

# CALGARY PHILATELIST

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This stamp depicts a familiar sight to Calgary philatelists who attended Zoom meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic, a computer screen with multiple images of the attendees. Unlike many stamp clubs which shut down, quit publishing their bulletin, or stopped services such as circuit books, the CPS has soldiered through. The Executive and Committee heads made it happen, and kept the club alive through the greatest disaster of modern times.

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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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## SIR WILLIAM MULOCK, FATHER OF IMPERIAL PENNY POST

by Gordon Demke



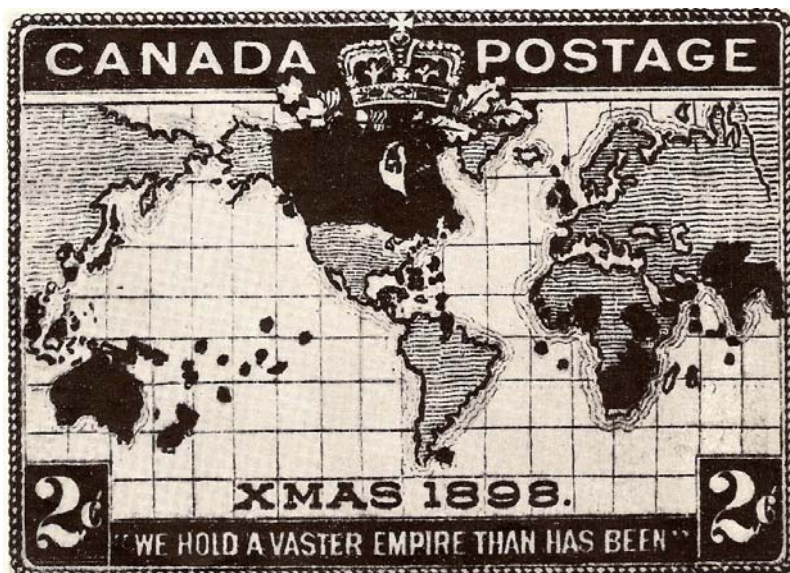
*Figure 1*

Philatelists know William Mulock (1843-01-19 to 1944-10-01, shown in Figure 1) as a former Postmaster General for Canada, father of Imperial Penny Post, and creator of the Map Stamp in 1898 to mark the event.

It was at a conference on postage rates held in London, England in 1898 that he proposed an Imperial one-penny letter rate whereby the one-half ounce letter rate from Canada to certain parts of the British Empire was reduced from 5 cents to 2 cents.

The new rate came into effect 1898-12-25. To commemorate the event Canada issued the 2¢ (equivalent to British 1d.) Map Stamp on 1898-12-07 (Figure 2).

Mulock was a staunch supporter of the British Commonwealth of Nations and believed the resulting increase in the volume of mail would wipe out the Post Office Department's annual losses and strengthen the bond between Canada and the British Empire.



*Figure 2*

Mulock was born in Bond Head, Canada West, the son of an Irish immigrant (Thomas Mulock). His father, a physician died when he was only four, so his mother Mary moved the family to a farm near Newmarket. He studied law at University of Toronto and was called to the bar in 1868 and began building a successful law practise. He and his spouse Sarah Ellen Crowther had six children.

Mulock was renowned for his use of profanity, and consumption of Cuban cigars and rye whisky. The latter seemed not to have hindered his longevity as he lived to age 101. He had a very positive attitude towards aging. At age 87 he was quoted as saying *"I'm still at work with my hand to the plough and my face to the future. The shadows of evening . . . lengthen about me but morning is in my heart. . . .The best of life is always further on."* He had a strong work ethic and was a gifted administrator.

He was a remarkable person with varied occupations: lawyer, businessman, educator, farmer, politician, judge and philanthropist. He was Liberal Member of Parliament for York North serving 7 consecutive terms (1882-1905), Postmaster General (1896-1905), Minister of Labour (1900-1905), and subsequently a judge, and university administrator.

As Postmaster General, in addition to Imperial Penny Post, he introduced a plan for a publicly-owned cable across the Pacific to link Canada to Australia and New Zealand, and funded Marconi to establish the first transatlantic radio link between North America and Europe. After learning that uniforms for letter-carriers were being produced in sweatshops, he revised contracting policy requiring production under Government approved conditions. He subsequently introduced "The Fair Wages Resolution" governing all government contracting.

Mulock also was responsible for amending the Post Office Act to protect the public from quackery by curtailing advertising of *"marvellous, extravagant or grossly improbable cures"*. In 1905 he chaired the parliamentary inquiry into telephones that led to the regulation of the telecommunications industry, and participated in the negotiations that resulted in the creation of Alberta and Saskatchewan as provinces in 1905.

Mulock was knighted in 1902 for his many accomplishments including Penny Post, the Transpacific Cable, and wireless telegraphy between Canada and Great Britain.

Figure 3 shows a Toronto 1899-04-06 'D' flag cancel on a local cover, with corner card for Mulock, Miller, Mulock & Thomson law firm, Toronto, Ontario. The firm was formed by a 1898-07-01 partnership agreement between William Mulock, William Nicholas Miller, William Mulock Jr and McDowall Thomson.

## References.

- 1] William Mulock, [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)
- 2] Sir William Mulock Secondary School website, [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca)
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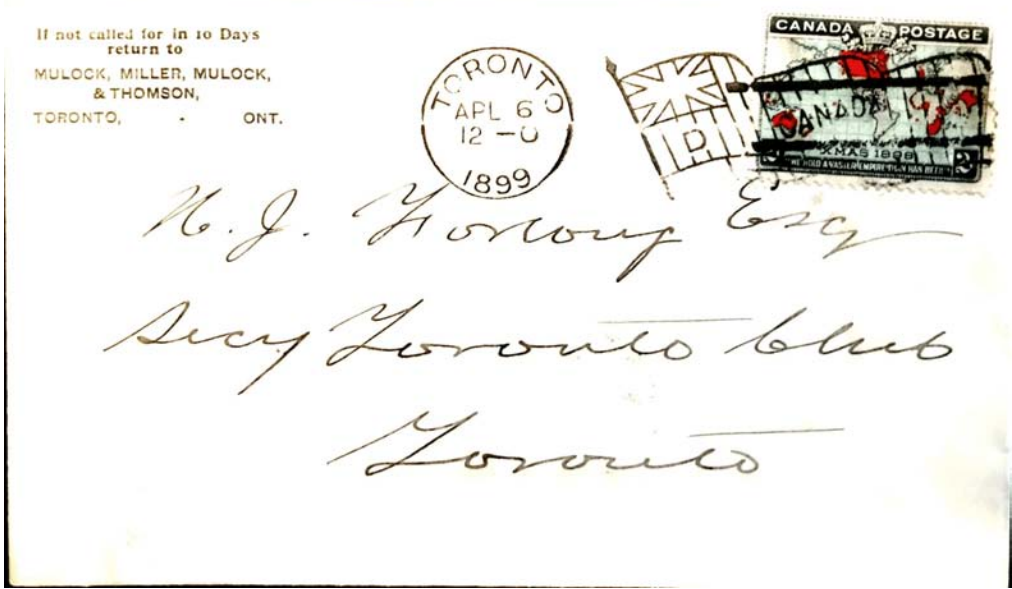


Figure 3

## ZOOM MEETINGS

Zoom meetings are free to CPS members. They can be viewed on laptops, smartphones, and tablets. Technical assistance from Dave Bartlet at [dave.bartlet@shaw.ca](mailto:dave.bartlet@shaw.ca)

**CAPE:** Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors held its monthly meeting on May 26 with 12 participants and Dave Russum in the chair. The RPSC announced a virtual show from October 11 to 14, the same weekend as CALTAPEX. Murray Bialek announced that Canada Post will be supplying a postmark for CPS 2022 BNAPEX.

Dale Speirs spoke on exhibiting COVID-19 topicals. He felt it was too soon to be preparing an exhibit because topical stamps were still being issued. Pandemic postal history should be a separate exhibit. Dave Bartlet supplemented the talk with a slide show of his COVID-19 covers issued with Picture Postage.

There followed a brief show-and-tell, then a discussion on how to send exhibits online to virtual shows via Dropbox or MS OneDrive. The conversation segued to the weight of paper for mounting exhibits. Too flimsy and the pages can't hold the weight of covers and flop over. Too thick and they won't go through the computer printer.

**BNAPS:** The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society had its monthly meeting on June 9 with 24 participants from across Canada. The speaker was Doug Lingard, who presented an extended slide show on the 1939 Royal Train post office.

## FLIPPIN' FENESTRATIONS: PART 2

by Tony Doughty

I analyzed the Art Canada stamp *The Field of Rapeseed* by Dorothy Knowles. If my measurements are correct, the souvenir sheet stamp is perforated 12.80 x 12.70 and the counter pane of 16 stamps has horizontal bi-gauge perforations, shown in Figures 1 and 2.

Retaining the normal horizontal then vertical designation convention, the perforations on *The Field of Rapeseed* counter pane stamps would list as:

(13.10 [Left] and 13.40 [Right]) x 12.70 or shortened as:

(13.10 [L] and 13.40 [R]) x 12.70 or counted as:

(13.10 [15] and 13.40 [15]) x 12.70



*Above: Figure 1*

*Below: Figure 2*



I have investigated other perforated stamps using this rotational and enlargement technique, and have identified many other stamps that would qualify for identifying the perforation gauges as represented above.

For additional examples, try my method on the following selected stamps:

The Atlas of Canada (Unitrade #2160);

Jean-Paul Riopelle (Unitrade #2002a through f);

J. J. Audubon's Birds (Unitrade #2036 to #2039);

Anne of Green Gables (Unitrade #2276 and #2277);

The War of 1812 (Unitrade #2554 and #2555)

All of which I believe have bi-gauge perforations on opposite edges, either top and bottom or right and left. You be the judge and jury and report your findings!

In the next part of *Flippin' Fenestrations*, I will demonstrate how I used the methods described above to identify and measure the rouletting gauge on one particular recent Canadian booklet stamp, one that I believe the rouletting gauge is misrepresented in the catalogue.

[to be continued]

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

by Murray Bialek

This last year has been a very tough year for our members and our club. Due to 12 non-renewals and 7 deaths, our membership continues to fall. If you want our club to survive, I ask you to be generous and pay your \$25.00 dues asap. Your support is essential more than ever. In accordance with our Bylaws, our Fiscal Year runs from July 1 to June 30. The time for members to pay their annual dues has arrived! We normally collect most of our dues in-person, but this will not yet be possible due to the pandemic.

You may pay your dues of \$25.00 for 2021-2022 season via cheque made out to "CPS" and mailed to:

CPS

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or

via e-transfer directly from your bank account to the CPS Membership Director, Murray Bialek, at [mbialek@shaw.ca](mailto:mbialek@shaw.ca)

Even though we have not had any recent live meetings, our club has been very, very busy interacting with our membership and hopefully you have participated in some of the following activities. You can still view 40 exhibits on our website at [www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com](http://www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com) from our fantastic virtual stamp show held in January/February this year.

We trust you have enjoyed reading this award-winning newsletter published on a monthly basis during this pandemic. In addition, we have been publishing an eLetter for fast-breaking news.

Numerous monthly Calgary-based Zoom meetings from CPS, BNAPS, and CAPE, where we have had some marvellous presentations and speakers. We have also provided Zoom contact information for other clubs and exhibitions both in Canada and the USA. If you are not yet set up for Zoom, contact Murray Bialek and he will help you set it up.

If you are not yet registered to access our Members Only section on our Website contact Murray Bialek and he will help set you up. Why not click on the Members Only section to see what you are missing?

Continued access to circuit books. Larry Tweedale has kept them circulating by curbside service at his house, so you can still buy and sell stamps.

We have been meeting virtually and planning for our 100th anniversary celebration in 2022. We have booked the Hyatt Hotel downtown where, in partnership with BNAPS, we will hold a joint CPS/BNAPEX exhibition. The show has been accredited as a Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC) national level show. If you want to help as a volunteer contact Murray Bialek.

POSTAL HISTORY OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC: PART 4

by Dale Speirs

[Parts 1 to 3 appeared in issues #169, 174, and 179.]

Postal Stationery.

In March 2021, Canada Post issued a set of postal cards distributed free to Canadian residential households. There were 6 basic designs, in two bilingual forms, for a total of 12 cards. The reverse side was the same for the basic designs, using the Maple Leaf Flag definitive as the imprint, excepting again that there were two bilingual versions. Therefore if you want a complete set for displaying in an exhibit, you will need 14 items.

I won't illustrate all 12 varieties but here are a mixture of the different types. Firstly is the English over French reverse side, also found as French over English. The postal cards were tear-off from the explanatory folder. The six basic types are as below and next page.



**I miss you**



**Je m'ennuie de toi**

**I miss you**



**Je m'ennuie de toi**

**Je t'envoie  
des câlins**



**Sending  
hugs**

**Je t'envoie  
des câlins**



**Sending  
hugs**



**Tu me manques**



**Wishing I were there**

**Tu me manques**



**Wishing I were there**

Due to complaints about non-delivery of cards, Canada Post briefly offered an opportunity to order a free card from its Website. I was one of those who never got one at my house so I sent for one and received it in less than a fortnight.

Other countries issued postal cards. Spain put out a set of 6 cards publicizing the tremendous amount of litter generated by carelessly discarded masks and gloves, none of which were biodegradable. Canadians, as we all know, were just as bad. There can be no doubt that for years to come hikers in natural areas will find masks and gloves amidst the usual plastic bottles and candy bar wrappers.

As with the Canadian postal cards, the Spanish cards had a common reverse, with the stamp imprint showing a mask going into a litter bin. The picture sides showed natural areas littered by pandemic gear.



## Canada Post Said Thank You.

In 2020, Canada Post issued two booklets to each of its 68,000 employees as a thank you for their work during the pandemic. The booklet cover is shown below left and the interior stamps at right. These were not sold to the general public, but enough posties unloaded them for ready cash that you shouldn't have too much trouble finding the booklets online.



## CIRCUIT BOOKS

by Larry Tweedale

Another year has been completed for circuit book sales. A big thank-you to all the members who have submitted new books and also to those who made purchases in the past year. Right now I am finalizing the sales report for 2020-21.

We managed to get close to 2/3 of last year's sales and approximately 58% of sales pre-pandemic in 2019-20. Some books have been closed off and will soon be returned to the owners. Cheques have been prepared and are being mailed to members by our diligent treasurer, Cary Hatcher.

There is a need for new material to sell in in the coming year, especially if we get to have in-person meetings again in the fall. Recent Canada continues to have the most demand. Great Britain, Germany, British Commonwealth and U.S. have been selling in the past year. Requests for pre-1970 Scandinavia have been received (Sweden and Finland are needed) plus Newfoundland and provinces. As always, all countries and topics are welcome as I get different customers at our shows and bourses and the Red Deer gathering if they resume.

Blank books will be available through the summer and are just \$1 each (call me at 403-282-9726 to get a time to pick up). All material has potential, however the most common stamps are not great sellers. To be most successful, sellers set their prices at 1/3 of catalogue value. Instructions on how to prepare circuit books are on the back cover of each book and any questions are most welcome. Happy summer stamping to everyone!

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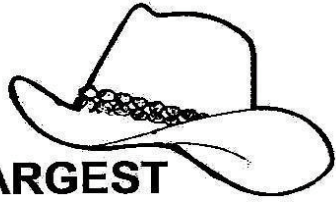
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## CLUB NEWS

The June issue of this bulletin was mailed on May 25 from the Shoppers Drug Mart RePO at Mahogany Plaza SE, using the insulin stamps.

Publications by CPS members:

The 2021 Second Quarter BNA TOPICS ([www.bnaps.org](http://www.bnaps.org)) had articles by three members. Dave Freeman wrote about the Stampede rodeo oval markings, Jon Johnson explained the MAILCAN delivery service of World War Two, and Dale Speirs had a letter on COVID-19 postal history.

Dale Speirs was one of six recognized as a long-time contributor/author of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST. Dave Russum and Dave Bartlett were recognized as RPSC Volunteer Recognition Program recipients. All three will be mentioned in the upcoming CANADIAN PHILATELIST and recognized in the RSPC summer newsletter.

The regular monthly meeting of the CPS was held on June 2 with 21 participants. After the usual business session, Erika Peter presented the President's Pot to Peter Fleck for his work in publishing the CPS eLetter during the pandemic. Don Wilson then presented Part 2 of his talk on early Australian overseas mail, covering the period from 1859 to 1891.

The meeting ended with a discussion about the autumn meetings. A straw poll showed that all the participants had at least one vaccination and would have their second jab by the end of summer. However it seems that the September meeting will probably still be on Zoom. Whether the Kerby Centre re-opens for October depends on herd immunity being reached.

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## MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

**All events are conditional due to the pandemic.** Watch the CPS Website for breaking announcements ([www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com](http://www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com)). If you are unfamiliar with Zoom software, advice can be had from Dave Bartlet at [dave.bartlet@shaw.ca](mailto:dave.bartlet@shaw.ca)

### 2021

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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 - conditional, via Zoom if Kerby Centre not yet open |
|           | 13 | BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom                              |
|           | 20 | Deadline for November bulletin, no later than 18h00                  |
|           | 27 | CAPE meeting - via Zoom                                              |
| November  | 17 | Deadline for December bulletin, no later than 18h00                  |

**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](mailto:dave.bartlet@shaw.ca).

JUNIOR CLUB 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 via Zoom. For details, contact Dave Russum at [russumd@telusplanet.net](mailto:russumd@telusplanet.net)