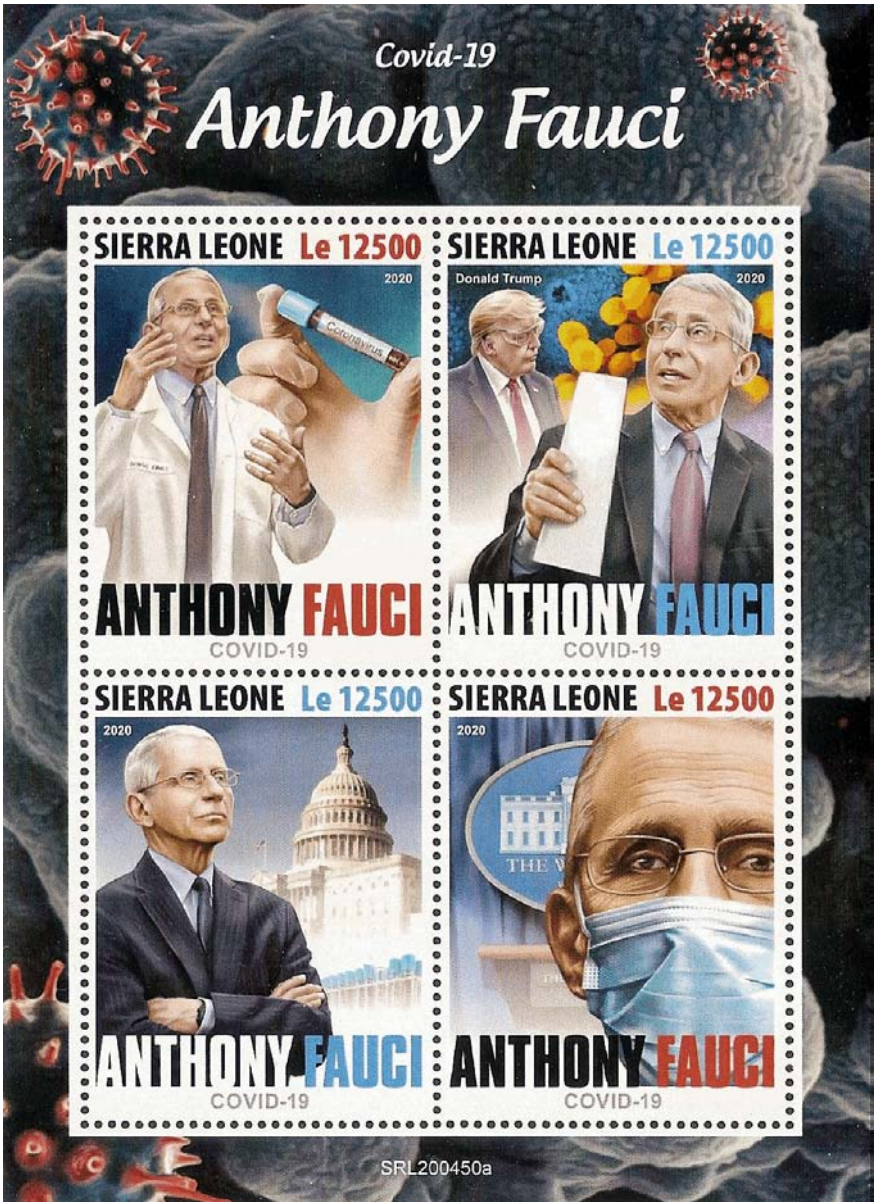


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This COVID-19 sheetlet will probably be funnier to American stamp collectors. Donald Trump is in the background of the upper right stamp. See page 11 for more details.

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FLIPPIN' FENESTRATIONS: PART 1

by Tony Doughy

The plethora of different fenestrations employed on Canadian stamps over the past decades has made their detailed investigation more difficult over time. I am not aware of a collective noun used to describe perforating and rouletting jointly, so I am exploiting the term “fenestrations” to be inclusive of both perforating and rouletting in philately.

Perforations consist of a series of small, usually round holes, closely spaced, cut out of the paper and arranged in a manner that the stamps can be parted, one from the other, by tearing the stamp paper along the trace of the holes; paper is removed between the stamps in perforating.

Perforations were first used on Canadian stamps from December 1858 (half-penny Queen Victoria stamp, Unitrade #11). This stamp was perforated 11.75 x 11.75 and had a very limited currency of 850,000 subjects until 1859-07-01, when the “First Cents Issue” was introduced. The half-penny Queen Victoria stamp became the 1¢ Queen Victoria stamp (Unitrade #14). With it came a multitude of perforation gauges: 12.00 x 12.00, 12.00 x 11.75 and 11.75 x 11.75 on the same Queen Victoria stamp.

Rouletting comprises of a series of slits or cuts along the parting edges of the stamps. These slits can be of any length and either closely or widely spaced, but no paper is removed from the stamp in rouletting. Rouletting, as straight clean cuts or very long staggered slits, have been in use on Canadian stamps since 1900-06-11 on the Queen Victoria Booklet #1 stamps (Unitrade #77b), and since 1913-02-13 on the King George V “Admiral” coil stamps (Unitrade #123 to #130, notwithstanding the experimental King Edward VII coil stamps, Unitrade #89xxx and #90xxx). Some philatelists use the term “unperforated” to describe these straight edges on otherwise perforated stamps.

A detailed study of stamp fenestrations has yet to be completed, due mainly, I believe, to the difficulty of viewing and measuring such tiny objects. The use of a scanner and the word-processor on a computer can ease the burden, and hopefully minimize potential errors or misrepresentations of reporting fenestration gauges on stamps.

My experience investigating and measuring the various fenestrations on some Canadian stamps can be used on any country's stamps. Stamp images imported into the word-processor can easily be enlarged making fenestration observations and measurements considerably easier. In fact this has helped me identifying many obscure EFOs I have discovered over the years, a few of which I have reported in my ongoing “Look Again, Looking Back” series.

The stamp image imported into the word-processor can be duplicated, and one or other of the images infinitely rotated to compare any of the stamp's edges (horizontal, vertical or diagonal) one against another. This is both a valuable and informative technique for identifying stamp edges that consist of two or more different fenestration gauges on any of the stamp edges.

A duplicated stamp image can also be flipped vertically or horizontally in the word-processor, allowing endless combinations of fenestration comparisons on a singular stamp.

With rotated or flipped images, one stamp image can be slipped, vertically or horizontally relative to the other. An effective technique for identifying stamp that consists of two or more different fenestration gauges on one or more edges, and allowing you to identify where, along the stamps edge, the transition of gauges occurs.

When I scan a stamp image into the word processor, I also include a simultaneous scan of a centimeter rule. It is important to include the rule as a component of the original stamp scan to ensure that the stamp and the rule are scanned at the same magnification and computer pixilation. That is a single scan of both the stamp and the rule together as a single scanned image, not two independent scans.

Once the single scan has been created and imported into the word-processor, you can enlarge the image to fit a full page (or your screen) before separating the stamp from the rule by replicating the enlarged scanned image and judiciously cropping both images to remove the redundant part of that image. As long as the sizes of the cropped images remain to the same relative scale, both the stamp and the rule can be manipulated to accurately measure the fenestrations and determine the appropriate gauges.

Consider the Adopt-A-Pet miniature pane of five different stamps shown in Figure 1 (Unitrade #2636 a through e). The two dog stamps (#2636c and 2636d), being se-tenant, must have the same vertical perforations. The Unitrade catalogue lists the perforation gauge of these stamps as both being 12.50 x 13.30. These stamps warrant closer investigation.

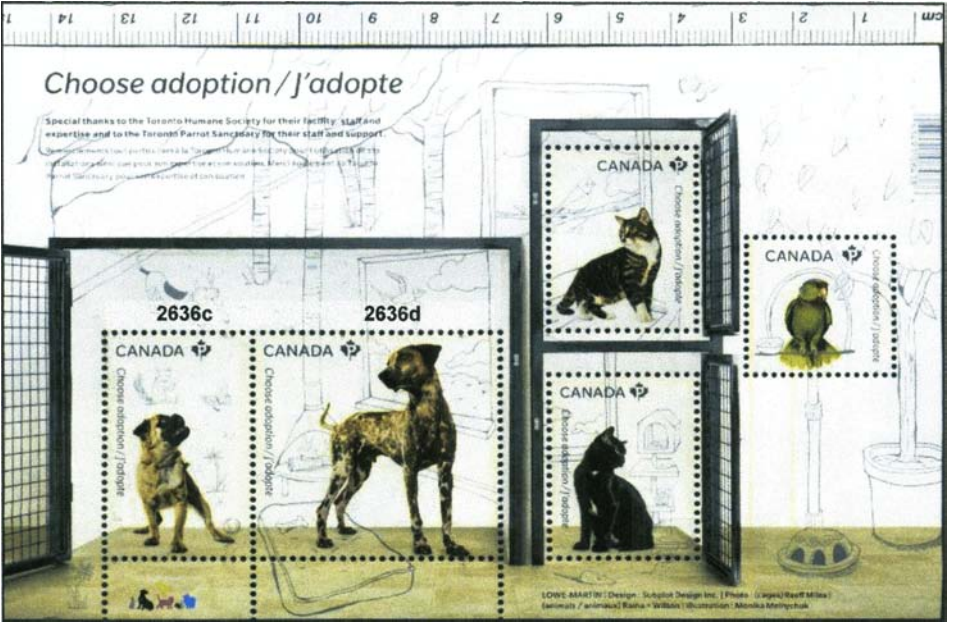


Figure 1

First, I scanned the full miniature pane image at 1200 dots per inch, and imported the image into my word-processor as shown in Figure 1 above. Notice the rule at the top of the scan.

I enlarged the image to 300% scale, duplicate the enlarged image and judiciously cropped the five separate images as single entities as shown in the “print screen” image shown in Figure 2. These images have been duplicated from the original 300% scaled scan, so all images are to the same relative measurable scale. Notice in Figure 2 that I have activated the sizing “handles” at the corners of each image, and the rotating handle at the top centre of the images.

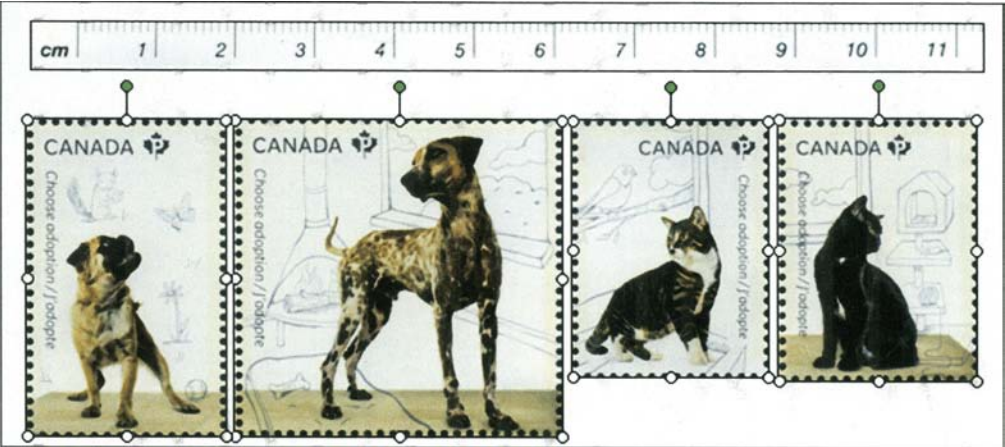


Figure 2

Using the rule, also judiciously cropped, duplicated and rotated, as indicated in Figure 3, with the large dog stamp I was able to confirm the Unitrade catalogue perforation gauge as being approximately 12.50 x 13.30.

Next, I cropped part of the stamp from the right to allow me to complete a rotational analysis of the leftmost perforations on the dog stamps (#2636c and d) as shown in Figure 4 on the next page.

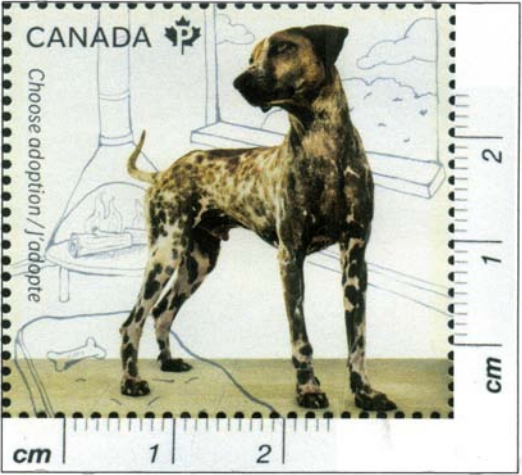


Figure 3

Compare the perforation between images A and B in Figure 4. The top-most and bottom-most perforation holes align symmetrically, but the intermediate perforation holes appear to first expand then diminish in gauge.

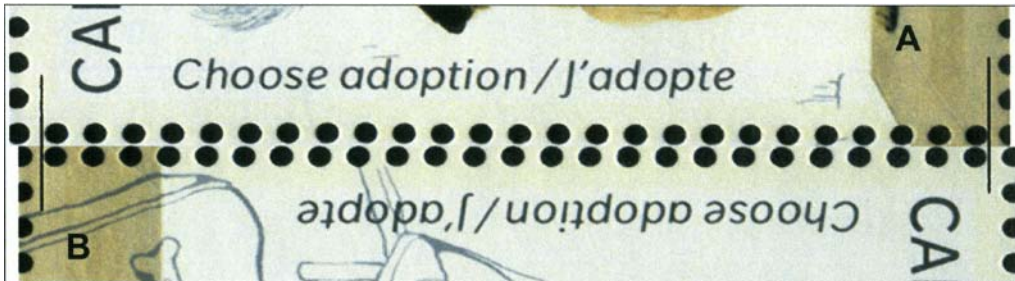


Figure 4

Initially I concluded that this enlarged and rotated analysis demonstrated an obscure security feature on the miniature pane stamps, but after reflection, I came to a different conclusion. It is an established fact that some Canadian stamps have been produced with two (or more) different fenestration gauges along the horizontal or vertical edges. That is some stamps are bi-gauged or tri-gauged along specific edges. Is It possible this is the case with the Adopt a Pet stamps? Further investigation was necessary.

I duplicated the image “A” of the perforations three times. Two of the images I rotated 180 degrees and cropped the images from the left or from the right, then slid the images so that the perforations aligned with their respective corners as shown in Figure 5.

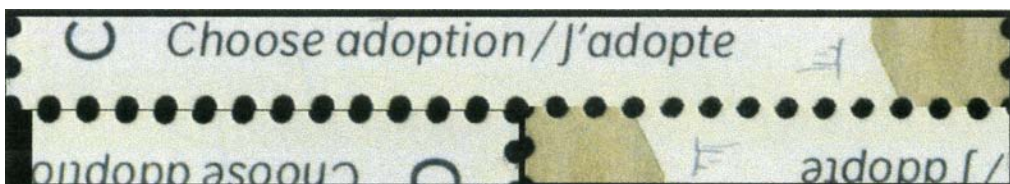
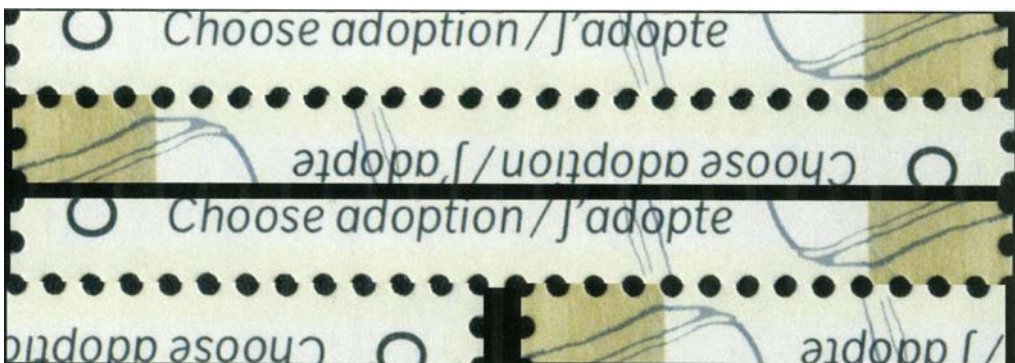


Figure 5

Within the limits of the pixilation of my computer screen, the rotated corner images match the original perorations gauges when slid to the left or right corners. Although somewhat redundant, I repeated the analysis using the second dog stamp (Unitrade #2636d). The results are the same, as shown in Figure 6.

Figure 6



The question remained, what are the vertical perforation gauges of the dog stamps on the miniature pane of the Adopt a Pet. Study Figure 7.

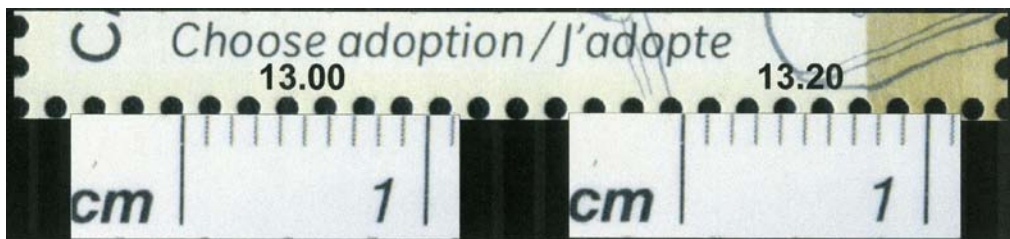


Figure 7

As best that I can deduce with the limited resources I have at my disposal, the se-tenant dog stamps (Unitrade #2636c and #2636d are vertically bi-perforated 13.00 on the upper portion of the vertical perforations and 13.20 on the lower portion of the stamp. I repeated the careful analysis on the horizontal perforations and concluded the dog stamps are perforated 12.50 horizontally.

Because Canadian stamps are increasingly being issued with two (bi-gauge) or three (tri-gauge) different fenestration gauges, the philatelic industry needs a clear concise method of designating these variants. I suggest that these multi-gauge stamp edges be designated as: (Gauge [Position or Count] and Gauge [Position or Count] and ...)

Using this representation, and retaining the horizontal then vertical designated convention, the two dog stamps on the Adopt a Pet miniature pane would be listed as being perforated: 12.50 x (13.00 [Upper] and 13.20 [Lower]) or shortened as:

12.50 x (13.00 [U] and 13.20 [L]) or counted as:

12.50 x (13.00 [13] and 13.20 [13])

[to be continued]

SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Russum

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Current plans are to hold another CPS exhibition of philatelic material in October. If we can have a live event it will be a CALTAPEX with some live and some virtual exhibits. If a live event is not possible, we will have another CalVirt Show along the lines of the show we held earlier this year. Full details will be available over the summer months.

This is a great opportunity to experiment with new exhibits of any size (from 1 page to single frame to multi-frame). If you have never exhibited, this is your chance to shine. If you need help or advice feel free to contact myself or any of the members of CAPE.

DR MASON COVERS

by Eldon Godfrey

While working with some of my Mufti KGVI stamps material, I discovered the Dr. E.G. Mason covers shown below. He was the founder of the CPS and chaired the first meeting of the club in April 1922 in his downtown office (long since replaced by a fire station).

Figure 1 shows a cover addressed to his house in Roxboro. The handwriting is the same as that in Figure 2, which was addressed to a relative in Montréal.



Above: Figure 1.

Below: Figure 2



ZOOM MEETINGS

All Zoom meetings are free to paid-up CPS members, and can be viewed on laptops, smartphones, or tablets. You will receive an email the day before which contains a link. Ten minutes before the meeting, click on the link and Zoom will automatically connect you. For technical advice, contact Dave Bartlet at dave.bartlet@shaw.ca

CAPE: On April 28, the Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors held its monthly meeting with Dave Russum moderating and 10 participants. Ray Villeneuve began by discussing the CANPEX and PIPEX virtual shows. He mentioned virtual exhibits allow the viewer to enlarge pages so as to read fine text or to better see details of philatelic items. He also showed examples of non-standard size pages that would not fit into a physical frame.

Dave Bartlet then discussed BNAPEX 2021, which will be a free virtual show for the obvious reason. He mentioned that some exhibitors over-scanned their pages at 2400 dpi instead of 300 dpi. The result was massive page files that wouldn't open up properly. The next discussion was about details of CPS 2022 BNAPEX. This is a national-level show sanctioned by both the RPSC and BNAPS. It will celebrate the centennial of the CPS.

CPS: The regular monthly meeting was held on May 5 with 25 participants. After the business session, CPS President Erika Peter awarded the President's Pot to Donna Trathen for her work as Secretary in helping to keep the club together in these times. The programme was by Jon Johnson on Canadian nursing sisters who went overseas during World War One.

BNAPS: The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society held its regular monthly meeting on May 12 with 18 participants. After a brief discussion about virtual stamp shows, Dave Bartlet did a presentation about the wine country of British Columbia. Dave supplemented the photos of vineyards with advertising covers, tourist postcards, and postmarks.

COWTOWNERS OUT OF TOWN

There may not be any real-world stamp shows but of course there are virtual shows. Calgary philatelists have been competing in them and have won awards as follow.

CANPEX 2021: Held online April 7 to 30 out of Toronto. Jim Taylor had two entries. "France 1934: Anti-Tuberculosis Stamp Campaign" won Gold, with felicitations. "Royal Visit Of George VI And Queen Elizabeth To France" won a Vermeil.

PIPEX 2021: Held online May 7 to 9 out of Oregon. Raymond Villeneuve won a Vermeil with "Canadian Participation In The 1908 Franco-British Exhibition". Dave Bartlet won Silver with "15th World Scout Moot 2017".

POSTAL HISTORY OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC: PART 3

by Dale Speirs

[Parts 1 and 2 appeared in CALGARY PHILATELIST #169 and 174.]

Invisible Postal History.

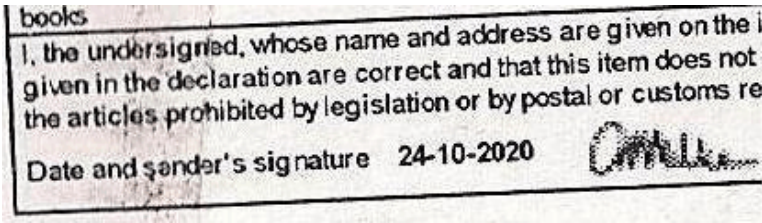
When the pandemic hit, it slowed down processing of goods in countless post office sorting plants and loading docks around the world. Besides staff being off sick, there was the problem that post offices were not adapted to the 2-metre social distancing rule. As a result mail piled up while awaiting processing by reduced staff.

I particularly noticed this with international mail. I had ordered a book from England, which was by sent airmail on October 24. It did not arrive in Calgary until December 17. Figure 1 shows the full cut piece from the parcel, and Figure 2 is a close-up of the mailing date on the label.



Above: Figure 1

Below: Figure 2



In the previous installment of this column was a report on how Toronto posties had objected to delivering the anti-Communist paper THE EPOCH TIMES. The problem resurfaced in January when two Regina lettercarriers were suspended for refusing to deliver the current issue of the newspaper [1].

In Toronto in early 2021 March, Canada Post suspended delivery to two apartment buildings because the residents were not wearing masks. The posties felt at risk, so management supported them.

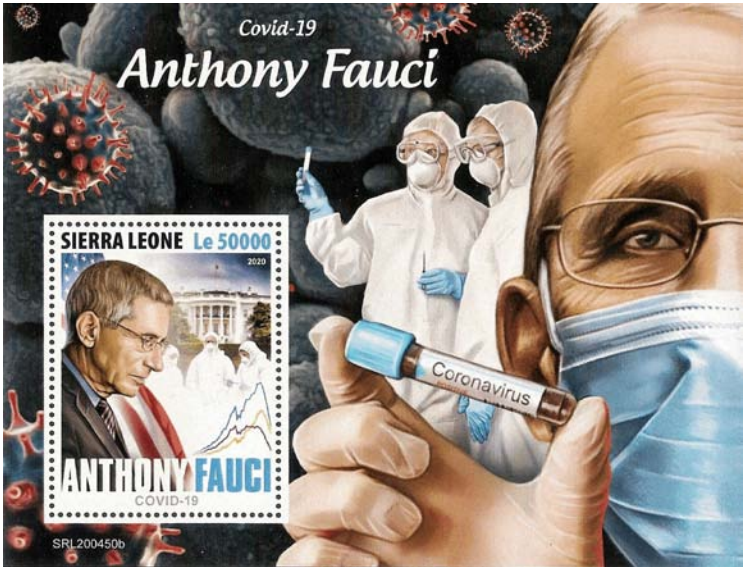
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COVID-19 POLITICS

by Dale Speirs

By now there must be hundreds of COVID-19 stamps. I'm sure they will feature in topical collections for decades to come. In the rush to be up-to-date, a few countries such as Sierra Leone tripped in the minefield of American politics and may regret some of their issues.



The sheetlet shown on the front of this bulletin was also accompanied by this related souvenir sheet. Dr Anthony Fauci was Chief Medical Advisor to the American President.

He made a number of mistakes in dealing with the pandemic, then got into political disputes with Donald Trump before being re-appointed by Joe Biden.

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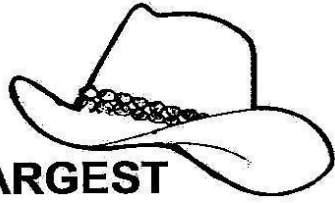
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Publications by CPS members:

The 2021 May/June CANADIAN PHILATELIST had articles by two CPS members. This was a special hockey philately issue, for which Dale Speirs wrote "Flames Over Cowtown" and Jim Taylor had "Philately Of Ice Hockey At Saint Pierre et Miquelon".

Dale Speirs had a letter about stamp shortages published in the 2021 April issue of THE BUFFALO (Winnipeg Philatelic Society).

CIRCUIT BOOKS

The circuit books will be accounted for after June and then a fresh circuit sent out in September. Contact Larry Tweedale for details at 403-282-9726. You can keep busy over the summer by buying blank books from him for \$1 each, filling them up with your duplicate stamps, and having them ready to go out this autumn.

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2021

May	26	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
June	2	General meeting - via Zoom
	9	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
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July	21	Deadline for August bulletin, no later than 18h00
August	18	Deadline for September bulletin, no later than 18h00
September	1	Annual general meeting - via Zoom
	8	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	15	Deadline for October bulletin, no later than 18h00
	22	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
October	6	General meeting - via Zoom
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	20	Deadline for November bulletin, no later than 18h00
	27	CAPE meeting - via Zoom

November and subsequent: All events are conditional depending on whether or not the pandemic is declared over.

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

BNAPS (Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society) meets second Wednesdays via Zoom. For details, contact Dave Bartlet at dave.bartlet@shaw.ca.

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