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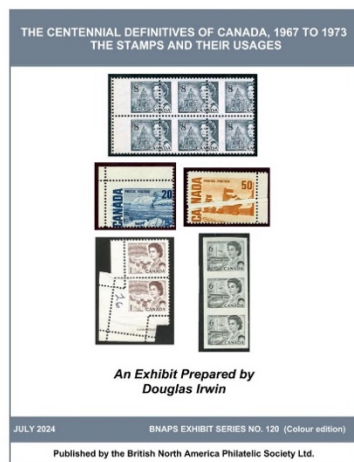
## Upcoming Meetings

### BNAPLEX 2024

The Elizabethan II Study Group is planning a meeting at this year's BNAPLEX stamp show, being held August 23–25 in Kingston, Ontario. ESG member Luc Freve will be hosting a "show-and-tell". It is scheduled for Room B at 12:10 on Sunday, August 25.

### ROYAL\*2024\*ROYALE

The Elizabethan II Study Group is planning a meeting at this year's ROYAL \*2024\* ROYALE, being held September 20–22, 2024 in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Further Details will be forthcoming.



## Thanks to Robin Harris!

23 years and 140 issues of The Corgi Times (There were 2 supplemental issues in 2009 - 2010)! On behalf of all members, I want to thank Robin for his service to the Study Group and to philately as a whole. He wears many philatelic hats and this was only one of them.

## A Note from the New Editor

Thank you to the members who answered my call for articles. We have enough for this issue and the next but keep those articles coming. Not being as desktop publishing savvy as Robin is, you will notice a few changes in layout and while I am not planning a major overhaul of the format, you may see evolving changes over time.

We have had a request for a listing of members and their collecting interests. I am happy to include a listing in a future edition if members are interested. Look for an email in the coming weeks asking for your collecting interests and what information you would want shared in such a listing.

## Hot Off the Press - New BNAPS Publication

*The Centennial Definitives of Canada, 1967 to 1973*, by Douglas Irwin July 2024, Spiral bound, 170 pages, 8.5 × 17, colour. ISBN: 978-1-989280-43-0. Stock #B4h923-120-1. Price: C\$57.00 **SPECIAL ESG MEMBER PRICE C\$23.00**

The exhibit shown in this book was awarded a large gold medal and the BNAPS "Best BNA Exhibit" at CANPEX in 2019. It is divided into two parts: the adhesive stamps and supplementary categories, including the varieties, booklet pane covers, cello-paq envelopes, tagged stamps, regular issue postal and special-order stationery, followed by extensive coverage of postal history. One feature of the exhibit is the imaginative way the author has chosen to display the material.

Doug Irwin has been collecting and exhibiting all aspects of the Centennial definitives since the 1970s. He has contributed to BNA Topics, The Canadian Philatelist and Canadian Stamp News as well as forming the BNAPS Centennial definitives study group in 1981. Doug was the major contributor to the revised edition of *Canada The 1967-73 Definitive Issue* as well as contributing to *Centennial Definitive Series 1967 – 1973* and the Centennial section of Canadian Stamp Handbooks. Doug has exhibited the Centennial definitives at national shows in both Canada and the United States, as well as in the Court of Honour at the revitalized Stampex (hosted by the Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance), at Capex 87 and at CAPEX22 with a single frame exhibit of the \$1 stamp.

The ESG is pleased to offer members a special price on this BNAPS publication. To receive the special price, you must be an ESG member and send your order to treasurer, Derek Fleming (see p. 2 for contact info). Please include your BNAPS number, 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.** PayPal payment is preferred to [E2SGTreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:E2SGTreasurer@gmail.com), if necessary, a cheque to the ESG may be sent to Derek. When 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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We are the Elizabethan II Study Group under the auspices of the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) — The Society for Canadian Philately.

Our journal, the *Corgi Times* is published six times a year.

We study all aspects of Canadian stamps during the Elizabethan-era — February 6, 1952 through September 8, 2022.

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# Study Group Business

Welcome new members

- Gregg Redner, Dorchester, ON
- Trevor Ashman, Medicine Hat, AB

## 50 Years Ago

July 12 • Agricultural Education

July 16 • The Telephone, 1874-1974



Aug 7 • World Cycling Championships, Montreal, 1974

Aug 28 • Prairie Settlers



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## 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.

August 23–25, 2024 [BNAPEX](#), Kingston, ON

September 20–22, 2024 [Royal \\* 2024 \\* Royale](#), Fredericton, NB

October 19–20, 2024 [CANPEX](#) National Philatelic Exhibition, London, ON

October 25–27, 2024 [BALPEX'24](#), Baltimore, MD -Atlantic Regional Group

October 26–27, 2024 [Le Salon de Vieux Papier](#), Quebec City, QC

# More Parliament Booklet Usages

by Ingo Nessel

Further to a 2018 article (Vol. XXVI, Nos 5 and 6) on usages of the 1985 – 1989 50c vending machine parliament booklet stamps, this article presents some new postal history acquisitions. Of particular interest to me, are usages of the lower values, i.e., 1c, 2c, 5c and 6c stamps that were added to the first-class stamp 34c (1985 – 1987), 36c (1987), 37c (1988), and 38c (1989) to make up 50c in the booklet. These lower values had no specific rate utility. Frugal users would accumulate these leftovers from the booklet after the first-class stamp was used until they had enough to make up a first-class rate. Other times, the lower values were used to make up higher weight steps, postage rate increases or overseas frankings. These permutations make for interesting postal history of the Elizabethan II era.

To refresh the readers' memory, the booklet panes look like this:



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



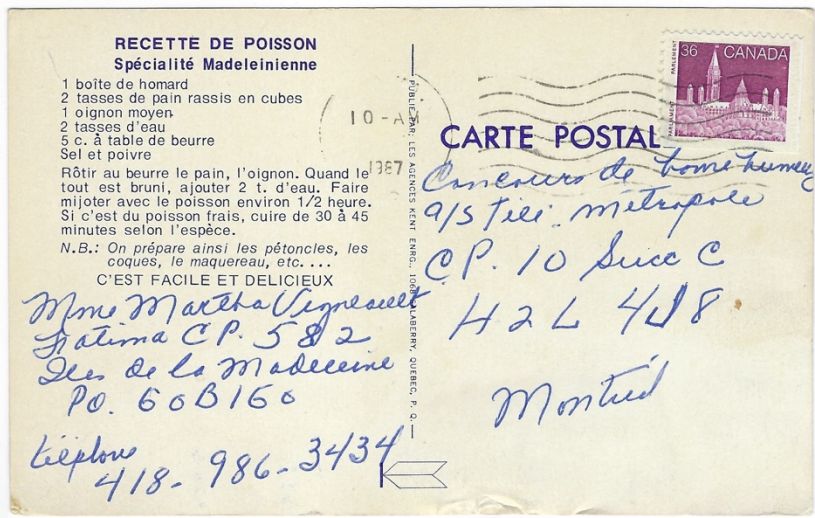


Figure 5 - 50%

The cover in Figure 5 is the 36c rate for a domestic postcard paid by single usage of the dark lilac rose booklet stamp issued March 30, 1987. The postcard was mailed from Fatima, Quebec, a town in les Îles-de-la-Madeleine (Magdalen Islands). It was a contest entry sent to Tele Metropole, a Francophone television station in Montreal. More on this later.

Figure 6 bears an odd combination franking on a cover addressed to the USA. It is franked by a meter paying 34c, uprated by a pair of 2c myrtle green parliament booklet stamps and finished off with the 1c Decoy artifacts definitive of the period, adding up to 39c. This was the first step rate (up to 20g) for letters and postcards in effect from June 24, 1985. This cover is dated March 19, 1986. Two features make this cover even more special. Firstly, it is the only meter cover I have with a parliament booklet stamp added. The meter presumably originates with the sender's place of work, while the additional stamps must have been added thereafter. Secondly, it is the only parliament booklet cover in my collection to the USA. There is likely much more such mail to the USA, but it is hard to find!



Figure 6 - 50%

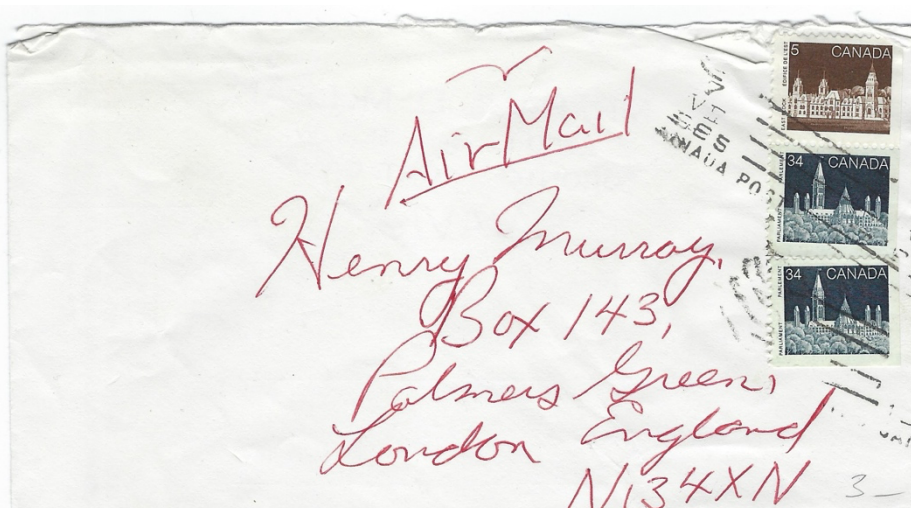


Figure 7 - 50%

Figure 7 is a somewhat scruffy cover to England. It is franked with a single 34c dark blue parliament booklet first class definitive, and another one se-tenant with its 5c dark brown booklet upstairs neighbour. The resulting 73c rate is overpayment of the 68c first step (up to 20g) rate for letter post to all countries. The rate took effect from June 24, 1985, making this a somewhat early usage. The reason for overpayment seems to be carelessness, with the sender not knowing what to do with a 5c stamp that could not pay any letter rate at this time, so just leaving it attached to the 34c stamp, sticking them onto the cover to use it up. If it were a second step (20g to 50g weight) the rate would have been \$1.05, so that is an unlikely underpayment scenario. If the letter were



mailed from April 1, 1987 onwards, the overseas rate was raised to 72c up to 20g, which would have made this 73c franking a logical convenience overpayment. But alas, postal rate detective work does not always provide neat outcomes.

Figure 8 presents another rate anomaly for a letter to Austria. Its Toronto machine cancellation is dated September 8, 1987, and the total franking is 86c. That rate is composed of a full 50c pane of the 36c booklet (36c + 2 x 6c + 2 x 1c) which was issued March 30, 1987, and an additional 36c booklet stamp. As stated in the previous example, the letter rate to all countries for this period was 72c up to 20g. So, this cover is overpaid by 14c. What this shows is that those odd values of 1c and 6c meant to make the booklet add up to 50c face value, were not helpful in constructing extant rate categories. Over- and underpayment is a frequent occurrence in the postal history of these issues. But that makes it fun trying to decipher how the sender constructed postage payment.



Figure 8 - 50%

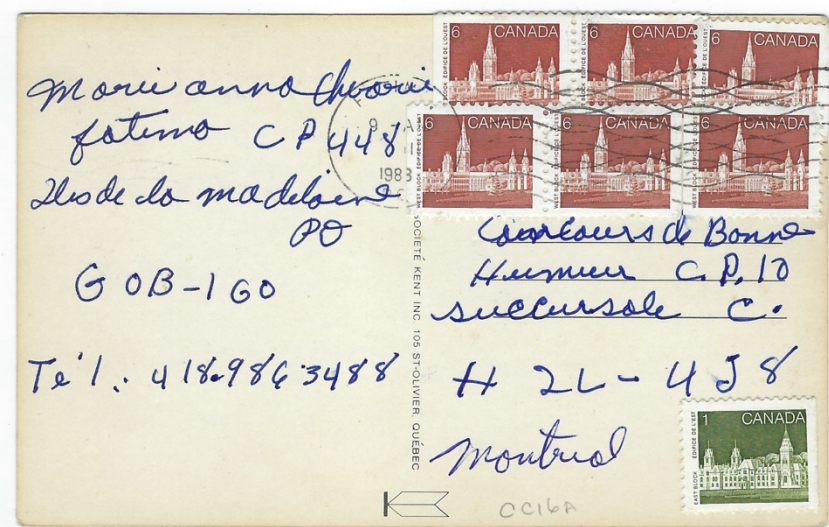


Figure 9 - 50%

Finally, Figure 9 presents another domestic postcard, this time mailed in 1988 when the first-class rate had increased to 37c for up to 20g. There are 6 x 6c brown stamps and a single 1c sage green value adding up to the correct 37c rate. But hold on! It is my assertion from years of studying these booklet stamps, that the 6c values are from two different booklets. A close look at the colour of the 6c stamps in their mint panes reveals a slight difference between the 36c and the 37c booklets, both of which are listed in catalogues as being henna brown colour. Upon magnification (but even to the naked eye) the top left two stamps are more of a reddish brown than henna which is slightly darker. The others (top right and bottom three) are distinctly darker. Thus, these stamps are from two different booklets. The sender probably

accumulated the leftover lower values from booklets whose first-class stamp was removed, and then used them to make up correct franking for this postcard. Like the postcard in figure 5, this is mailed from Fatima, Quebec, also on les Îles-de-la-Madeleine (Magdalen Islands), by a different sender from another P.O. Box. Like the example in Figure 5, this card was an entry in the Montreal Television station's contest. What a small world!

To conclude, in my continuing search for covers with the lower value stamps from these 50c vending machine parliament booklets, I get to enjoy the sleuthing of rate construction. In addition, there are often serendipitous surprises that make this pursuit an unending source of philatelic pleasure.

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# The Lost 1977 10¢ Hunters Part Imperforate Pane?

by Bill Longley

Canada's 1977 Christmas issue features three paintings by Ronald G. White depicting the first Christmas carol. The set was printed by five colour lithography by the Canadian Bank Note Company with GT2 tagging and perforated 13.3. The 10¢ value

(Unitrade #741) exists with numerous varieties (horizontal pair imperforate between, printed on gum side, imperforate pair, inscription doubled, triple perforated and untagged).

The Unitrade #741a, the horizontal pair imperforate between has reportedly 30 pairs in existence, which would represent three panes of stamps (5 wide x10 tall format). Presumably the stamp was printed in sheets of four panes, which leaves one pane unaccounted for.

The complete pane of #741a shown in Figure 1 is from a new discovery. In the H.R. Harmer's auction of the "Mount Royal" collection held in 2003 there were a bottom block of 10 (5x2), a second bottom margin block of four (2x2), a mid-pane block of 10 (5x2) and a bottom margin block of 10 (2x5). These three bottom marginal blocks would suggest that all three reported panes have been broken up.

Were these stamps printed in a sheet of 400 (four panes of 50)? Could this be the missing fourth sheet discovered almost 50 years after the stamp was issued? Is it the only surviving sheet? I would be grateful to hear from anyone who may have this variety.

Figure 1 – 75%

