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At the May general meeting, Haifa Selo gave a talk about paintings on Canadian stamps. Among those she illustrated were the Centennial series such as the one above by H.G. Glyde of an Alberta drilling rig.

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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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CANADIAN STAMPS OF REMEMBRANCE: PART 10

by Gordon Demke

Tribute is paid to Canada's war dead, veterans and Armed Forces personnel through postage stamps. "Stamps of Remembrance" are another reminder of the sacrifice by fellow-Canadians so that we may enjoy freedom and peace. The following are Canadian stamps which I have identified as having "Remembrance" as their theme. All of the italicized quotes are from the Canadian Postal Archives Database (historical notices) for the particular stamp or stamp series.



21 October 2004 (Sc 2065, 2066). The Victoria Cross and The Canadian Victoria Cross. The Victoria Cross stamp commemorates *"Canadians who have achieved this distinguished military decoration. Introduced by Queen Victoria, the Victoria Cross is awarded for conspicuous bravery in the presence of the enemy . . . 94 Canadians have received the Victoria Cross, the Commonwealth's highest military decoration for bravery."*

"In 1993, Queen Elizabeth II approved a Canadian Victoria Cross, similar to the original in every respect save the inscription 'Pro valore', a Latin version of 'For valour'. As no Canadian medal has yet been awarded, none have been created."

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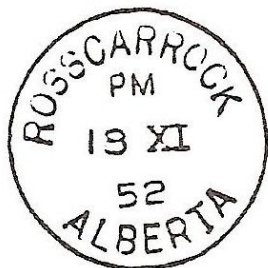


ANNEXED POST OFFICES OF CALGARY: ROSSCARROCK

by Dale Speirs

Rosscarrock is the neighbourhood between 17 Avenue SW and Bow Trail, from 33 Street SW to 45 Street SW. When it first bore the name, it was a cattle ranch that included not only today's neighbourhood but also the adjacent suburbs of Westgate, Wildwood, and Spruce Cliff, plus what is now Edworthy Park but in those days was a railroad siding called Brickburn.

An English immigrant named William John Tregillus bought the ranch in 1902 and built a manor house in the tradition of his homeland which he called Rosscarrock, after a Scottish village. He was a pioneer entrepreneur who had a wide variety of businesses and investments, and was active in civic politics. By the 1920s, the ranch had been broken up and was subdivided for acreages and housing developments. After World War Two, it was a suburb of Calgary, and in 1957 was annexed by the city [1, 2]. That year also, the Rosscarrock manor house was demolished due to neglect by subsequent land owners.



The first post office in Rosscarrock opened on 1953-01-02 with William Russell McClain as postmaster. The low population of Rosscarrock did not justify a post office for many years, and in any event there were Calgary Sub offices in the adjacent suburbs. The proof strike of the first postmark is shown in Figure 1. McClain resigned on 1956-11-26. His position was taken over by Robert Matthew Elder until the post office closed on 1958-09-18 as a result of annexation [3].

Both the McClain and Elder families continued to operate drug stores in the general vicinity, which intermittently had postal outlets in them, operated by the sons. John Leonard Elder owned Elder Drugs at 4702 - 26 Avenue SW in the Glendale district, which had Sub Post Office 82 from 1964 to 1974. Edward Russell McClain operated Westgate Drugs in a shopping plaza at 4623 Banff Coach Road SW. That road is today called Bow Trail SW but the plaza is still there. The drug store changed hands several times over the years. Elder opened Sub Post Office 83 in 1964 in the store. The proof strike is seen in Figure 2. After two changes of owners, it closed in 1969, although the store kept going. The postal outlet re-opened in the store as Sub 164 from 1987 to 1991.



On the south edge of Rosscarrock, technically in the Killarney district, was Sub 36, which operated in Kirby Drugs at 3403 - 17 Avenue SW from 1954 to 1974. Figure 3 shows the proof strike of the postmark. On the north side of Bow Trail SW, Gordon Victor Macaulay opened a postal outlet in his drug store. Sub 42 operated from 1956 to 1964. Macauley Drugs listed its address in the post office records as 11 Spruce Street, which is not a public street but a private access road off Spruce Drive SW along a strip mall called Spruce Centre.



A few blocks west on Bow Trail, at that time an address called 3833 Banff Coach Road SW, a branch of Macauley Drugs operated Sub 46 from 1960 to 1968. Figure 4 shows the first postmark.

Where the Westbrook Mall now is, there were several drug store postal outlets in and around the shopping area. Tamblyn Drugs had a store on the east side of the mall area at 33 Street and 11 Avenue SW. This store included Sub 84 from 1964 to an unknown date.

Southwest of the mall, at 37 Street and 16 Avenue SW, an outlet has operated inside a drug store since 1989, first as a Pinders Drugs (RePO 592374), from 1992 as Super Drug Mart (RePO 080799), from 2006 as Paragon Pharmacy (RePO 102010) until August 2012, and currently as a Shoppers Drug Mart (RePO 104338). This is the only remaining postal outlet in the area.

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- 2] various authors (1994) EARLY DAYS IN EDWORTHY PARK AND THE NEIGHBORING AREAS OF BRICKBURN AND LOWERY GARDENS. Published by Edworthy Park Heritage Society, Calgary. Pages 16 and 17
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<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/post-offices>

IMPORTANT VOTE AT JUNE MEETING

At the June 5 general meeting, an important motion will be presented to the CPS membership to be voted on, as detailed below. The club has received a large donation with the stipulation that it was to be used only for exhibiting purposes. The CPS Executive proposes that the donation be used to help CPS members defray the costs of exhibiting fees for international exhibitions, which are in the hundreds of dollars. This will encourage members to take the next big step up from national shows. Internationals have very expensive fees that discourage many collectors, so this Philatelic Scholarship is designed to help. Please note that the funds can only be applied to exhibition fees, not to travel expenses. Winners of this scholarship who want to personally attend the international show instead of just couriering their exhibit will still have to pay their own way.

Terms of Reference: The objective of the Calgary Philatelic Society's Philatelic Scholarship to defray the costs associated with international exhibiting.

Eligible Applicants: The scholarship is offered only to members in good standing of the Calgary Philatelic Society. Exhibit entries by youth may be considered if the individual has (a) participated actively in the CPS Junior Stamp Club and (b) won the Youth Grand Award at CALTAPEX or any other show sponsored (or co-sponsored) by CPS. An exhibitor who has previously received a scholarship may be asked to defer receipt of reimbursement based on the adjudication process described below.

Qualifying exhibits: The scholarship will be awarded only to an exhibit that is accepted by a duly authorized FIP or FIAF show organizing committee. Exhibits in any recognized class at the show are eligible. Only one scholarship will be awarded to any exhibit regardless of subsequent entries of that exhibit at additional shows.

Qualifying Expenses: The following expenses are eligible for reimbursement up to a maximum of \$1,000 per exhibit:

- frame fees
- commissioner fees.
- any contribution required by a national association to support the cost of its participation in FIP/FIAF.
- shipping charges for two overnight courier deliveries of the exhibit to the commissioner (generally one in each direction).

The CPS Treasurer will reimburse qualifying expenses to a first-time scholarship applicant any time after they are incurred upon receipt of (1) a copy of their application and an acceptance letter and (2) receipts showing the payment of qualifying expenses. Generally only one reimbursement claim will be processed per exhibit.

Adjudication Process: The CPS Treasurer shall separately manage one-half of the allocated scholarship budget for the year during the September-February and one-half of the allocated scholarship for the year during March-August. This is based on the CPS fiscal year of September 1 to August 31. Any budgeted amount not expended during the first semi-annual period will be carried forward into the second semi-annual period. Payments can be processed when programs are announced for the last duly authorized FIP or FIAF show during each semi-annual period.

Applications from first-time scholarship recipients will be reimbursed at 100% of eligible expenses unless the aggregate expenses exceed 50% of the annual scholarship budget. When aggregate expenses exceed 50% of the annual scholarship budget, applications from first-time scholarship recipients will be reimbursed in the proportion that their eligible expenses represent of all eligible expenses submitted by first-time applicants.

When applications from first-time scholarship recipients do not consume 50% of the annual scholarship budget in each semi-annual period, the balance will be made available to previous recipients of the scholarship who have a qualifying exhibit and submit evidence of qualifying expenses. These will be reimbursed at 100% if sufficient funds remain in the budget or will be prorated on the basis of all qualifying applications.

At any time when applications consume 50% of the annual scholarship budget in the first semi-annual period, all unfunded applications will be carried forward into the second semi-annual period for processing later in the fiscal year. All eligible applications in the second semi-annual period, whether new or carried forward, will receive equal consideration for the amount available during the second semi-annual period.

In the event that the CPS Treasurer has concerns about whether a particular individual, entry, or expense qualifies for the CPS Philatelic Scholarship, the awarding of the scholarship would be decided an advisory group of three CPS members with exhibiting experience to be appointed by the CPS President.

CALGARY PHILATELIST ADDS EXTRA ISSUE

Club finances have enabled us to begin publishing a seventh issue each year. The CPS Executive approved the increased publication frequency at their April meeting. Deadlines for other issues will be at general meetings as usual, but the new July issue will have a deadline of the June auction, this year on June 19. The additional issue will help fill in the long gap during the summer, and like other issues will get you a different postmark and stamp with each issue when your copy of the bulletin is mailed.

THE CPS ON THE INTERNET

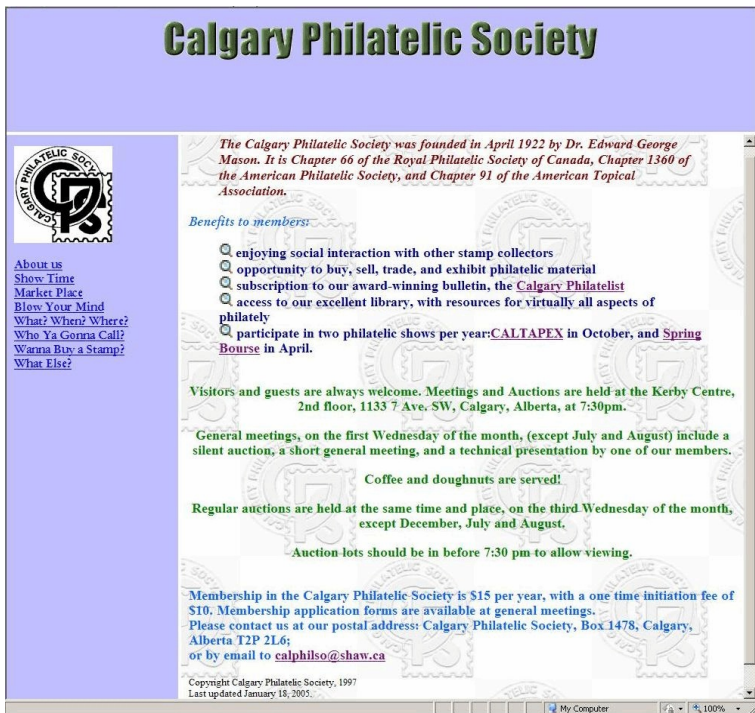
by Dale Speirs

The CPS Website recently changed Webmasters and it occurred to me that it is now old enough that its history should be recorded in an article. In January 1997, then-Vice-President Tim Presber set up a Website for the club at www.agt.net/public/tpresber/CPS.HTM. The Website was through the courtesy of Tim's address, and was not a standalone site. The agt in the address was Alberta Government Telephones, long since privatized as Telus.

Unfortunately the site no longer exists and no one took a screenshot of it, but a description survives. The front page had minimal graphics to allow fast loading in those days of low telecommunication speeds. It was a grey page with the club logo, some introductory paragraphs, and links to interior pages. There were separate interior pages for a list of club executives, advertising links to stamp dealers, a youth page, schedule of events, and links to other philatelic societies. Additionally, all small advertisements from the club bulletin were copied over to the Website, something that is still done today as a benefit for members. In 1998, the Website moved to: www.cal.shaw.wave.ca/tpresber/cps.htm

In 2000, Penny Borrowman took over as Webmaster and the site moved to <http://members.home.net/calphilso>. Two years later the address was slightly modified to members.shaw.net/calphilso as a result of a buyout of the Internet service provider @home by Shaw Cable.

A 2005 screenshot of her site is shown here in Figure 1.



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Jan Van Staden succeeded to the Webmaster position in 2005. It was he who arranged for the club Website to have its own domain name: www.calgaryphilatelicssociety.com With the advent of high-speed networks to homes, the front page could carry far more graphics and data, such as a background wallpaper with the club logo, and photos. Figure 2 at left shows the full length of the front page of the site on 2013-02-07. In February 2013, Jan retired from the job and handed it over to Dave Bartlet.

The CPS also has a free Yahoo discussion group, set up on 2000-12-03 by Dale Speirs, who is still the moderator as of 2013. It is restricted to paid-up CPS members only, who must sign up in person to the moderator to ensure that only genuine users will be in the group. Messages posted are compiled into a daily digest and automatically emailed the next morning to all members. Figure 3 below shows the appearance of the message board. The group is used for fast-breaking announcements that would miss the bulletin, and other news in the philatelic world. All members of the group can post to it. Besides messages, one can also post photos to an archive page. It is not a high-traffic site and member's in-boxes are not overloaded.

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WELL-TRAVELLED TURTLES

by Ron Tabbert



These turtles are well-travelled. I mailed them from the North Hill Shopping Centre to a friend from Calgary in early February. They arrived with no cancel, so I mailed them again on my next trip to Calgary. Again they returned without a cancel. Third time was lucky from the Chinook Mall. The first two trips took one week but the last took two weeks to travel from Calgary to Golden, British Columbia.

I did this for the cancelled stamp but am wondering how people are keeping these packages. With or without turtles?



[Editor's note: Officially the package is not postal stationery since it is a privately issued envelope with an actual stamp, not an imprint. Therefore one would not have to save the chocolates. In the real world, of course, how many philatelists are going to resist temptation and not eat the chocolates?]

REGULAR CPS AUCTIONS

In addition to the auction at general meetings, there is a full auction on third Wednesdays except July, August, and December in the same place, the second-floor meeting room at Kerby Centre. Chairman Doug Kollar has been bringing in some very nice estate lots lately, and several lots have sold for \$100+, although most are in the \$5 to \$20 range for better material. The photo below was taken at the February 20 auction and shows the crowded floor. At the front table, Gerry Vader is holding up a lot and calling it, while Doug Kollar (at righthand end of table) records the sale prices and Mike McPhail (bending over at far end of table) sorts out the just-sold lots.



You must be a paid-up member of the CPS to consign lots. Blank forms can be downloaded from the CPS Website as a pdf to keep on your hard drive for future printing. Look on the left side of the site for a tab called Forms. If you are not on the Internet, just ask Doug and he can give you a blank to use as a photocopy master.

Maximum ten lots per member at each auction. The CPS takes 15% commission on sold lots with no charge for unsold lots. After the auction is concluded, buyers immediately pick up and pay for their lots, and then the consignors will be paid out in cash on the spot.

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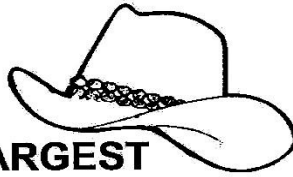
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NOTE TO INTERNET VIEWERS: Unless stated otherwise, telephone numbers are area code 403. Alberta is on Mountain Time. Any advertiser can be reached through the CPS e-mail at calphilso@shaw.ca, but please allow time for forwarding to offline members.

WANTED: Used GB Machin Queen stamps with any selvage attached. Cash or trade (many countries). Call Georg at 547-0409.

WANTED: I volunteer at the Mennonite Community Centre store in Calgary. They raise money for worldwide disasters, and are looking for donations of old albums and pages, covers, and bulk stamps. To donate, please contact me, Greg Lang, at 282-1644.

FOR SALE: Lightly used Lighthouse album binders with protective slipcases. \$20 for one, \$36 for two, five or more for \$15 each. Contact Peter Fleck at 590-1574 or peterfleck@telus.net

FOR SALE: Four-volume collection of Canadian stamps in Unity albums. Price negotiable. Phone Al at 282-1030 or e-mail dorandal@shaw.ca

FOR SALE: USA mint sheets from 1967 to 1995 (Scott #1331 to 2979). Asking face value plus exchange rate and GST. Contact Peter at peterhay@shaw.ca

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 accumulation used off-paper, mostly pre-1990s commemoratives. Canada, USA, GB, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and kiloware. Phone Roland 243-1637 or decaenr@shaw.ca

FOR SALE: Major collections of many countries at liquidation prices. Call John at 474-1212.

FOR SALE: British colonies KGV to QEII, New Zealand and Australia, very reasonable. All mint, LH or NH. Phone Felix at 464-3252.

WANTED: Owl stamps worldwide. Cash or trade. Call Pat at 238-3435.

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

FOR SALE: Used stamps of Australia and New Zealand. Also have Canada mint both singles and plate blocks. Call Craig Allison at 281-3852.

EDMONTON SPRING NATIONAL SHOW RESULTS

Edmonton hosted their annual show March 22 to 24. From the Palmares of the show, the following CPS members won awards:

Earle Covert:	(Certified Mail) American Philatelic Society Medal of Excellence - post-1980 material Vermeil - Adult multi-frame exhibit (Tobacco Duty Paid - 1973 to 2011) British North America Philatelic Society Research Award Vermeil - Adult multi-frame exhibit (Kiosk Stamps And Labels) Silver - Adult one-frame exhibit
Penny Borrowman:	(Canada's Birds Fly The Mails) American Assoc. of Philatelic Exhibitors - gold pin American Topical Association - Best Thematic Vermeil - Adult multi-frame exhibit
Donna Trathen:	(Lipizzan Horses) American Assoc. of Philatelic Exhibitors - Title Page Award American Topical Association - Second Award Vermeil - Adult multi-frame exhibit
Janice Brookes:	(Of Men And Giant Pandas) Vermeil - Adult multi-frame exhibit (Mediterranean Mouflon) Gold - Adult one-frame exhibit
Dave Bartlet:	(Winnipeg Stampede - 100 Years) Silver - Adult multi-frame exhibit

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2013

May	15	Auction
June	5	Election meeting
	19	Auction
	19	Deadline for July bulletin
August	1	Deadline for September bulletin
September	4	General meeting
	4	Deadline for October bulletin
	18	Auction
October	2	General meeting
	16	Auction
	18 to 20	CALTAPEX 2013
November	6	General meeting
	6	Deadline for December bulletin
	20	Auction
December	4	Christmas social

CALTAPEX will be held at the Kerby Centre in the main floor gymnasium. Details from Janice Brookes at 251-1769.

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 the BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets second Wednesdays. For details about meeting places and times, contact Dave Bartlet at 829-3580.

CALGARY ASSOCIATION OF PHILATELIC EXHIBITORS meets fourth Wednesdays. For details, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698.