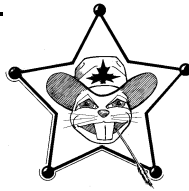


BEAVER



CHATTER

The Newsletter of the Prairie Beaver Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society, Ltd.

Chairman: **George Dresser** Treasurer: **John Furlong** Editor: **Vic Willson**

Volume 39, No. 2 Whole Number 142 October 2014

October 18 MEETING IN COLLEGE STATION

We will meet at the St. Mary's Catholic Center, Church Avenue, College Station, Texas 77840, meeting wing on the second floor, probably Room 207, but it should be easy to find. Map p.2

Prairie Beaver Exhibits at BALPEX

Chairman George Dresser, exhibiting for the very first time, took away a gold and the Reserve Grand Award in BNAPEX for his 8 frame exhibit of Edward VII in a traditional stamp category. He also received a gold in the APS judging and APS medal of excellence for 1900-1940. Vic Willson also took a gold in both judging groups for his one frame Canada 15 Cent Large Queen exhibit.

BNAPEX 2014 IN BALTIMORE

The annual meeting of BNAPS was held in conjunction with BALPEX this year, PB members George Dresser and Vic Willson attending. There was separate judging of the two sets of exhibits, and some exhibits were entered in both simultaneously. This led to the single frame grand going to a BNAPS member, David D'Alessandris. More on the awards elsewhere. There were not many Canadian dealers due to the difficult border crossing problems, but some US dealers had a bit of Canadian stock.

The highlight of the convention was a dinner and tour of the Baltimore Engineer's Club at the Garret-Jacobs Mansion, formerly the residence of the president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. As might be expected, it is a magnificent gilded age home with the expected ballroom, fabulous library, billiard room, and endless expanse in a place that was ultimately formed from three adjacent residences. Light rail reaches the Hunt Valley location so spouses could hop on, and for \$1.10 go downtown and back.

CANADACOVERS TO EGYPT IN THE 19TH CENTURY

Vic Willson



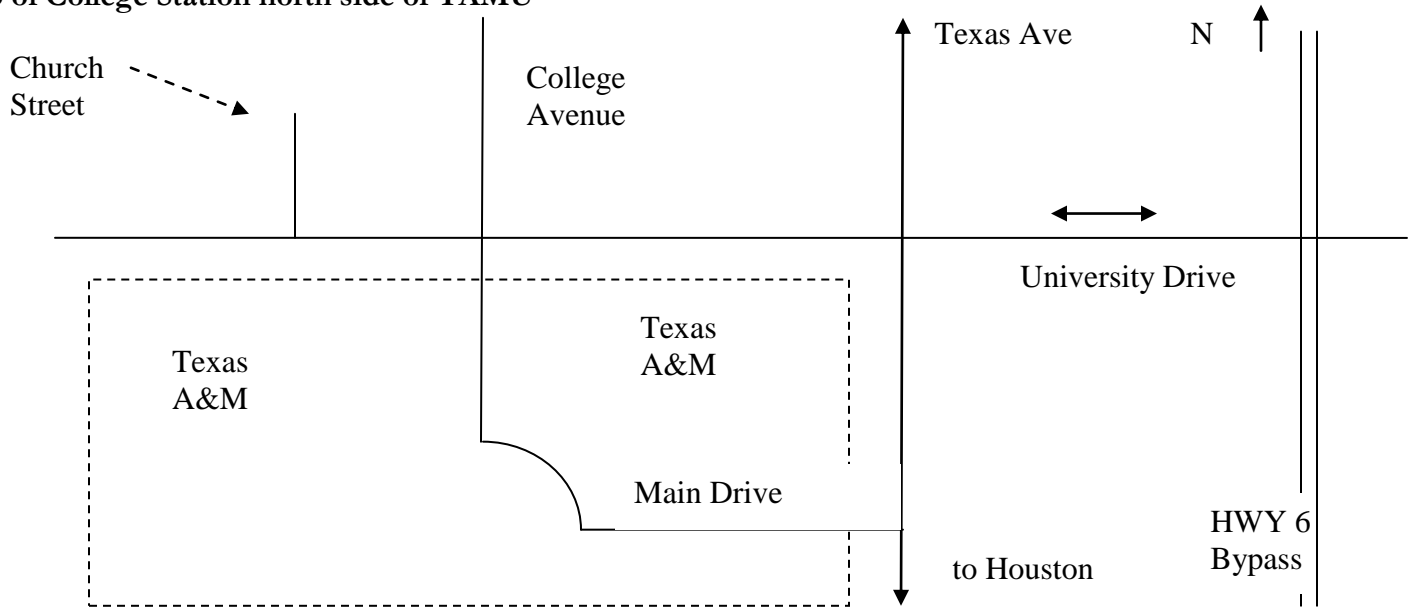
The Cairo 5 cent cover Vic Willson showed at the BNAPEX Confederation Study Group meeting from Quebec May 7, 1895, to Cairo, London May 17 transit and Cairo May 23 receiver (shown here) is one of very few 19th century covers to Egypt. At least two pre-UPU covers exists, one paid 20 cents with 10, 6, 3 and 1 cent SQs dated July 31, 1878, and another with date not noted paid with 3 x 6 cent plus 2 cent, around the same time. While there are about 7 of the 1885 Voyageur expedition covers to Egypt to Surgeon Neilson in 1885, there are probably no more than that additional in the 19th century. The fabulous 10 cent single franking to Suez in October 1878 will be auctioned in an upcoming Eastern auction. It sold in 2010 in a Maresch auction for about \$10,000. Post cards are easier to acquire in the 19th century. P4 cards and other 1 cent government cards uprated with SQ, Leaf or Numeral 1 cent number probably no more than 10, likely fewer.

PRAIRIE BEAVER MEETING, October 18, 2014

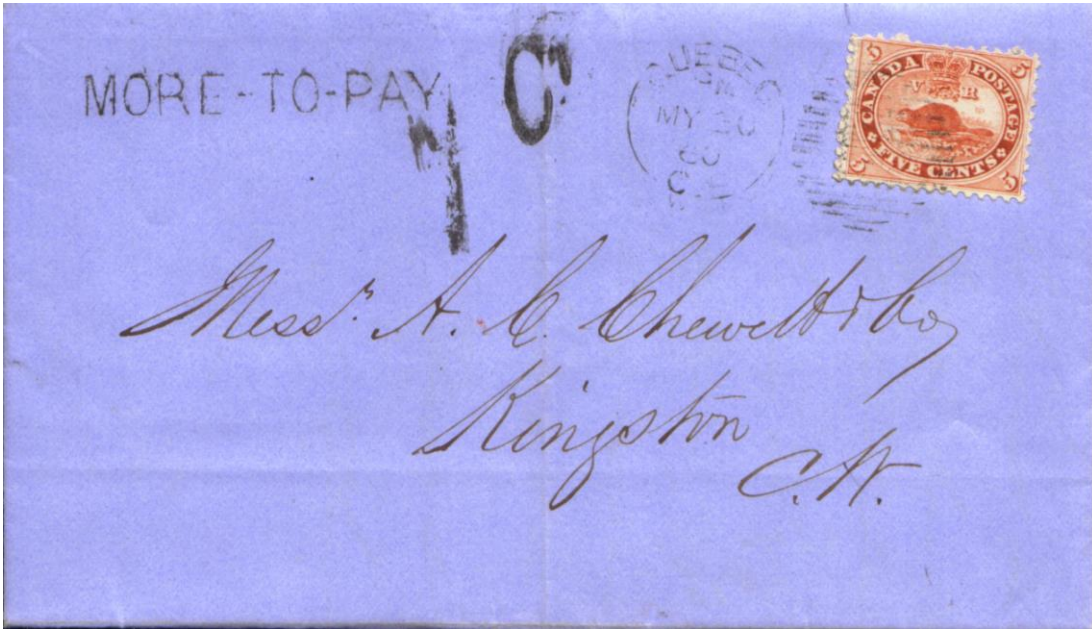
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

| | |
|---------------|---|
| 8:45 - 9:00 | Coffee, donuts, informal |
| 9:00 - 9:15 | Introductions |
| 9:15 - 9:45 | Book reviews- new BNAPS books, auctions |
| 9:30 - 10:15 | Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade |
| 10:15 - 10:45 | Presentation: <i>The Posters of World War I</i> : John Furlong |
| 10:45 - 11:15 | Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade |
| 11:15 - 12:00 | Clothesline Exhibit |
| 12:00 - 1:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00 - 1:15 | Business meeting |
| 1:15 - 2:00 | Presentation: <i>Selected Pages from 'A Postal History of the Canadian War Issue'</i> Exhibit: Larry Ballantyne |
| 2:00 - 2:45 | Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade |
| 2:45 - 3:15 | Presentation: <i>Katherine Stinson- Canadian Aviator</i> : Rick Parama |
| 3:15 - 4:00 | Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade |
| 4:00 - 4:45 | Donation auction for club |
| 4:45 - 5:00 | Wrapup |
| 5:00 | Leave for dinner at local venue |

Map of College Station north side of TAMU



Earliest Recorded Berri Duplex- Vic Willson



Sometimes it is better to be lucky than smart. I purchased this cover at auction about 8 years ago because of the shortpaid for second rate. The unpaid rate at the time was 7 cents per half oz., so a cover partly paid was assessed at that rate per half oz. for the shortage. I happened to bring some of my material on a visit to John Burnett in Huntsville, AL., when he offered to purchase it from me as he collects Berri duplex cancels on cover. He was kind enough to point out that it was the earliest of all Berri duplex cancels supplied to Canada by the company in London and at the time unique. A look at Robert Lee's Duplex catalog showed it as the earliest date. I had to disappoint John, and as I had a lot of material in the period of use, approximately 1860-1872, said I would try my hand at collecting the set for a time and then relinquish it. A year and a half ago at ORAPEX in Ottawa I sat next to Gregoire Tessier of Quebec, who is involved with the Quebec Postal History Society, and he happened to ask Hank Narbonne if he had any duplex cancels. I mentioned I collected, and he asked what I had. Mentioning the Quebec cover, he noted there now was a second of the same early date, and then asked if he could buy mine. Unfortunately, no, was the answer.

Shortpaid Canada Airmail to Mexico Through the US 1929-1931

Vic Willson

The cover shown below was mailed from Windsor, Ont., Mar. 6, 1929, to Tampico. As of March 1, 1929, air mail service to Mexico was available with all Canadian and US airmail service to the Mexican border and onward for 10¢ US per half oz. plus ordinary Canadian postage, which at this time was 2¢ per oz. Thus, a letter under ½ oz. would require 12¢. The route initially from Windsor would be across the river to Detroit to the air terminal, CAM 7 to Chicago, CAM 3 to Dallas, and CAM 22 to Brownsville on March 9, which initiated FAM 8 service southbound on Mar. 10 to Tampico. Later there was direct air service from Walker Airfield in Windsor. There was mail on the Brownsville flight to Mexico City flown by Lindbergh that was not processed and later found in the plane in Tampico, but this is not one, as those have additional cancels in the April 12-17 period. The cover received in Tampico on Mar. 10. This rate lasted exactly one year.

Since the cover was shortpaid 7¢ for the ½ oz. rate, it is due "MORE TO PAY" 14¢ Canadian, 70cm, converted to 24 centavos Mexican currency. Paid with Sc. 640 20cts blue and Sc. 653 4cts green, the stamps were canceled Mar. 30, apparently catching up with the recipient after 3 weeks.



Below is a cover to Guadalajara mailed from Windsor June 16, 1931, using the same route. Now, however, the rate was 15¢ per ½ oz. inclusive of all air charges from Canada as of Mar. 1, 1930. Brownsville became the official transfer point on Sep. 2, 1929, for mail to Mexico City and southward via FAM 8. It was received June 19 in Guadalajara. The rate changed on July 1, 1934, to 35¢ per ½ oz.



Beaver Chatter is the unofficial newsletter of a bunch of BNAPS members who, through no fault of their own, happen to live in the state of Texas. Opinions expressed are those of the authors who like to put their thoughts, philatelically or otherwise, into writing. Unless noted, articles are the effort of the Editor. Distribution is free to BNAPS members in the area who find it worth their while to participate in the group's activities, to certain BNAPS officials, and to whoever strikes the Editor's fancy. Newsletters are available to editors of other publications who wish to exchange samples of their labors. Articles, opinions, and general BS are solicited for publication by anyone who cares to write, and contributors will be rewarded with a complimentary copy of *Beaver Chatter*. Submissions can be sent to Vic Willson, P.O. Box 10026, College Station TX 77842 or emailed to lloydwill@aol.com or v-willson@tamu.edu