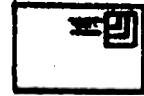




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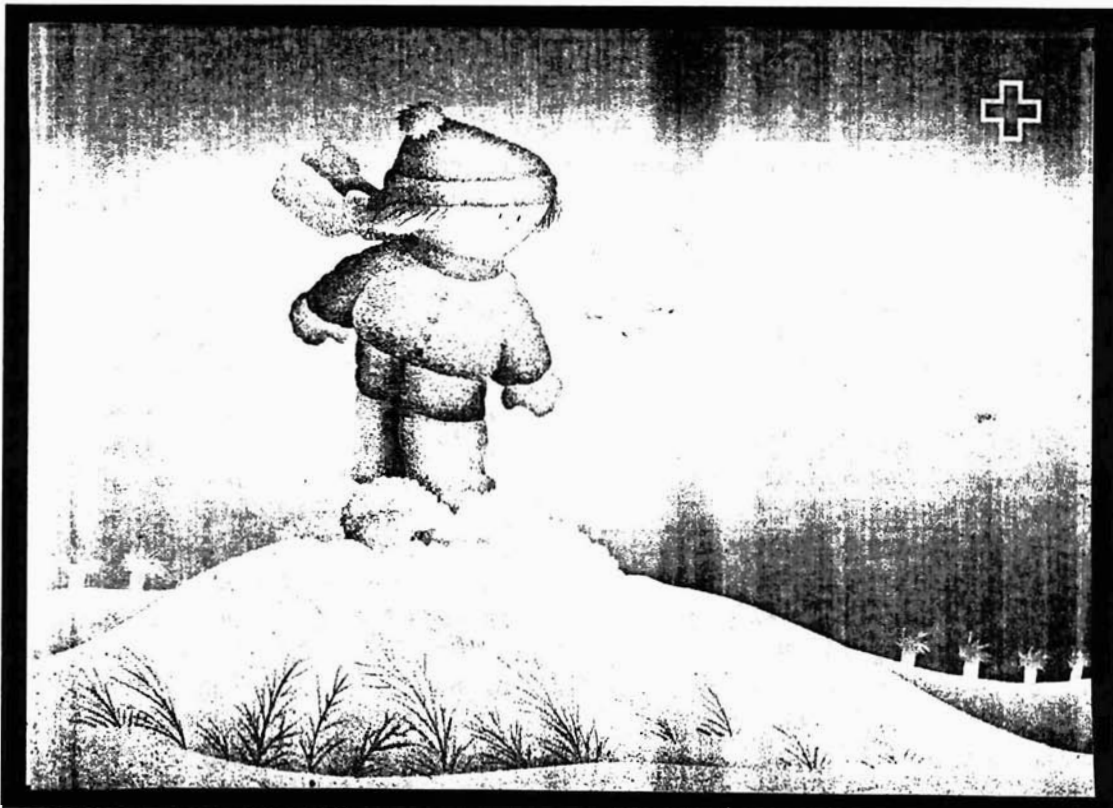


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NEW PREPAID POST CARDS

Canada Post and the Canadian Red Cross (Quebec Division) have issued a set of five prepaid postcards depicting Christmas scenes taken from *Simon and the Snowflakes*, a book written by Gilles Tibo and published by Tundra Books in 1988. The cards were officially launched at a press conference held at the St-Justine Children Hospital in Montreal on 94-11-10. On that occasion, the Canada Post and Red Cross mascots distributed free cards to sick children so they could write to their parents and friends. No special cancel was available.



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The cards were put on sale during the week of 94-11-14 at 630 Canada Post outlets in the Province of Quebec. The quantity issued is 10,000 sets. The cards will be withdrawn from sale in mid-January.

Postal orders are accepted at the following address: Canadian Red Cross, Attn. Mrs. Anne Allard, 6 Place du Commerce, Île-des-Soeurs, Que. H3E 1P4 [cost: \$9.95 plus federal (\$0.70) and Quebec provincial (\$0.43) taxes are applicable and there is a \$1.00 handling charge; VISA and Master Card are accepted for payment]. Cards are only valid throughout Canada without added postage. Profits from the sale of these cards will be split 50-50 between Canada Post and the Canadian Red Cross.

According to Mrs. Anne Allard, head of the Fundraising project, the idea for this project originated from similar cards issued by the Finnish Red Cross. If all works well, the Canadian Red Cross plans other postcards this summer and a national campaign next Christmas. I will keep you posted.

Pierre Gauthier

ERP UPDATES

This is the third update to the comprehensive Earliest Reported Postmark (ERP) listing mailed to members with PSN Vol. 12, No. 2. The updates are arranged in the same order as the ERP listing, and the appropriate page numbers in the listing are noted. Updates are from Tom Collop, C.J. Ellis, Pierre Gauthier, Horace Harrison, Robert Lemire, Bob Schlesinger, Dick Staecker and at least one other contributor whose name was not marked on the individual photocopies.

Bill Walton

pg. 3	EN28	Jan. 13, 1923	pg. 50	RKP103f	May 10, 1971
pg. 5	EN36	Nov. 10, 1931		RKP106	Aug. 25, 1972
	EN41	Feb. 18, 1932		RKP106f	May 15, 1973
pg. 6	EN48	Sept. 23, 1938	pg. 53	CPR 1a	see footnote (d)
pg. 7	EN69d	May 28, 1954	pg. 54	CPR E42	Oct. 4, 1915
pg. 8	EN75	Aug. 1, 1962	pg. 56	CPR C65	Dec. 23, 1917 ^(e)
pg. 9	EN84a	Aug. 2, 1967 ^(e)	pg. 59	CPR G70	May 1, 1931 ^(f)
	EN87d	May 3, 1971	pg. 61	GTR D55	Jun. 7, 1911
pg. 11	EN94b	Mar. 15, 1969	pg. 63	GTR G56A	Nov. 9, 1920
pg. 29	A62	Mar. 11, 1982 ^(b)	pg. 64	CNR C9	Oct. 25, 1925 ^(g)
pg. 34	P33m	Aug. 24, 1917	pg. 65	CNR E12B	Jan. 10, 1936 ^(h)
pg. 38	P65b	Dec. 10, 1935	pg. 66	CNR E12A	Aug. 3, 1931
pg. 39	P66i	Oct. 3, 1938		NTH4	Jul. 24, 1913
pg. 40	P81f	Jul. 12, 1954	pg. 69	DEN8i	Feb. 9, 1899
pg. 41	P88	Feb. 22, 1955		DEN522-10f	May 7, 1936
	P91c	Oct. 20, 1960		DEN563-7	Nov. 30, 1974
pg. 47	KP52h	Jun. 14, 1937		DEN 535-37a	Mar. 23, 1948
pg. 49	RKP81b	see footnote (c)	pg. 70	DEN 535-40b	Sep. 8, 1947
	RKP83g	May 20, 1960	pg. 72	EN805d	Mar. 22, 1940
	RKP83j	Dec. 20, 1960	pg. 75	Nfld. P13	Oct. 9, 1930 ⁽ⁱ⁾
pg. 50	RKP103	Feb. 24, 1970			

- (a) Pierre Gauthier photocopied a copy from a dealer's stock with a date of Aug. 2, 1967. However, this copy was lost with our car. Our earliest date for EN84a on an existing photocopy is Aug. 8, 1967 as previously listed, but the copy with the Aug. 2 date existed and I saw it. The entry on the list should be footnoted "verified, but no photocopy on file".
- (b) Correction of a date reported in the last issue of PSN.
- (c) HELP!! I received a photocopy with a revised date for RKP81b . I know I saw it, but I cannot now locate it. Please send it again if you would. Thanks.
- (d) The footnote concerning this item should be changed to read "A manuscript date of June 13, 1898 is known."
- (e) Manuscript date.
- (f) Previously reported, but it should have been noted this was a manuscript date, not a postmark.
- (g) A new listing in the C group, top of pg. 64.
- (h) Changing the date back to what it was previously.
- (i) This Newfoundland P13 date, submitted by Horace Harrison, is taken from a spectacular item - a very scarce flight. This is one ERP I'd sooner match than beat.

THE SHORT BAR ON THE "T"

John Grace has drawn my attention to a variety mentioned in Arnold's catalogue of the Post Cards of Canada (1965). The variety is found on the (Webb's) Type 5 heading, on cards printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company after 1935. On some cards the right part of the cross bar on the "T" of "POST" is almost 1 mm shorter than the part on the left.

CANADA POST CARD

POST
POST

heading with short bar in "T" of "POST"

"T" of "POST" with short bar at right

normal "T" in "POST"

During the summer, John and I have spent some time looking for this variety. We have found it on the following cards: P62d, P62e, P62f, P65b, P66d, P66e, P66f, P68b, P77b and P78b. These are all typographed, so-called "regular" cards. When found on a card from a 3-on sheet, the variety, so far, always has been found on the middle card. However, not all middle cards on the 3-on mimeo stock sheets have the variety. We have not yet found the variety on the Front Face Issue (P57a, P60b), nor on the 1951 revalued card P72c or the 1954 4¢ on 3¢ card, P81c.

We have not found the variety on any of the reply cards, which is not surprising since the headings are 83 - 84 mm long on these offset cards, while they are 81¼ - 82 mm long on the typographed cards. However, we wonder if the shorter (81¼ mm) heading on P66t might yet be found with the short bar on the "T".

John Aitken

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO GO LETTERS AND GO PACKS

As more varieties of Ontario Government GO LETTERS and GO PACKS are reported, the need for a comprehensive revised list has become apparent. Dick Staecker has produced such a list, and John Grace has provided a similar summary of the red GO LETTERS (only), but giving more details and points of identification. I have combined the two, and it appears below. So far, there are six different types of GO Letters and two types of GO PACKS. In some cases only the red (provincial) envelopes have been reported, and the blue (national) envelopes may or may not exist.

GO LETTERS

<u>type</u>	<u>colour</u>	<u>header style</u>	<u>knife</u>	<u>distinguishing feature</u>	<u>Webb's #</u>	<u>date*</u>
GL1.	red blue	style I "	A "	front: "recyclable Paper..." "	SL520 SL521	Jan. 1991
GL2.	red blue	style I "	B "	front: "Recycled Paper..." In a box "	SL522 SL523	Apr. 1992
GL3.	red blue	style I	A	front: "Recycled Paper..." solid arrows NOT YET REPORTED	?	Oct. 1993
GL4.	red blue	style I "	A "	back: "Recycled Paper..." "	? ?	Feb. 1993
GL5.	red blue	style I	B	back: "Recycled Paper..." NOT YET REPORTED	?	Feb. 1994
GL6.	red blue	style II	B	back: "Recycled Paper..." NOT YET REPORTED	?	

GO PACKS

<u>type</u>	<u>colour</u>	<u>distinguishing feature</u>	<u>Webb's #</u>
GP1.	red blue	back: text on back without telephone numbers NOT YET REPORTED	?
GP2.	red blue	back: text on back with telephone numbers "	? ?

header	style I	"GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO / GOUVERNEMENT DE L'ONTARIO" 104 mm "GUARANTEED" 45 mm
	style II	"GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO / GOUVERNEMENT DE L'ONTARIO" 83 mm "GUARANTEED" 55 mm

knife A - bottom edge of flap is straight; bottom panel of the back ends 7 mm from the top fold;; right angle roulette (8-9 in 2 mm) (PSN Vol. 11, pg. 32; Vol. 12, pg. 11)

knife B - bottom edge of flap is rounded; bottom panel of the back ends 23 mm from the top fold; acute angle roulette (6 in 2 mm) (PSN Vol. 11, pg. 32; Vol. 12, pg. 11)

* not a true ERP (photocopies have not yet been supplied), but a month and year in which used copies have been noted

GREMLINS

Some copies of the last issue of PSN (Vol. 12, No. 4) were mispunched (pages 27 to 34 were punched on the wrong side). Please write to me if you received such a copy, and wish to have it replaced.

TWO MORE PRIVATELY PRECANCELLED CARDS

Recently Doug Lingard showed me two privately precancelled cards that do not appear in the Manley lists or updates. The first precancel, P51c-8-25 x 8½, is very similar to the P51c-8-25½ x 9 (Tansey's Pharmacy) on pg. 39 of Manley's Canadian Precancelled Postal Stationery Handbook. However, the mimeographed text on the card was added for the Eugene Hair Salon of Montreal.

**CANADA
BUSINESS REPLY CARD
CARTE RÉPONSE D'AFFAIRES**



**EUGENE BEAUTY SALON
5151 SHERBROOKE ST W.
DExter 4501
Hours 8:30 till 8 P.M.
Friday & Saturday
8:30 till 9 P.M.**

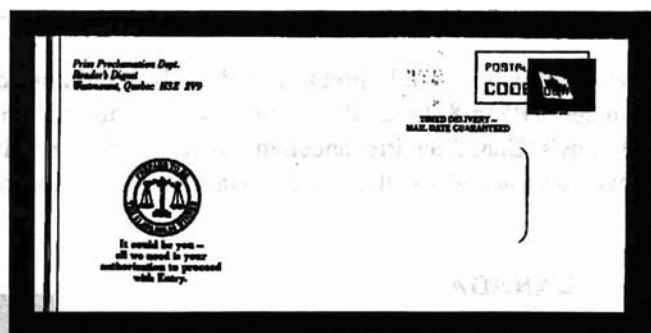
The second card, also on P51c, is a new type (P51c-18-12 x 8, as shown at the right), two pairs of fine lines, and was used by the Montreal West Municipal Association.

Robert Lemire



ANOTHER "POSTAGE PAID" SPECIAL ORDER ENVELOPE

John Aitken has reported a new special order envelope (front as shown at the top of pg. 40) with the multicoloured "Postage paid" flag indicia. The envelope is a pale yellow, side-seams, window envelope used by Reader's Digest. It measures 9 13/16" x 4 5/8" (249 x 117 mm). All other printing is in black except for the words "FINAL STAGE/ENTRY" in lilac on the back. There is a bright gold strip that wraps around from the top-right front onto the back. The precancel is the same type used for the "Automotive Forum" stationery (PSN Vol. 11, pg. 52; Vol. 12, pg. 17).



(Editor's Note: I have often thought about how easily earlier special order envelopes must have been discarded. Now I know. When John telephoned about this envelope, it led me to remember an envelope from Reader's Digest I had received and discarded a few days earlier - discarded without reading more than the return address. A conscientious look through my garbage bag resulted in the retrieval of a damp, but only slightly stained, copy of the same special order envelope.)

A NEW REDESIGNED PRIORITY POST ENVELOPE

A regional envelope, dated "(94-09)" has appeared. The position of the tear strip has been changed and the printing on the back entirely revised. The Integrated Shipping Service logo (ISS/SEI) is on the front.

THE LAST GEORGE VI POST CARD ORDERS

In PSN Vol. 12, pg. 20, a Canadian Archives file (RG3 acc. 86-87/396, Box 67, File 13-27-3, Orders for P.S. supplies from Canadian Bank Note Co.) was described. John Aitken has now examined photocopies of the orders in this file that pertain to post cards, bands and wrappers, and has compiled lists giving the details from these orders. There is a large quantity of information, and it will be presented in PSN in sections. The first part deals with the post card printings bearing the portrait of George VI as ordered between July 1952 and April 1954. In an attempt to keep the table on the next page to a manageable size, I have not included John's summaries for the reply card orders. These will appear later. The order records do not appear to offer any information about the stock varieties found on the 3¢ typographed card, P78/P78a.

From the table, it is seen orders for the 4¢ Georgian card, Webb's P80, were placed even though (from order 430 on) the first Karsh QE II design die (Webb's P85) was being used to fill orders for 4¢ cards on large sheet stock (8-on and 16-on). Thus, P80 was never issued as sheet stock and indeed, as will be shown in a future issue of PSN, it appears the first 4¢ QE II card issued as single stock was the 1954 Wilding card, Webb's P88. Even so, no Georgian card orders were placed after April 1954.

John's assignment of Webb's numbers P74 and P78 to the 2¢ and 3¢ cards produced for sale as single cards and P75 and P79 to the cards produced for sale in sheets is conjecture. However, he notes the earlier regular stock George VI cards with headings, prepared for sale as single cards, were almost all typographed (the exception is P66t), as was P80. Conversely, the earlier cards without headings are all offset cards. Multiple cards from sheets and cut-down sheets are known for both P75 and P79 (and also for the latter surcharged to 4¢, P82). Furthermore, precancelled cards of this period were primarily, if not exclusively printed as sheet stock, and all the reported Georgian standard issue precancel cards are offset cards. John does not know whether singles of P75 and P79 were specially prepared for philatelic sales.

GEORGE VI POST CARD ORDERS FROM JULY 1952 UNTIL APRIL 1954

Webb's # item ERP	2¢ sheets			3¢ sheets		singles			Ivory stock				
	P75 8-on 2¢ ad. 05-Jan-52	P75 16-on 2¢ ad.	P75 32-on 2¢ ad.	P75a 8-on 2¢ ad. pr. 03-Dec-51	P79 8-on 3¢ ad. 31-Dec-43	P79 16-on 3¢ ad.	P74 2¢ 04-Jul-51	P78/P78a 3¢ 21-Dec-51 /01-Oct-53	P80 4¢ 01-Apr-54	P74b 2¢ 1-on 24-Mar-52	P74c 2¢ 3-on 19-Sep-51		
ordered	confirmed	order #											
10-Jul-52	16-Jul-52	393			1,000,000								
12-Aug-52	13-Aug-52	394											
14-Aug-52	18-Aug-52	(a) 395		1,500,000									
09-Sep-52	12-Sep-52	396					1,000,000						
10-Oct-52	20-Oct-52	398					1,000,000						
08-Nov-52	12-Nov-52	399		1,000,000	1,000,000			3,000,000					
08-Dec-52	15-Dec-52	400		500,000		200,000		1,000,000	200,000	900,000			
17-Jan-53	04-Feb-53	401	2,000,000		1,000,000	1,000,000		5,000,000	300,000	900,000			
17-Feb-53	18-Feb-53	403					1,000,000	500,000					
20-Apr-53	21-Apr-53	408											
26-May-53	28-May-53	411	2,000,000	500,000			5,000,000	1,000,000		900,000			
09-Jul-53	14-Jul-53	415			1,000,000			2,000,000	200,000				
10-Sep-53	17-Sep-53	(b) 419			1,000,000	(200,000)							
13-Oct-53	15-Oct-53	420						1,000,000	300,000				
13-Nov-53	18-Nov-53	(c) 422						3,000,000					
23-Dec-53	28-Dec-53	(d) 425	20,000	4,000	8,000	6,000							
08-Jan-54	15-Jan-54	(c,e) 427					5,000,000		300,000	900,000			
12-Feb-54	17-Feb-54	(c) 430						1,000,000					
15-Feb-54	17-Feb-54	431					1,500,000		100,000				
23-Mar-54	24-Mar-54	(c,d) 435						2,990					
08-Apr-54	13-Apr-54	2						3,000,000					
total			4,020,000	1,504,000	58,000	4,508,000	4,008,000	200,000	23,500,000	8,692,990	4,000,000	1,400,000	4,200,000

(a) 1,000,000 of these were for the Christmas seal campaign
 (b) on November 9, 1953, the order for 16-on 3¢ advertising cards was changed to QE II design cards
 (c) this order also included requests for printing of QE II design cards
 (d) cleaning up of "good overs"
 (e) for delivery after April 1, 1954

NEWFOUNDLAND P13 - DIE VARIETIES

Several years ago Horace Harrison reported finding two dies for Newfoundland P13, and these were subsequently designated P13 and P13a in the Webb's Catalogue. Now Horace has noted the existence of two varieties on the die I cards, as shown at the right.

The two types differ in the serifs of the "T" of "CENT". Type A has a weak right serif, but the right and left serifs are approximately equal in size. Type B has a left serif that is markedly longer than the right serif.

The two types are both identifiable as die I by other characteristics such as the size of the numeral "1". For comparison, die II is also shown below. Furthermore, the copies reported by Horace bear postal markings that indicate the two types were used in the early 1930's when die I was in use.

Subsequent to receiving Horace's photocopies, Bill Walton has examined his own copies of Newfoundland P13, and found the left and right serifs vary slightly from copy to copy. The copy of die I, type B shown has a longer left serif and a shorter right serif than is found on most copies. Bill agrees these interesting differences probably reflect positional characteristics in the die I plate rather than a different die. The differences are noteworthy, but probably the two types are not separate listable varieties for the Webb's Catalogue.



die I, type A



die I, type B



die II

USED AND UNUSED STATIONERY - FOR THE RECORDS

From time-to-time members note the existence of unused copies of items previously recorded only from used copies and vice-versa. Unused copies of the following have been reported: EN94a, P83i, EN526-10, EN570 and EN801b, as have used copies of P81f, EN517-10b, EN510-20a, EN523-30, EN555-10b, EN557-10 and EN564. Thanks to John Aitken, Dick Staecker and Peter Zariwny for supplying information.