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This first newsletter of 1986 begins our fluorescent paper study. The success of this endeavour depends on the extent of your participation. It is assumed that most of our members have mint Centennials with some plate or blank corner blocks and an ultraviolet lamp. We will initially consider the high value Centennials and use the fluorescence tables from the second edition of"Canada, The 1967-73 Definitive Issue" as the starting point. The twelve levels of fluorescence are too extensive but I feel that these can still provide a base. The dextrine gummed stamps have either smooth or streaky gum and some items listed in the fluorescence tables are only in one type of gum - we should be able to find examples on the other type of gum. We should also be able to detect a significant difference in level of fluorescence; example - if all plate no. 1 blocks are listed as fluorescence "0", then a level of "1" would not be as significant as a "2" or a "3". A difference of 2 to 3 fluorescence units should be readily detectable. PLEASE USE MINT STAMPS IN THIS STUDY. I have listed what is hopefully an unambiguous guide to the levels of fluorescence established by Keane and Hughes, using stamps everybody probably has.

0 6¢ orange coil or $1 booklet of twenty-five 4¢ stamps

1 $1.50 perf 10 booklet of the 6¢ black

2 50¢ PVA gum, plate 2

3 20¢ PVA gum, Winnipeg tagged

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5 probably the best example is the 6¢ black, PVA gum, Ottawa general tagged, being careful not to use the "1" or "7" level also found on this stamp

6 15¢ PVA, plate 3

7 8¢ library plate 7

8 Bk 69cii, the most fluorescent grade with OP2 tagging and a clear sealing strip - these are probably the most common of the 69 booklets.

9 10¢ Ottawa general tagged, PVA gum, hibrite

10 Opal booklet or 25¢ booklet of the 6¢ orange, hibrite paper

11 6¢ black coil

Copies of the tables follow with a few additions and changes already recorded. Please give them some careful study and see if you can add some new items. If we get the participation needed, then we will slowly expand the study to the other values as well as coils and booklets.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Any degrees of fluorescence over the "O" level?

PERF 12×12 CBNC

8c violet brown

		PLATE						plate not identified			
		1a	1b	1c	1d	2a	2b	A	B	C	D
paper	off-white	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
	bright white								•	•	•
gum	dex (streaky)	•		•		•			•	•	
	dex (smooth)		•		•		•	•			•
ink shade											
	violet-brown	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•
	light violet-brown								•		
	dark violet-brown							•			
fluorescent grade		O	O	O	O	O	O	O	II	II	II
ultra-violet colour											
	brown on ivory					•	•				
	brown on grey, flecked							•			
	black on blue-white								•	•	•
	brown on light ivory	•	•								
	brown on dark violet			•	•						

Columns A and G under plate not identified have been deleted due to duplication in other parts of table. A new level of fluorescence on plate 3 (3c) has been added as well as a streaky gum version of Winnipeg tag W2 column A, new column F, provided by Mike Painter.

PERF 12 × 12 CBNC

10c olive green

	PLATE								plate not identified									Winnipeg tag W2						general tag OP2✧		
	1a	1b	1c	1d	2	3a	3b	3c		B	C	D	E	F		H	J	K	A	B	C	D	E	F	A	B	C
paper off-white	•	•	•	•	•					•	•								•					•			
bright white												•	•	•						•	•	•			•	•	
white						•	•	•								•	•	•					•				•
gum dex (streaky)		•		•	•																			•			
dex (smooth)	•		•							•	•								•								
PVA (dull)						•	•	•						•		•	•	•					•				•
PVA (streaky)												•	•							•	•	•			•	•	
ink shade																											
olive-green	•		•	•		•	•	•		•		•	•	•				•	•		•	•		•	•		•
light olive-green		•			•											•	•			•			•			•	
yellow-green											•																
fluorescent grade	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	3		0	1	9	10	10		3	7	5	0	10	10	9	7	0	9	9	6
ultra-violet colour																											
dark green on ivory	•				•														•					•			
black on light blue							•										•						•				•
black on violet-blue, flecked						•		•																			
black on blue-white												•	•	•						•	•	•			•	•	
dark green on light ivory										•																	
dark green on blue-violet, flecked																•											
black on dark violet-grey		•																									
dark green on off-white											•																
dark green on light-grey			•	•																							
dark green on violet-blue																		•									

Any PVA gummed plate blocks lower than "6" in fluorescence ?

PERF 12×12 CBNC

15c dull purple

	PLATE								plate not identified					Winnipeg tag W2			general tag OP 2 ✧
	1a	1b	1c	1d	2a	2b	2c	3	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	A
paper off-white	●	●	●	●	●	●	●							●	●		
bright white									●	●							
white								●			●	●	●			●	●
gum dex (streaky)	●		●		●					●					●		
dex (smooth)		●		●		●	●		●					●			
PVA (dull)								●			●	●	●			●	●
ink shade																	
dull purple	●	●	●	●	●	●			●		●			●	●		
reddish-purple							●	●		●	●		●			●	●
fluorescent grade	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	6	10	10	2	3	3	0	0	2	2
ultra-violet colour																	
brown on ivory	●	●			●	●											
black on light blue								●									
black on dark violet, flecked											●					●	
black on blue-white									●	●							
brown on light cream														●			
brown on dark violet												●					●
black on bright blue-violet, flecked													●				
brown on cream, flecked							●										
brown on light ivory															●		
violet on light blue, flecked			●	●													

✧ We have found the OP-2 bars, listed above, in yellow only.

Any dextrine gum plates with a fluorescence level over a "0"?

PERF 12 × 12 CBNC

20c dark blue

	PLATE										plate not identified								Wpg. tag W2			
	1a	1b	1c	1d	1e	2a	2b	2c	2d	2e	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	A	B	C	D
paper off-white	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●					●	●	●	●	
bright white														●	●							
white										●						●	●					●
gum dex (streaky)	●	●		●		●		●			●		●		●						●	
dex (smooth)			●		●		●		●			●		●				●	●	●		
PVA (dull)										●						●	●					●
ink shade																						
dark blue	●																					
blue		●		●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●					●	●	●	●	
bright blue			●							●				●	●	●	●					●
fluorescent grade	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	10	10	3	3	1	0	0	0	3
ultra-violet colour																						
black on ivory											●	●										
black on off-white	●	●	●			●			●								●					
black on brown				●	●		●	●														
black on blue-white														●	●							
black on light grey																			●		●	
dark blue on violet-blue, flecked										●						●						●
dark blue on brown													●									
black on grey																				●		
black on light blue, flecked																		●				

Two new listings under Winnipeg tag W2, "E" & "F". Anyone with a smooth gum version of "F"?

PERF 12 × 12 CBNC

25c slate green

	PLATE								plate not identified				Wpg. tag W2					
	1a	1b	1c	1d	1e	1f	2a	2b	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	E	F
paper off-white	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•			
bright white												•				•	•	•
gum dex (streaky)	•		•		•			•	•			•	•		•		•	•
dex (smooth)		•		•		•	•			•	•			•		•		
ink shade																		
slate-green	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•	•	•
light slate-green			•										•	•	•			
fluorescent grade	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	9	9	11
ultra-violet colour																		
black on ivory	•																	
black on light ivory			•								•							
dark green on ivory														•	•			
black on dark violet-grey									•	•								
black on blue-white												•				•	•	•
black on brown		•																
dark green on light ivory				•			•	•					•					
black on dark grey					•	•												

Column B is deleted due to duplication on other parts of the table.

PERF 12 × 12 CBNC

50c brown orange

		PLATE							plate not identified						
		1a	1b	1c	1d	1e	1f	2	A		C	D	E	F	G
paper	off-white	•	•	•	•	•	•		•						
	bright white										•	•	•		
	white							•						•	•
gum	dex (streaky)	•		•	•	•						•	•		
	dex (smooth)		•				•		•		•				
	PVA (dull)							•						•	
	PVA (shiny)														•
ink shade															
	brown-orange			•							•	•		•	
	light brown-orange							•	•				•		•
	dark brown-orange	•	•		•	•	•								
fluorescent grade		0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0		11	11	11	2	0
ultra-violet colour															
	dark brown on brown	•	•						•						
	dark brown on violet, flecked							•							
	pale brown on dark violet														•
	black on blue-white										•	•	•		
	dark brown on dark violet													•	
	dark brown on cream			•		•	•								
	dark brown on light cream				•										

PERF 12 × 12 CBNC

$1 carmine rose

		plate						plate not identified			
		1a	1b	1c	2a	2b	2c	A	B	C	D
paper	off-white	•	•	•				•			
	bright white								•	•	•
	white				•	•	•				
gum	dex (streaky)	•	•							•	•
	dex (smooth)			•				•	•		
	PVA (dull)				•	•	•				
ink shade											
	carmine-rose	•	•	•				•			
	light carmine-rose				•	•	•		•	•	•
fluorescent grade		0	0	0	0	2	1	0	11	11	10
ultra-violet colour											
	red on brown	•									
	red on dark violet, flecked						•				
	black on blue-white								•	•	•
	red on grey							•			
	red on violet, flecked				•						
	dark red on cream		•	•							
	red on bright blue, flecked					•					