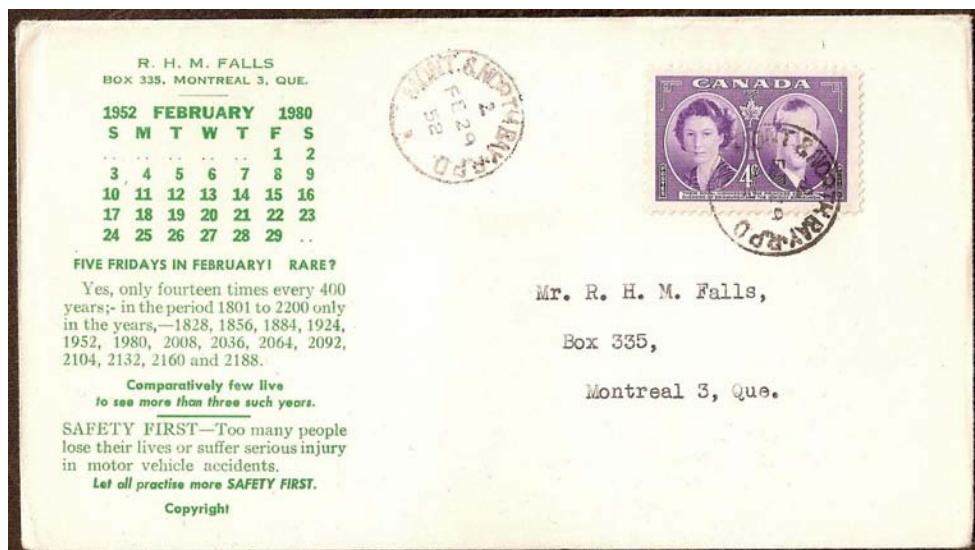


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In this issue: A look at calendar date collecting and some of the oddball types, such as the cover above which publicizes fifth Fridays in February. The last time February had five Fridays was in 2008, and you will have to wait until 2036 for the next one.

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FREIGHT C.O.D. CARDS USED FROM CALGARY

by Jon Johnson

Burns & Co. Ltd., later Burns Foods, based in Calgary, was western Canada's largest meat packing company. At one point they had slaughterhouses and meat packing plants in Calgary, Vancouver, Edmonton, Prince Albert, and Regina. This article illustrates Burns & Co. usage of freight C.O.D. cards to ship meat.

In 1950 an easy way to ship C.O.D. freight was by the Canadian Pacific Railway. The sender would pick up a Freight C.O.D. envelope from the CPR. The sender's name and address would be put on the front of the envelope, and on the reverse the name of the recipient, name of the rail stop, and the amount to be collected. The envelope would then be attached to the shipping bill. The package and shipping bill would then be taken to the nearest CPR depot, where the shipping bill would be securely attached to the CPR waybill. Upon arrival at the package's destination the CPR agent would remove the Freight C.O.D. envelope from the waybill. He then put in the envelope the cheque or cash received from the recipient, added postage to the envelope, and off it went back to the sender.

Figure 1: Burns & Co. freight C.O.D. cards





Figure 2: CPR perfin, Central division

The front envelope in Figure 1 is dated January 11, 1950, posted at Vauxhall, Alberta. The stamp is perforated “CPR” (type C52) by the CPR Central Division perforator in Winnipeg (Figure 2).

The other envelope is dated May 5, 1950, at Field, British Columbia. The stamps are perforated “CPR” (type C53) by the CPR Western Division perforator in Vancouver (Figure 3). Note that the word “Freight” is shorter and more compact on the front envelope. The sender’s address was simply “Calgary, Alta.”.



*Figure 3:
CPR perfin,
Western
Division*

On the reverse sides (Figure 4, next page), the envelopes are almost identical. Both are Form 2648. In the lower left, the Vauxhall envelope has 11-48, and the Field cover has 1-47. These identify print runs by the various printers when the envelopes were originally ordered by the CPR.

FORM 2648
11-48

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1-47

FOR GOODS SHIPPED TO

NO. C.O.D. 210 A. W. 556
BILL ENCLOSED
AMOUNT OF BILL \$ 20.00 Nauhall
CHARGES FOR COLLECTION AND RETURN OF PROCEEDS \$ _____

UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED DESTINATION OFFICE WILL COLLECT CHARGE FOR RETURN OF PROCEEDS EXAMINE CLOSELY ALL C. O. D. SHIPMENTS FOR SHIPPERS INSTRUCTIONS.

FOR GOODS SHIPPED TO

NO. C.O.D. FIELD MEAT MARKET,
BILL ENCLOSED
AMOUNT OF BILL \$ 143.41 FIELD B.C.
CHARGES FOR COLLECTION AND RETURN OF PROCEEDS \$ _____

UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED DESTINATION OFFICE WILL COLLECT CHARGE FOR RETURN OF PROCEEDS EXAMINE CLOSELY ALL C. O. D. SHIPMENTS FOR SHIPPERS INSTRUCTIONS.

NOTICE TO POSTMASTER—PLEASE FORWARD TO ADDRESS ON REVERSE SIDE

Figure 4: Reverse side of C.O.D. cards.



PHILATELY ON THE INTERNET

by Gordon Demke

Introduction

The Internet contains a wealth of information for philatelists. In fact, a search for “philately” using the Google search engine produces 962,000 hits; a search for “philatelic” yields 1,400,000 hits. Over the years I have come across a number of philately-related websites that I have added to my list of favorites on my Internet browser. I have organized these sites under several folders so that I can quickly visit my favorites: Auctions, Dealers, Societies and Clubs, Suppliers and Publishers, Postal Agencies, and Gateways. In the latter folder I include websites that provide links to vast numbers of philatelic sites and thus serve as useful entry points or portals to all-things philatelic.

Auctions

There are numerous philatelic auctions and you may wish to list some of them as “favorites” as I have. Links to auctions may be found on a number of websites including www.stamp-links.com and www.just4stamps.com.

THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST (journal of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada) now publishes “Philatelic Website Listing” pages in which philatelic-related businesses can promote their websites. Listings are provided for a number of categories including auctions (and BNA/Canada, GB/Commonwealth, Philatelic Literature, Postal History, Topical Collecting, US/Worldwide and Miscellaneous).

<http://stamps.shop.ebay.ca/> is a popular website. I have used e-Bay for philatelic purchases, but have also used it as a tool for price discovery, to quickly identify the catalogue number of stamps, and to find stamps relating to a particular theme.

Dealers

It is good to have your preferred dealers readily accessible on-line. Those you list are of course very much a matter of personal preference and your collecting interests. The Canadian Stamp Dealers’ Association located at <http://www.csdaonline.com/> provides a directory of members and links to those that maintain websites.

Societies And Clubs

The website addresses for many of the major philatelic societies are listed in Scott’s catalogues. Also www.stamp-links.com provides links to numerous societies worldwide.

You may wish to search out societies focused on your particular area of collecting. Good sites that I have listed among my favorites are The British North America Philatelic Society (www.bnaps.org/), The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (www.rpsc.org/), and American Philatelic Society (www.stamps.org/). All of these society websites also include numerous links to other philatelic sites.

The Calgary Philatelic Society's website is located at www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com/. Among its many useful features are links to dealers in Western Canada.

Suppliers And Publishers

For suppliers and publishers, Unitrade Associates may be found at www.unitradeassoc.com/index.htm (they have their entire catalogue on-line). Unfortunately the Canadian distributor for Lighthouse does not currently have a website, but can be contacted by e-mail at lighthouse@compuservicemtl.com. Stamp album pages at a very reasonable cost are accessible via Stamp Albums Web at www.stampalbums.com/. Liberty Street Software at www.libertystreet.com sells Canadian philatelic software called "Stamp Manage" which I have used for a number of years to inventory parts of my Canada collection. Others websites in this category include Michel at www.briefmarken.de/ and Linns.com at www.linns.com/ (for LINN'S STAMP NEWS, SCOTT STAMP MONTHLY, and Scott catalogues).

Postal Agencies And Bureaus

Canada Post's Collector's Shop may be found at www.canadapost.ca/shop/collecting/collecting.jsf. The site has recently been upgraded and improved for on-line ordering. Canada Post Corporation website is located at www.canadapost.ca and the Canadian Postal Archives are found at www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/postal-archives/080608_e.html.

I also maintain a link to Deutsche Post at www.deutschepost.de/dpag?lang=de_EN. The sites again depend upon your collecting interests. The site www.Just4Stamps.com provides links to many philatelic bureaus worldwide.

Gateways

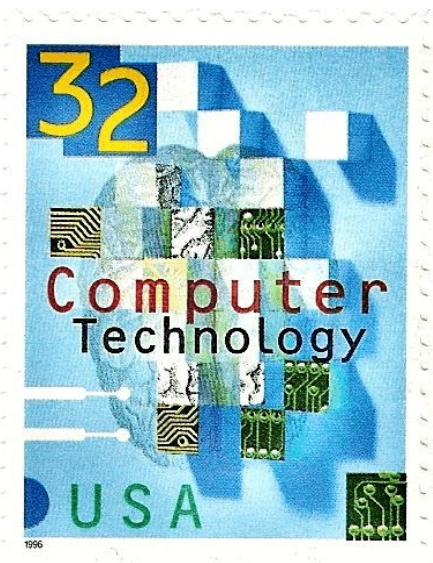
The portals which provide access to innumerable philatelic-related sites are perhaps the most interesting, because someone has gone to the work of organizing sites of relevance to our hobby. I note a couple:

Just 4 Stamps at www.just4stamps.com/index.htm and Stamp Collecting Links at www.stamp-links.com/.

Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia located at www.wikipedia.org/ is another good reference. There are those that question its veracity, but I sure find it helpful. For example, I have found a couple of interesting articles as follows: “List of Entities that have issued postage Stamps” and “Postage Stamps and Postal History of Germany”. At “Portal: Philately” one can view the current extensive coverage of the topic of philately and stamp collecting in Wikipedia (see <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portal:Philately/>).

Conclusions

In the book FREAKONOMICS, the authors argue that nothing is more powerful than information [1]. They devote a chapter to the economic concept of “information asymmetry, a state wherein one party to a transaction has better information than another party. It is probably obvious that real-estate agents typically have better information than their clients.”



In my view the philatelic information available on the Internet assists in leveling the playing field between buyers and sellers of philatelic materials, so make use of it. My intent is not to promote particular businesses with websites, but rather to stimulate interest and encourage club members to share information about good websites that they have located. Otherwise, fellow collectors may be looking for the proverbial needle in a haystack as they surf the Internet and search through the 1.4 million hits that Goggle lists for “philatelic”!

Reference

1] Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner (2005) FREAKONOMICS: A ROGUE ECONOMIST EXPLORERS THE HIDDEN SIDE OF EVERYTHING, published by HarperCollins., Toronto, page 233.

CURRENT POSTMARKS OF CALGARY: PART 15

by Dale Speirs

Nameless To Named Postmarks.

The following Retail Postal Outlets (RePOs) have had their postmarks previously illustrated in this series, but at that time the postmarks were nameless, having only the RePO number but not otherwise identifying the outlet. Since then they have received new postmarks with the RePO name included.



Briar Hill: North Hill Mall,
16 Avenue NW and 19 Street,
Shoppers Drug Mart



Dalhousie: Northland Mall,
Northland Drive NW and
Northmount Drive, Shoppers
Drug Mart



Country Hills: Country Hills Blvd NE,
Shoppers Drug Mart

Rectangular To Round Postmarks.

The following RePOs have converted from rectangular cancellers which require a separate inkpad to the round self-inking postmarks.

Glenmore Landing:
14 Street SW and 90 Avenue,
IDA Pharmacy. This is also
a new RePO number.



West Hills: Stewart Green SW,
Shoppers Drug Mart

Corrected Postmarks.

Falconridge: Falsbridge Drive NE,
Shoppers Drug Mart. The previous
version had the street address
included but it was garbled.



COLLECTING CALENDAR DATES

by Leanteri Polvikoski

It is an old tradition among philatelists to collect postmarks on stamps by the postmark date. Originally the purpose of this was to help date shades or other varieties of stamps, but it soon developed into a fun thing to do to get a dated postmark for each day of the year or even for decades back.

Another type of calendar postmark collecting is oddball dates, which this article will discuss. To start off with one type, consider palindromic cancels, which read the same forward or backward. This is a good time to be doing it, since the first twelve years of a century allow one to collect cancels such as 01-01-01, 10-10-10 (coming up this year on October 10), or 12-12-12. The stamp below has a 9-9-99 postmark, and the 08-08-08 postmark from Minnesota combines the date with a local festival.

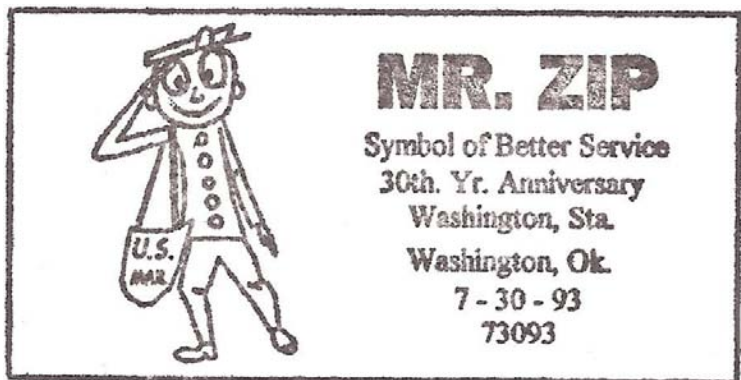


Potato Days Station
08-08-08
Barnesville, MN 56514

The Americans have a popular specialty of Zip code date collecting, where the date coincides with the local Zip code.

IT ONLY HAPPENS ONCE A CENTURY DATE MEETS ZIP STATION

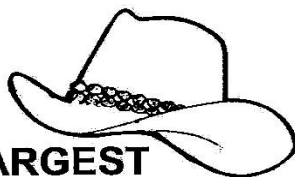
1-20-07 ALCOVE, NEW YORK 12007



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can also be had.



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	16	Auction
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September	1	General meeting
	1	deadline for October bulletin
	15	Auction
October	6	General meeting
	15 to 17	CALTAPEX
	20	Auction
November	3	General meeting
	3	deadline for December bulletin
	17	Auction
December	1	Christmas social

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