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Computer Vended Postage

Canada Post began testing 'computer vended postage' on December 12, 2012 via kiosks located initially at selected postal outlets in Toronto, London and Vancouver.

The machines dispense three 'basic' first-class denominations (domestic, USA and International) as well as six other values for domestic Lettermail™.

See the article on page 57 of this issue for more details.



Security Underprinting

A new 'security' feature on Canadian stamps is the addition of 'underprinting'. The January to March 2013 *Details* magazine notes that ...

All of the 2013 Baby Wildlife coils and the booklets of six stamps will have a new security feature printed on the reverse side of the stamp under the adhesive.



When one removes the self-adhesive stamp from its backing paper and looks at the back of the stamp, you can see a repeating 'Canada' in grey print. This text is still visible after soaking a used stamp.

See page 56 in this issue for more details, including other recent stamp issues that include this 'security' feature.

End of 1¢ Stamps?

The Royal Canadian Mint stopped producing pennies in May 2012 and began collecting the coins for melting and recycling on February 4, 2013. Businesses that do cash transactions will now round, up or down, the total to the nearest nickel.

Canada Post's Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/canadianstampcollecting>) includes an article from the February 1 *Calgary Herald* titled "As penny takes a licking, humble one-cent stamp lives on". The article notes that ...

Yet Canada Post plans to continue to produce one cent stamps for domestic letter-mail, even as pennies themselves disappear from cash registers and find permanent homes in dusty dresser drawers and pickle jars.



Computer Vended Postage
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Who are We?

We are the Elizabethan II Study Group under the auspices of the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) — The Society for Canadian Philately.

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Canada Post News

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

► Signs of the Zodiac: end of 3-year series

February 20 sees the end of Canada Post's three-year *Signs of the Zodiac* series. Four stamps were released in each of the three years.

Each year saw four individual stamps issued in self-adhesive booklets of 10, as well as a water-activated gum souvenir sheet of 4.

To conclude the series, Canada Post is also issuing all twelve stamps together on a single water-activated gum pane. I hope the perforation, or some other feature is slightly different for the stamps on this pane (need to be able to differentiate these from the previous souvenir sheets)!



Pre-issue image of Signs of the Zodiac pane of 12

► Canadian Photography: new series

On March 22, Canada Post initiates a new *Canadian Photography* series of stamps celebrating 150 years of the best of Canadian photography.

Canadian Photography takes the place of the annual *Art Canada* stamps.

This year's photography set includes five domestic-rate Permanent™ stamps, a single U.S.-rate stamp and a single International-rate stamp. The previous *Art Canada* stamps typically had 3 stamps issued per year.



Pre-issue image of Canadian Photography souvenir sheets

These new seven stamps will actually cost you at least \$30.10 as they are being issued in a booklet of 10, two booklets of 6, and two souvenir sheets (and don't forget the seven different prepaid postal cards at \$1.99 each, if you also collect these!).

Corgi Times

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Study Group Business

❖ New members

Julian Goldberg (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.

2013

BNAPLEX 2013: Aug 30–Sep 1, 2013 in Charlottetown, PEI

Corgi Times Distribution

by: *Robin Harris*

In the September-October 2012 *Corgi Times* I noted that I was ready to step down as editor of this journal. Nearly twelve years of producing a journal such as this is a very long time. It is time for some 'new blood'.

A couple of people came forward offering to help with the printing and mailing of the journal. One person came forward to act as interim editor until a full-time person could be found.

There are two main reasons for stepping down: lack of material received from our membership and the time involved to print, fold, postage, stuff and mail each issue.

Half of this problem can be easily resolved. Starting with the next issue of the *Corgi Times*, we will no longer be producing a printed copy¹. Distribution will be via an electronic PDF copy that the membership can download at their leisure from the ESG website.

After the March-April 2013 *Corgi Times* is completed, I will send an e-mail to the entire ESG membership providing a direct link to the on-line PDF copy. You will simply click on the link to view the journal. You can then save the file to your computer and/or print it for reading at a more convenient time.

We still have the long running problem of the lack of material submitted by our membership. With over 100 paid subscribers to our journal, I am continually shocked by the lack of participation by our membership. Over the last few years we have probably had only a handful of members who have submitted articles, and another handful who

have replied to various questions posed in our journal. Surely there are many of us who can pass along a short item that would be eagerly received by our membership? Particularly when there are over 3,000 stamps to choose from in the Canadian Elizabethan era to write about!

I will finish out the 'year' (i.e. until June 2013) by producing the next two *Corgi Times* (Mar-Apr and May-Jun). If little or no articles are received from our membership then there are two options:

- A. I continue to produce the *Corgi Times*, but new issues are only published when enough articles are received from the membership to fill a 16-page journal.
- B. I will step down as of July 1 of this year, and, based on the events of the last few months, I suspect that the ESG will no longer exist as of that date.

I, along with you, certainly do not want to see Option B materialize.

With that said, I personally do not like Option A either. I believe the membership should receive a 14- or 16-page journal on a regular basis of every 2 months. If we wait for enough articles to come forward before publishing subsequent journals it could be many months or even a year between issues. That is simply not fair to the membership.

Should the *Corgi Times* continue into the future and be distributed only in PDF form, dues will continue to be received at the rate of \$15 *every two years* — we don't want to give away the journal!

¹ a few copies will be printed only for libraries and archival purposes.

Articles Urgently Needed

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#
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) 	2453–56 2446 2456b
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) 	2568–76 2567
Sep 17	Permanent™ (61¢) + 10¢ Canada Post Community Foundation semi-postal, self-adhesive booklet of 10	B19
Sep 28	Permanent™ (61¢) Flag on Bobsled spelling correction (in booklet of 10)	2502a
Oct 11	Regiments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢), self-adhesive booklets of 10: 3 different • \$1.83 gummed souvenir sheet of 3 	2578–80 2577
Oct 15	Christmas – Permanent™ (61¢) Stained Glass, self-adhesive booklet of 12	2582
Oct 15	Christmas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢) Cookies, self-adhesive booklet of 12 • \$1.05 Cookies, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$1.80 Cookies, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$3.46 gummed souvenir sheet of 3 	2583 2584 2585 2581
Oct 16	125th Anniversary of Organized Philately in Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15¢ Beneficial insects souvenir sheet of 3 	2409b
Nov 5	Picture Postage™ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 designs in 2 orientations in 3 formats in 4 denominations 	
Nov ?	Canadian Pride 2012 definitives (five designs) with backprint security features <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 	
Nov 28	Grey Cup Winner (Toronto Argonauts) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 	
Dec 12	Computer Vended Postage	

Canada Post 2013 Stamp Program

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Issued	Description	Scott#
Jan 8	Year of the Snake <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (63¢) pane of 25 • \$1.85, self-adhesive booklet pane of 6 • \$1.85 souvenir sheet • \$1.85 (Snake) and \$1.80 (Dragon) "transitional" souvenir sheet • \$29.95 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each design) 	
Jan 14	Permanent™ (63¢) Queen Elizabeth II, self-adhesive booklet of 10	
Jan 14	Baby Wildlife rate-change definitives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (63¢) Woodchucks, self-adhesive roll of 100 • \$1.10 Porcupine, self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$1.34 Fawn, self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$1.85 Black bear, self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$1.10 Porcupine, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$1.34 Fawn, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$1.85 Black bear, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • Permanent™ (63¢) Woodchucks, self-adhesive roll of 5,000 • \$4.92 gummed souvenir sheet of 4 • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each design) 	
Jan 14	Canadian Pride rate-change definitives (five designs) ("limited print run") <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 30 • \$3.15 gummed souvenir sheet of 4 	
Jan 31	Canadian Pride rate-change definitives (five designs) with backprint security features <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 30 	
Jan 17	\$1.85 Raoul Wallenberg, self-adhesive booklet of 6	
Feb 1	Black Heritage Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (63¢) Oliver Jones, self-adhesive booklet of 10 • Permanent™ (63¢) Joe Fortes, self-adhesive booklet of 10 	
Feb 20	Signs of the Zodiac (4 x Permanent™ (63¢)): Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢), self-adhesive booklets of 10: 4 different • \$2.52 gummed souvenir sheet of 4 • \$7.56 gummed pane of 12 (all 12 Zodiac designs) • \$15.12 cross gutter pane of 24 (6 of each design) • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each design) 	
Mar 4	Magnolias (two designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$1.26 gummed souvenir sheet of 2 • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each design) 	
Mar 22	Canadian Photography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 x Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$1.10, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$1.85, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$1.89 souvenir sheet of 3 x Permanent • \$4.21 souvenir sheet of 4 (2 x Permanent, \$1.10, \$1.85) • \$1.99 postal cards (seven designs) 	

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. 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.

Member Feedback

In the last *Corgi Times* we presented a couple of varieties and asked for reader feedback.

- Franklin the Turtle tagging

Several people responded, all in the affirmative. Everyone's booklet(s) contained the tag 'smear'. Certainly a constant variety.

- Tecumseh red dot

From the couple of people who replied to this, no one had another example. A query on a stamp newsgroup (Stamp Community Forum) had the same result ... not constant.



New Picture Postage™

An ESG member, who just recently ordered his customized Picture Postage™ using the new frames from Lowe-Martin, received his order in a very expeditious manner. Great to see that Lowe-Martin has overcome some of their early 'issues' with processing times.

In addition, this same member notes that his mailing included postage consisting of four copies of a \$1.10 customized Picture Postage™ image, presumably designed by Lowe-Martin. Notice that this Picture Postage™ design is very similar to a 2008 96¢ Christmas issue (Scott 2294), printed by Lowe-Martin.

(Unfortunately, the \$1.10 stamps were *not* cancelled, although smudged a bit during transit.)



Scott 2294, 96¢
Christmas issue of 2008



Picture Postage™
used by Lowe-Martin
in February 2013

I've been honoured (almost twice)¹

The new 2013 rate-change Canadian Pride definitives include five more 'flag on...' images. They were released January 14.

What a nice surprise it was to see that I am now immortalized on one of the stamps, while a hay bale on another is in fact one that was on The Harris Homestead (we have 40 acres of which a significant portion is farmed).

The 'Living Flag' design is based on a picture taken from in front of the Manitoba Legislative Building in downtown Winnipeg on a beautiful sunny summer afternoon.

In reality, many living people can now say they have appeared on a Canadian stamp. What do you think? Should the general public be portrayed on stamps?

It's Me!



'Living Flag', in front of the
Manitoba Legislative Building



Flag on Hay Bale

¹ Of course this is all 'tongue in cheek'; I *wish* I had been at the 'Living Flag' picture taking and I *wish* this particular hay bale actually was on our land. Years ago I recall reading a segment in a *Mad* magazine where the writer had newspaper clippings showing how important he was. For example, a headline read 'current population is 4,521' where the '1' was the particular person being referenced.

In this instance, even though most of this story is *not* true, it is easy for anyone to say that they were a part of the 'Living Flag' picture due to the lack of detail.

2013 Canadian Pride Definitive Tagging

by: Robin Harris

This year's Canadian Pride definitives include 'hidden' phosphorescent features, visible only with the use of an ultraviolet light.

The taggant includes repeating emblems related to each specific stamp. That is, each booklet has five different repeating patterns across the top and bottom rows of stamps.

The five different symbols are: deck chair, stack of hay bales, sail, person, and fishing hut.

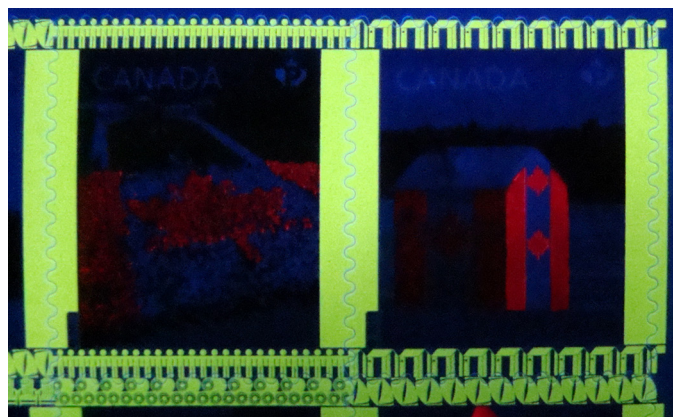
In addition, much of the red printing also 'glows' brightly when exposed to the UV light.

Shown at right are two of this year's Canadian Pride stamps ('Living Flag' and fishing hut) with these hidden security features.

Last year's stamps included the same repeating text along the top and bottom of each stamp.



2013 Canadian Pride definitives, issued January 14, 2013



Tagging features on two of this year's Canadian Pride definitives

2013 Animal Definitive Security Features?

by: Robin Harris

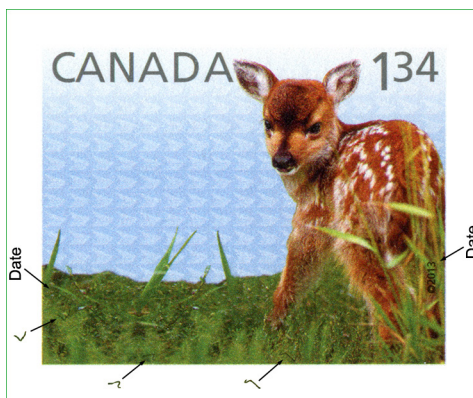
The third set of four Baby Wildlife definitives, issued January 14, 2013 for the annual rate increase appear to have hidden "security features" placed throughout the design.

Like the previous two sets of Baby Wildlife definitives from the last couple of years, this year's set also has a *second* hidden date.

The first year's stamps also had footprints included as part of the tagging; last year's and this year's stamps do not.

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

A new feature, seen this year, is the repeating Canada Post logo placed in the blue background of each stamp.



Security Underprinting

by: Robin Harris

Several of Canada Post's recent definitives have been released with a new 'security' feature — underprinting located on the back of the stamp. When one removes the self-adhesive stamp from its backing paper and looks at the back of the stamp, you can see a repeating 'Canada' in grey print. This text is still visible after soaking a used stamp.



The January to March 2013 *Details* magazine notes that ...

All of the 2013 Baby Wildlife coils and the booklets of six stamps will have a new security feature printed on the reverse side of the stamp under the adhesive.

In addition, this year's Canadian Pride definitives exist with and without the underprinting. The initial release of these stamps, on January 14, 2013 were *without* the security feature. The same stamps, *with* the new security feature, were available on January 31, 2013.



Canadian Pride booklet of 10 inscription showing paper manufacturer code, without underprint (top), with underprint (bottom)

In a surprise move, *last year's* Canadian Pride definitives were released with the new security underprinting feature in mid November 2012 (booklet of 10 only). These could prove to be quite elusive, particularly in used condition.



\$1.34 booklet inscription showing paper manufacturer code with underprint

Booklets and coils with the underprinting can be easily identified ... Canada Post has included an 'underline' under the paper manufacturer code found in the inscription (nice feature Canada Post!).

The following stamps exist with and without the new security underprinting:



Permanent™ coil inscription showing paper manufacturer code with underprint

The following stamps exist only with the new security underprinting (coil and booklet):



Computer Vended Postage

by: Robin Harris

Special thanks to Andrew Chung for passing along the stamps

Computer Vended Postage has come to Canada! Special 'kiosks' were placed in selected postal outlets in mid December 2012 for a trial period. The machines are a bright red (Canada Post's infamous *red* colour). Using a touch screen, customers can purchase stamps with selected values or obtain a stamp to cover the various domestic Lettermail™ rates.



0–30g Lettermail™ (Canada) and Letter-post™ rates



Up to 6 other domestic 0–500g Lettermail™ rates



Kiosk Locations

The following are locations that have these kiosks (to date; more may be forthcoming):

Toronto, ON

- * Toronto Adelaide PO, 31 Adelaide St E
- * Toronto Stn B, 119 Spadina Ave
- * Toronto Stn Toronto Dominion, 52B-66 Wellington St W
- * Shoppers Drug Mart, 1840 Eglinton Ave W
- * Shoppers Drug Mart, 3003 Danforth Ave

Scarborough, ON

- * Shoppers Drug Mart, 300 Borough Dr
- * Shoppers Drug Mart, 1-70 Eglinton Square

London, ON

- * London PO, A-387 Wellington Rd.

Guelph, ON

- * Staples, 370 Stone Road West

Mississauga, ON

- * Staples, Heartland - 5900 Mavis Rd

Vancouver, BC

- * Vancouver Main PO, 349 West Georgia St (2 machines)
- * Bentall Centre, 595 Burrard St
- * London Drugs, 710 Granville St
- * London Drugs, 525 West Broadway

Victoria, BC

- * Victoria Main PO, 706 Yates Street (2 machines)

Montreal, QC

- * Station H, 1974 St. Catherine Street
- * Pharmacie Jean Coutu, 1675 St. Catherine Street
- * Pharmacie Jean Coutu, 2687 Chemin de Chambly, Longueuil

Machine Type

A contact of ESG member Andrew Chung notes this about the Canada Post kiosks:

The machine looks very familiar to me. As a matter of fact it's a close relative of the APCs. It's a Wincor-Nixdorf ProPostal 2000 stamp vending kiosk (image of a standard model can be found at: http://www.wincor-nixdorf.com/internet/site_EN/EN/Products/Hardware/PostalSystems/ProPostal2000/ProPostal2000_node.html).

This type of kiosk is currently used in UK & Ireland.

First Day Cover

The kiosks began operation on December 12, 2012. Canada Post has produced a "first day cover", essentially commemorating the event, since the OFDC was not placed on sale until the end of January 2013 (and on-line on February 15, 2013).



OFDC image shown on Canada Post's Facebook website (<https://www.facebook.com/canadianstampcollecting>)

Stamps

The stamps measure 41 mm x 30 mm. With the backing paper, the measurement is 44 mm x 33 mm. All stamps are tagged on three sides ('secure fluorescent ink'), except the left and partly above and below the "bar code". The paper's fluorescence is high fluorescent.

Approximately every 16 stamps, two black guidelines appear on a stamp. These guidelines appear to have been printed at the same time as the leaf. The guideline at the upper right measures about 3.5 mm and the one at the right measures about 2.5 mm (see the \$1.05 stamp pictured at the beginning of this article).

Stamps are dispensed from a roll of 5,000 but only as single entities. Multiples of two or more are not available.

The kiosk also offers Expedited Parcel, Regular Parcel, Xpresspost™ and Priority™. These are processed as barcoded labels without values.

Rates

These kiosks can dispense nine different denominations: three are the 0–30g Canada Lettermail™ and USA/International Letter-post™ rates. Customers can purchase up to 25 of each of these values on a single transaction.

The other six denominations, available only for domestic 0–500g Lettermail™, require weighing and measuring your letter, and providing a destination postal code in order to determine the correct postage rate. Only a single stamp, one for that particular letter, can be obtained on a single transaction.

Note that after three transactions you must pay for the total value of postage requested to that point. Thus, obtaining quantities of the three ‘basic’ values is relatively quick and easy. However, getting the other values is a tedious process.

Due to the timing of the installation of these machines, a set of 2012 rates (from December 12, 2012 until January 13, 2013) were available, with a new set of values available from January 14, 2013 when the rates increased.

2012 Canada Lettermail™ rates

Lettermail™ (Maximum weight per item: 500 g)

For items posted in Canada for delivery in Canada

Service and Size		up to ▶		20 g	30 g	50 g	100 g	200 g	300 g	400 g	500 g
Standard Size (Envelopes, Cards and Self-mailers)	Envelopes - Maximum: 245 mm x 156 mm x 5 mm	\$0.61			\$1.05		N/A				
	Cards - Maximum: 235 mm x 120 mm x 5 mm Minimum: 140 mm x 90 mm x 0.18 mm										
Medium Size (Envelopes, Cards and Self-mailers)	Maximum: 235 mm x 165 mm x 5 mm	\$1.05	\$1.22		N/A						
	Minimum: 140 mm x 90 mm x 0.18 mm										
Other Lettermail™ (Non-standard and Oversize)	Maximum: 380 mm x 270 mm x 20 mm	\$1.29					\$2.10	\$2.95	\$3.40	\$3.65	
	Minimum: 140 mm x 90 mm x 0.18 mm										

From December 12, 2012 to January 13, 2012 the following denominations were available: 61¢, \$1.05 (including USA), \$1.22, \$1.29, \$1.80 (International), \$2.10, \$2.95, \$3.40, and \$3.65.

Sets of the initial three ‘basic’ values (61¢, \$1.05, \$1.80) have been selling on eBay recently for as high as \$40.

2013 Canada Lettermail™ rates

Lettermail™ (Maximum weight per item: 500 g)

For items posted in Canada for delivery in Canada

Service and Size		up to ▶	20 g	30 g	50 g	100 g	200 g	300 g	400 g	500 g
Standard Size (Envelopes, Cards and Self-mailers)	Maximum: 245 mm x 156 mm x 5 mm		\$0.63		\$1.10					N/A
	Minimum: 140 mm x 90 mm x 0.18 mm									
Medium Size (Envelopes, Cards and Self-mailers)	Maximum: 235 mm x 165 mm x 5 mm		\$1.10		\$1.26					N/A
	Minimum: 140 mm x 90 mm x 0.18 mm									
Other Lettermail™ (Non-standard and Oversize)	Maximum: 380 mm x 270 mm x 20 mm				\$1.34		\$2.20	\$3.05	\$3.50	\$3.75
	Minimum: 140 mm x 90 mm x 0.18 mm									

Since January 14, 2013 the following denominations have been available: 63¢, \$1.10 (including USA), \$1.26, \$1.34, \$1.85 (International), \$2.20, \$3.05, \$3.50, and \$3.75.

Catalogue Listing

Scott Publishing lists basic designs of United States’ computer vended postage in their *Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers* in a ‘back-of-the-book’ section with CVP-numbers. As of this writing it is *not* yet known if Scott will list these Canadian computer vended postage stamps (if not, the Unitrade catalogue *will* list them in a new back-of-the-book section).

Beneficial Insects

by: Robin Harris

The low-value Beneficial Insect definitives, first seen in October 2007, are proving to be a very, very interesting set of stamps. Have you kept up with the various varieties that are available?



Beneficial Insects

Beneficial Insects	CBN						
	13.0x13.4						
	Coated Papers						
	Sheet (panes of 50)			Souvenir Sheet			
Value	Blue-green gum		Transparent (white gum)	Blue-green gum		Transparent (white gum)	Variety count
1¢ Convergent lady beetle	Oct 12/07			Oct 12/07			1
2¢ Monarch caterpillar		Apr 22/09					1
3¢ Golden-eyed Lacewing †	Oct 12/07			Oct 12/07		Oct 16/12*	2
4¢ Paper wasp			Oct 19/10		Oct 19/10	Oct 16/12*	3
5¢ Northern bumblebee †	Oct 12/07			Oct 12/07			1
6¢ Assassin bug			Oct 19/10		Oct 19/10		2
7¢ Large milkweed bug			Oct 19/10		Oct 19/10		2
8¢ Margined leatherwing			Oct 19/10	Oct 12/07	Oct 19/10	Oct 16/12*	3
9¢ Dogbane beetle			Oct 19/10	Oct 12/07	Oct 19/10		1
10¢ Canada darner (dragonfly) †	Oct 12/07						1
25¢ Cecropia moth	Oct 12/07		Dec /12				2
† Apparent reprints(?) have narrower black borders around individual stamps							* with hidden features
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Format

Two printing formats have been used for these stamps: panes of 50 and souvenir sheets. The 2¢ and 10¢ have not appeared in souvenir sheet format (yet!).

Gum

When the stamps first appeared, the paper manufacturer (Coated Papers) supplied stamp paper that had a blue-green tinge to the gum. Starting in July 2010, this paper began using a transparent gum, which resulted in the back of the stamps appearing white. The five values released on October 19, 2010 appeared with both the transparent gum (in panes of 50) and blue-green gum (souvenir sheet of 5).

The 25c moth is the first to appear in panes of 50 with both types of gum; the transparent gum variety appeared sometime in December 2012.

Hidden features

Hidden dates, bearing the year of issue (normally), have been a common feature on Canadian stamps since 1935 (discontinued briefly in the late '60's until 1974). A special souvenir sheet issued on October 16, 2012 with three insect stamps included additional hidden features targeted towards young collectors. Each of the three stamps in the souvenir sheet has several hidden items, as indicated on the right selvedge of the souvenir sheet. (Scott Publishing *has* assigned a number to each of these three stamps.)



Reprints (?)

In December 2009, the 3¢ value was reprinted, correcting a major printing error whereby the inscription on four stamps was misplaced (see image below). This reprint has a narrower black border around the individual stamps, most noticeable at the base of the denomination.

In 2010, the 5¢ and 10¢ values appeared with similar features (i.e. a narrower black border). Specialist collectors consider these *reprints* and distinct varieties (I am not quite sold on this yet; as such, the variety count in the table on the previous page does not include these three varieties).

Varieties

Two notable inscription errors have appeared on the 3¢ and 6¢ values of these stamps. The 3¢ contains the infamous shifted inscription beside 'Canada', while the 6¢ has an incorrect printer designation in the inscription blocks.

A brown horizontal line on the 5¢ value has recently been discovered.

Other

A contact, who studies modern stamps looking for various reprints and varieties, has passed along the following. He suggests that there are multiple reprints on the 5¢ and 10¢ values:

5¢ Bumblebee

Initial print: 1) Green border is a light moss green (non-shiny when compared to the stamps); 2) bees in selvage have wide and "fluffy" yellow neck band; 3) bottom of 5 is heavily shaded with black.

2nd print: 1) Green border is darker (a richer green) and also appears just as shiny as the stamps); 2) Selvage inscriptions are thicker.

3rd print: 1) Much more shiny overall; 2) yellow neck band on bees in selvage is narrower and not "fluffy"; 3) bottom of 5 is less shaded with black.

10¢ Dragonfly

Initial print: heavy shading in bottom of "10" and non-shiny or "flat" brown border, wings in selvage are dark grey.

2nd print: heavy shading in bottom of "10" and distinctly shiny (glossy) brown border, wings in selvage are much lighter grey.

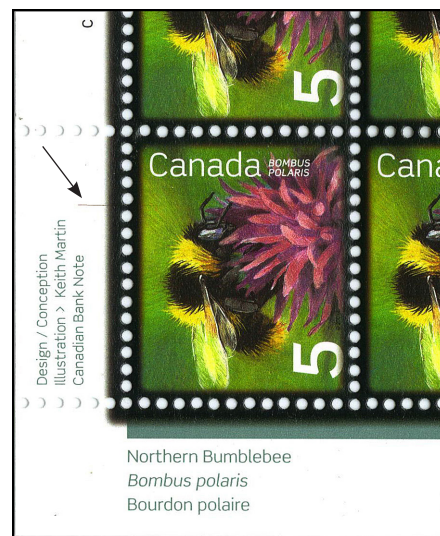
3rd print: less shading in bottom of "10" and shiny (glossy) brown border.



Left: original with thicker black border
Right: reprint with thinner border



Above: 3¢ shifted inscription
Right: brown line flaw on 5¢
Below: incorrect printer designation in 6¢ inscription



The Canadian Stamp Perforation Change of 1962

by: Julian Goldberg

An interesting change in the perforation gauge and perforation hole size on Canadian Elizabethan stamps started to occur sometime from middle to late 1962. It affected most Canadian Bank Note Company (CBN) line perforated postage stamps from 1962 until 1974 which was when Canadian stamps were last line perforated. The perforation gauge measurement was changed from around 11.95 perforations per two centimetres for the old perforations to around 11.85 perforations per two centimetres for the new perforations. The new perforation holes were slightly larger and wider than the old perforation holes. The new perforation holes were cleaner cut and rounder than the old perforation holes. The new perforation holes cut across in straighter lines than the old perforation holes. This all occurred because new rotary perforating machines with new rotary perforating wheels started to supplement and/or replace the existing older rotary perforating machines. The American Bank Note Company (ABN) and its subsidiary the Canadian Bank Note Company (CBN) had for some time used rotary perforating machines with rotary perforating wheels that line perforated stamps in which the perforating holes unevenly cross each other at the corners.

This change was noted in Canada Scott # 399 with some stamps gauging around the older 11.95 x 11.95 and with some stamps gauging around the newer 11.85 x 11.85. To accommodate the new slightly wider pins on the top rotary perforating wheels and the corresponding new slightly wider holes on the bottom rotary perforating wheels, a slight change increase in the diameter and circumference of the rotary perforating wheels occurred. The older rotary perforating wheels had a slightly smaller diameter and circumference and the newer rotary perforating wheels had a slightly larger diameter and circumference while both the older and the newer rotary perforating wheels had the same number of pins and holes on them. Thus, the older wheels had a gauge of around 11.95 perforations and the newer wheels had a gauge of around 11.85 perforations.



Left: perf 11.95

Right: perf 11.85

If some wheels were changed on the old perforators to produce new perforations, then the number of pins and holes would have had to have been reduced by around one pin and one hole while the wheel diameter and circumference would have remained the same so that there would be some compound perforations on the different sides of the same stamp of which there are none. If it was just about the old pins being replaced with new pins on the wheels, then the gauge would not have changed. If it was just about the pins being sharpened on the old wheels, then the gauge measurement would have slightly increased instead of slightly decreased.

With regards to the new perforating machines, they were the new automatic sheet fed two way (direction) rotary L-perforators that were replacing the older hand sheet fed one way (direction) rotary perforators. An L-perforator allowed stamp sheets to be perforated faster together in one machine with a horizontal or vertical rotary perforating unit that was interconnected by an L-shaped automatic conveyer belt system to a vertical or horizontal rotary perforating unit which

replaced separately hand feeding the stamp sheets into one rotary perforator for the horizontal or vertical perforations and then separately hand delivering and hand feeding the stamp sheets into another rotary perforator for the vertical or horizontal perforations which took longer and was more prone to error.

Besides this change affecting the perforation gauge measurement and perforation hole size of Canada Scott # 399 as well as its printed red vignette which is usually not as well centered on stamps with the old perfs as it is on stamps with the new perfs, there are several other Canadian stamps that were also affected by this perforation change in that there are several similar looking Canadian stamps with two different perforation measurements, the older 11.95 x 11.95 and the newer 11.85 x 11.85.

The following is a listing of those basic older stamps that have been found with both the old 11.95 x 11.95 and the new 11.85 x 11.85 perforations since these stamps were also printed and perforated sometime before, during and/or after 1962:

Scott # 334, plate # 1. Some plate # 1 have new perfs (11.85) while most plate # 1 have old perfs (11.95).
 Scott # 338, plate # 20. All plate # 20 have new perfs (11.85) while all plates from # 1 to # 19 have old perfs (11.95).
 Scott # 340, plate # 19. Some have new perfs (11.85) while most plate # 19 and all plates # 1 to # 18 have old perfs (11.95).
 Scott # 343, plate # 4. Some plate # 4 have new perfs (11.85) while most plate # 4 have old perfs (11.95).
 Scott # 351, plate # 4. Some plate # 4 have new perfs (11.85) while most plate # 4 have old perfs (11.95).
 Scott # 351, plate # 5. All plate # 5 have new perfs (11.85) while all plates from # 1 to # 3 have old perfs (11.95).
 Scott # 362, plate # 4. Most have new perfs (11.85) while some plate # 4 and all plates # 1 to # 3 have old perfs (11.95).
 Scott # 363, plate # 1. Some plate # 1 have new perfs (11.85) while most plate # 1 have old perfs (11.95).
 Scott # 399, plate # 1. Some plate # 1 have new perfs (11.85) while some plate # 1 have old perfs (11.95).
 Scott # J16, plate # 2. Some plate # 2 have new perfs (11.85) while most plate # 2 have old perfs (11.95).
 Scott # J16B, plate # 1. Some plate # 1 have new perfs (11.85) while some plate # 1 have old perfs (11.95).
 Scott # J15, J17, J18, J19, J20 (all plate # 1. Some plate # 1 have new perfs (11.85) while some plate # 1 have old perfs (11.95).

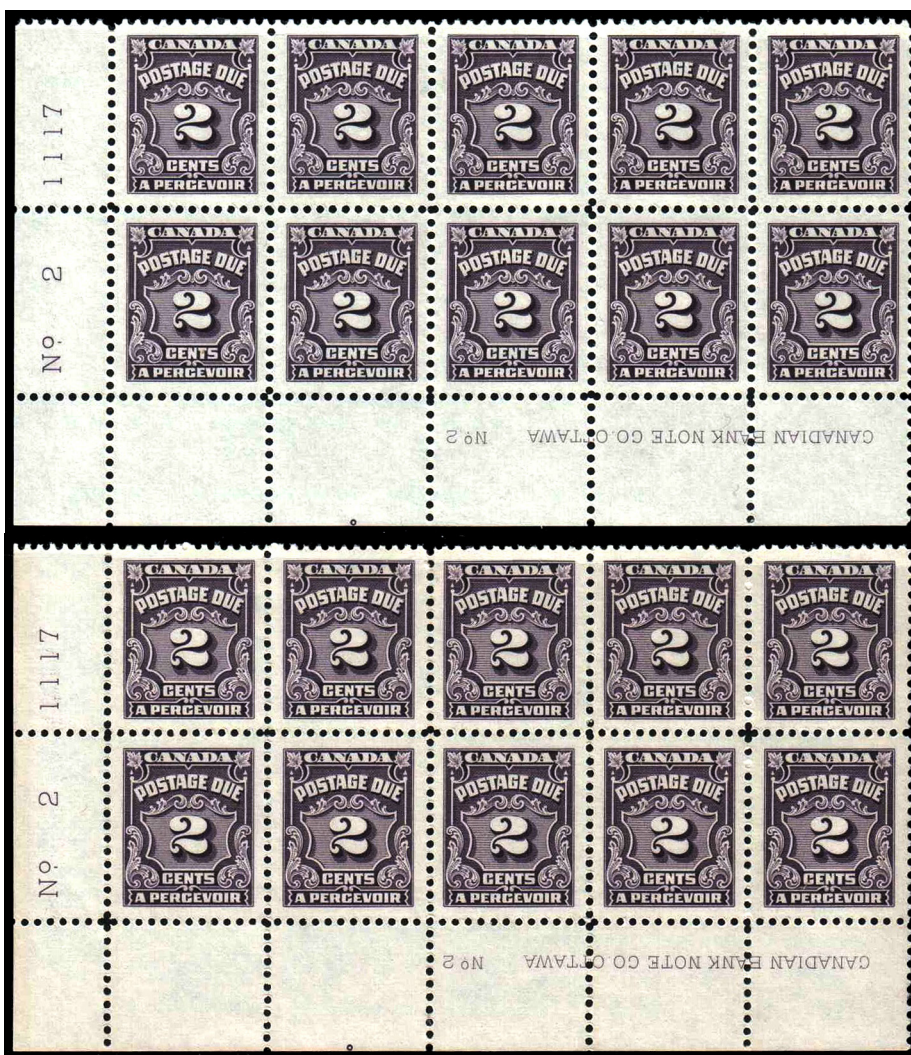
Also, other stamps that have old perforations (11.95 x 11.95) and that may also potentially have some new perforations (11.85 x 11.85) that have not yet been found and verified may be as follows:

Scott # 321 (pl.1 or pl.2), 334 (pl.2), 338 (pl.19), 341 (pl.19), 363 (pl.2), 400 (pl.1), O32 (pl.1 or pl.2), O38a (pl.1 or pl.2), O39a (pl.4), O45a (pl.4).

All tagged, fluorescent, hibrite, shades and other such scarcer varieties of any of the above found (and not found) stamps have not been fully checked and verified as to having the two different perforations.

Scott # 405p (tagged) has old perfs (11.95) while Scott # 405 plates # 1 to # 3 have new perfs (11.85).

The above paper presents a new and interesting ongoing search that is by no means complete so that those who are interested in these perforations can add their new discoveries to the above.



Top: perf 11.95 Bottom: perf 11.85

Coil Dispensers

by: Robin Harris

As you collect the new issues that Canada Post is producing, do you also collect any related items that picture or include the same design of the stamps? By related items, I include postal cards, framed prints, pamphlets, posters, stamp/coin sets, stationery, and coil dispensers (what have I missed in this list?).

I am particularly interested in these related items, particularly if a stamp image is included.

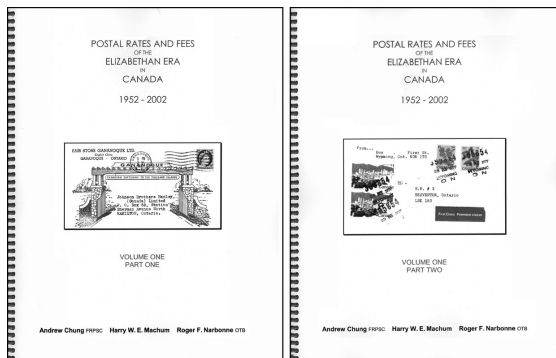
Canada Post must have found that coil dispensers are popular with the general public and/or businesses. A couple of new dispensers are released each year now, typically showing the new rate change stamps or annual flower issue (last year also had eight dispensers sold featuring the CFL team logos). Here are a sample of coil dispensers, starting with the 'plain' red Canada Post logo box.



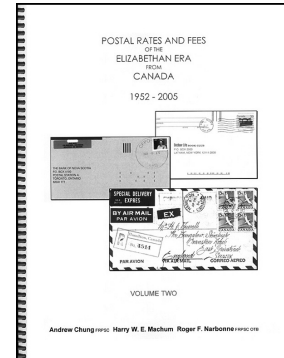
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