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STOP COVID-19



First came the coronavirus, then came the flood of stamps capitalizing on the pandemic. If you want to collect this topical, you'd better hustle because some of the earlier stamp designs will be very popular.

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CANADA PRECANCELS: PART 1

by Gordon Demke

Precancelled postage stamps are stamps that have been cancelled with a device made specifically for that purpose prior to being affixed to mail. The rationale was the time saving of cancelling sheets of multiple stamps as compared to individual stamps affixed to mail. Precancels were made available to large volume mailers (e.g., advertisers) at some savings if they also sorted their mail for handling by the post office.

Precancels were permitted in some of the larger centres where extensive mailings occurred under stringent regulations. Use was restricted to certain post offices and required special authorization from the postal department. Some of the post offices were smaller, but located near companies with a large mailing requirement. Walburn lists Post Offices authorized to sell precancelled stamps [1]. Smaller offices in Alberta included Banff, Bentley, Bon Accord, Camrose, Castor, Drumheller, Fairview, Grand Prairie, High Prairie, Mayerthorpe, Peace River, Thorhild, Vegreville, Vermilion, Viking and Wetaskiwin.

Precancelled stamps were sold only to the largest mailing concerns under special restricted conditions. For example, users of precancels included T. Eaton Co. (Maritimes mailing outlet was in Moncton); Bell Telephone Co., Mount Pleasant Pharmacy, and Holt Renfrew and Co. (in Montreal); and Brown's Nurseries used for mailed advertisements for apples on third class mail.

Usage was reserved for articles of second, third, and fourth-class matters; they could not be used as payment for postage on letters. Application had to be made to the Postmaster at the place of mailing for the quantity required. The first precancels in Canada were the numeral "1" within parallel lines used in Ottawa and Saint John in 1888. The "21" roller used in Montreal is considered a forerunner of precancels (found on various Small Queens and the 15¢ Large Queen).



The first regular precancels were issued in 1889, beginning with bars on the Small Queen Issue. Town/City types were introduced in 1903. On March 30, 1931 the Deputy Postmaster General approved the use of precancels with Post Office Money Order office numbers instead of town/city names.

In 1982, Canada Post announced that no further precancelled stamps would be issued. The last precancel issued was the 15¢ flower stamp (Scott # 787).

The following Canadian stamp issues are known to exist as precancels:

1888-97 Queen Victoria Large Queens
1888-97 Queen Victoria Small Queens
1897 Queen Victoria Jubilee
1897-98 Queen Victoria Maple Leaf
1898-1902 Queen Victoria Numeral
1898 Imperial Penny Postage
1899 Provisionals
1903-08 King Edward VII
1911-31 King George V Admiral
1915-16 King George V War Tax
1927 Confederation
1928-29 King George V Scroll
1930-32 King George V Leaf
1932-33 King George V Medallion
1935 King George V Jubilee
1935 King George V
1937 King George VI
1942-48 King George VI
1949-51 King George VI with Postes Postage
1949-50 King George VI without Postes Postage
1953 Queen Elizabeth II
1954-62 Queen Elizabeth II
1962-63 Queen Elizabeth II Cameo
1967-73 Queen Elizabeth II
1972-76 Portraits
1977-79 Floral and Parliament

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LOOK AGAIN, LOOKING BACK: PART 3

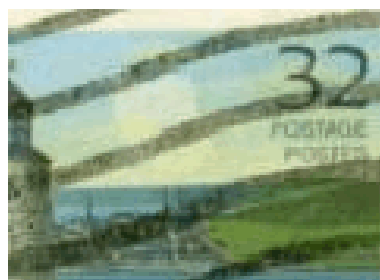
by Tony Doughty

[Parts 1 and 2 appeared in CALGARY PHILATELIST #168 and 172.]

Canadian Lighthouses 1: There is an inconsistent error on the Louisbourg NS 1734 stamp (Unitrade 1032) that I call the “Rising Cloud” error. The white cloud growing onto the sky between the lighthouse and the denomination resembles increasing cloudiness in the day.

This “Rising Cloud” EFO is difficult to see as it tends to dissolve into the design of the stamp. However, the normal stamp clearly demonstrates the cloud is absent in the design of the stamp. I have accumulated only two “Rising Clouds” in my philatelic collection since the issue date in 1984.

Top to bottom: Normal stamp, Rising Cloud stamp, close-up of Rising Cloud



FINAL NOTICE FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES

by Murray Bialek

Please check your records. This is your fourth and final notice in this newsletter that your 2020-2021 membership renewal is now due. If you want our club to survive, I ask you to be generous and pay your dues immediately.

You may pay your dues of \$25.00 via cheque made out to CPS and mailed to:

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or through an e-transfer directly from your bank account to the CPS Membership Director, Murray Bialek, at mbialek@shaw.ca

We do not want to delete your name from our nominal membership roll or cancel your subscription to our award-winning newsletter. The CPS is still providing many services for members such as the CALGARY PHILATELIST, circuit books, free advertising, Zoom meetings, auctions (temporarily suspended), a Website section only accessible to members, etc. Your membership card will be included with the next or a subsequent issue of our newsletter once payment has been received. Your support is essential more than ever.

POSTAL HISTORY OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC: PART 2

by Dale Speirs

[Part 1 appeared in CALGARY PHILATELIST #169.]

Mail Sorting And Processing.

It wasn't a surprise to learn that during the first week of May a COVID-19 outbreak occurred at the Calgary Mail Processing Plant at the international airport. The initial outbreak was six cases [2]. Since every work site will eventually have an outbreak, we can expect more news of this type from the postal system. Remember the phrase "flattening the curve" doesn't mean stopping the virus, it means slowing the outbreaks enough so as not to overwhelm hospitals.

Many of you will be familiar with THE EPOCH TIMES, a giveaway newspaper seen in street boxes around Calgary and across Canada. It is published by the anti-Communist group Falun Gong. In late April they mailed a special 8-page edition as unaddressed bulk mail to householders. I received a copy at my house. The issue proclaimed that the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic should be blamed on the Chinese Communist Party.

A Toronto local of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers filed a protest with Canada Post, stating that it constituted hate mail against Chinese Canadians. [1]

Canada Post agreed the issue was inflammatory but said it did not meet the legal definition of hate mail since it was aimed at the Communist Party, not Chinese people in general. Therefore the posties had to sort and deliver it.

When I read this news item, I retrieved my copy from the blue bin (not yet emptied fortunately) to keep as a postal history item (Figure 1). On June 2, I received the next issue, equally flammatory, but there didn't appear to be any further postal protests.



Figure 1

It's In The Mail.

With retail stores shut down, the Internet was booming, which in turn triggered a massive surge in parcel deliveries as isolating citizens ordered items they normally would buy in brick-and-mortar establishments. On Tuesday, May 19, Canada Post delivered a single-day record of 2.1 million items, triple the normal level [3]. However, service delays were caused because warehouses and processing plants were not designed for 2-metre social distancing. Additionally, addressees were ordering bigger and heavier items.

My property tax statement arrived June 2, carrying with it a brochure on the virus. The envelope constituted a COVID-19 collectible, definitely the type of item philatelists should be watching for in their mail as a good topical cover (Figure 2).

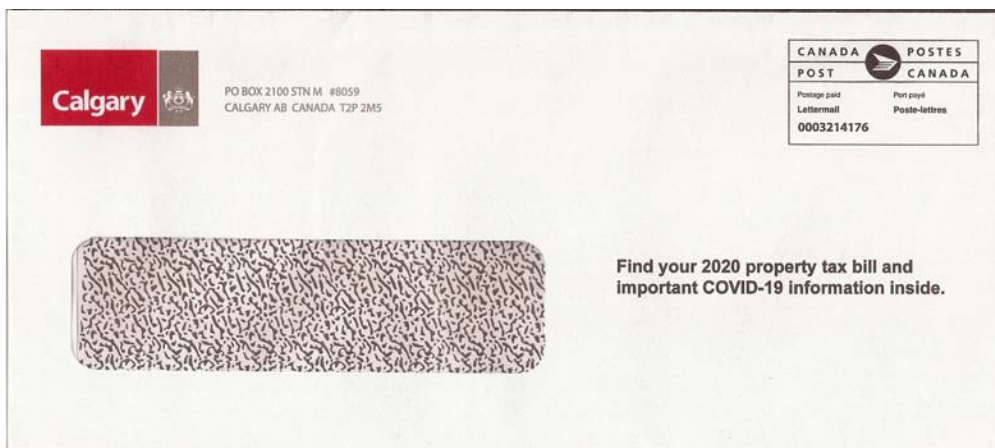


Figure 2

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CIRCUIT BOOKS

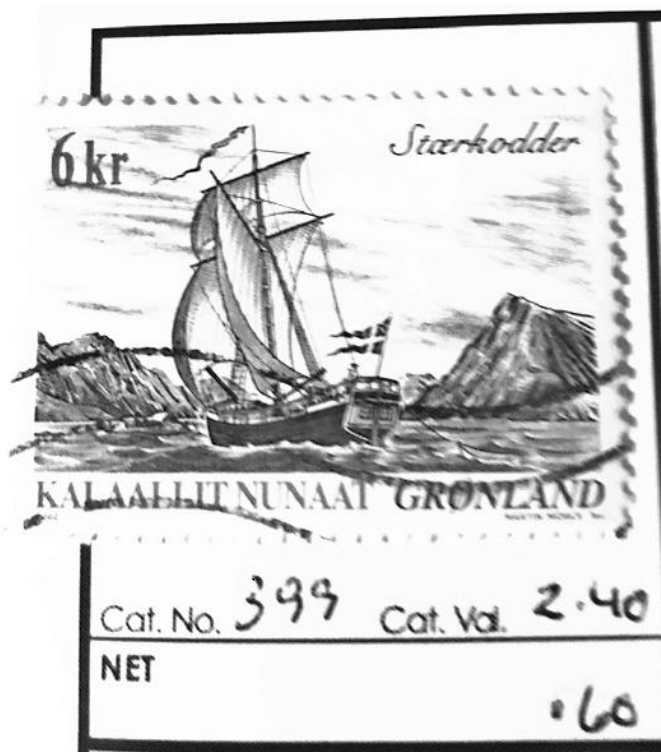
by Larry Tweedale

Sales have been good despite there being no regular meetings at the Kerby Centre and no CALTAPEX. I have to thank the members who have come to my house to borrow books and to make purchases. Your efforts have made the circuit book program worthwhile this fall!

Unfortunately COVID-19 has caused the cancellation of the November auction. For the safety of the members, coming into my house will have to be suspended for the time being. However, book exchange can still be accomplished by pick-up and drop off by using my mailbox. Please do not go to my garage.

Please contact me at 403-282-9726 to book a time as before and to provide me with your wants and interests. New books are still needed, especially recent Canada but all countries are greatly appreciated. Germany and Great Britain have also been selling.

Hopefully we will still be having a Red Deer Gathering as a lot of sales can yet be generated. Recent additions are books with Iceland, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Canada, German States, Jamaica, and others. With social isolation, now is a good time to work on your collection and check out our circuit book selection! I look forward to hearing from you.



*Here is an example
from one of the
circuit books.*

ZOOM MEETINGS

CAPE: The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors is a study group of CPS members interested in improving their exhibits. They meet on fourth Wednesdays, by Zoom for the duration of the pandemic. You are welcome to join the free meetings. Details from Jim Taylor at miquelon@shaw.ca

The October 28 meeting began with Jim Taylor presenting a slide show on “How to build a philatelic exhibit”. He will send a Powerpoint of the talk upon request; just email him. Following him, David McLaughlin joined the group from Toronto to discuss the forthcoming CAPEX 2022 international exhibition. This will have 400 1-frame exhibits, the first international stamp show with only 1-frames.

Show Chairman Walter Herdzik announced that Spring Bourse 2021 has been cancelled. The meeting then concluded with a discussion of a proposed CPS virtual stamp show early next year. The intent is to begin small, with pdf exhibits and a few other events.

CPS: The regular monthly meeting of the CPS was held on November 4 via Zoom, with 20 participants. There was the usual business session to start. Dave Russum discussed the ongoing preparations for the virtual show in late January.

The President’s Pot was presented (virtually, of course) to Jim Senecal for his work in scheduling auctions around the ever-changing COVID-19 rules. He did manage two real-world auctions before the second wave of the pandemic shut down public events again.

The main presentation of the evening was by Jim Taylor. He presented a slide show on the Free French occupation of St Pierre and Miquelon off the coast of Newfoundland just before Christmas 1941. After the Vichy administrators were removed, a plebiscite was held to legitimize the FF takeover, followed immediately by overprinting stamps “Noel 1941/France Libre/FNFL”.

BNAPS: The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society specializes in Canadian and provinces philately, both classical and modern. Their free monthly meetings are held on second Wednesdays, via Zoom for the duration. Details from Dave Bartlet at dave.bartlet@shaw.ca

The November 11 meeting had 21 viewers checking in, from British Columbia to Nova Scotia and down to Texas. Opening was Mike Street from Ontario, who publicized new books from BNAPS, including two from CPS member Earle Covert (see under Club News for more details) Eldon Godfrey then presented Remembrance Day slogans, followed by Dave Bartlet on the 2020 centennial of the first trans-Canada airmail.

NOVEMBER 2020 ENVELOPE WAS A DOUBLE COLLECTIBLE

by Dale Speirs



The previous issue of this bulletin was mailed on October 28, the day of issue of the Remembrance Day stamp, so you got a first-day cover. Be sure to mark that on the back of the envelope for posterity.

On October 26, your editor had stuffed and sealed the envelopes for the November issue of *CALGARY PHILATELIST* when word was received that the November auction was cancelled.

Alberta Health Services had just issued an order prohibiting public meetings due to the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since it was out of the question to reprint the issue or open up 170 envelopes for a notice to be inserted, the editor used an old Trodat rubber stamp kit to put a notice on the front of the envelope.

That made the envelope a COVID-19 topical cover in addition to being an FDC. So as you can see, it pays to belong to the CPS!

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November auction
cancelled due to
COVID 2nd wave



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AUCTIONS

Two auctions were held, in September and October, using social distancing and face covering rules. Dave Bartlet took some photos of the October 21 auction, one shown below.



Due to the latest COVID-19 policy on meeting sizes, the Auction nights scheduled at the Kerby Centre for January 20 and February 17, 2021, have been cancelled. If the situation changes in the future, members will be notified by email. For more information, contact Jim Senecal at (403) 547-7681 or jsenecal@telusplanet.net

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CALVIRT STAMP SHOW 2021

by Dave Russum

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Please accept this as your invitation to participate in Calgary's first ever virtual stamp show, named CalVirt Stamp Show 2021. It will be held from January 20 to February 10.

What: Exhibits of 1 page to 1 frame (16 standard pages) on any philatelic subject that is appropriate for general viewing. While it is important that exhibits be legible; they can be handwritten, typewritten or produced in any other format provided they can be converted to a pdf file. If you don't know how to do it, provide us with the name of the program in which you are creating the exhibit. We can evaluate if we can make it work for you. Dave Bartlet (dave.bartlet@shaw.ca) is willing to help individuals out if you are interested but unsure of how to get to the final result.

Who: This show is organised by the Calgary Philatelic Society but is open to anybody from juniors to seniors, beginners to experts, and wherever you live.

Where: Exhibits will be displayed on the CPS website at www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com. Click the 'Virtual Exhibition' button on the left side of the screen.

How: Before January 20, 2021, individuals must submit electronic versions of exhibits in pdf format attached to an email, to myself or our webmaster Dave Bartlet.

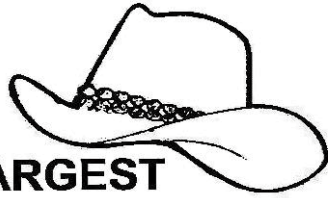
In the email please provide the following information:

1. Your name and any alias you wish to use in the public domain.
2. # of pages submitted
3. Title of exhibit.
4. Description of exhibit (maximum 100 words).
5. Is this a new exhibit?
6. Please identify if you are a Junior (under 21) or a first time exhibitor.

Judging: There will not be a formal judging process, however all exhibits will be open to a number of People's Choice Awards. In addition you may request feedback on your exhibit from members of the CAPE Group. Results will be announced at the February 3 CPS meeting and the exhibits will be available for viewing to at least February 10, 2021. Physical awards will only be made to members of the CPS.

Other activities: While the focus is on virtual exhibits, it is hoped that our virtual meetings (CPS, CAPE, and BNAPS) during the show will have activities of interest to all members. Additionally, there are many other opportunities such as a show cover if there is sufficient interest.

Questions and help: Information on the Show will be accessible at www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com. Click the 'Virtual Exhibition' button on the left side. Feel free to get hold of me with any unanswered questions or ideas you may have. Please check the CPS Website regularly. Stay safe and enjoy your stamps!



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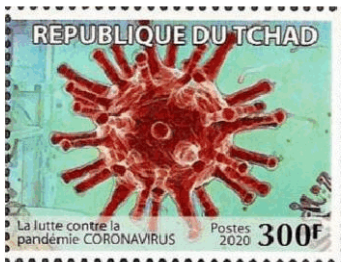
December 4 to 12

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CLUB NEWS

The November bulletin was mailed from Cambrian Drug Mart RePO on October 28 with the Remembrance Day stamp issued that day. For the benefit of future collectors, be sure to mark on the back of the envelope that it was a first-day cover.

Publications by CPS members:

Jim Taylor had an article on the Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg in the 2020 Nov/Dec issue of TOPICAL TIME.

Earle Covert had two books published in the BNAPS Exhibits Series (available from www.bnaps.org). They were CANADIAN POSTAL STATIONERY USING THE KARSH AND WILDING PHOTOGRAPHY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II, and THE CAMEO DESIGN ON POSTAL STATIONERY OF CANADA AND CENTENNIAL POSTAL STATIONERY OF CANADA.

JUNIOR CLUBS

A decision on Junior club meetings in 2021 will be made early in January. It will depend upon the provincial and municipal health policies at that time. Up-to-date information is available from Jim Senecal (403-547-7681) for the north side, and Pat Prevey (403-238-3435) for the south side.

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

All events are conditional due to the pandemic. Please note cancellations, or alternatively, meetings that will be held online via Zoom. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom software, advice can be had from Dave Bartlet at dave.bartlet@shaw.ca

2020

December	2	Christmas Social - CANCELLED
	9	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom

2021

January	6	General meeting - via Zoom
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	13	Deadline for February bulletin
	20	Auction - CANCELLED
	27	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
February	3	General meeting - via Zoom
	10	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	17	Deadline for March bulletin
	17	Auction - CANCELLED
	24	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
March	3	General meeting - via Zoom
	10	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	17	Auction - CANCELLED
	17	Deadline for April bulletin
	24	CAPE meeting - via Zoom

GENERAL MEETINGS are by Zoom until further notice. Paid-up CPS members will receive emails with meeting links.

BNAPS (Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society) meets second Wednesdays. **In-person meetings cancelled until further notice but Zoom meetings will be held.** For details, contact Dave Bartlet at dave.bartlet@shaw.ca.

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). **Meetings cancelled until further notice.** 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. **In-person meetings cancelled until further notice but Zoom meetings will be held.** For details, contact Jim Taylor at miquelon@shaw.ca.