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Hanukkah — Another Canada Post Recall

For the second time in 2017, and the fourth time in the last three years, Canada Post has issued a recall.

A Hanukkah stamp was released November 14. Like most of the stamp issues of 2017, the stamp was issued without any prior notice to collectors and no pre-release issue of the Canada Post *Details* stamp magazine.

I don't have the exact timing of the recall, but it occurred very early on the date of release. For parts of Canada (central and west) it is quite likely that the recall was issued prior to post offices opening.

The recall was issued for the booklets of 10, official first day cover, and, according to a couple of post offices in my area, the *Details* magazine was also recalled. At least one collector has reported that the Quarterly Pack 4 was also delayed as the stamps in it were replaced (keep reading). It is not believed that the Annual Collection was recalled, or delayed.

So, with the above said, many post offices were selling the booklet on the day of issue, and according to at least one report, for a couple of days after the recall.

A replacement booklet became available in post offices on November 22, just eight days after the recall was issued. The 'corrected' booklet changed the front cover, colour dots, and UPC barcode on the back of the booklet. The change to the front cover, colour dots, and the official first day cover (reverse side) involved removing the six-pointed Star of David. None of the text or individual stamp design were changed in anyway. Although Canada Post has not commented on the exact reason for the recall it clearly had to do with the display of the Star of David by itself.

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Above: original booklet cover
Below: replacement cover



2017 Christmas Seals
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Canada Post News

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

► 2017/3 Quarter Pack

The third quarterly pack of 2017 showed up in post offices in early October. The package contains the stamps released from July through September 2017. The \$44.60 face value price continues to be reflective of the number of different stamps and formats being issued by Canada Post these days.

Five different issues, comprising 32 different designs, are included:

- Birds of Canada
- Canadian Photography
- Diwali
- NHL Canadian Hockey Legends
- Canada Post Community Foundation



The Canada Post Community Foundation and Diwali issues include a joined die-cut pair of the self-adhesive stamps; all other issues (excluding the high-value NHL forward stamps) include single die cut examples of each stamp.

As with last year's NHL stamp issue, the package of souvenir sheets included in the quarterly pack could contain a signed pane — which one ESG member has reported happened to him — his package did contain a signed Bobby Orr stamp — congratulations!

► Commemorative Envelopes

For the record, Canada Post did **not** issue any commemorative envelopes in 2017:

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Study Group Business

❖ New members

Gregg Redner (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.

2018

BNAPLEX 2018: Quebec City, QC, September 21–23

Why the Secrecy Canada Post?

We have asked this before and will ask it again – why is Canada Post keeping nearly every stamp issue a ‘secret’? Almost every stamp issue of 2017 saw the stamps appear in post offices prior to any kind of announcement to collectors in their *Details* magazine.

Remember the days when the entire year’s stamp program, along with dates of release, were announced months ahead of time? Remember how the PS14 stamp announcement brochures or *Details* cards/magazines appeared weeks ahead of the stamp’s release?

The two embarrassing (most likely) stamp recalls in recent years (UNESCO in 2015 and Hanukkah in 2017) probably could have been avoided if advance information about each issue had been in the hands of collectors and the public prior to their release.

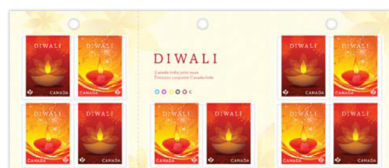
In a similar vein, why is there so *little* details in the *Details* magazine? Take a look at Canada’s “**first joint issue with India Post**” details: just 154 words.



DIWALI

FIRST JOINT ISSUE WITH INDIA POST

Issue date: September 21, 2017



\$8⁶⁰
Booklet of 10 stamps
414063111

This year, the 15th day of Kartika in the Hindu calendar falls on October 19 to mark the beginning of Diwali, the Festival of Lights, which is celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists and Jains throughout Canada and around the world. For the occasion, Canada Post and India Post released their first joint issue one month before the festival.

The Canadian special commemorative stamp, which can be reprinted based on demand, was designed by Doreen Colonello at Entro

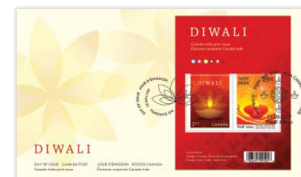
Communications. It is part of our second issue this year on multicultural events.

Illumination is believed to ward off evil and attract happiness and good fortune. In keeping with these beliefs, annual Diwali traditions include fireworks and the lighting of rows of small clay lamps – much like the ones depicted on the stamps. Colourful geometric rangoli patterns are created using such things as rice, paint, sand or flower petals. Also, special sweets are enjoyed and gifts exchanged.

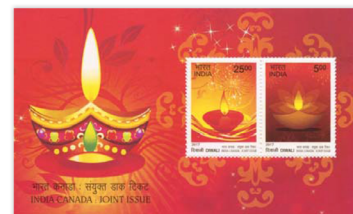
\$2⁷⁰
Official First Day Cover
414063131



\$4
Joint souvenir sheet Official First Day Cover
342159



\$3
Souvenir sheet (Canada)
404063145



\$0⁶⁰
Souvenir sheet (India)
342168*

*Online and mail orders only

Product	Denomination	Size	Quantity	Printing process
Booklet of 10 stamps	2 x Permanent™ (domestic)	30 mm x 36 mm	300,000	5 colours + varnish
Official First Day Cover	2 x Permanent™ (domestic)	190 mm x 112 mm	12,000	Cancellation site: Toronto ON
Souvenir sheet (Canada)	1 x \$2.50 (international) 1 x 25 Indian rupees	75 mm x 100 mm	75,000	5 colours + varnish
Joint souvenir sheet Official First Day Cover	1 x \$2.50 (international) 1 x 25 Indian rupees	190 mm x 112 mm	8,000	Cancellation sites: Toronto ON and India
Souvenir sheet (India)	1 x 25 1 x 5 Indian rupees	137 mm x 84 mm	10,000*	N/A

* Available through Canada Post.

Canada Post 2017 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 9	Year of the Rooster <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢) pane of 25 • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet pane of 10 • \$2.50, self-adhesive booklet pane of 6 • \$2.50 souvenir sheet • \$2.50 (Rooster) and \$2.50 (Monkey) “transitional” souvenir sheet • \$30.00 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) 	2959 2961 2962 2960 2960a
Jan 16	UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Canada (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 30 • \$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) 	2964–68 2963
Feb 1	Black History Month: Mathieu Da Costa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 	2969
Feb 4	Canadian Opera (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 	2971–75 1970
Mar 1	Daisies (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) 	2979–80 2977–78 2976
Apr 8	Vimy Ridge (3 designs) — joint issue with France <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$5 souvenir sheet (two \$2.50 designs) 	2982 2981
Apr 27	Star Trek: Year 2 (Captains) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 (5 designs) • \$7.35 gummed pane of 5 • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$21.95 Prestige booklet, with 5 souvenir sheets • \$44.10 uncut press sheet of 6 souvenir sheets • \$2.50 postal cards (five designs) 	2986–90 2983 2985
May 16	Formula 1 Grand Prix Du Canada Winners (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$4.25 gummed pane of 5 • \$21.25 uncut press sheet of 5 strips of 5 stamps 	2993–97 2992
May 24	Eid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 	2998
Jun 1	Canada 150 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 (10 designs) • \$8.50 gummed pane of 10 Canada 150: Nunavut <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 8 Canada 150: Marriage Equality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 8 	3000–09 2999
Jul 4	Canadian Photography (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$1.70 gummed souvenir sheet of 2 • \$2.55 gummed souvenir sheet of 3 • \$2.50 postal cards (five designs) 	3012–16 3010 3011
Aug 1	Birds of Canada (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) 	3018–22 3017
Sep 21	Diwali (joint issue with India) (2 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$1.70 gummed souvenir sheet of 2 • \$3.00 gummed souvenir sheet of 2 (one Canadian \$2.50 and one 25 Indian rupees) 	3024–25 3023
Sep 25	Canada Post Community Foundation (2 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢) + 10¢ semi-postal, self-adhesive booklet of 10 	B25–B26

Issued	Description	Scott#
Sep 28	NHL: Great Canadian Forwards (six designs - Béliveau, Gretzky, Howe, Lemieux, Orr, Richard) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$5.10 gummed souvenir sheet of 6 • \$1.80 souvenir sheets (6 different) 	3027–32 3033–38 3026
Oct 20	History of Hockey – joint issue with United States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$1.70 souvenir sheet of 2 	
Oct 24	Toronto Maple Leafs® 100th Anniversary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • Permanent™ (85¢), coil of 50 • \$5 souvenir sheet (fabric stamp) 	
Nov 3	Christmas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85c) The Adoration of the Shepherds (booklet of 12) • Permanent™ (85c) Polar Bear (booklet of 12) • 1.20 Cardinal (booklet of 6) • \$2.50 Caribou (booklet of 6) • \$4.55 souvenir sheet of 3 	
Nov 6	Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 	
Nov 14	Hanukkah [booklet recalled Nov 14; revised booklets began appearing in post offices on Nov 22] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 	

Time For Another Royal Engagement Stamp?

By Rebecca Harris



Renowned philatelist Robin Harris in his November 3, 2017 article of “Around the World with Robin Harris” in the *Canadian Stamp News* says that “the 70th Wedding Anniversary of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh is the most anticipated royal event of the year.”

Now, while I can appreciate the importance of that event, I would say that in my mind, which may be due to my generation being different from that of Harris’, the royal event that is the most anticipated is that of the engagement of Prince Harry to Miss Meghan Markle. The couple’s royal engagement became official on November 27, 2017.

Growing up in a house where philately is life, one of the first questions that came into my mind is, what will their engagement stamp look like? However, after looking back at previous royal engagement stamps that have been issued by Canada Post, it sparked a new question: will there even be an engagement stamp issued for the couple?

When Canada Post issued the se-tenant pair of stamps marking Prince William’s engagement to Catherine Middleton in April 2011 it was the first royal engagement stamp that Canada has issued. There was no engagement stamp or even wedding stamp issued in Canada for Charles’ marriage to Diana back in 1981, and going even farther back to Princess, then Queen, Elizabeth’s wedding to Phillip in 1947, there was only one Royal Wedding stamp issued in Canada which only included one photo of her majesty, with Philip not being included at all.

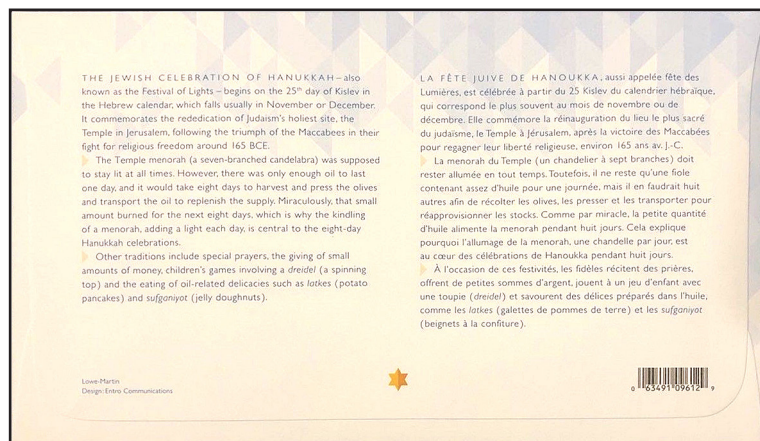
This means that there is really no precedent stating that a stamp should be released in accordance with the recent news of Harry and Meghan’s engagement. Therefore it will be very interesting to see what, if anything, Canada Post has in store.



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First Day Covers

Beware of **fake** first day covers that are being created (illustrated below at right). Our friend “fiestapedro/P.K. Covers” from Kelowna, BC has again created a bunch of fake FDCs (i.e. cancelled days or weeks after the stamp release). We presented a lengthy article about his UNESCO-inspired fake first day covers in the Nov-Dec 2015 *Corgi Times*. His Hanukkah covers also incorrectly state that the recall date happened a day later.



Canada Post's OFDC (back); image from e-Bay



Fake Hanukkah first day cover, offered by 'fiestapedro' on e-Bay

OFDC

Canada Post's official first day covers were recalled. Less than a handful have appeared on e-Bay. Presumably the single Star of David found on the back of the envelope will be removed on the reprinted covers (which have not yet been seen).

Details Magazine

Although my local post office said the *Details* magazine was also recalled (on the day of issue), there is no evidence to suggest that was the case. The online PDF version (November 2017 | No. 12) was removed and a “replacement” has yet to appear on the Canada Post website. All magazines seen at several postal outlets in recent days all are the ‘original’ version.

I had downloaded this particular PDF file from the Canada Post website before it was removed. It is available on my/ESG website, at:

www.adminware.ca/esg/detailsvolxxvino12_en.pdf

Colour Dots

As illustrated at right, the reprinted booklet changed the ‘colour dots’ from the Star of David symbol to a circle.

Booklet cover

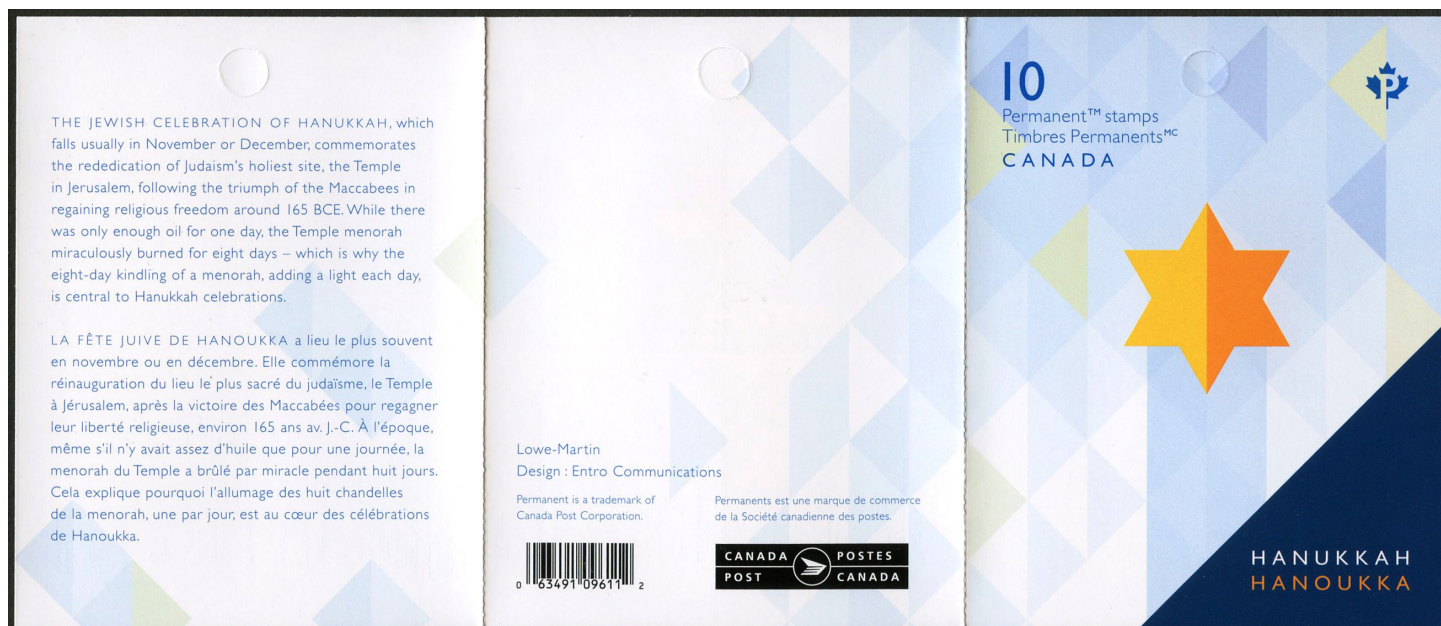
The most apparent change between the original/recall booklet and the reprinted booklet is the image on the front of the cover. The lone Star of David has been replaced with four candles from the stamp design.

The UPC barcode was also changed. A subtle difference between the two covers is the placement of the lightly coloured diamond shapes. This difference is important when trying to plate the die cut to shape singles ...

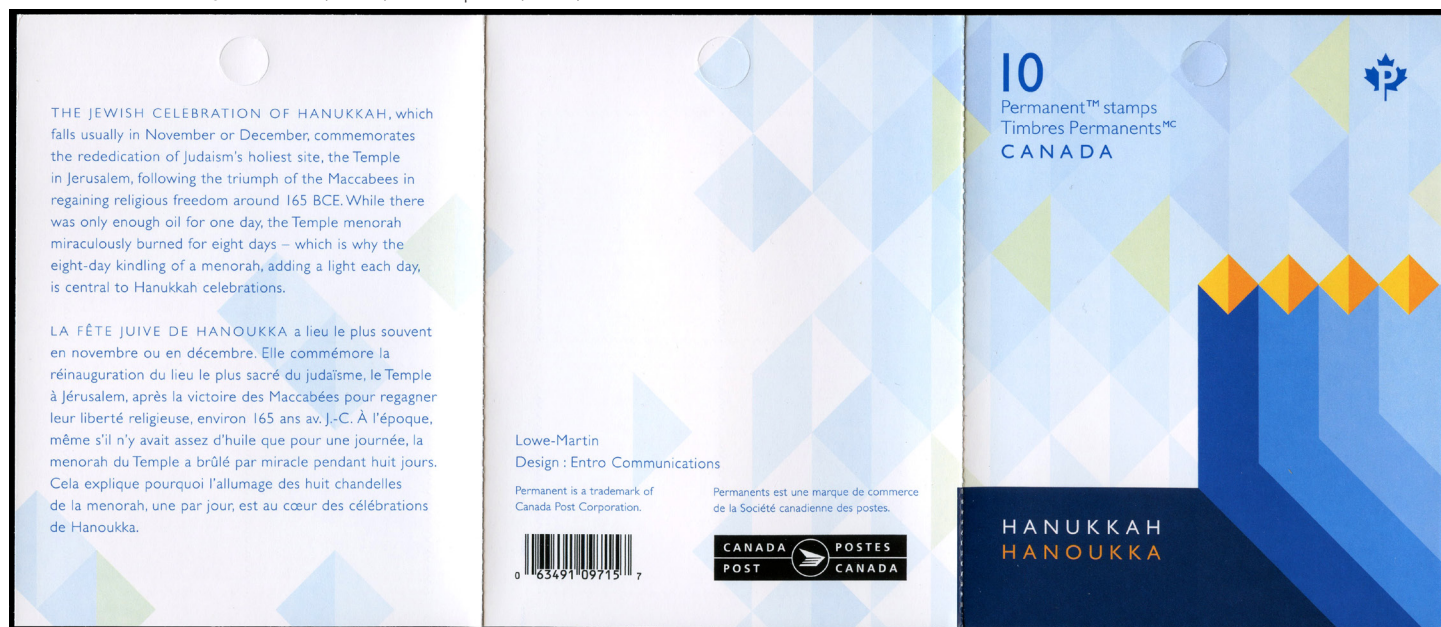


Original pane: ‘colour dots’ are Star of David

Reprint pane: ‘colour dots’ are circles



Full booklet cover: original/recall (above), and reprint (below)



Die cut to shape singles

As is typical with single self-adhesive stamps, die cut to shape singles are produced for the quarterly pack and annual collections. We have seen the four die cut to shape singles illustrated at right (two obtained from the annual collection and two from the quarterly pack 4). All four are from the original, recalled, booklet. This strongly suggests that neither the annual collection or quarterly pack were recalled for the possible reason that single stamps could be swapped with stamps from the reprint.



Die cut to shape singles, obtained from 2017 Annual Collection



Die cut to shape singles, obtained from Quarter Pack 4

2017: The Year of Hockey

Canada Post sure likes hockey as evidence by the number of hockey stamps issued in recent years. This year alone there were 27 different stamps issued on the topic of hockey. It used to be that 27 stamps was an entire year's worth of stamp issues!

The two last hockey issues of the year showcased the Toronto Maple Leafs and the History of Hockey.

Toronto Maple Leafs

A stamp issue of October 24 commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Illustrated below are the three different stamp designs. A booklet of 10 features a square-shaped stamp; a coil roll of 50 features a hockey-shaped stamp; and a \$5 souvenir sheet features a maple leaf emblem-shaped piece of fabric attached to the souvenir sheet.



History of Hockey

October 20 saw the release of two designs (in both booklet and souvenir sheet format) which was a joint issue with the United States. The designs were the same between the two countries, although there is a subtle difference in the amount of the image shown on the stamp itself.

The pair of stamps are printed tête-beche to each other with one image showing a modern-day hockey player and the other a player from years-gone-by.



2017 Christmas Souvenir Sheet – Untagged Error

As illustrated below, the 2017 Christmas souvenir sheet of three stamps featuring animals has been reported untagged.

This is the first untagged error reported to us in quite sometime.

This stamp issue was printed by Colour Innovations, so I believe this is their first significant printing error. (Colour Innovations did have some die cutting 'issues' with the Vimy Ridge and Eid stamps of 2017.)



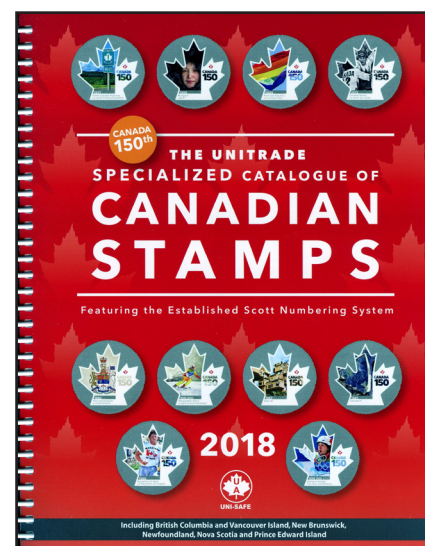
2018 Unitrade

The 2018 edition of the *Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps* began shipping about October 27. The price for this year's edition is \$49.95.

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

The new stamp issues for 2016–17 required several new pages (far too many). A total of 16 more pages were added to the catalogue bringing it up to 752 in total.

Check with your local, or favourite, dealer for a copy to add to your philatelic library.



Articles Urgently Needed

2017 Christmas Seals

by: Andrew Chung, FRPSC

This year's Christmas Seals, administered by The Lung Association since 1927 in Canada, is available in three pane formats.

The Ontario Lung Association offers two pane formats to its donors – a pane of 30 seals or a pane of 36 seals. Other provincial associations (except Manitoba and Quebec) offer one pane format — either a pane of 30 seals or a pane of 36 seals. The Manitoba Lung Association offers a pane of 10 seals. The Lung Association of Quebec offers a different format and theme.

Designed by American artist Lisa Alderson, the seven images depict a cardinal, a cat, a decorated store, Santa, a pair of skates, ornaments, and a fireplace and Christmas tree. The pane of 10 depict six of the seven images omitting the ornaments.

Collect Christmas Seals!

Right Pane of 36





Above: Pane of 10

Left: Pane of 30

Rural “Green” Mailbox

by: Robin Harris

When our family moved out of the “big city” (Winnipeg) some eleven years ago to a rural location, the mailing address we were given was a rural route mail box. We dubbed this our “green mailbox” (illustrated below at left). The three banks of mailboxes — *painted green* — were located about a half-mile down the gravel road from our house.

About two months ago those green mailboxes were replaced by the new-style boxes (illustrated below at right). Quite an improvement in terms of look and security.

We still use a mailbox in Beausejour due to our own security issues, particularly those associated with weather (rain, snow, etc.). The weekly newspaper and flyers are all we get in our new-style mailbox (we are still going to call it the ‘green’ mailbox).



Elizabethan II Marketplace

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 2243, Beausejour, MB R0E 0C0, Canada.

Sneak peek of our 2018 Stamp Program

- **From Far and Wide**, tours some of Canada's most beautiful locations.
- The Chinese lunar calendar ushers in the **Year of the Dog**.
- Five stamps featuring **Canadian women in winter sports** make us cheer.
- Our Black History Month stamps commemorate federal Cabinet Minister and 24th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario **Lincoln Alexander**, and activist and humanitarian **Kay Livingstone**.
- Our annual flower issues depicts two varieties of **lotuses**.
- Five stamps draw on **Canadian illustrators**.
- A new commemorative marks the **65th anniversary of HRH Queen Elizabeth II's coronation**.
- We expect a buzz about our stamps on **native bees**.
- One design scores the **100th anniversary of the Memorial Cup**.
- Our **astronomy** issue lights up the night sky.
- Five stamps of **sharks in Canadian waters** rise from the deep.
- **Weather wonders** storm back for an encore.
- A third host of **Birds of Canada** wraps up the series.
- Five stamps saluting **emergency responders** arrive in the fall.
- A new **Canada Post Community Foundation** issue raises funds and awareness for children.
- A **bighorn sheep** scales the heights of a new high-value stamp.
- Both secular and sacred **Christmas** stamps ring in the holidays.

Kiosk Locations

New Kiosk locations providing self-serve stamps have started to appear. These were first announced to the philatelic community in the September 2017 *Details* magazine. Since the new landscape painting type kiosk stamps appeared in November 2016, we have seen examples from five different locations.

The first six digits of the spray-on coding give the location id number.



105341: Vancouver, BC



105260: Edmonton, AB



104965: Richmond Hill, BC



105929: Toronto, ON



106038: Montreal, QC

We have word that there are two new outlets now operational in Vancouver. We will provide images of these location codings in a future *Corgi Times*.

Search Canada Stamps

by: Robin Harris

Years ago I was wondering if there were any Canadian stamps issued on my birthdate (month and day). A side question to the above would be if any of the events depicted on any Canadian stamp had an actual tie-in to my birthdate. An example of this would be a person honoured on a stamp whose birth or death date corresponded with my birthdate.

One way to get the answer to these questions would be to browse through the Unitrade catalogue and check every stamp issue to see if any existed. That could work, but would take quite sometime, and I'm sure once the answer was found, I would come up with another date or search criteria that would be as useful.

A better way to tackle the above questions would be to create a database that contained every Canadian stamp along with the following data:

- the date of issue
- any dates of events associated with the stamp (eg. birth/death date of person, first flight of an aircraft, start/end date of specific event, etc.)
- all topics/themes associated with the stamp (eg. ships, error of design, bicycles, Prime Ministers, flowers, etc.)
- all text inscribed on the stamp
- a specific series that the stamp belonged to (eg. Centennial definitives, Black History Month, etc.)

Well, it took some doing, but the above database is now available on-line at my website:

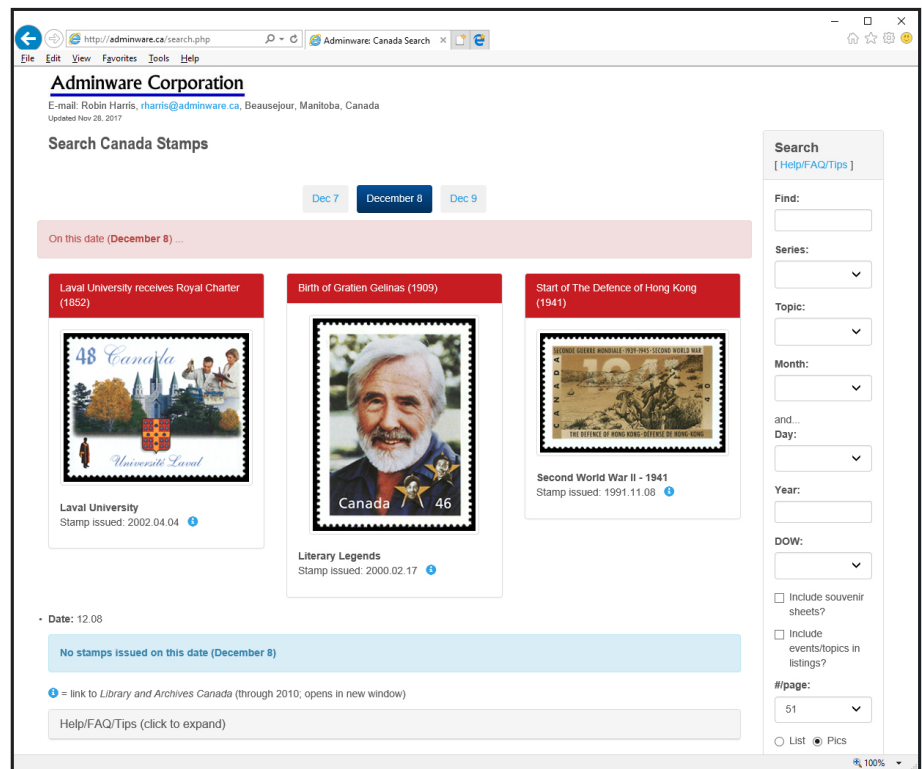
www.adminware.ca/search.php

Illustrated is a screen shot of what was displayed on the date this was written (December 8).

By default, associated events for the *current* date are shown first (with a red banner). Any stamps issued on the current date are listed below (with a blue banner). For December 8 the following three events were found:

- Laval University receives Royal Charter (1852)
- Birth of Gratien Gélinas (1909)
- Start of The Defence of Hong Kong (1941)

There have been no stamps issued on December 8 (Except for some late-month definitive releases, December issue dates are not as common as in other months).



When searching by date or year there are buttons along the top to quickly move to the previous/next date (or year).

The right side of the screen gives various ways to search the database. Typing any text in the "Find" box will find that word(s) in the description or inscribed text on the stamp.

Using this search tool one can find virtually any Canadian stamp fairly quickly. A useful tool if you just can't find that stamp in the catalogue.

Use the "Month and Day" options to find a specific date ... such as your birthdate, and see what happened in Canadian philately.

You may find yourself spending quite awhile browsing through the dates or searching on various words or topics. By the way, the page is 'mobile friendly'; that is, the search results will format properly on your phone, tablet, or desktop computer.

Future plans include making the following pieces of data available with the on-line database:

- printer
- designers, engravers
- stamp sizes
- images of all booklet covers
- images of all OFDCs