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New Definitive Series; Supply Issues

When is a first day of issue *not* a 'day of issue'? When it comes to the new From Far and Wide definitives "issued" on January 15, 2018!

Due to "supply issues" (whatever that is), none of the new From Far and Wide definitives were available on the 'day of issue'. In fact, as this is written (February 5), *none* of the coils have yet to appear in post offices (that I am aware of).

In my area (southern Manitoba), the following stamps became available in post offices on the dates noted:

- high-value booklets of 6 (Jan 16)
- Permanent™ booklet of 30 (Jan 22)
- souvenir sheet (Jan 24)
- Permanent™ booklet of 10 (Jan 29)
- coils ... still waiting



My pre-issue order of the prepaid post cards arrived on the day of issue, January 15, so at least something from this issue was available on that date!



What do you think of the designs of these new definitives? I find them gorgeous and hope the series lasts many, many years. Wouldn't it be great if *low-value* definitives were released with the same From Far and Wide theme?

The location of the photograph depicted on the stamp is not shown in 'large' print; one must use a magnifying glass to find the hidden micro printing text noting the location. See page 57 for enlarged details of these.

As with other recent definitives, the phosphor tagging has some interesting image elements included in the top and bottom tagging bars. See page 56 for enlarged details of these.



Sealed Commemorative Panes
See page 60

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Canada Post News

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

► 2017/4 Quarter Pack

The fourth quarterly pack of 2017 showed up in post offices in late November. The package contains the stamps released from October through November 2017 (none were issued in December). The \$21.75 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 11 different designs, are included:

- History of Hockey
- Toronto Maple Leafs®
- Christmas
- Halifax Explosion
- Hanukkah

► Commemorative Envelopes

2018 will see (at least) two commemorative envelopes:

- Feb 8: 100th anniversary of the War Amps
- Mar 21: 100th anniversary of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind



War Amps commemorative envelope: pre-issue image from Canada Post website

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Study Group Business

❖ New members

Steve Davis (AB)

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

2018 New Issue Release Dates – Thanks Canada Post

Have you noticed that the first two *Details* magazines distributed by Canada Post in 2018 have included the release dates for the next group of stamps to be issued? Thanks Canada Post!

P.S. You asked and we listened: We'll let you know right here when upcoming stamp issues will be released. Up next:

- Women in Winter Sports: January 24
- Kay Livingstone and Lincoln M. Alexander: February 1
- The War Amps, 100th anniversary, commemorative envelope: February 8

Upcoming release dates, as noted in the January 2018 | No. 1 *Details*.

P.S. Despite the weather forecast, spring is closer than you think. Watch for these colourful stamp issues coming soon.

- Our annual flower issue featuring the lotuses, March 1.
- Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB), 100th anniversary commemorative envelope, March 21.
- Great Canadian illustrators, April 2.

Upcoming release dates, as noted in the January-February 2018 | No. 2 *Details*.

That is a great 'first step'.

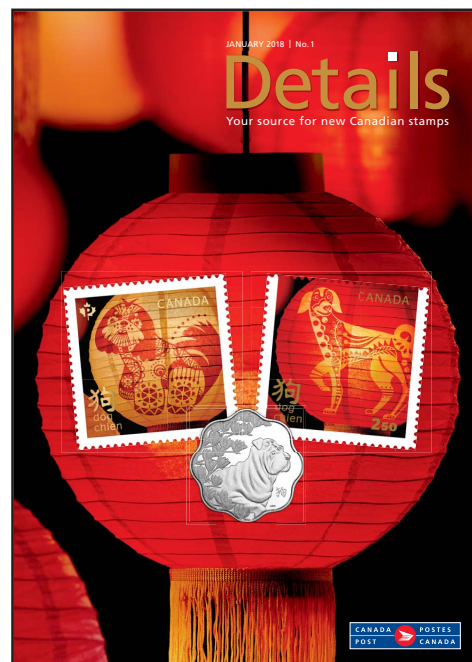
Now we just need the release dates for **all** of the stamps to come out this year. Perhaps we will see that in 2019?

Hanukkah Recall

Canada Post's January 2018 | No. 1 *Details* magazine included the following note regarding the recalled Hanukkah stamp (Scott 3051) from November 14, 2017:

The cover design of the Hanukkah stamp booklet has changed since the publication of *Details* no. 12, 2017. We replaced the image of the lit shamash with another part of the stylized menorah that reflects the celebration of Hanukkah. We apologize for any delay this change may have caused.

This appears to be the most 'official' reason that we will see from Canada Post for the reason of the recall.



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 	3040–41 3039
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) 	3044 3043 3042
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 	3046 3047 3048 3049 3045
Nov 6	Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 	3050
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 	3051

Canada Post 2018 Stamp Program

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Jan 15	Year of the Dog <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 (Dog) and \$2.50 (Rooster) “transitional” souvenir sheet • \$30.00 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) 	
Jan 15	From Far and Wide (9 designs) [new definitive series] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 (5 designs) • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 30 (5 designs) • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive coil of 100 (5 designs) • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive roll of 5,000 (5 designs) • \$1.00, self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$1.20, self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$1.80, self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$2.50, self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$1.20, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$1.80, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$2.50, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$10.75 gummed souvenir sheet of 9 • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) 	
Jan 24	Canadian Women in Winter Sports (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$4.25 gummed sheet of 5 	
Feb 1	Black History Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 — Lincoln Alexander • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 — Kay Livingstone 	
Mar 1	Lotuses (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) 	
Apr 2	Canadian Illustrators (5 designs)	

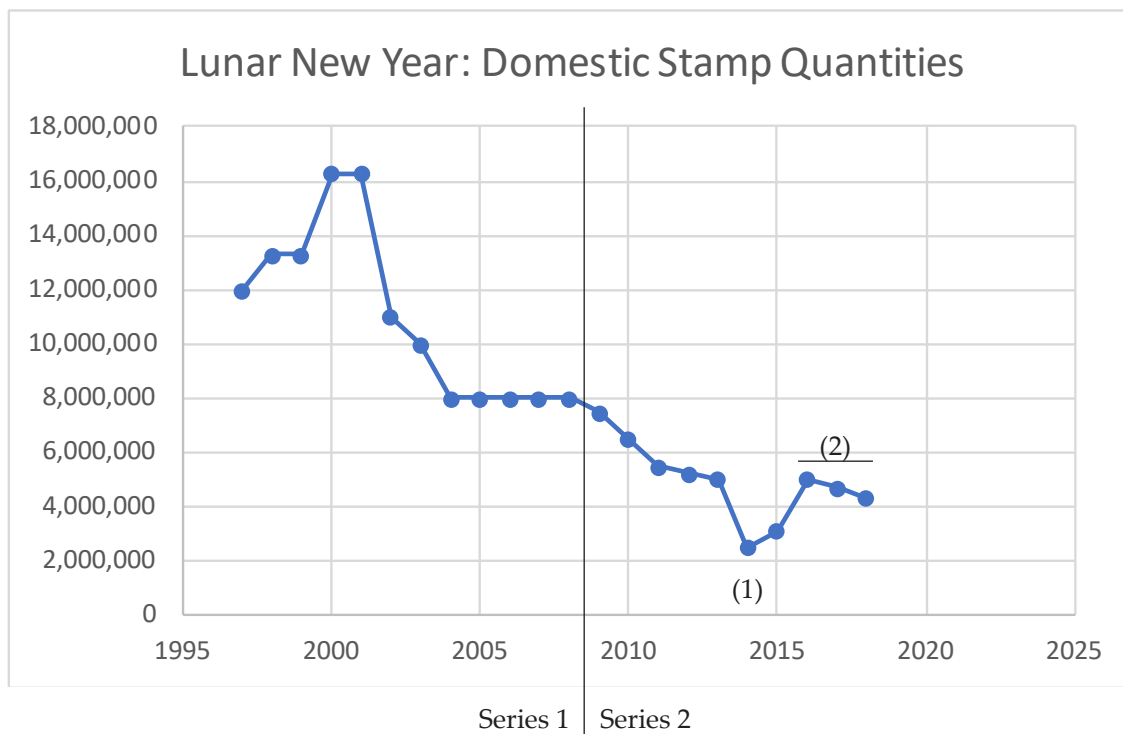
Lunar New Year Quantities

With the latest release of the “Year of the Dog” Lunar New Year stamp (January 15, 2018) it got me wondering if these Lunar New Year stamp issues are just as popular at they once were. Presented here are the printing quantities of the Series 1 and current Series 2 (next page) Lunar New Year stamp issues. You be the judge!

Lunar New Year — Series 1							
Year of the ...				Domestic		s/s	press sheet
Ox	1997.01.07	1630	45c	12,000,000	45c	2,000,000	15,000
Tiger	1998.01.08	1708	45c	13,280,000	45c	2,500,000	30,000
Rabbit	1999.01.08	1767-68	46c	13,280,000	95c	2,575,000	30,000
Dragon	2000.01.05	1836-37	46c	16,280,000	95c	4,100,000	50,000
Snake	2001.01.05	1883-85	47c	16,280,000	\$1.05	2,980,000	35,000
Horse	2002.01.03	1933-34	48c	11,000,000	\$1.25	1,700,000	35,000
Ram	2003.01.03	1969-70	48c	10,000,000	\$1.25	1,600,000	35,000
Monkey	2004.01.08	2015-16	49c	8,000,000	\$1.40	1,700,000	35,000
Rooster	2005.01.07	2083-84	50c	8,000,000	\$1.45	550,000	25,000
Dog	2006.01.05	2140-41	51c	8,000,000	\$1.49	950,000	20,000
Pig	2007.01.05	2201-02	52c	8,000,000	\$1.55	700,000	15,000
Rat	2008.01.08	2257-58	52c	8,000,000	\$1.60	750,000	15,000



Lunar New Year — Series 2										
Year of the ...	Issued	Sc. #		P (WAG)	P (sa)		Int'l s/s	Int'l sa bkl	Int'l trans s/s	Press sheet
Ox	2009.01.08	2296-97	54c	7,500,000		\$1.65	750,000			25,000
Tiger	2010.01.08	2348-49	57c	6,500,000		\$1.70	750,000			25,000
Rabbit	2011.01.07	2416-17	59c	5,500,000		\$1.75	550,000			20,000
Dragon	2012.01.10	2495-97	61c	5,250,000		\$1.80	500,000	1,800,000	200,000	15,000
Snake	2013.01.08	2599-01	63c	5,000,000		\$1.85	455,000	2,250,000	190,000	15,000
Horse	2014.01.13	2699-01	63c	2,500,000		\$1.85	400,000	900,000	175,000	13,000
Ram	2015.01.08	2801-03	85c	3,125,000		\$2.50	300,000	1,080,000	150,000	11,000
Monkey	2016.01.11	2884-87	85c	2,500,000	2,500,000	\$2.50	130,000	840,000	115,000	8,000
Rooster	2017.01.09	2959-62	85c	2,000,000	2,700,000	\$2.50	200,000	600,000	100,000	8,000
Dog	2018.01.15		85c	1,550,000	2,750,000	\$2.50	170,000	540,000	90,000	8,000
Pig	2019									
Rat	2020									



- (1) rate was 63c with a jump to 85c within 2 months; limited quantities printed
 (2) two types of each design: includes both water-activated and self-adhesive issues

New Meter/Postal Indicia Postal Rates (2018)

Postal rates for those using **stamps** are staying the same in 2018, at least *for now*. However, rates for businesses/individuals using meter/postage indicia for domestic lettermail have increased, effective January 15, 2018. USA and International letter-post meter rates remain the same.

It would be very difficult to assemble an example of each of these for a philatelic exhibit. Examples of the 'higher-value' items are likely quite difficult to obtain.

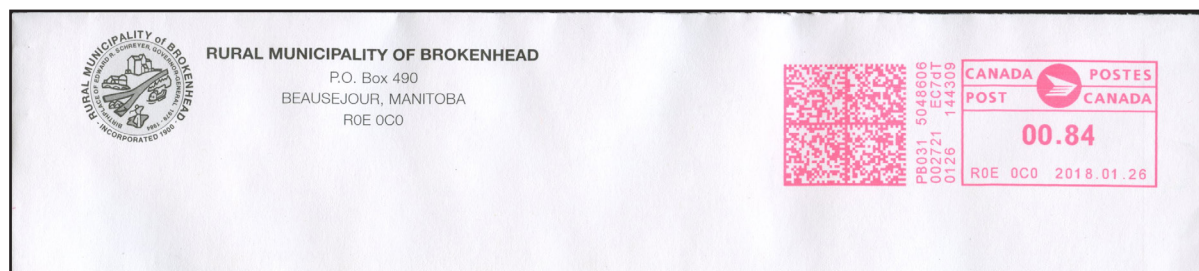
Meter rates have been rising slowly since March 31, 2014. Postage stamp rates have been held in place since that time, but meter rates have been able to rise a bit each year. Notice though that some meter rates have been held for a year or two now, otherwise they would match the postage stamp rate.

Meter Domestic Lettermail™ rates							
	0-30g	to 50g	to 100g	to 200g	to 300g	to 400g	to 500g
Mar 31/14	0.75	1.15	1.60	2.60	3.65	4.15	4.45
Jan 12/15	0.77	1.18	1.65	2.68	3.76	4.27	4.58
Jan 11/16	0.80	1.19	1.71	2.77	3.89	4.42	4.74
Jan 16/17	0.82	↓	1.76	2.85	4.00	4.54	4.87
Jan 15/18	0.84	↓	1.79	2.91	4.08	4.63	4.97

Meter USA Letter-post rates					
	0-30g	to 50g	to 100g	to 200g	to 500g
Mar 31/14	1.15	1.60	2.50	4.52	9.05
Jan 12/15	1.18	1.65	2.58	4.66	9.32
Jan 11/16	1.19	1.72	2.68	4.85	9.69
Jan 16/17	↓	1.77	2.75	4.98	9.93
Jan 15/18	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓

Meter International Letter-post rates					
	0-30g	to 50g	to 100g	to 200g	to 500g
Mar 31/14	2.20	3.19	5.19	9.05	18.10
Jan 12/15	2.27	3.29	5.35	9.32	18.64
Jan 11/16	2.36	3.42	5.56	9.69	19.39
Jan 16/17	2.42	3.51	5.71	9.93	19.87
Jan 15/18	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓

84¢ meter rate (domestic 0–30g), effective January 15, 2018



\$1.19 meter rate (domestic 30–50g), unchanged rate since January 11, 2016

Tagging Anomaly on 88¢ Westcot Apricot

by: Robin Harris

I recently received the image shown at right from the folks at Arpin Philately in Farnham, QC. What is odd about this image?

The short answer is that this variety has never been reported before and *should not exist*.

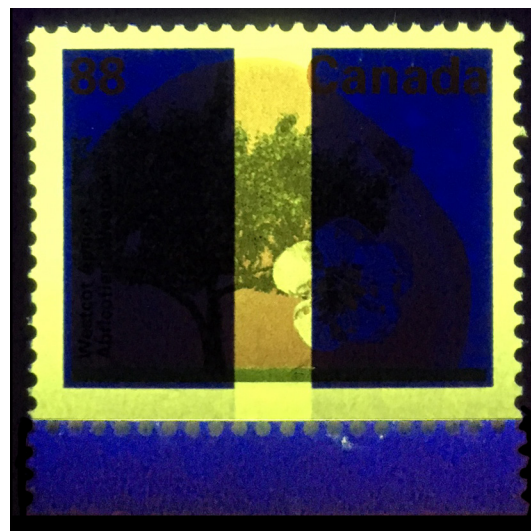
The 88¢ Westcot Apricot definitive first appeared on February 25, 1994 with block/4-sided tagging (printed by Canadian Bank Note on Peterborough Paper).

On November 14, 1994, Canadian Bank Note re-issued the stamp but this time with 3-bar tagging.

A third variety appeared on April 10, 1995 but this time printed by Ashton-Potter Canada Limited (3-bar tagging printed on Coated Papers stock).

This newly-reported variety (CBN printing on Peterborough Paper) is a *combination* of block tagging and 3-bar tagging. How could this happen? A trial printing?

Since tagging is its own 'colour' of ink, a separate printing plate/cylinder had to have been made for the block tagging and the 3-bar tagging. This variety suggests that another cylinder/printing was made with a *combination* of the two types of tagging incorporated *together*.



88¢ Westcot Apricot



Block/4-sided tagging



3-bar tagging

Articles Urgently Needed

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.

2018 From Far and Wide Definitives: Tagging Elements

The new From Far and Wide definitives, issued January 15, 2018, have various repeating tagging elements along the top and bottom of each stamp.

Illustrated below are each of the nine different stamps showing the respective tagging elements.



Pisew Falls Provincial Park (MB)
Tagging: waterfall and trees



Point Pelee Provincial Park (ON)
Tagging: bird



Nááts'j'hch'oh National Park Reserve (NT)
Tagging: mountain



Arctic Bay (NU)
Tagging: inukshuk



St. John's (NL)
Tagging: houses



Hopewell Rocks (NB)
Tagging: rock structure



MacMillan Provincial Park (BC)
Tagging: tree



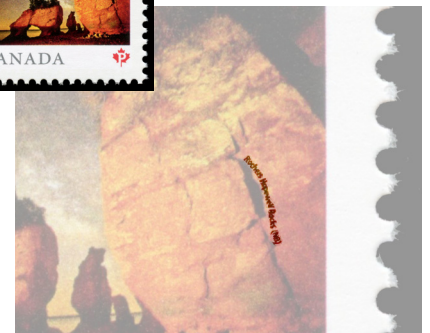
Prince Edward Island National Park (PEI)
Tagging: lighthouse



Parc national de l'île-Bonaventure-et-du-Rocher-Pencé (QC)
Tagging: sailboat

2018 From Far and Wide Definitives: Hidden Text

Hidden micro printing text noting site location



New BNAPS Titles of Interest to ESG II Members

The Elizabethan Study Group is pleased to offer members special pricing on the latest BNAPS Exhibit Series publications:

To take advantage of this offer, you must be a current paying ESG member, and must send your order to our treasurer, Derek Fleming, 854 Silver Birch Trail, Mississauga, ON L5J 4C1, Canada. Please include your BNAPS number, your mailing address, and the title of the publication you wish to order. Derek will then order the book on your behalf from the BNAPS Book Department. The ESG will subsidize the remainder of the cost, including sales taxes, postage and handling. Limit of one copy of each book per ESG member. This is an ESG initiative, not a BNAPS one. To take advantage of this offer you must request your book via Derek. You may pay for your order by cheque, payable to the ESG, or by PayPal by addressing your payment to ESGTreasurer@rogers.com. If paying by PayPal, please ensure that you put your order information in the PayPal instructions/notes section. Note that PayPal payments will appear on members credit card and/or bank statement as "Paypal*Elizabethan".

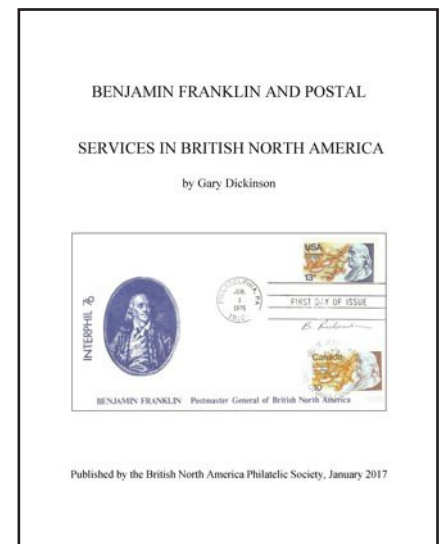
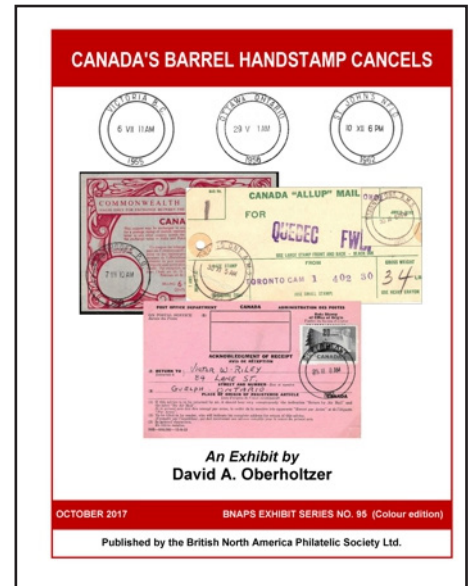
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Barrel Cancel handstamps were used from early 1955 to the end of 1962. Assigned to 34 of the largest post offices in Canada, they were intended for use on mail items requiring special handling such as parcels, registered mail, redirected letters and First Day Covers, among other applications. The main reason they were acquired from the Pitney Bowes Company because they did not require removal and replacement of the date and time indicia, which were mounted in the body of the device in the form of a barrel assembly. The 1955 hammers were recalled the end of that year because of design flaws, but were replaced in January 1956 with a new model. On many colourful covers and pieces, David Oberholtzer's exhibit shows how the "barrels" were used in the period.

David Oberholtzer has collected stamps since the age of twelve. His interest in Postal History and Barrel Cancellations began as a member of the Barrie District Stamp Club. He joined the Postal History Society of Canada in 1980, and participated in the "Barrel Rollers" study group. David served as Treasurer of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada from 1993-98 and 2009-17. He was invited to join the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada in 1995, and was on the organizing committee for CAPEX 96. He is also member of The Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society and was on the ROYAL*2016*ROYALE organizing committee. Other Philatelic Interests include the Postal History of several townships in Huron County and Pre-Independence Jamaica. David is a Fellow of the RPSC, the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario, and The Society of Management Accountants of Canada.

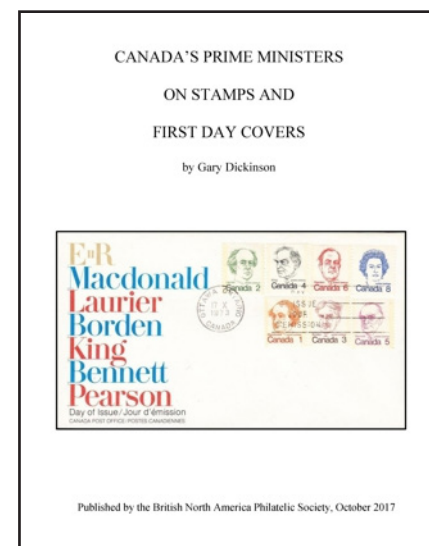
Benjamin Franklin and Postal Services in British North America, Gary Dickinson. First Day Covers honouring a man who played a large part in developing the postal system in early British North America. 2017, Spiral bound, 82 pages, 8.5 × 11, colour. ISBN: 978-1-927119-78-5. Stock # B4h089-1. List Price C\$49.00 **ESG Member Price \$20.00**

Everyone knows that Benjamin Franklin was a Founding Father of the United States of America and that he also proved that lightning carried electricity, but not everyone knows how involved he was with the early postal system in the British part of continental North America. In his latest BNAPS handbook, *Benjamin Franklin and Postal Services in British North America*, Gary Dickinson tells this story and documents the Franklin related stamps issued by Canada, especially the stamp jointly issued with the United States for the 1976 Bi-Centennial of the latter country, and the many First Day and event covers that resulted from these issues.



Canada's Prime Ministers on Stamps and First Day Covers, Gary Dickinson. A 150th anniversary year review of the stamps and first day covers issued to honour the Prime Ministers of Canada. 2017, Spiral bound, 90 pages, 8.5 × 11, colour. ISBN: 978-1-927119-82-2. Stock # B4h092-1. List Price C\$49.95 **ESG Member Price \$20.00**

Canada's Prime Ministers on Stamps and First Day Covers is Gary Dickinson's personal contribution to Canada's sesquicentennial. Between the first day covers in his own collection, those that had been placed on the website of the First Day Cover Study Group, and additional contributions from several members of the group, the volume of material relating to Canada's Prime Ministers far exceeded his expectations. This resulted in a volume that, unlike Gary's previous books, is selective rather than all inclusive. Each of Canada's fifteen deceased prime ministers who have been honoured on postage stamps receives a brief biographical introduction before the relevant FDCs are displayed. Rather than dealing with their accomplishments while in office, the focus is on the pathways they followed to reach the ultimate Canadian political position.



Dr. Gary Dickinson worked in British Columbia secondary schools, colleges, and universities for 35 years until he retired in 2001. The last 20 years were at Okanagan College and Okanagan University College where he served as South Okanagan Regional Director for five years and Dean of the Faculty of Adult and Continuing Education for 15 years. He was also Acting Vice-President, Academic for the year and a half prior to his retirement. Gary has continued his association with Okanagan College by chairing its Central Okanagan Advisory Committee and serving on the Research Ethics Board. He was co-founder of the BNAPS FDC Study Group and is editor of its newsletter, First Impressions. Gary and his wife Barbara have six grown children and were foster parents for 20 years.

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Sealed Commemorative Panes, 2014–

Postage rates rose to 85¢ (from 63¢) on March 31, 2014. What is significant about that? Since the new rates went into effect, Canada Post is no longer selling **single** domestic-rate stamps. In order to ensure that single stamps of any water-activated domestic-rate stamps are not removed from a pane and sold individually (excluding souvenir sheets for some reason?), the full panes are only distributed and sold in a shrink-wrapped package.

The *Canadian Women in Winter Sports* stamp issue of January 24, 2018 is the 17th such water-activated domestic-rate set of stamps released since that fateful day back in 2014.

Illustrated here are the seventeen different shrink-wrapped packages of water-activated domestic-rate stamp issues.



Empress of Ireland (Sc. 2745)
2014.05.29



Original Six™ (Sc. 2786)
2014.10.03



Wait for Me, Daddy (Sc. 2794)
2014.10.04



Year of the Ram (Sc. 2801)
2015.01.08



In Flanders Fields (Sc. 2835)
2015.05.03



The Franklin Expedition (Sc. 2851–52)
2015.08.06



Great Canadian Goalies (Sc. 2866)
2015.10.02



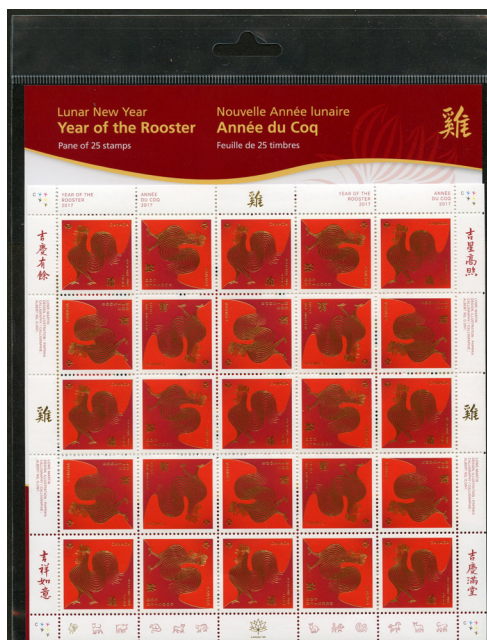
Year of the Monkey (Sc. 2884)
2016.01.11



Star Trek (Sc. 2912)
2016.05.05



Great Canadian Forwards (Sc. 2941)
2016.09.23



Year of the Rooster (Sc. 2959)
2017.01.09



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2017.04.27

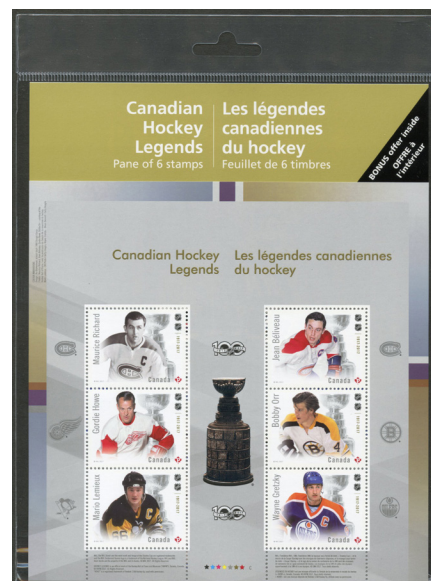
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Formula 1 in Canada (Sc. 2992)
2017.05.16



Canada 150 (Sc. 2999)
2017.06.01



NHL: The Ultimate Six (Sc. 3026)
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Year of the Dog (Sc.)
2018.01.15

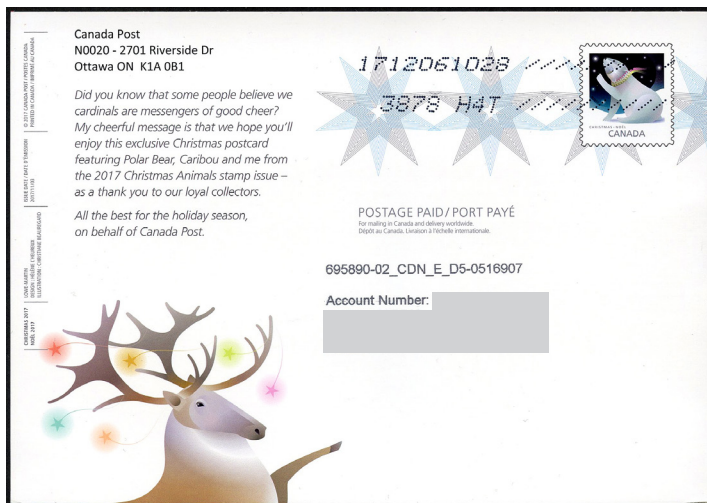


Canadian Women in Winter Sports (Sc.)
2018.01.24

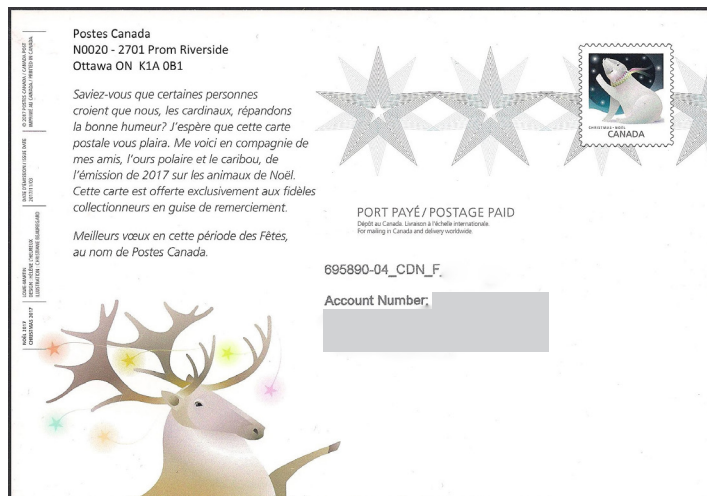
Christmas Happenings

This past December (2017) Canada Post mailed out a 'Christmas greeting card' to people on their mailing list. It is not known if USA or International customers were mailed a card (help!).

The stamp indicia shows the design of the Permanent™ 2017 Christmas stamp design (Polar Bear) while the reverse side shows the design from the USA-rate stamp design (Cardinal). An English and French version were distributed.



Above: English version; Below: French version (courtesy ESG member Earle Covert)



January 24, 2018 Stamp Issue

When my wife saw the booklet cover of the January 24, 2018 stamp issue her first comment was "nice Christmas stamps!"

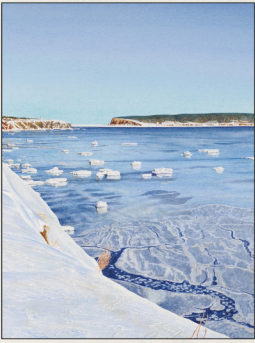
It turns out the stamp issue is for "Canadian Women in Winter Sports". When she saw the stamps she was very disappointed that they had nothing do with Christmas.

The "Christmas tree" on the booklet cover is also shown on the special pane of 5 water-activated gum stamps (illustrated on previous page). What does this kind of illustration have to do with "Canadian Women in Winter Sports"?



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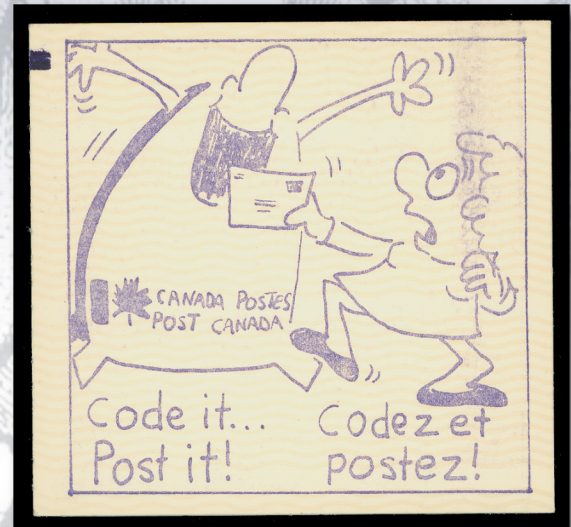
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3c Wilding, upper left Plate 2 block with
a very rare one-bar tagging; believed to be
only one in existence.



8c Royal Military College Centenary, elusive
imperfectorate mint pair, untagged.



17c Cameo, complete booklet with wavy-line covers
and the elusive counting mark (printed on every 50th
booklet) with UNTAGGED pane of 25.



8c Christmas with the rare Repellex missing colour error on lower right stamp.



46c Year of the
Rabbit, red colour
omitted and
untagged.

47c Year of
the Snake,
gold colour
(Chinese symbol)
omitted and
untagged.



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