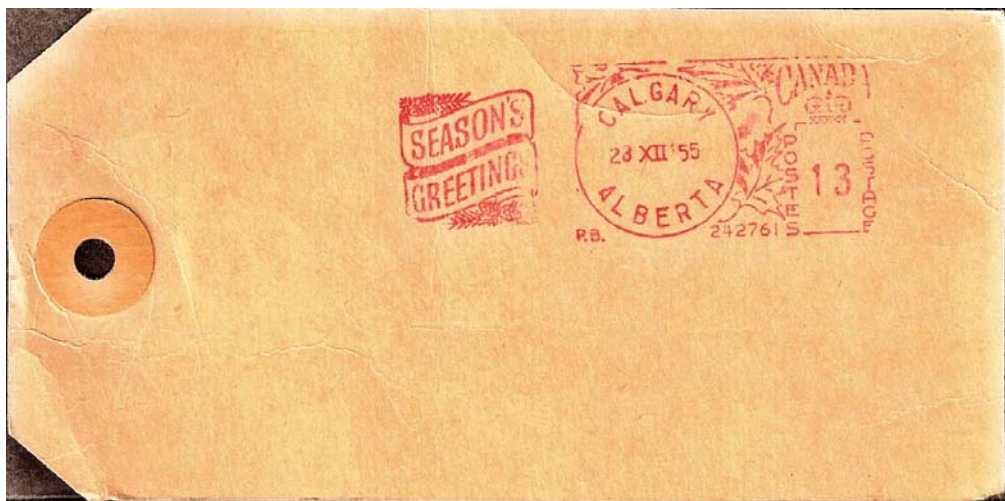


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The busiest time of year for the film developing industry was Christmas. More on Shipley parcel tags on page 6.

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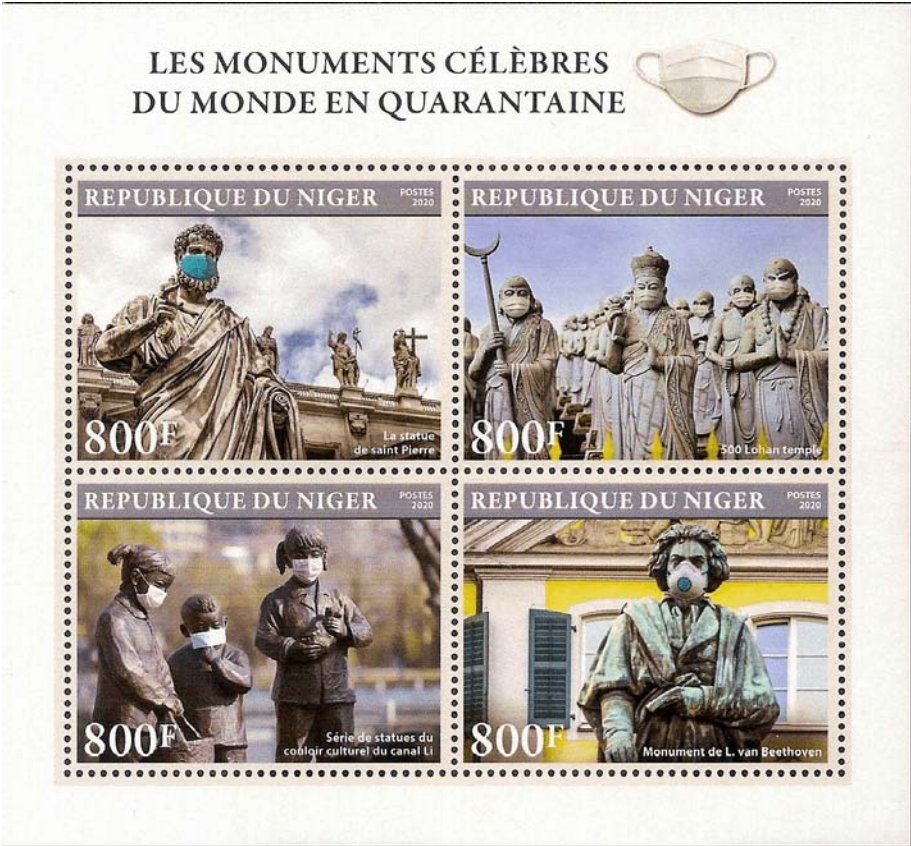
COLLECTING COVID-19 STAMPS: MASKS OF A DIFFERENT SORT

by Dale Speirs



Given the damage to the world economy and loss of human life caused by the pandemic, it might seem difficult to find the humorous side to the virus.

However, there are some stamps that made clever use of masks, graphically inserted on famous statues.



SUPERMAILBOX REPLACEMENT

photos by Gordon Demke

These photos show the installation of a new community box in Hawkwood at Hawkview Manor Circle, northwest Calgary, in October. Note the old box on the flatbed trailer. Then the contractor prepared the base for the new box, followed by the replacement boxes.





SHIPLEY PARCEL TAGS: PART 10

by Dale Speirs

[Parts 1 to 9 appeared in issues #152 to 155, 158, 161, 163, 167, and 184.]

Stamps: High Values.

The use of 20-cent stamps was not as common on the tags as were multiple copies of 10-cent stamps. Figure 63 (Gleichen, in 1964) shows a 20-cent stamp used for bulkier film packages. Note, incidently, that Gleichen was still using a duplex canceller as late as 1964.

The highest payment I have found on a Shipley tag using high-value stamps is shown in Figure 64, where 32 cents was needed for the quantity of film rolls. This was mailed sometime in the late 1950s, and was equivalent to modern-day mailers paying \$5 to mail a package from a retail postal outlet.



Above: Figure 63

Below: Figure 64





Canada Post issued a red 25-cent Chemical Industries stamp in 1956 that saw little use.

In all the thousands of tags I sorted, I only found two of them used, one of which is shown in Figure 65.

At left: Figure 65.

Stamps: Christmas.

Shipley returned the developed photos using tags with meter marks. The front cover of this bulletin (top scan) shows a tag with a seasonal meter mark, dated December 28, 1955. The post-Christmas and New Year's Day period would have been very busy for Shipley as customers sent in all their holiday snaps.



In November 1957, the Foremost Pharmacy, of the village of Foremost in deep southeastern Alberta, used Christmas seals on its tags.

Above: Figure 67

Below: Figure 68



Perhaps the pharmacist wanted to brighten up the day for the Shipley employees. Two examples are shown in Figures 67 and 68.

Despite the fact that the Christmas season was the busiest time for photofinishers, not even a half-dozen Shipley tags were found with Christmas stamps. This may be due to the fact that the tags I examined only went up to 1965, and Canada's first regular Christmas stamps weren't issued until 1964. (The 1898 Map stamp is considered the world's first Christmas stamp but wasn't issued for that purpose.)

I found a few tags with the 1964 issue. The stamp appeared in two denominations, a red 3-cents stamp and a blue 5-cents, and were available as miniature sheets called Cello-Paqs. They were only found on tags by themselves, not as or with make-up stamps. A vertical pair is shown on the front cover of this bulletin (lower scan) and Figure 70 below shows another example.



Figure 70.

[to be continued]

SPECIAL AUCTION ON DECEMBER 1

The CPS Board has approved a live, in-person auction at the Kerby Centre for the evening of Wednesday, December 1. Doors will open at 18h30. The auction will be called between 19h30 and 20h00. Only two-bid lots will be called. Club members will be limited to a maximum of 10 lots each.

In accordance with COVID-19 protocols all attendees must provide government issued proof of vaccination QR code to enter the Kerby Centre building. In addition, members will be required to wear masks, sign a contact tracing sheet, and sign a CPS waiver if they haven't done so previously. Don't forget to enter your vehicle licence plate on the pad.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL ON DECEMBER 1

Our Christmas Social will begin immediately after the auction. COVID-19 protocols apply to the Christmas Social. It will consist of a clothesline cover competition, a quiz (time permitting), and club awards. Members and their guests are asked to wear something in the Christmas spirit (sweaters, Santa hats, etc.) and to bring their own pens and paper.

Due to COVID-19 a potluck dinner will not be held this year. However, members may bring their own food and beverages for their own guests. Food may not be shared. Masks may be removed as long as you are seated and eating. A separate room will be available for guests until the start of the Social if they do not want to be present during the auction.

A Stamp Line Contest will be held, and members are asked to bring covers for the contest for any or all of the following categories:

- 1) My Favourite Queen Elizabeth stamp (a stamp or stamps on cover)
- 2) My Interesting Registered Cover
- 3) My Favourite Postcard

It is suggested the entries should be mounted to an 8.5x11 page and a brief description (about 10 to 15 words) explaining the entry. Entries may be from any country. Judging will be by made by people's choice voting of those present. Prizes will be awarded to the winning entries.

CALVIRT 2022 VIRTUAL STAMP SHOW

by Dave Russum

This show will take place on the CPS website from January 21 to February 2, 2022. Experienced exhibitors and newcomers are welcome to participate with any size of exhibit. Winners will be decided by People's Choice. There is no charge to exhibit.

Classes include:

Class 1 - Mini Exhibits (1 to 15 pages)

Class 2 - One Frame Exhibits

Class 3 - Multi-frame Exhibits

This is an opportunity for everybody to create an exhibit in time for the CPS 2022 BNAPEX show in September. In preparation for that show we are encouraging all mini-exhibits, but particularly those that relate to 1922 or Calgary and surrounding area. We are also attempting to find a qualified judge to provide a review of One frame and Multi-frame exhibits. Those who wish to have their exhibit reviewed by a qualified judge can request this by paying a \$5.00 per frame fee.

The prospectus, entry forms, and show updates are available on the website: www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com. Entry forms should be submitted as early as possible with the actual exhibit submitted on or before January 16. If you have questions please contact Dave Russum at (russumd@telusplanet.net) 403-284-4775 or Dave Bartlet (dave.bartlet@shaw.ca).

LIVE AUCTIONS ON THE GO AGAIN



The regular third Wednesday auctions resumed again on November 17, under the direction of Jim Senecal.

In accordance with provincial law, a QR code vaccination certificate was required to enter the Kerby Centre.

The photo at left shows a Kerby staff member (on left) scanning a CPS member's QR code on his smartphone.

About 30 members attended and there were 245 lots submitted.





On behalf of the CPS, Dave Bartlet prepared the above cover in the annual Stamp Collecting Month contest sponsored by CANADIAN STAMP NEWS. Voting was online and a real nail-biter, but the CPS cover eventually won by a narrow margin of 619 votes to 591 for the second-place entry. There was a front-page report in the November 23 issue of CSN. Well done, Dave!

CALGARY BNAPS

The monthly meeting of the Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society took place on November 10 via Zoom. Dave Bartlet was the host and there were 19 participants. After a brief business session, three slide shows were presented.

Jon Johnson spoke on the World War One military hospitals of Alberta and British Columbia. Many of them were converted from hotels or lake resorts. Dave Bartlet then presented on the Transorma sorting machine used by the Canadian Post Office from 1955 to 1963. This machine could sort 15,000 letters per hour into 300 bins. Wrapping up was Mark Oakley, who showed how a nondescript cover could be researched using genealogy websites to provide fascinating information about the sender and receiver.

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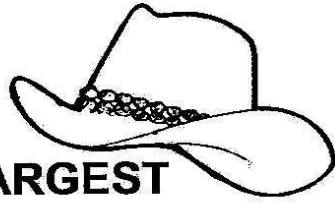
WANTED: Pilot-signed First Flight covers and also any signed material by Canadian notables. Contact Glenn at pgdaze@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Current Canadian stamps, very fine used. Contact Michael Teekens, 912 Olympia Crescent SE, Calgary, T2C 1G7, or michateekens@gmail.com

CAPE MEETING

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors held its monthly meeting on November 11 via Zoom. Dave Russum was the moderator and there were 10 participants. The meeting began with a discussion about recent and forthcoming stamp shows. Many clubs are reviving live shows in 2022.

Walter Herdzik then presented a slide show on Northern Rhodesia to North America postal history between 1925 and 1954.



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CLUB NEWS

The monthly general meeting of the CPS was held on November 3 via Zoom. Murray Bialek was in the chair and there were 23 participants. After the regular business session, the President's Pot was presented to Walter Herdzyk for behind-the-scenes work, which included the annual audit of the club finances. Don Wilson then gave the third and final part of his series on early Australian mail to Britain, covering the years 1859 to 1890.

The November issue of this bulletin was mailed November 1 from the East Airdrie postal outlet at Shoppers Drug Mart (Yankee Valley Blvd). The Poppy centennial stamps were used.

Publications by CPS members:

Dave Freeman's article on a German-censored 1944 Stampede cover appeared in the 2021 Fourth Quarter issue of BNA TOPICS (www.bnaps.org).

LIBRARY RESTART

Donna Trathen will be re-opening the CPS library at the December 1 meeting. If you have books to return or want to check out some, contact her at (403) 272-0804 or dtrathen@shaw.ca

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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

Masks and QR codes required at live meetings and auctions until further notice. Attendees must sign liability waiver and record their name for contact tracing. No exceptions; this is provincial law. Please respect the health of yourself and your fellow CPS members.

Vehicles in both Kerby lots must have licence plate numbers registered inside the building at the computer terminals. This is a 24/7 policy and the CPS is not exempt. Otherwise your vehicle will be clamped or towed.

2021

December	1	Special auction and Social - Kerby Centre
	8	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom

2022

January	5	General meeting - to be determined
	5	Deadline for January bulletin, no later than 18h00
	12	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	19	Auction - Kerby Centre, COVID-19 rules apply
	21	CalVirt 2022 - www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com
	26	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
February	2	General meeting - to be determined
	2	Deadline for February bulletin, no later than 18h00
	2	Final day of CalVirt 2022
	9	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	16	Auction - Kerby Centre, COVID-19 rules apply
	23	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
March	2	General meeting - to be determined
	2	Deadline for March bulletin, no later than 18h00

MEETINGS and AUCTIONS are at the Kerby Centre, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, Room 205 (Lecture Room), at 19h30. Auction lots should be in before 19h30 to allow viewing.

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