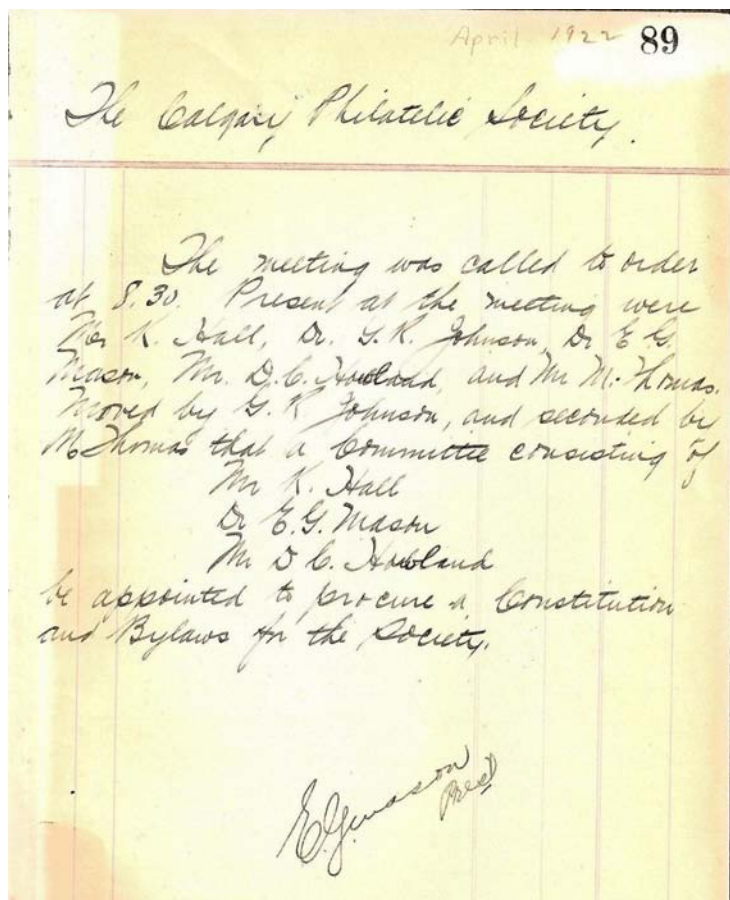


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100 YEARS OF ORGANIZED PHILATELY IN CALGARY

2022 is the centennial of the Calgary Philatelic Society, founded at a meeting in April 1922 under the leadership of Dr Edward George Mason. The photo below shows him as he looked in the 1930s, courtesy of his great-granddaughter Beth Saunders.

The front cover of this issue is a scan of the minutes of the first meeting, in Mason's handwriting and signed by him. The minutes are in the CPS Archives.

The April 2022 general meeting will be a birthday party. Hopefully by then the pandemic will be over and we can share a birthday cake. On the Labour Day weekend, we will celebrate with a national-level show CPS 2022 BNAPEX at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.



MYSTERY CANCEL SOLVED

by Raymond Villeneuve



Figure 1

Back in August 2017, I wrote in *CALGARY PHILATELIST* #150 about a mystery cancel from Edmonton (Figure 1).

The cancel, found on a Special Delivery E6 stamp, had Edmonton written across the middle of this CDS with month, date, and no year. I did not receive any possible explanation for this unusual cancel at that time.

Fast forward to November 2021 when this cover was acquired (Figure 2). It is a Special Delivery letter from Vancouver, BC, to Aberdeen, Scotland, dated December 20, 1948. There appear two sets of cancels on this cover, including a clear free strike of a CDS with Vancouver/ month, date across the centre of the cds.



Figure 2

This Vancouver cancel also resembles the Edmonton mystery cancel (Figure 3). I speculated that it might have been a carrier mark but inquiries to several knowledgeable dealers and collectors from the West Coast agreed it wasn't.



Figure 3

This CDS, with Vancouver in the centre was from a scarcely used hammer utilized in unusual situations, in this case by the Special Delivery clerk. It appeared sporadically over a 10-year period after World War Two in a few cities such as Vancouver, Edmonton and possibly Montréal.

So, another small mystery was solved thanks to friendly collectors who did not hesitate to share their knowledge of unusual postmarks. It is also another step forward in my study of the Canadian Special Delivery service.

AUTHOR OF THE YEAR 2021

The Author of the Year Award for 2021 will go to Tony Doughty. He published a series of articles on modern Canada stamp perforation varieties, using original research. Modern stamps are not perforated like your grandfather's stamps, and Tony has discovered some interesting variations that few philatelists are aware of. Congratulations, Tony!

EDMONTON STAMP CLUB 2022 SPRING SHOW

The show is on Saturday, April 2, 10h00 to 17h00, and Sunday, April 3, 10h00 to 16h00. Features of the 2022 Spring Stamp Show will include circuit books, show and tell exhibits, door prizes, presentations, fun frame exhibits and junior stamp tables. There will also be no cost appraisals of stamp, postcard, and cover collections.

This is a free event where everyone is welcome. There are an anticipated 20 dealers with a nice array of worldwide stamps, postcards, and postal history items for sale. The location is the Central Lions Recreation Centre, 11113 - 113 Street, Edmonton, Alberta. Parking is free, and the venue is accessible to persons with disabilities.

Show contact information from John Bucci at mjrcards@telusplanet.net or visit www.edmontonstampclub.com

IN SEARCH OF THE ERD FOR THE CANADA MAP STAMP OF 1898

by Gordon Demke

December 25, 1898, was the date selected for introduction of Imperial Penny Postage and issue of the Map Stamp by Canada's Postmaster General William Mulock. On December 3, 1898, the Postmaster General announced that the Map Stamp was available for distribution. However, earlier usages are known to exist. Apparently postal authorities allowed usage to commence upon delivery of stock to post offices.

The earliest reported examples are claimed to be December 6 and 7, 1898. December 6 is the ERD (Earliest Recorded Date) on singles of the Map Stamp (originating from Kingston and Hamilton). December 7 is the ERD for Map Stamp covers (from Bridgewater, Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal, Ottawa and Kingston).

I have about 1,000 copies of the Map Stamp in my collection (accumulation?) and have identified only two cancels dated 1898. Of course, many of the cancels that were in usage during this period were undated, for example, fancy cancels, targets, grid bars, flags and rollers.

Of the two "finds" I think one is legitimate. The other appears to be postmaster error. The summary of my findings follows. Tools I used to identify and confirm the cancel location and date included the Post Offices and Postmasters Database [1], a hand magnifier (4x), and Celestron Digital Microscope (10x to 150x).



Both stamps have circle dated cancels. Figure 1 has the Spadina Ave Toronto cancel with the date of DE 29 98 (December 29, 1898). The cancel is fairly light but still readable. Figures 2 and 3 are magnifications of the place (partial) and date.

At left: Figure 1



Figure 2: partial Spadina



Figure 3: DE 29 98 date



Figure 4

Figure 4 has in my estimation a Charlesbourg QUE cancel with the date FE 1 98 (February 1, 1898). Only part of the name is legible and the cancel is over-inked and/or worn.

The Charlesbourg Post Office was established 1854-02-01. The Postmasters at the time the Map Stamp was in usage were Jacques Verret (1890-08-01 until his death in 1900) and Mrs. Lucie B. Verret (appointed 1900-08-01).

The more interesting feature of this stamp is the cancel date which is some ten months prior to the stamp being made available for postal usage. This is probably a case of postmaster error, with the dater not having been advanced to 1899. Figures 5 and 6 are magnifications of the place (partial) and date.

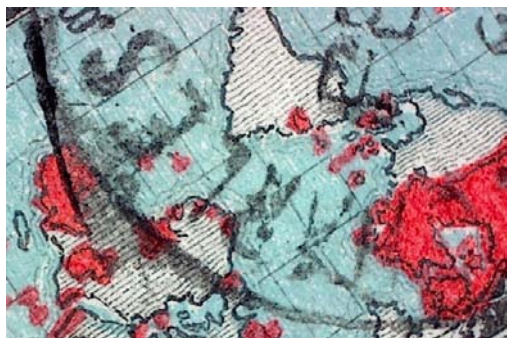


Figure 5: partial town name



Figure 6: FE 1 98 date

In conclusion, my search continues for early examples of usage of the Canada Map Stamp. If you are interested in this particular stamp, the Map Stamp Study Group of BNAPS has recently been reactivated and you may wish to consider joining.

References.

- 1] Library and Canada Archives, Post Offices and Postmasters Database.
- 2] Map Stamp Study Group, <http://www.mapstamp.org>.
- 3] Fred G. Fawn, Imperial Penny Postage of 1898, Canada: BNAPS, June 2004.
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BNAPS CHRISTMAS MEETING

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society held its regular monthly meeting on December 8 via Zoom. Dave Bartlet hosted and there were 18 participants. The theme of the meeting was “Christmas In My Collection”, and members showed pdfs or slides of their material.

Eldon Godfrey led off with postcards circa early 1900s to modern-day illustrated junk mail covers using Christmas as a theme. Dale Speirs then showed the Christmas mail art covers he inherited from his mother Betty, who created them between 1986 and 2001. Next up was Doug Lingard on the 1898 Map Stamp, which may or may not be the world’s first Christmas stamp, depending on what definition you use.

Ray Villeneuve showed Christmas postage meter marks and charity seals. Following on was Dave Bartlet with WW2 savings stamps sent as gifts in special Christmas cards. Jon Johnson then showed WW1 hospital ship Christmas cards. Finishing up was Mark Oakley on postmarks and covers of places with names such as North Pole or Santa.

CPS JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Because of the Omicron variant, the January 5 general meeting was held via Zoom. Murray Bialek moderated, with 25 participants. The meeting began with the usual business session, after which Murray presented the President’s Pot to Gordon Demke for his behind-the-scenes work. Thereafter Gregg Radner presented a talk on Belgian railway parcel stamps.

CALVIRT 2022 EXHIBIT DEADLINES

by Dave Russum

CalVirt 2022 is open for exhibits. Entry forms and exhibits must be submitted by January 16. Full details are available on the CPS website under the tab “CalVirt Virtual Shows”. Appropriate exhibits on any philatelic subject and any size from one page to multi-frame are welcome. Don’t forget there is a special prize for the best exhibit with sheep in it!

Everybody can be a judge for this show as winners will be selected by People’s Choice. The form to vote will be on the website once the show opens on January 21. The results of People’s Choice will be announced at the CPS general meeting on February 2.

In addition, CalVirt 2022 will be the discussion item for the Zoom CAPE Meeting on January 26. Everybody is welcome to attend even if you are not an exhibitor or judge.

Please contact Dave Russum (russumd@telusplanet.net or (403-284-4775) with general questions, or Dave Bartlet (dave.bartlet@shaw.ca) with questions relating to electronic submission of exhibits.

CENTENNIAL SHOW REPORT

by Dave Freeman

Remember September 2 to 4, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Calgary. The CPS 2022 BNAPEX show committee members have continued to meet via Zoom to progress the activities for the show. We are currently working on the final draft for the latest advertising of the show for the various philatelic magazines and organizations to highlight information on the show.

Also, thanks to Dave Bartlet, we have a great brochure for distribution at the philatelic shows like ORAPEX, CAPEX 2022 and the Edmonton Stamp show, along with other events. This brochure provides a great write-up of the show and the 100th anniversary of CPS.

As a point of interest, at this time, our show will be the only philatelic national-level show hosted in western Canada this year. That along with the pent-up interest in philatelic shows will hopefully benefit the show.

Exhibit and registration forms will be sent out in the next weeks to collectors from across Canada, the USA, UK, and Europe. We are inviting them and CPS members to exhibit their philatelic material, to come and enjoy our national level show and to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of stamp collecting in Calgary.

There will be exhibiting of BNA and worldwide philatelic material and study group meetings on BNA postal history. There will be access to material from the many stamp and postal history dealers who will be attending the show.

We will be looking for lots of support from the CPS members and regional BNAPS members for the show. If you would like to volunteer please contact Larry Tweedale (403-282-9726 or ltweed@telus.net) who is the Volunteer Coordinator for the show committee. We are still looking for someone to help with the Public Relations work. If you are interested in helping as a committee member please contact either Dave Freeman (403-281-0500 or dfreeman@latitude.ca) or Murray Bialek (403-241-2006 or mbialek@shaw.ca).

ZOOM MEETINGS

Zoom software is free and can be viewed on laptops, smartphones, or tablets, regardless of operating system. It is best to view the meeting on Wifi. If you use your data allowance, a typical meeting consumes about 200 megabytes per half-hour. For technical assistance, please contact Dave Bartlet at dave.bartlet@shaw.ca

If you have not been taking part in Zoom meetings, email Dave so that he can put you on the mailing list. A day or two before the meeting, you will receive an email containing a link to the meeting. About five minutes before the meeting, click on the link and Zoom will automatically connect you.

CPS DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

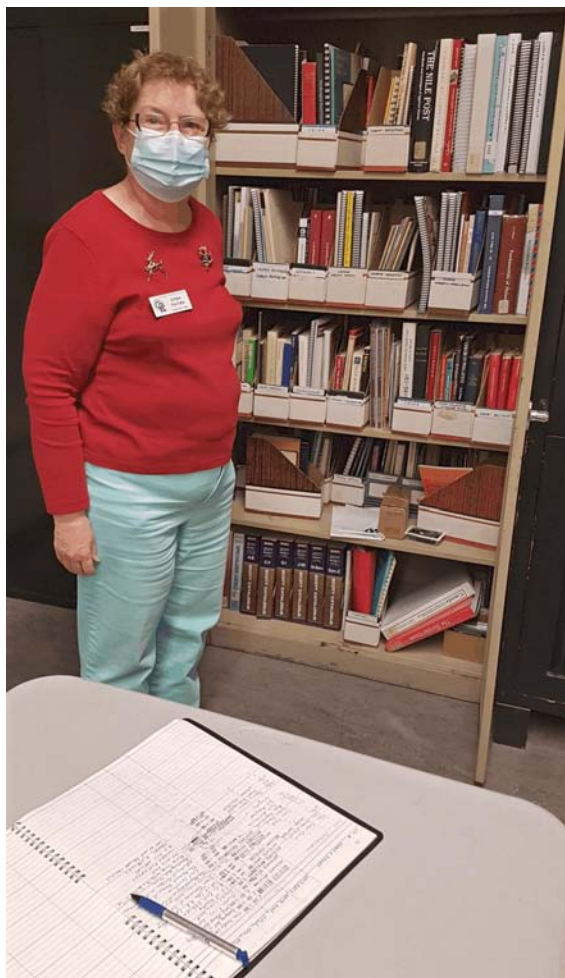
As part of the CPS plan to resume normal activities, a live event was held on December 1. The pandemic rules did not allow for the traditional Christmas potluck supper but many other activities were held such as a quiz. About 30 members attended the event.

The evening began with a brief auction under the direction of Jim Senecal. Following on was a clothesline competition of one-page exhibits, arranged by Walter Herdzik. Winners were decided by a People's Choice ballot. Category #1 was My Favourite Queen Elizabeth Stamps, and Category #2 was My Interesting Registered Cover, both won by Dave Russum. Category #3 was My Favourite Postcard, won by Don Wilson.

Next up were the annual awards. The Founders' Award, given for work done in the previous season of 2020/21, was a tie between Dave Bartlet and Dwayne Eadie. The former for his work in running the Zoom meetings, and the latter for his work on revising the CPS bylaws.

The 2021 Dr Edward G. Mason Long Service Award went to Dave Russum, shown below receiving it from Jan Brookes.





After being silenced by the pandemic, the CPS Library re-opened for business under the direction of the new librarian Donna Trathen, assisted by Milton Lowe.

The photo at left shows Donna at the meeting as she prepared for business.

Announced at the meeting was that there will be a Spring Bourse on the weekend of April 23 and 24 at the Kerby Centre gymnasium.

The January 5 meeting and subsequent general meetings in 2022 will be live, as well as the Third Wednesday auctions.

Until further notice, provincial COVID-19 regulations must be followed, including having a QR-code vaccination certificate to enter the building and wearing masks.

The photo below shows a sample of the clothesline one-page competition.



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FOR SALE: Set of CHINA PHILATELY magazines from 1983 to 1998. In English, complete run of 96 issues. \$100 if you can pick up, postage extra. Contact Penny Borrowman at (403) 667-1543 or email pkborrowman@yahoo.ca

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.

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

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

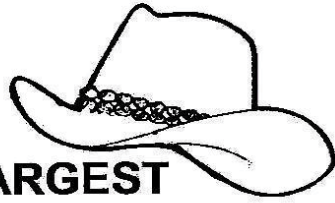
FOR SALE: Current Canadian stamps, very fine used. Contact Michael Teekens, 912 Olympia Crescent SE, Calgary, T2C 1G7, or michateekens@gmail.com

JANUARY MEETING CHANGES

by Murray Bialek

In discussion with the CPS Executive and input from our two auctioneers, who are now opposed to holding live auctions in January, it was decided to cancel all live events for January due to the exponential spread of the COVID-19 Omicron variant.

Even individuals who have been fully vaccinated are at risk of getting this new variant. Better safe than sorry! Consequently, we cancelled our two live events for January in order not to be charged for use of the Kerby Centre.



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CLUB NEWS

The December issue of this bulletin was mailed on November 29 from the Walden Shoppers Drug Mart RePO at 194 Avenue SE and Walden Gate. The religious Christmas stamp was used.

Publications by CPS members:

Dale Speirs had an article in the 2021 December issue of CANADIAN REVENUE NEWSLETTER about an Alberta cannabis revenue stamp used on package.

CIRCUIT BOOK REPORT

by Larry Tweedale

Happy New Year, fellow collectors! Hopefully COVID-19 will have less affect on our lives, our health system and of course our meetings and auctions. Circuit books will be open for business in January, exactly how is not yet certain.

We will be an on-call appointment basis at my home. Please call me at 403-282-9726 to set up a pick-up time. There are still a few members with overdue books to return and this will be the time to get them back to me.

Also there is a need for new material, especially for the upcoming spring bourse and the BNAPEX September show. Recent issues of Canada, U.S. and European counties are needed most but all countries are welcomed. I hope to see you soon!

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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

2022

January	12	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	19	Auction - cancelled due to pandemic
	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 - to be determined
	23	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
March	2	General meeting - to be determined
	2	Deadline for March bulletin, no later than 18h00
	9	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	16	Auction - to be determined
	23	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
April	6	Centennial birthday party - Kerby Centre if possible
	6	Deadline for April bulletin, no later than 18h00
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - to be determined
	20	Auction - to be determined
	23 and 24	Spring Bourse - Kerby Centre gymnasium
	27	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
May	4	General meeting - to be determined
	4	Deadline for May bulletin, no later than 18h00
	11	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	18	Auction - to be determined
	25	CAPE meeting - via Zoom

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