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**The Edmonton Stamp Club's 2020 Spring National Show
"In Celebration of the 100th Anniversary
of the RCMP in the Dominion of Canada."**

March 28, 2020 - 10:00am to 5:00pm and March 29, 2020 - 10:00am to 4:00pm

Location – Central Lions Recreation Center

11113 - 113 Street Edmonton, AB

Admission – FREE

Donations Appreciated

Regular meetings

St. Joseph High School Cafeteria, 10830 - 109 Street, 6:00 pm

March 9th & 16th

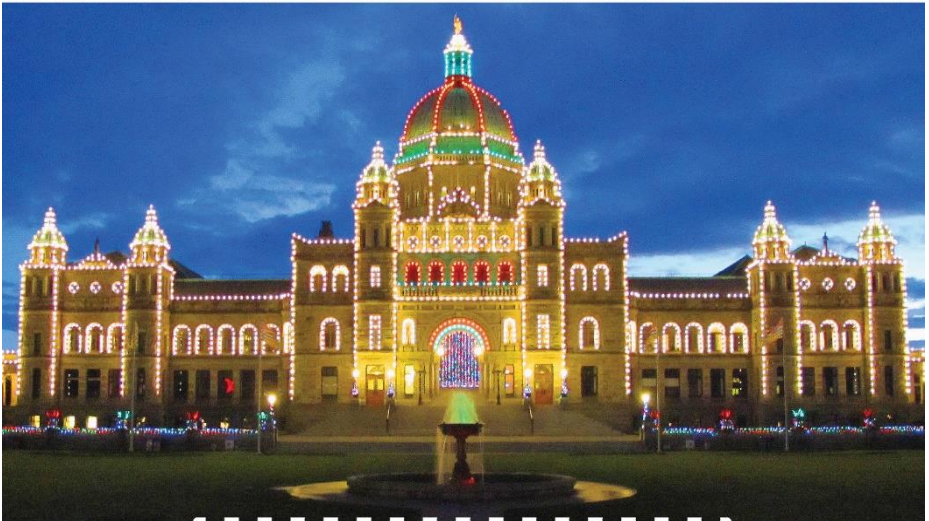
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April 6th & 20th



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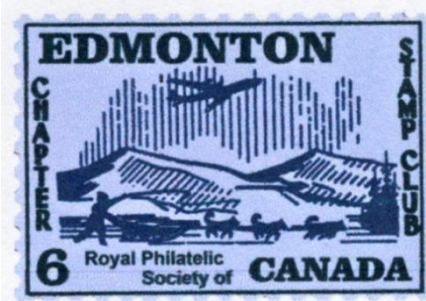
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monthly meeting. These may be forwarded to Fred Tauber, Edmonton Stamp Club, Box 399, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 2J6, click “contact” on our website or email to fxtauber@shaw.ca

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The most exciting and important month of the year for the Edmonton Stamp Club is here. March is the Edmonton Royal Spring Stamp Show. On March 28 and 29 the 2020 Canadian Philatelic Season begins here in Edmonton at the Central Lions Center. The theme this Year is the 100th Anniversary of the RCMP. In addition to the 100+ competitive frames, kids table, free appraisals, 16 dealers including Lighthouse, speakers and seminars, we will have on display historical and philatelic RCMP related items that have never before been on public display. The excitement, companionship, the shared knowledge and all-around fun experience has a cost. We, the members of the Edmonton Stamp Club have to set up and take down the event. We have to be there to host the dealers and guests to the show. Starting with the March 9th regular ESC meeting look for the sign up sheets on the club table at the entrance of the cafeteria. Sign up and participate to make this Spring Show a memorable event for everyone.

In addition, as part of our publicity for the Spring Show we have again been fortunate enough to be allowed by the Old Strathcona Antique Mall to put a display up on their premises on March 21st and 22nd. The display will be set up on the Friday, 20 March and taken down on the Sunday 22 March. Again, we need member participation to make this event a success. A sign up sheet will be on the ESC table. Any questions talk with Barend Wissink. Any suggestions, inspirations for adding to this display would be a big help.

The ESC was approached to mentor six youth in Sexsmith, AB. At the present time I have established contact and have started a mentoring program. Anyone who would like to get involved in this project please contact me. I am expecting this to be an enjoyable project.

Keep your fingers crossed for blue skies and zephyr breezes at the end of March.

Richard Barnes

NOTICE

HACKERS TRY TO GET YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

A recent form of phishing is rampant on the internet. They use public information about the ESC board of directors and send requests for payment from these names. **Delete, do not reply.**

DOOR PRIZE

No Name Tag – No Prize

At the regular meetings

Dave Ellis asks members if they have any bulk stamps to donate to the club for the kiloware table? I am running low on stamps that have not been put out already. You can just bring them to any meeting.

Recent eBay – Germany Hamburg



GERMANY_HAMBURG #2_U, (9 bids) \$15 / #4_MNG, (6 bids) \$15



GERMANY_HAMBURG #9b_MHR, (8 bids) \$14 / #22_MHR, (2 bids) \$6

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I need a Canada Post Letter from Santa 2019 to complete my
 Canadian collection for this year. Does anyone one have one for sale
 or trade? I must have been naughty because I did not receive my
 reply this year. Talk to me at a club meeting, or email Richard Barnes
rtbarnes@shaw.ca

Recent eBay



USA #158_MH, (46 bids) \$547



USA #121_M, (38 bids) \$1429



USA #161_M, (8 bids) \$67

A Mounted Escort of Police



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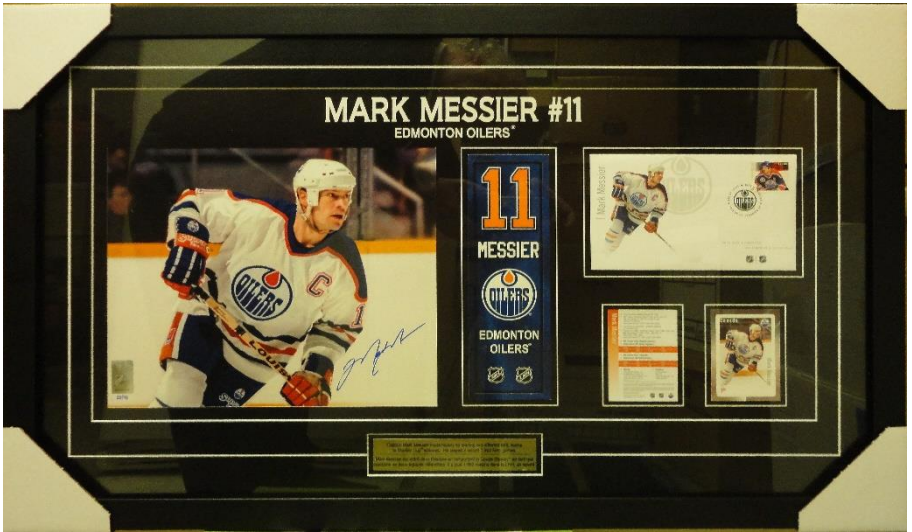
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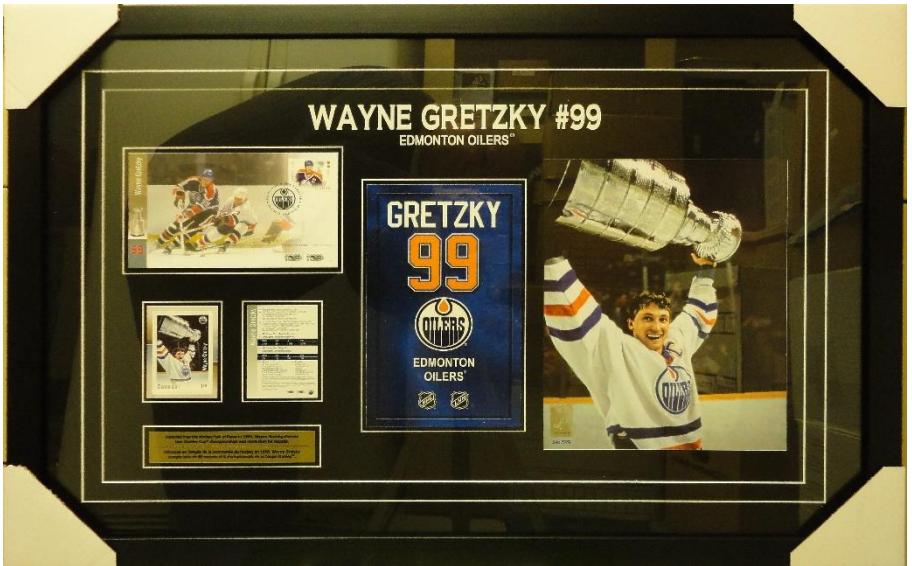
| Privately held RCMP display | National-level competitive
stamp exhibits (WSI) | Free stamp evaluations | Stamp dealers
| Junior stamp tables | Guest speakers |

Website - edmontonstampclub.com

Two - Canada Post – NHL Framed Prints (22 x 32)



No. 23 of 48 issued



No. 570 of 599 issued

2020 Spring Show Raffle
Combined value - \$600

1 ticket - \$5.00
3 tickets - \$10.00

From the Collections of Barend Wissink

STRATHCONA COUNTY POST OFFICE

EAST CLOVER BAR

ESTABLISHED
1903-01-01

CLOSED
1915-01-31

NAME OF POSTMASTER	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	DATE OF VACANCY	CAUSE OF VACANCY
ANDREW HOWATSON	1903-01-01	1907-01-15	RESIGNATION
JOHN LYLE WARDROP	1907-05-01	1915-01-31	RESIGNATION

LOCATION OF POST OFFICE

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information source: LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA
PHILATELY AND POSTAL HISTORY
IN THE COLLECTION OF BAREND WISSINK of SHERWOOD PARK ALBERTA
STAMP ISSUED JULY 16, 1908 USED MAY 12, 1909
MOST LIKELY USED AS PARCEL POSTAGE



What is This Stamp?

Richard Barnes

I had a lengthy wait for an auction lot that I wanted to bid on. To pass the time I sat down at the table holding the Club's Kiloware. I was idly fingering through the spread-out stamps on the table and noticed an early Spanish stamp [figure].

Something was odd with this stamp. It was cancelled, showed King Alfonso XII and had a value of 25c. This brown stamp has the word **COMUNICACIONES** on the top of this stamp. I thought that I was familiar with Spanish stamps and assumed [an old nemesis] this stamp is a revenue stamp.



I put this stamp aside to look at later. While looking for information on a Tangier telegraph stamp I stumbled into a web site "Telegraph stamps of the World". I took a peek into this site and found more detailed information on the topic of telegraph stamps than I had in my catalogues. Low and behold there was a section on "Comunicaciones" stamps. "These stamps were inscribed "**COMUNICACIONES**" to indicate that they were valid for

both postal and telegraph communications". The first of these multipurpose stamps was introduced in 1870. This brown, 25c stamp that started my search was issued in 1876 as part of a ten-stamp set that ranged in value from 5c to 10p. There is a single bar cancel on my example stamp as well a double bar cancellation found on the comunicaciones stamps. These cancels were placed on the remainders found on stamps from 1854 to 1882.

Now knowing that these stamps could be used for normal postage I checked my postage stamp catalogues. Sure enough there it was, Spain Scott #225, cat value \$5.50. The Scott catalogue again displays its gargantuan weakness as a catalogue; it's very limited terms of reference.

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Meeting Dates

The Edmonton Stamp Club meets Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of St. Joseph High School, 10830 - 109 Street. Park to the north of the school and use the main entrance at the south-east corner of the school. For information about the club call 780-488-5288 or 780-437-1787.

2020

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May 4th & 25th

June 1st & 15th (Elections)

July 27th (summer meeting/auction)

Edmonton BNAPS

(British North America Philatelic Society) will meet on the last Sunday of the month. All BNAPSers welcome.

For information contact David Piercey at 780-437-2771 dpiercey@telus.net or Steven Friedenthal at 780-721-3669 sfriedenthal@shaw.ca

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There is no mention of these stamps being used to pay for telegraph messages. There is no mention that many of these stamps are found with a single hole punched cancellation after being used as telegraph stamps, revenue cancels or cancelled as remainders. All these factors have important financial implications on the value of these stamps.

A great purchase for 10 cents that resulted in a lot of pleasure derived from interesting research and new knowledge. I did purchase the auction lot that I was waiting for.



Telegraph drills



This month we return to our continuing series on astronomers on stamps. The subject of this column could very well be called the Mr. Big of astronomers. Nicolaus Koppelnigk (also written Copernik) eventually came to be known by the surname Copernicus. He was born Feb 19, 1473 in Torun (20,000), Poland and died May 24, 1543 in Frombork, Poland. He is often referred to as the founder of modern astronomy and did all the grunt work, observing and recording, necessary to establish the heliocentric theory of our solar system. For some of my columns in this series there has often been a shortage of information available but this time around it turned out that I had an embarrassment of riches as far as subject material goes.

Aside from the usual internet sources, I made use of my local public library and borrowed three books, all of them taking very different approaches. The first was *Copernicus: Founder of Modern Astronomy* by Catherine M. Andronik, a children's book. When I research a subject that I know is going to be complex and I often start with something very short and simple because I find it gives me a quick and easy overview. Next up was *Copernicus' Secret: How the Scientific Revolution Began* by Jack Repcheck. While the first book was light and fluffy, this was real meat and potatoes. The third book and was *Nicklaus Copernicus: An Essay on His Life and Work* by Sir Fred Hoyle. The author was one of England's foremost astronomers and about four pages into the book he was well past my undergraduate level mathematics knowledge. Make sure you spruce up on your geometry and trigonometry before trying to read this book! Simply skimming through it will still give you an appreciation of Copernicus' genius, though.

Some of my previous columns have been short simply because there was so little material on my subject. The practice on the other hand provided so much that I became overwhelmed and at a loss what to include.

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Statesman, cleric, astronomer, ladies’ man, military tactician – he was all of those things and more, a person that I would have very much like to have been able to know. Sadly, I have misplaced my Wayback Machine (see *The Rocky and Bullwinkle Show*) so no dice.

I usually try to buy a small sample (or sometimes all) of the stamps available for the astronomers that I feature but you could spend some serious coin trying to acquire a large collection of postal items featuring Mr. Copernicus. Here are just a few:



In closing, I would like to say that Nicolaus Copernicus has been my most interesting subject, to date. He undoubtedly a genius, he did all the thousands of observations to back up his theories and even provided the mathematics for proof. Perhaps his cleverest achievement, though, was arranging to have his work published and delivered into his hand mere hours before he died, thus avoiding any potential issues with the Pope and the Catholic Church. See the life and times of Galileo Galilei for what could have happened.

Well that’s it for this edition of Topical coconuts. See you next time.



CROSSING THE ATLANTIC BY BALLOON IN AN OPEN WICKER BASKET

Nino Chiovelli



Cover image courtesy of eBay

The athletic field at the Sussex Elementary School, Sussex, New Brunswick was a beehive of activity on the evening of 25 September and in the early morning hours of 26 September 2003 as a ground crew prepared to launch David Kim Hempleman-Adams, O.B.E. on a solo Trans-Atlantic balloon flight.

The still air provided an excellent inflation window for the Cameron R-90 Rosier Balloon; a hybrid type consisting of an internal gas chamber within the hot air chamber. The hot air burner unit allows a better control of a gas balloon's buoyancy, eliminating or reducing the use of sand ballast. The R-90 rating places this balloon in the *Fédération Aéronautique Internationale's* (International Aviation Federation's) balloon envelope volume rating category of between 2,200 and 3000 cubic meters (77,962 and 105,944 cubic feet). Hempleman-Adams was attempting to cross the Atlantic in an open wicker basket 2.1 meters long by 0.9 meters wide (7 feet long by 3 feet wide).

Since he was thirteen Hempleman-Adams became enamoured with mountain climbing and passionately pursued that sport for many years.

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That led him to climb the highest mountain on every continent thus conditioning his body to high altitude low oxygen environments. He also made treks to the north and south geographic and magnetic poles becoming the first person to have completed the True Adventurer's Grand Slam. Being in great physical condition and having high altitude experience would pay off handsomely on this flight.



Launching at 2:38 a.m. AST on 26 September 2003 he gradually brought the balloon to an altitude of 2,438 meters (8,000 feet) tracking east. The second day he climbed to 3,048 meters (10,000 feet) and on day three he reached a peak altitude of 4,267 meters (14,000 feet). Over 3,048 meters (10,000 feet) the danger of a person becoming overcome by hypoxia exists. At this point Hempleman-Adams' high-altitude training as a mountaineer became crucial and he had access to a portable oxygen supply for intermittent use during the brief periods at this altitude.

Hempleman-Adams stated that the average temperature during the flight was -12 C, (10.4 F). Ice built up on the balloon envelope increasing its weight eventually causing it to lose altitude. Trying to dislodge ice by heating the balloon did not work so he was forced to lighten it by jettisoning six propane cylinders.

Overcoming the in-flight problems with ice, he was surprised as a Concorde supersonic airliner passed directly over him creating a downward pressure bubble at 9,144 meters (30,000 feet) causing a sharp but fortunately brief decent. Continuing onward he reached the south western tip of Ireland at 8:30 a.m. BST on 29 September completing the transatlantic segment of his flight. The balloon continued eastward and at 6 p.m. BST on 30 September Sir David landed near Hambleton, Lancashire, England.

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The time of flight was 83 hours, 14 minutes, and 35 seconds and he became the first person to cross the Atlantic in a wicker basket.

For his mountain climbing, polar exploits and civic endeavours Sir David Hempleman-Adams received many honours and a knighthood. The following is a list of his British Royal Orders:

Member of the British Empire, M.B.E. - 1995

Order of the British Empire, O.B.E. - 1998

Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order, LVO - 2007

Polar Medal, PM - 2013

Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, KCVO - 2017



LVO



OBE



Polar Medal



KCVO

Bibliography: SwindonWeb

Wikipedia / Cameron Balloons Article

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Presentation



at the

**Edmonton Spring
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Sunday March 29,
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1:15 am

Guest Speaker

**Kevin
O'Reilly**



"A Friendly Invasion -American Forces at Churchill"

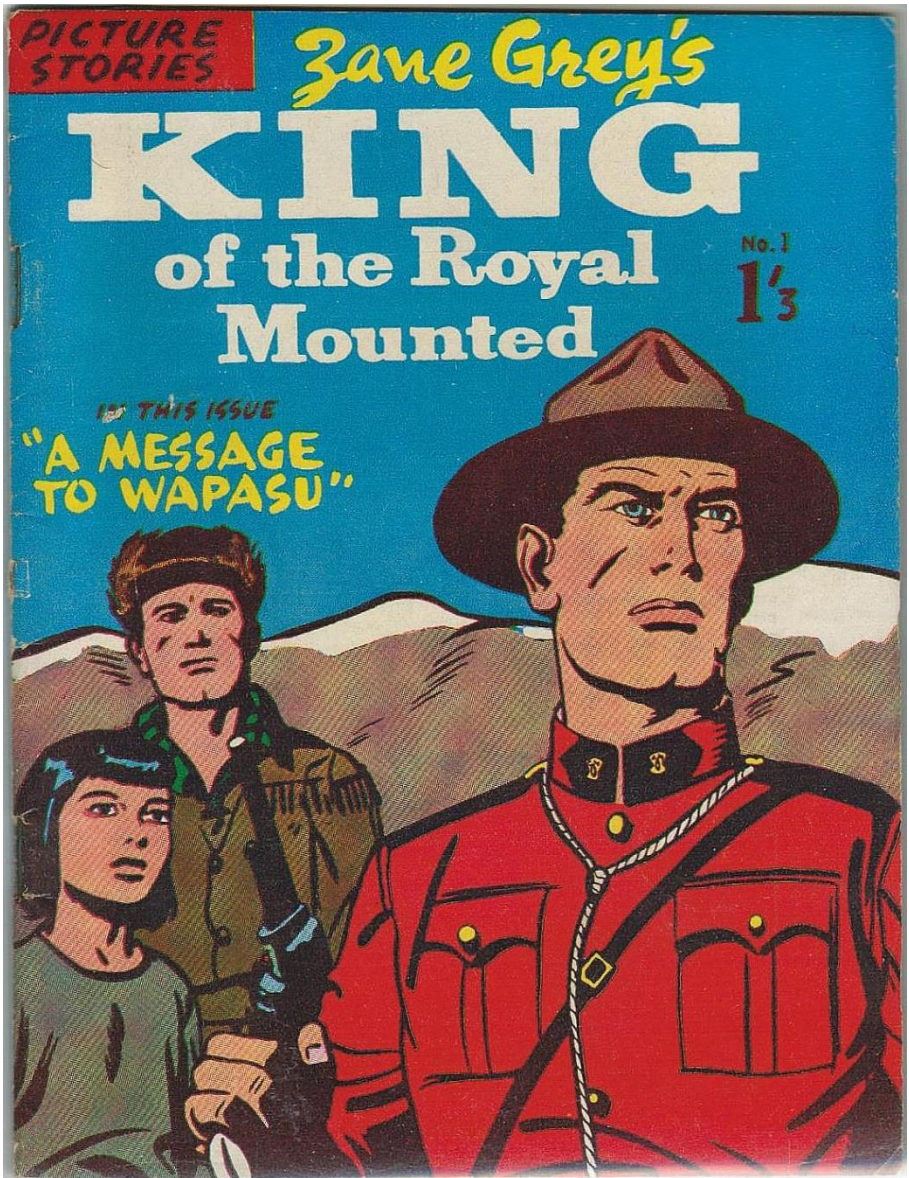
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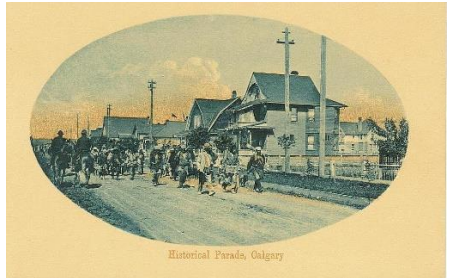
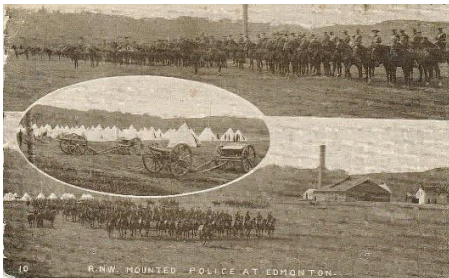
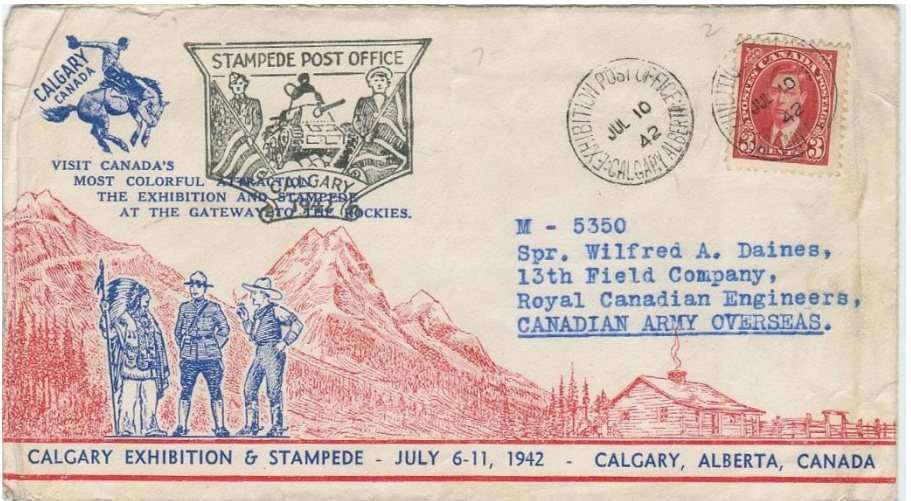
**2:30 pm AAPE President Mike Ley: "Exhibit
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