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Discount Postage from Canada Post

Someone at Canada Post goofed.

It may not seem like much, but the *Star Trek™: Year 2 (Captains)* Prestige stamp booklet released by Canada Post on April 27, 2017 sells for \$21.95 but has a total face value of postage of \$22.25 — a savings of 30¢.



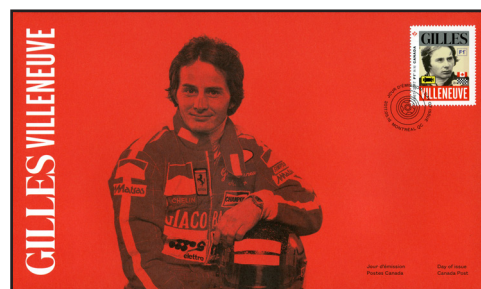
The Prestige booklet issued last year for *Star Trek™, The Original TV Series* (50th anniversary) had a selling price of \$19.95 with a face value of \$18.95.

Typically, a Prestige booklet will sell for *more* than the face value of the included stamps, due to the nature of the item (several pages of descriptive text, binding, etc.). It seems quite odd that this year's booklet sells for *less* than the face value of the included postage.

Villeneuve OFDC Recall

For the second time in just three years, Canada Post has recalled an Official First Day Cover shortly after its release.

The Gilles Villeneuve OFDC, one of five in a set of stamps issued May 16 to honour Formula 1 Grand Prix Du Canada winners, was recalled within just five days of its release.



This recall affected the single Villeneuve OFDC, the set of five OFDC pack, and the Villeneuve framed print (which includes an OFDC).

At the time of this writing, the reason for the recall, as reported in online stories, lies in the French text indicating Villeneuve's "hometown" is incorrect.

The Catherine O'Hara (Great Canadian Comedians) OFDC of August 29, 2014 was recalled due to incorrect textual information on the reverse of the cover.

BNAPEX 2017 — ESG Meeting

ESG members are encouraged to attend BNAPEX 2017 in Calgary, September 1–3, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The Elizabethan II era will be well-represented in the exhibits. Our ever-popular annual Show-and-Tell will be held in the afternoon of Saturday, September 2. Please bring along something of interest and add to the fun! Your host will be Bob Elias.

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Canada Post News

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

► Canada 150

What a great idea! Announcing ten different subjects, across Canada, over a one month span. After the first couple of stamp subjects were announced, my daughter and I made a list of our wishes for relevant subjects (only two came true!).

The June 1 issue includes a self-adhesive booklet of the 10 different designs, with the stamps die cut in the shape of a maple leaf. A water-activated gum pane of 10 has the same designs but the stamps are perforated in a circular manner. These are illustrated here at actual size:



The ten subjects, and their announcement locations/dates are:

- 1967: Expo 67 — Montreal (Apr 27)
- 1971: Trans-Canada Highway — Regina (May 16)
- 1972: Summit Series — Winnipeg (May 31)
- 1980: Marathon of Hope — St. John's (May 25)
- 1981: Canadarm — Toronto (Apr 28)
- 1982: The Constitution — Ottawa (May 3)
- 1999: Nunavut — Iqaluit (May 30)
- 2005: Marriage Equality — Toronto (May 9)
- 1976/1988/2010: Olympic Games — Vancouver (Jun 1)
- 1976/2010: Paralympic Glory — Vancouver (Jun 1)

I was in attendance at the "Summit Series" announcement in Winnipeg on May 31. It was the best stamp launch/announcement I have attended.

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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

Three Strikes?

by: *Robin Harris*

In the span of less than 40 days, and three stamp issues, Canada Post's stamp program has made three embarrassing mistakes, none of which should have happened.

• Vimy Ridge (April 8)

The Battle of Vimy Ridge (April 9–12, 1917), perhaps the most important stamp issue of the year, included a single Permanent™ stamp and a souvenir sheet containing two stamps. This souvenir sheet was not available on the day of issue. It was finally distributed nearly 3 weeks after the first day of issue.

The ability of the public to have the souvenir sheet prior and during the one hundredth anniversary of the battle itself was not possible. Any attempt by collectors to obtain historically significant cancellations was lost.



• Star Trek (April 27)

The Prestige booklet sells for \$21.95 which is less than the face value of the included stamps (\$22.25 in postage).

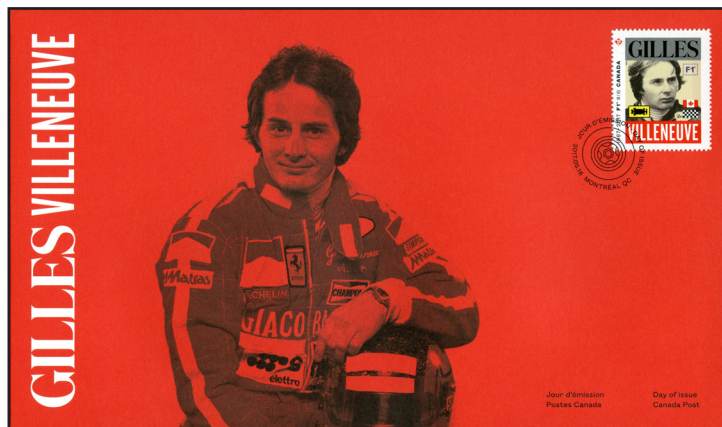
Typically, a Prestige booklet will sell for more than face value due to the higher printing costs, added content, etc. Last Year's Star Trek Prestige booklet sold for \$1 over the face value of the stamps.



• Formula 1 (May 16)

The Gilles Villeneuve official first day cover, part of the Formula 1 in Canada stamp issue, was recalled within a few of days of being issued. This recall affected the single Villeneuve OFDC, the set of five OFDC pack, and the Villeneuve framed print (which includes an OFDC).

Although only noticeable by collectors, I would suggest we could also include the multiple die cutting varieties found on the Permanent™ Vimy Ridge and Eid stamp issues as another item that could be added to this list (albeit this is more of a 'printer' issue).



Canada Post 2017 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 9	Year of the Rooster <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢) pane of 25 • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet pane of 10 • \$2.50, self-adhesive booklet pane of 6 • \$2.50 souvenir sheet • \$2.50 (Rooster) and \$2.50 (Monkey) “transitional” souvenir sheet • \$30.00 uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) 	2959 2961 2962 2960 2960a
Jan 16	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 • \$2.50 postal cards (one of each design) 	2964–68 2963
Feb 1	Black History Month: Mathieu Da Costa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 	2969
Feb 4	Canadian Opera (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$4.25 gummed souvenir sheet of 5 	2971–75 1970
Mar 1	Daisies (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) 	2979–80 2977–78 2976
Apr 8	Vimy Ridge (3 designs) — joint issue with France <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 • \$5 souvenir sheet (two \$2.50 designs) 	2982 2981
Apr 27	Star Trek: Year 2 (Captains) <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 • \$21.95 Prestige booklet, with 5 souvenir sheets • \$44.10 uncut press sheet of 6 souvenir sheets • \$2.50 postal cards (five designs) 	2986–90 2983 2985
May 16	Formula 1 Grand Prix Du Canada Winners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 (5 designs) • \$4.25 gummed pane of 5 • \$21.25 uncut press sheet of 5 strips of 5 stamps 	
May 24	Eid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 	
Jun 1	Canada 150 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10 (10 designs) • \$8.50 gummed pane of 10 Canada 150: Nunavut <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 8 Canada 150: Marriage Equality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent™ (85¢), self-adhesive booklet of 8 	

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.

Official Postal Cards

A 'Canada 150' stamp announcement to collectors on Canada Post's mailing list has produced *official postal cards* (this could be a new section added to the next edition of the *Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps*).

The postal cards are available in two languages (English and French) *and* three denominations: Canada domestic (Permanent™), USA (\$1.20), and International (\$2.50) ... a total of **six cards** to hunt down.

A set of 10 stamps will be released June 1. The stamp images are being unveiled in the couple of weeks preceding the stamp launch. The stamps, shaped as maple leaves, will highlight "10 unforgettable moments since Canada's centennial in 1967".



The F1 Canadian Grand Prix Press Sheet Issue

by: Georg Gerlach

On May 16th, 2017 Canada Post issued a set of 5 stamps honouring the 50th anniversary of the Formula 1 Canadian Grand Prix. The stamp set issued includes images of five F1 drivers (Jackie Stewart, Gilles Villeneuve, Ayrton Senna, Michael Schumacher, Lewis Hamilton) from this time period. The issue included a set of 10 stamps in a self-stick booklet format, a set-tenant pane of all five stamps and an uncut press sheet. The press sheet was sold at face value and contains five strips of 5 of each stamp. [Ed note: the press sheet is no longer available on the Canada Post website.]

In all previous press sheet issues the stamps on the press sheet were printed in a format similar to the stamp issue itself. That is not the case in this issue. For the first time, Canada Post has issued press sheets containing the five different stamps in a format that is only available as part of the press sheets. This creates some potentially very rare stamp multiples. The press sheet as shown in figure 1 has 5 strips of 5 of each of the stamps. Thus, it is possible to obtain a limited number of pairs, strips of 3, 4 or 5 that cannot be obtained anywhere else. In total, there are only 2000 possible strips of 5 of each value. An incredibly small quantity. In the case of pairs or strips of 3 the number doubles but again the quantities are extremely small.

For the modern Canadian stamp collector this presents a problem as many collectors will aspire to getting at least a pair or strip of 3 of the new stamps for their collections and the small quantities will make this extremely difficult. Obtaining these in used condition, cancelled in period, will be even more difficult.

The press sheet quantities on their own are not unusually small except for the fact that this stamp format is unique to this press sheet. If all the press sheets were left intact as issued there would be 2000 sets of strips of 5. A very small number. It is likely a small number of stamps will be cancelled, thus reducing the number of mint never hinged strips even further. For most collectors strips of 5 will not be attainable but it is possible to double the number available if pairs or strips of 3 are created. Still an extremely low number but a bit more achievable. For collector's who aspire to have a complete collection of modern stamps this issue certainly raises concerns about attainability. Canada Post has inadvertently created a modern rarity.

While I have focussed on the strips of 5 and the potential for pairs and strips of 3 from these press sheets, other combinations are possible. Items such as horizontal gutter pairs and vertical gutter pairs and vertical gutter strips of three can all be created given the stamp layout on the press sheets.

I believe many collectors will be caught unaware and it will be interesting to see how these stamps are treated in the catalogue and by album makers. Only time will tell whether the strips and pairs of stamps from these press sheets become a sought after modern issue.

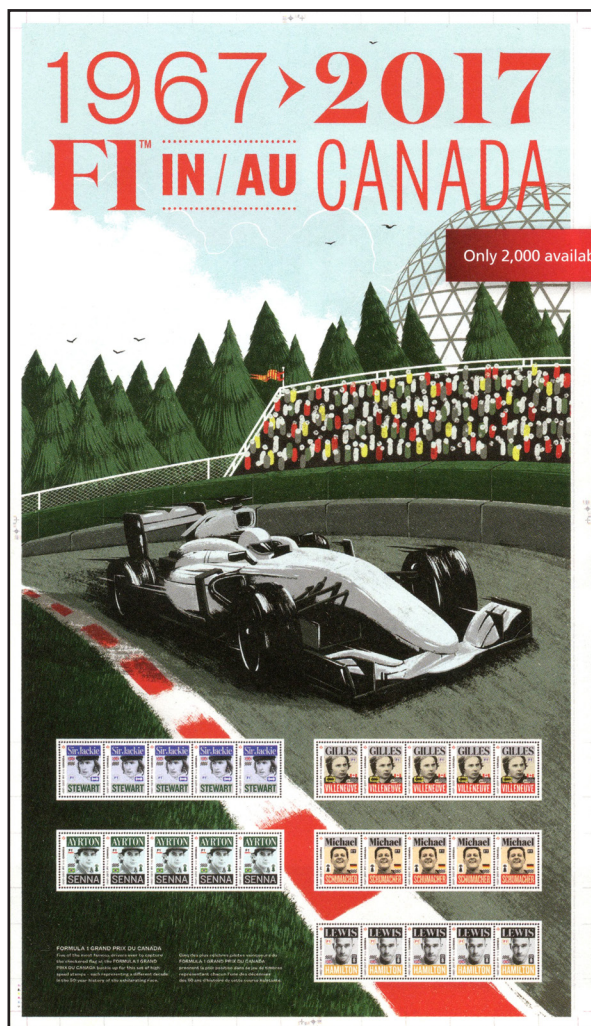


Figure 1: Pre-issue image of uncut press sheet



Figure 2: Strip of 5 from water-activated gum souvenir sheet

Eid – Die cut varieties

Canada Post released a “special commemorative” single stamp on May 24 for two of the most important festivals celebrated by Muslims worldwide – Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha. [stamps for Diwali and Hanukkah will follow later this year]

The self-adhesive booklet of ten was printed by Colour Innovations. There are **three** different die cut variations from the ten stamps (all have the same die cut measurement of 13.5 x 13.3). These are illustrated below. The variations are most easily seen by comparing the die cutting at the four corners.

This is the second time this year that Colour Innovations has had different die cut variations within the same booklet. The first was the Vimy Ridge stamp issue of April 8 where there were seven different variations found within the booklet of 10 stamps.



Type 1 (column 1)



Type 2 (columns 2 and 4)



Type 3 (columns 3 and 5)



Articles Urgently Needed

Star Trek: *Galileo* Coil

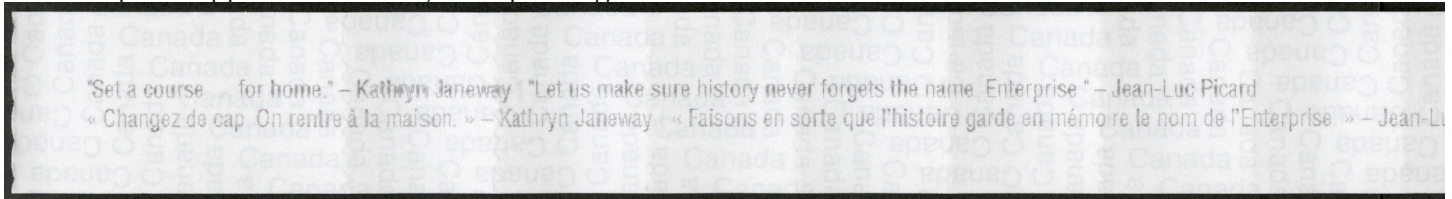
The 2017 *Galileo* coil roll of 50 stamps, part of the Star Trek (Year 2) stamp issue (April 27) from Canada Post, has famous quotes from the various film and television series printed on the back of the coil roll. In order, from the start of the roll, are these quotes:



"Set a course for home." – Kathryn Janeway
"Let us make sure history never forgets the name Enterprise " – Jean-Luc Picard
"There s only one order Lieutenant. We hold " – Benjamin Sisko
"If anything happens to Porthos " – Jonathan Archer
"We re starfleet officers. Weird is part of the job " – Janeway
"Tea, Earl Grey hot." – Picard
"We can't be afraid of the wind ensign." – Archer
"Listen careful y because m only going to say this once Coffee black – Janeway
"Make it so – Picard
"I don't believe in a no-win scenario " – James T Kirk
"Battle stations!" – Sisko

[my roll has many missing punctuation marks in the English text; is this normal?]

The quotes appear in two lines; the top in English and the bottom in French. Here is the start of the roll:



Star Trek: The Borg Cube

The Star Trek (Year 2) Prestige booklet includes a pane with a \$5 stamp showing The Borg cube, the space ship of The Borg, one of many alien species depicted in Star Trek episodes.

Illustrated below at actual size is this new stamp, along with the \$8 Grizzly Bear stamp of 1997 —they are very similar in size.

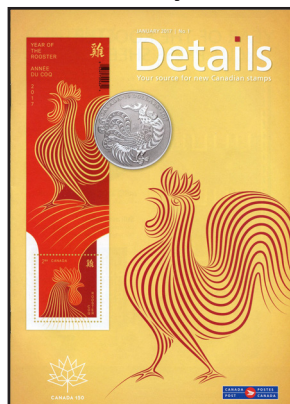


Details – 2017

In the previous *Corgi Times* the Battle of Vimy Ridge stamp announcement pamphlet was discussed and we asked if it was an actual “Details” pamphlet despite not saying “Details” on the front cover (the footer at the bottom of the pages did read “Details 3”).

It turns out that there have now been a few “Details” pamphlets released this year that are announcing a single stamp issue and are not being labeled “Details” on the front cover. Here are the cover illustrations of this years seven *Details* magazines, along with the corresponding Admail indicia (where applicable):

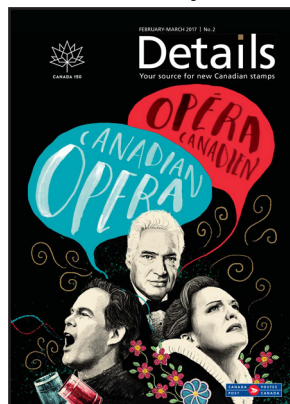
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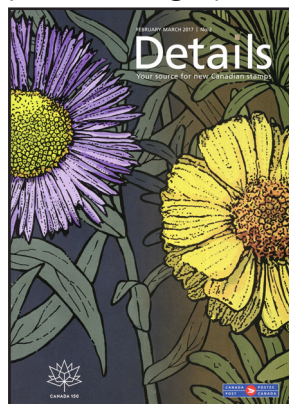
Lunar New Year
UNESCO
Kiosk



#2 — February–March (2 cover designs)



Black History
Canadian Opera
Daisies



Left: mailed version
Right: in-store version



#3 — April



Battle of Vimy Ridge

outer envelope used,
but no Admail indicia

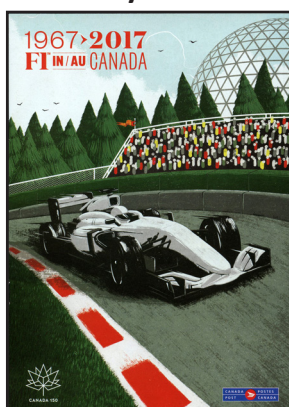
#4 — April



Star Trek (Year 2)



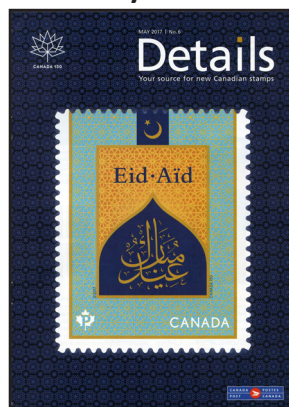
#5 — May



Formula 1 in Canada



#6 — May



Eid



#7 — June



Canada 150



[mailing indicia shown at 100%]

from outer envelope

Canada 150

June 1 saw the release of ten different designs of stamps celebrating Canada's most transformative moments over the last fifty years. The concept, periodic announcements over a four week period all across Canada, and the unique shape of the stamps, makes for quite an issue.

All but one of the new stamp subjects have been previously honoured on a stamp (a couple more than once!):

Expo 67



April 28, 1967
(Scott 469)

Trans-Canada Highway



August 31, 1962
(Scott 400)

Summit Series



September 20, 1997
(Scott 1659-1660)

Marathon of Hope



Terry Fox



April 13, 1982
(Scott 915)



January 17, 2000
(Scott 1824c)

Canadarm



March 17, 2000
(Scott 1831c)

The Constitution



April 16, 1982
(Scott 916)

Nunavut



April 1, 1999
(Scott 1784)



Marriage Equality



Olympic Games



Alexandre Bilodeau



February 14, 2010
(Scott 2371-72)

(and many other Olympic stamps)

Paralympic Glory



August 3, 1976
(Scott 694)



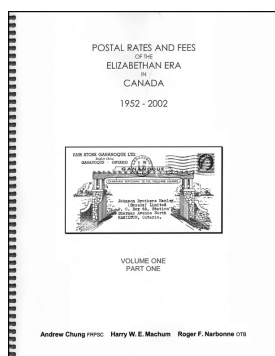
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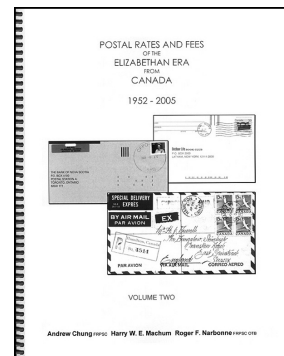
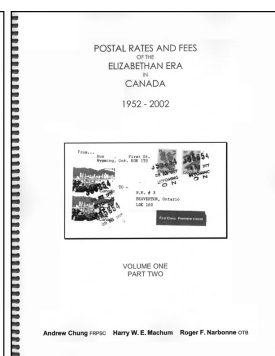
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Canada	C \$16.00	C \$15.00
USA	US \$22.00	US \$17.00
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	(502 pages)	(275 pages)
	Nov 2004	Apr 2007

Exchange rate subject to change



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



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

Environment Definitives: Happy 40th

April 22, 1977 saw the release of six low-value definitives featuring wildflowers.



These were preceded on March 1 with a new first-class Queen Elizabeth II design and followed shortly thereafter with a first-class Houses of Parliament design on May 3. Three medium-value designs showing trees appeared August 8.



High-value street scenes and national park designs began to appear in the following years. The series continued for over ten years.



Canada 150: Summit Series

Canada Post had an unveiling for the Canada 150: Summit Series stamps on May 30 in Winnipeg that I had the privilege of attending. There were about 600 people in attendance, most being military personnel from 17 Wing Winnipeg, Canadian Forces Base. Winnipeg played host to the fourth game of the 1972 Canada-Russia hockey series.

Several players from *Team Canada* were in attendance. Shown here are images of some of them (and your editor). People in attendance received a postcard-type announcement of the stamp and an official first day cover (the stamp was released the next day).

This is the second time that this hockey series, and specifically Paul Henderson's tournament winning goal, has been honoured on a Canadian stamp. A se-tenant pair of stamps was released in 1997 for the 25th anniversary of "The Series of the Century". The hockey player wearing #12 for Team Canada was Yvon Courneyor. He was in attendance at this year's stamp unveiling and graciously signed this pair of stamps.



Canada 150: Summit Series



The Series of the Century; left signed by Yvon Courneyor, #12



Above: Yvon Courneyor
Left: Bobby Clarke



Above: Peter Mahovlich
Left: Frank Mahovlich

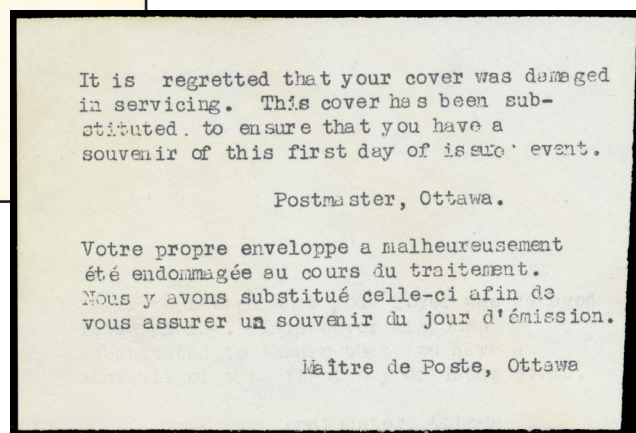
Canada Post Office Replacement and Presentation First Day Covers of the 1967 Centennial Definitive Issue

by: Andrew Chung, FRPSC

Of the three dozen or so first day cachet makers of the 1967 Centennial Definitive Issue, the "Centennial Year" Canada Post Office replacement and presentation first day covers are the scarcest. All of the twelve designs are known on this special cachet. Illustrated are three.



Set of the low values (1-cent to 5-cents) on one cover known as a combination



Apology slip enclosed in one of the replacement first day covers to explain why the customer's cover was substituted



Block of four of the 8-cent



Lower right plate 1 block of four of the \$1 - very scarce