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## 2016 Postal Rates (proposed)



Proposed rates, effective January 11, 2016, as published in The Canada Gazette, July 11, 2015...

Canada, standard letter up to 30 grams  
Single letter: no change (\$1.00)  
booklet, coil, pane: to 90¢ (now 85¢)

USA: to \$1.25 (now \$1.20)  
International: to \$2.60 (now \$2.50)

For full details, see:

<http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2015/2015-07-11/html/reg2-eng.php>

The December 21, 2015 Linn's Stamp News is noting a large number of stamps will be issued January 11, 2016:

- \* Year of the Monkey (likely Permanent™ and \$2.60, with souvenir sheets)
- \* Birds of Canada (likely Permanent™, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.87, \$2.60)
- \* UNESCO (five x Permanent™)

## OFDC Catalogue, Fourth Edition

ESG member Andrew Chung has completed a fourth edition to his *Canada Post Official First Day Covers* book.

The catalogue is at the printer and is expected to begin shipping in January from Unitrade Associates (and available directly from Andrew).

This new edition has about 80 more pages than the third edition, and lists OFDCs to the end of 2015.



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*Season's Greetings*

## Who are We?

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## Canada Post News

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

### ► 2015/3 & 4 *Stuck on Stamps!*

The third and fourth "For Kids" *Stuck on Stamps!* packages for 2015 are now available.

The third pack contains die cut-to-shape singles of each of the five *Love Your Pet* stamps from the self-adhesive booklet and a \$1.49 Year of the Dog souvenir sheet (total face value of \$5.74 and sold for \$5.95).

The fourth pack contains die cut-to-shape singles of each of the six *Great Canadian Goalies* stamps from the self-adhesive booklet (total face value of \$5.10, and sold for \$5.95).

It would be very interesting to know just how popular these *Stuck on Stamps!* packages are with "kids". The back of the packages say "So get stuck on stamps – AND START COLLECTING!"



## Corgi Times

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## Study Group Business

❖ New member

## 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.

2016

**BNAPLEX 2016:** Sep 30–Oct 2, 2016 in Fredericton, NB

## Indexing *Topics*

by: Robin Harris

I am in the process of updating my specialized Canadian definitive handbooks that I first wrote way back in 1997 (in some respects it seems like yesterday when I was working on these).

One of the new features I am going to include in the update to the first five books I wrote are cross-references to any philatelic writings found in the journals of the *ESG Corgi Times*, *The RPSC Canadian Philatelist*, and the *BNAPS Topics*. To get this done, it involves perusing the respective journals and developing a database of the appropriate Elizabethan-era articles (searchable by title, issue, author, Scott number, and subject).

What a pleasure it has been reading through these journals and seeing what was happening back in the 50's, 60's, 70's and recent years. It has been fascinating to read the writings of the experts of the time.

One of the side benefits has been seeing great articles and other tid bits about non-Elizabethan subjects. This includes the "Sketches of BNAPSers" such as Marler, Jarrett and other notables of the time.

What a tremendous resource is available to all on the BNAPS website: [www.bnaps.org](http://www.bnaps.org). These *Topics* journals are available for viewing free to anyone. BNAPS webmaster (and ESG member) Leopold Beaudet is continually expanding the 'Online Resources & Exhibits' section of the site. Have you visited the site recently and taken advantage of the wealth of free information?



## Canada Post's "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday" Sales

by: Robin Harris

It seems like Canadians are embracing the "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday" sales that were first started in the United States. Even Canada Post has got on board. Did you happen to check out Canada Post's offerings this year? Canada Post did a special mailing, which I received on November 23, announcing the "Cyber Monday" sale (scheduled for November 30).



I did a pre-"Black Friday" check of some items on Canada Post's website (a couple of days prior to the Friday) in the hopes that I would see some great deals on the upcoming Friday. This included some framed stamp prints which have been discounted for quite sometime already. They were the exact same price on the "Black Friday"! There did not seem to be any special "sale" of these on the so-called "Black Friday" sales event.

The "Cyber Monday" sales on Canada Post's website were *exclusively coins* from the Royal Canadian Mint. We wrote about the RCM's "alternate website" in the May-June *Corgi Times* (page 87).

So, so much for Canada Post's special sales this November ... there was certainly nothing there to write home about it. If you did not hear about these sales, or did not remember to view the specials, you did not miss out on anything.



# 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"> <li>Permanent™ (85¢) pane of 25</li> <li>\$2.50, self-adhesive booklet pane of 6</li> <li>\$2.50 souvenir sheet</li> <li>\$2.50 (Ram) and 1.85 (Horse) "transitional" souvenir sheet</li> <li>\$30.00 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets</li> <li>\$2.50 postal cards (one of each design)</li> </ul>	2801 2803 2802 2802a
Jan 11	Sir John A. Macdonald <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> </ul>	2804
Jan 30	Nelson Mandela <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> <li>\$2.50 gummed souvenir sheet of 1</li> </ul>	2806 2805
Feb 15	Canada Flag 50th anniversary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> <li>\$2.50 self-adhesive souvenir sheet of 1</li> <li>\$2.50 postal card</li> <li>\$115.00 uncut press sheet of 20 souvenir sheets and 3 stamps</li> </ul>	2807 2808
Mar 2	Pansies (2 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> <li>Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive roll of 50</li> <li>\$1.70 gummed souvenir sheet of 2</li> <li>\$2.50 postal cards (one of each design)</li> </ul>	2812–13 2810–11 2809
Apr 8	Canadian Photography (7 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> <li>\$1.20, self-adhesive booklet of 6</li> <li>\$2.50, self-adhesive booklet of 6</li> <li>\$4.20 gummed souvenir sheet of 3</li> <li>\$3.75 gummed souvenir sheet of 4</li> <li>\$2.50 postal cards (one of each design)</li> </ul>	2816–20 2821 2822 2814 2815
Apr 13	Dinosaurs (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> <li>\$4.25 self-adhesive souvenir sheet of 5 (stamps with embossing)</li> <li>\$34.00 uncut press sheet of 8 souvenir sheets (stamps with embossing)</li> </ul>	2824–28 2823
May 2	Love Your Pet (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> <li>\$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5</li> </ul>	2830–34 2829
May 3	In Flanders Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> <li>\$4.25 gummed pane of 5</li> </ul>	2836 2835
May 6	FIFA Women's World Cup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> </ul>	2836
Jun 18	Weather Wonders (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> <li>\$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5</li> <li>\$25.50 uncut press sheet of 6 souvenir sheets</li> </ul>	2839–43 2838
Jul 3	UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$1.20, self-adhesive booklet of 6 (3 designs) – recalled Jul 7</li> <li>\$2.50, self-adhesive booklet of 6 (2 designs) – recalled Jul 7</li> <li>\$8.60 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 – recalled Jul 7</li> <li>\$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) – recalled Jul 7</li> </ul>	2845–47 2848–49 2844
Jul 10	Alice Munro <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> </ul>	2850
Aug 6	Franklin Expedition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 (2 designs)</li> <li>Permanent™ (85¢), gummed pane of 16 (2 designs)</li> <li>\$2.50, self-adhesive booklet of 6</li> <li>\$2.50 gummed souvenir sheet of 1</li> <li>\$30.00 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets</li> </ul>	2854–55 2851–52 2856 2853
Aug 21	UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Canada – Corrected image <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$1.20, self-adhesive booklet of 6 (3 designs)</li> <li>\$8.60 gummed souvenir sheet of 5</li> <li>\$2.50 postal card (corrected design)</li> </ul>	2858 2857
Sep 9	Queen Elizabeth II longest reign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> </ul>	2859



Issued	Description	Scott#
Sep 14	Haunted Canada (II) (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> <li>• \$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5</li> <li>• \$34.00 uncut press sheet of 8 souvenir sheets</li> <li>• \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design)</li> </ul>	2861–65 2860
Sep 28	Canada Post Community Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (85¢) + 10¢ semi-postal, self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> </ul>	B22
Oct 2	NHL: Great Canadian Goalies (six designs - Dryden, Brodeur, Bower, Parent, Worsley, Esposito) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 6</li> <li>• \$5.10 gummed souvenir sheet of 6</li> <li>• \$1.80 souvenir sheets (6 different)</li> </ul>	2867–72 2866 2873–78
Nov 2	Christmas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (85¢) Madonna and Child, self-adhesive booklet of 12</li> <li>• Permanent™ (85¢) Moose, self-adhesive booklet of 12</li> <li>• \$1.20 Beaver, self-adhesive booklet of 6</li> <li>• \$2.50 Polar Bear, self-adhesive booklet of 6</li> <li>• \$4.55 souvenir sheet of 3</li> </ul>	

## \$10 Blue Whale Reprint?

We have received word that the \$10 Blue Whale definitive, first issued October 4, 2010 (Scott 2405), has appeared with “white/colourless” gum (and possibly a thicker paper). If true, this is quite a surprise as there doesn’t seem to be a need for this reprint.

We are awaiting confirmation of this (an online order, just placed, should arrive next week). Have any of our readers seen this new variety at their local post office?

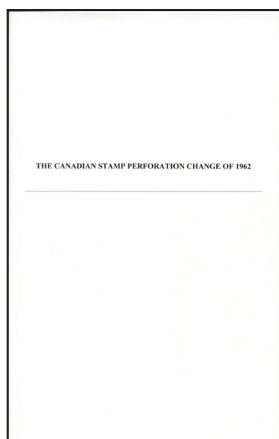


## The Canadian Stamp Perforation Change of 1962

We just received a copy of ESG member Julian J. Goldberg’s updated booklet, *The Canadian Stamp Perforation Change of 1962*.

This 45-page booklet is fully illustrated and discusses in detail the topic at hand.

E-mail: [info@onta.com](mailto:info@onta.com)



## Corgi Times featured in Linn’s Stamp News

The *Corgi Times* received some good publicity when it was pictured on the front page of the December 7, 2015 *Linn’s Stamp News*.

The *Collecting Canada* column by Fred Baumann was titled “BNAPS study groups make the most out of the hobby”. He discussed the availability of study group newsletters on the web (but incorrectly stated that **all** *Corgi Times* were available free to everyone — the more current journals are only available to paying ESG members).

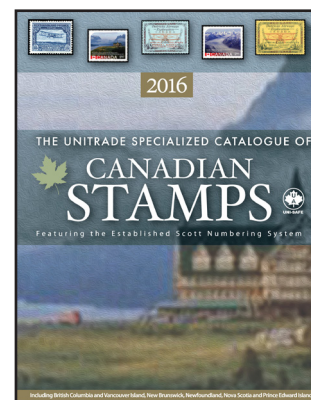


## 2016 Unitrade

The 2016 edition of the *Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps* began shipping about November 23. The price for this year’s edition is \$47.95.

Nearly two-thirds of the catalogue is devoted to the Elizabethan-era of Canadian stamps.

The new stamp issues for 2015 required several new pages (far too many). A total of 16 more pages were added to the catalogue bringing it up to 720 in total.



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# After-the-Fact UNESCO “First Day Covers”

by: Robin Harris

When is a first day cover *not* a first day cover?

Canada Post began producing *their* “official” first day covers in 1971 with the release of the 6¢ Maple Leaves in Spring stamp issue (April 14, Scott 535).

As collectors we realize that these were printed and made at some point *before* the stamps were released. Even though these are described as “first day cancels”, which implies the cancellation was applied *on* the exact day of the stamp’s release, we accept that it would be impossible for Canada Post to have these for sale on the date of issue if they were not actually prepared ahead of time. Are these, then, a true “first day cancel”? No. But we define them as such.

## Back-dated covers

What about a cover that you knew had been created *after* the stamp’s release but had been *back-dated* to the stamp’s first day of release? Would you consider that a ‘first day cover’? In this day and age it is quite easy to ‘become friends’ with a local post office clerk and have ‘favour cancels’ made. That is, take in pre-stamped covers to a local post office, have the cancellation device back-dated, then apply the ‘first day cancellation’ to the envelopes producing what appear to be ‘real’ first day covers.

If you knew you were looking at a ‘first day cover’ that was created days, or even weeks, *after* the stamp’s release, would you still want to purchase it?

## True, home-made FDCs

A *true* “first day cover” would be one that was actually cancelled on the date of release. Anybody can make their own first day covers by taking blank/cacheted envelopes to the post office on the stamp’s first day of sale, purchasing the new stamps, applying the stamp(s) to the envelope and then having the stamps cancelled on the day of release. How many collectors now do this? Likely, very, very few. If a collector/dealer were to do this, how many of a particular issue might they make thinking they could sell them for a small profit? I would think that making even a handful (i.e. up to five) would be too many, unless one knew ahead of time that a particular stamp subject would be popular with collectors.

## Canada Post’s OFDC Cancel

Did you know that Canada Post offers a “customers’ own first day cover” cancellation service?

Collectors can create their own home-made covers, mail them to Canada Post within 60 (sixty) days of the stamp(s) release, and have the covers cancelled with the official first day cancellation (for a nominal fee).

## UNESCO home-made FDCs

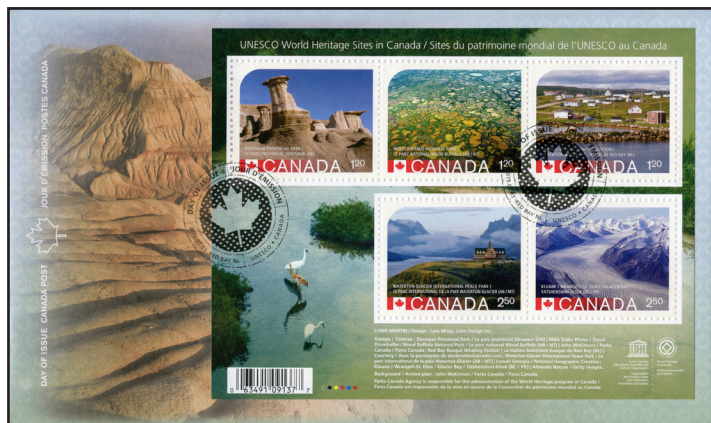
Let us get very specific and see how the above discussion of home-made first day covers relates to the recent UNESCO stamps issued July 3, 2015 which were recalled a couple of days later.

At least one collector/dealer (“robertstamps”) is offering first day covers of the recalled UNESCO stamps with Canada Post’s *official* first day cancellation. These could only be created by purchasing the stamps, preparing the covers, and submitting them to Canada Post’s National Philatelic Centre for cancellation within the 60 days from date of issue grace period.

That is, these ‘first day covers’ were created *after* the date of issue and cancelled with Canada Post’s National Philatelic Centre’s “blessing”.

*Any collector* (you or I), knowing that the UNESCO stamps had been recalled and knowing that Canada Post’s own OFDC was very scarce, could create *as many* home-made first day covers as desired and submit them to Canada Post for the ‘official’ first day cancellation.

If you knew, *ahead of time*, that the UNESCO stamps that were released July 3 were going to be recalled within four days of their date of issue because of an error of design, and that the resulting collector demand for first day covers would



Canada Post's Official First Day Cover



Home-made first day cover of the recalled UNESCO souvenir sheet, cancelled 'after the fact' using Canada Post's "Customers' Own First Day Cover" service

be such that the price that a collector would pay would be substantial, how many first day covers would you make *on the date of release*? The idea here is to create *true* first day of issue cancelled covers at your local post office.

Bare in mind that the face value of the first day covers you were about to prepare would be \$8.60 for a souvenir sheet of 5, \$3.60 for a set of three \$1.20 stamps, or up to \$8.60 for a set of the 3 of the \$1.20 and a set of 2 of the \$2.50 stamps. Under 'normal circumstances' (i.e. without a recall even being known), I suspect that the most home-made first day covers a dealer would make would be much less than a 'handful' for this particular issue (i.e. less than five), when both the popularity and face value costs are considered.

That is, *not knowing ahead of time* that the UNESCO stamps were going to be withdrawn after just four days, if a collector or dealer were to make even **two** first day covers of the UNESCO stamps, I would consider that *more than enough* to meet the expected demand of any regularly issued stamp.

With the above in mind, there is a collector ("fiestapedro/P.K. Covers") in Kelowna, British Columbia who has sold at least 17 (seventeen) UNESCO 'first day covers' on e-Bay. If you really think about it, what are the chances that he/she had *all of these* prepared and cancelled on the July 3 first day release of the stamps? I would strongly argue that it is most **unlikely** that that was the case. I suspect, but cannot prove 100%, that most, if not all, of these so-called 'first day covers' were made on multiple dates some days and even weeks *after* the first day of release. Buyer beware.

Listed at right are these 17 covers and the respective e-Bay sales item number, ending date, and selling price.

All 17 covers are illustrated with this article.

Let us suppose for a moment that all 17 of these covers were in fact prepared and cancelled on the date of release (July 3). One would expect then that all of the cancels would be applied in a similar manner and that all of the date slugs (i.e. the actual "JUL -3 2015" date) would all be aligned identically.

However, if the covers were prepared on several different dates (which I contend

UNESCO home-made FDCs by "fiestapedro"				
	e-Bay Item #	Ending date	Item	Sale \$ (US)
1	181800984760	Jul 22	Souvenir sheet	255.00
2	181801228741	Jul 22	3 x \$1.20 singles	131.00
3	181813137841	Aug 3	Souvenir sheet	204.00
4	181813146484	Aug 3	3 x \$1.20 singles	201.00
5	181813724658	Jul 26	3 x \$1.20 singles	C\$65.00 (BO)
6	181815307595	Jul 29	3 x \$1.20 singles	99.00 (BO)
7	181824058320	Aug 14	Souvenir sheet	182.09
8	181824076172	Aug 15	3 x \$1.20 singles	130.00
9	181828754808	Aug 19	3 x \$1.20 singles 2 x \$2.50 singles	99.00
10	181836581590	Aug 26	Souvenir sheet	107.70
11	181856938344	Sep 10	Souvenir sheet	89.00
12	181857317618	Sep 10	3 x \$1.20 singles	44.00
13	181867703483	Sep 19	Souvenir sheet	89.00
14	181877644806	Sep 27	3 x \$1.20 singles 2 x \$2.50 singles	127.50
15	181882349743	Oct 4	3 x \$1.20 singles	117.50
16	181897036239	Oct 15	Souvenir sheet	111.00
17	181905419035	Oct 26	3 x \$1.20 singles	98.00



happened), then it is quite likely that the application of the cancels will be a bit different from day to day and most likely that the date slug would not be perfectly matched from day to day.

The cancellation of each of these 17 covers has been extracted and are illustrated with this article.

## Judgement?

Are these seventeen covers legitimate first day covers, or backdated fakes? You be the judge.

Does it really matter that this collector/dealer has prepared and sold these 17 'first day covers'? Perhaps not. If they are indeed fraudulent and faked first day covers, (s)he has taken advantage of the situation to make a quick buck. Kudos to them for being able to do this and reap the awards from collectors who will buy just about anything.

The 2016 Unitrade catalogue includes the following footnote for this issue: † The price shown for the FDC is for Canada Post's Official First Day Cover (OFDC). Beware of any privately produced FDCs as these can be easily backdated, even weeks or months after the issue date.

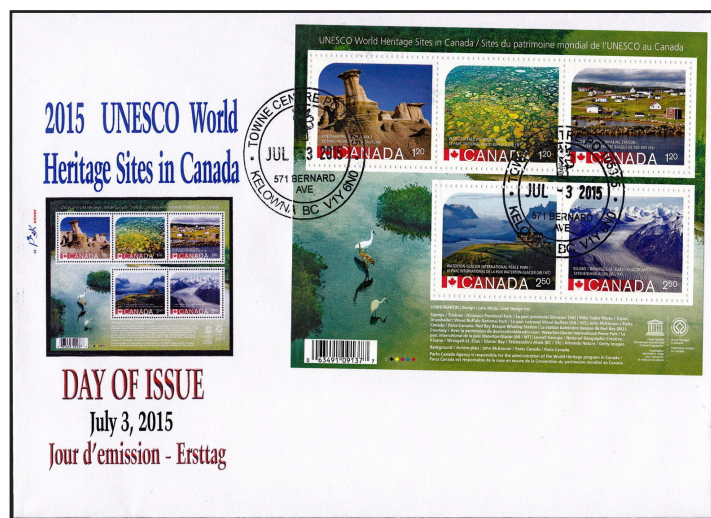
## After Sales

In early December, another dealer on e-Bay ("wwfdcs") of Port Coquitlam, BC, Canada has begun re-selling some of the P.K. Covers that are illustrated with this article. They must have been the high bidder on a couple of the previous auctions and are now attempting to re-sell the covers (to make a buck?). These 'new' covers are being offered at C\$499.00 ... quite an increase from the initial sale on e-Bay (of around C\$135 or so). [Two of these covers are illustrated after all of the other covers presented here.]

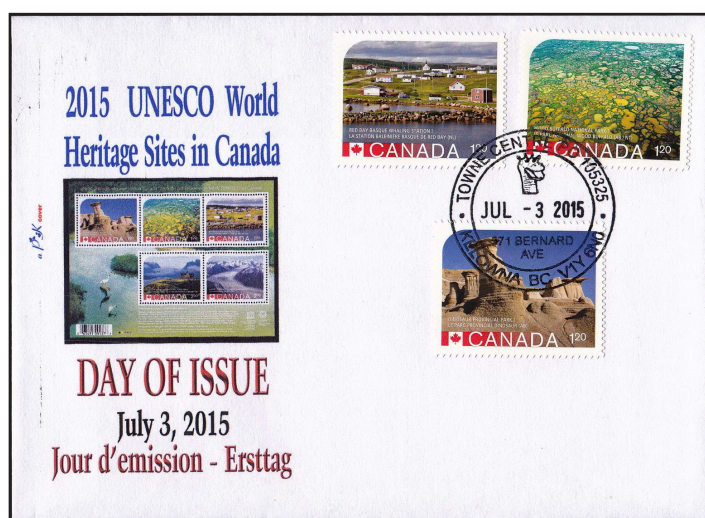
The new covers being offered by "wwfdcs" (all are "buy it now/best offer") include a note in their auction listings that "only 18 made by P.K. Covers". We have illustrated 17 of these in this article. A couple of those from "wwfdcs" don't appear to be from one of these 17 covers by P.K. Covers illustrated here. Hmm?

## Your Thoughts...

The question is ... do you consider these "created after the fact" covers as "real" first day covers? Please take the time to pass along your thoughts and comments. I will publish all responses in a future issue of *Corgi Times*.

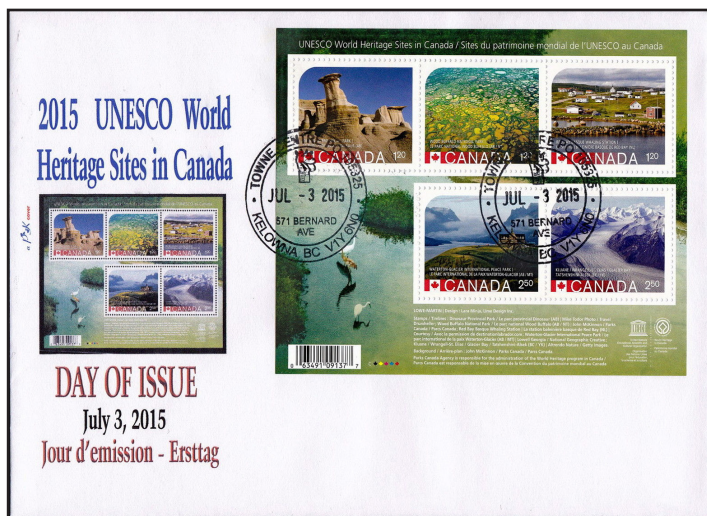


Cover 1 – Ending date: Jul 22

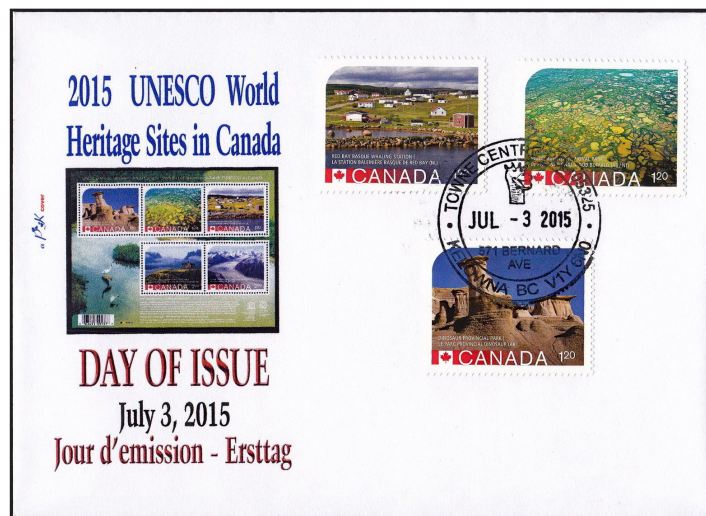


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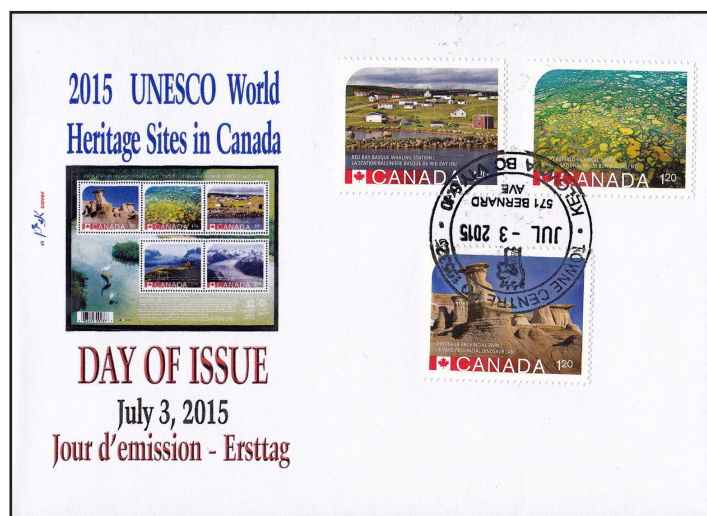




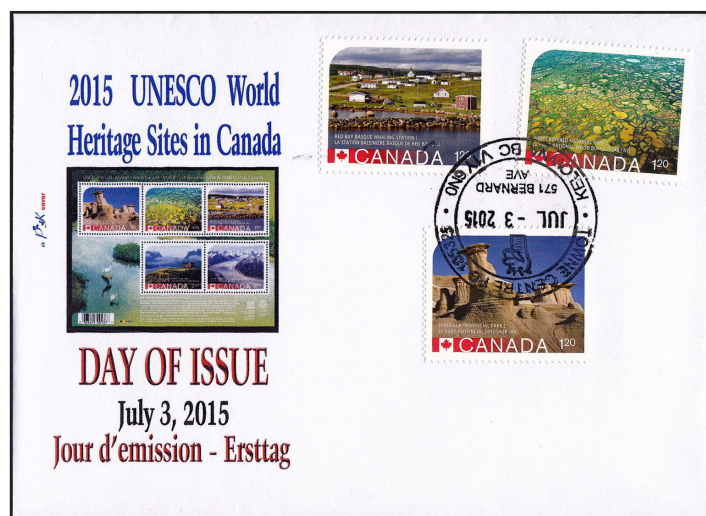
Cover 3 – Ending date: Aug 3



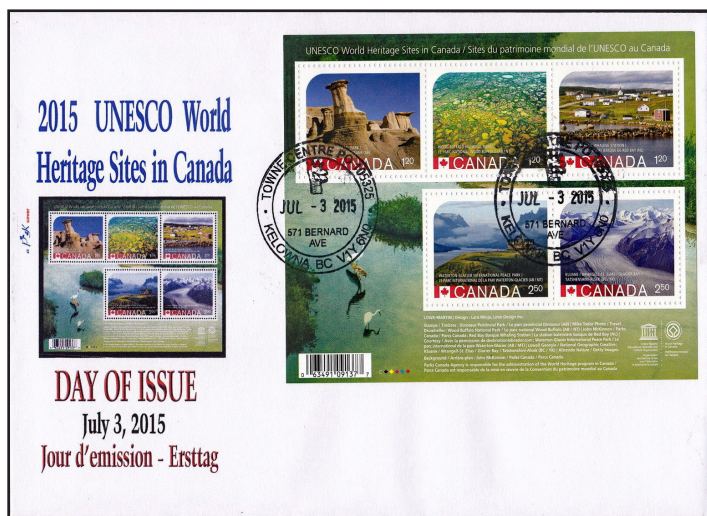
Cover 4 – Ending date: Aug 3



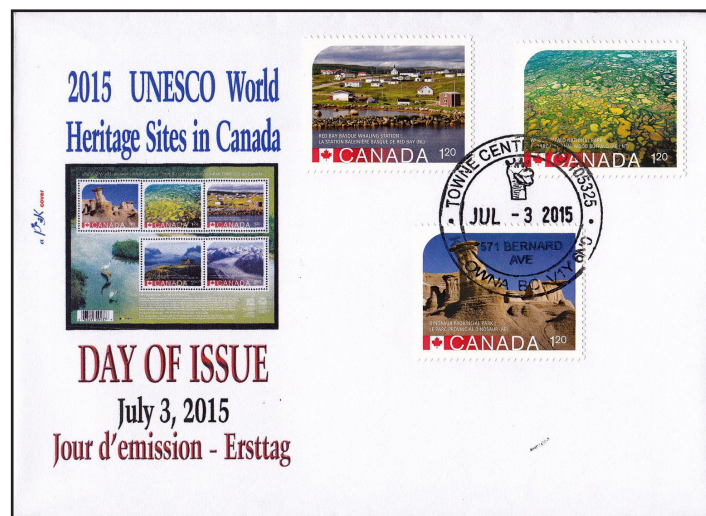
Cover 5 – Ending date: Jul 26 (Buy it Now/Best Offer)



Cover 6 – Ending date: Jul 29 (Buy it Now/Best Offer)



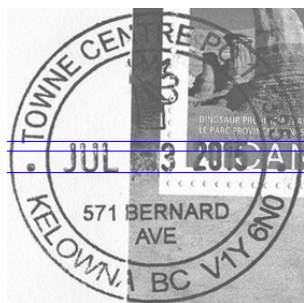
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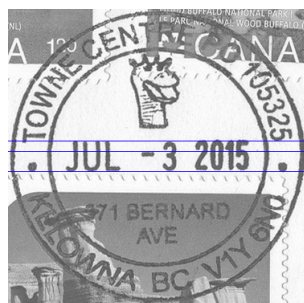
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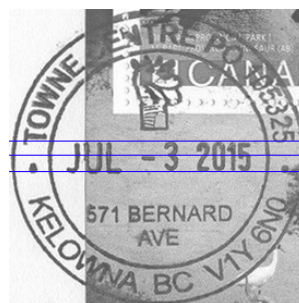
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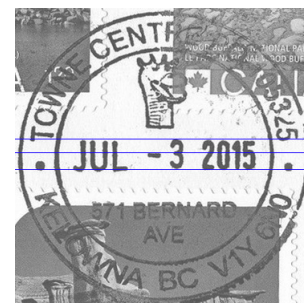
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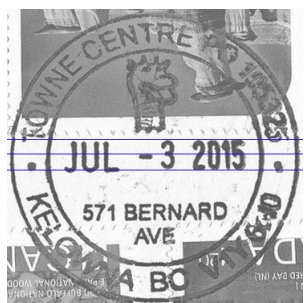
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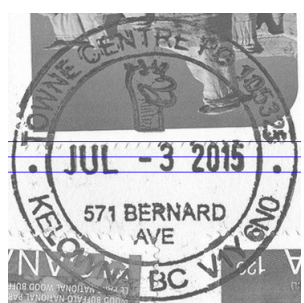
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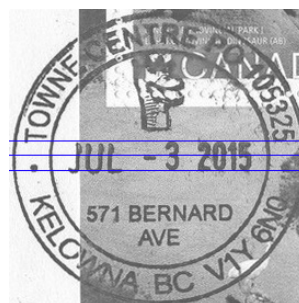
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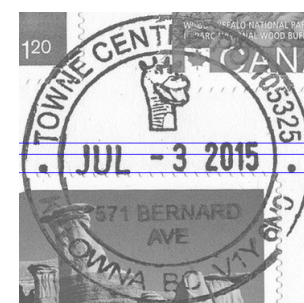
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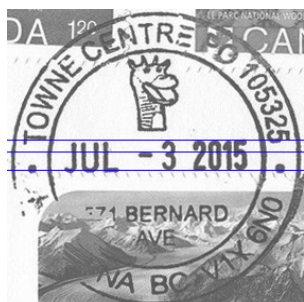
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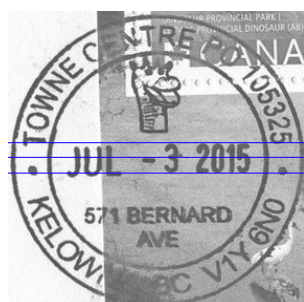
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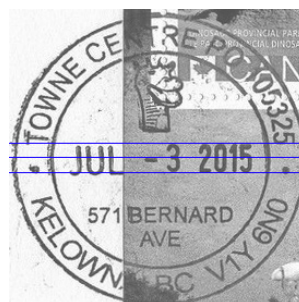
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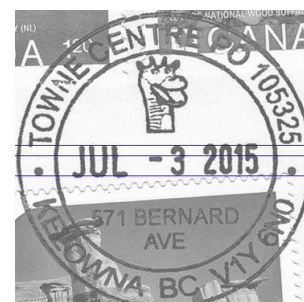
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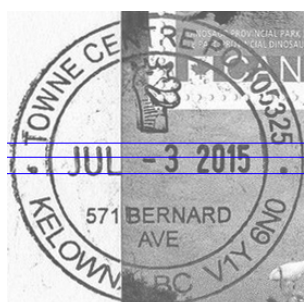
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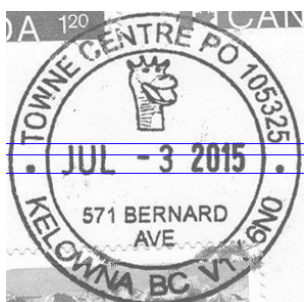
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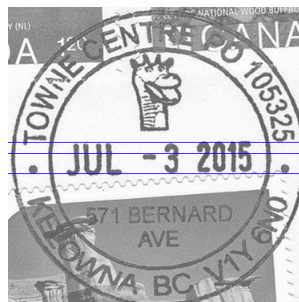
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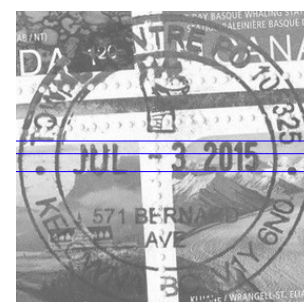
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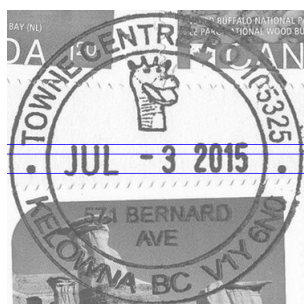
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Cover 15 – Ending date: Oct 4



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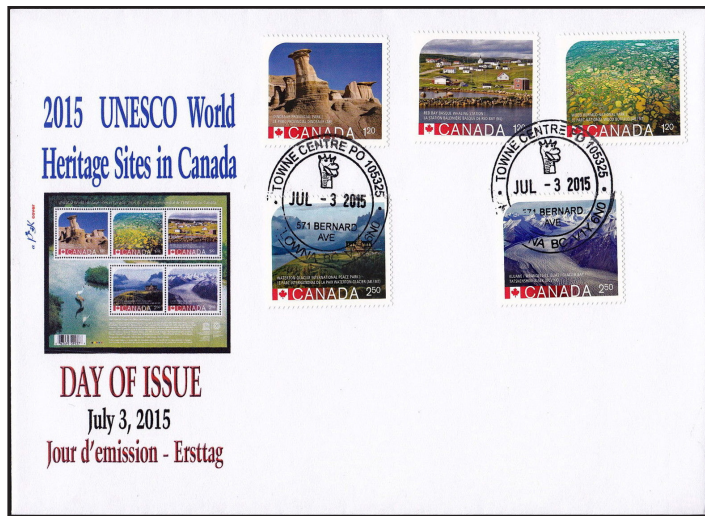


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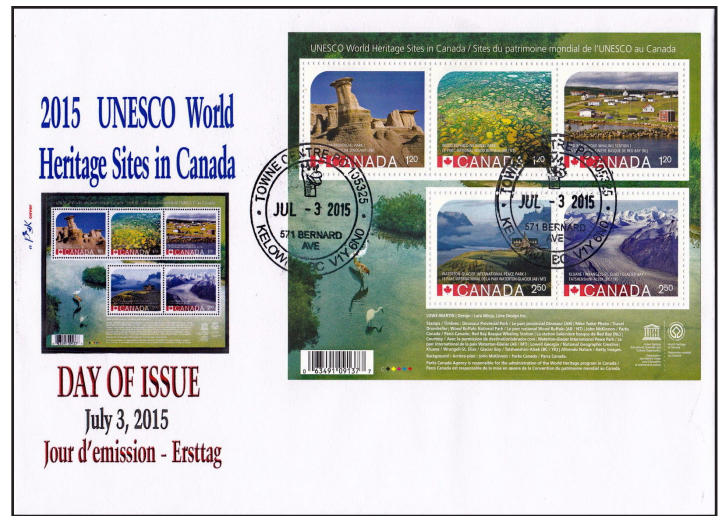
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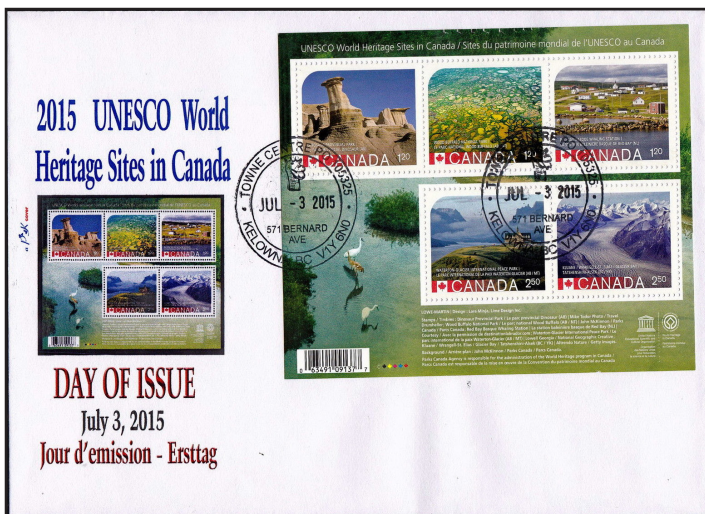




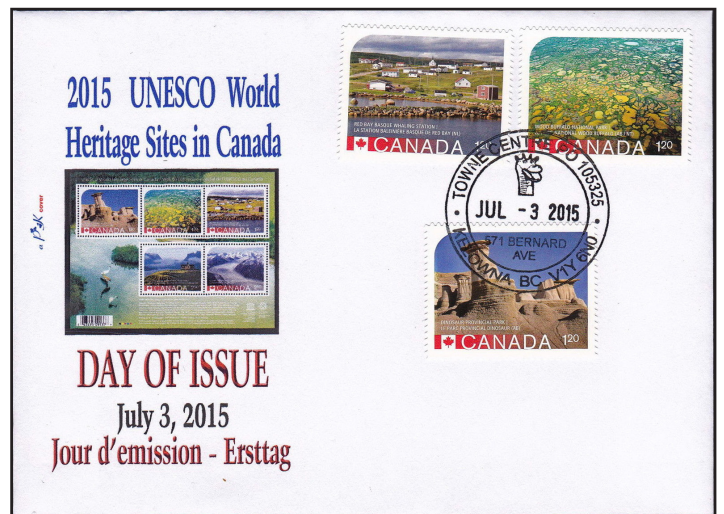
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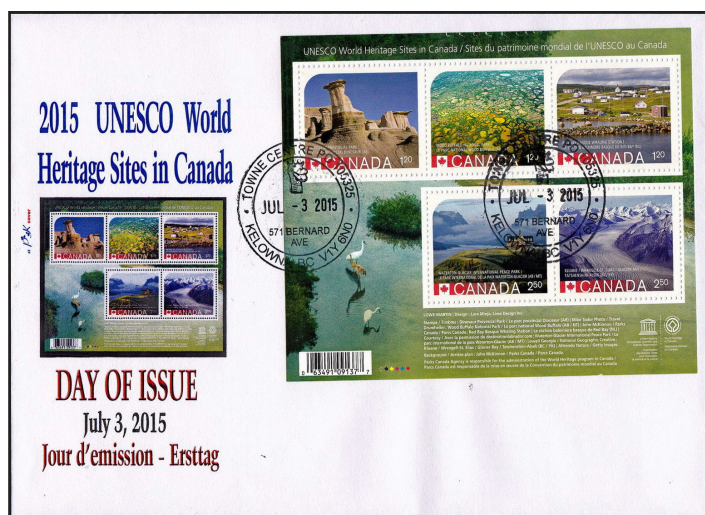
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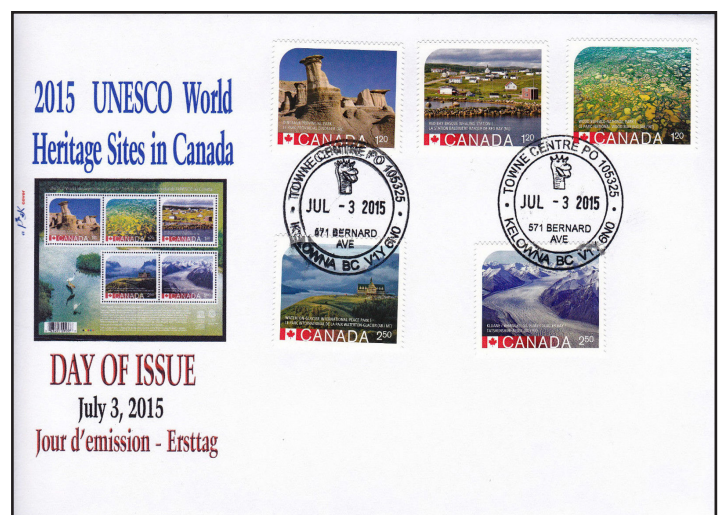
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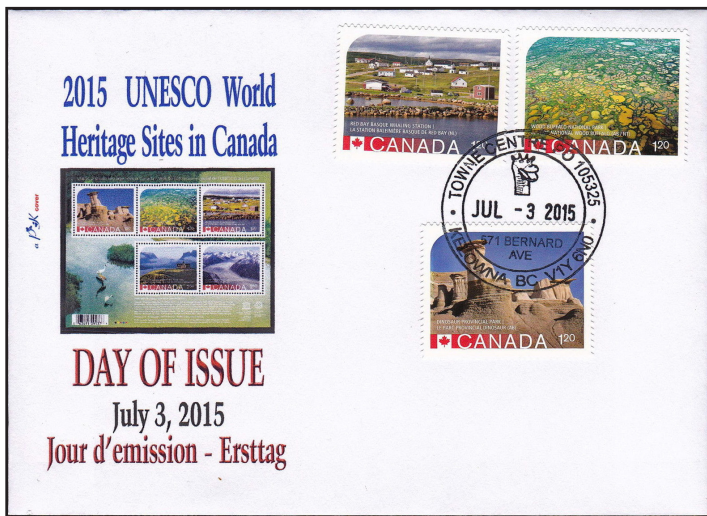


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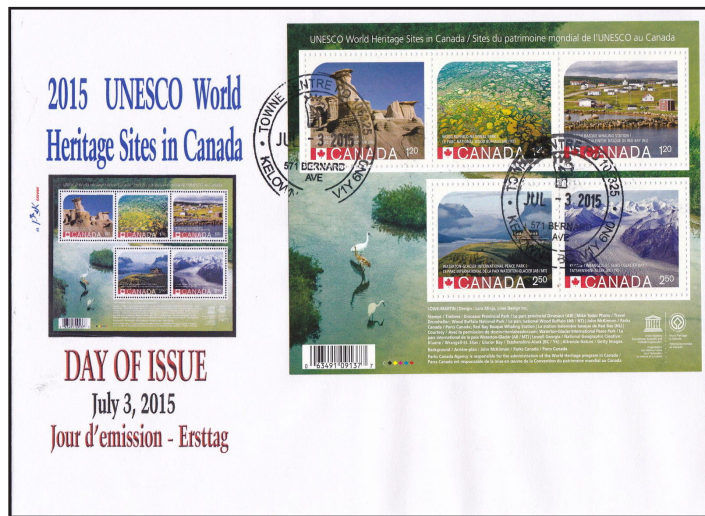


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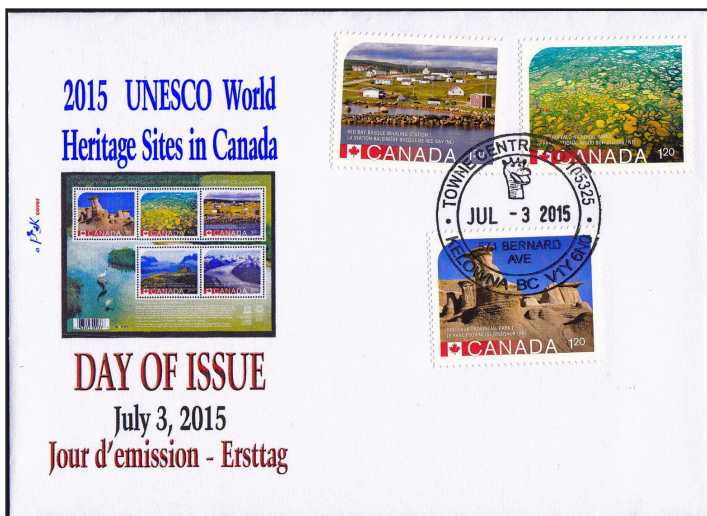




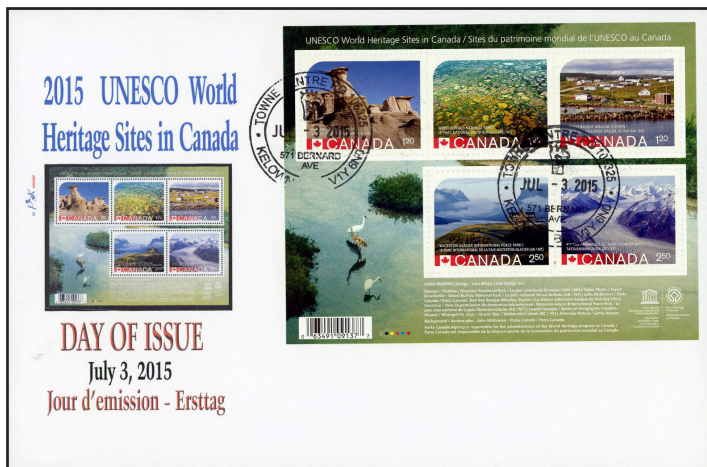
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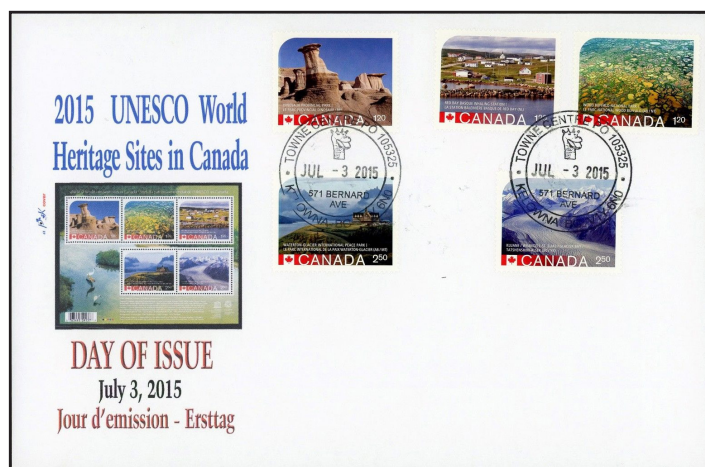
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Cover 17 – Ending date: Oct 26



"wwfdc" cover offered in December 2015 for C\$499.00  
[appears to be the same as 'cover 17' illustrated previously]



"wwfdc" cover offered in December 2015 for C\$549.00

# The Perf 10 Commemorative Stamps of 1968/69

by: Robin Harris

While perusing *BNA Topics* I came upon a letter to editor in the October-November 1968 issue (page 222) which relates to the commemorative stamps of 1968 that were perforated 10 by British American Bank Note Company. I will reproduce it here "as is" — it is self explanatory. The writer happens to be Kenneth Rose, who is noted for the initial Canadian tag type identification and listing of Canadian tagging errors.

These coarse-perfed stamps are quite difficult to find *used* in good collectable condition, as the note on page 170 of the *Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps* also points out.

I was curious as to the percentage of usable stamps which will remain from Canada's new commemoratives, due to the thicker paper, and the larger perfs. Being fortunate in being able to sort a reasonably large volume of commercial mail, I set myself the task of sorting and grading 1,000 of the current Geo. Brown commem. The results are accurate, and correspond almost exactly to two rough previous tests on the Nonsuch, and the Lacrosse. I thought the results might be interesting to a few readers, and I apologise here and now to the few straight-edge enthusiasts.

Perf 4 sides, damaged by user before being affixed to cover - ranging all the way from pulled perfs to unbelievable destruction	450 stamps	45%
Straight edge copies - conditions as above	420 stamps	42%
Perf 4 sides, damaged by various factors after being affixed to cover, by such things as the cancelling machine, or the automatic letter opener	15 stamps	1½%
Straight edge copies - condition as above	15 stamps	1½%
Perf 4 sides - suitable from a collector's point of view	40 stamps	4%
Straight edge copies - condition as above	60 stamps	6%
	1,000	100%

Of the 40 copies suitable for collectors, the breakdown is as follows:

Superb copies	4	or .4% of total
Very fine copies, with heavier than desirable hand cancels, and very slightly off-centre	16	or 1.6% of total
Good copies, but with the usual wavy killer bars, and all grades of centering	20	or 2% of total
	40	or 4% of total

I realize that all 24 million will not be postally used, but applying this .4% figure to the total printing, 96,000 superb copies is still very small, even if they were all saved. A superb copy should command quite a premium in years to come. Imagine if the Winnipeg supplies had been tagged!

K. G. ROSE



Voyage of the Nonsuch  
1968, Jun 51 (Scott 482)



Lacrosse  
1968, Jul 3  
(Scott 483)



George Brown  
1968, Aug 21 (Scott 484)



Curling  
1969, Jan 15 (Scott 490)



## Partial 2016 Stamp Program Announced

The September 2015 *Details* magazine included a 'very brief' listing of Canada Post's 2016 stamp program. Here is a scan of that announcement:

Where did the year go? We're right in the thick of producing the stamps for the 2016 program – here's just some of the issues you can expect to see next year.

What's new in definitives? A brand new multi-year series on official birds of Canada and a new Queen Elizabeth II definitive, plus another issue featuring other UNESCO World Heritage sites.

For commemoratives, we'll start the year off with the Year of the Monkey, our eighth in a 12-year series. Our annual flower issue pays homage to hydrangeas, and we hope 100 years of women's suffrage in Canada wins your vote in March.

More dinosaurs and prehistoric animals return in May, along with U.S. and international rate commemoratives of UNESCO World Heritage sites. For the fourth time, we'll turn our lens to Canadian photography in June and release a new fundraising stamp for the Canada Post Community Foundation in September. It's the semi-final issue of our NHL® series in October – when we also dare to lay to rest our Haunted Canada series. Finally, we'll deck holiday mail with images from late graphic (and stamp) design pioneer Rolf Harder, plus a sacred Madonna and Child painting from the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

A November 18 news release (available on-line) gives a bit more information on subjects:

Canada Post's 2016 stamp program: exploring the Canadian cultural, historical, and natural landscape

Posted on Nov. 18, 2015 by CPO in News Releases

OTTAWA (Ont.) – From historic achievements and milestone moments in Canada's political movement to wild creatures from the past and present, the subjects Canada Post has announced for its 2016 stamp program are unique threads in the nation's fabric. A couple of special releases are still under wraps and will be announced closer to their launch date.

**Strong Women:** A new definitive stamp honouring Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be issued, a fitting tribute to the longest reigning monarch in history. A special commemorative stamp will also mark the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in Canada and its role in the fight for equality.

**Strong Men:** This year's Black History Month stamp will pay homage to the brave men of the No. 2 Construction Battalion, which celebrates its centennial anniversary in 2016. Some tough and talented Canadian puck-handlers get the nod in the fourth set in a five-year series leading up to the 100th anniversary of the National Hockey League.

**Happy Holidays:** The popular Lunar New Year stamp series continues with the eighth release in the 12-year series – this time, with the Monkey taking the reins from the Ram. The year closes out, as always, with the highly anticipated religious and secular Christmas stamps, the former featuring Master of the Castello Nativity's Virgin and Child and the latter, images from Rolf Harder Christmas cards.

**Flora and Fauna:** Canada's wildlife takes centre stage in two upcoming issues, as the showy hydrangea thrills fans of the Flower series and new talent shines with the launch of a series on Official Birds. This time

around, the cast features the Atlantic puffin (NL), the rock ptarmigan (NT), the sharp-tailed grouse (SK), the common raven (YT) and the great horned owl (AB).

**Scary Stuff:** The final offering in the Haunted Canada series comes to a (dead) end with frightful scenes from the North West Territories Nahanni region and Prince Edward Island's Holland Cove. Dino-philies will delight as the second wave of Dinos of Canada comes crashing in with *Cyprertherium coarctatum* (SK), *Acrotholous* (AB), *Atrociraptor marshalli* (AB), *Bathynathus borealis* (PEI) and the Comox Valley elasmosaur (BC).

**Eye Candy:** Spectacular images continue to grace the offerings in two ongoing stamp series. The fourth installation of Canadian Photography will take a loving look through the lenses of Michel Campeau, Lutz Dille, Angela Grauerholz, Byron Harmon, Alexander Henderson, Humphrey Lloyd Hime and Yousuf Karsh. Some of Canada's most treasured landscapes will appear in the latest issue on UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including Old Town Lunenburg (NS), SGang Gwaay (BC), the Rideau Canal (ON), the Landscape of Grand Pré (NS) and Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump (AB).

**A Stamp that Soars:** The stylized bird featured on this year's annual Canada Post Community Foundation Stamp symbolizes hope for the youth who benefit from the programs supported, in part, by the proceeds earned from this semi-postal fundraising stamp.

# Articles Urgently Needed

## 2015 Canada Post Rarities

Canada Post produced three instant modern rarities in 2015 ... two by accident and one 'on purpose'.

### UNESCO Postal Card

The recalled UNESCO stamp of July 3 included a souvenir sheet, booklet, OFDC (see below), and a postal card.

e-Bay has had only 7 (seven) sales of the recalled postal card. The prices have ranged from US\$350 (a couple of cancelled-to-order cards) to as high as US\$524.33 (C\$699.95).

### UNESCO Official First Day Cover

The recalled UNESCO souvenir sheet official first day cover has had many sales on e-Bay since it was first released (and then recalled).

The prices of these on e-Bay seem to have 'stabilized', with recent sales being about US\$300 (C\$400).



### Martin Brodeur Autograph Souvenir Sheet

Canada Post's 2015 stamp issue for NHL Goalies included four souvenir sheets that could be found in the sealed packages with autograph's from the respective players (finding one would feel like winning a small prize in a lottery).

The Martin Brodeur stamp (Scott 2878) had only 100 souvenir sheets that were autographed (compared to 400 for Esposito and 1,000 for Bower and Parent).

An e-Bay auction (#351592198966) with an example of Brodeur's autograph, that ended December 6, 2015, sold for US\$331.89 (about C\$443), plus postage of US\$12 (if sold to a Canadian address).

This was only the fourth example of this particular stamp that I have seen offered on e-Bay.





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