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**Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee**

2012 marks the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. King George VI, Princess Elizabeth's father, died on February 6, 1952. The Queen's coronation was held on June 2, 1953.

In the January–March 2012 *Details* magazine, Canada Post notes "In all, during the first six months of 2012, Canada Post will release a total of two stamp issues and five collectible mini-panes." [Ed. not sure where the 'two stamp issues' calculation comes from when there are actually seven, or more, different stamps and six keepsakes?]



These releases include:

- Jan 16: Diamond Jubilee self-adhesive in booklets of 10
- Jan 16: 1952–1962 mini-pane of 4 (Vol 1)
- Feb 6: 1963–1972 mini-pane of 4 (Vol 2)
- Mar 6: 1973–1982 mini-pane of 4 (Vol 3)
- Apr 6: 1983–1992 mini-pane of 4 (Vol 4)
- May 7: 1993–2002 mini-pane of 4 (Vol 5)
- May 7: \$2 engraved in pane of 8 and souvenir sheet of 1
- Jun 1: 2003–2012 mini-pane of 4 (Vol 6)



\$2 pre-issue image

The mini-panes of 4 show a stamp-on-stamp design, featuring a QEII stamp from that particular decade. These panes will be available individually or in keepsake folders. The folders also include a postcard depicting all of the QEII stamps issued in each 10-year period.

Depicted at right is the first stamp-on-stamp design (shown actual size from original issue). Illustrated below are the next four images (reduced) as seen on the *Ottawa Citizen* website.



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## Who are We?

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# Canada Post News

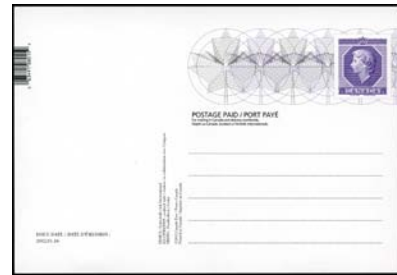
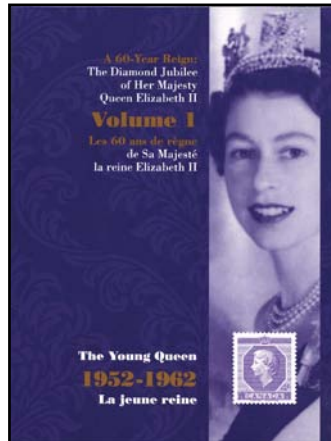
Here is what Canada Post is up to these days...

## ► Jubilee Keepsake Volume 1

As noted on the first page of this issue of *Corgi Times*, Canada Post is opening the “flood gates” for the Queen’s Jubilee. Six “keepsake folders” are being released. Each keepsake includes a mini-pane of four, a unique postcard only available in the keepsake, and an informational booklet.



The first keepsake features a stamp from the first decade of the Queen’s reign, the 4¢ QEII Coronation issue of June 1, 1953. The postcard also features this design and illustrates all of the Queen stamps issued during her first decade on the throne.



## Corgi Times

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## Study Group Business

❖ New members

Peter Skwarczynski (ON)

## Planning Calendar

This is a listing of major exhibitions and bourses with a large content of both Canadian Exhibits and Canadian dealers.

The goal is to list events far in advance to encourage either exhibiting or attendance and preferably both.

### 2012

**ORAPEX 2012:** May 5-6 RA Centre Ottawa.

Theme of the show is 'The Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II'. John M. Hiller award for best traditional Canadian Elizabethan exhibit. Info from Robert Pinet at pinet.robert@gmail.com.

**ROYAL 2012:** Jun 1-3, 2011 in Edmonton, AB

**BNAPEX 2012:** Aug 31-Sep 2, 2012 in Calgary, AB

## From the Editor's Desk

by: Robin Harris

The Elizabethan II Study Group was organized by John Arn back in July 1992 to provide a forum for sharing philatelic knowledge on all aspects of Canadian philately as it related to the Elizabethan Era.

2012 marks Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee – sixty years as the Head of State of the United Kingdom and all the Commonwealth nations, including Canada. It was February 6, 1952 when her father, King George VI, died, and Princess Elizabeth became Queen.

In 1897, Canada's post office issued a controversial set of stamps to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The set of 16 stamps, ranging in face value from ½¢ to \$5 was considered unnecessary at the time. Today, this set is prized among Canadian stamp collectors.

As noted on the first page of this issue of *Corgi Times*, Canada Post is releasing several stamps and related products this year to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee, including a "Victoria-like" \$2 Jubilee stamp on May 7.

This year's program seems to strike a nice balance; a new Queen design; one stamp-on-stamp per decade commemoration, and a hint of the past. The keepsake folders provide uniqueness (post cards), collector mini-sheets and informative booklets.

It will be interesting to see the details for the second quarter issues. With Canada Post's interest in uncut press sheets, will there be a surprise one coming up?

## 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 \$16.00	C \$15.00
USA	US \$22.00	US \$15.00
Int'l (surface)	US \$22.00	US \$17.50
	(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 2012 Stamp Program (partial)

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 10	Year of the Dragon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (61¢) pane of 25</li> <li>• \$1.80 souvenir sheet</li> <li>• \$1.75 (Rabbit) and \$1.80 (Dragon) “transitional” souvenir sheet</li> <li>• \$29.95 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets</li> <li>• \$1.89 postal cards (one of each design)</li> </ul>	
Jan 16	Permanent™ (61¢) Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee self-adhesive booklet of 10	
Jan 16	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee (Volume 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (61¢) souvenir sheet of 4</li> <li>• \$5.95 keepsake folder (souvenir sheet, postal card, booklet)</li> </ul>	
Jan 16	Baby Wildlife rate-change definitives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (61¢) Raccoons, self-adhesive roll of 100</li> <li>• \$1.05 Caribou, self-adhesive roll of 50</li> <li>• \$1.29 Loons, self-adhesive roll of 50</li> <li>• \$1.80 Moose, self-adhesive roll of 50</li> <li>• \$1.05 Caribou, self-adhesive booklet of 6</li> <li>• \$1.29 Loons, self-adhesive booklet of 6</li> <li>• \$1.80 Moose, self-adhesive booklet of 6</li> <li>• Permanent™ (61¢) Raccoons, self-adhesive roll of 5,000</li> <li>• \$4.75 gummed souvenir sheet of 4</li> <li>• \$1.89 postal cards (one of each design)</li> </ul>	
Jan 16	Canadian Pride rate-change definitives (five designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (61¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> <li>• Permanent™ (61¢), self-adhesive booklet of 30</li> <li>• \$3.05 gummed souvenir sheet of 4</li> </ul>	
Feb 1	Black Heritage Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (61¢) John Ware self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> <li>• Permanent™ (61¢) Viola Desmond self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> <li>• gutter booklet</li> <li>• \$1.89 postal cards (one of each design)</li> </ul>	
Feb 6	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee (Volume 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (61¢) souvenir sheet of 4</li> <li>• \$5.95 keepsake folder (souvenir sheet, postal card, booklet)</li> </ul>	
Feb 23	Art Canada: Joe Fafard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (61¢) pane of 16</li> <li>• \$1.05 self-adhesive booklet of 6</li> <li>• \$1.80 self-adhesive booklet of 6</li> <li>• \$3.46 gummed souvenir sheet of 3</li> <li>• \$33.36 uncut press sheet (2 panes of 61¢ and 4 panes of souvenir sheet)</li> </ul>	
Mar 1	Daylillies (two designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (61¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> <li>• Permanent™ (61¢), self-adhesive roll of 50</li> <li>• \$1.22 gummed souvenir sheet of 2</li> <li>• \$1.89 postal cards (one of each design)</li> </ul>	
Mar 6	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee (Volume 3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (61¢) souvenir sheet of 4</li> <li>• \$5.95 keepsake folder (souvenir sheet, postal card, booklet)</li> </ul>	
Apr 5	Titanic (4 x Permanent™ (61¢) + \$1.80 souvenir sheet)	
Apr 6	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee (Volume 4)	
May 3	Permanent™ (61¢) Selkirk Settlement	
May 7	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee (Volume 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2 pane of 8 and souvenir sheet of 1</li> </ul>	
May 16	Children’s Literature: Franklin the Turtle (4 x Permanent™ (61¢))	
May 17	Calgary Stampede (2 x Permanent™ (61¢))	
May 22	Canadians that made a difference (4 x Permanent™ (61¢)): Rick Hansen, Michael J. Fox, Louise Arbour, Sheila Watt-Cloutier	
Jun 1	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee (Volume 6)	
Jun 22	War of 1812: Heroes of the War (2 x Permanent™ (61¢))	
Jun 27	Permanent™ (61¢) London 2012 Summer Olympic Games	
Jun 29	Permanent™ (61¢) Tommy Douglas and the Birth of Medicare	
Jul 23	Signs of the Zodiac (4 x Permanent™ (61¢)): Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio	

# Corgi Times Mailing

Postal rates in Canada increased January 16, 2012. The standard 0–30g domestic rate increased from 59¢ to 61¢.

Time for our annual look at how this affects the mailing costs for the *Corgi Times*. A typical issue of the *Corgi Times* weighs just a smidgen under 50g. A couple of issues per year

require another sheet or two of paper which pushes the weight over the 50g into the 100g rate. In these charts, the \$/year is based on 4 issues mailed at the 50g rate and 2 issues at the 100g rate. In nine years we have seen an overall increase of nearly 39% in total postage rates for a year (but have not increased our dues, that I can remember).

		2009		2010		2011		2012	
		54¢ era		57¢ era		59¢ era		61¢ era	
	Qty	50g	100g	50g	100g	50g	100g	50g	100g
Canada	99	98¢	\$1.18	\$1.00	\$1.22	\$1.03	\$1.25	\$1.05	\$1.29
USA	25	\$1.18	\$1.96	\$1.22	\$2.00	\$1.25	\$2.06	\$1.29	\$2.10
Int'l	7	\$2.36	\$3.90	\$2.44	\$4.00	\$2.50	\$4.10	\$2.58	\$4.20
\$/issue		\$143.04	\$193.12	\$146.58	\$198.78	\$150.72	\$203.95	\$154.26	\$209.61
\$/year		\$958.40		\$983.88		\$1,010.78		\$1,036.26	

Based on this, the charts to the right and below compare our approximate postage rates for the last several years (not including GST). The 'Qty' is approximately the number of copies of the *Corgi Times* that we mail out for a *current* issue (it fluctuates slightly but this will give a relative comparison from year to year). The calculated prices, for comparison purposes only, assume that the Qty (99/25/7) was the same for every issue (this particular issue has 97/22/5 copies mailed).

		2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008	
		48¢ era		49¢ era		50¢ era		51¢ era		52¢ era		52¢ era	
	Qty	50g	100g	50g	100g	50g	100g	50g	100g	50g	100g	50g	100g
Canada	99	77¢	96¢	80¢	98¢	85¢	\$1.00	89¢	\$1.05	93¢	\$1.10	96¢	\$1.15
USA	25	90¢	\$1.40	98¢	\$1.60	\$1.00	\$1.70	\$1.05	\$1.78	\$1.10	\$1.86	\$1.15	\$1.92
Int'l	7	\$1.75	\$3.00	\$1.96	\$3.20	\$2.00	\$3.40	\$2.10	\$3.49	\$2.20	\$3.60	\$2.30	\$3.75
\$/issue		\$110.98	\$151.04	\$117.42	\$159.42	\$123.15	\$165.30	\$129.06	\$172.88	\$134.97	\$180.60	\$139.89	\$188.10
\$/year		\$746.00		\$788.52		\$823.20		\$862.00		\$901.08		\$935.76	

## 2012 Rate-change Definitive Security Features?

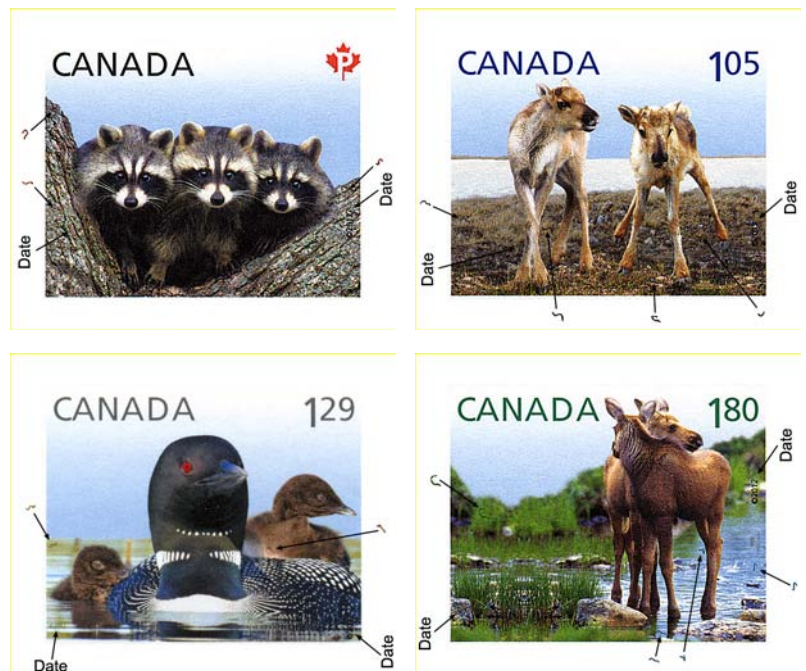
by: Robin Harris

The second set of four Baby Wildlife definitives, issued January 16, 2012 for the annual rate increase appear to have hidden "security features" placed throughout the design.

Like the first set of Baby Wildlife definitives from last year, this year's set also has a *second* hidden date.

Last year's stamps had footprints included as part of the tagging; this year's stamps do not.

However, this year's stamps have what appear to be hidden "squigles" or "worms" placed throughout the design. The illustrations to the right note the locations.



## Error of stamp design?

The five new Canadian Pride Permanent™-rate definitives issued January 16, 2012 for the domestic rate increase from 59¢ to 61¢ appeared in self-adhesive booklets of 10 and 30. A water-activated gum souvenir sheet containing each of the five designs was also issued.

Can you find the error of design in this souvenir sheet? Or is it simply an artist's "artistic license"?



What is the "error of design" on this souvenir sheet?

From Canada Post's Jan-Feb 2012 Details magazine: "The background of the souvenir sheet showcases a solitary Canadian Coast Guard ship—the CCGS Louis S. St-Laurent, built in 1969, and named after Canada's 12th Prime Minister—surrounded by ice. This vessel is the largest icebreaker and flagship of the Canadian Coast Guard."

Notice that the ship on the souvenir sheet is the same ship — in fact, the same image — as that shown on one of the five Canadian Pride stamps. But, there is a difference. The helicopter is missing from the souvenir sheet image, most likely because of the placement of the last perforated stamp. That really isn't the problem though. What is different is the placement of the Canadian flag! Even though the exact same photograph is shown on both the stamp and background of the souvenir sheet, the Canadian flag is inexcusably moved. A search of the internet for images of the CCGS Louis S. St-Laurent, (a similar, but not 'perfect' image showing the ship at sea with the Canadian flag was found) suggests that the placement of the flag on the stamp is the correct location for the flag. Was the flag moved on the background image by the artist because of the placement of the perforated stamps? Most likely. I suspect that the flag's position on the background of the souvenir sheet is not even on a proper flag "pole". Actually, the flag on the stamp design (as well as the flag on the cover of the booklet of 30 [which is a different ship]) appears to be on a wire. Any sailors or nautical personnel out there? Are flags on ships flown from a pole or a wire?

Error of design:

## BA Banknote, Ottawa

Thanks to ESG member Leopold Beaudet

The December 2, 2011 issue of *The Ottawa Citizen* reported that BA International Inc. in downtown Ottawa would likely be laying off 190 workers in 2012 due to dwindling demand for paper money.

The company was formerly known as BA Banknote which printed many Canadian stamps, ending with the \$5 Bonsecours Market high-value definitive in 1990 (Scott 1183).

The Bank of Canada introduced a new \$100 Canadian bill in 2011 made from polymer. Polymer notes are designed to last up to three times longer than traditional paper notes.

New polymer \$50 and \$20 bills will be released in 2012, with new \$10 and \$5 polymer bills starting in 2013.

BA International was founded in Ottawa in 1866. The company was purchased in 1999 by Giesecke & Devrient GmbH Group of Companies.



## Airline Courtesy Markings

by: John Aitken

In the volume about the airmails of Canada and Newfoundland put out by the Canadian and American Airmail Societies, there is a short section on courtesy markings (pp 424-426). It begins "Small airlines flying into remote areas of Canada occasionally carried out mail and deposited it in the closest post office. Such carriage by air was unofficial and was done simply as a courtesy to those individuals having no access to normal postal services.

"These airlines would often apply their own company markings on such mail, either on the front or backs of envelopes, as a means of gaining further publicity and to identify such mail as carried outside the mailstream. Relatively few courtesy air mail covers have been recorded ..."

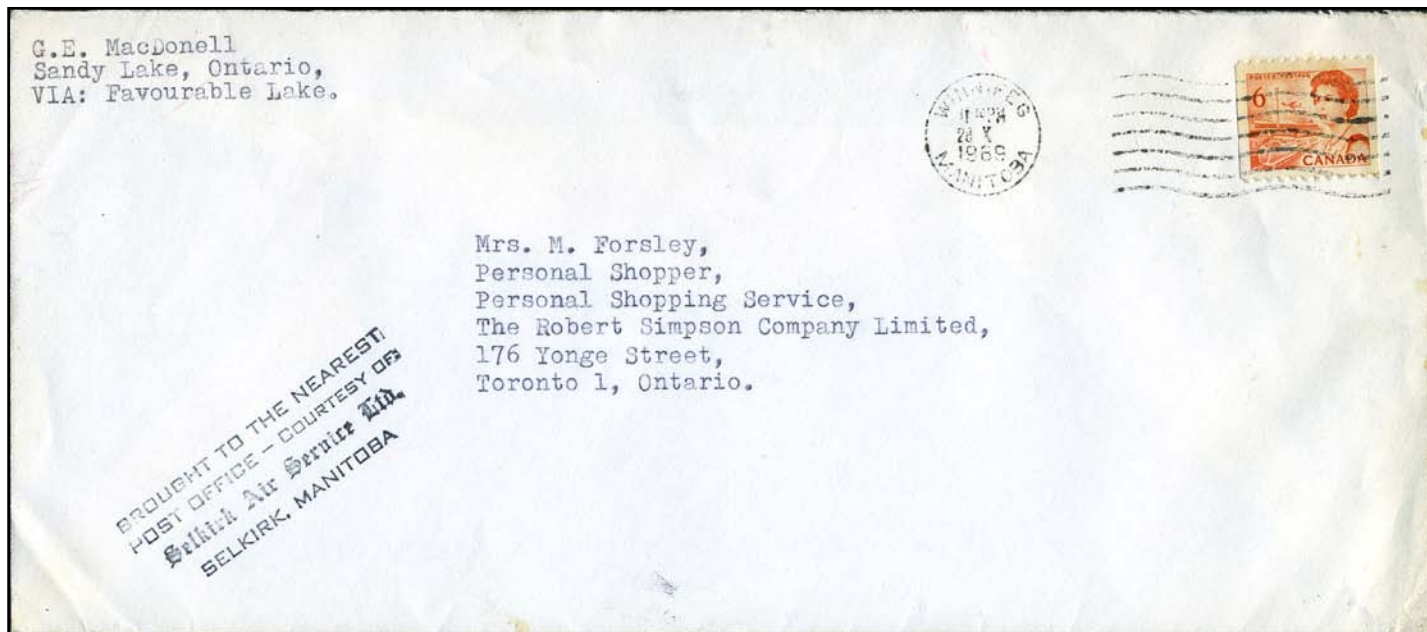
The catalogue lists 20 different endorsements. Five of them occurred in the QE period. Selkirk Air Services Ltd. is not one of the companies mentioned in the catalogue.

Shown are two covers with courtesy markings. The first cover has a pair of 4 cent Centennials. It is postmarked Selkirk, Manitoba 4 III 1968. It is addressed to Toronto, and the return address is Princess Harbour, Manitoba, which is located on the eastern shore of Lake Winnipeg, about 150 miles north of Winnipeg.

The second cover has a 6 cent orange coil. It is postmarked Winnipeg, Manitoba 28 X 1969. It is also addressed to Toronto, and the return address is Sandy Lake, via Favourable Lake, in Norther Ontario. Sandy Lake is about 120 miles north of Red Lake.



I have no information about Selkirk Air Services Ltd. If anyone can add to this story with other examples of courtesy markings, or with information about the airline or its territory, that would be great.



# \$1 Wildlife Reprint

by: Robin Harris

Three years ago (Jan–Feb 2009 *Corgi Times*) we reported that “we have word ... that the current \$1 definitive stamps (Deer and Walrus, Scott 1688–1689) have been reprinted...”. After months of searching (in 2009), examples that were seen from post offices *may* have been the reprint, but we couldn’t be sure.



The Unitrade catalogue contains a footnote after these two stamps that notes:

A reprint of 1688–89 (pane of 16) was seen as early as September 2009. These are on thicker paper (80lb) with a “sharper” intaglio image. The plate inscriptions stayed the same as the original printing, which was on 60lb paper.

That is still a fairly vague description of a reprint, and one that, when looking at a single stamp, would be rather difficult to use a guideline.

I received an e-mail in early January from a contact who noted the following:

There are distinct printing differences between the two issues. The original Deer & Walrus has the scientific names under Canada with the line of print starting in Blue and progressing to Brown - Black. Also the type used to print “Canada” on the first issue produces a more solid, plastered on ink. The stamps thickness measured with a caliper is .004” thick.

The Reprint’s scientific name is the same Blue colour end to end. The type used to print “Canada” is like a staggered row of doughnuts with distinct dots as their centers. the stamps thickness is .0045”.



Above: original (Oct 20, 2005)

Below: reprint (Sep 2009?)



After checking some mint and used examples, and confirming through recent correspondence with other collectors, I believe we can now definitively (pun intended) identify a reprint on these stamps. Here are large-size illustrations showing the text at the top of the stamps.

## Articles Urgently Needed



# Four Sea-related Envelope/Postcards

by: John Aitken

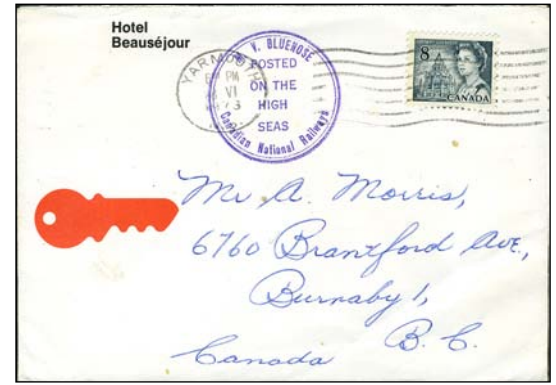
The envelope is from the CN hotel in Moncton, NB and has a round purple cachet stating : M.V. Bluenose/ Canadian National Railways/ POSTED / ON THE / HIGH/ SEAS It also bears a Yarmouth Nova Scotia machine cancel dated 28 VI 1973.

Next is a view card of the Bluenose. The message from the passenger makes interesting reading. The card has no cachet and was mailed from Yarmouth 9 IX 1973 to West Columbia, South Carolina, USA.

Third is a card written on the Canadian Pacific ship Empress of Canada. There is no special cachet, just a Quebec City machine cancel dated 2 XI 1971. In an earlier time I think this card would have received a postmark from Father Point.

Finally, a late use of a Vancouver machine cancel dated Jan 8, 1969 with the slogan: PAQUEBOT - / POSTED / AT SEA. According to Bill Walton this card would have been posted at a mailbox in the Vancouver harbour. Whether it was ever at sea is hard to say.

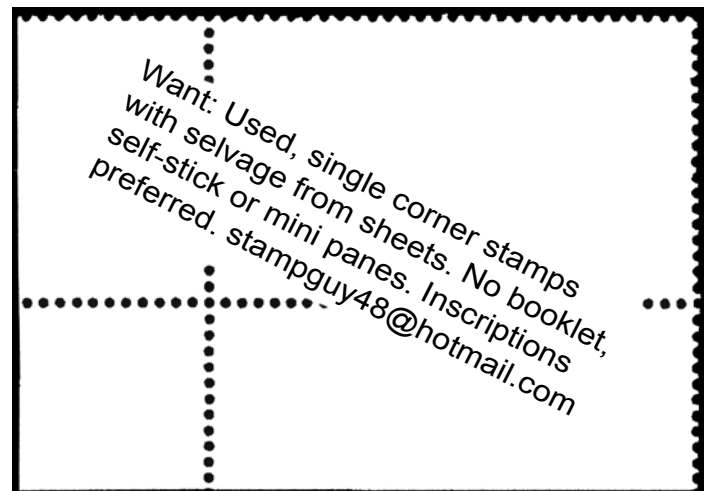
[Images at 50%]



## 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.



## Low-Martin Rolls of 5,000

by: Robin Harris

The 2012 Baby Wildlife rate-change definitives included a 'large roll' Permanent™ Racoons coil. This is now the sixth such coil stamp issued in recent years that is printed from horizontal rolls of 5,000 stamps. The list consists of:

- Permanent™ (52¢) Island Red flowers (Scott 2244A)
- Permanent™ (54¢) Vancouver 2010 emblem (Scott 2306)
- Permanent™ (54¢) Paralympic emblem (Scott 2307)
- Permanent™ (57¢) Striped Coralroot (Scott 2361)
- Permanent™ (59¢) Arctic hare (Scott 2425)
- Permanent™ (61¢) Racoons (Scott ?)

These stamps are sold by the philatelic centre in either strips of 4 or 10. Full rolls are only available to business customers. Illustrated at right is a full roll of the first such stamp, the Permanent™ Island Red flowers stamp, and how it appears in its shipping box.

The individual stamps from these rolls differ from the same design available in rolls of 100 in the die cutting that was used. The rolls of 5,000 stamps have *rounded* 'tips' and are a consistent 9.2 die cut horizontally. Stamps from the rolls of 100 have "*sawtooth*" tips and an inconsistent (variable) die cutting.

Notice in the illustrations below of the single stamps, that the die cutting has been "inverted" on different issues. That is, some issues have die cutting that begins with a "peak" at the upper left while others start with a "valley".



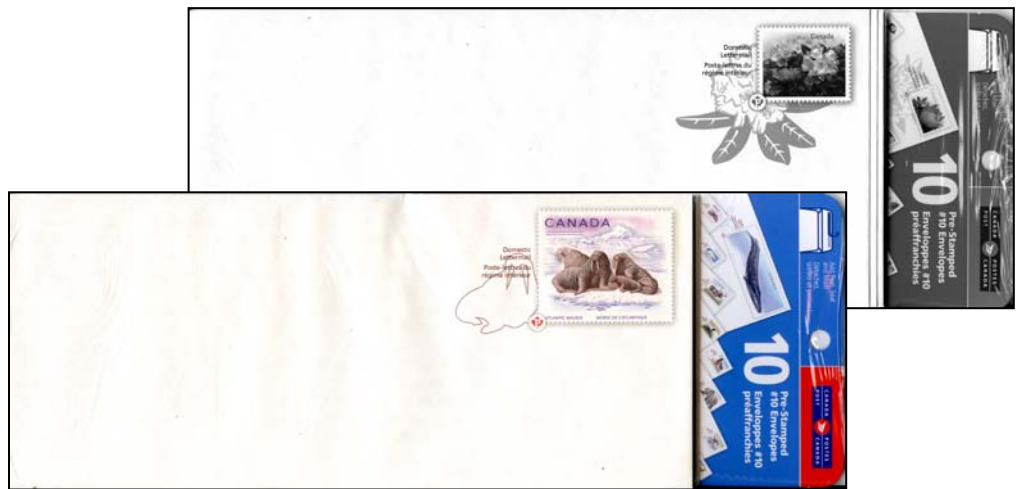
Above images courtesy Mirko Zatka ([www.zatkaphilately.com](http://www.zatkaphilately.com))





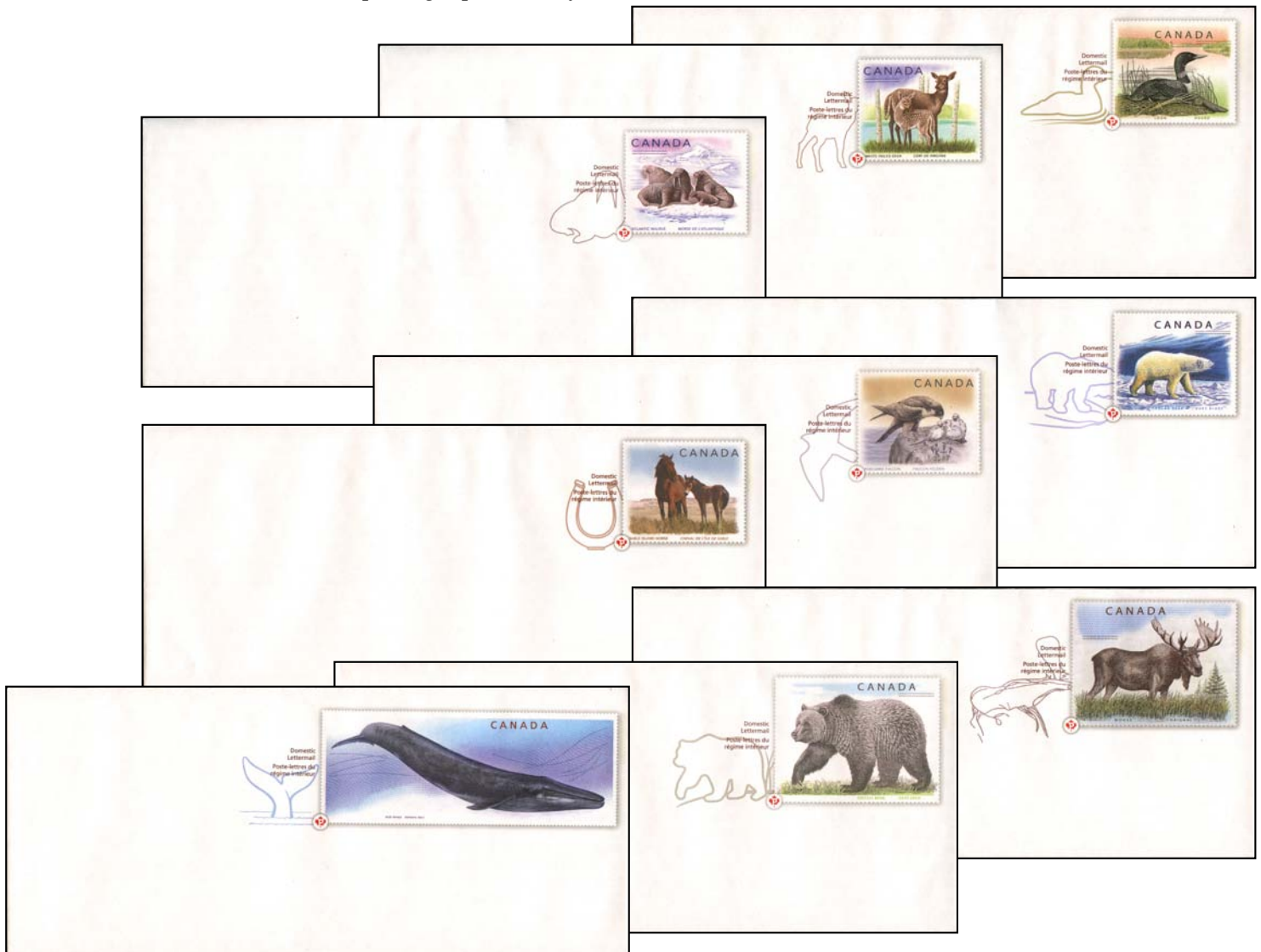
# 2012 Postal Stationery

Two new sets of size 10 envelopes were released by Canada Post on January 23, 2012. One set contains ten different previous flower stamp issues while the other set contains nine different previously issued high value definitive stamp designs. (My package of 10 “different” flower designs actually contained two each of five different designs. If I order another set will I get the same group of designs, the other group of five designs or the as-advertised set of ten different designs?).



The flower stamp designs have proven to be one of Canada Post’s most popular, and, based on published printing quantities, one of their best selling stamp issues each year. These postage-paid envelopes should also prove to be quite popular with the general public.

For me, the set of nine high-value definitive look-a-likes are of interest. As a “definitive collector” first, these envelopes will make a nice tie-in to the stamp design, particularly if one were to exhibit.





# 2010 Collection Canada (Analysis)

by: Robin Harris

One of the e-mails I received a couple of weeks ago pointed out an omission in the latest Unitrade catalogue of the self-adhesive die cut pair of the Canadian Navy Centennial (Scott 2385–86) stamps issued in 2010. The Unitrade catalogue normally lists the unique “die cut to shape from Quarterly Pack/Annual Collection” varieties.

In this particular instance, I know that the die cut to shape pair was available in the respective quarterly pack, but what format of this issue was distributed in the *2010 Collection Canada*? It turns out that only the souvenir sheet appeared in the annual collection for this issue, not the self-adhesive pair. A subsequent check through the 2010 stamp issues in the 2012 Unitrade showed a couple of other inconsistencies (all of which have been corrected for the next Unitrade).

To make a long story short(er), when I removed the stamps from the *2010 Collection Canada* envelope I was surprised to find only 12 single stamps; all of the other 44 designs were represented by 15 souvenir sheets. I knew there had been too many souvenir sheets issued of late, but that really put it into perspective.

I think I may have finally figured out why there are so many souvenir sheets being issued? Any multi-self-adhesive stamp issue *also* has a souvenir sheet issued. Perhaps this is for the convenience of assembly and presentation purposes within the *Collection Canada* book?

It must take considerable ‘man power’ to put together the annual collections, particularly “breaking down” single stamps from the associated panes.

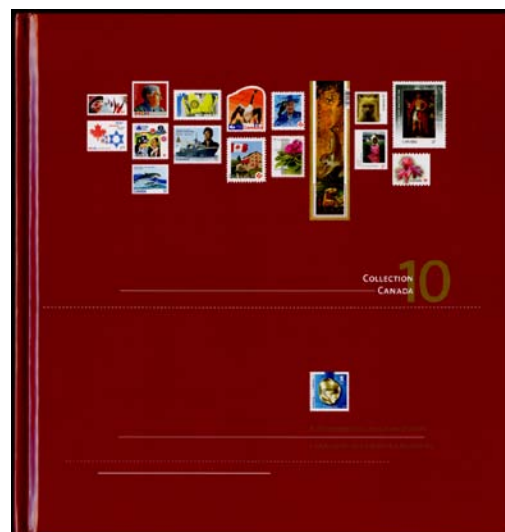
Since self-adhesive stamp issues have become the ‘norm’ of late, and since Canada Post seems to like multi-stamp issues, more and more souvenir sheets have been issued recently for the purpose of the annual collection.

If that is the case, then souvenir sheets are issued for purely philatelic purposes and not for mailing purposes (we already knew that, didn’t we?). Perhaps the Unitrade catalogue should stop listing these items? (sorry, just a thought that came to my mind; not going to happen)

Since the Canada Post *Collection Canada* book is nowhere near complete in its total stamp varieties produced each year (it only represents every Canadian stamp **design**), then perhaps Canada Post should just stop producing the book? [it is a well-written and produced book; too bad it wasn’t complete with its stamps]

For 2010 I count 90 different stamp varieties, based on water-activated gum vs. self-adhesive. To this you can add another 35 unique die-cut varieties that were created, and only available in the quarterly packs (of which only 6 of these 35 also come in the annual collection).

With the ever-increasing production of souvenir sheets, collectors must be aware of all of the different varieties being produced by Canada Post.



2010 Annual Collection

2010 Issues						
Issue	WAG	S/A	Bklt	S/S	Qtr Pack	Postcard
Lunar New Year	.57 •			1.70 •	29.99 8.73	1.89x2
Flags		2.85 (5)	5.70 17.10	2.85 •		1.89x5
Flowers		9.55 (9)	6.00 7.32 10.20	4.49 •		
QEII		.57 •	5.70			
Olympic		1.14 (2)	5.70	1.14 •		1.89x2
Black History	.57 •					
Leblanc	.57 •					
Olympic Gold		.57	5.70	1.14 •		
Olympic Spirit		1.14 (2)	5.70	1.14 •		
Violets		1.14 (2)	5.70	1.14 •		1.89*2
Israel		1.70 •	10.20		21.08	
Indian Kings	2.28 (4)			2.28x2 •		
Navy		1.14 (2)	4.56	1.14 •		
Marine Life	1.14 (2)		4.56	1.14 •		
Photography		2.85 (5)	5.70	2.85 •		
Rotary		.57 •	4.56		1.89	
Art Canada	.57			2.27 •	9.78	
Attractions		2.28 (4)	4.56	2.28 •		1.89*4
Girl Guides		.57 •	5.70			
Cupids	.57 •					
Home Children	.57 •					
Mental Health		.67 •	6.70		17.79	
Whale	10.00 •					
Insects	.34 (5)			.34 •		
Madonna		.57 •	5.70			
Ornaments		3.27 (3)	5.70 6.00 10.20	3.27 •		

• indicates that item was in 2010 Annual Collection