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When were the 50¢ Textile Industry "Engraver's Slip" Varieties

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Late again! This issue should have been distributed around the first week of October. We received a couple of articles this past week that allowed us to get a 16-page issue completed.



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NHL – Part 3; Autographs – Part 2

by: Robin Harris

The third in a five-year series of NHL stamps were released October 2, 2015. This third installment of stamps feature "great" Canadian-born goalies of the NHL: Ken Dryden, Martin Brodeur, Bernie Parent, Tony Esposito, Johnny Bower and Gump Worsley.



The first inkling of this year's hockey players was provided in a unique stamp launch invitation

distributed to 'distinguished guests'. The invitation was inserted into a 3D replica of a goalie's glove (51/2x81/2x13/4). The unveiling/launch of the stamps was held on October 1 at the Canadian Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto. Those in attendance received first day covers and were able to obtain autographs from the four goalies who were in attendance (Martin Brodeur was not able to attend; Gump Worsley died in 2007).

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This year's NHL stamps include the following:

• 6 x Permanent[™] goalies in a self-adhesive booklet and a water-activated gummed pane of six.



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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

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

2015/3 Quarter Pack

The third quarterly pack of 2015 showed up in post offices in mid-October. The package contains *most of the stamps* released from July through September. The 'high-ish' \$36.75 face value price continues to be reflective of the number of different stamps and formats being issued by Canada Post these days.

Six different issues, comprising 16 different designs, are included:

- UNESCO
- Alice Munro
- The Franklin Expedition
- A Historic Reign
- Haunted Canada
- Canada Post Community Foundation

There are three souvenir sheets. The Franklin Expedition includes a joined die-cut pair of the self-adhesive stamps; all other issues include single die cut examples of each stamp.

Missing!

This is one of those (rare) quarterly packs that is not complete.

The recalled UNESCO Dinosaur Provincial Park stamps showing 'Hoodoos' (both the booklet single and the souvenir sheet) are *not* included in this quarterly pack.

Editor:

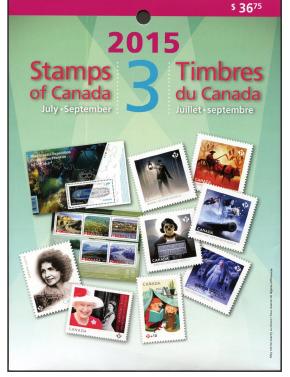
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Study Group Business

New member

Don Marion (ON)

Deceased member

Jean Lafontaine, FRPSC (QC)

Closed Album

ESG member, Jean Lafontaine, passed away suddenly on September 30. Jean was a Fellow and Director of The RPSC, as well as the chief organizer of the FILEX National Exhibition, held in Boucherville, QC at the end of October.

One of Jean's collecting interests was Canada's 'kiosk' stamps of 2012 and 2013, having formed an exhibit on these stamps.

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.

2016 BNAPEX 2016: Sep 30–Oct 2, 2016 in Fredericton, NB

Toronto Stamp Talks

I had a blast giving three different stamp talks to clubs in Toronto from October 5 through 9.

Pictured here is your editor at the Unitrade catalogue talk given at the VGG Philatelic Foundation on the Wednesday evening (my wife, who made the pants and tie, is taking orders!).



CANADA

Seddons Corner CDS

August 12, 1971 on 7¢ Centennial

Courtesy Leonard Kruczynski

Editor's Address Change

When my family and I moved out of the "big city" (Winnipeg, MB) to the country in the summer of 2006, we had three choices for a mailing address:

- Beausejour, MB a small town just west of us. The post office boxes in this town are free to people who live within the town of Beausejour. Anyone outside of the town could rent a box on an annual basis.
- we were assigned a free box in a green group mail box located at the junction of our road and the highway about a half mile from us. This box sits out in the 'middle of no where' and is completely exposed to the rain and snow; certainly not suitable to receive general mail, and in particular philatelic items.
- Seddons Corner, MB a bit closer to us, but in the 'opposite direction' of Beausejour; essentially a gas station that had a post office inside of it. We chose this location as our mailing address some nine years ago.

Over the past several months, the Seddons Corner (pronounced 'said-unz') gas station has begun to be closed a couple of days a week (due to less business, I suspect). In addition, the hours of the post office have been reduced. We suspect that sometime in the foreseable future the post office at Seddons Corner will be closed. So that we are not caught off guard, we have recently rented a post office box in Beausejour and sending out change of address notices.

As such, effective immediately, my mailing address is:

PO Box 2243 Beausejour, MB R0E 0C0

We have not closed our box at Seddons Corner, and will continue to receive any mail sent to that address, but I would appreciate it if you would begin to use the new Beausejour address for mail addressed to myself. Thanks.

Canada Post 2015 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 Ram • Permanent [™] (85¢) pane of 25 • \$2.50, self-adhesive booklet pane of 6 • \$2.50 souvenir sheet • \$2.50 (Ram) and 1.85 (Horse) "transitional" souvenir sheet • \$30.00 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design)	2801 2803 2802 2802a		
Jan 11	Sir John A. Macdonald ● Permanent [™] (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10	2804		
Jan 30	Nelson Mandela ● Permanent [™] (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 ● \$2.50 gummed souvenir sheet of 1			
Feb 15	Canada Flag 50th anniversary • Permanent [™] (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$2.50 self-adhesive souvenir sheet of 1 • \$2.50 postal card • \$115.00 uncut press sheet of 20 souvenir sheets and 3 stamps			
Mar 2	Pansies (2 designs) • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive roll of 50 • \$1.70 gummed souvenir sheet of 2 • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design)	2812–13 2810–11 2809		
Apr 8	Canadian Photography (7 designs) • Permanent [™] (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$1.20, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$2.50, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$4.20 gummed souvenir sheet of 3 • \$3.75 gummed souvenir sheet of 4 • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design)	2816-20 2821 2822 2814 2815		
Apr 13	 Dinosaurs (5 designs) Permanent[™] (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 \$4.25 self-adhesive souvenir sheet of 5 (stamps with embossing) \$34.00 uncut press sheet of 8 souvenir sheets (stamps with embossing) 	2824–28 2823		
May 2	Love Your Pet (5 designs) • Permanent [™] (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5	2830–34 2829		
May 3	In Flanders Fields ● Permanent [™] (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 ● \$4.25 gummed pane of 5	2836 2835		
May 6	FIFA Women's World Cup ● Permanent [™] (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10	2836		
Jun 18	 Weather Wonders (5 designs) Permanent[™] (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 \$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 \$25.50 uncut press sheet of 6 souvenir sheets 	2839–43 2838		
Jul 3	UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Canada • \$1.20, self-adhesive booklet of 6 (3 designs) • \$2.50, self-adhesive booklet of 6 (2 designs) • \$8.60 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) - recalled Jul 7 - recalled Jul 7	2845–47 2848–49 2844		
Jul 10	Alice Munro ● Permanent [™] (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10	2850		
Aug 6	 Franklin Expedition Permanent[™] (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 (2 designs) Permanent[™] (85¢), gummed pane of 16 (2 designs) \$2.50, self-adhesive booklet of 6 \$2.50 gummed souvenir sheet of 1 \$30.00 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets 	2854–55 2851–52 2856 2853		
Aug 21	UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Canada • \$1.20, self-adhesive booklet of 6 (3 designs) • \$8.60 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 • \$2.50 postal cards (corrected design)	2858 2857		
Sep 9	Queen Elizabeth II longest reign ● Permanent [™] (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10			

Issued	Description	Scott#
Sep 14	Haunted Canada (II) (5 designs) ● Permanent [™] (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 ● \$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 ● \$34.00 uncut press sheet of 8 souvenir sheets ● \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design)	
Sep 28	Canada Post Community Foundation • Permanent [™] (85¢) + 10¢ semi-postal, self-adhesive booklet of 10	
Oct 2	 NHL: Great Canadian Goalies (six designs - Dryden, Brodeur, Bower, Parent, Worsley, Esposito) Permanent[™] (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 6 \$5.10 gummed souvenir sheet of 6 \$1.80 souvenir sheets (6 different) 	
Nov 2	Christmas	

September 2015 Details

Do you have both versions of Canada Post's September 2015 Details magazine, as illustrated below?

The 'Haunted Canada' cover was distributed to post offices. The 'Queen Elizabeth II Historic Reign' cover was used for *Details* mailed to those who subscribe to the magazine.



Joignez-vous à nous à l'occasion d'un dévoilement

Timbres de 2015 consacrés aux **grands gardiens de but canadiens** de la LNH™

Leur gloire commence dès le moment où ils arrêtent la rondelle

Postes Canada, en compagnie d'invités d'honneur du monde du hockey, dévoileront les timbres de 2015 qui s'inscrivent dans la série pluriannuelle rendant hommage au sport de prédilection des Canadiens.

Le président-directeur général de Postes Canada, Deepak Chopra, serait ravi de votre présence.

Le jeudi 1^{er} octobre, de 16 h à 18 h

Grand hall Esso du Temple de la renommée du hockey Place Brookfield, 30, rue Yonge, Toronto (Ontario) (à l'angle des rues Yonge et Front)

Veuillez confirmer votre présence d'ici le vendredi 18 septembre en envoyant un message à l'adresse evenementscorporatifs@postescanada.ca.

Above: NHL Goalies Stamp Launch Invitation

Right: 'bubble gum'-type wrapper for \$1.80 souvenir sheets.

• 6 x \$1.80 goalies in self-adhesive souvenir sheets of one each, but only sold in a package of all six. [There are two specific \$1.80 rates currently in place: 'domestic non-standard and oversize' up to 100g, and USA 'standard letters and cards' over 30g up to 50g.]

Other products have also been included, including framed prints and related coins issued by the Royal Canadian Mint.

The \$1.80 souvenir sheets are packaged in the same manner as last year's \$2.50 Original Six[™] defencemen stamps. The fairly large sheets are the size of collector hockey cards usually found in bubble gum packages. A self-adhesive stamp, nearly the full size of the pane, can be removed from the sheet. The back of the sheet contains statistics of the player being honoured. Ten packages are included in a box which, when displayed, looks just like the bubble gum displays of years past. Very clever packaging on Canada Post's part, but are the stamps really necessary?

2015 NHL® Great Canadian Goalies stamps

Join us as we unveil the

Where the puck stopped, their glory began

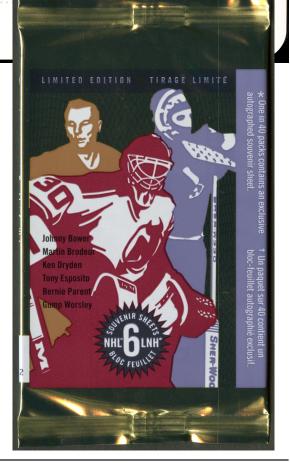
Distinguished guests from the hockey world will gather as Canada Post unveils the 2015 issue of a multi-year stamp series celebrating Canada's favourite game.

Deepak Chopra, President and CEO of Canada Post, would be delighted if you would join us.

Thursday, October 1, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Esso Great Hall, Hockey Hall of Fame Brookfield Place, 30 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario (at the corner of Yonge and Front streets)

RSVP by Friday, September 18, to corporate events@canadapost.ca





Above: \$1.80 souvenir sheets, at actual size. The four autographed images are from recent e-Bay auctions.

One of the most intriguing promotions for these stamps is that four of the five living players have signed a small quantity of the \$1.80 souvenir sheets, which have been randomly placed in 1-in-50 packages of six. The four players and quantities of signed sheets are: Bernie Parent (1,000), Johnny Bower (1,000), Tony Esposito (400) and Martin Brodeur (just 100).

Ken Dryden did not autograph any panes as he does not sign "generic" pieces of memorabilia unless it can be personalized to a specific person. As an example, at the launch on October 1, Dryden would sign a first day cover if he included your name as part of the autograph.

[A search on 'Google', which always contains correct information (right!), suggests that Dryden does *not* provide generic autographs as he does not want others to profit from his signature. Kudoos to him for his ethics.]

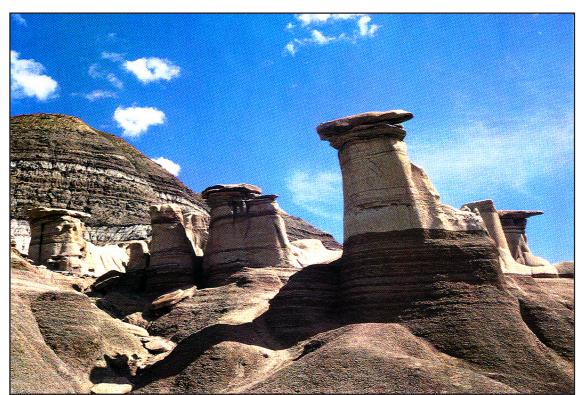
"Hoodoos", The Prequel

It has been pointed out by "anonymous" that the "Hoodoos", erroneously pictured on the \$1.20 UNESCO stamp released this July, had previously made an appearance on Canadian postage ... in 1972 a set of 90 different postal cards showing pictorial views from across Canada was released.

One of the cards from Alberta pictured *"Hoodoos"*, *erosion in the Badlands near Drumheller* –*Alta*. No mistaken identity here!



Dinosaur Provincial Park, AB Stamp recalled in July 2015

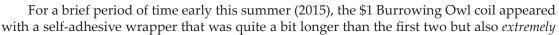


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\$1 Burrowing Owl Coil Wrapper

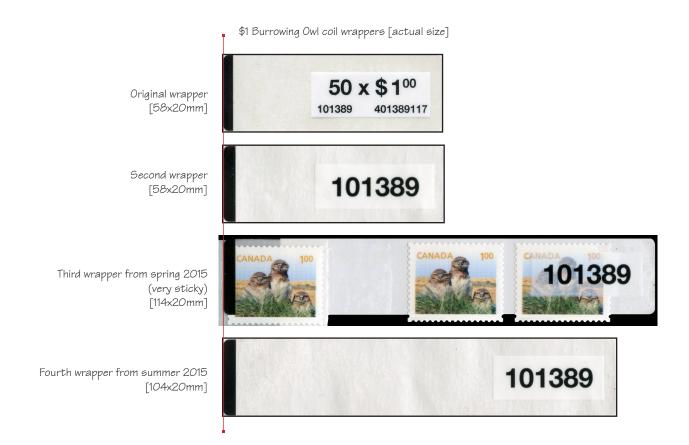
In the last issue of *Corgi Times* we showed a new, longer and 'sticky' wrapper, that appeared on the \$1 Burrowing Owl stamp. We can now illustrate a fourth wrapper used on this stamp. [Our report in the last issue neglected to show a second, short wrapper.]

All Lowe-Martin produced coils have had a 'short' self-adhesive wrapper applied around the start of the roll.



sticky. These wrappers are found on coil boxes dated around May 1. Attempting to remove this wrapper will invariably pull the underlying stamps from the backing paper. Any attempt to get the stamp removed from the wrapper will almost always damage the stamp or leave a bit of adhesive residue on the face of the stamp.

Thankfully (for postal clerks, especially) this 'sticky' wrapper did not last long. A fourth wrapper is now being used. For some reason it is not quite as long as the 'sticky' wrapper, but still much longer than the original wrapper used on this stamp (and still much longer than all other Lowe-Martin coil wrappers).



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When were the 50¢ Textile Industry "Engraver's Slip" Varieties printed? by: Robert J. Elias

The 50¢ Textile Industry definitive was issued on November 2, 1953 and replaced on February 8, 1967. It was printed using two plates. The well-known "engraver's slip" varieties occur in positions 41 and 47 of the lower-left pane in some printings of Plate 1 [1-5]. They can therefore be found in the upper-left and lower-right stamps of some lower-left inscription blocks.

In 1970, Hans Reiche stated that the "engraver's slip" varieties were produced during retouching of the plate between April 10 and 17, 1962 [1]. In 2011, I reported an additional, rare "extended frameline" variety of position 41, which has an elongated frameline as well as the engraver's slip [6]. Analysis of the two varieties of position 41 indicated that the one with the extended frameline was produced first. The extension of the frameline was subsequently burnished from the plate, but the engraver's slip was left unchanged. Based on the available evidence, I suggested that 1) the extended frameline and engraver's slip resulted from retouching of the original plate in April 1962, 2) relatively few sheets were printed before the extension of the frameline was removed, and 3) printing with only the engraver's slip resumed sometime before October 1963.

Since completing my previous article, I have found two items of postal history bearing "engraver's slip" varieties. One is a parcel tag sent from Nukko Lake, BC to Vancouver, BC in 1961; the month is unreadable in the cancellations (Figure 1A). This tag has a Textile Industry stamp from position 41, showing the distinctive engraver's slip but not the extended frameline (Figure 1B). The second item is a money-packet tag mailed on August 8, 1960 from Winnipeg, MB to Wynyard, SK (Figure 2A). It includes a Textile Industry stamp with the engraver's slip that is characteristic of position 47 (Figure 2B). These two tags demonstrate that the "engraver's slip" varieties resulted from retouching of the plate prior to 1962 — at least as early as 1960! Furthermore, the extended frameline was removed from position 41 no later than 1961.

So, when were the varieties produced? All examples that I have seen are on paper with a horizontally ribbed back. Textile Industry stamps with such a texture did not appear until 1957; prior to that they all had a horizontally ribbed front [7]. Therefore, the varieties were printed no earlier than 1957. The paper of stamps with an engraver's slip is generally non-fluorescent. I am aware of one high-fluorescent inscription block that includes these varieties [8], but I do not know whether it has the extended frameline in position 41. High-fluorescent paper was used for a small proportion of printings probably beginning in 1960; my earliest dated example of a high-fluorescent Textile Industry stamp was cancelled in that year. Thus, the varieties were being printed at least as late as 1960.

Julian Goldberg has reported that most printings of Textile Industry Plate 1 were perforated 11.95 (the "old perforation"), but some were perforated 11.85 (the "new perforation") [9-11]. The change from old to new perforations is thought to have occurred in 1962. All examples of the Textile Industry "engraver's slip" varieties that I have seen have the old perforations. I have not found the varieties in lower-left inscription blocks of Plate 1 that have the new perforations. The engraver's slips had been removed from the plate! This suggests that the varieties were printed no later than 1962. Perhaps the work that was done on the plate between April 10 and 17, 1962 involved removal of the engraver's slips, rather than creation of the slips as previously thought [1].

Lower-left inscription blocks of Plate 1 that have a horizontally ribbed back and the old perforations presumably date from 1957 to 1962. They occur both with and without the "engraver's slip" varieties. It is unknown,

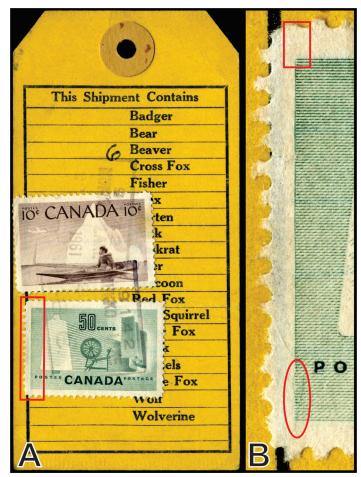


Figure 1.

A) Parcel tag sent from Nukko Lake, BC in 1961 (area outlined in red is enlarged in B).

B) Enlargement of 50¢ Textile Industry stamp from position 41 in the lower-left pane of Plate 1, showing the "engraver's slip" (in red oval) but lacking the "extended frameline" (in red rectangle).



however, whether those lacking the varieties were printed early and/or late within that time range.

In conclusion, the currently available evidence indicates that printing of the 50¢ Textile Industry "engraver's slip" varieties began no later than 1960 (perhaps as early as 1957), and possibly continued as late as 1962. The earliest of these printings included the "extended frameline", which was removed from the plate no later than 1961.

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Figure 2.

A) Money-packet tag mailed from Winnipeg, MB on August 8, 1960 (area outlined in red is enlarged in B).

B) Enlargement of 50¢ Textile Industry stamp from position 47 in the lower-left pane of Plate 1, showing the "engraver's slip" (in red oval).

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: ½ page \$5.00; ¼ page \$8.00; ½ 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 2243, Beausejour, MB R0E 0C0, Canada.

Canada Post Produced Picture Postage™

Three different stamp launch invitations mailed by Canada Post over the last seven months have used speciallymade Picture Postage[™] stamps by Canada Post themselves.

Illustrated here are the mailing envelopes, and details, of the Picture Postage[™] stamps. Images courtesy Peter Butler, FRPSC.



Earliest Known Dates of the "Red" Comb Perforated Postage Dues

by: Andrew Chung, FRPSC

On the Shortpaid Mail notice card directed to customers with a Rural Route address is a pair of the 10-cent "Red" comb perforated postage due stamp categorized as the Fourth Issue. The "Waterloo Ont." postmark dated "XI 5 1976" (November 5, 1976) is an early date.

Likewise, on the Postage Due notice card directed to customers served by letter carrier delivery is a 12-cent "Red" comb perforated postage due stamp. The "Waterloo Ont." postmark dated "IV 13 1977" (April 13, 1977) is an early date.

In *The Canadian Postage Due Stamps* (authored by Hans Reiche and myself), we noted the earliest date as "September 1977" for both examples presented here.

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To avoid delay and for your convenience, this was delivered without collection of the postage due.	Pour éviter un retard et pour vous être utile, nous l'avons livré sans percevoir le port dû.	
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Canada Post Drive-thru Parcel Centre

Images courtesy Andrew Chung, FRPSC

The October 20, 2015 issue of *The Globe and Mail* included an article titled "Canada Post embracing e-commerce with modern pickup centres". It discusses a new store which opened in October in an open-air mall in Richmond Hill, ON (just north of Toronto). It has self-serve kiosks for parcels and postage, a drive-through for package pickups – and even a change room for online shoppers to try on their e-commerce fashion purchase so they can return it if it doesn't work.

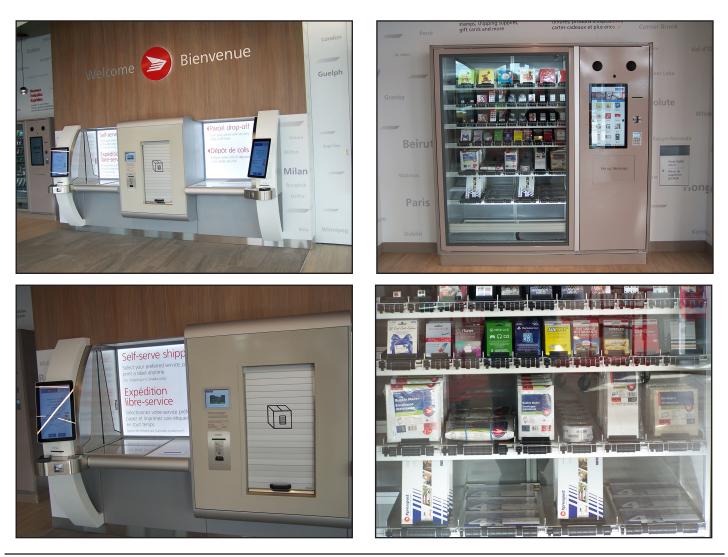
The test store, and two more to open next year in Edmonton and Vancouver, is designed to cater to young digital shoppers on whom Canada Post is betting heavily in an era of dwindling snail mail.



The Richmond Hill outlet offers two self-serve parcel kiosks and

a vending machine with selected postal items. The vending machine includes a row of coin products, definitive and commemorative stamps in booklet and coil format, prepaid cards for various retail outlets, and packaging material.

The self-serve parcel kiosk in Richmond Hill offers four parcel products – Xpresspost, Expedited Parcel, Regular Parcel and Priority. These labels are not anything like a postage stamp, such as those used in the computer vended 'kiosk' machines seen in late December 2012 through early 2013. Included on the next page are scans of parcel labels of each product.





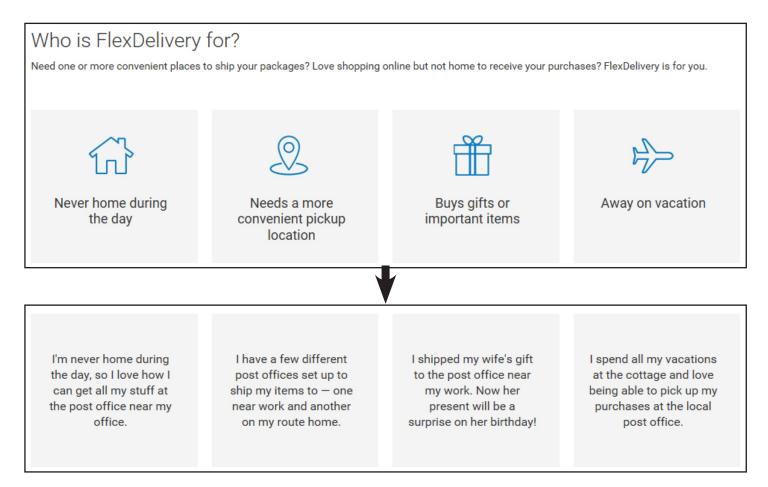
FlexDelivery™

Canada Post recently introduced FlexDelivery[™] (there have been many ads on TV recently). FlexDelivery allows you to decide exactly which post office receives the delivery of your online order. Notice that your shipment is not delivered to your home but rather to a post office of your choosing where you then go and pick it up.

You need to register for a unique identification code on the Canada Post website before selecting which post offices you want to go to pick up your items. Users will then receive a unique FlexDelivery address which substitutes for their traditional mailing address. When the online order arrives at the post office of choice, the user will receive an email notification. Canada Post says about 6,000 post offices across the country will participate in the FlexDelivery option.

As noted in a May 6 article in *The Huffinton Post*, "The new option could also help the postal service contain its costs. About a third of households have nobody home when Canada Post tries to deliver a parcel, which results in the package being further routed to the nearest post office."

Canada Post's website has the following graphic that illustrates just who FlexDelivery is targeted at. As you scroll over the question, the answer appears underneath...



We would be interested in hearing from anyone of our readers who has used this new 'delivery' service, especially seeing any examples of labels, stickers, etc. that might be in use on the package identifying the specific service.

Articles Urgently Needed