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The \$5 flag stamp issued in 2015 has flummoxed many philatelists who received copies on their parcels but can't seem to soak them off safely. On page 7 of this bulletin, Danny Chow writes about his personal experiences with this stamp.

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CHRISTMAS SOCIAL 2015

As per standard practice, the December 2 meeting was a Christmas Social, and as per usual it was greatly enjoyed by the crowd attending. Below is the potluck buffet, with lots of good food.



There were a number of quizzes and contests. The clothesline exhibit was for single-page cover exhibits.



At left, the quiz competitors look over the question pages.

Gerry Vader, in his capacity as Chairman of the Life Members Committee, presented the Founders' Award for 2014/2015 to Walter Herdzik.



To Dave Bartlet, he presented the Dr. E.G. Mason Award, as shown below.



JAPANESE NEW YEAR'S DAY CANCELLATIONS

by Bill Cowling

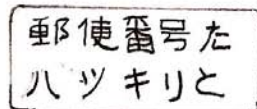
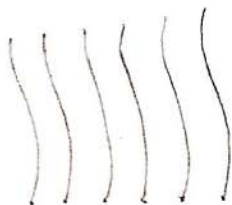
In the 1890s, there was nothing distinctive about a cancellation struck on New Year's Day. In 1936 and 1937, special cancellations were prepared with either Kanji or Roman lettering used for the post office name. In the 1970s, continuing to the present, regular postal cancellations used on January 1 have the numbers representing a processing time replaced with Kanji characters the offer New Year's greetings.

At top right, is a standard cancellation for January 1, 1894, which in the Japanese calendar was Year 27 (of the emperor of that time), Month 1, Day 1.

Second from top is a comb-type special cancellation dated January 1, 1936. (Year 11 of Hirohito or Showa) The lower comb and processing time were replaced by flying cranes.

Third from top is a special cancellation for January 1, 2005, of the current emperor, Year 17, Month 1, Day 1. The processing time at the bottom of the cancel was replaced by the Japanese ideographs for New Year's Greetings.

The bottom postmark, from wavy lines to rectangle, is from January 1, 1970, Year 45 of the Showa reign. Again, it has the New Year's Greeting. The rectangle has a slogan "Use the postal code".



HINT TO REMOVE THE ADHESIVE FROM THE \$5 MAPLE LEAF STAMP

by Danny Chow

I am writing this article in response to Michael Teekens' article "Soaking The \$5 Maple Leaf Flag Stamp" in the December 2015 issue of CALGARY PHILATELIST. His article caught my attention because I too once tried to soak the \$5 stamp with little success. Since this stamp appeared to be popular at the CPS where a few have been sold through club auctions, I decided to write this article to benefit those who are also interested.

The first time I tried soaking the stamp off yellow kraft paper, it would not come off because the adhesive gum is not water soluble like the smaller stamps. After soaking it for a while, the kraft paper started to get soft. Little by little, I gently rubbed the paper of the stamp, only to realize that the adhesive still remained. I continued to rub the paper until most of it came off, waited for the stamp to dry, and then affixed it, with the adhesive still intact, to a non-stick paper. I subsequently sold that stamp and never gave it a second thought. That was about six months ago.

After reading Michael's article, it re-ignited my interest and I decided to give it another shot at removing the adhesive off the stamp. As luck would have it, I happened to have a damaged stamp with two major creases to experiment with. Since the adhesive is not water soluble, I thought I would try using lighter fluid, which has the ability to break down adhesiveness. Lighter fluid will not harm the stamp. I use it all the time to check watermarks on stamps.

First, I applied the lighter fluid to the back of the paper. Within seconds, I easily peeled the stamp off the paper. However, the adhesive still remained on the stamp. I laid the stamp on a flat surface, face down. Do not use a desk top because the lighter fluid might damage the wood or finishing and the stamp. A glass surface should be okay. I did this on a bathroom counter. The next step was to apply the lighter fluid directly on the back of the stamp and gently rub on the adhesive. It worked, and the adhesive started to come off. I wiped away the freed adhesive with a paper towel and repeated the process until all the adhesive on the stamp was gone. I let the stamp sit until the lighter fluid dried off. Then I had no trouble putting the stamp into an album. Now if only I can do something about the creases.

A key note to remember is to rub gently and in one direction at a time. If you try to rub it back and forth like an erasing motion, you could crease the stamp. You can use circular motion when rubbing the middle of the stamp. Again, be gentle and patient. There is no need to soak the stamp. After the adhesive is gone, the stamp will be nice and flat. If you soak the stamp, you are risking the chance that the ink on the postmark might run or smudge.

Incidentally, I was soaking some stamps for the Juniors' Club and there was a Brazil 96 adhesive stamp that just would not soak off. I actually damaged the stamp trying to peel the paper off. I tried the above technique on another Brazil 96 stamp and it worked like a charm. The stamp came off easily and it took much less time to do it.

Disclaimer: I will not be responsible for any stamp that you might damage while trying this process.

LIBRARY RE-ORGANIZATION

Penny Borrowman has recently overhauled the CPS Library, and the new system is now being applied. The photo below, taken 2015-11-18, shows cabinet shelves being restocked. Penny is at the right, and her helper Pat Trevey is facing the camera. They are busy loading bankers' boxes of material into the cabinet.



SEEN AT THE AUCTION

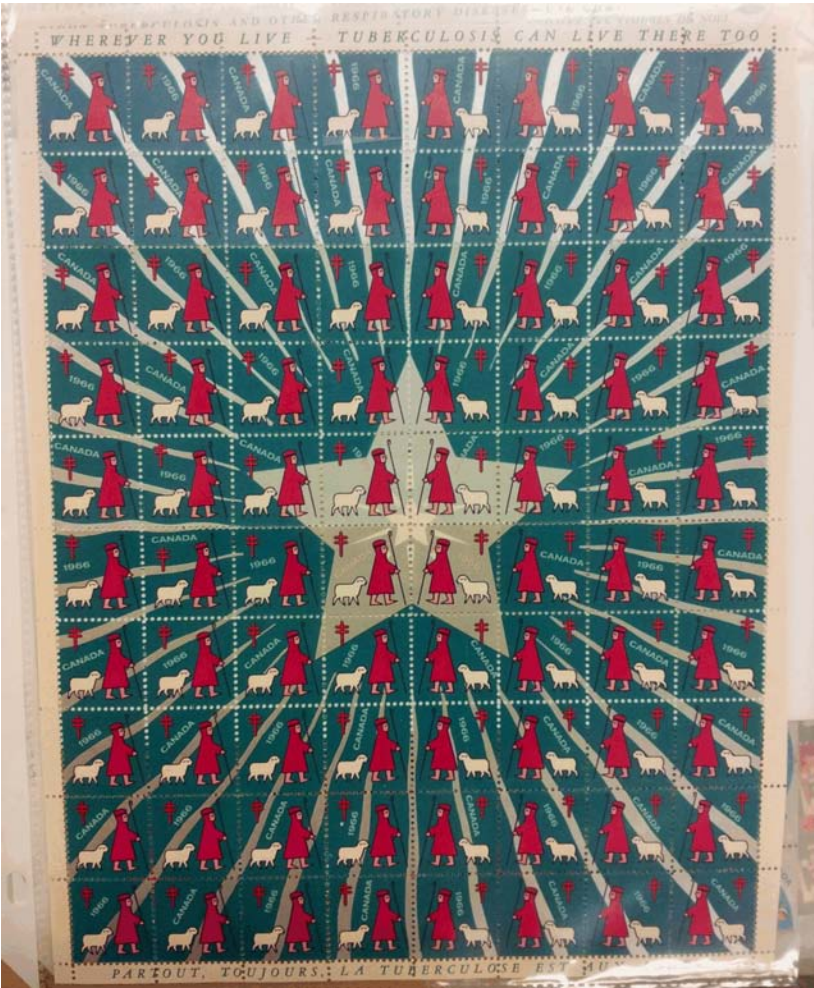
Many CPS members don't realize the variety of material now appearing at third Wednesday auctions. Auction chairman Doug Kollar has been bringing in much estate material never seen before. And don't forget the Circuit Books and Library are there as well.



Above is a nice KGV precancel coil strip, and below a typical box lot for those who like soaking and sorting stamps.



A bulk lot of sheets of Canadian Christmas seals, all different, the one below from 1966. Note that the sheet forms an overall pattern, which many collectors may not realize if they only see singles on cover.



There was a full sheet of New Zealand's Millennium stamp, of which a single is shown here, graphically cropped from the sheet.

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Phil Wolf, proprietor, in the store

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For information: www.edmontonstampclub.com

OTHER STAMP SHOW NEWS

The New York 2016 international stamp show is expected to be the biggest international ever. The list of exhibitors has been released and two CPS members were accepted, each of them with two exhibits. Jim Taylor will show eight frames of St. Pierre et Miquelon, and his book on the North Shore postal history of Newfoundland will be in the literature class. Jon Johnson will display one frame of Canadian hospital ships and also have his book on Canadian perfins in the literature class. The frames were over-subscribed by 2,500, so for two Calgary members to get their exhibits in against such international competition is a tremendous honour in itself. Well done, Jim and Jon!

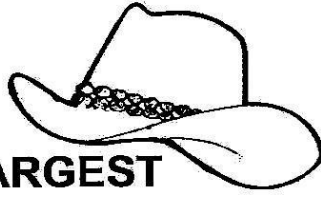
FAKE CANADA POST EMAILS

Canada Post has been plagued for years by fake emails being forwarded about its services. The one about it imposing a 1-cent per email tax to make up for declining letter volumes seems to have been squashed for good. However, there is a new one making the rounds about how private postal outlets can charge extra for postage or add service fees. Canada Post owns and controls the cash registers, weigh scales, and software used in retail postal outlets, so everyone is charged the same rate and the outlets can't add a service fee.

A fake email, supposedly with a reply from Canada Post that private outlets can levy such a charge, has been taking in many people. At least one Canadian stamp club bulletin fell for the hoax and printed it as fact. The rebuttal by Canada Post is on its Website at:

www.canadapost.ca/web/en/blogs/announcements/details.page?article=2015/11/18/email_being_circulat&catttype=announcements&cat=updates

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FOR SALE: Queen Elizabeth Machins, stamps and strips of four VFNH, about \$100 face value. WANTED TO BUY: Early German and British Colonies stamps to George VI. Call Godfrey at 464-3252.

WANTED: Anyone who collects Alberta split-circle or slogan cancels. I am interested in trading, buying, selling, sharing views, etcetera. Contact Peter West at westp@telus.net or (403)819-4107.

WANTED: Pilot-signed First Flight covers and also any signed material by Canadian notables. Contact Glenn at pgdaze@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Current Canadian stamps, very fine used. Contact Michael Teekens, 22 McAllister Road, Monbulk 3793, Australia, or michaeteekens@gmail.com

WANTED: We volunteer at the MCC thrift store in Calgary. They raise money for worldwide disaster relief and are looking for donations of old albums and pages, covers, and bulk stamps. Contact Greg Lang at 282-1644 or Gerry Vader at 293-0158.

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.

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.

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

CLUB NEWS

The December issue of this bulletin was mailed from the Westbrook Shoppers Drug Mart retail postal outlet at 37 Street SW and 16 Avenue.

Publications by CPS members were by Ron Tabbert, who had an article on photo-realism on stamps in the 2015 Nov-Dec issue of CANADIAN PHILATELIST. Dale Speirs published the postal history of the Gladys Ridge district (Aldersyde to Blackie to Herronton) in the 2015 Spring issue of PHSC JOURNAL (published by the Postal History Society of Canada). He also had an article about the Hoodoos error stamp in the 2016 Jan-Feb issue of CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

At the January 6 meeting, the President's Pot was awarded to Dave Russum for his past work for the club. He was, incidently, the founder of the President's Pot award in 2006. Dave then took the lectern and presented that evening's talk, speaking on modern postal history of Great Britain.

STUDY GROUP NEWS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society studies the stamps and postal history of Canada and pre-Confederation provinces. At the November 11 meeting, Jim Taylor gave a presentation on the basic elements of philatelic exhibiting, such as the format of exhibit pages and how material should be arranged.

The topic at the December 9 meeting was Christmas. Eldon Godfrey showed Christmas postcards from the first decade of the 1900s, and Dave Bartlet passed around pages from his collection of Christmas seals and Christmas war bonds saving stamps ephemera. Other members also showed Christmas-related covers. A couple of nights later, on December 11, about fifteen members and spouses met for a Christmas social at the Silver Springs Golf and Country Club restaurant.

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2016

January	20	Auction
	27	CAPE meeting
February	3	General meeting
	10	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	17	Auction
	24	CAPE meeting
March	2	General meeting
	2	Deadline for April bulletin
	9	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	16	Auction
	23	CAPE meeting
April 30 to May 1		Spring Bourse
April	6	General meeting
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	20	Auction
	27	CAPE meeting
May	4	General meeting
	4	Deadline for June bulletin
	11	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	18	Auction
	25	CAPE meeting
June	1	General meeting
	8	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	15	Auction
	15	Deadline for July bulletin

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 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.