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KATHLEEN EMSLIE AND DR MASON

by Dave Freeman

Recently I viewed a list of covers from Bill Longley in Ontario and came across this 1939 cover from the Kathleen Emslie Stamp Shop in Calgary addressed to Dr. E.G. Mason. He was the first President of the CPS, so this cover caught my eye immediately.

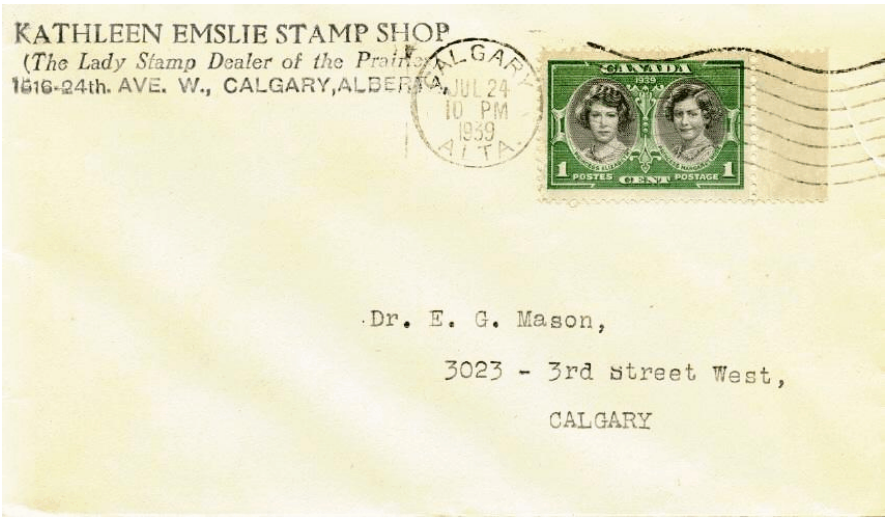
To see a Calgary cover being offered for sale by an Eastern Canadian dealer is not unusual but this cover was from the estate sale of Kathleen Hartley. She was a collector of stamp dealer corner card covers and also the librarian for the Vincent G Green Foundation in Toronto. She passed away last year, and Bill Longley is selling her philatelic collection for the estate.

The cover itself is interesting as it has the 1939 Royal Visit 1-cent Princesses stamp, Scott #246. The proper rate for a sealed letter at the time was 2 cents for a drop letter and 1 cent for unsealed printed matter.

The cover was not opened and without any contents so it was likely a favour cover to Dr Mason or sealed after the contents were removed from the unsealed cover. It was cancelled with a Calgary machine cancel and was obviously put through the Canada Post Office system at the time.

The corner card cover shows the sender was Kathleen Emslie Stamp Shop with a tag line "The Lady Stamp Dealer of the Prairies". For that time in history that was a great tag line for her business. Kathleen's husband Capt. William Emslie was a stamp dealer as well and a member of CPS.

In cover collecting it is not only the hunt for interesting material to fill those holes in our collections that is fun and challenging, but it is also the links that are on the covers, from cancels to corner card covers to addressees, and the stamps themselves, that keep us all looking for that next great find. This cover is "a close to home" example of the process.



THIS JUST IN FROM A CENTURY AGO
by Dale Speirs

Research into philatelic or postal history is not just once-and-done. New information is constantly being uploaded into the Internet. I have found items that weren't there when I first began writing the history of Calgary philately in 1989. Recently I refreshed a search on a newspaper website available through the Calgary Public Library computer and found an article about the CPS from a century ago.

The Article.

The 1924-10-25 headline from page 7 of the CALGARY DAILY HERALD (as it was then known) read "Rare Stamp Collection Discovered". The transcription follows.

Possibly the rarest collection of stamps ever seen in Calgary was brought in to the open meeting of the Calgary Philatelic Society in the Board of Trade rooms Friday evening. This collection which was produced by a visitor who has requested that no mention be made of the name, is an heirloom to the present owner who does not know of its rare value.

The members of the Philatelic Society were unaware that such a collection existed in Calgary, and it is impossible to place any exact value upon the collection without careful examination.

Some members of the society thought that the value might run into thousands of dollars. Investigation proved that no additions had been made to the collection since 1871, and it was apparent that the volume had been started about 1850.

An interesting address on the romance of stamp collecting was delivered by W.T. Knight and the contest for stamp identification was a decided success, which showed much study on the part of the contestants.

The system of rating inaugurated by the society for junior collections proved interesting, some of the boys obtaining over 90 per cent for their collections.

What Was In The Collection?

The description of the collection said the stamps ranged from 1850 to 1871. This suggests that it was a worldwide collection because the first Canadian stamp didn't appear until 1851.

The Confederation of Canada didn't issue its first stamp until 1868, so there was possibly a sprinkling of Large Queens and maybe some Small Queens. The collection may well have had pence issues from Canada and the provinces.

At a reasonable guess there were stamps from Europe, particularly Britain, as well as some American issues. I doubt the collection would have had the first American stamp from 1847 but the issues of the 1850s would have been more available to a collector back then.

The Rest Of The Meeting.

W.F. Knight (not W.T. as in the newspaper article) joined the CPS in 1924, according to the cumulative membership list in the CPS Archives. According to the archives he was never involved as an executive or committee head. The CPS was only two years old at the time but already had a Juniors Club. The archives have no documents explaining how their collections were rated in ths contest.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL ON DECEMBER 4

by Murray Bialek
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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 contact Murray to find out what dishes are still available and to sign up.

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).

Christmas Clothesline Exhibits People's Choice categories:
1. My Favourite Christmas Philatelic Item
2. My Favourite Winter Stamp(s)
3. My Favourite Winter Sports Stamp(s)
4. Santa Around the World

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

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.

BNAPS

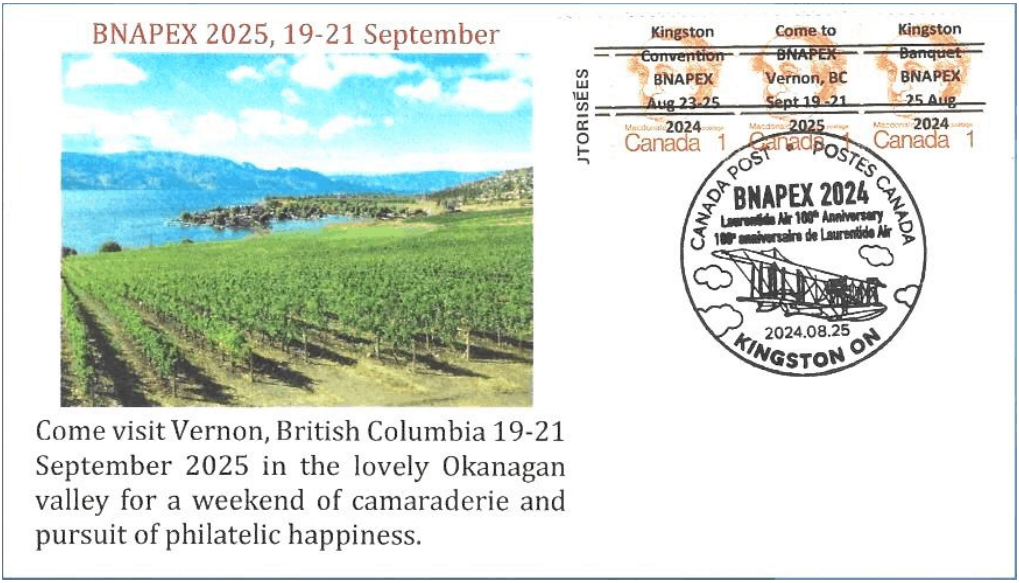
The Alberta Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society resumed its regular monthly Zoom meetings after a summer break. The Group consists of those interested in the stamps and postal history of Canada and pre-Confederation provinces.

The September 11 meeting was hosted by Dave Bartlet and had 17 participants. The meeting opened with a general discussion of recent and future stamp shows in Canada. Doug Lingard mentioned that there has been a surge of entries in Canadian national-level shows by exhibitors hoping to qualify for the Boston 2026 international show.

Dave Bartlet reported on BNAPEX 2024 held in Kingston, Ontario, on the weekend of August 23 to 25. He showed photos of events, exhibits, dealer bourse, study groups, and many show covers. There was a harbour cruise with meals.

The national-level convention was held at a college, which was considerably cheaper (room nights at $45 each). Because Kingston does not have national airport connections the attendance was smaller. However the convention broke even or made a small profit.

Mark Oakley then discussed BNAPEX 2025, which will be held in Vernon, British Columbia, in the heart of wine country. This will be much easier for Alberta philatelists to attend. Dave Bartlet prepared an advance-publicity cover in Kingston advertising the 2025 convention, as shown below.



From there to presentations. Doug Lingard showed an 1898 cover he found in Kingston at the dealer bourse. This was a flag cancel with the rare Rockland, Ontario, slogan cancel. Rockland is adjacent to Ottawa and Lingard demonstrated that the postmark was in fact an Ottawa cancel missing the date hub and showing only the flag banner. Rockland was a tiny village back then and never had a flag cancel but the erroneous listing persisted for decades.

Also at the BNAPEX 2024 dealer bourse, Dave Bartlet bought a 1928 B.C. Airways flight cover. They were a short-lived sloppily-operated airline who went out of business after their plane crashed on August 25, 1928, killing everyone. Dave showed a legal court summons from next-of-kin suing the airline for wrongful death. The document was franked with a B.C. Law revenue stamp.

Arnie Janson wrapped up the meeting with a look at the 1997-2024 dollar-value wildlife definitives, ranging from the $1 loon to the $10 whale stamp. There are lots of hidden security patterns and micro-printing on these stamps.

As an example, the $8 bear stamp has a large numeral 8 worked into the fur of a hind leg. See if you can spot it. Use a magnifying glass on the backgrounds of these stamps and you will see all kinds of clever security patterns.

The October 9 meeting used Thanksgiving and Halloween as the theme. Dave Bartlet was the host and there were 9 participants.

Doug Lingard started off with a 1922 flag cancel from Cuero, Texas, which depicted a running turkey on the flag instead of stars. The cancel commemorated the annual Turkey Trot, where flocks of turkeys were herded down the main street.

Dave Bartlet then showed early Canadian postcards depicting turkeys, Thanksgiving greetings, and Halloween images. He also showed the Halloween theme on Canadian postmarks, Picture Postage stamps, and the Halloween series from Canada Post.

Dale Speirs showed Thanksgiving mail art (decorated covers) and junk mail begging for donors to provide Thanksgiving meals for the homeless. He also showed unaddressed postcards advertising Halloween raves at Calgary dance clubs.

Arnie Janson then made three off-topic presentations. The first was about Canadian money letters, which were the precursor to registered mail. His next talk explained how offset lithography worked, the most common process for printing stamps in Canada. He finished up with oddities on a batch of Canadian commercial mail he bought which had 27 covers whose stamps were postmarked days or weeks before their official release.

Arnie has dozens of stamp presentations available for free viewing on YouTube. Go to YouTube and im their search engine type the phrase “arnie janson iscny”. That last word is an acronym of International Stamp Collectors of New York, which hosts numerous Zoom meetings for collectors from around the world.

CALTAPEX 2024

Dave Bartlet prepared this show cover.



The 100th anniversary of the RCAF is celebrated by the Calgary Philatelic Society at their annual show CALTAPEX on 19-20 October 2024.

CALTAPEX 2024 VOLUNTEERS

Dave Bartlet - Dealer Liaison, Reception Table, Show Cover
Murray Bialek - Set-up, Auction
Jan Brookes - Judging
Danny Chow - Club Tables
Bill Cowling - Set-up, Auction
Tony Doughty - Circuits
Wayne Dwyer - Reception Table, Auction
Peter Fleck - Publicity
Sandy Freeman - Reception Table
Cary Hatcher - Circuits
Walter Herdzik - Canteen
Henning Jorgensen - Canteen
Doug Kollar - Auction
Rob Langill - Club Tables, Set-up/Teardown
Milton Lowe - Club Tables
Mike McPhail - Circuits, Auction
Duncan Murray - Set-up, Reception Table
Dave Russum - Exhibits
Russel Sawatzky - Auction, Takedown
Jim Senecal - Auction, Youth Table
Donna Trathen - Awards and Palmares
Larry Tweedale - Circuit Books
Weldon Vickers - Reception Table

CALTAPEX 2024 PALMARES

Multi-Frame Exhibits

Gold

Dale Speirs: "Postal History Of 1988 Calgary Olympics"
plus British North America Philatelic Society Best Research Award

Jim Taylor: "Antarctica Conflicting Claims - Great Britain, Chile, Argentina"
plus Jon Johnson Award (for best exhibit by a CPS member)
plus American Topical Association award for Best Topical Exhibit
plus Grand Award

Vermeil

Duncan Murray: "From The Earth To The Moon - Apollo"
plus American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Silver Award
plus People's Choice

Dave Russum: "GB To Canada Rates And Efficiency 1800 To 2024"

Bronze

Duncan Murray: "Commonwealth 1946 Omnibus Victory Issue"
Duncan Murray: "Great Britain Victorian Stamps"

One-Frame Exhibits

Gold

Dave Bartlet: "Canadian Pioneer Airmail Flights Of 1918-1919"
plus BNAPS Best BNA 1-Frame Exhibit
plus Canadian Aerophilatelic Society Award

Donna Trathen: "Canada's First RCMP Stamp 1935"
plus BNAPS Best BNA Exhibit
plus One-Frame Grand Award

Silver

Duncan Murray: "Canada Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Issue"
plus Northwest Federation Of Stamp Clubs Thunderbird Award

Dale Speirs: "Stamps As Propaganda: 2022 Ukrainian War"
plus American Topical Association One-Frame Merit Award

Dale Speirs: "Traffic Problems"
plus Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award

One-Page Exhibits People's Choice

Three-way tie between Dale Speirs, Duncan Murray, and Dave Bartlet

TOPICS FOR THE STAMP LINE
by Dave Russum
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December 4 - Christmas
January 8 - Humour in philately
February 5 - Valentines, love, and marriage
March 5 - Canadian history

Use your imagination to convert these topics into mini-exhibits. They must have a philatelic connection but can also include ephemera. Please put your exhibits in transparent page protectors and add your name on the back so they can be safely returned at take-down.

CIRCUIT BOOKS REPORT
by Larry Tweedale
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Greetings everyone! Here we are again, November with winter staring at us and Christmas shopping looming. This is a perfect month not to get in a fluster and to just sit back and enjoy our wonderful hobby. Once again CALTAPEX was successful for circuit book sales.

There are new books of Australia, Iceland, and Switzerland. Plus there is lots of variety to browse through. New books are only $1 each and are a good way to sell your duplicates. Demand is still high for recent Canada and Great Britain. There is a need for USA and British Commonwealth. Please consider preparing a circuit book of your own. I look forward to seeing you soon!

JANUARY MEMBERS' BOURSE

The January 22 auction will be replaced by a Members' Bourse. Tables are $5 each from Jim Senecal. Please advise him in advance so that he knows how many tables to set up. Contact him at (403) 547-7681 or jsenecal@telusplanet.net

COWTOWN IN BNAPS

CPS member Dave Bartlet was elected President of the British North America Philatelic Society for the 2024-26 term of office. Well done, Dave!

BNAPEX 2025
Vernon, BC



Bourse with dealers from across Canada

BNAPS Study Group Meetings

Dinner at Gray Monk

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FOR SALE: About 20 years ago I stopped collecting Canadian VF-NH plate blocks and others of interest, and have been disposing of that collection since then. I can send you a scan of any stamps that interest you. A pdf of the remaining third of that collection is available on request by emailing Tony Burton at tonyburton.awb@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2024-2025
by Murray Bialek

Your membership for the 2024-2025 season is due. If you have not already paid, you may pay your dues of $25 three different ways:

1. Preferably via e-transfer directly from your bank account to the CPS Membership Director, Murray Bialek, at mbialek@shaw.ca
2. By cheque made out to Calgary Philatelic Society and mailed to:
CPS, c/o Murray Bialek
Box 71126 RPO Silver Springs NW
Calgary, AB T3B 5K2
3. With cash at our next club meeting

CAPE

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors held its regular meeting on October 30 via Zoom. Dave Russum was the moderator and there were 10 participants. The meeting began with a discussion of past and future stamp shows, including CALTAPEX, and the Stamp Line.

Dale Speirs then presented a talk on how he upgraded his Calgary Olympics exhibit from silver to gold this year. In particular, the use of 17 x 11 pages helped to improve the exhibit by allowing related covers to be grouped together and eliminating tilted or sideways 8.5 x 11 pages to provide a more uniform appearance in the frames.

The meeting finished up with a discussion about printing pages for 17 x 11 exhibits, as well as comments on where to get printers and ink at a reasonable cost. CAPE meetings are free to anyone interested in exhibiting. For more information, contact Dave Russum at russumd@telusplanet.net or (403) 284-4775.

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CLUB NEWS

The September issue of CALGARY PHILATELIST was mailed on September 9 from Bragg Creek, using the Frogs stamps. The October issue was mailed on October 7 from Blackie, using the flowers booklet stamps.

At the October 2 general meeting, the President's Pot was awarded to Jim Taylor in recognition of his many decades of service to philately. At the November 6 meeting it was awarded to all those who volunteered for CALTAPEX>

Sandy Freeman gave a Zoom presentation on "Enmity And Gratitude In World War II" on November 9 during the RPSC-PHSC Joint Symposium on Postal History.

PUBLICATIONS BY CPS MEMBERS

Ray Villeneuve had an article on Newfoundland Special Delivery covers in the June 2024 issue of PHSC JOURNAL, published by the Postal History Society of Canada (www.postalhistorycanada.net)
Dale Speirs published the postal history of the Picture Butte - Turin district in JOURNAL OF ALBERTA POSTAL HISTORY #35, available as a free pdf from independent.academia.edu/DaleSpeirs
Tony Doughty published an article on modern Canada magic squares in the November 2024 issue of EDMONTON STAMP CLUB BULLETIN.

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CPS MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2024

November	13	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	20	Auction - Kerby Centre
	27	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
December	4	Christmas Social
	4	Deadline for December bulletin
	4	Stamp Line theme - Christmas and winter
	11	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom

2025

Special note: Because the first Wednesday in January 2025 is New Year's Day, all the events of the month have been shifted back one week.

January	8	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	8	Deadline for January bulletin
	8	Stamp Line theme - Humour in philately
	15	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	22	Members' Bourse - Kerby Centre
	29	CAPE meeting - via Zoom
February	5	General meeting - Kerby Centre
	5	Deadline for February bulletin
	5	Stamp Line theme - Valentines, love, and marriage
	12	BNAPS Regional Group meeting - via Zoom
	19	Auction - Kerby Centre
	26	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 (Alberta 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.