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Bowness Park was founded in 1911 on an island in the Bow River, and a village called Critchley grew up adjacent to the park. The village was named after the original homesteader who ranched there, but in later years the only reason outlanders visited was to enjoy the river park.

To avoid confusion, the post office name was changed to Bowness in 1942. The village ran into financial difficulty and was annexed by Calgary in 1961.

Not too many people are left who remember the amusement facilities in the centre of the park, including a carousel. A merry-go-round horse was preserved at Heritage Park, and commemorated on this 2022 stamp by Canada Post.

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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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THE 2022 UKRAINIAN WAR

by Dale Speirs

This year Canadians are happy to once again assemble for Remembrance Day ceremonies and honour the war dead as we did before the pandemic. Unfortunately Ukrainians do not have the option of peaceful assembly as they fight off the Russian invaders.

I have been accumulating a few items about the conflict. Figure 1 shows a postmark from Sevastopol dated 2004 when it was still part of Ukraine. This port city is the capital of the Crimea and for most of its history was a closed city because of its importance as a naval base. In 2014, the Russian government unilaterally occupied the peninsula and annexed it without a shot being fired. This easy land grab may have been what inspired Putin to start the 2022 war, thinking he could annex the entire country in the same manner.



Above: Figure 1

Below: Figure 2



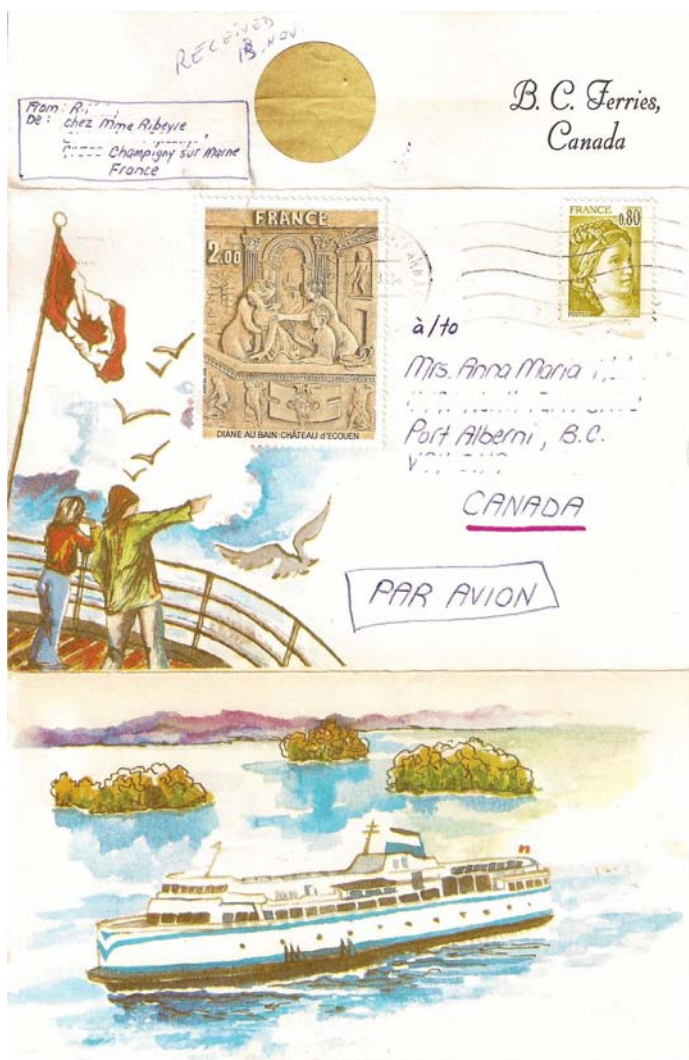
Figure 2 is a self-explanatory postmark on British mail from May 2022.

A LETTER FROM FRANCE

by Dale Speirs

Long ago, before anyone outside a medical laboratory knew what a coronavirus was, I was browsing through a dealer's stock at CALTAPEX and came across an illustrated letter sheet dated November 3, my birth date. That caught my eye, so I read some of the letter. The text was interesting enough that I splurged on the cover, which was only a few dollars.

The 1979 letter was from a young woman visiting France to her mother in Port Alberni, British Columbia. I did a Google search and found the obituary of her mother, which also mentioned her daughter was living in Canada and was married. The cover has a handwritten arrival date of November 13. Most probably the mother kept all her correspondence and after she died someone sold the covers to a dealer.



Below is a close-up of the address side of the letter sheet. I've never ridden on a B.C. ferry so I don't know if they gave these free to passengers or were purchased in a souvenir kiosk. The sender was not a philatelist but it was obvious she took advantage of what commemorative stamps were available at her local post office in Paris. She evidently brought along stationery, perhaps not trusting the French would have such things.



The lettersheet took ten days to reach Port Alberni. It is a sad but true commentary that service these days wouldn't be any faster. Postal systems worldwide seem to have plateaued in the speed of their deliveries. Today of course, the daughter would email her mother.

JANUARY 18 MEMBER'S BOURSE

Assuming no more blizzards on the wrong days, the third Wednesday in January will be a members' bourse instead of a called auction. Tables are \$5 each and will allow CPS members to sell bulk lots as boxes, bags, and binders full of stuff. Details from Jim Senecal at (403) 547-7681 or jsenecal@telusplanet.net

STAYING IN TOUCH

The November 2 general meeting had to be cancelled because of a 20-cm blizzard. Murray Bialek sent out an email blast to inform everyone. Please make certain he has your correct email address or, if you are not online, your telephone number. This will enable sudden changes to be broadcast to the membership.

CPS HISTORY: IVAN LINTON

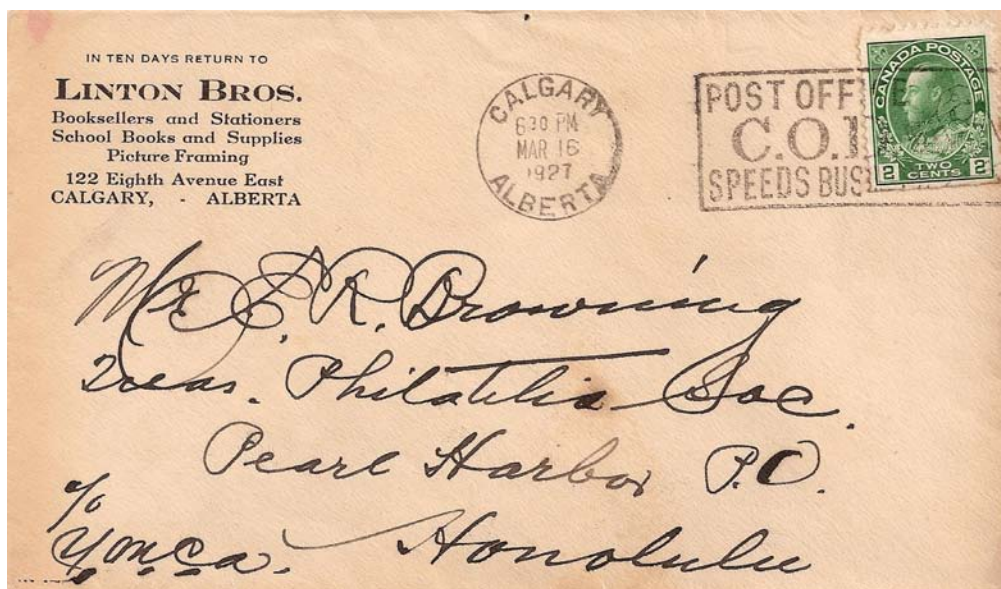
by Dale Speirs

One advantage of being the CPS historian is that I have been able to pick out interesting covers from dealer bourses based on my memory of the club history. (Which is, by the way, available as a free pdf from www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com)

Ivan Linton joined the CPS in 1924 and was actively involved for many years. He was a director from 1925 to 1928, and again from 1937 to 1941. In 1927 he hosted the first CPS auctions at his house, where members could submit their own lots. There were auctions before that but they sold material the club purchased in bulk. Linton died in 1964.

The 1927 cover shown here was sent from his family stationery business to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, addressed to a Philatelic Society. I can't make out the handwriting of the first word but it appears to be 'Treas.' He must have been buying or subscribing for something. The club was apparently located at the YMCA.

I checked Google but could only find a brief mention of the Hawaiian Philatelic Society, founded in 1911 and still in existence, meeting in Honolulu at the YMCA.



CHRISTMAS SOCIAL ON DECEMBER 7

by Murray Bialek

This will be our last function of the year celebrating our 100th anniversary. The plan is to have a potluck party including a 100th year birthday cake! Your organizing committee has decided to prepare a list of potluck dishes, in advance of our social, so multiples of the same dish are not donated to the party.

If you plan to attend and have not yet signed up for a dish, please check our website at www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com to sign up for one of the dishes still available and inform Murray at mbialek@shaw.ca or (403) 241-2006 to let him know which dish you have selected.

Please bring a friend or your spouse and join in the camaraderie. Get into the spirit and dress in your favourite Christmas clothing. The best outfit will win a prize! You can also win wonderful prizes in our stamp contest and quiz! As well, please bring a donation for the food bank for our less fortunate Calgarians (non-perishable food or cash).

People’s Choice clothesline stamp exhibits:

- 1. Worst stamp design: Subject design and/or colours used on the stamp which make it ineffective or inappropriate as a postage stamp.
- 2. The Postal System failed: A postal item that has seen abuse, damage, delay of delivery, error, or other issue.
- 3. My favourite stamp/set: From anywhere in the world that is special to your collecting interest.

Mount your item(s) on separate pages for each category and add a comment as to why you chose it. Preferably put into a sheet protector and bring to the Social for hanging on the Stamp Clothesline.

Sign up for Potluck items via website or telephone Murray Bialek:

Appetizers

nuts	potato chips (large)
chip dip	spinach dip
shrimp ring and seafood dip	salmon spread
salad	pita and hummus
vegetable tray and dips	cheese tray and crackers
cold cuts meats	other (specify)

Hot Dishes

sandwiches (hot or cold)	(requires warming trays and extension cords)
chili	meat balls
sliced ham	perogies
other (specify)	crock pot

Desserts

cookies

fresh fruit

other (specify)

Additional

buns - 2 dozen

butter/margarine

pop (cola/ginger ale) and diet

juice

coffee cream 18%

WANTED: PRESENTATIONS FOR CPS GENERAL MEETINGS

by Dave Russum

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We are looking for new presentations for our General meetings. I am particularly interested in finding examples where philately merges with your other interests, be it your profession, history, hobbies, genealogy, postcards, postal ephemera etc etc. You may also have items where you are looking for advice from the membership.

Presentation could be for the complete program or just a short review of something you feel would be of interest. Please let me know if you have something you'd like to show as we have a number of openings for 2023.

CIRCUIT BOOK REPORT

by Larry Tweedale

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The circuit book program has been rebounding in popularity this year so far and sales have been good. There have been recent additions of Japan, Germany, Italy and Canada. As usual, very recent Canadian material is a hot seller and the newest stock has mostly been purchased.

I am especially in need of recent Canada (2016-2022). Also there is a demand for early Canada, plus early and recent Great Britain and USA. British Commonwealth continues to be popular.

Of course any country is always welcome. Please consider preparing new books if you have duplicates you want to sell. Blank books are only \$1 each.

Most stamps are sold for approximately 1/3 of the catalogue value. Circuit books will be available for examination and borrowing at the November 16 auction and after that on January 4 for the regular meeting.

CALGARY BNAPS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society held its monthly meeting on October 12 via Zoom. Dave Bartlet was the host and there were 15 participants from across Canada. The Zoom meetings are open to anyone interested in Canadian philately. To be added to the mailing list, contact Dave Bartlet at dave.bartlet@shaw.ca The theme of this meeting was Queen Elizabeth II.

Cecil Coutts began the proceedings by showing an Isle of Man cover depicting the Queen with a Mountie and her horse Burmese, who was a gift from the RCMP. Joe Smith displayed a 1953 combination cover of Canadian QE2 stamps to that date. Mark Oakley followed with Canadian stamps depicting Princess Elizabeth.

Dave Freeman showed a Stampede cover dated 1959-07-09, the significance of which was that was the date the Queen and Prince Philip visited the rodeo. Doug Lingard then showed 1953 covers with Canadian Coronation flag postmarks, plus some 2022 mourning covers. Dave Bartlet followed with Platinum Jubilee and mourning covers he made in Calgary.

Dale Speirs then presented event covers for the Queen's 60th anniversary on the throne as well as 2015 covers when she became Britain's longest reigning monarch. Ray Villeneuve displayed the Karsh issue stamps, which were criticized at the time for poor engraving. Ron Leith showed a 2022 day-of-death cover.

CAPE

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors met via Zoom on October 26. Dave Russum moderated and there were 11 participants. There was a general discussion about forthcoming stamp shows. Jean Wang mentioned she would be presenting at a Zoom meeting of the Collectors Club of New York. There was also a discussion about hybrid meetings with pre-recorded videos or via Zoom, in conjunction with live meetings.

Dale Speirs then presented a talk about his COVID-19 stamp collection. In particular, if he wanted to exhibit only stamps and exclude postal history, there was the problem of explaining that to judges in the title page.

In the show-and-tell, Dave Russum discussed recent and coming changes to the British postal system, currently in a chaotic state. Arnie Jansen showed an example of 1930s mail fraud that criss-crossed the border between the USA and Canada.

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

BOOKS DONATED TO CPS LIBRARY

Cecil Coutts has kindly donated the following books to the CPS Library. Check with Donna Trathen about borrowing them. See her at the general meetings or phone 272-0804.

Title	Year
Postal History.	
Early Canada Covers, stampless and stamped 1842 to 1912. An exhibit	
Canada, Foreign Exchange Control Board covers. An exhibit	
Canada Posted Letter Guide	1996
Canadian Official Postal Guide 1933	1933
Railway Distribution List for Manitoba and Saskatchewan	1943
Mail sent to the Italian Mutual Aid Society Lodge at Coleman, Alberta 1912	2021
Alberta Post Offices	1998
Emerging Saskatchewan, Postal History of Territorial Assiniboia 1882-1905	2003
Saskatchewan Post Offices	1991
Saskatchewan Centennial. Postal history, 1905 to 2005. An exhibit	
Saskatchewan Territorial Mail 1846 to 1905	2018
Postmarks.	
Canada, Cancelling machine irregularities/varieties. An exhibit	
Vancouver covers with a corner card plus blackout covers. An exhibit	
Postmark Parade, types of postmarks that can be collected. An exhibit	
Blackout Postal Markings 1942-1945, East and West Coasts	2015
International Rapid Cancelling Machines, Vol. 1 Western Canada	2016
International Rapid Cancelling Machines, Vol. 2 Ontario	2016
International Rapid Cancelling Machines, Vol. 3, Quebec and Maritimes	2017
Handbook of Air Mail Slogan Cancels of Canada. 2nd Edition 2011	2011
Canadian Flag Cancels 1896-1919	1993
Canada Flag Cancel Handbook 1896-1973	1973
BNAPS Slogan Study Group Newsletters. 3 Vols. bound	1988-98
Canada Early Rapid Cancelling Machines	1982
United States Slogan Catalogue	1956
U.S.A. Naval Commemorative cancels at Pearl Harbour Dec. 1941	1995
United States Flag Cancel Encyclopedia	1955
United States Slogan Catalogue	1936
Stamps And Postal Stationery.	
E.F.O's (freeks and oddities)	2004
Canada catalogue of stamps	1993
Les tuniques rouges (Red Serge Tunics). Story of the 1935 RCMP 10c stamp	2010
Canada stamps with perforated initials	1985
Canada Precancels	1978
Webb catalogue of postal stationery	1993
Guide to Official Stamps	
Canada Through the Looking Glass	

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FOR SALE: Danish West Indies. Call Henning at 271-2596

WANTED: Helper to prepare eBay listings for stamp store. Contact Philip Wolf at 264-1551 or selstamp@telus.net

FOR SALE: Set of CHINA PHILATELY magazines from 1983 to 1998. In English, complete run of 96 issues. Price negotiable. 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

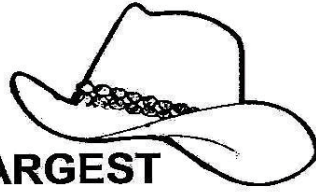
WANTED: Calgary Stampede covers, letterhead and collections. Please contact Dave Freeman at 403-281-0500 or email at dfreeman@latitude.ca

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 jcjperfins@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

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Publications by CPS members:

The 2022 Nov/Dec issue of CANADIAN PHILATELIST had two articles by CPSers. Jim Taylor wrote "The Rare Mineral Cryolite" and Dale Speirs had "Cowtown Collectors Celebrate Centennial".

The November 2 general meeting was cancelled due to a blizzard.

CPS MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NOW DUE

by Murray Bialek

CPS membership has a multitude of benefits, including receipt of this newsletter (check them out at www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com). At a very low cost of \$25 per year not only do you benefit from membership, but you also help our club support stamp collectors, which it has been doing for the past 100 years.!

You may pay your dues of \$25.00 preferably via e-transfer directly from your bank account to the CPS Membership Director, Murray Bialek, at mbialek@shaw.ca or you may also pay via cheque made out to "CPS" and mailed to:

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2022

November	9	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	16	Auction - Kerby Centre
	23	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
December	7	Christmas Social - Kerby Centre
	7	Deadline for December bulletin
	14	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom

2023

January	4	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	4	Deadline for January bulletin
	11	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	18	Members' bourse - Kerby Centre
	25	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
February	1	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	1	Deadline for February bulletin
	8	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	15	Auction - Kerby Centre
	22	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
March	1	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	1	Deadline for March bulletin
	8	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	15	Auction - Kerby Centre
	22	CAPE meeting - via Zoom

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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

Junior Club meetings information from Jim Senecal at (403) 547-7681.