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John M. Hillmer

John M. Hillmer, long-standing member of BNAPS and the Elizabethan II Study Group, passed away April 20 in Toronto, ON.

John specialized and studied the Caricature and Landscape Definitives issued by Canada from 1972 to 1976. His spectacular exhibits, entered at major philatelic exhibitions across Canada and Western United States, earned high national level medals and respect. The *Corgi Times* began illustrating some of John's material in past issues (with much more to come).

John retired from the Ontario Provincial Police with a rank of Staff Superintendent after a distinguished thirty-year career. A passionate philatelist, John will be remembered for his enduring contributions to the hobby.



Copies mailed: 134

Our heartfelt condolences to Marion, his love.

3¢ Golden-eyed Lacewing

by: Robin Harris

Scott number changes
see page 83

Dues notice ...
included with this issue

A fascinating design error exists on the 3¢ Golden-eyed Lacewing (Sc. 2235) low-value Beneficial Insect definitive issued October 12, 2007.

Four of the fifty stamps have an inscription placement error. The word 'Canada' is touching the name of the insect on the first four stamps in the second row of the pane. "Canada" should be further to left (i.e. not touching the name of the insect), as it is on the other 46 stamps of this pane and the other four denominations in the Beneficial Insect series).

This mistake, found on all panes, would have occurred at the time the pane was being laid out. What a fascinating error/variety.

I received an e-mail in mid-April describing this variety, which was immediately noted on my website and passed along to both Scott Publishing and *Canadian Stamp News*. Unfortunately I do not know who the original discoverer of this was; too bad, it would be nice to acknowledge them.

Scott has assigned the number 2235a to this variety.

Personally, I think this error (along with the recent 'flipped lighthouse', Sc. 2253) will generate a lot of interest from collectors. Anything that gets collectors to look at their stamps more closely is positive. What about value? I wouldn't plan my retirement on trying to 'corner the market'. Remember that every pane has this variety with 1 in 12 stamps showing it. If a 'normal' 3¢ stamp is worth only 3¢, then the error can, at most, be worth only 36¢.



Left: normal; Right: design error

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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...

* Flipped Flag FDC

In the last issue of *Corgi Times* we noted that a correct image of the “flipped flag” definitive would be released May 1, 2008 in booklets of 30 stamps. In addition, we noted that Canada Post would *not* be producing an official first day cover.

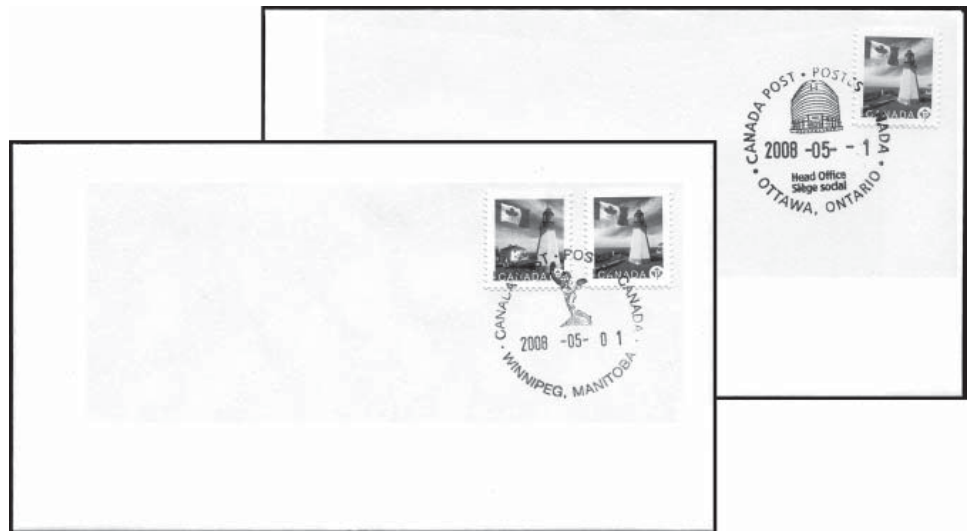


Original (flipped image)



Corrected image

Did *you* prepare a first day cover for this stamp? I have only heard of two collectors who prepared covers on the first day of release. Illustrated below are the two examples (Winnipeg, MB and Ottawa, ON) that have been reported to date.



Corrected Lighthouse image First Day Covers from Winnipeg, MB and Ottawa, ON

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Study Group Business

* New members

Kenneth Eade (ON)
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 William Greig (ON)
 John Tucker (ON)

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.

2008

Aug 29-31 — BNAPEX 2008: Halifax, NS

Mail Delivery

How good is the mail delivery that you receive? I'd like to relate a couple of mail delivery stories that happened to me in late March and early April of this year.

The first item involves an oversize letter mailed from the Yellowknife, NT to myself. The envelope was cancelled March 14 (Friday) in Yellowknife and spray cancelled March 18 (Tuesday) in Edmonton, AB. I received it March 26 (Wednesday). That is 12 days on the calendar, but 8 business days.

Generally I find that it takes an extra day to receive a mailing that I used to receive when I lived in Winnipeg. That makes sense, doesn't it? If it takes three days to get from Point A to Winnipeg, it would then need another day to get to a rural setting some 50km outside of Winnipeg.

How about this ... I found a product of interest that, in Canada, was only available through Time Life Canada. They stock and mail their items from Georgetown, ON which is just east of Toronto. Another ESG member, Rick Penko, who now lives in Texas, ordered the exact same item from the Time Life USA branch (about one hour after I ordered mine). Time Life USA stock and ship their items from Des Moines, Iowa. These were ordered March 25 (Tuesday). Rick received his on March 31 (Monday) — a total of four business days, assuming it was shipped immediately upon being ordered.

My order entered the mail stream on March 28 (Friday). It arrived, via Canada Post, on April 8 (Tuesday). A total of seven business days, with two weekends in between. That is actually fairly good service for an Expedited parcel from rural location to another rural location ... at least compared to an oversize lettermail item that took several days longer!

Postal Rates Books

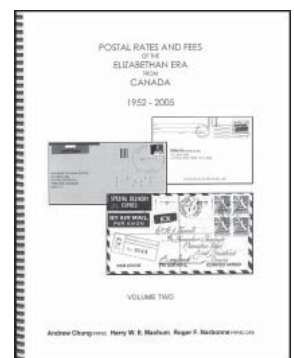
As an Elizabethan II Study Group member you can pick up these valuable reference books at a much reduced price below retail. The chart notes the various pricing for both Volume I and Volume II. Send your order to: Robin Harris, PO Box 104, Seddons Corner, MB R0E 1X0 Canada.

	Volume I Domestic	Volume II USA & Int'l
ESG members	C \$62.95 US \$62.95	C \$34.95 US \$34.95
Non-members	C \$89.95 US \$89.65	C \$49.95 US \$49.95
Postage:		
Canada	C \$10.00	C \$10.00
USA	US \$13.00	US \$13.00
Int'l (surface)	US \$16.50	US \$16.50
	(502 pages)	(275 pages)
	Nov 2004	Apr 2007

Exchange rate subject to change



Postal Rates and Fees of the Elizabethan Era In Canada 1952-2002



Postal Rates and Fees of the Elizabethan Era From Canada 1952-2005

Canada Post 2007 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#
Nov 1	Christmas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (52¢) Reindeer in booklet of 12 • Permanent™ (52¢) Hope in booklet of 12 • 93¢ Joy in booklet of 6 • \$1.55 Peace in booklet of 6 	2239 2240 2241 2242
Dec 27	Rate-change definitives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (52¢) Island Red Orchid, coil of 100 • 96¢ Janet Elizabeth "Fire Dancer" Orchid, coil of 50, booklet of 6 • \$1.15 Memoria Evelyn Light Orchid, coil of 50, booklet of 6 • \$1.60 Kaleidoscope "Conni" Orchid, coil of 50, booklet of 6 • \$4.23 souvenir sheet of 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (52¢) Queen Elizabeth II, booklet of 10 • Permanent™ (52¢) × 5 Flag over Lighthouse, booklet of 10 	2244 2245, 54 2246, 55 2247, 56 2248 2249–53











Canada Post 2008 Stamp Program











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Issued	Description	Scott#
Jan 8	Year of the Rat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52¢ single • \$1.60 souvenir sheet • uncut press sheet • two Prepaid postal cards — one for each postage stamp design 	2257 2258
Jan 15	Permanent™ (52¢) Celebration (booklet of 6)	2259
Feb 1	Permanent™ (52¢) Island Red Orchid, coil of 3,000 and 5,000	2244a
Mar 3	Peonies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52¢ pair in self-adhesive booklet of 10 • 52¢ pair in gummed souvenir sheet • two Prepaid postal cards — one for each postage stamp design 	2261–62 2260
Mar 7	52¢ University of Alberta (booklet of 8)	2263
Mar 7	52¢ University of British Columbia (booklet of 8) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • and gutter block containing Alberta and British Columbia 	2264
Apr 3	52¢ 2008 IIHF World Championships (booklet of 10; two different covers)	
Apr 21	52¢ Guide Dogs (booklet of 10)	
May 1	Permanent™ (52¢) Flag over Lighthouses (booklet of 30), with corrected design	
May 2	52¢ Canadian Industries — Oil and Gas (2 stamps in booklet of 10)	
May 16	52¢ Founding of Quebec City (joint issue with France)	
May 21	Arts Canada : Yousuf Karsh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52¢ Karsh self-portrait (pane of 16) • 96¢ Audrey Hepburn (self-adhesive booklet of 8) • \$1.60 Winston Churchill (self-adhesive booklet of 8) • gummed souvenir sheet of 3 • uncut press sheet • gutter booklet • four Prepaid postal cards 	
Jun 4	52¢ Royal Canadian Mint	
Jun 16	52¢ Canadian Nurses Association (booklet of 10)	
Jun 20	Anne of Green Gables (joint issue with Japan) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52¢ pair in self-adhesive booklet of 10 • 52¢ pair in gummed souvenir sheet • two Prepaid postal cards — one for each postage stamp design 	
Jun 30	Canadians in Hollywood: The Sequel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52¢ Norma Shearer • 52¢ Chief Dan George • 52¢ Marie Dressler • 52¢ Raymond Burr • self-adhesive booklet of 8 (4 different covers) • gummed souvenir sheet of 4 • four Prepaid postal cards — one for each postage stamp design 	

Scott Number Changes

The 2009 Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue, Volume 2 (countries C-F), lists several number changes for Canada. Most of the numbers for the Leaf definitives and high-value Wildlife definitives have been changed, many for a second time. In one instance, the \$5 Moose has had **FOUR** different catalogue numbers over the years (is that a record?)!

	Description	Original Sc#	Sc # change in Apr 2006	Sc # change in Apr 2008
	46c QE II	1682	no change	1681
	46c Flag over Icebergs	1687	no change	1682
	47c QE II	1683	no change	no change
	55c Maple Leaf	1692	no change	1684
	73c Maple Leaf	1694	1693	1685
	95c Maple Leaf	1696	1694	1686
	\$1 Loon	1697	1695	1687
	\$1 Deer		1696	1688
	\$1 Walrus		1697	1689
	\$2 Polar Bear	1698	no change	1690

	Description	Original Sc#	Sc # change in Apr 2006	Sc # change in Apr 2008
	\$2 Falcon		1699	1691
	\$2 Horse		1700	1692
	\$5 Moose	2007, then 1699	1701	1693
	\$8 Grizzly Bear	1700	1702	1694
	46c Flag (coil)	1703	no change	1695
	45c Leaf (ATM)	1714	no change	1696
	45c Leaf (coil)	1714B	no change	1697
	46c Flag over Icebergs	1705	no change	1698
	46c Leaf (ATM)	1706	no change	1699
	47c Flag over Inukshuk	1707	no change	1700

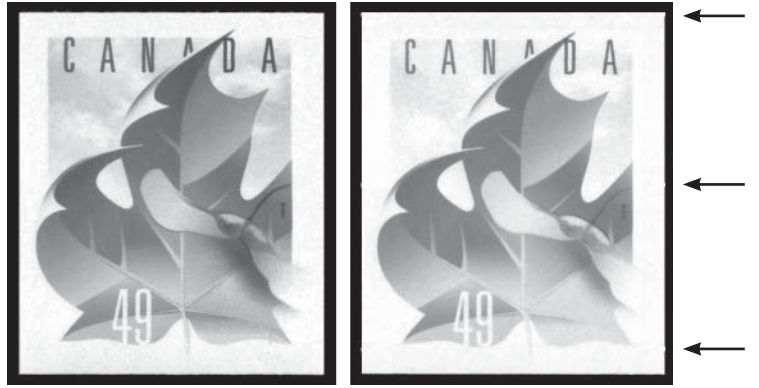
By the way, Scott "warned" us over the years that this was forthcoming. From page 92 of their 2006 catalogue is found the following note below 1714B: "These stamps may be added to the previous definitive set."

49¢ Maple Leaf Coil

by: Bill Robertson

Reviewing my stock of 49¢ Maple Leaf coil (Sc. 2053, issued Sep 2004) and noted the following:

- First issue available in local post offices was the light blue/weak stem, no nibs in die cut. The philatelic stock (strips of ten only) was in the dark blue/strong stem. Did not locate any dark blue in local post offices at that time.
- Second issue, light blue/weak stem, no nibs in perf die cut,
- Third issue, nibs (11mm spacing) in perf die cut
- Fourth issue, nibs, 3.5mm tagging edges are wavy/corners rounded compared to the straight edges in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th issues, and the orange ink is non-fluorescent*.
- Fifth issue, 4mm tagging, nibs.



Right: location of nibs

* all other issues have fluorescent orange ink

Nibs in the perf die cut can be found in 2053ii and should may be considered for future cataloguing. Would appreciate some feedback on above from Elizabethan Study Group if possible.

by: Robin Harris

Here is a summary table that I created, based on the above information from Bill, and a quick sort of a few hundred used examples I have from a portion of our "hoard":

Flrsc. orange ink		NF orange ink		
Dark blue/ strong stem	Light blue/ weak stem			
No nibs		Nibs (11mm spacing)		
3½mm tag		4mm tag	3½mm tag	
2053	2053iv	x	2053ii	x

The Scott/Unitrade number is shown; those with an "x" have not yet been assigned a Unitrade number.

The most significant item in the above discussion is the non-fluorescent orange ink variety. It is not rare, but is harder to find than the fluorescent orange ink variety. I have many used examples but have not seen a mint one yet. The second item of importance is the existance of the "nibs" joining adjacent stamps together. The nibs are very easily seen on multiple mint examples; on single used specimens, a magnifying glass may be needed to see the nibs.

Founding of Québec City

Have you checked your new Québec City stamp under an ultraviolet light? When you do, look in the upper right corner ... notice the hidden image?

By the way, Canada Post's Summer 2008 *Collections* catalogue includes the France joint issue stamp. Included in these listings is a France-Canada joint souvenir sheet that suggests (at least according to the shrunken image) a unique Canadian stamp may be present! We will have to wait until these items become available on June 23, 2008 to view in person.



Some Problems with rating Priority Post "On Demand" covers

by: John Aitken

Priority Post "On Demand" service — whereby the general public could obtain service without a contract — became available January 1, 1982. As noted in the *Postal Rates and Fees of the Elizabethan Era in Canada 1952–2002* handbook (Chung/Machum/Narbonne), page 113, stamps could be used on the mailed item until early 1988. It is this period that I am interested in.

Priority Post was intended for fast postal service between major centres. The rates for the service between major centres are listed in *Postal Rates and Fees of the Elizabethan Era in Canada 1952–2002* pages 114-116. However, as noted in the *Canada Gazette*, Part 2, vol. 116, No 1 (SOR 82-25, dated 13/1/82) p.78 (For)

- “(a) a post office listed in Schedule XXVIII and a post office associated with another post office listed in that schedule, the rate of postage payable is \$1.00 per item plus the rate set out for that item in Schedule XV to the Rate of Postage Regulations; and
- (b) a post office associated with a post office listed in Schedule XXVIII and a post office associated with another post office listed in that schedule, the rate of postage payable is \$2.00 per item plus the rate set out for that item in Schedule XV . . .”

I have no covers illustrating these additional charges. However, I do have two covers from the 1983-87 period. The first (Fig. 2) was sent from St. John Port Joli, PQ 21/VI/85 to Montreal. St. Jean Port Joli is about 90 km down river from Quebec City. Quebec to Montreal was rate code 2 @ \$7.42 for 0 – 1 kg. This cover was charged \$7.95, which = rate code 3 for 0 – 1 kg. So it appears that there has been a change from charging \$1.00 as (a) above to adding 1 rate code for an associate office.

The second item (Fig. 1) was sent 26/03/86 from St. Leon MB to Regina, Saskatchewan St. Leon is about 125 km WSW of Winnipeg. The Priority Post rate code for Winnipeg to Regina was 3, i.e. \$7.95. Here, \$9.01 was charged, apparently rate code 5. Can someone explain why the surcharge is 2 rate codes?

Figure 3 is a fee chart, apparently issued July 1983 for London, Windsor and Kitchener Ontario. As well as the rates it seems to list the “ associated offices”. Judging by the two covers I have illustrated, this list must have been greatly expanded at some time.

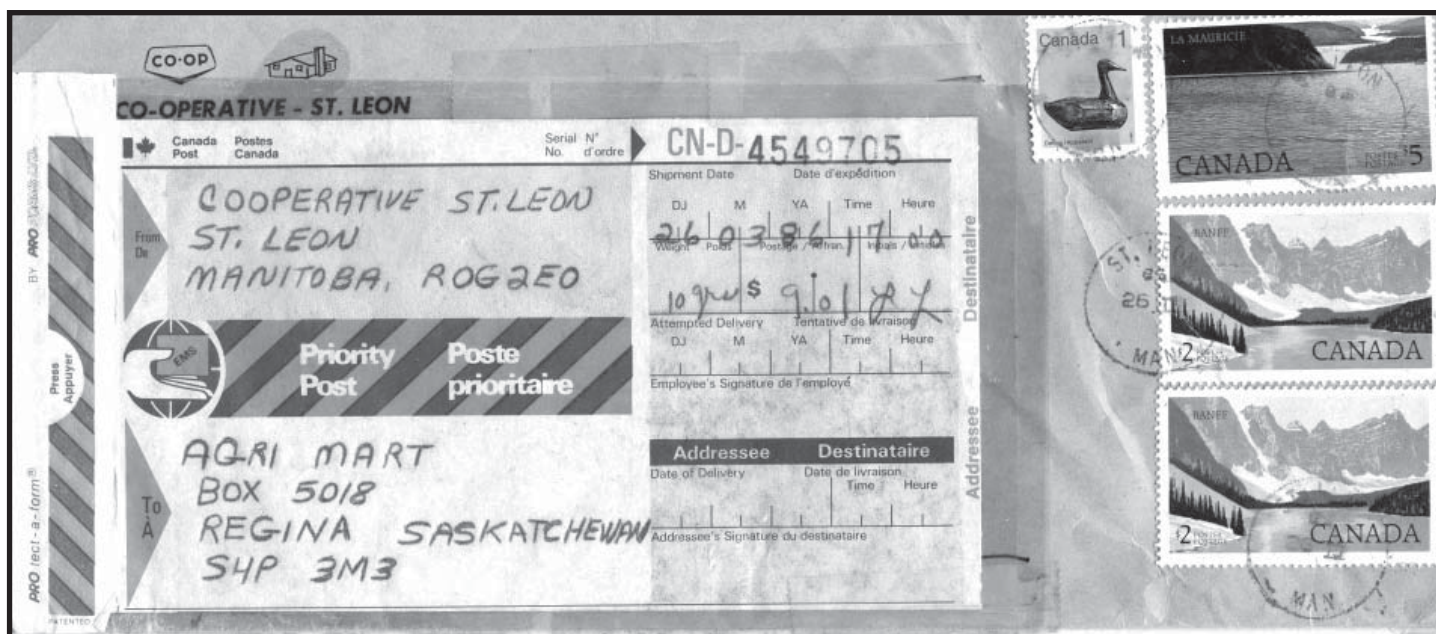


Figure 1

Canada Post Canada

G. VACHON
ST. EUGENE JEWELRY
GOR 1X0

Priority Post
Poste prioritaire

M. ROBERT ALARY
7120 LOUIS HERBERT
MONTREAL QC
H3E 2X2

Press Applier

Shipment Date: 21 VI 85
 Weight: 20g
 Dimensions: 10 x 10 x 10
 Destination: JOLI

Employee's Signature: *Robert Alary*

Address: **186430 ST-JEAN-PORT.**
21 VI 1985

RATE IN EFFECT: JAN 15/83 - MAR. 31/87

STAMPS USED: \$2 - CBN - FIRST DAY
 \$1 - CBN - CLARK PAPER
 344 - FIRST DAY OF ISSUE
 254.
 24 - 13 X 13 1/2 - CBN



ST. JEAN PORT JOLI (MAILED)
 5:30 PM FRIDAY EVENING - DELIVERED
 IN MONTREAL TUESDAY A.M.

RATE: PRIORITY POST "ON DEMAND"
 @ 1 KG. RATE CODE 3 \$7.95

NOTE: QUEBEC CITY TO MONTREAL
 = RATE CODE 2 @ \$7.42.
 ST. JEAN PORT IS @ 90 KM
 DOWN RIVER FROM QUEBEC,
 AND APPARENTLY P.P. SERVICE
 WAS AVAILABLE BUT AT EXTRA
 COST.

Figure 2



Fee Chart

Carte tarifaire

fast, reliable courier service

service de messageries rapide et fiable

From: points listed on back only

De: seulement à partir des villes indiquées au verso

TO: following points only

À: points suivants seulement

CALGARY	H
CHARLOTTETOWN	E
EDMONTON	H
FREDERICTON	E
HALIFAX	E
HAMILTON	B
KITCHENER	B
LONDON	B
MONCTON	E
MONTREAL	C
NORTH BAY	D
OTTAWA/HULL	B
QUEBEC	D
REGINA	G
SASKATOON	G
SAINT JOHN/	E
SAINT-JEAN (N.-B.)	E
ST. JOHN'S/	H
SAINT-JEAN (T.-N.)	H
SUDBURY	D
THUNDER BAY	D
TORONTO	B
VANCOUVER	J
VICTORIA	J
WINDSOR	B
WINNIPEG	E

Acton, Ont. (C)	Guelph, Ont. (C)	Renfrew, Ont. (D)
Aurora, Ont. (C)	Hawkesbury, Ont. (D)	Rimouski, Qc (E)
Barrie, Ont. (C)	Huntsville, Ont. (C)	Sarnia, Ont. (C)
Bathurst, N.B. (G)	Joliette, Qc (E)	Sault Ste Marie, Ont. (F)
Beamsville, Ont. (C)	Jonquière, Qc (E)	Selkirk, Man. (G)
Belleville, Ont. (C)	Kamloops, B.C./C.B. (K)	Sept-Îles, Qc (G)
Beloeil, Qc (E)	Kapuskasing, Ont. (F)	Sherbrooke, Qc (E)
Bolton, Ont. (C)	Kelowna, B.C./C.B. (K)	Sherwood Park, Alta. (J)
Bowmanville, Ont. (C)	Kentville, N.S./N.E. (G)	Sidney, B.C./C.B. (K)
Brandon, Man. (G)	Kingston, Ont. (D)	Simcoe, Ont. (C)
Brantford, Ont. (C)	Kirkland Lake, Ont. (F)	Smith Falls, Ont. (D)
Bridgewater, N.S./N.E. (G)	Langley, B.C./C.B. (K)	Sorel, Qc (E)
Brockville, Ont. (D)	Lethbridge, Alta. (J)	Steinbach, Man. (G)
Cambridge, Ont. (C)	Lévis, Qc (E)	Ste-Thérèse de Blainville, Qc (E)
Campbellton, N.B. (G)	Lindsay, Ont. (C)	Stratford, Ont. (C)
Camrose, Alta. (J)	Lloydminster, Sask. (H)	St-Eustache, Qc (E)
Carleton Place, Ont. (D)	Medicine Hat, Alta. (J)	St-Hyacinthe, Qc (E)
Castlegar, B.C./C.B. (K)	Midland, Ont. (C)	St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Qc (E)
Chatham, Ont. (C)	Milton, Ont. (C)	St-Jérôme, Qc (E)
Chicoutimi, Qc (E)	Mirabel, Qc (E)	St-Thomas, Ont. (C)
Châteauguay, Qc (E)	Moose Jaw, Sask. (H)	St. Albert, Alta. (J)
Cobourg, Ont. (C)	Nanaimo, B.C./C.B. (K)	St. Catharines, Ont. (C)
Collingwood, Ont. (C)	New Liskeard, Ont. (F)	Swift Current, Sask. (H)
Cornerbrook, Nfld./T.N. (J)	Newmarket, Ont. (C)	Sydney, N.S./N.E. (G)
Cornwall, Ont. (D)	Niagara Falls, Ont. (C)	Terrace, B.C./C.B. (M)
Cranbrook, B.C./C.B. (K)	Oakville, Ont. (C)	Timmins, Ont. (F)
Dawson Creek, B.C./C.B. (M)	Orillia, Ont. (C)	Trenton, Ont. (C)
Drummondville, Qc (E)	Oshawa, Ont. (C)	Trois-Rivières, Qc (E)
Dunnville, Ont. (C)	Owen Sound, Ont. (C)	Truro, N.S./N.E. (G)
Elliot Lake, Ont. (F)	Paris, Ont. (C)	Valleyfield, Qc (E)
Fort Erie, Ont. (C)	Pembroke, Ont. (D)	Victoriaville, Qc (E)
Fort Saskatchewan, Alta. (J)	Peterborough, Ont. (C)	Wawa, Ont. (F)
Gananoque, Ont. (D)	Port Colborne, Ont. (C)	Welland, Ont. (C)
Gander, Nfld./T.N. (J)	Port Hope, Ont. (C)	Wetaskiwin, Alta. (J)
Gatineau, Qc (D)	Portage la Prairie, Man. (G)	Whitehorse, Yuk. (N)
Georgetown, Ont. (C)	Prescott, Ont. (D)	Woodstock, Ont. (C)
Granby, Qc (E)	Prince Albert, Sask. (H)	Yarmouth, N.S./N.E. (G)
Grand Falls, Nfld./T.N. (J)	Prince George, B.C./C.B. (M)	Yorkton, Sask. (H)
Grande Prairie, Alta. (L)	Red Deer, Alta. (J)	

Instructions

1. Refer to the reverse of this chart to ensure originating service is available.
 2. In the "TO" section above, find the destination point and note the corresponding rate code letter.
 3. Determine fee at intersection of appropriate weight and rate code columns on chart.
- Note: Intra-City shipments - rate code A.
Weight step up to and including

Directives

1. S'assurer qu'il y a service du point d'origine (voir au verso).
 2. Dans la partie «A» ci-dessus, trouver le point de destination et le code correspondant.
 3. Trouver le taux dans le tableau ci-contre, au point d'intersection du poids et du code approprié.
- Remarque: Envois intra-urbains - code A.
Poids inférieur ou égal à

Code Kg	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N
1	6.94	7.42	7.95	8.48	9.01	9.54	10.60	11.24	12.03	12.83	14.95	17.23	20.40
2	7.31	7.95	8.69	9.43	10.18	10.81	12.03	12.94	13.99	15.06	17.70	20.68	24.90
3	7.68	8.48	9.43	10.38	11.35	12.08	13.46	14.64	15.95	17.29	20.45	24.13	29.40
4	8.05	9.01	10.17	11.33	12.52	13.35	14.89	16.34	17.91	19.52	23.20	27.58	33.90
5	8.42	9.54	10.91	12.28	13.69	14.62	16.32	18.04	19.87	21.75	25.95	31.03	38.40
6	8.79	10.07	11.65	13.23	14.86	15.89	17.75	19.74	21.83	23.98	28.70	34.48	42.90
7	9.16	10.60	12.39	14.18	16.03	17.16	19.18	21.44	23.79	26.21	31.45	37.93	47.40
8	9.53	11.13	13.13	15.13	17.20	18.43	20.61	23.14	25.75	28.44	34.20	41.38	51.90
9	9.90	11.66	13.87	16.08	18.37	19.70	22.04	24.84	27.71	30.67	36.95	44.83	56.40
10	10.27	12.19	14.61	17.03	19.54	20.97	23.47	26.54	29.67	32.90	39.70	48.28	60.90
11	10.64	12.72	15.35	17.98	20.71	22.24	24.90	28.24	31.63	35.13	42.45	51.73	65.40
12	11.01	13.25	16.09	18.93	21.88	23.51	26.33	29.94	33.59	37.36	45.20	55.18	69.90
13	11.38	13.78	16.83	19.88	23.05	24.78	27.76	31.64	35.55	39.59	47.95	58.63	74.40
14	11.75	14.31	17.57	20.83	24.22	26.05	29.19	33.34	37.51	41.82	50.70	62.08	78.90
15	12.12	14.84	18.31	21.78	25.39	27.32	30.62	35.04	39.47	44.05	53.45	65.53	83.40

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Figure 3

Self-adhesive Die Cut "Perforation" Gauge

In the last *Corgi Times* we announced the availability of a transparent perforation gauge that was developed by myself and printed by ESG member Mirko Zatka of Zatka Philately in Calgary, AB. The gauge ranges from 5.3 up to 10 and can be used on the modern self-adhesive stamps issued by Canada Post, most notably the Flower coils.

Mirko and I have agreed to distribute the gauge via the Elizabethan II Study Group with any proceeds being donated to the ESG. Mirko will produce the gauge and cover the printing costs himself while I will distribute the gauges via the ESG. The gauge has been promoted by *Canadian Stamp News* in a couple of the recent issues.

As of this writing (Jun 13) I have received requests for 125 gauges from 92 individuals resulting in over \$400 in postage donations to the ESG ... and one new ESG member!

Although it is not-for-profit, there is a small cost to offset the printing and distribution. Here is the 'official' blurb on this:

While perforation gauges are common among stamp collectors, no gauge has been found in the marketplace that allows measurement of die-cuts on the current Flower definitive coil series due to their coarse nature. Thanks to a couple of members of the BNAPS Elizabethan II Stamp Study Group, such a gauge has now been created to help collectors work with this issue. It has been produced on clear plastic film, with measurements ranging from gauge 5.3 to 10.0. The gauge is available by mail in return for a postage donation to the Study Group of \$2.50 per gauge and a SASE #10 envelope (Canadian stamps only, please). For gauges to be mailed outside Canada and the US, please send an additional \$1.60 in Canadian stamps to cover return postage (no SASE required).

Requests should be sent to:

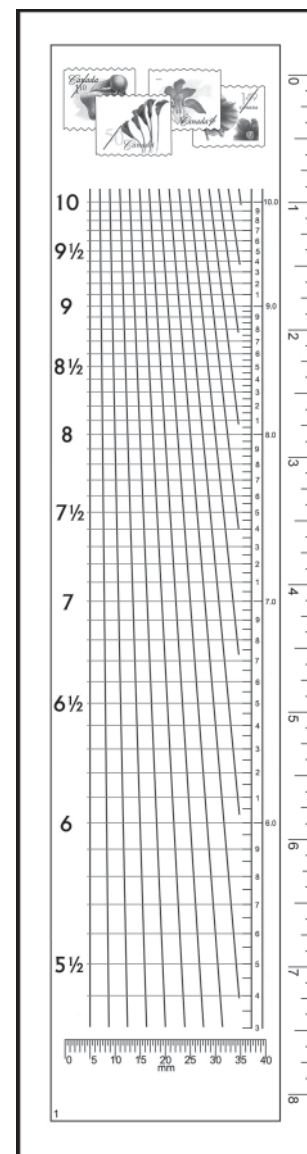
The Editor, *Corgi Times*
P.O. Box 104
Seddons Corners, MB R0E 1X0
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To Canada and USA:

\$2.50 in mint Canadian postage stamps and SASE

To International:

\$4.10 in mint Canadian postage stamps or cash



Transparent gauge ranging from 5.3 to 10 (image has been reduced)

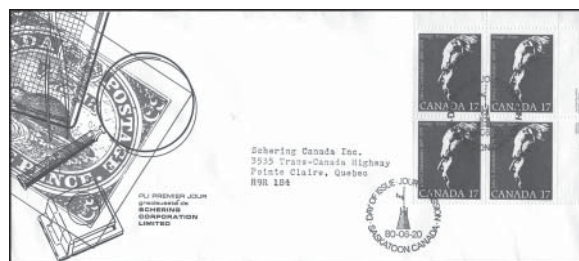
Elizabethan II Market Place

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.

For Sale

Schering Corporation Limited First Day Covers, 1975 to 1982. White no. 10 size envelopes with generic cachet illustrating the 3d Beaver, a magnifying glass, tongs, etc., with either English or French text. Each with inscription blocks of 4. Most have enclosures advertising pharmaceutical products and all are unopened addressed back to Schering. Fine condition. English text - \$2 each. French text - \$3 each. Write for details to Andrew Chung, P.O. Box 89111, Westdale RPO, Hamilton, ON L8S 4R5.



Canadian & BNA Fakes, Facsimiles, Reprints, Forgeries and Postal Counterfeits

Richard Gratton, FRPSC, an expertizer of Canadian stamps, has published an 88-page, hardbound book (11" x 8½") titled *Canadian & BNA Fakes, Facsimiles, Reprints, Forgeries and Postal Counterfeits*. It is subtitled *First Full Color Edition, Catalog 2008*. Richard had an exhibit on Lunar New Year errors, varieties and fakes in the recent Royal 2008 show held in Quebec City in mid May.

Richard worked in Research & Development as a scientist at the Domtar Research Center and later as a Technical manager in various paper mills. He is now the Corporate Technology Director - Papermaking for Domtar.

The book "lists and illustrates in full color, almost everything that is presently available in the stamp market". For the Elizabethan-era collector, eight pages list and illustrate stamps and covers of your collecting field.

An interesting aspect of the book is that "ten different types of fine papers were intentionally used to produce this first edition in order to educate the readers about some properties of papers: wove, smooth, uncoated, coated, calendared, dull and fluorescent, high brightness, bâtonné, regular copy, offset and thin papers." [I do not know if a reprint or second edition will include this feature.]

Illustrated below is one of the pages which lists Elizabethan-era material.

For more information, contact Richard at: C.P. 202, Windsor, Québec, J1S 2L8 Canada (grattonrich54@hotmail.com).

Canadian & BNA Fakes, Facsimiles, Reprints, Forgeries and Postal Counterfeits Catalog – 2008

Series H Queen Elizabeth issues 1954-2008



Forgery number	FCA 45A	FCA 46A	FCA 47A	FCA 48A	FCA 49A	FCA 50A	FCA 51A
Details	Inverted Seaway	Imperf.	Aniline ink	Imperforated	Imperforated	Yellow missing	Black missing
Value	50\$	250\$	5\$	1\$	1\$	10\$	10\$

Notes: The postal counterfeits are listed in the next section of this catalog. Fake aniline inks are impossible to differentiate from originals. FCA 46A: Frodel produced the four cents imperf. pair. It is quite well done and extremely dangerous!

Series H Queen Elizabeth issues 1954-2008



Forgery number	FCA 52A	FCA 53A	FCA 54A	FCA 55A	FCA 56A	FCA 57A	FCA 58A
Details	Missing gray	Printed on gum	Yellow back	Yellow missing	Silver missing	Engraving missing	Yellow missing
Value	25\$	50\$	50\$	10\$	50\$	50\$	1\$

Notes: The FCA 53A is printed on gummed side of commercially available gummed paper and laser printed. See CAPEX (reference 10) for most other fakes. All genuine CA 54A should have genuine certificates of authenticity – there are very dangerous fakes.

Series H Queen Elizabeth issues 1954-2008



Forgery number	FCA 59A	FCA 60A	FCA 61A	FCA 62A	FCA 63A	FCA 64A	FCA 65A
Details	Gold missing	Repellex error	Silver missing	Color missing	Color missing	Color missing	Silver missing
Value	50\$	50\$	50\$	10\$	10\$	25\$	25\$

Notes: FCA 60A: See Québec fakes article (Reference 46), for other fakes refer to CAPEX (reference 10) or Philatélie Québec articles.

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Yousuf Karsh

by: Robin Harris

May 21st saw the release of a set of 3 stamps honouring Yousuf Karsh in the *Art Canada* series. As noted in the April to June 2008 *Canada Post Details* magazine, "over a sixty-year career, working from his Ottawa studio, [Karsh] photographed the people who defined the 20th century in a way that explained them to the world."

Canada Post certainly took advantage of this popular subject by including a photo of Audrey Hepburn on the USA-rate stamp (96¢) and Sir Winston Churchill on the international-rate stamp (\$1.60) and issuing the stamps in several formats including a pane of 16 (52¢), self-adhesive booklets (96¢ and \$1.60), souvenir sheet of 3, uncut press sheet, a 'gutter booklet', and four Prepaid postal cards.

Two items of particular interest will be discussed here: the other portraits included on the pane of 16 and souvenir sheet, and the gutter booklet.



- First row —
- Albert Camus (1957)
 - Pablo Picasso (1954)
 - Dizzy Gillespie (1990)
 - Pope John XIII (1963)
 - Martin Luther King (1962)
 - Elie Wiesel (1991)
 - John F. Kennedy (1960)
 - John D. Diefenbaker (1974)
 - Nikita Krushchev (1963)
 - Walt Disney (1956)
 - Rainer and Grace of Monaco (1956)
 - Yuri Gagarin (1963)
- Second row —
- Mohammed Ali (1970)
 - Princess Elizabeth (1943)
 - I.E. Pei (1979)
 - Lester B. Pearson (1965)
 - Albert Einstein (1949)
 - Indira Gandhi (1956)
 - Ernest Hemingway (1957)



Karsh Portraits

The souvenir sheet of 3 stamps and the 52¢ pane of 16 stamps include many additional portraits taken by Karsh over his career. Here is a listing of them:

The 52¢ pane of 16 stamps featuring a self-portrait of Yousuf Karsh includes, in the horizontal gutter between the second and third row of stamps, the same additional portraits shown on the souvenir sheet. This is illustrated to the right.

Booklet Gutter

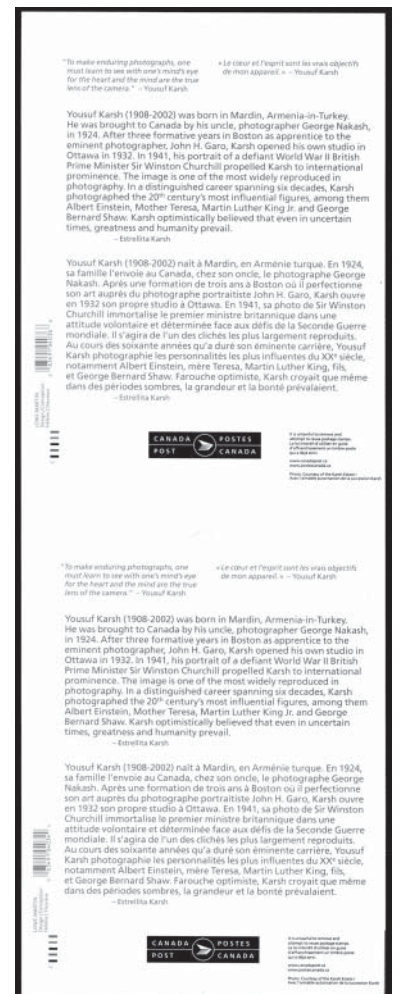
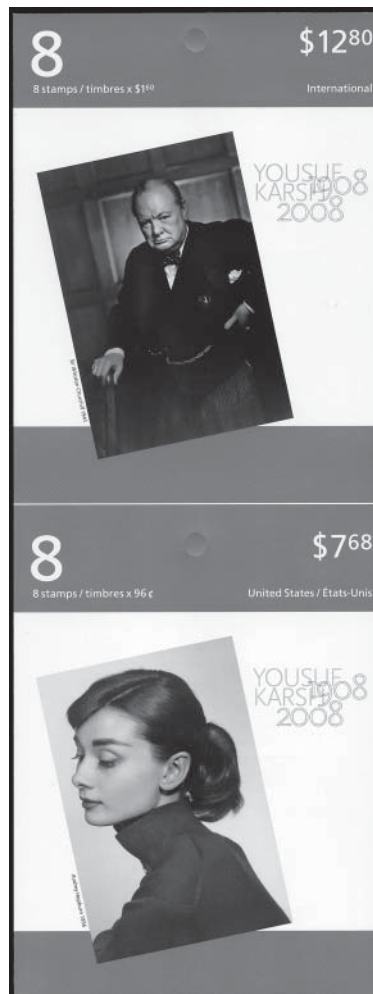
Canada Post offered a gutter booklet, containing half a booklet of 96¢ Hepburn stamps and half a booklet of \$1.60 Churchill stamps combined together.

This is the third gutter booklet that Canada Post has sold in the last couple of years (the others being the Parks in 2007 and the Universities in 2008).

However, in this instance, two types of “back” covers are available:

- * one type includes the ‘front’ cover of each booklet value
- * a second type has the ‘back’ cover of each booklet value

Your order from Canada Post would supply you with one or the other, but not both. I don’t believe it is/was possible to order a certain cover (or an example of each cover). [My order had the ‘front’ type. Unfortunately, the two examples I received were creased and the replacements were damaged worse! Oh well, I can always use them for postage.]

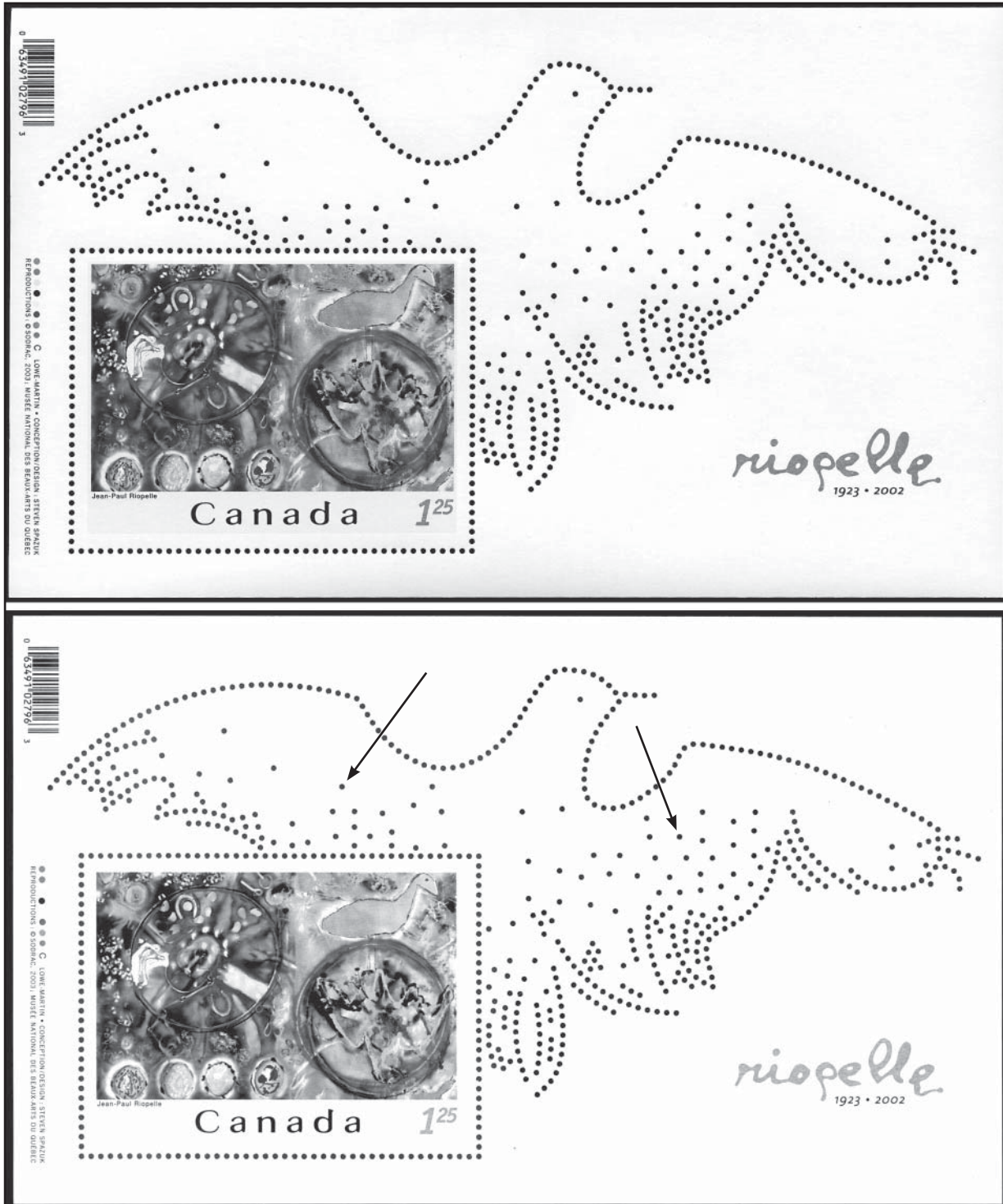


Riopelle Souvenir Sheet

It turns out there are TWO versions of the \$1.25 Riopelle souvenir sheet (Sc. 2003) to collect. The two varieties are about evenly split in quantities (based on a sampling of over 100 souvenir sheets) — I would like to hear from others who may have large quantities of this souvenir sheet to confirm this ratio.

One variety has two extra perforation holes in the design of the large dove (shown below in the bottom image). Here is a case where an image is definitely worth a thousand words. The new variety will be listed in the next Unitrade catalogue. A group of Riopelle art stamps were issued in 2003; interesting that this variety took this long to come to light.

I initially heard of this variety via an e-mail from Jacques Charbonneau on May 20th. His report noted the extra hole on the right wing. Subsequently, ESG member Mirko Zatka, while looking through his stock, noted that there is actually a *second* extra hole on the left wing of the dove.



\$1.55 The Little Larkspur

Mirko Zatka has passed along an interesting printing variety on the \$1.55 The Little Larkspur coil definitive (Sc. 2197).

As seen in the illustrations, the ink colour for the denomination is a “dry print”.



PERMANENT™ Coil Roll of 3,000

Mirko Zatka has been able to order a full roll of 3,000 stamps of the PERMANENT™ flower stamp that was issued February 1, 2008 (Sc. 2244a). We illustrate here several different images of the roll and box.

Thanks Mirko!



Letters from Home

by: John Burnett, OTB (#9 of a series)

Use of the Centennial of the Yukon Gold Rush Stamps

On June 15, 1996 Canada issued a miniature pane of ten stamps to commemorate the centennial of the Yukon gold rush. The pane contained identical pairs (vertically) of each of five stamps.

My mom was right on top of the release and on July 22 sent me a small packet containing yet another of my Royal Navy fiction novels from the little book store in Vancouver.

She had on hand a booklet of the High Technologies commemorative stamps of February 1995 and so two pair of them was added to "make up" the \$6.30 "Small Packet" rate for up to 750 grams.

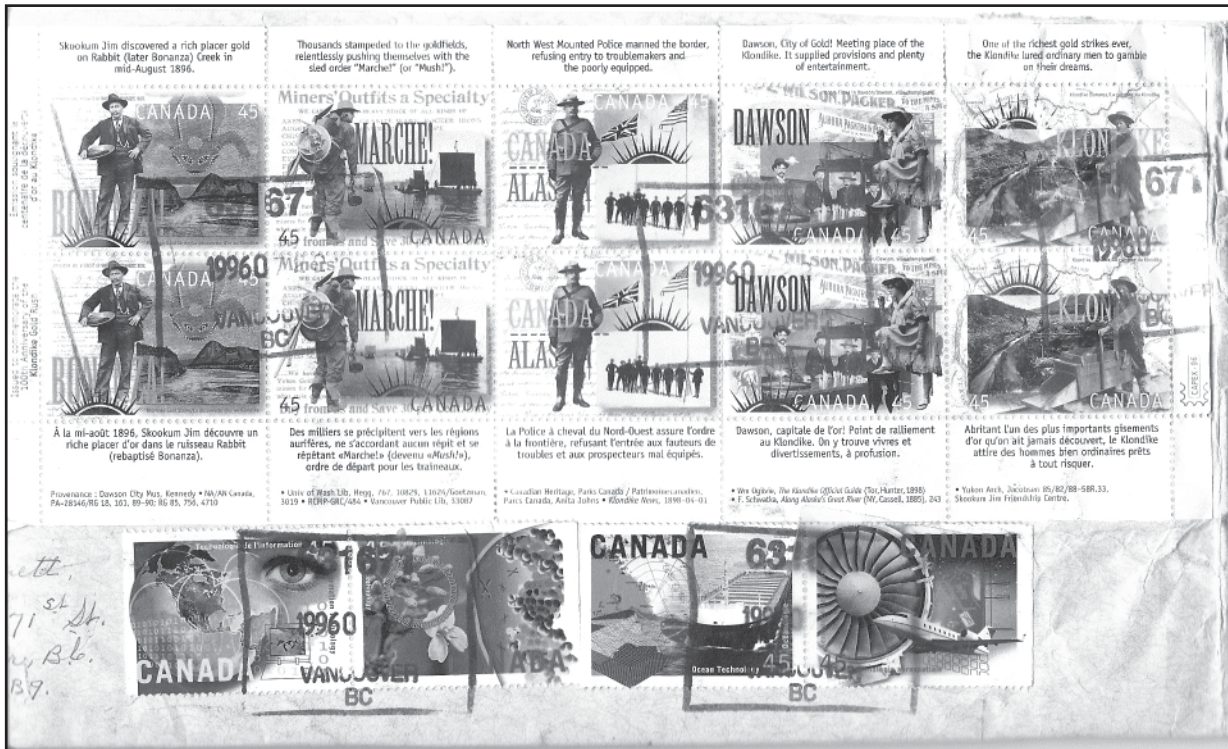


Figure 1
Dated July 22, 1996 this miniature pane complete with selvedge inscriptions in both French and English pays part of the \$6.30 postage rate to the United States for a small packet of 583 grams.

As you can see my mom was scrupulously honest when she made out the customs declaration shown in figure 2. These used paperback books which are still in my office, having been read more than once now, ended up costing me a pretty penny I can tell you. There were fourteen books in the set all costing me about \$6 each and another \$6 in postage.

To date I have not found a piece on envelope with a single Yukon Centennial commemorative paying postage in period. I doubt there are very many pieces with the whole miniature pane on them used in period as "make up"; I think this item is rare.

Mom had also included some used stamps in the packet. She religiously soaked all stamps off any letters she received, unless they had a commemorative stamp on the envelope, and then the whole envelope was sent. I paid dearly for those used definitive stamps I can tell you!

I urge each of you to work at finding Canadian Elizabethan era commemoratives and definitives used on cover within their period of issue. Someday in the not to distant future someone is going to discover this stuff is "difficult to acquire". I am also a collector of KGVI material and have been watching the price of the 1937 definitives sky rocket in price as people are starting to see them in exhibits.

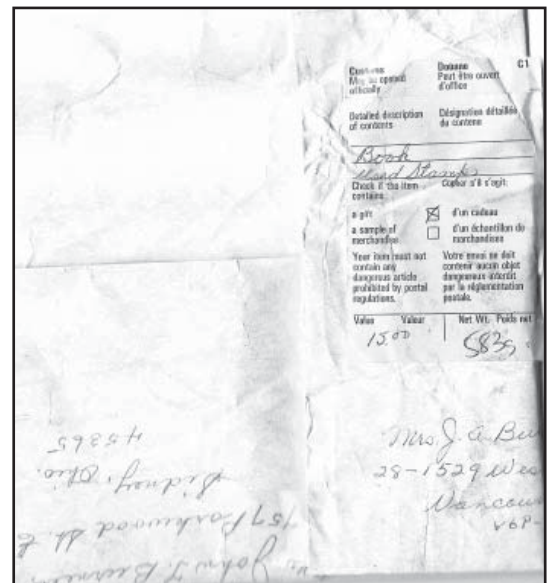


Figure 2
Showing the Customs Declaration which shows the package weight at 583 grams for one used book and some used stamps.