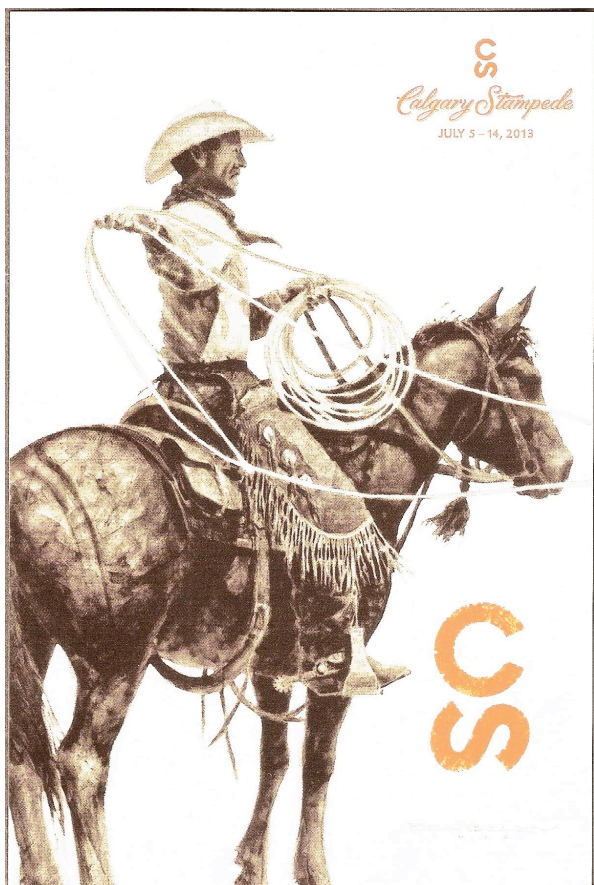


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The Stampede grounds were under a couple of metres of water in the great flood of June 21. Contractors worked around the clock for two weeks to restore the grounds in time for the world's largest rodeo, although the Saddledome arena was a write-off. The postcard shown above was a freebie to publicize the 2013 rodeo and was given away at tourist information booths. The rodeo was successful, come Hell or high water!

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CANADIAN STAMPS OF REMEMBRANCE: PART 12

by Gordon Demke

The Regiments.

(October 11, 2012. Scott #2577-#2580)



This stamp issue pays tribute to three regiments celebrating 150 years of active duty. *“Founded in 1862, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) was presented its first colours in that same year as the 5th Battalion “The Royal Light Infantry of Montreal”. . . . Six members of the Regiment have been awarded the Victoria Cross . . . and over 1,000 individual operational decorations have been awarded to members of the Regiment”* who have served in foreign wars, United Nations peacekeeping and stabilization missions, NATO interventions and crises at home. [2]

The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry was also founded in 1862, as the 13th Battalion Volunteer Militia (Infantry) Canada, and in 1936 merged with the Wentworth Regiment to form The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (Wentworth Regiment). Two members are Victoria Cross recipients and *“the Regiment has earned close to 40 battle honours in recognition of actions undertaken by its soldiers.”*

Lastly, The Royal Regiment of Canada was also formed in 1862 as the 10th Battalion Volunteer Militia Rifles, Canada. *“The Regiment’s name changed several times until February 11, 1939, finally becoming The Royal Regiment of Canada. Today, members participate in peacekeeping missions around the world, most recently in Sudan and Afghanistan, and are deployed at home when needed.”*

With respect to this stamp series, the stamp designer is quoted as saying: *“We set out to depict and honour the service and sacrifice of every single person who has served*

proudly and bravely for this great country since 1862. That wasn't easy, since no one person, event or place can serve to represent the regiments' long and memorable history. So we decided to focus on the aspects that are common to all parts of their history- the uniforms, the colours and the symbols that stand for these great regiments." [2]

The Princess of Wales' Own Regiment

(April 9, 2013. Scott # not yet assigned.)



"The Princess of Wales' Own Regiment (PWOR) was formed in January 1863, from seven existing militia companies in Kingston, Ontario. It earned its name when the Regiment participated in celebrations for the marriage of His Royal Highness Edward, Prince of Wales. The name, made official in 1868, honoured the new Princess of Wales, formerly Princess Alexandra of Denmark. Since its foundation, members of the PWOR have served in every major conflict involving the Canadian Forces. . . . The Regiment's crest features the motto, Nunquam Cede (Never Surrender), accompanied by the phrase Ich Dien (I serve) and the Regiment's initials, PWOR. The crown and feathers allude to the Regiment's name, while the beaver represents service to Canada." [3]

In describing the stamp, Canada Post states that this stamp is part of a series that salutes several regiments celebrating a long history of active duty. *"The stamp depicts PWOR members and honours the service and sacrifice of soldiers who have served in the regiment from 1863 to the present day."* [4]

49th (Sault Ste Marie) Field Artillery Regiment
(May 26, 2013)



In 2013 Canada Post also produced an envelope commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 49th (Sault Ste Marie) Field Artillery Regiment (issue date: May 26, 2013). This is not a new stamp issue but is an official Canada Post Product. [5]

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ANNEXED POST OFFICES OF CALGARY: MONTGOMERY

by Dale Speirs

Montgomery is where the Bow River makes an S-turn after passing Bowness. The river forms the south and west boundaries of the community, with Shaganappi Trail the eastern line and 32 Avenue NW the northern boundary. The land on both sides of the river was originally the Critchley Ranch. James Shouldice bought the eastern side in 1906; the western half is now Bowness. The Shouldice ranch eventually developed into a village named Shouldice Terrace. The photo below was taken circa 1900 from the cliff top of what is now Edworthy Park, looking due north across the river to the bottomlands and slope of Montgomery. At left is the S-bend of the Bow River, with the steep cliffs of Silver Springs in the background.



James Shouldice also owned another ranch about 80 km east-southeast of Calgary, just before Queenston, from which another village developed, also named Shouldice and with a post office from 1925 to 1968. When discussions first began about getting a post office for the Calgary namesake, the Canadian Post Office refused to allow a second Shouldice, so in 1943 the village changed its name to Montgomery, after the celebrated British Army general who had just won his great victory at Alamein [1].

Montgomery was quite late getting a post office for two reasons. The Bowness post office was only a few blocks to the west across the Bow River bridge, a five-minute walk. The village didn't start growing until after World War Two, and had only sixty houses in 1947. Percy Bentley was the first postmaster when the Montgomery office opened in his Bow River Grocery Store on 1947-05-01, but he only kept the job a short time until 1948-04-06. The proof strike of the postmark is shown at right. The store was bought by Clarence Anderson, whose wife Annie took over as postmaster until 1953-09-17.



By then the village was a town, and in the early 1960s was in a state of crisis. It was almost entirely residential for commuters working in Calgary, so it had an unbalanced tax base, no proper utility services, no room left to grow, and no potential for industry. After raucous debate, it was annexed by Calgary in 1963. All the streets were renamed and houses renumbered to match Calgary's streets.

After the Andersons sold their store, the post office became a standalone operation with civil servants under the Calgary post office. Kenneth James Fisher was the first postmaster on staff position, from 1954-08-01 until 1958-05-14. The address was 430 - 2 Avenue North, today called Bowness Road NW. After Fisher there were three short-term postmasters before the Montgomery post office ceased to exist and was converted to Calgary Sub 57 on 1959-08-03. Robert Cecil Menzies then became the new postmaster but not as a civil servant. The office was in the Cecil Drug Store at 4608 Bowness Road NW. Originally it was a standalone office but soon moved into the drug store where it stayed until 1971-05-25. At the same time Sub 57 opened, Sub 51 opened on 1959-09-23 at the southeast corner of Montgomery. A.L. Thompson operated it in his drug store until 1960-06-06. The address was 4123 - 4 Avenue NW, which no longer exists. The entire area was flattened and redeveloped a few decades later and is now about where Shaganappi Trail NW and Point Mackay are today.

At Sub 57, there were three postmasters from 1971 until 1974-03-30, when it moved into Best & Beaulieu Variety Store at 4614 Bowness Road NW. Claudette Beaulieu was the final postmaster of Montgomery until the store closed on 1975-03-14. With that, Sub 57 died and Montgomery has never had a postal outlet since. The Bowness post office handled its postal requirements until it closed in 2011. Nowadays the citizens of Montgomery have to go up the escarpment to the outlet in Market Mall on the north side of 32 Avenue NW.

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PHILATELIC COLLECTION AT CENTRAL LIBRARY DESTROYED

The Central Library was flooded a metre deep on the ground floor on June 21, which was where the philatelic section of the bookshelves was located. It will be sometime in August before the library re-opens. Fortunately the Local History Room is on the fourth floor and the government documents section on the third floor. Hopefully the humidity didn't get to those collections. Alas, the microfilm collection of newspapers was in the basement.

CALGARY POST OFFICES AND THE GREAT FLOOD OF 2013

by Dale Speirs

On June 20 and 21, 2013, Calgary had 190 mm of rain, with 250 mm in the mountains and foothills upstream where the Bow and Elbow Rivers arise. The rivers rose five metres above normal levels. For the first time since 1932, the downtown core was flooded. On Thursday, June 20, the communities on the floodplains were put under mandatory evacuation orders, and all utilities shut off. The next day, the downtown core closed as the levees failed and the skyscrapers were emptied out. Most of the city is up on the plateau of the first prairie steppe, including the Calgary Mail Processing Plant, or in the foothills of western Calgary, so they weren't seriously affected. Retail postal outlets (RePOs) in those parts of the city stayed open. It was a different story in the evacuated communities. Even if the RePOs weren't physically flooded, there were no staff to operate them. In the core, the Central Post Office was closed on Friday, June 21. Some of the downtown RePOs were at ground level and subject to overland drainage, but most were on the second floors of skyscrapers connected to the Plus 15 pedestrian system. Nonetheless they closed for lack of staff and no utilities as the skyscrapers were powered down for a week.

Not all the evacuated communities had RePOs. There are too many flood zone RePOs to list but their communities are as follow: Beltline, Bridgeland, Chinatown, Deer Run, Douglasdale, Downtown, Eau Claire, Hillhurst, Inglewood, Mission, and Riverbend. Almost all bridges over the two rivers were closed, creating gridlock over most of the city from June 21 to 24. Postal vehicles had great difficulty delivering mail, which came to a near dead stop on that day. I doubt that there will be any postal markings about flood delays on Calgary covers. Canada Post would have just declared *force majeure* and all delivery deadlines would be called off. If some RePOs had flooding that damaged mail then there might be markings on water-stained covers.

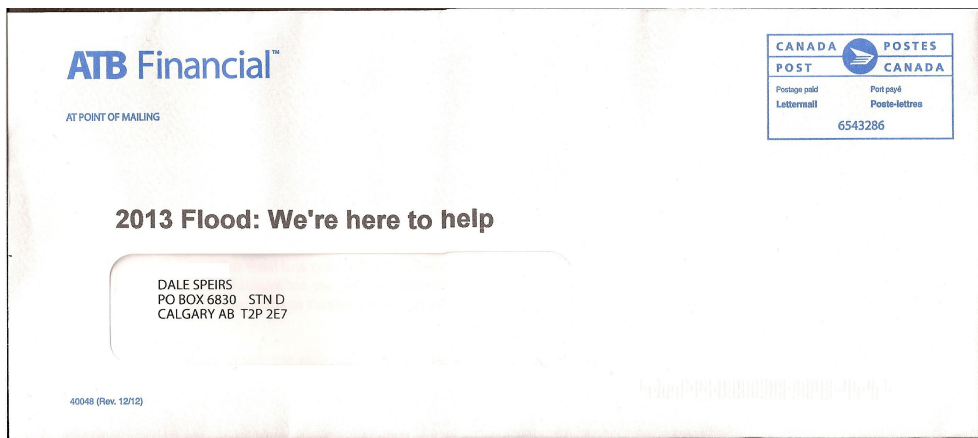
On its Website, Canada Post announced on Tuesday, June 25, that mail deliveries for evacuated areas would be available at other post offices or letter carrier depots. All downtown box numbers were diverted to the South Post Office across from Chinook Mall. My box number is at the Central P.O., so for the next two days I got my mail over the counter at South. The Central staff had been transferred there so they knew me and I didn't have to show my driver licence. The Central P.O. re-opened on Thursday, June 27, and I started getting mail there again that day in my lock box. All but three RePOs in the flooded zones re-opened on June 29. Remaining closed were Shoppers Drug Mart (Mission district), Shoppers (Stampede Station), and Hing Wah Imports (Chinatown), outlets that were in the worst-damaged areas.

Canada Post stopped updating its Website between June 28 and July 10 but when I went by Shoppers Stampede and Hing Wah on July 6, they were already back in postal business. Shoppers Stampede had some water stains on the outside wall, but their ground floor is raised about 60 cm above grade and the interior looked okay.

Shoppers Mission wasn't so fortunate, and was flooded waist deep. When I walked by on July 31, the store was still closed for major repairs. A notice in the window advised postal customers that their box numbers had been moved to Shoppers Roxboro nearby. Any signature or parcel mail had to be picked up at the other Mission RePO at the Mission General Store. That outlet is on the north side of the Mission district and was just barely high enough to escape the worst of the flood waters.

Canada Post updated its Website on July 12 that about 2,000 Calgarians were still without postal service because their homes or businesses had been destroyed. Such persons were picking up their mail at nearby post offices. They were also entitled to free mail forwarding service for a year. In addition, there were undoubtedly a huge amount of address changes by those flooded out who established new permanent residences elsewhere.

Some banks have subsequently been sending mail-outs to customers advising that help is available. Below is a cover from ATB Financial, offering waivers and loans to any customer who needs them.



Notwithstanding that, many mortgage lenders and insurance companies have announced that they will be using postal codes to red-flag loan and mortgage applications for houses in flood zones. Instead of approving mortgages and insurance policies quickly, their computers will use postal codes to decide if a full on-site inspection is required.

The full postal code may be used to narrow down specific flooded areas, or the companies may decide to use the prefix (first three characters). According to a July 22nd report on the CBC Website, the red-flagged postal codes are T2G, T2H, T2N, T2P, T2R, T2S, T2T, T2V, T3B, and T3C. Some of these prefix codes include properties high up on the plateau, so it is hoped that bank officials will use common sense and not insist on a survey for houses in places such as Altadore or upper Britannia.

THE GHOSTS OF STAMPEDE POST OFFICES

by Leanteri Polvikoski

The Calgary Stampede discontinued its post office after 1991, but the decades worth of postmarks it supplied are still sought after by topical collectors and postal historians. At the 2013 Stampede, I was in the Big Top tent watching the show riders. Around the interior of the tent were giant banners depicting historical scenes of the Stampede. Three of them depicted postmarks of the Stampede post office. Figure 1 is a general scene of the show riders galloping about the infield. Note the large banners hanging from the rafters. The banner in the centre of the photo is enlarged in Figure 2, depicting a postmark in the upper left corner.



Figure 1



Figure 2

The postmark on the banner was used in 1954, as seen in Figure 3.



Figure 3

At the far end of the tent were two more banners with postmarks, seen in Figure 4.



Figure 4

The respective postmarks from these banners are shown below in Figure 5.



Figure 5



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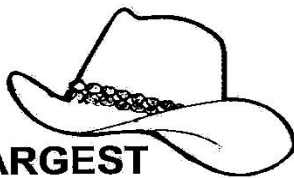
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THE CALGARY PHILATELIST AND THE GREAT FLOOD

The July issue of this bulletin was produced at our regular printers located in the west end of the downtown core. Because the flood closed the core, it was a week past the usual date before the bulletin could be picked up. The original plan was to mail the July bulletin with an Exshaw postmark, but the highways were washed out in the mountains. Instead, we went east out onto the flatlands where damage was minimal, which is why the July issue had a Langdon postmark. Where this August issue will be mailed from won't be determined until the day it is picked up from the printers, so it will be a surprise not only to the members receiving it but to the guy mailing it.

DUES ARE DUE!

Membership dues for the forthcoming season will be required at the September meeting, again \$15 for the year. Please help our Membership Chairman by paying on time.

CALTAPEX 2013

Planning for our annual show in October has begun under the leadership of Walter Herdzik and an experienced committee. The theme this year is obvious: Come Hell Or High Water!

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2013

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

2014

January	8	General meeting (Provisional date: Because the first Wednesday is New Year's Day, the meeting will probably be postponed to the second Wednesday. Subject to change.)
	8	Deadline for February bulletin
	15	Auction
February	5	General meeting
	19	Auction

CALTAPEX 2013 will be held at the Kerby Centre, ground floor gymnasium. Details from Walter Herdzyk at 238-7845.

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