

10¢ Weathercock



Stamp size: 20x24mm
Design: 16x20mm
Pane: 100 (10x10)

Lithography, 4 colours

Background: blue

Designer: Jean-Pierre Beaudin,
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Hidden date: “© 1982” (G6),
reading up.

This was the first Canadian definitive stamp to have “block” tagging, that is, tag on all four sides of the stamp.

Format	Issued	Printer	Perf	Paper	Tag	Imprint (at 75%)		Withdrawn	Qty: Field	Philatelic	
Sheet	Oct 19, 1982	AP	14.0x13.3	Abitibi	2-bar	UL/LR			42,400,000	12,600,000	
				LL/UR							
Sheet	Aug 22, 1986			Rolland		UL/LR			Apr 1, 1989	44,100,000	5,000,000
						LL/UR					
Sheet	Mar 15, 1985	CBN	13.0x13.3	Harrison	block	UL/LR		Feb 21, 1987	31,500,000	15,000,000	
					LL/UR						

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Ashton-Potter

Perf 14.0 x 13.3



921

Canadian Bank Note Company

Perf 13.0 x 13.3



921a

See also:

- * sheet layout, page 23 (Abitibi),
page 24 (Rolland)
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13.0	
14.0	

Scott/
Trajan**10¢ Sheet, AP, perf 14.0 x 13.3, Abitibi-Price paper, 2-bar tagged** [fluorescence: NF/NF]

921	single, with blue background under UV light	□ □ ①
	single, with green background under UV light	□ □ ②
	perfin: CNR, Canadian National Railway, Vancouver – C26	□ ②
	perfin: CNR, Canadian National Railway, Winnipeg – C28	□ ②
	perfin: LA, Legislative Assembly Province of Ontario, Toronto – L1	□ ②

A green-tinged background variety exists when viewed under an ultraviolet light (best in a dark room). It is estimated that about one in five examples of the Abitibi-Price paper printings exhibit this variety.

10¢ Sheet, AP, perf 14.0 x 13.3, Rolland paper, 2-bar tagged [fluorescence: NF/LF, LF/F]

b	single, 3.5mm tag bars	□ □ ①
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The Rolland printing exists with two different tag widths: 3.5mm vs 4.0mm. The 4.0mm appeared (unannounced) in late 1987.

10¢ Sheet, AP, perf 14.0 x 13.3, Rolland paper, 2-bar tagged

	single, 4.0mm tag bars	□ □ ②
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10¢ Sheet, CBN, perf 13.0 x 13.3, Harrison paper, block tagged [fluorescence: NF/NF]

a	single	□ □ ①
	perfin: CNR, Canadian National Railway, Vancouver – C26	□ ②
	perfin: CNR, Canadian National Railway, Winnipeg – C28	□ ②



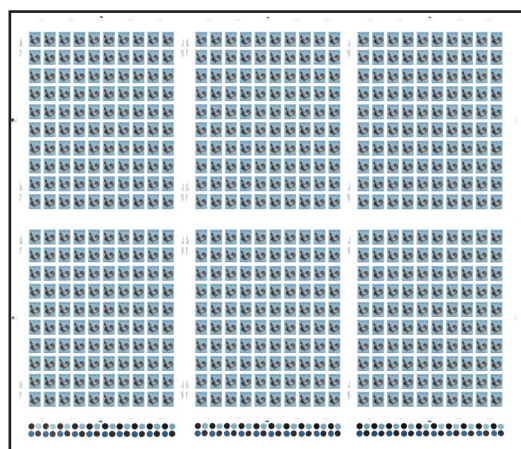
10¢ Weathercock under an ultraviolet light.
Left: 2-bar tagged. Right: block tagging.

Comparison of 10¢ Weathercock used examples found in author's collection:

Scott/ Trajan	Perf	Paper	Tag	Used Quantity	%
921		Abitibi-Price blue background	2-bar	1,135	48.2
		Abitibi-Price green background		258	11.0
b	AP	Rolland	2-bar 3.5mm	372	15.8
			2-bar 4.0mm	105	4.5
a	CBN	Harrison	Block	484	20.5

Sorting single copies of the 10¢ Weathercock

① tagging	2-bar tagging	Block tagging
	All are perf 14.0 x 13.3 [AP]: • those stamps with a 'green' background (and yellow-orangy tagging) will be Abitibi-Price paper [921] • those stamps with a 'blue' background (and yellow-orangy tagging) are also Abitibi-Price paper [921] • those stamps with a 'blue' background (and green-yellow tagging) will be Rolland paper [921b]. Separate these into either 3.5mm tag width or 4.0 mm tag width; the 3.5mm tagging is generally 'paler'.	All are perf 13.0 x 13.3 [CBN], Harrison paper [921a]
② UV light (front of stamp)		
Used stamps, while soaking in water	Abitibi-Price paper is more translucent. Rolland paper is more opaque.	

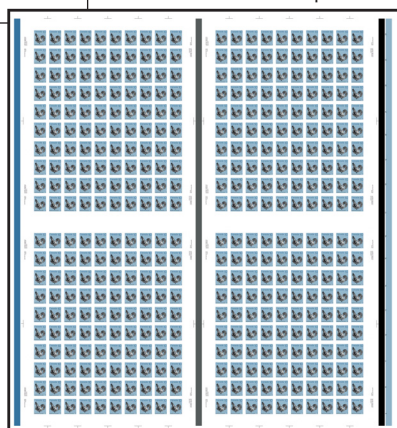


CBN (Harrison paper) press sheet:
6 panes of 100; right two panes are not inscribed

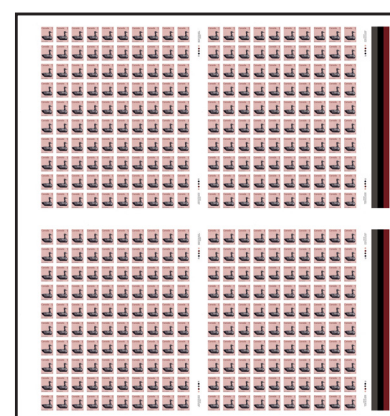
It is quicker to use the ultraviolet light to separate these varieties. No need to use a perforation gauge as the 2-bar tagging is one perf variety while the block tagging is the other perf variety.

References:

- Does the 10c Weathercock exist on Clark Paper?: *Corgi Times*: Sep-Oct 1993 (#8, 29)
- L'émission des objets du patrimoine canadien, 1982-87: *Philabec*: Apr 2019 (#, 45-58)



AP (Abitibi paper) press sheet:
4 panes of 100



AP (Rolland paper) press sheet similar to
1¢: 4 panes of 100

AP, Rolland Paper: Miscut

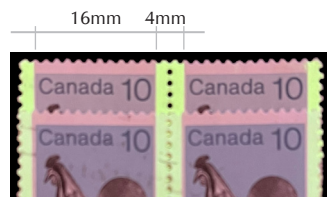


Courtesy Andrew Chung ⑩

10¢ Weathercock, Rolland paper, 4mm wide tag printing. Top margin block of 20 with miscut showing inscription in right selvage which is from the adjacent pane to the right. The left panes on the press sheet were not inscripted.

AP, Rolland Paper: Tag Width

Late in 1987, a reprint by Ashton-Potter on Rolland paper produced 4mm wide vertical tag bars. This compares to the 3½mm wide tagging seen previously.



Top: 4mm wide tagging
Bottom: 3½mm wide tagging

AP: Non-constant varieties/freaks



Courtesy SSC

Missing inscriptions "Canada 10" & untagged, in horizontal pair tied on piece by indistinct cancel. Only recorded examples! [VGG cert says "fake".]

CBN: Non-constant varieties/freaks

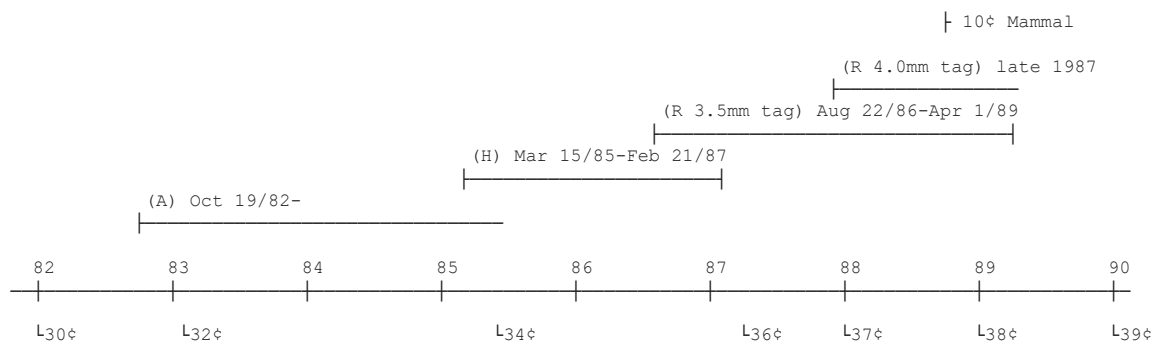


Courtesy SSC ⑤

Large "egg" donut-type printing flaw in front of bird on right stamp in left margin horizontal pair. [Perf separation on the pair is hinged supported.]

Usage:

The 10¢ Weathercock was used as a make-up stamp.



Replaced by the 10¢ Skunk mammal definitive (Scott 1160), issued on October 3, 1988.