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April 1922

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## HISTORY OF THE CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

by Dale Speirs



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Dr. Edward George Mason

born 1874

(the year before Calgary)

came out west in 1902

died in Calgary in 1947

wife Katharine

children

George Anthony

Elizabeth

Katharine Jr



**Dr Mason circa 1930s**

(photo courtesy of great-granddaughter Beth Saunders)

Dr Mason founded the Calgary Philatelic Society in April 1922, just after the 1918 influenza pandemic finally came to a close in 1921.



Telephone operators wearing masks, High River, AB. (Photo credit: Glenbow Archives, Archives and Special Collections, University of Calgary)



Dr Edward G. Mason  
Long Service Award

For the 1997 Royal show,  
Canada Post issued two  
commemorative postal  
stationery envelopes.

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ROYAL CALTAPEX-1997-ROYALE  
CALGARY, ALBERTA  
September 19-21 septembre, 1997

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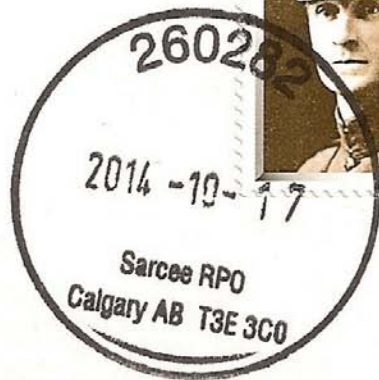


## CALTAPEX 2014

October 17-19

Commemorating 100 Years  
of the start of World War I

CANADA



**Lieutenant-Colonel Edward George Mason** was the Commanding Officer of the 50th Battalion in World War I. A medical doctor, Mason founded the Calgary Philatelic Society in 1922, three years after his return from Europe.

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It's unkindly to remove  
and attempt to reuse  
postage stamps.

La loi interdit  
d'utiliser un timbre-poste  
qui a déjà servi.



Picture Postage  
permanent stamps  
Canada

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Prepare to celebrate 100 Years 1922-2022 of the  
Calgary Philatelic Society Founded by E.G. Mason

We're planning to celebrate 100  
Years of the CPS. Please help out

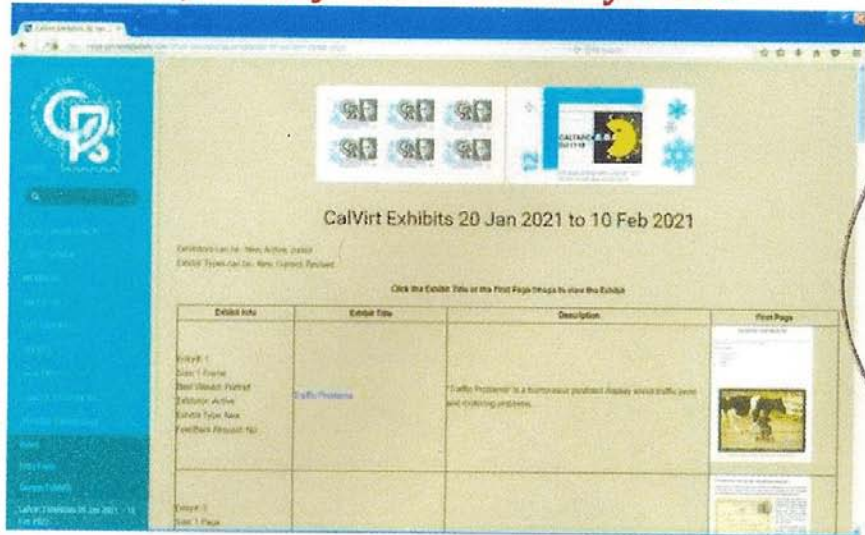
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Coronavirus?  
What's a coronavirus?



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20 January – 10 February 2021



COVID-19 CPS hosts CALVIRT 2021, 20 Jan-10 Feb, the club's First Virtual show, Celebrate in 2022, 100 Years of CPS Founded by E.G. Mason

CALVIRT 2021 – the Virtual Stamp Exhibition that Beats COVID-19. You couldn't exhibit at CALTAPEX 2020, but we replaced it with this great virtual opportunity.

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CALTAPEX 2020  
Oct 17-18

CPS goes Online with CALVIRT2021  
20 Jan-10 Feb Due to COVID19.

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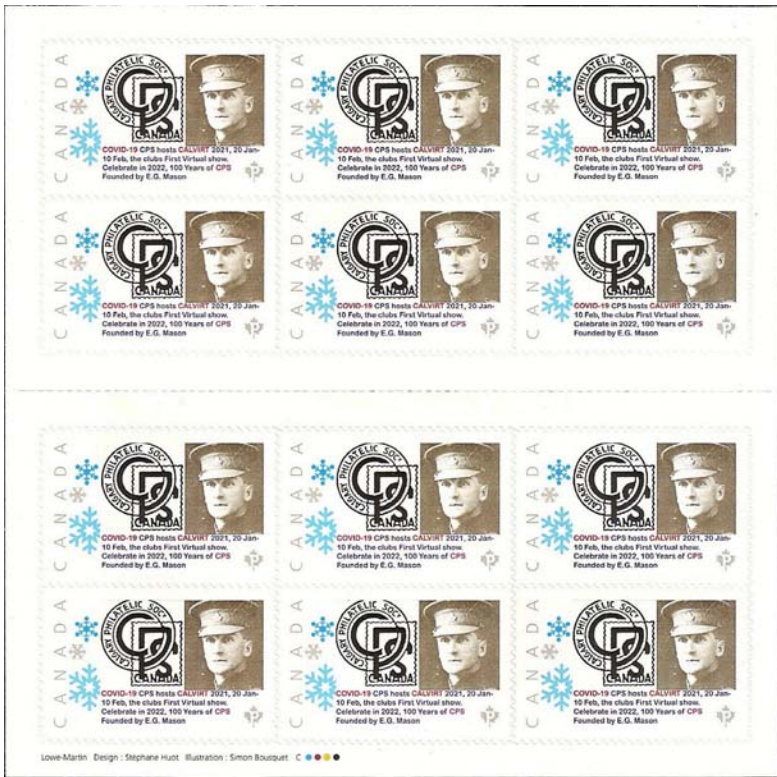
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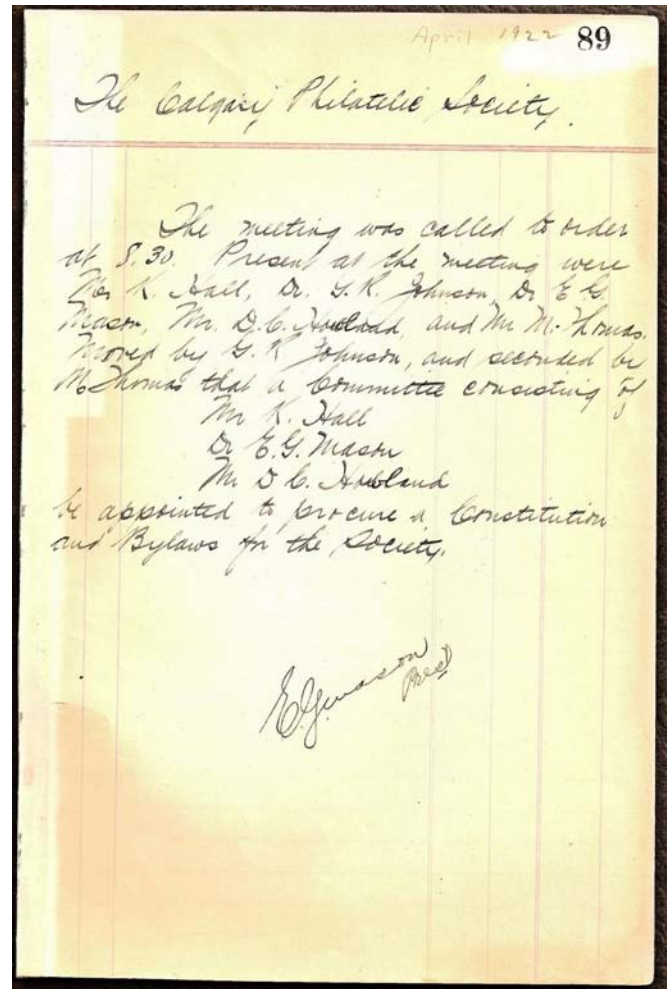
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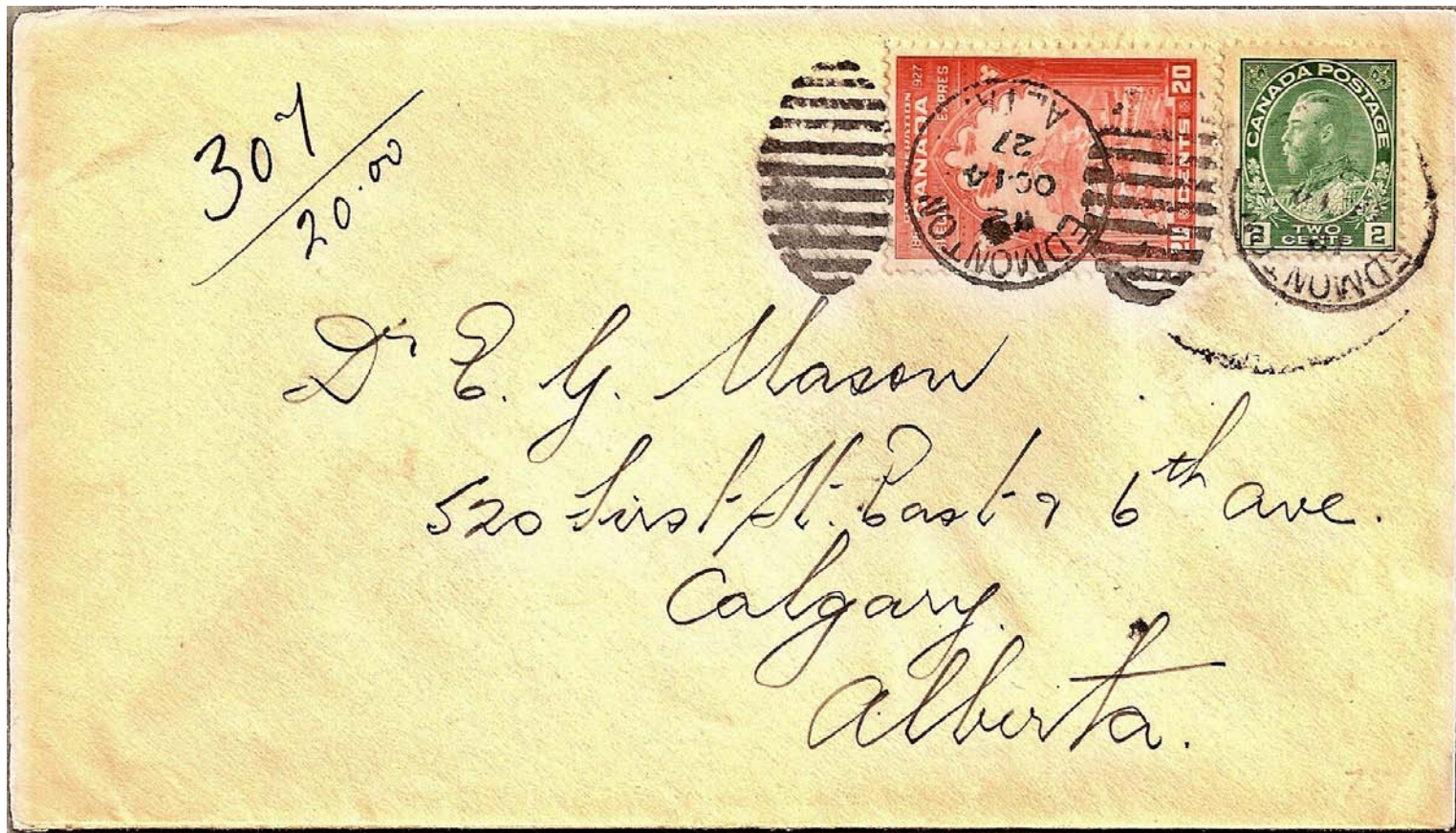


CPS Archives have records from first meeting of club in April 1922 to date.





Mailed to Mason a week before the first public stamp show in 1927



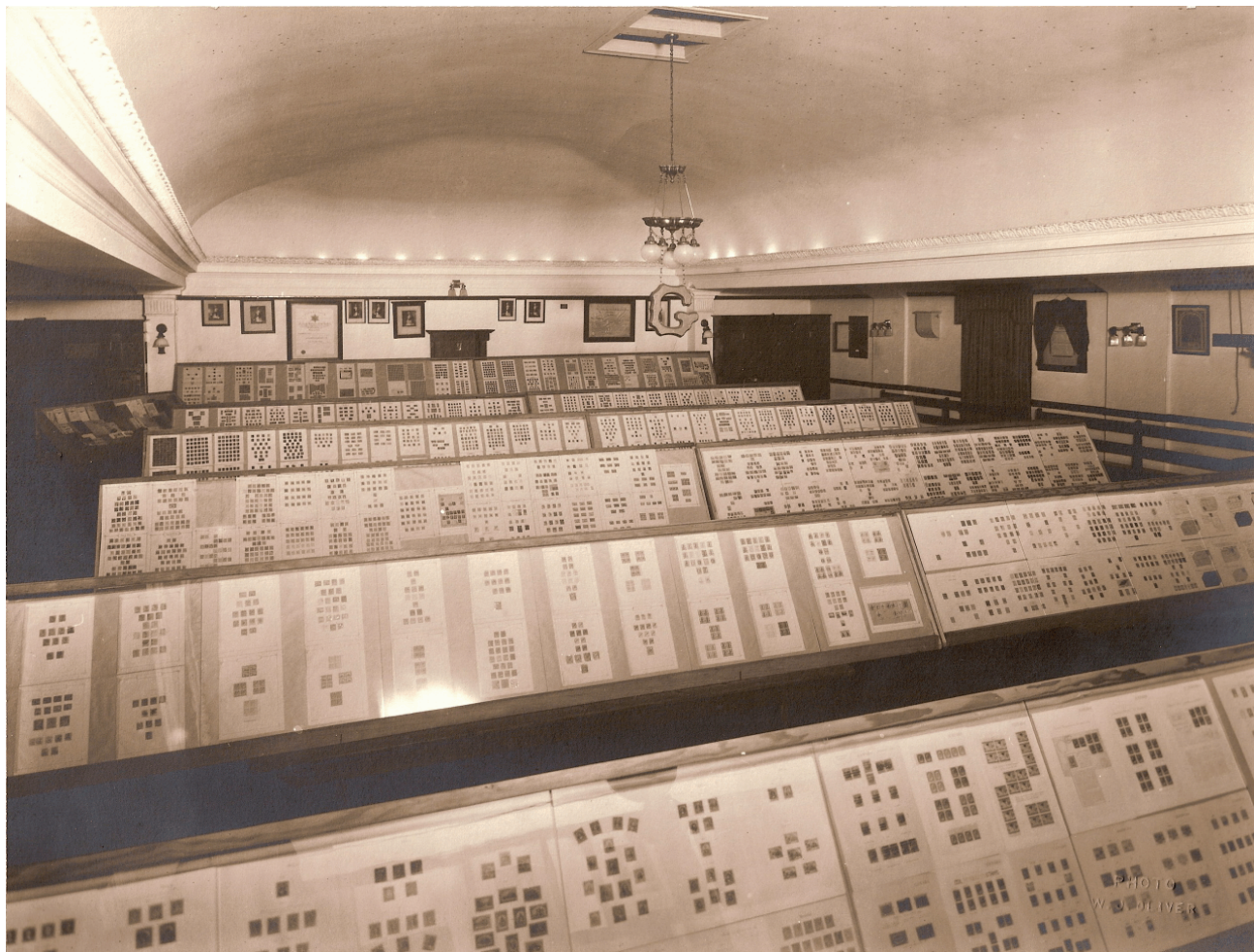


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W. J. J. J. J.

# CPS Library founded 1935

## CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

### Books on loan

27/10/35	Regent Catalogue	J. Bergerson	Ref.
12/1/36	Scott's Catalogue	R. J. Kelly	Ref.
13/1/36	"	S. P. Richardson	Ref.
14/1/36	"	D. H. Stewart	Ref.
16/1/36	J. J.	Abbott	Ref.
24/1/37	Scott's British	B. Horner	Ref.
3/1/37	Scott's Cat 1935	S. G. C.	Ref.
7/6/37	APS Mag. June	J. Bergerson	

# 1933 - first Honourary Life Memberships granted

1 - Dr. Edward George Mason	1933	22 - Jim Karr	1994
2 - William C. Black	1933	23 - Al Munro	1994*
3 - Alfred B. Harris	1934	24 - Dale Speirs	1994*
4 - William J.F. Emslie	1937	25 - John van Staden Jr	1996*
5 - Sid T. Richardson	1947	26 - Don Wilson	1997*
6 - Alan Sorby	1955	27 - Bob Hoffmann	1998*
7 - Harlow M. Hartney	pre-1962	28 - Doug Kollar	2000*
8 - John Learmonth	1972	29 - Mike McPhail	2001*
9 - Ted Chiswell	1976	30 - Bruce Irvine	2001*
10 - Brien Horne	197?	31 - Penny Borrowman	2002*
11 - John Jarabek	1978	32 - Isobel Attrell	2002
12 - Bob Monilaws	1978	33 - Keith C.V. Brown	2003*
13 - Jack Cotton	1981	34 - Janice Brookes	2005*
14 - Edmund A. Harris	1981	35 - Walter Herdzik	2006*
15 - Phil Wolf	1983*	36 - Gordon Hill	2011
16 - Jim Taylor	1984*	37 - Donna Trathen	2012*
17 - Walter Jackson	1989	38 - Gerry Vader	2012*
18 - Jim Sadler	1989	39 - Jim Senecal	2014*
19 - Bob Perry	1990	40 - Julius Szekrenyes	2016
20 - Jon Johnson	1992*	41 - Larry Tweedale	2018*
21 - Greg Sereda	1992*	42 - Linda Connolly	2018

THE CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

## Periodicals of the CPS

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on CPS website

CPS Newsletter (1961 to 1963)  
mimeographed 8.5 x 14

It is hoped that this Bulletin will become a permanent feature of our Society and every effort will be made to have at least ten a year prepared and mailed, not only to resident and non - resident members but to any other interested parties as well. Such a publication, if it can be called such, has long been considered by many Society members and it is perhaps an auspicious time to attempt such a project this year being the fortieth anniversary of the founding of our Society. Too, it has for some time been somewhat embarrassing that the Edmonton Stamp Club has been able to provide their membership with an excellent monthly newsletter, under the Guidance of our good friend Ernie Christensen. Naturally we feel that, even if their entries in our exhibition can merit most of the awards, "anything they can do, we can do better" or at least as well.

The first meeting of the 1961 - 1962 season will take place, as usual, in the Mobil Oil Company Auditorium at 8 o'clock, on the 5th September. Please remember this date as no cards will be sent. It is hoped that the newsletter will be mailed in time each month to remind the membership of the first monthly meeting. Cards will be sent as usual notifying you of the "Auction" night on the third Tuesday of each month.

This first meeting introduces our new executive who, as you probably know are as follows:

President: Dr. Rudy Martin, Vice President: Herb Aclitt  
Secretary: H.N. Bennett, Treasurer: Jack Borndingen

**AUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT:** From past experience, most material of good quality and realistically priced usually sells well. Lots of "bulk" material are no longer too popular but for some reason "surprise" packages command a better than average price although it is doubtful that this will continue as there have been rumblings of discontentment. It would be very encouraging to see more people submit lots as it seems to have fallen on the shoulders of a very few to provide the material to support the auctions.

**SALES CIRCUIT COMMITTEE REPORT:** One would think that in this group it should not be necessary to mention the problem of HINGING stamps. Many, many of the books being entered have stamps hinged to fall out at the first opening of the circuit book while others appear to have had the hinge glued to the stamp. PLEASE use a good grade of peelable hinge which holds securely and the book will have a much more attractive appearance to a prospective purchaser. As with the auctions, good quality material of most any colony or country etc., if priced reasonably, will sell. New books of Canada, Germany and United Nations are needed immediately. We are urgently in need of someone to take over this job of taking care of the circuit books and although we won't pretend that it is an easy chore, it does have it's rewards and is quite interesting.

**ON THE SICK LIST:** Our good friend Bill Good has spent most of the summer in hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery.

If there is sufficient demand we propose that in future we will have a page of members ads in which they may indicate their current "wants" or let the group know of surplus material. Suggested rate is .50¢ an insertion. Anybody interested?

Remember that the 1961 - 62 dues are now payable and as passed in the recent amendments to the Bylaws, they are now \$3.00 Those members not paying punctually must, for economic reasons be dropped from the mailing list, so lets pay those dues NOW.

STAMPede (1975 to 1978)  
5.5 x 8.5



**STAMP**EDE

*Calgary Philatelic Society*

## *Society sets annual Stamp exhibition*

(CPS)The Calgary Philatelic Society's annual stamp show will be held April 5, 1975 at the Kirby Memorial Building, 7th Avenue at 11th Street SW, Downtown Calgary. While plans have not been finalized, it is expected that the 1975 exhibition will follow the successful format established in previous years. The auction held in conjunction with the show will again be split into two sessions: Friday night (April 4th) and Saturday afternoon (April 5th). The exhibition itself will probably be open to the public late Saturday morning with an official opening in the early afternoon. A bourse will also be organized at the show for the benefit of collectors and dealers.

Tom Lemon, the 1975 CPS Exhibition chairman, reports that plans are well underway to insure the show's success. Mr. Lemon, in cooperation with Century Calgary, is attempting to secure philatelic memorabilia of early Calgary and Western Canada for exhibit. His principle

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### **MEETINGS**

- JAN. & FEB. 1975 -

Jan. 21 - Auction Night  
CUPE Hall, 104 13 Ave. S.E.  
7:30pm Viewing Lots  
8:00pm Auction

Feb. 4 Program & Business  
Meeting, Downstairs, Central  
Library, Macleod Tr. & 6 Ave.S.  
7:30pm Circuit Books & Trading  
8:15pm Regular Business Meetings  
8:30pm Talk on BNA Issues  
9:00pm Circuits & Trading

Feb. 18 - Auction Night, CUPE Hal  
7:30pm Viewing Lots  
8:00pm Auction

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# Calgary STAMPede (1978 to 1992)

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**EIGHTH AVENUE, WEST – CALGARY, ALBERTA**

CIRCA 1928

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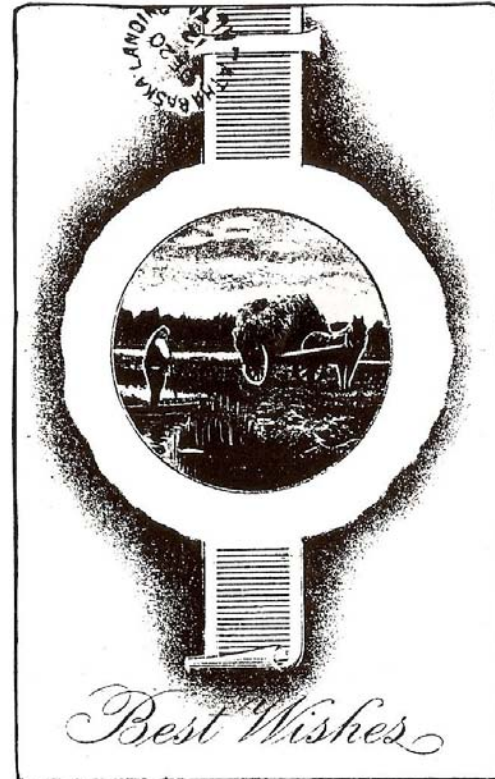
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# CALGARY PHILATELIST

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Some other highlights:

1922 June 6 - first programme presented at a meeting (early Canada)

1922 November 21 - first slide show programme (stamp varieties)

1936 March 3 - first film at a programme (Philatelic Branch, Ottawa,  
how stamps are produced)

1930 - first storefront stamp dealer in Calgary, Emslie & Co

1961 - first CPS newsletter published

## Highlights about stamp shows:

1938 - first stamp bourse in Calgary

1960 - first national-level show hosted by CPS  
BNAPEX 60, held in Banff

1963 - first named show, CALPEX 63

1979 - first CALTAPEX (named changed due to conflict with California show)

1985 - first spring bourse, called Stamp Day



Stamp issued April 5, 1922.

Now for the next century of stamp collecting.

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