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2015 is the 50th anniversary of the Maple leaf flag.

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THE MAPLE LEAF FLAG REACHES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

by Elizabeth Saunaranta

Prime Minister Lester Pearson began in 1963 to agitate for an official Canadian flag. The Red Ensign flag had been used since the 1890s as Canada's flag but strangely it never had any legal authority as such, just time-honoured tradition.

Pearson was motivated to establish a flag that would be distinctly Canadian because of an incident that occurred during his earlier career as a diplomat. He was trying to broker a peace treaty during the Suez Crisis of 1956, but the Egyptian government objected to his presence on the grounds that Canada was a vassal of Britain, as proven by the Union Jack in the corner of the Red Ensign flag.

The old guard, led by John Diefenbaker, fought to retain the Red Ensign but lost to the advance of history. In 1965, the first law ever passed establishing a national flag for Canada was enacted. The Maple Leaf flag is well established now, and no one would think of going back to the Red Ensign.

The Canadian Post Office (as Canada Post then was) issued a flag stamp on June 30 of that year, just in time for Canada Day. Over the decades since, numerous flag stamps have appeared, almost always as definitives. One could make a topical exhibit of the Maple Leaf flag and fill several frames. Will someone do it for CALTAPEX 2015?

Surprisingly, after two appearances in the 1960s, the Maple Leaf flag was not used again as the main design until 1989 and after. A checklist of Maple Leaf flag stamps begins on the next page, which is only for stamps where the flag is the major design element. It does not include stamps where the flag is a minor detail nor the stylized maple leaf designs. Only the basic design is listed, not the varieties or postal stationery.



1965	5 cents	new flag
1967	5 cents	flag and Centennial emblem (see front cover)
1989	38 cents	flag over forest
1989	39 cents	flag over prairie
1989	39 cents	flag over clouds
1990	39 cents	engraved coil, purple
1990	39 cents, booklet	flag on two-tone blue background
1990	1 cent, booklet	flag on yellow background
1990	5 cents, booklet	flag on pink background
1990	39 cents	flag over fireworks
1990	40 cents	engraved coil, blue
1990	40 cents, booklet	flag on two-tone blue background
1990	40 cents	flag over mountains
1991	40 cents	flag over sea coast
1991	42 cents	flag over hills
1991	42 cents	engraved coil, red
1992	42 cents	flag over mountain
1992	43 cents	flag over shoreline
1992	43 cents	flag over field
1992	43 cents	engraved coil, green



Living flag from 2013 booklet



1995	no denomination	flag over lake scene
1995	45 cents	engraved coil, blue
1995	45 cents	flag over skyscraper
1998	46 cents	flag over iceberg
1998	46 cents	engraved coil, red
2000	47 cents	flag over inukshuk
2002	48 cents	flag over Canada Post headquarters
2003	48 cents	flag over Canada Post headquarters, Vancouver 2010 overprint
2003	49 cents	flag over Edmonton, AB
2004	50 cents, booklet	flag over Saskatoon, SK Durrell, NL Squamish, BC Mont Saint Hilaire, QC Toronto, ON
2005	51 cents, booklet	flag over New Glasgow, PEI Bouctouche, NB Pincher Creek, AB Lower Fort Garry, MB dog sleigh, YK

2006	Permanent rate, booklet	flag over Sirmilik, NU Chemainus, BC Churchill, MB (polar bears, see below) Bras d'Or, NS Tuktut Nogait, NT
2007	Permanent rate, booklet	flag over lighthouses, Sambro Island, NS Point Clark, ON Cap-des-Rosiers, QC Warren Landing, MB Pachena Point, BC (flipped image) Pachena Point, BC (corrected)
2009	54 cents	flag over globe
2010	Permanent rate, booklet	flag over mills, Manotick, ON Kerameos, BC Delta, ON Caraquet, NB Stanbridge East, QC



2011	Permanent rate, booklet	flag on	soldier hot-air balloon search-and-rescue Canadarm backpacker
2012	Permanent rate, booklet	flag on	Coast Guard ship Volkswagen van rear window Olympic athlete holding high bobsleigh Inuit child waving
2013	Permanent rate, booklet	flag on	deck chairs straw bale sailboat living flag ice fishing hut
2013	63 cents, booklet	same as above, only the value different	
2015	Permanent rate	50 th anniversary of Maple Leaf flag (shown below)	
2015	\$5	50 th anniversary of Maple Leaf flag, large fabric	



THE PENNY BLACK TURNS 175

by Peter Fleck

To properly celebrate the birthday of the world's first postage stamp, Great Britain's Penny Black, you'd need an awfully large cake, one capable of holding 175 candles.

Sir Rowland Hill's first adhesive postage stamp was first sold on May 1, 1840, but was not officially valid for use until May 6. In James Mackay's 1972 book, *THE WORLD OF CLASSIC STAMPS 1840-1870*, he notes, "*Nevertheless, a few copies exist with authentic dates from May 2 onwards.*" Yet a single earlier cover has since been discovered as proclaimed by the title of David Feldman's 1999 book, *THE FIRST COVER: MAY 1, 1840*.



What a handsome addition that cover would make to anyone's collection! But acquiring a used copy of the Penny Black remains within reach of the average collector. The 2015 Scott catalogue price for one is \$320. That would be for a stamp with four clear margins. Yet reasonably good copies can be obtained for \$100 or less. In contrast, a good mint example is harder to come by. Scott currently lists that at \$11,000.

In shorter supply, the world's second postage stamp, the Two Pence Blue, has an even better value. Its issue date of May 7 is just one day after the Penny Black. This stamp is listing in Scott's at \$700 used and \$35,000 in mint condition. Both stamps have greatly outpaced inflation in their value. Compared to the 1930 Scott catalogue, a used Penny Black has risen 160 times and the mint version has gone up 629 times. A mint two pence is worth 778 times more over the same time period.

I was surprised to learn from Mackay that, "*The portrait chosen for the stamps was based on the profile of Queen Victoria at the age of fifteen, when she was still princess.*"

Despite being readily available to this day, the run of the Penny Black was fairly short lived. The postal authorities were troubled by people reusing the stamps. These black stamps were typically cancelled with red ink. But this wasn't always clearly visible. A black cancellation on a red stamp was deemed more effective.

Thus as early as January, 1841, the replacement Penny Red came out. Some of these red stamps were printed with identical plates used for the Penny Black. But the value is considerably less. Scott lists a mint copy at \$625 and a used version at just \$9.

Of note, the Penny Black does not bear the name of Great Britain. It's a practice that continues to this day. As the founder of the postage stamp, Britain remains the only country in the Universal Postal Union not required to print the country name on its stamps.

Currently boasting a population of almost 1.2 million, Calgary wasn't even a settlement when the Penny Black was born. At 175 years, that's a significant anniversary for the world's first postage stamp and the hobby of stamp collecting.

The postage stamp bicentennial in 2040 should prove even more memorable. I wonder how many of us will still be around for that occasion. According to current life expectancy projections for Canadian men, I should barely make it. While I've sold a Penny Black before as a dealer, I don't have one in my personal collection. Hopefully by 2040 I'll have one that I can call my own.

CLUB NEWS: MEMBERS BOURSE

As has become a tradition over the last few years, instead of a regular called auction on the third Wednesday of June, there was a members bourse. For \$5, members could rent a table and unload their excess material. The photo immediately below shows Doug Kollar, the CPS Auction Chairman, who organized the bourse.





CALGARY STUDY GROUP NEWS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society, devoted to the study of Canada and pre-Confederation philately, held its regular monthly meeting on May 13. Hugh Delaney was the speaker, his main presentation being about an 1865 cover sent by Thomas Darcy McGee, one of the Fathers of Confederation and the only federal politician to be assassinated. Afterwards, the members present had a show-and-tell of various items they had recently acquired, ranging from WW2 covers to modern postal stationery. At the June 10 meeting, the topic was favourite philatelic literature, the books one uses for specialized collecting. The next meeting of the BNAPSers will be on September 9.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Larry Tweedale

Greetings everyone. I would like to give a big thank-you to all the members who contributed to a successful year for the Calgary Philatelic Society. We put on a wonderful fall show as well as a great spring bourse. Looking forward, our September meeting will have our Annual General Meeting. We need to fill vacancies for three directors. Two of these director positions will be for two-year terms and the other will be for one year. If you are interested please get someone to nominate you. You must be a member in good standing. Do not be afraid to put your name forward. I would like to wish everyone a fantastic summer. See you in September.

CLUB NEWS: SHOW REPORTS

CPS members have been successful in out-of-town shows. Well done, all of you!

Congratulations to Dave Bartlet, whose exhibit “The Baby Sisters” won a Gold medal at ORAPEX 2015, a national-level show in Ottawa. The exhibit also received the APS Research Medal and a special award from BNAPS.

The national convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada was held this year in London, Ontario. CPS members at Royal 2015 Royale who took home prizes were:

Jim Taylor: “St Pierre et Miquelon: Colonial Series Through First Pictorial” won Gold

Duncan Murray: “Newfoundland: Trail Of The Caribou” won Silver-Bronze

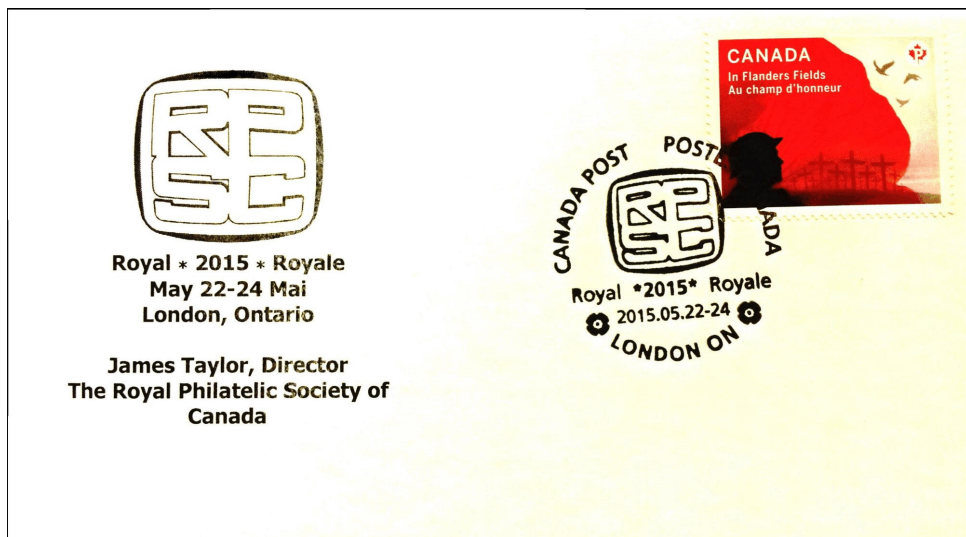
Dave Bartlet: “The Baby Sisters” won Gold. Another exhibit of his, “14th World Scout Moot” won Silver-Bronze and the ATA Merit Award

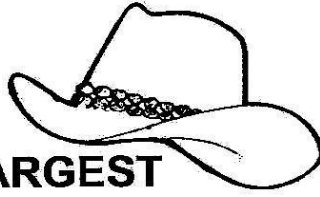
STAMPEDE BREAKFAST

The Kerby Centre will be having a free Stampede breakfast at 08h00 on Friday, July 10, in their main gymnasium. Last year a few CPS members attended as a group and had a great time. If you can make it, we’ll be glad to see you there to enjoy the festivities. Meet at 08h00 so we can get a table together.

FOR HE’S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW

At the Royal 2015 Royale show in May, Jim Taylor was named a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Below is a souvenir cover issued at that event.





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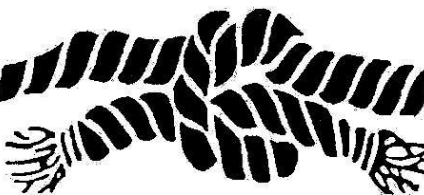
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FOR SALE: Just released book, INTERNATIONAL RAPID CANCELLING MACHINES, WESTERN CANADA. 115 pages, coil-bound. \$30 postpaid from cec.coutts@telus.net

WANTED AND FOR SALE: Wanted: stamps of India. For sale: Stamps of Egypt, Ceylon, and Burma (advanced collection). Contact jay_chahal@shaw.ca

WANTED: International machine cancels (year at bottom of cancel hub) on cover from Ontario, Quebec, and Maritimes. Email to: cec.coutts@telus.net

FOR SALE: People's Republic of China from 1990 to 2014. MNH, asking 50% of Scott. Phone Willi at 239-2273.

WANTED: Book of Alberta proof strikes by Robert Lee. Call Milton Lowe at 243-0412 or email at aromatics@excite.com

FOR SALE: Fine used modern Canada and Australia. Please contact Michael Teekens at 805-4442 or michateekens@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Extensive collection of Alberta postmarks uniquely filed in 28 binders. Supplemented with historical data items of postal relevance. Contact Al at 282-1030 or dorandal@shaw.ca

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: 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.

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 June bulletin was mailed out with the dinosaur stamps from the Heritage RePO at Shoppers Drug Mart, on the corner of Heritage Drive SE and Acadia Drive.

At the June 3 meeting, the President’s Pot was awarded to Penny Borrowman for her volunteer work. Peter Fleck spoke on dealer economics. Collectors may not realize that just to break even on expenses, a bourse dealer has to sell about \$110 of stock an hour.

The September 2, 2015, meeting will also be the AGM of the club. For more information, please contact Larry Tweedale (282-9726) or Murray Bialek (241-2006).

We urgently require a storage space for our exhibit frames. It must measure approximately 12 feet by 4 feet and be at least 6 feet high. The space must be clean, dry, and secure. A second key must be supplied to the CPS Executive. The club will pay \$580 per year. Call Larry at 282-9726.

Calgary members publishing in stamp journals included Jon Johnson in the 2015 Q2 issue of BNA TOPICS with an article on covers relating to WW1 nursing sisters, and Dale Speirs in the 2015 May/June TOPICAL TIME writing about calendar date collecting.

DUES ARE DUE!

Please help out our Membership Chairman by mailing your \$15 dues renewal this summer for the 2015-2016 season. Address is Membership Chairman, Box 1478, Calgary, T2P 2L6.

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2015

July	10	Kerby Centre Stampede breakfast. Meet at main gymnasium 08h00.
August	12	Deadline for August bulletin
September	2	Annual General Meeting
	2	Deadline for October bulletin
	9	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	16	Auction
	23	CAPE meeting
October	7	General meeting
	14	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	16 to 18	CALTAPEX 2015
	21	Auction
	28	CAPE meeting
November	4	General meeting
	4	Deadline for December bulletin
	11	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	18	Auction
	25	CAPE meeting
December	2	Christmas social

CALTAPEX 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, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, at 19h30. Auction lots should be in before 19h30 to allow viewing.

BNAPS (Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society meets second Wednesdays. For details, 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. For details, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698.