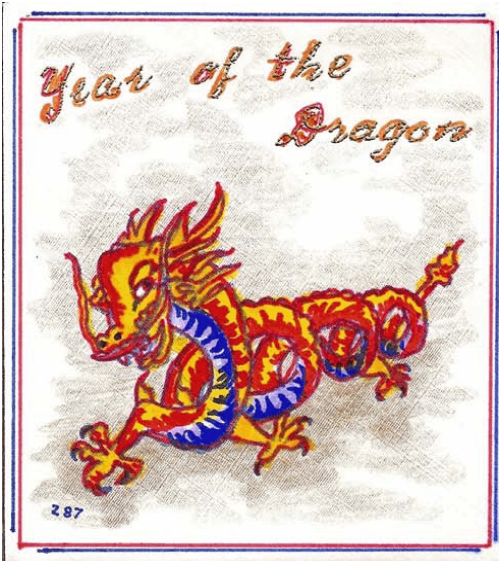


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February 10 this year, a Saturday, will be the Lunar New Year for the Year of the Dragon. Canada Post has discontinued stamps for the event but here are a couple from 2000.

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A CALGARY SQUARED CIRCLE

by Larry Tweedale

I was looking through some of my old stamp acquisitions from years ago and came across an old favourite. It is an orange 1-cent 1897 Jubilee with an old Calgary squared circle postmark (see photo).

Consulting my Unitrade Catalogue, it is actually a type II cancel (thick bars) and has a rarity factor of 10 (extremely rare). By the way, a Calgary squared circle postmark type I (thin bars) has a rarity factor of 1.

The date appears to be August 17, 1897. It was likely processed at Calgary's post office at the time, which was built on Stephen Avenue in 1894. Calgary had a population of about 4,000 and had become a city in 1894. Its boundaries just reached 17 Avenue South, east up to the Elbow River and west to 8th Street (Wikipedia). It is hard to believe we were once that small!

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JESSIE MCVEIGH (1878-1964): A FRIEND TO CALGARY PHILATELISTS

by Dale Speirs

In 2023, I published a history of the first 100 years of the Calgary Philatelic Society, available as a free pdf from the club website at www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.cm. Look for the link that says “Club History”.

In the history, there were two passing mentions of a Calgary postal employee named Jessie McVeigh. In the minutes of the 1929-04-02 CPS general meeting was a remark that a commendation would be sent to her for her excellent service to philatelists. A few years later, at the 1935-12-10 meeting, the members resolved to send her a bouquet of flowers in appreciation for her ongoing service.

In the December 2023 issue of PHSC JOURNAL, published by the Postal History Society of Canada, there were several “My Favourite Cover” notes. One was written by Dean Mario about a first-day cover of the 1935 Mountie stamp which was addressed to McVeigh. That prompted me to do some more research about her.

Her obituary was published in the 1964-01-18 CALGARY HERALD. She had died on January 16 at the age of 87. Her real full name was Cora Mabel McVeigh, which explained why I previously had trouble finding information about her under the nickname of Jessie.

The major source of information about her came from a CALGARY HERALD article published on 1949-06-25. The headline was “Veteran Postal Worker Friend Of Collectors”, an interview with her about her job. The portrait of her on the next page was from that interview. The image was from a microfilm so it is blurry, but it was the only one I could find.

She came out west with her family in 1906, with parents, a brother, and at least three sisters. She never married. The Calgary Public Library doesn’t have a complete run of HENDERSON’S DIRECTORY but the 1917 edition lists her and family at 918 - 6 Avenue West, which would be a few blocks from where the CPS now meets at the Kerby Centre. Jessie lived there until her death in 1964.

Her obituary mentioned she had been born in Russell County, Ontario. I checked Google Maps and found the county is on the south bank of the Ottawa River a few kilometres downstream from the capital city. Jessie mentioned in the 1949 interview that when her family emigrated to Calgary, the Rideau Canal was used as a dump.

What was eye-opening was just how small Calgary was then. The McVeighs originally lived on a farm just outside the town. Jessie rode to work on horseback. She mentioned that the downtown Hudson’s Bay store location was then an open-air skating rink. There were only two blocks that had proper sidewalks.

In the interview, Jessie said that she had worked in four main post offices: *“They’ve been building up and tearing down post office buildings from about my ears for 43 years.”*



Jessie worked at the same job from 1906 until her retirement in 1955. Her job all those years was selling stamps at a postal wicket and disbursing them to sub-post offices.

She mentioned that she specially selected stamps for local philatelists. *"I choose stamps that are neatly centred, with an equal amount of white border all the way around, for them. I can't help much with old issues however."*

Jessie told the reporter that she enjoyed gardening, and in season brought bouquets of flowers to brighten up the post office counter.

I checked the cumulative CPS membership list in the archives and verified that Jessie was never a member.

CAPE

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors held its regular meeting on January 24 via Zoom. Dave Russum was the moderator and there were 12 participants. Dave began with a brief talk on separating stamps, whether by scissors or tearing perforations.

There followed updates on forthcoming stamp shows. Steve Friedenthal joined the meeting from Edmonton and discussed the forthcoming national show there on the weekend of March 23 and 24.

Next up was Walter Herdzik on the Calgary Spring Bourse this coming April 20 and 21. This is a dealer bourse with club activities but will have a small exhibits section. Not a formal judged contest but there will be People's Choice balloting for maximum one-frame exhibits. No entry fee.

Looking further ahead, CALTAPEX 2024 will take place on October 19 and 20. The theme has not yet been decided, so if you have a suggestion, contact Walter at (403) 238-7845.

Jim Taylor then discussed a new publication from the American Philatelic Society (www.stamps.org) called StampEd, for which he will be writing a column. This is purely a digital magazine intended as an outreach to non-joiner stamp collectors. The quarterly will be free to anyone.

THE 2022 UKRAINIAN WAR: YEAR THREE

by Dale Speirs

[Previous parts appeared in CALGARY PHILATELIST #191, 196, 198, 204, and 205.]



The Russians invaded Ukraine on February 24, 2022. Any hope for a quick victory have faded and the war is now grinding on into its third year.

Ukrposhta, the Ukrainian post office is doing its part with propaganda stamps to raise money and bolster morale. Here are some stamps from 2023.

At left is a cheese grater showing Ukrainian fighter planes grinding down the Kremlin.

The death toll continued to mount. The stamp below mourns the casualties.



This stamp is one of a set honouring the various branches of the military. I am also attempting to get these stamps genuinely used on cover. Many thanks to Donna Trathen and Dwayne Miner for supplying such covers.



This sheetlet honours the Warriors of Light, who are civilians repairing and replacing essential infrastructure damaged or destroyed by Russian missiles.



The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society held its regular meeting on January 10 via Zoom. Dave Bartlet was the host and there were 30 participants. The meeting began with a brief discussion of forthcoming stamp shows.

The featured speaker was Haifa Selo, who presented on the Canadian stamps depicting Queen Elizabeth II. The first such stamp was issued by the Canadian Post Office in 1935 and showed Elizabeth when she was a young princess. She appeared on stamps again in 1939, 1948, and 1951, all when she was still a princess.

Then on to the issues of her reign as Queen of Canada from 1952 until 2022. Afterwards, a few participants shared their memories and humorous anecdotes about philatelic related QE2 matters.

Arnie Janson followed with a brief presentation on the 1983 Nickel commemorative stamp, which has printing shift and perforation varieties. Using this stamp as an example, he showed a demonstration of an app that can measure perforations and centring, then give a grade to the stamp.

CHECKLIST OF CANADA QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAMP DESIGNS

by Dale Speirs

I compiled this checklist in 2022 to track my Elizabethan covers. The checklist only mentions the basic design, not varieties, formats, or overprints. I don't collect mint stamps of Canada, so catalogue numbers are irrelevant to me. However if you want to cross-reference to a catalogue, this list will help.

Haifa Selo's presentation at the January 10 Calgary Regional BNAPS meeting inspired me to offer this checklist in print. The BNAPSers don't just discuss great rarities. In fact most members only collect affordable Canadian stamps and covers. Details about the Calgary Group are available from Dave Bartlet at dave.bartlet@shaw.ca. All meetings are on Zoom, so no need to go out of the house on cold winter nights.

1935	1 cent	as Princess Elizabeth
1939	1 cent	as Princess Elizabeth
1948	4 cents	wedding to Prince Philip
1951	4 cents	Royal Visit as Duchess and Duke of Edinburgh
1953	1 to 5 cents	Karsh portrait as Queen Elizabeth II
1953	4 cents	Coronation
1954	1 to 6 cents	Wilding portrait

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1957	5 cents	Visit of Queen and Prince Philip to Canada
1959	5 cents	Annigoni portrait, visit to open St. Lawrence Seaway
1962	1 to 5 cents	Cameo portrait
1964	5 cents	Visit to 1864 Conference cities
1967	1 to 5 cents	Centennial series, Queen plus scenic view
1967	5 cents	Visit for Centennial celebrations
1968	6 cents orange	Queen plus transportation view
1970	6 cents black	Queen plus transportation view
1971	7 cents	Queen plus transportation view
1971	8 cents	Queen plus Parliamentary Library view
1973	8 and 15 cents	Visit for Commonwealth meeting
1973	8 cents	Caricature portrait
1976	10 cents	Caricature portrait
1977	25 cents	Silver Jubilee of Accession to the throne
1977	12 cents	New style cameo portrait
1978	14 cents	New style cameo portrait
1979	17 cents	New style cameo portrait
1982	30 cents	New style cameo portrait
1983	32 cents	New style cameo portrait
1985	34 cents	New style cameo portrait
1987	36 cents	New style cameo portrait
1987	37 cents	New Karsh portrait
1988	38 cents	New Karsh portrait
1990	39 cents	New Karsh portrait
1990	40 cents	New Karsh portrait
1991	42 cents	New Karsh portrait
1992	43 cents	New Karsh portrait
1995	45 cents	New Karsh portrait
1998	46 cents	New Karsh portrait
2000	47 cents	New Karsh portrait
2002	48 cents	Golden Jubilee of Accession
2003	48 cents	Golden Jubilee of Coronation
2003	49 cents	Bryan Adams portrait
2004	50 cents	Bryan Adams portrait
2006	51 cents	80 th birthday
2006	\$1.49	80 th birthday

2006	Permanent rate	Portrait taken during 2005 visit, pink outfit
2007	Permanent rate	Portrait taken during 2005 visit, blue outfit
2009	Permanent rate	Portrait taken during 2005 visit, white outfit
2010	Permanent rate	Portrait taken during 2005 visit, different blue outfit
2012	Permanent rate	Diamond Jubilee of Accession, Queen in robes
2012	Permanent rate	Diamond Jubilee of Accession, 1953 stamp reproduced
2012	Permanent rate	Diamond Jubilee of Accession, 1967 visit stamp
2012	Permanent rate	Diamond Jubilee of Accession, 1997 Silver stamp
2012	Permanent rate	Diamond Jubilee of Accession, young and old Queen
2012	Permanent rate	Diamond Jubilee of Accession, 1990 40-cent stamp
2012	Permanent rate	Diamond Jubilee of Accession, Golden Jubilee stamp
2013	Permanent rate	Portrait taken during 2010 visit, yellow and white hat
2013	Permanent rate	Diamond Jubilee of Coronation, Queen in robes
2013	63 cents	Portrait taken during 2010 visit, yellow and white hat
2015	Permanent rate	Longest reigning British monarch
2016	Permanent rate	88 th birthday portrait
2018	Permanent rate	65 th anniversary of Coronation
2019	Permanent rate	Portrait of Queen in purple hat
2022	Permanent rate	Platinum Jubilee of Accession

LEAP DAY 2024

This year is a leap year, so on Thursday, February 29, you will have an opportunity to prepare Leap Day covers. Design a cachet and take the covers to a postal outlet for handback cancellations. This is an inexpensive way to put fun into your hobby.

EDMONTON STAMP CLUB SPRING NATIONAL SHOW 2024

Many Calgarians attend this show. The venue is the Central Lion's Rec Centre, 113 Street and 111 Avenue, Edmonton. The event will be held March 23 and 24, from 10h00 to 17h00 on Saturday and 10h00 to 16h00 on Sunday. Dealers bourse and exhibits. More information from www.edmontonstampclub.ca

CPS members compete each year in the exhibits. The deadline for exhibit entries is February 28. Rules and entry forms are available on the ESC website. This is a chance to contend in a national-level show sanctioned by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

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recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Home/Search

Use “RG3 (province or territory of post office)” without the quotation marks or brackets in the search box, then the name of post office. RG3 is the Post Offices and Postmasters database. If you omit it, then your results will be buried in a mass of non-postal items.

The University of Calgary has scanned hundreds of local histories of western Canada. Valuable for supplemental information about post offices and the biographies of postmasters. <https://digitalcollections.ucalgary.ca/archive/>

Atlas Of Alberta Railways is a website of the University of Alberta with maps and histories of all railroads in this province. <https://railways.library.ualberta.ca>

The Calgary Public Library has hundreds of local history books at New Central Library downtown (4th floor, south end). They also have street and telephone directories for southern Alberta as an incomplete run from 1896. Before you go, you can search their catalogue at: calgary.bibliocommons.com Use a keyword search with the name of the town and add the word “history”.

JOURNAL OF ALBERTA POSTAL HISTORY is available as free pdfs from the Postal History Society of Canada.

<https://www.postalhistorycanada.net/php/StudyGroups/Alberta>

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www.academia.edu has categories for Postal History and Philately on its search engine. There are also tens of thousands of learned papers on general history and science. All are available as free pdfs.

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

The January bulletin was mailed on January 8 from the Harvest Hills Rexall Drugs retail postal outlet at Harvest Hills Boulevard and 96 Avenue NE. The winter landscape stamp was used.

The February 7 general meeting had a discussion on how the CPS should change moving into the future, such as a stronger Internet presence beyond the website. Dave Russum moderated the vigorous audience discussion. At that meeting the President’s Pot was presented to Wayne Dwyer for his volunteerism in many activities.

PUBLICATIONS BY CPS MEMBERS

Jim Taylor had a two-page spread in the January 30 issue of CANADIAN STAMP NEWS on stamps illustrating the Scott expedition to Antarctica and how it helped prove continental drift.

Tony Doughty had an ongoing series about QE2 stamps in the EDMONTON STAMP CLUB BULLETIN for January 2024.

Dale Speirs published “Postal History Of Medicine Hat And Redcliff, Alberta” in JOURNAL OF ALBERTA POSTAL HISTORY #31. This issue and back issues are available as free pdfs from Academia.edu. Go to: independent.academia.edu/DaleSpeirs

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2024

February	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
May	1	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	1	Deadline for May bulletin
	8	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	15	Auction - Kerby Centre
	22	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
June	5	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	5	Deadline for June bulletin
	12	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	19	Auction - Kerby Centre
	26	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

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