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The previous issue of this bulletin was mailed as a first-day cover. Not a simple task, as Dale Speirs explains on page 3.

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THE KING AND I

by Dale Speirs

The deadline for this bulletin is the Wednesday night CPS general meeting. During the previous weeks, I fill up most of the issue, then add any last-minute items from the meeting after I return home.

The next morning I take a memory stick with the pdf of the issue to our printer. I also email the pdf to the CPS webmaster Dave Bartlet, who puts up the issue behind the paywall. Monday morning I pick up the bulletin from the printer, stuff and seal the envelopes (which takes about 1.5 hours), then take everything to a retail outlet for hand-cancelling.

Normally I put on the mailing labels (received from the CPS Membership Chair) sometime over the prior weekend, then the stamps. I heard rumours that Canada Post would issue a King Charles III stamp after the coronation but no date was announced and the Canada Post website was silent about the stamps. I have said more than once that Canada Post should be in charge of military security because no one can keep a secret like their management.

I had previously bought the baby animal stamps to mail out the bulletin, but held off putting the stamps on the envelopes pending developments. On Coronation Day, May 6, Canada Post announced there would be a KC3 stamp to the news media but their website had nothing. On Sunday, May 7, the website finally had an announcement, that the stamp would be issued on Monday, May 8. I presume they held off just in case something went wrong at the Coronation.

Monday was hectic for me. Picking up the printed copies, then rushing to a postal outlet to buy the stamps, then rushing home to apply the stamps (a half-hour job) and stuff the envelopes. I have a Trodat rubber stamp kit for messages, so for another half hour I stamped the back of the envelopes with a message that they were first-day covers.

I originally intended to postmark the envelopes at the Britannia Pharmacy RePO just off Elbow Drive. I live in the southwest on the opposite side of Glenmore Reservoir and Britannia is an easy drive. I hadn't counted on the fact that there were no parking spaces available anywhere in the neighbourhood. I circled the area, which is congested at the best of times and found nothing within four blocks, and plenty of parking restrictions elsewhere.

Giving up on Britannia, I then drove the full length of Crowchild Trail completely across the city, up into the far reaches of northwest Calgary to the Royal Oak Sobeyes RePO on Country Hills Boulevard NW. There the busy clerks let me do the postmarking. By the time I was done, it was mid-afternoon. A full day getting the bulletin out.

When I bought the stamps, I was disappointed not so much that they were small definitive size but that they were grey on a black background. They looked like mourning stamps, not a celebration of our new King. Fortunately I was able to angle the canceller so the date and Royal Oak inscriptions were in the clear.

THE DEVIL AND THE DETAILS: PART 2

by Tony Doughty

Look carefully at Figure 1. Can you determine the difference between the three stamps A, B and C from the Majestic Forests issue? Well, maybe C is a bit obvious, it's a stamp from the lower right corner of the philatelic pane of 20, and if the figure showed the three additional stamps immediately adjacent to this one, it would be a Plate Block.

With stamps A and B, the difference is not so obvious, unless you collect stamps with selvages attached and carefully examine the tagging under UV light. The Devil is truly in the details.



Above: Figure 1

Below: Figure 2



First, to state the obvious, these stamps are from the Majestic Forests series (Unitrade 1283 to 1286, page 276), of which Canada Post issued panes of 20 showing four different stamps, in a 4 x 5 format. The four different stamps were also issued in "Souvenir Miniature Panes" of four stamps, with each individual pane displaying four identical stamps. Petro-Canada used these Souvenir Miniature Panes as promotional items. (Figure 2)

The difference between Stamps A and B in Figure 1 is that A originates from the lower right corner of a field stock pane of 20, and B originates from the lower right corner of a "Souvenir Miniature Pane". How do I know? That's where the selvages and tagging are important.

On the pane of 20, the tagging frame around the entire outer tagging edges of the pane of 20 is approximately 3.5mm wide. On the “Souvenir Miniature” panes, the bordering edges of the tagging are approximately 4.5mm wide.

Study Figure 3 carefully. It is composed of two overlapping photographs taken under UV light. The rear image shows the upper right corner of a field stock pane of 20 cropped to show four stamps.

The overlaying image, with the white border, shows a cropped image of the Boreal Forrest Souvenir Sheet (Unitrade 1286b) of four. The grossly enlarged out-take to the right in Figure 3 clearly demonstrates the difference in the width of the outer frame tagging on both the souvenir sheet panes (front) and field stock pane (rear).

Although I have demonstrated only the right portion of the tagging frame here, your research on the top, bottom and left portions of the tagging frame will identify that this tagging feature is universal on all sides of both the souvenir panes and the full panes of 20.

Unfortunately, although this tagging research on stamps with selvages can identify, and separate, the stamps from either the souvenir sheet or the field stock panes, the six stamps in the centre of the field stock pane cannot be separately identified.

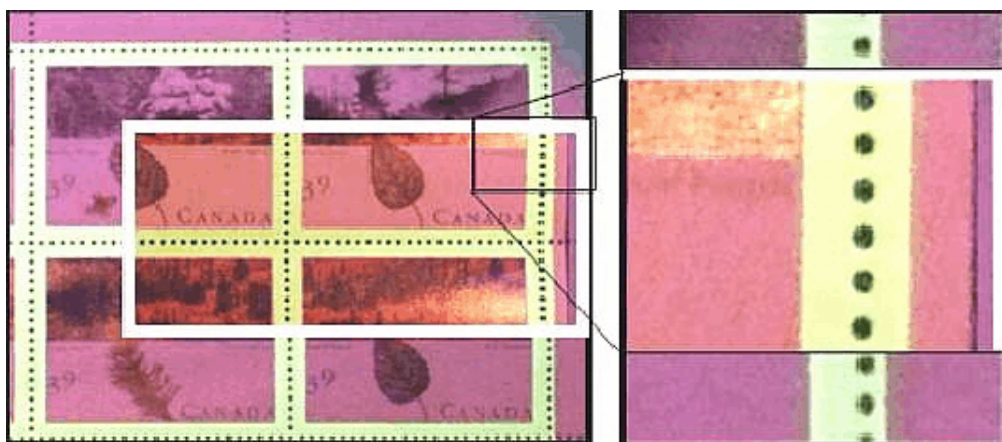


Figure 3

If you study Figure 4 (next page) carefully, where I have overlaid a cropped field stock image over a full Souvenir Pane image, you will observe that the internal tagging lines, both horizontal and vertical, surrounding individual stamps from both sources are identically sized.

With well over 3,000 sheet stamps in possible consideration for selvedge variations, I will refrain from future articles on sheet stamp selvedge varieties, unless I consider and variations to be of significant interest to serious philatelists.

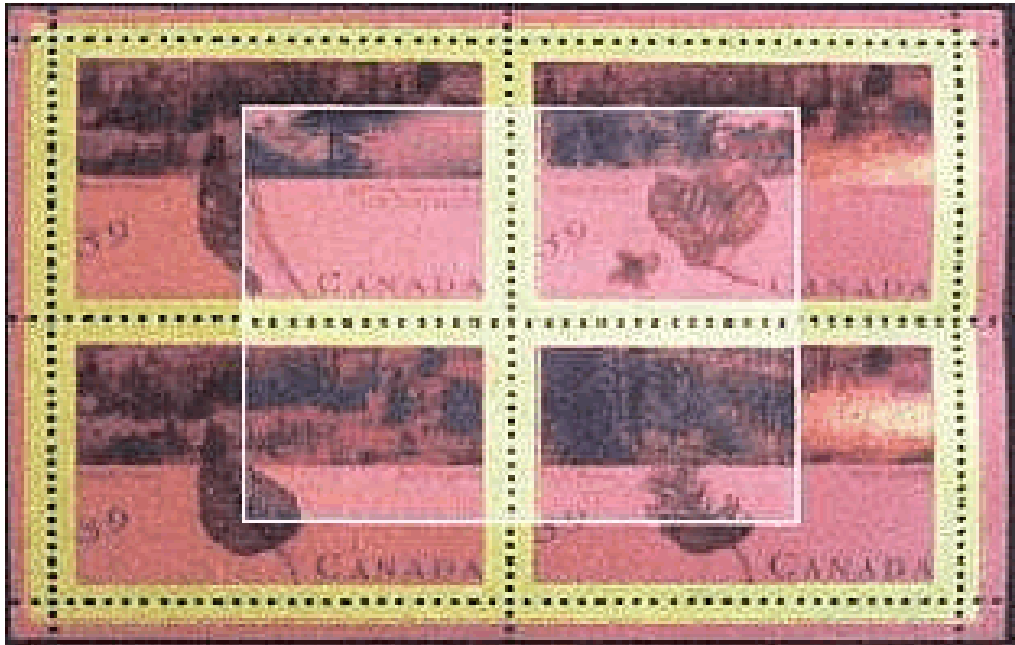


Figure 4

However, because stamp booklets represent a microcosm of the philatelic hobby, and because so few booklets have been issued with selvages attached to the stamps, I will continue this series with a more thorough analysis of selvages on booklet stamps. Hopefully you can apply my research techniques to your own research and other sheet stamps.

As always, I welcome your constructive comments on my philatelic research, and our editor would, I am sure, be delighted to receive your own contributions to any philatelic research you may perform in your own philatelic interest.

For example, do other postal authorities under print their stamps? What different colours of taggant are used by different countries, and why? Do other countries use bi- or tri-perforated perforation gauges on stamps, or is that a unique Canadian contribution to anti-forgery measures?

What un-catalogued EFO's can be recognized on foreign or Canadian stamps that you have identified? There is so much still to be revealed about Canadian and foreign Stamps beyond the pretty pictures they are.

[to be continued]

THE QUEEN IS DEAD. LONG LIVE THE KING!

by Dave Bartlett

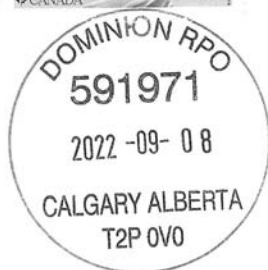
Here are some stamps and covers prepared on Coronation Day, May 6, while in Ottawa attending ORAPEX.



Coronation Charles III, 6 May 2023



Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III on 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey following passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8 September 2022.



Coronation Charles III, 6 May 2023



Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III on 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey following passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8 September 2022.



Coronation Charles III - 6 May 2023



Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty The Queen Consort Camilla on 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey.



JUNE 21 MEMBERS' BOURSE

by Jim Senecal

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The third Wednesday in June will be another Members' Bourse. Tables are available for \$5 for CPS members wanting to sell bulk or album items. Contact me for bookings.

BNAPS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society held its regular meeting on May 10 via Zoom. Dave Bartlet was the host and there were 13 participants. The meeting opened with discussion about recent and future stamp shows. There was also talk about the recent King Charles III stamp and its availability on its first day of issue on May 8.

Arnie Janson then presented several mini-talks. Firstly he spoke about wreck covers from the Empress of Ireland disaster in 1914, the worst shipwreck in Canadian history. He then discussed Canadian stamp varieties.

Janson finished up with a cover mailed from Hungary in 1946 to Canada, using a Canadian international reply coupon pasted on the envelope instead of a stamp. At that time Hungary was experiencing the worst hyperinflation in history, 400 octillion %, and no stamps were available.

CIRCUIT BOOKS REPORT

by Larry Tweedale

The year end for Circuit Books on June 30 is fast approaching! Sales will be closed after the June 7 meeting. The long process of tallying the sales for each book will be completed after that and the sales for the past year will be determined.

The oldest books as well as the books that are close to being sold out will be retired. These will be returned to the owners along with the pay-out cheques, probably starting June 21 at the member's bourse.

For members, June is an ideal month to obtain blank books (just \$1 each) and prepare them over the summer to be ready for the resumption of meetings in September. The best selling countries are Canada (all years but especially the most recent), USA, Great Britain, and the Commonwealth.



There have been requests for Newfoundland, China, modern Italy, recent Germany, and France (last 10 years), Hawaii, and perfins from all countries.

Most members sell their stamps at one-third to half of Scott catalogue values. I look forward to receiving your submissions. Happy summer stamping and I hope to see you soon!

A sample stamp from the circuits.

WHAT DO YOU COLLECT?

That was the theme of the June 7 general meeting, where four CPS members presented on their interests. Murray Bialek began with a talk on Canadian stamp errors, freaks, and oddities.

Donna Trathen followed with a discussion about the RCMP 150th anniversary stamp issued on May 23. This will be a rarity because only 100,000 booklets of six were issued and most postal outlets only got 15 booklets.

Walter Herdzik then spoke on British Central Africa postal history and distributed a chart relating the items. Danny Chow then completed the evening with a look at some of his postcard collecting, both image side and postmark side.

CPS NEEDS YOU

by Murray Bialek

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This club is an active society which organizes and runs many stamp activities for its members. These events are sponsored by members of the Board of Directors which has 4 to 5 meetings every year. Now is your chance to volunteer and help us sustain an active and vibrant club. We are keen to welcome new directors with their ideas and energy.

The CPS has three openings for our Board. One of these openings is for the position of Treasurer. Please consider letting your name stand for election for the 2023-2024 Board of Directors at our Annual General Meeting on September 6. Contact Murray Bialek to express your interest in joining us or for further information.

CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

CPS member Willi Beckers Locke has volunteered to take over membership duties effective May 15, 2023. All renewals by cash or cheque can now be given directly to Willi at any of our meetings or cheques can be mailed to her or payment can be made to her via e-transfer.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2023-2024

Our official year end, June 30, is almost here which means it's now time to renew your membership before it expires.

1. You may pay at any of our meetings by cash or cheque
2. You may make out your cheque to CPS for \$25 and mail it to

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3. via e-transfer directly from your bank account to the CPS Membership Director, willi.beckerslocke@gmail.com

COWTOWNERS OUT OF TOWN

At the ORAPEX 2023 stamp show on May 6 to 7 in Ottawa, Dave Bartlet's exhibit "Hers And His" received a Vermeil medal and the special prize for Innovative Topicals.

UPDATED CPS HISTORY

The final revision of the history of the CPS is now available on the club website at www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com This is a free pdf for anyone, including non-members. Look for the Club History link.

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WANTED: Red Deer Stamp Club show covers for the following years: 1965 to 1978, 1984 to 1989, 1993 to 1999. Contact Dale Speirs at opuntia57@yahoo.ca or see him at general meetings.

WANTED: I am using Peter Spencer's books concerning the 5-cent Numeral issue. I would like to purchase used copies of the 5-cent Numeral issue. Send me an email with what you have to offer and an asking price. Alain Gauthier at ag250649@yahoo.ca

FOR SALE: Australia used. Jim Heather 430 Centre Street, Vulcan, Alberta T0L 2B0 or jheath01@telus.net

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

WANTED: Willing to pay \$50 for an original Super S Drug Mart price label. Super S was on 14th Street SW from mid-1960s to mid-1980s. Contact Milton at 403-797-6644 or milmarzee@gmail.com

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.

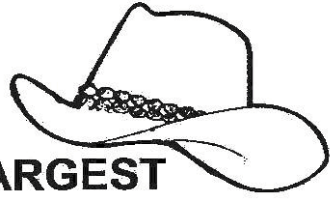
WANTED: Canadian perfin covers and Canadian military covers and postcards. Contact Jon Johnson at 253-8411 or jcjperfans@hotmail.com

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

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.



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CLUB NEWS

Publications by CPS members:

Jim Taylor had an article in the 2023 May/June issue of CANADIAN PHILATELIST about the Lady Boats of the Canadian National Steamships of the 1930s.

Dale Speirs published a history of the post offices in southern Alberta along the Stirling to Manyberries railroad line in JOURNAL OF ALBERTA POSTAL HISTORY #28. JAPH is available as free pdfs from the Postal History Society of Canada website. Go to: www.postalhistorycanada.net/php/StudyGroups/Alberta

Jim Taylor's definitive collection of St Pierre et Miquelon was on the front page of CANADIAN STAMP NEWS for May 23, announcing its sale through Eastern Auctions.

At the June 7 general meeting, the President's Pot was presented to outgoing treasurer Cary Hatcher in recognition of his services.

2027 STAMP SHOW

Murray Bialek mentioned the possibility of Calgary hosting a Royal Philatelic Society of Canada national convention in 2027. The significance of that date is that it will be the centennial of the first public stamp show held in Calgary. A straw poll at the June 7 meeting indicated 15 people would be willing to volunteer for the show committee.

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2023

June	14	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	21	Members' bourse - Kerby Centre
	28	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
July	5	Deadline for July bulletin
August	2	Deadline for August bulletin
September	6	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	6	Deadline for September bulletin
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	20	Auction - Kerby Centre
	27	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
	27	Deadline for October bulletin
October	4	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	11	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	14 and 15	CALTAPEX 2023 - Kerby Centre
	18	Auction - Kerby Centre
	25	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
November	1	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	1	Deadline for November 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.