

SYNOPSIS FOR BNAPS VIRTUAL MARCH 1, 2025 TOBACCO DUTY PAIDS – 1973 to 2011

Historical Background:

This exhibit shows the Tobacco Duty Paid stamps during the period from 1973 to 2011. Before 1973 and after 2011, the various governments sold the Duty Paid stamps to the manufacturers or distributors. During the 1973-2011 period (38 years), the manufacturers or distributors were to supply the Duty Paid stamps in a manner approved by the various Governments. Some stamps were produced by a recognized stamp printing company, but some were very crudely made – perhaps even mimeographed or modified by hand.

Scope:

We show anything that was attached to or contained any form of tobacco that carried “Duty Paid” in English and/or French between 1973 to 2011.

Material Availability:

I have never used any form of tobacco. In order to get most of these Tobacco Duty Paid items, I had to convince several stores, usually after hours, to show me the tobacco that was not to be displayed. I then bought any items I could find that were different. A few items were found on the ground, or I was able to talk the user into letting me remove the stamp or the wrapper before they destroyed it. Many of the Raw Leaf labels were obtained cheaply from the manufacturer. The tobacco I bought was either given away or discarded. The smokeless tobacco was bought in quantity to get all the varieties.

I am sure there are many more varieties. For instance, the red New Brunswick and Alberta stamps, which were on the round containers of cigarette tobacco, must have existed for many other provinces and territories. Each of the jurisdictions except PEI produced their own stamps. PEI used Nova Scotia stamps.

Philatelic References:

I am not aware of any comprehensive references. I would appreciate being made aware of such references. It is my intention to have BNAPS publish the collection either online or in a book format.

Organization:

The Tobacco Duty Paid Stamps are shown in the following order:

- Tobacco stamps
- Cigarette plastic tear strips
- Plastic wrappers off the round containers including the red stamps from New Brunswick and Alberta
- Various forms of tobacco stamps – regular, short and long strips
- More cigarette tear strips
- Cigar stamps
- Coloured cigar strips for various jurisdictions
- Smokeless tobacco long strips and a few smokeless stamps
- Raw leaf tobacco paper wrappers and a few raw leaf stamps
- Tobacco sample packages
- Plastic packages with “Duty Paid” printed on them