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Yes, this issue is *quite* late. The July–August issue should usually be completed and distributed the first of August. It is now the second week of December, some four months later.

**Dues notice ...
coming soon!**



Constant varieties on the 14c and 17c
QEII booklets of 27 (red/green cylinder)
See page 8

Error in Coil Paper Discovered

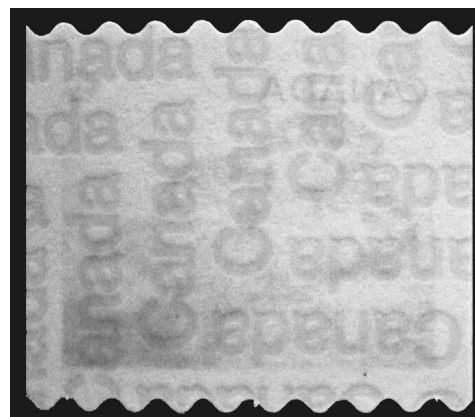
A major printing error has been discovered on the 63¢ Woodchucks coil of 100 issued December 11, 2013 (Scott 2692).

All stamps *should* include the now-standard repeating 'Canada' underprint on the back side of the stamp. This underprint is printed on the back of the stamp (under the gum). It is visible through the self-adhesive backing paper and clearly visible on used copies.

Single stamps, and a full mint roll of 100 stamps found by ESG member Mirko Zatka, have recently surfaced without the repeating 'Canada' underprint. I have had reports from a few collectors who have found this variety. To repeat, perhaps less than 30 used copies, and the one mint roll of 100 **without the underprint** have so far been found.

It appears as though Lowe-Martin used paper stock that did not have the intended underprint, perhaps due to short notice to print sufficient stock of the denominated 63¢ stamps?

Check your mint and used examples for this *major error*. We welcome hearing of any other reports of this error.



Dues Notice

The Elizabethan II Study Group's "year" starts July 1 and proceeds through the following June. As such, our dues for the new 'year' are now due. *A dues notice will (soon) be distributed to all members.*

When you receive your dues notice, please read it carefully — it may not be an actual "payment required". Some of our members pay their dues a couple of years at a time. If you are of one of these, the notice may simply be an update as to your account status and no payment may be required.

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Canada Post News

Here is what Canada Post is up to these days...

► 2014/02 Quarterly Pack

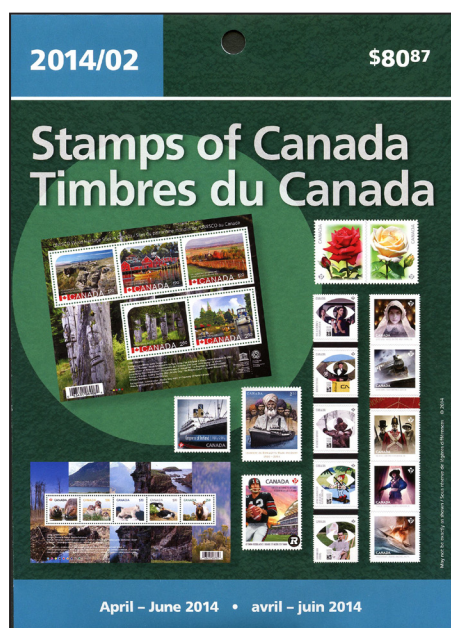
The second quarterly pack of 2014 was made available in mid-July. It is advertised as having the stamps issued from April through June; it also includes the rate increase definitives released on March 31.

This year's quarter two pack is the most expensive quarterly pack ever released by Canada Post ... at \$80.87.

► Stuck on Stamps 2014 # 2

The second *Stuck on Stamps* package for 2014, advertised as "For Kids", also became available in mid July. These packages contain mint copies of newly released stamps along with 'collecting' cards containing information about each included stamp.

This is the eighth such *Stuck on Stamps* pack that Canada Post has released (they started in 2012).



Corgi Times

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Study Group Business

❖ New members

Thomas McDonald (BC)

Planning Calendar

This is a listing of major exhibitions and bourses with a large content of both Canadian Exhibits and Canadian dealers.

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

2014

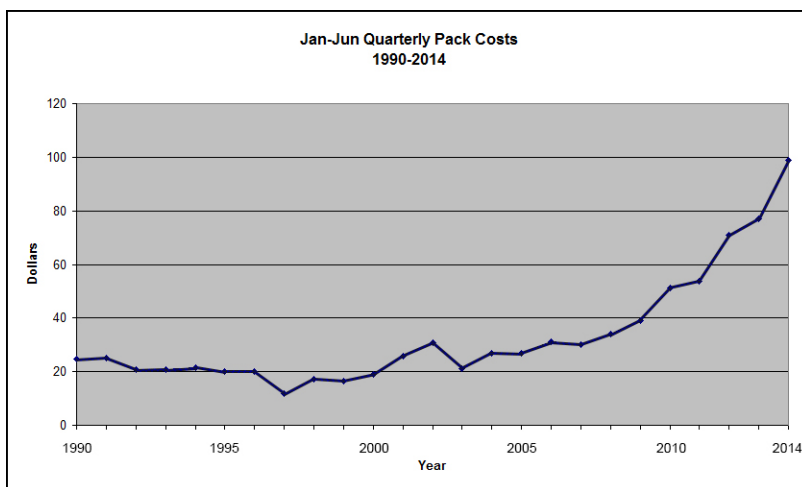
BNAPLEX 2014: Aug 29–31, 2014 in Hunt Valley, MD, USA

Cost of Collecting

by: *Robin Harris*

With the latest quarterly pack released by Canada Post (see previous page) having a cost of just over \$80 for the many different stamps included in just the one pack, I began to think of another way of comparing the cost of collecting new issues from Canada Post.

The accompanying graph shows the costs of the January–June quarterly packs from 1990 to 2014. The dollar values are the face value of the stamps included in the Jan–Mar and Apr–Jun quarterly packs for the respective years. In other words, the stamps issued in only the first six months of each year.



These costs do *not* include stationery (postal cards, envelopes), commemorative envelopes, thematic collections, first day covers, uncut press sheets, philatelic/numismatic products, full booklet panes and coils. For many collectors, some or all of these items are also purchased on a regular basis.

A casual glance at the chart shows that from 1990 through about 2003, the approximate average cost for six months of stamps was around \$20. This rises dramatically in the last 10 years until the \$98.98 price for six months of stamps in this year alone.

True, part of this cost is the rise in postal rates, particularly the significant increase in rates effective just a couple of months ago (March 31, 2014) when the domestic/US/international rates rose from 63¢/\$1.10/\$1.85 to 85¢/\$1.20/\$2.50 respectively.

However, a larger part of the dramatic increase in the cost of collecting must also be attributed to the significant increase in the number of different stamps being issued. This includes both the number of stamp topics, the number of stamps per issue, and the various formats being issued (self-adhesive booklet and coils, and water-activated gum souvenir sheets).

I suspect that many collectors of 'modern' material have given serious thought to stop buying new issues, both because of the higher cost and the exorbitant number of non-historical stamp issues being released. I am certainly one of those.

Articles Urgently Needed

Canada Post 2014 Stamp Program

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

| Issued | Description | Scott# |
|--------|--|--|
| Jan 13 | Year of the Horse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63¢ pane of 25 • \$1.85, self-adhesive booklet pane of 6 • \$1.85 souvenir sheet • \$1.85 (Horse) and \$1.85 (Snake) “transitional” souvenir sheet • \$29.95 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each design) | 2699 2701 2700 2700a |
| Jan 30 | Black Heritage Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63¢ Africville, self-adhesive booklet of 10 • 63¢ Hogan’s Alley, self-adhesive booklet of 10 | 2702 2703 |
| Feb 3 | Pioneers of Winter Sports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63¢ Barbara Ann Scott, self-adhesive booklet of 10 • 63¢ Sandra Schmirler, self-adhesive booklet of 10 • 63¢ Sarah Burke, self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$1.89 souvenir sheet of 3 | 2705 2706 2707 2704 |
| Mar 31 | UNESCO World Heritage Sites (5 definitives) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 30 • \$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 | 2719–23 2718 |
| Mar 31 | Baby Wildlife rate-change definitives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22¢ Monarch Butterfly, pane of 50 • Permanent™ (85¢) Beavers, self-adhesive roll of 100 • \$1.00 Burrowing Owls, self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$1.20 Mountain Goat, self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$1.80 Puffin, self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$2.50 Wapiti, self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$1.20 Mountain Goat self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$1.80 Puffin, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$2.50 Wapiti, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • Permanent™ (85¢) Beavers, self-adhesive roll of 5,000 • \$7.35 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) | 2708 2711 2710 2712 2713 2714 2715 2716 2717 2710A 2709 |
| Apr 14 | Royal Ontario Museum (2 stamps) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$1.70 gummed souvenir sheet of 2 • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) | 2725–26 2724 |
| Apr 23 | Roses (2 stamps) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$1.70 gummed souvenir sheet of 2 • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) | 2730–31 2728–29 2727 |
| May 1 | Permanent™ (85¢) Beavers, self-adhesive rolls of 300 and 500 | |
| May 1 | \$2.50 Komagat Maru Incident (booklet of 6) | 2732 |
| May 2 | National Film Board (5 stamps) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 | 2734–38 2733 |
| May 16 | UNESCO World Heritage Sites (5 stamps) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 x \$1.20, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • 2 x \$2.50, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$8.60 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) | 2740–42 2743–44 2739 |
| May 29 | RMS Empress of Ireland (2 stamps) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), pane of 16 • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$2.50 gummed souvenir sheet of 1 • \$30 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) | 2745 2747 2746 |
| Jun 13 | Haunted Canada (5 stamps) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) • \$34 uncut press sheet of 8 souvenir sheets | |

| Issued | Description | Scott# |
|--------|---|--------|
| Jun 19 | Ottawa Redblacks (player and stadium) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 Ottawa Redblacks (team logo) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive roll of 50 | |
| Jul 7 | Canadian Photography (7 stamps) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$1.20, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$2.50, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$5.05 gummed souvenir sheet of 4 • \$2.90 gummed souvenir sheet of 3 • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) | |
| Jul 31 | Canadian Country Artists (5 stamps) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10, for each design • \$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) | |
| Aug 20 | Canadian Museum for Human Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 | |
| Aug | Children's Literature: Caillou | |
| Sep | Canada Post Community Foundation | |
| Sep | NHL Teams | |
| Oct | "Wait for me, Daddy!" | |
| Oct | Christmas | |

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, PO Box 104, Seddons Corner, MB R0E 1X0, Canada.

New booklet on Canadian
stamp perforations for sale at
www.rotaryperforator.com

Underprint Varieties

by: Robin Harris

As discussed in our headline story for this issue, the 63¢ Woodchucks stamp, from coils of 100, has been discovered with and *without* the underprint. Here is a listing of the various definitives and commemoratives (next page) that contain either only undeprinting or exist with and without the underprint.



| Definitive stamps with and without underprint | | | |
|---|--|--------------------|-----------------|
| | | Without underprint | With underprint |
| Canadian Pride (2012) | | | |
| Flag on Coast Guard ship | | 2499 | 2499a |
| Flag in van window | | 2500 | 2500a |
| Olympic athlete carrying flag | | 2501 | 2501a |
| Flag on bobsled | | 2502a † | 2502b |
| Inuit child waving flag | | 2503 | 2503d |
| Canadian Pride (2013) | | | |
| Chairs on dock | | 2612 | 2612a |
| Hay bale | | 2613 | 2613a |
| Sailboat | | 2614 | 2614a |
| 'Living Flag' | | 2615 | 2615a |
| Fishing hut | | 2616 | 2616a |
| Queen Elizabeth II | | 2617 | 2617b |
| Baby Wildlife | | | |
| 63¢ Woodchucks | | 2692, 2692A* | error |

† the original printing had an incorrect spelling ('Leuders'/Scott 2502).
The reprint ('Lueders') was the variety that was printed again with the underprint.

* roll of 5,000

| Definitive stamps with underprint only | | | |
|--|--|--------------|---------|
| | | Coil | Booklet |
| Baby Wildlife (2013) | | | |
| Woodchucks | | 2603*, 2604 | — |
| \$1.10 Porcupine | | 2605 | 2608 |
| \$1.34 Fawn | | 2606 | 2609 |
| \$1.85 Black bear | | 2607 | 2610 |
| Canadian Pride (2013) | | | |
| 63¢ Chairs on dock | | — | 2693 |
| 63¢ Hay bale | | — | 2694 |
| 63¢ Sailboat | | — | 2695 |
| 63¢ 'Living Flag' | | — | 2696 |
| 63¢ Fishing hut | | — | 2697 |
| 63¢ Queen Elizabeth II | | — | 2698 |
| Baby Wildlife (2014) | | | |
| Beavers | | 2710A*, 2711 | — |
| \$1.00 Burrowing Owl | | 2710 | — |
| \$1.20 Mountain Goat | | 2712 | 2715 |
| \$1.80 Atlantic Puffin | | 2713 | 2716 |
| \$2.50 Wapiti | | 2714 | 2717 |

* roll of 5,000

Imperforate Gutters

The 2014/02 Quarterly Pack includes three more *imperforate* gutter varieties. The first example seen was the Superman strip from the 2013/03 Quarterly Pack, as discussed and illustrated in the November–December 2013 *Corgi Times* (page 42).

These four varieties are created when a vertical (or horizontal) strip of all stamp designs is die cut to shape. The self-adhesive booklets of 10 contain two such strips of stamps that span the rouletted, folder gutter separating the different parts of the complete booklet. For the quarterly packs, the gutter is not rouletted, as it is for the complete folded booklet distributed to post office outlets.

The result are unique collectable varieties found only in the quarterly packs. The three new strips are illustrated below.



Above: rouletted gutter, from issued booklet pane

Below: imperforate gutter, from quarterly pack die cut strip of 5

| Commemorative stamps with underprint only | | |
|---|--|------|
| | | Coil |
| NHL Team Logos (2013) | | |
| 63¢ Vancouver Canucks | | 2662 |
| 63¢ Edmonton Oilers | | 2663 |
| 63¢ Toronto Maple Leafs | | 2664 |
| 63¢ Montreal Canadiens | | 2665 |
| 63¢ Calgary Flames | | 2666 |
| 63¢ Winnipeg Jets | | 2667 |
| 63¢ Ottawa Senators | | 2668 |
| Roses (2014) | | |
| Maid of Honour | | 2728 |
| Konrad Henkel | | 2729 |
| Ottawa Redblacks | | 2754 |
| NHL Zambonies (2014) | | |
| Vancouver Canucks | | |
| Edmonton Oilers | | |
| Toronto Maple Leafs | | |
| Montreal Canadiens | | |
| Calgary Flames | | |
| Winnipeg Jets | | |
| Ottawa Senators | | |



14¢ and 17¢ Queen Elizabeth Booklets of 27 (part 2)

by: Robin Harris

original research/publication: Leopold Beaudet, Canadian Philatelist

We continue illustrating some of the constant cylinder varieties found on the 14¢ and 17¢ Queen Elizabeth II booklets of 27 (Part 1 is found in the May–June 2014 *Corgi Times*).

The flaws shown here are common to the red/green cylinder, which is shared between the two denominations. (Not all flaws are illustrated, either due to their small size or lack of having a corresponding pane to scan).



BK79 (14¢/\$3.50), BK81 (17¢/\$4.25) — Red/green cylinder 1 (common to both booklets)

Pane A1 (green) / A5 (red)

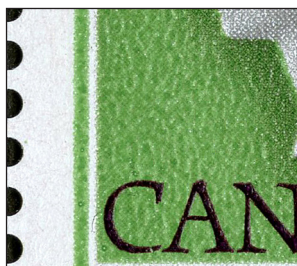


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|-----|--|
| 2/5 | a) Very faint smudge in top margin above "PO" of "POSTAGE" (above right edge of A4). b) Small dot in right margin opposite second "9" of "1979" in copyright notice (A6). |
| 3/2 | Small dot in top left margin close to corner of outer green frame. |
| 3/9 | Small dot in right margin opposite middle of Queen's head (border of B6-C6). |

Pane A2 (green) / A6 (red)



Pos. 5 (R1/C5)



Pos. 8 (R1/C8)



| | |
|-----|---|
| 1/2 | Small dot in top left margin close to corner of outer green frame. |
| 1/5 | a) Faint weakness in green background below "17" (B1). b) Faint small dot in bottom right margin near corner of outer green frame. |
| 1/8 | Small dot in left margin opposite bottom of Queen's neck in line with perforations (left of top of F1). |
| 1/9 | Very small dot in left margin opposite tip of Queen's nose (near top of D1). |
| 3/2 | Small dot in top left margin close to corner of outer green frame. |



Pos. 20 (R3/C2)

Pane A3 (green) / A7 (red)

Pos. 11 (R2/C2)

Pos. 21 (R3/C3)

Pos. 17 (R2/C8)

| | |
|-----|---|
| — * | Vertical marking in left selvage opposite all three rows of stamps. The selvage must be over 16 mm wide measured to the left outer green frame of stamp 1/1 for this to appear. |
| 2/2 | Dot in top left margin. |
| 2/8 | Deeper coloured spot above and/or in the "O" of "POSTAGE" (border of A4-A5). |
| 3/3 | Small dot in right margin opposite middle of Queen's head (C6). |

Pane A4 (green) / A8 (red)

Pos. 3 (R1/C3)

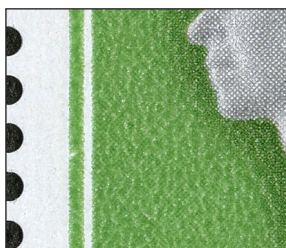
Pos. 27 (R3/C9)

| | |
|-----|---|
| 1/2 | Small dot in top left margin above left corner of outer green frame. |
| 1/3 | Weakness in green background to the right of the "7" of "17" (lower left area of A2). |
| 1/8 | Very small dot in top left margin above "P" of "POSTAGE" (above A4). |
| 3/2 | Small dot in top left margin above left corner of outer green frame. |
| 3/9 | Faint weakness in green background above "N" of "CANADA" (border of E2-F2). |

Pane A5 (green) / A1 (red)



Pane A6 (green) / A2 (red)



Pos. 2 (R1/C2)



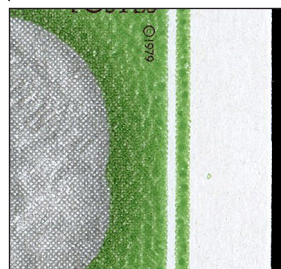
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|------|--|
| 1/2 | Weakness in left outer green frame opposite middle of Queen's neck – more pronounced on the green than the red printing (F1). |
| 2/1* | Green dot below "z!" of "postez!" (border of F4-F5). The corresponding red dot is below the right edge of "z" of "postez" (border of F4-G4). |
| 2/2 | Small green dot in top left margin very close to corner of the outer green frame. |
| 2/9 | Faint nearly vertical green scratch in bottom margin below third "A" of "CANADA" (bottom of G5). |
| 3/9 | Green dot in right margin opposite middle of Queen's head (C6). |



Pos. 10 (R2/C1)



Pos. 11 (R2/C2)



Pos. 27 (R3/C9)

Pane A7 (green) / A3 (red)



Pos. 2 (R1/C2)



Pos. 20 (R3/C2)

| | |
|-----|---|
| 1/2 | Dot in top left margin close to top left corner of outer green frame. |
| 1/6 | Very small dot in bottom margin below left leg of third "A" of "CANADA" (bottom left corner of G5). |
| 3/2 | Dot in top left margin close to top left corner of outer green frame. |
| 3/7 | Very small dot in bottom left margin (left of G1). |

Pane A8 (green) / A4 (red)



Pos. 11 (R2/C2)



Pos. 22 (R3/C4)

| | |
|-----|--|
| 1/6 | Small dot in left margin near perfs opposite middle of Queen's forehead (left of border between B1-C1). |
| 2/2 | Dot in top left margin close to corner of outer green frame. |
| 2/9 | Two small dots in top margin above right side of the "7" of "17" (above left side of A2). |
| 3/4 | Very slight weakness in green background near left border opposite middle of Queen's neck (centre of E1). |
| 3/8 | Small flaw in outer green frame at bottom, below left leg of the first "A" of "CANADA" (G2). |
| 3/9 | a) White flaw in top outer green frame above "P" of "POSTAGE" (right side of A4). b) Dot in top margin above right side of "7" of "17" (above left side of A2). |

Pane B1 (green) / B5 (red)



Pane B2 (green) / B6 (red)



| | |
|------|---|
| 3/3 | Dot in top margin above "P" of "POSTAGE" (above right side of A4). |
| 3/7 | Small dot in top margin above front of Queen's head (above right side of A2). |
| 3/9* | Weakness in green background above "CA" of "CANADA" (centre of E1-E2). |



Pos. 25 (R3/C7)



Pos. 27 (R3/C9)

Pane B3 (green) / B7 (red)



1/5

Two very faint dots in top margin: one above Queen's forehead (above A2) and the other above Her tiara (above right side of A3).

Pane B4 (green) / B8 (red)



Pane B5 (green) / B1 (red)



Pos. 1 (R1/C1)



1/1

Dot in top left margin close to corner of outer green frame.

Pane B6 (green) / B2 (red)



Pos. 6 (R1/C6)



1/6*

Weakness in green background above third "A" of "CANADA" (E5-F5).

Pane B7 (green) / B3 (red)



3/9*

Weakness in green background to the left of Queen's nose and mouth (centre of C1-C2-D1-D2).



Pos. 27 (R3/C9)

Pane B8 (green) / B4 (red)



Pos. 1 (R1/C1)



Pos. 8 (R1/C8)



1/1

Dot in top left margin close to corner of outer green frame.

1/8

Weakness in green background just above "CA" of "CANADA" (centre of E1-E2-F1-F2).

2/6

Faint disturbance in green background above "C" of "CANADA" (centre of EI-E2-FI-F2).

3/9*

Large white gap in inner white frame below "AN" of "CANADA" (G2-G3).



Pos. 27 (R3/C9)

A Constant Variety on the 1971 Maple Leaves in Winter

by: Dudley Nash

A variety, which has not previously been reported, can be found on panes of the 1971 Maple Leaves in Winter issue (Scott 538), at position 49. This "snow bug" variety takes the form of a cluster of grey dots in the snow just above and to the left of the leaf end of the petiole.



The "Snow Bug" variety



This variety occurs on all panes, both inscripted and field stock, which I have examined. In addition, all first day covers produced by Canada Post and bearing a lower right plate block show the variety. Also, I have found the variety on at least one per hundred used stamps I have looked at. Ideally this rate should be one per fifty if it is constant for all panes on the press sheet. However, in some cases the variety will be obscured by the cancellation.

Three panes were inspected at the Canadian Postal Archives: an early plate proof (1989-565.000538-038), a later plate proof (1989-565.000538-040), and an inscripted pane (1989-565.000538-041). The variety was found on the later proof and the inscripted pane but not on the early proof.

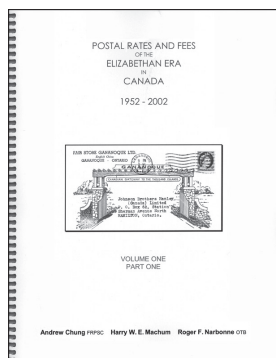
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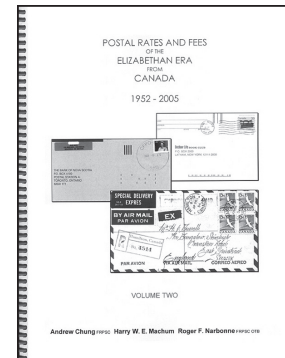
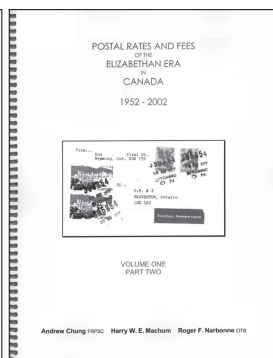
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