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Kasimir Bileski, 1908–2005

Perhaps the most notable stamp dealer in all of Canada, Kasimir Bileski, passed away January 19th. His obituary in *The Winnipeg Free Press*, notes the following:

His first advertisement to sell stamps was in 1920 and he carried on his business until his 94th year. The Bileski company ads still appear in today's journals and stamp newspapers.

During the depression of the 1930s he decided to make the stamp business his full time avocation. He bought a motorcycle, took a small album of his very best stamps and headed across Canada to Montreal, where he sold the motorcycle and booked passage on a ship to London, England. In London, Kasimir haunted the auction houses: bidding, learning, buying and selling, becoming an expert in his field.

In 1937 he settled in Winnipeg, where he built a house and small office and set up his mail order stamp business. Kasimir attended many auctions, such as the President Franklin Roosevelt stamp collection, the King Farouk of Egypt collection, the American Bank Note Archive and many, many others.

In 1959 he was instrumental in promoting the discovery of the Seaway Invert, one of the most spectacular Canadian stamp errors. He appeared on the television show *Front Page Challenge*, and stumped the panel with the news of this error.

Illustrated below are three of Bileski's books. Each are recognized as important contributions to Canadian philately. ♣



Looking for a hero?
À la recherche d'un héros ?

Find super stamps at your post office or visit www.canadapost.ca
 Découvrez des timbres de génie à votre bureau de poste ou rendez-vous sur www.postescanada.ca

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CANADIAN POSTAGE STAMPS 1953-1974

THE CANADA BASIC CATALOGUE 3rd Edition 1965-1967 K. Bileski

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Canada Post News

Do we like more stamps being issued by Canada? Sure we do! Every new issue is a part of the Elizabethan era — right up our alley. Here is what Canada Post is up to these days...

2005 NHL Stamps

Despite the National Hockey League lockout and *no* games being played this year, Canada Post continued forward with the issue of six new All-Star hockey player stamps on January 29, 2005. This year's All-Star game was to have been played in Atlanta on Feb 13th.

Players that were honoured this year in self-adhesive *and* water-activated gummed panes of six are:

- < Henri Richard
- < Grant Fuhr
- < Allan Stanley
- < Pierre Pilote
- < Bryan Trottier
- < John Bucyk ♣



NHL All-Stars, 2005 edition
Self-adhesive booklet of 6

2005 Additions/Changes

Canada Post has announced several new issues, and provided some issue dates for other issues:

Additions

- Mar 18 – TD Bank, 1854-2004
- Jun 21 – Ellen Fairclough, 1905-2004
- Aug 15 – Oscar Petersen, 1925-
- Sep 2 – Polio Vaccination, 1955-2005
- Nov 2 — Christmas, Snowman

Issue date changes

- Apr 12 – Maclean's Magazine, 1905-2005
- May 18 – Saskatchewan, 1905-2005
- May 23 – Alberta, 1905-2005
- Jun 13 – Search & Rescue

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Study Group Business

New members

none to report

E-mail changes/additions

none to report

Planning Calendar

This is a listing of major exhibitions and bourses with a large content of both Canadian Exhibits and Canadian dealers. Minimum listing criteria: two day event; 1000 page exhibition; 18 dealer bourse with 50% offering Canadian material.

The goal is to list events far in advance to encourage either exhibiting or attendance and preferably both.

2005

Apr 30–May 1: **ORAPEX 2005**. RA Centre, Ottawa, ON.

Sep 2–4: **BNAPEX 2005**. West Edmonton Mall, Edmonton, AB.

Editor's Desk

Well, I now know how “popular” our Elizabethan II Study Group website is with *our membership*. And, I now know how “popular” a colour bulletin would be to *our membership*.

Typically, about the same time as an issue of *The Corgi Times* is mailed to the membership, I will post colour images of those items found in the bulletin to the website. This is so that the membership can see, in full living colour, those items that only appear as black and white images in our printed journal.

For the November–December 2004 *Corgi Times*, I neglected to post the colour images (darn). This occurred to me about three weeks after they should have been made available on-line. Well, since I had *yet* to hear from anyone in our membership up until that time about this oversight, I figured I would *wait* a bit longer. As it turns out, as of this writing (Jan 28/05), I have still *not* posted any colour images for the Nov-Dec *Corgi* that was mailed back at the beginning of December! And do you know what? *No one* has e-mailed (or written) to “complain” about not seeing colour images.

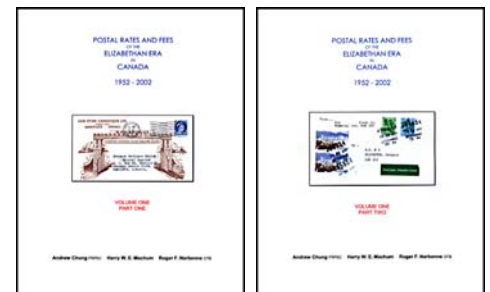
I wonder what that says? It *must* mean that our membership just does not care about colour. Or, no one owns colour monitors. Or, no one has internet access to have pointed out this omission on my part. ♣

Postal Rates and Fees of the Elizabethan Era in Canada 1952–2002

The *Postal Rates and Fees of the Elizabethan Era in Canada 1952–2002* book by Chung, Machum and Narbonne has been printed and has been shipped to those who pre-ordered.

The book — Volume 1 — is bound in two parts (245 and 261 pages, respectively). The rate sections on *parcels* are found in Part 2. Both parts are only sold together as ‘one book’. [Volume 2 will cover the International postal rates and is now being put together.]

You can order your copy(ies) by sending your cheque, payable to “Elizabethan II Study Group” to: Robin Harris, 770 Inkster Blvd., Winnipeg, MB R2W 0L5 Canada. Pricing for ESG members is C\$62.95; non-members is C\$89.95.



Please add postage/packaging: within Canada \$10; to USA \$13; International \$16.50 (surface). ♣

Canada Post 2004 Stamp Program

Issue dates are subject to change by Canada Post. Shaded entries are changed/new from the last time we presented this list.

Scott numbers as of October 21, 2004

Issued	Description	Scott#
Oct 1	49¢ Pets (four favoured family pets: dog, rabbit, pair of cats, fish; self-adhesive, booklet of 8)	2057–60
Oct 4	49¢ Drs. Michael Smith and Gerhard Herzberg (Nobel prize winners in Chemistry) (pair)	2061–62
Sep	Coil reprint: 49¢ Leaf (<i>second reprint</i>)	
Oct 8	(49¢) <i>Picture Postage</i> — 2 designs in individual self-adhesive panes of 21	2063–64
Oct 21	49¢ Canadian Victoria Cross winners (pair)	2065–66
Oct 22	Masterpieces of Jean-Paul Lemieux < 49¢ [perforation is different from souvenir sheet] < 49¢, 80¢, \$1.40 in souvenir sheet	2067 2068
Nov 2	Christmas — Toronto Santa Claus Parade Centennial (all self-adhesive) < 49¢ (booklet pane of 10) < 80¢ (booklet pane of 6) < \$1.40 (booklet pane of 6)	2069 2070 2071
Dec 20	Rate change definitives: (all self-adhesive) < 50¢ Queen Elizabeth II (booklet pane of 10) [5 different covers] < 50¢ Flag over... (5 designs in booklet pane of 10) [50 different covers] < 50¢ Wildflower (coil of 100) < 85¢ Wildflower (coil of 50 and booklet of 6) [2 different tag widths and paper stock on booklets] < \$1.45 Wildflower (coil and booklet) [2 different tag widths on booklets]	

Canada Post 2005 Stamp Program

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Issued	Description	Scott#
Jan 7	Year of the Rooster < 50¢ single < \$1.45 souvenir sheet < \$1.45 <i>overprinted</i> souvenir sheet < two (\$1.49) postal card (non-denominated) — one for each postage stamp design	Also: uncut press sheet
Jan 29	50¢ National Hockey League All-Stars (6th set in a series) < pane of 6 (6 designs: Henri Richard, Grant Fuhr, Allan Stanley, Pierre Pilote, Bryan Trottier, John Bucyk) < booklet pane of 6 (self-adhesive)	
Feb 1	Prepaid postcards (\$1.49 non-denominated) < Yellow Calla Lily < Red Calla Lily < Purple Dutch Iris	
Feb 4	50¢ Fishing Flies < booklet pane of 8 (self-adhesive) < souvenir sheet of 4 < four (\$1.49) postal cards (non-denominated) — one for each postage stamp design	
Feb 14	50¢ Nova Scotia Agricultural College 100th anniversary (self-adhesive booklet)	
Mar 4	50¢ EXPO 2005	
Mar 10	50¢ Daffodils (self-adhesive) < booklet pane of 8 < souvenir sheet of 2 < two (\$1.49) postal cards (non-denominated) — one for each postage stamp design	

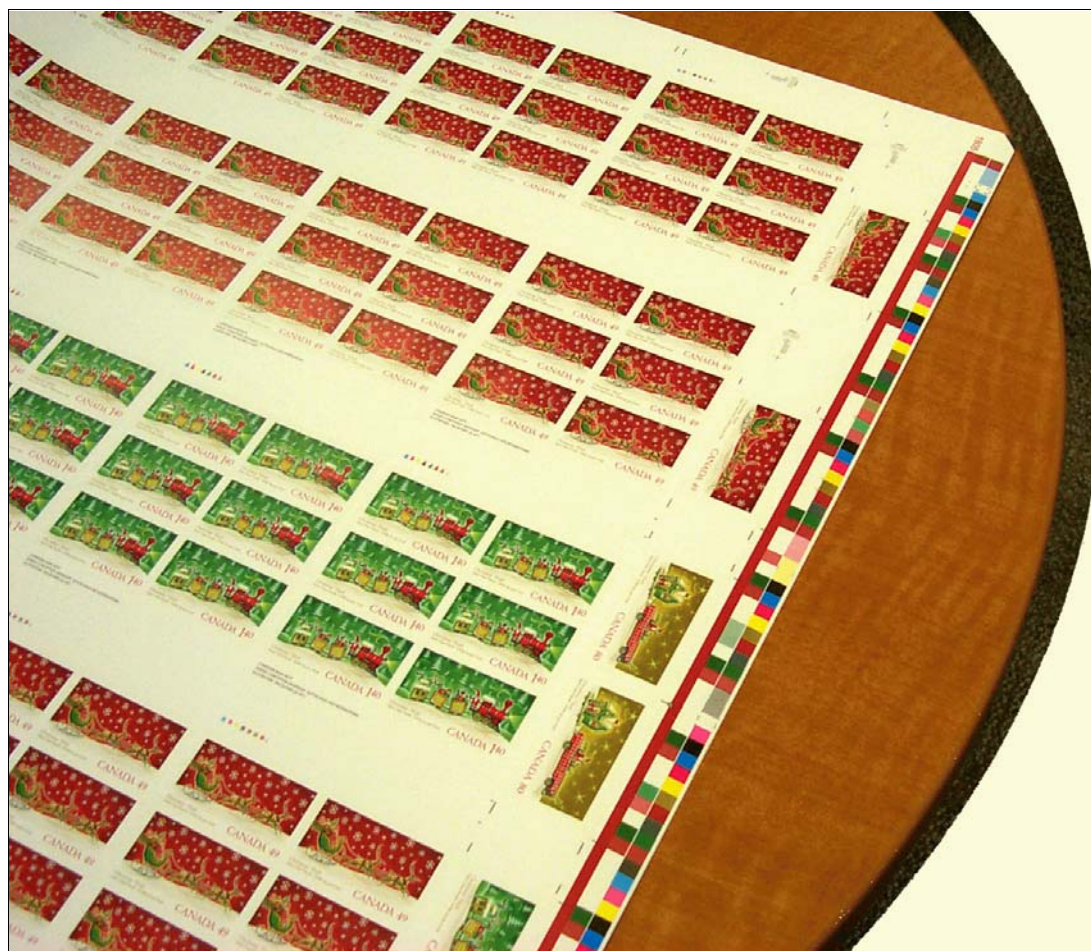
2004 Christmas Stamps

by: Robin Harris

Another request from the last issue of *Corgi Times* has also been answered in splendid fashion.

We noted that the 2004 Christmas stamps that are found in the Oct–Dec 2004 Qtr 4 quarterly pack [and Annual Collection] are *unique* stamps, compared with the original stamps that were issued only in self-adhesive booklet form on November 2. We asked “how were they printed? Perhaps we will get these answers from Canada Post some day.”

Well, we did get an answer, and a *picture*, from Canada Post! A very special thanks to Jim Phillips, Director, Stamp Products, Canada Post for supplying the picture illustrated below:



2004 Christmas Issue — Press Sheet



Christmas stamps from the quarterly pack

The press sheet shows a row of 49¢ booklet panes of 12 along the top, then a row of \$1.40 booklet panes of 6, followed by another row of 49¢ booklet panes of 12 along the bottom of the sheet.

Down the right side of the sheet are two singles of each of the three Christmas issues: 49¢ at top, 80¢ in the middle, and \$1.40 at the bottom. **These are the single stamps that appear in the quarterly packs and annual collection.** Thus, these *unique* single stamps *are* printed from the same paper stock as the booklets. However, they do not have any printing on the back, as the booklet stamps do.

Another press sheet contains the 80¢ stamps. Fascinating picture. ♣

Peterborough Sorting Test – Followup

In the last *Corgi Times* we asked about the red two-letter codes that were applied to certain covers coming out of Peterborough in the late 1950's/early 1960's.

This request generated *more* response from our membership than *any other* topic I have seen covered in *The Corgi Times* since I took over the editorship back in 2001 — thanks to all who responded. Here are three of these responses.

And the answer is...

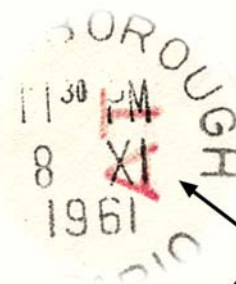
< From Doug Lingard

As for the Peterborough sorting equipment, the PO there used a Transorma letter sorting machine from about 1956 to about 1962. The Transorma equipment had been used in a couple of European countries including the UK (at Brighton) from about 1935 onwards. Someone (Douglas Crawford??) wrote up the Peterborough story in the *Canadian Philatelist* about 30-35 years ago. Although it seems that this equipment functioned well in Europe, the fact that there were both #8 and #10 size envelopes caused some problems at Peterborough and the PO discontinued using the equipment about 1962. When the equipment was used at Peterborough, one can find numerous combination of codes starting with both A and B (eg AC, BB, etc., on mail originating from and addressed to Peterborough. (This has been written from memory and may not be entirely accurate, but it gives the gist of what happened there). If anyone wishes to write up this story in more detail, I would be pleased to loan them some covers with these markings, as somewhere in the basement I have some squirreled away showing 15 or so combinations of lettering.. I used to sort of save these myself since I grew up near Peterborough.

< From Robert McGuinness

I just received my copy of the November-December issue of *Corgi* in the mail this morning and have enjoyed reading everything, as usual. On p 41 you included a short report on the Peterborough Sorting Test. I have been keeping an eye open for these covers for a long time but they are hard to find out here in BC. I only have three examples in my collection AL, BC, and BD all are in red.

The Transorma type 5/300 for inward and outward sorting was installed June 1955 and scraped in 1963. It contained five keyboards and 300 receptacles. The keyboard was set to drop 30 to 53 letters per minute and it was necessary for the operator to read the address and press a code number for the area that the letter was being sent in the 1 to 2 seconds permitted.



Cancelled B XI / 1961

Each operator was given an operating key designated with by a two letter, sans-serif combination of block capitals (AA-AZ and BA-BL are recorded) This marking key had to be inserted in the machine before starting.

The sorting machine was scrapped because of the difficulty in accepting the number 10 size envelope and also because of static electricity created by the cellophane in window envelopes. Another factor was the difficulty of bringing in replacement parts from the Netherlands.

The machine itself was designed and built in the Netherlands and was in operation from 1930 to 1970. Machines were sold to Great Britain (1935) Brazil (1940), Germany (1942), Belgium (1947), Sweden (1947), Argentina (1948), Canada (1955), Venezuela (1956), USA (1957), and the Philippines (1965) Some machines were in everyday use for years and some were only used for a month or two.

The best book on the topic is "THE TRANSORMA LETTER SORTING MACHINE 1931-1981" written by M.J. Vrijaldenhoven. I use to correspond with the author a few years ago about Transorma and other sorting machines. He was very knowledgeable and gave me a lot of useful information. There was also a short article in "The CANADIAN PHILATELIST " Vol 25 p 27-29 (January ?) entitled "A Unique Type of Postal Marking From Peterborough, Ontario" and written by Douglas A Crawford.

There is a photocopy picture of the sorting machine in

the book and I could send a copy if you wanted to include it in the next issue. Hope the above is of interest.

< From John Aitken

On page 41 of the last newsletter there is a request for more info about the Peterborough Transorma machines. In BNA Topics May-June 1976 page 21, Sally S. Tunncliff started a series of articles entitled " Letter Sorting Mechanization in Canada". Starting in paragraph three, she wrote:

'... A Dutch machine, called the Transorma, was tested and actually put into use in Peterborough beginning in 1955 and continuing until 1963. This type of machine, which had widespread use in Europe and South America, had 5 keyboards. Mail was sorted into 300 receptacles. The letters appeared before each operator at a rate of 30-53 per minute. The operator would then press the keys and the letter would be sent in the proper receptacle. The machine served mainly as an extension of the operator's arm.

Before beginning, each operator was required to insert a marking key containing 2 letters into the machine. As a result these letters appeared in red or black ink on the front of the envelope and identified the operator who sorted the letter. The following letter combinations have been reported: AA, AC, AD, AH, AP, AQ, AS, AT, AU, AV, AZ, AX, BA, BB, BC, BH, BK, and BL.

The Transorma machine, although considered a success in Europe, was unsuitable for the number 10 size envelopes so common in North America. These long envelopes often stopped the sorting machine and all five states would have to wait until the envelope was removed. Window envelopes created other problems, and the post office eventually concluded that it was faster to sort letters by hand."

Andrew Liptak has also told me about a Transorma in the USA at Silver Springs, Md. Hope this helps.

ORAPEX 2005

by: *Doug Lingard*

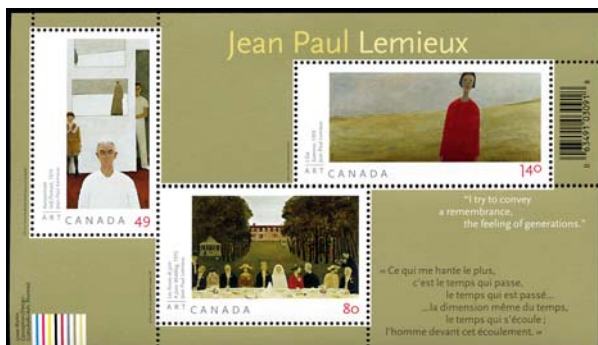
ORAPEX 2005 will be held on April 30 and May 1, 2005 at the RA Centre here in Ottawa. There will be 4 overprinted 1¢ Macdonald precancels again this year (regular and inverted showing the 2 days of the show), and members can purchase a reasonable quantity from me at \$2.50 per stamp + a SASE, if they order before the show (we always sell out at the show).

We plan on doing one sheet of each and the warning strips have already been spoken for. If anyone wishes more info on these, they can contact me at lingardd@istar.ca.

Canada's First Transitional Perf Stamps

by: *Robin Harris*

On October 22, 2004, Canada issued a set of stamps honouring Jean-Paul Lemieux. A single 49¢ stamp and a souvenir sheet containing three stamps (49¢, 80¢, and \$1.40) were issued [by the way, the two 49¢ stamps have different perfs]. The 80¢ value, which butts up against the 49¢ and \$1.40 stamps on the souvenir sheet, contains perfs that *change* along the same side of the stamp!



Rate Change Definitives

By: Robin Harris

Are you sitting down? Then read on ...

December 20, 2004 saw the release of several new definitives to meet the new postal rates that went into effect on January 17, 2005. We have a Queen design, five new Flag over ... designs, and three new Flower designs. You may have already picked up these stamps at your local post office or seen the stamps in the latest *Canada Post details* magazine that arrived in the mail at the end of December. In any event, there are far more varieties than you likely ever imagined.

~ Singles

For the record, we illustrate all of the different single stamps that were issued for this rate change...



Stamp	Source	Comment
50¢ Queen Elizabeth II	booklets of 10	5 different advertisements
50¢ Flag over ... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Broadway Bridge, Saskatoon, SK < Town of Durrell, NF < Shannon Falls, Squamish, BC < Church of Saint-Hilaire, Mont St-Hilaire, QC < Toronto's skyline 	booklets of 10	5 different advertisements combined with 5 different "banners" combined with wide and narrow rouletting results in 50 different booklets
50¢ Red Calla Lily	rolls of 100	gutter every 10 stamps
85¢ Yellow Calla Lily	rolls of 50 booklet of 6	gutter every 10 stamps booklet comes with 3mm or 4mm tagging
\$1.45 Purple Dutch Iris	rolls of 50 booklet of 6	gutter every 10 stamps booklet comes with 3mm or 4mm tagging



~ Booklets galore

If you collect complete booklets of all new issues, then your wallet is in for quite a hit. There are **FIVE** different Queen booklets, **TWO** different booklets for each of the 85¢ and \$1.45 designs and **FIFTY** different Flag booklets! That is right *50 different*. Happy Hunting.

The Queen and Flag booklets have introduced different *advertising* on the back covers. There are five different ads, as illustrated here:



Advertisement "A"



Advertisement "B"



Advertisement "C"



Advertisement "D"



Advertisement "E"

As we saw with the 49¢-era booklets, the top of the booklet cover on the reverse side includes a detail image from the stamp. Since there are *five* different 50¢ Flag over ... stamps, there are five different details available:



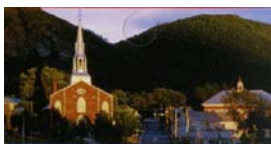
Broadway Bridge, Saskatoon, SK



"S" Town of Durrell, NF



"N" Shannon Falls, Squamish, BC



"B" Church of Saint-Hilaire, Mont St-Hilaire, QC



Toronto's skyline "O"

Each of the 5 top details can be found with each of the 5 advertisements — this gives us **TWENTY-FIVE (25)** different back covers.

But we are not done yet. There are *two different roulettings* found down the centre of the pane (these are employed to enable the user to fold the pane in half to fit in their wallet or purse). A *wide* and a *narrow* roulette were used. Thus, each roulette exists on the 25 different covers noted earlier, giving a total of **FIFTY (50)** different Flag booklets to collect. By the way, each bundle of booklets distributed to your local post office only contains *one* of these types. So, you need to inspect at least 50 different bundles to find all of the varieties which means trips to *several* post offices.

At the lower right corner on the back of the booklet is a letter-code indicating the geographical location (S, N, B, Q, or O) and advertisement (A–E).

A checklist is provided on the next page. [I've heard that Mirko Zatka has been able to find and stock all 50 different covers! Quite an accomplishment in less than a month of searching.]

~ 85¢ and \$1.45 Booklets






These two booklets have been found with two different *widths* of tagging: 3mm and 4mm bars exist on both booklets. The 3mm bars have "notches" cut out of them to "fit" around the design of the underlying flower.

Mirko Zatka also reports of two different papers on the 85¢ booklet. The plate inscription reads "F" (Fasson) on *all* booklets (regardless of paper type), but both F and C (Tullis Russel Coatings) papers were used.



Roulettes Wide (left) and Narrow

Checklist for 50¢ Flag over ... Booklet Covers

	Roulette	Advertisement "A"	Advertisement "B"	Advertisement "C"	Advertisement "D"	Advertisement "E"
 Bridge "S"	W					
	N					
 Town, NF "N"	W					
	N					
 Shannon Falls "B"	W					
	N					
 Church "Q"	W					
	N					
 Toronto "O"	W					
	N					
	W					



Set of 5 different 50¢ QE II booklet covers

25¢ Traditional Trades Definitive

by: Robin Harris

The 25¢ Leatherworking stamp from the low-value Traditional Trades definitive series has been reprinted yet again. The new printing began to appear in post offices in early December 2004. The only difference is in the UPC barcode found in *either* the top or bottom selvedge. This new printing has the barcode in an *upright* position. The most previous printing had an *inverted* barcode.



This is now the *fourth* printing of this value:

- ♣ Apr 29, 1999 Ashton-Potter
- ♣ Nov 2001 Canadian Bank Note
- ♣ Dec 14, 2001 Canadian Bank Note, *inverted* UPC barcode in either top or bottom imperforate selvedge
- ♣ Dec 2004 Canadian Bank Note, UPC barcode in either top or bottom imperforate selvedge

Five of the nine different low-value Traditional Trades definitives have been reprinted with a UPC barcode in the selvedge. The four other values (1¢, 2¢, 5¢, and 10¢) all have upright barcodes. Only the 25¢ value appeared, as it now proves, with an incorrectly positioned barcode.

All of the various printings of low-value Traditional Trades definitives have the same perforation and same paper supplier. Single stamps, unless they have an attached top or bottom selvedge, cannot be differentiated between the various printers and printings. ♣

Two More Imperfs Are Discovered

by: *Joseph Monteiro*

1002-89 Vaudreuil Rue, Gatineau, Québec, Canada J8X 4E8

Introduction

Imperforate errors of two recently issued stamps were found. The imperforate stamps represent errors from widely different types of technology: die cutting self adhesive stamps; and perforated gummed stamps. The two imperforates are: the Vancouver overprinted Flag booklet stamp; and the National Emblems stamps. These two new imperfs were recently offered for sale at *Eastern Mail Sale*.

Flag (Ottawa) Overprint Booklet (2003):

On December 3, 2001, Canada Post issued a new self-adhesive 48-cent stamp definitive booklet in response to the new domestic postage rate. This booklet was printed in a format of three booklets of 10 stamps (10x1) by Ashton Potter using five colour lithography on Tullis Russell Coating self-adhesive paper. The stamp is tagged on four sides and die-cut with simulated perforations. It is designed by Gottschalk + Ash International of Toronto and shows the Canadian flag flying in front of the Canada Post Head Office in Ottawa. Above the flag is the name of the country 'CANADA' with the value of the stamp '48' at the right. The three booklet covers form a continuous design of the stamps with the information on the number of stamps, value and price in the upper half of the cover. The marginal inscriptions at the top the each booklet of 30 read:



C O O O O	Ashton Potter	Photos: Paul Eekhoff
Design : Gottschalk + Ash International	Photo Features	

As a result, each booklet of 10 stamps only contains part of the inscriptions as shown in each of the above columns.

On July 11, 2003, Canada Post overprinted the stamps in the above booklet with a red overprint in two lines stating 'Vancouver/2010' to celebrate winning the 21st Winter Olympic Games of 2010. A quantity of 100, 000 booklets or 3 million stamps were overprinted. The booklet cover containing 10 stamps was also overprinted with the same red overprint at the bottom.

Imperforate stamps in this booklet were found. It was described in the mail sales catalogue as:

Lot 699 "1991 var. 48 cents Flag with the Vancouver 2010 overprint, a rare imperforate pair, VF modern major errorEst. \$750.00"

National Emblems - Canada/Thailand Joint Issue (2003):

On October 4, 2003, Canada Post issued two new stamps depicting: the maple leaf (*acer saccharum*) ; and the blossom of the cassia fistula. The former is the national symbol of Canada and the latter the national symbol of Thailand. These two stamps were printed in a format of 16 (4x4) per pane by Ashton Potter using seven colour lithography on Tullis Russell Coatings paper. The stamps are tagged on four sides and are perforated with a 13+ gauge. The two stamps (1x1) were also issued in a souvenir sheet format. The design of the maple leaf stamp was by Raymond Bellemare and the design of the blossom of the cassia fistula was by Veena Chantanat with photography for the former by Raymond Bellemare and for the later by Kirsten A. Llamas. The name of the country 'CANADA' is shown at the top left with the value of the stamp '48' at the top right. At the bottom of the maple leaf design is shown the name '*ACER SACCHARUM*' and at the bottom of the cassia fistula design is shown the name '*CASSIA FISTULA*'. The marginal inscriptions on the selvedge at the sides of the sheet in the middle read:



This sixteen format pane was found fully imperforate. So far only five panes of sixteen have been brought to the attention of philatelists. It was described in the mail sale publication as:

Lot 700 * 2000-2001 var. 48¢ Canada-Thailand joint issue, a beautiful sheet margin imperforate pair, fresh and choice, a rare item as only five sheets of sixteen were ever found XF NH showpiece.....**Photo Est. \$ 1, 750.00**

In addition to the above, an unlisted gutter pair of these two stamps was also found. These stamps were described as follows:

Lot 701 * 2000-2001 48¢ Canada-Thailand joint issue, an unlisted gutter pair, has a wide gutter between the two stamps perforated down the middle, apparently from a miscut sheet, VF NH, an interesting item..... **Est. \$ 200.00**

Conclusion

In conclusion, imperforate stamps occur not only when stamps are perforated but also when stamps are not perforated. Therefore, keep your eyes open just in case you come across these imperforated die cut booklets, you can never tell what you may find in the new year.

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Postcard Factory® Stamp Indicia Changed

Sometime in late 2004, the stamp indicia used on The Postcard Factory® postage paid postal cards was changed.

The only other image used until this time was that from the 45¢ Flag over Building stamp design.

The new image is that found on the 49¢ stylized Maple Leaf stamp design that is now no longer in use. ♣



49¢ / 50¢ Queen Elizabeth II Varieties

Here are two constant plate varieties that can be found on the new Bryan Adams photograph of the Queen.



49¢ Queen Elizabeth II
Pink flaw on forehead
Position: R1/C3



50¢ Queen Elizabeth II
Blue flaw on forehead
Position: R1/C4

The 49¢ *constant* flaw is most interesting in that it is *missing* a small area of the brown plate. This “hole” in the brown plate results in one being able to see the underlying *pink* colour. Fascinating. This flaw was found on the very first printing of the 49¢ Queen Elizabeth II booklets (CBN, C paper).

The 50¢ flaw was found on the “E”-type advertisement cover. ♣

50¢ Red Calla Lily Die Cut Flaw

The just issued 50¢ Red Calla Lily coil has an interesting die cut flaw. It appears as a “stretched” diagonal cut compared to the adjacent die cutting. The die cut to the left of the longer slope is also affected by being “shortened”.

This has been reported as following between the third and fourth stamps above the gutter. It repeats itself every ten stamps in the roll of 100.

Has anyone else seen this flaw? If the same die cutting equipment is used for all of the coil stamps, it is possible that this also occurs on the 85¢ Yellow Calla Lily and \$1.45 Blue Iris designs. ♣



50¢ Red Calla Lily
Die cut variety

Bird Envelopes — Update 8

The 48¢ non-denominated Bird envelope, **size 8**, has been located with two more dates that we have not yet reported here in the *Corgi Times*. All of the printing dates on the size 8 Bird envelope appear to the right of the UPC barcode.

Size 8
none
2002-02-25
2002-04-04
April 2002
2002-11-01
2003.02.03
2004.07.02
2004.11.02

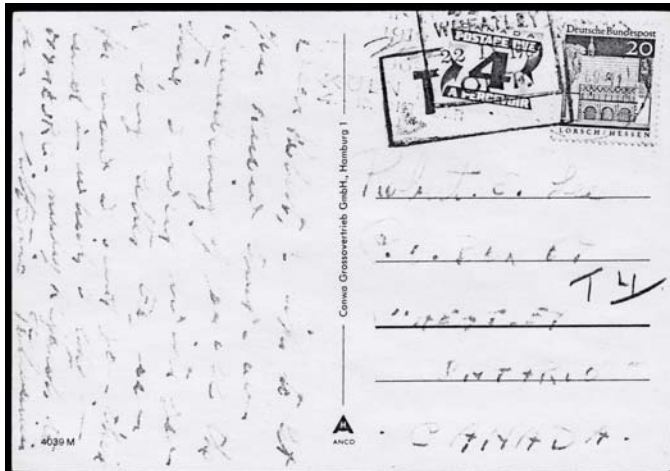
Red Dues

by: *John Arn*

This card originated in the German Republic in 1969 — month and day not clear. Addressed to Wheatley, Ont. and marked by the German postal service as short paid in the large rectangle with the “T” showing but with the usual fraction explaining the shortage being hidden under the 4¢ red due collected in Canada.

The German Post Card rate to Canada during the period 1 Apr. 1966 through 30 June 1971 was 30 Pfennigs. Accordingly the T fraction should have read 10/30 (short payment over correct rate). The designated Canadian international surface letter rate of the first step during this period was 12¢.

The postage due to be collected on delivery was 10/30 x 12 = 4¢. Paid with a Series I Red Due (sc# J24).



It is interesting the difference in Post Card rates to Canada in 1969:

German Democratic Republic	15¢
German Republic	30¢

Registered Voter's List

by: *John Aitken*

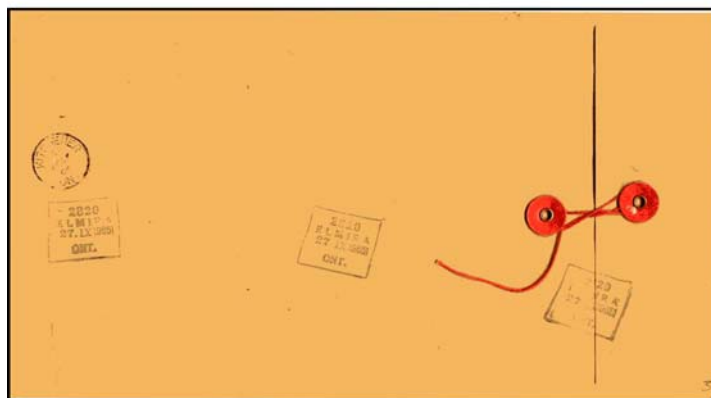
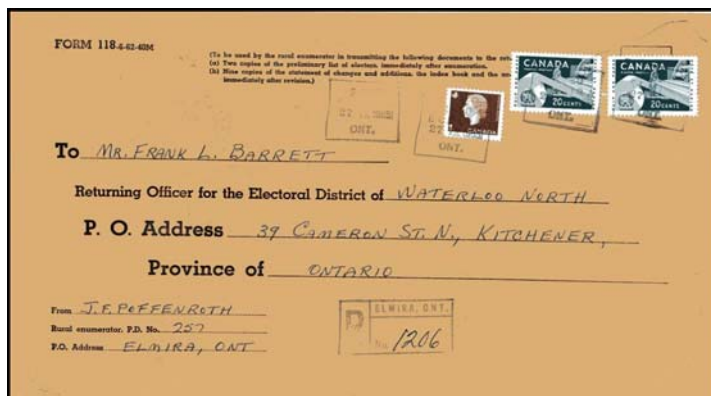
This item at first glance appears to be a "mis-rate". It is a large envelope sent from Elmira, Ont. to Kitchener Ont. Sept. 27, 1965 with 41¢ postage. Since the base registration fee was 35¢, that leaves only 6¢ for postage.

It looks like the letter was sent at the local letter rate of 4¢ /1st oz. + 2¢/2nd oz. rather than the proper forward letter rate of 5¢ + 3¢. However, closer examination reveals that the contents are listed on the front of the envelope:

“(To be used by the rural enumerator in transmitting the following documents to the returning officer: (a) Two copies of the preliminary list of electors, immediately after enumeration, (b) Nine copies of the statement of changes and additions, the index book and the acc??? ??? . . . immediately after revision.)”

Also, the envelope was not sealed, but tied closed with a string, so that it could be opened for examination of the contents if necessary.

It is an example of registered printed matter. The 6¢ postage paid for 3¢/ 1st 2 ozs. + 1¢/2ozs. x 3 . i.e for an item weighing 6-8 ozs. This particular rate was in effect from April 1/64, when the printed matter rate for the first 2oz. increased from 2¢ to 3¢ until May 31/67, after which the registration minimum increased to 50¢. ♣



Scott Booklet Pane Numbering

by: Robin Harris

Here is an interesting observation (to me, at least) that I stumbled upon while preparing the 2004 listings for the next *Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps*.

The Scott number that is assigned to a *self-adhesive* “booklet pane” may *not* encompass the entire booklet. Here are the numbers assigned to the self-adhesive booklet panes issued in 2004 (in Scott number order).

Date	Issue	Sc#	Size of pane assigned Sc#
Jan 24	49¢ NHL All-stars pane of 6	2018	full pane of 6
Jan 29	49¢ Quebec Winter Carnival pane of 6†	2019a	full pane of 6
Apr 2	49¢ St. Joseph's Oratory pane of 6†	2020a	full pane of 6
Jun 1	49¢ Jazz de Montreal pane of 6†	2021a	full pane of 6
Jun 18	49¢ Traversee Internationale pane of 6†	2022a	full pane of 6
Jul 19	49¢ Canadian National Exhibition pane of 6†	2023a	full pane of 6
Mar 26	49¢ Army Cadets pane of 8*	2025a	pane of 4
Apr 19	49¢ Home Hardware pane of 10	2032a	full pane of 10
May 6	49¢ Montreal Children's Hospital pane of 8*	2035a	pane of 4
May 14	80¢ John James Audubon pane of 6†	2040a	full pane of 6
Sep 15	49¢ Montreal Heart Institute pane of 8*	2056a	pane of 4
Oct 1	49¢ Pets pane of 8*	2060a	pane of 4
Nov 2	49¢ Christmas pane of 12*	2069a	pane of 6
Nov 2	80¢ Christmas pane of 6	2070a	full pane of 6
Nov 2	\$1.40 Christmas pane of 6	2071a	full pane of 6

The difference in the numbering by Scott is in *when* a booklet is *folded*.

In the chart, those booklets noted with an * are **folded** during the printing process and sold in a folded state. This results in two discernable (?) “panes”, at least to Scott.

Booklets identified with an † are sold **flat** (ie. *not* pre-folded) *but* there is rouletting through the centre of the booklet so that the customer can fold the pane if they so desire. There are in fact two “halves” to the booklet but Scott does not number the booklet as a fraction of the whole self.

The other booklets (NHL, Home Hardware, and foreign-rate Christmas stamps) do not have any rouletting and cannot be folded in a convenient manner.

Elizabethan II Market Place

Classified listings in the Market Place are \$1.00 for 25 words. Additional words are 5¢ each. Camera ready display ads (preferably 300dpi, black and white TIFF scans) pertaining primarily to the Elizabethan era will be accepted at the following rates: 1/8 page \$5.00; 1/4 page \$8.00; 1/2 page \$15.00 and a full page at \$30.00. 25% discount for four consecutive insertions of the same ad. Full payment must accompany ad. Payment in Canadian funds to: Elizabethan II Study Group. Mail to Editor: Robin Harris, 770 Inkster Blvd, Winnipeg, MB R2W 0L5, Canada. ✪

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