

## CMPD Sidewalk Stamps

This stamp is still quite common in Calgary's inner-city communities. CMPD stands for "Calgary Municipal Paving Department", and an overhead look at the facility itself appears on a 1914 Fire Insurance map, attached. It was located for many years on 9th Avenue at 15th Street SW, just east of where the Greyhound terminal now stands. The oldest CMPD sidewalk stamps that still survive are dated 1925 to 1931, but post-WW2 examples can also be found, up until 1959. Later on, a stamp with the text "City of Calgary" appeared, which you'd think would be the same entity. We'll continue our efforts to find out more.



Calgary Municipal Paving Dept 9th Ave W and 14th St W  
 Calgary Municipal Building (former) R. A. Brown supt 1920 2nd St E  
 Calgary Museum Edw Doughty curator — 1st St E  
 Calgary Musicians Association W Morris sec 5, 220 11th Ave E  
 Calgary National Labour Council 228 13th Ave E  
 Calgary News Co J Shapiro prop 804a 1st St W  
 Calgary Photo Engraving Co C F McLeod mgr 313 5th Ave W  
 Calgary Photo Supply Co John W Fair mgr 1111 1st St W  
 Calgary Picture Framing John Johnston prop 936 5th St N W  
 Calgary Pontiac Ltd R H White mgr 830 16th Ave W  
 Calgary Poultry Association (W N Gibson) 2nd St E and 17th Ave E  
 Calgary Power Co Ltd G H Thompson mng dir 562, 313 8th Ave W  
 Calgary Power Co Steam Plant 5th St and 17th Ave E  
 Calgary Prophetic Bible Institute Wm Aberhart dean 516 8th Ave W  
 Calgary Public Building 205 8th Ave E

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Calgary Unity Centre T Conway Jones leader 221a 8th Ave W  
 Calgary Used Book Exchange J McMahon mgr 208a 8th Ave E  
 Calgary Valet Service Fred F McNeill prop 1411 2nd St E  
 Calgary Vulcanizing Works D McK Barnettson prop 602a Centre St  
 Calgary Watch Repair Co S R Swenson prop 709 Centre St  
 Calgary Water Power Co Ltd W Anderson mgr 562, 313 8th Ave W  
 Calgary Wheel Repair John Arends prop 602 1st St E  
 Calgary Women's Exchange Mrs F V Kennedy mgr 1307 1st St W  
 Calhoun Alex sec treas and librarian  
 Calgary Public Library h 1331 15th St N W  
 Calhoun Geo J contr h 1310 Montreal  
 Calhoun Ida waitress Woolworths r 125 14th Ave W  
 Calhoun W A retd r Depot Rooms  
 California Fruit Growers Exchange C W Stevens mgr 25, 820 3rd St W  
 California Insurance Co W A Dymock insptr 35, 301 8th Ave W  
 Calma Oils Ltd E G Sick pres J Gordon Walford sec 218 11th Ave W  
 Calkin Mrs Bertha r 330 16th Ave N W  
 Calkins Mrs Nora h 222a 8th Ave W  
 Callaghan J h 1628 22nd Ave W  
 Callaghan Leslie prop Callaghan's Bkry r 923 1st Ave N W  
 Callaghan Patk W blrmlr hipr CPR r 1515 12th Ave W  
 Callaghan Wm clk r 932 5th Ave W  
 Callaghan's Bakery Leslie Callaghan

Overleaf is the 1914 fire insurance map mentioned above, which includes the CMPD.



A 1948 Municipal Manual provides a history of the Calgary Municipal Paving Department up to that date:

*"This plant was erected in 1912 at a cost of \$100,000, and started operation that same year.*

*All indebtedness was paid off in December, 1930.*

*The plant not only paid for itself in its operations but has contributed considerably to the General Funds of the City.*

*It is responsible for the maintenance of 70.4 miles of paved streets, 213.2 miles of concrete sidewalks, 126.5 miles of curb and gutter; concrete bridges, etc., and all repairs to streets caused by street railway, water works, electric light, gas and telephone company, etc.*

*It has been doing all new construction work and supplies material for City departments.*

*Since its operation the type of pavements laid has been asphaltic concrete, cement concrete, sheet and a small amount of cut back surfacing. It can produce almost any type of mix.*

*During 1929, a 1½ cu. yard concrete mixer was added, this addition proved very profitable in that it paid for itself the first year of operation.*

*From this plant as in the case of the asphalt plant, all materials are screened and weighed (the concrete aggregates are washed) before going into the mixes. The mixed aggregates are delivered to the job thus eliminating mixing equipment on the streets which obstructs traffic.*

*Equipment comprises central mixing asphalt and concrete plants, rock crushers, road rollers, asphalt kettles, and all necessary street machinery.*

*It also operates a well-equipped blacksmith shop for its own work and the added work of other departments."*