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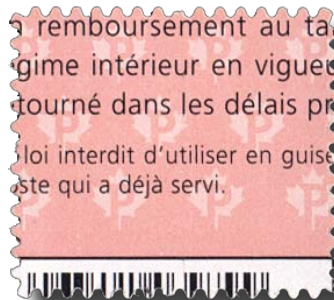
Plating Quarterly Pack Booklet
 Singles 12

Copies mailed: 140

Dues Notice

A special thanks to all of those members who responded promptly with their dues renewal included with the previous issue of the *Corgi Times*.

A red X here ____ indicates that this will be your last issue of *Corgi Times*. Please take a minute and send in your 2009/10 dues now.



Plating Quarterly Pack Booklet Singles
 See page 12

Postage Rate Increase?

The latest issue of *Canadian Stamp News* (Aug 4, 2009) reports on the front page that Canada Post submitted a regulatory proposal, published in the June 27 issue of the *Canada Gazette*, to raise the basic domestic letter rate by 3¢ to 57¢ in January 2010.

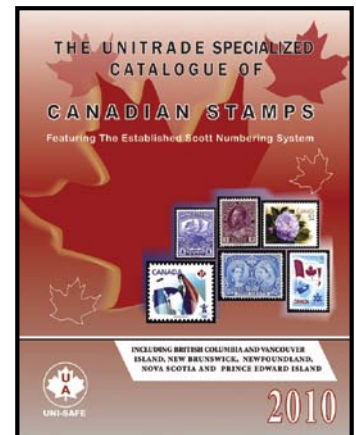
57¢

If this rate increase occurs, it will be the largest increase in the domestic letter rate since 1982 when the rate jumped from 17¢ to 30¢.

2010 Unitrade

The 2010 edition of the *Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps* has been completed and sent to the printer. It should be at your local dealer by the end of September. The price remains the same as the previous several years, \$42.95.

The new stamp issues for 2009 required 10 pages! The Introduction has been expanded to include information about Lowe-Martin's self-adhesive coils. The five United Nations stamps issued for use at the UN Pavilion at Expo '67 in Montreal have been added to the "back of the book". These stamps were issued in Canadian denominations and were valid for postage only on mail posted at the UN Pavilion during the fair.



Her Majesty's Stamps

The Canadian Museum of Civilization in Gatineau, QC (across from Ottawa, ON) is showing an exhibition from June 19, 2009 to January 3, 2010 of a portion of the personal collection of Queen Elizabeth II.

"Her Majesty's Stamps explores the history of postal reform in Great Britain, which led to the introduction of the postage stamp in 1840. This important innovation, which revolutionized the world of written communication, was eventually adopted in Canada and around the globe. This exhibition features a selection of extraordinary material from the Royal Philatelic Collection, including colour and obliteration trials from the world's first stamps, early stamp designs, original artwork, archival documents as well as unique Canadian philatelic gems that reveal fascinating facts in Canadian postal history."



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.

Our journal, the *Corgi Times* is published 6 times a year.

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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...

► Lowe-Martin Die Cutting Pattern # 13

The last issue of *Corgi Times* (May–June 2009) featured an article that “plated” the twelve known die cutting mats used by Lowe-Martin on the self-adhesive coils that have been printed since 2004.

The current Permanent™ Olympic rolls of 100 with set-tenant emblem designs have been issued with a new die cutting mat, bringing to 13 the number of mats seen over the years. Boxes dated Apr 9 2009 (or later) should have this new die cutting.



There is a significant difference between this original printings of these coils and the new release — the original release (die cutting mat 12), illustrated at left, had **four** “paper nibs” between each stamp. The new die cutting mat (#13), illustrated at right has **three** “nibs” between each stamp.

13 2009 Olympic



	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10
R1	8.65	8.80	8.80	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.85	8.80	8.80	8.80
R2	8.80	8.85	8.80	8.80	8.70	8.70	8.80	8.85	8.85	8.70
R3	8.55	8.50	8.50	8.45	8.50	8.65	8.55	8.60	8.60	8.65
R4	8.55	8.50	8.40	8.55	8.60	8.50	8.60	8.65	8.50	8.60
R5	8.20	8.20	8.15	8.10	8.15	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.15	8.25
R6	8.15	8.10	8.10	8.10	8.15	8.15	8.20	8.20	8.15	8.20
R7	8.05	8.0	7.85	8.10	8.10	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.25	8.30
R8	8.20	8.15	8.10	8.05	8.10	8.15	8.10	8.05	8.10	8.15
R9	8.00	8.05	7.85	8.00	8.10	8.10	8.25	8.20	8.20	8.15
R10	8.05	8.05	7.85	7.90	7.95	8.05	7.95	8.10	8.20	8.10
	8.15	8.15	8.05	8.00	8.10	8.10	8.10	8.00	8.05	8.05

Corgi Times

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Study Group Business

❖ New members

Andrew Scott (BC)

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.

2009


BNAPEX 2009: Sep 11–13, 2009 in Kingston, ON

Annual Dues Notice / Donations

In the last issue of *Corgi Times* we included the annual dues notice. Thanks to all those who responded quickly and passed along their renewal. A special thanks to those who included a donation (listed at right).

A big “thumbs up” to those members who used commemoratives or higher-value definitives on their dues renewals that have been received over the past couple of months. In this day and age of e-mail and Paypal, it is great to receive mail with colourful stamps.

A big “thumbs down” to the couple of members who re-used stained and damaged definitives! On at least two occasions in the *Corgi Times* we have noted that Canada Post has begun to include “It is unlawful to remove and attempt to reuse postage stamps.” I guess we will need to continue to pass this message along.

for any stamp returned within the specified time.
It is unlawful to remove and attempt to reuse postage stamps.
 Ce symbole désigne le timbre PERMANENTMC

Robert Anderson (C\$20)
John Arn (US\$20)
Peter Butler (C\$10)
John Cooper (C\$20)
William Greig (C\$10)
Robert Haslewood (C\$20)
Tom Jepsen (C\$5)
Stanley Kalabza (US\$20)
Paul MacDonald (US\$20)
Bill McCann (C\$10)
Norbert Miersch (C\$10)
Del Peters (C\$20)
Clyde Robertson (C\$25)
Samuel Rock (US\$5)
Arlene Sullivan (C\$25)
Raymond Therrien (C\$10.28)
Adri Veenstra (C\$6)
George Yarkie (C\$17.10)

BNAPEX 2009

BNAPEX 2009 is fast approaching (Sep 11–13). Our study group has a “show and tell” meeting tentatively scheduled for 1–2 PM on the Friday.

If you will be at the show we would encourage you to join the meeting. Bring along an item of interest or a question that needs to be answered. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the show this year.



White Queen Award

Congratulations to Walter Krasowski who was awarded a White Queen Award for his exhibit *Glen Loates 1968–69 Bird Variants*. Walter receives the *Corgi Times* for one year as a result.



The exhibit was shown at the ROYAL 2009 show held in St. Catharines, ON from June 12–14.

Library and Archives Canada

by: Robin Harris

In June 2009 I had the opportunity to visit the Archives in Ottawa (actually, a visit with ESG member Pascal LeBlond at his office in Gatineau, QC). Past visits, like this one, have always been fruitful, with the viewing of modern Elizabethan-era material. Each trip has provided a couple of surprises with this trip being no different.

Did you know that selected Wilding sheets have *lathework*, like that seen in the Admiral-era? And did you know that the press sheets of certain Karsh, Wilding and Cameo-era booklet panes show *tête-bêche* booklet panes (an example is illustrated in this *Corgi Times*)?

Canada Post 2009 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 8	Year of the Ox <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (54¢) single • \$1.65 souvenir sheet • \$1.65 souvenir sheet, overprinted • uncut press sheet • two Prepaid postal cards — one for each postage stamp design 	2296 2297 2297a
Jan 12	Rate-change definitives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (54¢) Queen Elizabeth II (booklet of 10) • Permanent™ (54¢) Sporting Events (5 designs in booklet of 10 [24 covers] and 30) • Permanent™ (54¢) Emblems (2 designs in coil of 100) • Permanent™ (54¢) Emblems (2 designs in separate rolls of 5,000) • 98¢ Mascot (coil of 50 and booklet of 6) • \$1.65 Mascot (coil of 50 and booklet of 6) • souvenir sheet of 5 (Sporting Events) • five Prepaid postcards (5 Sporting Event designs) • three Prepaid postcards (3 Mascot designs) 	2298 2300–04 2307A–B 2306–07 2308, 11 2310, 13 2299
Feb 2	Permanent™ (54¢) Celebration (booklet of 6)	2314
Feb 2	54¢ Black Heritage Month (2 designs)	2315–16
Feb 12	Rate-change definitives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.18 Mascot (coil of 50 and booklet of 6) • souvenir sheet of 5 (2 x Permanent, 98¢, \$1.18, \$1.65) 	2309, 12
Feb 23	Permanent™ (54¢) First Flight in Canada	2317
Mar 13	Rhododendrons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54¢ pair in self-adhesive booklet of 10 • 54¢ pair in gummed souvenir sheet • two Prepaid postal cards — one for each postage stamp design 	2319–20 2318
Mar 20	Art Canada: Jack Bush <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54¢ pane of 16 • souvenir sheet (54¢ and \$1.65) 	2321 2322
Apr 2	International Year of Astronomy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54¢ pair in self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$1.08 pair in gummed souvenir sheet • \$1.08 pair in gummed souvenir sheet overprint • uncut press sheet 	2324–25 2323 2323c
Apr 9	Preserving the Poles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54¢ pair in pane of 16 • \$1.08 souvenir sheet 	2326–27 2327b
Apr 22	2¢ Monarch Caterpillar (Beneficial Insect)	2328
May 15	54¢ The Canadian Horse and the Newfoundland Pony: 2 designs (booklet of 10)	2329–30
Jun 1	54¢ Canadian Diplomacy	2331
Jun 12	54¢ Boundary Waters Treaty	2332
Jul 2	54¢ Canadian Recording Artists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Charlebois • Edith Butler • Byran Adams • Stompin Tom Connors 	
Jul 6	54¢ Roadside Attractions (4 designs, first of a three-year series)	
Jul 8	Commemorative Envelope: Canada-Japan Diplomatic Relations	
Jul 10	54¢ Captain Robert Bartlett	
Aug 10	54¢ Canadian Inventions (sports) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 pin bowling • Lacrosse • Ringette • Basketball 	
	<i>The following listings are from the online Canada Postal Guide</i>	
Oct	Montreal Canadiens, 100th Anniversary	
Oct 19	Serving and Remembering	
Nov 2	Christmas Tree Christmas (Religious theme): 3 designs	

ESG Financial Statements

by: Ron Rush, Treasurer

Elizabethan II Study Group Financial Statements for the Period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

OPERATING FUND

		<i>Amounts in CDN \$</i>
Income:	Membership dues	\$2,079.65
	Back Issue sales	\$110.00
	BNAPS Stipend	\$440.00
	Operating Fund Contributions - See Note A	\$55.65
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	Total Income	\$2,685.30
Expense:	Toner, Paper & Printer	\$409.17
	Postage	\$1,010.67
	Printer Depreciation	\$250.01
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	Total Expense	\$1,669.85
	Operating Fund Balance June 30, 2009	\$1,015.45

RESEARCH RESERVE FUND

Balance June 30, 2008	\$7,121.19
Additions - See Note A	\$425.90
Interest	\$137.81
Publishing & Distributing Postal Rate Book	-\$54.03
Donations re Perforation Gauges	\$206.70
Publishing Christmas Seal Book	\$985.66
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Balance June 30, 2009	\$8,823.23

BALANCE SHEET

Assets	
Cash In Bank - Operating Fund	\$8,695.14
Prepaid Supplies	\$406.80
Investment - Certificate of Deposit	\$3,516.66
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Total Assets	\$12,618.60
Liabilities	
Memberships paid in advance	\$870.00
Owing to Editor	\$43.43
Owing to Treasurer	\$1.76
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	\$915.19
Total Study Group Equity	
Balance June 30, 2008	\$8,985.92
Current Period Operating Income	\$1,015.45
Change in Research Reserve Fund	\$1,702.04
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Balance June 30, 2009	\$11,703.41
Total Liabilities and Study Group Equity	\$12,618.60

Notes to Financial Statements

Starting on July 1, 2008, both CDN and US dollars are treated at par. Volatility in their relative values has been dramatic but the adjustment amount on our \$15.00 annual fees is only academic.

\$2000 CDN is invested in a Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC) at 3.85%. \$1,516.66 US is in a GIC at 1.75%.

ESG II's continuing support for members/authors producing valuable research tools and documents for the use of other members and others has proven to be a valuable investment as reflected in the Research Reserve Fund.

Note A:

Note A: Postage donations continue to reduce our Operating costs and the Reserve Fund benefits from member's generous donations. The Study Group thanks the following members:

Robert Anderson, Don Beaumont, Richard Beecher, Andre Bisailon, Eppe Bossch, Peter Butler, Brian Cameron, Ross Christian, Bob Finlay, Derek Fleming, Georg Gerlach, William Greig, Russell Harvey, Robert Haslewood, Donald Hicken, Tom Jepsen, Eirwyn Jones, Stanley Kalabza, James Love, Bill McCann, Robert McLeish, Norbert Miersch, Herbert Nishio, Michael Nowlan, Roberts Olds, Del Peters, Samuel Rock, Raymond Therrien, Paul Tissington, Don Toelly, Adri, Veenstra, Clarence Wigmore, Barrie Wilbee

Non-Transmissible

by: John Aitken

Illustrated is an airmail letter postmarked: Gander, Nfld., Nov. 9, 1959. The sender intended it to go to England, but instead it was back-stamped at the Undeliverable Mail Office in Ottawa 4 days later, and then marked Non-transmissible, before being returned to him.



From the Canada Official Postal Guide, 1955 edition, pp 97-98: Domestic Mails, Prohibited Articles, section 350 - Lotteries:

"Persuant to the above authority the Postmaster General has made the following regulations, viz: -

1. letters, circulars or other articles concerning illegal lotteries, so-called gift concerts or other illegal enterprises of like character offering prizes shall not be deemed mailable matter;
2. mailable matter suspected to concern illegal lotteries, so-called gift concerts or other illegal enterprises of like character offering prizes shall be intercepted and sent specially by first class mail to the Administration Branch (for Undeliverable Mail Office), Ottawa, where upon being satisfied that there are grounds for such suspicion they shall mark on the covering of such mailable matter "non-transmissible" and return to the sender, otherwise they shall cause it to be forwarded to the addressee."

This was before the Montreal Olympics, and the expediency of the "voluntary tax". How times have changed!

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.

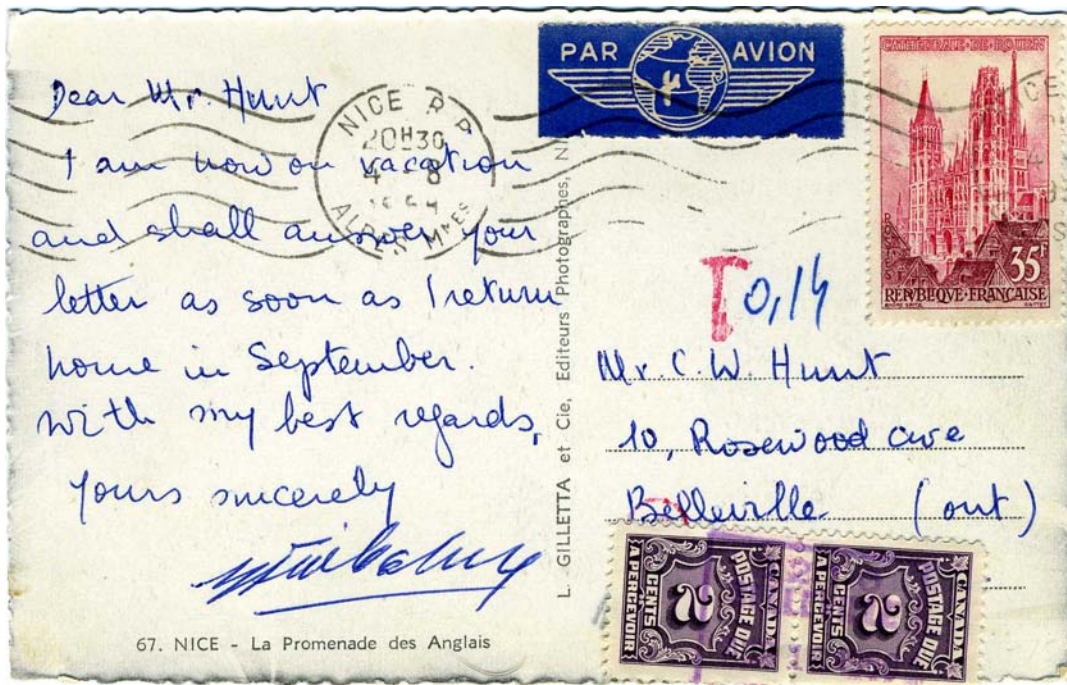
Full payment must accompany ad. Payment in Canadian funds to: Elizabethan II Study Group. Mail to Editor: Robin Harris, PO Box 104, Seddons Corner, MB R0E 1X0, Canada.

Postage Due to Canada Prior to 1966

by: John Aitken

In the QE period prior to Jan.1, 1966, if a piece of foreign mail to Canada was short paid, it was handled in one of two ways. Mail from the USA had an amount due in US cents, and this was simply collected at par. Short paid mail from the rest of the world had a 'T' with an amount beside it in gold francs and centimes, which the Exchange post office in Canada converted to Canadian cents at the rate of 3 centimes = 1 Canadian cent. That was the theory.

Shown is an airmail postcard from Nice France to Belleville, Ontario, mailed August 4, 1956. It is a comedy of errors.



The sender paid 35F, made up of 12F for the special "Frontier" rate to Canada for cards (enjoyed since 1937) + 23F for airmail to North America. However, the French Post Office treated it like a card to the USA, which required the 18F UPU rate + 23F for airmail. The supposed deficiency of 6F was doubled to 12F, then converted to gold centimes. 12F = 17 gold centimes or 0.17.

At the Canadian exchange office the 0.17 was read as 0.12, converted to 4 cents due, and marked for collection.

As noted under the due stamps, there was no one home when delivery and collection were attempted, so a form 26 notice card was left instead. To obtain his correctly franked card Mr. Hunt was forced to make a trip to the Post Office and pay the postage due, getting the stamps postmarked in the process.

New Envelope Printing Date

Robert Lemire has passed along a new printing date on the size 10 Gardens/Orchids envelopes that were seen earlier this year: 04.04.09. The original release were dated 01.19.09.

The printing dates are found on the back of the envelopes and make for an interesting speciality sideline.



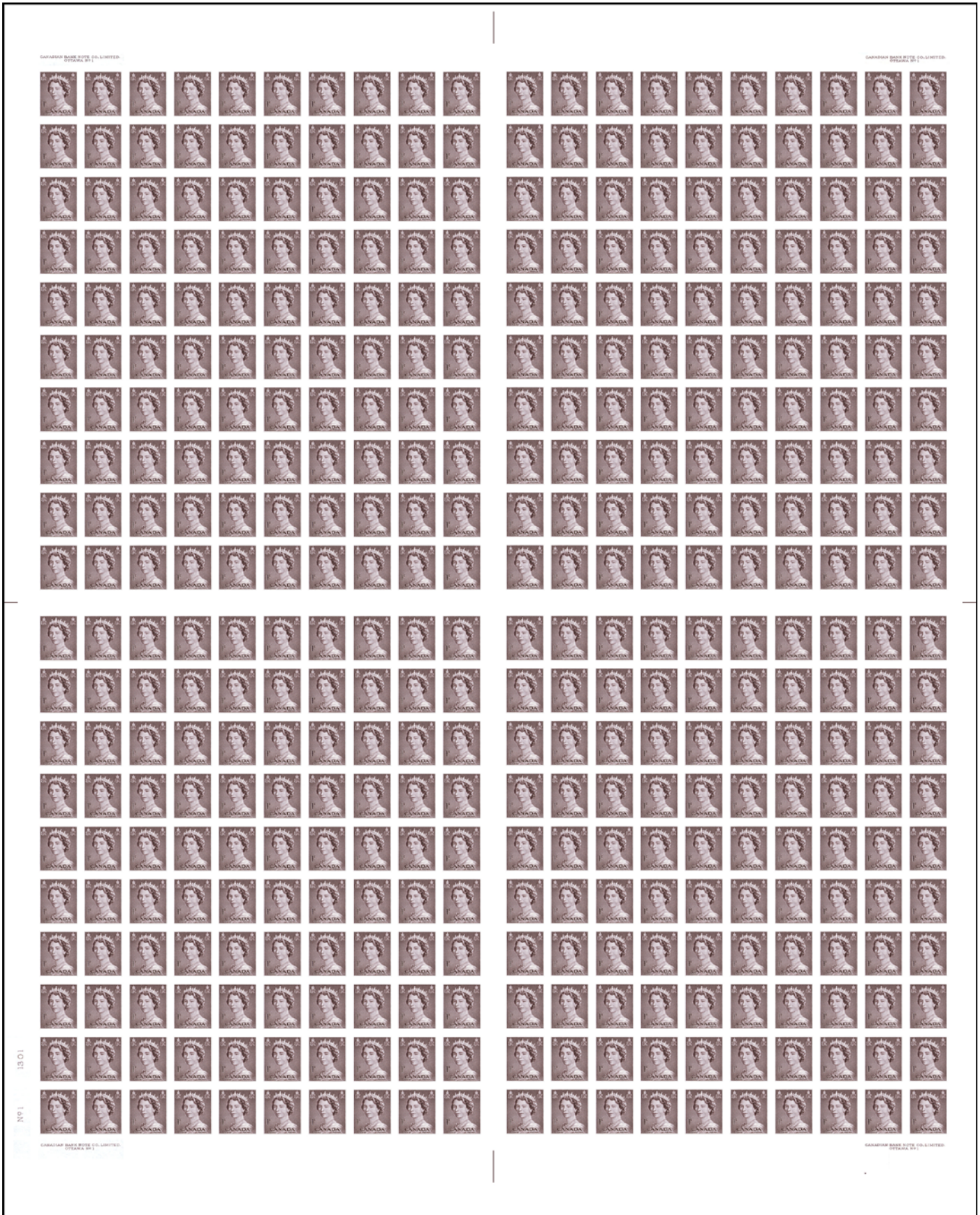
Gardens (4 designs)



Orchids (4 designs)

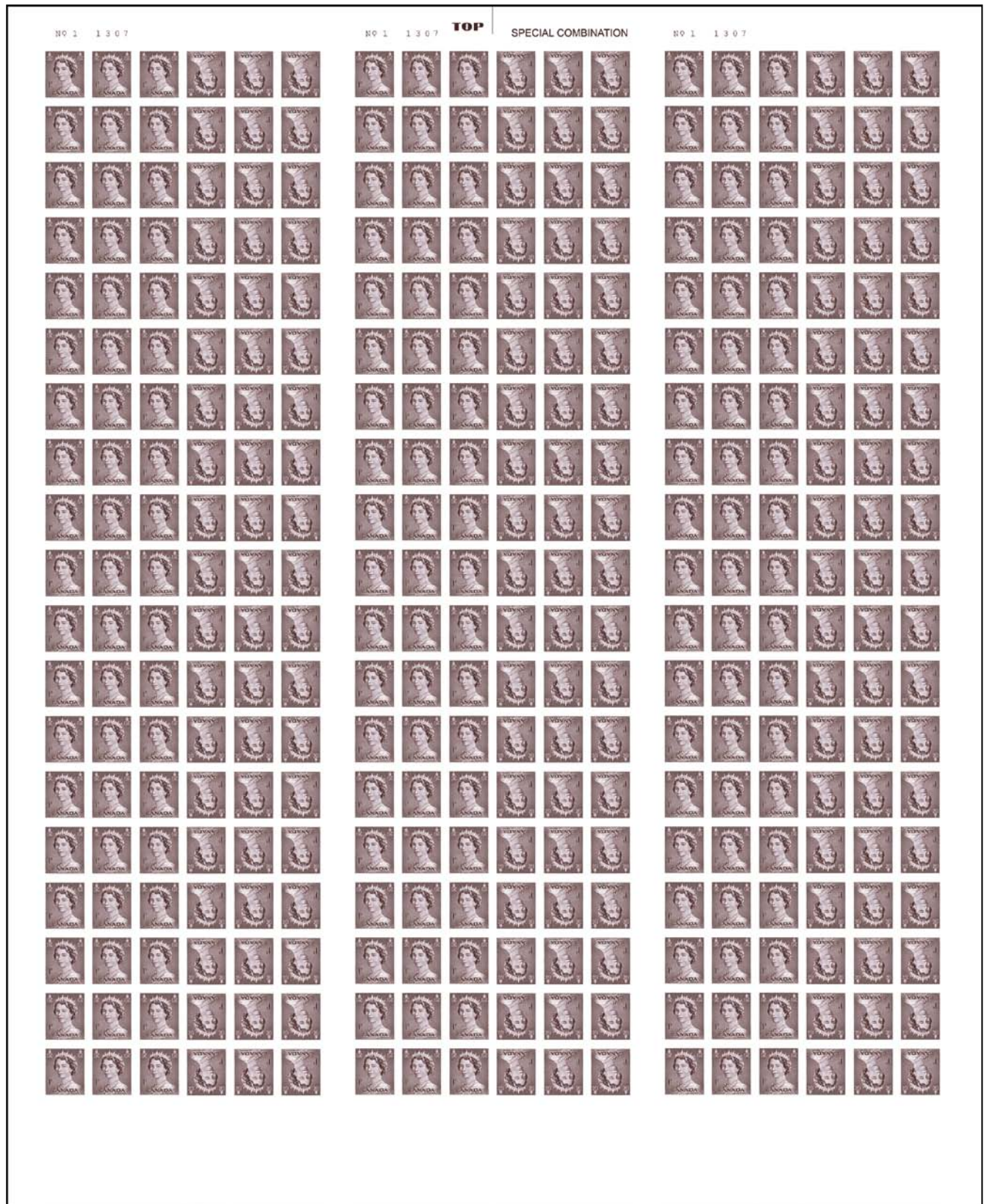
1¢ Karsh (Sc. 325) Press Sheet

Press sheet (digitally created) as observed June 10, 2009 at Library and Archives Canada



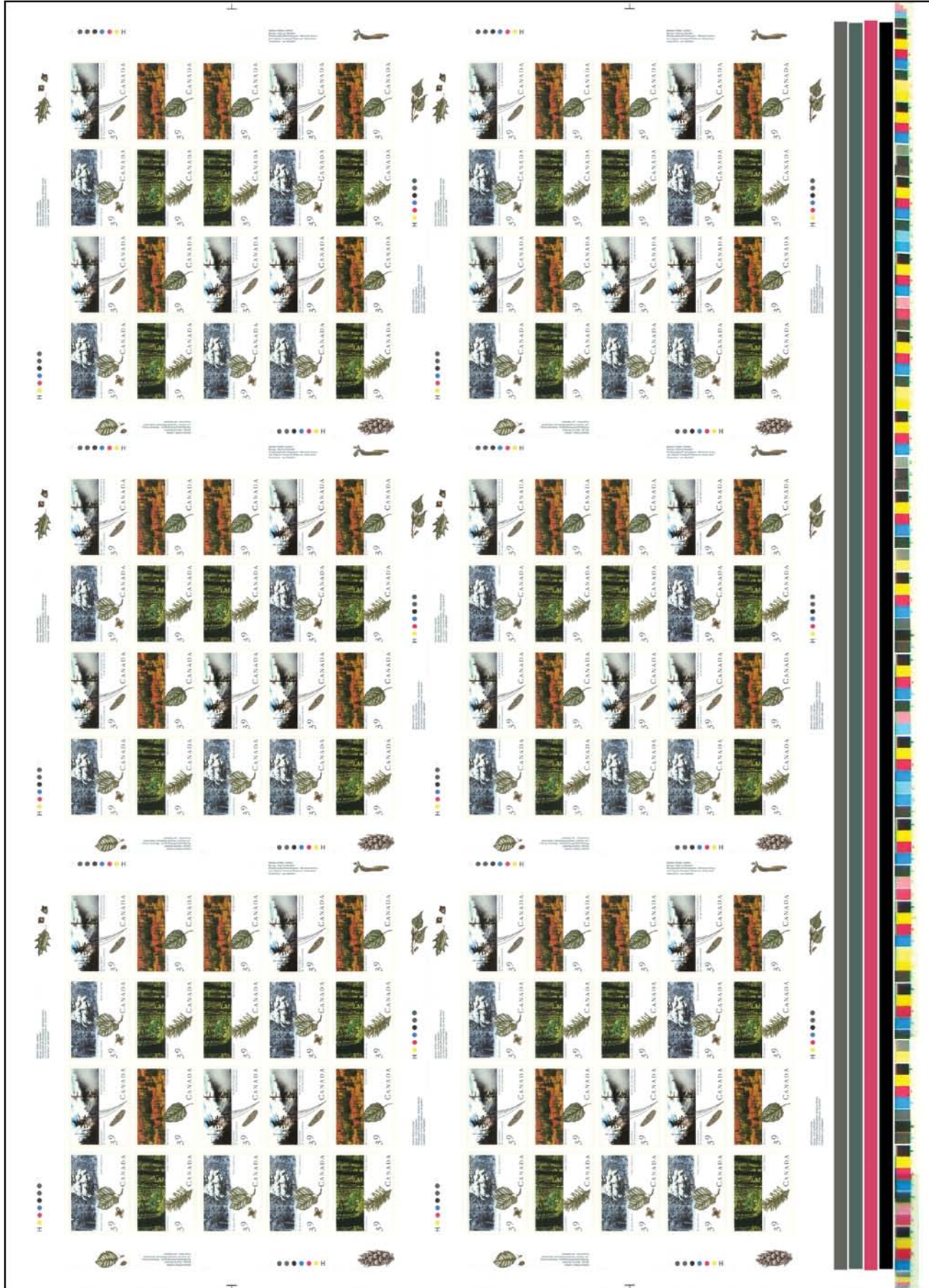
1¢ Karsh Booklet pane of 3 (Sc. 325a) Press Sheet

Press sheet (digitally created) as observed June 10, 2009 at Library and Archives Canada
19 Rows x 6 Columns of panes, with alternating panes being tête-bêche

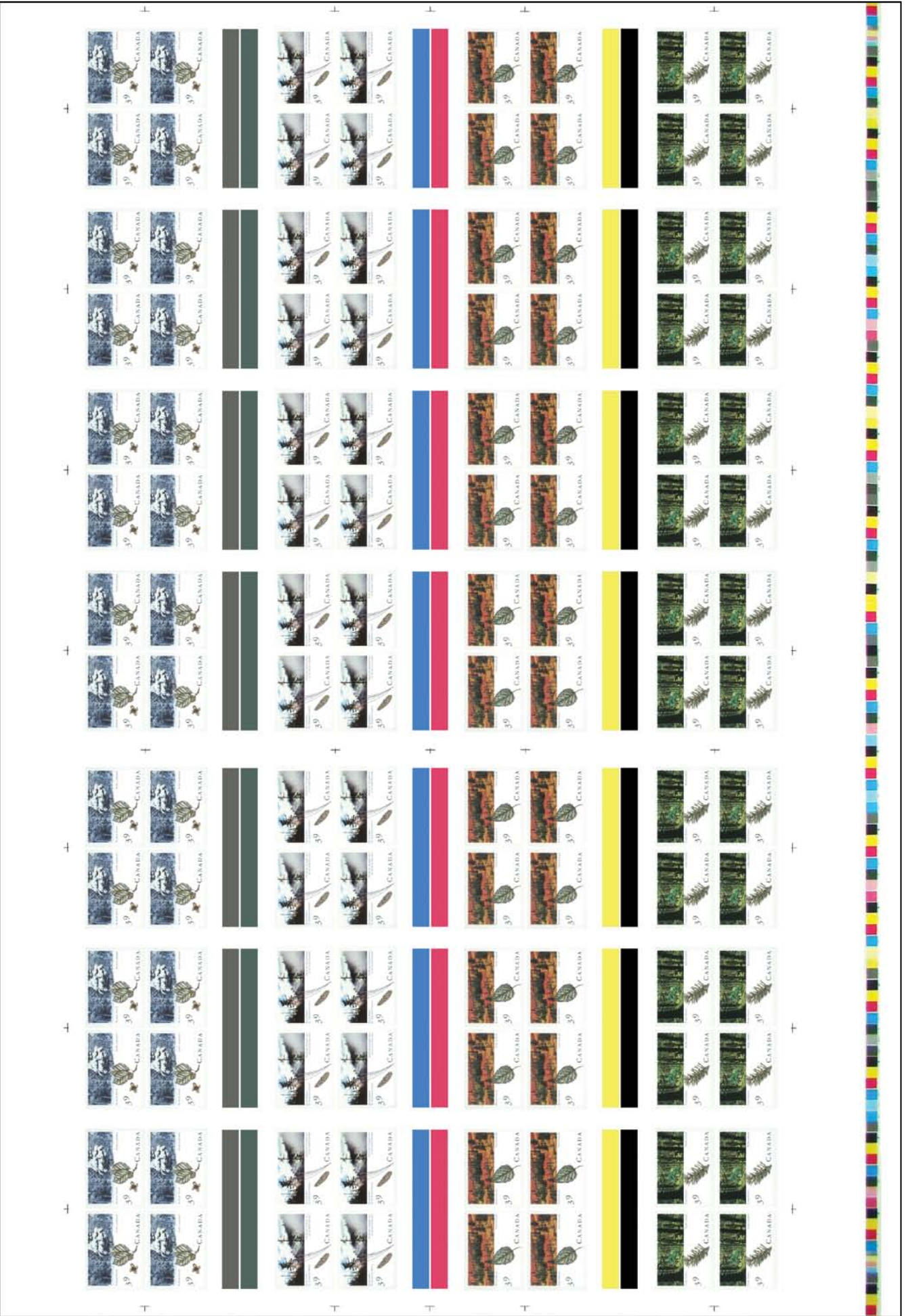


Majestic Forests of Canada (Sc. 1283-86) Press Sheets

Press sheets (digitally created) as observed June 10, 2009 at Library and Archives Canada



Souvenir miniature panes used for a special promotion by Petro-Canada



Plating Quarterly Pack Booklet Singles

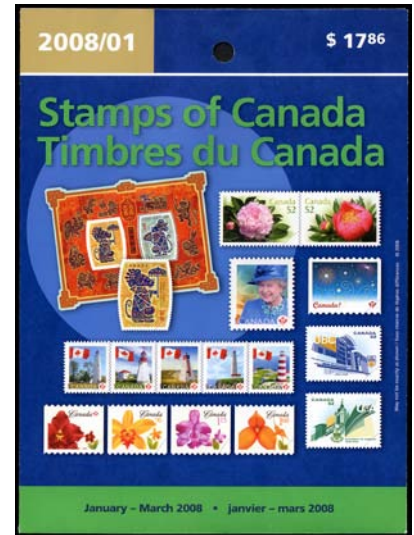
by: Robin Harris

Canada Post's quarterly packs, at least for the last several years, have included regularly included unique die cutting varieties of self-adhesive stamps. This is where you can obtain the self-adhesive stamp die cut entirely through the cover/backing paper.

What if you tried to take these die cutting varieties to the "next level"? The "next level" is attempting to find all of the unique positional pieces of self-adhesive booklet 'covers'/backing paper.

Let us take a closer look at the 2008/01 quarterly pack. In addition to four Flower coils, it contains the following self-adhesive issues:

The table below includes three different counts: the number of possible different positional pieces that should be available/collected for that issue; (the other two columns will be discussed below). Is it possible to purchase *multiple* quarterly packs from the *same* post office outlet and get a *random* selection of stamps in the hope of plating *each* positional piece? Or does one need to purchase packs from *different* post offices in *different* geographic locations?



2008/01 Quarterly Pack

		Possible?	Found in 35	Personal (from 11)	Missing
2248i / BK363	Permanent Queen	10	2	5	5
2253i / BK364	Permanent Flag over Lighthouse se-tenant strip of five	2	1	1	1
2259i / BK368	Permanent Celebrations	6	2	5	1
2262ai / BK369	52¢ Peonies se-tenant pair	5	5	5	0
2263i / BK370	52¢ University of Alberta	8	7	5	0
2264i / BK371	52¢ University of British Columbia	8	7	5	0

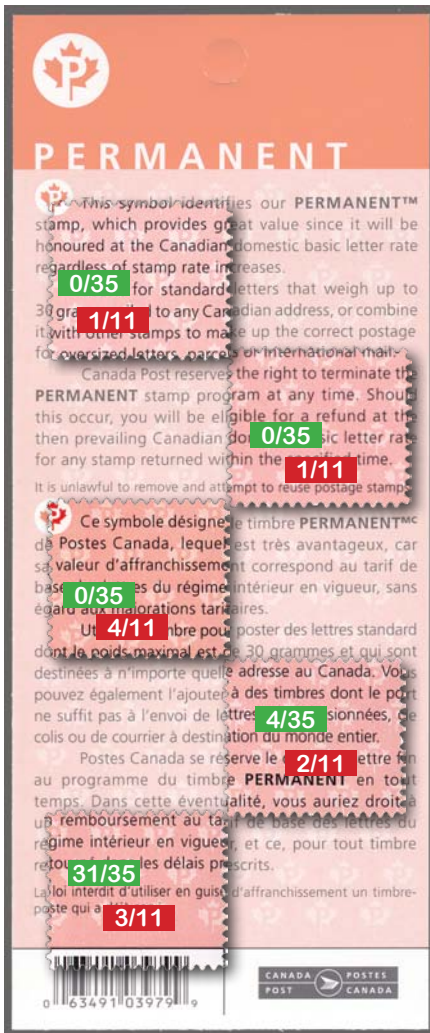
I recently had the opportunity to study thirty-five (35) complete packs of the 2008/01 quarterly pack that were all purchased from the same post office outlet in Winnipeg, MB. Let us see how successful I was in obtaining all positional pieces for each of these six issues.

The second column in the table above notes the number of different positional pieces found in the 35 quarterly packs purchased at ONE location. The results vary considerably from one issue to another. In the illustrations that follow, numbers in green summarize the positional counts obtained from these 35 quarterly packs

The last column in the table above shows the number of different positional pieces that I have been able to gather from a total of 11 quarterly packs purchased from several (number not known) different post offices at different times. In the illustrations that follow, numbers in red summarize the positional counts obtained from these 11 quarterly packs.

Observations

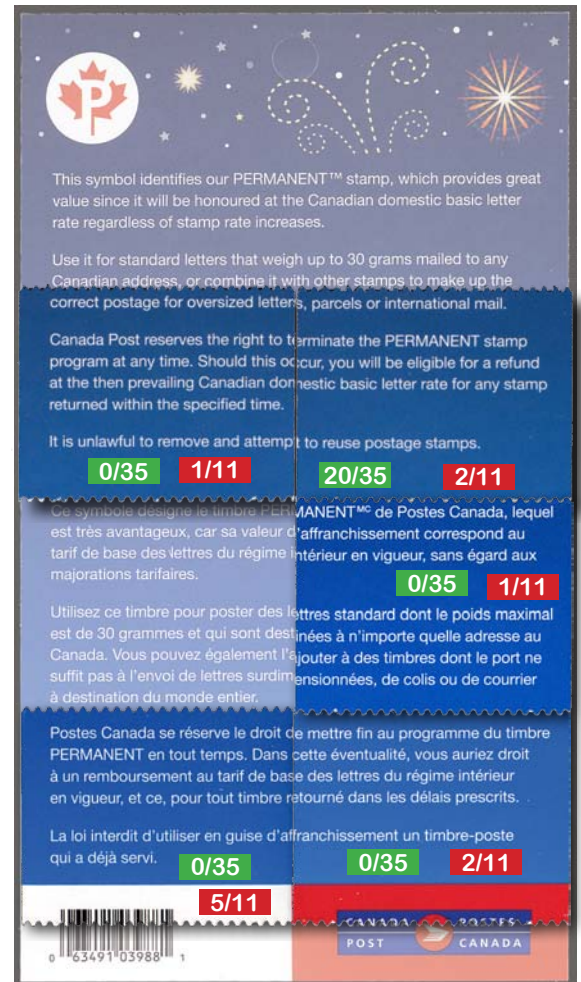
- * Even though we looked through 46 different quarterly packs, it was still not possible to complete all of the different positions from all six booklets. That is a bit of a surprise. One would have thought the odds would have been in our favour to complete the task.
- * It would appear that it is better to purchase less packs from an individual post office and *spread out* your purchases from multiple post offices rather than putting "all your eggs in one basket". Our purchase of 35 packs from the *same* outlet essentially gave us less completeness. Again, I would have hoped that "quantity" should have given us better results.
- * Spending some \$863.64 (46 packs x \$17.86 + GST) still did not give us completeness! Wow. As ESG member Andrew Chung would say, "thanks for contributing to my pension plan." You're welcome.



BK363
Permanent QE II



BK364
Permanent Flag



BK368
Permanent Celebrations

Surprise!

Perhaps the biggest surprise in this exercise is that regarding the Flag over Lighthouses booklet (BK364). The number of positions for completeness with this booklet was anticipated to be just two. Yet, out of 46 quarterly packs, all 46 strips of 5 se-tenant stamps were from the exact same position. This leads to at least four possibilities:

- * only one strip (of two) was cut from the booklet and the other half discarded
- * both strips were cut from the booklet but only one was used in the quarterly packs and the other one discarded
- * both strips were cut from the booklet and I am so unlucky that I have yet to find a post office that has a quarterly pack containing the 'other' strip
- * only one strip (of two) was purposely removed (similar to the 5 alternating stamps from the QE II booklet) because it is not possible for the cutting equipment to remove so much "material" from the booklet

I'm betting on the last possibility; the "missing" strip from the Flag booklet and missing stamps from the QE II booklet simply do not exist in quarterly packs.

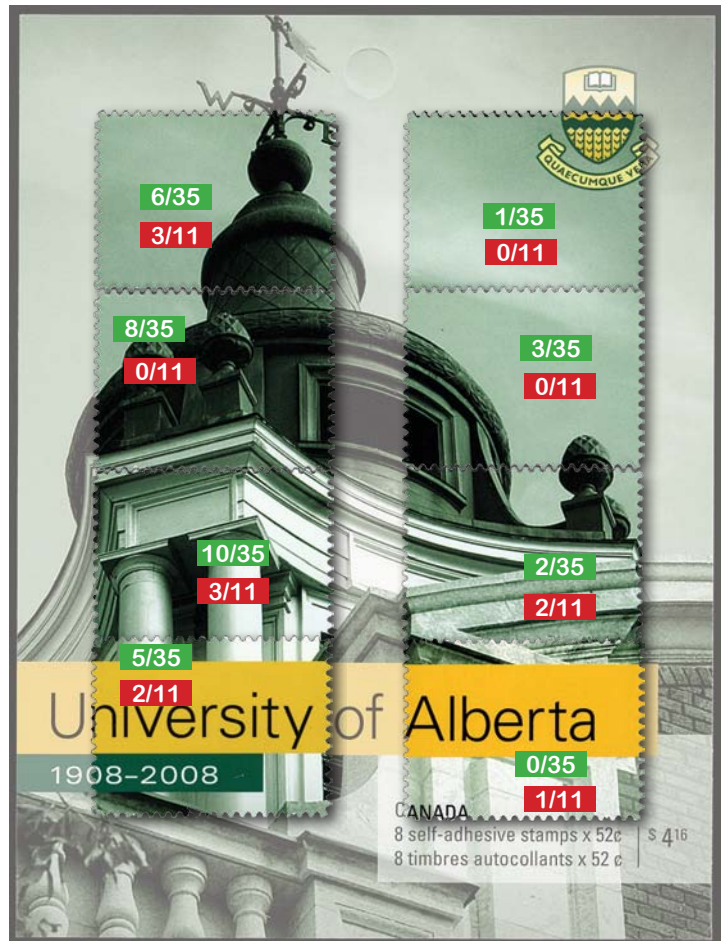
The *one* 2008 Annual Collection that I have happens to have the same strip as found in the quarterly packs.

Help

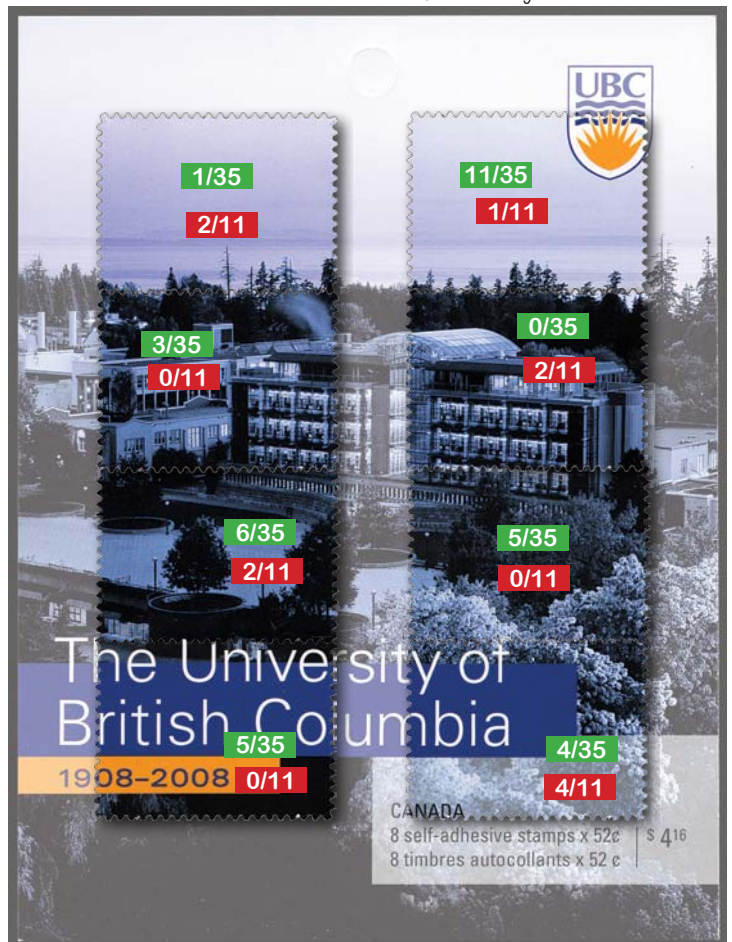
If you have any positional pieces that are from spots "missing" in these illustrations I would be most interested in seeing them.



BK369
52¢ Peonies



BK370 (above)
52¢ University of Alberta



BK371 (below)
52¢ University of British Columbia

Canada's Elizabethan Era Stamp Count

by: Robin Harris

Many novice stamp collectors likely start collecting modern issues, generally because they are seen on incoming mail and are less expensive than the "classic" (i.e. older) stamps. By "modern", I am referring to the Elizabethan-era. The vast majority of these stamps can still be purchased at close to face value.



When Queen Elizabeth took the throne in 1952 approximately 315 stamps had been issued 'til then by Canada. As seen in the accompanying chart, 2,777 stamps (and varieties¹) have been issued since then (to the end of 2008). Even if you ignore the souvenir sheets, back-of-the-book stamps and varieties, you are still looking at over 2,300 stamps to hunt down. Wow!

With this number of modern issues in Canada alone, perhaps you will want to collect by topic such as sports, space, olympics or maybe just those stamps that have some relevance to your home province.

There are many areas within the Elizabethan era where one can concentrate his/her studies: booklets, errors, cancellations, perfins, stationery, joint issues with other countries, collateral material, first day covers, living people on stamps, souvenir articles, coin and stamp combinations ... and the list can go on and on!

By the way, don't forget postal history! History, you say? Yes, history. With postal rates changing almost annually, collectors of rate material have quite a challenge trying to find all of the various usages. Once the postal rates go up, they are history. Anyone putting together an exhibit of modern day material has a tough time finding the necessary covers needed to illustrate all of the different rates and usages.

Despite what one may think, there has been a lot of literature published that is devoted to the Elizabethan era. The *Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps* is now the number one source of information on these stamps. Many other "specialized" reference works are available on various aspects of modern day Canadian stamps.

Year	Commemorative				Definitive		Back of Book		Total
	Singles	SS	Varieties	Semi	Singles	Varieties	Official	P.Due	
1952	3				2		3		8
1953	4				10		7		21
1954	4				10				14
1955	7				1		3		11
1956	4				2		1		7
1957	10						1	1	12
1958	8								8
1959	6								6
1960	2								2
1961	5								5
1962	5				2	5			12
1963	3				9	5			17
1964	9		3		3	1			16
1965	13		2					1	16
1966	15		1						16
1967	10		3		15	5		7	40
1968	12		2		1	5			20
1969	15		2		1	4		6	27
1970	28		18		2	2			50
1971	19		5		4	12			40
1972	17		15		6	14			52
1973	22				8	1		4	34
1974	32			3	2	2		5	43
1975	30			6					36
1976	29			3	2	9			43
1977	21				12	4		8	42
1978	29	1	1		9	3		1	43
1979	36				15	1			52
1980	31								31
1981	30		1		1	1			33
1982	32	1			14	1			48
1983	35				10	4			49
1984	37	1			1	6			45
1985	37	1			10	10			58
1986	39	1	1		1	11			53
1987	37	1	2		12	7			59
1988	35				15	4			54
1989	35		3		9	11			58
1990	40		4		18	17			79
1991	47	1	3		7	6			64
1992	57	2	1		14	6			80
1993	56	1			1				58
1994	54	2			5	24			85
1995	63	4			7	16			90
1996	79	1	1	1	1	2			85
1997	44	3			1	2			50
1998	79	7	3		11	2			102
1999	88	7	8		8				111
2000	115	1	1		6	3			126
2001	69	3							72
2002	64	3			5	6			78
2003	71	2			9	1			83
2004	71	3	1		13	4			88
2005	68	8	2		16	6			94
2006	59	7	2		17	7			85
2007	48	7	1		23	1			80
2008	53	6	1	1		1			62
1971	74	87	14		351	232	15	33	2777

1 Variety counts do not include any errors and are limited to: tagging, perforation, paper manufacturer and printer changes.

It seems like Yesterday – 50 Years ago

Here is a look back at 50 years ago in Canadian philately...

1959 was another quiet and inexpensive year, compared with the previous year. The six commemoratives that were issued had a total face value of just 30¢. 1958 saw eight commemoratives with a face value of 40¢. The most 'famous' issue of 1959 had to be the St. Lawrence Seaway with its joint issue with the United States and the infamous "seaway invert" error that caused quite a stir in the press.

The 1959 Commemoratives



First Flight in Canada
Feb 23/59



NATO
Apr 2/59



Country Women
May 13/59



Royal Visit
Jun 18/59



St. Lawrence Seaway
Jun 26/59



Plains of Abraham
Sep 10/59



"Seaway Invert"



USA Joint Issue

St. Lawrence Seaway

On the 50th anniversary of the joint issue of the St. Lawrence Seaway, a new book (*The 1959 St. Lawrence Seaway Joint Issue and Its Invert*), written by ESG member Charles J. G. Verge, and published by the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation, should be available for purchase by BNAPEX 2009 in September.

This 210-page book (yes, on just one stamp!) is simply phenomenal. I understand the full-colour book will retail for a very low \$39.95. The Table of Contents should give you an idea of just how much you will want to own a copy...

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