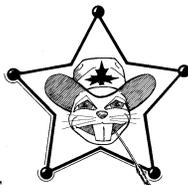


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June 23 MEETING IN HOUSTON

The next meeting of the Prairie Beavers will be held at the Central Presbyterian Church in Houston, 3788 Richmond. This is off 610 just north of the Hwy 59 east of 610 (see the map). Let Denise Stotts know if you are coming at 281-055-9664, email her at stottsjd@swbell.net, or drop her a postcard at P O Box 690042, Houston TX 77269-0042.

WHEN IT RAINS IT POURS DEPT.

Within the space of a week two major collections of 19th century Canada postal history collections are being sold, Warren Wilkinson's magnificent Pence exhibit, the best ever formed (that was shafted at Washington by ignorant judges giving it a Small Gold, the same level as an inferior Small Queen exhibit of Ron Brigham's), and the Jura Collection in England. The latter's identity is not confirmed but I suspect it is a long-time acquaintance in South Africa who is ailing. The Wilkinson material is being auctioned by Charles Firby on June 14, the Jura by Spink on June 7. Your editor is in the unfortunate (or fortunate, depending on how you look at it) position in that between the two, every single piece but one missing from his nonletter mail exhibit that would complete all recorded basic rates for nonletter mail are in the two auctions. The unfortunate part is that the missing items are, as usual, the most expensive and least available. Many have not been at auction for over a decade, some not for two, and a couple never previously available at auction. So, does one mortgage the house, sell a grandkid, or just get what is possible? All collectors have the same issue at

Vic Willson gets Reserve Grand at TEXPEX

Vic's 19th Century Nonletter Mail of Canada was awarded a gold, reserve grand, pre-1900 APS Medal of Excellence, and BNAPS BNA award at the WSP TEXPEX show in Dallas in April. What was nice was recognition for a BNA exhibit that perhaps can help others in our area to exhibit and assume their material might be acknowledged. Of course, this is the same award that was given a vermeil at NOJEX and told to be broken up, so always remember judges vary a lot.



Firby auction lot 110: Registered parcel post, 15d for under 1# weight plus 3d registration paid in cash. Unique- the only recorded example in the Pence period.

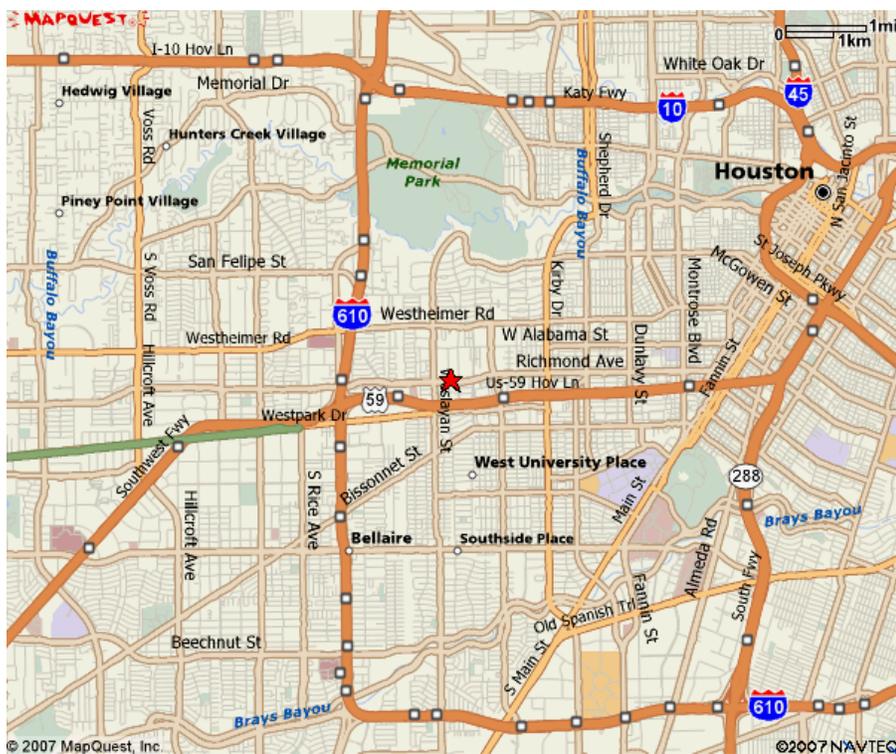
some point in putting together a major exhibit. When the likelihood is that once gone, the items may not show up again for decades, the implication is that the exhibit may have been taken as far as it is going- then the decision to sell starts.

PRAIRIE BEAVER MEETING, JUNE 23, 2007 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

8:45 - 9:00	Coffee, donuts, informal
9:00 - 9:15	Introductions
9:15 - 9:30	Book review
9:30 - 9:45	Internet review (new sites, action)
9:45 - 10:15	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
10:15 - 10:45	Presentation: TBA
10:45 - 11:30	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
11:30 - 12:15	Clothesline Exhibit (BNA stuff, anything else of philatelic interest)
12:15 - 1:00	Lunch (tba)
1:15 - 1:45	Business meeting
	1. Plan FALL meetings
	2. BNAPEX 07- Calgary exhibits
1:45 - 2:30	Donation and private auction: bring material to donate or sell
2:30 - 3:00	Presentation: TBA
3:00 - 3:30	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
3:30 - 4:15	Philatelic Blues preview: bring blue material you might put into the GHSS 1 frame competition, or just for fun
4:15 - 4:45	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
4:45 - 5:00	Wrap-up, settle up
5:30	Dinner- tba

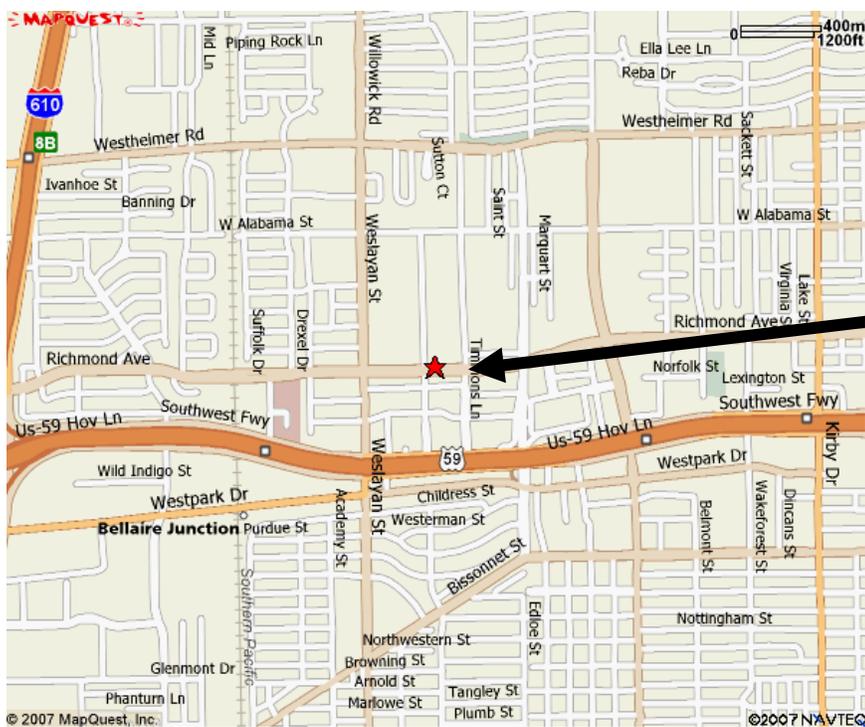


20c pre-UPU rate to Germany. As of Feb. 1870 the rate to Prussia and Saxony was 10c per half oz. which was extended to all of Germany as of Oct. 1872. This cover to Darmstadt (my birth city) was sent from Halifax on April 20 (my birth day) in 1875. It is franked with a pair of the 10c per 11 ½ x 12 pale milky lilac first printing of the 10c Small Queen, and is the 4th earliest recorded use on cover of the stamp. This is also the only recorded double rate cover to Germany via Canadian packet (there is a 24c via NY). With all that I just couldn't resist going for it on ebay, sold out of Hungary.



Houston area map

5 on 6 error. Below is a lot from the upcoming Eastern auction June 23 with the 5 cent re-entry on the 6c Ottawa printing. There are perhaps half a dozen sound examples of this rarity, perhaps the most important re-entry in Canadian philately. Estimate is C\$3000.



Central Presbyterian: Richmond : exit off 610 if coming from west

Where's the postal history of the future? Carol (my wife) works at the Texas A&M thesis office where many dozens of documents are sent each semester, many sent express or registered. She notes that almost none ever show up with stamps, and the few that do are usually wrecked. Similarly, almost all the first class mail uses the really boring definitives the US belches out consistently, and very few of the commemoratives see any service. This trend appears to have accelerated over the last few decades, leaving us to wonder what will be collected in the next few decades. I seriously doubt meter covers will be all that appealing or interesting to future collectors. In my collecting interest in post 1980 Canada foreign destination covers, I find the same difficulty in getting non-meter material. Covers to third world countries appear routinely to have stamps torn off, and some correspondents warn against sending anything but meters.



**Lot 2074 CANADA The Large Queen Issue
Five Cents Olive-Green Essay**

A composite design comprising printed Queen's head in black in oval surround and with handpainted frame and lettering, etc. in red-brown, on irregular piece of laid paper and affixed to another piece, bearing Postmaster-General of Canada Arms in red, marked "Ottawa 11th. Dec." and signed across the essay with an unknown set of initials; mounted on card (112x124mm.). A unique and highly important essay.
Estimate £ 2,500-3,000

**Lot 2086 The Large Queen Issue Five Cents
Olive-Green Montreal Printings, Perforated 11**

1 1/2x12 1875 (28 Sept.) mourning envelope from Montreal to Liverpool, bearing 5c. olive-green, perforated 11.6x12 in combination Small Queen 3c. rose-red each cancelled with heavy impressions of the bars duplex, Liverpool arrival c.d.s. (11.10) on reverse. The earliest recorded postal use of the 5c. value. Photo
Estimate £ 3,500-4,000

Note: The postal rate to the U.K. was reduced to 5c. per 1/2oz. by either route from 1 October 1875, for which for which the appropriate stamp was needed. As no 5c. "Small Queen" plate was available the "Large Queen" die, which had apparently been produced in 1867, was used to produce a plate. The above cover was sent to England three days before the rate was reduced, when the 8c. rate via New York still applied. The cover was carried on the Inman Line vessel "City of Berlin" which left New York on 2 October, arriving at Queenstown on 10 October — see "North Atlantic Mail Sailings, 1840-75" by Hubbard and Winter. provenance: Malcolm Montgomery

**The Small Queen Issue
One Cent Yellow**

**Ottawa Second Printings, Perforated 12
Covers**

1897 (8 Nov.) large piece (masthead) of "The Railway News" addressed in pencil to "Henry Wheeler Westmoreland Street", bearing 1c. bright yellow bisected diagonally and neatly cancelled with Fredericton squared-circle d.s. and with a further strike at far left. Very rare and used on a "proper" date. R.P.S. Certificate (1982). S.G. 75b, £3,500; Sc. 35c. Photo

Estimate £ 1,500-1,800



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