is known as cannibalizing the store, that is, killing off one's own brick-and-mortar business in favour of the on-line shop.

I suspect that RePOs will continue to operate but will be fewer and farther between. They will gradually dwindle to nothing more than a parcel pickup counter, much like Greyhound or FedEx shops. Most homeowners are away during the day, so they still will have to come in to pick up their parcels.

It is amusing to note that in 2007 we celebrated the centennial of letter carrier service in Calgary, but those who live in new suburbs built after 1986 do not get home delivery. They have to pick up their mail at a cluster box, the so-called supermailboxes. Such is progress, back to where we were a century ago!

Reference.

1] McMurray, Jenna (2007-08-14) E-mail use hacking into stamp sales. 24 HOURS (free daily tabloid published by CALGARY SUN), pages 1 and 5

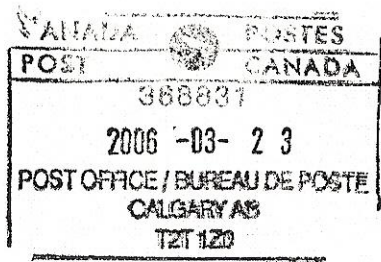


There are presently in Calgary three post offices run by Canada Post and about 75 Retail Postal Outlets (RePOs). I say "about" because the number is constantly changing as Calgary expands outward. As far as I know, I have found them all, but it is an on-going task to keep up. I used the White Pages directory to start off with, and keep my eyes open as I drive about town, particularly in the new suburbs. If you are wanting to get handstamps of RePOs, bear in mind that you have to ask for them at the counter. If you just toss them in the RePO letterbox, they will be cancelled at the main plant and only get a spray-on cancel. Also bear in mind that the average RePO clerk has little or no conception of postmark collecting, and you must be prepared to do some explaining.

This series will be a space-filler for the next several years in this bulletin. I will start off with the southwest quadrant of the city, for no better reason than I live there, but rest assured that I will eventually get through all the RePOs. The reproduced postmarks will not be actual size.

Southwest Calgary RePOs.

Altadore: 20 Street SW and 33 Avenue, Marda Loop Registry



Bankview: 14 Street SW and 26 Avenue, 7 Eleven



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

Search and rescue	see under Safety, search and rescue
Secord, Laura	1992 42
Selkirk, Lord	1962 5
Selye, Hans	2000 46
Service, Robert	1976 8
Settlers	see under Immigration

Ships,	boats, small	NL1897 8	NL1897 24
		1990 39	1993 43
		1994 43	1995 45
		1997 45	1998 45
		1957 5	1975 8
	canoe	1987 34	1988 37
		1989 38	1990 39
		1991 40	1994 43
		1995 43	1996 90
		1998 45	2003 125
	Coast Guard ferry	1991 40	
		1946 100	1967 20
		2004 50	
		1967 4	1984 32
		1992 42	1996 45
	freighter	2002 65	
		2000 46	
		1978 14	
		1955 10	1979 17
		1991 40	
	hydroplane icebreaker kayak	1942 20	1942 100
		1992 42	1993 43
		1994 43	1998 45
		2005 50	
		1995 43	
	military	1986 34	1991 40
		2004 140	
		1995 43	
		1986 34	1991 40
		2004 140	
	passenger rowboat	NL1866 13	NL1887 10
		NL1897 10	NL1910 4
		NL1931 50	NL1932 25
		NL1932 30	NL1932 48
		NL1933 60	NL1933 8
	sailing, general	NL1933 9	NL1933 15
		NL1941 5	NL1947 5
		1908 20	1934 2
		1935 13	1949 4
		1963 5	1965 5
		1966 5	1968 5
		1975 15+5	1975 8
		1977 12	1978 14
		1979 17	1979 17 (on flag)

Ships,	sailing, general	1984 32	1986 34
		1988 37	1989 38
		1991 40	1997 45
		1999 46	2000 46
		2004 49	2004 140
	, Bluenose	1928 50	1982 60
		1988 37	1998 45
	scull	1975 10+5	
	shipwrecks	1987 36	2005 50
	steamship	NB1860 12.5	NL1928 2
		1927 20	1933 5
		1942 4	1951 5
		1967 4	1975 8
		1976 10	1977 12
		1978 14	1986 34
		1987 36	2002 48
		2004 49	2005 50
	sternwheeler	1938 6	1976 10
		1993 43	
	submarines, U-boats	1979 35	1992 42
		1993 43	
	tugboat	1992 42	
Shore, Eddie		2001 47	
Shriners		2001 47	
Skating		see under Sports, skating	
Skiing		see under Sports, skiing	
Sleighs		see under Vehicles, sleigh	
Smallwood, Joseph		1998 45	
Smellie, Elizabeth		2000 46	
Smith, Donald A.		1970 6	
Smith, Michael		2004 49	
Snowmobile		see under Vehicles, snowmobile	
Snowshoeing		see under Leisure activities	
Songs		see under Music, songs	
Space exploration,			
astronauts		1985 32	2003 48
astronomy, telescope		2002 48	
Moon		1985 32	
rockets		1995 43	
satellites, Alouette		1966 5	
, Anik		1992 42	
, communications		1986 39	2005 50
shuttles		1986 34	1992 42
		1999 46	2000 46
stations		2000 46	
Sports,		see also under Leisure activities	
		see also under athlete's individual name	
badminton		1978 30	
baseball		1988 37	2001 47

Sports,	basketball	1976 8+2	1991 40
		1991 46	1991 80
	bicycling	1974 8	1992 42
		1994 88	1999 46
		2003 48	2005 50
	bobsledding	1987 42	1992 42
	bowling	1978 30	1994 43
	boxing	1975 10+5	
	car racing	1997 45	
	curling	1969 6	1974 8
		1988 37	2002 48
	disabled events	1976 20	1994 43
		2000 46	
	diving	1992 42	1994 50
		2005 50	
	events, broadcasting	1998 45	
	, Canada Games	1969 6	
	, Commonwealth Games	1978 14	1978 30
		1994 43	1994 50
		1994 88	
	, FINA World	2005 50	
	, Highland Games	1997 45	
	, IAAF World	2001 47	
	, Olympics, general	1996 45	
	, Albertville	1992 42	
	, Athens	2004 49	
	, Barcelona	1992 42	
	, Calgary	1986 34	1986 34
		1987 36	1987 42
		1987 36	1988 37
		1988 43	1988 74
	, Innsbruck	1976 20	
	, Lake Placid	1980 35	
	, Montréal	1973 8	1973 15
		1974 8+2	1974 10+5
		1974 15+5	1975 8+2
		1975 10+5	1975 15+5
		1975 100	1975 200
		1975 20	1975 25
		1975 50	1976 8+2
		1976 10+5	1976 20+5
		1976 20	1976 25
		1976 50	1976 100
		1976 200	1976 8
	, Pan-American	1967 5	1999 46
	, Road World (cycling)	2003 48	
	, University Games	1983 32	1983 64
	fencing	1975 8+2	
	football	1987 36	
	golf	1995 43	2004 49
	gymnastics	1976 10+5	1992 42
	hockey, field	1979 17	

Sports,	hockey, ice	1956 5	1986 34
		1992 42	1993 43
		1997 45	1999 46
		2000 46	2001 47
		2002 48	2003 48
		2004 49	2005 50
	horse, bronco riding	1999 46	
	, jumping	1999 46	
	, racing	1999 46	
	judo	1975 15+5	
	lacrosse	1968 5	1994 43
	luge	1988 74	
	rodeo	1999 46	1999 46
	rowing	1975 10+5	1980 17
		1982 30	1999 46
	running	1978 14	1982 30
		2000 46	2004 49
	sailing	1975 15+5	
	skating, figure	1972 8	1988 43
		1992 42	2001 47
	, pleasure	1973 6	1974 8
		1974 8	2001 47
	, skates	1982 20	2003 48
	, speed	1987 36	2002 48
	skiing, biathlon	1986 34	
	, cross-country	1974 8	1987 36
	, downhill	1957 5	1980 35
		1988 37	1992 42
		1997 45	
	, freestyle	2002 48	
	, jumping	1987 36	1992 42
	, snowboarding	2005 50	
	soccer	1976 20+5	1999 46
		2004 49	
	stadia and event buildings	see under Buildings, sports	
	swimming	1957 5	1974 8
		1975 8+2	1975 200
		1992 42	1999 46
		2004 49	2005 50
	track and field	1967 5	1975 100
		1975 20	1975 25
		1975 50	1992 42
		1994 43	1996 45
		1999 46	2001 47
	wrestling, sumo	1998 45	
Stagecoach	see under Vehicles, stagecoach		
Stamp collecting	see under Philately		

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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 will not get messages every day. The group is moderated to keep out spam and irrelevant posts.

MISCELLANEOUS CLUB NOTES

This year's Christmas Social will be in the regular meeting room, with a selection of food and drinks, as well as activities.

Hans Jensen has retired as Treasurer after many years of service in that position. Taking over for him is Jon Johnson.

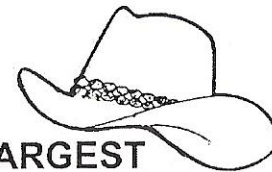
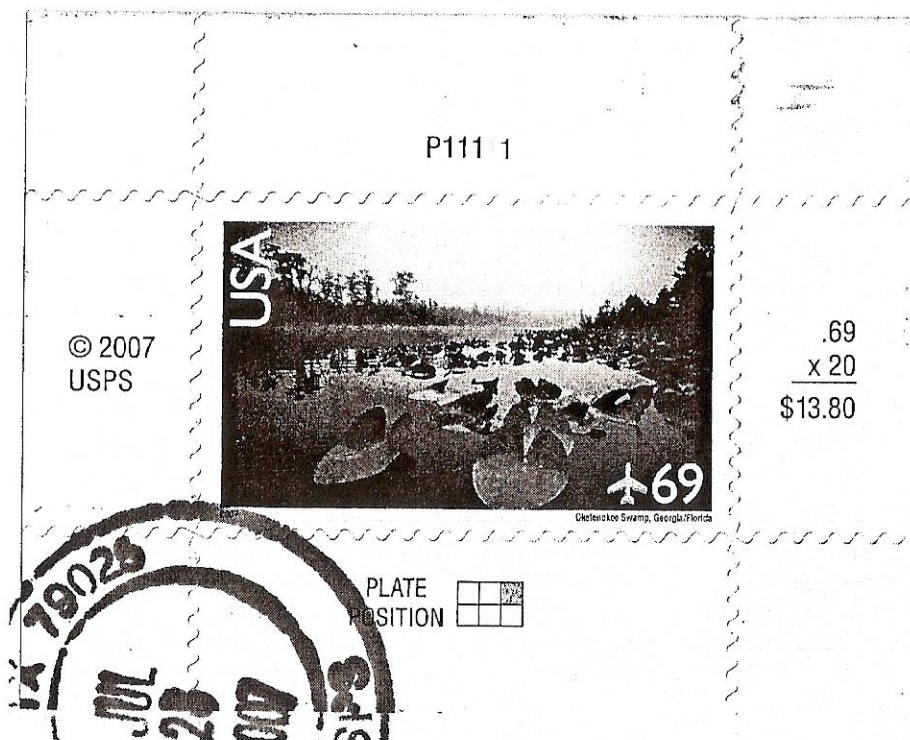
The Auction Committee reminds consignors to make certain their bid sheet is firmly attached to the lot. Elsewise, someone else may get your money!

Dale Speirs, the CPS Archivist, is looking for someone to take over the position. You will need room for a large bookcase and miscellaneous ephemera, and it must be on a main floor or upstairs, not in the basement (to avoid damage from water or sewer backups, which destroy more collections than anything else). There should be reasonable security for the materials, that is, no small children who might use the archives for colouring books. Knowledge of librarianship is desirable. In particular, we are looking for someone who can start scanning original documents to put on CD-ROM or the club Website.

For the January programme, club members whose first names start with A to F are asked to bring a one-page exhibit for show-and-tell.

FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES

Steve Davis will be presenting the February 2008 programme, which is titled: "Modern U.S. Airmail: The Scenic American Landscape Series 1999 -Present" The series he will be discussing are the ones intended to pay international airmail rates to Canada, Mexico, and Rest of the World. They are some of the most beautiful stamps issued by the USA in the last few years. They are listed in Scott starting with C133. Although they don't say "airmail" on them Scott considers them airmail because of the intent of the stamps. They have a stylized jet plane next to the denomination on the stamps. You have likely seen the 69c Okefenokee Swamp one on mail from the USA.



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	19	Auction
April	2	General meeting
	16	Auction
	26 and 27	Spring Show
May	7	General meeting
	7	Deadline for June bulletin

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