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(view this issue in *almost* full-colour on-line)

October 26/13: Yes, we are very, very late with this issue (should have been mailed the beginning of June). The Corgi Times had to take a back seat these last few months.



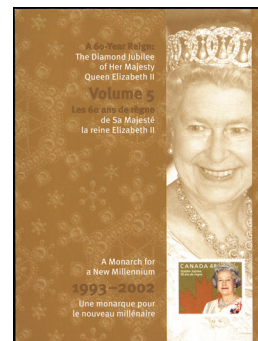
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Discounted Canada Post Products

Do you browse Canada Post's website? Specifically, the 'collecting' area? The shopping site of their website provides areas where certain products are being discounted, at levels of 25%, 50% and 75% (follow the 'Sale' link).

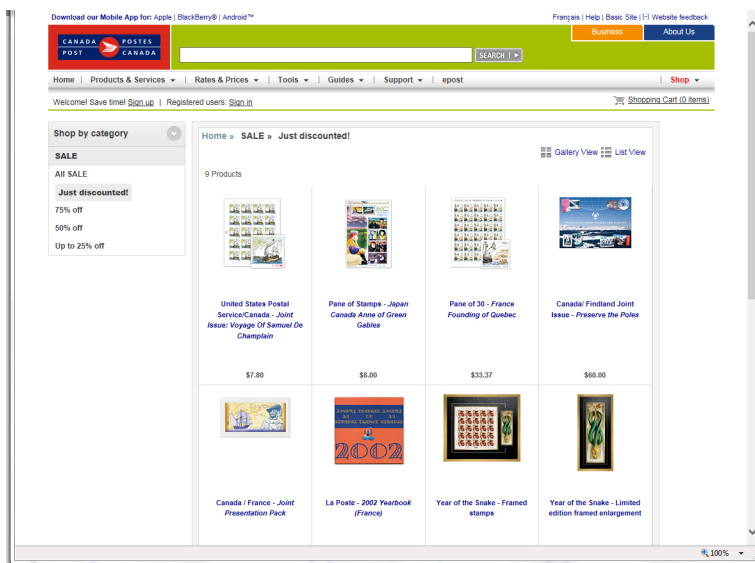
A year ago we noted in the *Corgi Times* (Jul-Aug 2012, page 6) that there was a "Canada Day Sale" which include 50% discounts on the just-released Jubilee Keepsakes. For the Keepsake #5 this meant that the stamps were actually being sold for less than face value.

Well, the same group of Jubilee Keepsakes are included in the 50% discount section of Canada Post's shopping site (and have been for quite sometime). If you are looking for discount postage, just order directly from Canada Post!



There are a number of other recently issued items that appear in the 'sale' section on Canada Post's website. In addition, many older items are for sale, including some from 2002 (and earlier?). Make sure to take a look!

Just go to canadapost.ca, click on the "Shop" link (near the top right side), then click on "SALE" at the bottom of the left menu.



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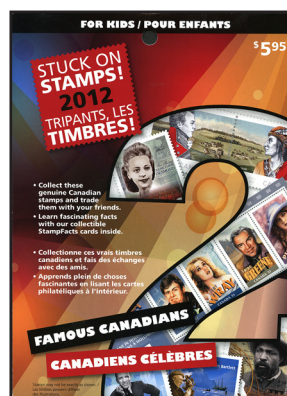
Canada Post News

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

► Stuck on Stamps

The July–August 2013 *Details* magazine, with the images and details of the Canadian stamps to be released in the third quarter of 2013, includes a page devoted to the quarterly packs. In addition, this particular page advertises Stuck on Stamps. These are packets of stamps made "especially for kids" and sell for \$5.95.

Shown here are the first three of these packets. Two were released in 2012 and another in early 2013. The *Details* magazine notes that a second packet for 2013 is now available.



Each packet includes a group of recently issued Canadian mint stamps (the 2012 #2 packet stamps have a face value of \$5.63). In addition a group of cards are included that describe each of the stamps included in the packet. The contents of the 2013 #2 packet include the following stamps (as shown by the set of cards):



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Study Group Business

❖ New members

Edward Innes (ON)
Stephen Klinck (QC)
Gary Norris (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

Another Late Issue

by: Robin Harris

Usually, each issue of the *Corgi Times* is completed and mailed in the middle of its 'issue date'. That is, this particular issue, the May–June *Corgi Times*, should have been completed and delivered in the first week of June.

As I write this, it is now about the end of October, nearly 5 months late. This is certainly the latest that I have completed a *Corgi Times* since I became editor in the summer of 2001.

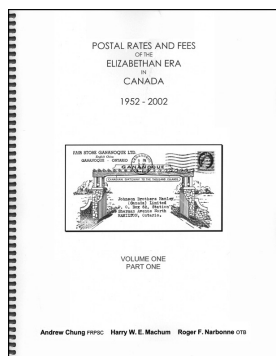
As I have mentioned the last couple of years at this time, June (and this year, July through October), are my busiest work month(s) of the year. As a self-employed individual, when paying work comes along, it always takes precedent over “stampie” stuff.

My apologizes for the very lateness of this issue (and also the next couple, July–August and September–October, all of which should have been done long ago).

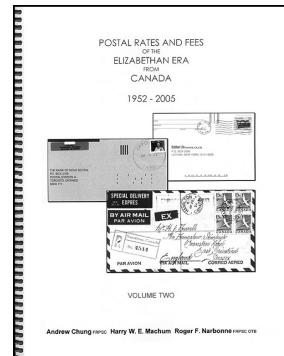
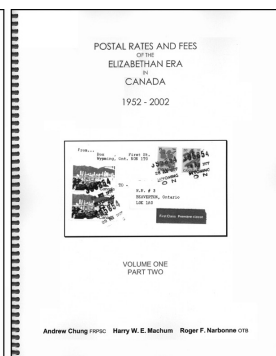
Postal Rates Books

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
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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
<i>Exchange rate subject to change</i>		



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 2013 Stamp Program

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

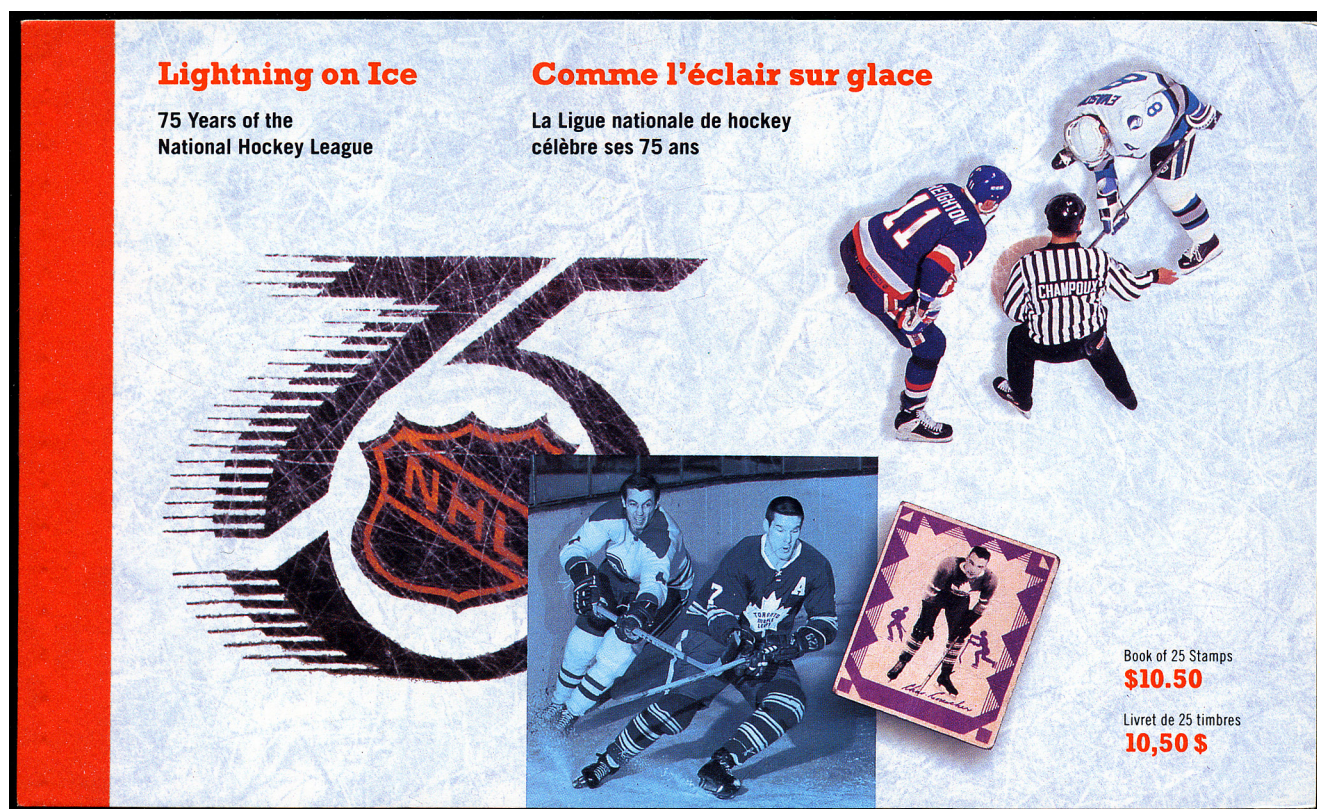
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Jan 8	Year of the Snake <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (63¢) pane of 25 • \$1.85, self-adhesive booklet pane of 6 • \$1.85 souvenir sheet • \$1.85 (Snake) and \$1.80 (Dragon) “transitional” souvenir sheet • \$29.95 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each design) 	2599 2601 2600 2600a
Jan 14	Permanent™ (63¢) Queen Elizabeth II, self-adhesive booklet of 10	2617
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) 	2604 2605 2606 2607 2608 2609 2610 2603 2602
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 	2612–16 2616c 2611
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 	2616d 2616e
Jan 17	\$1.85 Raoul Wallenberg, self-adhesive booklet of 6	2618
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 	2619 2620
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) 	2457–60 2447 2448 2460b
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) 	2624–25 2622-23 2621
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) 	2628–32 2633 2634 2626 2627
Apr 9	Permanent™ (63¢) The Princess of Wales’ Own Regiment, self-adhesive booklet of 10	2635
Apr 22	Adopt a Pet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 x Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$3.15 souvenir sheet of 5 x Permanent 	2637–41 2636
May 1	Chinatown Gates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 x Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 8 • \$5.04 souvenir sheet of 8 x Permanent • \$25.20 uncut press sheet of 5 souvenir sheets • \$88.88 limited edition collector’s set (includes imperforate souvenir sheet) • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each design) 	2643a–h 2642
May 8	Permanent™ (63¢) Queen Elizabeth II: 60th Anniversary of Her Majesty’s Coronation, self-adhesive booklet of 10	2644
May 14	Permanent™ (63¢) Big Brothers Big Sisters, self-adhesive booklet of 10	2645
Jun 1	Permanent™ (63¢) Queen Elizabeth II, self-adhesive booklet of 10 with backprint security features	

Issued	Description	Scott#
Jun 5	Motorcycles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 8 • \$1.26 souvenir sheet of 2 x Permanent • \$17.99 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each design) 	
Jun 10	Permanent™ (63¢) 250 Years of Postal History, self-adhesive booklet of 10	
Jun 20	Permanent™ (63¢) The War of 1812: Charles de Salaberry and Laura Secord (pair of stamps in pane of 16)	
Jul 5	Children's Literature: Stella <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$1.26 souvenir sheet of 2 x Permanent • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each design) 	
Jul 19	Canadian Recording Artists: The Bands (Rush, The Hip, The Guess Who, Beau Dommage) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 x Permanent™ (63¢), four different self-adhesive booklets of 10 • \$2.52 souvenir sheet of 4 x Permanent • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each design) 	
Aug 28	Permanent™ (63¢) Robertson Davies, self-adhesive booklet of 10	
Sep ?	"super heroic, true Canadian" issue	
?	Haunted Canada	
?	Christmas	

NHL Booklet Error

• 1992 NHL booklet

This booklet (BK148, released October 9, 1992) has been reported with *two* front covers.



Articles Urgently Needed

Addressed Admail

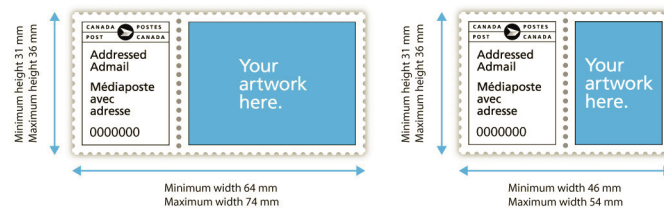
Canada Post has introduced Customized Postal Indicia that includes art work and a perforated edge look. The Perforated Edge Design Postal Indicia is only available for Addressed Admail™ (including Dimensional Addressed Admail), Lettermail™, Incentive Lettermail™ and Publications Mail™

Postal indicia are markings on mail showing that postage has been prepaid by the sender.¹

From Canada Post's website²:

Customized Postal Indicia:

- must measure a minimum of 64 mm x 31 mm and maximum of 74 mm x 36 mm for the horizontal image and minimum of 46 mm x 31 mm and maximum of 54 mm x 36 for the vertical image
- must be printed in the Postage Zone of an item (within 40 mm of the top edge and 74 mm of the right edge)
- is comprised of Canada Post reserved and customizable elements:
 - Canada Post reserved elements include the perforated border, Canada Post logo and service name. These elements cannot be altered in any way. The preferred ink colour for printing these elements is black. If the entire envelope will be printed as a single colour (other than black) other dark colors are acceptable provided there is sufficient contrast between these elements and the background.
 - The customizable elements include the customer visual area on the right and the customer number. The customer visual area can include any of the following: customer logo, text, graphic or image provided these are approved by Canada Post. The customer number must be added in its designated location within the EPS file and should be between two (2) and five (5) mm tall. Sans serif font, such as Myriad, or Arial, is recommended for the permit number. All customizable elements should be placed on the appropriate layer within the EPS file.

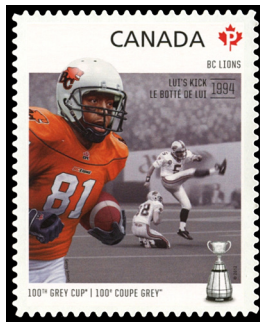


1 <http://postalhistorycorner.blogspot.ca/2013/06/canadian-postal-indicia.html>
2 <http://www.canadapost.ca/tools/pg/indicia/PostalIndicia-e.pdf>

Where are they now?

by: Robin Harris

Here are three active sports players who appeared on Canadian postage stamps over the last couple of years. Where are they now?



Scott 2569
(Aug 16, 2012)
Geroy Simon

Featured on the stamp playing for the British Columbia Lions football team. He played for BC from 2001 to 2012. He was traded to Saskatchewan Roughriders in January 2013.

Simon won the CFL's Most Outstanding Player Award in 2006 while also winning two Grey Cup championships as a member of the Lions in 2006 and in 2011.



Scott 2576
(Aug 16, 2012)
Anthony Calvillo

Featured on the stamp playing for the Montreal Alouettes football team. He began playing with Montreal in 1998 and continues to do so in this 2013 season.

Calvillo is the record holder for most career TD passes and most career completions. He has won three Grey Cup championships in 2002, 2009, and 2010, being named Grey Cup Most Valuable Player in 2002. He has won the CFL's Most Outstanding Player Award three times, in 2003, 2008, and 2009.



Unitrade PP9
(Nov 10, 2011)
Nik Antropov

Featured on a Picture Postage™ stamp called the "First goal" of the Winnipeg Jets hockey team after they re-joined the NHL in 2011.

Antropov played for the Jets during the 2011-12 season, the Barys Astana of the KHL (Russia) during 2012-13 NHL lockout, and the Jets for the shortened 2012-13 season. On August 8, 2013, he signed a two-year deal with Barys Astana of the KHL.

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.

Spacing Varieties on the Eight Cent Library Centennial Coil

By: Leonard Kruczynski

Remnants of Bileski's hoard are still floating around the auction houses. A lot in a Feb 2009 Maresch auction that caught my eye was described as "8 cent slate centennial coil, over 6200 mostly in strips of 4". Looking for fluorescent paper varieties, I was somewhat disappointed when I got the lot: they were all on the common "F" paper (untagged).

I then turned my attention to spacing varieties. A home-made template (2 marks on the edge of a piece of paper) allowed me to quickly check for unusual spacings. I soon discovered that the middle spacing of most of the strips of 4 were wider or narrower than normal. I separated the strips into three piles: 326 with normal spacing, 933 with wide, and 146 with narrow spacing. Using the etched mm scale (with 0.5 mm divisions) on the edge of a perf gauge, I then measured the middle spacing of the strips with unusual spacing. Before doing this, I checked the accuracy of the perf gauge against a steel etched inch ruler. Using the accepted conversion of 25.4 mm to the inch, I verified the accuracy of the perf gauge ruler. My perf gauge ruler gives a value of 3.8 +/- .03 mm for the normal spacing.

In an article in the *Centennial Study Group Newsletter* (Dec 1997 No 71 p 638), M. Belknode reports a value of 3.76 mm for the normal spacing; he used a precision caliper with gradations of 0.02 mm. Either of these accurate methods would be too tedious to measure thousands of spacings, so I resorted to using the perf gauge ruler and a glass. I separated the 146 narrow spacing strips into 6 groups, 0.1 mm apart. The results are summarized in Table 1. In doing so, I noticed that any one category actually encompassed a number of minutely different spacings; large enough to see, but not large enough to measure.

Figure 1 is a scan of a wider (4.1 mm) spacing variety, along with the perf gauge ruler used to make these measurements. I enhanced the contrast to bring out a constant hairline scratch, about 2.5 mm long, located in the margin of the upper image. Note the slight lateral shift to the right of the upper image. This shift is variable, being anywhere from zero to around 0.2 mm.

I sorted the wide spacing variety into seven categories, again spaced by 0.1 mm. The results are shown in Table 2.

The reason for so many spacing varieties remained a puzzle until I read Leopold Beaudet's description of coil production in Robin Harris' book "*Centennial Definitive Series 1967-73*" page 59:

"With the redesigned press, CBN used a sprocket assembly to automate the feeding of the (continuous) roll of paper through the press. However, even though two plates (each with 36 rows and 20 columns separated by a gutter between columns 10 and 11) were affixed to the printing cylinder and a new method of feeding the roll through the press was adopted, coil jumps were not eliminated. It was still necessary to lift the paper from the printing cylinder after the impression from one plate to allow the cylinder to rotate and bring the second plate into position"

So each time the paper was lifted from the printing plate it could shift left or right, up or down accounting for the spacing varieties and lateral shifts.

Three puzzles remain:

1. There are no hairline scratches on the narrow spacing variety.
2. There are fewer narrow spacing varieties.
3. The lower image in the narrow spacing variety is shifted, if at all, to the left.



Table 1
Distribution of Narrow Spacing Strips of 4

Spacing (mm)	Number
3.6	11
3.5	53
3.4	39
3.3	24
3.2	11
3.1	3



Figure 1

Table 2
Distribution of Wide Spacing Strips of 4

Spacing (mm)	Number with hairlines	Number without hairlines
4.5	1	17
4.4	0	71
4.3	2	112
4.2	5	111
4.1	19	212
4.0	23	288
3.9	7	65

After printing, the continuous roll was cut apart every 100 rows and again along the vertical gutter to produce “sticks” of 10 rolls of 100. These sticks were supplied to Post Offices with a scoreline between rolls so they could be broken off and sold as individual rolls of 100. If you purchased a stick you could be lucky to find what looked like imperforate sideways pairs if the scoreline was missing or did not penetrate the paper to a sufficient depth. Since spacing varieties occur every 36 rows, you would get no more than 2 x 10 spacing varieties in a stick; to get the number of spacing varieties in this lot, I estimate Bileski would have spent over \$8,000. What was he looking for? Probably unsevered pairs.

It would be a shame to consign this lot to postage. I can supply a limited number of sets (including the hairline scratch) to interested centennial collectors free on request by contacting me at 19 Petersfield Place, Winnipeg MB R3T 3V5 (e-mail lkrczy@cc.umanitoba.ca).

It appears that CBN continued to print coils using this press up to the 46 cent flag coil issued Dec 1998, because wide and narrow spacing varieties are sprinkled through the coil listings in the Unitrade catalogue over this time period. Ashton Potter took over coil production starting with the 47 cent stylized maple leaf in 2000, and so ended the wide/narrow spacing era.

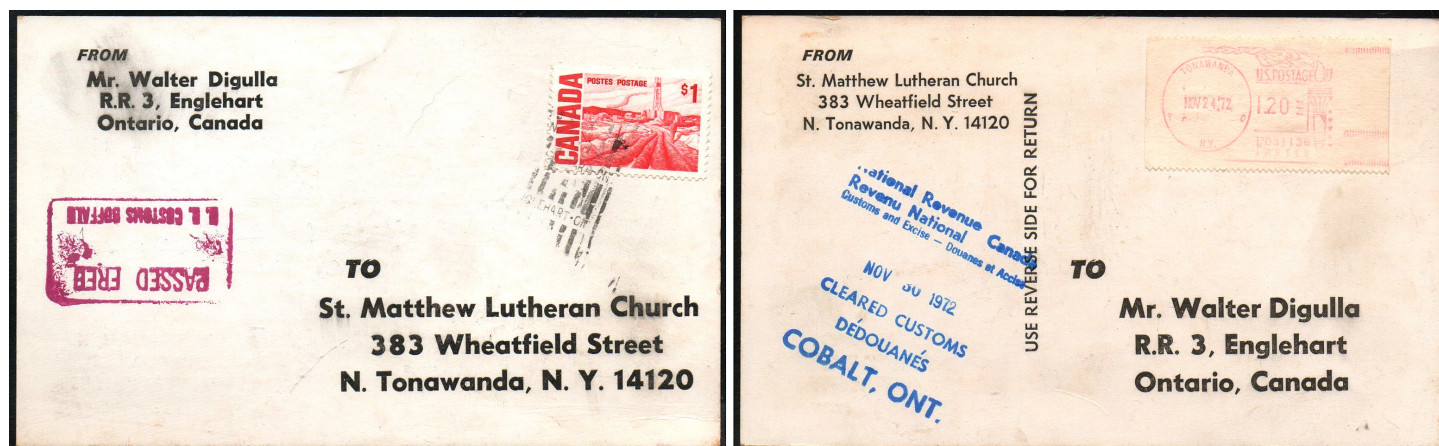
To see if the trends established for the 8 cent coil indeed carried over to other values, I examined a used stock of 12 and 14 cent parliament coils, which have a normal spacing of 4.3 mm. Of the 330 spacings measured, only 4 are narrow (4.2, 4.0, 2x3.6 mm). There are more (18) wide spacings: (12x 4.4, 2x 4.5, 4.6, 4.8, 2x 5.1 mm).

In conclusion, it seems that the following trends are well established:

1. Spacing varieties occur at regular (probably 36) intervals.
2. Wide spacings are most common. They are variable, up to 0.8 mm larger than normal. Of course, wider “freak” spacings due to power failures, etc are always possible.
3. Narrow spacings are less common. They are variable, up to 0.7 mm less than the normal value.

\$1 Centennial Single Usage

ESG member John Aitken passed along the following item from an e-Bay auction (ended April 24, 2013; sold for US\$23.00).



John notes: Here is a nice single usage of the \$1 Centennial. It pays for the return to the USA of a parcel weighing 1-2 lbs. No crazy bids this time!

Computer Vended Postage

by: Paul Smith

This topic has been presented twice by Robin Harris in the *Corgi Times* (January- February 2013 and March-April 2013 issues).

This is an update based on information garnered by:

- My sister Janet's experience using the London kiosk to purchase stamps as follows:
 - January 09, 2013 – domestic 61 cent, United States \$1.05 and International \$1.80 (Pre-rate change),
 - February 05, 2013 - domestic 63 cent, United States \$1.10 and International \$1.85 (Post-rate change),
 - March 26, 2013 – domestic medium size \$1.26 (Post-rate change).
- my own experience on April 15, 2013 and June 4, 2013 using a Toronto - TD Centre Post Office kiosk to purchase post-rate change \$1.34, \$2.20, \$3.05, \$3.50 and \$3.75 domestic rate stamps,
- my reading and interpretation of submissions and comments on this subject by members of the Community Stamp Forum on the Internet at the www.stampcommunity.org website, which I heartily recommend (joining as a member is optional),
- Mr. Gilles Morel's scans of the 63 cent dotted indicator line and score lined stamps , and
- my May 23rd telephone conversation and follow-up emails with Mr. Jim Phillips, Director, Stamp Services, Canada Post Philatelic.

Kiosk Products are in use throughout the world

Canada Post refers to these stamps as “self-serve kiosk” and “print-on-demand” postage, which has one pre-printed basic design (the word CANADA and a stylized red maple leaf) and a kiosk printed variable postage value. These stamps are sold through Wincor Nixdorf postage vending kiosks.

In Germany, they are known as ATM stamps.



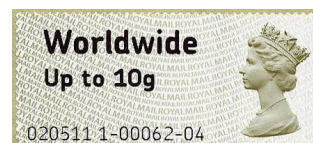
ATM - the German abbreviation for “**Automatenmarken**”, i.e. **postage labels from electronical stamp vending machines** - began in 1969.

They are - according to the Postal Law of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) passed at the UPU Congress at Hamburg, 1984, postage stamps that are printed by electronic stamp vending machines.

In the United States, they are known as Computer Vended Products (CVP), are much more decorative and are sold through Mail&Go kiosks.



In England, they are known as “Post and Go”



Previous Testing of Machine-Vended Products

In an earlier test, Canada Post sold sheetlets of 18 stamps through selected CIBC ATM's that dispensed paper currency. The purchase was automatically deducted from the user's bank account. This test lasted approximately one year and was terminated without being put into practice (April 14, 1998 – ? 1999).

April 14, 1998 45 Cent Stylized Maple Leaf – SC # 1696 \$8.10 per sheetlet)
 December 28, 1998 46 Cent Stylized Maple Leaf – SC # 1699 \$8.28 per sheetlet)



The BNAPS journal "Topics", Volume 66, Number 2, April-June 2009, reported a test of six Toronto-based Pitney-Bowes kiosks producing labels on a peelable backing printed in black ink, with a vertical pink fluorescent bar at the right of the image, and pressure-sensitive gum.



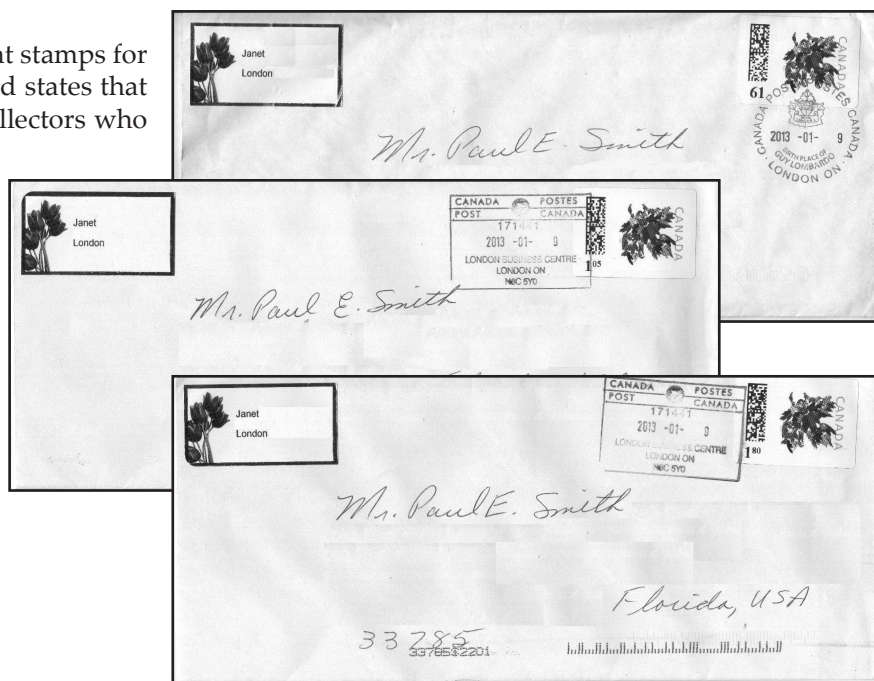
Sales through the National Philatelic Centre (NPC)

The first day of issue was Dec 12, 2012 based on Canada Post's only OFDC issued with a single 61 cent stamp. This OFDC was not offered for sale until February 15, 2013, suggesting that they were backdated to December 12, 2012. This OFDC was sold out as of May 10th.

OFDCs were not offered for sale with any of the other stamps issued at the same time (\$1.05, \$1.22, \$1.29, \$1.80, \$2.10, \$2.95, \$3.40, and \$3.65).

Canada Post Philatelic has not offered any mint stamps for sale through the National Philatelic Centre and states that the OFDC provides a copy of this issue for collectors who can not utilize a kiosk.

On January 9th, my sister, without prompting, mailed three covers to my Canadian and temporary USA addresses. These envelopes are not considered to be true commercial "used in-period" covers, as they would not have been cancelled if handled normally through the Canadian postal system. However, to me they are valuable collectable philatelic materials.



Canada's Kiosk Stamps

NOTE: The kiosk's "Other Letter Post" (for United States and International non-standard and oversize letters) and "Package" options produce only mailing labels, not stamps.

According to Canada Post's April-June 2013 "Details", the stamp image is pre-printed with secure fluorescent ink on label stock with the kiosk printing a two dimensional barcode and postage value that can be read by Canada Post's equipment. It is tagged across the top of the stamp and down 2/3rds of the left and right sides.

Mr. Harris' research concerning tagging and cancellation is as follows:

"Canada's stamps have tagging to 'face' the envelope in the MLOCR (multi-line optical character reader) machines.

'Facing' an envelope is the first step in the mechanized process of mail distribution. It orients the envelope such that the front is facing forward and the stamp is in the upper right corner. This allows the MLOCR to read the postal code and apply the necessary bar coding on the back of the envelope.

The envelope then goes to the cancelling machine where a scanner visualizes the stamp and compares the stamp to an image database of [undefined] "current" Canadian postage stamps.

The kiosk and Picture Postage(tm) stamps have not been included in the image database .-. so, they do not get cancelled (similar to much older Canadian stamps), even if the stamp is tagged."

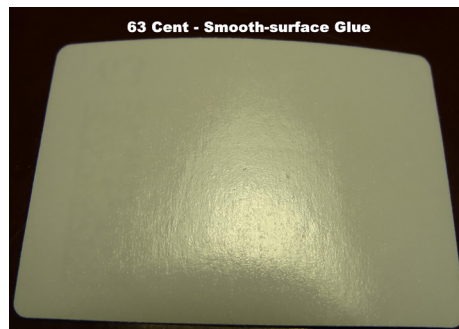
Many receivers of covers with these stamps attached have noticed the lack of cancels.

Mr. Phillips provided the following information:

- Stamp designer: Dennis Page (Titanic, First Flight)
- Printer: The Data Group (Drummondville QC)
- Colours: 4 colour process + Metallic Silver
- Tagging: 3 sided. However, scans of two of mine show a difference in intensity of the tagging. The original printing (61 cent on the left) is lighter than the gum change printing (\$1.34 on the right).
- Press: 9 unit Marathon
- Stock: Direct Thermal face stock
- Quantity per roll: 2,363
- Gum: pressure sensitive



The stamp paper on all issues to date is (high fluorescence/hibrite) and the gum is pressure-sensitive. Since the test programme began on December 12, 2012, the gum has not changed. However, around the end of March 2013, its application tension was reduced causing the gum to change to a rougher appearance. The original higher-tensioned application created a very smooth-surfaced gum.



My 171 purchased kiosk stamps contain six with two black marks (indicator/counting/alignment) and four with only one black mark.

The frequency, location, and sizes of the indicators (noted by blue arrows) are not constant as evidenced by my experience and examples:



On June 7th, Mr. Gilles Morel (aka Gilles le Timbre on Stampcommunity.org) purchased 63 cent stamps from the TD Centre Post Office's kiosk which included two stamps with "dotted" indicator lines and twelve with scorelines. Here is his scan of a single stamp with a dotted indicator line and a dot behind the "63". Included is a solid indicator line stamp scan for comparison. He also provided a scan of a strip of four 63 cent stamps with a continuous scoreline across all four, which I've outlined in blue. Mr. Morel advises that the scoreline is similar to that on the Centennial coils.



In addition, many other varieties are possible. Here are the three that I am aware of:



- Additional markings [left stamp]
- Only one-half of the stamp was produced (the novice collector was refunded the purchase price) [middle stamp]
 “The first stamp that came out of the machine only had the maple leaf picture - the bar code/price was on a second little sliver of stamp. A big error message popped up on the screen telling me to take an error receipt to the counter for a refund. The pleasant staff refunded me for the stamps that were charged to my card. They had to refund each stamp one at a time.”
- Missing 2D bar code (data matrix code) and denomination [right stamp].

Rates

The domestic 2012 and 2013 Canada Lettermail rates are displayed on page 59 of the January-February 2013 *Corgi Times*.

In addition, here are the 2013 “Standard Letter and Cards” and “Other Letter-post” rates for United States of America and International postage.

In the United States postage category, the Standard Letters and Cards (includes Postcards) will produce kiosk stamps, but only for the minimum \$1.10 value. All other values produce kiosk “Labels” and not stamps, even though there are \$1.34, \$2.20 and \$3.80 stamps available for domestic Canadian addressed envelopes.

United States of America

Letter-post™

For items posted in Canada for delivery in the U.S.A., its territories and possessions

Service and Size	up to ▶	30 g	50 g	100 g	200 g	250 g	500 g	1 kg
Standard Letters and Cards (includes Postcards)	Envelopes - Maximum: 245 mm x 156 mm x 5 mm Cards/Postcards - Maximum: 235 mm x 120 mm Minimum: 140 mm x 90 mm x 0.18 mm	\$1.10	\$1.34	N/A				
Other Letter-post™ (Non-standard and Oversize)	Maximum: 380 mm x 270 mm x 20 mm Minimum: 140 mm x 90 mm x 0.18 mm	\$2.20			\$3.80	\$7.60		N/A

In the International postage category, the Standard Letters and Cards (includes Postcards) will produce kiosk stamps, but only for the minimum \$1.85 value. All other values produce kiosk “Labels” and not stamps. The kiosks will not produce stamps for the \$2.68, \$4.36, \$7.60 and \$15.20 values, even for domestic Canadian addressed envelopes.

Other International Destinations

Letter-post™

For items posted in Canada for delivery to international destinations other than U.S.A.

Service and Size	up to ▶	30 g	50 g	100 g	200 g	250 g	500 g	1 kg	1.5 kg	2 kg
Standard Letters and Cards (includes Postcards)	Envelopes - Maximum: 245 mm x 156 mm x 5 mm Cards/Postcards - Maximum: 235 mm x 120 mm Minimum: 140 mm x 90 mm x 0.18 mm	\$1.85	\$2.68	N/A						
Other Letter-post™ (Non-standard and Oversize)	Maximum: 380 mm x 270 mm x 20 mm Minimum: 140 mm x 90 mm x 0.18 mm	\$4.36			\$7.60	\$15.20		N/A		

Kiosk Locations

Mr. Phillips suggests that by the end of the test period in March 2014, the target is 34 kiosks throughout Canada.

Here are the current locations according to “canadianphilatelist”, a member of the Community Stamp Forum.

Ontario

Toronto:

Canada Post - 31 Adelaide Street East (on Adelaide St. W. near Spadina Ave.),

Canada Post - Station B, 119 Spadina Avenue,

Canada Post - Station 52B - 66 Wellington Street West,

Canada Post - TD Centre Post Office (on the Concourse Level below Bay St), [Ms Thanushanthi Senthivadivel is extremely knowledgeable and helpful. She refers to herself as Anushah (anne-eu-shah)]

Canada Post - Adelaide Post Office (on Adelaide St. E. near Victoria St.),

Shoppers Drug Mart - 1840 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto

Shoppers Drug Mart - 303 Danforth Avenue, and

Shoppers Drug Mart - 1859 Leslie Street, Toronto, and

Shoppers Drug Mart - Eglinton Square, 1-70 Eglinton Square, Scarborough.

London:

Corporate post office at 387 Wellington Road.

British Columbia

Vancouver:

Vancouver Main PO at 349 West Georgia Street (2 machines),

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

The Bentall Centre at 595 Burrard St,

London Drugs at 710 Granville St., and

London Drugs at 525 West Broadway.

Quebec

Station H at 1974 Ste-Catherine Ouest, Montreal

the post office in Pharmacie Jean Coutu at 1675 Ste-Catherine Ouest, Montreal, and

the the post office in Pharmacie Jean Coutu at 2686 Chemin de Chambly, Longueuil

The kiosk machine prints labels for packages, but once the label has been printed, the package must be brought to a postal clerk for scanning. This defeats the purpose of speedy self-service. Catalogue Valuation

These kiosk stamps will be catalogued as ‘back-of-the-book’.

To be seen with great interest as the first set of three single stamps sold on EBay on January 11th (the 61 Cent, \$1.05 and \$1.80 stamps) for \$25.00.

On May 19th , a collector on EBay paid \$US 175.00 for a single set of three stamps (the 61 Cent, \$1.05 and \$1.80 - all without the indicator/counting/alignment marks).

A currant EBay seller has 35 sets of the nine different current rate singles (63C, \$1.10, \$1.20, \$1.34, \$1.85, \$2.20, \$3.05, \$3.50 and \$3.75) for sale at \$39.99 and has sold 28 sets so far.

To date, I am not aware of anyone possessing a \$1.22 stamp from the original pre-rate change set, so I have created a symbolic copy using the \$1.29 value stamp and my “Paint” program.



Here is the complete first set of stamps at the rates when the kiosk stamp program went into effect on December 12, 2012.



Here is the complete second set of stamps at the new postal rates in effect as of January 11, 2013.



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