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The December 3 CPS meeting was the Christmas social, and everyone had a great time. For the potluck supper, Dave Freeman brought along some philatelic wine, seen above. More about the event beginning on page 3 inside.

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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 pdf copy can be had for free at www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com.

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COMMITTEES - see page 15 for list of committee chairpersons

CHRISTMAS PHILATELIC AND NON-PHILATELIC FUN

On December 3, Cowtown philatelists gathered for the Christmas social, and an enjoyable time it was. The event began with the annual awards ceremony. Murray Bialek won the Founders' Award for service to the club over the past season. Dave Freeman won the Dr. Mason Award for long service over a period of time. Jim Senecal became the 39th Honorary Life Member in the CPS's 92-year history for his contributions in many areas over decades. Don Wilson received the Author of the Year Award for his Sudan articles. Well done to all of them!



Larry Tweedale, shown at left, hosted the stamp quiz.



Nothing philatelic, but the cookie decorating contest produced some edible exhibits.



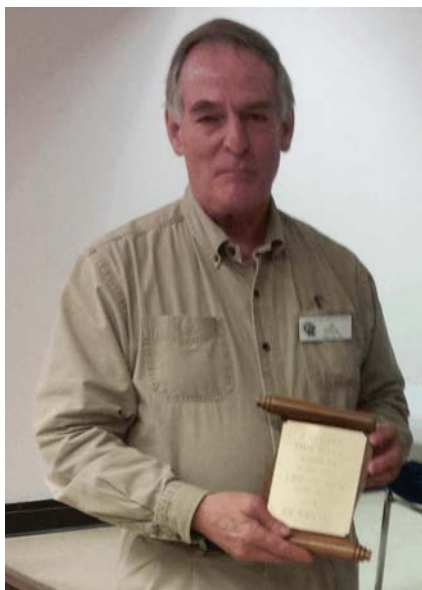


Shown during the stamp quiz are (left to right) Dave Freeman, Walter Herdzik, Gerry Vader, Peter Fleck, and Murray Bialek. The trophies are the Dr. Mason Award that Dave won, while Murray's loot (engraved silver trays) is inside the box at lower right.



Left to right above are Janice Brookes, Norma Nielson, and Donna Trathen.

Below right is Jim Senecal, our newest Honourary Life Member.



At left is Murray Bialek holding the Founders' Award silver tray.



The Christmas Social is a chance to bring along non-philatelic spouses, enjoy good food and wine, and have a great time socializing with club members. See you next year!

**CHRISTMAS
DECORATIONS**

Each year Canada Post changes its street letter boxes to a different Christmas design. This photo was taken in front of the Calgary Central Post Office.

Below is a postal delivery van with the same theme.



EDMONTON 2015 SPRING NATIONAL STAMP SHOW

The Edmonton Stamp Club will be hosting its annual show from March 28 to 29. The theme of this year's show is the 100th Anniversary of the 49th Battalion, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. This show always sees a strong contingent of Calgarians competing in the exhibits and bringing back some ribbons. There is a possibility of car-sharing for those who want to make the trip north. Ask around at the general meeting if you are interested.

The show details are as below:

Show hours: Saturday 10h00 to 17h00 and Sunday 10h00 to 16h00

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General information: www.edmontonstampclub.com

CPS YAHOO DISCUSSION GROUP

If you are a paid-up member of the CPS, one of the benefits of joining is a private discussion group on Yahoo restricted to within the club. The group is used for breaking news that would miss the bulletin, and for any general philatelic discussion that you may have. It is not a heavy-traffic site, so your email inbox won't be swamped. The day's postings by group members are compiled into a daily digest and automatically transmitted to members by Yahoo the following morning. To join, see Dale Speirs in person at the meetings and give him a slip of paper with your name and email address. He will then send you an email invitation containing a link that you click on to join the group. Yahoo may require that you register but this is free and is not intrusive. No online or telephone registrations can be accepted, in order to avoid problems with spammers or trolls.

STUDY GROUP NEWS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) held its regular monthly meeting on November 12. Guest speaker was Gary Tomasson, who spoke about his recent trip to Toronto, where he used the facilities of the Vincent Greene Foundation to examine some stamps. They have high-tech machines that can enlarge a stamp to poster size with crisp and clear images on the computer screen. By using different types of lighting, it is possible to tell if a stamp has been altered or to discern varieties. On December 13, BNAPSers gathered at a restaurant for their annual Christmas dinner in lieu of their regular meeting.

POSTAL HISTORY OF CAYLEY, ALBERTA

by Dale Speirs

This town was named after Hugh Cayley, publisher of the CALGARY HERALD newspaper at that time, later a member of the Northwest Territories legislature, and then a judge [1]. It was on the railroad and the old route of Highway 2, but a modern bypass has crimped its economic prosperity. The railroad tracks were pulled out many years ago. Its population was about 325 people in 2013. Cayley is only ten minutes drive south of High River on today's paved highways, so its growth faltered. After the great flood of June 2013 that devastated High River, Cayleyites were quick to advertise house lots for sale as being high and dry and unaffected by the flood. Whether this will improve the fortunes of the hamlet remains to be seen, but when I drove by in 2014, there was some new construction underway.

George W. Wickens was the first postmaster, opening the post office in his general store on 1903-09-01. The Wickens family were the founders and first residents of Cayley, and initially lived in a boxcar parked on the railroad siding while a proper store was being built. Since Cayley was on a main line of the railroad, it was a distribution point for the mails into the surrounding countryside. George was involved in a variety of businesses and was elected to local office on the village council and the school board. He sold the store in 1909 to his brother-in-law Fred Scragg, who became the new postmaster on 1909-07-09. A proof strike of the postmark is shown above.



The store/post office burned down in 1913 and was replaced on the same spot by a brick building. Fred retired from office and on 1919-02-14 the post office was transferred to G.Wesley Ferris. He and his family lived at the rear of the post office, which also included a telephone exchange and a livery barn.

On 1921-07-08, George M. Shields took over as postmaster and moved it to his grocery store. He gave up the post office on 1929-10-01 as a result of divorcing his first wife, and took up farming nearby. The post office was taken over by the McCrea family. Clarence William (Mac) McCrea was a bank clerk who bought out the Shields' businesses when they divorced. He had originally worked in the bank at Cayley but had been transferred to an Edmonton branch, which he did not like. He was postmaster until his death on 1968-03-31. His widow Alta took over the position until 1973-07-01 when she retired [2].

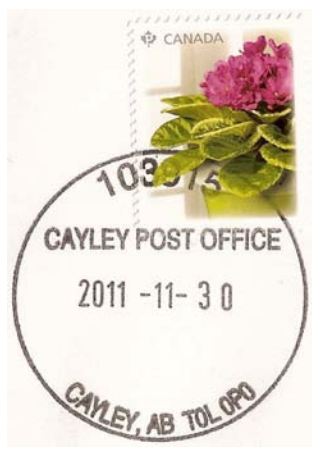
Mrs. P.D. Shier then assumed the postmastership in her house until 1990, at which point the post office closed and re-opened as a postal outlet in a store. The photo on the next page shows the late Betty Speirs (the author's mother) in 1988 at the residential Cayley post office.



Since then the Cayley postal outlet has operated in a convenience store. Helen Brockway operated it from 1990-08-16 to 1993-04-26. The store was then operated by Lawrence and Peggy Labelle until 1996-09-23. The postal outlet and its postmark as of 2014 are seen below.

References.

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2] various authors (1967) UNDER THE CHINOOK ARCH. Published by Cayley Women's Institute, Alberta. Pages 98 to 99, 177 to 178, 311 to 312

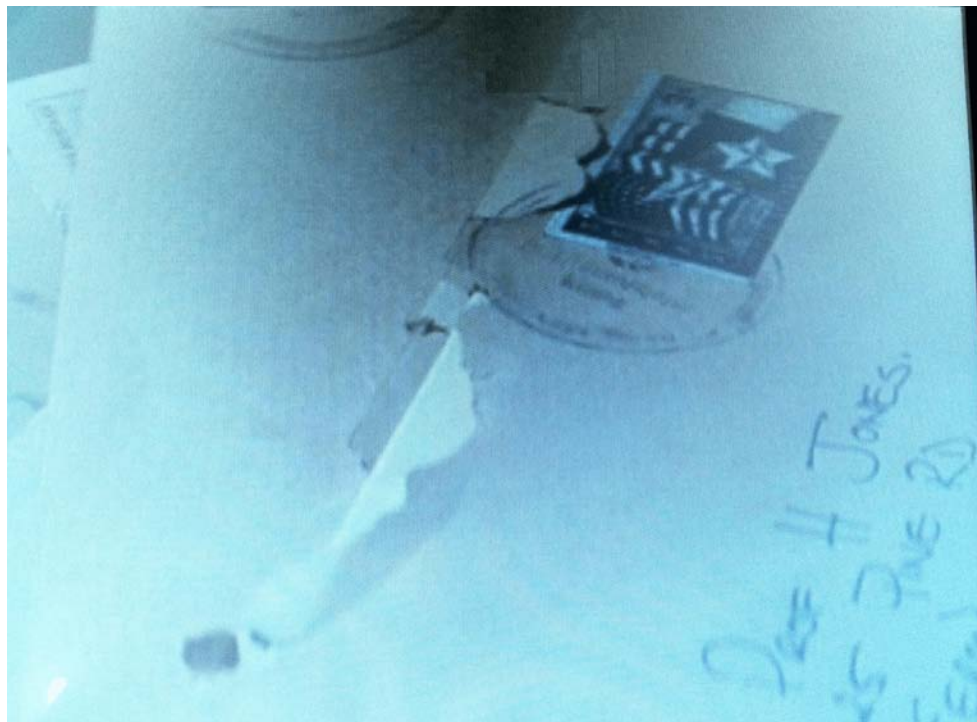


FAKE COVERS IN HOLLYWOOD: PART 3

by Leanteri Polvikoski

[Part 1 appeared in issue #113 (2012 April) and Part 2 in #127 (2014 June)]

Thanks to DVDs and freeze-framing, it is easier than ever for the diligent philatelist to enhance his viewing pleasure of movies by zooming in on any envelopes or stamps used in a film. **INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE** has an early scene where the hero arrives home to find his house ransacked. He checks his desk and finds the mail was opened by the searchers. One envelope clearly shows a 1945 Texas Statehood commemorative. The movie was set in 1938, so the stamp is anachronistic. The postmark on the stamp is not legible but is a very large circular handstamp, not like the common hand cancels of that era.



CONNECTIONS TO OUR PAST: PART 3. DOUGLAS HOWLAND

by Dale Speirs

Douglas C. Howland was a Founder Member of the CPS in 1922 and was charter member #10. He was at the first organizational meeting and wrote the first constitution and by-laws for the CPS. He was elected Vice-President for the 1924-25 term. He remained a paid-up member until 1927 but dropped out thereafter due to his work for the Rotary Club.

Howland co-founded the Calgary Rotary club in 1914. In the early 1930s, he travelled through Asia from China to India, founding local Rotary Clubs and spreading the gospel. He returned to Calgary in 1935 and spent his remaining life as a bond salesman working for various local brokerages. His name disappears after 1947 from the City of Calgary Voters List and the Henderson's Directory .



A 1933 cover sent to Howland while he was in China.

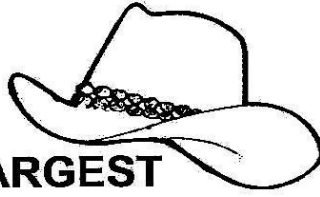
FIRST-DAY COVER OR NOT?

by Elizabeth Saunaranta

The official first day of issue for Canada's 15-cent gannet stamp was April 1, 1954. However, the postmaster at Bonaventure Island didn't get the stamps until April 15th. A card enclosed in the FDC explained the situation. So is this a genuine FDC or not?



This cover was sent by Mr. Edward Goodale, 63 Homewood Ave., Hamilton, Ont. Writing under date of 4/29/54 he said: "The postmaster at Bonaventure Island (the home of the Gannets) could not postmark on the First because the boat which is supposed to get out to the Island twice a week, missed several trips (due to weather conditions) during that period so that the PM did not get his new stamps until April 15.



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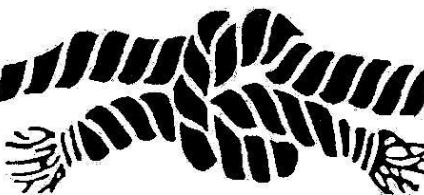
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WANTED: Canadian military covers and postcards with hospital ships (white with red crosses). Contact Jon Johnson at 253-8411 or jcjpferfins@hotmail.com

CLUB NEWS

The December bulletin was mailed November 10 with the “Wait for me, Daddy” Remembrance Day stamp from the Sarcee outlet in the 7-Eleven at 37 Street SW and 46 Avenue. This RePO was chosen because it is a few blocks from where the Sarcee Training Camp was during WW1, commanded by the founder of the CPS, Dr. Edward G. Mason.

Due to declining sales, the Private Treaty Books have been discontinued after 35 years of operation. Gerry Vader is settling the accounts. The Circuit Books will continue as always.

CPS members continue to share their knowledge in various philatelic periodicals. In BNA TOPICS 2014 Q4, Earle Covert published on quarantine and decontaminated mail from Canada to foreign countries, while Eldon Godfrey analysed a cover sent from Toronto to Shanghai. The CANADIAN PHILATELIST for Nov/Dec 2014 had Dale Speirs on the postal history of Fort Macleod and Ron Tabbert on Christmas stamps. The Jan/Feb 2014 issue of CANADIAN PHILATELIST included Dale Speirs on the postal history of Longview and Royalties, with Mirko Zatka writing about Canada experimental tagged stamps.

At the January 7th meeting, the President’s Pot (a samovar, nothing illegal or medicinal) was presented to Doug Kollar for his auction work. The programme that night was a series of mini-talks by several members. Erika Peter spoke about her topical collection “Scooters On Stamps”, Peter Fleck discussed the good, the bad, and the ugly in Canadian stamp design, and Murray Bialek concluded with random facts and fallacies about stamps.

CALGARY SPRING BOURSE

Because of booking date conflicts, the Spring Bourse will be held this year on the weekend of May 2 and 3 in the Kerby Centre main floor gymnasium. Details from Walter Herdzik at 238-7845 or Dave Freeman at 815-7085.

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2015

January	21	Auction
	28	CAPE meeting
February	4	General meeting
	11	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	18	Auction
	25	CAPE meeting
March	4	General meeting
	4	Deadline for April bulletin
	11	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	18	Auction
	25	CAPE meeting
April	1	General meeting
	8	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	15	Auction
	22	CAPE meeting
May	2 and 3	Spring Bourse
	6	General meeting
	6	Deadline for June bulletin
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	20	Auction
	27	CAPE meeting

SPRING BOURSE will be at the Kerby Centre, main floor gymnasium. Details from Walter Herdzik at 238-7845.

MEETINGS and AUCTIONS are at the Kerby Centre, Room 205 (Lecture Room), 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.

JUNIOR CLUB meets monthly on Saturdays. Information from Jim Senecal at 547-7681.

CAPE (CALGARY ASSOCIATION OF PHILATELIC EXHIBITORS) meets fourth Wednesdays at the Condon Building boardroom. For details, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698.