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be your last issue of Corgi Times.*



Snowman die cut varieties
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Stamp Recall

by: Robin Harris

In an unwanted first for Canada Post, a newly issued postage stamp has been recalled due to an incorrect image being used.

A set of five different designs featuring UNESCO sites in Canada was issued Friday, July 3. By Tuesday, July 7, just four days after, the \$1.20 value featuring Dinosaur Provincial Park in Alberta, was recalled. Reports suggest that a corrected stamp image will be released [and was, August 21].



Dinosaur Provincial Park, AB
Stamp recalled

Actually, several postal items were recalled, since the design was shared with other stamp and stationery formats:

- booklet of 6 containing three \$1.20 designs
- souvenir sheet of 5 containing three \$1.20 stamps and two \$2.50 stamps
- Official First Day Cover (souvenir sheet)
- postal card (single cards plus the packaged set of five cards)

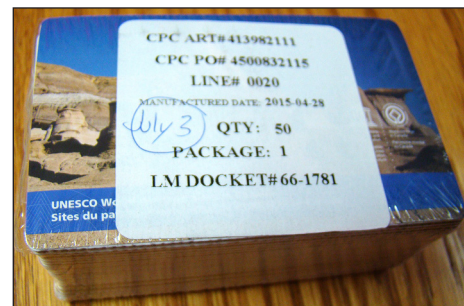
Post offices received notification on the morning of Tuesday, July 7 to remove all of the above items from sale and return them immediately. Despite that, astute collectors were able to purchase various quantities from post offices who were not aware of the recall. It is unknown how many stamps may have “escaped” into the marketplace.

I first heard of the recall at about 12:50pm CDT via the online *Stamp Community Forum* newsgroup. A collector posted a message noting the recall based on information he/she heard from their local post office.

I visited about a dozen post offices in Winnipeg and the surrounding area on the day of the recall, with mixed results. My closest corporate outlet (Beausejour) said they could not sell any because the stamps had been recalled. A second corporate outlet (Selkirk) was unaware of the recall; they obviously had not yet read the e-mail nearly three hours after it had been sent out. Three of the post offices I visited had not yet received their UNESCO stamp order. A couple of others had not yet opened their stock and placed it on sale (some four days after the stamps were released!).

I was lucky enough to purchase a full bundle of the recall booklet ... bearing the notation “Package: 1” on the label — the very first bundle produced!

As this is written, about 2½ weeks after the recall, sales of the recall items have been brisk on eBay. The booklets of 6 have ‘settled’ in around the \$26–32 range. Souvenir sheets are around \$32–52.



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Canada Post News

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

► 2014/2 Quarter Pack

The second quarterly pack of 2015 showed up in post offices in early July. The package contains the stamps released from April through June. The \$43.95 face value price is reflective of the number of different stamps and formats being issued by Canada Post these days.

Six different issues, comprising 24 different designs, are included:

- Canadian Photography
- Dinos of Canada
- Love Your Pet
- In Flanders Fields
- FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015™
- Weather Wonders

There are five souvenir sheets and every issue includes single die cut examples of each stamp. Usually in the past, if a 'half booklet' included all of the designs of that particular stamp issue, the full 'half booklet' was included; not so this time — the single specimens are included. Having the single examples does it make it easier to mount and present the stamps in an album compared to a 'half booklet'.



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Study Group Business

❖ New member

Brad Fallon (ON)
John Cranmer (UK)

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.

2015

BNAPEX 2015: Sep 11–13, 2015 in Niagara Falls, ON

BNAPEX 2015

BNAPEX 2015 is just around the corner (September 11 through 13). Niagara Falls, Ontario is the destination for fellow-BNAPS-ers to meet at the annual convention.

Derek Fleming, the treasurer of the Elizabethan II Study Group will be in attendance at this year's show and hosting our annual ESG meeting (Saturday, 3-4PM). Please bring along a 'show-and-tell' item to present to other ESG members.

Stamp Presentations in Toronto, ON

by: Robin Harris

After some 'serious negotiations' with ESG member Peter Butler, I can confirm that while attending some meetings in Toronto in early October I will be giving three stamp presentations on three consecutive evenings, as follows:

October 2015			
When?	Tuesday (Oct 6) 7:00pm	Wednesday (Oct 7) 7:00pm	Thursday (Oct 8) 7:30pm
What?	<p><i>Simplifying the Machins</i></p> <p>Sorting and studying the most popular definitive series of all time — the Great Britain Machins.</p>	<p><i>History of the Unitrade Catalogue (Meet the Editor)</i></p> <p>A look at how the Unitrade catalogue has evolved over the years, particularly the last 11 editions that I have produced.</p>	<p><i>Lowe-Martin Serpentine Die Cutting</i></p> <p>Making some sense out of the nearly 5,000 unique specimens of coil stamps produced by Lowe-Martin for Canada Post ... since 2004!</p>
Where?	<p>Machin Study Group [West Toronto Stamp Club]</p> <p>Fairfield Seniors' Centre 80 Lothian Avenue Etobicoke, ON</p> <p>Contact: Garfield Portch Ph: 416 239-0623</p>	<p>Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Foundation</p> <p>10 Summerhill Avenue Toronto, ON</p> <p>Contact: Margaret Schulzke Ph: (416) 921-2073</p>	<p>North Toronto Stamp Club</p> <p>Yorkminster Park Baptist Church 1585 Yonge Street Toronto, ON</p> <p>Contact: Peter Butler Ph: (416) 690-4666</p>
Freebie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • printed copy of Robin's <i>Simplifying the Machins</i> (aka <i>Machins 101</i>) 26-page document, courtesy West Toronto Stamp Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hopefully a 'sneak peek' at the 2016 Unitrade, hot off the press? (fingers are crossed) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • printed copy of Robin's <i>Lowe-Martin Serpentine Die Cutting</i> document (first 34 pages) • die cut 'perforation' gauge (gauge 5½–10), both courtesy North Toronto Stamp Club

If you are in the Toronto area during this time please join us on any, or all three nights. There is no admittance charge for any of these events.

Canada Post 2015 Stamp Program

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

Issued	Description	Scott#
Jan 8	Year of the Ram <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent™ (85¢) pane of 25 \$2.50, self-adhesive booklet pane of 6 \$2.50 souvenir sheet \$2.50 (Ram) and 1.85 (Horse) "transitional" souvenir sheet \$30.00 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) 	2801 2803 2802 2802a
Jan 11	Sir John A. Macdonald <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 	2804
Jan 30	Nelson Mandela <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 \$2.50 gummed souvenir sheet of 1 	2806 2805
Feb 15	Canada Flag 50th anniversary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 \$2.50 self-adhesive souvenir sheet of 1 \$2.50 postal card \$115.00 uncut press sheet of 20 souvenir sheets and 3 stamps 	2807 2808
Mar 2	Pansies (2 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive roll of 50 \$1.70 gummed souvenir sheet of 2 \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) 	2812–13 2810–11 2809
Apr 8	Canadian Photography (7 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 \$1.20, self-adhesive booklet of 6 \$2.50, self-adhesive booklet of 6 \$4.20 gummed souvenir sheet of 3 \$3.75 gummed souvenir sheet of 4 \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) 	2816–20 2821 2822 2814 2815
Apr 13	Dinosaurs (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 \$4.25 self-adhesive souvenir sheet of 5 (stamps with embossing) \$34.00 uncut press sheet of 8 souvenir sheets (stamps with embossing) 	2824–28 2823
May 2	Love Your Pet (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 \$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 	2830–34 2829
May 3	In Flanders Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 \$4.25 gummed pane of 5 	2836 2835
May 6	FIFA Women's World Cup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 	2836
Jun 18	Weather Wonders (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 \$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 \$25.50 uncut press sheet of 6 souvenir sheets 	
Jul 3	UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1.20, self-adhesive booklet of 6 (3 designs) – recalled Jul 7 \$2.50, self-adhesive booklet of 6 (2 designs) – recalled Jul 7 \$8.60 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 – recalled Jul 7 \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) – recalled Jul 7 	
Jul 10	Alice Munro <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 	
Aug 6	Franklin Expedition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 (2 designs) Permanent™ (85¢), gummed pane of 16 (2 designs) \$2.50, self-adhesive booklet of 6 \$2.50 gummed souvenir sheet of 1 \$30.00 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets 	
Aug 21	UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Canada – Corrected image <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1.20, self-adhesive booklet of 6 (3 designs) \$8.60 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 \$2.50 postal cards (corrected design) 	

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OFDCs have skyrocketed to over \$350. ESG member and FDC expert, Andrew Chung, notes that this is the highest price ever paid for an Canada Post OFDC.

With regards to first day covers; be cautious of *privately* produced UNESCO July 3 so-called “first day covers”. It is *very easy* to “back date” a cancel device at nearly any post office. A collector (?) in Kelowna, BC has been selling FDCs of these stamps on eBay and getting very high prices. A close look though, at the cancels, clearly shows that his ‘FDCs’ were *not* prepared at the same time (there is a date slug alignment problem between his various offerings). I suspect that most, if not all, of his ‘FDCs’ were cancelled days, or even weeks, *after* the initial stamp’s release. You have been warned.

Stop the press! An ESG member in the Toronto area has just reported (August 4) that a corporate post office in Toronto is still selling the recalled souvenir sheet and has about a bundle available. This is nearly a month after the recall notice was sent out. It is quite possible that other post offices are unaware of the recall and are still selling UNESCO-related items.



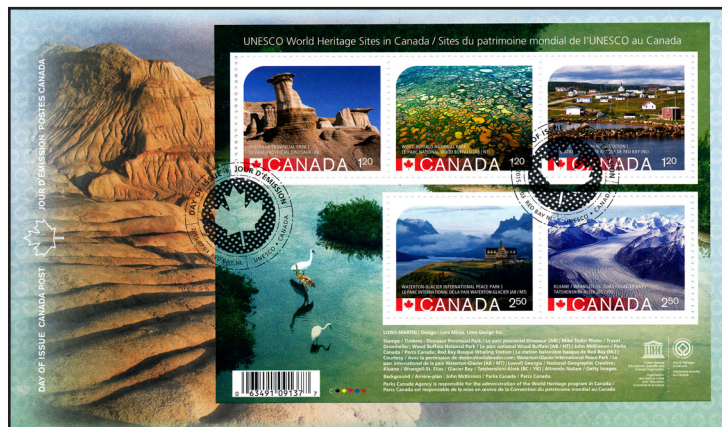
USA-rate booklet: recalled



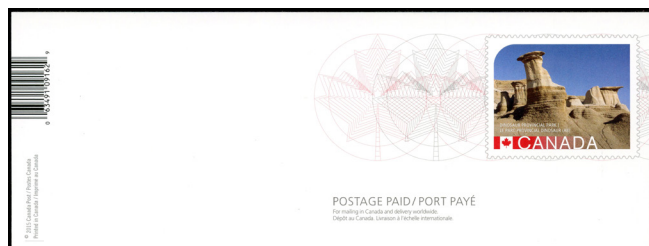
International-rate booklet



Souvenir sheet: recalled



Official First Day Cover: recalled



Postal card: recalled

Beneficial Insects

by: Robin Harris

Recently (likely May 2015), the 5¢ Beneficial Insect definitive appeared with transparent gum — a new variety which was somewhat expected at some point in time. Here is an updated listing of the full group of stamps in this series.



That leaves just the 1¢ and 2¢ values that have not yet been seen with transparent gum.

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		/14	Oct 12/07		Oct 16/12*	3
4¢ Paper wasp			Oct 19/10		Oct 19/10	Oct 16/12*	3
5¢ Northern bumblebee †	Oct 12/07		May /15	Oct 12/07			2
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 darter (dragonfly) †	Oct 12/07		Jun /14				2
22¢ Monarch butterfly			Mar 31/14				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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New Security Printer

The Alice Munro stamp, released July 10, 2015, was printed by a new Canadian security printer of postage stamps: Colour Innovations Inc. located in Toronto.



Product	Denomination	Size	Quantity	Printing process
Booklet of 10 stamps	5 x Permanent™ (domestic)	26 mm x 32 mm	150,000	Lithography in 7 colours
Official First Day Cover	5 x Permanent™ (domestic)	191 mm x 113 mm	10,000	Cancellation site: Wingham ON

Design: Paul Haslip, Marcio Morgado (HM&E design) | **Photos:** Stamp and cover, Sheila Munro; handwriting samples courtesy of The William Ready Division of Archives and Research Collections, Mills Memorial Library, McMaster University | **Printing:** Colour Innovations Inc. ([new Canadian security printer of postage stamps](#))

From other countries **902-863-6550**

DETAILS 6 | JUNE-JULY 2015 11

Above: notification in Details; Right: back of booklet of cover

In 2013, incorrectly perforated essays of Scott 2627, the Canadian Photography four-stamp souvenir sheet, appeared on the market. These happened to be printed by Colour Innovations Inc., most likely as a ‘sample’ of their work requisitioned by Canada Post.

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Colour Innovations Inc.
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Stamp and cover / Timbre et couverture : Sheila Munro
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CANADA POST POSTES CANADA

Canada Post Recalled Items (and Corrected Stamps)

by: Robin Harris

Canada Post has had a few recalls over the years, with the recent UNESCO stamp (July 3, 2015) being the first instance of a postage stamp being recalled.

Canadian Authors / May 3, 1979

The first recall by Canada Post was the Official First Day Cover issued for the Grove/Nelligan stamp issue of 1979 (Scott 817–818). A replacement OFDC with a corrected image was *not* made. Canada Post announced the recall for this OFDC, in a *Philatelic Bulletin* (Vol. 2, No. 3 / Fall 1979).

The mistake was in the cachet. The image identified as “Grove” does not show Mr. Grove. At least one private cachet maker did produce first day covers showing the correct image of Grove.



Dinosaur Provincial Park, AB

Left: Wrong image (recalled). Right: Corrected image.



Above: Canada Post official first day cover for Grove/Nelligan stamp issue (May 3, 1979) — recalled due to incorrect image of Grove.

Right: Recall notice as published in the Vol. 2, No. 3 (Fall 1979) Canada Post Philatelic Bulletin.

INCORRECT ILLUSTRATION ON OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER

On 3 May 1979 Canada issued two se tenant 17-cent commemorative stamps honouring Canadian authors Frederick Philip Grove and Émile Nelligan.

The Grove stamp featured a wood engraving by Rosemary Kilbourne depicting a scene from the novel *Fruits of the Earth*, while the Nelligan stamp was a woodcut illustration taken from the poem *Le Vaisseau d'or* and designed by Monique Charbonneau using the Japanese inking technique called ukiyo-e.

Canada Post's official first day cover featured portraits of both personalities. The portrait illustration of Grove used for the cover cachet design was based on a photograph published ten years ago on the cover of the book *Frederick Philip Grove* by Ronald Sutherland. Unfortunately, it was not until the covers were prepared and the stamps issued, that Canada Post learned from A. Leonard Grove, son of the famous author, that an incorrect photograph had been printed on the book cover. Upon learning of the error, Canada Post withdrew all remaining stock of the first day covers. However, this action was not taken until one week after the stamps and covers had been issued and it is expected that most collectors had had the opportunity of purchasing their requirements of the official first day covers.

There has been a rumour that the error occurred on the postage stamp itself. However this is incorrect, and the stamps will remain on sale from the Philatelic Service until 3 November 1979, unless supplies are exhausted earlier.

We would like to apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused, and in order to provide our readers with an insight into the real Frederick Philip Grove, we are reproducing a photograph of the author supplied by his son.



Grove/Nelligan first day cover with private cachet produced by NR Covers, showing correct image of Grove.

Great Canadian Comedians / Catherine O'Hara / August 29, 2014

A second OFDC recall was the Catherine O'Hara stamp issue 2014 (Scott 2775). In this instance, the biographical text on the back of the cover gave her credit for an award that she did not actually receive. The incorrect first day covers were removed from sale without any advance notice. A replacement was made, and issued a couple of months later (see *Corgi Times*, September–October 2014).



Catherine O'Hara original official first day cover.

GREAT CANADIAN **COMEDIANS**
HUMORISTES CANADIENS CÉLÈBRES



**CATHERINE
O'HARA**

Photos (recto) : A Mighty Wind / Les grandes retrouvailles :
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TM/MC & © Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.
(s14)
Photo (verso) : Jerry Avenaim



Canadian Bank Note | Design : Kosta Tsetsekas, John Belisle, Mike Savage – Signals

Toronto-born **CATHERINE O'HARA** launched into her home town's comedy scene with a successful audition for *Second City* in 1974. From 1976 to 1984, O'Hara wrote and performed for *SCTV*, working with co-stars John Candy, Eugene Levy, Andrea Martin, Rick Moranis and Dave Thomas.

O'Hara began her film career in 1985, with Martin Scorsese's *After Hours*. Three years later, O'Hara brought Delia Deetz to life in Tim Burton's *Beetlejuice*. She captured the lead role of Kate McCallister, Kevin's mother in *Home Alone* in 1990, and reprised that role in the sequel two years later. As a voice actor, O'Hara has lent her comedic talent *The Nightmare before Christmas* (1993), *Chicken Little* (2005), *Over the Hedge* (2006), and *Frankenweenie* (2012).

The recipient of many awards, O'Hara received the Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Television Movie or Miniseries for her role in the 2010 biopic *Temple Grandin*. She was inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame in 2002 and 2007, first as a member of the *SCTV* cast and then on her own.

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Le talent de Catherine O'Hara lui a valu de nombreuses récompenses, comme le Screen Actors Guild Award de la meilleure actrice dans un téléfilm ou une mini-série pour son rôle dans le film biographique *Temple Grandin*, tourné en 2010. Elle a reçu deux étoiles sur l'Allée des célébrités canadiennes, la première comme membre de la troupe de *SCTV* en 2002 et la seconde, en 2007, à titre individuel.

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Récompensée de nombreux prix, Catherine O'Hara a conquis deux étoiles sur l'Allée des célébrités canadiennes : en 2002 comme membre de la troupe de *SCTV* et en 2007 à titre individuel.

Above: Catherine O'Hara original official first day cover (recalled).
Below: revised/corrected first day cover (note paragraph 3).

A set of five “Flag Over” Lighthouse definitives, issued December 27, 2007, included one illustrating the Pachena Point Lighthouse in British Columbia (Scott 2253). Shortly after the stamps were released, it was announced in the press that the image used on the stamp incorrectly showed a mirror image of the lighthouse.

Canada Post announced that the stamps would remain on sale until stocks were depleted, but that a corrected image would be released ... and was, on May 1, 2008 (Scott 2253B).



Left: incorrect image of Pachena Point Lighthouse, BC.
Right: corrected image.

Winnie The Pooh Brochure / 1996

A brochure made in conjunction with the Winnie The Pooh stamps of 1996 (Scott 1618–1621), inviting ‘your family to The Walk Disney World Reseort’, had a mistake in the french text.



Above: English; Right: French.



Above: Original, incorrect translation to french of ‘Winnie the Pooh’
Right: Corrected translation.

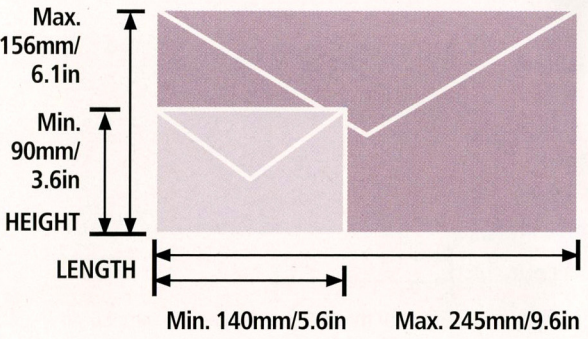


The french translation of “October is stamp month featuring ... Winnie the Pooh©!” was shown as “Octobre est le mois des timbres avec en vedette Winnie the Pooh ©”. After these brochures were distributed to post offices, but before they were released to the public, Canada Post Retail Business Managers were asked to visit every outlet to remove all error brochures; none were released to the public. A corrected version reading “Octobre est le Mois de la philatelie! En vedette : Winnie l’Ourson.©” was printed and released.

Wedding Invitations Brochure / 2015

Just recently (Spring 2015), a *Wedding Invitations Made Easy & Elegant* brochure produced by Canada Post was recalled just after it was distributed to post offices. The bilingual, multi-panel pamphlet included a section on how to measure your invitation and what the respective weight limits for ‘one domestic stamp’ postage rate would be. The original brochure provided incorrect information. A replacement was quickly made and released.

Here's how to measure your invitation



Max. 156mm/6.1in
Min. 90mm/3.6in
HEIGHT

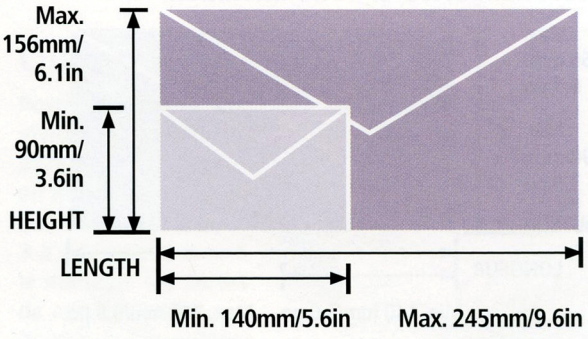
Min. 140mm/5.6in Max. 245mm/9.6in
LENGTH

For mailings within Canada and to be eligible to use one domestic stamp, the invitation must be:

- Rectangular or square
- Within the min/max standard measurements including a max thickness of 5 mm
- Weigh no more than 50g

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Max. 156mm/6.1in
Min. 90mm/3.6in
HEIGHT

Min. 140mm/5.6in Max. 245mm/9.6in
LENGTH

For mailings within Canada and to be eligible to use one standard domestic rate stamp, the invitation must be:

- Rectangular or square
- Within the min/max standard measurements including a max thickness of 5 mm
- 30g or under in weight
- For invitations weighing between 31g and 100g, single stamps are available at a higher rate

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Above left: detail from *Wedding Invitations Made Easy & Elegant* showing incorrect weight limits for the ‘one domestic stamp’ rate.

Left: corrected details.

Charles de Salaberry Variety?

ESG member Gary Norris has passed along a possible constant variety on the Charles de Salaberry stamp issue of 2013. The stamp was issued se-tenant with a Laura Secord stamp (Scott 2650–51).

The variety, a pink spot on de Salaberry's right shoulder, is found as position 9 of the stamp pane. Can any other ESG members confirm this variety?



\$1 Burrowing Owl Coil Wrapper

All Lowe-Martin produced coils have had a 'short' self-adhesive wrapper applied around the start of the roll.

For a brief period of time this early summer, the \$1 Burrowing Owl coil appeared with a new self-adhesive wrapper that was a bit longer but also *extremely sticky* (from coil boxes dated around May 1). Attempting to remove this new wrapper will invariably pull the underlying stamps from the backing paper. Any attempt to get the stamp removed from the wrapper will almost always damage the stamp or leave a bit of adhesive residue on the face of the stamp.

Thankfully (for postal clerks, especially) this new wrapper did not last long.

Right (top): original wrapper [actual size]
Below (middle): spring 2015 wrapper (very sticky) [actual size]
Bottom: start of roll showing wrapper and unremoved stamps.



2005 Christmas Snowman

The 50c Snowman Christmas stamp of 2005 (Scott 2124) has turned out to be a very fascinating issue in terms of collectable varieties.

This self-adhesive stamp was released in booklets of 12 stamps.

Since its initial release it has been known that two distinct varieties have been known: those with a 'valley' die cut starting at the upper left and those with a 'peak' die cut starting at the upper left.

It turns out there are several more die cut varieties. These are apparent at the corners of the stamp. There are stamps with pointed corners and there are stamps with 'blunted' (rounded) corners. A full booklet that shows 'divots' at the intersection of the stamps produces single stamps with the blunted corners.

For specialist collectors, these blunted corners produce six new single-stamp die cut varieties.



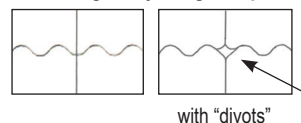
'Valley' at upper left



'Peak' at upper left

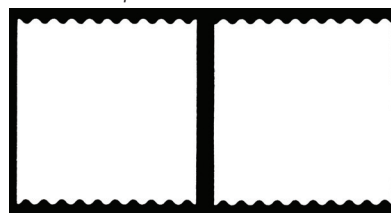


Die cutting at adjoining stamp corners



Actual size images of die cutting varieties

"Normal" stamps:



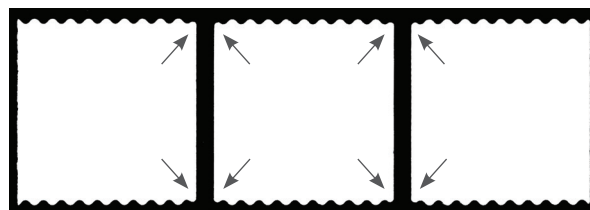
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"valley" at upper left

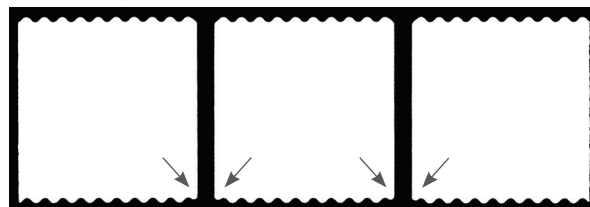
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"peak" at upper left

Die cutting varieties for stamps with "blunted" corners:
"valley" at upper left



"peak" at upper left



Corners with arrows are "blunted" ('half rounded');
other corners are longer and 'pointed'

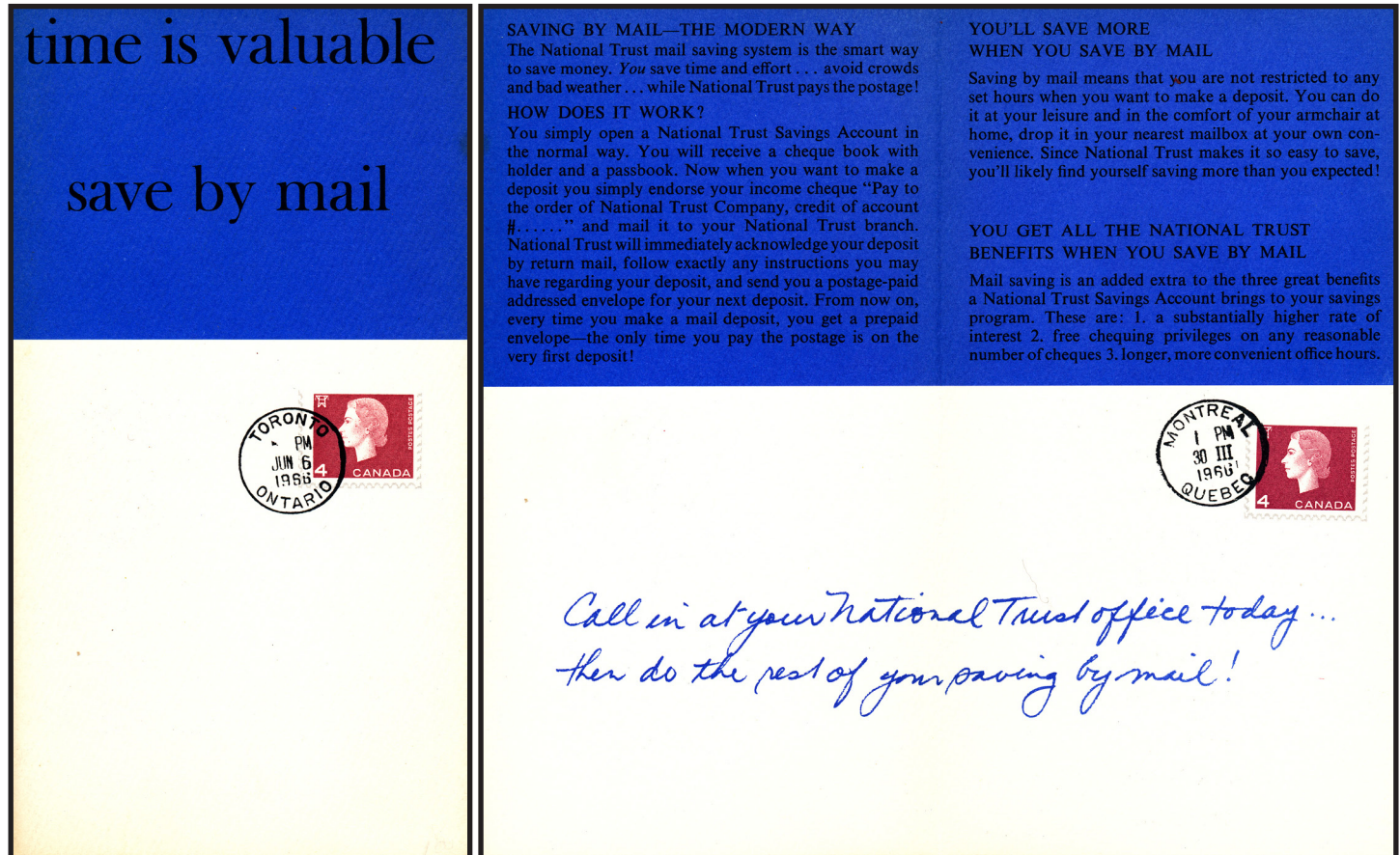
Cameo Image used on Product Advertising

by: Andrew Chung, FRPSC

Here is a 4-cent Cameo in near actual size and colour of issue postmarked "JUN 6 1966" from Toronto (front cover) and "30 III 1966" from Montreal (inside the brochure). The "time is valuable / save by mail" brochure advertises National Trust's cheque deposit program by mail. How times have changed in half a century!

The brochure's form date was "10-6-66". All of the stamps reproduced were printed by lithography to intaglio.

Scans (at 66%) illustrate the brochure's front and inside views.



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