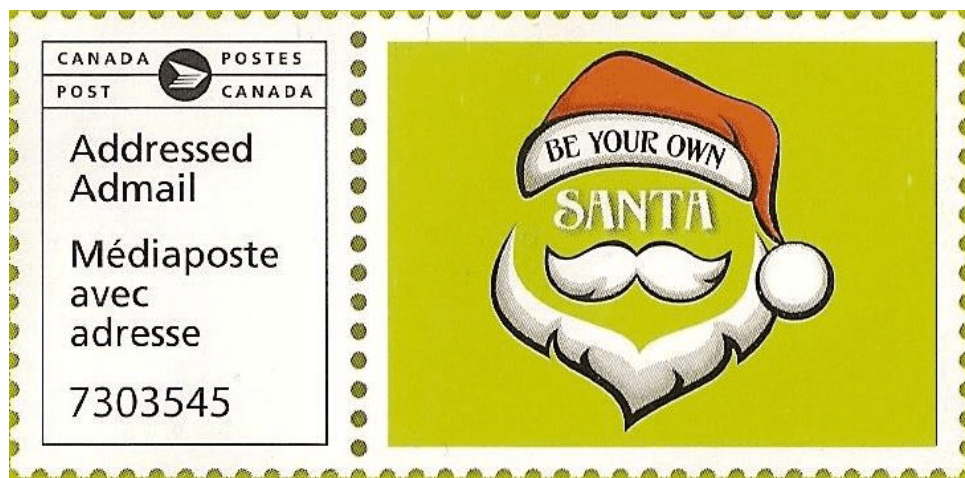


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Don't overlook your junk mail as a source of topicals. Here are two illustrated permits suitable for a Christmas collection. Shown here graphically cropped from the envelopes; never physically cut permits off the covers.

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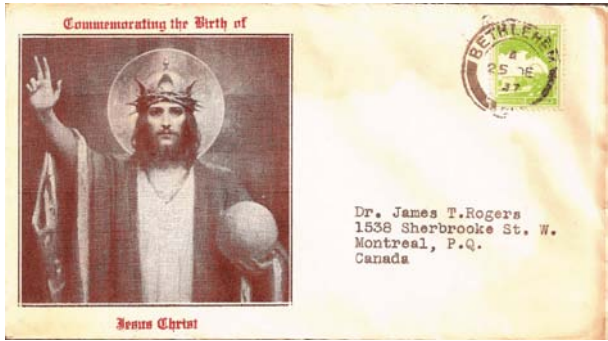
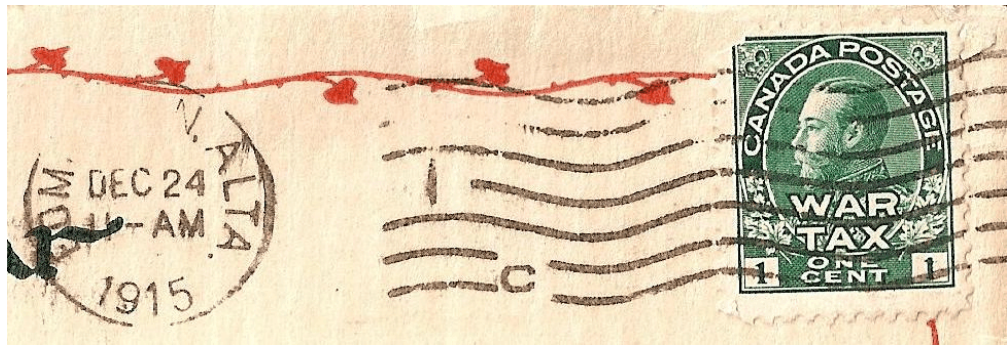
CHRISTMAS WITHOUT PEACE ON EARTH

by Dale Speirs



Alas, contrary to songs, Christmas is not a season of peace on Earth and goodwill to man.

The top cover was mailed from Edmonton on Christmas Eve in 1915 as World War One ramped up. The bottom cover was mailed Christmas Day 1937 from Bethlehem in what was then a different Palestine.



THE DEVIL AND THE DETAILS: PART 7

by Tony Doughty

In 1995 Ashton Potter introduced the “Fortress of Louisbourg” booklet (Bk 175, Figure 1) with a unique picture spanning five stamps across the width of the pane. There are no white gutters on the vertical perforations between the stamps. This booklet represents the first time the stamp pane is printed as a continuous mural, and the first time with no white spaces defining the vertical perforations.

Furthermore, the selvages across the top of the booklet pane have the descriptive stamp picture notes printed in English and the bottom selvages have the notes printed in French. To me this is another important reason to collect stamps with attached selvages. Different selvage notations represent different stamps.



Booklet selvages have remained relatively unchanged after the initial introduction of Printer’s Inscriptions on Booklet 86, and the addition of printing colour identification dots on Booklet 89.

Printer’s Inscriptions have been represented in many different styles, designs and configurations.

However, in 1995 Ashton-Potter introduced yet another design concept, allowing part of the illustrations on the stamps to fade into the booklet selvages.

Above: Figure 1
Below: Figure 2

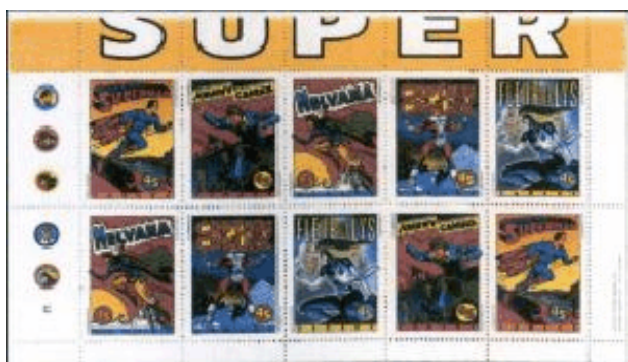


The Arctic Booklet (Bk 184, Figure 2) has several new distinguishing features. In addition to the being the first time individual stamp designs migrating onto adjacent stamps, and into the selvages, this is the first booklet in which the Printer's Inscriptions are distribute along the bottom long edge selvedge.

It is also the first time the inscriptions are distributed over four different stamps; the first time illustrations have been applied to selvages; and the first time two different heights of selvages have been used on opposite edges of the stamp pane and specifically designed to accommodate notations, either inscriptions and pictures.

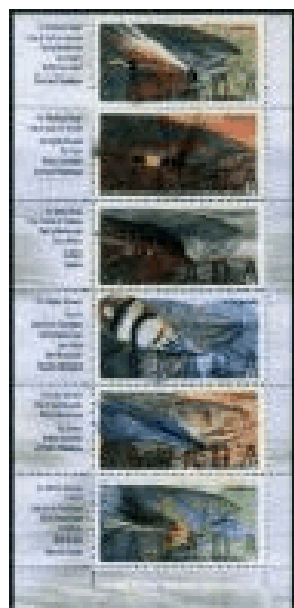
Until these innovative progressions, all Printer's Inscriptions were printed either on the selvedge tab attaching the stamp pane into the booklet or at the opposite end of the stamp pane on an otherwise blank selvedge, which may or may not have been different sizes.

Different heights (or widths) of selvages have been applied to several different booklets since the Arctic booklet, among which are the "Comic Book Superheroes" booklet (Bk 187, Figure 3), and the "Fishing Flies" booklet (Bk 207, Figure 4).



Above: Figure 3

At right: Figure 4



Over my too many years of philately, I have found searching for stamps with attached selvages to be challenging, absorbing and revealing.

Unfortunately, with the introduction of rouletted self-adhesive booklets supplanting conventional perforated booklets and the resulting loss of selvages, another philatelic envelope is sealed.

If my articles have piqued your interest on booklet stamps with attached selvages, I suggest you make a hasty visit to our local stamps dealer and garner their limited stock. After all those elusive stamps with selvedge attached are just that, elusive, and never to be reproduced again. Devilishly difficult to obtain!

AMALGAMATION OF BLACK DIAMOND AND TURNER VALLEY

by Mike Braconnier

[See also the February 2023 issue of this bulletin regarding the amalgamation of two towns this year on 2023-01-01 into Diamond Valley. Mike lives in Black Diamond.]

For now, Canada Post requested us to use our previous mailing address. Both post offices are remaining the same with town name, box number, and postal code. Below is a message placed in our mail by the Town of Diamond Valley.

PUBLIC NOTICE - POSTAL ADDRESSING

April 18, 2023

To avoid any possible issues with mail delivery, Canada Post has requested that Town of Diamond Valley residents and businesses use their previous Black Diamond or Turner Valley mailing address until further notice. There is no change to your box number or postal code. Your physical street address remains 'Diamond Valley'.

Due to the transition, some systems may require a Diamond Valley mailing address, ie Provincial election registration. The CRA will require a Turner Valley or Black Diamond mailing address on your tax return. If you have already updated your driver's licence and/or vehicle registration with a Diamond Valley mailing address, there is no need to go back and change those back to your previous mailing address.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR CHANGE

Murray Bialek is back once again as the CPS Membership Director. Please refer all future membership questions to him.

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2024, please be aware that this is your last issue of our newsletter! CPS membership has a multitude of benefits (check them out at www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com) including receipt of this newsletter. 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 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 "Calgary Philatelic Society" and mailed to:

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CHRISTMAS SOCIAL 2023



The annual CPS Christmas Social was held on December 6 in the regular meeting room, with 34 members enjoying the good food and fun.

There was a quiz after the meal.



Four members competed for best Christmas clothing.

Shown at left are (left to right) Willi Beckers Locke (the winner), Jan Brookes, Murray Bialek, and Peggy Wilson.

Two major CPS awards were presented by Jan Brookes. The Dr E.G. Mason Award for long service went to Murray Bialek (top photo). The Founders' Award for service in the past season was given to Dave Russum (bottom photo).



There was a clothesline exhibit competition for one-page exhibits, judged by People's Choice. The four categories were won as follow.

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| 1) Queen Elizabeth II stamps or covers: | Willi Beckers Locke |
| 2) Cinderella labels: | Ray Villeneuve |
| 3) Largest and smallest stamp in collection: | Ray Villeneuve |
| 4) Most unclear address on a cover: | Walter Herdzik |



GENERAL MEETING PRESENTATIONS

by Dave Russum

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For the January 3 meeting, Phil Wolf will present Part 2 of “Cover Story”, a review of interesting covers from around the world.

February 7 will be “The Future Of CPS”, an open discussion on the challenges for stamp clubs in the 21st Century. Bring your ideas and suggestions to the meeting or contact Dave Russum.

March 6 is to be announced. Please get in touch with me if you have something you would like to present.

CHRISTMAS POSTMARKS

by Dale Speirs

Just a few Christmas postmarks from my collection. Or are they? The Lethbridge postmark below (graphically cropped from a cover) appears to have been cancelled on December 25. The cover actually entered the mail on November 25. The extra I is the date hub mount. When the postie changed the month to XI, he pushed the date too far in, such that it was level with the rim of the hub. Notice the hub edge extended to beside the PM mark.



I get a fair amount of American mail. The toughest postmarks to collect are spray-on slogans because most are blobby. Cleaning the ink jets is a low priority for sorting plant posties. Out of a hundred spray-ons, these were the best two Christmas slogans.

LOS ANGELES CA 900

5 DEC 2022 PM 12 L



SANTA ANA CA 926

24 DEC 2022 PM 2 L



MEMBER'S BOURSE JANUARY 17

by Jim Senecal

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On the normal auction night of January 17, the CPS will instead hold a Member's Night so individuals can sell their own material to other members. Cost is \$5 per table. The event will begin at 19h00 and end at 21h00. To reserve a table contact Jim Senecal.

CAPE

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors held its monthly meeting via Zoom on November 29. Dave Russum was the moderator and there were 9 participants. Dave began with a brief review of Universal Postal Union statistics and a look at forthcoming stamps shows.

Jim Taylor then spoke on publishing in stamp journals, particularly the paying markets. He used his exhibit on New Zealand 1939-40 Centennial Exhibition as an example of applying philatelic material as a written article. The important part is to tell a story instead of just showing stamps and listing the details about them.

For publishing, you need to have your own material scanned at high-quality dpi, not blobby downloads scraped from the Internet. There are software packages which will improve grammar and spelling. AI software are worthless, as they produce reports riddled with errors. Send query letters to editors to ensure the publication will accept your work.

Dale Speirs then talked about www.academia.edu, where he has a profile. This website is intended for scientists and historians publishing learned papers. There are tens of thousands of papers on science and history, which can be searched for and provide a source of credible information as free pdf downloads.

There are categories for postal history and philately. Dale has been publishing postal history on the site, which get regular downloads. The basic service is free. There is a premium subscription service but not necessary as it is for bells and extras that only university academics would need.

CPS AUTHORS ELSEWHERE

Jon Johnson and Gary Tomasson published an article about fake Canadian perfins in the 2023 Fourth Quarter issue of BNA TOPICS (www.bnaps.org)

Dale Speirs published issue #30 of the JOURNAL OF ALBERTA POSTAL HISTORY, dealing with the post offices of 40-Mile Coulee district (Granlea, Maleb, Pleasant View, Prosper, Windy Ridge) and the New Dayton-Blakesville post offices. JAPH is available as free pdfs from the Postal History Society of Canada website. Go to: www.postalhistorycanada.net/php/StudyGroups/Alberta

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BNAPS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society held its monthly meeting on November 8 via Zoom. Dave Bartlet was the host and there were 17 participants. The meeting began with Mike Street discussing current books published by BNAPS such as Centennial definitives, postal stationery, and military postal history.

The main theme of the meeting was unusual stamps, postmarks, and covers. Arnie Janson showed items such as a reperforated forgery of the Canada 6-pence stamp depicting Prince Albert, an 1856 cover postmarked 8156, and a cover mis-sent to London, Ontario, instead of London, England.

Gary Tomasson showed some fake OHMS perfins, including one where the forger punched the fake perfin through a stamp hinge. Jon Johnson followed with CPR perfins, such as a pair used on a postcard from Victoria, B.C., to Nebraska. Dale Speirs then showed postmarks with spelling errors, such as Pentiction and Red Deer, ABN.

Doug Lingard discussed philatelic disasters such as people attempting to remove stamps from covers, tearing both and ruining both. Other disasters shown were covers stored in damp basements and those patched with Scotch tape, leaving brown stains on the envelope.

Ray Villeneuve showed a Special Delivery cover from Canada to Pres. Franklin Roosevelt, and a postcard mailed in 1967 from Sulphur Mountain, Banff, with a special handstamp. Dave Bartlet showed paste-up booklets of the 37-cent Parliament stamps, where the printer patched the booklets together.

David Biltek showed bag tags with Official stamps. Mark Oakley finished up by showing KGV strips and corners with jagged lines in the selvage from cracked printing plates.

EXHIBITS ONLINE

by Sandy Freeman

The Philatelic Specialist Society of Canada webmaster Michael Houde had sent me a viewing invitation to be shared with other philatelists. Several of our CPS members are members of the PSSC.

Many of the PSSC members have submitted copies of their exhibits which are posted on the Society's website. This includes many of the Alberta members. This would make a great reference source for our members to peruse, especially our present and the 'want-to-be' exhibitors.

The PSSC website is free to view. There are 117 free presentations.
<https://philatelicspecialistsociety.com/presentations.php>



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The CPS is a chapter of the American Philatelic Society. Among other activities they have the Star Route Awards, designed for local club newsletters and websites. The CPS won Large Vermeil for both www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com and CALGARY PHILATELIST.



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2023

December	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
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2024

January	3	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	3	Deadline for January bulletin
	10	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	17	Members' bourse - Kerby Centre
	24	CAPE meeting - via Zoom

February	7	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	7	Deadline for February bulletin
	14	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	21	Auction - Kerby Centre
	28	CAPE meeting - via Zoom

March	6	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	6	Deadline for March bulletin
	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	20	Auction - Kerby Centre
	27	CAPE meeting - via Zoom

April	3	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	3	Deadline for April bulletin
	10	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	17	Auction - Kerby Centre
	20 and 21	Spring Bourse - Kerby Centre gymnasium
	24	CAPE meeting - via Zoom

Vehicles in both Kerby parking 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.

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.