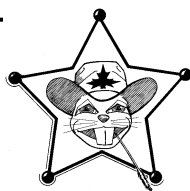


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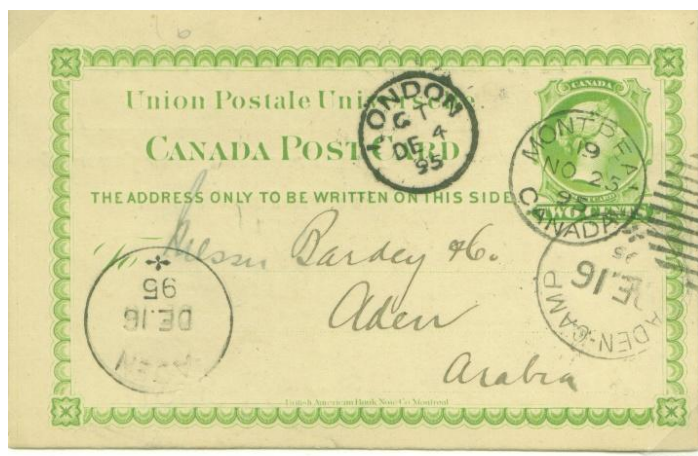
## April 18 MEETING IN COLLEGE STATION

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

## TEXPEX 2015 PB members clean up

Gold multiframe: Larry Ballantyne, *U.S. Private Inter-City Posts 1839-1895*, American Philatelic Congress Award; Denise Stotts, *Japanese Art*, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Excellence (Plan and Headings), American Topical Association 1<sup>st</sup> Place Medal; Jay Stotts, *The 5¢ General Kosciuszko Stamp of 1933*, Collectors Club of Chicago Philatelic Exhibitors Award, American First Day Cover Society Award; Ron Strawser, *Postal History of the United States Famous Americans Series*, United States Stamp Society Statue of Freedom Award.

**CANADA TO ADEN** – Vic Willson With Yemen in the news threatening to be captured by Al-Qaeda affiliates, its historical links to Canada occur through Aden. Purchased by Great Britain in 1838, a small parcel on the coast called Aden became a major port for supporting British Navy ships patrolling the India-Suez ship route as well as a transfer point for mails and goods between Asia, East Africa, and Europe via the Red Sea and Suez Canal. The garrison stationed there was not large, but provided a force available for local duty, such as the occupation of British Somaliland in 1888 (I showed perhaps the only example from Canada to British Somaliland in an earlier Chatter, since sold). Aden was formally part of British India and governed through it. Very little mail has ever surfaced from Canada to Aden. The two cards shown below are about half the known items, which include a pair of 5¢ Small Queens 1887 surtax rate (ex Arfken) and George Dresser's 1905 Edward VII cover



Montreal Nov. 25, 1895, London UK Dec. 4 transit  
Aden Dec. 16 transit, Aden Camp Dec. 16 receiver



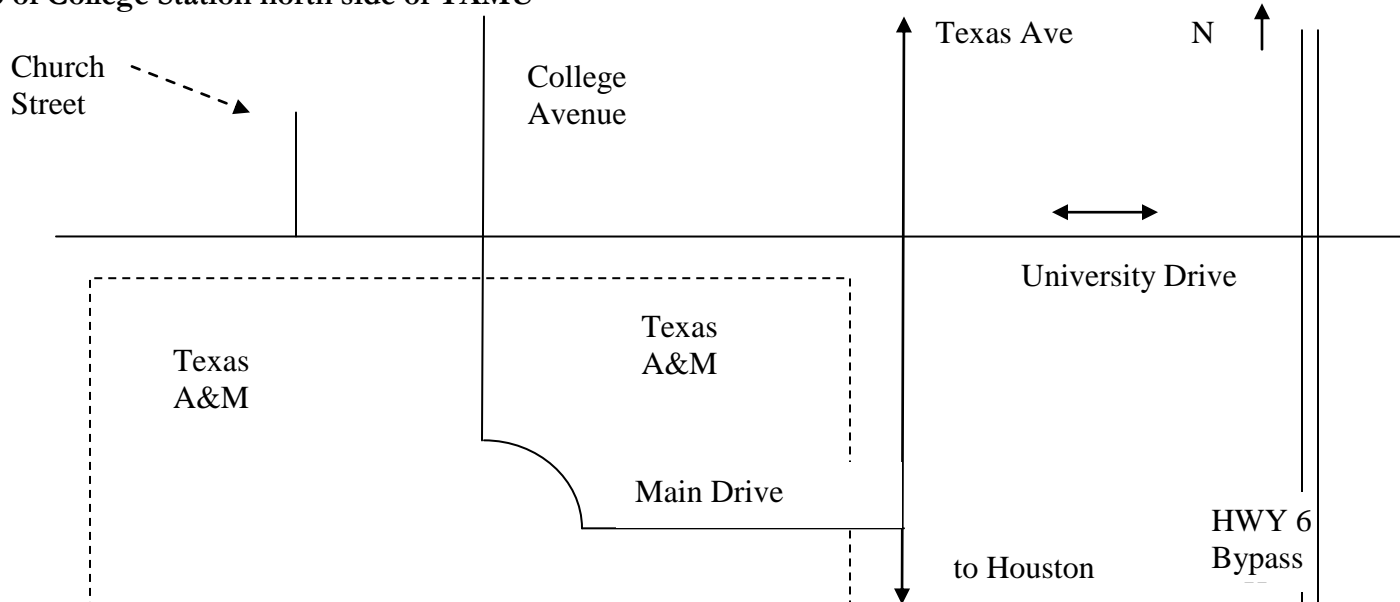
Montreal Sep. 12, 1902, Aden, Aden Camp Oct. 9

# **PRAIRIE BEAVER MEETING, April 18, 2015**

## **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: 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Postal History Items: Gary Giroux
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: Alberta Railroads I: Rick Parama
2:00 - 2:45	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
2:45 - 3:15	Presentation: George Worthington: Jay Stotts
3:15 - 4:00	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade; Silent Auction
4:00 - 4:30	US Stamp Quiz Competition
4:30 - 5:00	Wrapup
5:00	Leave for dinner at local venue

Map of College Station north side of TAMU





**Census of P25 card of 1903-** Vic Willson George Dresser and I share an interest in the Edward VII UPU 2¢ post card with ERD Dec. 1, 1903. This card has proven surprisingly scarce to foreign destinations other than Germany and Great Britain. Given its use

over about a 10 year period (the Admiral 2¢ UPU blue card was not issued until June 1912, ERD June 27), it is clear that most postcards were sent either as private cards or combinations of the 1¢ government card plus 1¢ stamp. We have compiled a census from our holdings, those shown in Arfken and Pawluk's book on 1897-1911 postal history, and from auctions, although this card has almost never been listed separately in auction lots- but that may change in future. December 1903 cards may be a great rarity.

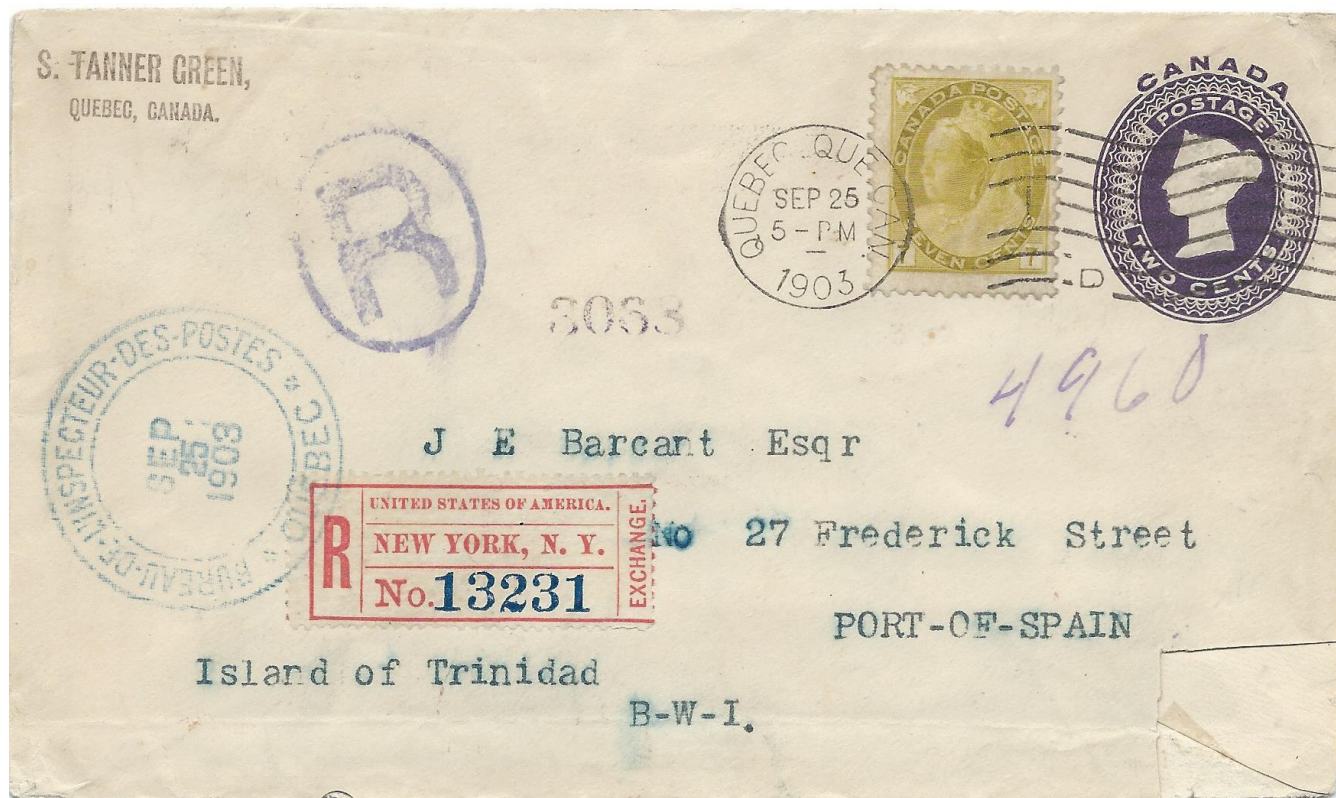


Country	P25	ERD DEC 18, 1903		
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Austria	1907	MR 5	GD	
Bohemia	1905	AU 3	VW	
Belgium	1907	AP 3	VW	
British Treaty Ports in China				
Canton	1907	AU 19	VW	
Hankow	1905	SE 7	VW	
Cuba	1904	AP 5	GD	
Denmark	1912	FE 6	VW	
Dutch E. Indies	1907	MY 21	VW	
France	1907	JA 4	VW	
Germany	1904	AP 20	VW	
Great Britain	1904	AU 10	GD	
Holland/Netherlands	1904	MR 4	WP	
Hong Kong	1905	DE 13	GD	
Italy	1904	JA 8	GD	
Japan	1905	OC 5	VW	
Rumania	1911	FE 18	VW	
Russia	1907	JU 13	VW	
Poland	1910	MY 10	VW	
Switzerland	1904	AP 5	VW	
Uruguay	1907	MY 21	VW	



Edward Covers to Trinidad- George Dresser

The following covers illustrate rates during the Edward period, 1903-1911.



This cover shows the registration procedure early in the period using a combination of remaindered Victoria stamp and stationery, with a 2¢ red Edward stamp on the back, paying the triple 2-3 oz rate 6¢ plus 5¢ registration fee. Sent via New York with the desirable registration label.





The second cover sent from Point Hammond, BC, traveled across the Continent to New York, Dec. 12, 1904. This illustrates that mail was unlikely at this time to go down the West Coast for a Caribbean destination, or even to New Orleans, easy to get to by rail.

*In my own (VW) post card and cover collections I have found very little to Trinidad until the introduction of airmail in the late 1920s.*

#### **Ribbed Paper on 15¢ Large Queen- Vic Willson**

I acquired a ribbed paper variety for my exhibit at BALPEX that was last listed in the Howes' book of 1911. Jarrett and subsequent catalogers chose not to list it, probably because they had never seen an example. Howes listed many denominations of both the Decimal and Large Queen issues on ribbed paper. The example shown below, courtesy of the Vincent G. Green Philatelic Foundation, which did the photography for me to go with the certificate, is difficult to actually see without good light and a view at an angle. It is the first example issued a cert.



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