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The John D. Arn White Queen Award

Your executive, from a suggestion received from an ESG member, has heartily agreed that the Elizabethan II Study Group's "White Queen" award will now be formally known as "**The John D. Arn White Queen Award**" as a permanent reminder of John's instrumental work in founding and organizing both the Elizabethan II Study Group and The White Queen award.

John initiated The White Queen award in the summer of 2004 and, coincidentally, was the first recipient of it with his Gold-medal winning exhibit *Canada — Cameo Definitive Issue*. Sadly we had to report on John's passing in the last *Corgi Times*.

[By the way, in this instance your executive consisted of Bob Elias and myself. We also discussed this with BNAPS President Robert Lemire while attending the recent RPSC Royale 2012 stamp show in Edmonton.]



2013 Unitrade

The 2013 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 early October. The price remains the same (\$43.95) as last year's edition.

The new stamp issues for 2012 required several new pages (far too many). This year's edition adds Canada Post-produced Picture Postage™ stamps and better highlights the Elizabethan-era definitive major listings.



Dues Notice

Included with this issue is the annual dues notice. We would encourage you to return it as soon as possible to avoid the annoying follow-up reminder letter!

Dues notice ...
included with this issue

Please read your dues notice — it may not be an actual "payment required". Some of our members pay their dues a couple of years at a time. If you are of one of these, the enclosure may simply be an update as to your account status and no payment may be required.

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Canada Post News

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

► July to September Details

The third quarter *Details* magazine arrived recently and included quite a surprise. Canada Post had previously announced a “set of stamps showcasing the teams in the Canadian Football League as well as one for the 100th Grey Cup Game”.

What was not expected was *two* sets of stamps and multiple souvenir sheets (ok, we could have guessed that souvenir sheets would be a given).

A set of nine stamps, in booklet, souvenir sheet and postcard form, feature the 100th Grey Cup Game and individual team Grey Cup Game moments. These are to be issued in August (about mid-season).

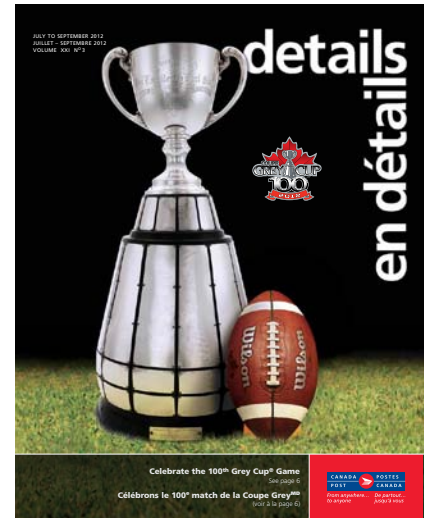
Another set of eight stamps, in coil and souvenir sheet form were released on the first day of the new CFL season (June 29). These stamps feature each of the team’s logos. A separate coil was released for each team. It is believed that these are being distributed regionally for each team, although you can order mint strips of 4 or 10 from the National Philatelic Centre or online orders only.

We have heard two troubling aspects of these CFL coil stamps:

- a post office must sell an entire roll — they cannot sell a single stamp from a roll!
- although my local post office ordered and received a box of each team’s stamps, I have heard of at least one other post office that was refused their order for rolls other than the team in their home city!

These “policies” will make it very difficult to obtain a *single* stamp of each team, either mint or used.

By the way, individual team coil dispensing boxes are also available.



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Study Group Business

❖ New members

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

BNAPEX 2012: Aug 31–Sep 2, 2012 in Calgary, AB

ORAPEX 2012

ORAPEX is the **Ottawa RA Centre Philatelic EXhibition**. The show this year was held May 5–6. ORAPEX is one of only a few national-level stamp shows held annually in Canada and is part of the “World Series of Philately.”

The theme of the 2012 show was the Diamond Jubilee of Elizabeth II. ESG member Leopold Beaudet held an ESG meeting with a presentation titled *My Favourite Elizabethan Varieties*. He took the participants to view and discuss his four-frame Court of Honour exhibit.

Three ESG members had exhibits in this year’s show:

- Dudley Nash won a Vermeil for his 5-frame *No Saliva Required: Evolution of Canadian Self-Adhesive Stamps*
- Larry Margetish won a Gold for his 8-frame *Canada’s Caricature and Landscape Issues: Stamps, Markings and Usages*
- Robert Elias won a Gold for his 5-frame *Canadian Wilding and Associated-High Value Definitives: Paper Texture, Printings and Periods of Use*. He also won the coveted White Queen Award.

ESG member Leopold Beaudet sent the following e-mail to Bob Elias following the show:

Congratulations on your winning exhibit at ORAPEX. I think ORAPEX had a strong contingent of the Elizabethan exhibits to mark the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. Besides your own Wilding exhibit, Larry Margetish’s Caricatures and Landscapes and Dudley Nash’s self-adhesives exhibits were excellent. Nash’s exhibit was noteworthy for two reasons:

1. It consisted of a detailed study of very recent material, well written up and presented.
2. Although the material was so recent, the judges nevertheless awarded it a well-deserved Gold - a rare event at a National level exhibition.

Another Late Issue

by: Robin Harris

Another issue, another late one. This July–August issue of the *Corgi Times* should have been mailed about the first of August, but it is now about two weeks late. A couple of thoughts...

We urgently need articles submitted by our membership in order to keep our journal ‘on schedule’. Having articles from several individuals makes it far easier to put together each issue.

The May–June *Corgi Times* was completed just recently (very late) but it was placed on our website (www.adminware.ca/esg) when it was printed. Do you visit our site regularly? If so, did you read the May–June issue over a month ago?

BNAPEX 2012

BNAPEX 2012 is just around the corner. This year’s show is being held in **Calgary, ABON** and runs from August 31 to September 2nd.

The Elizabethan II Study Group is holding a “Show-n-tell” meeting.

Our Chairman, Bob Elias, will be presiding. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 1, from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m., in the Herald Room at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Calgary.

Financial Statements

... will appear in the next *Corgi Times*.

Canada Post 2012 Stamp Program

Issue dates are subject to change by Canada Post. Shaded entries are changed/new from the last time we presented this list.

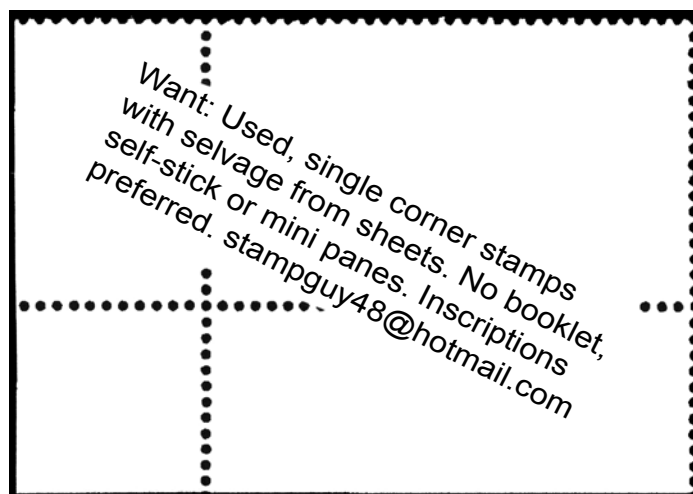
Issued	Description	Scott#
Jan 10	Year of the Dragon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢) pane of 25 • \$1.80, self-adhesive booklet pane of 6 • \$1.80 souvenir sheet • \$1.75 (Rabbit) and \$1.80 (Dragon) “transitional” souvenir sheet • \$29.95 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets • \$1.89 postal cards (one of each design) 	2495 2497 2496 2496a
Jan 16	Permanent™ (61¢) Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee self-adhesive booklet of 10	2519
Jan 16	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee (Volume 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢) souvenir sheet of 4 • \$5.95 keepsake folder (souvenir sheet, postal card, booklet) 	2513
Jan 16	Baby Wildlife rate-change definitives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢) Racoons, self-adhesive roll of 100 • \$1.05 Caribou, self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$1.29 Loons, self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$1.80 Moose, self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$1.05 Caribou, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$1.29 Loons, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$1.80 Moose, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • Permanent™ (61¢) Racoons, self-adhesive roll of 5,000 • \$4.75 gummed souvenir sheet of 4 • \$1.89 postal cards (one of each design) 	2506 2507 2508 2509 2510 2511 2512 2505 2504
Jan 16	Canadian Pride rate-change definitives (five designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • Permanent™ (61¢), self-adhesive booklet of 30 • \$3.05 gummed souvenir sheet of 4 	2499–03 2498
Feb 1	Black Heritage Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢) John Ware self-adhesive booklet of 10 • Permanent™ (61¢) Viola Desmond self-adhesive booklet of 10 • gutter booklet • \$1.89 postal cards (one of each design) 	2520 2521 2521b
Feb 6	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee (Volume 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢) souvenir sheet of 4 • \$5.95 keepsake folder (souvenir sheet, postal card, booklet) 	2514
Feb 23	Art Canada: Joe Fafard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢) pane of 16 • \$1.05 self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$1.80 self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$3.46 gummed souvenir sheet of 3 • \$1.05/\$1.80 gutter pane of 6 (3 of each) • \$33.36 uncut press sheet (2 panes of 61¢ and 4 panes of souvenir sheet) 	2522 2524 2525 2523 2523b
Mar 1	Daylillies (two designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • Permanent™ (61¢), self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$1.22 gummed souvenir sheet of 2 • \$1.89 postal cards (one of each design) 	2529–30 2527–28 2526
Mar 6	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee (Volume 3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢) souvenir sheet of 4 • \$5.95 keepsake folder (souvenir sheet, postal card, booklet) 	2515
Apr 5	Titanic (4 x Permanent™ (61¢) + \$1.80 souvenir sheet) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 x Permanent™ (61¢) in pane of 16 • 2 x Permanent™ (61¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$1.80, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$1.80 souvenir sheet • \$26.95 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets • \$1.89 postal cards (three designs) 	2531–34 2536–37 2538 2535
Apr 10	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee (Volume 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢) souvenir sheet of 4 • \$5.95 keepsake folder (souvenir sheet, postal card, booklet) 	2516
May 3	Permanent™ (61¢) Selkirk Settlement	2539

Issued	Description	Scott#
May 7	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee (Volume 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢) souvenir sheet of 4 • \$2 pane of 8 • \$2 souvenir sheet of 1 • \$80.00 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets • \$7.95 keepsake folder (souvenir sheet, postal card, booklet) 	2517 2540 2540a
May 11	Children's Literature: Franklin the Turtle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 x Permanent™ (61¢), self-adhesive booklet of 12 • \$2.44 gummed souvenir sheet of 4 • \$1.89 postal cards (one of each design) 	2542-45 2541
May 17	Calgary Stampede <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$1.05, self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$1.66 gummed souvenir sheet of 2 • Permanent™/\$1.80 gutter pane of 10 (6 of Permanent™ and 4 of \$1.05) • \$1.89 postal cards (one of each design) 	2547 2548 2546 2548b
May 22	Canadians that made a difference (4 x Permanent™ (61¢)): Rick Hansen, Michael J. Fox, Louise Arbour, Sheila Watt-Cloutier <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢), self-adhesive booklets of 10 (4 different) • \$2.44 gummed souvenir sheet of 4 	2550-53 2549
Jun 1	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee (Volume 6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5.95 keepsake folder (souvenir sheet, postal card, booklet) 	2518
Jun 15	War of 1812: Heroes of the War (2 x Permanent™ (61¢))	2554-55
Jun 27	Permanent™ (61¢) London 2012 Summer Olympic Games	2556
Jun 29	Permanent™ (61¢) Tommy Douglas and the Birth of Medicare	2557
Jun 29	Canadian Football League Team Logos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢), self-adhesive rolls of 50: 8 different • \$4.88 gummed souvenir sheet of 8 	2559-66 2558
Jul 23	Signs of the Zodiac (4 x Permanent™ (61¢)): Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢), self-adhesive booklets of 10: 4 different • \$2.44 gummed souvenir sheet of 4 • \$14.64 cross gutter pane of 24 (6 of each design) • \$1.89 postal cards (one of each design) 	
Aug 16	100th Grey Cup Game <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢), self-adhesive booklets of 10: 9 different • \$5.49 gummed souvenir sheet of 9 • \$1.89 postal cards (one of each design) 	
Oct 11	Regiments	
Nov	Christmas – Permanent™ (61¢) Stained Glass	
Nov	Christmas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢) Cookies • \$1.05 Stocking • \$1.80 Christmas Tree 	

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.

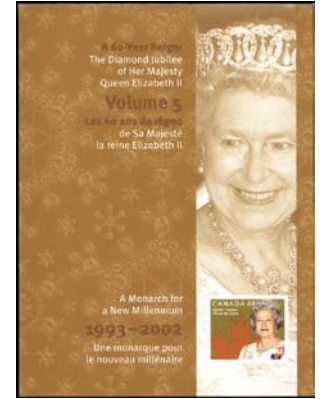
Full payment must accompany ad. Payment in Canadian funds to: Elizabethan II Study Group. Mail to Editor: Robin Harris, PO Box 104, Seddons Corner, MB R0E 1X0, Canada.



Canada Day Sale

Canada Post's online website had a **sale** of stamps and other merchandise on the Canada Day weekend (Canada Day is July 1). Did you catch any of it? There were many good bargains including stamps *below* face value!

One of the best stamp buys was the Jubilee Keepsake #5. **All six of the Keepsakes were 50% off the retail price!** Keepsake #5 included a pane of 4 Permanent™ (61¢) stamps and a \$2 souvenir sheet pane, plus a \$1.89 prepaid postcard that is only available in the Keepsake (total face value of the five postage stamps is \$4.44). Originally priced at \$7.95, and still being sold at that price in post offices across the country, the Canada Day Sale price was just \$3.98. What a deal! According to the webpage with this offer (illustrated below), if you ordered Keepsake #5 you also receive the "Regal Collection Folder" free. An even better deal, if that is really the case.



QE II Jubilee Keepsake #5

Canada Post must have obviously miscalculated the "demand" for these Keepsakes to already be selling them for half price, and in the case of Keepsake #5, at below face value of the included stamps. Consider also that Keepsake #6 was placed on sale June 1. Less than a month later it is being discounted! Disgusting isn't the correct word here, but it comes pretty close to what Canada Post has done with discounting just-released stamps at half price.

6/30/12 Canada Post - Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee - Keepsake Folder Volume 5 (1993 to 2002) - Canad...

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Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee - Keepsake Folder Volume 5 (1993 to 2002)

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- Order this Keepsake Folder and reconnect to Canadian milestones from 1993 to 2002
- Issue Date: May 07, 2012.

What's Inside

We honour Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee milestone with a series of keepsake folders. These Keepsake Folders are a must-have for collectors, history buffs and royal enthusiasts.

The Volume 5 Keepsake Folder includes:

- a mini-pane of 4 PERMANENT™ domestic rate Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee commemoratives;
- a postage-paid postcard depicting all Queen Elizabeth II's stamps issued from 1993 to 2002, and;
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Followup: sometime in July, Canada Post outlets have begun selling **all** of the Jubilee Keepsakes at 50% off.

I wonder if Canada Post will accept returns, or, like other businesses do, pay back the difference between what one originally paid for the item?

Corner Fold on Titanic Souvenir Sheet

by: Leopold Beaudet

Ian Kimmerly Stamps of Ottawa recently showed me a corner fold on the Titanic souvenir sheet issued on 5 April 2012. The lower right corner was folded before guillotining. The extra paper reveals portions of the background design as well as guidelines and other printer's markings that were cut away when the large press sheet was guillotined into individual souvenir sheets. There is also what appears to be a perforation hole at the top of the extra paper.



There have been several instances where apparent “corner fold” varieties were actually fabricated after the fact from uncut press sheets [2]. The Titanic issue includes an uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets, but this corner fold does not come from it. Some of the extra elements on the corner fold do not occur on the uncut press sheet, and the placement of the other elements is different. This implies that the individual souvenir sheets and the uncut press sheets come from different plates. This is confirmed by the fact that souvenir sheets from the uncut press sheet have design differences that distinguish them from the as-issued single souvenir sheets [3]. There are other stamps, notably those for the Lunar New Year, where souvenir sheets were not produced from uncut press sheets.

This corner fold is the second one reported on a souvenir sheet, the first being on the Sesquicentennial of Ottawa issued on 3 May 2007 [1]. Both were printed by Lowe-Martin.

I would like to thank Ian Kimmerly Stamps for showing me this variety.

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New Stamp Technology, New Variety

by: Leopold Beaudet

On 17 October 2009, Canada Post issued a booklet of ten self-adhesive 54¢ stamps and a \$9.00 souvenir sheet to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Montreal Canadiens hockey team. The souvenir sheet introduced new technology to Canadian stamps. It consists of three \$3.00 stamps showing simulated film clips of hockey legends Maurice Richard, Jean Béliveau, and Guy LaFleur scoring their 500th goal. The simulation was achieved using a process called Motionstamp™ imaging by a New Zealand company, Outer Aspect Ltd., under contract to Lowe-Martin who managed the project. Jonathan Moon, Director at Outer Aspect, explained the process by which the film clips were translated to stamp designs (quote taken from *Details* [1]):

“We began by converting each clip into a series of frames. These frames are output onto specially-formatted lithographic plates. They are then printed on the reverse side of a clear plastic optical lens array made with precisely-focused line lenses (29 per cm) called lenticules.

“A coating is placed on the back of the lens to make the image reflective, rather than translucent. This is followed by the application of the self-adhesive backing.”

Outer Aspect Ltd. provides more information on this technology on its web site [3]. The company has been involved in other stamp projects. The first stamp to benefit from the technology was a cycling commemorative issued by the Netherlands in February 2006 [2]. This was followed by a soccer stamp from Austria in May 2008 [4] and an Australian stamp commemorating the “Year of the Surf Lifesaver” also in May 2008 [4].

An illustration in *Details* [1] shows that the press sheet consists of 20 souvenir sheets, four rows of five. The optical lens array on which the stamp images are printed is a thick (compared to conventional stamps), hard plastic material. To enable the three stamps to be removed from the souvenir sheet, Outer Aspect Ltd. kiss-cut them with a laser, the first time this had been done.

375,000 copies of this unique souvenir sheet were issued, and the production went smoothly, judging by the absence of errors reported – that is, until John Jamieson of Saskatoon Stamp Centre came up with the delightfully weird kiss-cut oddity on the used souvenir sheet in the illustration. The first sign of trouble appears at the top right corner of the middle stamp – the vertical kiss-cut doesn't quite meet up with the horizontal cut. The computer-controlled laser went wild on the bottom stamp.



The press sheet is kiss-cut before it is guillotined into individual souvenir sheets. Under the control of an operator, a conveyor belt moves the press sheet to the correct starting position in front of the computer controlled laser. There appear to have been two disruptive forces at play to cause the variety since the kiss-cuts at the bottom and right veer off at an angle to parts unknown whereas there are two disjoint kiss-cuts on the left where the laser jumped abruptly from one spot to another. The small vertical segment at the upper left appears to be related to the long sloping segment at the right because the left segment and the vertical part of the right segment are separated by the correct horizontal distance. One can only speculate as to what happened to cause the variety. Perhaps the sheet moved while the kiss-cutting took place, perhaps the laser was disrupted (several times) during the cutting operation, or perhaps the computer controlling the laser was suffering from indigestion.

I would like to thank John Jamieson for showing me this intriguing variety.

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Memorable Canadian Stamp Numbers

by: Robin Harris

In the September-October 2010 *Corgi Times* (page 24) I included images of our John Deere tractor's "hours of usage" gauge. At the time it was 586 and 593. In the July-August 2011 *Corgi Times* (page 7) I showed a reading of 700 hours. I commented on how these particular "numbers" had a recognizable significance to me as a stamp collector.

Here is an image of the same gauge, taken recently ... does Canada Scott number 756 have a philatelic significance to you?

Scott 756a belongs to the very first souvenir sheet issued by Canada Post, back when they had a very conservative stamp issuing policy compared with today.



The souvenir sheet was issued to promote CAPEX'78, the international stamp show held in Toronto from July 9-18, 1978. The pane includes three different denominated se-tenant stamps, which, I believe, was the first time that Canada had done that with commemorative stamps.

I remember standing in line at the main Winnipeg Post Office (the only outlet at the time that had a philatelic counter) on the day of issue to buy this "novelty". Many local collectors were in attendance in the hopes of buying these souvenir sheets before they sold out! Today, one can buy these souvenir sheets as "discount postage" and can still see them on mailings from different stamp dealers across Canada.

Some 3.8 million souvenir sheets were issued. Compare that to just 200,000 of the recent CFL s/s.



Canadian Football League – Team Logos

A surprise issue consisting of eight different coils and a souvenir sheet featuring the logos of the eight teams currently in the Canadian Football League was issued June 29, 2012.

As a football fan, I find these stamps beautiful in their simplicity.

Another group of nine stamps, to be issued in separate booklets of 10 and a souvenir sheet, will be issued August 16 to celebrate the 100th Grey Cup Game (see next page).



CFL Team Logo coils, issued June 29, 2012

More details of the coil stamps can be found on page 10, where we discuss the two new die cutting patterns that were introduced.

The Last Straw?

My local post office actually brought in full boxes of 10 rolls of each of the 8 teams. That seems to be the exception from reports I have been receiving. It seems that many post offices were told they could only order their local team's stamp. In addition, my local post office was told they could only sell the stamps in full rolls; they are not allowed to remove singles or other multiples from the roll! How odd.

Messages about these CFL stamps appeared quickly on the internet newsgroup, *Stamp Community Forum* (www.stampcommunity.org). It seems that many collectors feel that Canada Post has gone overboard on this "Grey Cup Centennial" issue. Here are some of them:

OK so a single stamp to commemorate the CFL but to issue a stamp for each club in the form of 8 different team coils, 8 different team booklets, booklet with the Grey Cup and a S/S. I have decided to finish this year and then call it quits for any further new issues. I will use my all to valuable dollars to concentrate on the classics. Thanks CP for helping me to decide when this would happen. I should have done it when CP decided in it's wisdom to repeat the Lunar New Year issues.

serious collector

I agree with you completely. Canada Post has overdone it with the Canadian Football League/Grey Cup issues.

While there is some interest in professional football in western Canada, for many Canadians the CFL is of little significance. Canada Post chose an unappealing topic for its Super Gouging and may regret its folly.

It's time for Canada Post's philatelic customers to say enough is enough. The simplest way is to stop buying their junk. Besides, if you're lucky you may get 60% of face value when you decide to sell.

lorddenning

Having collected Canadian mint for the past 54 years, it appears that I can no longer support Canada Post by buying as I have always done.

For this new issue, I would have to buy:

- 9 sets of coil starter, middle and end strips of 4,
- 1 OFDC,
- 1 of my personally created FDC for the booklet stamps not on the the OFDC,
- 1 of my personally created FDC for the coil stamps not on the the OFDC,
- a single from each booklet (total of 10 stamps),
- one of each of the 9 booklets
- 9 post cards
- 2 souvenir sheets

This CFL issue would cost me a minimum of \$225.00

Canada Post has obviously given up on stamp collectors and now concentrates on special interest groups such as football fans and the Chinese population for the Lunar New Year (after year, after year, after year) issues.

BlackJag

I phoned CP this morning and permanently removed coils and commemorative booklets from my standing order. They have been receiving complaints about the multiple stamp products for a single issue. I gave them the name of this website to look at to see how collectors feel about their current policy.

BlackJag

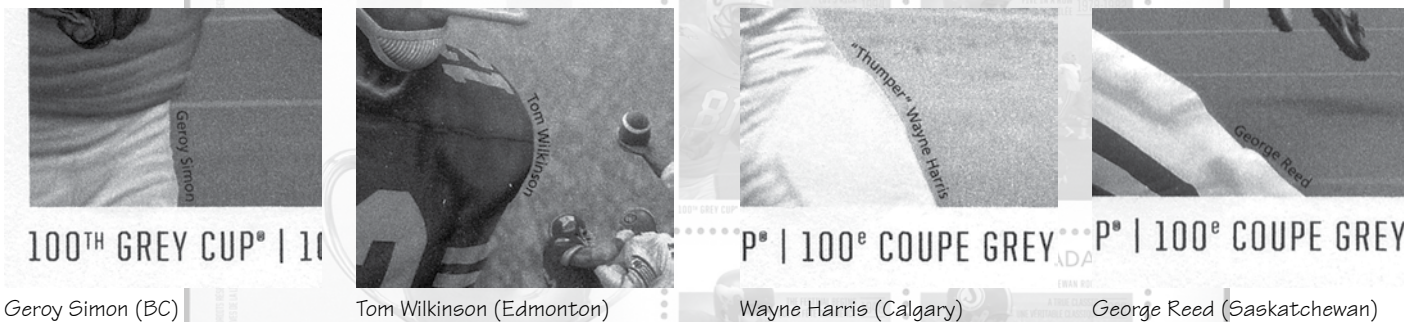
Canadian Football League – Grey Cup Games

A second group of CFL stamps were released August 16, 2012; this time a set of 9 different stamps to celebrate the 100th playing of the Grey Cup (along with nine different prepaid postcards). This followup issue, to the Team Logo coils of June 29, honours the Grey Cup itself and a memorable Grey Cup in the life of each team – and featuring a key player selected by the team.

Did you know (courtesy *Linn's Stamp News*) that all of the players featured prominently on the 8 individual Grey Cup team stamps are living, USA-born people – not one Canadian!?

The (mandatory?) souvenir sheet for this issue is large, perhaps the largest souvenir sheet issued by Canada Post to date (it is presented on this page as a watermark, in actual size).

Also of interest is that each player's name is included on the stamps themselves. So, here we have living, non Order of Canada, American people being specifically honoured on Canadian stamps. What is your opinion of this kind of recognition?



Low-Marting Die Cutting 16, 17 and 18

by: Robin Harris

It has been awhile (March–April 2011 *Corgi Times*, page 72), but we can finally report on new Low-Marting die cutting patterns used on the coils that they produce.

Pattern # 16 was introduced with the January 2011 Baby Wildlife coils (Scott 2426–2429). The same pattern was then used on the May 2011 Sunflowers (Scott 2441–2442), January 2012 Baby Wildlife (2406–2409) and again with the March 2012 Daylilies (Scott 2527–2528).

Pattern 16 stamps have either 4 or 5 nibs per stamp (depending upon the roll).

The June 29 release of the eight different CFL Team Logo coils (Scott 2449–2566) introduced *two* new die cut patterns! There is only a subtle difference between the die cutting, but an examination of the different set of 10 rolls for different designs, clearly indicates that two different patterns were used — four teams (BC, Saskatchewan, Winnipeg and Hamilton) use one pattern while the other four teams (Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto and Montreal) use a different pattern.



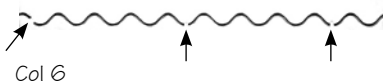
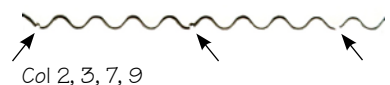
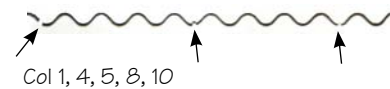
Pattern 17 and 18 stamps have 3 nibs per stamp. As illustrated below, there are subtle differences in the placement of the nibs, although the same 'set' of nibs appears on different columns across the die cutting grid. [Remember that each die cutting mat consists of 11 rows of die cutting that spans the entire width of the printed paper roll which is made up of 10 columns of stamps.]

The coil boxes for the CFL Team Logos have dates ranging from May 22 to May 29 (other dates may exist).

The 2012 Permanent (Racoons, Scott 2506) and \$1.05 (Caribou, Scott 2507) Baby Wildlife coils have been seen with the new die cutting patterns, with box dates of May 9 and May 16 respectively. It is fairly easy to differentiate the original printings of the 2012 Baby Wildlife coils (4 nibs) with the new reprints from May boxes (3 nibs).

Pattern 17

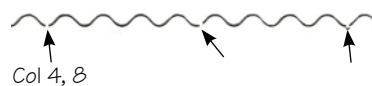
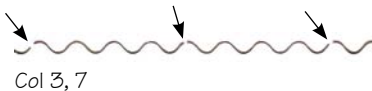
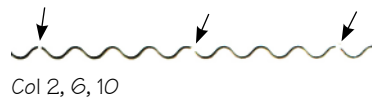
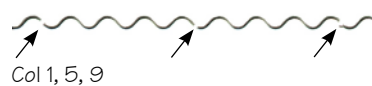
Saskatchewan, Hamilton, BC, Winnipeg
\$1.05 Caribou



[Pattern 17 has been very difficult to align and match the 10 columns of stamps; further examination may result in a change in the column locations noted above.]

Pattern 18

Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto, Montreal
Permanent™ Raccoon



Island Red – Missing Colour Error

I received an interesting e-mail in early July that included a scan of three Permanent™ Island Red flower stamps (Scott 2244), first released December 27, 2007 for the 52¢ rate increase.

In this instance, a picture truly is worth a thousand words. Two of the colours are missing: the yellow and one of the reds. The yellow in the centre of the large flower is missing; the green (composed of the yellow and red) on the leaves of the smaller flower in the lower right corner is missing; the red from both flowers is missing as well as the red value indicator (Permanent Maple Leaf logo).



Normal stamp, with colour dots at start of roll



Two missing colours

The three missing colour stamps were part of an on-cover find. The inkjet cancel shows a postal code of M4L 3T0, which is from the Toronto area. The HOHOHO cancellation shows it was mailed during the Christmas period, most likely in December 2008.

Green 48¢ Cradle

An interesting item appeared on eBay recently — a green 48¢ Cradle stamp (Scott 929). Here again, a picture is worth a thousand words!

The “Buy it Now” price is US\$15. The eBay listing, by jvk74, describes it as:

...another item from Kasimir Bileski's Stock
 Catalogue #: 949var
 Catalogue Value: \$???
 GUM: mint never hinged
 Catalogue Used: 2011 Unitrade



eBay Buy it Now listing



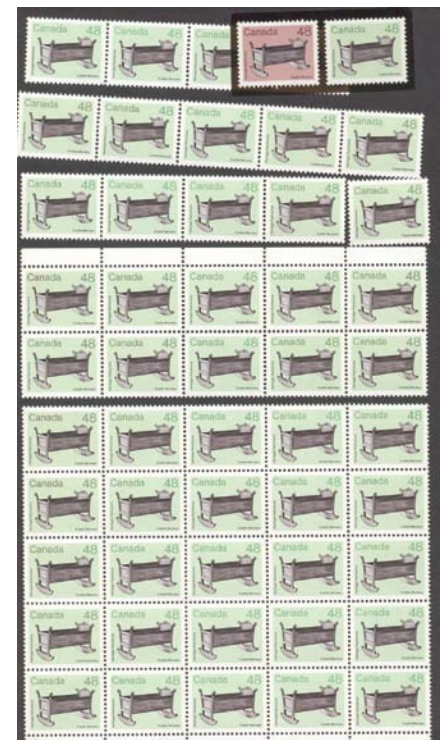
Normal cradle



“Green” cradle

I asked our resident expert, ESG member Leopold Beudet, what he thought of this. It seems that another ESG member, Richard Gratton, was aware of this one. He organized a display of fakes and forgeries at CAPEX 96, and these green stamps were part of that display.

In addition, ESG member and dealer, John Jamieson, had a least a scan of a partial *pane* of green cradles that was in Bileski's estate in 2002, which agrees with the description in the eBay listing.



Picture Postage™

Two new Canada Post-produced Picture Postage™ stamps were made available in late June 2012. The two designs match (although not 100%) the images used on two new commemorative envelopes issued June 8 (Town of Torbay) and upcoming on August 2 (City of Victoria).

Each Picture Postage™ stamp is available in panes of 21 and 40, available only from the National Philatelic Centre.

The commemorative envelopes have the same design, but those are printed directly onto the envelope. The inner images are slightly different in size.

Illustrated at right are scans of the actual stamps (courtesy ESG member Andrew Chung). Below are the pre-issue images of the commemorative envelopes. Note that the “stamp’s” inner images are a bit larger on the commemorative envelopes.



Pre-issue images (from July to September 2012 Details) of commemorative envelopes

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

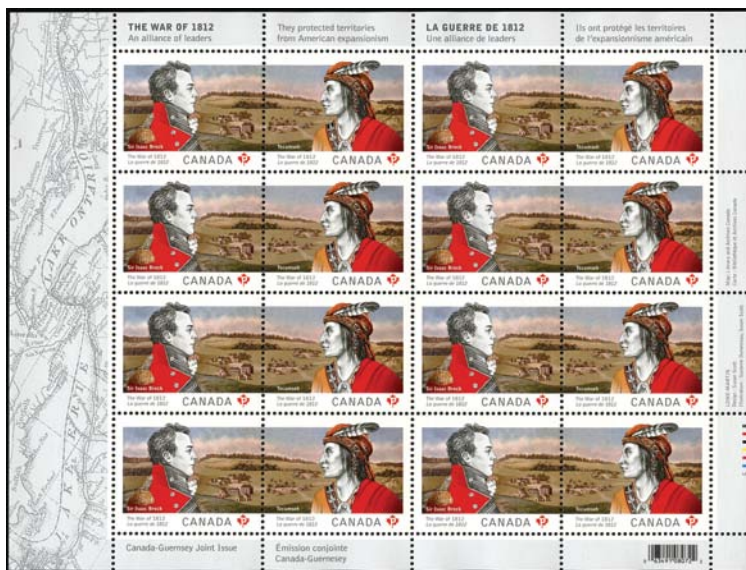
The War of 1812

Canada Post issued a pair of stamps on June 15 for the War of 1812 (thanks Canada Post; historical stamp issues are the best!). One stamp features Sir Isaac Brock while the other shows War Chief Tecumseh (Scott 2554–2555).

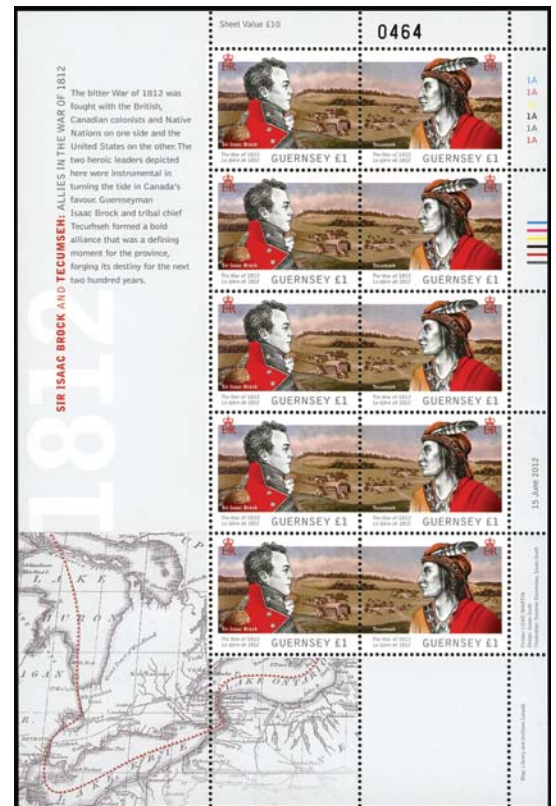
This was a joint issue with Guernsey Post. Why Guernsey, you ask? Canada Post's April-June 2012 *Details* magazine notes "British Major-General Sir Isaac Brock, K.B., was born into a relatively wealthy family in Guernsey, in the Channel Islands." Canada Post issued a joint first day cover showing the two different countries pair of stamps.



The War of 1812 — Joint official first day cover



The War of 1812 — Pane of 16 from Canada



The War of 1812 — Pane of 10 from Guernsey

Articles Urgently Needed

Cameo Cello-Paq – Centennial Wrapper

Here is a very scarce item; dare we say *rare*?

In the March-April 2010 *Corgi Times* we illustrated the 4¢ and 5¢ Cameo miniature panes still enclosed in the Cello-Paq wrapper but with the Centennial-style imprint.

Frank von Hausen of F.v.H. Stamps (www.fvhstamps.com) in Vancouver, BC e-mailed me in early August to note that his weekly auction (August 11) was including the following item:

CANADA 1962-67 4¢ QEII CAMEO Miniature Pane, on Fluorescent Paper in original sealed cello-paq #404biii. Note: the cello-paq design is the 1867-1967 Centennial logo style not the standard design as used on previous & Cameo paqs. Unlisted as such!! RARE! 2012 UCS Cat. \$600.00



It realized \$331.

This particular example is different than the one we illustrated previously (March-April 2010 *Corgi Times*).

More Stationery

ESG member passed along the following e-mail in late July...

One of the my local Canada Post retail outlets is selling a brand new line of pre-stamped postal stationery called *Write me back/Réponds-moi*. Per the packaging, each set, priced at \$3.99, contains “two matching blank notecards and two postage-paid envelopes”. One envelope measures 5” by 6.5”, the smaller reply envelope measures 4.375” by 5.75”.

My retail outlet had four different card/indicia designs: a beetle, a duck, a frog and a flower. That means there are at least eight new collectible pieces of postal stationery. I can find no mention of this product on the Canada Post website, nor the latest issue of “Details.”

My local post office ordered in the four different items so they could be illustrated here (at 33% original size)...

