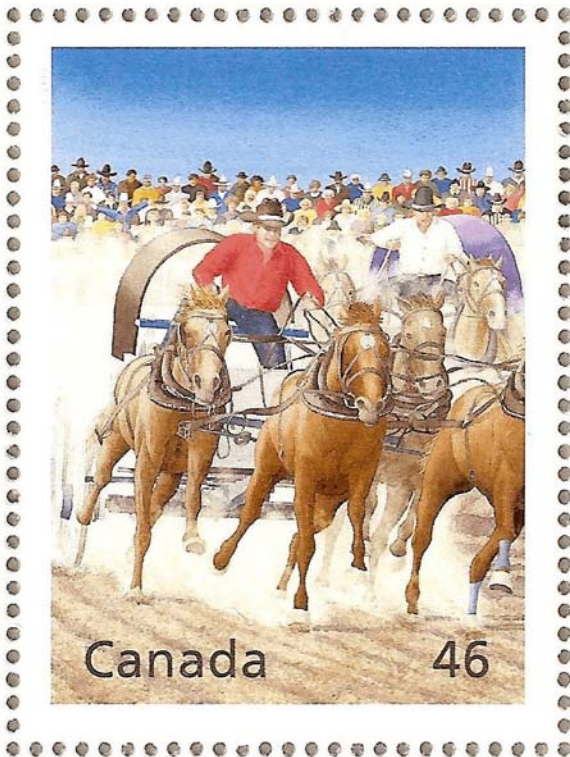


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SHOW COMMITTEE

BNAPEX 2012 CALTAPEX is jointly sponsored by the Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society and the Calgary Philatelic Society. Both the Calgary Regional BNAPS and the Calgary Philatelic Society can be contacted through the Papernet at: Box 1478, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2L6.

The Calgary Philatelic Society can be contacted on the Internet at:
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The British North America Philatelic Society can be contacted on the Internet at:
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Peter MacDonald	BNAPS Study Group Coordinator

WELCOME FROM THE SHOW CHAIRMAN

by Jim Taylor



Welcome to the BNAPEX 2012 CALTAPEX Calgary convention and philatelic exhibition!

Visitors from the United States, overseas, and from other parts of Canada are invited to join with our local philatelic community in partaking of the philatelic delights presented in the exhibition hall, dealer bourse, seminars, tours and numerous social events. This is an excellent opportunity to acquire some gems for your collection, to increase your philatelic knowledge, to meet new and old friends and to explore the mountains and foothills of the Alberta Rockies.

This event is co-sponsored by the hosts, the Calgary Philatelic Society along with the Calgary Regional Group of the BNAPS and the visiting British North America Philatelic Society. Calgary is a philatelic hot-spot in Canada. The local hosting groups have total local memberships over 160 and sponsor bi-annual exhibits, occasional national stamp shows, a junior collectors' club and the senior Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. A small show committee of local volunteers has worked hard to make the 2012 BNAPEX-CALTAPEX show a success. Thank you for attending.

The theme of the 2012 convention is 100 years of the Calgary Stampede, an iconic Canadian festival and good time. Join us in the celebration. A Calgary "Yahoo!" and on with the show.



WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT OF BNAPS

by Robert Lemire



A warm welcome to Calgary and BNAPEX 2012. If you have been to previous BNAPS conventions, you know that BNAPEX is a special type of stamp show. It isn't just about philately, it is a chance to get together with friends from many different places. It also is a place to make new friends with similar interests.

Of course there are excellent dealers, wonderful specialized exhibits and the annual awards banquet. The many study-group sessions provide an opportunity to meet collectors with similar collecting interests, possibly BNAPS members you have known for

years, perhaps collectors with whom you are familiar only through e-mail correspondence or from their articles in the newsletters or in BNA Topics.

For the non-collector, the organizing committee has set up trips to see some of the spectacular scenery in the area (Banff, Johnston Canyon and Lake Louise) and local historical sites and museums (and based on past experience, these tours also may lure some of the collectors away from the show). However BNAPEX also is a social event, one of the major benefits of belonging to BNAPS, a time each year when BNA collectors and their spouses/partners can share some time together. Enjoy.



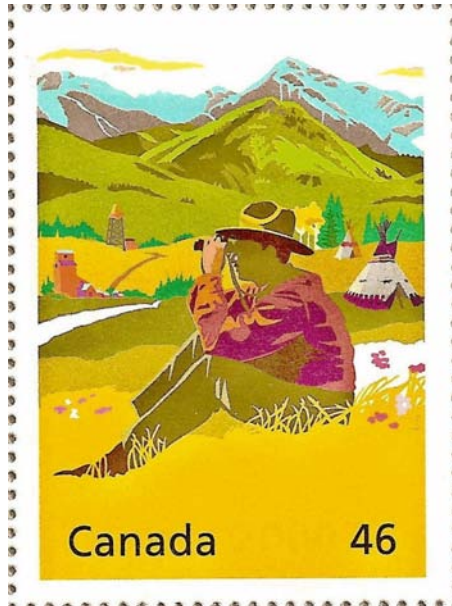
WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE CPS

by Peter Fleck



On behalf of the Calgary Philatelic Society, I would like to welcome all participants to the annual show and convention of the British North American Philatelic Society. It is a privilege for us as a club to co-host such a prestigious event for the second time in just five years. Special thanks go out to Chairman Jim Taylor and the many volunteers for making this possible.

To all of our out-of-town guests, may you enjoy the Western hospitality of our city during this, the 100th anniversary of the Calgary Stampede. In addition to your philatelic pursuits, I hope you will be able to take in some of the local sights and attractions. Do let us know if there is anything that we can do to make your stay here more enjoyable and we look forward to having you back in the not-too-distant future.



ABOUT THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) is an international organization devoted to the collector and researcher of the stamps, postal markings, and postal history of Canada, the pre-Confederation colonies, and Newfoundland.

BNA TOPICS, the official journal of BNAPS, is published quarterly and mailed free to members. Each issue, which averages over 80 pages, is packed with information, original articles, and continuing columns about BNA philately.

In several areas throughout the United States and Canada BNAPS members have formed regional groups. Some meetings are much like mini-conventions, some lasting the weekend, during which strong philatelic friendships flourish, and both knowledge and material are exchanged. Other groups, such as the Calgary Regional Group, meet monthly.

A popular activity within BNAPS are the many study groups that afford members the opportunity to communicate with other members sharing similar interests. Each group publishes its own newsletter in which group members can exchange opinions, ask questions, and report findings. The information published in study group newsletters can lead to the production of specialized handbooks by the BNAPS Publications Committee. Each group has its own elected officers and minimal dues, which help to cover printing and distribution of the newsletters.

The BNAPS Exchange Circuit contains stamps and covers which are offered for sale by BNAPS members.

BNAPS holds an annual convention which moves about Canada and the USA. The main activities are the exhibits and the dealer bourse, but there are also seminars, a banquet, and non-philatelic tours of local tourist attractions.

The BNAPS Web site is located at: www.bnaps.org



ABOUT THE CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Calgary Philatelic Society was founded in April 1922 by Dr. Edward George Mason, and has been in continuous existence since. The CPS provides a meeting place for local stamp collectors to get together and share their interest in stamps and postal history. It is Chapter 66 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Chapter 1360 of the American Philatelic Society, and Chapter 91 of the American Topical Association.

Some of the benefits to members:

- 1) enjoying social interaction with other stamp collectors
- 2) opportunity to buy, sell, trade, and exhibit philatelic material.
- 3) subscription to our award-winning bulletin, the CALGARY PHILATELIST
- 4) access to our excellent library, with resources for all aspects of philately
- 5) participate in two philatelic shows per year: CALTAPEX in October, and a Spring Bourse in April.

Visitors and guests are always welcome. Meetings and Auctions are held beginning at 7:30 pm, with the doors opening at 6:30. The location for the General Meeting and the monthly Auction is: The Kerby Centre, 2nd floor, 1133 - 7 Avenue, SW, Calgary, Alberta. General meetings, are held on the first Wednesday of the month, (except for July and August), and include a silent auction, a short general meeting, and a technical philatelic presentation by one of our members. Coffee and doughnuts are served after the presentation! Regular auctions are held on the third Wednesday of the month, except December, July and August. Auction lots should be in before 7:00 pm to allow viewing.

The Calgary Philatelist is published six times per year. Every issue contains club news, original articles on philatelic subjects or postal history, members' advertisements, and a schedule of meetings and upcoming events.

The CPS Website is located at: www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com
Mailing address is Box 1478, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2L6



HISTORY OF CALGARY PHILATELIC ORGANIZATIONS

In late 1921, a Calgary stamp collector named Dr. Edward George Mason began action to form a stamp club in the city. Announcements were made to likely members and to the press. In April 1922, five men met and decided to go ahead with a formal organization. The minutes of that meeting read as follows:

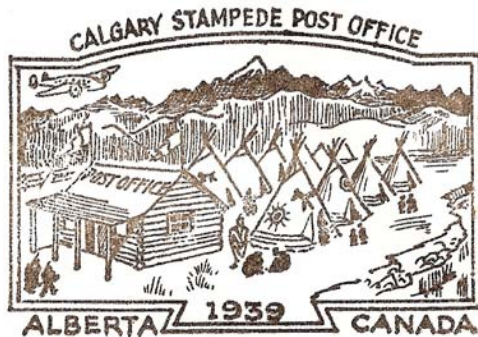
“The meeting was called to order at 8:30. Present at the meeting were Mr. K. Hall, Dr. G.R. Johnson, Dr. E.G. Mason, Dr. D.C. Howland, and Mr. M. Thomas. Moved by G.R. Johnson, and seconded by M. Thomas, that a Committee consisting of Mr. K. Hall, Dr. E.G. Mason, Mr. D.C. Howland, be appointed to procure a Constitution and Bylaws for the Society.

[signed] E.G. Mason, Prest.”

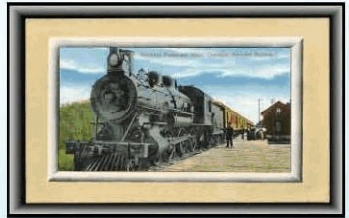
Thus began the Calgary Philatelic Society. Membership fees were set at \$2 per year plus an initiation fee of \$2. By the end of 1922, the CPS had 14 members. Membership totals fluctuated over the years with the fortunes of Calgary and now averages about 160. The CPS held its first auction in 1925 and established circuit books that same year. The first public stamp show in Calgary was held on October 22, 1927.

The Calgary Regional Group of BNAPS is the oldest continuously meeting such group in BNAPS, dating back to 1957. Calgary BNAPSers meet on second Wednesdays, with usually a dozen or so people turning out. There is a brief business session, followed by conversation on a topic of BNA philately. Calgary BNAPSers have also been active in staging national shows, specifically BNAPEX, the annual show of BNAPS. These shows are commonly held in co-operation with the Calgary Philatelic Society as there is considerable overlap in membership, and the two groups have always worked closely together to further philately in Cowtown.

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors is only a few years old but a very active group. CAPE meets monthly on fourth Wednesdays. The emphasis is on learning to exhibit and improving up the levels from bronze to gold medals. The group has been quite successful in encouraging more stamp collectors to share their knowledge by exhibiting.



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BNAPS PRESIDENTS FROM CALGARY

Samuel Nickle (deceased)



Sam was BNAPS President for 1971-72. In his association with the Calgary Regional Group, he helped host three BNAPEX conventions in Calgary and Banff. He was inducted into the Order of the Beaver in 1986. Sam specialized in the Canada Pence issue, and his exhibits received many high awards at national and international levels.

Canadian military postal history was his collecting passion, especially the early military campaigns. (Sam served in the Calgary Highlanders during WW2.) The BNAPS award for best military postal history is presented annually in his honour.

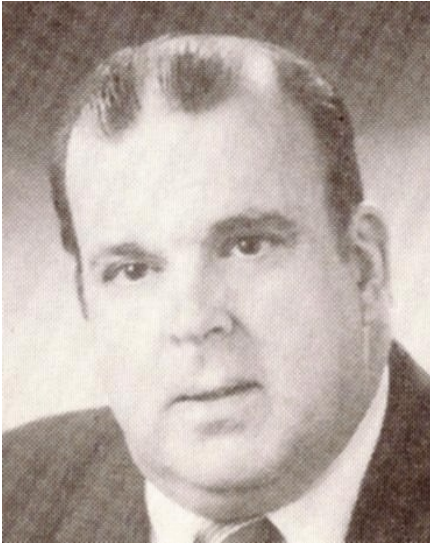
Edmund Harris



Ed was BNAPS President for 1987-88. He helped organize the first BNAPEX convention in Alberta in 1960. He has served as Treasurer and chaired several committees. He was inducted into the Order of the Beaver in 1987.

Ed specialized in pioneer mails of western Canada. He co-edited the recent book on Alberta postal history **LETTERS FROM THE FAR WEST**.

Earle Covert



Earle was BNAPS President for the 1999-2000 term. He has served the society in many capacities and was chairman of the Conventions Committee. He was inducted into the Order of the Beaver in 1990.

Earle specializes in Canadian postal stationery. He is the co-editor of the definitive catalogue on the subject, WEBB'S POSTAL STATIONERY CATALOGUE OF CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND.

William Pawluk



Bill was the President of BNAPS for the 2007-08 term. He has served on the Board of Directors and chaired several committees. He was inducted into the Order of the Beaver in 2005.

Bill specializes in the Canada QV Maple Leaf and Numeral issues and their postal history, especially rate covers. He was co-author of the recent monograph A CANADIAN POSTAL HISTORY 1897-1911.

BNAPS STUDY GROUPS

A popular activity within BNAPS are the many study groups that afford members the opportunity to communicate with other members sharing similar interests. Membership in BNAPS entitles you to become a member of as many study groups as you wish, with the first year's dues for one group provided free of charge by the Society.

Each group publishes its own newsletter in which group members can exchange opinions, ask questions, and report findings. The information published in study group newsletters can lead to the production of specialized handbooks by the BNAPS Publications Committee. Study groups usually meet at least once a year at the Annual Convention of the Society. Each group has its own elected officers and minimal dues, which help to cover printing and distribution of the newsletters.

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Large and Small Queens:

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Map Stamp:

Fred Fawn, 20 Palomino Crescent, Willowdale, Ontario M2K 1W1

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HISTORY OF THE CALGARY BNAPSERS

The British North American Philatelic Society (BNAPS) is a specialized national society devoting its attention to the philately of Canada and the pre-Confederation provinces. Most of the membership lives in Canada and the United States. BNAPS has a number of Regional groups, of which the Calgary group is one. Calgary BNAPSers meet on second Wednesdays, with usually a dozen or so people turning out. There is a brief business session, followed by conversation on a topic of BNA philately chosen by the host. Members bring along a philatelic item related to the meeting's subject and explain it to the rest of the group. There are no formalities at such meetings, just like-minded stamp collectors talking with each other on topics of mutual interest.

The Calgary Regional Group of BNAPS is the oldest continuously meeting such group. The earliest mention of this group is in the May 1957 issue of BNA TOPICS. Robert S. Traquair was secretary of the group at that time. Meetings were on second Tuesdays in member's homes. The June 1961 issue of BNA TOPICS reports that Mrs. Kathleen Lane was secretary, and the group met second and fourth Tuesdays at the Anglo-American Petroleum boardroom. Murray Devlin was secretary from July 1963 to September 1968, then Renee Benningen until sometime in the 1970s. (BNA TOPICS did not list Regional Groups for a ten year period, hence the uncertainty.) From January 1982, Phil Wolf was secretary for seven years, succeeded by Jim Karr.

Calgary BNAPSers have been influential in the main organization. Sam Nickle was on the Board of Governors 1968, Vice-President 1969 and 1970, and President in 1971 and 1972. Ed Harris was BNAPS Treasurer from 1975 to 1982, Board of Governors 1983 to 1985, Vice-President 1986, and President in 1987-1988. Bill Pawluk has been on the Board of Governors from 1985 to 1992 and was President in 2007-2008. Jon Johnson has been Study Group Co-ordinator from 1988. Sam Nickle and Ed Harris are members of the Order of the Beaver, i.e. Fellows of the Society.

Calgary BNAPSers have also been active in staging national shows, specifically BNAPEX, the annual show of BNAPS. The first BNAPEX in this area was at Banff in 1960 from September 15 to 17. BNAPEX 60 was co-sponsored by the Calgary and Edmonton Regional Groups, and a full report is given in the November 1960 BNA TOPICS. The first 100% Calgary show staged in this city was BNAPEX 66 held September 15 to 17, 1966. For both BNAPEX 60 and BNAPEX 66 slogan cancels were used by the post office as publicity. The next Calgary show was BNAPEX 73 from September 19 to 22. BNAPEX 85 was held in Calgary from September 12 to 14. BNAPEX 2007 took place in Calgary August 30 to September 2.

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SHOW AWARDS

BNAPEX SECTION OF THE SHOW

BNAPS Medal Levels.

Five levels of BNAPS medals are awarded: Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze as judged on an open show basis using modified national/international standards. Special emphasis is placed on research and study evidenced in an exhibit.

Special Awards.

Horace Harrison Grand Award: for Best in the Show

Allen Steinhart Reserve Grand Award

Daniel Myerson Award:

for an exhibit of British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island or Newfoundland judged to be the most complete presentation in the finest quality for the area exhibited.

Sam Nickle Award: for the best military exhibit.

Ed and Mickey Richardson Award:

provided by the Prairie Beaver Regional Group, and is awarded to the exhibit that represents the highest level of achievement in one or more of the following: research, originality, innovation or presentation.

Wilmer Rocket Award: for the best revenue exhibit.

Elizabethan Award: for the best BNA Elizabethan exhibit

Novice Award is given to the best exhibit by a person who has not exhibited previously at a BNAPS exhibition.

CALTAPEX SECTION OF THE SHOW

CALTAPEX Medal Levels.

Five levels of ribbons and certificates are awarded: Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze. Exhibits are judged according to Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Regional guidelines.

Special Awards.

Grand Award

James R. Taylor Award: for the Best Exhibit of two frames or more in any category by a Calgary Philatelic Society member.

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE)

- Award of Honour to recognize excellence of presentation by an exhibitor who has not been awarded a Gold ribbon. Equivalent to a Silver award.

American Philatelic Society (APS) Medals of Excellence may be awarded in each of four time periods:

- Pre-1900 Material
- 1900-1940 Material
- 1940-1980 Material
- Post-1980 Material

American Philatelic Society Research Medal

American Topical Association

- Best in Topicals Award

Sterling Achievement Award from WE (Women Exhibitors) to recognize an exhibit that has been awarded a bronze, silver-bronze, or silver medal that shows notable accomplishment in the exhibit's treatment.

An exhibition by iconic cowboy artist Charles M. Russell was a highlight of the inaugural Calgary Stampede. Russell’s exhibition of 20 paintings is viewed by art historians an “epochal moment in the history of Western American Art” and his rugged Old West images became the template for the Stampede’s image. The Grand and Reserve Grand awards for BNAPEX 2012 commemorate this connection between artist Charles Russell and the first Calgary Stampede.

Grand Award: "The Weaver"



Reserve Grand: "Smokin' Up"

EXHIBITS

COURT OF HONOUR

Calgary Stampede 1912 - 2012

Selected pages from the Graham O'Connor collection.

My Favourite Elizabethan Varieties

This exhibit of Elizabethan varieties marks the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The varieties were chosen because they are distinctive and/or provide insight into stamp production techniques.

Leopold Beaudet

NON-COMPETITIVE

11th Scouts Canada Jamboree CJ'07

Postmaster's overview of the Jamboree, including design souvenir covers, cancels and stamps.

Bill Bartlet

1953 Coronation Covers of Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland

Various covers, with and without cachets, commemorating Queen Elizabeth's Coronation on June 2, 1953

Walter Herdzik

COMPETITIVE

King Edward VII Era Destinations

This exhibit shows the corners of the globe to which Canadians corresponded in the early 1900s.

John Cooper

The Lipizzan Horses of the Spanish Riding School of Vienna

This postcard exhibit shows the history of the Lipizzan horse during their first 400 years of existence and how they interact with men.

Donna Trathen

The Centennial Booklets of Canada 1967 – 1974

Joel Weiner

Yukon Airways and Exploration Company Limited

A study of the semi-official airmail stamp issued by Yukon Airways.

Steve Johnson

The Jubilee Postcard

Overview of the 1897 Jubilee postcard with a few usages.

Joseph M. Smith

Canadian Wilding and Associated High-Value Definitives

Paper texture is explained and documented for all printings of these stamps, and the chronologies of printings, textural changes, and stamp usage are presented.

Robert J. Elias

The First Decimal Issue of Canada 1859-68

An exhibit outlining the changes in colour and perforation resulting from the many printing orders of each value over the nine years of the issue.

Richard P. Thompson

To Vancouver by Air Sometimes

Mostly business with a few personal covers including Jusqua from Australia, Ceylon and South Africa.

Jack Wallace

Vancouver Island: Explorations in Social Philately

Canada's westernmost island has a varied and complex postal history. Using the methods of social philately, this display shows "How the mail got through."

Iain Stevenson

1937-1938 Definitive Issue

Shows the pre-production, production material and explains the usages, rates and routes for the years 1937-1942.

Gary W. Steele

Director of Records, Requested Service Postage, 1921-1951

This exhibit studies the postage used by Director of Records for requested postal service between 1921 and 1951

Jon Johnson

The Victoria Post Office and Undeliverable mail: 1874-1925

An exhibit illustrating the handling of undelivered mail by the Victoria Post Office from 1874 to the discontinuance of the service in the mid-1920s.

Brian Plain

The Law Stamps of British Columbia - The Early Printings

A study of the stamps and their usage from 1879-1912 series 1 to series 5.

Richard Fleet

Canada Postal History to France 1859-1901

Shows all basic prepaid mail rates to France 1859-1901

Victor Willson

Newfoundland: The Postal Issues 1865-1908

A comprehensive exhibit of Newfoundland philately, including stamps, postal stationery and postal history to demonstrate the development and expansion of postal services in this period.

David Piercey

Two Cents Large & Small Queens 1868-97

An exhibit outlining the changes in colour, paper and perforation resulting from the many printing orders over the twenty-nine years the issue was current.

Richard P. Thompson

Development of Early Bolivian Air Service 1910-1945

Growth of a pioneer airline into an established institution and the second oldest airline to keep its name throughout the development.

Sandra Freeman

Not All the Mail Gets through Uneventfully – 1940 to Present

Shows mail delayed and rerouted by the actions of the post office and mailer.

Earle L. Covert

Canadian Pacific Railway First Issue (Green) Postal Stationery Cards

The exhibit shows all the currently known settings of working and pictures on these cards.

Earle L. Covert

Thanks for the Smokes and Other Gifts. World War I and II

Sending gift packages to the "boys" during WWI/II was considered a vital war effort. Here are acknowledgement cards and other materials involved in this experience.

P. Charles Livermore

The Smelters of British Columbia

The exhibit will document the base metal smelters built in the province, highlighting those which were successful as well as documenting the failures with corner cards and post cards.

H. Peter Jacobi

Mail Between Canada/BNA and Confederate States during U.S. Civil War

Due to the Blockade, postal communications between Canada/BNA and the Confederate States was virtually non-existent. Few letters got through. This exhibit shows how!

Ronald E. Majors

Wilding Low-Value Definitives

Exhibit of the many aspects of the low-value Wilding definitives.

Jeffrey Arndt

New Brunswick Tobacco Stamps

Tobacco stamps were used in New Brunswick from 1940 through 1944 to collect revenue to support health care in the province.

David Bartlet

Japanese Relocation Mail - 1941-1945

The delivery of mail to Japanese, required to relocate east of the 100-mile security zone, in 1942, forms the basis of the study.

W. E. Topping

World of Water Birds

World of water birds from the polar climates to wetlands to marsh lands to sea birds are all covered by the study.

Sameer Pruthee

Canadians in World War I: The First Contingent

This exhibit shows Canada's First Contingent of World War I from mobilization in 1914 to training in Valcartier and England, and then arrival in France in 1915.

Hendrik Burgers

The Jubilee Postcard Postal History

Rates, regulations, and usages.

Joseph M. Smith

YOUTH

1982 Philatelic Youth Issue

A one-frame exhibit on the 1982 Philatelic Youth issue

Matthew Gaiser





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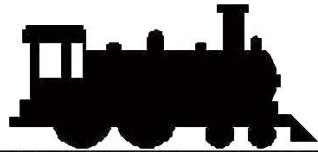


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JUDGES

H. M. (Mike) Street



(Chairman of Judges)

Mike Street, a retired Ontario Hydro Electrical Engineer, is also a birdwatcher who spends most of his free time preparing books for the BNAPS publishing program and co-editing BNA Topics. He was previously Editor of BNA Topics 1981 to 1989, then First Vice-President and President of BNAPS, and has served for many years on the Publications Committee. He has 35 years of experience judging at local, National and BNAPS shows. Mike has written articles on various subjects for BNA Topics, including his current series, 'Cover Stories', and for Maple Leaves.

He is preparing a book on the Postal History of Canada's 1946 Peace Issue stamps. He was elected to the BNAPS Order of the Beaver in 1992 and a Fellow of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain in 2011. When not working for BNAPS Mike leads nature and culture tours to Cuba, Turkey and Newfoundland and goes birding as time permits. He and his wife Carol travel as often as they can.

Bill Longley



Bill Longley started collecting as a child, joined BNAPS as a youth and attended his first BNAPEX convention in Toronto in 1993. As a dealer, his first show was at the Oakville Stamp Club where Bill Coates gave him one foot of table space and he sold over \$2,000, much of it to Allan Steinhart. That part time venture soon grew into full time activity as a dealer and auctioneer, Longley Auctions.

Bill's collecting interests are largely postal history. He also collects the artwork of George Heriot, deputy PMG of Canada (1800-1814), and Uruguay's Cifras issue (1866).

Ken W. Lemke



(Apprentice Judge)

Ken is President of Canadian Finishing Systems Ltd, a supplier to the metal finishing and aerospace industries. He is currently the First Vice-President of the Hamilton Stamp Club as well as its representative to the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association. He is also a member of the Burlington Stamp club. Ken is the Editor of the BNAPS King George VI Study Group’s Newsletter “Post and Mail”, and received the 2010 Sivert’s award for Best Study Group Newsletter. His primary collecting interest is the KG VI era, and in particular the Mufti issue.

Fitz Roett



(CALTAPEX judge)

Fitz has been a collector for over fifty years. During the past three decades, he has specialized in Barbados philately and, in particular, the classic Britannia issues. The results of this have been winning the Grand Award at both Royal*2002*Royale and CHICAGOPEX 2003. At the International shows in both Singapore and Washington 2006 his collection was awarded a gold medal. His latest achievement was an international gold medal at Indonesia 2012.

Fitz has been a national level philatelic judge for over a decade. His findings on the Britannia issues will be published by year end.

EVENTS - GROUP TOURS OUTSIDE CALGARY

The following group tours are available for those who want to see something of the surrounding countryside. Please contact the show Registration desk as soon as possible. Tours may be cancelled if insufficient numbers.

Tour #1: Thursday, August 30, 08h30

\$95.00



9 hours in Banff National Park.

Walk Johnston Canyon and view waterfall (or view creek near bus), visit Lake Louise (no-host lunch), ride gondola to top of Sulphur Mountain overlooking Banff, shopping.

Tour #2: Friday, August 31, 07h30

\$110.00

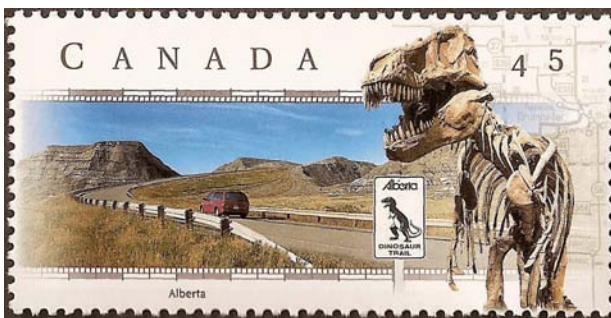
9 hours in southwestern Alberta.

Visit Nanton Air Museum, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, Fort Macleod (North West Mounted Police museum), view giant glacial erratic “Big Rock” just west of Okotoks.



Tour #3: Saturday, September 1, 07h00

\$110.00



9 hours in badlands. View Horseshoe Canyon, visit Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology, drive North Dinosaur Trail, view hoodoos.



3 hours around Calgary. View City Hall, Olympic Plaza, Fort Calgary, Stampede Park, Calgary Zoo, Heritage Park, and Canada Olympic Park.

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EVENTS - SCHEDULE OF THE SHOW

NOTE: Free admission to the Bourse and Exhibits.

The Green Room for volunteers and speakers will be in the McTavish Room.

See page 36 for a map of the function rooms.

Thursday, August 30

09h00	BNAPS Board of Directors Meeting - Doll/Herald Room
18h00 to 21h30	Registration
18h00 to 22h00	Exhibits and Bourse set-up in the ballroom

Friday, August 31

08h00 to 09h45	Final Exhibits and Bourse preparation - Ballroom
08h30 to 18h00	Registration
09h45	Opening ceremony - Ballroom entrance
10h00	Exhibition and Bourse open in the Ballroom
noon	Study Group Leaders - Doll Room
13h00	Lecture - Mail from the French Shore, Newfoundland - Herald Room
14h00	First Day Covers Study Group - Doll Room
15h00	Dead Letter Office Study Group - Herald Room
16h00	Admiral Study Group - Doll Room
18h00	Exhibition and Bourse close

Saturday, September 1

- 07h15 to 09h30 Order of the Beaver breakfast (private function)
 - Doll Room
- 10h00 Exhibition and Bourse opens in the Ballroom
10h00 Airmail Study Group and Canadian Aerophilatelic Society
 - joint meeting, in Herald Room
- 11h00 Perfins Study Group - Doll Room
13h00 Postal Stationery Study Group - Doll Room
14h00 Military Mail Study Group - Herald Room
- 15h00 Regional Group Leaders - Doll Room
16h00 King George VI Study Group - Herald Room
- 17h00 Exhibition and Bourse close
- 18h00 Western Night Out - Western wear if you can.
 (registered delegates or ticket buyers only)
 Dinner at the Palomino Smoke House, 107 - 7 Avenue SW
 (a short walk west of the hotel on the south side of 7
 Avenue).

Sunday, September 2

- 08h00 to 09h45 BNAPS Annual General Meeting - Herald Room
10h00 Exhibition and Bourse opens in the Ballroom
- 10h00 Judges Critique - Herald Room
- noon Elizabethan Study Group - Doll Room
13h00 Canada Post Ephemera Study Group - Herald Room
14h00 Fancy Cancells and Miscellaneous Markings Study Group
 - Doll Room
- 15h00 Exhibition and Bourse close
15h00 Exhibit take-down
- 18h00 Past Presidents' Reception - Grand Foyer #4
- 19h00 Awards Banquet - Imperial Ballroom #5
 (registered delegates or pre-purchased tickets only)

BOURSE

BNAPEX 2013 (see ad on page 41)

Prince Edward Island

Table 16

Bow City Philatelics (Bruce Crow) (see ad on page 11)

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Tables 27 and 28

Steve Trask (see ad on page 25)

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Tables 21 and 22

Tom Watkins and Bill Longley

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Tables 9 and 10

Firmin Wyndels (see ad on page 17)

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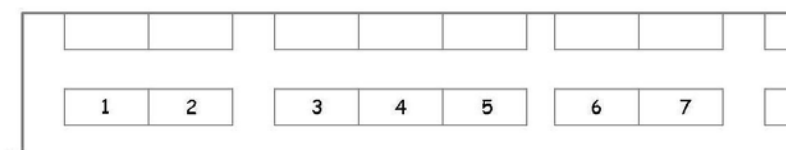
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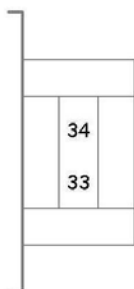
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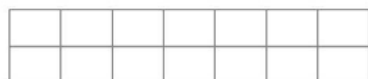
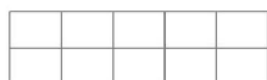
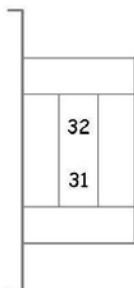
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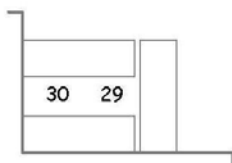
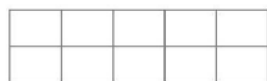
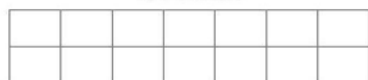
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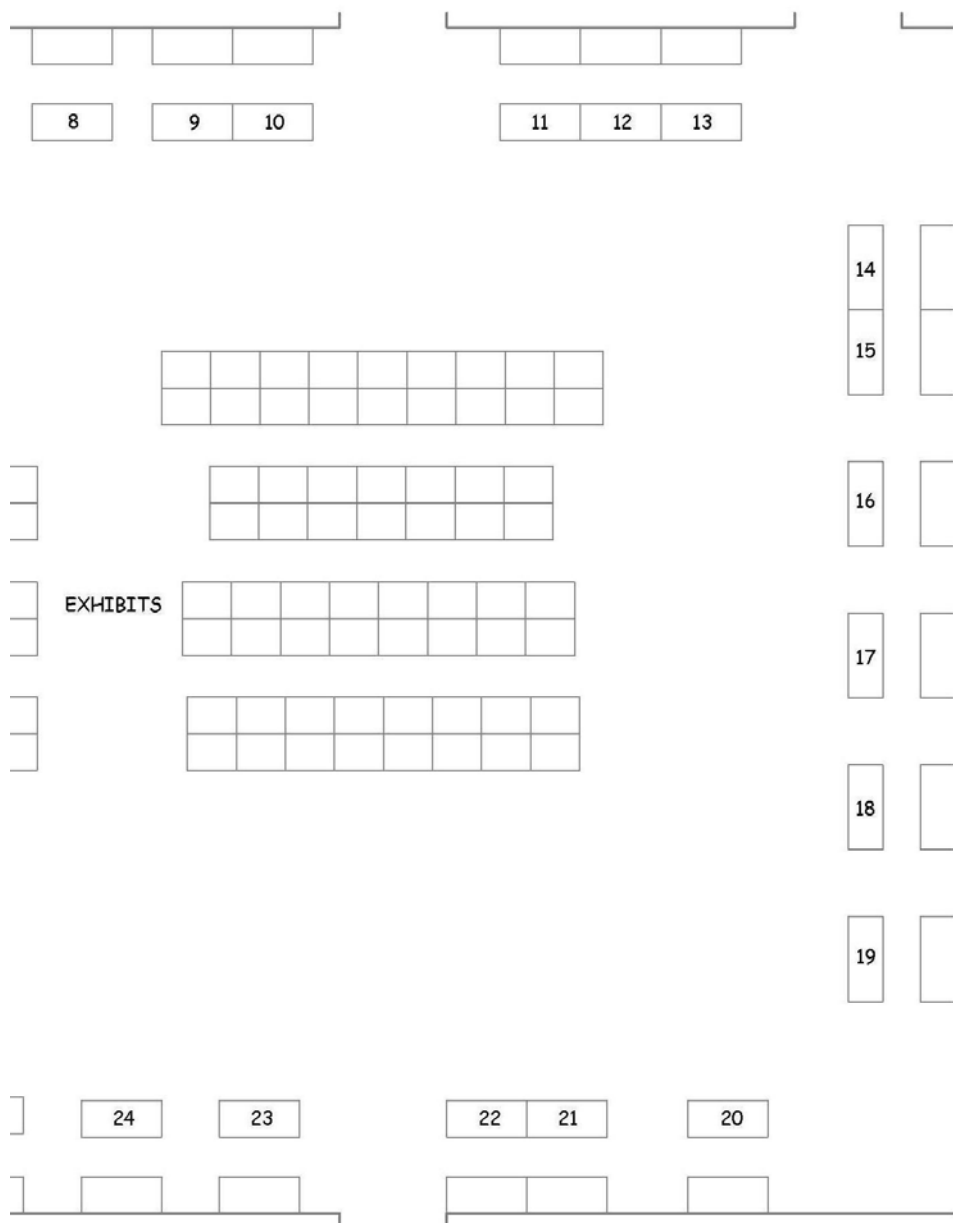
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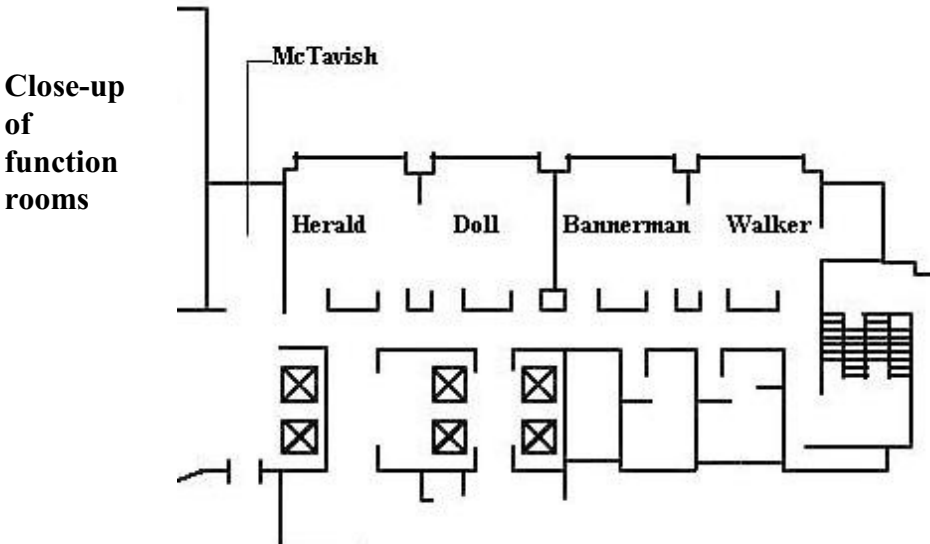
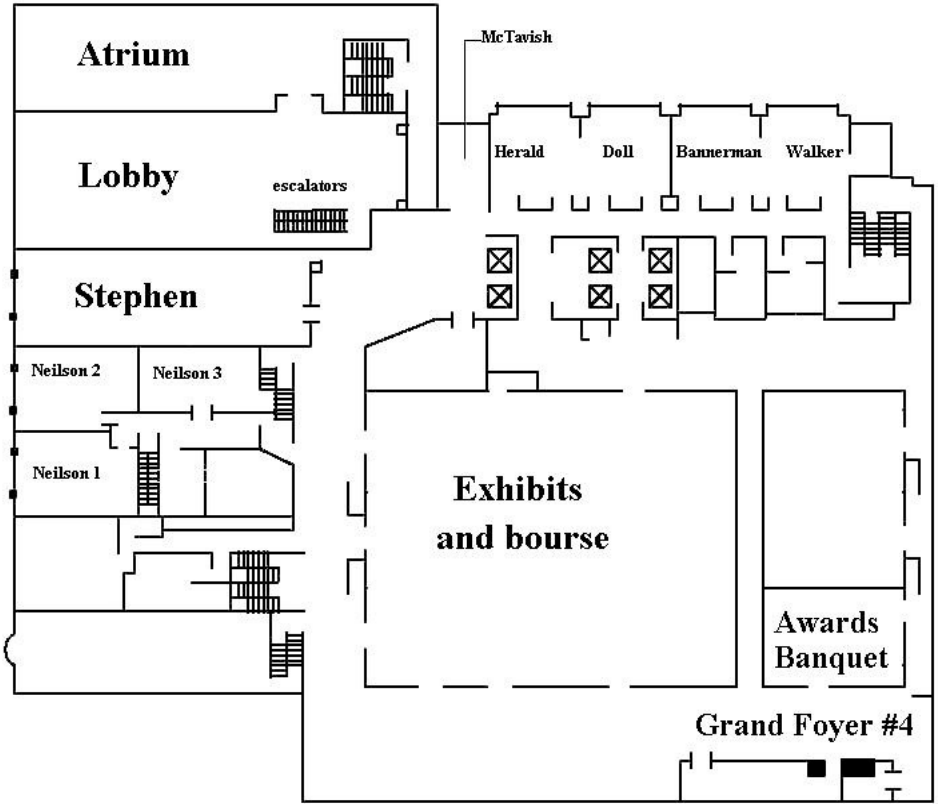
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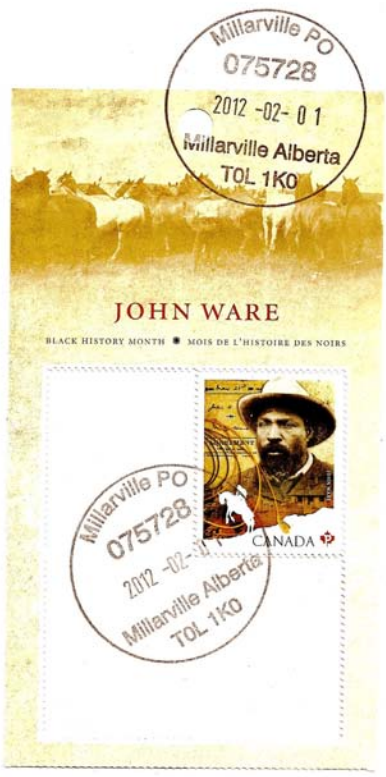
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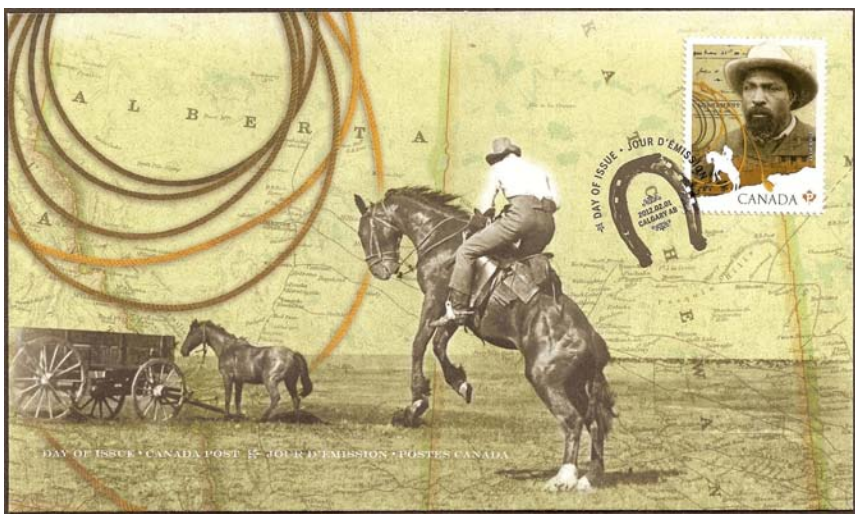
2012 WAS A JACKPOT YEAR FOR CALGARY STAMPS

In 2012, not one but several stamps were issued with Calgary as the subject matter. The two Stampede stamps are discussed in greater detail beginning on page 44. But Cowtown also had some other stamps this year.



On 2012-02-01, Canada Post issued a stamp for pioneer rancher John Ware as part of Black History month. However, Calgarians know him as the man who helped popularize rodeo sports. Ware died in 1905, seven years before the Calgary Stampede began, but he competed in smaller Calgary rodeos.

The official First Day Cover issued by Canada Post was postmarked Calgary, but Ware never lived in the city. His ranch was just west of Millarville, a foothills village about 30 km west-southwest of Calgary. Shown here are both the official FDC and an unofficial FDC from Millarville.

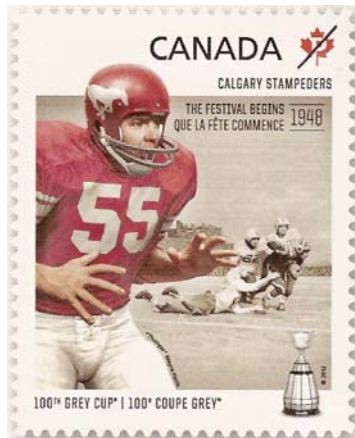


2012 is the 100th playing of the Grey Cup, and Canada Post issued two series of stamps for the Canadian Football League. The first set showed team logos, which naturally included the Calgary Stampeders.



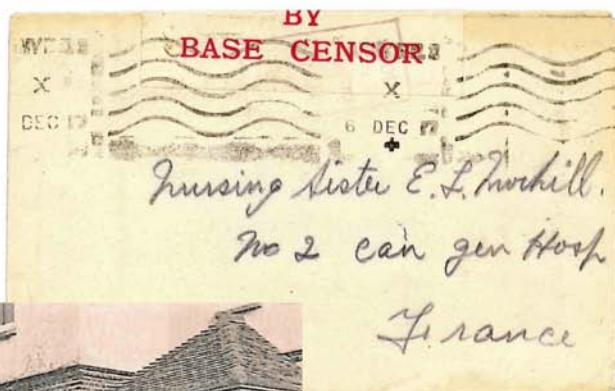
The two stamps shown here have the first-day cancels applied at the Stadium retail postal outlet in Paragon Pharmacy, located a couple of blocks west of McMahon Stadium, where the team plays. Each team logo was available in coils of 50, and there also was a souvenir sheet with one of each team. The stamp with the bar code was extracted from the souvenir sheet, and the other with the straight-edge sides came from the coil.

On 2012-08-16, Canada Post issued a second set of CFL stamps, showing players in uniform and an historical scene. Each team's stamps were available in booklets of ten.



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BNAPEX 2013

CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Rodd Royalty Hotel, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

BNAPS will return to Prince Edward Island in 2013, with the convention being held on Labour Day weekend, August 30 – September 1, at the Rodd Royalty Hotel in Charlottetown. BNAPS members are invited to plan for a visit to Canada's smallest province, home of red earth scenery (and Anne of Green Gables Heritage Place), and with miles of sandy beaches.

History buffs can look forward to getting a year's head start. 2013 is the 149th anniversary of the 1864 Charlottetown Convention, an event that laid the foundation of Canada.



The Rodd Royalty, Charlottetown

In addition to the usual philatelic events there will be island tours. Also a lobster dinner is being arranged.

So, plan an extended holiday around the show. We hope to see you in Charlottetown!

For further information please contact

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Details about exhibits, accommodations and early registration will appear shortly on the BNAPS website and in *BNA Topics*.

CALGARY POST OFFICES - DOWNTOWN

If you want to get some postmarks of nearby Calgary retail postal outlets within walking distance of the Hyatt Regency hotel, here are their addresses. The post offices run directly by Canada Post will be closed all weekend, but most retail outlets should be open. Some may have limited hours for the Labour Day weekend. The LRT train is free downtown along 7 Avenue but you have to buy a ticket if you are going past City Hall to the east or past 7 Street SW to the west.

Downtown.

Central Post Office: 6 Street SW and 5 Avenue,
run directly by Canada Post.

Open weekdays only, closed weekends and holidays. This is the only station that has the Heart of the New West pictorial postmark. You have to specifically ask for it as they keep it behind the counter.



Hallmark Cards: 3 Avenue SW and 4 Street, 2nd floor, Centennial Place
Noteworthy Cards: 5 Avenue SW and 1 Street, 2nd floor, Bow Valley Square
Sprague Drugs: 5 Avenue SW and 2 Street, 2nd floor, Calgary Place
Dominion Drugs: 7 Avenue SW and 8 Street, northwest corner
Hallmark Cards: 8 Avenue SW and 3 Street, ground floor, Bankers Hall

Chinatown.

Hing Wah Imports: east side of Centre Street South, near 3 Avenue SE

Beltline.

This is the area south of the railroad tracks, along the south side of the downtown.

Shoppers Drug Mart: 17 Avenue and 7 Street SE. This is a long walk from the hotel but if you take the LRT westbound and get off at the 7 Street SW station, then it is a 10-minute walk south on 8 Street SW. (7 Street SW does not cross the railroad tracks.)

Shoppers Drug Mart: 15 Avenue and 1 Street SE. This has the Stampede Station postmark. If you take the Somerset LRT train, then you have to buy a ticket, but it is good for 90 minutes both ways.

Bridgeland.

North side of the Bow River, east of Edmonton Trail. This is a 20-minute walk from the hotel over the old Langevin Bridge.

Luke's Value Drug Mart: 1 Avenue NE and 4 Street

CALGARY POST OFFICES - SUBURBS

Calgary has about 80 retail postal outlets (RePOs) and three Canada Post-operated stations, so only a few are listed here. You have to ask specifically for the RePO cancels from their clerks. If you just drop a letter in their boxes, the letters will only get a generic spray-on Calgary cancel at the main processing plant. Realistically you need a vehicle to drive to these outlets. Buses do run past most of them but you would waste inordinate amounts of time. Also, the operating hours of these RePOs may be limited because of the Labour Day weekend.

Northwest Calgary:

Stadium: Paragon Pharmacy, on the north side of the shopping plaza at Uxbridge Drive and 16 Avenue NW. This outlet is a couple of blocks west of McMahon Stadium where the Calgary Stampeders play, hence its name. The postmark is ideal for the two sets of Canadian Football League stamps issued this summer.

Tuscany: Rexall Drugs, in the shopping plaza at Tuscany Blvd NW and Tuscany Way. The significance of this suburb is that this is where Prime Minister Steven Harper lives. Don't ask the way to his house unless you're willing to risk winding up on a watch list!

Royal Oak: Sobeys Supermarket, Country Hills Boulevard NW. For your QEII Diamond Jubilee stamps.

Northeast Calgary:

Airways Industrial: Airways Food, in the strip mall on the south side of 32 Avenue NE at 19 Street. A good postmark for aviation topicals.

Saddleridge: Shoppers Drug Mart, 80 Avenue NE and Saddletowne Circle, in the far northeast of the city. A nice one for the Calgary Stampede or John Ware stamps.

Southwest Calgary:

Britannia: Britannia Drugs, 49 Avenue SW and Elbow Drive. Have your QEII Diamond Jubilee stamps canceled here.

Bridlewood: 7-Eleven, 24 Street SW and 162 Avenue, at the far southwest end of the city. Another good postmark for the Calgary Stampede or John Ware stamps.

CALGARY STAMPEDE CENTENNIAL STAMPS

On 2012-05-17, Canada Post issued a pair of stamps in honour of the centennial of the Calgary Stampede, first held on the Labour Day weekend of 1912. (Nowadays the Stampede is held in the middle two weeks of July.) The domestic rate stamp shows a horse and saddle, and the American rate stamp shows the limited edition commemorative belt buckle made for the centennial. The stamps were designed by Xerxes Irani of Calgary.



The gimmick of these stamps is that they are tied to a smartphone app that allows you to download games appropriate to the stamps. The app is available at www.canadapost.ca, and once it is on your smartphone, you point the camera at one of the stamps and the app automatically loads the appropriate game. The screenshots below show the app as demonstrated on a tablet. For the horse and saddle stamp, the app will show a three-dimensional horse standing over the stamp. If you touch the horse, it will react according to where you touched it. You can also change the colour and pattern of the horse.



On the next page is a screenshot of the app for the belt buckle stamp, which allows you to play video barrel racing. Touch your finger to the horse and rider and drag them through the cloverleaf track as fast as possible. The computer will track your time.



The stamps were also available as a se-tenant pair on a souvenir sheet. The silver and gold belt buckle on the American-rate stamp was made by Scott Hardy in a limited edition priced at \$3,000 each. (Sorry to BNAPSers wanting one; they're sold out.) The domestic rate stamp shows a horse named Sunny, owned by 1995 Stampede Queen Allison Boswell. The saddle on his back is the one she used during her reign, and shows the Stampede livestock brand "C lazy S".

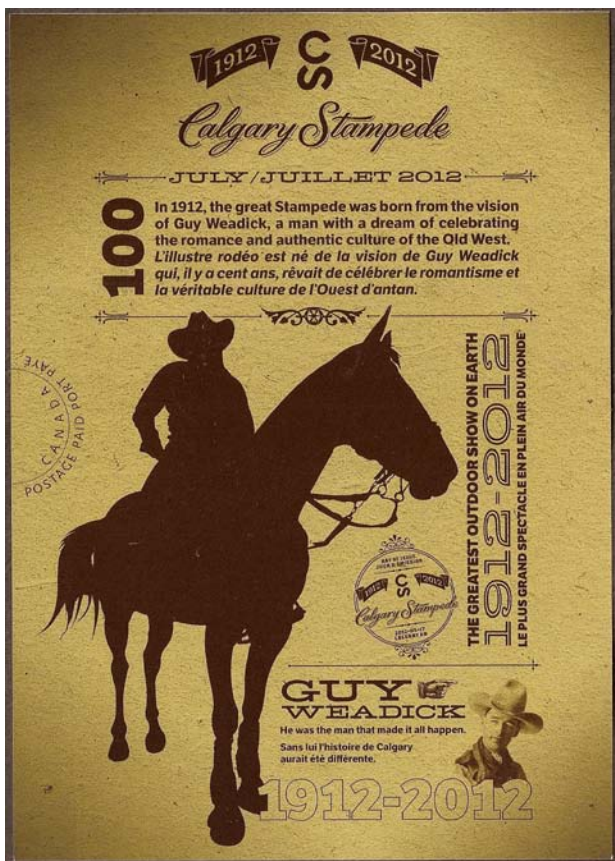


LOWE-MARTIN DESIGN; 2012-2012 CANADA; CALGARY STAMPEDE
 DREW MYERS; COURTESY OF THE CALGARY STAMPEDE ARCHIVES /
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 (BACKGROUND / ARRÈRE-PLAN) LINDSAY BAKER





Two postal cards were available, prepaid to anywhere in the world.



Guy Weadick, shown on this postal card, was the founder of the Calgary Stampede.

L&B: A CALGARY PERFIN

by Jon Johnson

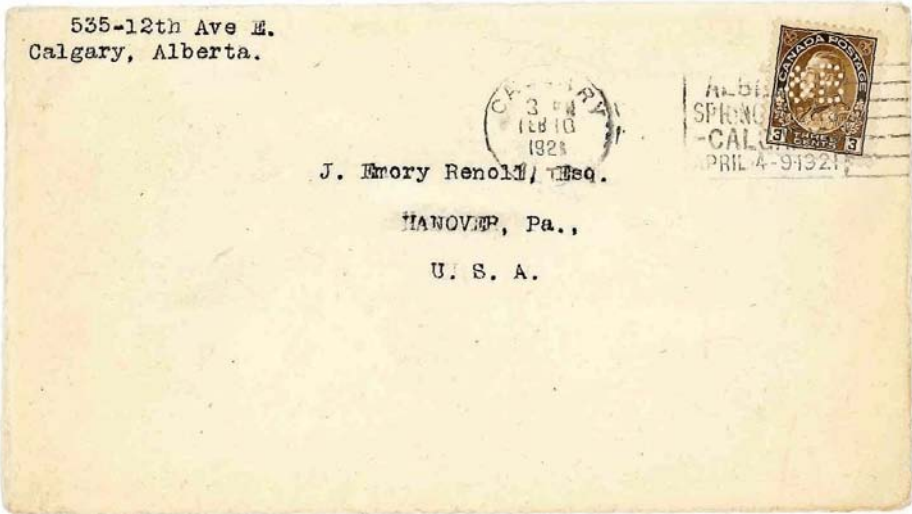
Lougheed & Bennett was founded in February 1897. It was a partnership between Sir James Lougheed, Calgary lawyer since 1883, and lawyer Richard (R.B.) Bennett who arrived in Calgary in January 1897.

Born in Brampton, Upper Canada, in 1854, Sir James Lougheed attended Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto, becoming a solicitor in 1881. He then followed the Canadian Pacific Railway first to Winnipeg, then arriving in Calgary with the rails in 1883. His legal firm Lougheed & McCarthy and brokerage firm Lougheed & Taylor, along with his investments, prospered with Calgary's growth. In order to have more time for his businesses and political aspirations Lougheed formed a partnership with a young lawyer, R.B. Bennett. Two years later Lougheed was appointed to the Canadian Senate and in 1906 he became Conservative leader of the Senate, a position he held for 19 years. Lougheed owned several other firms, in such fields as insurance and real estate, which competed with Lougheed & Bennett. Due to a lack of involvement in the firm by Lougheed there was discussion of dissolving the firm in April 1911 but nothing came of the discussion. Lougheed served as a Federal cabinet minister from 1911 to 1921. In recognition of his government service he was knighted in 1916. He passed away in 1925.

Born in Hopewell, NB, in 1870, Richard B. Bennett initially was a teacher, appointed principal of the Douglstown, NB, school at age 18. In his spare time he worked in a law office in Chatham, NB. Once he had saved enough for law school he attended Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, graduating in 1893. He practiced law in Chatham, until invited by Sir James Lougheed to join his Calgary practice in 1897. Bennett quickly became an active businessman in addition to his legal activities. He added politics, being elected in 1898 as Conservative member for West Calgary in the Legislative Assembly of the North-West Territories in Regina. In 1909 he was elected to the Alberta Legislature and in 1911 to the House of Commons for Calgary. In 1927 he won the leadership of the Conservative party and in 1930 became the 15th Prime Minister of Canada. Then came the Depression and difficult political years until the Conservative's defeat in 1935. After travelling the world extensively Bennett moved to Surrey, England, in 1938. He was appointed to the British House of Lords as Viscount Bennett, the only Canadian Prime Minister so elevated. He died in England in 1947.

R.B. Bennett sat on the Board of Directors and/or represented many major Canadian companies over the years. Of this group the following used perfins for their postal security: Bank of Montreal, Canada Cement Company, Canadian Pacific Railway, E.B. Eddy, Great West Life Insurance, Massey Harris and Metropolitan Life Insurance. Other competitors using perfins were Canadian Northern Railway, Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, MacKenzie & Mann (railway builders) and Tupper, Phippen & Tupper (lawyers). In the winter of 1920 Bennett attended a Red Cross Convention in Switzerland, followed by an extended visit to England.

While in England Bennett ordered a postage stamp perforator that he either brought back with him or had shipped to Calgary. The ampersand style is clearly British. The perforation hole size is also British in nature, being larger than Canadian and U.S. manufactured perforators. Shortly after the perforator arrived in Calgary an L&B perfin was used on cover to Hanover, PA. The return address, 535 – 12th Ave E, is that of three Kay brothers. The older two worked for the CPR and the youngest, George Kay, was office boy at Loughheed & Bennett. To date, only the cover below and one single L&B perfin has been reported.



Bennett was again in England in July 1922 presenting an appeal to the Privy Council when series of confusing cables were sent between the partners in the law firm. Upon Bennett’s return in August 1922 the partnership was dissolved and two competing firms created, Loughheed, McLaws, Sinclair & Redman and Bennett, Hannah & Sanford. Either the L&B perfin was not used on their business correspondence or very few of their business envelopes used between February 1921 and August 1922 have survived.

OIL STAMPS

by James R. (Jim) Taylor

Calgary is Canada's petroleum capital, so petroleum philately is an appropriate topical.

Azerbaijan, a country bordering the Caspian Sea in western Asia, was the first to show it's prolific oil industry on postage stamps. In 1919, in the confusing aftermath of the Russian Revolution, the newly independent Republic of Azerbaijan issued the very first petroleum-related stamp. It shows oil wells topped by wooden derricks in the Bibi-Heybat oil fields near the capital city of Baku (Figure 1, Scott #9). [Editor's note: Stamps are not necessarily depicted at actual size.]



Figure 1



Figure 2

The design pictures five oil wells that dot the field area on the horizon. In the design foreground, the Fire Worshippers' Temple is shown with the sacred and eternal fires which were fed from natural gas seeps, a by-product of the subsurface oil deposit. The temple was ingeniously designed so that the natural gas is delivered to the four corners of the shrine's roof through natural gas pipelines. The temple, located 25 km from Baku, has been restored and its flaming tower can still be seen today. A scarcer, second printing of the stamp appeared on thin white paper. Scott lists the variety as a footnote. Because of out-of-control inflation the stamp was surcharged with new higher values in 1922. On the stamp the Azerbaijani language is in Arabic script, the country name in French and the bilingual face value of 25 rubles. The Star and Crescent symbol of the National Republic of Azerbaijan is in the upper right. The independent republic had a short life, 1919 through 1922, before being forcibly incorporated into the Soviet Union as the People's Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan.

The successor Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan issued stamps in 1922. Figure 2 (Scott #16) shows the 2-ruble value of the 1922 issue that depicts an oil well with an uncontrolled release of oil commonly called a gusher. Wild oil wells are dangerous as a single spark can cause an inferno. Thousands of barrels of crude are wasted in the gusher. Perhaps a more environmentally correct design could have been used. The stamp is inscribed in the Azerbaijani language in the Arabic and Cyrillic or Russian

alphabet. The face value is shown in both alphabets. Notice that the Star and Crescent symbol now contains the Soviet hammer and sickle.

Figure 3 (Scott #17) shows a panoramic view of the Bibi-Heybat oil field on the outskirts of Baku. This 5 ruble face value stamp forms part of the 1922 set issued under the Soviet Republic. As with the previous stamp it has the Soviet Union symbols and inscriptions. Both Sc. #16 and #17 were later surcharged with much higher face values because of rampant inflation in late 1922.



Figure 3



Figure 4

Figure 4 is a 25,000 rouble (note the amazing inflated face value) oil field stamp from a set which was never issued to post offices. The set is not listed by Scott. It probably did not meet with Soviet approval as it lacked the Russian alphabet and the hammer and sickle.



Figure 5

Thousands of petroleum-related stamps have been issued by other countries since 1922. However, the rarest petroleum stamp remains unlisted in Scott's Catalogue. It was prepared by the German Nazi's General Government of occupied Poland. It was prepared and printed in 1945 just as the Second World War was ending and the Germans were surrounded. The 6-pfennig stamp along with two others in a set were never issued (Figure 5). A few stamps and some proof material for the oil stamp were looted by advancing Allied forces and a few have come onto the philatelic market. The unissued set of three, including the 6-pfennig oil

field stamp, is priced at US\$550 on a recent dealer's retail list. The stamp portrays the Boryslaw oil field with a wood-enclosed derrick and its adjacent wooden shed which housed pumping machinery. Several simpler tripod frames for cable-tool drilling are also visible in both the foreground and background. Boryslaw oil field is today located in the western part of independent Ukraine.

Early oil fields were also discovered closer to home. The Canadian oil industry contributes enormously to Canada's balance of trade and prosperity. Canada is the world's third-largest producer of natural gas and sixth-largest producer of crude oil and growing. The oil industry's current preeminence belies its humble roots in the oily swamplands of southwestern Ontario province. Rights to drill for oil were acquired from speculator Charles Tripp by a Hamilton, Ontario, carriage-maker named James Miller Williams. In 1858 Williams drilled Canada's first oil commercial well. Williams No.1 at Oil Springs, Ontario. This was a year before Edwin Drake drilled his famous wildcat in Pennsylvania in 1859. The ensuing boom transformed the region; the towns of Petrolia and Oil Springs were born. By 1861, 400 wells operated in the region producing 50 to 800 barrels a day. By the mid-1890s, the boom had run its course, although the region continues to produce small amounts of oil today. Figure 6 (Scott #2268) shows Williams (foreground) and Tripp (middle ground) and the oil fields in the background. The 52-cent stamp was issued in 2008.

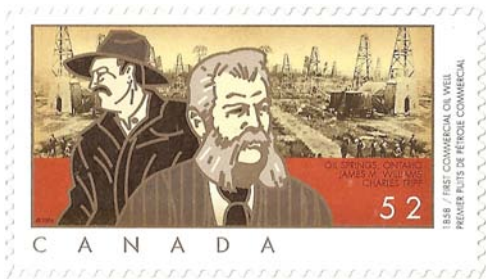


Figure 6



Figure 7

Oil finds were few and far between for 90 years. Norman Wells in the Northwest Territories was discovered in 1919, and the Turner Valley oil leg was found in 1936. The gigantic reef discoveries in central Alberta in 1947 fueled a series of booms that have continued to this day. A Canadian 50-cent definitive stamp (Figure 7, Scott #294) issued in 1950 showed oil wells in Alberta, recognizing the growth of the industry in western Canada. This stamp was also overprinted for official use. Canada's oil sands production (Figure 8, Scott #765) with reserves that rival Saudi Arabia are ramping up from initial exploitation in the 1960s and the Hibernia oil field offshore Newfoundland came on stream in 1970.



Figure 8

HOW CALGARY GOT ITS NAME

When the North West Mounted Police established F Troop at the junction of the Bow and Elbow rivers in August 1875, it was briefly known as Bow Valley Post. The commanding officer was Lieutenant Ephram Brisebois, and he took it upon himself to call it Fort Brisebois. This order was countermanded by his superior Col. James Macleod, who at the time was stationed further south in Fort Macleod. Rank has its privileges! He was Scottish-born and renamed the place Fort Calgary, after Calaghearraidh on the Isle of Mull, pronounced as Calgary. (Gaelic speakers spell words that way just to annoy the Sassenachs!)



This postcard shows Calgary, Scotland, in the upper right corner.

The original location of Fort Calgary is now a riverbank park with a partial reconstruction of the fort and a museum. The official address is 750 - 9 Avenue SE if you are driving, but if you are at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, then it is a seven-block walk straight east on 7 Avenue SE. The riverbank park and fort reconstruction are free to the public but the museum, on the southeast corner of the park, has an admission fee (\$12 adult, \$11 seniors). It is open 09h00 to 17h00 daily including weekends.

On your return trip, walk along the Bow River Promenade, a beautiful riverbank pathway that leads into the downtown core. At Centre Street, turn south and walk through Chinatown on your way back to the hotel. A brisk walk will get you back in a half hour, but allow at least an hour to enjoy the sights along the way. If you go past Centre Street to 3 Street SW, you will find the Festival Plaza and Prince's Island Park. Allow at least an hour to wander around the island and the adjacent promenade.

YEEHAW! THE CALGARY STAMPEDE IS A CENTENARIAN

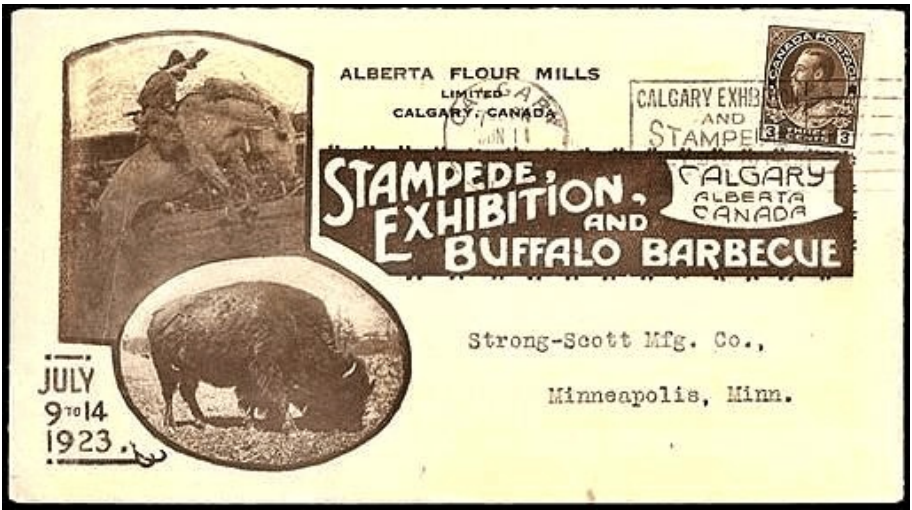
by Dale Speirs

By 1886, Calgary was big enough to begin hosting an annual exhibition. In 1912 Guy Weadick convinced four wealthy cattlemen to sponsor a rodeo to demonstrate the cowboy way of life to a population that even then was urban or farming fenced cropland. They didn't want a faked Wild West show as was common in the USA, they wanted to show people how it really was. The Calgary Stampede began as a one-time event in 1912, then gradually developed into the premiere event of the rodeo world.

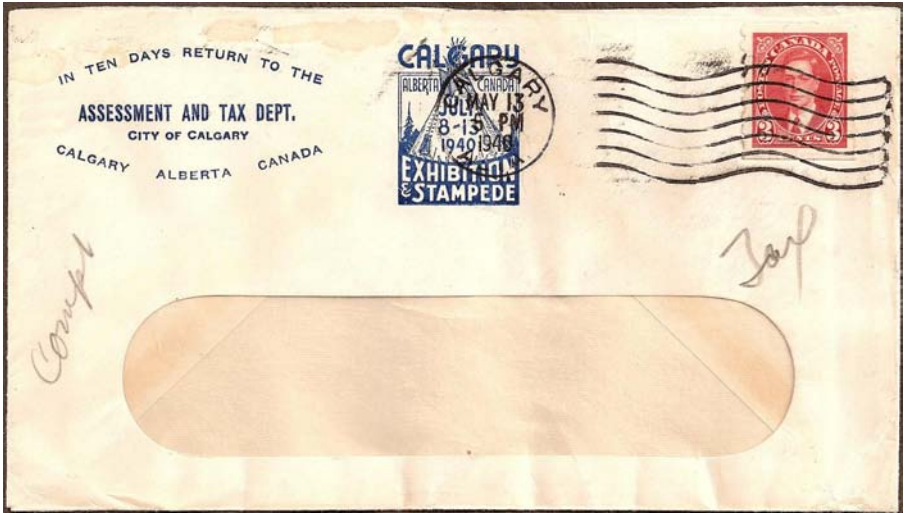


The Stampede was first held in 1912, again in 1919, and annually since 1923 after it merged with the Agricultural Exhibition. By the late 1920s, the Stampede was accepted by Calgarians as a remnant of true history, even though ranching in the Calgary area was only important in the last two decades of the 1800s, after which Calgary became a mercantile city supplying the farmers who had fenced in the open range.

The modern Stampede is a mixture of agricultural and livestock displays that reflect reality, rodeo events which are part reality but mostly myth, the midway rides (pure fantasy), and the food booths (pure everything your doctor warns you against). The 1912 and 1919 Stampedes triggered the formation of other rodeos throughout Alberta, which served to legitimize rodeos, even though Alberta was a farming province, not a ranching province.

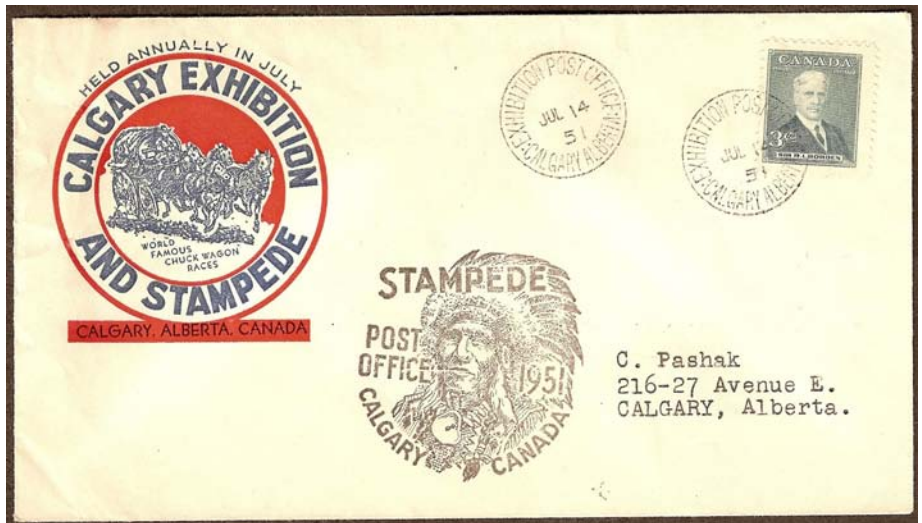


The Stampede is run by a non-profit society organized like a large business corporation but whose executive serve as unpaid volunteers. The annual two weeks of the rodeo are the highlight of its year, but the grounds are busy all year round with sports events (junior hockey in the old Corral Arena, NHL in the new Saddledome), touring rock concerts (Saddledome), a casino (Big Four Building), trade shows (Roundup Centre and Big Four Building), and livestock shows (Agricultural Building and Roundup Centre). The City of Calgary has two councilors on the board of directors and owns the land. The interests of the two have always been considered one and the same, and the City provides much financial and material support.



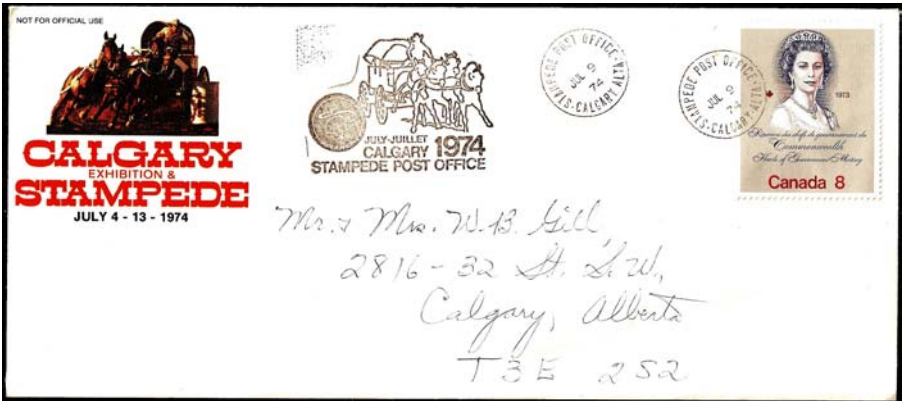
By the 1940s, all the original pioneers were dead and gone, and the Calgary Stampede shifted towards celebrating a Hollywood-style Wild West that never existed even in the USA, much less on the Canadian prairies. The agricultural Exhibition has maintained its authenticity, but a decade or so ago began to realize that it couldn't assume the visitors knew anything about agriculture. It used to be that almost all visitors were either from a farm background or had family members who were, but today the majority of Calgarians have had no connection to farming for several generations. The exhibits therefore shifted to explaining how food is produced and distributed, to an audience presumed to know nothing of where beef or milk comes from, or the difference between a steer and a bull.

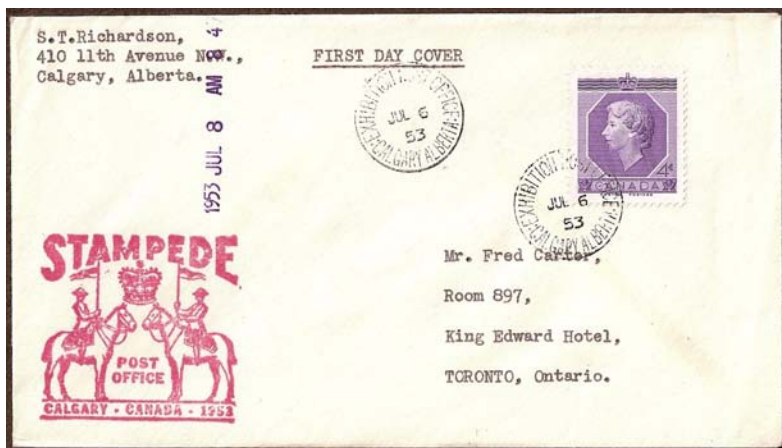
The three main tribes around Calgary are the Tsuu T'ina, the Siksika, and the Nakoda. The federal government in 1912 and later Stampede years complained that the Stampede was a bad influence on the tribes, but everyone ignored the killjoys. Government agents did their best to keep the natives on their Reserves, but the Mounties saw no reason to stop them from going into town, and Calgarians were happy to receive them as part of the Stampede colour. The feuding continued until 1932, when the last of the objectors retired. Since then it is taken for granted that the Indian Village will be an integral part of the Stampede, and that many of the natives would compete in the rodeo.



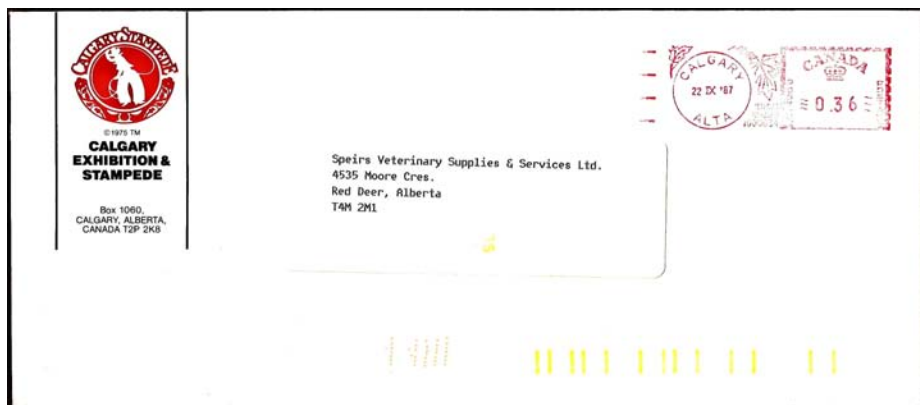
In the era before radio and television, parades were an important type of mass media. They were big, frequent, and involved many Calgarians working together to organize them. They always had a theme to communicate, whether it was "Remember the Good Old Days", "Solidarity Forever!", or "We won!" (a war or sports tournament). Today, the Stampede parade is the only major parade left in Calgary.

The chuckwagon was invented in 1866 by Charles Goodnight of Texas specifically for use on cattle drives. The first chuckwagon races as a formal rodeo event anywhere in North America were held at the 1923 Calgary Stampede, and were a crowd pleaser. Originally the chuckwagons were straight off the ranch, but modern racing chuckwagons are lightweight and purpose-built, not just adapted from any old wagon. Rules have steadily become more stringent to reduce accidents with their attendant injuries and fatalities to both drivers and horses.



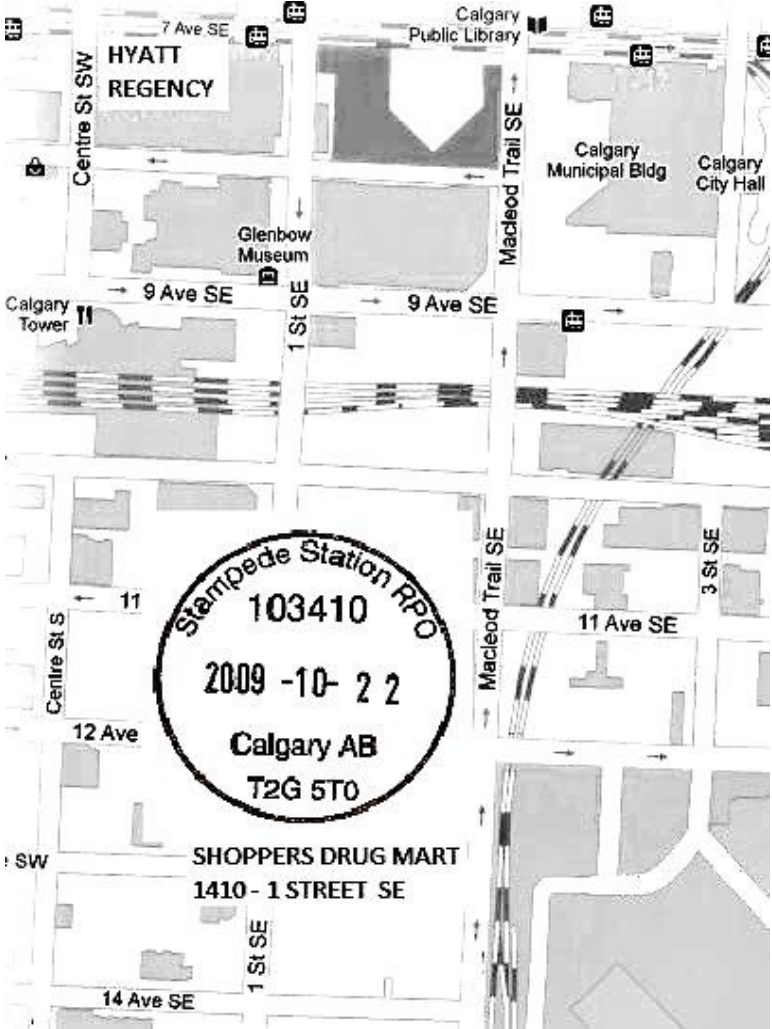


Besides collecting the cachets and special postmarks of the Stampede, one can also try to collect genuine commercial covers. The examples below are from an American buying advance tickets to the show, and a cover sent by the Stampede organization to the author's father, who was a livestock veterinarian.



The Calgary Stampede had a post office on the grounds for many decades, but that faded out in the 1990s as e-mail took over. However, anyone attending BNAPEX 2012 CALTAPEX can get a postmark called “Stampede Station” from a retail postal outlet in Shoppers Drug Mart a block west of the Stampede Victoria Park LRT station.

The postmark is shown superimposed on a map below; it is within walking distance of the Hyatt hotel. You can also take the Somerset LRT train and get off at the Stampede Victoria Park station and walk one block west. You need to buy a ticket but it is good for 90 minutes in any direction on any Calgary Transit train or bus. (Take the northbound Crowfoot train to return downtown and get off at the 1st Street station.)



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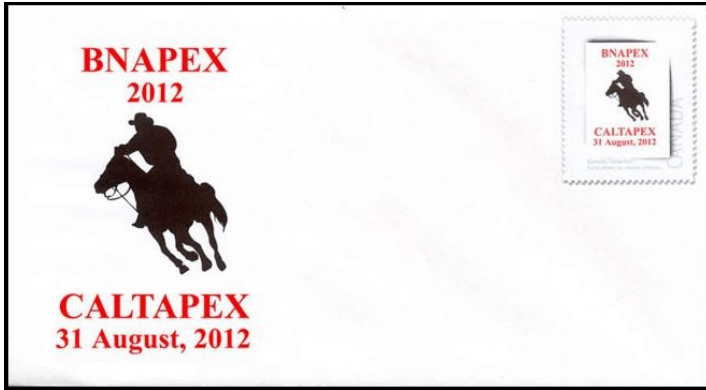
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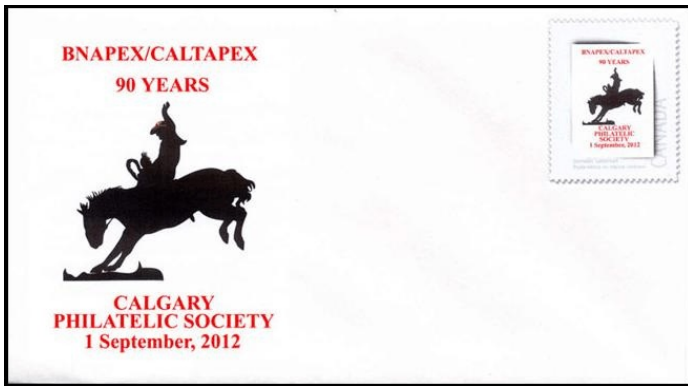
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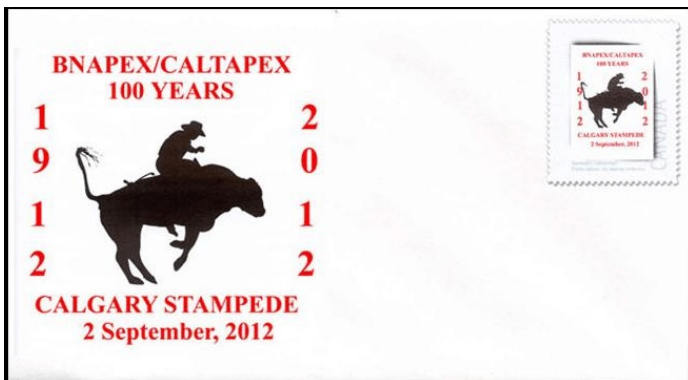
Three Picture Postage personalized stamps have been issued for BNAPEX 2012 CALTAPEX as shown below on cover. The first one shown has a stamp depicting a cowboy and horse in honour of Calgary's origin as the ranching capital of Alberta.



Co-host club Calgary Philatelic Society celebrated its 90th anniversary in April this year. See pages 9 and 10 for a brief history of the club.

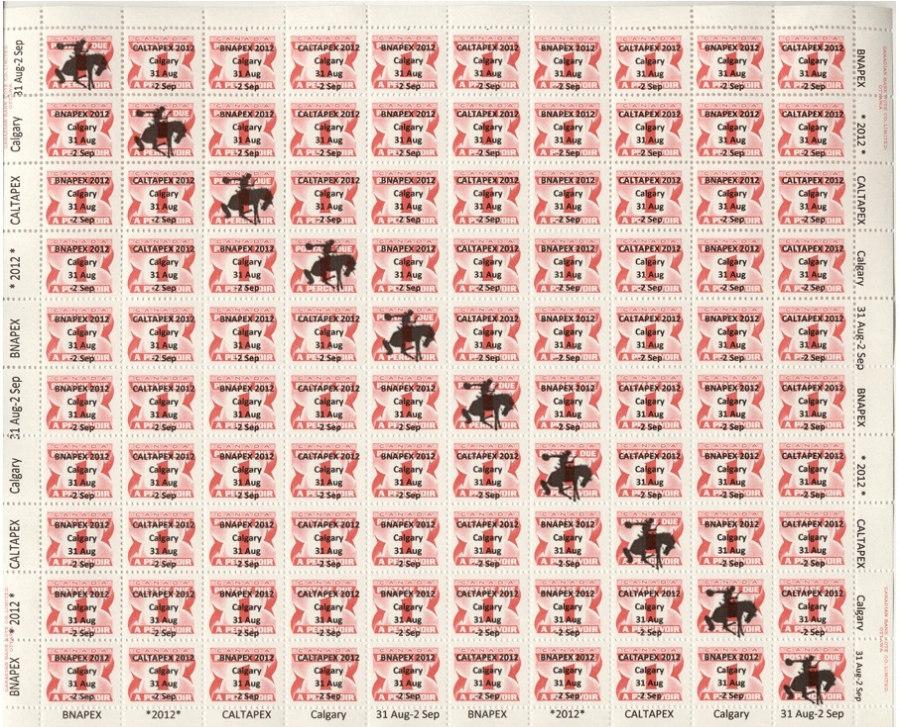


The Calgary Stampede rodeo will be exactly 100 years old on September 2, 2012.

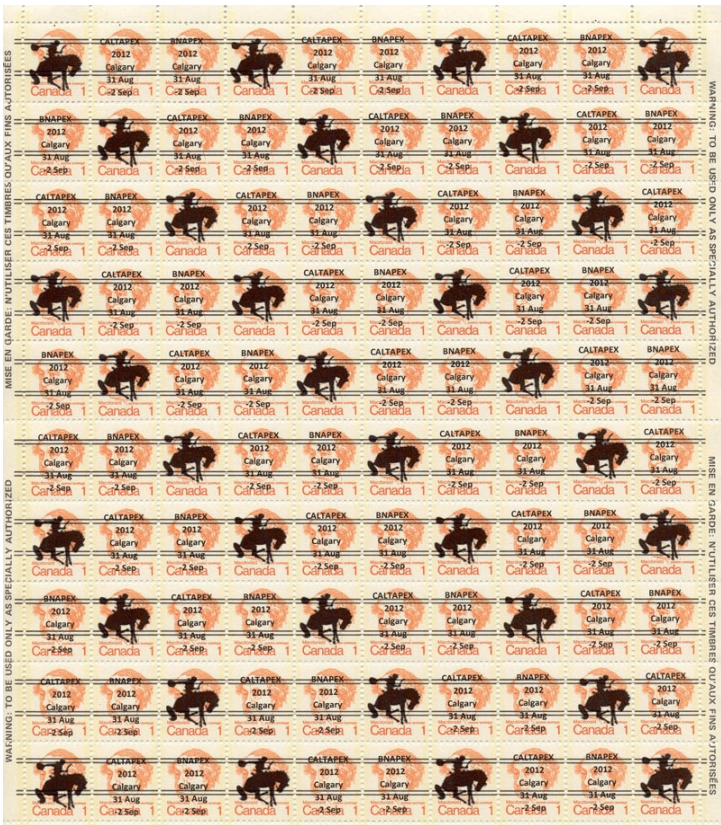
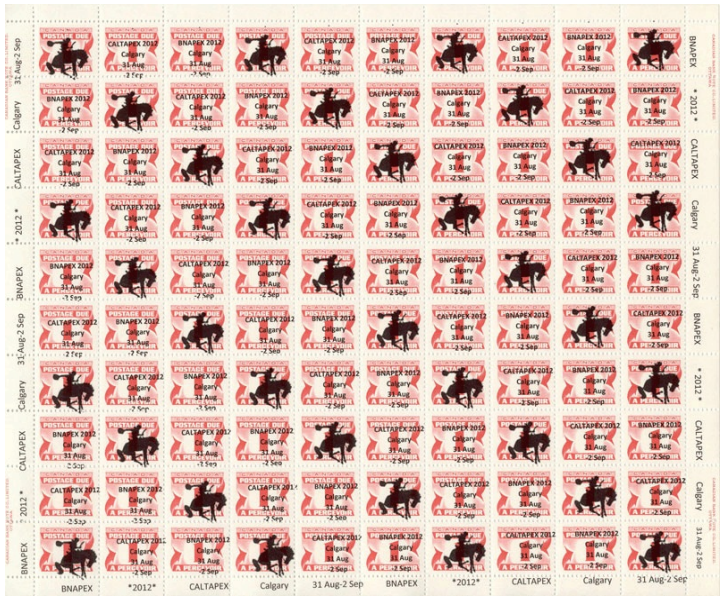


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NOTE: 8 Avenue in the downtown core is the Stephen Avenue pedestrian mall. Parking in downtown Calgary is scarce and it is easier just to walk. LRT trains are free downtown on 7 Avenue but you have to buy a ticket if you go out of the downtown past 7 Street SW at the west end of the core or past City Hall at the east end.

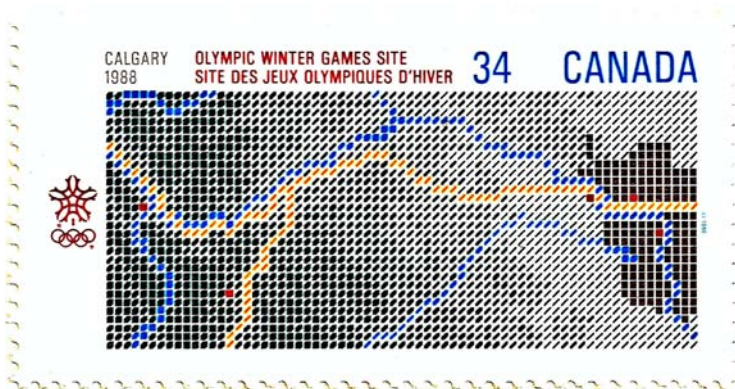
Glenbow Museum: 8 Avenue and 1 Street SE. Historical and art museum. Admission fee applies, and there are some security restrictions on backpacks and purses.

Calgary Tower: 9 Avenue and Centre Street. Viewing deck and rotating restaurant. Admission fee for elevator, reservations recommended for restaurant. The postmark shown at right depicting the tower was used during the Royal Tour of Prince William and Princess Kate, when they visited Calgary on their honeymoon.

Chinatown: From the hotel, walk straight north on Centre Street a few blocks. The heart of Chinatown is at 2 Avenue, with lots of restaurants and shops. One block west on 2 Avenue SW is the Chinese Cultural Centre. The interior is an impressive dome decorated in the Chinese style, and there is a souvenir shop. Free admission.

Fort Calgary: 750 - 9 Avenue SE (by car) or seven blocks straight east of hotel on 7 Avenue (on foot). This was where Calgary was founded in August 1875 by the Mounties. The park has a partial reconstruction of the original fort. There is a museum in the southeast corner of the park (admission fee). The northeast corner of the park is the junction of the Bow and Elbow rivers.

Olympic Plaza: public park at 8 Avenue SE and Macleod Trail, two blocks east of Hyatt hotel. This was where the Olympic medal presentations were made in 1988.



Bow River Promenade: Pathway park along south bank of Bow River. Walk straight north on Centre Street and take the sidewalk underneath the Bow River bridge. Promenade extends in both directions about one kilometre each way between St. George’s Island at the east end and Prince’s Island at the west end. Natural riverbank scenery and several mini-parks adjacent to the pathway. No vehicle access.

Festival Plaza and Eau Claire Market: 3 Street SW and 2 Avenue. These intersect with the Promenade across from Prince’s Island. Some retail stores and a food court in a mall. Good luck finding a parking spot.

Prince’s Island: 3 Street SW in the Bow River. Walk west on the Promenade from Chinatown and you will see a pedestrian bridge to Prince’s Island. There is a pathway loop around the island, a wetlands park, and waterfowl lagoons. No vehicle access.

Calgary Zoo: Take the LRT eastbound from downtown to the Zoo Station. Board the McKnight train eastbound on 7 Avenue on the platform on the north side of the hotel. A train ticket is required because only 7 Avenue is free. The



Zoo is on the south side of the Zoo LRT station. Allow at least a half day.

Telus Science Centre: 220 Saint George's Drive NE, just north of the Calgary Zoo parking lot. North of the Zoo LRT station on the north side of the Zoo parking lot but a longer walk. Open 09h00 to 18h00.

Plus 15 pedestrian system: Most of the skyscrapers along 8 Avenue and 7 Avenue (between 1 Street SW and 4 Street SW) are interconnected by second-floor walkways called the Plus 15 system. Lots of retail shopping and restaurants along the network. Business hours may be shortened because of the Labour Day weekend but most stores should be open.

Devonian Gardens: This is an indoor free public park on the fourth floor of the Plus 15 system at 8 Avenue SW and 4 Street, on the east end of the food court. Re-opened in summer 2012 after a massive re-build, with large tropical plant displays and fish ponds.

Peace Bridge: 7 Street SW across the Bow River, a short distance upstream of Prince’s Island. Brand-new pedestrian bridge that looks like a giant Chinese finger trap. Just opened this year, and has to be seen to be believed. If you only visit one site along the river, this should be it.

SIGHTSEEING IN CALGARY: SUBURBS

Although it is possible to reach many of these places by LRT train or bus, realistically you need a car to get there quickly instead of spending an hour each way on transit.

The Military Museums: From downtown, drive south on Crowchild Trail SW, east on Flanders Avenue SW, and take the first right onto southbound Amiens Road. The museum shares a road entrance with a school. Dioramas, equipment, and displays relating to Calgary and area military units. Allow at least a half day.

Heritage Park: 14 Street SW and Heritage Drive. On the shore of Glenmore Reservoir with a faux pioneer village assembled with genuine pioneer buildings salvaged from throughout southern Alberta, including a post office. Has train tracks with working steam engines and trolley cars. Period-style restaurants. Allow at least a half day.

Canada Olympic Park: 16 Avenue NW (Trans-Canada Highway) and Canada Olympic Drive. Look for ski slopes on the south side of the valley. This is where many events were held during the 1988 Calgary Olympic Winter Games. It is still in use as a year-round sports facility and has a few museum displays.

Bowmont Park: Huge natural park on north bank of Bow River. There are multiple entrances but the best one is at the south end of Silver Springs Boulevard NW. If you are coming out of downtown, drive northwest on Crowchild Trail NW and turn onto Silver Springs Gate, then turn south on Silver Springs Blvd. Leave your car at the end of the cul-de-sac. There is a coulee alongside the cul-de-sac; walk the pathway on the west side of the coulee down to the river where numerous springs erupt from the slopes. The pathway system goes for kilometres up and down the riverbank natural area, with cliff-top views.

Nose Hill Park: Huge natural park overlooking Calgary; this is the easternmost foothill of the Rockies. Multiple entrances all around the perimeter, but the best one is at Shaganappi Trail NW and Edgemont Boulevard. Spectacular views of the city. From downtown, drive northwest on Crowchild Trail NW and then turn north on Shaganappi Trail. An alternative entrance at 14 Street NW and 64 Avenue has views of eastern Calgary and, for plane spotters with telephoto lenses, the international airport.

Fish Creek Provincial Park: This park stretches across the south end of the city, with multiple entrances. Recommended entrance is to drive south on Macleod Trail, east on Canyon Meadows Drive SE, and then south on Bow Bottom Trail SE, which terminates inside the park. Mostly natural areas but there are the remains of a pioneer cattle ranch on your right as you drive into the park, and Lake Sikome, a large wading pool. Fish Creek flows into the Bow River at this entrance.

Calgary Aerospace Museum: Located on the south side of Calgary International Airport, at 4629 McCall Way NE. Open 10h00 to 16h00 every day. Large collection of military and civilian aircraft.

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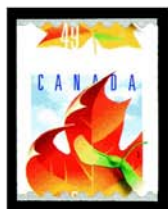
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