3¢ Canada Lily



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

Steel engraving (1 colour) with: Lithography, 3 colours (CBN) Photogravure, 3 colours (BABN)

Background: dull green

Designer: Heather Cooper

Hidden date: "© 1977" (E2), reading down on stem.

Design:

The Canada Lily (*Lilium Canadense*) blooms in eastern Canada from June to August in swamps and moist meadows. The plant usually grows between two and five feet high and produces up to twenty flowers. Strangely enough, the Canada Lily belongs to the same family as garlic and onion.

The 50¢ vending machine booklets highlighted the Canada Lily on one of the ten-different cover designs.

Format	Issued	Issued Printer		Perf	Pane Plate#		Imprint	Withdrawn	Quantity	
Sheet	Apr 22, 1977	CBN	Engraving and	12.0 x 12.5	1b	1	CANADIAN BANK Design : Heather Lilium Cooper : Dessin canaderse	Sep 30, 1979	69,500,000	
Precancel	Aug 1978		Lithography				Warning strip (see below)	Jun 30, 1982		
Sheet	Apr 11, 1979	BABN	Engraving and Photogravure	13.0 x 13.3	1a	2	No 2 : BRITISH AMERICAN Design : Heather Liium Cooper : Design canadense	Apr 18, 1983	141,800,000	

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Insights:

- colour shifts (minor and 'significant') on the CBN printing are common, some of which are quite dramatic.
- the tagging on the BABN printing can be quite 'splotchy' with uneven edges (due to the photogravue printing process) and tag bar widths ranging from 3mm to 4½mm (and sometimes wider). The 3¢ with crisp 4.2mm tagging appeared in December 1981.
- first Canadian 3¢ definitive stamp to use multiple colours.
- with practise, differentiating the CBN and BABN printings (lithography vs. photogravure) with the naked eye will become quite easy to do.

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British American Bank Note Company Photogravure

Perf 13.0 x 13.3



• 3c Canada Lily Variety (Checkmark flaw): Corgi Times: Iul-Aug 2011 (#115, 16)

References:

Corgi Times: Jul-Aug 2011 (#115, 16) • Wide smooth tagging: Canadian Stamp Varieties (8) (Current "Environment" definitives): *TCP*: May-Jun 1982 (#190, 157-166)

BABN printing:

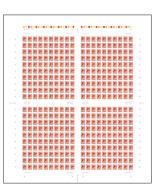
- Environment Series Constant Tag Flaws: *Corgi Times*: Jan-Feb 2003 (#64, 63)
- 3c Canada Lily (U-shaped scratch): Corgi Times: Jul-Aug 2001 (#55, 13)
- narrow tag bars: Canadian Stamp Varieties (Floral Definitives): *TCP*: May-Jun 1981 (#184, 184)
- Hook tag: Canadian Stamp Varieties (11): *TCP*: Sep-Oct 1983 (#198, 295-298)

See also:

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- * imprints, page 48
- * perfin illustrations, page 420
- * first day cover, page 136
- * PS14, page 82, 85
- * hook tag flaw, page 61

Low-Value Wildflowers

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708 i	single horizontal "check mark" flaw, bright green reversed check mark in left frame mid-way down stamp (pos 35, D1)	1	0 2
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	perfin: CNR, Canadian National Railway, Edmonton - C24 perfin: CNR, Canadian National Railway, Vancouver - C26 perfin: CNR, Canadian National Railway, Winnipeg - C28 perfin: LA, Province of Ontario, Toronto - L1		2 2 2
3¢ — B/	ABN, photogravure, perf 13.0 x 13.3 [NF, DF/f], LF/f]		
783 i	single "hook tag" flaw (see page 61)	2	0 8
	perfin: CNR, Canadian National Railway, Edmonton - C24 perfin: CNR, Canadian National Railway, Vancouver - C26 perfin: CNR, Canadian National Railway, Winnipeg - C28		2 2 2
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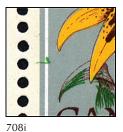
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CBN press sheet layout similar to 2¢: 4 panes of 100

BABN press sheet layout
similar to 12¢: 6 panes of
100; left column is non-
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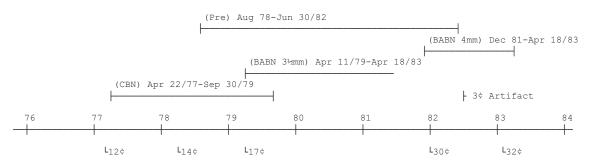
50¢ vending machine booklets (BK77, BK78, BK80) featured the Canada Lily on one of the 10-different cover designs.

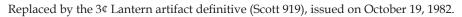


Constant variety

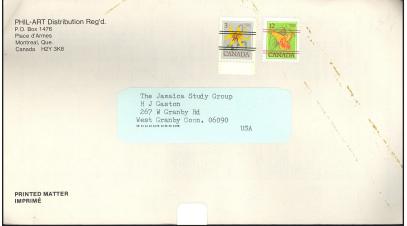
Usage:

The 3¢ Canada Lily was used as a make-up stamp. It would have seen heavy usage after the 3¢ rate increase from 14¢ to 17¢ on April 1, 1979.









Courtesy Richard L. Beecher

Courtesy Richard L. Beecher One 3¢ [CBN] (plus 14¢ Parliament) used to pay make-up rate from 14¢ to 17¢ (cancelled Jun 21/79).

One 3¢ precancel (plus 12¢ Flower precancel) used to pay make-up rate (from 12¢ to 15¢) for addressed printed matter. Rate of 15¢ in effect Apr 1/79 until Dec 31/81.



Three 3¢ [BABN] (plus \$1.50 Waterton Lakes) used to

pay part of \$1.59 mail redirection fee (cancelled Aug

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One 3¢ (plus 4¢) [BABN printings] used to pay part of 7¢ postage due on government card (cancelled Jan 21/80).



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Plate 1 lower right inscription block on First Day Cover with cancellations inverted appearing at lower left of cover, missing the stamp.

16/83).

Courtesy Richard L. Beecher

Hook tag constant tag variety (781i)



'Hook tag' flaw in lower right blank corner block of 4.

Courtesy SSC 8

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Portion of 'hook tag' flaw at top of stamp.

Precancel varieties

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Courtesy SSC (9)

Precancel top half sheet of 50 with pre-printing crease running diagonally through columns 6 and 7. Crease occurred between printings, splitting engraved and precancel bars. Print and perforation shift plus 1-bar tag on 3 right columns.

CBN: Non-constant varieties/freaks



Courtesy SSC ④ Non-constant "dropping seed" variety. White "donut" flaw above "NA" of CANADA on lower right stamp in Plate 1 LR CBN imprint block of 4; appears somewhat like a dandelion seed.