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NHL Stamps Released Early

The auction website e-Bay, was the first place collectors found out about new NHL stamps to be issued by Canada Post.



As early as August 17, Montreal Canadien NHL stamps were being sold via e-Bay. The stamps were not officially released by Canada Post until September 3.

Canada Post did not release any information about the new stamps until nearly the day-of-issue.

Super Issue!

A special one-month only *Details* magazine (dated September 2013) was produced by Canada Post to announce their lineup of stamps to be released just in September.



The cover image shows *Superman*, and six pages of the magazine are devoted to this “super” issue. See page 22 in this *Corgi Times* for more information on this surprise issue.

Another twenty pages are used to announce a set of Canadian-based NHL team stamps. See page 28 in this *Corgi Times* for more information on this surprise issue.

Copies distributed: 135

(view this issue in *almost* full-colour on-line)

November 10/13: Yes, we are a bit late with this issue (should have been mailed the beginning of October). The *Corgi Times* had to take a back seat this last little bit.

63¢ Denominated Stamps

Have you noticed that several of the new stamps being issued by Canada Post (in the latter portion of 2013) are *denominated* 63 cents rather than having the Permanent™ indication?

See page 25 for details.

HRH Prince George

A last-minute addition to the 2014 stamp program was issued by Canada Post on October 22. The stamp honours the birth of HRH Prince George of Cambridge on July 22, 2013.



2014 Unitrade

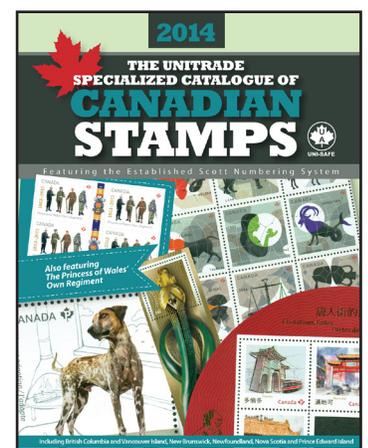
The 2014 edition of the *Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps* began shipping on about October 18. The price remains the same (\$43.95) as last year’s edition.

Nearly 2/3 of the catalogue is devoted to the Elizabethan-era of Canadian stamps.

The new stamp issues for 2013 required several new pages (far too many). This year’s edition adds the computer vended ‘Kiosk’ stamps as well as Stamp Sponsorship Products (1990–1993).



Superman Coil Message
See page 22



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Canada Post News

Here is what Canada Post is up to these days...

► September, October–December 2013 Details

Canada Post produced a special *Details* magazine to announce the stamps for just the **one month** of September. A follow-up *Details* magazine, which appeared near the end of October, is labelled October–December.

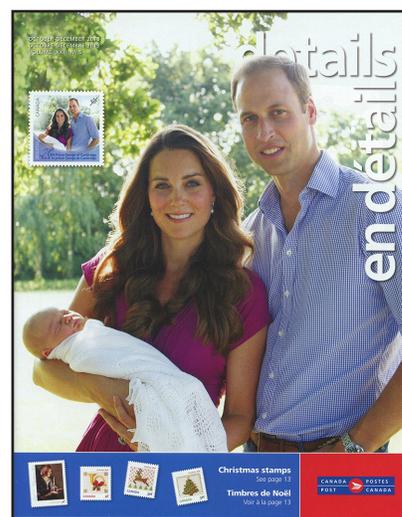
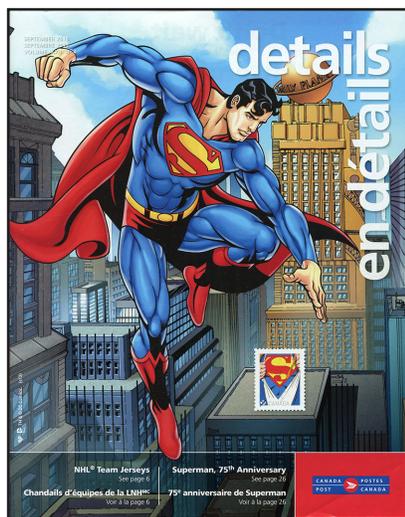
Interesting. The special “Superman” *Details* (September) arrived quite late. In fact, it arrived **after** the first stamps announced in the magazine were actually issued.

And, the October–December *Details*, which actually lists the year-end stamps, all of which came out in October (i.e. no new issues in November or December), arrived *after* every single stamp announced in the magazine had already been issued.

Very timely information! Not.

For the record, the September *Details* announced 28 different NHL stamps (and related products) and some 11 different Superman stamps (and related products).

The October–December *Details* included the (kind of) surprise announcement of a stamp for the birth of The Royal Infant, HRH Prince George ... collectors were *expecting* a stamp commemorating this event.



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Study Group Business

❖ New members

John Beckett (PE)
Mike Conroy (PE)

❖ Re-instated

Earle Covert (AB)

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.

2014

BNAPEX 2014: Aug 29–31, 2013 in Hunt Valley, MD, USA

Money Woes!

by: Robin Harris

The Elizabethan II Study Group has too much money! Woe is us.

Our group has had a surplus for many years. Part of this is the result of an initiative that our founder, John Arn, had when he formed the group back in 1992. At the time John noted that "\$1 of the membership fee (and any donations) would be set aside to build up a reserve to support special studies and/or study group publications." This was to be kept separate from the day-to-day costs of the group.

Our members have also been very generous over the years with their donations, usually received along with the annual membership dues renewal process.

We need ideas as to what worthwhile Canadian Elizabethan-era philatelic project(s) to undertake to 'use up' some of our excess funds. We need to hear from you!

Almost back on track

by: Robin Harris

This issue of the *Corgi Times* is being completed shortly after the very late May-June and July-August issues were finally distributed.

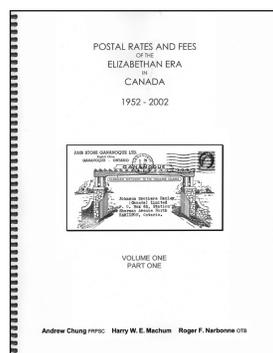
As such, as I write this in the middle of November, this issue is only about 6 weeks late. Considering the last couple of issues, this is quite close to being 'on time'! Finally.

With that said, we really need articles from you, in order to help in the preparation of new issues. Please pass along to me (corgi@adminware.ca) what you might think will be of interest to our membership.

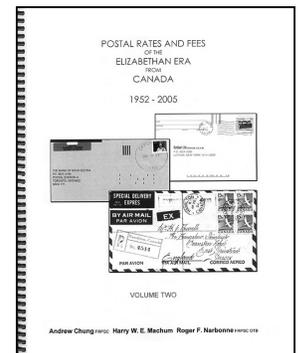
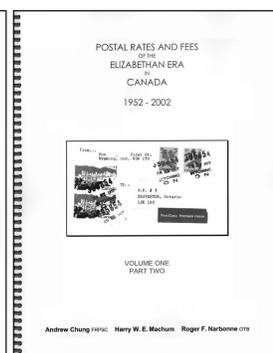
Postal Rates Books

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
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Postage:		
Canada	C \$16.00	C \$15.00
USA	US \$22.00	US \$15.00
Int'l (surface)	US \$22.00	US \$17.50
	(502 pages)	(275 pages)
	Nov 2004	Apr 2007
<i>Exchange rate subject to change</i>		



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



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

Canada Post 2013 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 Snake <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (63¢) pane of 25 • \$1.85, self-adhesive booklet pane of 6 • \$1.85 souvenir sheet • \$1.85 (Snake) and \$1.80 (Dragon) “transitional” souvenir sheet • \$29.95 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each design) 	2599 2601 2600 2600a
Jan 14	Permanent™ (63¢) Queen Elizabeth II, self-adhesive booklet of 10	2617
Jan 14	Baby Wildlife rate-change definitives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (63¢) Woodchucks, self-adhesive roll of 100 • \$1.10 Porcupine, self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$1.34 Fawn, self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$1.85 Black bear, self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$1.10 Porcupine, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$1.34 Fawn, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$1.85 Black bear, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • Permanent™ (63¢) Woodchucks, self-adhesive roll of 5,000 • \$4.92 gummed souvenir sheet of 4 • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each design) 	2604 2605 2606 2607 2608 2609 2610 2603 2602
Jan 14	Canadian Pride rate-change definitives (five designs) (“limited print run”) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 30 • \$3.15 gummed souvenir sheet of 4 	2612–16 2616c 2611
Jan 31	Canadian Pride rate-change definitives (five designs) with backprint security features <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 30 	2616d 2616e
Jan 17	\$1.85 Raoul Wallenberg, self-adhesive booklet of 6	2618
Feb 1	Black Heritage Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (63¢) Oliver Jones, self-adhesive booklet of 10 • Permanent™ (63¢) Joe Fortes, self-adhesive booklet of 10 	2619 2620
Feb 20	Signs of the Zodiac (4 x Permanent™ (63¢)): Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (61¢), self-adhesive booklets of 10: 4 different • \$2.52 gummed souvenir sheet of 4 • \$7.56 gummed pane of 12 (all 12 Zodiac designs) • \$15.12 cross gutter pane of 24 (6 of each design) • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each design) 	2457–60 2447 2448 2460b
Mar 4	Magnolias (two designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$1.26 gummed souvenir sheet of 2 • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each design) 	2624–25 2622-23 2621
Mar 22	Canadian Photography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 x Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$1.10, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$1.85, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$1.89 souvenir sheet of 3 x Permanent • \$4.21 souvenir sheet of 4 (2 x Permanent, \$1.10, \$1.85) • \$1.99 postal cards (seven designs) 	2628–32 2633 2634 2626 2627
Apr 9	Permanent™ (63¢) The Princess of Wales’ Own Regiment, self-adhesive booklet of 10	2635
Apr 22	Adopt a Pet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 x Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$3.15 souvenir sheet of 5 x Permanent 	2637–41 2636
May 1	Chinatown Gates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 x Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 8 • \$5.04 souvenir sheet of 8 x Permanent • \$25.20 uncut press sheet of 5 souvenir sheets • \$88.88 limited edition collector’s set (includes imperforate souvenir sheet) • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each design) 	2643a–h 2642
May 8	Permanent™ (63¢) Queen Elizabeth II: 60th Anniversary of Her Majesty’s Coronation, self-adhesive booklet of 10	2644
May 14	Permanent™ (63¢) Big Brothers Big Sisters, self-adhesive booklet of 10	2645
Jun 1	Permanent™ (63¢) Queen Elizabeth II, self-adhesive booklet of 10 with backprint security features	2617b

Issued	Description	Scott#
Jun 5	Motorcycles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 8 • \$1.26 souvenir sheet of 2 x Permanent • \$17.99 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each design) 	2647–48 2646
Jun 10	Permanent™ (63¢) 250 Years of Postal History, self-adhesive booklet of 10	2649
Jun 20	Permanent™ (63¢) The War of 1812: Charles de Salaberry and Laura Secord (pair of stamps in pane of 16)	2950–51
Jul 5	Children's Literature: Stella <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$1.26 souvenir sheet of 2 x Permanent • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each design) 	2653–54 2652
Jul 19	Canadian Recording Artists: The Bands (Rush, The Hip, The Guess Who, Beau Dommage) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 x Permanent™ (63¢), four different self-adhesive booklets of 10 • \$2.52 souvenir sheet of 4 x Permanent • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each design) 	2656–69 2655
Aug 28	63¢ Robertson Davies, self-adhesive booklet of 10	
Sep 3	NHL Team Jerseys <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 x 63¢, seven different self-adhesive booklets of 10 • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each design) 	
Sep 3	NHL Team Logos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 x 63¢, seven different self-adhesive coils of 50 • \$4.41 souvenir sheet of 7 x 63¢ 	
Sep 10	Superman, 75th Anniversary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive coil of 75 • 5 x Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 — five different covers (and label placements) • \$3.15 souvenir sheet of 5 x Permanent • \$31.50 uncut press sheet of 6 souvenir sheets • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each stamp design) • \$1.99 postal cards (one of each booklet cover design) 	
Sep 30	NHL Team Jerseys <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4.41 souvenir sheet of 7 x 63¢ (delayed from Sep 3 due to printing problems) 	
Sep 30	63¢ + 10¢ Canada Post Community Foundation, self-adhesive booklet of 10	
Oct 18	Permanent™ (63¢) The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, self-adhesive booklet of 10	
Oct 22	The Royal Infant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (63¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$1.26 souvenir sheet of 2 x Permanent 	
Oct 22	63¢ Christmas: Saint Anne with the Christ Child, self-adhesive booklet of 12	
Oct 22	Christmas Craft: Cross-stitch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63¢ Horn, self-adhesive booklet of 12 • \$1.10 Reindeer, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$1.85 Christmas Tree, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$3.58 souvenir sheet of 3 	

Lest we Forget

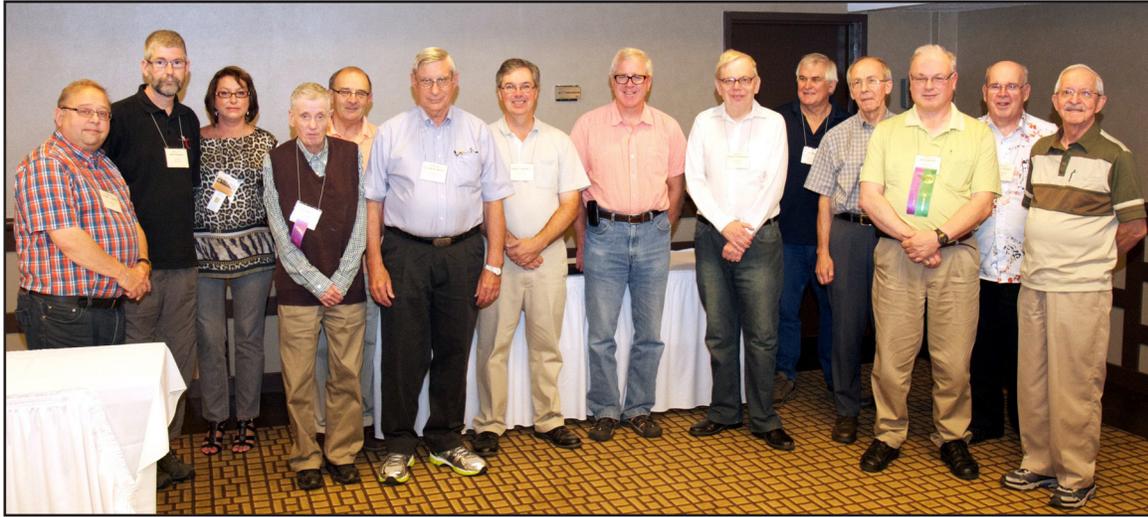


BNAPEX 2013

Charlottetown, PEI

by: Robert Elias, ESG Chairman

The Elizabethan II Study Group held its annual "Show and Tell" on August 31, during BNAPEX 2013 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Sixteen participants were welcomed by Bob Elias.



Robin Harris began the meeting with a financial update. The cost of membership in our study group, including online access to the pdf version of "Corgi Times", has been reduced to \$10 per year or \$20 for two years. There's still an urgent need for articles – please support our newsletter by sending submissions to Robin!

Earle Covert started off the "Show and Tell" with an amazing recent find. It's a Stella Children's Literature postage-paid postcard showing Stella and Sam, which is missing the black printing. The date of issue was July 5, 2013. Earle noted that errors have seldom occurred during production of postal stationery postcards. In the Transportation series of 1982-1985, some copies of the 30¢ Stagecoach are missing the dark red colour (Unitrade #UX117a).

George Dresser passed around an interesting registered cover sent from Medicine Hat, Alberta to an uncommon destination – Armenia. The numerous stamps on this item, including a \$5 Moose and \$8 Grizzly Bear, added up to \$19.54. There was a discussion of the complex geographic and political situation regarding Armenia.

Leopold Beudet presented a mystery involving a large block of 64¢ World University Games stamps (Unitrade #982). Visible in the gold colour is a diagonal area of French and English text, with the lettering in reverse. This text seems to deal with the design of the stamp. Like a detective, Leopold guided us through two fundamental questions: what's the source of the text, and how did it get on the stamps? The answers will be revealed to all, in a future article in "Corgi Times"!

David Bartlet showed a remarkable experimental version of one of the "Permanent" Lighthouse booklets

(Unitrade #2253). There's a die-cut maple leaf in the middle of each stamp. This was supposed to make it difficult to remove intact stamps from envelopes, thereby curtailing reuse. Unfortunately, it was also difficult to remove intact stamps from the booklet in the first place! These experimental booklets may have originated in Burnaby, British Columbia.

Bob Elias brought three cheques to show the use of early Elizabethan II postage stamps for payment of excise tax. This tax (3¢ on cheques of ≤\$100, 6¢ if >\$100) was in effect through February 19, 1953. The examples included a cheque with a single 3¢ Abbott, one with a pair of 3¢ Abbotts, and another with a 4¢ Red Cross plus a 2¢ George VI (there wasn't a 2¢ Elizabethan stamp until later in 1953).

Adri Veenstra had good luck at the bourse. He found a cover, with a 4¢ Centennial stamp paying the local first-class letter rate, that was redirected to a non-local address. A 1¢ postage-due stamp, tied to the cover at the destination, correctly paid the difference between the local and forward first-class letter rates.

Earle Covert concluded this year's "Show and Tell" by noting that all of the Canada Post kiosks selling computer-vended postage were closed around the end of July, 2013. They were in use for only a short time, having started operation on December 13, 2012.

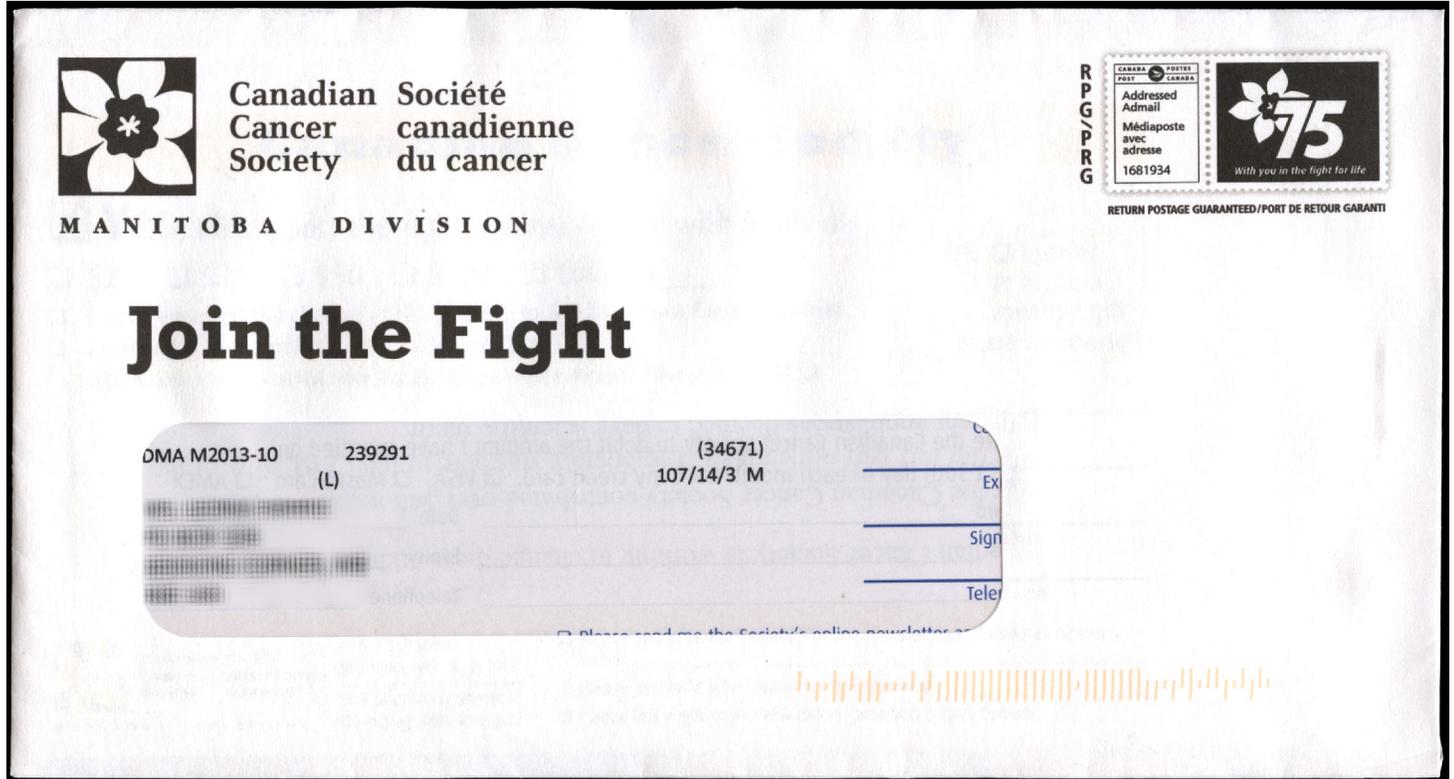
Next year, our annual "Show and Tell" will be held during BALPEX 2014 + BNAPEX 2014, August 29-31 at the Baltimore Hunt Valley Inn in Hunt Valley, Maryland. Be sure to bring a treasure to show us or a puzzle to ask about!

Addressed Admail

Customized Postal Indicia that includes art work and a perforated edge look is becoming more prevalent. We first reported on this in the May–June 2013 *Corgi Times*.

ESG member Earle Covert reports that he now has seven different Addressed Admail or Lettermail with coloured pictures or text.

Illustrated here is an example used by the Canadian Cancer Society. This example is printed in black and white.



Articles Urgently Needed

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.

New booklet on Canadian stamp perforations for sale at
www.rotaryperforator.com

Superman

Canada Post released six different stamp designs in three different stamp formats for the 75th anniversary of Superman on September 10:

- single Permanent™ in self-adhesive coil of 75
- five different Permanent™ in self-adhesive booklet of 10; five different booklet covers were used
- five different Permanent™ in water-activated gum souvenir sheet



In addition:

- 10 different prepaid postal cards (at \$1.99 each) featuring the five different stamp designs and five different booklet cover images
- uncut press sheet of six souvenir sheets

Booklet panes/Covers

There are five different booklets in this issue. Each cover shows a different classic comic book cover; the inside pane has a different grouping of circular labels.

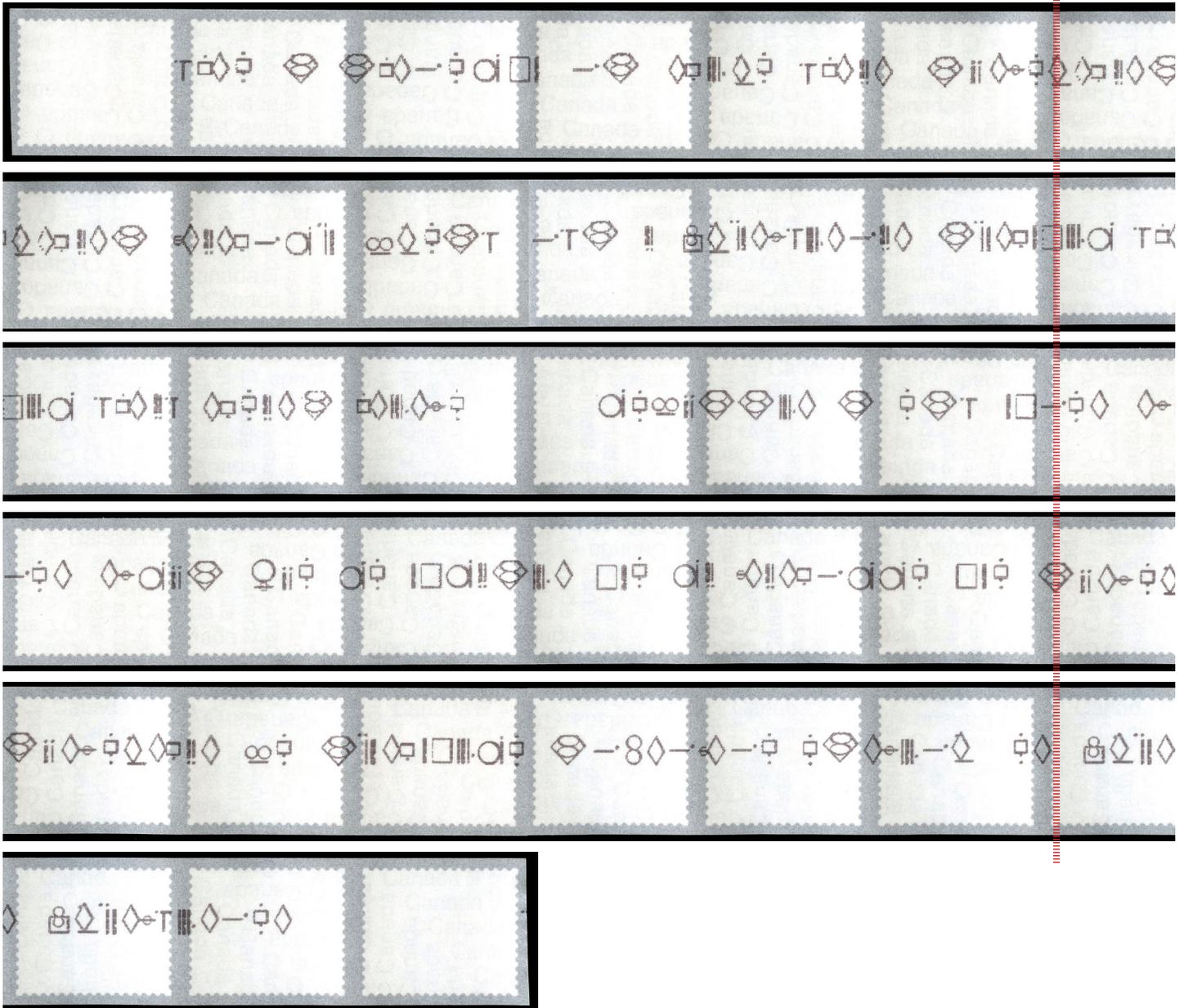


Coil

The coil of 75 stamps (a unique roll size to coincide with the 75th anniversary) has a unique feature – if you unroll the coil and look at the reverse of the stamp-backing material you will discover a secret message written in Superman’s mother tongue. You will need a Kryptonian decoder, available at canadapost.ca/superman (or Google it).



Here is the full message as shown on the back of the roll, which covers just about 32 stamps, at actual size (we had to break the images a few times):



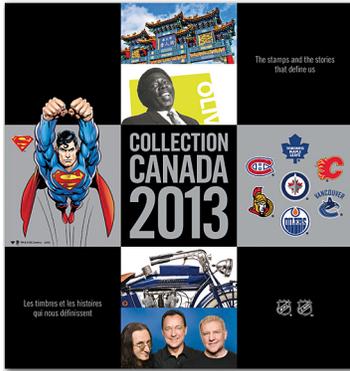
Superman backprint:

The backing of the coil features an inscription using the Kryptonian alphabet, translating to:

“The S shield is more than Supermans family crest its Kryptonian symbol that means hope” in English

“Le cusson S est bien plus que blason de la famille de Superman ce symbole signifie espoir en Kryptonien” in French.

Collection Canada 2013



Have you noticed how Canada Post has described this year's annual collection of stamps in their ads? The ads include the following:

This visually stunning collectible includes almost every Canadian stamp design issued in 2013.

The key word in that description is "almost". I haven't seen the *Collection Canada 2013* book yet, but I presume that The Royal Infant stamp issue of October 22 was a late addition to the stamp program and did not make it into the annual collection.

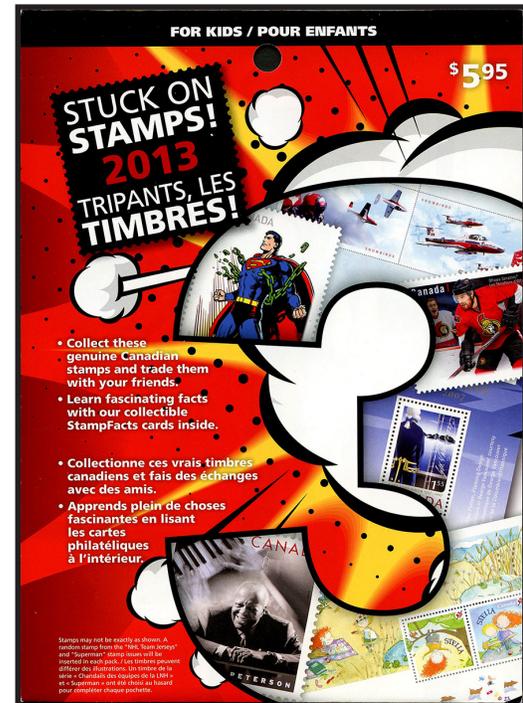
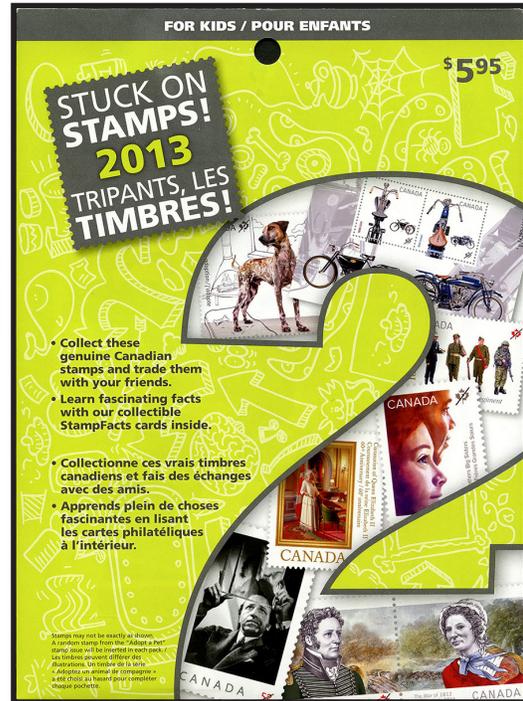
So, for (at least) the second year in a row, the annual collection from Canada Post does not include every stamp design from the associated year.

Stuck on Stamps

Two more "Stuck on Stamps" packages have become available from Canada Post.

In the May–June 2013 *Corgi Times* we noted the availability of two 2012 packages and a 2013-1 *Stuck on Stamps* package.

Here are the 2013–2 and 2013–3 packages... (a fourth package is noted in the October–December 2013 *Details* magazine).



Collectible vs. Non-collectible Stamps

It wasn't hard to notice. Some of the last half-2013 commemorative stamps issued by Canada Post were denominated 63¢ instead of having the Permanent™ symbol. That was quite a surprise (at least to me). Since 2006, most first-class letter rate Canadian stamps have had the non-denominated Permanent™ symbol.

The October 21st issue of *Linn's Stamp News* had an explanation to the denominated stamps. A short article by Jay Bigalke notes that Anick Losier of Canada Post media relations director told *Linn's*:

"Canada Post continues to produce P stamps. The stamps you are referring to are collectibles. We've decided at this time to print the full price on the stamp for these items and will revisit in the new year."

Hmm? "Collectible" stamps will have a denomination? That is one of the oddest comments I have heard from Canada Post.

Here is a closer look at the last half of the 2013 stamp issues and how they were denominated:

- Jul 5 (Stella) – 🍁
- Jul 19 (Recording Artists) – 🍁
- Aug 28 (Roberson Davies) – 63¢
- Sep 3 (NHL jerseys) – 63¢
- Sep 3 (NHL logos) – 63¢
- Sep 10 (Superman) – 🍁
- Sep 30 (CP Foundation) – 63¢ + 10¢
- Oct 18 (Regiment) – 🍁
- Oct 22 (Prince George) – 🍁
- Oct 22 (Christmas) – 63¢

In that group of stamps, I would argue that the Superman and Prince George stamps are the *most* collectible and a few others (Davies, Christmas) are the *least* collectible. Don't you find it interesting that the denominated/collectible issues (according to Canada Post) are actually less desirable to a collector than the so-called non-denominated/non-collectible issues?

Remember, according to Canada Post (quoted above), we can extrapolate that a non-denominated stamp is a non-collectible issue.

This gives us a good insight as to what Canada Post considers collectible, doesn't it?

Collectible stamps (according to Canada Post)...



Non-collectible stamps (according to Canada Post)...



More Details to Canada Post 2014 Stamp Program

Canada Post released the 2014 stamp program in mid-June 2013. A October 31 news release added some details...

HISTORY/ANNIVERSARIES

Queen Elizabeth II: The annual tradition of honouring the Queen continues with a reprint of the 2013 stamp.

Lunar New Year: Year of the Horse: Each stamp in the 12-year series celebrating the Lunar New Year has been a popular issue. The series continues in 2014, with The Year of the Horse, featured on two stamps (domestic and international).

Black History – Africville and Hogan’s Alley: Our Black History series has been very well received in previous years. For 2014, the series recognizes two Canadian neighbourhoods with significant links to black history – Africville in Halifax and Hogan’s Alley in Vancouver.

Royal Ontario Museum, 100th anniversary: This se-tenant two-stamp issue commemorates one of Canada’s premier museums, which boasts a collection of more than six million objects and artifacts and over 30 galleries of world cultures and natural history.

The National Film Board of Canada, 75th anniversary: A five-stamp set will recognize this world-renowned Canadian public organization, a leader in ground-breaking interactive works, social-issue documentaries, auteur animation and stereoscopic works. Over its 75-year history, the NFB has created more than 13,000 productions and won over 5,000 awards, including 12 Oscars and more than 90 Genies.

RMS Empress of Ireland, 100th anniversary: Two stamps to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the tragic sinking of the RMS Empress of Ireland, in the St. Lawrence River, near Rimouski, Quebec. The stamp recognizes the highest death toll for a peacetime Canadian Maritime accident. Some 1,012 people died when the ship collided with a Norwegian collier, the SS Storstad, on May 29, 1914.

Komagata Maru Incident, 100th anniversary: In 1914, a Japanese steamship carrying 376 passengers from India was refused permission to land in Vancouver and forced to return to India. This stamp demonstrates how much Canada has progressed and recognizes the valuable contributions of Canadians from all parts of the world.

Christmas, Santa Claus and Religious: A three-stamp set, including domestic, U.S. and international postage, will feature Santa Claus. Another stamp has a religious theme and showcases classic nativity art.

CANADIAN IDENTITY

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Ten UNESCO World Heritage sites of Canada will be featured on commemorative and definitive stamps. In 2014, we will feature:

Newfoundland and Labrador’s Gros Morne National Park; the Joggins Fossil Cliffs, Old Town Lunenburg and the Landscape of Grand-Pré National Historic Site in Nova Scotia; Quebec’s Miguasha National Park; Ontario’s Rideau Canal National Historic Site; Alberta’s Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump; SGang Gwaay in B.C.; Nahanni National Park in the Northwest Territories; and the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks in Alberta and B.C.

Baby Wildlife: The popular series continues with a focus on four indigenous Canadian animals. For 2014, the series features the beaver, mountain goat, Atlantic puffin and the young bull elk.

Canadian Museum for Human Rights: A stamp to mark the opening of Canada’s new national museum, which will welcome its first visitors in 2014. Located in Winnipeg, it is the first national museum to be built outside the National Capital Region. The only museum in the world solely devoted to human rights awareness and education, it will stand as a beacon for visitors from around the globe.

MUSIC/ENTERTAINMENT

Country Legends: This issue honours some of Canada’s most recognized country musicians: Thomas James “Tommy” Hunter, k.d. lang, Renée Martel, Hank Snow, and Shania Twain.

Haunted Canada: This new series that showcases supernatural tales from across the country begins with five new stamps featuring Prince Edward Island’s Northumberland Strait; Quebec’s Château Frontenac; Ontario’s Fort George; the St. Louis Ghost Train in Saskatchewan; and Alberta’s Ghost Bride.

4 Flowers – Roses: Our popular flower series continues in 2014 with the rose. This two-stamp issue will be a hit for wedding invitations and enjoyed by collectors and consumers – especially gardeners.

Canadian Photography: In its second year of issue, this multi-year series showcases the most celebrated work of Canadian photographers from the last 150 years, including Fred Herzog, Lynne Cohen, Michel Lambeth, C.D. Hoy and Louis Prudent Vallée on the domestic issues, plus the work of William Notman on the U.S. denomination and Edward Burtynsky on the International rate stamp.

Children’s Literature – Caillou, 25th anniversary: The Caillou book series, which marks its 25th anniversary, is recognized in the third issue dedicated to Canadian children’s literature.

“Wait for me, Daddy!” This classic Canadian wartime photograph will be featured on a stamp to coincide with Remembrance Day. The photo shows a young boy reaching for his father’s hand in a marching line of hundreds of Canadian soldiers. Photojournalist Claude Dettloff took the photograph on October 1, 1940, in New Westminster, B.C.

SPORTS

Female athletes: A set of stamps will recognize three celebrated female winter athletes: curler Sandra Schmirler, figure skater Barbara Ann Scott and freestyle-skiing pioneer Sarah Burke.

Return of the CFL to Ottawa: Two stamps – one definitive coil and one commemorative – will be issued as the nation’s capital prepares to welcome the return of the Canadian Football League. The Ottawa REDBLACKS are scheduled to enter the league for the 2014 season.

NHL teams: A set of NHL-themed stamps are part of a continuing series to celebrate this country’s favourite sport. This edition will focus on defensemen of the Original Six.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Canada Post Community Foundation: This fundraising stamp celebrates Canadian youth. Funds raised through its sale support organizations that deliver children’s services. The Foundation has raised more than \$8.5 million for a variety of organizations.

COMMEMORATIVE ENVELOPES

Six commemorative envelopes will also be released in 2014: Charlottetown and Québec Conferences, 150th anniversary; Art Gallery of Hamilton 100th anniversary; Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry, 100th anniversary; Royal Montreal Regiment, 100th anniversary; and Régiment de Hull, 100th anniversary.

Canada Post Community Foundation Semi-Postal

A single, denominated, semi-postal stamp was issued by Canada Post on September 30.

Ezra Peters of Whitelaw, AB, an eight-year old, was the winner of the Canada Post Community Foundation Stamp Design contest. His design shows a plasticine creation of a sailing ship.

The official first day cover includes the designs of the five finalists in the contest (pictured below). A public vote was used to choose the winning design.



NHL Quantities

September saw the release of 28 different NHL stamps from Canada Post. Seven of the designs (in two different formats) show NHL Team Jerseys; seven other designs (again, in two different formats), show NHL Team Logos.

Did you notice that there are different quantities issued for different teams? Canada Post must think that some teams are more popular than others. Or, were the quantities based on the different cities' populations?

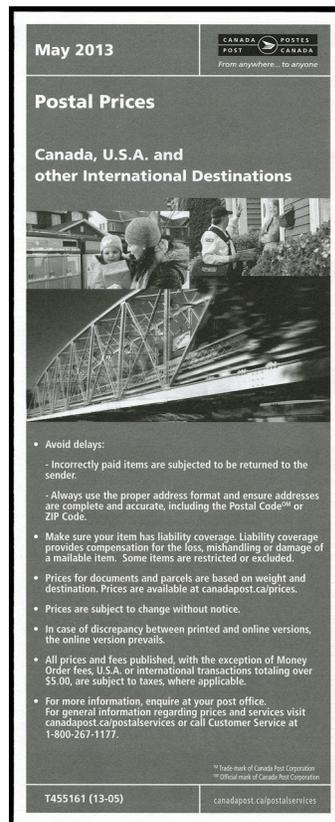
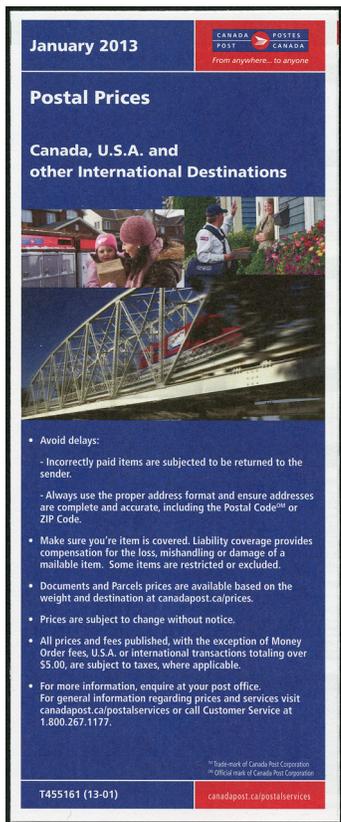
Team Logos		Team Jerseys		
	Coil quantity		Booklet quantity	Population (1)
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 Toronto		 Canada Toronto Maple Leafs® 63		2,615,060
 Vancouver	1,050,000 ea	 Canada Vancouver Canucks® 63	2,100,000 ea	603,502
 Edmonton		 Canada Edmonton Oilers® 63		812,201
 Calgary		 Canada Calgary Flames® 63		1,096,833
 Ottawa		 Canada Ottawa Senators® 63		883,391
 Winnipeg		700,000		 Canada Winnipeg Jets® 63

(1) population from the Canada 2011 census (reference: Wikipedia)

Rate Sheet Change

Canada Post updated their "Postal Prices" rate sheet in May.

The May 2013 sheet, which is now black and white (or more grey and white) only has one significant change — the price of **Money Orders™** has gone up from \$6.50 to \$7.00. There are also a couple of other subtle 'wording' changes.



Change of Address		Residential		Business	
		Within Province	Out of Province	Within Province	Out of Province
Temporary redirection	3 months (minimum):	\$47.85	\$59.85	N/A	N/A
	each additional month:	\$15.95	\$19.95	\$85.00 per month	\$107.00 per month
Permanent redirection	12 months:	\$79.95	\$99.95	\$240.00	\$300.00
	6 months:	\$47.95	\$59.95	\$140.00	\$175.00
Hold Mail		Residential		Business	
Minimum purchase ("week days" include Statutory Holidays)	10 week days:	\$20.00		N/A	
	5 week days:	N/A		\$40.00	
	Extension:	\$8.50 (5 week days)		\$7.50 per day	

Money Orders™ \$6.50 for an amount not exceeding \$999.99 (CAN)

Above: portion of 'Canada' January 2013 rate sheet page; Below: same section from May 2013 page.

Change of Address (Mail Forwarding)		Residential		Business	
		Provincial	National	Provincial	National
Temporary relocation	3 months or less:	\$47.85	\$59.85	N/A	N/A
	each additional month:	\$15.95	\$19.95	\$85.00	\$107.00
Move	12 months:	\$79.95	\$99.95	\$240.00	\$300.00
	4 months:	\$47.95	\$59.95	\$140.00	\$175.00
Hold Mail		Residential		Business	
Week days include statutory holidays		\$20.00 for 10 week days or less		\$40.00 for 5 week days or less	
		\$8.50 per additional 5 week days		\$7.50 per additional week day	

Money Orders™ \$7.00 for an amount not exceeding \$999.99 (CAN)

Kiosk Stamp Changes

Three different ESG members have e-mailed recently about changes made to the underlying printing of the 'Kiosk' stamps, first released last December and suddenly removed in August.

ESG member Jean Lafontaine notes:

I have not seen any report yet that there are actually two different printings of these.

They can easily be distinguished by the general look, the second printing being of lesser quality with a pixelization effect.

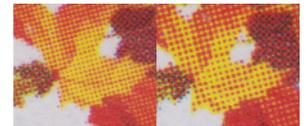
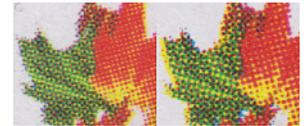
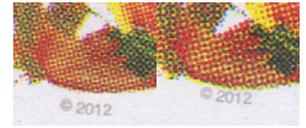
The date is also closer to the leaf. The word Canada is printed in dull grey ink instead of the brilliant shiny silver of first issue.

Tagging is brighter and like previous issue, side bars are brighter than the top bar.

Also, you won't find any markers on the second issue.

I am sending you some pics, first printing being at left.

The paper used is heat sensitive like the labels sold for the desktop label makers (Brother or Dymo). Pass one through your laser printer and it will come out "toasted", dark brown all over.



ESG member Earle Covert passed along the following illustrations of the early and late printings...



Above: original/early printing.

Right: late printings.



ESG member Andrew Chung confirms that the two different 'printings' were known in the spring of 2013.