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**Corgi Times Volume 25**

With this issue of the *Corgi Times*, we start our 25th year of publication.

Volume 1, Number 1 (pictured at right) was published in July 1992 by our group's founder, John D. Arn. Sadly, John passed away in 2012.

Over the years, there have been some 2,500 pages of Elizabethan-era material published in our bi-monthly newsletters.

Our journal has won the John S. Siverts award for the best BNAPS study group newsletter on six occasions: 1994, 1995, 2000, 2002, 2006, and 2007.



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THE ELIZABETHAN II STUDY GROUP NEWSLETTER

WELCOME to the newest study group within the British North America Philatelic Society. This is a day that I have looked forward to with anticipation for several years. The Elizabethan era, which I considered to have started in 1583, includes about 75% of all postage stamps issued by Canada. There are many philatelic subjects which fall into this category. In the past, the era has been such as tagging or ongoing such as postal stationery. Many BNA collectors have worked on their favorite subjects in isolation due to there being insufficient numbers in a specific subject to support establishment of their own study group. Now you all have a common forum through which philatelic knowledge can grow.

For those of you who are not familiar with BNAPS study groups the primary medium of communications is the study group newsletter. Through the newsletter you can publish articles on your subject of interest. This may be a complete analysis of a particular subject or simply your results of tracing a single philatelic item through its system. You are free to ask questions with the idea that one of your fellow study group members may know the answer and can provide it to you, and the other members quickly. The object of the study group is to support philatelic research and to circulate the information to other philatelists in a timely, inexpensive manner. Depending on the number of articles or interesting items sent to the editor, the newsletter may be issued between three and eleven times a year, the average study group has five. The newsletter is not a newspaper. Without contributions from many of you, small as they may seem at the time, the newsletter will be small and infrequent. So provide the editor with photocopies of interesting covers with the story where known or a question if not. The study group will only be successful if it can provide you with information. With the variety of subjects that may be found in the Elizabethan era not everything will be about things that interest you but read them carefully as there may be connections to your subject that are not obvious at first glance.

If you have any questions or comments or if I may help the study group in any way please feel free to write me—Don C. Johnson, BNAPS Study Group Coordinator, 717 25th Avenue NW, Calgary, AB T2M 2B4.

During BNAPEX '91 in Vancouver Jon Johnson asked me if I would consider forming a new study group. I thought he was talking about the Carleton Place and Landscapes but, no way, he was talking about, as you have noted above, the whole nine yards—a group to study everything Canada has issued from Scott 325 to date. For a variety of reasons it was not until March this year.

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**Sir John A. Macdonald Stamp Wins Award**

The May–July 2016 *Details* magazine includes a note that the Montreal design firm Paprika was recognized with a Certificate of Typographic Excellence by the Type Directors Club for the Sir John A. Macdonald stamp issued by Canada Post on January 11, 2015 (Scott 2804).

Shows you what I know! I thought this was one of the strangest designs to appear on a recent Canadian stamp. All things considered though, the *type* on this stamp is certainly the most prominent design element so to have it recognized by the Type Directors Club does seem appropriate.



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**2016-2017 Dues are now due**  
A notice will be sent shortly.

[The ESG 'year' ends June 30th]



McAdam Railway Station  
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## Who are We?

We are the Elizabethan II Study Group under the auspices of the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) — The Society for Canadian Philately.

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## Canada Post News

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

### ► 2016/2 Quarter Pack

The second quarterly pack of 2016 showed up in post offices in mid July. The package contains the stamps released from April through June 2016. The \$49.40 face value price represents stamps from just three (3) issues!

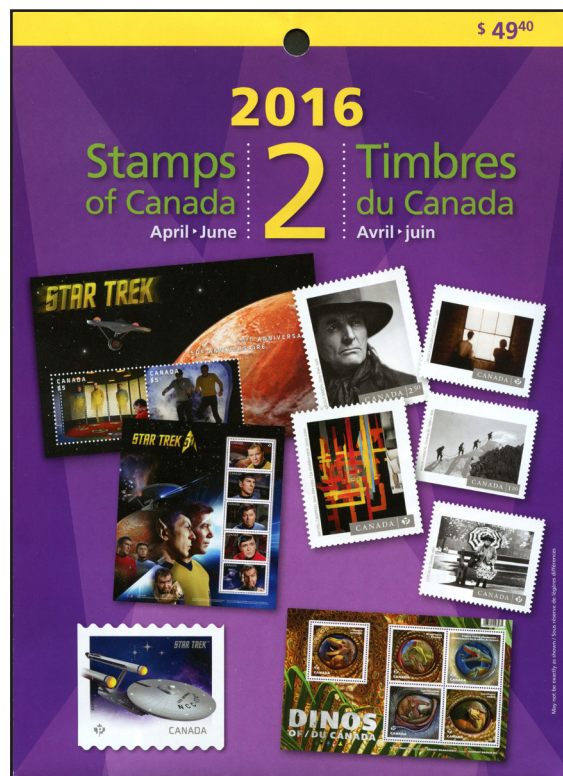
21 different designs and four denomination changes, are included:

- Canadian Photography
- Star Trek™ 50th Anniversary
- Dinos of Canada

There are six souvenir sheets included. *Missing* from the quarterly pack are the five souvenir sheets from the Prestige booklet.

The Star Trek coil stamps, which were issued as two designs in a se-tenant format along the roll of 50 stamps, appears in the quarterly pack as two *single* stamps. In the past, any se-tenant pair of coil stamps was always included as a *pair* of stamps in the quarterly pack.

The Star Trek 'ship' self-adhesive stamps, which are serpentine die cut on all four sides, are *not* included in the quarterly pack. Thus, the only way that a collector could obtain these two varieties is by purchasing the entire Prestige booklet.



Die cut Star Trek™ coil singles from 2016/2 Quarterly Pack

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## Study Group Business

### ❖ New members

Ronald Tremblay (QC)

## 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.

**2016**

**BNAPEX 2016:** Sep 30–Oct 2, 2016 in Fredericton, NB

## BNAPEX 2016

BNAPEX 2016 is just around the corner (September 30 through October 2). Fredericton, New Brunswick is the destination for fellow-BNAPS-ers to meet at the annual convention.

Adri Veenstra, an Elizabethan II Study Group member who travels to all BNAPEX meetings, will be hosting our annual ESG meeting (Saturday, 2:30-3:30PM). Please bring along a 'show-and-tell' item to present to other ESG members.

## Congratulations ESG Members

- ESG Chairman Robert Elias was awarded the **John D. Arn White Queen Award** at the recently completed Royal 2016 stamp show for his exhibit *Canadian Postal Rates and Fees: Early Elizabethan II Era, 1952-1966*.

[For some reason this show, as well as others, refers to the award as the 'BNAPS Corgi Award'. If anyone at BNAPS is reading this, we ask that the correct award name be provided to all shows offering this prestigious award!]

- ESG member Leopold Beaudet was awarded a **Fellowship** of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada at the recently completed Royal 2016 stamp show in Kitchener-Waterloo.

Congratulations to both ESG members for these well deserved awards.

## Canada Post News

- As this is being written (August 26), the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (representing nearly 51,000 employees) has given a 72-hour notice of job action.

Labour Minister MaryAnn Mihychuk said Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers will begin working with a special mediator Friday morning (August 26) in the face of a union threat of job action.

It was not immediately clear whether the action would result in a disruption of mail and parcel deliveries, something that — if it does happen — could come as early as next week.

- Still no news from Canada Post on any stamp issue announcements for the remainder of the year. The last stamps we have seen were the Birds of Canada issue of July 12, some six weeks ago. For stamp collectors, who would most likely be the primary audience for new stamps, this lack of information from Canada Post seems almost disrespectful.

## Corgi Times

Yes, we are about a month late in getting this issue out. Despite that, this issue is one of our smallest ever ... just 14 pages. We appeal again ... articles are desperately needed!

A dues notice for the 2016–2017 ESG year will be e-mailed to all very shortly (I hope!).

# Articles Urgently Needed



# Canada Post 2016 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 11	Year of the Monkey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (85¢) pane of 25</li> <li>• Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet pane of 10</li> <li>• \$2.50 postal card</li> </ul>	2884 2886
Jan 11	UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 (5 designs)</li> <li>• Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 30 (5 designs)</li> <li>• \$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5</li> </ul>	2890-94  2889
Jan 11	Queen Elizabeth II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> </ul>	2888
Feb 1	Year of the Monkey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2.50, self-adhesive booklet pane of 6</li> <li>• \$2.50 souvenir sheet</li> <li>• \$2.50 (Monkey) and 2\$.50 (Ram) “transitional” souvenir sheet</li> <li>• \$30.00 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets</li> <li>• \$2.50 postal card</li> </ul>	2887 2885 2885a
Feb 1	Black History Month: No. 2 Construction Battalion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> </ul>	2895
Mar 1	Hydrangeas (2 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> <li>• Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive roll of 50</li> <li>• \$1.70 gummed souvenir sheet of 2</li> <li>• \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design)</li> </ul>	2899–00 2897–98 2896
Mar 8	Women’s Suffrage 100th anniversary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> </ul>	2901
Apr 13	Canadian Photography (7 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> <li>• \$1.20, self-adhesive booklet of 6</li> <li>• \$2.50, self-adhesive booklet of 6</li> <li>• \$4.55 gummed souvenir sheet of 3</li> <li>• \$3.40 gummed souvenir sheet of 4</li> <li>• \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design)</li> </ul>	2904–08 2909 2910 2903 2902
May 5	Star Trek 50th Anniversary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 (5 designs)</li> <li>• \$7.35 gummed pane of 5</li> <li>• Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive roll of 50 (2 designs)</li> <li>• \$1.70 gummed souvenir sheet of 2</li> <li>• \$19.95 Prestige booklet, with 5 souvenir sheets</li> <li>• \$10 lenticular souvenir sheet of 2 x \$5 stamps</li> <li>• \$120.00 uncut press sheet of 12 lenticular souvenir sheets</li> <li>• \$44.10 uncut press sheet of 6 souvenir sheets</li> <li>• \$2.50 postal cards (five designs)</li> </ul>	2917–21 2912 2913–14 2911  2922
May 26	Dinos of Canada (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> <li>• \$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5</li> <li>• \$30.60 uncut press sheet of 7 souvenir sheets + 1 single stamp</li> </ul>	2924–28 2923
Jul 12	Birds of Canada (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> <li>• \$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5</li> <li>• \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design)</li> </ul>	

## 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 2243, Beausejour, MB R0E 0C0, Canada.



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## Bylot Island Shopping Bag

Last fall I came upon the illustrated shopping bag at a *Superstore* location in Winnipeg, MB. Shortly after I received a second example from ESG member Mirko Zatka of Canada. Did anyone else notice this particular shopping bag at other *Superstore* locations across Canada?



The bag itself is quite large: some 16" wide by 14" tall by 8½" deep when opened.

The stamp illustration (found on the front and back sides) is that of the 15¢ Bylot Island Centennial definitive stamp issued on February 8, 1967 (Scott 463). As seen, the shopping bag has made the stamp design multi-coloured, with a red 'CANADA' at the left side, and has added a red maple leaf to the lower right corner. The rest of the bag shows a background of USA stamps!

The slogan cancellation on the stamp is a partial of "THE SAFE CIGARETTE IS THE ONE YOU DON'T LIGHT" (Coutts type T-215). *The Slogan Postmarks of Canada* (by Cecil C. Coutts) notes that this cancellation was used in Calgary, Edmonton, Halifax, Himilton, Lindsay, London, Moncton, New Westminster, Ottawa, Regina, Saskatoon, Scarborough, Toronto, Vancouver, Victoria, Willowdale, and Winnipeg in 1968.

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## Ken Pugh Stamp Presentations in Toronto, ON

Noted Canadian expert of fakes and forgeries, **Ken Pugh**, will be in Toronto at the end of October to give three different presentations. A recent Vincent Graves Greene "Friends of the Harry Sutherland Library" e-mail had this to say:

Now for news of the 'event event'.... We are very pleased to announce that Ken Pugh will be visiting Toronto during the third week of October and making three presentations while in the city. Ken is simply an expert in forgeries. He is the author of one of the largest publishing projects in BNA philatelic history, his Reference Manual series. He also has one of the "largest working reference collections of B.N.A. fakes, forgeries, and counterfeits in existence."

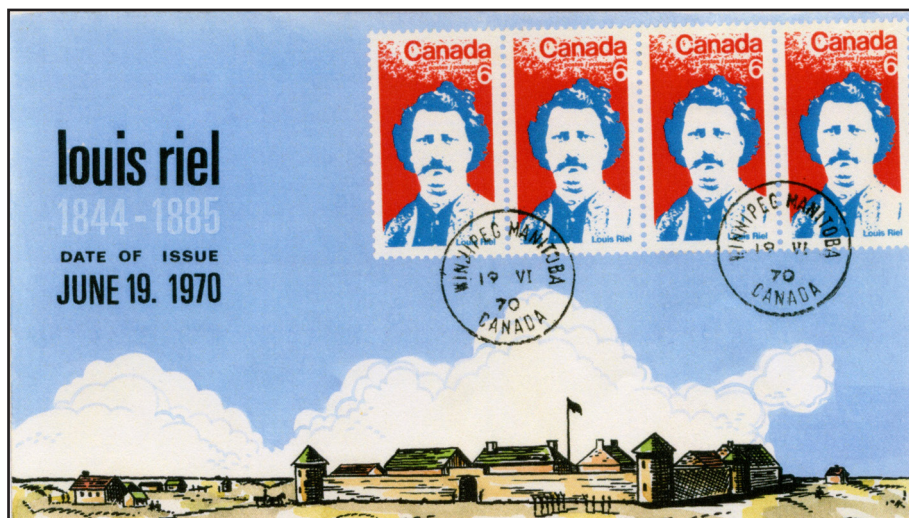
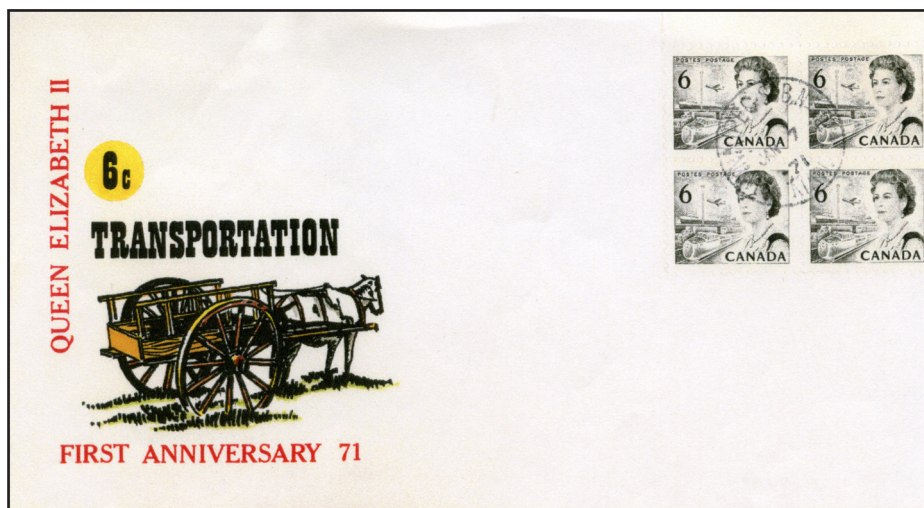
On **Tuesday October 18th** Ken will be the guest of the West Toronto Stamp Club and will be speaking about the need to recognize fakes and forgeries. All are welcome and more information will soon be found on the WT website: <http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/index.htm>

On **Wednesday the 19th**, Ken will be speaking to members of the PSSC. This will be a talk on the personalities involved in fakes and forgeries and is an invitation only event.

**Thursday the 20th** Ken will be hosted by the VGG here at 'stamp heaven' and will present a hands on look at the more interesting pieces in his collection. All are invited to attend and details will be forthcoming. I understand this prolific author will have newly released material available for purchase at all the events. More information on Ken and his work can be found at: <https://kenpughphilatelics.com/>

## First Day Cover Cachet Identification Required

Illustrated here are three privately produced first day covers from the 1970s provided by Don Fraser. He is asking if anyone knows who the artist/designer is for these cachets (quite likely from someone in the Winnipeg area?).





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## Modern Era Missing Colours and Imperforates



1990 (39c) Canadian Flag,  
silver inscriptions omitted.  
Only one pane (16 stamps) known.



1982 \$1.50 Waterton Lakes, black inscriptions omitted.  
Only 25 are known.



1979 17c Cameo, imperf pair  
it has been reported that only 9 pairs exist.



1970 6c black Centennial,  
imperf coil pair in pristine  
NH condition, rarely seen as such.



1963 4c Cameo, coil strip  
imperforate between.  
One of two known examples



1988 6c Red Fox, imperf horizontal pair in a sound block.  
Very rare as only three blocks are known.



1988 5c Varying Hare, imperf UL plate inscription block.  
Very few can exist.



1967 1c Centennial block of four, printed  
on the gum side; possibly the only known  
multiple of this error

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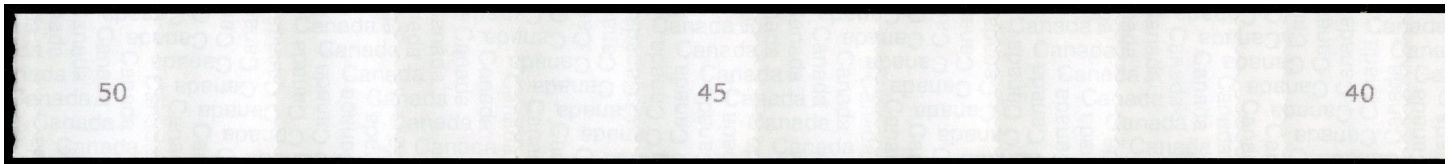


## Back Numbers on Coil Stamps

Three more Canadian stamp issues have appeared with countdown back numbering on the coil stamps – the current \$1 Burrowing Owl, \$1.20 Mountain Goat and \$2.50 Wapiti baby wildlife definitives (Scott 2710, 2712 and 2714 respectively), first issued in rolls of 50 stamps on March 31, 2014. Rolls found in boxes dated January 2016 (or after) will have the back numbers.



Thus, all of the current definitives, and the 2016 Hydrangeas stamps, have these back numbers on the back of the stamps. The numbers count down, with a number appearing every five stamps along the roll. The first stamp to be removed from the roll has the highest number (either 50 or 100, depending on the length of roll).



## Scott 1096

by: Robin Harris

Our tractor reached the 1096.0 hours the other day and since I needed a space filler in this issue, I figured it was as good a time as any to see just what Canada stamp had this Scott number.

Scott number: 1096  
Issue: Birds of Canada  
Design: Snow Goose  
Issue date: May 22, 1986  
Printer: Ashton-Potter Limited  
Format: panes of 50 se-tenant with four designs

From Canada Post's announcement brochure:

As a result of its size and diversity of environments, Canada provides habitats for a great variety of birds. Among the larger and better-known birds are: the Great Blue Heron - a tall and stately wader; the Great Horned Owl - a powerful and ferocious nocturnal hunter; the Spruce Grouse - a species almost exclusively Canadian in range and so tame it is known as the "fool hen"; and the Snow Goose - a large, snow-white migrant, which breeds in the high Arctic. This year, Canada is host to the XIX International Ornithological Congress, which will take place in Ottawa from June 22 to 29. Jean-Luc Grondin, one of Canada's best-known painters of birds, was commissioned to provide the paintings for these four stamps. He has portrayed the birds in flight, as if startled by the intrusion of an observer. The typography was designed by Pierre Fontaine of Montreal.



# New Printer for Envelopes

Canada Post's on-line shopping cart has begun offering the current envelope designs with a new printer. Perhaps the next issue of *Details* will give more information on this (the May-July 2016 *Details* is the most recent issue available; a new *Details* has not been seen for quite sometime now.

Colour Innovations, who is new to printing Canada's postage stamps, appears to have taken over the printing of envelopes from Lowe-Martin.

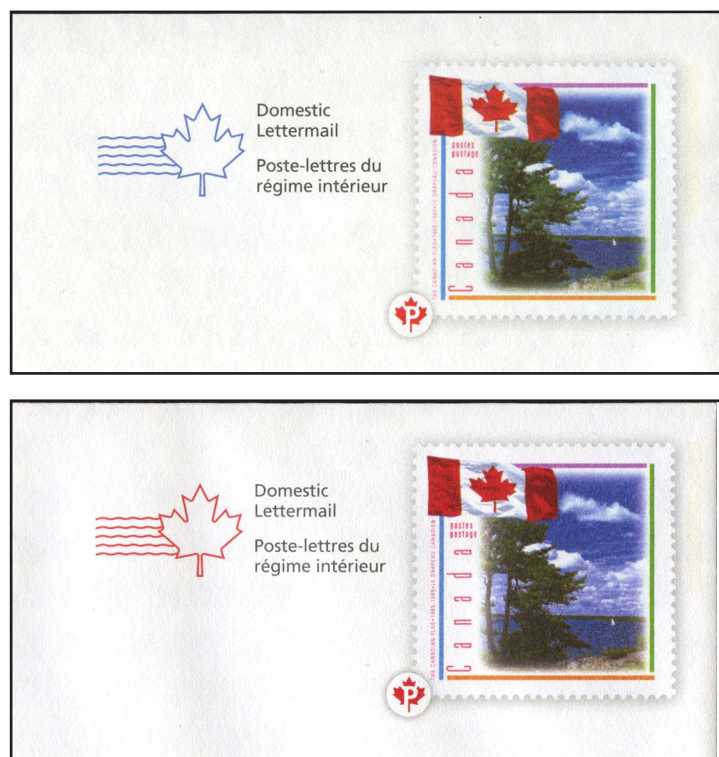
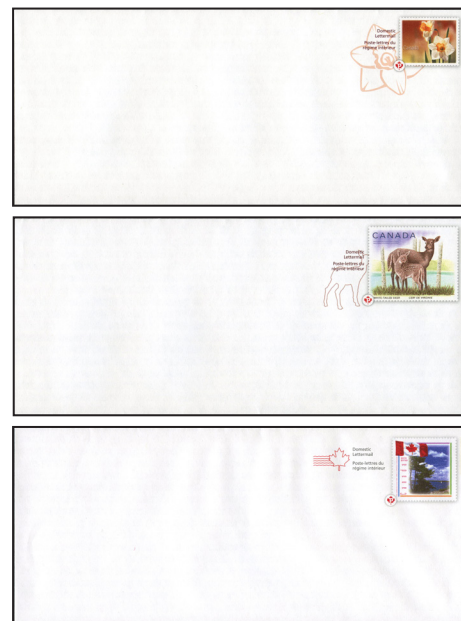
There are currently three types of size-10 envelopes available:

- Flowers (10 designs), only sold in packages of 10
- Animals (9 designs), only sold in packages of 10
- Canada Flag, available individually

The Flowers and Animals envelopes were first released in 2012 while the Canada Flag envelope was released in 2014.

ESG member, and *Postal Stationery Notes* editor, Robert Lemire OTB, provides the following list of differences between the two printers. The stamp designs seem to be essentially unchanged:

- the only obvious exception is that "Domestic Lettermail" markings on the front of the Flag envelope now are printed in red instead of blue
- on the backs "Lowe-Martin" has been replaced by "Colour Innovations"
- the envelope dates (all) are 05.10.16
  - the last known Lowe-Martin dates are 10.14.15 (Flag) and 11.25.15 (others)
- recycling logos have been added to the back of the Flag envelopes
- the recycling symbols are the same as on the Lowe-Martin products, but the printing seems sharper
- the bar code has been removed from the backs of the Animal and Flower envelopes
- the bar code and PO order code, as printed on the Flag envelopes, have been changed
- the knife seems to be the same as the one on all the Lowe-Martin products
- the strip protecting the gummed strip now is more than 35 mm wide rather than ~30 mm
- there seem to be some very, very minor changes to the inner security printing



Above: original printing by Lowe-Martin (2012)  
Below: reprint by Colour Innovations (2016)

## Printing dates...

### Flowers

10 designs feature:	Lowe-Martin:	Colour Innovations:
Daffodils - Yellow (Sc. 2092), White (Sc. 2093); Lilacs - White (Sc. 2207), Pale purple (Sc. 2208); Peonies - Elgin (Sc. 2261), Coral 'n Gold (Sc. 2262); Rhododendrons - white (Sc. 2319), pink (Sc. 2320); African Violets - red (Sc. 2377), purple (Sc. 2379)	<b>a</b> 9.28.11 <b>b</b> 6.15.12 <b>c</b> 08.24.12 <b>d</b> 06.06.13 <b>e</b> 05.09.14 <b>f</b> 05.15.15 <b>g</b> 11.25.15	<b>a</b> 05.10.16
Size 10, printing dates appear under flap.		

### Animals

9 designs feature:	Lowe-Martin:	Colour Innovations:
Loon (Sc. 1687); Polar Bear (Sc. 1690); White-tailed Deer (Sc. 1688); Atlantic Walrus (Sc. 1689); Peregrin Falcon (Sc. 1691); Sable Island Horse (Sc. 1692); Moose (Sc. 1693); Grizzly Bear (Sc. 1694); Blue Whale (Sc. 2405)	<b>a</b> 9.28.11 <b>b</b> 6.15.12 <b>c</b> 8.17.12 <b>d</b> 12.17.12 <b>e</b> 03.22.13 <b>f</b> 06.06.13 <b>g</b> 05.15.14 <b>h</b> 11.05.14 <b>i</b> 04.15.15 <b>j</b> 11.25.15	<b>a</b> 05.10.16
Size 10, printing dates appear under flap.		

### Flag

Based on Sc. 1546	Lowe-Martin:	Colour Innovations:
Size 10, printing dates appear under flap.	<b>a</b> 09.15.14 <b>b</b> 04.15.15 <b>c</b> 10.14.15	<b>a</b> 05.10.16



# Errors, Freaks and Oddities on Canada Post Official First Day Covers (OFDCs) – The Stamp

by: Andrew Chung, FRPSC

Canada Post's Official First Day Covers (OFDCs) were first introduced in 1971. Nearly 1,200 different single and combination OFDCs have been released over the years. From time to time an error may occur with the production of the OFDC. Those presented here reflect stamp-type errors. Catalogue numbers are those as assigned in *The New Specialized Catalogue of Canada Post Official First Day Covers*, Fourth Edition (2016), by Andrew Chung and R.F. Narbonne.

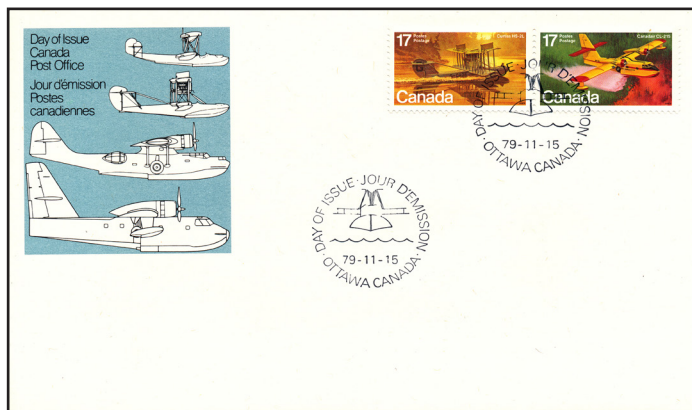
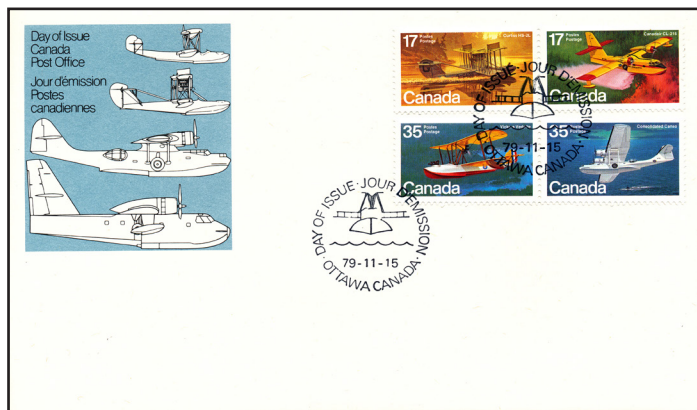
## 543 and 543v1:

46-cent Queen Elizabeth II OFDC issued in 1998 missing the stamp and a normal OFDC to compare. Fourteen other OFDCs between 1973 and 2005 are known with missing stamps. *Valued at \$50.00.*



## 131 and 131v3:

Flying Boats OFDC issued in 1979 missing the se-tenant pair of the 35-cent stamps and a normal combination OFDC to compare. The Streets OFDC of 1978 and the Big Cats OFDC of 2005 are the only other with partly missing stamps. *Valued at \$75.00.*



## 343v1:

39-cent Folklore – Legendary Creatures OFDC issued in 1990 with an inverted block. Two other OFDCs with inverted stamps are the Resources Development OFDC of 1978 and the XV Commonwealth Games OFDC of 1994.08.06. *Valued at \$150.00.*



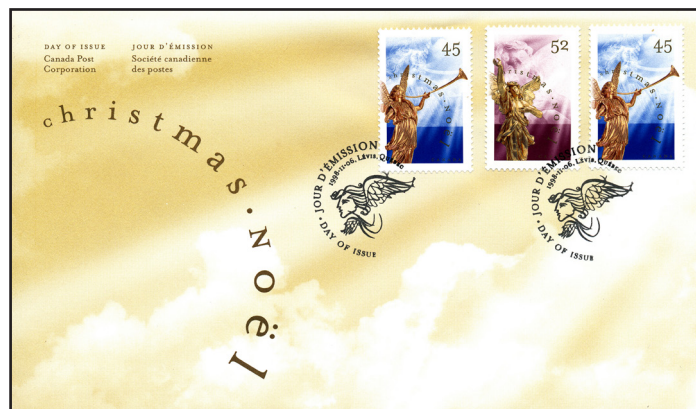


34-cent Canadian Broadcasting Corporation OFDC issued in 1986 with twin (two) inscription blocks. The 8-cent 1976 Olympic Games – Ceremonies OFDC of 1976 and the XV Commonwealth Games OFDC of 1994.05.20 are the only other with twin inscription blocks. *Valued at \$75.00.*



### 542 and 542v1:

Christmas Angels OFDC issued in 1998 with a single 52-cent and two single 45-cent omitting the 90-cent stamp and a normal combination OFDC to compare. This error is spotted on three other OFDCs: the Christmas Paintings issued in 1974, the Fruit Trees and Jeanne Sauvé issued in 1994. *Valued at \$150.00.*



## Star Trek Press Sheet

In the last *Corgi Times* we neglected to mention that the Star Trek uncut press sheet containing six panes of Star Trek personalities was, like most uncut press sheets sold by Canada, made just for collectors and is not the 'production' press sheet used to produce the panes required for the Prestige booklet.

The 'panes' on the uncut press sheet (illustrated at far right) do not provide for the binding portion at the left side of the panes which is necessary for the pane to be assembled into the Prestige booklet.



## McAdam Railway Station, NB

The McAdam Railway Station was illustrated on a \$2 definitive stamp issued by Canada Post in 1989 (Scott 1182).

A recent television episode of *Still Standing* [CBC production where comedian Jonny Harris explores small towns on the ropes, performs stand-up shows for the locals who've stuck it out, and proves that Canadians know how to laugh at themselves] had Jonny visiting the floundering community of McAdam, NB. The railway station was featured a couple of times throughout the half-hour show which aired on July 26.



The CBC website notes:

McAdam's great strength was its significance as the gateway to Atlantic Canada because of its location near the U.S. border. These days, the town struggles to get by because the railway service has dwindled down to one freight line, and its station operates as a part time museum.



As seen in the image above, the colour of the railway station's roof is considerably different from that shown on the stamp. Could the colour of the roof changed that match between 1989 and 2015/16?

You can view this episode on-line, at: <http://www.cbc.ca/stillstanding/episodes/season2/mcadam-nb>



## Canada Post Deals?

by: Robin Harris

With the rise in postage rates, the face value of old Permanent™ stamps has risen as well. For example, a single Permanent™ stamp issued in 2007 had a then face value of 52c. Today that same Permanent™ is valid for the 85c postage rate. If one had held onto that stamp for the past 9 years, there would have been a postage savings of 33c.



A search of Canada Post's on-line shopping cart shows that one can still purchase Quarterly Packs dating back to 2006. Shown in the table at right is a listing of the quarterly packs available through to the end of 2013 (i.e. until the postage rate jumped from 63c to 85c). These quarterly packs are still being sold at the original selling price (i.e. at the original Permanent™ face value).

The table gives a count of the number of Permanent™ stamps found in each quarterly pack along with what the savings would be if one purchased that pack and used the Permanent™ stamps at today's postage rate of 85c.

Two things deter me from buying up some of the packs that would give the biggest savings at the least cost (such as the Apr-Jun 2012 or the Apr-Jun 2013 packs):

- I already have way too much postage lying around!
- have you tried removing the backing paper from a single die cut single self-adhesive stamp? It is very difficult. The time spent to remove the backing paper is probably not saved in the postal savings!

Year		Quarter	Issue Price	P's	Savings
2006	51c	Oct-Dec	10.03	0	—
2007	52c	Jan-Mar	21.11	8	2.64
		Apr-Jun	8.81	0	—
		Jul-Sep	7.28	0	—
		Oct-Dec	8.56	2	.66
2008		Jan-Mar	not available	10	—
		Apr-Jun	16.04	0	—
		Jul-Sep	2.60	1	.33
		Oct-Dec	11.98	4	1.32
2009	54c	Jan-Mar	31.50	19	5.89
		Apr-Jun	7.58	0	—
		Jul-Sep	11.98	1	.31
		Oct-Dec	18.58	6	1.86
2010	57c	Jan-Mar	29.99	21	5.88
		Apr-Jun	21.08	0	—
		Jul-Sep	9.78	10	2.8
		Oct-Dec	17.79	3	.84
2011	59c	Jan-Mar	34.15	21	5.46
		Apr-Jun	not available	30	—
		Jul-Sep	22.05	21	5.46
		Oct-Dec	7.92	4	1.04
2012	61c	Jan-Mar	42.35	28	6.72
		Apr-Jun	28.61	31	7.44
		Jul-Sep	not available	42	—
		Oct-Dec	12.05	10	2.40
2013	63c	Jan-Mar	54.41	42	9.24
		Apr-Jun	22.68	36	7.92
		Jul-Sep	33.49	26	5.72
		Oct-Dec	10.31	4	.88

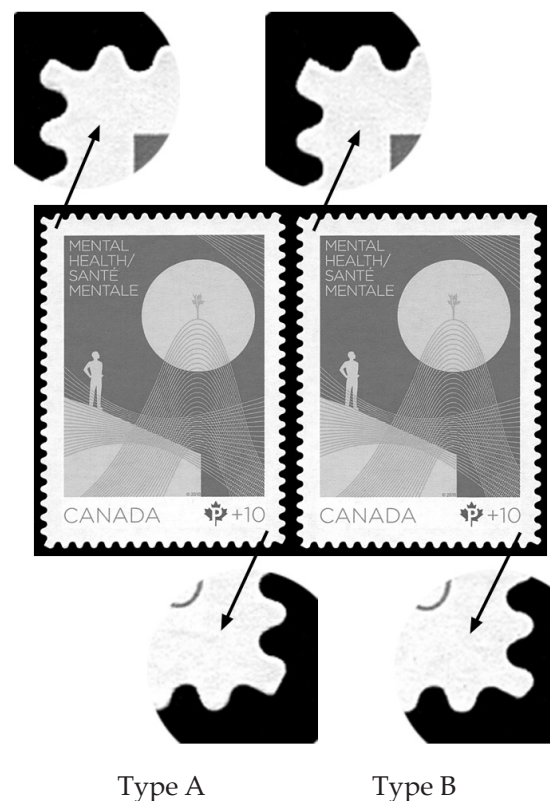
## Mental Health Die Cut Varieties

Back in the September-October 2010 *Corgi Times* we noted that there are subtle die cut varieties on some of the Mental Health semi-postal stamps (Scott B16 is illustrated at right).

The "Type A" variety (narrower/shorter peak at upper left) is found on 4 out of the 10 stamps of the booklet panes (rows 1 and 3).

The "Type B" variety (wider/taller peak at upper left) is found on 6 out of the 10 stamps of the booklet pane (rows 2, 4 and 5).

ESG member Peter W. Skwarczynski is wondering if these varieties follow through to the Quarterly Pack / Annual Collection singles.





## Admail

ESG member Gunther Sawatzki has passed several examples of Admail he has received in the mail. This is turning out to be a fascinating area of modern postal history.

Here are some of the examples that Gunther has passed along. ESG member Earle Covert OTB has been tracking and recording this area of collecting since its inception. He provides an updating listing on a regular basis.

