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Vulcan, Alberta, has capitalized on its name with a Star Trek museum. Compare this postmark with the actual building shown below. More details on page 7.



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CANADIAN STAMPS THAT HONOUR NURSES OR NURSING

by Gordon Demke

"I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly, to pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully. I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug. I will do all in my power to elevate the standards of my profession and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping, and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling. With loyalty, I endeavor to aid the physician of his work and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care". (Florence Nightingale Pledge, authored in 1893 by Lystra Gretter, an instructor of nursing at the Harper Hospital in Detroit, Michigan.)

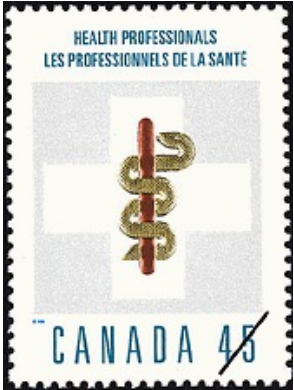
Canada has honoured nurses and nursing by issuing postage stamps as shown on the next few pages.

Guardians of the Lamp by Eleanor King Byers provides "proof positive" that nurses and nursing are indeed worthy subjects for inclusion in Canadian commemorative stamps. The author chronicles the one hundred and eight year history of The Calgary General Hospital, and in particular The Calgary General Hospital School of Nursing from which she graduated in 1959. During its 79 year history (1956-1974), the School graduated 2,960 nurses. The book provides a good account of the nursing profession coming of age and the challenges faced by individuals choosing nursing as a career. For example, in the early years of nursing education consisting of supervised on-the-job training, the hospital's need for labour often took priority over the students' learning experience. Room and board and a "free education" were provided in exchange for the student's labour and a modest stipend. Working conditions were difficult, a situation which unfortunately appears to prevail today.

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Catalogue #	Date of Issue/ Denomination	Description
#177	Dec 04, 1930 \$1.00	Mount Edith Cavell in the Canadian Rockies was named to commemorate Edith Louisa Cavell in 1916. Cavell (1865-1915), was a British nurse and humanitarian. In 1907 she was recruited to be matron of a newly established nursing school in Brussels, and in 1910 launched the nursing journal <i>L'infirmière</i> . She was executed for helping some 200 Allied soldiers escape from German-occupied Belgium during WWI.
#380	Jul 30, 1958 5¢	Portrait of a nurse (wearing cap) & lamp (symbolic of the noble profession of nursing) emphasize the ideals of national health. The caption “Health Guards the Nation” (and “La santé: Force de la nation”) appears in the vertical light from the nurse’s lamp. This was the first Canadian stamp purposely designed with a living model as the central motif of the stamp. The stamp marked the 50 th anniversary in 1958 of the Canadian Nurses’ Association.
#615	Apr 18, 1973 8¢	Jeanne Mance (1606-1673) was the first lay nurse to settle in New France. She was founder of Montreal’s Hôtel-Dieu Hospital and co-founder of Montreal. Her foremost goal was to serve the “poor Indian and French sick people in the settlement.” She also provided care to wounded soldiers without regard of the side on which they served.

Catalogue #	Date of Issue/ Denomination	Description
#1345 	Nov 8, 1991 40¢	Women's Armed Forces is part of the series "The Second World War, 1941, Total War". The stamp honors Canadian women who served in various roles during WWII, including the 4,439 women enlisted as "Nursing Sisters".
#1639 	May 12, 1997 45¢	This stamp was issued to commemorate the centennial year of the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada (1897-1997). The VON was created as Canada's memorial for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. The stamp depicts a VON tending to a senior at home, & smaller images showing the various modes of transport used by VON nurses.
#1735 	Jun 25, 1998 45¢	This stamp pays tribute to Canada's health professionals including physicians, nurses, ambulance medics, physiotherapists, dentists and others. The stamp features the Aesculapian staff (the symbol of the Canadian Medical Association) set against a medical cross.

Catalogue #	Date of Issue/ Denomination	Description
#1825b	Jan 17, 2000 46¢	This stamp is part of The Millennium Collection, Humanitarians and Peacekeepers. The stamp honors Elizabeth L. Smellie (1884-1968) and Pauline Vanier (Red Cross volunteer in Paris during and after WWII, and wife of Governor General Georges Vanier). Smellie, the first female colonel in the Canadian Army, headed nursing services at home and abroad during both World Wars and organized the Canadian Women's Army Corps. Her career also included a term as Chief Superintendent of VON.
#2275	Jun 16, 2008 52¢	This stamp marks the centenary of the Canadian Nurses' Association (1908-2009), celebrating the enduring contribution of Canadian registered nurses to the past, present and future. The stamp features the Association's logo and the image of a working nurse, attired in her greens and carrying a tray of nursing tools.

VULCAN POSTMARKS

by Dale Speirs

Members of the Calgary Philatelic Society will have noticed that the December 2010 issue of this bulletin was hand-cancelled in Vulcan, Alberta. Vulcan had a limited-edition postmark commemorating its centennial which would not be available after December. Since the town is a reasonable drive about 1.5 hours southeast of Calgary, I made the trip down Highway 24 to provide a bonus for CPS members.



Vulcan was named after the Roman god of fire and patron of blacksmiths. Like most rural towns in western Canada, it was declining as the population shifted to the big cities. There are no natural attractions out that way, as the town is out in the middle of the flatlands where grain farming rules. In the early 1990s, a move was started to capitalize on the connection with Star Trek, and a large statue of a starship was built, along with a nearby museum containing Star Trek memorabilia.

I found out from the Vulcan postmistress that there was also a second pictorial postmark which has been in use for several years. It depicts the Star Trek museum (see front cover), and should still be available.



RE-USE OF A SASKATCHEWAN LAW STAMP

by Dale Speirs

In a batch of old Saskatchewan revenues on document, I came across one where the stamp had obviously been re-used. Figures 1 and 2 show the two sides of a lien placed on a cow, described as one red and white cow, three years old. In other words, a Hereford.

Form 61A—LIEN NOTE—For Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

\$ 55 Due July 1, 1910 July 2 1909 No. 10

On or before the first day of July 1910 for value received, I promise to pay Ernestine Heagy or order, at THE NORTHERN CROWN BANK, DOLLARS

with interest at 10 per cent. per annum; I further agree to pay interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum after maturity of this note until paid.

Given for One Red & white cow 3 years old

The title and ownership of the goods for which this Note is given, shall remain at my own risk in... until this note or any renewal or renewals thereof is fully paid with interest; I further agree to furnish security satisfactory to them at any time if required; and if I fail to furnish such security when demanded, or if default in payment is made, or should I sell or dispose or mortgage or attempt to sell the undermentioned land which I own, or if for any reason I should consider this Note, or any renewal or renewals thereof insecure, they have full power to declare it and all other Notes made by me in their favor due and payable at any time, and suit therefor may be entered, tried and finally disposed of in any court having jurisdiction; and also to take possession of the said goods and hold the same until this Note or any renewal or renewals thereof are paid with interest; or sell them at public or private sale, the proceeds thereof to be applied on the amount unpaid after deducting all expenses connected with such taking possession and sale; and taking and sale of said goods shall not be a release of my liability for the balance of said price, which balance I agree to pay. Should this Note not be paid when due I agree to pay all reasonable costs of collection of the same including plaintiff and attorney fees. For the purpose of taking possession and recovering said property... or their agents or agents may enter into or upon any building, enclosure or lands, same such force as may be necessary for such purpose. The destruction or damage of said property by fire or by any other means whatever shall not release me from my liability for payment. I hereby agree to the above terms, all agreements and conditions, being part hereof.

The land above referred to and which I own is... Sec... Rg...

Witness John Gurnush

Name Ernestine Heagy P.O. Ernestine Heagy

Figure 1

35/31

CANADA

TO WIT: Ernestine Heagy of Carl Pop
the Province of Sask. a farmer
make oath and say:

1—I am the owner of the chattels mentioned in the within copy of note.
2—that said copy of note is a true and correct copy of the note and endorsements thereon, which copy shall be a copy.
3—The said ch & Bull
hereby justly and truly indebted to me, the said Ernestine Heagy
as shown by the said note, and the said note was expressed purpose of securing the amount due to me, the said Ernestine Heagy, as aforesaid, and not the purpose of preventing the creditors of the said Ernestine Heagy from claiming against him,
and the said note truly sets forth the agreement between myself and the said Ernestine Heagy

Sworn before me at Ernestine Heagy on the 2 day of July 1909

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN
Notary Registrar for District
REGISTERED
JUL 12 1909
A. V. H. and son
REGISTRATION CLERK

Figure 2

Figure 3 shows a close-up of the revenue stamp, which evidently had been peeled off some other form that was on pink paper. An extreme close-up of the stamp (Figure 4) shows a bit of the pink paper underneath the lower left edge of the stamp. Just above it is a dried fan of glue where it had been squeezed out from under the paper when the clerk pressed the stamp into place. There is more pink paper underneath the stamp that is easily seen when the lien is held up to the light, but I was not able to photograph or scan this.

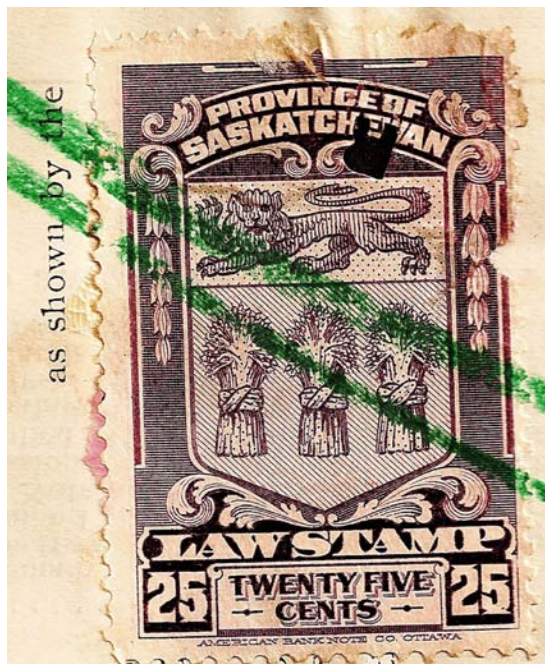


Figure 3



Figure 4

It may have been that the clerk who applied the stamp was re-using one that had mistakenly been applied elsewhere. There is also the possibility that he was applying used stamps and pocketing the change. Since liens are not normally seen by anyone other than the parties involved, the risk of being detected was low.

Law stamps were used to indicate payment of government fees or taxes. Re-use of a stamp would have been a serious offence, especially for a law clerk who would be held to a higher standard than an ordinary citizen.

CURRENT POSTMARKS OF CALGARY: PART 19

by Dale Speirs

New Postmarks.



Lincoln Park: Mount Royal University, basement of Unit Z, Copy Shop. The MRU was upgraded from a college to a university in September 2009, and its postmark made the change not long after.

Rosemont: 10 Street NW and Cambrian Drive, Cambrian Drug Mart. Previous canceller had name at top; new canceller has name at bottom.



Closed RePOs.



Downtown: Scotia Centre, 8 Avenue SW and 2 Street, second floor, Rexall Drugs. The entire drugstore, not just the retail postal outlet, closed sometime in late 2010 and the space is now for lease.

AWARDS CEREMONY AT CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

At the December 1, 2010, Christmas Social, several awards were presented. Most of the awards are determined by the Life Members Committee, who receive the nominations in autumn and vote on winners after due deliberation. Jim Taylor is the chairman of that committee.

The Dr. E.G. Mason Award for long service to the CPS was presented to Jim Senecal, for his many years on the Auctions committee and for keeping the junior club going.



Jim Senecal (left) receives the Mason Award from Jim Taylor.

The Founders' Award is given to the member deemed to have contributed the most during the previous philatelic season. This year it went to Julius Szekreynes, who took over as Membership Chairman on short notice just before Isobel Attrell died of cancer. (No photo available as Julius was unable to be present at the social but he received his award at the January meeting.)

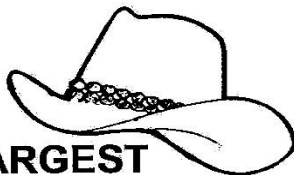
The Author of the Year Award is granted for best article or series of articles in the CALGARY PHILATELIST for the calendar year just concluded. For 2010, there was no doubt that Gordon Demke was the obvious choice. Photo on the next page.

*Gordon Demke,
winner of the 2010
Author of the Year
Award.*



The Christmas Social was not just about awards, of course. Roughly 60 people attended the event to enjoy the buffet and conversation. Spouses were invited as well, and the talk was distinctly non-philatelic.

Peter Fleck set up the Speed Trading Game after the awards ceremony was over. Everyone was given a stock card with a mixture of stamps, and then drew a slip of paper with a collecting theme on it. We then sat at the tables and every minute Peter rang a handbell, at which point one side of the table moved down a seat. The idea was to trade across the table on a stamp-for-stamp basis to get stamps on the player's theme. When time was called, the player who had the most stamps on their theme was the winner. It was a nice way to get people to mix and socialize.



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WANTED: Tanna Tuva, especially covers. I used to have a few and now starting over. Phone Keith at (780)437-1787 (Edmonton)

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2011

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February	2	General meeting
	16	Auction
March	2	General meeting
	2	deadline for April bulletin
	16	Auction
April	6	General meeting
	20	Auction
April 30 and May 1		Spring stamp bourse
May	4	General meeting
	4	deadline for June bulletin
	18	Auction
June	1	General meeting
	1	Elections
	15	Auction
August	1	deadline for September bulletin
September	7	General meeting
	7	deadline for October meeting
	21	Auction

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