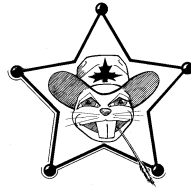


**BEAVER****CHATTER**

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## JUNE 30 MEETING IN COLLEGE STATION

We will meet at the St. Mary's Catholic Church 603 Church Avenue, College Station, Texas 77840, meeting wing on the second floor, room to be determined, but should be easy to find. Map p.2

## GHSS September 21-23 at the Humble Civic Center

The Greater Houston Stamp Show again should be in your sights for fall. Ron Strawser is exhibits chairman at [strawser5@earthlink.net](mailto:strawser5@earthlink.net) and Denise Stotts is Chairperson.

The one-frame challenge color is grey, so expect a 4<sup>th</sup> Bureau 15¢ exhibit from Jay Stotts. Vic Willson plans to enter the 15¢ Large Queen of Canada.

The prospectus is at

<http://www.houstonstampclub.org/resources/GHSS2012ExhibitProspectus.pdf>

While most Prairie Beavers are familiar with the show, members are encouraged to support the show by attending and exhibiting if possible. This is an outstanding regional show, better than many APS national shows in the quality of the dealers, fraternity among attendees, and good socializing, as well as excellent philatelic knowledge available, including various APS seminars usually conducted. The Civic Center is easy to get to on the east side of Bush International Airport with free parking, and many hotels within a couple miles.

## TEXPEX 2013 RESURRECTION

After a year's absence TEXPEX will once again be held in Dallas at the DFW Lakes Hilton just north of the DFW airport with dates set for the next five years. **TEXPEX 2013 will be held March 1-3 2013.** Thanks go to Vince King for spearheading the effort and getting things going as Chairman. Charlie Deaton is bourse chairman and already has a number of dealers signed-up and has created renewed interest from others. Vic Willson has agreed to head up the Jury selection and management process.

Vince asked if the Prairie Beavers would like to meet during the show and promised room space for our meeting. We can discuss this and decide if we want a half-day, full day, or no meeting.



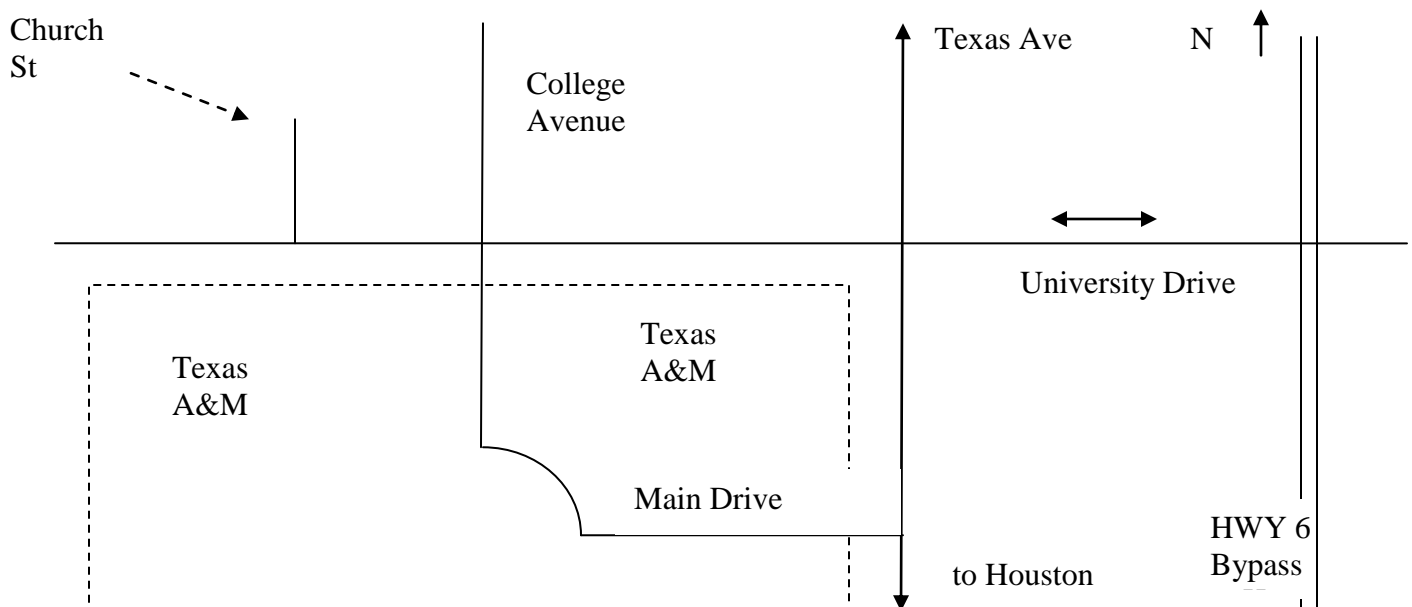
The cover above was sent Nov. 23, 1877, from Montreal to Valancee, Doorne, France. As of January 1, 1876, the rate to France was reduced from 10¢ 1<sup>st</sup> ¼ oz, 6¢ 2<sup>nd</sup> ¼ oz., 10¢ 3<sup>rd</sup> ¼ oz, etc. (basically translating ounces to the GB-France 10 gram conventions from late summer 1870 through 1875) to 10¢ per ¼ oz, the rate above. There are about 20 covers recorded for this rate, and only two with the franking above. The rest are franked with the 10¢ Small Queen almost certainly issued for that purpose in late 1874. The 3 ½ is the British credit, equal to 7¢. The other 3¢ is the Canadian inland fee.

**PRAIRIE BEAVER MEETING, June 30, 2012**

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

8:45 - 9:00	Coffee, donuts, informal
9:00 - 9:15	Introductions
9:15 - 9:30	Book reviews- new BNAPS books
9:30 - 9:45	Internet review (new sites, Auctions, including Cantor etc.)
9:45 - 10:15	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
10:15 - 10:45	Presentation: <i>CANADA JUBILEES, THEN AND NOW</i> - Charles Deur
10:45 - 11:15	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
11:15 - 12:00	Clothesline Exhibit I: Worldwide
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 2:00	Clothesline Exhibit II: BNA-related
2:00 - 2:15	Business meeting and BNAPS info
2:15 - 2:45	Presentation: <i>Canada to France 1851-1928</i> - Vic Willson
2:45 - 3:30	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
3:30 - 4:00	Presentation: <i>Canada Short Paid Mail during the Edward Period</i> - George Dresser
4:00 - 5:00	Swap, Sell, Buy Trade
Wrapup 5:20	Dinner at local restaurant

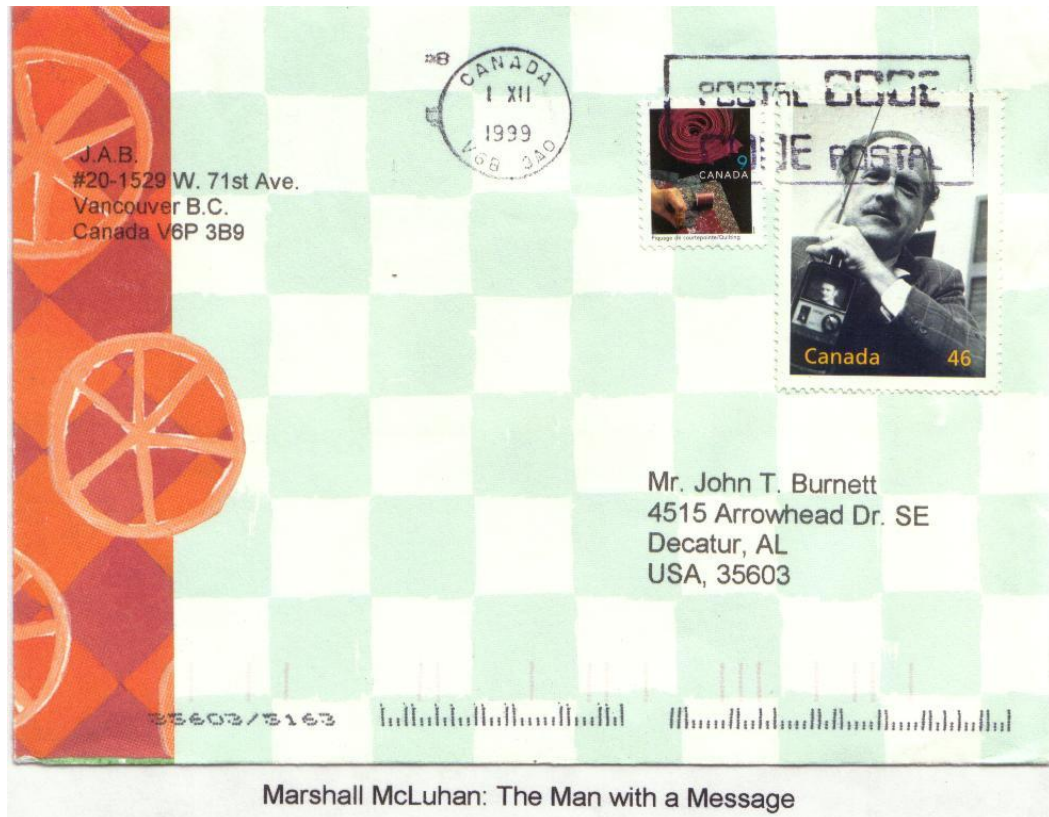
**Map of College Station north side of TAMU**



The Millennium Book and Stamps  
Victor Willson

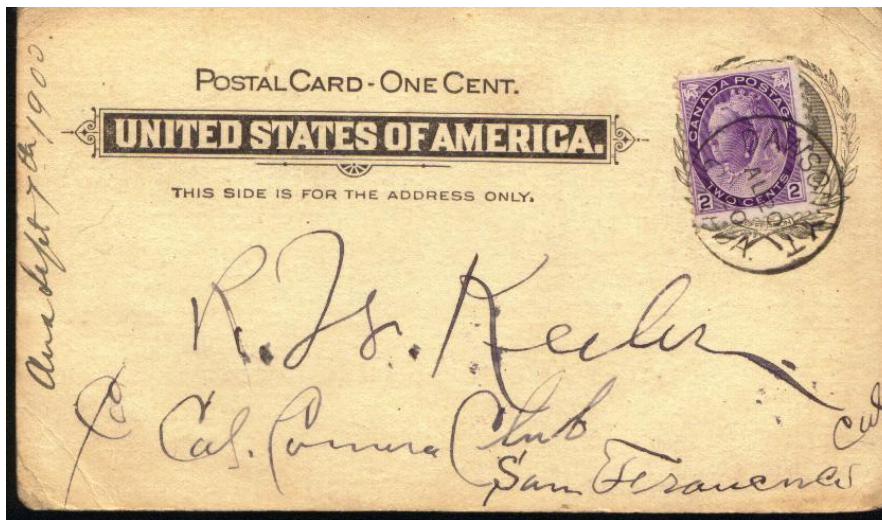
On September 15, 1999, Canada issued a book for the upcoming Millennium that included 68 stamps, each with a theme celebrating some aspect of Canadian life. The stamps were bound into the book in sheets that had two stamps horizontally parallel on a side, folded in the middle, with the edges bound into the book through a bolt much like stamp albums, with pages of text interleaving the stamps. Thus, 68 stamps appear on 17 folded sheets with gum on the inner side of the fold (that may prove a problem for some books stored improperly). A total of 94 pages of photos and text and an endleaf with the serial number of the book, one of 200,000 printed, comprise the book with a heavy cardboard trifold cover. The stamps were valid for 1 oz. domestic postage, each rated at 46¢, but apparently almost no one thought to separate the stamps and actually use them. It has been reported to me that a few dealers did in fact create sets of covers, and recently I purchased a complete set, all sent from BC addresses in December, 1999. I have no knowledge of any first day of book issued stamps on or off cover to date. With a threat not to list the stamps by Scott because of the limited number and additional cost (the book cost \$60, the stamps a total value of  $68 \times 46¢ = \$31.28$ , Canada proposed and quickly printed 17 blocks of 4 of the stamps, issued in February, 2000. The new stamps, however, differed from the originals in the book by having a smaller size of the 1999 date in the upper left corner outside the design. Thus, there are two ways to identify the book stamps from the revised versions- date of use on cover and size of date on the stamp.

The cover below is one of the set sent by John Burnett's mother to him from Vancouver over a period of a month or so. It represents the only example I have seen to the US. I plan to add this material to a proposed exhibit of the issue, which I have not seen anyone put together before. Given the likely extremely limited use of the book stamps, and not much use of the revised versions either, this documents a fairly rare late 20<sup>th</sup> century postal emission by Canada. The rate to the US was 55¢ 1<sup>st</sup> oz., so an additional 9¢ definitive was added.



## Early Yukon Postcards Vic Willson

I have long been interested in the Yukon Gold Rush from the time of the Sgt. Preston radio show of the 1950s, listening as a kid and imagining the scenery and conditions. So, I have picked up items here and there, including post cards. Many people after the 1898 initial rush went as tourists in the summer of 1899 and every summer thereafter for many years. They often sent back cards. Previously I showed a registered post card sent in 1898, acquired in a trade from George Dresser, and a great rarity. Recently I picked up the cards below. The first, a US government 1¢ card overfranked with a 2¢ Numeral sent August 20, 1900, is actually a business correspondence indicating that some legal papers had arrived. It is docketed Sept. 7, not a bad time required to go down the Yukon River and pick up a steamer to Seattle and then San Francisco. The overpayment is due to the common problem of running out of 1¢ stamps. Covers and cards are often seen overpaid at different times because of the lack of appropriate stamps. The second card, sent August 23, 1903, to Paris. It appears to be from a French tourist who comments on the Rockies, Alaska, and the Klondike. Since the Edward UPU card was only issued in December, 1903, this card is in the correct time frame for use.



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