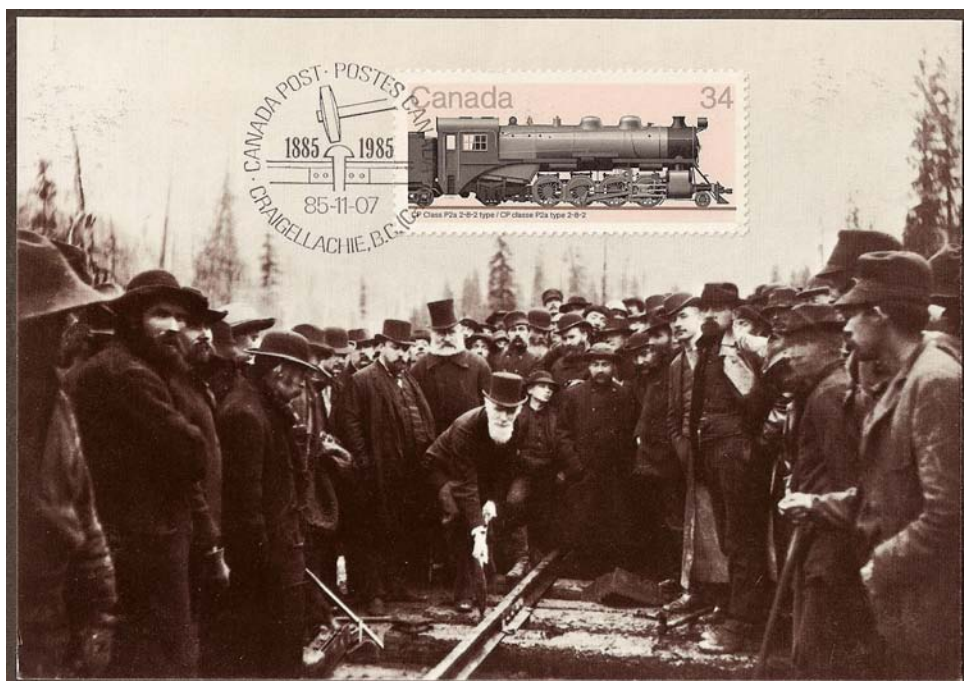


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In this issue, we learn of the connection between the CPR, Sandford Fleming, and how we set our clocks. The postcard above shows the last spike of the transcontinental railroad being driven by Donald Smith in 1885. Standing directly behind him, with top hat and white beard, is Fleming (enlargement at left).

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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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CHECK YOUR WATCH AND THANK SIR SANDFORD

by Ron Tabbert

Sir Sandford Fleming has been honoured by Canada Post with two stamps, but I'm amazed that his story is largely ignored in so many histories. Along with an illustrious career in Canada, he also had an interesting impact on the world as a whole. Look at your watch. We do it dozens of times a day. Look at a train, plane or bus timetable and you can thank Sir Sandford.

Fleming was born in 1827 in Scotland, studying surveying and engineering before coming to Canada. After working with the Northern and then the Intercontinental Railways, he was appointed Engineer-in-Chief for surveying the Canadian Pacific across western Canada. He showed the feasibility of the Kicking Horse Pass, Eagle Pass, and Rogers Pass for the railway. He was knighted for his important role in building the Canadian Pacific Railway. He retired in 1880, then was Chancellor of Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario for 35 years. He also served as Hudson's Bay Company director. He died in 1915 at the age of 88.



It was the trains that gave Fleming his international fame. In the 1800s a town clock was important. But they were for local time. One never knew what time it would be when he got to another place. When Fleming missed a train because it departed at 5:00 pm and not 5:00 am as he had supposed, he came up with the idea of standardizing time zones. He divided the world into 24 zones, and, though in the mix of international politics and power, his contribution was often pushed

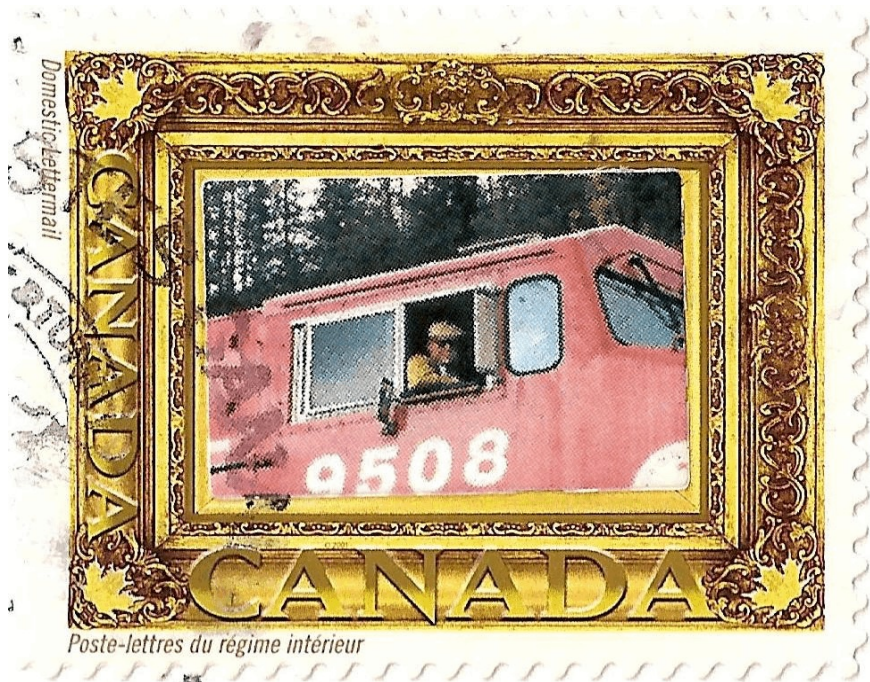
aside, it was finally accepted worldwide in 1884. An observatory in Greenwich, England was the base line, and an International Date Line was established in the Pacific Ocean. So, when you look at your watch and you know the “local time” wherever you are in the world, give a nod to Sir Sandford. Because of his proposal, an American museum paid \$33,000 for his pocket watch when it came up for auction in 1991. Stamp collectors have a particular affection for Fleming because he designed Canada’s first postage stamp, the “Three Penny Beaver.” Canada’s archives actually have the very table napkin on which he sketched a beaver next to a small stream. It is my guess, because of his involvement with the Canadian Pacific Railway, he may have had some influence on the use of the beaver in CPR’s insignia as well.

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Ron Tabbert on his personalized stamp at the controls of a CPR diesel locomotive.

STAMP SHOWS 2009

by Janice Brookes

Even with the economic downturn, the philatelic community so far seems to be escaping the worst of it. All of our regular dealers are going to be here for our Spring Bourse at the Kerby Centre. Hours are Saturday, April 25, from 10h00 to 18h00, and Sunday, April 26, from 10h00 to 16h00.

CALTAPEX 2009 is October 16 to 18, Friday from 13h00 to 18h00 (please note no morning hours on Friday!), Saturday 10h00 to 17h00, and Sunday 10h00 to 16h00. There will be a banquet Saturday evening. We are planning an extra on Friday evening, with our Head Judge, Tim Bartsche (Denver, Colorado), who will also be our banquet guest speaker. As usual, we will need help to set up Thursday evening for the frames and teardown Sunday evening. We have a special Court of Honour planned, including a presentation by the Calgary Regional BNAPS Group.

ROUND THE C.A.P.E.

by Janice Brookes

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (CAPE) took some fantastic exhibits out of Calgary. Norma Nielson, Leanna Johnson, Don Wilson, Dave Bartlett, and Jan Brookes entered the 1-frame challenge at the American Philatelic Society Winter Show in Arlington, Texas, from February 20 to 22, 2009. Norma, Leanna, and Don got silvers, Jan and Dave won vermeil, and Jan won the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Medal of Honour for Presentation. There were 127 exhibits in the 1-frame competition. I have been unable to find out where we finished in the team competition out of nine teams. I believe the Stampeters were about fifth.

Most of our exhibitors have plans to enter the Edmonton National in March. Donna, Jan, and Norma are entering the American Topical Association show in June. The same weekend is Royal 2009 Royale in St. Catharines, Ontario, with many going there as well.

PHILATELIC ECONOMICS

by Neil Maki

By the time you receive this issue, it will be income tax time.



Many of us will, as a consequence, be low on ready cash.



It doesn't help that the economy is in rough shape as a result of the Panic of 2008.



The Panic of 2008 can be blamed on financial speculators.



Due to lack of faith in fiat currency, investors are buying gold and raising its price.



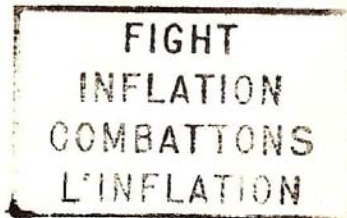
Many doomsayers believe a new Great Depression is on its way.



The American Federal Reserve is trying to prevent this by creating trillions of dollars in fiat money.



Once these trillions of dollars work their way through the system, worldwide inflation is expected to occur.



Large numbers of people are already losing their jobs.



The oil futures market isn't just irrational, it's absolutely insane.



New projects in the Alberta oilsands are being postponed.

CURRENT POSTMARKS OF CALGARY: PART 9

by Dale Speirs

Rectangular To Round.

Rectangular postmarks require a separate ink pad, while round postmarks are self-inking. When a retail postal outlet (RePO) buys a new postmarking device, the conversion is made. The following RePOs have recently converted to round cancels.

Crescent Heights: 16 Avenue NE
and Edmonton Trail,
7-Eleven



Martindale: Martindale Gate NE,
7-Eleven

Sunridge Mall: 36 Street NE and
24 Avenue, Shoppers
Drug Mart



Closures.

The Beltline RePO at 11 Avenue SW and 5 Street (Downtown Registry) closed sometime in the middle of 2008.

A POSTMAN'S TRIP TO THE BACK OF BEYOND

by Jon Johnson



“The Back Of Beyond” is a documentary of the fortnightly trip of Royal Mail and supplies from Maree, South Australia, to Birdsville, Queensland. The delivery route is the ancient 300 mile Birdsville track. Anyone who is interested in seeing this 1954 documentary is welcome. If you have any Aussie Show & Tell, please bring it along.

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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.

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April	1	General meeting
	15	Auction
	25 to 26	Spring Bourse
May	6	General meeting
	6	deadline for June bulletin
	20	Auction
June	3	General meeting
	17	Auction
August	1	deadline for August bulletin
September	2	General meeting
	2	deadline for October bulletin
	16	Auction
October	7	General meeting
	16 to 18	CALTAPEX 2009
	21	Auction
November	4	General meeting
	4	deadline for December bulletin
	18	Auction

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

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.

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