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The Mounties, who founded Fort Calgary in 1875, are now celebrating 150 years.

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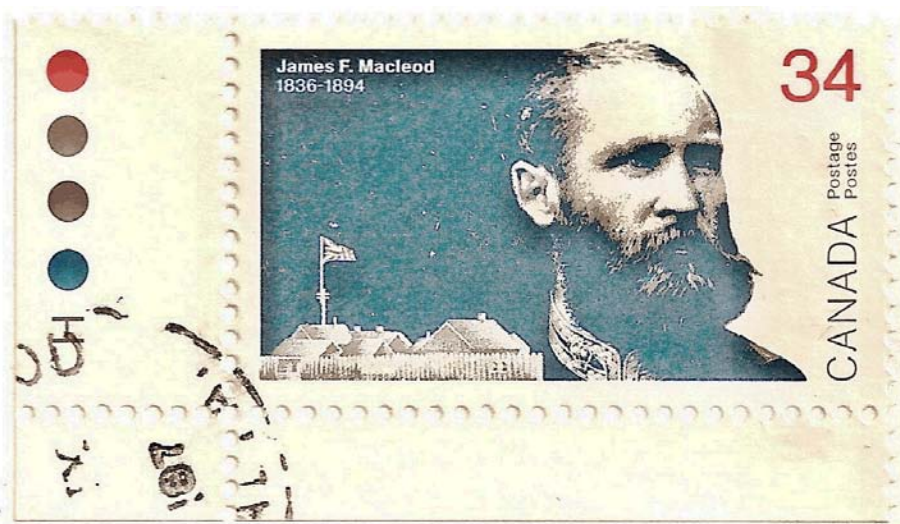
150 YEARS OF SERVICE

by Dale Speirs

In 1873, the North West Mounted Police, today the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, were formed. Their history is part of Alberta's history, and certainly for Calgary. On August 28, 1875, F Troop of the North West Mounted Police forded the Bow River just above the junction of the Elbow River and built a fort.

The commanding officer was Lt. Ephrem Albert Brisebois, who quickly renamed Bow Valley Post as Fort Brisebois. His order was countermanded by his superior officer Col. James Macleod. He renamed the place as Fort Calgary, after Calgary Bay, Isle of Mull, Scotland. Macleod was born and raised in the Scottish Western Isles.

The order was sent up Macleod Trail (today Highway 2 south of Calgary) from the NWMP headquarters at Fort Macleod. As they say in the army, rank has its privileges.



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THE DEVIL AND THE DETAILS: PART 4

by Tony Doughty

Booklet 55 was the last definitive booklet to be assembled mechanically, with staples or stitches. Many new variables were introduced with the Centennial issue booklets. In 1968, an integral booklet was introduced by BABNC.

This consisted of a one-piece cardstock cover folded at the left side of the booklet. The stamps were glued to the booklet by the selvage tab variously attached to the inside of the folded booklet cover on either the inside of the front, or the inside of the back cover depending upon the number of stamps contained on the booklet pane. Unfortunately, it is almost impossible to obtain used booklet stamps with the selvage tab attached to the selvage edged stamps from these integral booklets.

Prior to the issue of integral booklets, all booklets were line perforated and the perforations extended across the selvage tabs. For the next 17 years (1968 to 1985), all BABNC printed definitive booklets would be issued comb perforated, with no perforations in the selvage tabs. Only the Opal booklet (Bk 73) printed by CBNC for the Opal Manufacturing Company, was line perforated and cross perforated in the selvage tab.

Another feature of the selvage tabs introduced with the integral booklets is the positioning of a cutting guideline block spanning the left and right edges of the selvage tab. Although first apparent on Booklet 56 stamps panes, it appears to have been omitted on Booklets 57, 58 and 59, all printed in 1968, and Booklet 63, the Opal booklet.

All other Centennial booklets, Caricature issues, Floral issues, Maple Leaf and Parliament Definitives issues, through to Booklet 96 and printed by BABNC continue the use of cutting guideline blocks in the selvage tabs. Selvage-attached stamps showing the cutting guideline blocks are almost impossible to collect.



In 1968, Canada Post introduced the first Christmas issue booklet consisting of two flimsy paper covers with two panes of 10 vertically oriented stamps in a five column-two row format as Booklet 72. This experiment was repeated in 1969 with Booklet 73.

Both booklets were created with the selvedge tab at either the left or the right end of the booklet pane. These booklets were printed by CBNC, and do not contain cutting guideline blocks and are cross-perforated on the selvedge tabs.

The booklets appear to have been assembled with a thin film of gum on the outer edge of the selvedge tab. They fall apart quite easily, but selvedge-attached stamps are quite common and easily collected.

Up to 1983, all booklet stamps were produced in a vertical or horizontal format with a one-size-fits-all-stamps configuration. Stamps were perforated on one, two, or three sides, and rouletted straight on the outside edges of the booklets.

Except for Booklets 57 and 60, both of which were both perforated and rouletted along vertical perforations between booklets. Examine and collect Booklet 57 and 60 stamps very carefully!

In 1983 and 1985, Ashton Potter gave us Booklets 86 and 87 with many firsts. For starters, these are Canada's first booklets with selvages on all four sides of the booklet pane. The first booklets to contain stamps perforated on all four sides (notwithstanding Booklets 57 and 60).

The first booklets to contain different illustrations on the ten stamps, the first booklets to contain stamps with three different sized subjects, and the first booklets to contain printer's inscriptions in the selvedge tab.

On both booklets, the right-most selvages are blank. Each booklet pane contained the printer's inscription on the selvedge tab. On the 32¢ Booklet 57 both English and French text was used in the titles (another first?), but in the 34¢ Booklet 60, this was reduced to a bi-lingual title notation (another first?).

The horizontal selvedge attached to each stamp contains the name of the Fort depicted on the stamp (yet another first?). I believe the only way to collect stamps from Booklets 86 and 87 is with the selvedge attached.

In fact, both booklets are ideal and easy candidates for plating. Selvedge attached stamps are very rare. Although stamps with attached inscribed selvages do not command a premium catalogue value, I believe they should.

Although Booklets 86 and 87 represent the first time printer's inscription, as we know them today, have occurred on booklet stamp panes, and the first time selvages have been included on all four sides of the stamp pane. It will not be the last, as we shall discover.



Furthermore, all booklet 86 and 87 stamps have inscriptions in both English and French on the stamps' selvedge identifying the fort depicted. Another booklet pane that can be easily plated and on which the stamps are best collected with attached selvedges. Selvedge-attached stamps are very rare.

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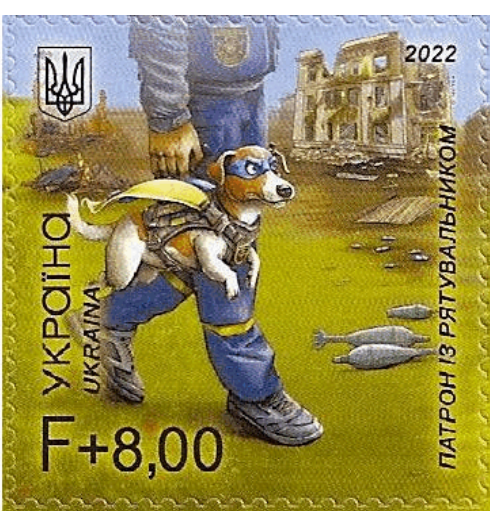
THE 2022 UKRAINIAN WAR: PART 3

by Dale Speirs

Ukrposhta, the Ukrainian post office, has recognized the value of postage stamps not just to pay the rates but as propaganda at home and abroad. This 2022 sheetlet, shown with the stamps enlarged, takes a humorous look at a very serious subject, bomb-sniffing dogs.

The two bottom stamps on the sheetlet shows one of the actual dogs and its awards. The letter F indicated the domestic rate and the 8.00 is a charitable surcharge.







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EXHIBITING AT CALTAPEX 2023

by Dave Russum

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It is vital we have a variety of exhibits at our show in October. Exhibits can be from 1 page to 10 frames. They can be formally judged (see prospectus posted on website at www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com for details) or simply displayed as interesting material.

We are particularly keen to include new exhibits. While they must include some philatelic material, they can include other relevant supporting material. Please submit your entry forms (pdfs available at the CPS website or printed forms at general meetings) as soon as possible. Contact me if you have questions.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The September 6 meeting will be the AGM. There are two vacant directorships plus we need a Treasurer. The latter position is vitally important as someone has to arrange payment of room rentals and printing bills for the CPS activities. The club does not run on autopilot. Advice can be had from Murray Bialek at mbialek@shaw.ca or (403) 241-2006.

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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

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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

The July bulletin was mailed on July 10 from the Sobeys South Cranston RePO, using the Thelma Chalifoux stamp. She was a Metis leader and Canadian Senator who was born and raised in Calgary.

Don't forget to use the summer to fill up circuit books with your duplicate stamps. Blank books are \$1 each from Larry Tweedale. Telephone him at (403) 282-9726 (leave message).

Please read carefully the calendar of events on the back cover. Some of the event dates and deadlines have changed temporarily in September.

CALTAPEX 2023 is scheduled for October 14 and 15 at the Kerby Centre. Volunteers are needed for show setup and teardown, greeting visitors at the front table, and helping at club activity tables. Contact Walter Herdzik at (403) 238-7845 or see him at the general meetings.

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2023

September	6	AGM and elections - Kerby Centre
	6	Deadline for September bulletin
	20	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
December	6	Christmas social - Kerby Centre
	6	Deadline for December bulletin
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom

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January	3	General meeting - Kerby Centre
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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 547-7681.