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BNAPEX

By all accounts BNAPEX 2008, held in Halifax, NS from August 29–31, was a successful show. The Elizabethan II Study Group held a “show and tell” meeting. See page 19 for a review.

Congratulations to two of our members whose exhibits appeared in the show:

Jeffrey S. Arndt for *The Canadian Five Cent Blue Wilding Queen* (Vermeil and Felicitations of the Jury)

Robert J. Elias for *The Canadian 6 Cent Wilding Definitive* (Silver)

John S. Siverts Award

This in from Barry Brown, Vice President Study Groups, BNAPS.

Congratulations go to Stephen Prest editor of the *King George VI Post and Mail* newsletter who was awarded the Siverts award for the year 2007 at BNAPEX in Halifax. Well done Stephen. The competition was very close.

The Siverts award is given annually to the editor of the best Study Group newsletter published during the previous calendar year.

Order of the Beaver Lifetime Achievement Award

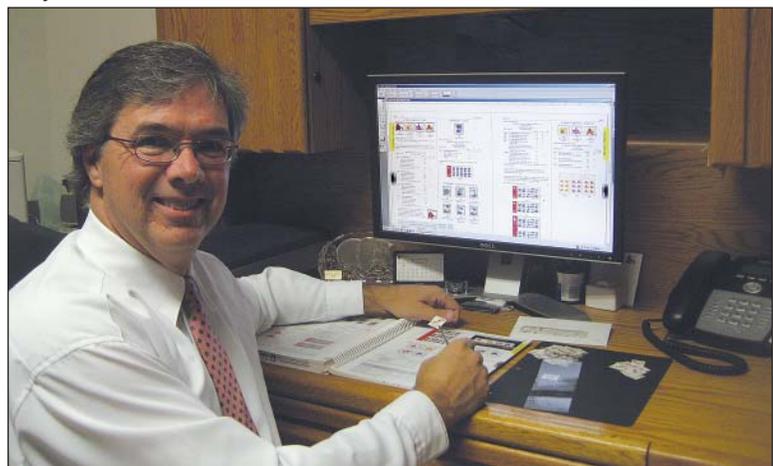
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Your editor, Robin Harris, was awarded the OTB Lifetime Achievement Award at BNAPEX 2008 in Halifax, NS. Full details can be viewed on the BNAPS website at www.bnaps.org

I certainly feel honoured to have received this award ... please note that I feel I am only “half way” through my lifetime of service to the philatelic community!



Flag over Pachena Point lighthouse
See page 24



Robin Harris, Editor of the Corgi Times

Who are We?

We are the Elizabethan II Study Group under the auspices of the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) — The Society for Canadian Philately.

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Canada Post News

Do we like more stamps being issued by Canada? Sure we do! Every new issue is a part of the Elizabethan era — right up our alley. Here is what Canada Post is up to these days...

► Jan 2009 Postage Rate Increase

The expected 2¢ postage rate increase in January 2009 has been reduced to 1¢ by the Privy Council Office. Here’s the official text of the Order in Council 2008-1687 from the website of the Privy Council Office (<http://www.pco-bcp.gc.ca>).

Canada Post Corporation Act

P.C. 2008-1687 which refuses to approve the REGULATIONS AMENDING THE LETTER MAIL REGULATIONS which would have established the rates of postage for domestic letter mail items for the next three years and implement a new rate for certain letter mail items that are box-like or rigid.

Whereas, pursuant to subsection 20(1) of the *Canada Post Corporation Act*, a copy of the proposed *Regulations Amending the Letter Mail Regulations*, in the annexed form, was published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I, on June 28, 2008 and a reasonable opportunity was afforded to interested persons to make representations to the Minister of Transport with respect to the proposed Regulations;

Therefore, Her Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Transport, pursuant to subsections 19(1) and 20(5) of the *Canada Post Corporation Act*, hereby refuses to approve the annexed *Regulations Amending the Letter Mail Regulations*, made on August 28, 2008 by the Canada Post Corporation.

► Mental Health

The Mental Health stamp design was changed for the issued stamp compared with the first design released to the press in mid June (and the one we illustrated in the last *Corgi Times*).



Pre-release image



Issued design

Corgi Times

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Study Group Business

❖ New members

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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. Minimum listing criteria: two day event; 1000 page exhibition; 18 dealer bourse with 50% offering Canadian material.

The goal is to list events far in advance to encourage either exhibiting or attendance and preferably both.

2009

BNAPEX 2009: Sep 11–13, 2009 in Kingston, ON

BNAPEX – ESG Study Group Meeting

by: *Bob Elias*

The Elizabethan II Study Group held a “Show and Tell” on August 30, during BNAPEX+2008+NOVAPEX in Halifax. Harry Machum served as chairman and the participants included Dave Armitage, John Arn, Leopold Beaudet, John Burnett, Bob Elias, Don Fraser, Robert Haslewood, Adri Veenstra, and John Wynns. The meeting began with a moment of silence in remembrance of the late John Hillmer.

John Burnett announced that an updated version of Ed Richardson’s book, “Canada-BNA Philately (An Outline),” is expected to be completed near the end of 2008. It begins with the Elizabethan era. The book will be “BNA Topics”-sized, about 100 pages long, and illustrated in black-and-white. It will be issued free to BNAPS members! A colour version will be available in the Education section of the society’s website.

Bob Elias showed a cover sent by airmail in 1955 from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Lisburn, Northern Ireland. Along one edge was a brown seal declaring: “CUSTOMS AND CURRENCY EXAMINATION. Opened in the United Kingdom and duly closed again at the Post Office.” This occurred in Manchester, according to purple circular handstamps on the seal and back of the envelope. Why was it inspected? Discussion focussed on Irish lottery transactions as the most likely reason.

Harry Machum passed around a rare find. This cover, with a 2¢ Wilding paying the international printed-matter surface rate to British Guiana, was redirected back to Canada as second-class airmail with the addition of two British Guiana stamps. It will be featured in an exhibit on postal rates that Harry is planning for BNAPEX next year. Harry also mentioned that he is thinking of doing another book, this one on the rules and regulations behind Canadian postal rates.

Adri Veenstra (all the way from The Netherlands!) is interested in the Centennial issue. He showed a Canadian postage due card bearing both 1¢ and 6¢ Centennial stamps.

John Arn had several items for “Show and Tell.” One appeared at first glance to be a matched set of plate blocks, from Plate 2n (narrow selvedge) of the 20¢ Pulp and Paper Industry. However, the inscription on the lower right block indicated that it was from Plate 1, which is not listed as occurring with narrow selvedge! John’s second item was a unique block of four 4¢ Cameo stamps (Winnipeg-tagged), with an area of weak carmine inking. What was the cause? There was speculation that this may represent a thumbprint in wet ink, or may have been due to contamination of the ink or paper. John also presented two rare usages of red postage-due stamps for the return of publications. One example was returned from Canada, and the other from the U.S.A.

Next year, our annual get-together will be held during BNAPEX 2009 SEAWAYPEX, September 11-13, in Kingston, Ontario.

Canada Post 2008 Stamp Program

Issue dates are subject to change by Canada Post. Shaded entries are changed/new from the last time we presented this list.

Issued	Description	Scott#
Jan 8	Year of the Rat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52¢ single • \$1.60 souvenir sheet • uncut press sheet • two Prepaid postal cards — one for each postage stamp design 	2257 2258
Jan 15	Permanent™ (52¢) Celebration (booklet of 6)	2259
Feb 1	Permanent™ (52¢) Island Red Orchid, coil of 3,000 and 5,000	2244a
Mar 3	Peonies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52¢ pair in self-adhesive booklet of 10 • 52¢ pair in gummed souvenir sheet • two Prepaid postal cards — one for each postage stamp design 	2261–62 2260
Mar 7	52¢ University of Alberta (booklet of 8)	2263
Mar 7	52¢ University of British Columbia (booklet of 8) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • and gutter block containing Alberta and British Columbia 	2264
Apr 3	52¢ 2008 IIHF World Championships (booklet of 10; two different covers)	2265
Apr 21	52¢ Guide Dogs (booklet of 10)	2266
May 1	Permanent™ (52¢) Flag over Lighthouses (booklet of 30), with corrected design	2253B
May 2	52¢ Canadian Industries — Oil and Gas (2 stamps in booklet of 10)	2267–68
May 16	52¢ Founding of Quebec City (joint issue with France)	2269
May 21	Arts Canada : Yousuf Karsh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52¢ Karsh self-portrait (pane of 16) • 96¢ Audrey Hepburn (self-adhesive booklet of 8) • \$1.60 Winston Churchill (self-adhesive booklet of 8) • gummed souvenir sheet of 3 • uncut press sheet • gutter booklet • four Prepaid postal cards 	2270 2272 2273 2271
Jun 4	52¢ Royal Canadian Mint	2274
Jun 16	52¢ Canadian Nurses Association (booklet of 10)	2275
Jun 20	Anne of Green Gables (joint issue with Japan) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52¢ pair in self-adhesive booklet of 10 • 52¢ pair in gummed souvenir sheet • two Prepaid postal cards — one for each postage stamp design 	2277–78 2276
Jun 30	Canadians in Hollywood: The Sequel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52¢ Norma Shearer / 52¢ Chief Dan George / 52¢ Marie Dressler / 52¢ Raymond Burr • self-adhesive booklet of 8 (4 different covers) • gummed souvenir sheet of 4 • four Prepaid postal cards — one for each postage stamp design 	2280 2279
Jul 2	Permanent™ (52¢) Flag over Lighthouses (booklet of 10), with corrected design	2253B
Jul 18	52¢ Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics (booklet of 10)	2281
Jul 25	52¢ Lifesaving (booklet of 10)	2282
Aug 1	52¢ British Columbia's 150th Anniversary	2283
Sep 8	52¢ Sam McLaughlin	
Oct 1	52¢ Endangered Species (4 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • self-adhesive booklet of 8 • gummed souvenir sheet of 4 	
Oct 6	Permanent™ (52¢) + 10¢ Mental Health (semi-postal) (booklet of 10)	
Oct 15	52¢ Francophone Summit	
Nov 3	Christmas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (52¢) Nativity (self-adhesive booklet of 12) • Permanent™ (52¢) Snow angel (self-adhesive booklet of 12) • 96¢ Skiing (self-adhesive booklet of 6) • \$1.60 Tobogganing (self-adhesive booklet of 6) • gutter booklet (96¢ and \$1.60 panes of 6 each) • gummed souvenir sheet of 3 (Winter fun) 	
Dec	Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics — Olympic Disciplines (5 stamps)	
Dec	Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics — Olympic Emblems and Mascots (5 stamps)	
Dec	Permanent™ Queen Elizabeth II	

\$8 Grizzly Bear

Saskatoon Stamp Centre passed along the illustration shown here of plate scratches on the \$8 Grizzly Bear stamp (now Scott 1694, formerly 1700 and 1702).

They note in a pad of stamps recently purchased from a local post office, that about half of them had these light plate scratches on them. All are exactly the same.

We would welcome your feedback if any more of these exist across the country.



(light plate scratches have been digitally enhanced by the editor to show location)

96¢ Janet Elizabeth 'Fire Dancer'

The current 96¢ Janet Elizabeth 'Fire Dancer' booklet has been spotted with an interesting variety.

ESG member Mirko Zatka reports finding this variety in southern Ontario. About every other pane in different bundles had this inking variety.

There is a yellow spot below the flower and the large petal on the right of the flower has some white streaks due to a repellex-type flaw (associated with the yellow ink flaw). Different "stages" of this variety are known.

Thank you to Mirko Zatka and Dr. J. Watt for these examples.



Coil Die Cutting

96¢ Janet Elizabeth 'Fire Dancer'

In the last *Corgi Times* (July-August 2008, page 12-13) we noted that the current Permanent™ Island Red flower coil (Sc. 2244) stamp had appeared with a new die cutting from boxes dated April 30 and after.

We can now report that the 96¢ Janet Elizabeth 'Fire Dancer' flower coil (Sc. 2245), on boxes dated after mid-May, also has this new die cutting.

The illustration to the right has the die cutting digitally enhanced to highlight the peaks and valleys. Of interest in this case is that the new die cutting pattern is "taller" than the original (1.0mm compared to 0.8mm high from the top of a peak to the bottom of the next valley).

\$1.15 Memoria Evelyn Light

A new die cutting pattern appeared on the \$1.15 Memoria Evelyn Light flower coil (Sc. 2246), from boxes dated after mid-July.

This introduces the *fourth* die cutting pattern seen on the current flower coils (not counting the Permanent™ rolls of 3,000/5,000 stamps), as summarized in the table below.

This new pattern includes the widest range of measurements seen on these flower coils. The table at lower right notes the die cutting measurements for all 100 stamps (110 die cut positions) for this newly released \$1.15 flower. The stamps from row one have a full ONE perf difference between the top of the stamps and the bottom of the stamps (with one stamp, Column 2, measuring 8.10 on the top and 9.35 on the bottom, illustrated at right).



96¢ Janet Elizabeth 'Fire Dancer' flowers coil die cut patterns
Left: initial release; Right: second pattern



\$1.15 Memoria Evelyn Light flowers coil die cut patterns
Left: initial release; Right: new pattern seen in July 2008



\$1.15 Memoria Evelyn Light flower coil box, dated Jul 23, 2008

	<i>Die cut/perf:</i>	8.4-9.0 horiz	7.9-8.8 horiz	8.1-9.6 horiz	6¾-7 horiz	9.1 horiz (rolls of 3/5,000)
Scott #	<i>First seen</i>	Dec 2007	Apr 2008	Jul 2008	Qtr pack	
2244	Island Red flowers	x	x	¹	x	x
2245	96¢ Janet Elizabeth 'Fire Dancer'	x	x		x	
2246	\$1.15 Memoria Evelyn Light	x		x	x	
2247	\$1.60 Kaleidoscope 'Conni'	x			x	
		Peaks 0.8mm	Taller peaks (1.0mm)			

1: a box of Permanent™ flower coils seen by the author, dated Jul 31/08, still has the same pattern as seen in April boxes.

Die cut measurements of \$1.15 flower coil (July 2008 box)

	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10
R1	8.10	8.10	8.25	8.20	8.30	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.30	8.30
R2	9.20	9.35	9.25	9.20	9.15	9.20	9.25	9.30	9.30	9.35
R3	8.65	8.55	8.65	8.70	8.70	8.60	8.70	8.65	8.70	8.65
R4	8.15	8.10	8.15	8.15	8.20	8.35	8.25	8.20	8.15	8.15
R5	9.00	8.90	8.80	8.80	8.90	9.05	9.10	9.05	9.00	9.00
R6	8.80	8.70	8.50	8.60	8.55	8.55	8.60	8.65	8.55	8.60
R7	9.40	9.35	9.40	9.35	9.25	9.35	9.30	9.25	9.40	9.50
R8	9.20	9.00	9.05	8.90	9.05	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.00
R9	9.35	9.35	9.35	9.30	9.40	9.45	9.50	9.40	9.45	9.60
R10	8.80	9.00	8.80	8.80	8.95	8.90	8.90	8.95	8.80	9.00
	9.20	9.30	9.00	9.05	9.05	9.00	9.15	9.10	9.20	9.25

CBN Tag Test

I received a phone call and an e-mail containing the images here from Bob Lamarre in Quebec (e-mail: islander@b2b2c.ca).

Bob notes that every second stamp has a 3mm wide "green" tagging strip down the perforations. The inscription of 'CBN TAG TEST' repeats seven times vertically and spans horizontally across the "stamps".

That is all we know at this time. Has anyone else seen anything similar and/or have additional information about this item?



Articles requested

Elizabethan II Market Place

Classified listings in the Market Place are \$1.00 for 25 words. Additional words are 5¢ each. Camera ready display ads (preferably 300dpi, black and white tiff scans) pertaining primarily to the Elizabethan era will be accepted at the following rates: 1/8 page \$5.00; 1/4 page \$8.00; 1/2 page \$15.00 and a full page at \$30.00. 25% discount for four consecutive insertions of the same ad.

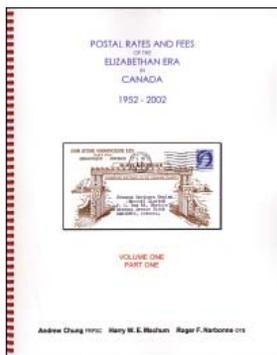
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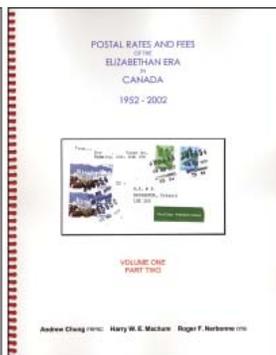
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ESG members	C \$62.95 US \$62.95	C \$34.95 US \$34.95
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Postage:		
Canada	C \$10.00	C \$10.00
USA	US \$13.00	US \$13.00
Int'l (surface)	US \$16.50	US \$16.50
	(502 pages)	(275 pages)
	Nov 2004	Apr 2007

Exchange rate subject to change



Postal Rates and Fees of the Elizabethan Era In Canada 1952-2002



Postal Rates and Fees of the Elizabethan Era From Canada 1952-2005

Flag over Pachena Point lighthouse

by: Robin Harris

Canada Post's *January to March 2008 Details* magazine (Figure 1) included the details of a set of new Flag Over ... stamps to be released December 27, 2007 in booklets of 10. The five new self-adhesive PERMANENT™ (52¢) stamps would depict lighthouses "in a distinct Canadian landscape". One of these stamps is a lighthouse found at "Pachena Point, British Columbia, located along a dangerous stretch of the western coastline, south of Bamfield on Vancouver Island" (Figure 2).

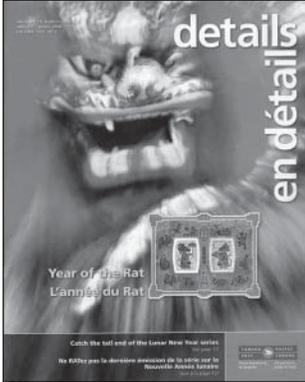


Figure 1: Jan-Mar 2008 Details



Figure 2: Pachena Point lighthouse (Sc. 2253)



Figure 3: Corrected image (Sc. 2253B)

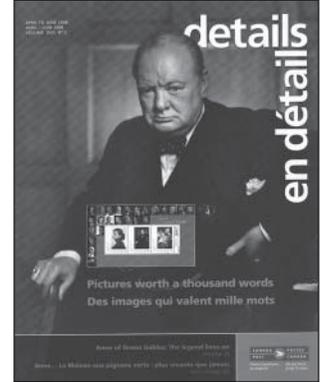


Figure 4: Apr-Jun 2008 Details

These lighthouse stamps were different from previous self-adhesive Flag Over... stamps in a couple of ways (presumably as security features to thwart counterfeiting?):

- * serpentine die cutting around all sides of each stamp would simulate perforations, compared to the straight-edge die cutting found on earlier Flag Over... stamps;
- * the tagging on two edges (left and bottom) features 'ocean waves', rather than the solid tagging on the other two sides of the stamp;
- * black micro-printing, found in different locations on the stamps, identifies the geographical location of the illustrated lighthouse (Figure 5).



Figure 5: Micro printing on Pachena Point lighthouse stamp

Less than two weeks after these lighthouse stamps were released, it was reported in the press(1) that Canada Post had announced on January 9, 2008 that the image of the Pachena Point lighthouse had been "flipped" and a corrected design would be "reprinted later this year, at a cost of about \$10,000". The *April to June 2008 Details* magazine (Figure 4) included the announcement (Figure 6) that a corrected stamp (Figure 3) would be released in booklets of 30 stamps on May 1 and booklets of 10 stamps would be released July 2.

<p>Flag Booklets—New Pachena Point lighthouse stamp</p> <p>The image printed on the PERMANENT™ stamp featuring Vancouver Island's Pachena Point lighthouse and keeper's house was accidentally flipped prior to production.</p> <p>Printing of the correct image will begin on a regularly scheduled print run in May, and these booklets will be available in post offices once old stock is depleted. In the meantime, stamp booklets of 10 with the updated image can be ordered through the National Philatelic Centre only as of July 2 (article number 411182210). Single stamps bearing the new image will also be available in the July – September 2008 Quarterly Collector's Pack and in the 2008 edition of <i>Collection Canada</i>.</p> <p>Booklets of 30 stamps, available for sale May 1 (article number 111183 \$15.60), will only bear the newer image of the Pachena Point lighthouse and keeper's house.</p>		<p>Carnets de timbres (Le drapeau) – Nouveau timbre du phare de la pointe Pachena</p> <p>L'image du timbre PERMANENT™ illustrant le phare et la maison du gardien de la pointe Pachena sur l'île de Vancouver a été accidentellement renversée avant l'impression.</p> <p>Un prochain tirage est prévu en mai, qui devrait corriger la situation. Les bureaux de poste commenceront toutefois à vendre les nouveaux carnets, dès que les premiers stocks seront écoulés. Entre temps, on pourra commander le carnet de 10 timbres comportant la nouvelle image, uniquement auprès du Centre national de philatélie dès le 2 juillet (numéro d'article 411182210). Quant à la Pochette trimestrielle du collectionneur de juillet à septembre et à l'album <i>Collection Canada 2008</i>, ils contiendront tous deux des timbres seuls ornés de la nouvelle image.</p> <p>En vente dès le 1^{er} mai, les carnets de 30 timbres (numéro d'article 111183, 15,60 \$) afficheront, quant à eux, uniquement la nouvelle image.</p>
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Figure 6: Image correction announcement in Apr-Jun 2008 Details

(1) <http://www.canada.com/victoriatimescolonist/news/story.html?id=8e8011ab-13af-427f-923c-26a06e3d853a&>

Booklets

The initial release of these stamps was in a booklet of 10 stamps (Figure 7). Each of the five lighthouse designs appeared twice. The Pachena Point lighthouse design appears at the right side in the top row and the second stamp in the bottom row.

As noted earlier, the tagging on these stamps features “ocean waves” on the left and bottom sides of each stamp. Identifying whether a single copy of these stamps originate from the top or bottom row of the pane is possible by careful examination of this tagging (hint: look for solid areas of tagging on the perf tips).

The booklet “cover” of this initial booklet of 10 (Unitrade BK364, Figure 8) features the new “It is unlawful to remove and attempt to reuse postage stamps” inscription.



Figure 8: “cover” of original release (Unitrade BK364)

The initial announcement for these stamps in the *Jan-Mar 2008 Details* (Figure 1) illustrated and noted that “a booklet of 30 stamps will be available May 1, 2008”. This image shows the “flipped” error. The announcement (Figure 6) in the *Apr-Jun 2008 Details* (Figure 4) says the “booklet of 30 stamps, available May 1, will only bear the newer image”.



Figure 7: Booklet of 10, “flipped” image, released December 27, 2007 (Scott 2253a)



Figure 9: Booklet of 30, corrected image, released May 1, 2008 (Scott 2253d)



Figure 10: Booklet of 10, corrected imaged, released July 2, 2008 (Scott 2253c)

Figure 9 shows the booklet of 30 stamps released May 1, 2008 that included the corrected Pachena Point lighthouse stamps. Figure 11 shows the “cover” side of this booklet, which consisted of three “panels” of 10 stamp each. Although Canada Post did not release an “official first day cover” for the revised stamp, we have received reports that a few first day covers were created by a couple of stamp collectors (illustrated in the May-June 2008 *Corgi Times*, page 80).

A booklet of 10 stamps (Figure 10) with the corrected Pachena Point lighthouse stamp image was released July 2, 2008. Figure 12 shows the “cover” side, which is identical to that found on the original release of the error stamp (Figure 8).

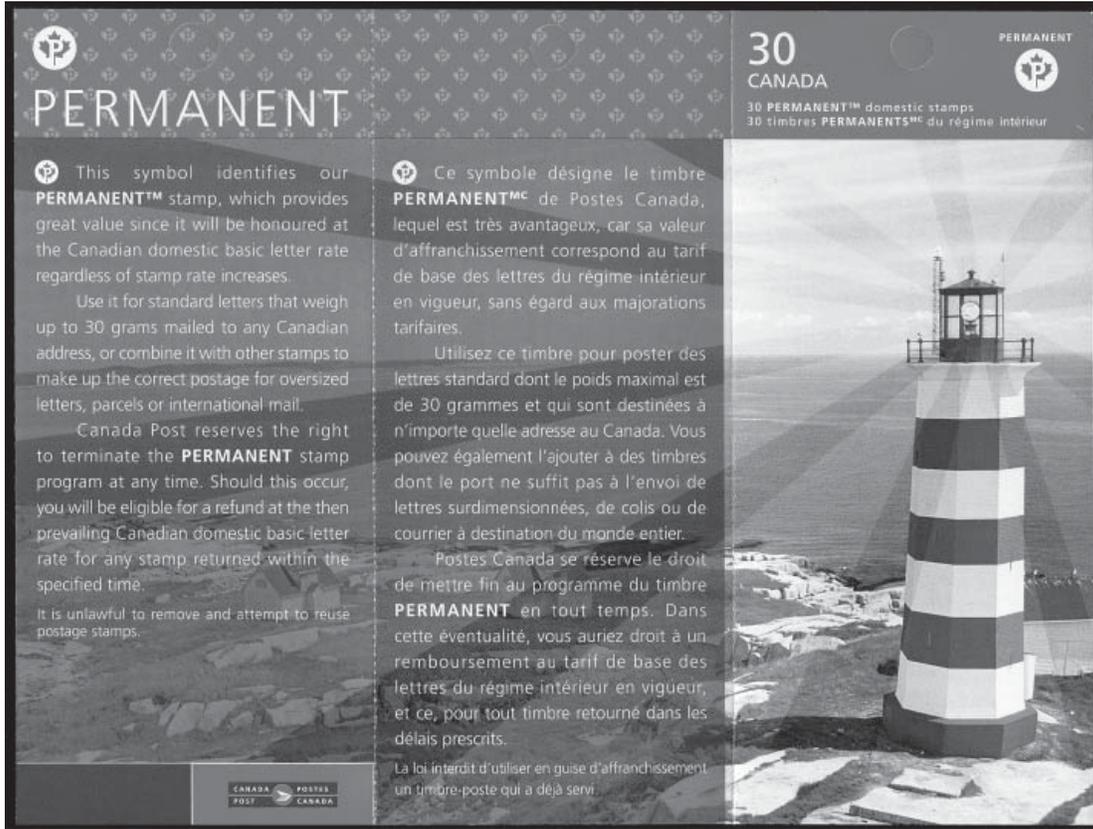


Figure 11: booklet of 30 “cover” (Unitrade BK375)



Figure 12: booklet of 10 “cover” of corrected image (Unitrade BK385)

Quarterly Packs

The 2008/01 (January–March 2008) quarterly pack included a diecut to shape strip of 5 set of the lighthouse stamps. This included the “flipped” error design. Two different strips of 5 can be collected by the specialist.

The 2008/03 (July–September 2008) quarterly pack included the corrected image of the Pachena Point lighthouse stamp, but only as a single stamp. Based on the back cover, two types of single stamps can be collected.

In addition to being die cut to shape, each of these stamps from the quarterly pack “features” one rough “perf” on each trimmed side (presumably caused by the trimming process?).

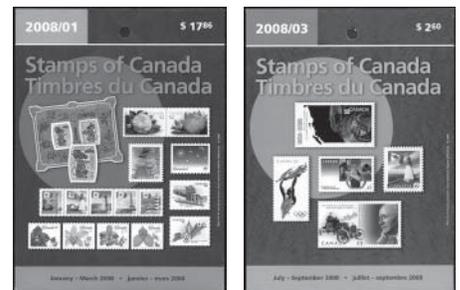


Figure 13: 2008 Quarterly Packs (1 and 3)



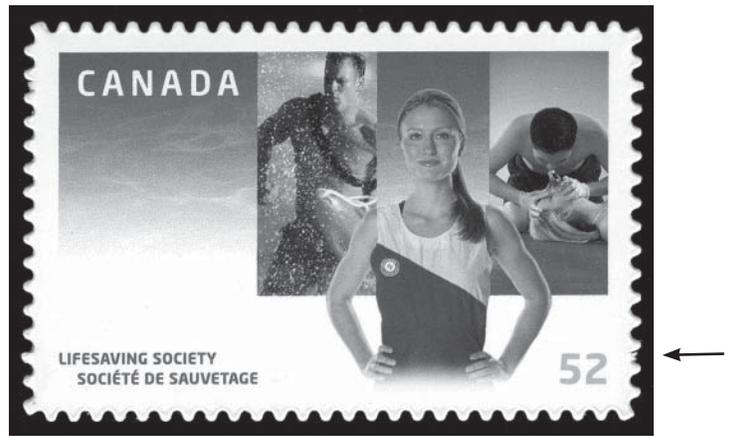
Figure 14: Strip of 5 and single stamp from Quarterly Packs (arrows indicate some of the “rough perfs” due to trimming)

Self-Adhesive Singles from Quarterly Packs

by: Robin Harris

Have you taken a really close look at the self-adhesive single stamps that are distributed in the Canada Post Quarterly Packs of 2008? To be a bit more specific, we are interested in the serpentine die cut self-adhesive stamps and any specific characteristics that might exist on the single stamps that are die cut to shape from the corresponding full booklets.

Consider the 52¢ Lifesaving stamp that was released July 25, 2008. An enlarged single stamp is illustrated at right. Notice what exists where the arrows are pointing to in the valleys between “perf tips”. There is excess paper fibers. A close look on the perf tip (peak) on the opposite side of the stamp shows that these particular peaks are not nicely rounded but rather, are “roughed up” a bit.



The other Lowe-Martin produced stamps issued this year all show this characteristic. The Canadian Bank Note produced stamps do not show the excess paper in the valleys but do show a roughed up perf tip on each of the four sides of the stamp (see the Queen Elizabeth II image below and the Pachena Point lighthouse image in the corresponding article elsewhere in this issue of *Corgi Times*).

It might prove interesting to “go back” and document the other self-adhesive stamps that appeared in the Quarterly Packs in previous years to see if these, or other, characteristics exist.



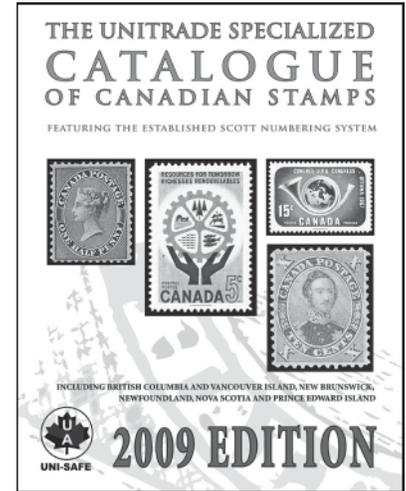
2009 Unitrade

The 2009 Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps is expected to be available for distribution to dealers (and then to collectors) by the end of October.

The new edition has 24 more pages but is still priced at C\$42.95, the same price as the previous several editions.

New issues for 2007–2008 have added some 12 pages; Christmas Seals are listed and illustrated for the very first time (5 pages). More illustrations of varieties have been added throughout the catalogue and several illustrations have been updated (including the early Provinces and Air Post Semi-Official issues). The Introduction has been expanded by two pages to illustrate and list several “Gems” – examples of stamps of VF+/Gem/Superb quality.

For the Elizabethan II era collector, the uncut press sheet gutter combinations have been listed and priced.



Mental Health Stationery

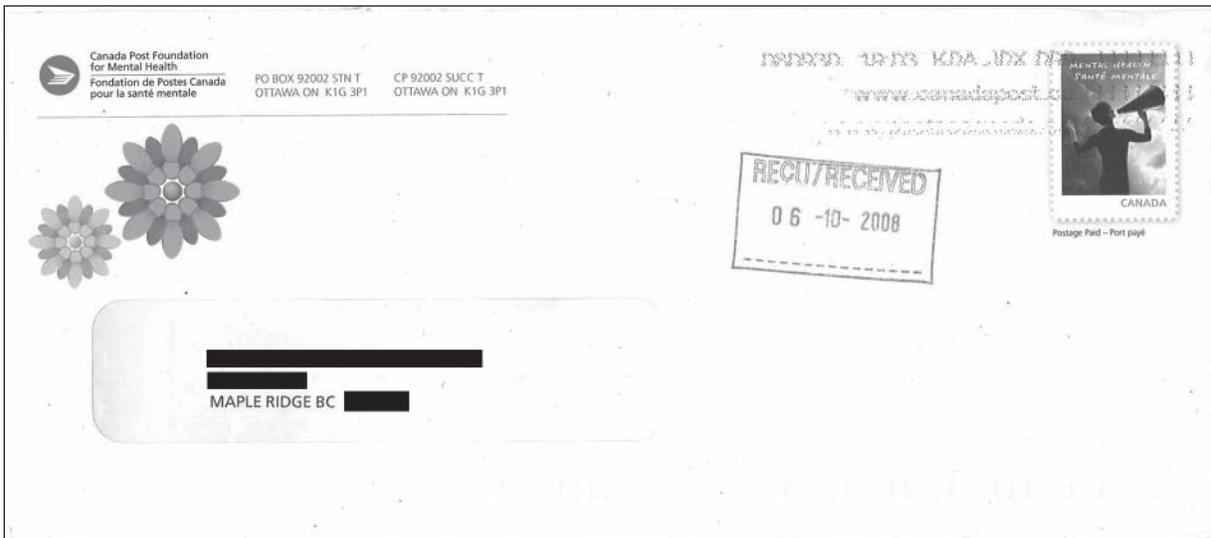
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A correspondent e-mailed me at the beginning of October to ask me about a non-denominated Mental Health envelope. This was the first I had heard of it.

It seems that businesses (and individuals?) received a mass mailing from the *Canada Post Foundation for Mental Health* in Ottawa soliciting donations to this very worthwhile cause.

The size 10 envelope features the same image as the issued postage stamp but lacks the denomination.

A *very limited supply* of envelopes are available to collectors by writing Jim Phillips, Canada Post - Stamp Services, N1070 - 2701 Riverside Dr., OTTAWA ON K1A 0B1. It is quite possible that no more examples will be available by the time you receive this issue of *Corgi Times*; I understand that *Canadian Stamp News* has carried a front-page story of this envelope with a few more details (I have not yet received my issue at the time of this writing).



Do You Collect "Stampie Belongings" with your "Stampie Stuff"?

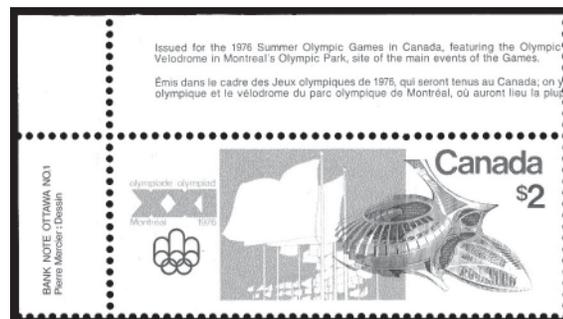
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What are "Stampie Belongings"? My wife, Leona, calls the selvedge on stamps "belongings". So, to rephrase the above title, do you collect stamp selvedge?

Years ago, when he lived near Winnipeg, I heard noted postal stationery collector and expert, Robert Lemire, give a couple of talks at our local BNAPS regional meetings. Robert referred to postage stamps as "stickies". It was quite interesting to hear this reference for the first time, "I am going to talk about postal stationery ... not stickies!"

Have you heard different references to common stamp terminology, perhaps from a friend, overheard it at a stamp show, or from a spouse? Please drop me an e-mail or a note about your "funny" anecdotes so we can share them with our readers (see the second page of this issue for contact information).

By the way, "belongings" (or selvedge to those who speak differently) are important and should be kept attached to the stamp(s). They can be used, in many cases, to determine a stamp's position on the pane. This becomes useful when attempting to plate a constant plate variety. Many of today's stamps include lots of descriptive material related to the stamps release.



16¢ Postage Due

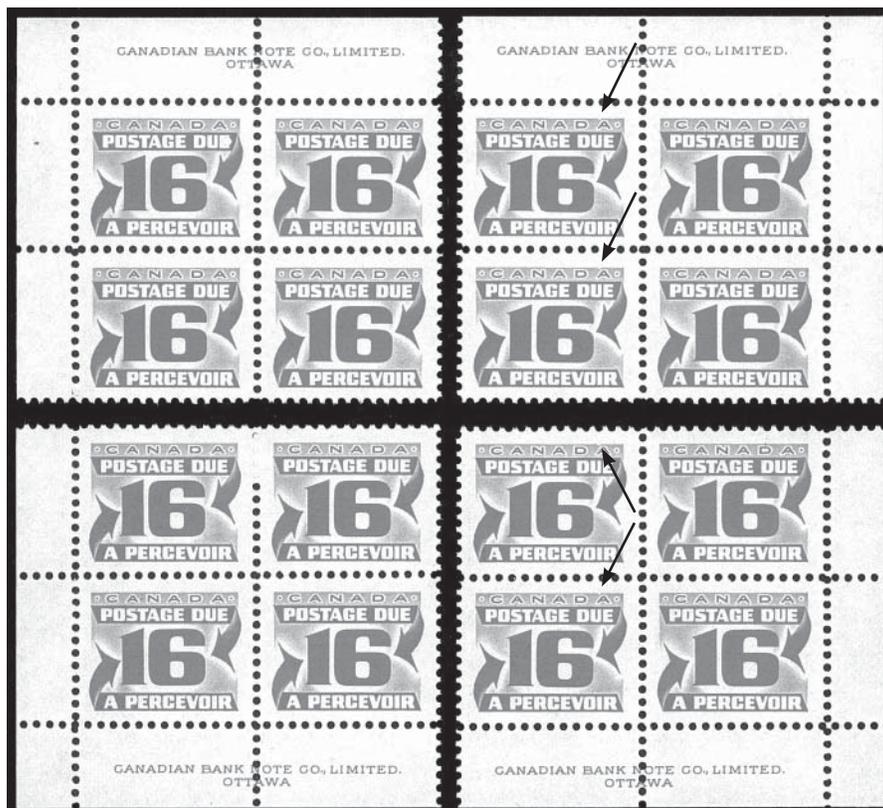
by: John D. Arn

The third series of "red" dues has two long known constant varieties. The 4¢ exists printed on the gum side and the 16¢ has a "V" shaped white spot above the third A of Canada in vertical row 9 of each pane.

Chung and Reiche noted this constant variety in their book on postage due stamps (*The Canadian Postage Due Stamps*, 1985) but played "Bileski" and did not identify the location of the variety (to my mind Bileski unearthed many errors but seldom if ever did he identify their location).

Ten percent of the production of the 16¢ variety have this "V" white spot.

[Thanks to John for passing along the illustrated set of corner plate blocks]



Letters from Home

by: John Burnett, OTB (#11 of a series)

Use of the \$5 Victoria Public Library Stamp.

In 1996 my mother sent Christmas and Care packages to my two children. My daughter was living in Olar South Carolina and my son was in Wooster Ohio. Both were starting out in married life and so mom decided Christmas should be big with all kinds of parcels containing things newly weds could use. She was also famous for her shortbread cookies and I can guarantee one of these parcels contained a year's supply of shortbread.

My children later told me that each parcel or box contained a note that they were to save the stamps with a large piece of the box for their dad.

These parcels afforded her the opportunity to use high value stamps and of course me of obtaining these same high value stamps properly used through the post.

My mother regularly used the Post Office provided boxes for her parcels. The first example shown in figure 1 is a piece of such a box used to pay \$10 parcel post to my daughter in South Carolina. There is also a nice "U.S. CUSTOMS / PASSED FREE / MIAMI FLA" encased in a magenta diamond hand stamp next to the stamps.

My second example of the use of the high value stamps is shown in figure 2.

Here my mother was sending a "care package" to my then newly married son in Wooster Ohio. My mom franked the box with a single \$5 Victory Public Library, a single \$2 Provincial Normal School, and a single 25¢ Edible Berry definitive stamps making up the \$7.25 parcel post rate from Vancouver BC.

This parcel also has a nice diamond shaped customs hand stamp, this time from St. Paul, Minnesota.

My final example shown in figure 3 is another example of a post office supplied box which has been franked with a block of three of the \$5 Victoria Public Library, a \$1 Yorkton Courthouse, a 25¢ Aids commemorative and a 25¢ Edible Berry definitive stamp all making up the \$16.70 parcel post rate from Vancouver on November 2, 1996.

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I often think about how nice it would be to have a Queen Victoria high value Jubilee used on a parcel post wrapper and just the heck would it be worth today. Think about it, maybe a Grandchild or Great Grandchild will someday say thank you Great Grandfather John for saving these very valuable pieces of postal history.

I urge each member of the Elizabethan II Study Group to look for modern postal history. I think you will find this postal history is a lot harder to find than any of you think. I think we are collecting extremely rare items for future collectors.



Figure 1
A pair of the \$5 Victoria Public Library stamps used on October 30, 1996



Figure 2
A nice combination of high value stamps used on a postal box



Figure 3
A nice block of 3 of the \$5 Victoria Post Office helps make up the \$16.70 parcel post rate.

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