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Another CALTAPEX has come and gone. The photo above shows Dwayne Miner busy with customers. More photos beginning on page 11.

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CURRENT POSTMARKS OF CALGARY: PART 18

by Dale Speirs

New Postmarks.

Downtown: Bow Valley Centre,
5 Avenue SW, second floor,
Noteworthy Cards.
Conversion from rectangular
postmark to round self-inker.



New Retail Postal Outlets.

Evergreen: Southeast corner of 162 Avenue SW and Eversyde Blvd, Shoppers Drug Mart. This new outlet is only two blocks from an existing RePO at the Bridlewood 7-Eleven.

That wouldn't be unusual in a high-density downtown neighbourhood, but the suburbs of Evergreen and Bridlewood are typical low-density suburbs centred

around the automobile, where nobody voluntarily walks. To have two RePOs across the street from each other seems strange in an area where everyone drives.



GENEALOGY LINKS FOR PHILATELIC RESEARCH

by Norma Nielson

[Editor's note: Norma gave an excellent presentation at the November meeting on using genealogical databases for philatelic research. For the convenience of CPS members who do postal history research, the list of Web sites she mentioned is given here.]

WorldGenWeb Project:

www.worldgenweb.org

- Canadian affiliate:

www.canadagenweb.org

- American affiliate:

www.usgenweb.org

National Archives (USA):

www.archives.gov/genealogy/military

The Making Of America:

www.digital.library.cornell.edu/m/moa/browse.html

Early Canadiana On-Line:

www.canadiana.org/ECO

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www.familysearch.org

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www.ellisland.org

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www.theshipslist.com

Other ship lists:

www.cyndislist.com/ships.htm

www.olivetreegenealogy.com/ships

userdb.rootsweb.ancestry.com/intl

Miscellaneous:

lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bwo

www.raogk.org

CANADA TO USA AND INTERNATIONAL POSTAL RATES

by Gordon Demke

In the last issue I examined the history of Canadian domestic first-class postal rates (first step, 0-1 oz/0-30gr). Rates from 1914 to 2010 were graphed in both nominal terms (the actual postal rate in effect in each month) and the constant dollar rate (the actual postal rate expressed in 2002 dollars). The latter may be alternatively referred to as the real postal rate, after accounting for the effects of general inflation in the economy. Inflation was very dramatic over this 97 year time period, as measured by the Canadian Consumer Price Index (or CPI for short). The CPI shows that a basket of goods and services that cost the Canadian consumer \$1.00 in 2002 (the base year for the index) would have cost the consumer \$1.41 in early 2010, or a mere 6 cents in 1914.

The methodology used in the analysis is described in the previous article and will not be repeated here. Instead, in this article the results of a similar analysis conducted with respect to Canada to USA postal rates (first step) and Canada-International postal rates (first step) are shown. See Figures A and B respectively. For both USA and International postal rates, the trend line in real rates appears to be generally in an upward direction, particularly since 1982. Postal rate increases have tended to exceed the rate of general inflation in the Canadian economy.

Figure C plots the constant dollar real postal rates only, for domestic, USA and International mail. (The domestic real rates are from the previous article.) The highlights of the comparison are as follows: a) in July 1926 domestic and USA postal rates declined while International rates increased; b) the spreads in real postal rates between domestic/USA and International were larger in the early years, then narrowed for a time, and have again widened; and c) since January 1982 USA and International real postal rates have generally been rising while domestic rates have declined during the same time period. That is to say, between 1982 and 2010 domestic postal rates (first step) have been rising at less than the rate of inflation as measured by the CPI. Postal rates to the USA and International (first step) have in contrast been rising at more than the rate of inflation.

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- 2] Harris, Robin (updated 2009-01-09) "Canadian Postal Rates" British North America Philatelic Society. Elizabethan Study Group. http://www.adminware.ca/checklist/chk_rate.htm
- 3] Statistics Canada (accessed April 16, 2010) Table 326-0020 - Consumer Price Index (CPI), 2005 basket, monthly (2002=100 unless otherwise noted), CANSIM
http://cansim2.statcan.gc.ca/cgi-win/cnsmcgi.exe?Lang=E&CNSM-Fi=CII/CII_1-eng.htm

Figure A: Canada to USA Postal Rates (First Step)

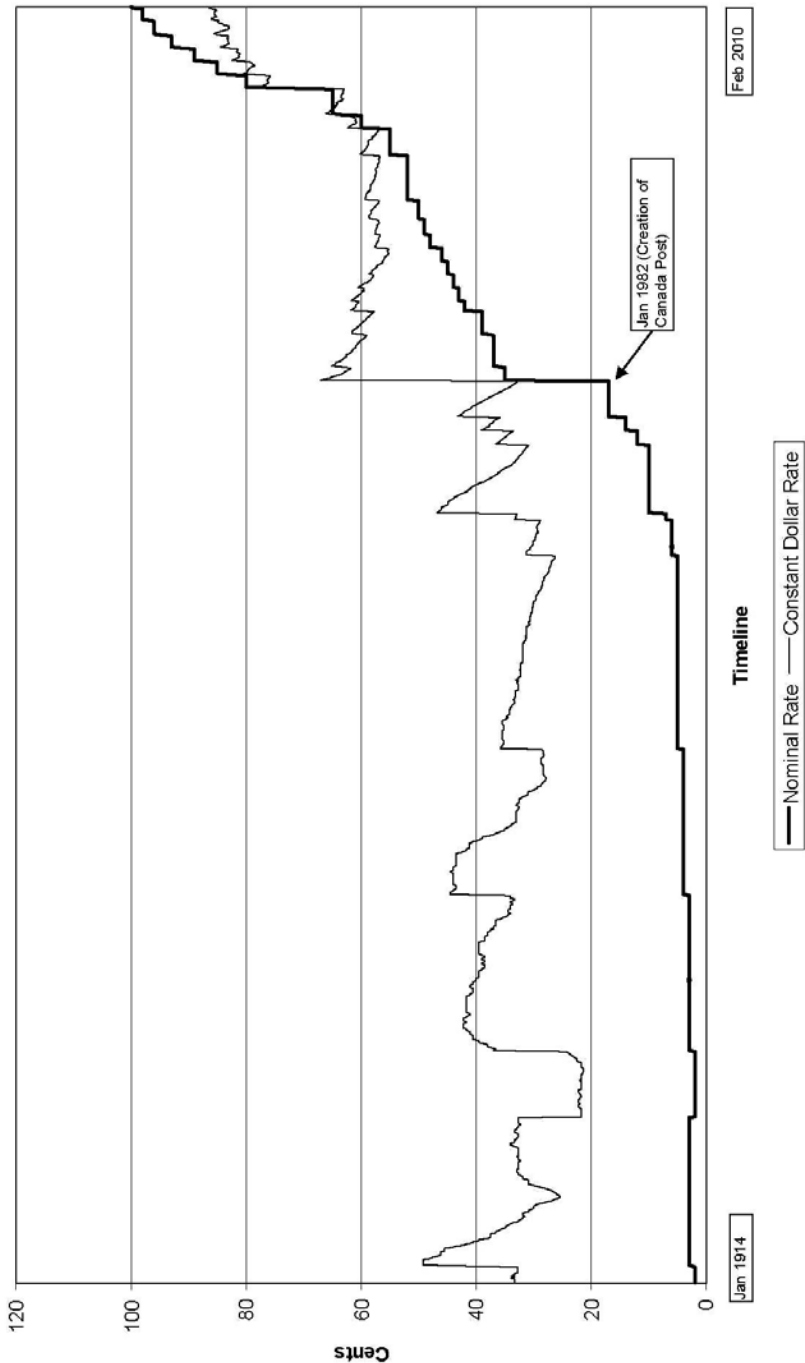


Figure B: Canada-International Postal Rates (First Step)

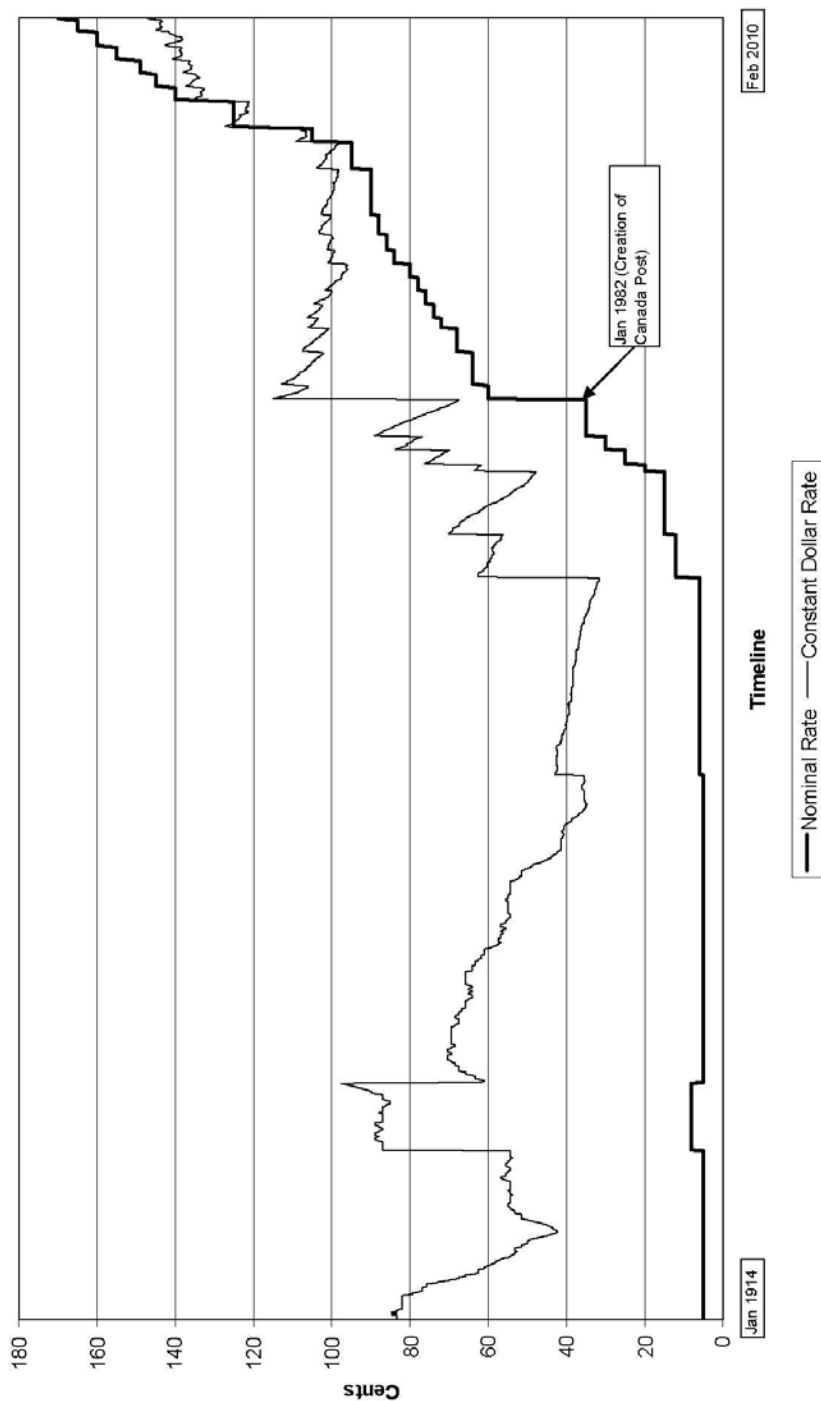
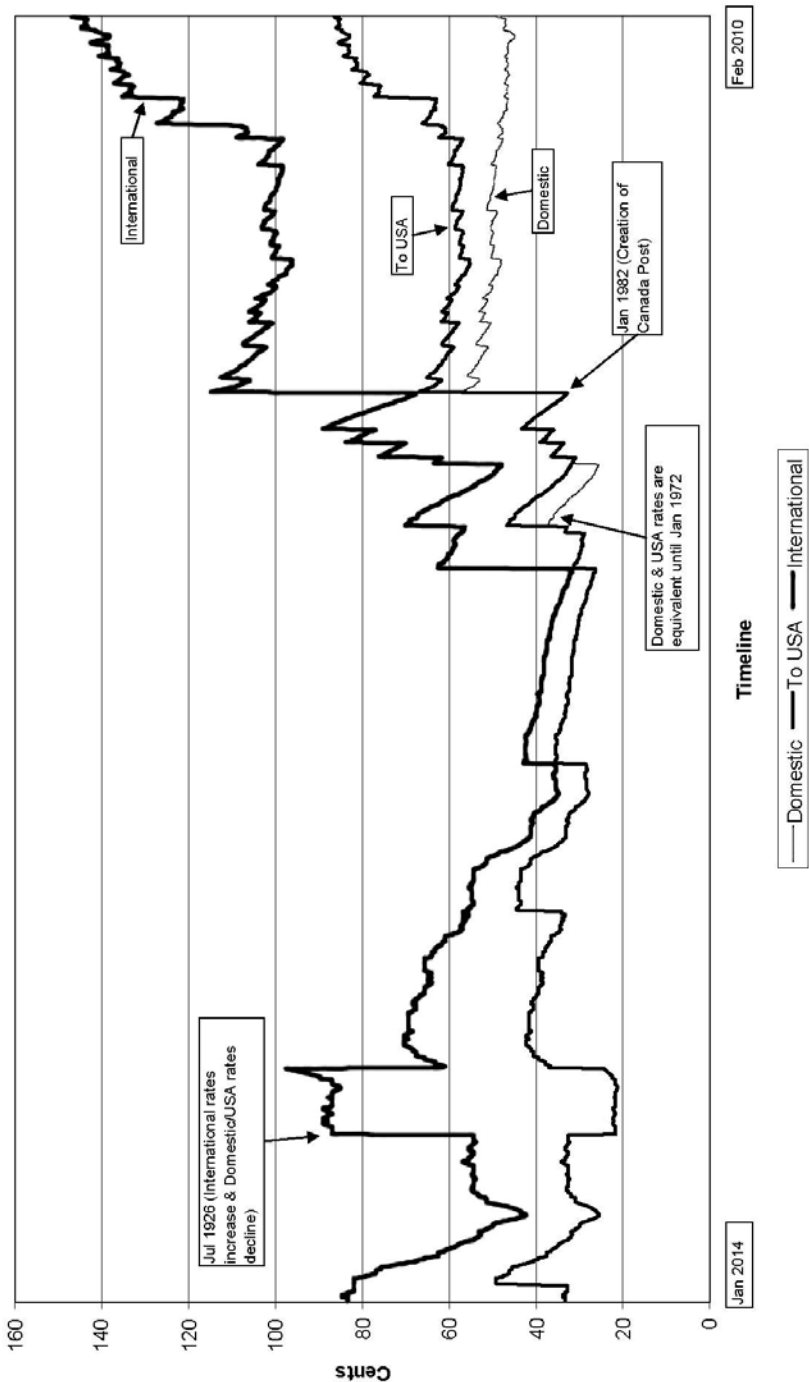


Figure C: Constant Dollar (2002) Real Postal Rates (First Step)



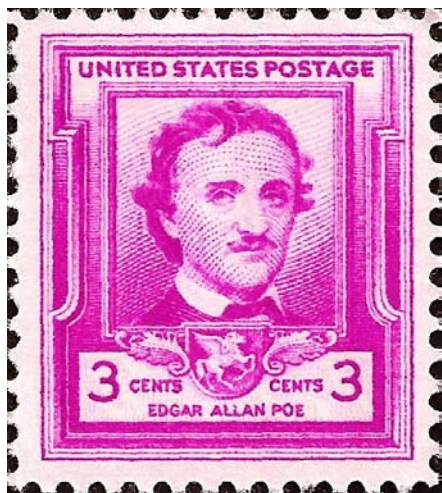
PHILATELIC MINERALS IN THE NEWS

by Elizabeth Saunaranta

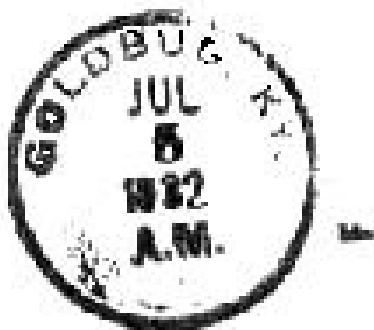
You can tell a true topical collector because when she reads the news, her immediate thought is “Do I have a stamp or postmark to match this?”. Such relevancy can be used to demonstrate to potential philatelic converts that we’re not all old fuddy-duddies who swoon at ugly stamps bearing a picture of some monarch and sneer at anything since WW2 as too modern.



The price of gold continues to steadily march upward as paper currencies around the world depreciate. Gold bugs are scorned despite the yellow metal bringing a steady return of 10% a year for the past decade, something that stock markets have never been able to match.



Canadians will be aware of the attempted takeover of Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan by foreign buyers which was stymied by the federal government because it would produce a dangerous near-monopoly. Shown here is a nice Saskatchewan postmark that illustrates the theme.

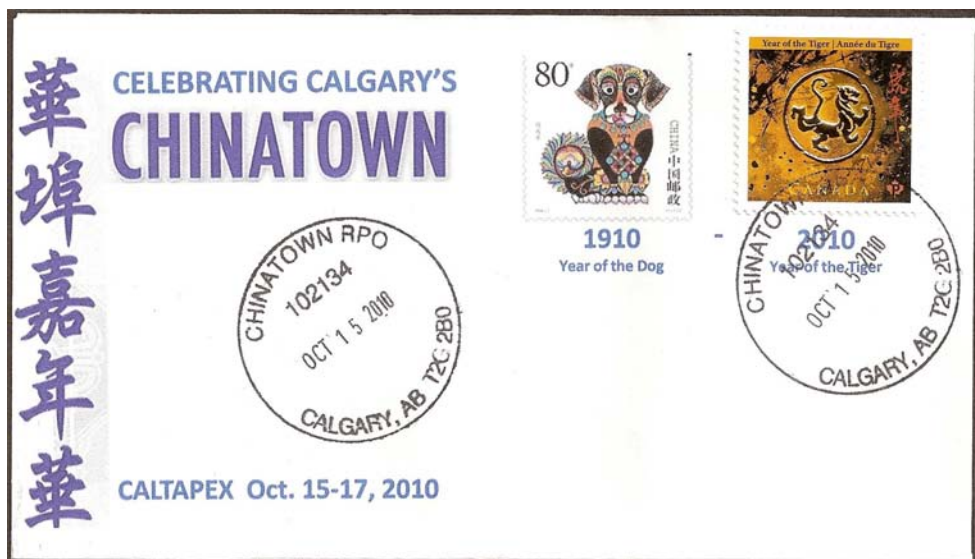


Goldbug, Kentucky, 1932

The phrase “gold bug” comes from an Edgar Allan Poe story by that name, about a treasure hunter.

CALTAPEX 2010 SHOW COVER

The theme for this year's CALTAPEX cover was the centennial of Calgary Chinatown. Norma Nielson prepared the cover and Dale Speirs had them cancelled at the Chinatown postal outlet at Hing Wah Imports on Centre Street SE.



SCENES FROM CALTAPEX 2010



Above: a general view of the show at the Kerby Centre.



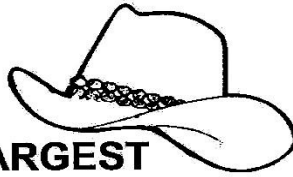
Show attendees also had piano accompaniment while they sorted through the dealers' stock!



Hugh Delaney (seated) chats with Gordon Hill at the reception table.



Seated behind the club activities table, from left to right, are Louise Johnson, Julius Szekreynes, and Bob Hoffman, with Al Munro facing them.



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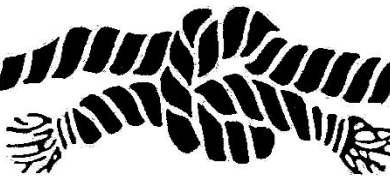
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WANTED: Any covers, wrappers, or postcards from Great Britain sent after May 31, 1951, bearing 1d postage. Excellent prices paid for good items. Contact Dave at 284-4775.

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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 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.

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.

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November	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
	16	Auction
April	6	General meeting
	20	Auction
May	4	General meeting
	4	deadline for June bulletin
	18	Auction
June	1	General meeting
	1	Elections
	15	Auction

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