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The Calgary Tower celebrated its 50th anniversary in June 2018. The 2011 Royal Tour postmark is its only philatelic commemoration. More details inside.

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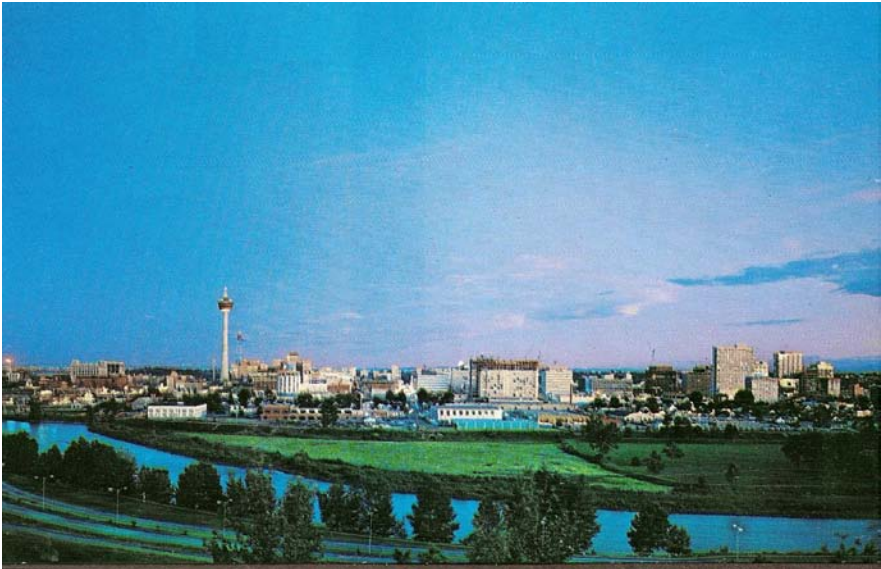
THE CALGARY TOWER

by Elizabeth Saunaranta

This year there was a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Calgary Tower. A block party was held at its base on 9 Avenue South and Centre Street. The tower was the tallest structure in western Canada when it opened in June 1968, but now it is dwarfed by other skyscrapers in the downtown core. It originally opened under the name of Husky Tower, but when that petroleum company sold it, the name changed to its present title.



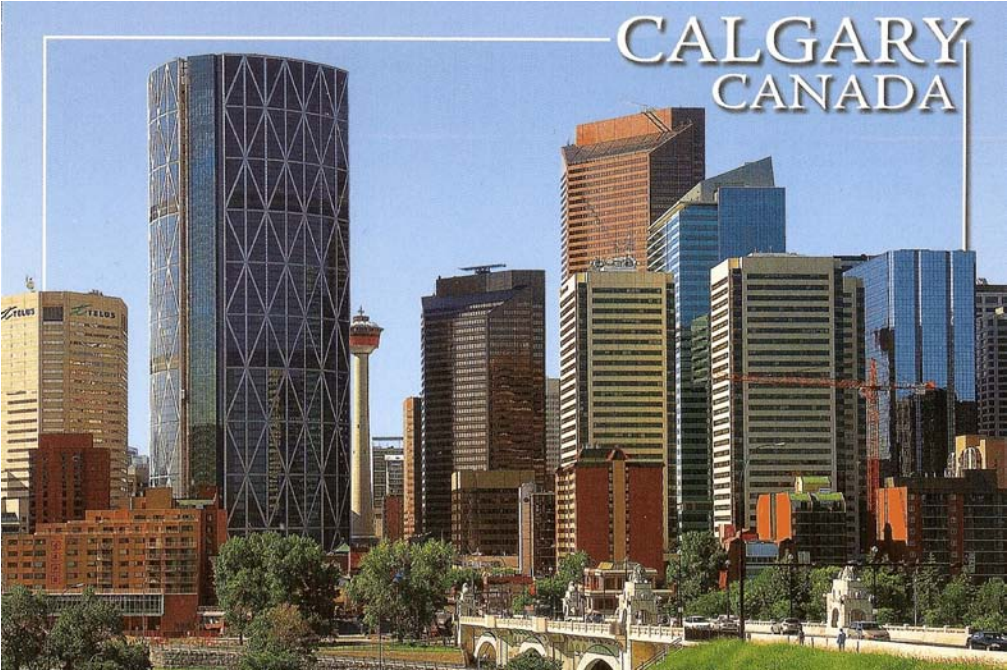
This 1970 postcard shows the tower in its glory days, when the revolving restaurant at its top gave a spectacular 360° view.



There was a letterbox at the top of the tower at one time. This is the reverse side of the postcard shown on the previous page. It received a turquoise handstamp “Posted From Top Of Husky Tower”.



This 2016 postcard says it all about Calgary Tower’s fate.



SHIPLEY PARCEL TAGS: PART 5

by Dale Speirs

[Parts 1 to 4 appeared in issues #152 to 155.]

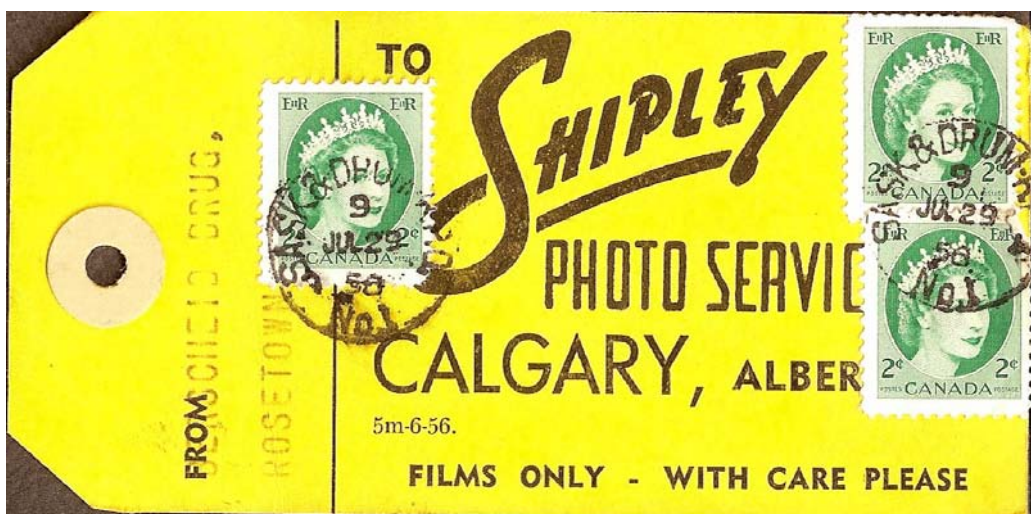
Postmarks: Railway Post Offices.

Shipley had customers in Saskatchewan and British Columbia, as a result of which a few of the tags had RPO postmarks. I haven't found any RPO strikes from British Columbia, but several tags came along the Saskatoon and Drumheller line. RPO postmarks would have been rare, since by the middle 1950s almost all mail transportation had shifted from trains to trucks.



Figure 29 (at left, graphically cropped) is a 1955 postmark on a tag sent by a Kindersley, Saskatchewan, client.

Figure 30 (below) was dispatched from a Rosetown, Saskatchewan, client in 1958. Both of them were along the same rail line.



Postage Dues.

The complexity of postal rates and weight increments was such that numerous film shipments must have slipped through at incorrect payments. However, there were a dozen or so Shipley tags with postage due assessed, indicating that someone in the Calgary post office was at least doing spot inspections.

There is no indication on all but one of the tags that the amounts due were collected, but this may have been done with a card or bulk payment by Shipley. The photo processor had a huge mail business and likely used ledger sheets or cards to settle up with the post office.

Figure 31 shows the only tag I have seen with a postage due label attached, a 2-cents label of the 1935 issue. It was mailed from Eston, Saskatchewan, sometime in the late 1950s. The postmark date didn't impress onto the tag, but the reverse side has a printer's job number indicating it was printed in 1955.



Figure 31: Shortpaid by 1 cent, therefore double deficiency assessed.

The majority of tags marked with postage due were only for 2 or 4 cents, indicating the films were short paid by 1 or 2 cents respectively, since double the deficiency was charged.

Examples shown on the next page are in Figure 32, from High River owing 2 cents in 1956, and Figure 33, from Pincher Creek owing 4 cents in 1959. The largest amount seen is 18 cents due from Pincher Creek, shown in Figure 34, indicating a short payment of 9 cents in 1964.

Figure 32: Shortpaid from High River.



Figure 33: Shortpaid from Pincher Creek, 4 cents double deficiency assessed.



Figure 34: Really shortpaid from Pincher Creek.



Stamps: Usage.

The stamps applied were what the local post office had at hand, although a few mailers had their own postage meters and applied meter strips. As to be expected, the vast majority were QE2 definitives, mostly Wildings.



Rural post offices often carried stocks of obsolete stamps for many years. An example from the Shipley tags is shown in Figure 35 (at left, graphically cropped), where King George VI stamps were still being used in 1958 in the village of Beiseker.

Plate blocks were rare in the boxes of tags but their occurrence indicated genuine non-philatelic use. Figure 36 is on a Cardston tag, and Figure 37 is from Stettler. I only found four plate block inscriptions out of thousands of tags.

Figure 36



Figure 37



Stamps: QE2 Definitives.

The vast majority of the Shipley tags, about three-quarters by visual estimate, used QE2 definitive stamps in various combinations, often with commemoratives. The Karsh Portrait design was issued in 1953. The following year it was replaced by the Wilding Portrait series, which had a much longer lifespan until the Cameo series appeared in 1962.

The tags with stamps only from one of the issues, excluding single stamp tags, are rare. Much more common was a mixture of Karsh and Wilding stamps. In absolute quantities though, the Wildings were by far the most common on the tags. This is not surprising given the longer lifespan of the Wildings.

Almost all of the Karsh stamps in the Shipley tags were the 3-cents carmine-rose and the 4-cents violet. There were a few 2-cents green mixed with other stamps, and none of the other Karsh values. Figure 38 shows a single 2-cents stamp used with a block of 4-cents, mailed from Olds. I never found any multiples of the 2-cents Karsh.

Figure 38



The largest block of 3-cents Karsh within the tags mix is shown in Figure 39, used from Claresholm.

Figure 39



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OCTOBER 17, HERE WE COME!

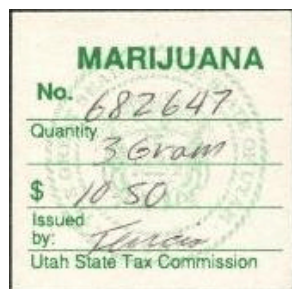
by Leanteri Polvikoski

Canada will legalize marijuana on October 17, 2018. The first thought of stamp collectors was “Will there be revenue stamps for it?” The answer is yes. Canada Revenue Agency will be issuing stamps for producers and wholesalers to apply to their product. One wonders though, if anyone at CRA is prepared for philatelists asking them how they can buy mint sheets or corner blocks. We await a flurry of articles about plating the revenues, imperfs, inscription blocks, and colour errors.

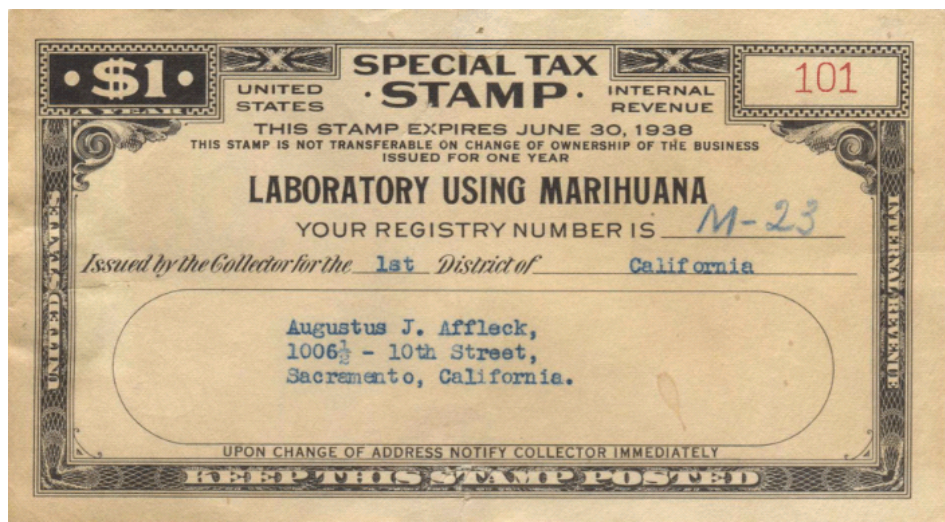
American government agencies have issued marijuana revenues in the past, even though it was illegal. In some cases, the stamps were to pay fines imposed by the courts for dealing in marijuana. Many states had the stamps for the rare but legitimate use of the drug by research centres or medical reasons. Some used them for what was called “piling on”, where a drug dealer would face an additional criminal charge for not paying taxes on his illicit income.



Louisiana, 1991, \$3.50 per gramme



Utah, 1980s, \$10.50 paid for 3 grammes



CALTAPEX 2018 SCHEDULE

Events are in the Kerby Centre, except the Awards Banquet, which will be held at the Danish-Canadian Club, 727 - 11 Avenue SW. The show is free but banquet tickets must be purchased in advance from Janice Brookes (251-179).

Friday, October 12

Show set-up	17h00 to 18h00
Exhibits into frames	18h00 to 19h00

Saturday, October 13

Show opens	10h00
Canteen opens	11h00
Canteen closes	14h30
Show closes	17h00
Awards banquet	18h00 to 22h00

Sunday, October 14

Show opens	10h00
Canteen opens	11h00
Auction lots accepted	13h30
Canteen closes	14h30
Show closes	16h00
Auction begins	16h30

CALTAPEX EXHIBITS: A ONE-PAGE CHALLENGE

by Dave Russum

We are rapidly filling up the frames for CALTAPEX. The deadline is September 30. I am instituting a first-come, first-served approach so individuals who are slow to confirm their participation may be out of luck. In addition, if you are submitting more than one exhibit, please prioritise your entries as I am keen to encourage as many different exhibitors as possible. I am saving a number of frames for one to four page exhibits. This is intended as a fun way for individuals to wet their feet in exhibiting, test out new ideas, get feedback on layout, show off something that you are proud of, or something amusing. Exhibits can be written up by hand, typed on a typewriter or formally created on a computer. The only limitation being that they must be suitable for a general audience.

These exhibits will not be formally judged but I hope some of our more experienced exhibitors will be available to offer comments and suggestions. In addition, these exhibits will be open to a People's Choice Award. Imagine the honour and prestige! I hope that a large percentage of club members will take up this challenge and submit something for this part of our show. These exhibits can either be brought to me at the October meeting or delivered during set-up on the Friday evening of the show.

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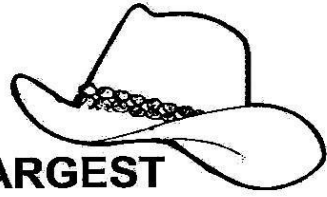
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The August bulletin was mailed from the Chinook Centre Shoppers Drug Mart, chosen because the postmark fit with the weather stamps used for the mailout.

Dale Speirs published the postal history of the Mossleigh-Arrowwood district in JOURNAL OF ALBERTA POSTAL HISTORY #17 (August). JAPH is available as a free pdf from the Postal History Society of Canada Website. All the back issues are there as well. Go to: www.postalhistorycanada.net, click on the Study Groups tab, then click on Alberta.

At the September 5 general meeting, the President's Pot was awarded to Erika Peter for her work on publicity and other behind-the-scenes activity.

KERBY EXPO

The Kerby Expo will be held on Saturday, September 22, from 09h00 to 16h00. Over 70 booths will be present, including the CPS, offering exciting products and services. In addition, there will be informative presentations and musical entertainment. Why not drop by (booth #67) and say hello!

We need volunteers to sit at the CPS table. Call Murray Bialek at 241-2006.

DUES ARE DUE!

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2018

September	19	Auction
	26	CAPE meeting
October	3	General meeting
	10	BNAPS Regional Group
	13 and 14	CALTAPEX 2018
	17	Auction
	24	CAPE meeting
November	7	General meeting
	7	Deadline for December bulletin
	14	BNAPS Regional Group
	21	Auction
	28	CAPE meeting
December	5	Christmas social
	12	BNAPS Regional Group

2019

January	2	General meeting
	2	Deadline for February bulletin
	9	BNAPS Regional Group
	16	Auction
	23	CAPE meeting

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. Don't forget to register your vehicle's licence plate at the computer terminals in the building.

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 September to November and January to May on second Saturdays (north side of city) and third Saturdays (south side of city). Information from Jim Senecal at 547-7681 (north side) or Pat Prevey at 238-3435 (south side).

CAPE (Calgary Association Of Philatelic Exhibitors): Contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698.