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Alas, too soon to put away the masks, as the fourth wave of the pandemic roars through Alberta.

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THE ONLY POST OFFICE IN CANADA WITH A LOUNGE

by Dale Speirs

The September issue of this bulletin was mailed on August 23 from Irricana, about a half-hour drive northeast of Calgary, just off Highway 9. When I last visited the place in 2014, it was in a building mostly occupied by a café. Between the café and the RePO was a lounge with over-stuffed chairs and tables, where customers could relax with food and drink while reading their mail. The café was later replaced by Remedy's Rx pharmacy but the lounge was retained. The RePO is the counter in the background.



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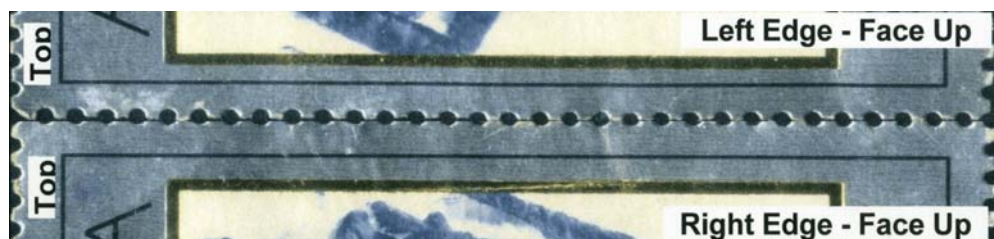


FLIPPIN' FENESTRATIONS: PART 5

by Tony Doughty

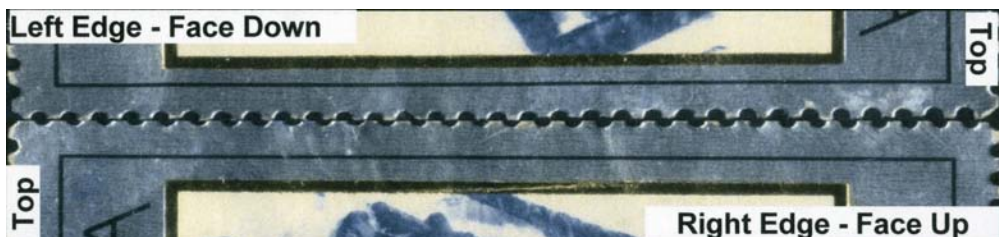
[Parts 1 to 4 appeared in CALGARY PHILATELIST #179 to 182.]

I suggested in the last part that the Masterpieces of Canadian Art stamp #4, Forest, British Columbia is an outlier to the series. Let me explain why: All other stamps in the Masterpieces of Canadian Art series, printed by Ashton-Potter Limited, when viewed side-by-side and vertically oriented, display the perforations matching in regular composition. But when one of the stamps is inverted vertically, the perforations do not align equally, as demonstrated in Figures 1 and 2.



Above: Figure 1

Below: Figure 2



My research has revealed that, on a majority of the “Forestry...” stamps, that is exactly what happens, the perforations align properly when viewed vertically side-by-side, but not when one of the stamps is inverted vertically. But on a few stamps, the perforations do not align when the stamps are viewed side-by-side and both stamps are vertically oriented as shown in Figure 3, but do match when one or other of the stamps is flipped vertically (Figure 4).

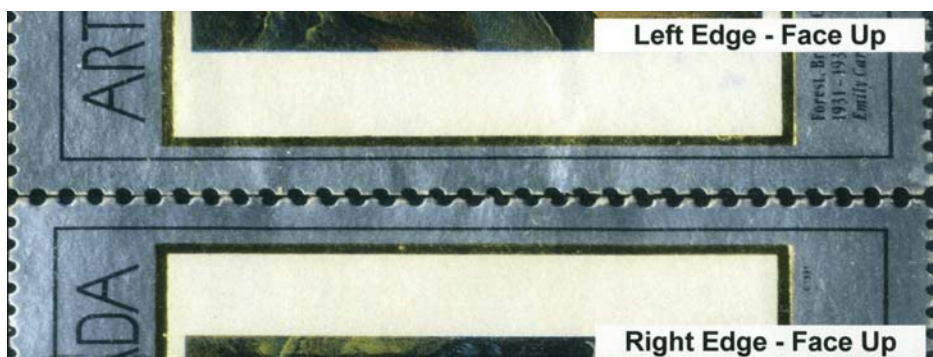
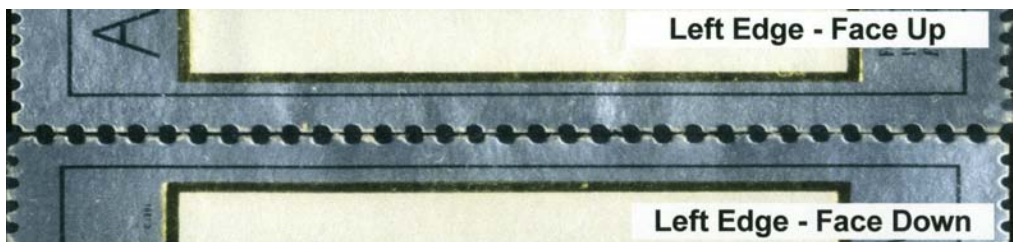


Figure 3



Above: Figure 4

Below: Figure 5



The implication being that the vertical perforations on some of the “Forestry...” stamps has been inverted. To prove this fact, I measured the vertical perforations on the two stamps shown in Figures 3 and 4 above. My measurements are shown in Figure 5. I performed a similar analysis on the horizontal perforations on a couple of the “Forests of British Columbia” stamps and concluded the “Forestry...” stamp is perforated 12.60 horizontally.

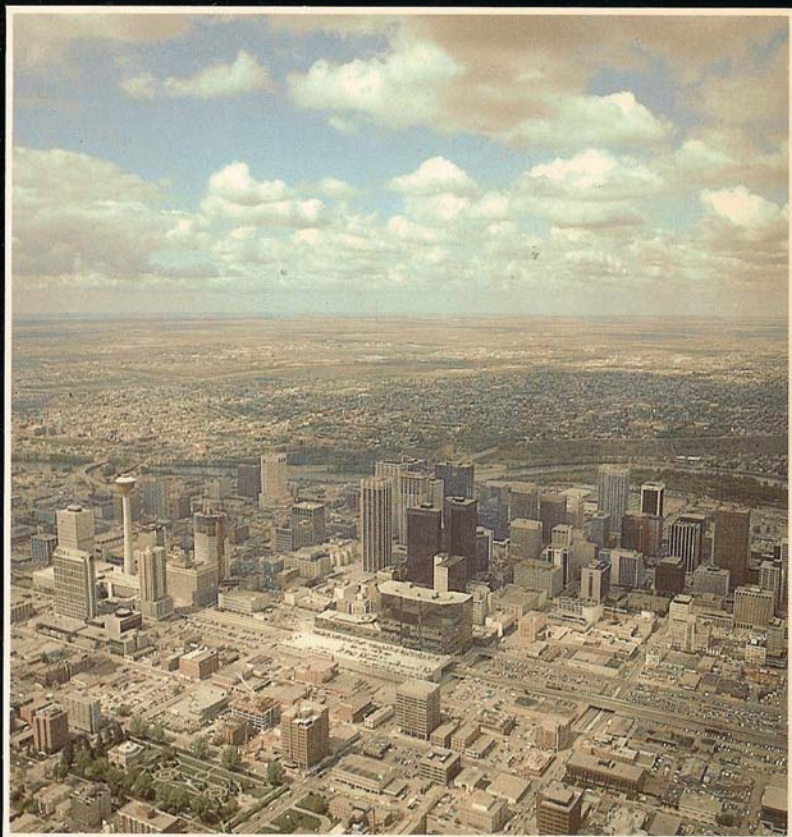
This obviously provides two distinctly different collectable bi-gauge perforation varieties: 12.60 x (13.60 [Upper] and 13.20 [Lower]) and 12.60 x (13.20 [Upper] and 13.60 [Lower]) I have agonized over the Masterpieces of Canadian Art series of 15 stamps. I am not totally satisfied that I have mined all the possible varieties that this series may hold. In some instances, I have too few stamps of a single issue to fully explore and report the stamps features, so it is quite possible that the “Forests...” stamp is not the only one in the series to be issued with inverted vertical bi-gauge perforations.

All illustrations used in this article (in fact all illustrations in this series) were first scanned at 2400 dpi, imported into the word processor to be examined at a scale factor of 400% or 450% then measured at a screen zoom factor of 200 or 300%. This considerable enlargement of the stamps gives me reasonable confidence that my measurements are correct. But please feel free to replicate my research and either refute or reinforce my findings. Both our Editor and I would be delighted to receive your finding. I particularly welcome your constructive criticism of my efforts.

POSTCARDS FROM THE AIR

by Dale Speirs

The late Julius Szekrenyes had a massive collection of Calgary postcards, some lots of which I managed to buy when they were auctioned as part of his estate. Sorting through what I had, I found an interesting matched pair of postcards.

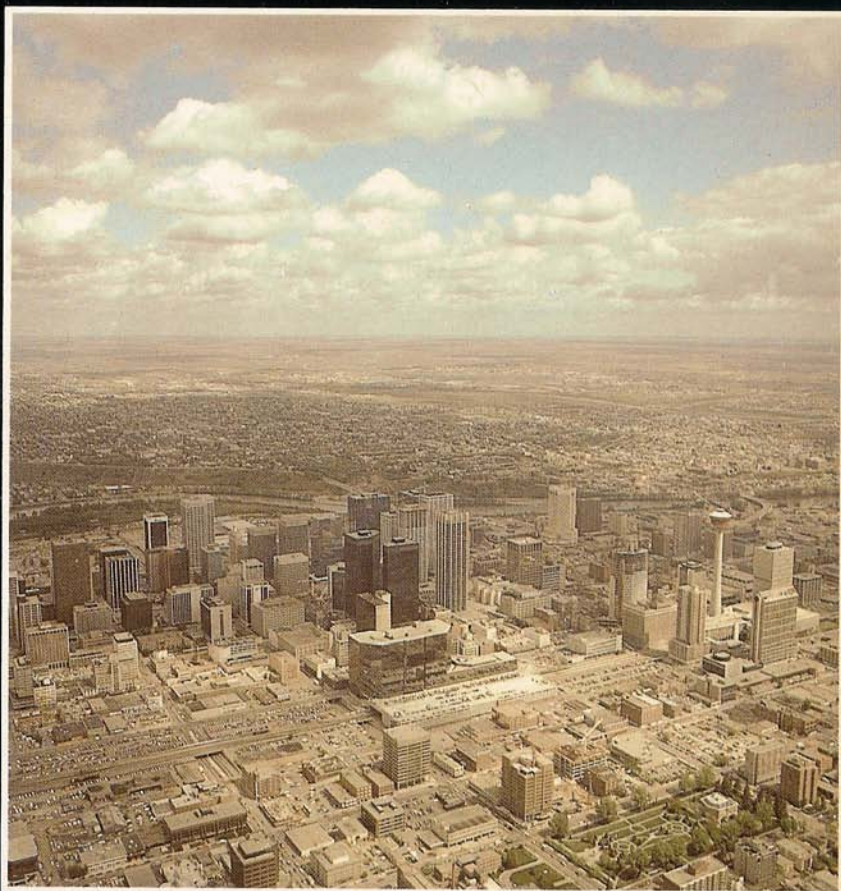


From The Air

CALGARY

Mirror-reversed image.

One postcard had been issued by a Toronto publisher and showed an aerial view of the downtown core, but the photograph had been flipped, and the image was mirror reversed. The postcard was later re-issued by a Calgary publisher, who knew upon which side of the downtown core the Calgary Tower was located.



From The Air

CALGARY

Correct image.

COWTOWNERS OUT OF TOWN

The British North America Philatelic Society's national convention BNAPEX 2021 was held September 2 to 6 online, originally planned as a live show in Winnipeg before the pandemic. A virtual exhibition was held.

Dave Bartlet won Vermeil for his revenue exhibit "British Columbia Hospital Aid 1933", which was also given the special prize Wilmer Rockett Revenue Award..

Ray Villeneuve won Vermeil for "Special Delivery Service Between Canada And The US"

Steve Davis won Silver for "Canada Jet Plane Stamps Of 1964: Rates And Usages"

Earle Covert won Bronze for "Foreign Mail With Added Canadian Forms Or Labels"

Dave Bartlet was inducted into the BNAPS Hall of Fame for his services to BNAPS over the years. Congratulations Dave!

CAPE MEETING

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors held its monthly meeting via Zoom on September 22. Dave Russum was the host and there were 11 participants. The main topic was a discussion led by Ray Villeneuve on the exhibits of BNAPEX 2021.

There followed preliminary comments about CalVirt 2022, about which more will be publicized over the next few months. The online show will probably be held next January or February. The evening wrapped up with a discussion about printing and scanning 11x17 exhibit pages.

JUNIOR CLUBS SUSPENDED

by Jim Senecal

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Due to concerns over the substantial increase in COVID-19 infections, the Junior programmes scheduled for Edgemont and Woodcreek Community Centres have been suspended until January 2022.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL DEALERS

Calgary is fortunate enough to have two storefront stamp dealers, Dwayne Miner and Phil Wolf. Their stores have stayed open, albeit with COVID-19 restrictions such as masks. See their display ads further on in this issue. They support us and it is important that CPS members support them in these trying times. If you need supplies or want to browse their stock, please drop by and see them.

PANDEMIC CHANGES PLANS AGAIN

by Dale Speirs

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The CPS managed to get in three live events before the pandemic fourth wave rollback. Indeed, it was on auction night September 15 when those attending at the Kerby Centre all simultaneously got an emergency text from Alberta Health Services, as did every other Albertan at that precise moment. September 15 was also the scheduled deadline for the next issue of this bulletin. Given that the future of CALTAPEX 2021, general meetings, and auctions were up in the air, your Editor delayed the deadline until the following week, by which time an Executive meeting was held to discuss events.

Because of the constant changes to public policy, the previously announced deadlines for future issues have been altered. For the rest of 2021, deadlines will be after the Executive meetings to allow for news flashes about CPS activities.

CALTAPEX 2021 AND OCTOBER AUCTION CANCELLED

by Murray Bialek

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The CPS Board in conjunction with the CPS Show Committee decided to cancel CALTAPEX 2021 next month due to the resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic in Alberta. The General Meeting scheduled for October 6 will now be conducted via Zoom. The auction night for October 20 has been cancelled.

CALTAPEX AND CALVIRT

by Dave Russum

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I regret to inform you that the Board of the CPS decided to cancel the live CALTAPEX event planned for October 16 and 17. Based on the rising COVID-19 case load and the lack of dealers and exhibitors willing to make the trip to Calgary, it became unlikely that we could put on a successful show. We will be looking at the possibility of a Spring Bourse /Show/ CalVirt event over the next few months and will have some discussion on this at CAPE meetings. Thank you for your support and understanding.

FROM THE NEW LIBRARIAN

by Donna Trathen

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In discussion with Penny Borrowman, I have agreed to be the Head Librarian for our club. Milton Lowe will be my assistant. Please return any outstanding books. We will open the library for members as soon as we can. Take care and stay healthy.

CPS RESUMED LIVE ACTIVITIES FOR A WHILE

The CPS managed to get in three events before the fourth-wave lockdown began on September 16. COVID-19 protocols were maintained, such as masks, liability waivers, and contact tracing.

The first live event was an auction on August 28, Saturday morning, in the regular meeting room at the Kerby Centre. About 35 members attended. The photo below shows Robbert Hoffmann manning the entrance to the room, while behind him bidders viewed the lots.



The Annual General Meeting was held on September 1st, shown below.





Above: Larry Tweedale (seated at left) brought the circuit books to both events.
Below: Mike McPhail (left) and Doug Kollar at the September 15 auction.



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Phil Wolf, proprietor, in his store

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WANTED: "A Beginner's Stamp Album" with letters in a black frame on a blue background. Produced by Hilroy 1960s. Call Milton at 403-797-6644.

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WANTED: Banff Springs Hotel, Chateau Lake Louise, Laggan, Indian Days, early covers, postcards, postmarks and related material. Contact Raymond Villeneuve 403-714-0038 or hrvilleneuve@gmail.com

FOR SALE: The Commonwealth Collection 14th March 1983 limited edition issued by the Commonwealth Secretariat. Certificate of authenticity and a letter from Queen Elizabeth. Hard cover book in a sleeve, mint condition. Souvenir Collection of postage Stamps of Canada from year 1979 to 1991. Books are in mint condition, most unopened. Prices vary depending on the year. Call Willi at 519-381-9203

PRICES REDUCED! FOR SALE: Contact Penny Borrowman at 403-667-1543 or pkborrowman@yahoo.ca Price reduced for multiple item purchase.

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2) ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE OF THE LOCAL POSTAL SURCHARGE LABELS AND RECEIPTS OF HUBEI PROVINCE, PRC \$5.

3) PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OFFICIALLY SEALED LABELS, first supplement \$5.

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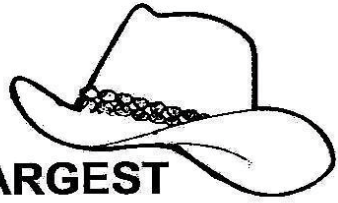
WANTED: Calgary Stampede covers, letterhead and collections. Please contact Dave Freeman at 403-281-0500 or email at dfreeman@latitude.ca

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

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

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

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CLUB NEWS

At the September 1st meeting, the President's Pot was given to Dale Speirs for his work in making the CALGARY PHILATELIST a monthly and keeping the lines of communication open to club members.

Publications by CPS members:

JOURNAL OF ALBERTA POSTAL HISTORY #23 was published by Dale Speirs. The issue deals with post offices past and present in the Torrington-Wimborne-Knee Hill Valley district, on the east side of Highway 2 north of Calgary. JAPH is available as a free pdf from the Postal History Society of Canada Website. All the other issues are there as well. Go to: www.postalhistorycanada.net/php/StudyGroups/Alberta

CIRCUIT BOOKS

by Larry Tweedale
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Greetings! My workplace daily puts me at a greater risk of spreading this horrible virus. I have lost coworkers and do not want to see others I know contract this disease. I very much hope that this fourth wave subsides very soon.

When that happens I will begin to once again have people over, one at a time to inspect and borrow circuit books. Once our meetings resume I will again be present. Please continue to prepare new books and contact me if you need blank books. Thank you so much for your support and patience.

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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). If you are unfamiliar with Zoom software, advice can be had from Dave Bartlet at dave.bartlet@shaw.ca

2021

October	6	General meeting - via Zoom
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	16 and 17	CALTAPEX 2021 - cancelled due to pandemic
	20	Auction - cancelled due to pandemic
	27	Deadline for November bulletin, no later than 18h00
	27	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
November	3	General meeting - via Zoom
	10	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	17	Auction - cancelled due to pandemic
	24	Deadline for December bulletin, no later than 18h00
	24	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
December	1	General meeting - via Zoom
	8	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom

2022

January	5	General meeting - via Zoom
	5	Deadline for January bulletin, no later than 18h00
	12	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	19	Auction - to be determined
	26	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
	26	Deadline for January bulletin, no later than 18h00
February	2	General meeting - to be determined
	2	Deadline for February bulletin, no later than 18h00
	9	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - to be determine
	23	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
March	2	General meeting - to be determined
	2	Deadline for March bulletin, no later than 18h00

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

CAPE (Calgary Association Of Philatelic Exhibitors) meets via Zoom on fourth Wednesdays. For details, contact Dave Russum at russumd@telusplanet.net