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Kiosk Stamps – Landscapes by Canadian Painters

by: *Robin Harris*

Two weeks *after* a new set of Kiosk stamps were released by Canada Post the collecting community began to learn about the new issue.

ESG member Earle Covert sent me an e-mail on November 16 which included a photograph of a Canada Post internal memo announcing the 'New print-on-demand postage service at concept stores!'



One of five new 'Kiosk' stamp designs (shown at actual size)

The 4 denominations (Permanent™, \$1.20, \$1.80, \$2.50), each available in 5 different designs, were released October 31 to coincide with the opening of a 'third concept store' which opened in Vancouver, BC.

The stamps are only available in strips of 5 of a single denomination. At least two *major* varieties of inkjet spray coding already exist!

See page 40 for illustrations of all 20 different stamps, which accompany an article put together by ESG member Mirko Zatka. The designs feature landscapes by Canadian painters, all currently in The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts:

Emily Carr (1871–1945)
Indian War Canoe (Alert Bay), 1912

James Edward Hervey MacDonald (1873–1932)
The Front of Winter, 1928

Tom Thomson (1877–1917)
In the Northland, 1915

Albert Henry Robinson (1881–1956)
Winter, Baie-Saint-Paul, circa 1923

Arthur Lismer (1885–1969)
Little Haven, Nova Scotia, 1930

It was four years ago, in December 2012, when collectors were caught off guard with the release of the first computer vended postage (via Kiosks).



BNAPS / ESG Show 'n Tell
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Canada Post News

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

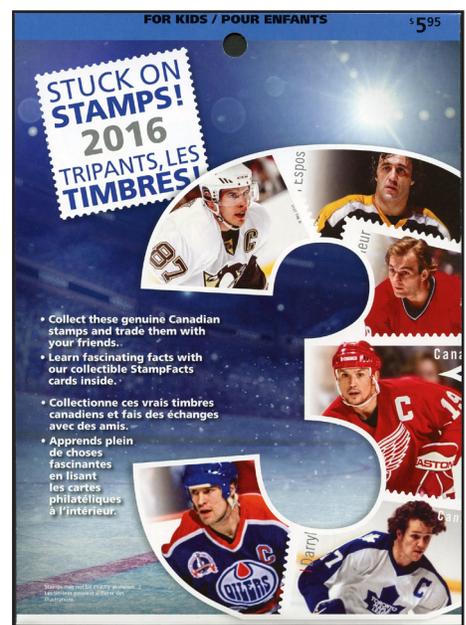
► 2016/4 Quarter Pack

The fourth quarterly pack of 2016 showed up in post offices in mid-November. The package contains the stamps released from October through December: which consists of only Christmas stamps, which accounts for the low face value of ‘only’ \$9.95. This is the lowest-priced quarterly pack since the Christmas-only pack of 2011. With that said, \$9.95 for ‘just’ the Christmas stamps seems to be a bit excessive.

► 2016/3 *Stuck on Stamps!*

The third “For Kids” *Stuck on Stamps!* package for 2016 is now available. [A fourth issue for 2016 has not yet been announced, and it is now nearly mid-December.]

The pack contains die cut-to-shape singles of each of the six *Great Canadian Forwards* stamps from the self-adhesive booklet (total face value of \$5.10, and sold for \$5.95).



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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, September 1–3

BNAPEX 2016

A roundup of the ESG meeting held in conjunction with BNAPEX 2016 can be found on page 36. Thank you Adri for chairing the meeting.

What is the Secrecy Canada Post?

by: Robin Harris



Any kind of announcement/images of Canada Post's 2016 Christmas issue was first seen by collectors, via the Canada Post website, on about October 28 ... the stamps themselves were released just *four days* later on November 1. I first saw the "Details" magazine on October 31 (which was not called "Details", but rather "Gift ideas").

In past years, the annual Christmas issues appeared on the following dates:

2015 (Nov 2); 2014 (Oct 23); 2013 (Oct 22); 2012 (Oct 15); 2011 (Nov 1); 2010 (Nov 1)

Canada Post knows, *every year*, that in late-October or early-November a set of Christmas stamps will be released. *Linn's Stamp News* 'announced', *a year ago* (December 21, 2015 issue), the stamp subjects and issue date for this Christmas issue. A year ago a US-based newspaper knew more about this issue than collectors knew only four days before the stamps were released — do you see anything wrong with that?

Why then, did collectors not find out more about this annual stamp issue (i.e. images, details, etc.) until just four days before the stamps were released? Why were these stamps not announced in a proper issue of *Details*? Is it because this year's Christmas issue is titled "Rolf Harder"? What's up with that? Why not "Christmas Trees", which each of the three non-religious stamps depict? How can an annual Christmas issue be named after a deceased stamp designer?

Why are collectors, and the general public, not getting any kind of information about new stamp issues in a timely manner ... at least months in advance, not weeks, days, or even after-the-fact?

Too bad we can't go back to the good 'ol days when the entire year's stamp program (with issue dates!) was announced months before the new year started.



Canada Post 2016 Stamp Program (partial)

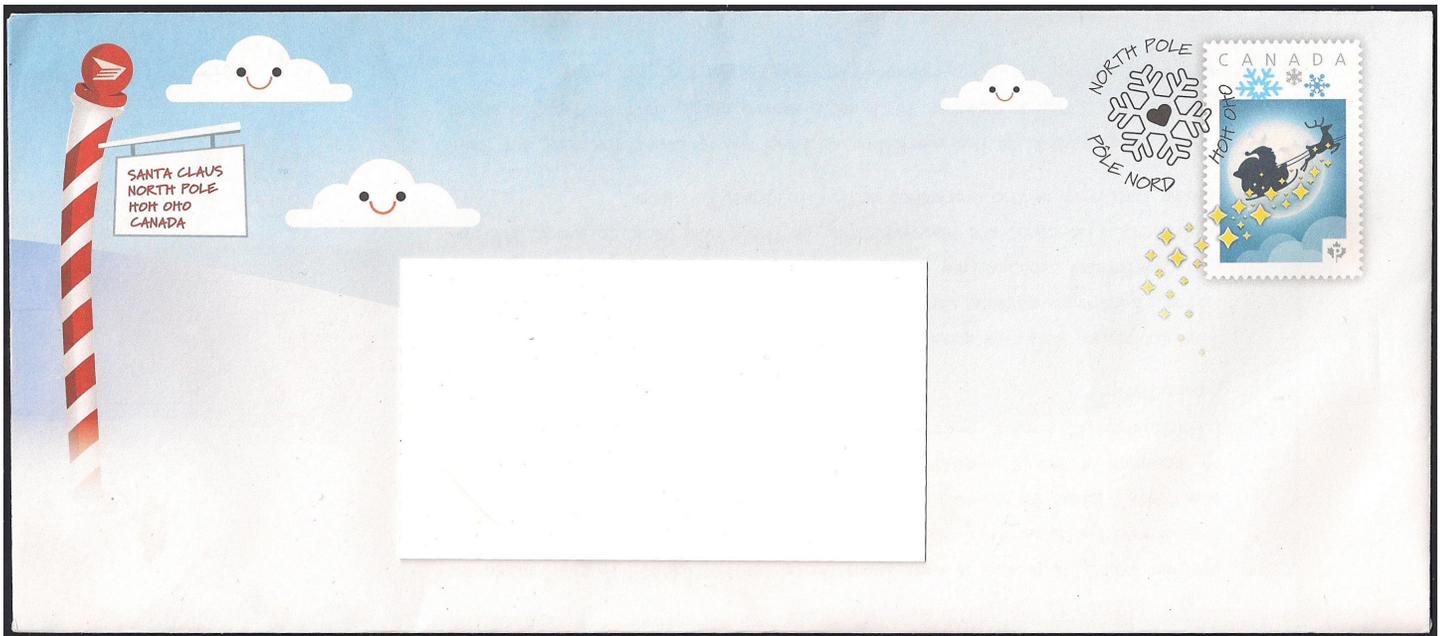
Issue dates are subject to change by Canada Post. Shaded entries are changed/new from the last time we presented this list.

Issued	Description	Scott#
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) 	2936–40 2935
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) 	2942–47 2941 2948–53
Sep 26	Canada Post Community Foundation (2 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢) + 10¢ semi-postal, self-adhesive booklet of 10 	B23–24
Oct 31	Print-on-demand/computer generated kiosk: Landscapes by Canadian Painters (5 designs in each denomination) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢) self-adhesive roll • \$1.20 self-adhesive roll • \$1.80 self-adhesive roll • \$2.50 self-adhesive roll 	
Nov 1	Christmas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢) Madonna and Child, self-adhesive booklet of 12 • Permanent™ (85¢) Santa Claus, self-adhesive booklet of 12 • \$1.20 Christmas Tree, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$2.50 Dove, self-adhesive booklet of 6 • \$4.55 souvenir sheet of 3 	2955 2956 2957 2958 2954

2016 Santa Claus Letter "Stamps"

ESG member Earle Covert passed along an example of this year's Santa Claus size-10 envelope.

The 'stamp' design uses one of the personalized picture postage frames and shows Santa's sleigh being pulled by reindeer.



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 2243, Beausejour, MB R0E 0C0, Canada.

BNAPEX 2016: ESG Meeting

reported by: Adri Veenstra

The Elizabethan II Study held its annual meeting with a “Show and Tell” on October 1, during the BNAPEX 2016 in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The meeting, led by Adri Veenstra, was attended by eleven participants.



ESG attendees at BNAPEX 2016:

Robert Haslewood: Montreal, QC
Jeff Arndt: Fairfax, VA
Ingo Nessel: Brampton, ON
Barbara Sneyd: Toronto, ON
Paul G. Bourgoin: Fredericton, NB
Earle L. Covert: Raymond, AB
Dave Bartlet: Calgary, AB
Leopold Beaudet: Ottawa, ON
George Dresser: College Station, TX
C.A. Stillions: Washington, DC
Robert Lemire: Deep River, ON
Adri Veenstra: Arnhem, Netherlands

After the business announcements Adri started off with showing a few Centennial items from a cover collection he acquired 10 years ago. Among these items was a \$1.75 money packet rate tag shortpaid by 25¢ and tied by Stephenville, Nfld. 1 III 72 MOON cancels. His question about the shortpaid tag kept unanswered but Leopold Beaudet discovered on the UL stamp of the block of six 25¢ Solemn Land stamps a “Plastic Flow” variety. Another interesting item shown was a postcard from Rotterdam, Netherlands, to Brantford, Ontario, showing de Lijnbaan (a famous highstreet), with a 10¢ Jack Pine tied by a CFPO-26 29 IX 68 cancel. According to Bailey and Toop’s Canadian Military Post Offices to 1986 CFPO-26 was in use on HMCS Bonaventure from April 1, 1963 to June 30, 1970. Probably HMCS Bonaventure visited the port of Rotterdam after NATO’s maritime exercise ‘Silver Tower’ which was held in the North Atlantic between September 16 and 27 1968.



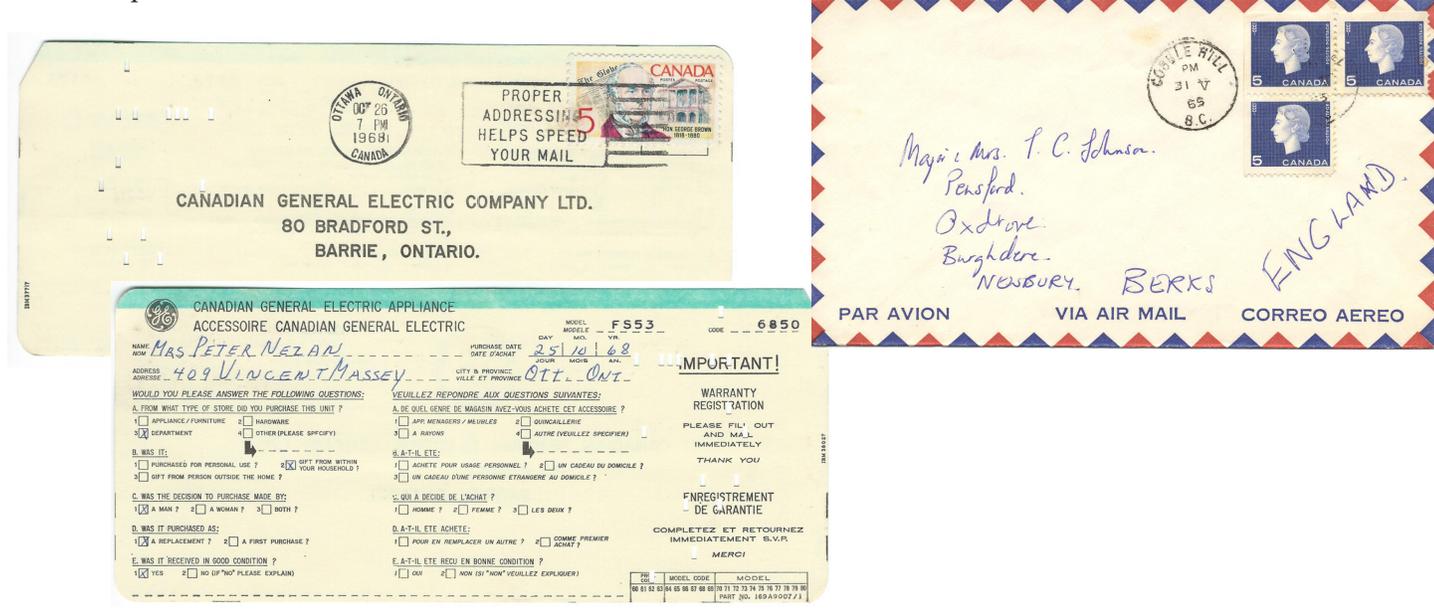
Earle Covert showed a few stationery items with Illustrated Permits, formerly known as Addressed Admail, in English and French and with QR codes. According to Earle there are some 750 different covers known and this count is growing.

One of George Dresser’s collecting interests is the Medium Values from the Mammal Definitives 1988 – 1990. The commercial usage overweight domestic rate (Domestic first-class 30-50g and Domestic oversize 30-50g) on cover are especially hard to find.

Jeffrey Arndt kindly passed around a box for glasses paid by a 5¢ Wilding for the 4 oz. parcel post rate and a printed matter item franked by a 2¢ Karsh and a 4¢ Wilding block of four paying the 10 oz. rate.

George Dresser brought to attention that international mail is not cancelled anymore. The sorting machines only have images of Canadian stamps issued in the last 2 years so older stamps are not cancelled. Dave Bartlet mentioned that all international mail still has electronic barcodes on the front side of the cover.

Ingo Nessel is looking for booklet stamps on cover from the 1985 – 1989 50¢ Parliament vending machine booklets. He brought along a Canadian General Electric punch card with a 1968 5¢ George Brown for warranty registration and a Canada Postage Commemorative Issues 50¢ cover to the USA tied by a pair of 2¢ Wilding and one 1¢ Wilding. The other side of the souvenir card showed 10 5¢ stamps from the late 50's but cancelled by 1961 MOON cancels from different Canadian places.



Dave Bartlet passed around a 1951 Easter Seals price list from the Ontario Society of Crippled Children, a few Picture Postage show covers from NOVAPEX 2016 with the focus on Rural Mail Delivery and a 1965 15¢ airmail cover to England with 3 x 5¢ Cameo from the cello paq pane of 20.

Robert Lemire concluded the "Show and Tell" with an announcement that the Canadian postage-prepaid #10 envelopes (in packs of 10) are now being printed by Colour Innovations instead of Lowe-Martin. The barcode has been

removed from these Animal and Flower envelopes but single items, which sell for the \$1 rate at the counter, do still have the barcode.

Next year, the annual meeting and "Show and Tell" will be held during BNAPEX 2017, September 1-3 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Calgary, Alberta. Attendees are encouraged to bring Elizabethan II material with them!



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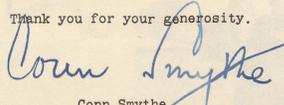
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1947-	Perforated or Unperforated Seals - English only Progressive Colour Proofs (4 sheets, 3 colours)	... \$1.00 per sheet ... 2.50 per set
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1950-	Perforated or Unperforated Seals - English or Bilingual Progressive Colour Proofs (2 sheets, 3 colours)	... 1.00 per sheet ... 2.50 per set
1951-	Perforated or Unperforated Seals - English or Bilingual Progressive Colour Proofs (3 sheets, 3 colours)	... 1.00 per sheet ... 2.50 per set
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NHL 2016 Autographed Stamps (Crosby eBay listings and sales)

by: Robin Harris

As noted in the last *Corgi Times*, Canada Post released another group of NHL stamps which include randomly placed autographed examples (1-in-40 packages).

The Sidney Crosby stamp, of which only 100 were autographed by Crosby, are by far the most sought, at least based on sales on eBay. Here is an updated list of the *twenty* (20) different Crosby-autographed stamps that have appeared on eBay:

[The C\$/US\$ exchange rate is above 30% at this time, in favour of the US\$.]



Sidney Crosby autographed stamp										
	Date posted	eBay #	Type	Price	Shipping	Location	Sold?	Sell price	eBay Category	Seller id
1	Sep 23	112146963581	BIN	US300	13	Chatsworth, ON	Sep 24	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	buckandbay
2	Sep 25	182293179181	Auction	—	10	Ottawa, ON	Oct 5	C796	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	donny00
3	Sep 26	361746009993	BIN	US250	2.50	Gatineau, QC	ended Sep 26	'item no longer available'	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	frankie5s
		same card as offered Oct 4								
4	Sep 30	401198151971	BIN	C600	20	Rimouski, QC	Oct 2	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	lastcallhot
(3a)	Oct 4	201683397991	BIN	US700	14	London, ON	Oct 5	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	pack-fresh
		same card as first sold Sep 26								
		Shown on Stamp Community Forum with a full set of all 6 - Oct 11								
5	Oct 6	191989149503	BIN	US900 ↓ US800	14	London, ON	Oct 10	US800	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	pack-fresh
6	Oct 7	232107149206	BIN	US750		Winnipeg, MB	Oct 10	US750	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	bourquecollector17
7	Oct 13	182311988397	Auction		C10	Ottawa, ON	Oct 20	C885	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	donny00
8	Oct 15	172375656919	BIN	US800	15	Burnaby, BC	Oct 15	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	grocery_stick
9	Oct 19	192001771434	BIN	C729	12	Joliette, QC	Oct 20	C729	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	theotheo299
10	Oct 21	182324160452	Auction		10	Ottawa, ON	Oct 28	C1,225	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	donny00
		has ink spot at LL (outer selvedge) from marker used when signing								
11	Oct 21	131978203056	Auction		10	Markham, ON	Oct 28	C1,312.87	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	leafshockeycollection
12	Oct 23	172385046365	BIN	C1,500 ↓ 1,375	25	Burnaby, BC	Oct 31	1,375	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	grocery_stick
13	Nov 1	131989961631	BIN	US999	Free	Charlo, NB	Nov 1	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	cheapestbreakonline
14	Nov 8	381842280851	BIN	US999	10.00	Surrey, BC	Nov 18	'error in listing' re-listed Nov 18	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	*mtgcards*
15	Nov 8	172402502093	BIN	US999	35	Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC	Nov 13	US999/C1352	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	kipps11
16	Nov 14	401225687378	BIN	C1300	25	Rimouski, QC	Nov 26	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	lastcallhot
17	Nov 15	122227105770	BIN	US999	Free	Ridgetown, ON	Nov 22	best offer	Stamps Canada FDCs Sports Ice Hockey Cards	tallgrasskyle
18	Nov 15	182355317467	Auction	St. 0.99	C15	Nepean, ON	Nov 22	C898	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	venoms_web
(14a)	Nov 18	351909308032	BIN	US800	10	Surrey, BC	Nov 21	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	*mtgcards*
19	Nov 19	232148963927	BIN	C775	Free	Quebec, QC	Nov 19	C775	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	sartonofx8
20	Nov 27?	192039062378	BIN	C1000	15	Chatham, ON	Dec 4	best offer	Sports Ice Hockey Cards	vanillabose

2016 Kiosk Stamp Label Trial

by: Mirko Zatka

The start of computer-vended stamp labels in Canada was in December 2012, when several machines were brought into use that could weigh packages and envelopes, and calculate the postage. For certain preset postal rates, the machine would print small labels bearing stylized and coloured maple leaf in autumn along with a bar code. Any letters handled through this machine would still need to be taken a mailbox, and parcels to a postal outlet for mailing. The trial was relative short-lived (approximately seven months) as few customers outside of collectors seemed to use it.



In 2015, Canada Post Corporation introduced a new self-service customer “concept” store, allowing customers to ship parcels and purchase stamps through automated “kiosks” and vending machines on a 24-hour basis. These were full, new, facilities rather than just a single machine. Two such locations were opened in Canada: Richmond Hill, Ontario, and Edmonton, Alberta. Stamps sold through these concept stores were regular booklets and coil rolls available through other post offices, with no custom-printed stamp labels.

On October 31, 2016, Canada Post opened the next generation of a “concept” store in downtown Vancouver that not only offers the same type of 24-hr parcel service as the previous two locations, but now also includes a “print-on-demand” stamp unit that produces stamp labels. Two “kiosk” machines are available at the new concept store location – one within the regular post office area, and the second one outside of it by the front entry door. As a result, the former is available for use only during regular post office hours, whereas the second one is available 24 hours.

As shown below, the new labels are different from the first trial with 5 different images available (Figure 1).

Four different face values can be purchased on the labels: “Permanent”, \$1.20, \$1.80, and \$2.50. Parcels to be mailed from the kiosks continue to get separate large (non-stamp) labels that contain the postage paid as well as destination information and bar coding. As initially produced (for approximately one week), the labels showed the postage value, and an 18-digit “code”. The code appears to represent the following information, in order:

- first six digits are the kiosk location,
- next two digits show the machine number,
- next six digits show the date in YYMMDD, and
- last four digits may be an order or purchase code.

Without notice, the code was shortened to only 14 digits on November 26:

- first six digits are the kiosk location,
- next four digits show the date in MMDD, and
- last 4 digits may be an order or purchase code.



Figure 1: five different designs



Figure 2: 18-digit (left) vs. 14-digit (right) codes

Canada Post indicated that the new concept store opened on October 31, but so far the earliest vended stamp labels known show a date of November 19. It is uncertain whether the stamp label machines were available for use prior to November 19. While the initial 18-digit code setting was in use, each machine showed slightly different positioning of the value and code on the labels, with one machine (#02) in many cases printing the end of the code over the side text of the

painting's artist. This appears to have been noticed by Canada Post, and may be the reason why the code was shortened to 14 digits.

The labels can be purchased only in multiples of five. With five different label designs in use, this means that unless a machine is serviced and the labels advanced by one or more as part of the process, each strip of five will always start and end with the same label design. To speed-up the process, Canada Post has allowed larger quantities of the stamp labels to be specified during the purchase using a multiplier: 5, 50 or 100. Once one of these is selected (5 is the default), exact quantities of each value can be selected by pressing a quantity increase (“+”) button at right of the screen (See Figure 3). The appropriate number of label strips for each value are then printed.

If purchasing labels with different face values, they are selected on-screen in the order of: “Permanent”, Oversize (\$1.80), USA (\$1.80), and International (\$2.50). Regardless of the size of an order and the time to complete the printing, each label in an order will contain the same digital time-stamped code.

If purchasing more than 5 stamps of any value (one strip), all strips of the same value are printed first, then the second value, etc. Some strips also show an extra, partial, “11” print in the lower-left corner of the bottom label in a strip (Figure 4). This marking appears to indicate the first strip of the next value printed, but its purpose is not known. There are otherwise no other markings on the blank labels.

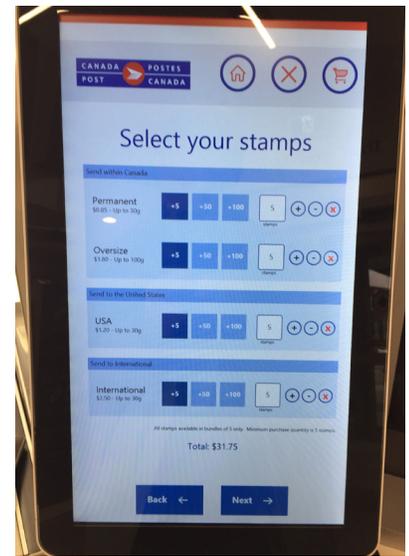


Figure 3: “Select your stamps” screen

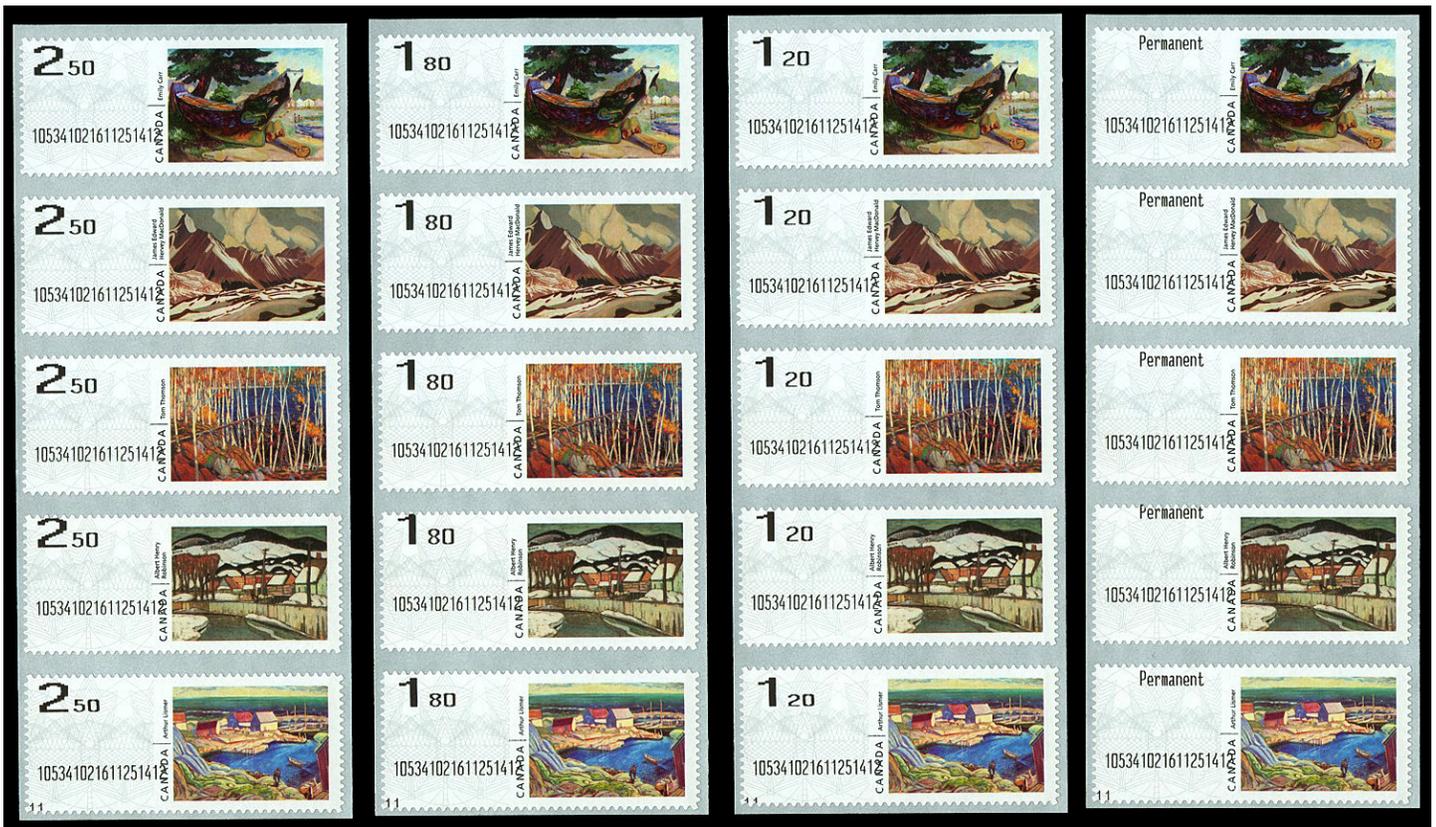


Figure 4: Top half of the value “11” shown on lower left corner of each strip.

The blank labels are supplied in large rolls, and are produced by Lowe-Martin (Fig 5). It is interesting to note that while the concept store went into operation on October 31, the first supply of blank labels for the machines was only produced on October 24. What an example of “just-in-time-delivery”!

When examining the printed strips, each one shows a slight upward mis-alignment of print on the fourth label from top (see Figure 1). In addition, it has been noticed that some of the “Permanent” value strips show a larger or smaller font size for the face value indicator on one or two of the labels, in different positions in the strip. This is scarce and random. The reason for these varieties is not known and both machines appear to be affected (Figure 6).The higher values do not show the font-size variety.



Fig 5: Roll of blank labels



Permanent Permanent

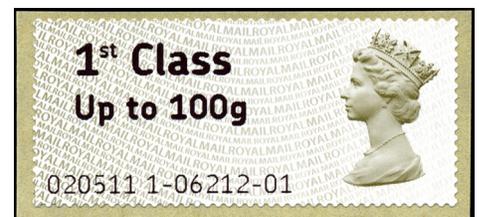
Fig 6: Bottom label font size is smaller or larger vs. above label which is normal.

As can be expected during a trial, the new stamp-label vending machines did experience some technical problems while I was there. On one occasion, the software froze when a credit card was left too long in the payment slot, which required both machines to be re-booted from a remote location. On a second occasion, a machine stopped dispensing receipts, which required it to be serviced and the feeding mechanism un-jammed.

Canada Post has announced that the original two concept stores in Richmond Hill and Edmonton will have the print-on-demand stamp dispensing capability added, but no dates have been provided. Additional concept stores are expected, but the roll-out of these may depend on the public's acceptance of the self-serve facilities, and the overall success of this trial and technology.

Editors' note: Great Britain has been releasing similar vended machine stamps for over 10 years now. They have used different images, different fonts, show themes, etc., etc.

Post & Go stamps, also called Faststamps, are variable rate postage stamps printed on self-adhesive labels and sold by stamp vending machines by Royal Mail in the United Kingdom, as well as by Jersey Post, Guernsey Post, the Royal Gibraltar Post Office and Q-Post (Qatar).



Kiosk Stamps – 2016 version

New print-on-demand kiosk postage stamps at new concept Post Offices!

- On October 31, 2016 (date the post office opened), **new print-on-demand kiosk stamps** were introduced in our third and newest “concept” Post Office - Vancouver Main Post Office, 495 West Georgia Street Vancouver BC.
- These new print-on-demand stamps will also be available at kiosks located in the following concept Post Offices in the near future (date/s TBC).
 - Edmonton DRIVE-THRU PARCEL CENTRE
17310 99 AVE NW, EDMONTON, AB T5T 5L0
 - Richmond Hill (GTA) DRIVE-THRU PARCEL CENTRE
8889 YONGE ST, RICHMOND HILL, ON L4C 7Z0
- The stamps feature 5 different Canadian landscape designs – each design the work of great Canadian artist:
 - Emily Carr
 - James Hervey MacDonald
 - Tom Thomson
 - Albert Henry Robertson
 - Arthur Lismer.
 - See below for details.
- The stamps are sold in strips of 5 only.
- The stamps are available in four denominations:
 - Permanent™ domestic rate - \$0.85
 - U.S. rate - \$1.20
 - International rate -\$2.50
 - Oversize-domestic rate - \$1.80.
- Each strip of 5 stamps carries the same denomination (e.g. 5 Permanent™ rate, or 5 International rate). Mixed rates in the same strip of 5 are not available.
- Base stamp designs/images were printed at Lowe Martin in Ottawa, On, Canada on Avery Dennison Paper. Denomination and numeric codes are printed via direct thermal print at the kiosks.
- Kiosk printers etc. were custom developed for Canada Post using multiple suppliers.

Where to buy Print-on-demand Kiosk Stamps?

- Starting in December (date TBC), customers will be able to pre-order a strip of 5 Permanent™ rate stamps from the Canada Post online store (canadapost.ca/shop).
- An Official First Day Cover, featuring the strip of 5 stamps at the Permanent rate, will also be available for pre-order at that time.
 - The First Day Cover will bear a Vancouver Cancellation, dated October 31, 2016, and will sell for the normal FDC price – that is 5x \$0.85 plus \$1.00 for a total of \$5.25
- The two products will be advertised in the next *Details* magazine, scheduled for early January.
- Customers wishing to purchase the stamps before this date, or for denominations other than the Permanent™ rate strip of 5, will need to purchase the stamps at the kiosk/s themselves.



Vancouver 'concept' store; kiosk machine; stamps dispensed (courtesy Brian Cannon)

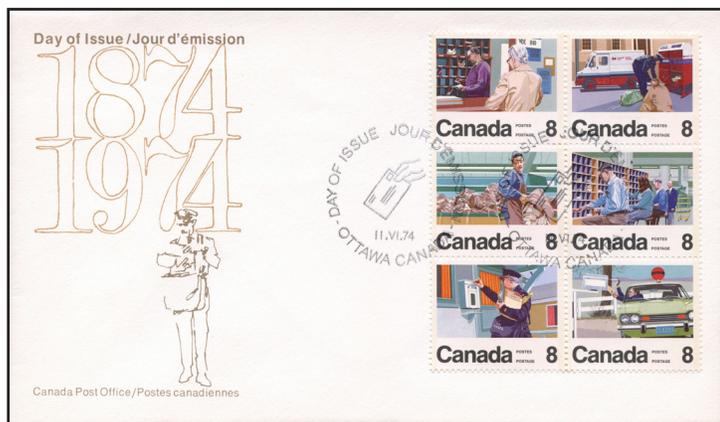
Errors, Freaks and Oddities on Canada Post Official First Day Covers (OFDCs) – The Cancellation

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 **cancellation**-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.

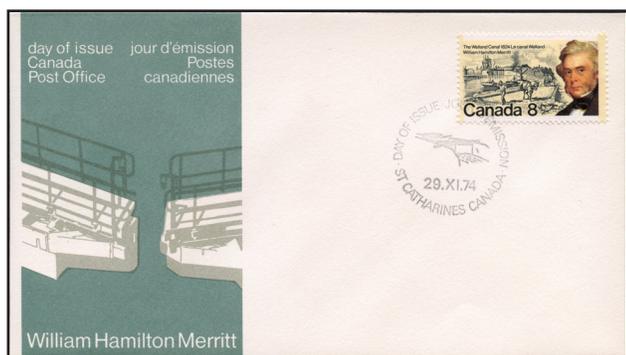
041 and 041v1:

Centenary of Letter Carrier Delivery Service OFDC issued on 1974.06.11 (left) with a dating error of "7.VI.74" (right). Other OFDCs with dating errors include Prince Edward Island (1873-1973) issued in 1973 (027v1) and William Hamilton Merritt issued in 1974 (050v1). *Valued at \$150.00.*



050 and 050v:

William Hamilton Merritt OFDC issued on 1974.11.29 in St. Catharines (left) with the wrong day of issue site as "OTTAWA" (right). Five found. *Valued at \$250.00.*



031v1:

1976 Olympic Games – Logo OFDC issued in 1973 with "OTTAWA ONTARIO CANADA" hub inverted to the date. *Valued at \$150.00.*

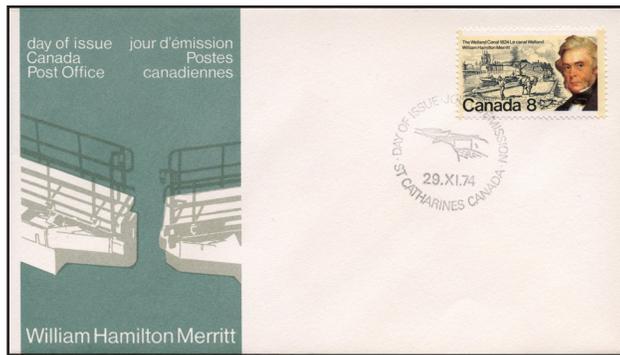


CAPEX 78 Souvenir Sheet OFDC issued in 1978 with the two cancellations doubled. Valued at \$50.00.



050 and 050v3:

William Hamilton Merritt OFDC issued in 1974 with a normal cancellation (left) and a crack in the canal's wall (right).



380 and 380v1:

Canada Day – “Canada, Our Home and Native Land ...” OFDC issued in 1992 with poor quality (thin to thick letters and numerals) cancellations (above) and evenly thin letters and numerals (below).



Canada Post Admail

Two more mailings from Canada Post were received recently, both of which include a **Personalized Mail** indicia: both using the same indicia (the \$2.50 Dove and Christmas Tree stamp design).

The *Gift ideas*, although not labeled as a *Details*, announced the Christmas stamp issue while the *Collections PLUS* list supplies (and coins of course).



Gift ideas



Collections PLUS



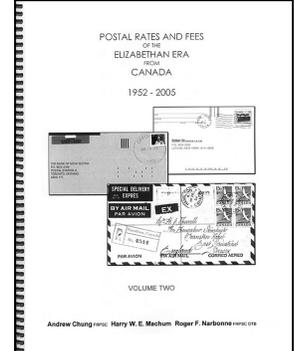
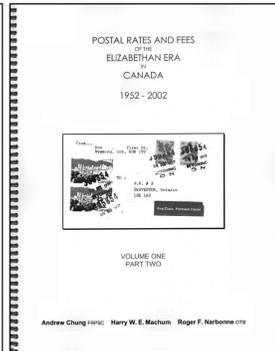
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USA	US \$22.00	US \$17.00
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	(502 pages)	(275 pages)
	Nov 2004	Apr 2007
	<i>Exchange rate subject to change</i>	



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