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From the CPS Archives is this 1985 sheetlet commemorating the sister city relationship between Calgary and Daqing, China. See page 4 inside.

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The Canada Marine Life Booklet

by Georg Gerlach

I and a number of others across the country are trying to track down various combinations of control, cylinder numbers, and counters from the recent May 2010 booklet issue. It was printed by the Swedish post office and had a number of markings on the booklet. I would like to ask members whether they have any booklets with combinations on them.

The combinations I'm interested in are:

Control number (six digit black) and Cylinder number 1 (Blue)

Control number (as above) and Cylinder number 2 (Blue)

Control number and counter booklet mark (small black wedge connected front and back)

Control numbers on the upper stamp selvage (most are on the lower stamp selvage)

The illustration shows an example of a combination of Cylinder (2) and Control # 099840.



THE CALGARY AND DAQING PHILATELIC SOCIETIES

In the 1980s, the cities of Calgary and Daqing established a sister city relationship, based on their common petroleum background. The philatelic societies of the two cities issued special covers to commemorate the occasion and exchanged gifts. The CPS still has in its archives the cover prepared by the Daqing P.S. in 1985 and the return cover by the CPS in 1986, as well as a beautiful red velvet wall hanging illuminated in gold.





Close-up of postmark
from Daqing cover.



Wall hanging presented by the Daqing Philatelic Society to the CPS in 1985.

CANADIAN DOMESTIC FIRST-CLASS POSTAL RATES

by Gordon Demke

Effective January 11, 2010 Canadian domestic (and other) postal rates increased yet again, continuing the pattern of nearly annual rate increases that has occurred since 1982. While it is readily apparent that nominal postal rates are rising, what about postal rates expressed in constant dollars (net of inflation)?

The following summarizes a brief analysis of Canada Post rates for domestic first-class letter mail (first step, 0-1 oz/0-30 gr). The period selected is January 1914 through February 2010, because this is the time period for which monthly consumer price index (CPI) data for Canada are available. A total of 1,145 data points are considered for each of postal rates and the CPI.

The graph on pages 8 and 9 contains two lines. The bolder nominal rate line depicts the actual first class postal rate in effect during each month. The rates are expressed in currency of the year in which the rate was in effect. There is only one rate decrease identified over the entire 95-year time period, when the rate decreased from 3 cents to 2 cents effective July 1, 1926. During the early years, rates remained relatively flat. Rate increases only occurred periodically, but when they did the percentage increases were fairly dramatic because rates were relatively low (single digit values) and even a one cent absolute increase represented a very substantial percentage increase. For example, the increase in the rate from 4 cents to 5 cents effective April 1, 1954 was a 20% jump. The most dramatic point on the line occurs January 1, 1982 when the postal rate spiked from 17 cents to 30 cents coincident with the post office department becoming a crown corporation (Canada Post). This introduced a period of almost annual postal rate increases as shown by the multiple steps in the nominal rate line culminating with the 57 cents rate effective January 11, 2010. The rising trend over time in the nominal postal rate is readily apparent in the graph, particularly since 1982.

The constant dollar rate line in the graph shows the first-class postal rates (first step) expressed in constant 2002 Canadian dollars. The nominal postal rates are deflated to 2002 dollars (eliminating the effects of price change) using the all-items consumer price index for Canada. The CPI is widely used as an indicator of the change in the general level of consumer prices or the rate of inflation. The pattern of postal rates expressed in real terms is very different from the nominal rates. In the early period transposition of the postal rates into 2002 dollars amplifies the variability associated with a rate change. For example, when the nominal rate increased from 4 cents to 5 cents on April 1, 1954 (a 20% increase), the equivalent rate expressed in 2002 dollars increased from 28.57 cents to 35.17 cents (a 25% increase). However because postal rates remained fixed, sometimes for many years (e.g., the 5 cents rate effective April 1, 1954 remained in effect until October 31, 1968), the real rate would gradually decline as inflation eroded purchasing power.

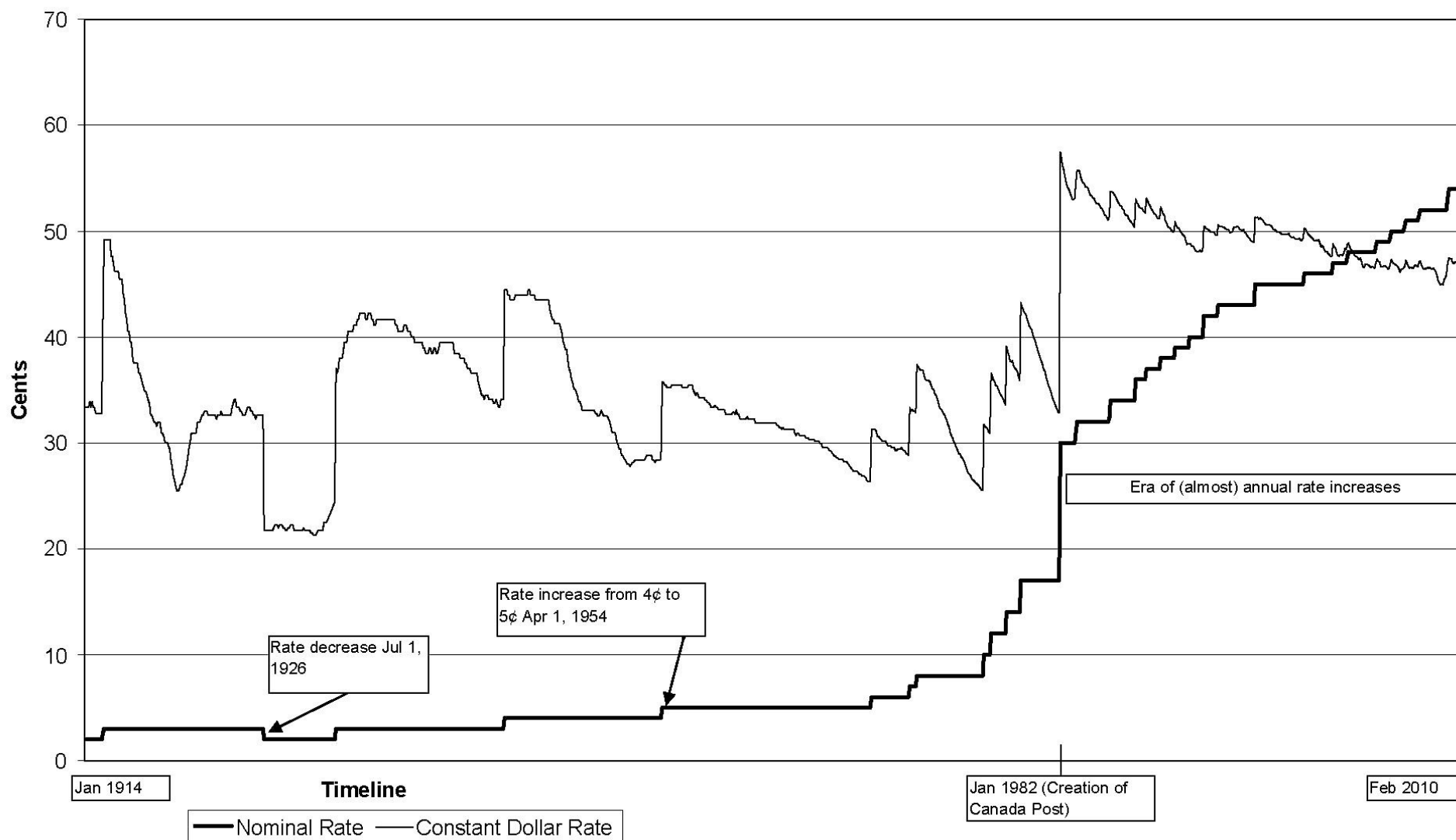
This pattern of a jump in the constant dollar rate followed by a gradual erosion of the real rate due to inflation is repeated several times in the constant dollar rate line of the graph. The other interesting feature of the constant dollar rate line is that after January 1982, the real constant dollar postal rate is shown to decline. The price of postage has been rising at a slower rate relative to the price for the basket of goods and services purchased by a typical Canadian consumer. The trend line for the sub-period 1982 to 2010 is clearly downward sloping.

In summary, postal rates rose steadily in nominal terms, except for the decline July 1, 1926 and the big rate spike of January 1, 1982. During the early years postal rates remained relatively flat with periodic increases. Later the increases occurred more regularly. The trend line in the nominal rates is clearly upward, and is most evident after 1982. The same postal rates expressed in real terms (2002 dollars) show a pattern of spiking dramatically and then gradually declining in real terms as the established rates remain fixed for a number of years but inflation continues in the economy. For the sub-period 1982 to 2010 the trend line for real postal rates is clearly downward. Since 1982 postal rate increases (first-class domestic, first step) have not kept pace with inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

References.

- 1] The CPI is an indicator of changes in consumer prices experienced by Canadians. It is obtained by comparing through time, the cost of a fixed basket of commodities and services purchased by consumers. Since the basket contains commodities of unchanging or equivalent quantity and quality, the index reflects only pure price change. Price movements of the goods and services represented in the basket are weighted according to the relative importance of commodities and services in the total expenditures of consumers. The CPI compares, in percentage terms, prices in any given time period to prices in the official base period which, at present, is 2002=100.
- 2] Harris, D. Robin (editor) (2009) "Selected Postal Rates" in UNITRADE SPECIALIZED CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN STAMPS. The Unitrade Press, Toronto, Ontario. Page 28
- 3] Harris, D. Robin (2010) "Canadian Postal Rates, Updated January 9, 2010". British North America Philatelic Society, Elizabethan Study Group. http://www.adminware.ca/checklist/chk_rate.htm
- 4] Statistics Canada. (accessed 2010-04-16) Table 326-0020 - Consumer Price Index (CPI), 2005 basket, monthly), CANSIM (database). http://cansim2.statcan.gc.ca/cgi-win/cnsmcgi.exe?Lang=E&CNSM-Fi=CII/CII_1-en-g.htm

Canada Domestic First-Class Postal Rates (First Step, 0-1 oz/0-30 gr)



CURRENT POSTMARKS OF CALGARY: PART 17

by Dale Speirs

New Postmarks.

Mission: Mission General Store, 4 Street SW and 17 Avenue. New postmark with new outlet number (which usually indicates change in ownership) and a new postal code, which is unusual.



old postmark, T2S 3A0



same store but new code, T2S 1B0



MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAMMES

The Programme Chairperson, who makes sure there is something interesting to enlighten us each general meeting evening, is putting together another worth-while programme for 2010/11, thanks to the Society members who have volunteered their time and expertise. So far, the members who have volunteered to share their knowledge and collecting interests with us are Penny Borrowman, Norma Neilson, Don Wilson and Jim Taylor. As well, other members are offering interesting guest speakers. Doug Manning's friend Frank Warrender, from England, will attend our October meeting with some of his British Newspaper Stamps to show and tell. Peter Fleck is arranging for John Syrratt, the publisher of the Treasures newspaper, to address us on the general topic of collecting.

With a different sort of evening arranged for December, this all takes us right through March. While spring 2011 may seem like the distant future, it really isn't! Please take a look at your philatelic interests now and speak to Penny about when you can share part of it with the rest of us. Many members can help you with illustrating your talk, if this is not your field of interest. There is always a slide projector, a computer and electronic projector, and a screen at our disposal. Your talk need not be a long one. Indeed, the most appreciated talks are winding up by 9 PM. That gives us time for coffee, donuts, auction business and, most importantly, visiting. Help us to make 2010-11 one of the most interesting periods ever in CPS presentations. Bring your ideas to Penny at the next meeting. Big thanks to all the volunteers past and present. You make it all worthwhile.

CALTAPEX SHOW REPORT

by Janice Brookes

This year we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Chinatown in Calgary as our CALTAPEX theme. In keeping with this, we invited Sam Chiu to be our judge. Sam is an advanced exhibitor, collector, and soon to be an international judge of Asian material. We will again have a "Meet The Judge" evening on Friday. After the show closes, we will order in Chinese food to the Kerby Centre and interview and ask questions of Sam. Saturday night will feature him as a Guest of Honour and speaker at our awards banquet. (Tickets from Penny Borrowman.)

On Saturday we are featuring a seminar "A Look At The Basics". Do you really know how to use tongs? How to use a perforation gauge? There will also be a session on the ever-increasing problem of how to soak self-adhesive stamps.

I thank my many wonderful volunteers who put on the show. I also thank all our dealers who continue to support us. We again have a full bourse.

CALTAPEX 2010

Kerby Centre, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW
in the ground floor gymnasium

Dealer bourse
Exhibits
Seminars
Club activities and tables
Silent auction

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with a special show cover to honour the occasion.



Details from Janice Brookes at 251-1769



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FOR SALE: various QE2 Canada plate block sets between Scott #727 and #1070, various QV to KGV Canada VFNH singles and pairs between Scott #51 and #300. Contact Les at 278-3511.

FOR SALE: Large collection Ontario postal history in two binders plus books and maps, two albums of Ontario postcards, five binders B.C. postmarks plus four books, four binders of Manitoba postmarks plus two books, set of PHSC Journals 1999-2008, Newfoundland Specialized catalogue, album of Canadian postcards, and four volume Canadian stamp collection. Contact Al at 282-1030 or dorandal@shaw.ca

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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.

WANTED: Newfoundland VF used singles, preferably dated. Need #107, 123, 140, 142, 266. 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

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

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

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. Phone Jan at 251-1769.

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

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

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2010

September	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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January	5	General meeting
	5	deadline for February bulletin
	19	Auction
February	2	General meeting
	16	Auction
March	2	General meeting
	2	deadline for April bulletin

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.

CALGARY REGIONAL GROUP OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets second Wednesdays. For details about meeting places and times, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698.

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CALTAPEX will be held at the Kerby Centre, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, in the ground floor gymnasium. Details from Janice Brookes at 251-1769.