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NHL 2016 Autographs
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NHL — Part 4; Autographs — Part 3

by: Robin Harris

The fourth set, in a five-series, of NHL stamps were released September 23, 2016. This fourth installment of stamps feature “great” Canadian-born forwards of the NHL: Sidney Crosby, Phil Esposito, Guy Lafleur, Mark Messier, Darryl Sittler and Steve Yzerman.



Canada Post kept a tight lid on the players involved in this year’s issue. My local post office made it very clear that they could not say anything about the players or the products involved until their date of release (a visit to a post office in Winnipeg provided me with a viewing of the stamps a couple days prior to their release — they obviously didn’t get the ‘memo’ about not saying anything!).

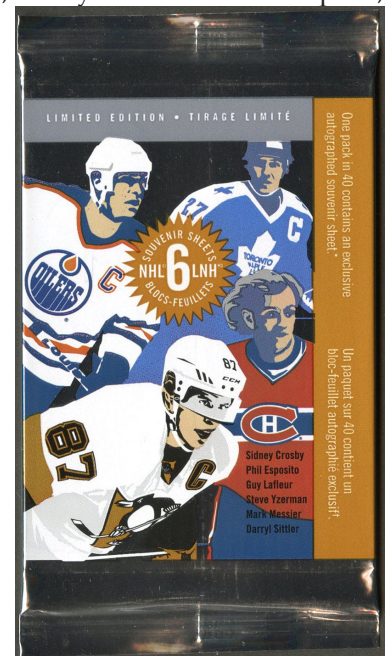
This year’s NHL stamps include the following:

- 6 x Permanent™ Forwards in a self-adhesive booklet pane of six.
- 6 x Permanent™ Forwards in a water-activated gummed pane of six.
- 6 x \$1.80 Forwards 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 NHL Forwards products have also been released, including framed prints and related coins issued by the Royal Canadian Mint.

The \$1.80 souvenir sheets are packaged in the same manner as in previous years. 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 as I have said in the past, are the stamps really necessary?

One of the most intriguing promotions for these stamps is that all six players have signed a small quantity of the \$1.80 souvenir sheets, which have been randomly placed in 1-in-40 packages of six. The quantities of signed sheets are: Sidney Crosby (100), Phil Esposito (400), Guy Lafleur (500), Mark Messier (500), Darryl Sittler (500) and Steve Yzerman (500).



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Canada Post News

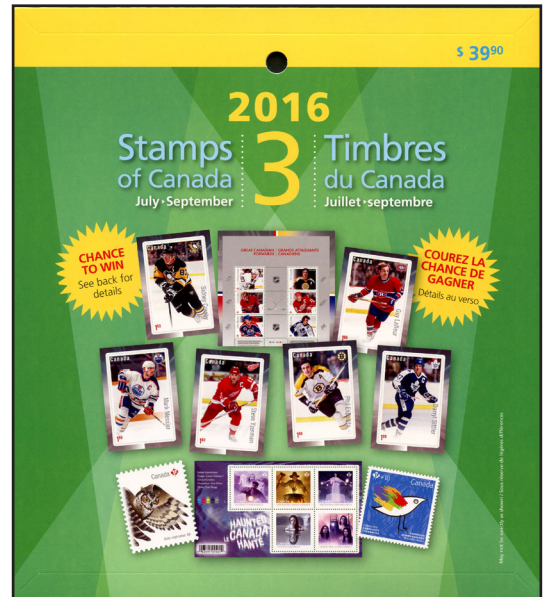
Here is what Canada Post is up to these days...

► 2016/3 Quarter Pack

The third quarterly pack of 2016 showed up in post offices in at the end of September. The package contains the stamps released from July through September 2016. The \$39.90 face value price continues to be reflective of the number of different stamps and formats being issued by Canada Post these days.

Four different issues, comprising 24 different designs, are included:

- Birds of Canada
- Haunted Canada
- NHL Forwards
- Canada Post Community Foundation



The Canada Post Community Foundation includes a joined die-cut pair of the self-adhesive stamps; all other issues (excluding the high-value NHL forward stamps) include single die cut examples of each stamp.

► Commemorative Envelopes

The September 2016 No. 5 *Details* magazine lists six new commemorative envelopes, all issued September 10:

- The Royal Highland Fusiliers of Canada
- The Ontario Regiment (RCAC)
- The Queen’s York Rangers (1st American Regiment) (RCAC)
- 42nd Field Artillery Regiment (Lanark and Renfrew Scottish), RCA
- 56th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA
- The Sherbrooke Hussars



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Study Group Business

❖ New members

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.

2017

BNAPEX 2017: Calgary, AB

BNAPEX 2016

BNAPEX 2016 has just ended, and from a couple of reports I have heard it was a **fantastic show**. Garfield Portch, Vice President of the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation, wrote to me:

BNAPEX was one of the best and most enjoyable stamp shows / conventions that I have ever attended. It seemed that everything work as planned. The planning committee really did their homework.

There were 158 frames of competitive exhibits representing 43 exhibits. About half of them earned gold medals so there was really high quality stuff. The scheduled breakout sessions were run on time and were sufficiently varied that I attended 8 of them. The social side was typical BNAPS - lots of camaraderie with active after hours meetings in the hotel lounge. About a dozen dealers attended and, according to my casual polling, they were all very happy with the commercial activity on the floor. The hotel and facilities were well suited to the convention with good rooms at a reasonable price, a good dining room and cafe, a comfortable lounge and an excellent room for the show. What more could one ask?

There should be no complaints from any attendees this year.

The ESG **John D. Arn White Queen Award** was awarded to ESG member Earle Covert for his "Canadian Postal Stationery using the Wilding Portrait of Queen Elizabeth II" exhibit. Congratulations Earle! [Earle, who is one-half of the team who prepares the Webb's Postal Stationery Catalogue, stayed at my house for a couple of nights in early September as he travelled across country to attend BNAPEX in Fredericton; it was a great visit to discuss stamps (and stationery!) for many hours, including a personal viewing of this exhibit.]

The **Vincent G. Greene Award** for best article in *BNA Topics* in 2015 was awarded to ESG member Larry Margetish for "Researching the Caricature and Landscape issues at Library and Archives Canada", *BNA Topics*, 72#2, pg. 5-14, 54; *BNA Topics*, 72#3, pg. 8-14, 54 and *BNA Topics*, 72#4, pg. 42-49 (2015). Congratulations Larry!

Two years of the **John S. Siverts Award**, for best Study Group newsletter, were awarded: (2014): Glenn Archer, Confederation, Large and Small Queens Study Group; and (2015): Michael Smith, Dots and Scratches, Re-entries and Constant Plate Varieties Study Group.

Lastly, the **Order of the Beaver** was awarded to Jean-Claude Michaud.

Correction

In the May-June 2016 *Corgi Times*, there is an article about the uncut press sheet of the Flag over Scenery booklets of 10 and 30.

There were in fact 24 panes of 10 (not 18) on the press sheet. Also, the face value at the time of issue was 51¢ (not 50¢). The postage rate changed to 52¢ shortly after the stamps were released.

My apologizes for these two mistakes. [A corrected PDF of this issue has been placed on our website.]

Canada Post 2016 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 11	Year of the Monkey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢) pane of 25 • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet pane of 10 • \$2.50 postal card 	2884 2886
Jan 11	UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 (5 designs) • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 30 (5 designs) • \$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 	2890-94 2889
Jan 11	Queen Elizabeth II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 	2888
Feb 1	Year of the Monkey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.50, self-adhesive booklet pane of 6 • \$2.50 souvenir sheet • \$2.50 (Monkey) and 2\$.50 (Ram) "transitional" souvenir sheet • \$30.00 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets • \$2.50 postal card 	2887 2885 2885a
Feb 1	Black History Month: No. 2 Construction Battalion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 	2895
Mar 1	Hydrangeas (2 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) 	2899-00 2897-98 2896
Mar 8	Women's Suffrage 100th anniversary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 	2901
Apr 13	Canadian Photography (7 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$1.20, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$2.50, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$4.55 gummed souvenir sheet of 3 • \$3.40 gummed souvenir sheet of 4 • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) 	2904-08 2909 2910 2903 2902
May 5	Star Trek 50th Anniversary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 (5 designs) • \$7.35 gummed pane of 5 • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive roll of 50 (2 designs) • \$1.70 gummed souvenir sheet of 2 • \$19.95 Prestige booklet, with 5 souvenir sheets • \$10 lenticular souvenir sheet of 2 x \$5 stamps • \$120.00 uncut press sheet of 12 lenticular souvenir sheets • \$44.10 uncut press sheet of 6 souvenir sheets • \$2.50 postal cards (five designs) 	2917-21 2912 2913-14 2911 2922
May 26	Dinos of Canada (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 • \$30.60 uncut press sheet of 7 souvenir sheets + 1 single stamp 	2924-28 2923
Jul 12	Birds of Canada (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) 	2930-34 2929
Sep 8	Haunted Canada (III) (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 23	NHL: Great Canadian Forwards (six designs - Crosby, Esposito, Lafleur, Messier, Sittler, Yzerman) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$5.10 gummed souvenir sheet of 6 • \$1.80 souvenir sheets (6 different) 	
Sep 26	Canada Post Community Foundation (2 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢) + 10¢ semi-postal, self-adhesive booklet of 10 	

ESG Financial Statements

Financial Statements for the Period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 (with comparatives to June 30, 2015)

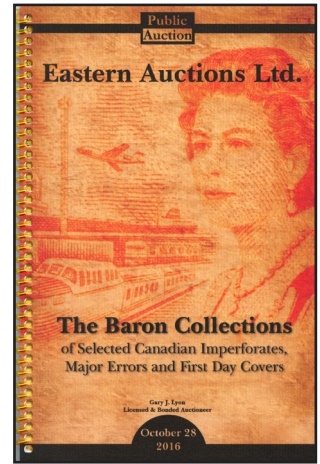
	2016	2015	2014
OPERATING FUND			
Income: Membership Dues	970.00	1,234.60	1,387.81
Interest Income	125.66	76.51	67.94
Total Income	<u>1,095.66</u>	<u>1,311.11</u>	<u>1,455.75</u>
Expense: Toner, Paper, & Envelopes	0.00	22.60	403.61
Postage Cost	96.75	128.20	207.04
Bank & PayPal Charges	34.59	42.32	14.80
Total Expenses	<u>131.34</u>	<u>193.12</u>	<u>625.45</u>
Operating Income/(Loss)	<u>964.32</u>	<u>1,117.99</u>	<u>830.30</u>
RESEARCH RESERVE FUND			
Balance June 30, 2015	11,057.23	11,350.39	10,909.30
Additions (Donations)	541.26	268.74	626.55
Research Expenses	0.00	0.00	-53.75
Book Promotion Subsidies	-171.92	-712.30	-294.56
Publishing & Distributing Postal Rate Book	0.00	150.40	162.85
Balance June 30, 2016	<u>11,426.57</u>	<u>11,057.23</u>	<u>11,350.39</u>
BALANCE SHEET			
Assets			
Cash in Bank - Operating Fund	12,982.61	12,789.49	11,843.98
Cash in Bank - Certificates of Deposit	5,298.70	5,177.04	5,100.53
Cash in Bank - PayPal Account	535.69	984.48	0.00
Prepaid Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prepaid Postage	-287.47	-190.72	-84.13
Advance to Editor	9.58	-45.42	-65.42
Total Assets	<u>18,539.11</u>	<u>18,714.87</u>	<u>16,794.96</u>
Liabilities			
Memberships paid in Advance	440.00	510.00	500.00
Due to Treasurer (see note 1)	241.75	1,681.17	596.09
	681.75	2,191.17	1,096.09
Study Group Equity			
Balance June 30, 2015	16,523.70	15,698.87	14,427.48
Current Period Operating Income/(Loss)	964.32	1,117.99	830.30
Change in Research Reserve Fund	369.34	-293.16	441.09
Balance June 30, 2016	<u>17,857.36</u>	<u>16,523.70</u>	<u>15,698.87</u>
Total Liabilities and Study Group Equity	<u>18,539.11</u>	<u>18,714.87</u>	<u>16,794.96</u>

Note 1 - To facilitate quick processing of BNAPS promotional book orders, the Treasurer paid Ian Kimmerly Stamps / Sparks Auctions directly, using his personal credit card, and is later reimbursed.

The Baron Collections: Auction

Eastern Auctions Ltd. is auctioning off The Baron Collections on October 28, 2016. Among the many items in this fascinating collection are many Elizabethan-era errors. Some of these unique and/or key items for the specialist collector. Three highlights include:

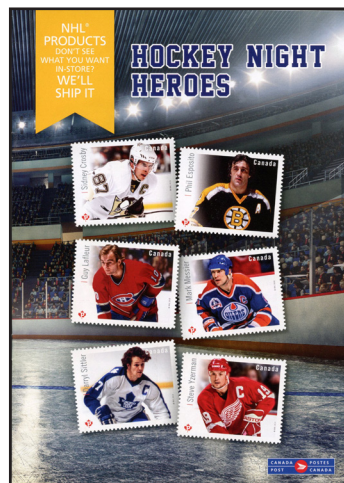
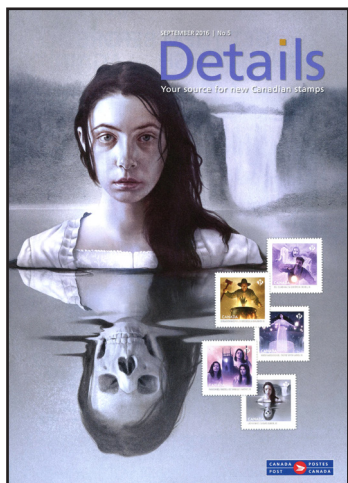
- 5¢ Wilding interpanneau block (Unitrade 341iii, lot 110)
- 4¢ Cameo coil, imperf. horizontally (Scott 408a, lot 117)
- 6¢ Centennial orange coil, major printing jump gutter (Unitrade 468Aiv, lot 121)



Canada Post Amail

Both of the *mailed* September 2016 Canada Post *Details* magazine (No. 5 and 6), include a **Personalized Mail** indicia.

The September | No. 5 issue announced the Haunted Canada stamp issue while the No. 6 issue announced the Hockey Night Heroes stamps.



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September 2016 | No. 6 Details

Canada Post's OFDCs: A Goldmine of Information

by: Robin Harris

I had the opportunity recently to scan a collection of nearly all of Canada Post's official first day covers (OFDC). The first of these was released with the Maple Leaves in Four Seasons: Spring stamp issue of April 14, 1971 (Scott 535).

Many avid first day cover collectors likely consider *that* issue as the 'start of the end' of the popularity of first day cover collecting in Canada. From that point on most collectors began buying the "official" first day cover of a new stamp's release directly from Canada Post. As a result, the many independent first day cover providers at the time quickly disappeared from the collecting scene.

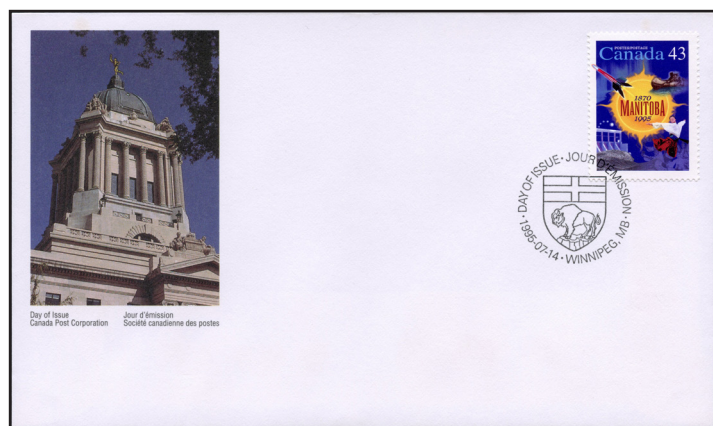
With that said, Canada Post's OFDCs certainly do provide some great information on the back of the covers. The first cover to have something on the back was the 1979 Flying Boats stamp issue (Scott 843-846), albeit just five short lines of print. As time went on more and more background information of the stamp(s) release was included on the back of the first day covers.

The wealth of information included on the OFDCs is astounding, and is typically not the same information as provided in the new issue stamp announcements (i.e. *Details*).

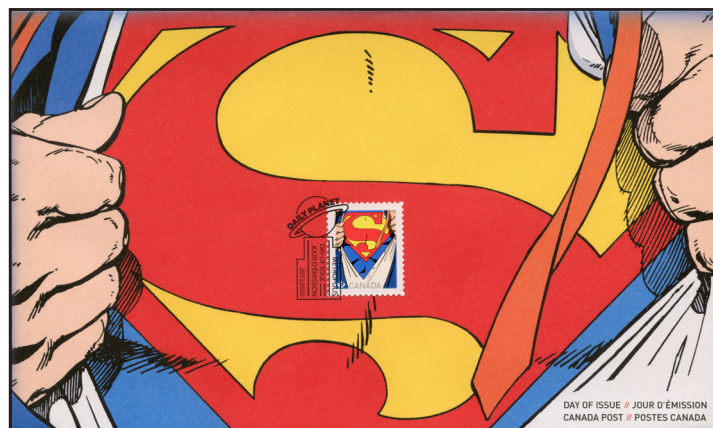
For a new issue collector or perhaps the exhibitor of modern stamps, I would strongly recommend the study of Canada Post's OFDCs.



Scott 843-846: Flying Boats: first OFDC with text on back



Scott 1562: 125th anniversary of Province of Manitoba — Canada Post Official First Day Cover (front and back)



Scott 2678: Superman — Canada Post Official First Day Cover (front and back)



NHL 2016 Autographed Stamps (eBay listings and sales)

by: Robin Harris

The third installment of Canada Post's NHL high-value stamps issued with hard-to-find autographs were issued September 23, 2016. This year, all six players signed the hockey card-looking stamps.



Autographed NHL 2016 stamps (images from eBay auctions)

As in previous years, the \$1.80 NHL player stamps are packaged, and sold, as a set of 6. And, as in previous years, 1-in-40 packages contains an autographed example. If you go the route of buying the packaged stamps from your local post office, then 40 packages would cost you 40 x 6 stamps x \$1.80 per stamp = \$432.00, plus applicable taxes.

The other alternative to obtaining these autographed stamps is via a dealer or auction.

I have been compiling a list (including images) of all of the autographed stamps that have appeared on eBay. Interestingly, the stamps were released on Friday, September 23 and the first listing on eBay appeared within a couple of *hours* of their release!

Not surprisingly, the Sidney Crosby signature is proving to be the most popular autograph. One reason is the low quantity (although the quantities are not noted in *Details*). It is not only stamp collectors who are showing an interest in this (and all signed) stamp(s) ... sports and autograph collectors are also wanting these stamps.

Did you know that *Tim Hortons* is also having a hockey card promotion on at the moment? There just happen to be 87 signed Crosby cards available ('87' is Crosby's hockey jersey number). At least one has sold on eBay for over C\$1,200.

Following is a list, as of October 12, of the listings and sales of the 2016 NHL Great Canadian Forwards autographed stamps as offered on eBay. Based on the seller information (name, location, category) it is quite apparent that hockey card dealers are buying large quantities of this year's packages looking for the elusive signatures (most notably Sidney Crosby).

I do not have any sales data of these cards from any other source (i.e. other auctions or private sales).

Autographed quantities

2014 (Original Six™ Defencemen)	
Bobby Orr	1,000
Harry Howell	500
Pierre Pilote	500
Red Kelly	500

2015 (Great Canadian Goalies)	
Tony Esposito	400
Johnny Bower	1,000
Bernie Parent	1,000
Martin Brodeur	100

2016 (Great Canadian Forwards)	
Sidney Crosby	100
Phil Esposito	400
Guy Lafleur	500
Mark Messier	500
Darryl Sittler	500
Steve Yzerman	500

Crosby								
Date posted	eBay #	Type	Price	Shipping	Location	Sold?	Sell price	eBay Category
Sep 23	112146963581	BIN	US300	13	Chatsworth, ON	Sep 24	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 25	182293179181	Auction	—	10	Ottawa, ON	Oct 5	C796	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 26	361746009993	BIN	US250	2.50	Gatineau, QC	ended	?	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 30	401198151971	BIN	C600	20	Rimouski, QC	Oct 2	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 4	201683397991	BIN	US700	14	London, ON	Oct 5	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 6	191989149503	BIN	US900 ↓ US800	14	London, ON	Oct 10	US800	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 7	232107149206	BIN	US750		Winnipeg, MB	Oct 10	US750	Sports Ice Hockey Cards

Esposito (est. avg. \$96)								
Date posted	eBay #	Type	Price	Shipping	Location	Sold?	Sell price	eBay Category
Sep 23	112146562196	BIN	C67	6	Ottawa, ON	Sep 23	C67	Stamps Canada Mint
Sep 23	182291080807	Auction		10	Ottawa, ON	Oct 3	C91	Sports Autographs
Sep 23	262639398974	Auction		4	Oshawa, ON	Sep 28	C102.50	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 24	262641246684	BIN	C120	7.50	North York, ON	removed	error in listing	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 26	112150009923	BIN	US80	13	Chatsworth, ON	Sep 27	US80	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 26	201677448037	BIN	US100	14	London, ON	Sep 27	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 26	191980838618	BIN	C110	18	BC	Sep 27	C100	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 26	232095658361	BIN	C110	15	Ore Station, ON	Sep 27	C110	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 27	262646092352	BIN	C95	13	Vancouver, BC	Oct 4	C75	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 27	371747854644	BIN	US80	3	Waterloo, ON	Sep 27	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 28	401197025424	BIN	C89 ↓ C79	13	Winnipeg, MB	Oct 12	C79	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 28	201678613984	BIN	C100	5	Stittsville, ON	Sep 29	C100	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 29	162221619862	BIN	US80	5	Barrie, ON	Oct 1	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 29	262649613688	Auction		7.50	North York, ON	Oct 2	C104.50	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 30	252564130000	BIN	C119	12	Granby, QC	Oct 1	C119	Stamps Canada Covers
Oct 1	291895587918	BIN	US75	13	Brantford, ON	Oct 3	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 1	232100837911	BIN	C125	10	Edmonton, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 3	191986885517	BIN	C130	3.50	Amherst, NS	removed	—	
Oct 3	191987063535	BIN	C75	3.50	Amherst, NS	Oct 6	C75	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 6	311713805774	Auction		US17	Toronto, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 6	152269777464	BIN	C80	10	Greenwood, NS	Oct 6	C80	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 7	122170980654	BIN	C90	3	Prince George, BC	Oct 8	C90	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 8	322287120459	Auction		C4	Orleans, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 9	122174887293	BIN	C100	3	Orleans, ON			

Lafleur (est. avg. \$115)								
Date posted	eBay #	Type	Price	Shipping	Location	Sold?	Sell price	eBay Category
Sep 24	201675786083	BIN	US100	14	London, ON	Sep 24	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 25	191979270384	BIN	US100	14	London, ON	Sep 25	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 26	122153568543	BIN	C150 ↓ C125	12	Brockville, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 26	182294227475	Auction		10	Ottawa, ON	Oct 3	C142.50	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 26	322274334649	BIN	C130	15	Vernon, BC	Sep 27	C130	Collectibles Autographs Sports
Sep 27	331984052228	Auction		3.50	Terrance, BC	Oct 2	US81	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 28	112151512880	BIN	C67	6	Ottawa, ON	Sep 28	best offer	Stamps Canada Mint
Sep 28	222264454167	BIN	C150	3	Edmonton, AB	Oct 2	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 30	172359588953	BIN	C120	14	Mississauga, ON	Oct 2	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 30	272396447961	Auction		C10	Montreal, QC	Oct 7	C97	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 1	252565958652	Auction		C2.50	Ontario	Oct 6	C81	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 2	291895587124	BIN	US99	13	Brantford, ON	Oct 2	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 3	122164328949	BIN	C140	4	Quebec	Oct 7	C130	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 4	262658309008	BIN	C130 ↓ C125	7.50	North York, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 4	162227539099	BIN	US100	5	Barrie, ON	Oct 7	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 4	351864683927	BIN	C124.10	15	Antigonish, NS	Oct 7	C124.10	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 7	381804272551	BIN	US140	?	Edmonton, AB			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 8	252575712578	BIN	US125	5	Sports Central			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 8	122173155767	Auction		C13	Mascouche, QC			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 10	401204329768	BIN	C125	15	Rimouski, QC			Sports Ice Hockey Cards

Oct 11	262669354616	Auction		C7.50	North York, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 11	142146050543	Auction		C3.50	Hawkesbury, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 11	112164732993	BIN	US77	10	Chatsworth, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 12	222279802889	BIN	C150	10	Hawkesbury, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards

Messier (est. avg. \$110)								
Date posted	eBay #	Type	Price	Shipping	Location	Sold?	Sell price	eBay Category
Sep 23	222260254713	Auction		7	Kingston	Oct 1	US90	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 24	191979272807	BIN	US110	14	London, ON	Sep 27	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 24	191979274632	BIN	US110	14	London, ON	Sep 25	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 26	182294225311	Auction		10	Ottawa, ON	Oct 3	C103.50	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 26	201677447799	BIN	US110	14	London, ON	Sep 27	US110	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 26	172355192807	Auction		3.50	Dartmouth, NS	Oct 3	C127.50	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 26	331982898461	BIN	C150	free	Ajax, ON	Oct 3	C100	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 26	361743714763	BIN	C99	300	Regina, SK	Sep 26	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 27	381789671303	BIN	C150	10	Nepean, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 27	401196601445	BIN	C84	3.50	Winnipeg, MB	Oct 7	C84	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 27	391575640752	Auction	st US138 bn US269	8.50	Saint Paul	Oct 7	no bids	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 27	282197139629	Auction		3	Saint Constant, QC	Oct 7	C89	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 28	232097937863	BIN	C125	10	Edmonton, AB	Oct 7	C110	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 28	272394104260	BIN	C120	2	Burnaby, BC	Sep 29	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 29	262646056921	BIN	C100	5	Saskatchewan	Sep 29	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 3	112156863364	BIN	US83	10	Chatsworth, ON	Oct 6	US70	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 3	112156867435	Auction	st US40	10	Chatsworth, ON	Oct 6	no bids	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 3	331982898461	BIN	C100	free	Ajax, ON	Oct 3	C100	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 3	182302548964	Auction		C10	Ottawa, ON	Oct 11	C78	Sports NHL Autographs
Oct 4	401200685786	BIN	C73.50	3.50	Winnipeg, MB	Oct 4	C73.50	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 5	112158262830	BIN	C67	10	Ottawa, ON			Stamps Canada Mint
Oct 5	331991541527	BIN	C70	3.25	Stoney Creek, ON	Oct 6	C70	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 6	311713811804	Auction		US17	Toronto, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 7	401202415031	BIN	C120	3	Prince George, BC	ended	not sold	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 7	112160326974	BIN	C130	3	Orleans, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 7	232107127203	BIN	C110	10	Edmonton, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 7	122171690501	BIN	US70	3	Winnipeg, MB	Oct 8	US60	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 9	122174830653	BIN	C100	3	Gatineau, QC			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 10	282215025324	BIN	C100	3	Winnipeg, MB			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 11	191993154718	BIN	C100	3	Victoria, BC			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 11	142146047363	Auction		C3.50	Hawkesbury, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 11	112164735895	BIN	US67	10	Chatsworth, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards

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Date posted	eBay #	Type	Price	Shipping	Location	Sold?	Sell price	eBay Category
Sep 23	182291086290	Auction		10	Ottawa, ON	Oct 3	C127.50	Stamps Canada Other
Sep 23	222259630777	BIN	C149	Free	Selkirk, MB	Sep 25	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 24	191979271324	BIN	US100	14	London, ON	Sep 27	US100	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 25	122111903996	BIN	C100	2.50	Vancouver, BC	Sep 25	C100	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 26	201677446697	BIN	US100	14	London, ON	Sep 27	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 27	322275311508	BIN	C110	12	Goderich, ON	Oct 1	C110	Stamps Canada Other
Sep 28	122157092126	BIN	C100	12	Edmonton, AB	Sep 29	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 29	112152909498	BIN	US100 ↓ US68	13 ↓ 10	Chatsworth, ON	Oct 6	US68	Sports Ice Hockey Cards

Oct 1	112154521049	BIN	C120	2.50	Vancouver, BC	Oct 5	C100	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 1	122160497126	BIN	C100	2.50	Vancouver, BC	Oct 1	C100	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 2	232101004851	Auction		3.50	Terrace, BC			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 2	361754670412	Auction		C10	Vernon, BC	Oct 9	C90	Sports Fan Apparel NHL
Oct 3	162226292517	BIN	C150	12	Berwick, NS	ended	error in listing	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 3	182301620986	Auction		US10	Jonquiere, QC	Oct 8	US63.71	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 3	272400101753	BIN	C70	8	Scarborough, ON	Oct 5	C70	Stamps Canada Covers
Oct 5	322283922698	Auction		3	Fergus, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 6	361758662626	Auction		3	Berwick, NS	Oct 11	C82.27	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 7	401202413930	BIN	C100	3	Prince George, BC	Oct 7	C100	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 9	232108822437	BIN	C110	10	Edmonton, AB			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 11	291907820077	Auction	st US90	5	Paradise, NF			Collectibles Other Non-sport
Oct 11	162236069442	BIN	C100	5	Stittsville, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 12	172372729854	BIN	US60		Ontario			Sports Fan Apparel Hockey

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Date posted	eBay #	Type	Price	Shipping	Location	Sold?	Sell price	eBay Category
Sep 23	182291089278	Auction		10	Ottawa, ON	Oct3	C112.52	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 24	191979275860	BIN	US120	14	London, ON	Sep 25	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 25	162217422834	BIN	US120	10	Laval, QC	ended	error in listing	Sports Autographs NHL
Sep 25	201675123018	BIN	C150	350	Hawkesbury, ON	Sep 25	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 26	112149434410	BIN	C120	15	Orleans, ON	ended	error in listing	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 26	401196062404	BIN	C100	13	Winnipeg, MB	Sep 26	C99	401196062404
Sep 27	252557664534	BIN	C140	5	North York, ON	Sep 27	C140	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 27	201678070406	BIN	C135	10.50	Mississauga, ON	Sep 29	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 27	322274751397	BIN	US100	2.50	Montreal, QC	Sep 27	US100	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 27	331983821337	BIN	C125	Free	St Eustache, QC	Oct 1	C125	Stamps Canada Other
Sep 28	371749047910	BIN	C135	3	Toronto, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 28	122155590042	BIN	C140	3	Prince George, BC	Oct 3	C140	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Sep 30	152260714022	BIN	C200 ↓ C150	3.50	Niagara Falls, ON	Oct 3	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 1	122160975032	BIN	C120	3	Orleans, ON	ended Oct 6	no longer avail relisted Oct 6 at higher price	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 1	122162055238	BIN	C125	Free	Vancouver, BC	Oct 3	C125	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 1	112118219646	BIN	C130	Free	Vancouver, BC	Oct 1	C130	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 2	162225547218	BIN	US100	14	Guelph, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 3	112156858722	BIN	US83	10	Chatsworth, ON	Oct 4	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 4	182303068991	BIN	C150 ↓ C120	4	North York, ON	ended Oct 11	relisted as auction Oct 12	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 4	401200722769	BIN	C140	3	Prince George, BC			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 5	112158811633	BIN	US83	10	Chatsworth, ON	Oct 6	no longer avail	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 6	112159065376	BIN	C130	3	Orleans, ON	Oct 7	C130	Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 7	262663512501	BIN	C120	12	Granby, QC			Stamps Canada Covers
Oct 8	252575708160	BIN	US130	5	Sports Central			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 11	201688516483	BIN	C120	3.50	Hawkesbury, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 11	142146049550	Auction		C3.50	Hawkesbury, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards
Oct 12	182311115460	Auction	st C50 BIN 125	4	North York, ON			Sports Ice Hockey Cards

Articles Urgently Needed

WAG Shrink-Wrapped Packaging

by: Robin Harris

Canada Post released a set of Permanent™ stamps on September 23 to 'honour' NHL Great Canadian Forwards. Six stamps were issued in both self-adhesive and water-activated gum (wag) versions.

Not counting souvenir sheets, this is the **tenth** water-activated gum stamp issue to be released by Canada Post since the postage rates rose to 85¢ on March 31, 2014. What is significant about that? Since the new 85¢ rate went into effect, Canada Post is no longer selling *single* domestic-rate stamps. In order to ensure that single stamps of these water-activated stamps are not removed from a pane and sold individually, the full panes are only distributed and sold in a shrink-wrapped package.

All of these shrink-wrapped offerings include the shrink-wrap package, full panes of the water-activated gum stamps, and an advertising 'card' (printed on both sides).

Water-activated Permanent™ stamps in shrink-wrapped packaging

- May 29/14: RMS *Empress of Ireland*
- Oct 3/14: *Original Six Defencemen*
- Oct 4/14: *Wait for Me Daddy*
- Jan 8/15: *Year of the Ram*
- May 3/15: *In Flanders Fields*
- Aug 6/15: *The Franklin Expedition*
- Oct 2/15: *Great Canadian Goalies*
- Jan 11/16: *Year of the Monkey*
- May 5/16: *Star Trek*
- Sep 23/16: *Great Canadian Forwards*





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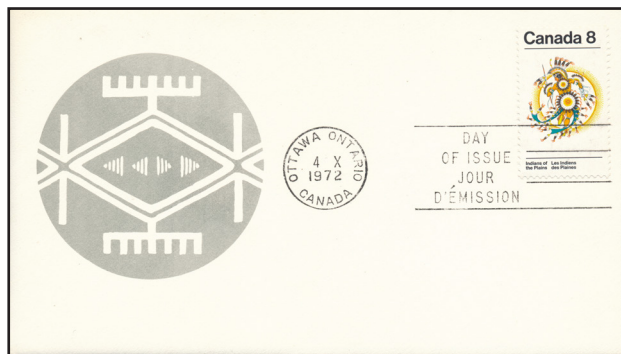
Errors, Freaks and Oddities on Canada Post Official First Day Covers (OFDCs) – The Cachet

by: Andrew Chung, FRPSC

Canada Post's Official First Day Covers (OFDCs) were first introduced in 1971. Nearly 1,200 different single and combination OFDCs have been released over the years. From time to time an error may occur with the production of the OFDC. Those presented here reflect **cachet**-type errors. Catalogue numbers are those as assigned in *The New Specialized Catalogue of Canada Post Official First Day Covers, Fourth Edition (2016)*, by Andrew Chung and R.F. Narbonne.

18 and 18v1:

8-cent Indians of the Plains OFDC issued in 1972 inscription (orange colour) of cachet missing . Valued at \$200.00.



48 and 48v2:

Christmas OFDC issued in 1974 printing of cachet (the angel) doubled. The error is visible at the angel's wings. Striking error. Valued at \$75.00.



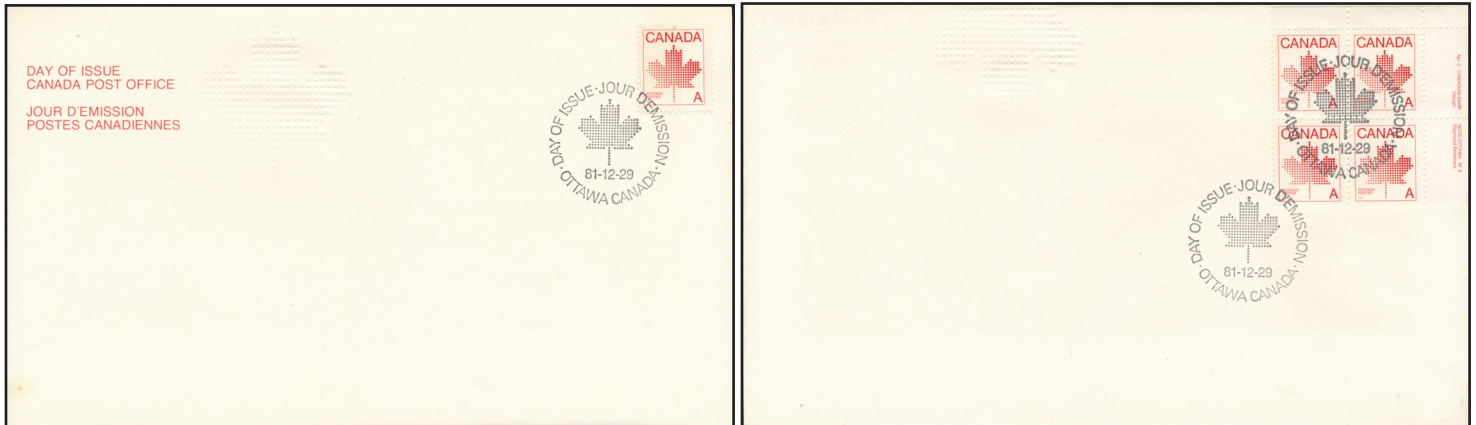
161 and 161v1:

17-cent Niagara-on-the-Lake OFDC issued in 1981 missing colour – missing cachet: no illustration, inscription and text (new discovery). Scarce error. Valued at \$150.00.



166 and 166v2:

A (30-cent) Maple Leaf definitive OFDC issued in 1981 cover misfolded. Inscription of cachet and embossed maple leaf is inverted and visible from the inside. Rare. *Valued at \$250.00.*



[This is part 2 of EFOs found on Canada's OFDCs. Part 1, with errors of 'the stamp', appeared in the July–August 2016 *Corgi Times*.]

Wanted: Coil boxes

In my on-going pursuit of documenting the Lowe-Martin produced coil stamps, I am continually updating the printing data found on the end of the coil boxes distributed to post offices.

Why are these important?

Canada Post's official first day cover of the 2011 Sunflower coil issue (Scott 2441–2442) included details of the printing of Lowe-Martin coils, including an illustration of the large printed roll. It noted that there are approximately 1,000,000 stamps per roll. This is significant. Since Canada Post does not release printing quantities of definitives, we could estimate how many stamps were printed *if we had enough reports* of the coil box printing data.



Missing illustrations

There are a few instances where I have no data or illustration of a coil box, notably with the team-specific CFL and NHL coils. Any help in obtaining an illustration of any/all of these would be greatly appreciated.

- CFL: Montreal (Sc. 2566)
- NHL team logo: Vancouver (Sc. 2662)
- NHL team logo: Toronto (Sc. 2664)
- NHL team logo: Montreal (Sc. 2665)
- NHL team logo: Ottawa (Sc. 2668)
- NHL Zamboni: Winnipeg (Sc. 2779)
- NHL Zamboni: Ottawa (Sc. 2780)
- NHL Zamboni: Montreal (Sc. 2782)
- NHL Zamboni: Edmonton (Sc. 2785)

Please contact me with your coil printing data: rharris@adminware.ca. The latest version of my *free* 57-page document (dated September 12, 2016) is available on my website here: <http://www.adminware.ca/LoweMartin>



The Evolution of "Traffic Lights" and Enhanced Tagging Features

ESG member Gary Norris has been developing a couple of interesting databases (using Microsoft Excel spreadsheets).

One of these includes images of all of the "traffic light" inscription notations found on the selvedge of panes, booklets, etc. A second spreadsheet includes images of the various tagging elements found on Canadian stamps. Both of these are fascinating visual references to interesting collecting sidelines.

In May 2014, Gerald Querubin addressed the North Toronto Stamp Club. Gerald was the designer of the Royal Ontario Museum stamp (issued April 14, 2014). Gerald took us through the complete cycle of creating a stamp. Part of the design cycle includes the printed material found on the inside and outside of the stamp booklet.

One particular element caught my attention, not sure why, but it did. When creating the colour control dots, the "Traffic Lights", Gerald decided he would use the motif in the centre ceiling stone of the museum dome. I checked other booklets to see if the stamp theme was incorporated in the "Traffic Lights". I quickly found other occurrences. However, when talking to other collectors, the "Traffic Lights" did not seem to be on anyone's radar screen. I decided to create a "Traffic Lights" reference paper/database, highlighting and classifying the unconventional "Traffic Lights".

The misspelling of "Permanant", in the tagging of the Canadian Pride issue of January, 2012 caught my interest. I wondered what other features I had missed within the tagging on other Canadian stamps. I found that the stamp theme had started to creep into the tagging. The only time tagging seemed to become a topic of discussion was when an error occurred. I decided to create a paper/database to highlight the stamps with unconventional tagging. Many of the unconventional tagging has been noted in the Unitrade catalogue. There just was no reference material devoted to the topic.

I was stumped on how to capture the images for both projects. The Leuchtturm microscope finally enabled me to capture the level of clarity I was looking for.

I hope you find the two projects of interest.

The databases can be purchased directly from Gary for \$25 each, or both for \$40. You will receive electronic copies with ongoing updates to them as a complete new page is built into the database. Depending on the issues it could mean an update once a year.

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
3	BOOKLETS							
4	YEAR	MONTH	SCOTT #	NAME OF STAMP	STYLE GRP	T.I. DESCRIPTION	# OF COLOURS	T.I. PHOTO
5	2013	JAN	BK521	CANADIAN PRIDE	MAPLE LEAF	11 POINTS	4	
6	2013	JAN	BK521A	CANADIAN PRIDE - CANADA UNDERPRINT	MAPLE LEAF	11 POINTS	4	
7	2013	JAN	BK522	PERMANENT - CANADIAN PRIDE	MAPLE LEAF	11 POINTS	4	
8	2013	JAN	BK522A	CANADIAN PRIDE - CANADA UNDERPRINT	MAPLE LEAF	11 POINTS	4	
9	2013	FEB	BK525	BLACK HISTORY MONTH - OLIVER JONES	OBJECT	RECORD LP'S	4	
10	2013	FEB	BK526	BLACK HISTORY MONTH - JOE FORTES	OBJECT	FLOATATION RING	5	
11	2013	FEB	BK527	SIGNS OR THE ZODIAC - SAGITTARIUS	OBJECT	ZODIAC SIGN OF SAGITTARIUS	7	
12	2013	FEB	BK528	SIGNS OR THE ZODIAC - CAPRICORN	OBJECT	ZODIAC SIGN OF CAPRICORN	7	
13	2013	FEB	BK529	SIGNS OR THE ZODIAC - AQUARIUS	OBJECT	ZODIAC SIGN OF AQUARIUS	7	
14	2013	FEB	BK530	SIGNS OR THE ZODIAC - PISCES	OBJECT	ZODIAC SIGN OF PISCES	7	
15	2013	MAR	BK532	CANADIAN PHOTOGRAPHY - 1	OBJECT	RECTANGLES	6	
16	2013	APR	BK536	ADOPT A PET	ANIMAL	HOUSEHOLD PETS	6	
17	2013	MAY	BK538	QUEEN ELIZABETH II: 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF HER MAJESTY'S CORONATION	OBJECT	ARTIST BRUSH STROKES	5	
18	2013	JUN	BK540	MOTORCYCLES	OBJECT	MOTORCYCLES	5	
19	2013	JUN	BK541	250 YEARS OF POSTAL HISTORY	ANIMAL	PONY EXPRESS	7	
20	2013	JUL	BK542	STELLA	OBJECT	STORY BOOK ILLUSTRATIONS	7	
21	2013	JUL	BK543	CANADIAN RECORDING ARTISTS: THE BANDS - THE TRAGICALLY HIP	ANIMAL	BEAR	6	
22	2013	JUL	BK544	CANADIAN RECORDING ARTISTS: THE BANDS - RUSH	OBJECT	5 POINT STAR FROM BAND EMBLEM	5	

Traffic light inscription database/spreadsheet

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
2	YEAR	MTH	DAY	SCOTT #	STAMP GROUP	NAME OF STAMP	CATEGORY	TAGGING DESCRIPTION	TAGGING IMAGE	
3	2007	NOV	1	2240	HOPE, JOY AND PEACE	HOPE	OBJECT	STAR IN FIELD IS TAGGED AND STAR IN TOP AND BOTTOM TAGGING IS UNTAGGED		
4	2007	DEC	27	2243a	FLOWER DEFINITIVES - S/S	ISLAND RED FLOWERS	SYMBOL	THE "P" FOR PERMANENT SURPER IMPOSED IN TAGGED MAPLE LEAF IN STAMP FIELD		
5	2007	DEC	27	2243b	FLOWER DEFINITIVES - S/S	JANET ELIZbeth 'FIRE DANCE'	SYMBOL	CANADA POST LOGO IN VARIOUS SIZES IN STAMP FIELD		
6	2007	DEC	27	2243c	FLOWER DEFINITIVES - S/S	MEMORIA EVELYN LIGHT	SYMBOL	CANADA POST LOGO IN VARIOUS SIZES IN STAMP FIELD		
7	2007	DEC	27	2243d	FLOWER DEFINITIVES - S/S	KALEIDO-SCOPE 'CONN'	SYMBOL	THE "P" FOR PERMANENT SURPER IMPOSED IN TAGGED MAPLE LEAF IN STAMP FIELD		
8	2007	DEC	27	2244	FLOWER DEFINITIVES - COILS	ISLAND RED FLOWERS	SYMBOL	THE "P" FOR PERMANENT SURPER IMPOSED		

Tagging elements database/spreadsheet