



Season's Greetings and all the best in the New Year

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BNAPEX 2002

A part of every BNAPEX convention is the awarding of the *John S. Siverts Award*. This award is given annually to the editor of the best Study Group newsletter published during the previous calendar year.

The winner is chosen by a committee comprised of the President, the Chairman of the Board, the Study Group Coordinator, the Editor of the Study Group Centreline column, and the Editor of BNA Topics.

The award presented at this year's BNAPEX was a *tie* — congratulations go out to *The 1898 Christmas Map Stamp Newsletter* (Dr. John T. Anders, editor) and *The Newsletter of the Canadian R.P.O. Study Group* (Ross Gray, editor).

Our newsletter has previously won this award twice, under the editorship of John Arn, back in 1994 and 1996. ♣

2003 Catalogues

The new *Darnell Stamps of Canada 10th Edition 2003* is now available. See page 39 for a review.

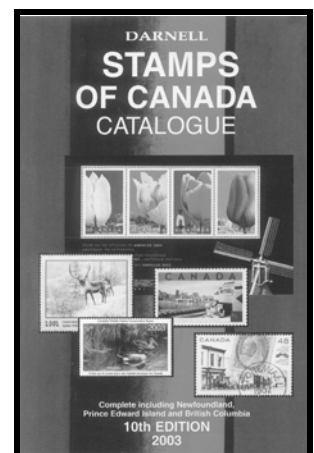
Rumour has it the *2003 Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps* was available November 29th, but we haven't seen it yet.

Watch for these new editions at your local dealer — perhaps you have already picked up your copy as this issue of *Corgi Times* was passing through the mail?

Copies Mailed: 114



48¢ Flag over Building
See page 44



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

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...

Definitive Reprints on the way

December 13th will see the release of three definitive reprints:

- < 2¢ Traditional Trades
- < \$1 Loon
- < \$2 Polar Bear

All will be printed by the Canadian Bank Note. Presumably all will have barcodes on the selvedge, as is standard these days.

We will have full details of these, including any differences from the original printings, after they are released.



Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Issue

Back on January 2, 2002, Canada Post issued a single 48¢ commemorative for the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee. Word has it that sometime in November a *reprint* of this issue appeared. However, there is no discernable difference between the original printing and the reprint. [See page 38 for a most interesting colour shift on this issue]

Year of the Mountain

The Year of the Mountain stamps have proven to be very popular with the collecting community — they were a sell out from the philatelic centre very soon after their release. You will have to search your local post offices to see if they still have any kind of quantities. See page 42 for more information on this issue.

Reflections of Canada

Canada Post, in conjunction with The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, has produced a 3 minute video presenting the *Reflections of Canada*, a complete collection of Canadian postage stamps being displayed at the Canadian Postal Museum. You can view the video at The RPSC's website: www.rpsc.org ♣

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Study Group Business

New members

A warm welcome (and return) to the following members:

- < David Oldfield kdoidaho@earthlink.net
- < William Geijsbeek geijsbeek@attglobal.net
- < Peter MacDonald (re-instated)

Lapsed Memberships

The following individuals have yet to pass along their dues renewal despite repeated attempts to keep them as members; they have been dropped from our membership:

- < Robert Gagnon
- < Elmore Von Hagen
- < Allen Hopkinson
- < Keith Ott
- < Clarence Stillions

John Aitken informs us that he is resigning from the ESG — sorry to see you go John.

Wanted: *Market Report* Writer

We reported in the January–February 2002 issue of *Corgi Times* that Robert Haslewood was taking over from Dean Mario as the writer for our *Market Report* column. Unfortunately, due to family commitments, Robert is not able to provide information in a manner that he would want.

Thus, we are looking for a new columnist (ie. *volunteer*). The best candidate for this position will be someone who obtains most (if not all) of the auction catalogues containing Elizabethan material that are published every year *and* studies the prices realized to watch for any trends.

BNAPS Book Department

Effective October 1, 2002, Saskatoon Stamp Centre, the leading dealer in Canadian philatelic literature *and* the BNAPS book department, has sold their entire literature inventory to **Auxano Philatelic Services** of Calgary, Alberta.

You can reach Auxano at: 207, 525 - 11 Ave SW, Calgary, Alberta T2R 0C9 Canada. Phone: (403) 543-1171, Fax (403) 543-1175. E-mail: info@auxanostamps.ca Website: www.auxanostamps.ca

Over the years, the Saskatoon Stamp Centre had built up an impressive selection of books covering all facets of Canadian philately. Their six editions of the *Canadian & BNA Philatelic Literature* catalogue grew to be the envy of any literature dealer. As well, their on-line shopping cart made searching and purchasing books very easy for the Canadian philatelist. I am very sorry to see this type of service be lost.

I have been perusing the Auxano website periodically since the above announcement was made but have yet to see a detailed listing of available literature. Hopefully this will not be too long in coming.

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.

2003

Sep 25–28: **BNAPLEX 2003**. London, Ontario.

ESG Members Awarded

Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal

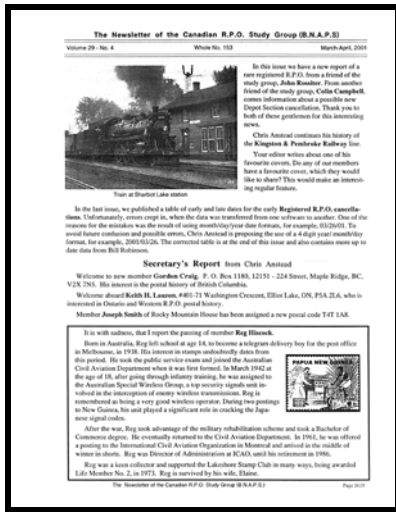
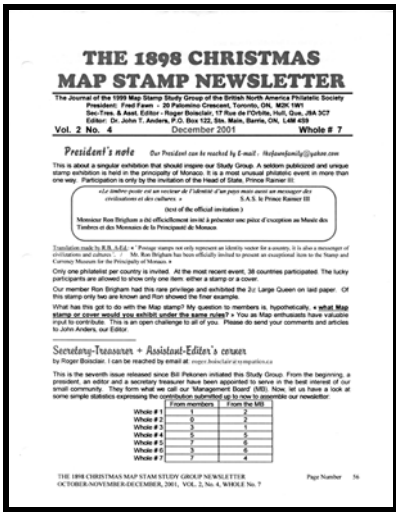
Congratulations to ESG members Andrew Chung, John Jamieson, Cimon Morin, and Charles Verge on being awarded the Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee Medal. A total of 10 members of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada were selected by Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, C.C., C.M.M.

Editor's Desk

John S. Siverts Award

As noted on the first page of this newsletter, BNAPS presents the *John S. Siverts* award to the best study group newsletter for the calendar year. I had thought *our* newsletter, the *Corgi Times*, had a good chance of winning this award this year [kudos to John Arn, our previous editor, for winning *twice* in the mid 1990's!].

Illustrated here are the first page of a sample newsletter of each of this year's co-winners: *The 1898 Christmas Map Stamp Newsletter* (Dr. John T. Anders, editor) and *The Newsletter of the Canadian R.P.O. Study Group* (Ross Gray, editor).



In case you are interested, the *Map* newsletter is distributed 4 times per year to about 25–30 members (8 pages). The *R.P.O.* newsletter goes out 5 times a year to about 75 people (10 pages). As a comparison, our newsletter is published 6 times per year with a readership of about 115 members (16 pages) [the page counts are based on the sample issues that I have perused.]

Why didn't we win? The *Map* newsletter "is starting to make good use of colour while the *R.P.O.* newsletter is including collateral items such as maps and timetables and pictures which makes it rather interesting". I guess we will be content to be #3. It would be much too expensive for us to include colour (considering the over 11,000 pages that we distribute each year to our membership compared to the 960 pages printed by the *Map* newsletter) — instead, we use our website for illustrating those items of interest in full colour; As well, it is pretty hard for us to include maps and timetables since these are not applicable to our study group.

School Stamp Club

For the past several weeks I have observed a school stamp club at a school here in Winnipeg [Springfield Heights Elementary School]. The sessions run Tuesdays during lunch hour. There are 28 enthusiastic and active children in the group. Each week the kids experience some brief topic lessons and then receive about 25 different stamps and a couple of home-made album pages on which to mount these new treasures. My father provides the stamps and pages *free* to all of the kids — quite an undertaking.

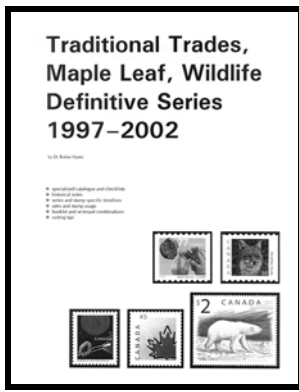
I would strongly recommend *everyone* approach a school near you and offer to start a stamp club. The rewards, both now and in the future, will be great.

Elizabethan Bulk

A collector of our local stamp club (Winnipeg Philatelic Society) approached me at a recent meeting noting that he has about 50,000 early Elizabethan definitives and about 20,000 commemoratives (and some foreign) in bundles of 100 for sale. Some of the bundles are bound by paper, others by tape. If you have any interest in these, drop me a note (mail or e-mail) and I'll pass it along.

BNAPS Regional Group Show and Tell

A benefit of moving back to Winnipeg has been the ability to attend our Regional BNAPS meetings — held about 5 times a year. A group of 14 of us met on the afternoon of Saturday, November 29th for nearly *three hours* to partake in a show and tell. Although the *Large Queen* issue was actively discussed, I made sure to share some *modern* material with the group. I also passed around an early draft of an eighth book in my series of specialized Elizabethan definitives: *Traditional Trades, Maple Leaf, Wildlife Definitive Series 1997–2002*.



Canada Post 2002 Stamp Program

Scott numbers as of the November 2002 *Scott Stamp Monthly* (Nov 9/02) and from their website

Issued	Description	Scott#
Jul 5	48¢ Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association 100th anniversary, pane of 16	1956
Jul 23	48¢ World Youth Day (self-adhesive booklet of 8) (two different barcodes on cover)	1957
Aug 30	48¢ Tulips (souvenir sheet) — stamps are gummed and perforated	1947
Sep 4	48¢ Public Services International World Congress	1958
Sep 10	48¢ Public Pensions 75th anniversary	1959
Oct 1	48¢ Stamp Collecting Month (Year of the Mountain, set of 8 stamps)	1960a–h
Oct 4	48¢ World Teacher's Day	1961
Oct 24	48¢ Toronto Stock Exchange 150th anniversary	
Oct 31	48¢ Communications technology (2 stamps: Guglielmo Marconi & 100th anniversary of the Pacific Cable/Sir Sandford Fleming)	
Nov 4	48¢, 65¢, \$1.25 Christmas: Aboriginal Art < panes of 25 < booklets (48¢ is pane of 10; others are panes of 6) (two different barcodes on cover)	
Nov 7	48¢ Quebec Symphony Orchestra Centennial	
Dec 13	2¢ Traditional Trades (Decorative Ironwork) \$1 Loon \$2 Polar Bear	<i>Reprints</i> [presumably with barcodes on panes? — details in next issue]

Bird Envelope Varieties, Part IV

The 48¢ non-denominated Bird envelope, size 10, has been spotted with a 2002-11-01 date (see page 22 of the last issue of *Corgi Times* for a list of all of the other known varieties on this envelope). By the way, it was presumed that this date was the *printing date*. However, this particular variety was *purchased* on October 29th at a local post office here in Winnipeg.

Canada Post 2003 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 3	48¢ Year of the Ram	
Jan 18	48¢ National Hockey League, 6 designs	
Feb	John James Audubon	
Mar	Canadian Rangers, military reservists	
Mar 25	American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association of Canada	

Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Colour Shift

Here is a new variety that crossed my desk just last week — a major colour shift on this year's Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee issue (sc# 1932, issued Jan 2, 2002).

As seen by the colour dots in the inscription blocks, the gold (background) and red-brown (large Maple Leaf) colours have shifted 5mm to the left. *In addition*, the perforations have shifted the same 5mm to the left. Finally, the entire pane was miscut due to the 5mm shift to the left (as seen by the Maple Leaves cut off at the right edge of the pane).

The result of the colour shifts is a white shadow to the left of the Queen's image, clearly showing the 'watermark' of small Maple Leaves. ♣



Darnell Stamps of Canada Catalogue 10th Edition 2003

Including Newfoundland,
Prince Edward Island and British Columbia

Review by Rick Penko

The new and popular Darnell Stamps of Canada catalogue is now available. Included for the first time in the regular spiral edition are the stamps of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and British Columbia.

Although Canada as a nation celebrates its founding in 1867, numerous colonial stamps predate Confederation. This catalogue highlights all issues from British North America; 1851–1867. Canadian stamps are chronologically numbered starting in 1867. Colonials retain their own numbering system starting in 1851. Darnell utilizes the New Numbering System (NNS) for this purpose.

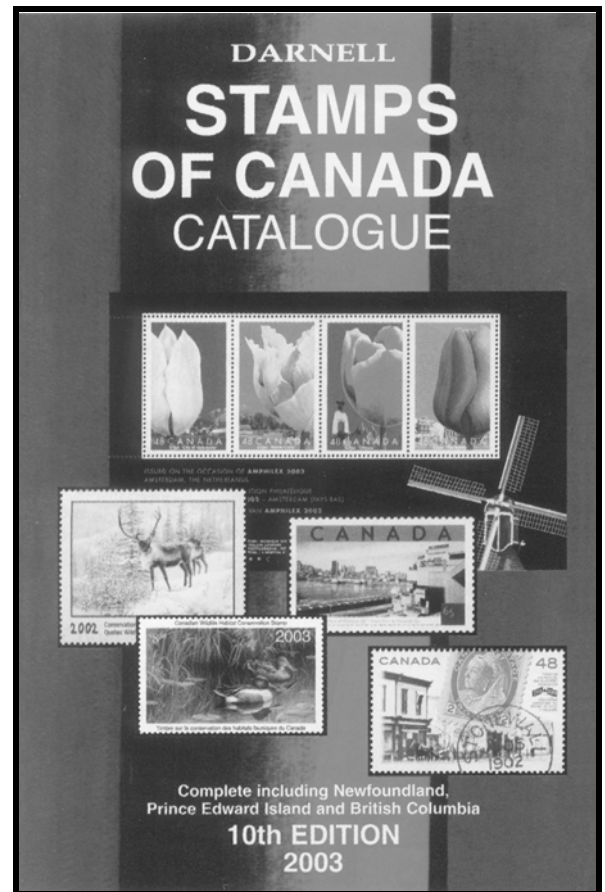
The size of the catalogue is the user friendly 6" x 9" format. Page layout is concise, easy to follow and very informative. A brief historical caption under each stamp and the Canadian numbering system illustrates the chronological history of Canada. Paper stock is wonderfully white with clean, clear and accurate images. Image colour is exceptional throughout. The classical stamps of Canada are reproduced showing colour shades. New issues are listed to the end of 2003.

All sections of the catalogue have been up-dated and expanded including booklets, wildlife conservation stamps, stamp bundles, thematic listings, official souvenir collections and presentation sets. Prices have been up-dated and reflect the current market trends.

For the variety collector, this catalogue is a must. Classic varieties are well illustrated and easy to identify. Additional stamp varieties have been added and described. A compendium book on varieties will be available early in 2003.

With over 400 pages of philatelic information on Canadian stamps, Darnell is the most complete and definitive Canadian reference catalogue on the market today.

Published by Rousseau Inc. and edited by Lyse Rousseau, the catalogue is available in either French or English. Spiral bound — C\$39.95 ♣



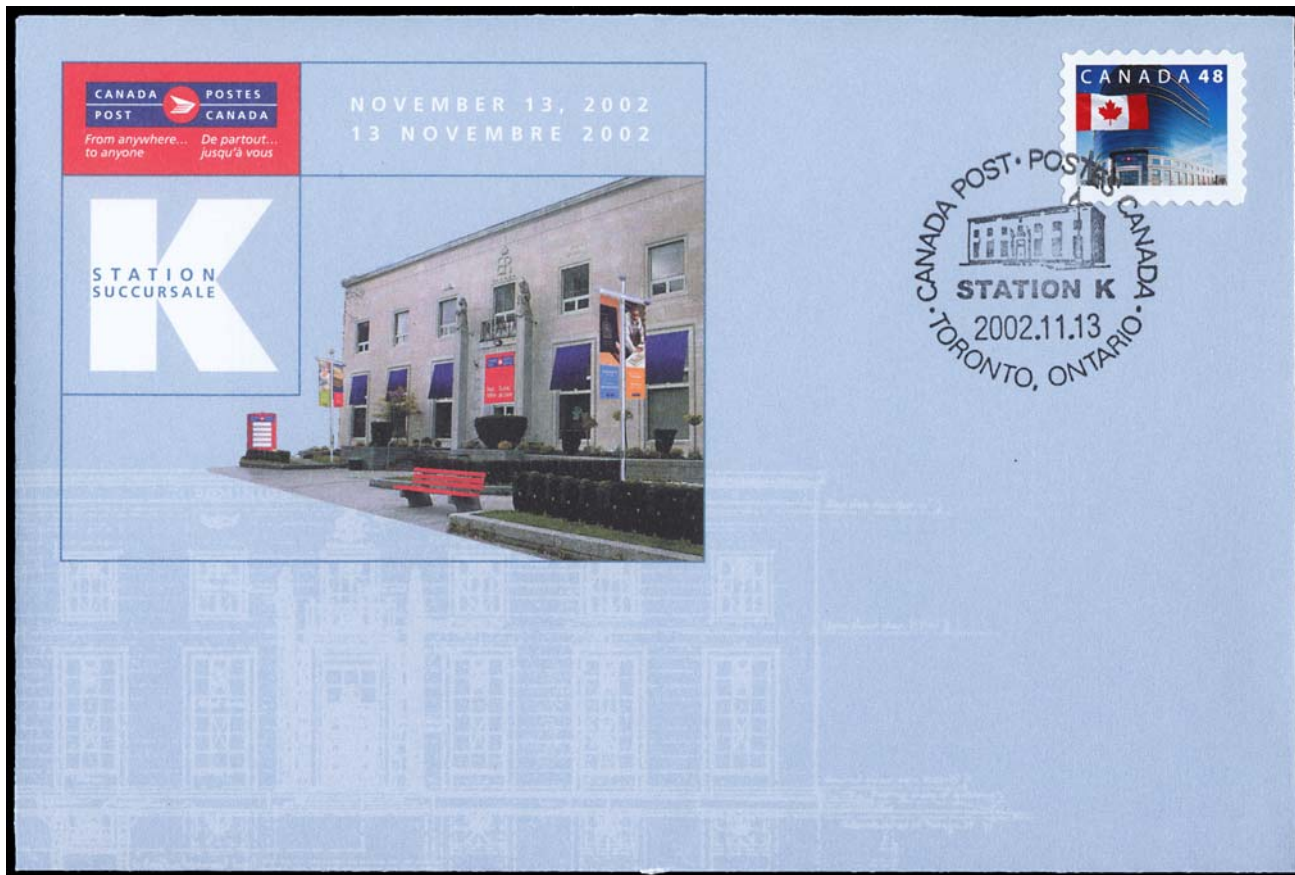
Elizabethan II Market Place

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. ♣

Canada Post's "Flagship" Retail Outlet

In mid-town Toronto, near the corner of Yonge and Eglinton, stands a striking stone heritage building. Embodying classical art deco styling, Canada Post's Station K set an influential precedent in federal building architecture when it opened its doors in 1937. Earning recognition from the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, it became the symbol of modernism for other federal offices built in the decades to follow.

On November 13, 2002, Station K reasserted its legacy by becoming Canada Post's "flagship" retail outlet. It stands as a beacon of innovation; a pillar of caring and trustworthy service. With a growing portfolio of products and services, it's a transformation that's connecting more Canadian — *from anywhere... to anyone.*¹ ♣



¹ Text as printed on back of souvenir cover.

\$5 Victoria Public Library Colour Shift

Here is a significant colour shift of the inscriptions on the \$5 Victoria Public Library architecture stamp (sc# 1378).

The variety is on the left; a normal stamp (right) is shown for comparison.



Colour shift of inscriptions

Normal

15¢ Canada Violet – Precancel and Perfin

By: John Arn

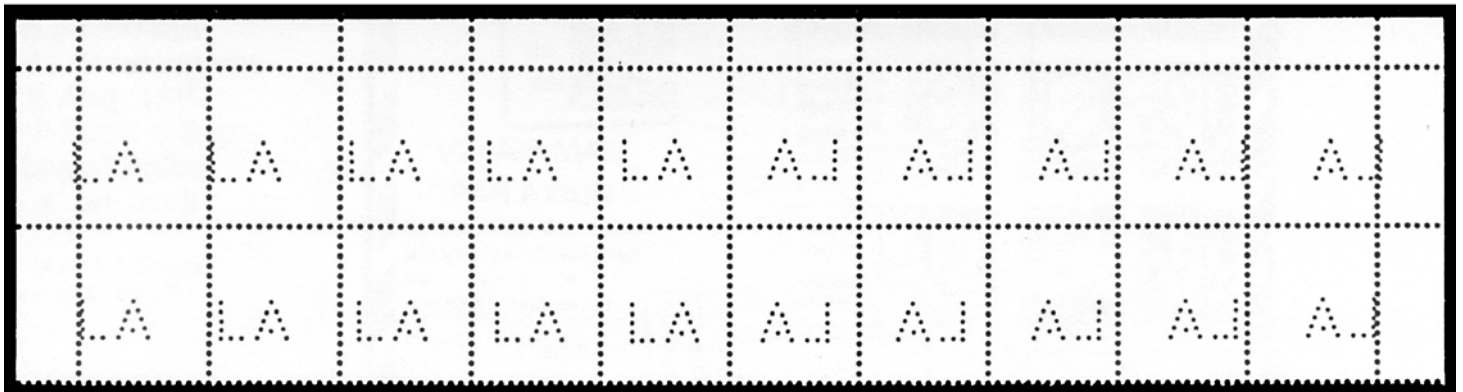
The initial printing of the floral definitives of the Environment issue were printed by the CBN (Canadian Bank Note Company) using lithography and steel engraving. There are seven values in the series (sc# 705–711) and all except the 2¢ and 4¢ exist precancelled. The top value was the 12¢ Jewelweed.

Later the series was also printed by BABN (British American Bank Note Company) using photogravure and steel engraving. There are also seven values in the series (sc# 781–787). The 12¢ Jewelweed value was no longer needed so the new top value, a 15¢ Canada Violet was added. Interestingly, the only value in this group of Scott numbers to be precancelled was Sc# 787 — the Canada Violet.

Shown below is the top strip of 20 from Plate of a pane of the 15¢ precancelled variety. The top selvedge contains a warning strip in both English and French — “WARNING: TO BE USED ONLY AS SPECIALLY AUTHORIZED”.



Equally interesting is this pane was also perfinned for security purposes with the initials “LA” — the initials of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario. Notice the reversed LA perfin on half of the strip. Most perfin devices could only handle 5 columns of stamps. This block shows that the sheet was folded in half prior to having the perfin applied. As such the operator only needed to apply the perfin once for the full 10 columns of stamps. ♣



Stamp Collecting Month / Year of the Mountain

The eight self-adhesive stamps issued by Canada Post on October 1, 2002 commemorating the “Year of the Mountain” have proven to be very popular with the public and stamp collectors — they have sold out from Canada Post (*but check your local post office, they may still have some ‘hiding’ somewhere*).



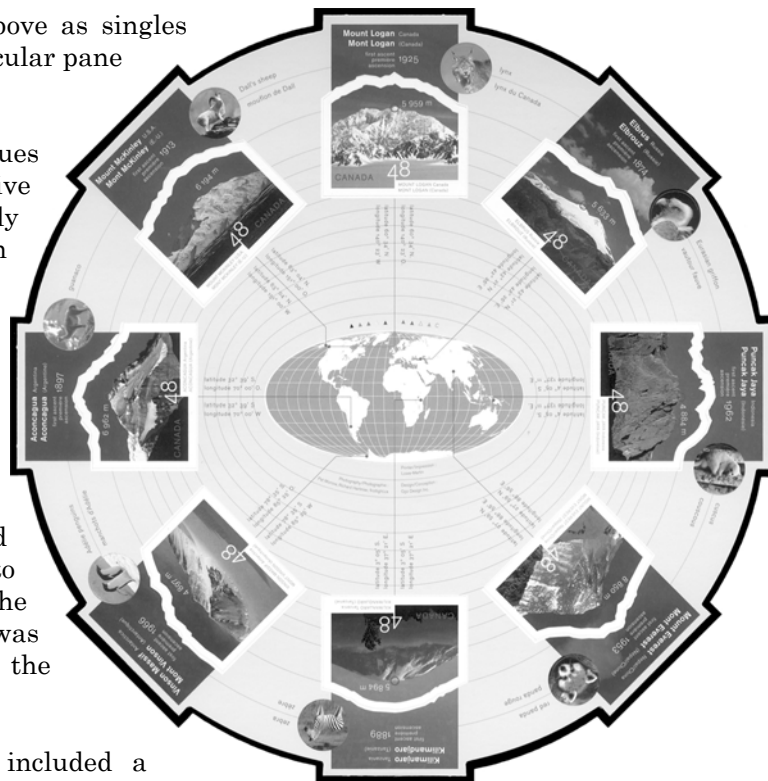
The eight stamps, pictured above as singles (sc# 1960a–h), were issued in a circular pane (illustrated at right, sc# 1960).

As we have reported in past issues of *Corgi Times*, various self-adhesive stamps have appeared with a slightly different ‘version’ when included in the Quarterly Packs. The Sep–Dec quarterly pack includes a complete pane, identical to the pane released originally.

Just above and to the right of each stamp on the pane is a small circular, die-cut image of an animal indigenous to the pictured mountain. I understand, that due to the accuracy required to die cut the circular animal images, that this was done in a *separate operation* from the die-cutting done for the stamps.

Canadian Stamp News has included a couple of articles in recent issues suggesting that the highest points identified on some of the stamps by a red circle are not in quite the right location on the mountain.

In conjunction with Stamp Collecting Month, Canada Post produced a number of items for young children. These include a bookmark (illustrated just above, to the right of the full pane), a ‘colouring’ postcard, and a set of collector’s cards, each measuring 2½"x3½" (illustrated on next page). The collector’s cards are interesting in that they say PLACE STAMP HERE on each card — the premise is you would purchase a pane of stamps and apply them to the cards, thus never seeing postal duties (an interesting way to ensure that at least some stamps are never used through the mails). ♣

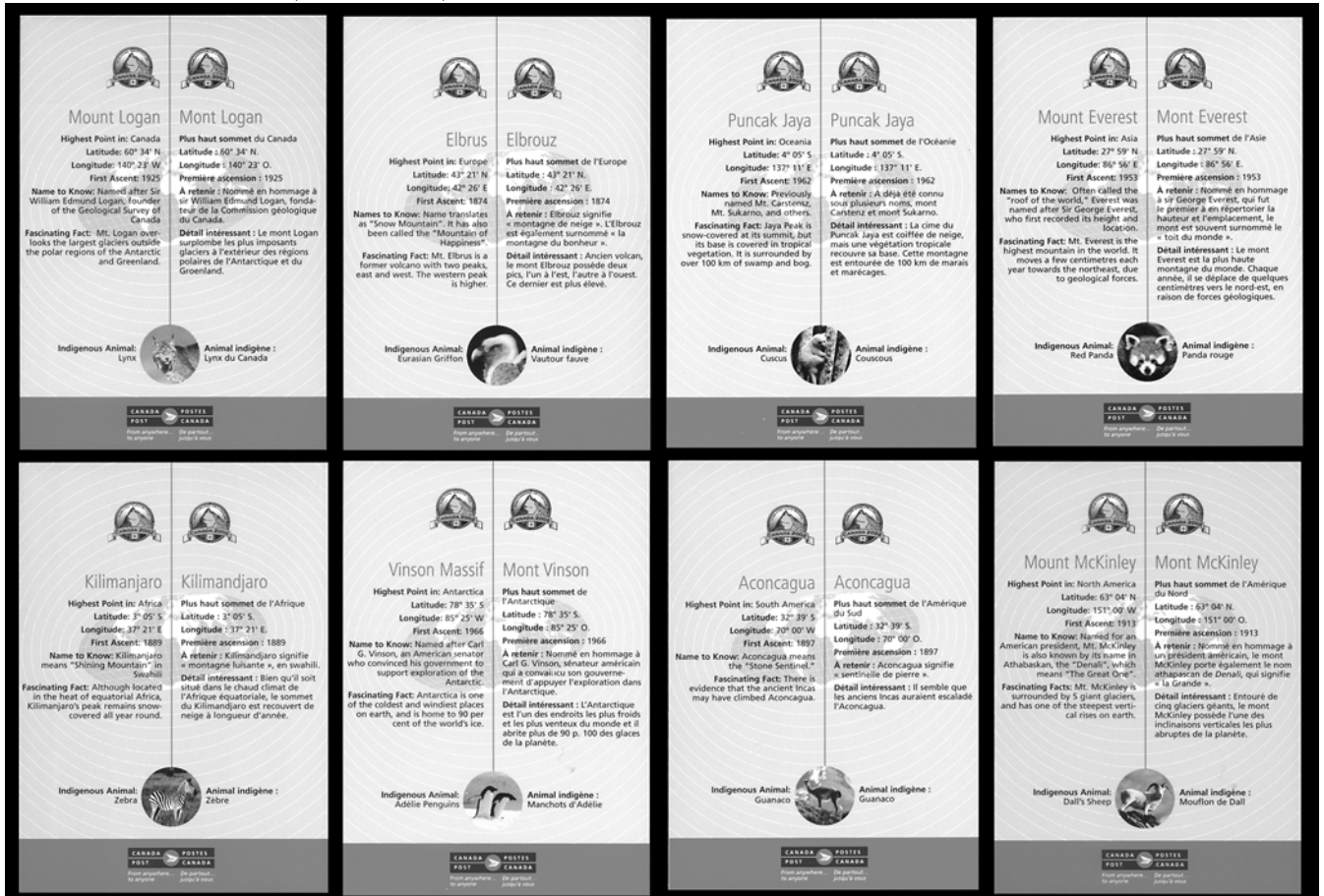


Mountain Bookmark

Mountain Collector's Cards (front side):



Mountain Collector's Cards (reverse side):



48¢ Flag over Canada Post Building

By: Robin Harris

The 48¢ Flag over Canada Post Building (sc# 1931), released Jan 2, 2002 in a self-adhesive booklet of 10 (or 20 or 30 depending on how you purchase the booklet), is proving to be a very interesting issue.



™Horizontal design, Simulated Perfs

Firstly, this was the first horizontal *Flag over* ... design. Although the 46¢ and 47¢ Flag values included self-adhesive stamps, the 48¢ Flag included simulated perforation die cuts. Some would argue that the 'perfs' make this design look like a 'real' stamp (I would suspect that the general public is more prone to like a stamp with 'perforations' than the straight-edged die cuts seen on the 46¢ and 47¢ Flag designs just because of its appearance).

™Innovative packaging

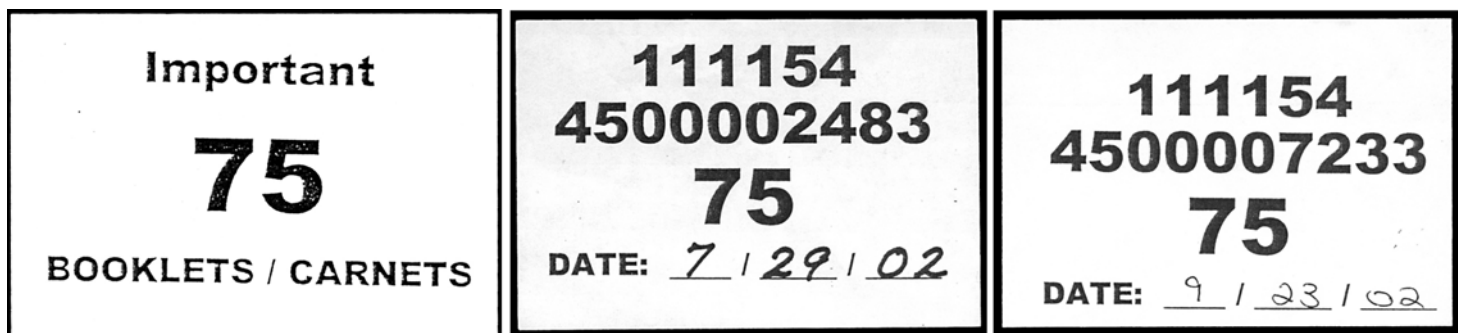
The stamp was issued in an innovative package — *three* booklets of 10 are joined together into one larger unit, each vertical section separated by roulettes. The public can purchase booklets of 10, 20, or 30, depending on how the larger unit is separated. Previously Canada Post issued two separate booklets of 10 and 30. This new format allows for only one inventory item yet offers far more flexibility for the general public.

™Multiple Cover Types

As we have reported in the past (Mar–Apr 2002 *Corgi Times*, page 70), there are two types of covers (field stock and philatelic, as determined by the barcode on the reverse of the booklet) and there are two versions of field stock booklet covers based on the inscriptions found on the back of the cover. The initial release of the booklet, as noted above, was Jan 2, 2002. The revised booklet cover appeared in early March. This was the last time we have seen a change to the booklet itself — it is long past time for a new 'version' to appear, don't you think?

™Packaging Labels

Although only two versions of cover types exist, there are several versions of booklet *packaging labels*. As illustrated below, the original release included a very simple packaging label — 75 booklets (this is 75 booklets of 10 which equates to just 25 full booklets of 30 stamps). The newer packaging labels include far more information, presumably a stocking number, printer reference, and packaging date.



Packaging labels for 48¢ Flag booklet

™Quarterly Pack Single

As with many previous self-adhesive booklet stamps, the single stamp included in the Quarterly Pack (Jan–Mar 2002) is *different* from a single stamp found in the complete booklet (as we reported in the Jul–Aug 2002 *Corgi Times*, page 12). The single stamp from the Quarterly Pack includes the surrounding paper around the stamp; this was removed during the printing process for the complete booklets of 30. To date I have found 7 of the possible 18 positions of this variety. As was noted in the earlier article, the Quarterly Pack singles required that 12 of the stamps from the booklet of 30 be destroyed due to the cutting process.

Plating based on Tagging

Based on the *width* of the tag bars, it is possible to partially plate the position of a single stamp (either mint or used).

A booklet of 10 consists of three *panels* of stamps: the top and bottom panel each have 3 stamps while the middle panel has 4 stamps, as illustrated to the right.

The tag bars measure 2mm for the vertical bars; 4mm for the horizontal tag bars found between adjoining stamps and 2mm for the horizontal tag bars found at the top or bottom of the stamp found at the top or bottom of the individual groups of vertical ‘strips’.

Horizontal Tag bar widths		
Top	Bottom	Position in booklet
2mm	4mm	1, 4, 8
4mm	4mm	2, 5, 6, 9
4mm	2mm	3, 7, 10

These tag widths can be seen in almost any booklet, particularly those that have a minor shift in the tagging. As noted previously, the single 48¢ Flag stamps included in the Jan–Mar 2002 Quarterly Pack contain the surrounding paper that is removed from the full booklet panes. *These singles* verify our tag widths.

If there is even a slight *vertical* shift of the tagging, a stamp with a 2mm horizontal tag width will show a portion of the top or bottom (depending on the direction of the tag shift) simulated perforation tips having *no* tagging *and* the vertical tag bars will *not* extend beyond this point — this is the clue that can be used to start to plate a single stamp.

A single stamp removed from the booklet backing paper cannot be definitely plated. However, a mint single that includes the backing paper can be plated by viewing the illustration/text on the back (ie. cover) of the single — of course, this assumes the stamp was *not* removed and placed in a different location of the backing paper.

Why is all of the above “important”. Well, there are clearly **three different types** of 48¢ Flag stamps. If you collect mint singles you have 30 fully plateable singles *plus* 3 more singles from the philatelic booklet *plus* 6 more fully plateable singles from the reprinted booklet *plus* 18 more fully plateable singles obtainable only from the Quarterly Pack. That gives us **57** different mint varieties!

Tag Errors

As we illustrated in the last *Corgi Times*, there are *two types* of three-bar tagging errors on the 48¢ Flag — the type is dependant on the location of the stamp in the booklet. As illustrated to the right, the Type 1 error shows the 4mm horizontal tag bar found between two adjacent stamps (and the full vertical bars that continue to the next stamp). The Type 2 error is found only on stamps from the bottom of a vertical group of stamps.

Notice the 2mm horizontal tag bar and the absence of the vertical tag bars below this point.

I have yet to see a downward tag shift resulting in no tag at the bottom. If these exist then there would be two more 3-bar tag error types. *Fascinating.* ♣



Sc# 1931
3-bar tagging (Type 1):
wide bar at bottom



Sc# 1931
3-bar tagging (Type 2):
narrow bar at bottom

Pos 1



2



3



4



5



6



7



8



9



10



More Tag Varieties

Here are a couple of more tag varieties that I recently found — one a shift, the other a *constant flaw*.

™47¢ Three Maple Leafs — 3-bar tagging

The 47¢ Three Maple Leafs design (sc# 1878) was current from Dec 28, 2000 to Jan 1, 2001. We have previously reported it with missing blue inscriptions. Here is a 3-bar tagging variety due to an upward shift in the tagging.



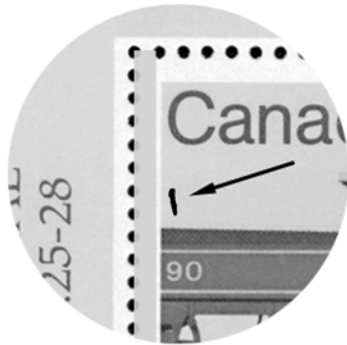
™48¢ Three Maple Leafs — 3-bar tagging

I have checked several thousand used copies but have yet to find a *completely* 3-bar tagging example. There have been several “wanna-bees” with a couple being about 99.5% there ... but there is still a hint of tagging on the tips of the perfs.

™ Canadian Locomotives Souvenir Sheet — Constant Tag Flaw

A set of four stamps with an accompanying souvenir sheet was issued Oct 25, 1984 at Canada 84, Canada's first National Philatelic Exhibition.

The souvenir sheet (sc# 1039a) is known for its many varieties and shades. Pictured here is a *constant* 2mm scratch at the left side of the 32¢ Scotia design.



Constant tag flaw (2mm scratch) at left side of 32¢ Scotia design from souvenir sheet (sc# 1039a)

The flaw occurs on one pane from the entire printing sheet. I have seen the flaw on several copies but only on panes having the ‘brown’-coloured engines. ♣

Wanted: Tag Varieties Reported

Have you found a tag error (missing, shift) or constant tag variety that needs to be reported?

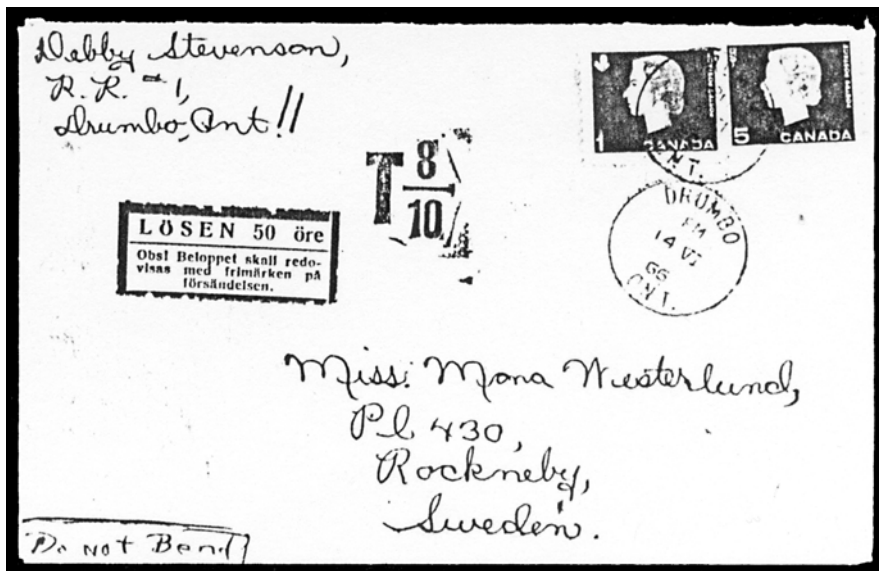
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Cameo Definitive Period Covers

By: John Arn and Harry Machum

14 June 66 from Drumbo, Ont
to Rockmeby, Sweden — Paid 6¢

This was the surface rate for the first oz. of surface mail to non-British UPU countries as of April 1, 1954. However, the rate increased to 10¢ effective Jan. 1, 1966. Accordingly, this letter was rated short paid (T 8/10) and was paid with a Swedish 50 Ore label — 50 Ore was equal to 4 cents.



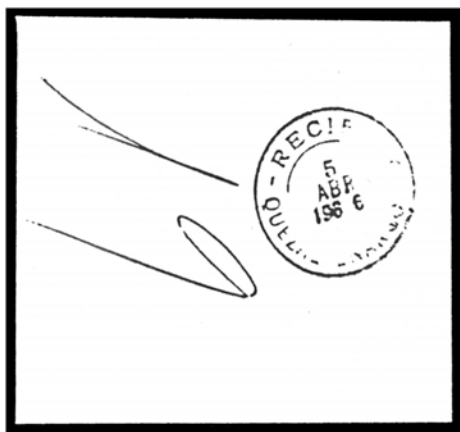
A primary purpose of precancels is to facilitate bulk mailing by eliminating the need to run the envelopes through the canceller. Although not required by postal regulations many collectors search for precancels that are tied to the envelope to eliminate any doubt of genuine usage.

Shown below is an interesting solution to this search. Mailed from Waterloo, Ont. to Guatemala City (Central America) franked with a 3¢ Cameo (sc# 403) precancel stamp and not tied. As required by postal regulations in order to qualify for the printed matter rate the envelope was not sealed.

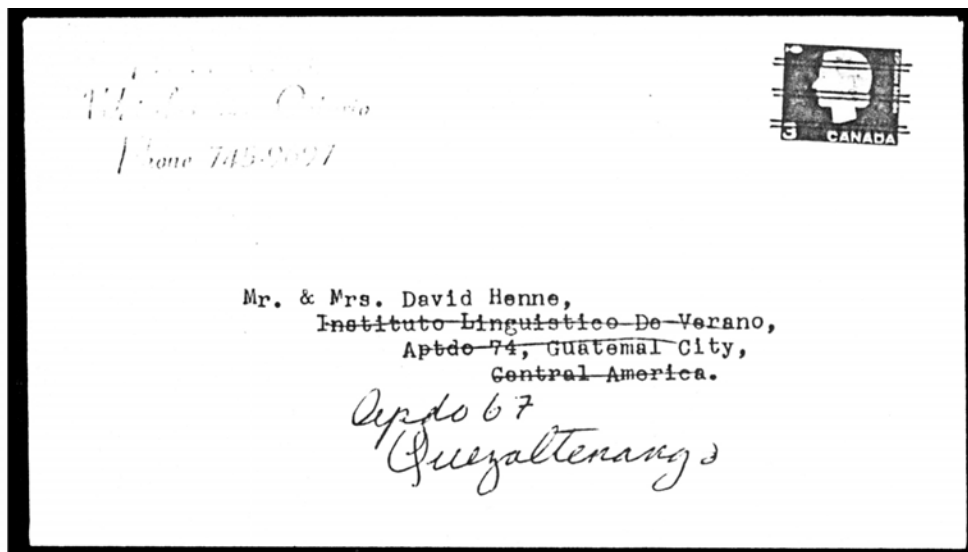
It was redirected to Quezaltenango, Guatemala and received a back stamp “Received — Quezaltenango 5 ABR 1966” providing an excellent example of use to satisfy the printed matter rate even though the stamp is not tied.

But, still there is an interesting aspect to the rate. Printed matter to non-British Empire UPU countries for the first 2 oz. was 3¢ as of April 1, 1954 but changed on Jan 1, 1966 to 4¢. Here the 1¢ increase was *not* caught.

Undoubtedly the bulk mailing at Waterloo was totally processed at the 3¢ rate which was the correct domestic printed matter rate during this period. *



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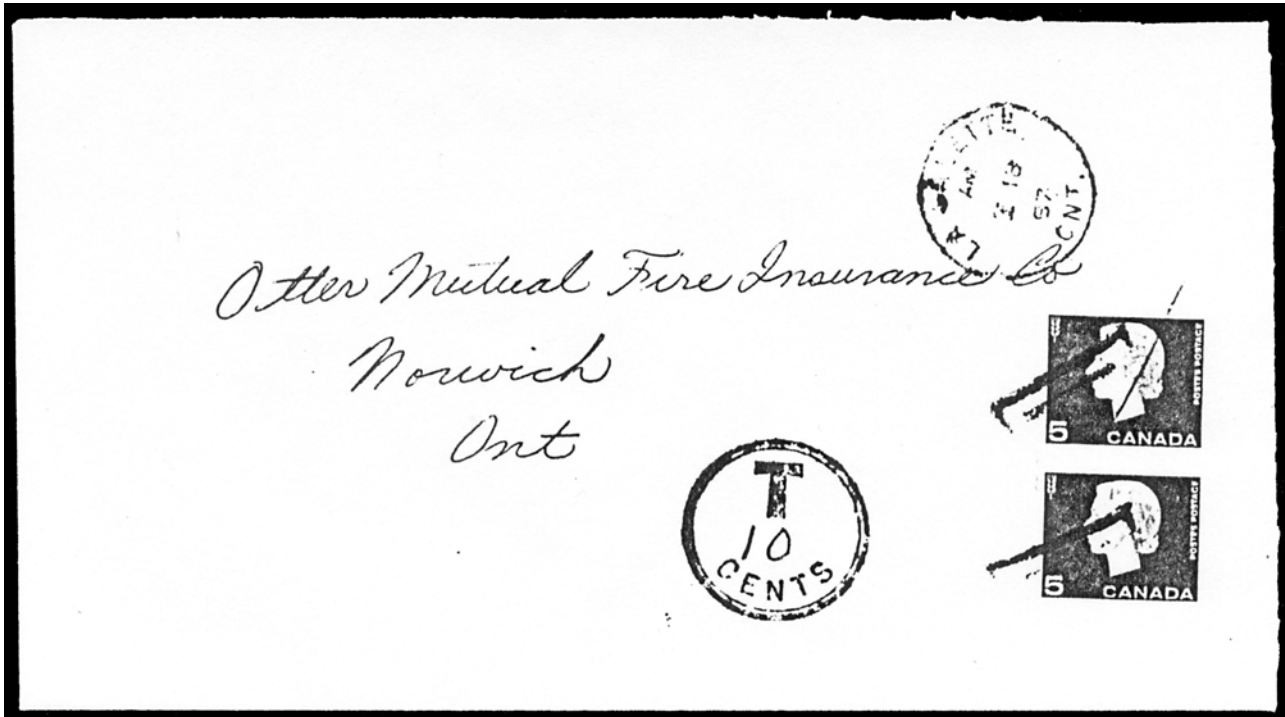
Postage Dues

By: John Arn

TMNo red dues here! Or violet either for that matter.

Mailed Jan. 18, 1967 at La Salette, Ont. to Norwich, Ont. without postage. Rated 10¢ due (twice the first oz 5¢ deficiency) and paid with two 5¢ Cameo definitive stamps (sc# 405).

In this time period, use of regular definitive issues for postage due purposes was permitted if postage due stamps were not available. It seems a bit unusual that 10¢ in postage due stamps of some issue would not have been in stock. Could it be that La Salette (if in fact this is the correct name) did not stock postage due issues? Was this a viable Post Master option? Comments are solicited and most welcome. Perhaps Andrew Chung could comment on this theory.



TMShown to the right is an excellent example of the agreement with the U.S. on the treatment of Shortpaid incoming mail into Canada.

Mailed from California on Feb. 1, 1980 and assessed 26¢ postage due covering twice the deficiency of a first class 2 oz. mailing (15¢ first and 13¢ second oz.).

The item is forwarded to destination and the assessed charge by the USA of 26¢ is collected on delivery.

Paid with red dues from the fourth Series determined by the 24¢ value and all three stamps perforated 12½x12. Collected and tied at Newburgh, Ont. Feb 6. 1980. ♣

