

Postal Stationery Notes

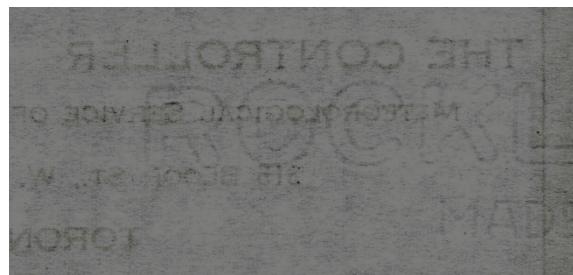
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New Watermark and Setting on Webb's DEN 526-5 by Pierre Gauthier:

I recently bought the item shown below on E-bay. This has an unreported watermark (now 3) and a new setting (now 5) for this meteorological label (see PSN, Vol. 13, No. 5, pp. 40-41 (1996), Vol. 20, No. 4, pp. 31, 34 (2005)). In addition to other minor differences, in the last line the comma is within the parentheses, "(5,)".

On this copy the watermark reads "ROCKL(AND BOND)/ MADE (IN CANADA)." According to my research, the Rockland watermark was used by the Rolland Paper Company. I also confirmed the watermark with paper specialist and BNAPS member Richard Gratton who worked for both Rolland and Domtar, and forwarded this information to Bill Walton just in time for inclusion in the next edition of Webb's, soon to go to press.



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PCF Corner by Robert Lemire: rlemire000@sympatico.ca – February 1, 2019

New PCF Varieties

First, a new report on an older PCF card—SKN 016 with die IIIb (previously known with the maple leaf and IIId dies).

Other new reports (all these cards have die IIId) from Erhard Nachtigall, Michel Gagné, Pierre Gauthier, Earle Covert and Robert Lemire include:

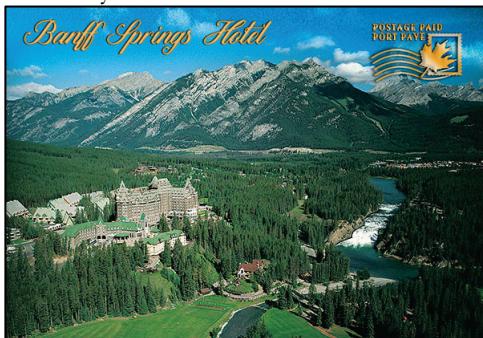
U1 box style sV: CR 149, CR 291V, CR 2524, CR 335, CST 7568, PEI 066, T 058, T 146, T 170, TOR 4956, TOR 5961, TOR 5963, T198 with SKU# and no PCF in logo; TOR 2923, 2nd line begins “of”, TOR 4959 with SKU# and short bold header, WHS007 with no PCF in logo, VQ 2247, 3rd line begins with “Réjean”

U1 box style sI: NFLD 033, KI011 with PCF in logo; MTL 127 with bar code at bottom

U1 box style sIII: C095V with PCF in logo, TOR 2830, with SKU#, 5th line of text begins “has” with “Site Web” tight spacing, centre bar code “4” open, left bar code closed “4”; VQ 3866 U1sIII with no SKU#, italic subheader

UR1 box style sV: RCMPC 104, 2nd line begins “be”

U5 box style sV: TOR 3708



BNF 1925 (shown at the left), though listed last year on the Postcard Factory website, still has not been reported

More on Northern Flat Rate Boxes

Thanks to Chris Ryan, who found and forwarded an item from the CBC News website related to these boxes. The posting reads in part:

Canada Post scraps 'northern flat rate box' after charities decry unfair treatment for the North (Priscilla Hwang · CBC News · posted to the website: Jan 21, 2018)

When Canada Post introduced a special "Remote Northern Canada box" last month to ship items up North at a flat rate, it didn't last long.

That's because the pilot program's box was higher in price and smaller in size than its Canada-wide counterpart — the regular flat-rate box — which gives Canadians the option to ship anything that fits in the box, and is less than 5 kg, for a flat rate.

Southern charities and donors that send food and goods to the North suddenly had to reckon with the new northern boxes, and they weren't impressed.

The northern box was introduced on Dec. 18 last year¹. It cost \$34.99 for a medium-sized box (no other sizes available) to ship to coastal B.C., parts of Labrador and "the Far North."

That compares to the flat rate of \$14.99 for a small, \$19.99 for medium and \$24.99 for a large-sized flat rate box to ship to the rest of Canada. Those boxes were introduced as a pilot program in November 2016, and are only available in certain post offices in major regions (60 out of 6,200 Canada Post offices carry the boxes).

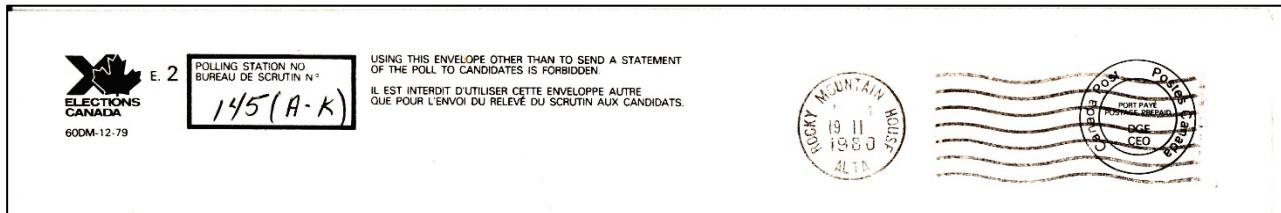
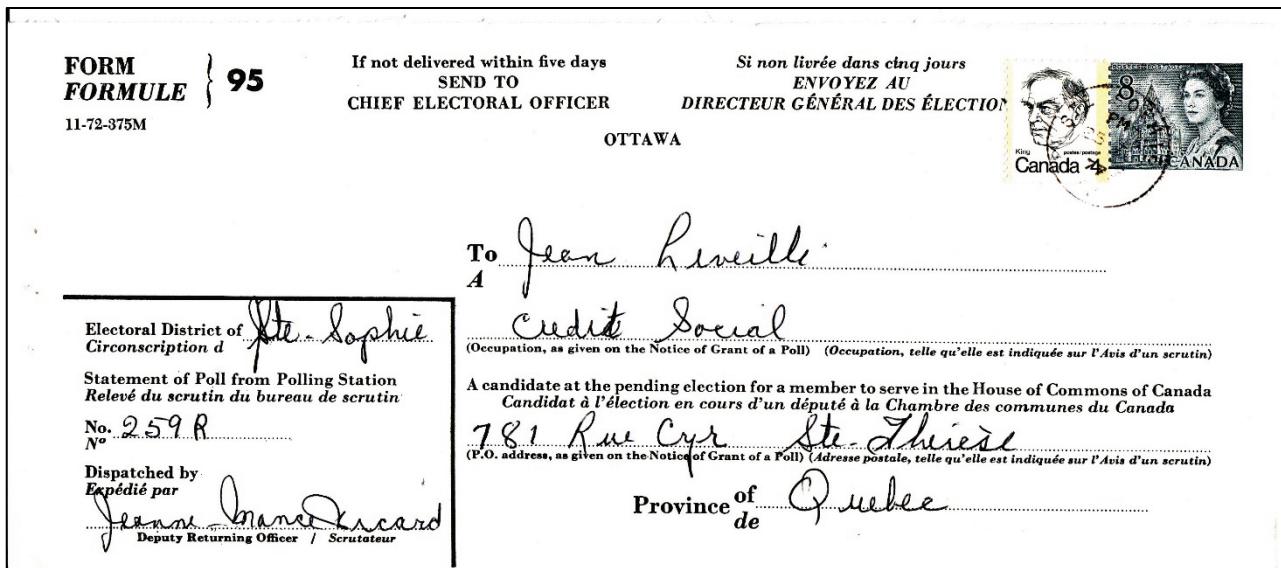
¹ 2017

The prices increased recently from the original 2016 prices. Canada Post officials declined an interview with CBC, but said in an emailed statement that they "quickly saw what had been a simple self-serve transaction for consumers ... had become much more complex with the additional box."

The Northern box rates were intended to offset the cost of shipping to remote locations, the company says, but complaints from a few small charities prompted a re-think. The northern boxes were quickly scrapped, and Canada Post reinstated the same flat rate price across Canada.

Late Use of an Election Envelope by Pierre Gauthier and Robert Lemire

When were prestamped Form 95 election envelopes last used? In 1976, Joseph-Roland Comtois resigned his federal seat to become a candidate in a Quebec provincial election. That attempt to gain a seat was unsuccessful, and he won back his federal seat in Terrebonne in a 24 May 1977 by-election. Recently, used copies (postmarked May 25, 1977) of Form 95 11-72-375 were found with an added 4¢ adhesive (the proper first class rate was 12¢ from March 1, 1977 until March 31, 1978). The envelope shown below (Electoral District handwritten Ste. Sophie in error) was addressed to Jean Lévaillé, the unsuccessful Social Credit candidate in the May 24, 1977 by-election. An 8¢ Form 95 envelope (unused) with an added 2¢ stamp is known, and could have been prepared for possible use between from September 1, 1976 until February 28, 1977 when the proper first class rate was 10¢—there were two by-elections in October 1976. In later elections an "E2" envelope with a permit was used for a purpose similar to the Form 95, and a portion of a copy employed in the 1980 election is shown below. Does anyone have a corresponding election envelope used in the October 1978 by-elections or in the May 1979 general election?



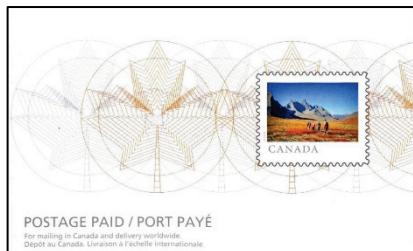
The 4¢ QEII First Karsh Canadian National Express (C.N.E.) mystery cards The mystery deepens.

Earle Covert has added some information concerning the C.N.E. cards with the printed date 11-54 on the back, discussed previously in PSN Vol. 28, No. 4, pp. 43-44. He has shown me a copy one of these cards (11-54 on the back) with unambiguous traces of rouletting (6 roulette cuts in 2 cm) showing on the back at the top right. His copy is longer than other copies seen, but by less than 1 mm. This indicates that the copies shown were originally prepared with a roulette, but were trimmed after printing.

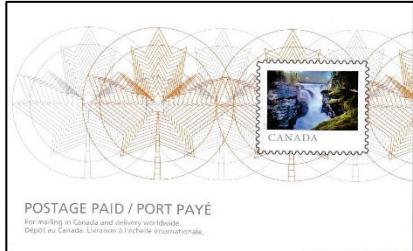
More postage-prepaid cards from Canada Post

On January 14, 2019 Canada Post issued nine postage prepaid cards (Canada Post order number 262491 for the set) in the “From Far and Wide” series, and on January 18, 2019 two cards for the Lunar New Year (Year of the Pig) (Canada Post order numbers 262492 and 262493). At least those were the issue dates on the cards (the individual cards were unavailable for order by Post Offices until at least January 21).

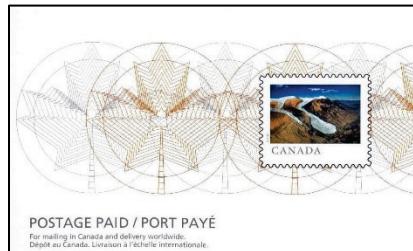
From Far and Wide cards



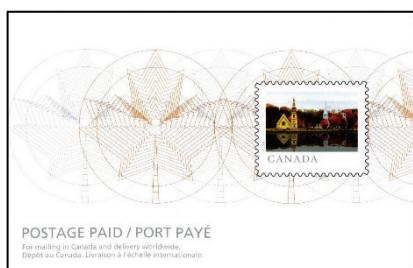
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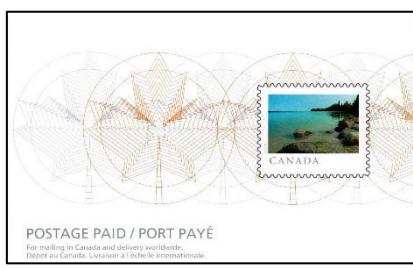
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Jasper National Park



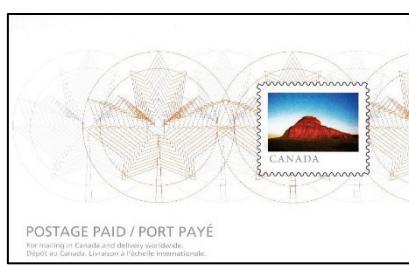
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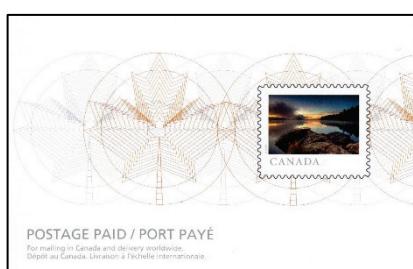
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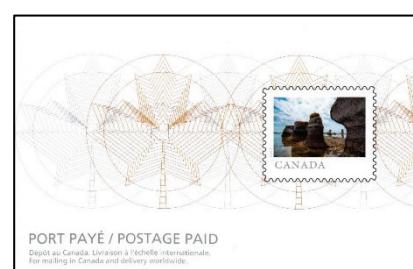
Little Limestone Lake
Provincial Park



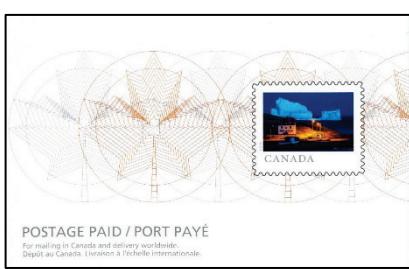
Castle Butte, Big Muddy Badlands



Smoke Lake,
Algonquin Provincial Park



Réserve de parc national
d'Archipel-de-Mingan



Iceberg Alley



Year of the Pig cards

The 2018 Santa Letter stationery

Thanks to Pierre Gauthier, Richard Gratton and Earle Covert we can illustrate the Canada Post Santa-Letter stationery for 2018. The following have been reported:

- 3 English Before Christmas (EB1, EB2, EB3)
- 1 English Empty (EE)
- 1 English Special (ES)
- 3 French Before Christmas (FB1, FB2, FB3)
- 1 French Special (FS)

Others may or may not exist.

A copy of the bilingual #10 envelope is shown below.



2018 #10 size Santa Envelope (address removed electronically)

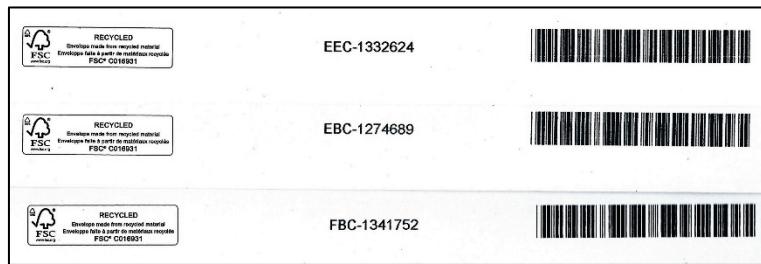
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	RECYCLED Envelope made from recycled material Envase hecho a partir de material reciclado FSC® C016901	EB3-0642114	
	RECYCLED Envelope made from recycled material Envase hecho a partir de material reciclado FSC® C016901	ES-1243595	
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English (EB1, EB2, EB3, ES, EE)

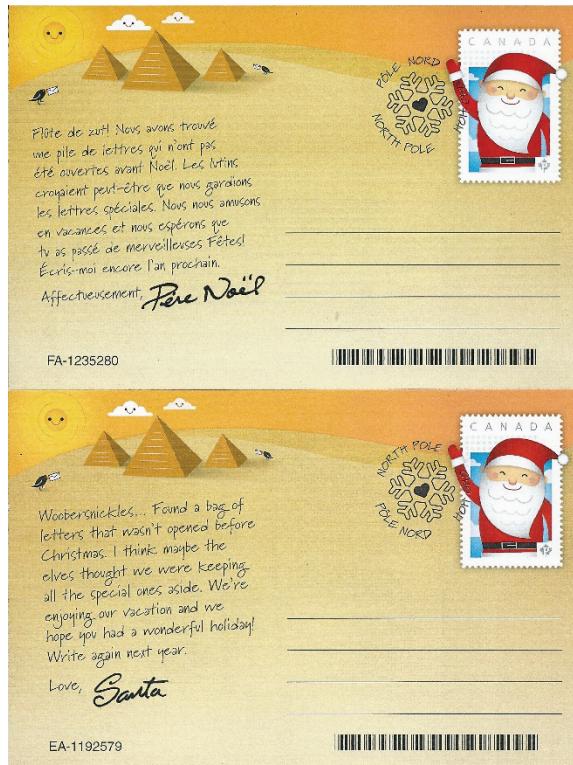
Back printing on #10 size 2018 Santa Envelopes

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	RECYCLED Envelope made from recycled material Envase hecho a partir de material reciclado FSC® C016901	FB2-0990241	
	RECYCLED Envelope made from recycled material Envase hecho a partir de material reciclado FSC® C016901	FB3-1148921	
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French (FB1, FB2, Fb3, FS)

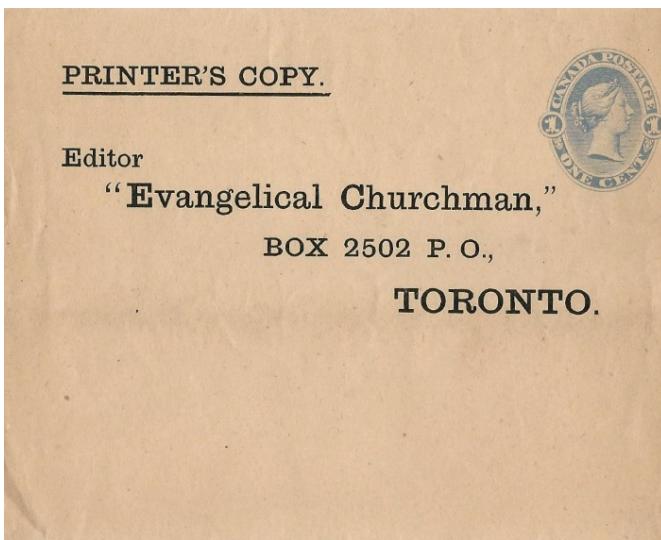


Back printing on 2018 classroom Santa Envelopes



2018 after-Christmas Santa post cards

Another post band with a printed address by Earle Covert



Here is an illustration of a wrapper with a printed address (shown at the left at 70 %)—an addition to the examples shown in PSN Vol. 25, pp. 34-36, 46-49, Vol. 26, pp. 7-8, 18-19, 29, and Vol 27, p. 46.

Printings of the railway advice flimsy forms by Robert Lemire

Part 6: The 4¢ CN 1st Karsh Issue printings

(Part 5 [1] appeared in PSN Volume 29, No. 2, pp. 15-18 (2018))

Based on the relevant Archives file, all of the 4¢ 1st Karsh flimsy forms used by CN Express were printed by Drummond Business Forms of Drummondville, Quebec (Table 1) [2].

Table 1: First Karsh printings of Railway Advice Flimsies for CN Express. Printings by Drummond Business Forms are designated as CN-D-x. The 2¢ printings have been discussed in a previous article in this series [3]

printing	approximate date (printing or payment)	stamp	quantity
CN-D-1	November 17, 1954	4¢	910,000
CN-D-2	June 30, 1955	4¢	1,404,200
CN-D-3	February 10, 1956	4¢	763,000
CN-D-4	July 1956	4¢	730,000
CN-D-5	November/December 1956	4¢	748,100
CN-D-6	March 1957	4¢	1,065,000
CN-D-7	November/December 1957	4¢	940,500
CN-D-8	August 5, 1958	4¢	742,800
CN-D-9	March 4, 1959	4¢	992,200
CN-D-10	September 18, 1959	4¢	922,200
CN-D-11	March 15-23, 1960	4¢	1,212,800
CN-D-12	September 21, 1961	4¢	681,900
CN-M-2 ¹	December 11, 1961	2¢	361,800
CN-D-13	May 2, 1962	4¢	948,300
CN-D-14	June 4, 1963	2¢ 4¢	451,400 293,900
CN-D-15	probably February 1964	2¢	20,800

The die used for the first 4¢ CN Drummond Printing

Based on documents in the file [2], it appears that initially there was an unsuccessful attempt in early November 1954 to use a 1954 steel Wilding die. Then, a negative from the PO Department in Ottawa, was supplied to the Montreal Post Office (for use by Drummond). Part of that correspondence (Mills, Director of Financial Services, Ottawa, to Corbeil, District Director of Postal Service, Montreal, November 5, 1954) reads:

“... I enclose a negative of a 4¢ postage stamp that displays the 1953 design portrait of H.M. Queen Elizabeth stamp. It is our hope that this negative will ... produce a better postage stamp impression than that obtainable from the steel die.

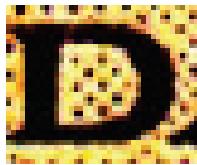
“... The continuation of the gown of the subject appearing below the bottom border of the stamp must, of course, be removed. The dot pattern screen used to reproduce the portrait is of 100 gauge. If this negative is not satisfactory, it would be possible to obtain a negative or heavier screen gauge ...”

The plates (10-on for dry-offset printing) one positive film and two negative films were prepared by the printing firm. A proof was approved on November 12, 1954.² The Drummond 4¢ impressions (Figure 1) correspond to the “coarse” impression as shown in Webb’s [5], and appear to be essentially identical to the PPS 1st Karsh Issue 4¢ impressions on special order envelopes.

The plates and films were returned to Ottawa on December 6, and apparently the plates were damaged. In June 1955 there was a request that the plates be returned to Drummondville for another printing of CN forms, but instead only “the negative ... used successfully” for the previous printing could be sent from Ottawa to Montreal.

¹ CN-M-2 was a printing by Moore Business Forms [3]; CN-M-1 is assigned here to a printing of a 3¢ George VI form [4].

² This proof may or may not correspond to P-E32 in Webb’s [4]. That item has appropriate dimensions and the impressions are of the correct “coarse” die.



Drummond die



PPS die on EN537-40

Figure 1: Four-cent 1st Karsh impressions printed by Drummond Business Forms (left), and as used by PPS on special order envelopes (right), with enlargements of the "D" in "CANADA"

Many different postage prepaid forms were prepared for CN Express. Illustrated in Figure 2 is a form, C.N.E. 5339 11-54, a notice to a consignee from the first printing (CN-D-1), and a used copy from that printing, postmarked JAN. 3 1956, which predates printing CN-D-2. Note that the right-hand vertical line extends below the lowest horizontal line.

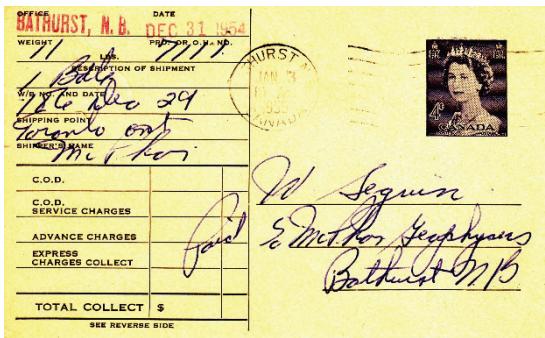
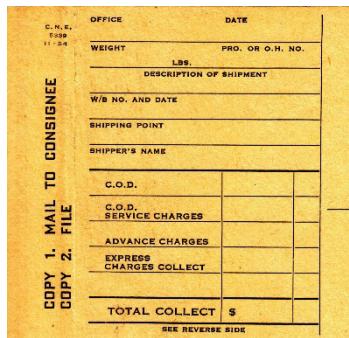


Figure 2: A copy of a four-cent 1st Karsh C.N.E. 5339 11-55 form, and an early used copy from printing CN-D-1.

Forms for different uses (with different form numbers) were often prepared from the same printing, as the post office didn't care which form was printed on the card, only that there was a proper accounting for the postage. That said, not all of the forms were prepared from every printing.

The following form types are known:

C.N.E. 5339	generic English language form to the shipment consignee
C.N.E. 5339-TOR	English language form to the shipment consignee for use in Toronto
C.N.E. 5339-B	generic bilingual form to the shipment consignee
C.N.E. 5339-B-MTL	bilingual form to the shipment consignee for use in Montreal
C.N.E. 5342	generic English language form to the consignee, shipment "in bond"
C.N.E. 5342-B	generic bilingual form to the shipment consignee, shipment "in bond"
C.N.E. 5342	generic notification to the shipper of an undeliverable shipment

I still am attempting to distinguish cards from the different printings. Used copies with dated cancellations (much easier to find than CP used copies) often allow early and late printings to be distinguished. If there is sufficient interest, I am willing to report my preliminary findings in a future article.

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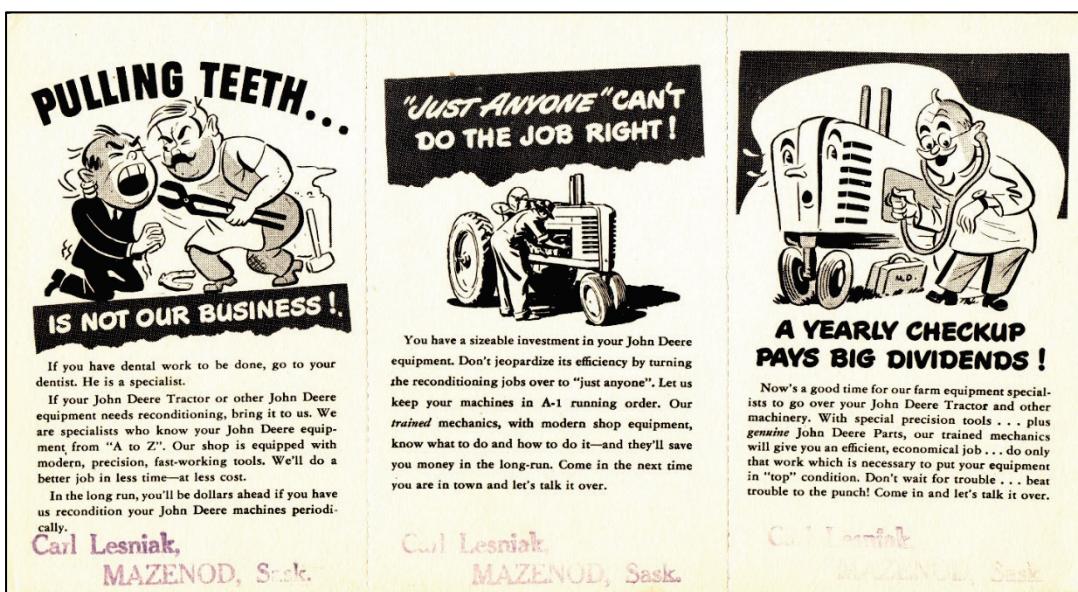
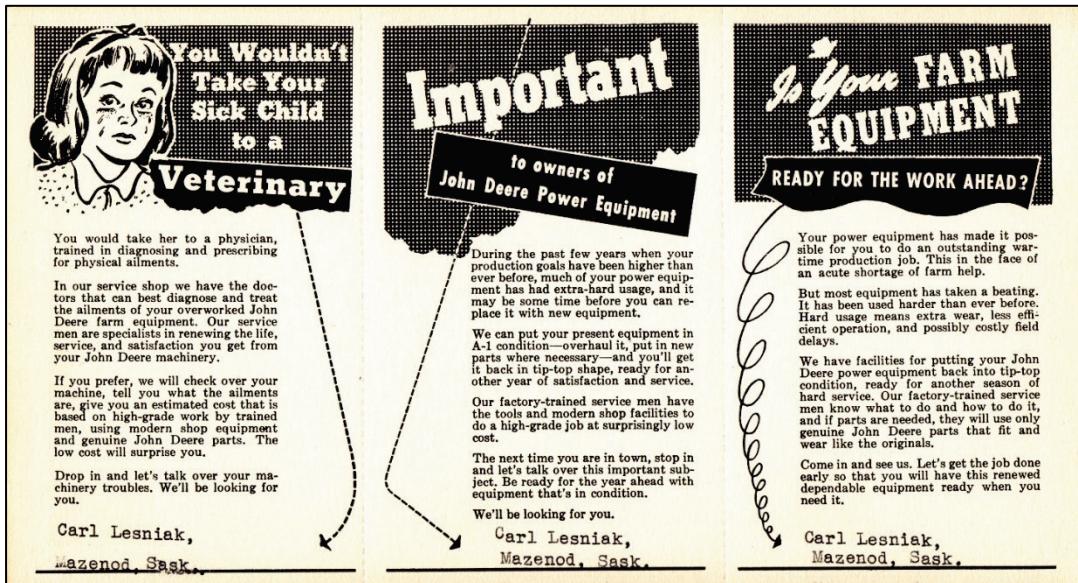
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More 3-ons with different messages

In PSN Volume 20, pg. 29 we showed a P66f strip of three with different messages and addressees. The strips shown below (also P66f), from a different user are similar, though not quite as interesting; they have different messages on each card, but the cards are not addressed.



A new envelope by Robert Lemire

In PSN Vol. 26, No. 5, p. 43, the Lowe Martin version of the #10 Canadian Flag envelope, first available in November 2014, was shown and the Colour Innovations version was described in Vol. 27, No. 6, pp. 54-55. These were designed to be sold as single postage-prepaid envelopes available over-the-counter at post offices (*i.e.*, a customer was not required to purchase of a package of ten envelopes). This individual envelope now seems to have been replaced by a new envelope (Canada Post product #101673, \$1.24) showing the Bighorn Sheep, and a Bighorn Sheep envelope now is included in the packages



of ten "Animal" envelopes (new product #111673). However, there appears to be only the one new envelope. The Bighorn Sheep envelope in the packs (packs with the new product number printed on the backing card) is identical to the "over-the-counter" single—no date under the flap, with a bar code and the product code number at the back lower right. The other nine envelopes in the pack appear to be unchanged from those available previously.

New report of 2¢ Wilding PTPO envelope by Mike Sagar

From a recent purchase on eBay—this item is #10 sized with a conventional (cross-flap) knife. It is on a blue green paper with a "Rockland Bond" watermark. I don't believe that the flap was ever gummed. It was used by the elusive Hull, PQ Rotary Club.

