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How often have you seen a Special Delivery parcel tag? More inside as Dale Speirs continues his series on the Shipley parcel tags.

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SHIPLEY PARCEL TAGS: PART 2

by Dale Speirs

Postal Usages.

(Unless stated otherwise, all post offices cited are in Alberta.) There are some strange anomalies in the postmarks. Figure 11 shows a tag for a client in Black Diamond, about 30 km southwest of Calgary, but the reverse side was postmarked in Delburne, about 175 km north-northeast of the city.

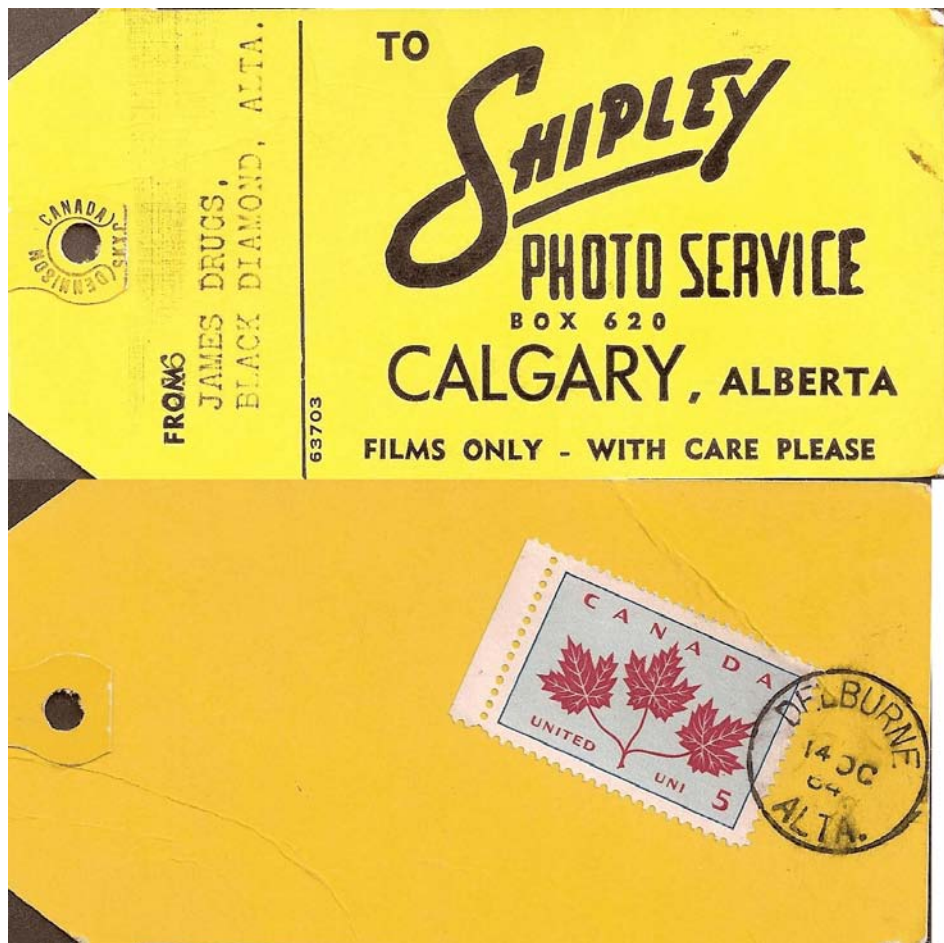


Figure 11: Front and back of tag.

It wasn't a mis-sort because then it would have been postmarked in Black Diamond before any mis-sent accident occurred. It may have been that the Black Diamond client was visiting Delburne when he discovered he had forgotten to mail the item and still had it in his pocket, so he dropped it in the mails there to expedite the package.



Figure 12

to mention the constantly changing postal rates during the 1950s and 1960s, the era of these tags.

As an example, Figure 13 shows three different tags mailed from Arrowwood during a nine-day period in August 1956, each paid with a different amount of postage. This obviously reflects the number of rolls of film that were sent.

Of thousands of tags, I have only seen one Special Delivery tag, shown on the cover, sent from Vulcan in 1964. A customer was in a frantic rush for the developed pictures. I doubt if any time was saved. Vulcan is only an hour from central Calgary by road. In 1964 the mails were transported by truck, not train. The postmarks indicate that the films were received in Calgary the following day, which would have been the normal service.

Figure 13



Figure 12 (graphically cropped) shows a tag mailed from Huxley but cancelled with a private Canadian Utilities Ltd handstamp, not the post office cancel. At that time, the post office was in a general store.

At first I thought I might sort out examples of different postage rates and weight classes, but this quickly proved impossible. In order to do it properly, I would have to know the weight of the film rolls and how many there were, not

Postmarks: General Comments.

Rural post offices often used their original cancelling devices for decades after they had become obsolete elsewhere. The amount of mail they processed was small enough that the cancellers never wore out. Figure 15 shows a duplex cancel used in Vulcan in 1964.

The Shipley tags are particularly useful for identifying where blind cancels such as rollers or killers were applied, since the address of the sender was printed on the tag. One particular example I noted was that all but a few tags sent from Canmore did not have dated postmarks but had the stamps cancelled with a barred killer. Figure 16 is an example proving the point of origin. A better and much clearer Canmore strike is shown in Figure 17, graphically cropped from the blank side. This cancel was used over many years in the 1950s and 1960s.



Figure 15 (above left)

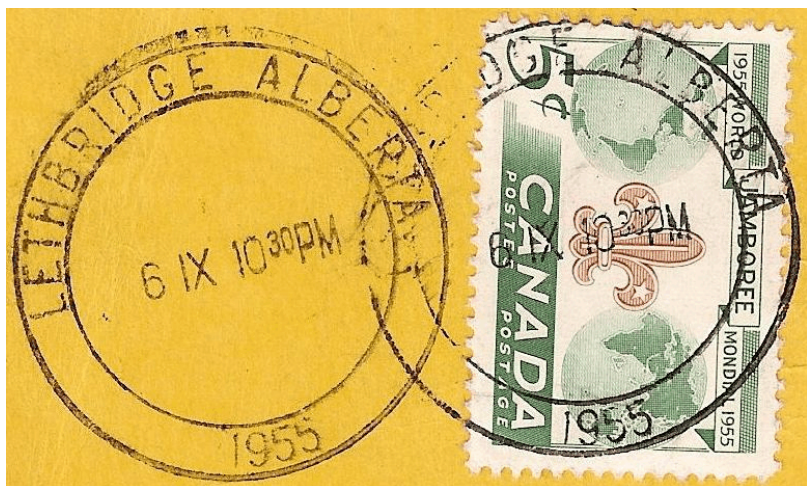


Figure 16 (below)

Figure 17 (above right)



A type of postmark that doesn't get the respect it deserves is the barrel cancel, a large postmark used in the 1950s. The only example I found in the Shipley tags was from Lethbridge in 1955, as seen in Figure 18 (graphically cropped).



[to be continued]

Figure 18

STUDY GROUP REPORTS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society meets second Wednesdays. For details, contact Dave Bartlet at 829-3580. At the November 8 meeting, Ray Villeneuve presented a look at Canadian Special Delivery forms and labels. The December 13 meeting had Eldon Godfrey showing antique Christmas postcards.

EDMONTON STAMP CLUB 2018 SPRING NATIONAL STAMP SHOW

Calgary philatelists are strong competitors each year at the annual Edmonton show, so potential exhibitors should take note of the information below. This is a national-level show. It will be on the weekend of March 24 and 25, Saturday 10h00 to 17h00, Sunday 10h00 to 16h00. The venue is the Central Lion's Recreational Centre, 113 Street and 111 Avenue in Edmonton. Free admission.

The theme of this year's show is: Canada's Peace Keepers in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the Armistice. The bourse will have stamp, postcard, and cover dealers from across Canada. As well, there will be stamp circuit books, door prize draw, and a junior stamp table. The exhibits are national-level competitive stamp exhibits (WSP). For information on entering exhibits, contact Exhibits Chairperson: liuszmoser@gmail.com

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CHRISTMAS SOCIAL ON DECEMBER 7



About 50 members and spouses attended the annual Christmas potluck supper. Lots of good food and fun as always. Many thanks to those who brought food and beverages.

There was a clothesline exhibit organized by Walter Herdzik. The winners were:

Class 1: Ugliest or messiest cover - Hugh Delaney

Class 2: Nicest or prettiest cover - Dale Speirs

Class 3: Most colourful cover - Fred Rippe

Class 4: Most interesting postcard - Murray Bialek





Pat Prevey organized the giant puzzle for everyone to put together.



Gerry Vader (centre) presented the Founders' Award for 2016/17 to Murray Bialek (left) and Hugh Delaney (right). The award is given for greatest contribution to the club in the previous season. Murray and Hugh were Co-Chairmen of BNAPEX 2017 CALTAPEX.



The 2017 Author of the Year award, presented by editor Dale Speirs (right) went to Raymond Villeneuve (left) for his article on blackout special delivery postmarks.

CANADA EXCISE STAMPS FOR CANNABIS

by Chris Ryan

The Canadian Finance Department is proposing the use of Excise stamps on cannabis when it is legalized in 2018. Below is a section from the proposed scheme for the Excise control and taxation of cannabis.

8. Excise Stamping Requirements

All cannabis products that will be removed from the premises of a federal licensee to enter into the Canadian market will be required to be packaged in a container intended for sale at the retail level and will be required to have an excise stamp.

As with the current tobacco stamping program, a stamp will need to be affixed to a product:

- In a conspicuous place on the package;

- In a manner that seals the package (i.e., once the package is opened the stamp cannot be in a condition to be re-used);

- In a manner that the stamp remains affixed to the package after the package is opened; and

- In a manner that does not obstruct any information that is required under an Act of Parliament to appear on the package, including Health Canada warnings.

The issuance of stamps will be administered by the CRA and the stamps will be sold through an authorized provider. With respect to stamping within a coordinated taxation framework between federal, provincial, and territorial governments with potentially different duty rates:

- A cannabis licensee (i.e., the manufacturer who packages a product for final retail sale) would have to apply an excise stamp with an indicator (e.g., colour) of the intended provincial or territorial market.

- Diversion of products intended for consumption in a particular province would be subject to penalties.

The Act will also prohibit the possession or sale of any unstamped cannabis products by a person unless otherwise allowed under circumstances prescribed by regulations. These allowances would include allowances for persons licensed or registered with the CRA and may further include allowances for:

- A person who is transporting the product under circumstances and conditions prescribed by regulations;

- An individual or person who has imported the product under special permit (see section 12: Imports and Exports below), not for final sale to consumers; or

- An individual who has cultivated cannabis and/or manufactured a cannabis product in accordance with personal-use/cultivation limits as provided under the Cannabis Act.

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WANTED: Canadian perfin covers and Canadian military covers and postcards. Contact Jon Johnson at 253-8411 or jcjperfins@hotmail.com

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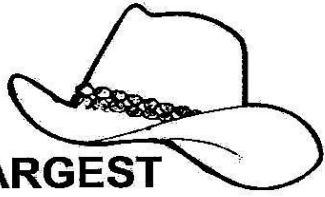
WANTED: Pilot-signed First Flight covers and also any signed material by Canadian notables. Contact Glenn at pgdaze@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Current Canadian stamps, very fine used. Contact Michael Teekens, 83 Headingley Road #1, Mount Waverley, Victoria 3149, Australia, or michateekens@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.

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Publications by CPS members:

Dale Speirs published the postal history of the Turkey Track railroad in southern Alberta in JOURNAL OF ALBERTA POSTAL HISTORY #15. JAPH is available as a free pdf from the Postal History Society of Canada Website. Go to: www.postalhistorycanada.net, click on the Study Groups tab, then click on Alberta. All the back issues are there as well.

Dale Speirs also published "The Origin Of The Maple Leaf Flag" in the 2017 Nov/Dec issue of CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

Show competitions:

Jim Taylor won a Vermeil at Brasilia 2017 (October 24 to 29, in the capital of Brazil) for his exhibit "St Pierre et Miquelon 1932-1946".

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2018

January	17	Auction
	24	CAPE meeting
February	7	General meeting
	14	BNAPS Regional Group
	21	Auction
	28	CAPE meeting
March	7	General meeting
	7	Deadline for April bulletin
	14	BNAPS Regional Group
	21	Auction
	28	CAPE meeting
April	4	General meeting
	11	BNAPS Regional Group
	18	Auction
	21 and 22	Spring Bourse - Kerby Centre in gymnasium
	25	CAPE meeting
May	2	General meeting
	2	Deadline for June 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. 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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CAPE (Calgary Association Of Philatelic Exhibitors) meets fourth Wednesdays except June to August and December. For details, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698.