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The CPS celebrates its centennial in April 2022. As a buildup to this event, a series of Picture Postage stamps will be released over the next two years. More details inside.

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The CPS was founded in April 1922 by Dr. Edward George Mason. It is Chapter 66 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Chapter 1360 of the American Philatelic Society, and Chapter 91 of the American Topical Association.

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CPS CENTENNIAL IN 2022

In April 1922, Dr Edward George Mason founded the Calgary Philatelic Society, which has been in continuous existence ever since. The April 2022 meeting will be a big birthday party. The CPS will also host a national-level show on the Labour Day weekend in 2022 to celebrate its centennial. Co-Chairmen are Murray Bialek (CPS) and Dave Freeman (BNAPS).

As a buildup to our centennial, a series of Picture Postage stamps will be issued over the next two years. The first in the series was released at the February 2020 meeting, using the only known portrait of Dr Mason. Dave Bartlet prepared this issue. You can buy a booklet of twelve stamps (depicted below and on the front page) for \$20 from Dave at the meetings. These will be limited quantity, so don't delay buying them.



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by Gordon Demke

One of the interesting collecting possibilities is to identify cancels for particular towns or regions. This can be a tedious task, particularly when the strikes are of poor quality, for example, partial or blurred. And of course, partial cancels prevail on stamps not on cover or on piece. Identifying the town cancel can be very tedious. There are tools available.



Another good source is THE SQUARED CIRCLE STUDY GROUP, edited by John S. Gordon, THE SQUARED CIRCLE CANCELLATIONS OF CANADA (Fifth Edition), A HANDBOOK OF THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY, Canada: BNAPS, August 2001.

First, I searched Wikipedia for lists of communities/ municipalities for particular provinces (e.g., Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, etc.). In each case I used “File> Export as PDF” to place and save the file onto my computer desktop. The beauty of PDF is that it makes the file searchable.

If the province is identifiable from the cancel (for example, Ontario), it is simply a matter of going to the PDF file for Ontario municipalities, typing in the few letters of the town name that may be discernible on the stamp into the search function, and observing the highlighted matches that the computer instantaneously identifies.

If the province is unknown from the cancel, the process may require lists for various provinces to be searched which is a bit more work. I solved this by using software I had previously purchased: Kofax Power PDF for Mac. This software allows one to combine multiple PDFs (in my case, ten) into a single PDF file that can be searched. This permitted a single search of all Canadian communities combined rather than ten separate searches if I wanted to ensure that the same sequence of letters did not exist in multiple regions.

The tool is not entirely foolproof. One limitation is that towns may no longer exist, for example, Berlin was renamed Kitchener in 1916. What about RPOs? They are not listed and so my approach is deficient in that respect. (If this is a major concern, I think the same approach with modifications could be used. Scan typed lists of RPOs such as those found in Winmill, convert it to a PDF file, and commence the search as above.)



Trenton or
Renton, ONT

In some cases I could not come to a definitive identification. For example, in one case the partial cancel read “ENTON”; I was able to narrow it down to two possibilities: Trenton or Renton, ONT. In another case the partial cancel read “ARTON”; I was able to narrow it down to Wiarton or Fullarton, ONT.

Despite the limitations it sure expedites the identification process. Also, if you are uncertain of some of the letters displayed in the partial cancel (for example, is it a B or an R?) and search fails to identify a specific town, you can trial and error with the search function, by trying alternatives.

There are other applications of the foregoing. For example, any document available as a PDF file or convertible to a PDF file can then be searched for particular key words. I have not used this in the context of philately but found it invaluable in for example, reviewing hearing transcripts. So I know it works and works well.

Another application I recently used related to searching auction lots. Many of the on-line auction sites do have search functions that can narrow down having to visually scan all of the listed lots. Others do not have a search feature, for example FvH Stamps and Weeda Stamps. To see if there were lots of interest to me I went to the auction site, used “File> Export as PDF” and saved the file onto my computer Desktop. I then typed in a key word in the search function and observed the highlighted lots where the same key word appears. It sure saves a lot of time and provides more assurance that you are not missing a lot that relates to your prime collecting interests.

POSTMARKING AROUND CALGARY

by Dale Speirs

Firstly, an example of a Leap Day cover I prepared. I used the Chinese New Year stamp for the Year of the Rat, since Alberta has no rats.

The Year of the Rat

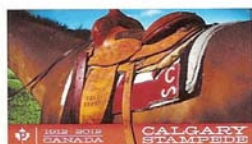
There are no rats in Alberta.



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LEAP YEAR DAY

Secondly, several Calgary postal outlets are now using straight-line boxless postmarks. There is no longer any standard supplier, so most of them seem to be ordering their replacement devices from stationers. A few examples are shown here. Keep an eye out at your local postal outlet and let me know if there are more.



Bow Tower
105648
2019-10-29
Calgary Alberta
T2G 1A0



085340
Northland RECO
2020-02-29
Calgary, AB
T2L 2J0



Compare these postmarks. The text arrangement and size indicates different suppliers.

ADDITIONAL ILLUSTRATED PERMITS

by Earle Covert

New listings of illustrated permits have been added to the BNAPS website with a direct link: www.bnaps.org/ore/Covert-IllustratedPermits/Covert-IllustratedPermits.htm

Thanks to everyone who in the last eight months have added 386 new permits with 59 new users. Many people have contributed.

A special thanks to the five gentlemen who contributed French Illustrated Permits. A number of the big national users produce Illustrated Permits in French and as well as English. Of course, many of the users in Quebec promote their charity or product only using French permits. Let me explain: there are no English or French only Illustrated Permits. I refer to English permits where English is first in the Bilingual permit and to French Permits where French is first in the Bilingual permit.

If you find errors, or if the listing has omitted Permits, or not credited Permits you have you have sent, please email me at ecovert6@gmail.com. Please pass the link on to anyone interested. Again thanks to all who have helped.



LOOK AGAIN, LOOKING BACK

by Tony Doughty

Sometimes I find it pays to revisit my older stamp duplicate stock and maybe reveal something that I have overlooked in the past. I believe this to be the case with the “Les Forges Des Saint Maurice” stamp shown in Figure 1 (Unitrade 1216, page 264). At least I have found a couple of EFO’s that are not listed in the current Unitrade Catalogue.

On this stamp two distinct EFO varieties are identified and illustrated in the 2020 Unitrade catalogue: 1216i: the “Feather in cap” variety and 1216ii: the Cuff-link” variety.



Figure 1

But my “look again, looking back” revealed two version of the “Feather in cap” variety in my stock, the Unitrade illustrated variety showing the feather in cap leaning at an angle of about 30° to the left of vertical, and an unillustrated version where the feather in cap is distinctly vertical (Figure 2). In my hoard of stamps, I have 15 copies of the “angled” feather variety and 5 copies of the “vertical” feather variety.

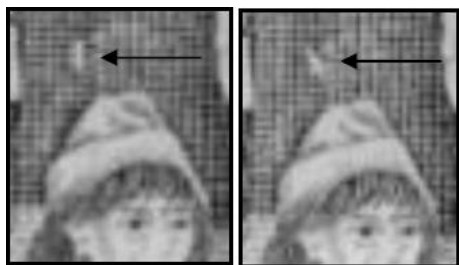


Figure 2

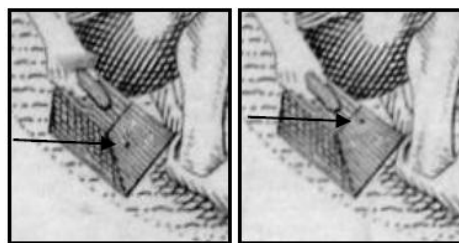


Figure 3

Another variety, again unlisted in the Unitrade catalogue, is what I call a “Burn Mark on the Blocking Tool.” This consists of a small dot on the forward end of the blocking tool held in the foremost forger’s right hand. There are two versions as shown in Figure 3. In my hoard of stamps, I have 12 versions of each of the two varieties shown in figure 3.

These EFO varieties raises the question: are these both distinct variations occurring on the same stamp on the pane of 50 stamps, or are there two distinctly different stamps, in different plate positions on the pane, displaying these varieties?

If the former conjecture in the question is true, then maybe there are variations of EFO positions between these two illustrated varieties.

What is your opinion? As always, I welcome your comments and possible confirmations, or refutation, of any of my findings pertaining to my philatelic research. Repetitive research confirms, or repudiates, validity and reliability.

CENTENNIAL CONVENTION IN 2022

The Calgary Philatelic Society was founded in April 1922. To celebrate the club's centennial, a national-level show is planned for the Labour Day weekend of 2022, from September 1 to 4. The venue has already been booked, the Hyatt Regency Hotel downtown at the intersection of Centre Street and 7 Avenue SE, shown below.

The first committee meeting was held on February 29. It may seem a long time before the convention but time flies. The event will be a combined BNAPEX and CALTAPEX. The Co-Chairmen are Murray Bialek for the CPS and Dave Freeman for the British North America Philatelic Society.

Normally the name of the convention would be BNAPEX 2022 CALTAPEX. While that will be the subtitle of the show, we are looking a snappier main title that will reflect the unique occasion of 100 years of organized philately in Calgary. Accordingly the Show Committee has authorized a contest to pick a main title for the convention.

Examples of what we are looking for are COWTOWN 2022 or YYC 2022. No PEX names please. The name should be different than the usual type. Only paid-up CPS members are eligible. A small prize of a \$10 coupon good in trade at the next CALTAPEX will be awarded. The deadline for entries is May 3. Entries to Dale Speirs on paper at the general meetings or mailed to him at Box 6830, Calgary T2P 2E7.



SPRING BOURSE 2020

The weekend of April 18 and 19 will be the Spring Bourse of the CPS, held at the Kerby Centre in the main gymnasium. In addition to the dealers, there will be a club table and an auction. Details from Walter Herdzik at herdzikw@shaw.ca

UPCOMING REGIONAL SHOWS

Edmonton.

Edmonton Stamp Club will host its annual Spring National 2020 at the Central Lions Recreation Centre, 11113-113 Street, Edmonton, on the weekend of March 28 to 29. Information from: Kelly Liusz-Moser, Exhibits Chair, Edmonton Stamp Club, Box 399, Edmonton, T5J 2J6, or liuszmoser@gmail.com

In addition to the usual exhibits, dealer bourse, club tables, seminars, an added attraction this year will be the RPSC Judging Seminar, presented by Mike Ley, President of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, on the topic of "Exhibit Freedom in the Judging Manual 7th Edition and How We Got Here".

Okanagan.

The Pacific Northwest Region of the British North America Philatelic Society will be hosting a show this autumn. Their annual BNAPS Regional convention is being held in the Okanagan at Vernon, British Columbia, conveniently located at the Fairfield Inn. On Friday, September 25, there will be a Meet and Greet. Saturday, September 26 will have six seminars.

Membership in BNAPS is not required to attend, just an interest in expanding your philatelic knowledge, meeting like-minded philatelists, and having some fun. Fees are modest at \$30. If you would like to attend, email Mark Oakley at BNAPS-PNW@shaw.ca, or call (250)878-2700, and we will send you a registration package.

CPS MEMBERS WIN OUT OF TOWN

At the Southeastern Stamp Expo in Atlanta, Georgia, January 31 to February 2, Jim Taylor won for his exhibit on St Pierre et Miquelon Colonial series to the first pictorials. He received a Large Gold, Reserve Grand, and special prize for Best French Colonies.

STUDY GROUPS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society February 12 meeting had a presentation by Jon Johnson on a little-known World War Two military service called MailCan, which expedited mail between Europe and Canada for the troops.

SECOND ANNUAL ALBERTA-WIDE STAMP GATHERING

by Peter Fleck

The Mustard Seed in Red Deer will host the Second Annual Alberta-Wide Stamp Gathering on Saturday, May 30. This facility at 6002 - 54 Avenue (photo below) is centrally located just north of the Red Deer River and only a few minutes drive from last year's venue.

Back by popular demand, the event is being co-sponsored by the Calgary Philatelic Society, Edmonton Stamp Club, Lethbridge Philatelic Society and the emerging Central Alberta Stamp Club.

The format will mirror the inaugural gathering featuring presentations from the participating clubs, circuit books, member sales tables and conclude with a live auction. The British North American Philatelic Society (BNAPS) will also once again be offering a series of four hour-long postal history seminars.

Activities commence at 09h00 and will conclude when pay-outs from the auction are completed around 16h00. Admission is free, but participants must register at the door.

The Mustard Seed has ample parking available around the building along with an overflow lot across the street. An elevator located by the main entrance can be used by anyone in a wheelchair or with mobility issues. Refreshments will be available on a donation basis. Also situated nearby are numerous restaurants, including the iconic Burger Boy across the road.

Most activities will take place in the main hall featuring a sound system, ample seating and a generous supply of rectangular tables. The BNAPS presentations will be held in the new boardroom-sized wellness centre equipped with a large-screen TV. The live auction is to be run by the Calgary club utilizing the standard rules and 10 per cent commission rate.

Further information will be posted as it becomes available at www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com.



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WANTED: Calgary Stampede covers, letterhead and collections. Please contact Dave Freeman at 403-281-0550 or email at dfreeman@latitude.ca

WANTED: Italian or French colonies pre-independence, Western Europe pre-1940, British colonies pre-QE2, Australian States. Call Jim Senecal at 547-7681.

FOR SALE: Zillions of Stamps is a Website organized by country and catalogue number using Scott, Michel, Stanley Gibbons, or Yvert, as well as by topics such as birds, trains, Scouts, or famous people. I am one of the contributors and have listed over 35,000 worldwide items under I. Rudyk. Contact Ihor Rudyk at ivrudyk@shaw.ca or visit www.zillionsofstamps.com

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FOR SALE: Seven Unity Canada stamp albums in a case. Annual pages to end of 2016. About 65% of stamp slots filled. Initial years mostly used. Recent years almost 100% mint. Price to be negotiated. Contact Al at 282-1030 or dorandal@telus.net

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

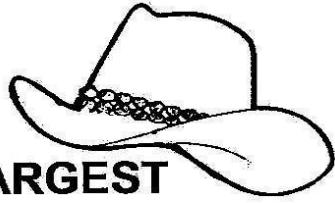
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WANTED: Pilot-signed First Flight covers and also any signed material by Canadian notables. Contact Glenn at pgdaze@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Current Canadian stamps, very fine used. Contact Michael Teekens, 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

The February issue was mailed on January 15 in -32°C weather, with the Leonard Cohen stamps at the IDA Pharmacy Glenmore Landing postal outlet.

Publications by CPS members:

Jon Johnson had the second part of his history of WW2 merchant navy mail in BNA TOPICS, 2020 First Quarter.

Earle Covert was the co-editor of the 8th edition of WEBB'S POSTAL STATIONERY CATALOGUE, now available from dealers.

Jim Taylor had an article on the 1885 Gothic surcharges of St Pierre et Miquelon in the 2020 January issue of FRANCE AND COLONIES PHILATELIST. His article "The Norse Vikings In North America" was published in the 2020 Mar/Apr issue of CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

Dale Speirs published the second part of his postal history of the Red Deer River badlands, from Kneehill Creek canyon to Drumheller to Rosedale. It appeared in the 2020 February issue of JOURNAL OF ALBERTA POSTAL HISTORY #22. JAPH is available as a free pdf from www.academia.edu. All the back issues are there as well.

The President's Pot was award at the February 5 meeting to Patricia Prevey for her work with the South Side Junior Club of the CPS.

The speaker at the February 5 meeting was Dave Russum on modern British postal history. At the March 4 meeting, Bill Cowling spoke on telegraph cancellations of early Japanese stamps.

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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March	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	3	Deadline for 2022 convention name contest
	6	General meeting
	6	Deadline for June bulletin
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	20	Auction
	27	CAPE meeting
	30	Alberta-Wide Stamp Gathering, Red Deer
June	3	General meeting
	10	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	17	Auction
	17	Deadline for July bulletin
August	19	Deadline for August 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 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) meets fourth Wednesdays except June to August and December. For details, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698.