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On June 1st, Canada Post issued a set of stamps for the 150th anniversary of Confederation, one of which honoured the Trans-Canada Highway. That stamp, shown here graphically cropped from the first-day cover, clearly belongs in an Alberta topical collection. What was amusing about it was that the design was officially unveiled on May 16 at a ceremony in Regina, Saskatchewan. Such ceremonies usually involve a giant image of the stamp up on the stage. It was not mentioned in the press release how the flatlanders reacted when they saw they were taking second place to their neighbour!

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MAIL ESSENTIALS IN CANADA: PART 2

by Danny Chow

What happened when you mailed a letter with insufficient postage? Sometimes Canada Post will deliver the mail as a courtesy because it costs them more to collect the dues than it is worth. Prior to 1982, mail got delivered with Postage Due, to be collected from the recipient. In Canada, postage due is calculated as double the postage deficiency, meaning if you underpaid 2¢ postage, postage due will be 4¢. Postal employees will either put postage due stamps on the mail or rubber stamp the postage due postmark and handwrite the amount due. In some countries, like South Africa or Zimbabwe, a flat surcharge fee was added to the amount short-paid. According to Unitrade catalogue, Canada Post discontinued the usage of postage due as of January 1, 1982.

Figure 1 illustrates a letter mailed with 4¢ postage. The postage rate was 5¢ at the time. The 1¢ postage deficiency was charged double as 2¢ postage due. This is shown on the cover with a 2¢ due postmark and the 2¢ postage due stamp, affixed and cancelled by the postal employee. The mailman would collect the due from the recipient on delivery.



Figure 1

Figure 2 (next page) is similar to Figure 1 where 4¢ stamp was used when the postal rate was 5¢. However, the postage due was charged as 1¢ instead of 2¢. I wonder if this is because the letter was mailed in and addressed to the same city (North Harley). It is also possible that the mail was returned to the sender prior to delivery to the recipient and hence no extra due was charged.

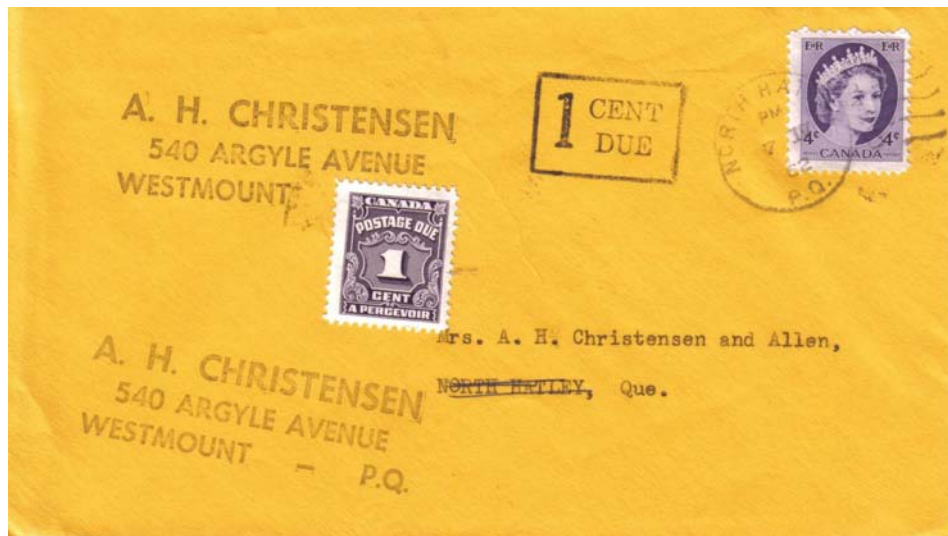


Figure 2

Figures 3a and 3b show a form used by Canada Post to collect the postage due. This form was taped to the mail when there was a short paid of postage. As the wording on the form indicates, the mail was delivered as a courtesy and relies on the honour system for the recipient to affix postage stamps to paid for the due and remit the form to Canada Post.

However, in this case, the mailman actually collected the dues on delivery. This was indicated by the use of postage due stamp and was postally cancelled. This form was probably designed for use in rural areas where there was no mail delivery. If you notice the due was 12¢ and the postal rate was 6¢. This meant that the mail was mailed without any postage.

SHORTPAID MAIL
INSUFFISANCE D'AFFRANCHISSEMENT

Date: DEC 12, 1971

M: *Mr. & Mrs. Herb Greene*
R.R. N°: *R.R. 2*

Mail not bearing sufficient postage has been forwarded to you without collection to prevent delay. Please remit the amount due by affixing postage stamps in the top right corner and mailing this card.

Pour ne pas en retarder la livraison, un envoi insuffisamment affranchi vous a été transmis, sans perception du port dû. Veuillez maintenant en acquitter le montant, en apposant des timbres-poste dans la case qui se trouve à l'angle supérieur droit puis postez la carte.

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33-86-055 (12-68) 5 R.M.D.

Affix stamps here to cover postage

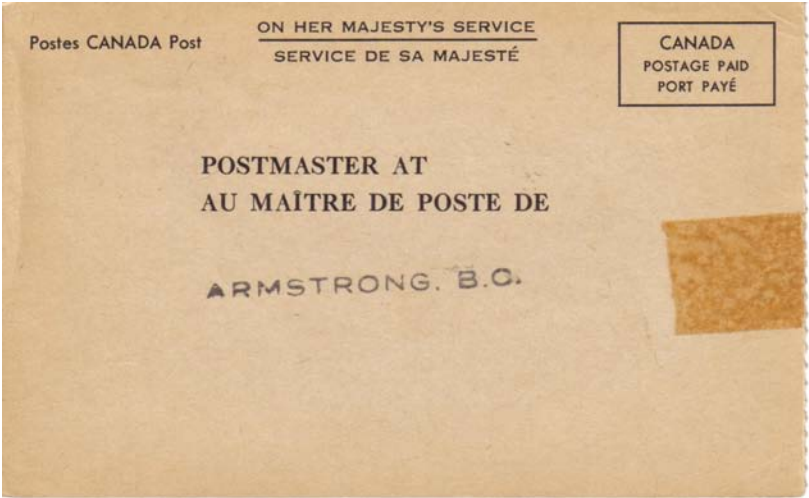
CANADA POSTAGE DUE
12¢
A PAYER
12¢
1971

AMOUNT DUE
12 ¢

MONTANT DÙ

Figure 3a

Figure 3b



Figures 4 and 5 are letters mailed without postage. Figure 4 was addressed to a foreign (US) destination. Instead of the hassle of collecting dues from a foreign country, the letter was returned to the sender for postage. Figure 5 was posted in 1984 when postage dues were no longer in use. Again, the letter was returned to sender for postage. No extra dues were charged on both cases.

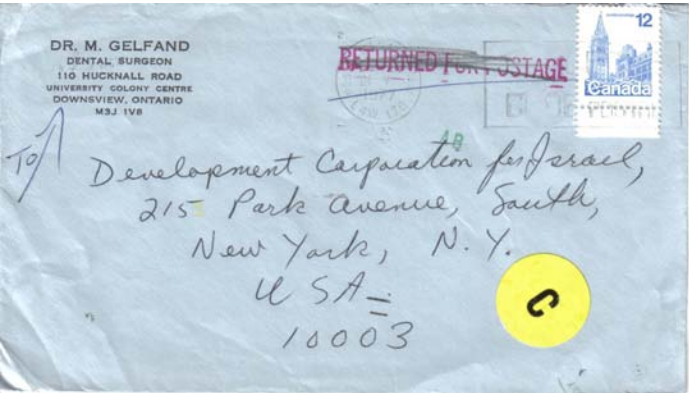


Figure 4 at left.
Figure 5 below.





In Figure 6 at left, the sender tried to sneak one past Canada Post. For whatever the reason was, the sender tried to use an US 3¢ stamp.

Let's give the sender the benefit of the doubt that he didn't know the 3¢ stamp was an US stamp. A sharp postal employee spotted that and cancelled only on

the 1¢ Canada stamp and assessed the postage due of 6¢. The due amount was not written in the due box probably because the postal employee was not sure what the due should be or if it should be charged.

Another use of postage due stamps is on business reply mail. Canada Post would bundle up all business reply mail for each recipient and calculate the postage due for the bundle (which was 2¢ above the postage amount for each piece of mail in 1975). The postman would then collect the dues upon delivery.

An example is shown on Figure 7 below. In this case, the recipient was assessed with two pieces of mail (handwritten note at lower right on cover). Postage due would be 10¢ (8¢ postage plus 2¢ due) each. This amount was indicated by the written description on the upper letter corner of the letter. Instead, four 10¢ postage dues were franked on the mail. This meant that four pieces of mail were assessed instead of two as written in pencil on the mail.



The last example shown on Figure 8 below is a puzzling one. It is difficult to tell the whole story from the partial envelope clipping. It was postmarked on March 19, 1982, a few months after postage due usage was discontinued. It was franked with a 10¢ stamp and 50¢ postage due stamps. Since the postage rate at the time was 30¢, it is safe to assume this amount paid for the postage due.

It could be the postal employee was short on postage due stamps, so a regular postage stamp was used to make up for the shortfall. If this is the case, it would mean this is a late use of postage due stamps. Without the entire cover, it is hard to determine what exactly transpired here. Although postage due stamps are not valid for postage, I have seen them used along with postage stamps on mail.



BOLDLY GOING WHERE NO VAN HAS GONE BEFORE



Star Trek stamps were a winner for Canada Post last year, so they took advantage of it again this year.

Many vans around town have been painted a la Star Trek.

SOME THINGS TO WATCH FOR

by Dale Speirs

36 Cents.

In 1987, Canada Post announced a Queen Elizabeth II definitive stamp to be issued on March 3 for the new 36-cent rate. The stamp was a purplish colour usually described as plum. Technical troubles plagued the printers and the issue didn't appear until October 1. The postage rate went up to 37 cents on January 1, 1988, which meant that the stamp's active life was only three months, highly unusual for a definitive [1].

During those three months, most citizens mailed their letters with the Christmas stamps. There were also two stamps for the impending 1988 Calgary Olympics, plus another one honouring the 75th playing of the Grey Cup football championship. As a result, genuine use of the 36-cent plum QEII is scarce.



Mint stamps are common and will never be valuable. The official first-day covers will also not be rare.

When you look through a dealer's covers, keep an eye out for the stamp commercially used on cover in October through December 1987. Those covers will be keepers.

Figure 1 at left shows three graphically-cropped postmarks of the stamp used in period.

Add-On Cachets.

Collectors like first-day covers that are illustrated with a colourful cachet. An entire industry has developed whereby plain FDCs from way back when have cachets added to them decades later. If identified as such on the back with indelible ink, the collector who buys them knows what he is getting, and if exhibited with a note to that effect, no harm is done in the judging.

Add-on cachets, as such, are not illegal as counterfeits, but when they are mis-represented as original cachets from the time of issue, then the line has been crossed. Many such cachets are not identified as add-ons painted or computer-printed decades later. Computer add-ons are generally easy to spot, but watercolours can be tricky, especially if done with muted colours that look faded with the passage of time. Bright fresh colours on a 1930s or 1940s FDC are an indication of sharp practice.

One method of spotting add-ons is to look for anachronisms, that is, elements out of their time. The cover shown below in Figure 2 is a scan from a recent auction catalogue published in February 2017 by a Canadian dealer. It was a nice FDC of the 1935 Canadian Silver Jubilee ruined by a poorly done cachet. The artist, an obvious amateur, garbled the Maple Leaf Flag and then put a crown ovetop of it, also painting ovetop the text. The giveaway that this is an add-on cachet is, of course, the fact that the Maple Leaf Flag did not exist until it was designed in 1964, and was not proclaimed into law until February 15, 1965.

Reference.

1] Anonymous (1989 Jan/Feb) 36¢ Queen to be scarce? BNA TOPICS 429:10, 12

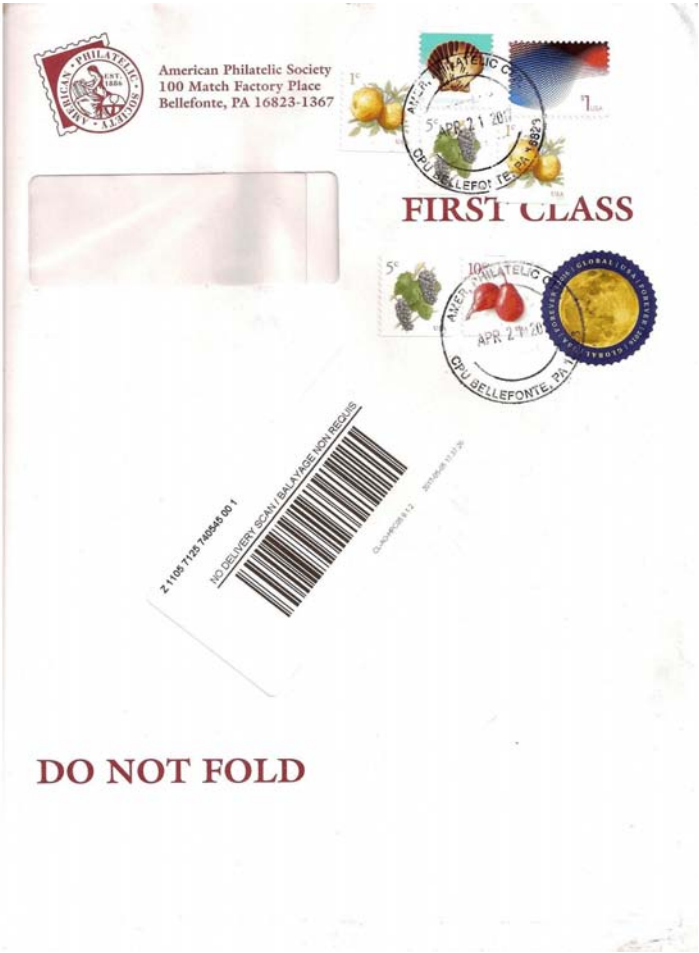


INCONGRUOUS COVER

by Dale Speirs

The cover shown here came from the USA and had a label applied by Canada Post stating that no scan was required.

The incongruous part is that the label has a bar code. We all know there is one reason only for bar codes, to be scanned!



BNAPEX 2017

The big show will be here sooner than you think, from September 1 to 3 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, corner of Centre Street and 7 Avenue SE. Good luck finding parking, but LRT stations are adjacent to the hotel, and numerous buses stop nearby.

The Show Committee is moving into its busiest phase, as plans turn into firm bookings and commitments, and all the specifics are filled in. There will be 150 exhibit frames with five judges on the jury.

The seminars and most events are restricted to paid-up delegates to the convention. However, the dealer bourse and exhibits are free to the public, so come downtown and have a look. They are on the third floor of the hotel.

CPS EXHIBITORS WIN OUT OF TOWN

ORAPEX 2017, held on the weekend of May 6 and 7 in Ottawa, produced medals for CPS members. Earle Covert's "Religious Groups Using Illustrated Permits" won Large Vermeil, Most Innovative Thematic, and APS Medal of Excellence for post-1980 exhibits. David Bartlet: "Cello-Paqs 1961-1967" won Large Vermeil and the John Arn "White Queen" Award.

Royale 2017 Royal, in Boucherville, Québec, from June 22 to 24, saw the following medals: David Bartlet's "Cello-Paqs 1961-1967" won a second round of Large Vermeil and John Arn "White Queen" Award. Jim Taylor's topical exhibit "Continental Drift And Plate Tectonics" won Large Vermeil, AAPE Creativity Award, and ATA First. Jim's exhibit "St Pierre et Miquelon 1932-1946" won Gold

Jim's "St Pierre et Miquelon 1932-1946" exhibit also won gold at SPM Expo, a FIFA sanctioned show held on the French island from June 1 to 4. In addition, he won Vermeil for his exhibit of StP&M stamps of 1947.

At the National Topical Stamp Show in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Norma Nielson presented a lecture on June 25 about "Using Genealogy Resources For Philatelic Research". She will also be working as an apprentice judge under APS rules.

STUDY GROUP NEWS

BNAPS (Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society) meets second Wednesdays. At the May 10 meeting, this being Canada's 150th year, Hugh Delaney gave a talk on covers sent by or to Fathers of Confederation. The June 14 meeting was a show-and-tell session. The Group has adjourned for the summer and will next meet again on September 13. For details, contact Dave Bartlet at 829-3580.

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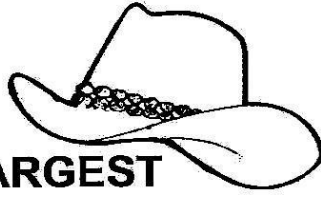
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CLUB NEWS

The June issue of this bulletin was mailed from the Cochrane Rexall Drugs retail outlet. The Star Trek coil stamp depicting a shuttlecraft was used. The reason it was mailed out there is because, as every Trekkie knows, the warp drive was invented by Dr Zefram Cochrane.

Publications by CPS members: Dale Speirs produced issue #12 of the JOURNAL OF ALBERTA POSTAL HISTORY, available as a free pdf from the Postal History Society of Canada Website. Go to www.postalhistorycanada.net/php, click on the Study Groups tab, then click on "Alberta". All the back issues are there as well.

The CANADIAN PHILATELIST issue of 2017 May/June had Dale's article on the postal history of the Dorothy to Finnegan section of the Red Deer River badlands.

Jon Johnson had an article on Canada's first perfins in the 2017 Q2 issue of BNA TOPICS.

The American Philatelic Society has announced the 2016 Chapter Newsletter awards. The CALGARY PHILATELIST won Gold in the Class 2: Multi-Page category.

Congratulations to Jim Taylor, who has been elected President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Another CPS member, Eldon Godrey, is currently President of BNAPS. Tomorrow the world!

At the June 7 general meeting, Walter Herdzik presented Part 1 of his "Around The World In 80 Covers" talk. The President's Pot went to Pat Prevey for her work in recently setting up the South Branch of the CPS Junior Club.

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2017

July	14	Kerby Centre - free Stampede breakfast in main gymnasium. Meet at 08h00.
August	9	deadline for August bulletin
September	1 to 3	BNAPEX 2017
	6	Annual general meeting
	6	deadline for October bulletin
	9	Junior Club meeting
	13	BNAPS Regional Group
	20	Auction
	27	CAPE meeting
October	4	General meeting
	11	BNAPS Regional Group
	14	Junior Club meeting
	18	Auction
	25	CAPE meeting
November	1	General meeting
	8	BNAPS Regional Group
	11	Junior Club meeting
	15	Auction
	22	CAPE meeting
December	6	Christmas social
	13	BNAPS Regional Group

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. If you park in either of the two Kerby lots, don't forget to register your vehicle's licence plate at the computer terminals in the building.

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