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Significant Error Comes to Light

A very interesting, and significant error on the Permanent™ Spotted Coralroot flower coil (Scot 2187) has been reported by ESG member Mirko Zatka. Two full rolls of 100 stamps are *joined together*.

Horizontal pairs (and larger units) are possible from the vertically-oriented rolls. The self-adhesive stamps are printed by Lowe-Martin and, until this report, were only thought to exist in separate rolls. The pairs and blocks are essentially imperforate between except for a very faint hint of a scoring line.

It has been awhile since this kind of variety has been available. The coils produced by Canadian Bank Note Company from 1969 to 1998 were distributed to post offices in “sticks” of 10 rolls. Careful separation of these rolls could produce blocks of 4 or larger on many of these coils.



3¢–5¢ Caricatures, John Hillmer Collection
See page 76

Corgi Times Delay

A bit of a delay in getting this issue of the *Corgi Times* into the mail. Normally this issue (March-April) would have been completed over the first weekend in April. About 60% of this issue was completed “on time”, but there were no other articles available to be published at that time. It is now two weeks later and I am still short five pages to fill a typical issue of 16 pages. I don’t want to delay this issue any longer so it is being mailed “as is”, at 14 pages.

As we have indicated in previous newsletters, articles are always welcome!

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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...

► \$1 Deer/Walrus Reprint?

In the last issue of *Corgi Times* we noted that we had heard from a contact in Ontario that the current \$1 definitive stamps (Deer and Walrus, Scott 1688-1689) had been reprinted by Canadian Bank Note on a new press.



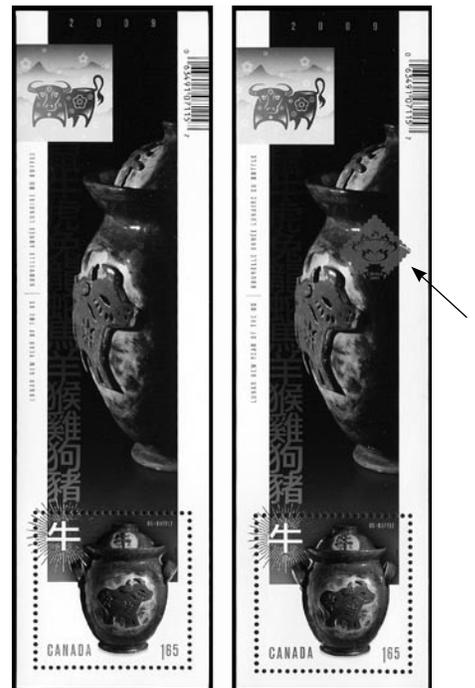
We have been searching post offices since, but to no avail. Nothing new to report at this time; perhaps for the next issue of *Corgi Times*?

► Overprinted Souvenir Sheets

At least two of the souvenir sheets already issued this year exist with an overprint. The \$1.65 Year of the Ox issue (Jan 8/09) included an overprinted souvenir sheet for the China 2009 World Stamp Exhibition. The International Year of Astronomy issue (Apr 2/09) included an overprinted souvenir sheet containing the International Year of Astronomy logo which is viewable only under a UV light.

In just three months of this year, *seven* different stamp issues have included souvenir sheets:

- * Year of the Ox
- * Olympic Mascots
- * Olympic sports
- * Rhododendrons
- * Art Canada
- * International Year of Astronomy
- * Preserving the Poles



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Study Group Business

❖ New members

Arthur Gillard (NB)
Richard Hautala (ON)
Alfred Carroccia (NY)

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

Collectors vs. The Public

by: *Robin Harris*

Have you been following the soaking challenges faced by collectors in the United States with many of the self-adhesive stamps that have been issued recently? How about the new security features added to the Great Britain Machin stamps that were released in February? Both of these “features” are problems for the stamp collector. Why are they happening? One train of thought is that it is to deter the counterfeiters who have better printing technology available to them. Another train of thought is that too many stamps are being reused by peeling uncancelled stamps from envelopes.

► USA Self Adhesives

I enjoy perusing a stamp newsgroup (www.virtualstampclub.com) based in the USA to read about current philatelic news (at least for here in North America). Over the past couple of years there have been discussions of the inability of collectors to soak many of the modern USA self adhesive issues due to the lack of a certain layer in the paper stock. Once a stamp is affixed to an envelope it is virtually impossible to soak and remove that stamp without the stamp being destroyed. There is some thought that this is being done by the various security printers to save money.

The Virtual Stamp Club website includes USA stamp programs for the past couple of years. Each stamp issue has a VSC Soaking Stoplight™ that indicates whether it is easy, hard, or not possible (green, yellow, red) to soak the stamp (a great tool for the collector). Collectors have had to adapt their mounting of used material by leaving the stamp on the piece of paper and trimming around the stamp.

► Machin Slits

Great Britain’s newly issued Machin definitive stamps have introduced four U-shaped slits in the stamp paper. Any attempt at soaking one of these stamps from an envelope will result in the stamp falling apart. For collectors, this means the used stamp must be kept attached to the underlying envelope. Again, collectors will need to adapt their collecting habits.

► What about Canada?

To date, we have seen only a couple of “features” on Canadian stamps to indicate there is some concern from Canada Post to the counterfeiting and reuse of stamps. One is the micro-printing and different tagging images found on recent definitives. Another is the addition of text on the back of domestic-rate booklets that says “It is unlawful to remove and attempt to reuse postage stamps.”

Personally, as an avid collector of modern Canadian stamps, I hope that Canada Post does **not** follow the USA or Great Britain with either non-soakable self-adhesives or security slits that damage a stamp if soaking is attempted. Although collectors “will adapt” should this happen, it just doesn’t “feel right”.

Maybe the easiest solution to the reuse of uncancelled stamps is to improve the cancelling equipment in the post offices to ensure that there are no more “skips” and that all stamps are cancelled as intended. At least that sounds simple to me, or am I missing something?



Machin U-shaped security slits

Canada Post 2009 Stamp Program

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

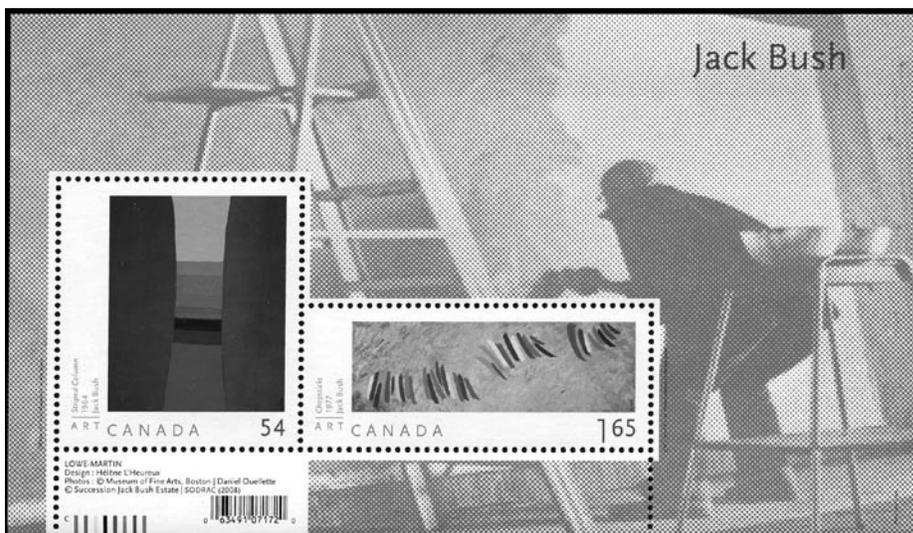
Issued	Description	Scott#
Jan 8	Year of the Ox <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (54¢) single • \$1.65 souvenir sheet • \$1.65 souvenir sheet, overprinted • uncut press sheet • two Prepaid postal cards — one for each postage stamp design 	2296 2297 2297a
Jan 12	Rate-change definitives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (54¢) Queen Elizabeth II (booklet of 10) • Permanent™ (54¢) Sporting Events (5 designs in booklet of 10 [24 covers] and 30) • Permanent™ (54¢) Emblems (2 designs in coil of 100) • Permanent™ (54¢) Emblems (2 designs in separate rolls of 5,000) • 98¢ Mascot (coil of 50 and booklet of 6) • \$1.65 Mascot (coil of 50 and booklet of 6) • souvenir sheet of 5 (Sporting Events) • five Prepaid postcards (5 Sporting Event designs) • three Prepaid postcards (3 Mascot designs) 	2298 2300–04 2299
Feb 2	Permanent™ (54¢) Celebration (booklet of 6)	2314
Feb 2	54¢ Black Heritage Month (2 designs)	2315–16
Feb 12	Rate-change definitives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.18 Mascot (coil of 50 and booklet of 6) • souvenir sheet of 5 (2 x Permanent, 98¢, \$1.18, \$1.65) 	
Feb 23	Permanent™ (54¢) First Flight in Canada	
Mar 13	Rhododendrons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54¢ pair in self-adhesive booklet of 10 • 54¢ pair in gummed souvenir sheet • two Prepaid postal cards — one for each postage stamp design 	
Mar 20	Art Canada: Jack Bush <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54¢ pane of 16 • souvenir sheet (54¢ and \$1.65) 	
Apr 2	International Year of Astronomy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54¢ pair in self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$1.08 pair in gummed souvenir sheet • \$1.08 pair in gummed souvenir sheet overprint • uncut press sheet 	
Apr 9	Preserving the Poles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54¢ pair in pane of 16 • \$1.08 souvenir sheet 	
Apr 22	2¢ Monarch Caterpillar (Beneficial Insect)	
May 15	54¢ The Canadian Horse and the Newfoundland Pony: 2 designs (booklet of 10)	
Jun 1	54¢ Canadian Diplomacy	
Jun 12	54¢ Boundary Waters Treaty	
	<i>The following listings are from the online Canada Postal Guide</i>	
Jul 2	Canadian Recording Artists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Charlebois • Edith Butler • Byran Adams • Stompin Tom Connors 	
Jul 6	Roadside Attractions (4 designs, first of a three-year series)	
Jul 10	Captain Robert Bartlett	
Aug	Canadian Inventions (sports) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 pin bowling • Lacrosse • Ringette • Basketball 	
Sep 10	Montreal Canadiens, 100th Anniversary	
Oct	Serving and Remembering	
Nov 2	Christmas Tree Christmas (Religious theme): 3 designs	

Art Canada: Jack Bush

This year's Art Canada stamps, issued March 20, 2009, feature two works of art by painter Jack Bush. A 54¢ *Striped Column* design was issued in panes of 16 stamps and was also included in a souvenir sheet.

The souvenir sheet, in addition to the 54¢ *Striped Column* design, has a \$1.60 *Chopsticks* design.

It turns out that the 54¢ stamps from the pane of 16 and souvenir sheet have different perforations. The 54¢ stamp from the pane of 16 measures perf 13.0 x 13.4 while the 54¢ stamp from the souvenir sheet measures perf 12.5 x 13.4.



Top: stamp from pane of 16 (perf 13.0x13.4)

Bottom: stamp from souvenir sheet (perf 12.5x13.4)

Queen Elizabeth II: A Portrait in Stamps

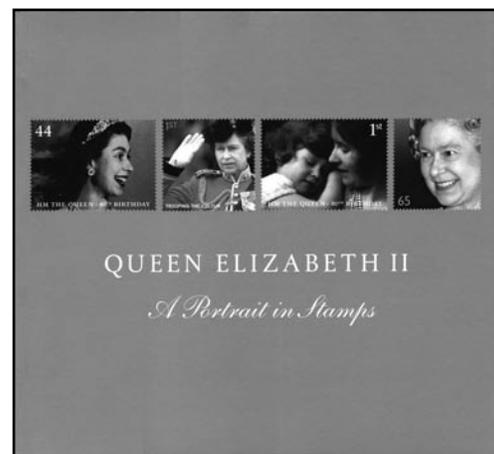
The other day my son was wanting to order a book via the Chapters bookstore website. If one orders over C\$39 worth of books then the shipping and handling is free. In order to meet this dollar amount we needed to find one more book. I did a search for "elizabeth postage stamp" and up popped the book illustrated at right. I added it to our shopping cart and the book arrived within a week.

What a great book! Although I had hoped the book would cover "the world", it is more like 99% Great Britain oriented, likely because it is a "revised and expanded edition published in 2007" by The British Library and Royal Mail (128 pages, 10x9 3/8"), perfect bound, ISBN 978-0-7123-5002-0). One Canadian stamp is illustrated.

The book is arranged by decades, with each chapter providing a historical look at events that shaped the design of British postage stamps. The last couple of pages include stamps issued for the Queen's 80th birthday in 2006 and the Royal couple's diamond jubilee wedding in 2007.

A couple of pages in the first chapter discuss Dorothy Wilding and the "Wilding" portrait (including a nearly full page image) used on an early Canadian definitive series. Another page discusses the Royal stamp collection and shows a young Queen perusing an album.

I have thoroughly enjoyed reading and browsing through this book.



The National Christmas Seals of Canada (1927–2008)

ESG member Andrew Chung FRPSC, along with two others (Cliff A. Beattie and Robert D. Vogel), have teamed up to produce a 120-page book titled *The National Christmas Seals of Canada 1927–2008*.

All three individuals have been avid Christmas Seal collectors for many years. The book is a culmination of their collaborative collecting interest.

The Christmas Seal originated in 1903 in Copenhagen, Denmark. By 1908, the Christmas Seal campaign had reached Canada. Year by year, other cities across Canada tried the Christmas Seal campaign as a means not only of raising money but also of creating the awareness that tuberculosis could be controlled. By 1927 it was agreed that the Christmas Seal campaign was to be the official method for tuberculosis associations to appeal to the public for funds. A national seal was introduced at that time.

The bulk of the book (see the Table of Contents listing on this page) is devoted to the National Christmas Seals that were issued starting in 1927. The details for each year's stamp(s) include (where known) the designer, printer, pane layout, printing process, dimensions, perforation/roulette, paper type, gum type and quantity. The listings include any known plate flaws, proofs, imperforates and other varieties.

Material related to the Christmas Seals is also included, such as bookmarks, milk collars, tags, labels, etc., etc.

The Preface also notes that "The introduction of new promotional products by the Canadian Lung Association such as Country Hearts (alternatively, Country Valentines) and Spring Seals adds a new dimension to Christmas Seal collecting." Each of these has its own chapter with detailed listings.

The full-colour book is priced at C\$79.95 plus postage (\$4 to Canada, \$8 to USA, \$15 to International). ESG members receive a 10% discount off the book price (i.e. C\$71.95 plus postage). Orders can be sent directly to Andrew Chung at PO Box 89111, Westdale Postal Outlet, Hamilton, ON L8S 4R5 Canada.

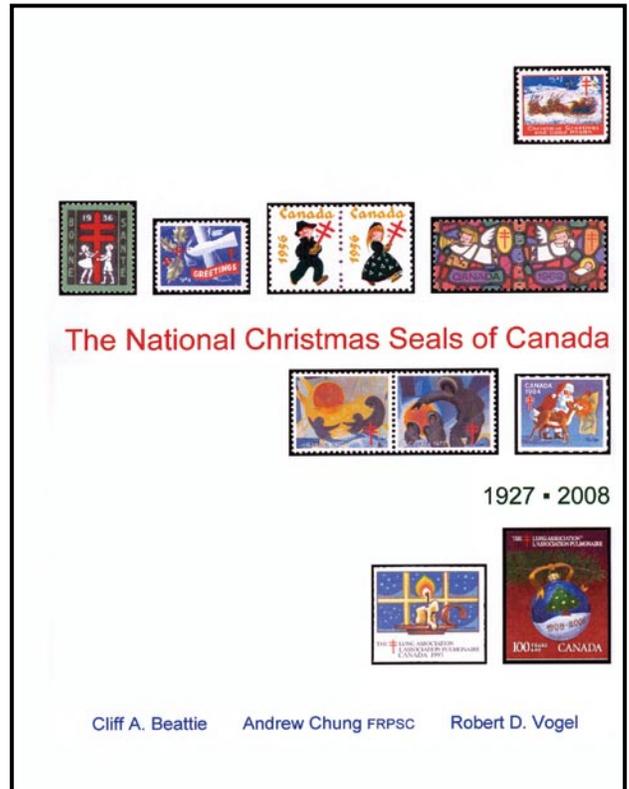


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C\$79.95 less 10% discount = C\$71.95 + postage (\$4 to Canada, \$8 to USA, \$15 to International).

Andrew Chung
 PO Box 89111, Westdale Postal Outlet,
 Hamilton, ON L8S 4R5 Canada

Year	Designer	Printer	Pane Layout	Printing Process	Dimensions	Perforations	Paper Type	Gum Type	Quantity
1927	John W. Evans, U.S.A.	Canadian Bank Note Co. Ltd., Ottawa	100 seals (10 x 10)	Lithography in 4 colours - yellow, red, blue and black.	27 mm x 21 mm	11.8 x 11.8	Uncoated	Shiny	27 million (single seal) / 27,000 (Proof set)

Notes
 Design similar to the United States. The colour of the sleigh's body is greater than the U.S. version.
 Panes of 100 consist of a perforated margin and three straight edge sides or two perforated margins and two straight edge sides.

Country	Year	Description	Value
English	1927	pane of 100	5.00
US	1927	pane of 100	50.00
Canada	1927	pane of 100	600.00

* "Boreal Santa" is printed on the top margin above the first row of seals and may show the reindeer tags and the sleigh's runners.

sleigh's body is solid green (Canada) sleigh's body is mottled green (U.S.)

Year	Designer	Printer	Pane Layout	Printing Process	Dimensions	Perforations	Paper Type	Gum Type	Quantity
1983 (3 designs)	Raymond Boyer	Danforth Marketing Services, Toronto	24 seals (6 x 4) 8 seal tags (2 x 4)	Lithography in 4 colours - yellow, magenta, cyan and black	27 mm x 22.8 mm	81 mm x 22 mm (seal tags)	Uncoated	Matte	Progressive Colour Proofs in 9 stages (imperforate): (1) yellow, (2) magenta, (3) yellow and magenta, (4) cyan, (5) yellow and cyan, (6) magenta and cyan, (7) yellow, magenta and cyan, (8) black, and (9) all four colours.

1983 • Brochure (Householder mailing)

Country	Year	Description	Value
Canada	1983	pane of 15 and 3 seal tags	5.00
Canada	1983	pane of 18 and 2 address labels	5.00

Notes
 The brochure consists of a letter, a pane of 15 seals and 3 seal tags, and a donation envelope.
 The origins of the vertical pane of 18 rouletted seals and 12 rouletted address labels (underneath) is unknown.

Stationery

Stationery collectors certainly are enjoying (?) many new issues and reprints of older designs. We have new “dates” (found on the back of the envelope) to report on the Flower and Tourism envelope designs that are still on display at post offices across the country (see charts to the right). Are there any other dates to report?

March 9, 2009 saw the release of 18 *new* envelope designs, all in two different sizes (Size 8 and Size 10). Two different themes were introduced, each featuring previously issued postage stamps: Orchids and Gardens, and Fishing Flies.

The four Orchids designs are from the 46¢ postage stamps issued April 27, 1999 (Scott 1787–1790).

The four Gardens designs are from the 51¢ postage stamps issued March 8, 2006 (Scott 2145a–d).

The ten Fishing Flies designs are from the six 45¢ postage stamps issued April 16, 1998 (Scott 1715–1720) and the four 50¢ postage stamps issued February 5, 2005 (Scott 2088a–d).

For the new envelopes issued this year, a curious feature is the formatting of the date, found on the back of the envelopes (and under the flap on the Size 10). Previous envelopes showed the date as YYYY.MM.DD. The new envelopes have the date in the format MM.DD.YY, where the year is only two digits.

Flower envelopes

4 designs

Size 8	Size 10
2006.12.01 *	2006.12.01
2007.26.01 *	2006.01.26
2007.05.18 *	2007.05.18
2007.13.07 §	2007.13.07 §
2008.02.19 §	2007.13.11 §
	2008.07.18 §

* large indicia

§ recycled paper logo, new indicia

Tourist Attraction envelopes

10 designs

Size 8	Size 10
2006.12.01	2006.12.01
2007.26.01	2006.01.26
2007.05.18	2007.05.18
2007.15.10 §	2007.13.07 §
2007.15.12 §	2008.02.15 §
	2008.07.18 §

§ recycled paper logo, new indicia

Orchids and Gardens envelopes

8 designs

Size 8 *	Size 10
01.19.09	01.19.09

Fishing Flies envelopes

10 designs

Size 8 *	Size 10
01.19.09	01.19.09



Tourism (10 designs)



Gardens (4 designs)



Flowers (4 designs)



Orchids (4 designs)



Fishing Flies (10 designs)

A Postage Due Oddity

by: John Aitken

In Canada, during the Queen Elizabeth period when postage dues were in use (i.e. 1953–1982), as a rule, partly paid mail was taxed double the deficiency. There were two exceptions for domestic mail: local letters forwarded out of town; and registered items, which both charged just single deficiency.

The United States Post Office (USPO) taxed unpaid mail at double the deficiency, but partly paid mail was only taxed single. As noted in Chung & Reiche *The Canadian Postage Due Stamps* (Unitrade Associates, 1984, p. 39) postage due mail from the USA to Canada was rated by the USPO. This led to the curious situation where an oversize post card mailed within Canada, which required the letter rate and was short 1 cent, was taxed twice as much as a similar item from the USA to Canada.

HILTON BEACH 14.8.56

RATE IN EFFECT: APR. 1/54 - OCT. 31/68

THE GRAND HOTEL
Mackinac Island, Michigan

This fabulous summer hotel and grounds, (seen from the air) includes serpentine swimming pool, formal gardens, snack bar and golf course, at right. A favorite convention site, the Grand Hotel offers an unusual variety of modern entertainment for its guests amid a charming atmosphere of yesteryear.

Monday Afternoon.

Hi-

I arrived at the Saulet about 11.00 Saturday night. He had a three hour wait at the Ferry. Our cottage is on St Joseph's Island which is about thirty-five miles east of Saulet St Marie. Yesterday was a beautiful day but this afternoon it started to rain and a little on the chilly side. But I am sure enjoying my vacation. This is the life! M. Wanne.

Colorslides: 8 slides of Mackinac Island for \$2.00
Hiawatha Co., Ypsilanti, Mich.

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2 CENTS DUE

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2 CENTS DUE

RATE: OVERSIZE POST CARD (>6"x4")
RATED AS A LETTER \$.05
SHORT 1¢ AND CHARGED DOUBLE

STAMPS USED: 4¢ - HORIZONTALLY RIBBED
2¢ DUE " "

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dear Friends: Have been travelling now for 21 days and are about to enter the home stretch. This trip was a surprise to us in that J.E. granted us (4) weeks vacation (just time) and so we have been seeing things we never expected to see. Very little rain in months in California, lakes are dry and we got a big surprise to run into a heavy thunder storm here in Las Vegas. Normally 95°-100° F temperature is 76° F. People spend money like crazy here as ever Russell & Geo

Mr. John Gruszka,
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 Woodstock,
 Ontario,
 Canada.

RATE: OVERSIZE POSTCARD SO RATED AS A LETTER \$.04
 SHORT PAID 1¢ AND MARKED DUE 1 CENT
 BY U.S. P.O.
 CANADIAN POSTAGE DUE = AMOUNT MARKED
 AS DUE BY USPO.

STAMPS USED: 3¢ - EX BKLT

1¢ DUE - NO VISIBLE RIBBING

NOTE: COLLECTION OF 1¢ ATTEMPTED AUG 16/61.
 " NO DELIVERY, DUE STAMP REMOVED AND
 CARD NOT DELIVERED UNTIL 2ND ATTEMPT.

Olympic Rolls of 5,000

In the last issue of *Corgi Times* we summarized all of the new 2009 rate change definitives. The chart included the notation that the Vancouver 2010 emblem and Paralympic Games emblem stamps were released in a roll of 5,000 stamps.

At the time we were under the impression that these two stamps would alternate along the same roll (as was illustrated on Canada Post's online website). The order that I received from Canada Post in early February was a strip of 10 containing only the Vancouver 2010 emblem stamp.



It mid-March we received a report from an ESG member that he had received a strip of 10 from a roll of 5,000 that had the Paralympic emblem stamp. His stamps came as part of his standing order with Canada Post.

So, yes, both Olympic emblem stamps exist from rolls of 5,000 ... but two separate rolls, one roll for each design. These stamps are different from the similar stamps issued in rolls of 100 that are available at any post office – the horizontal die cutting is a consistent "9.2" measurement compared to the variable "8.1-9.6" measurements found on the rolls of 100.

Canada Post's April to June 2009 *Details* magazine illustrates the two different large rolls of 5,000 stamps (page 4).

Need stamps?

While visiting a Staples (stationery) store in Winnipeg recently I noticed the card illustrated at right at actual size (it is bright blue).

It was hanging by the cash register on a peg-type stand. The stand must have had about 25 of these hanging there.

There is no monetary value attached to the card. The idea (I guess) is to take the card to the cashier and purchase stamps ... but the card is already at the cashier's location?

It would appear that the card was printed by Canada Post and distributed to Staples for display purposes.

Have you seen this kind of card in other retail outlets?



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.

Full payment must accompany ad. Payment in Canadian funds to: Elizabethan II Study Group. Mail to Editor: Robin Harris, PO Box 104, Seddons Corner, MB R0E 1X0, Canada.

Postal Rates Books

As an Elizabethan II Study Group member you can pick up these valuable reference books at a much reduced price below retail. The chart notes the various pricing for both Volume I and Volume II. Send your order to: Robin Harris, PO Box 104, Seddons Corner, MB R0E 1X0 Canada.

	Volume I Domestic	Volume II USA & Int'l
ESG members	C \$62.95 US \$62.95	C \$34.95 US \$34.95
Non-members	C \$89.95 US \$89.65	C \$49.95 US \$49.95
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

Federal Ballot Box Tags

by: John Aitken

Federal ballot box tags are uncommon. I have not seen either of these rates before.

Two interesting and unusual registered items have appeared on eBay recently. Both were initially sent from Nanaimo to Mr. Eric Boulter on Gabriola Island, and both were subsequently returned to the original sender: N. WRIGHT/ RETURNING OFFICER / NANAIMO & THE ISLANDS ELECTORAL DISTRICT/ PO BOX 212 NANAIMO B.C. Both were mailing labels thumbtacked to ballot boxes.

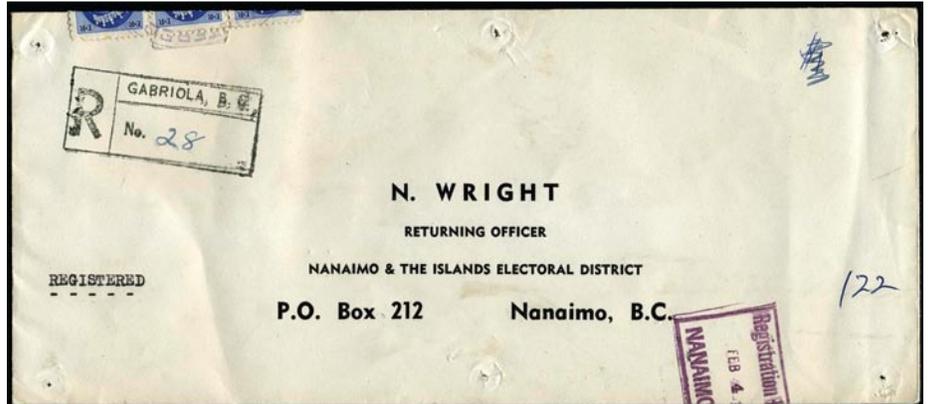
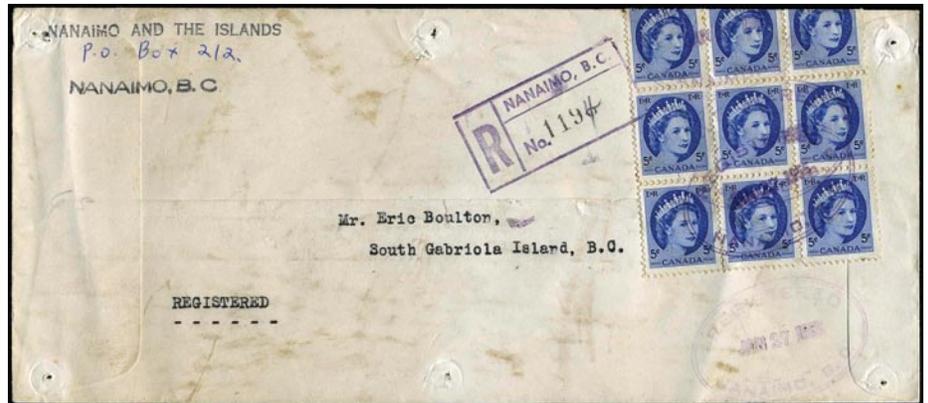
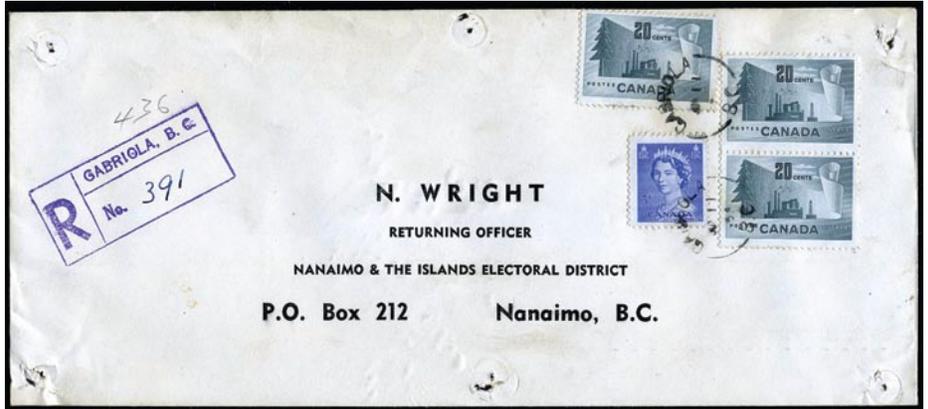
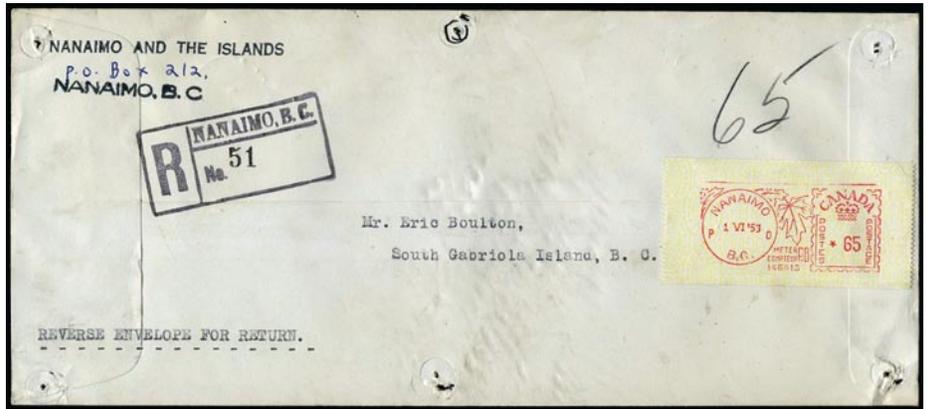
The earlier of the two items was first mailed Jun 1/53. It has \$.65 postage paid with a P.O. meter. The rate was: 20¢ for registration + 45¢ for a parcel weighing 15-20 lbs. and travelling to a destination within 20 miles.

After the provincial election June 9, Mr. Boulter returned the shipment. Since it was a provincial election postage was required for the return, and 65¢ in stamps was affixed and postmarked Jun 11/53.

The second item was first mailed from Nanaimo Jan 27/55. It has \$.45 postage paid with a block of 9 x 5¢ Wildings (horizontal ribbing on front). The rate was : 20¢ registration + 25¢ for a parcel weighing 8 lb. 1 oz.

When Mr. Boulter returned the second parcel, again registered, (and with a Feb 4 Nanaimo receiver) he did not have to pay any postage. Why not? Because the ballot box was used for a LIQUOR PLEBISCITE, and when so used, as is the case with Federal elections, return postage is free.

In the *Corgi Times* for Nov-Dec 1995 (p. 42) John Arn showed a registered cover mailed to Mr. N. Wright with the results of the Feb 3/55 plebiscite from the North Pender polling division.

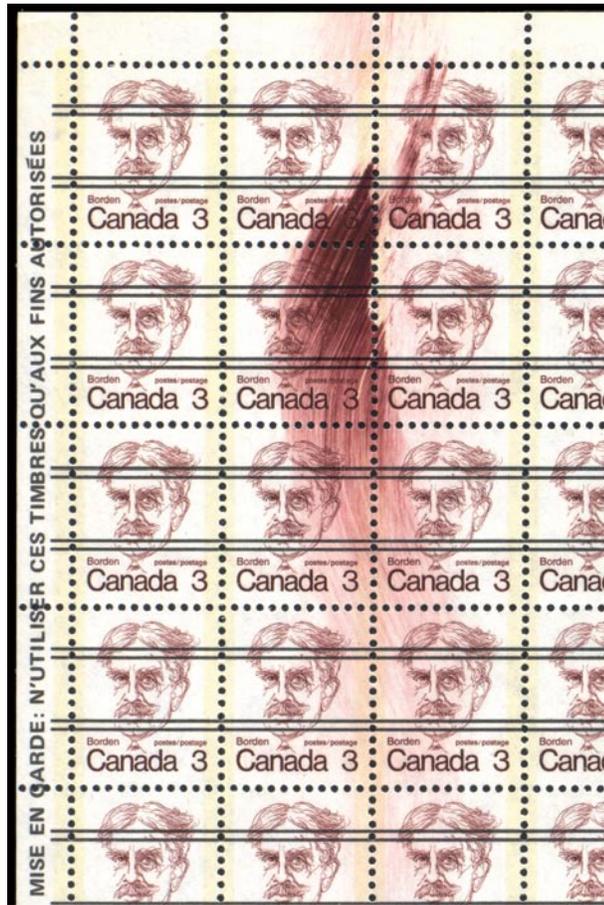


John Hillmer Caricature Collection

Here are some more items from John Hillmer's award-winning 1973–1976 Caricature Collection



3¢ Sir Robert Borden
Scott 588
Horizontal perforation shift

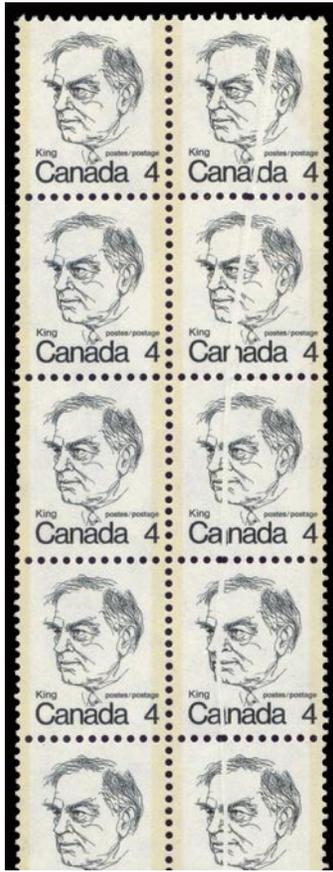


3¢ Sir Robert Borden
Unitrade 588x
Ink smear (image cropped from full pane of 100)



4¢ William Lyon Mackenzie King
Scott 589
Inking variety (image reduced to fit page)

Articles requested



4¢ William Lyon Mackenzie King
 Scott 589
 Paper crease (image cropped
 from vertical block of 10)



4¢ William Lyon Mackenzie King
 Scott 589
 Horizontal perforation shift



4¢ William Lyon Mackenzie King
 Scott 589
 Ink smear



5¢ Richard B. Bennett
 Scott 590
 Pre-printing paper crease

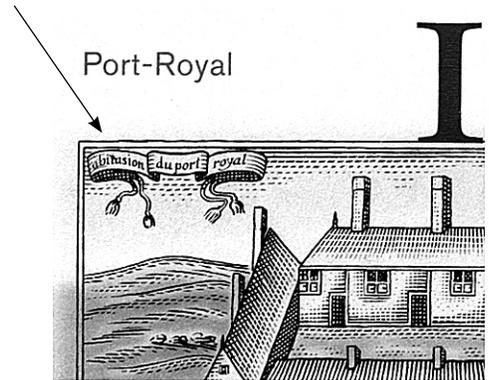


5¢ Richard B. Bennett
 Scott 590
 Vertical perforation shift

Port-Royal Constant Variety

I received an e-mail about a month ago reporting a constant (albeit not too large) variety on the 50¢ Port-Royal stamp issue of 2005 (Scott 2115).

The variety is a deformed 't' in the French text of 'abitation'. It is found at position 12 on (I believe) all panes. This places it in the lower right inscription block from the pane of 16.

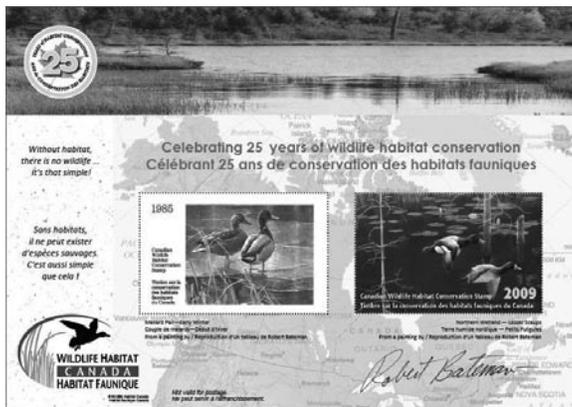


Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation

The 25th annual stamp issue for Wildlife Habitat Conservation was issued April 1, 2009. The design was created from the painting "Northern Wetland – Lesser Scaups" by world renowned wildlife artist Robert Bateman. Bateman's work was used on the first Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation stamp issued in 1985.

The stamps are printed by Lowe-Martin using a paper stock identified as "Tromark". The gum appears invisible.

This year's design is available in panes of 16 (\$136.00), a philatelic booklet pane of 1 (\$8.50), and a special edition 25th Anniversary souvenir sheet (\$25).



Souvenir sheet image from www.whc.org

