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The series on Shipley parcel tags continues, this time with a look at QE2 commemoratives. See page 6.

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WILDER GRAVES PENFIELD: A GIANT OF CANADIAN NEUROSURGERY

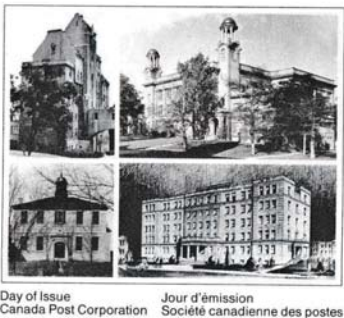
by Marc Henri Charest

[Dedication: To my mother]

It is probably safe to assume that most Canadians will not have heard of Doctor Wilder Penfield (1891-1976). Penfield, a brain surgeon, led a team of health scientists into the development of a surgical cure for some forms of epilepsy. That surgical procedure became known as the “Montreal Protocol” or procedure, which was developed nearly 85 years ago, and has helped thousands worldwide eliminate the nightmares that are epileptic seizures. A little more probable is that a number of Canadians will have seen, on television, one of the “Heritage Minutes” produced by Historica Canada, where a woman smelled burnt toast just before experiencing a seizure; on the operating table, as Penfield and his team gently stimulated key parts of her brain, all the while asking the conscious woman what she was experiencing, she suddenly exclaimed :”Doctor Penfield, I can smell burnt toast!” The team had pinpointed the source of the seizure and were able to cause a small lesion and thus neutralize the responsible part of the brain.

Epileptic seizures were also brought on by scar tissue that resulted from head injuries and was often visible. Finding and removing that scar tissue or lesion often relieved the seizures.

On March 15, 1991, Canada Post honoured four prominent Canadian health scientists, each with a 40-cent commemorative stamp. In addition to Penfield, the following Canadian health scientists were recognized: Dr. Jennie Kidd Trout (1841-1921) was the first Canadian woman licensed to practice medicine in Canada, Sir Frederick Grant Banting (1891-1941) co-discovered insulin, and Harold Randall Griffith (1894-1985) introduced muscle relaxants to the practice of anaesthesia. The first-day cover is shown below.



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Penfield founded the Montreal Neurological Institute (the Neuro) in 1934 (McGill University, Montréal). He was its director from inception until 1960. He used meticulously gathered observations of patients to throw new perspective *“on the function of memory, learning and language, and on how the human mind relates to the brain.”* (Canada Post) For this, Penfield recruited several health professionals to observe and record patient behaviour.

My mother, Lucie Bertrand Charest (1925-2018), was one of these recruits for six months in 1947, after graduating with High Honours from the three-year nursing program at the Hôpital Notre-Dame, Université de Montréal, Faculty of Medicine, which was founded in 1880. I was born in Notre-Dame Hospital. She recounted how meticulous Penfield was, instructing his assistants to note and report on even the smallest details of a patient's comportment. Penfield, who also spoke French and Spanish, took my mother under his wing when he found out that she was a cousin of Dr. Claude Bertrand (1917-2014).

Bertrand was another pioneer neurosurgeon, who graduated from the Neuro in 1946 and established the neurosurgical department at the Montréal Notre-Dame Hospital the following year. A 1.7 km portion of Montreal's Pine Avenue was renamed in Penfield's honour in 1978 (Avenue du Docteur-Penfield). It runs through the heart of McGill University campus and past the old Neuro building. The Neuro today remains a world-class destination for brain research and advanced patient care.

This cover was addressed to me by my mother and featured Dr. Penfield on the stamp.



HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

by Tony Doughty

I was investigating the underprinting on the coil versions of the Lotus stamps shown here. I was specifically looking for rotations, verticals and inverts of the underprinting when I first discovered the images on these stamps. My initial reaction was to dismiss the images as a manifestation of geriatric delusional pareidolia.** But those pesky images persisted in my minds eye, necessitating more detailed investigation.

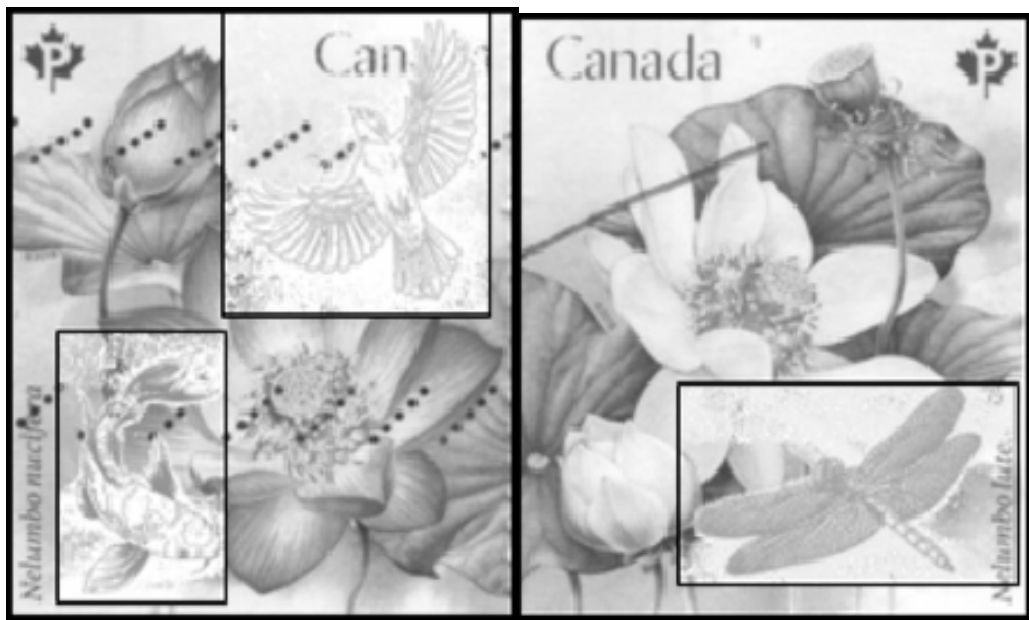
Consultation with the Unitrade 2019 stamp catalogue revealed no insight. A closer look at the booklet version stamps and the two stamps from the souvenir sheet quickly revealed larger representations of the images and confirmed my initial discovery.

Yes! Hiding in plain sight on the pink and white *Nelumbo nucifera* lotus flower an image of a Chinese Bulbul bird and a Koi fish. Hiding in plain sight on the American Lotus, *Nelumbo lutea* is a dragonfly.

All three images can be seen with the unaided eye and do not illuminate under UV light. I have created, as best I can, representations of the images on scanned booklet stamps. Take a close look at your collected stamps.

[Editor's note: I examined the stamps myself. It took me a minute but I did spot the images. They are difficult to see. The bird image is the easiest to find.]

** Pareidolia: (parr-i-DOH-lee-uh) the tendency to perceive patterns where there are none, such as observing faces in clouds. (DISCOVER MAGAZINE, 2019 December, page 12)



SHIPLEY PARCEL TAGS: PART 8

by Dale Speirs

[Parts 1 to 7 appeared in issues #152 to 155, 158, 161, and 163.]

Stamps: QE2 Commemoratives (continued).

The 1957 Royal Visit stamp was very common in the Shipley mix. Other QE2 commemoratives are relatively rare, but Canada Post seems to have pushed quite a few of the 1957 stamps out to the rural post offices, judging by their use. Figure 51 shows a strip of this stamp used by a client in Golden, British Columbia.

Pietro Annigoni's famous portrait of the Queen, which she has said was her favourite, was used on the 1959 Royal Visit stamp. Figure 52 (on the front cover) shows a usage of this stamp. It was relatively scarce among the tags.



At left: Figure 53 (graphically cropped) is a use of the 1964 Royal Visit stamp five days after issue.

In searching through the thousands of Shipley tags, I have not found any first day cancels of this or any other stamp.

Below: Figure 51



Stamps: Prime Ministers.

During the 1950s, there was an ongoing series depicting Prime Ministers of Canada, used as definitives although technically commemoratives. These are the second-most common type of stamps in the Shipley tags. The stamps were issued at 3-, 4-, and 5-cents values, with no lower values.

As a consequence, they appear either as singletons paying for one roll of film, or as multiples with QE2 stamps to make up a 1- or 2-cents deficiency. Figures 54 and 55 show the 4-cents Bennett and 5-cents Tupper values respectively.

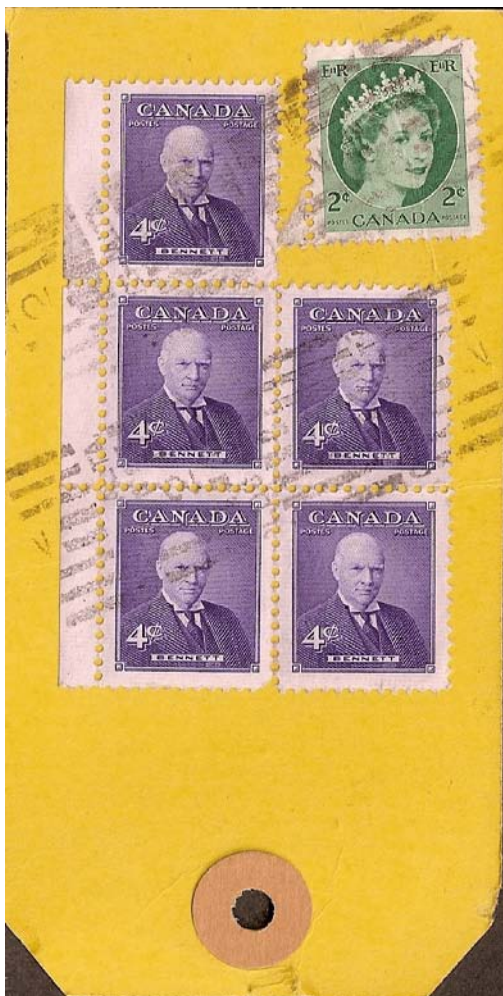


Figure 54



Figure 55

AUTHOR OF THE YEAR 2019

At the January 8 meeting, Tony Doughty was presented with the Author of the Year award for the 2019 calendar year. He has been doing original research into the underprinting on recent Canadian stamps, something that most collectors have overlooked.

CPS WINS OUT OF TOWN

The New Zealand National Philatelic Literature Exhibition was held on September 28 and 29, 2019, in Christchurch. Jon Johnson won a Large Silver for his book WW1 CANADIAN ARMY NURSING SISTERS SERVING OVERSEAS

In October 2019, CANADIAN STAMP NEWS held its annual cover competition for stamp clubs. Dave Bartlet entered the CALTAPEX panda show cover. Voting was online by anyone who cared to do so, and the results were announced in late November.

The Calgary cover won easily with 112 votes, far ahead of the second-place finisher which had 61 votes. The November 26 issue of CSN featured a front page story about the contest, in which Dave was extensively quoted.

STUDY GROUPS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society has its regular monthly meeting on second Wednesdays. This group is devoted to the study of Canadian stamps and postal history. For more information, contact Dave Bartlet at dave.bartlet@shaw.ca

The November 13 meeting had a presentation by Jon Johnson on a variety of oddball covers and interesting single items. Jim Taylor showed pages from his exhibit in progress about St Pierre et Miquelon mail transport between the islands and Boston, Massachusetts, via Canadian railways. At the December 11 meeting, Eldon Godfrey presented on patriotic cachets and postmark slogans of World War Two.

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors meets fourth Wednesdays except June to August and December to discuss how to exhibit in a winning way. Membership is free to CPS members. All levels of exhibiting competitors are welcome. Many CAPE members started out as local exhibitors and worked their way up to international medals with the help of this group. For more information, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698.

A special meeting of the CAPE was held at the Woodcreek Community Hall, on Saturday, November 16, 2019. The meeting was held in conjunction with the CPS Junior Club Southwest. CAPE members brought along philatelic projects they are working on, recent stamp magazines, some exhibit or album pages, and so forth. The regular CAPE meeting took place on Wednesday, November 27.

JANUARY JOINT MEETING

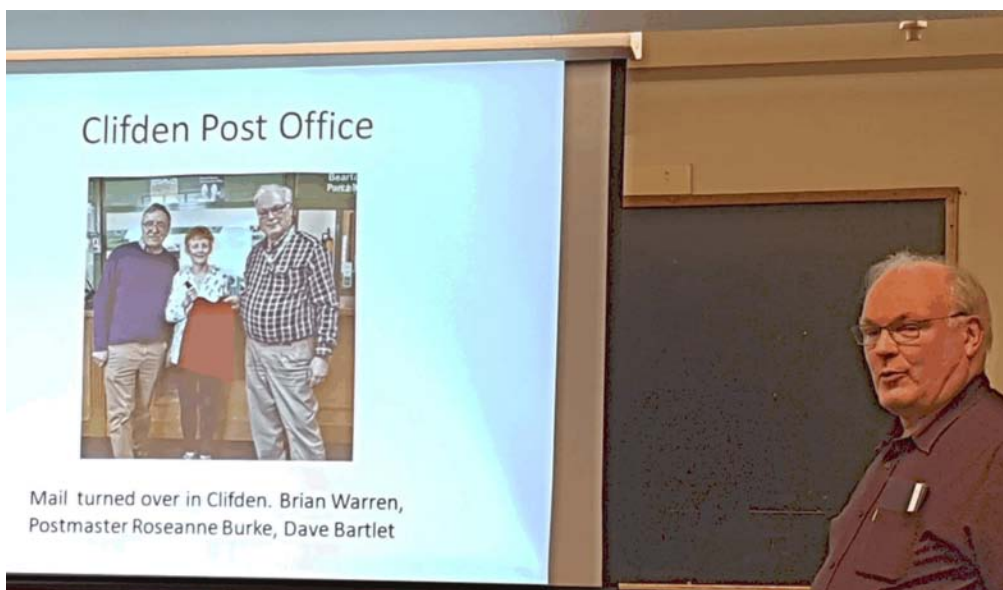
Because the first Wednesday of January was New Year's Day, the regular meeting was postponed to the following Wednesday on January 8. Second Wednesdays are the meetings of the Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society. The conflict was resolved by having a joint meeting, with the programme presented by Dave Bartlet on behalf of his fellow BNAPSers.

Dave was very heavily involved in the commemoration of the centennial of the Alcock-Brown transAtlantic flight in 1919. The Canadian Aerophilatelic Society, which has several Calgary members besides Dave, and philatelic societies in Newfoundland and Ireland, arranged a massive set of flight covers and events in June 2019.

Dave was in the thick of it because he works for WestJet and was able to arrange flights to recreate the 1919 route using modern commercial jets. In one weekend he flew from Calgary to Newfoundland to Nova Scotia to Ireland and back home again. In Ireland, he met with local philatelists and visited the site where the Alcock-Brown plane landed near Clifden.

A wide variety of covers were prepared. It would be a challenging task to get one of everything, much less pilot-signed and postmark variations. Lots of Picture Postage stamps were produced. Dave showed examples and also photos of the philatelists from several provinces and two countries who came together to mark the centennial.

The photo shows Dave during his talk.



CHRISTMAS SOCIAL ON DECEMBER 4



As always, great fun and socializing. Janice Brookes and Walter Herdzik planned the event.

Two awards were presented at the event.

Janice Brookes presented the Founders Award to Dave Bartlet, for his work in preparing show covers over the past year.



Jim Taylor (left), in his capacity as representative for the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, presented Jim Senecal the RPSC Volunteer Recognition Award.

Senecal has, of course, been very active in the CPS, but he was also instrumental in planning the Alberta-Wide Stamp Gathering in Red Deer on May 25, 2019.

Top: A general view of the crowd at the social.

Bottom: A partial view of the clothesline exhibit.

The winners were: Class 1: Best cover - Dale Speirs

Class 2: Worst cover - Murray Bialek

Class 3: Best vacation postcard - Penny Borrowman

The evening concluded with a quiz containing both general and philatelic questions, so that non-philatelic spouses could join in as well. Lots of good food on the potluck table, and many thanks to those who brought food.



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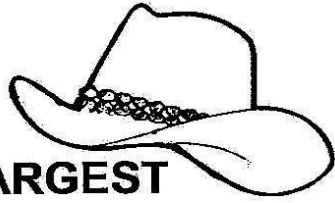
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WANTED TO BUY: Early German and British Colonies stamps to George VI. Call Godfrey at 464-3252.

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, 912 Olympia Crescent SE, Calgary, T2C 1G7, 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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CLUB NEWS

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Publications by CPS members:

Dale Speirs published the postal history of the Acme-Linden district between there and Highway 2 in JOURNAL OF ALBERTA POSTAL HISTORY #21. 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.

The November 12, 2019, issue of CANADIAN STAMP NEWS had Speirs' show report about CALTAPEX 2019.

Jim Taylor published an article on St Pierre et Miquelon mail to and from the USA via Canadian railways in the 2019 October issue of THE LONDON PHILATELIST.

The 2019 Fourth Quarter issue of BNA TOPICS had two articles by CPSers: Jon Johnson on "WWII Ocean-Going Canadian Merchant Navy Postal History: Part 1" and Raymond Villeneuve on "Where Have All The Special Delivery Forms Gone?"

At the January 8 meeting, the President's Pot was presented to Keith C.V. Brown. He has donated a fresh set of Scott catalogues to the library. Thank you Keith!

SPRING BOURSE 2020

The annual Spring Bourse will be held on the weekend of April 18 and 19 in the Kerby Centre gymnasium. Details from Walter Herdzik at 238-7845.

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February	5	General meeting
	12	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	19	Auction
March	4	General meeting
	4	Deadline for April bulletin
	11	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	18	Auction
	25	CAPE meeting
April	1	General meeting
	8	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	15	Auction
	18 to 19	Spring Bourse (Kerby Centre gymnasium)
	22	CAPE meeting
May	6	General meeting
	6	Deadline for June bulletin
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	20	Auction
	27	CAPE meeting
June	3	General meeting
	10	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	17	Auction
	17	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.

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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).

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