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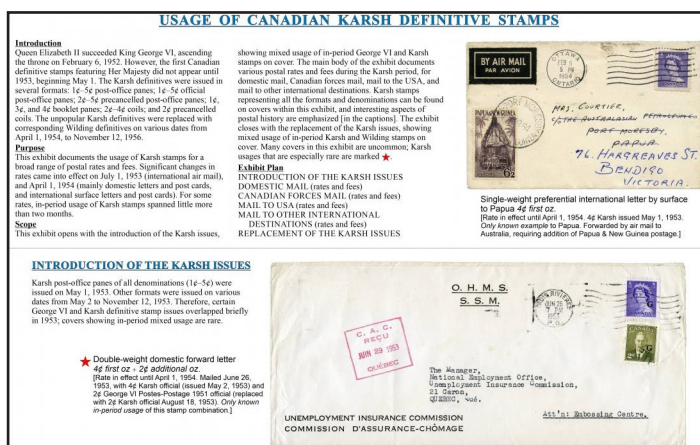
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## John D. Arn White Queen Award

Congratulations to Robert Elias for his winning of the coveted **John D. Arn White Queen Award** at BNAPEX 2021 Virtual. This award is presented on behalf of the Elizabethan II Study Group to recognize and encourage exhibitors for excellence of presentation of Elizabethan II material.

His exhibit, *Usage of Canadian Karsh Definitive Stamps*, won Gold.



By my count, this is the *fourth* time that Bob has won this award! His previous wins were for these exhibits:

- Paper Texture of Canadian Wilding Definitives
- Paper Texture of Canadian Early Elizabethan High Value Definitives
- Canadian Postal Rates and Fees: Early Elizabethan II Era, 1952–1966

Congratulations Bob!

## Happy 50th



The Loon River 4¢ Karsh Bisects  
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It was fifty years ago, **October 6, 1971**, that the the last **engraved** Christmas stamps were released in Canada.

Happy Anniversary!

## Who are We?

We are the Elizabethan II Study Group under the auspices of the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) — The Society for Canadian Philately.

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## Canada Post News

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

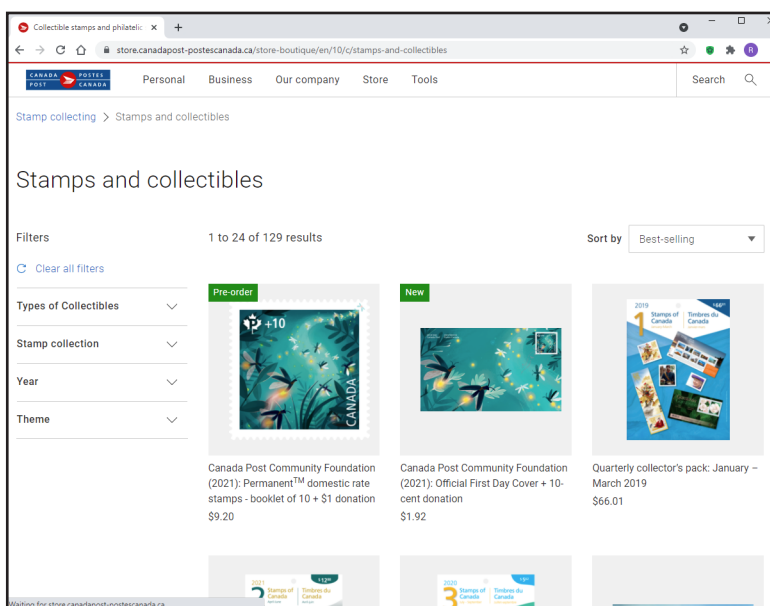
### Canada Post Website Re-Design

The philatelic portion of Canada Post's website has undergone some changes over the last few months, including a new "Store" portion revealed in the last week of September (2021).

Unfortunately, what used to be easy and quick to navigate is now cumbersome and requires several more steps to find what you are looking for.

The *Details* magazine requires several more 'mouse clicks' to find a new issue (although there hasn't been much to find lately anyway!). The Store also requires some more 'clicks' to find what you are looking for, and the 'sort order' of items seems odd from time to time - hopefully that is still a work in progress and we will see improvements in the coming days.

Both areas should have had input from collectors with more pre-release testing.



## Corgi Times

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## Study Group Business

❖ Welcome new members

- Bill Longley (ON)
- Robert McGeachy

## 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.

2022

**CAPEX'22:** International One Frame Stamp Championship Exhibition, Toronto, ON, June 9-12 (see [capex22.org](http://capex22.org))

**BNAPEX/CALTAPEX 2022:** September 2-4, Calgary, AB

## Lack of Details (Again)

by: Robin Harris

I feel like I am preaching to the choir yet again. For 2021, Canada Post has released six issues of *Details*. This has covered 11 stamp issues from January through August (there were no stamps issued in May and August).



According to the stamp program that has been announced for September to November, and information seen in post office retail guides, there are 10 stamp issues still to be released (with no issues slated for December) ... and we have yet to see a *Details* magazine for any of these ... and we are now into October.

I understand *why* this is being done, but compared to how stamp information *used* to be released on an annual (entire stamp program) and quarterly (*Details*) basis, I certainly miss the good 'ol days. It seems that most of the new-issue information we hear about now is accidentally leaked from retail post offices and then passed along by collectors via on-line stamp newsgroups.

## ESG and CAPEX 2022

by: Robert J. Elias, Chairman of Elizabethan II Study Group and Robin Harris, Editor of *Corgi Times*

CAPEX 22, the first international stamp exhibition to be held in Canada since 1996, is now less than one year away.

We would like to make a special (May-Jun '22) issue of *Corgi Times* available on the CAPEX 2022 website during the convention (June 9-12, 2022). CAPEX 2022 will attract a diverse, international audience, so an issue that's broad-ranging and covers as much ground as possible may be most appealing and effective.

We are asking **each and everyone** of our membership to submit **AN ARTICLE (half page to full page in length)** on the theme of "My Favourite Canadian Elizabethan II Stamp/Item". If someone submits a stamp/item that someone else has already submitted, they will be asked to come up with another entry instead ... so ... submit now! This should take less than an hour of one's time. Let's promote the ESG to the world!

# Canada Post 2021 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 15	Lunar New Year Cycle (36 values/designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢) pane of 12</li> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢), self-adhesive booklet pane of 12</li> <li>• \$32.52 uncup press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets</li> </ul>	3259 3261–72 3260
Jan 22	Black History Month (2 designs: Willow Grove, NB and Amber Valley, AB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> </ul>	3273–74
Feb 16	Snow Mammals (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> <li>• \$4.60 gummed souvenir sheet of 5</li> </ul>	3276–80 3275
Mar 1	Flower: Crabapple Blossoms (2 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢), self-adhesive roll of 50</li> <li>• \$1.84 gummed souvenir sheet of 2</li> </ul>	3284–85 3282–83 3281
Apr 8	Juno Awards 50th Anniversary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢), self-adhesive booklet of 5</li> </ul>	3286
Apr 15	Discovery of Insulin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> </ul>	3287
Apr 22	Eid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> </ul>	3288
Apr 29	Canadian Ballet Legends (2 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢) Karen Kain (self-adhesive booklet 6)</li> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢) Fernand Nault (self-adhesive booklet 6)</li> <li>• \$1.84 gummed souvenir sheet of 2</li> </ul>	3291 3290 3289
Jun 7	Prime Minister John Turner, 1929-2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢) (booklet pane of 10)</li> </ul>	
Jun 29	Bluenose, 1921-2021 (2 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> <li>• \$1.84 gummed souvenir sheet of 2</li> <li>• \$1.84 gummed souvenir sheet of 2, with CAPEX 22 overprint</li> </ul>	
Jul 21	Stan Rogers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢), self-adhesive booklet of 10</li> </ul>	
Sep 20	Canada Post Community Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢) + 10¢ (booklet pane of 10)</li> </ul>	
Oct 8	Cartoonists (5 designs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢) (booklet pane of 10)</li> </ul>	
Oct 14	Canada Post Crown Corporation 40th Anniversary (?) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢) (booklet pane of 10)</li> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢) pane of 6</li> </ul>	
Oct 19	Diwali <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢) (booklet pane of 10)</li> </ul>	
Oct 21	Valour Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢) (booklet pane of 10)</li> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢) pane of 5</li> </ul>	
Oct 29	The Poppy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢) (booklet pane of 10)</li> </ul>	
Nov 1	Christmas Angels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢) (booklet pane of 12)</li> </ul>	
Nov 1	Holiday Characters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (92c) Santa (booklet pane of 12)</li> <li>• \$1.30 Reindeer (booklet pane of 6)</li> <li>• \$2.71 Elf (booklet pane of 6)</li> <li>• \$4.93 souvenir sheet of 3</li> </ul>	
Nov 8	Hanukkah <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent™ (92¢) (booklet pane of 10)</li> </ul>	
Nov 25	"A novel topic"	
Nov 29	"A stamp with universal appeal"	



## ESG Zoom Meeting at BNAPEX 2021 VIRTUAL

By: Robert J. Elias

This year, for the first time, the Elizabethan II Study Group's annual meeting was held virtually. Our 2-hour Zoom get-together took place on September 6 as part of BNAPEX 2021 VIRTUAL. Robin Harris, editor of our newsletter *Corgi Times*, began by welcoming everyone and providing an overview and status report of ESG for the benefit of members as well as visitors. Up to 49 attendees joined the meeting — a record for our group!



Next on the program was this year's special attraction — Robin Harris' presentation on "Lowe-Martin Coil Production". Robin took us on a fascinating journey: Lowe-Martin's facilities and methods; acquisition of essential study items at postal outlets; examination of enormous numbers of used stamps; and outstanding, innovative research leading to the plating of Flower coil issues and recognition of thousands of distinct varieties. What a phenomenal achievement! When it's available, a video recording of Robin's presentation will be posted on the BNAPEX 2021 website.

Following Robin's presentation, there was time for our ever-popular "show-and-tell". Luc Frève began with a rarity from the 1972 Earth Sciences issue, having the gutter between stamps. Arnie Janson then showed a 1¢ Centennial booklet stamp with re-entries in the lower right. Mirko Zatzka and Leopold Beaudet noted similar features on 6¢ Centennial orange and black stamps and on Caricature stamps. It was suggested that such features may have been produced during the original transfer of the image to the plate, rather than at a later time. Next, Gary Steele had a coil strip of the \$1.05 Flower, with an interval covered by red tape on both the front and back. A discussion ensued as to whether this was a repair paste-up. Jeffrey Arndt then showed two covers bearing Wilding stamps. The first was a rare example of mail marked as fraudulent in the USA. The second was a registered cover returned from the USA, showing Canadian RPO cancels from its journey back to the sender. Next, Mirko Zatzka reported that he and Robin Harris have undertaken a study of tagging varieties. Finally, Jim Watt inquired about the configuration of panes on the printing plate of the 50¢ Suzor-Côté stamp. And then, all too soon, our allotted time was over.

Hopefully, next year we can meet in person at BNAPEX/CALTAPEX 2022, to be held at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Calgary over the Labour Day weekend from September 2 to 4. Mark your calendars!

## Articles Urgently Needed

### Elizabethan II Marketplace

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.

## The Loon River 4¢ Karsh Bisects

by: Robert J. Elias

A 4¢ Karsh diagonal bisect used on cover was listed and illustrated by Robin Harris (1998, p. 52, fig. 205). His illustration was based on a photograph courtesy of Saskatoon Stamp Centre. That cover, to an addressee in Loon River, Saskatchewan, was cancelled "LOON RIVER / 23 DE / 54 / SASK." with the 23 inverted. A similar unsealed cover is shown here in Figure 1. It was also franked with an upper-right bisect cancelled on the same day and was addressed



Figure 1

in the same handwriting, but to a different recipient. The unsealed cover in Figure 2, having a lower-right bisect with pane selvage on the right side, was cancelled "LOON RIVER / DE 24 / 54 / SASK." Figure 3 shows a lower-left Loon River bisect, where the 4¢ denomination appears on the stamp. Cutting 4¢ Karsh stamps in half resulted in bisects with a value of 2¢ each. That was the domestic rate for addressed printed matter weighing up to and including 2 ounces, from April 2, 1951, until April 1, 1964 (Chung, Machum, and Narbonne, 2004, p. 20).

Why were the Loon River 4¢ Karsh bisects produced? One of the covers I acquired was accompanied by a photocopy of a document that provided the answer (Figure 4). The hand-written correspondence on Post Office stationery was dated April 21, 1960, and signed by F.E. Bodoano. Francis Edmund Bodoano was the last postmaster at Loon River; he served there from September 18, 1945, until November 8, 1968 (Library and Archives Canada). The correspondence was directed to Ernest H. Bellard, who was an American philatelist (see Goodkind, 1960, p. 108). The body of the letter reads as follows:



Figure 3

"Re your letter of apl. 10th concerning [sic] bisected 4c stamp. / Loon River P.O. is a very small post office. at at [sic] Christmas time some few years ago I was short of 1c & 2c stamps and having only one mail day a week I was not able to replenish my supplies very quickly so I did bisect 4c stamps but confined them mostly to Local Delivery and no doubt the cover you have is one of these".

The 4¢ Karsh definitive, issued on May 1, 1953, was replaced with the 4¢ Wilding definitive on June 10, 1954. More than half a year later, 4¢ Karsh stamps were still on hand at the Loon River post office.







## Centennial Booklet: BK65a with Blank Pane

By: Scott Traquair

I have come across a booklet that I don't believe has been discussed before in the *Corgi Times*.

This appears to be a BK65a from the cover, has dextrine gum, and is perf. 12½ x 12. The interesting thing is that the front of the pane is **blank**.

The pane itself appears to be glued to the inside of the cover properly. In other words, not glued in after the fact, and in the correct position.

The inside of the covers are lightly waxed in line with other BK65a's.

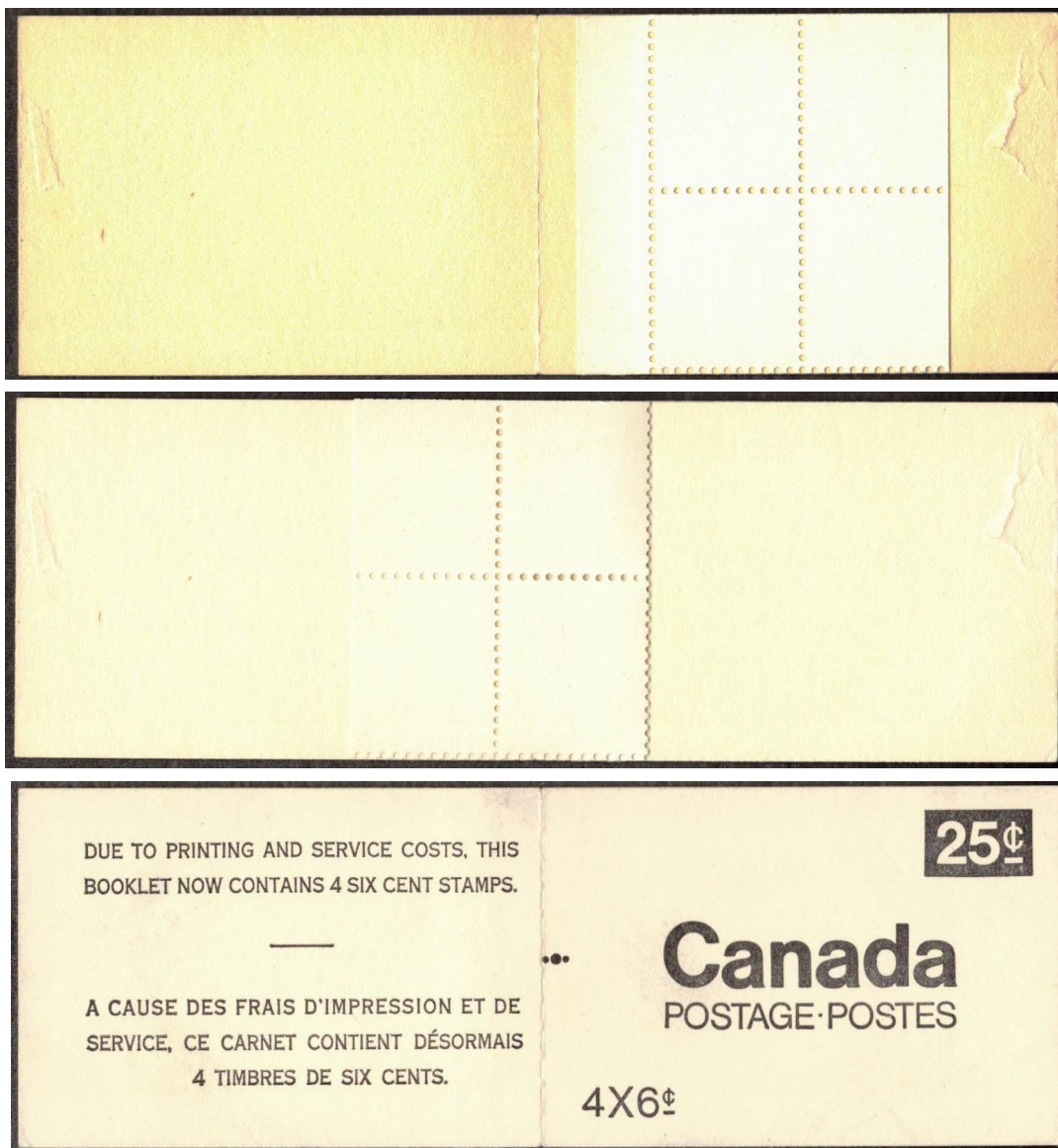
The pane is slightly miscut, showing evidence of partial perforations on the left of the pane, which none of my regular BK65's show (they are all neatly cut with straight edges).



Scott 406d, from BK65a

There is evidence of some damage on the inside covers from possibly being glued which is not what I see on other BK65's with waxed covers. For the most part they are undamaged from opening. Lastly the cover is a bit grubby and appears to have been handled a bit.

Does anyone have any thoughts on this? Could it have been a test booklet to check the operation of the booklet machines?





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material October 30, 2021 \*\*\***



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BK63b perforated gutter



BK70c



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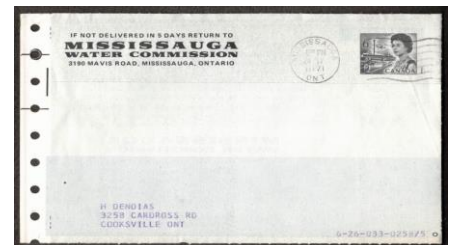
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# The Demise of Canadian Low-value Definitive Stamps

by: Mirko Zatka

Low-value definitives, for use as rate make-up stamps, have been with us for well over 100 years. Even the ½¢ Large / Small Queen and Jubilee values could be used as make-up rate stamps at the time of their use. It now seems that low-value stamps have literally ‘met their maker’ with Canada Post.

Values from 1¢ to 25¢ are no longer being reprinted, or for that matter, distributed to post offices, based on reports from Canada Post and RPO (Retail Post Office) staff. The 2¢ Beneficial Insect value (Scott 2328) is already sold out (except perhaps for some post offices that might have a few left). A similar situation appears to hold true with some of the high values stamps such as the \$2.00 definitive, as it is also not being shipped out for postal use – post offices have been told that they can no longer order these stamps. I have spoken several times with ‘Crown’ post office and RPO staff in Calgary over the past four months. They have confirmed this with some frustration on their part. The stamps are still needed, they said, when a postage sticker is not being used for showing the amount paid (or as a late add-on for an extra service).



Canada Post must be trying to eliminate the tracking, accounting for, and storing of, the low-value stamps as demand for them is much more limited compared to ‘Permanent™’ values, and to simplify operations at post office locations (whether ‘Crown’ or RPOs). Another reason may be the current COVID-19 pandemic, as all of these stamps are still of the ‘lick and stick’ type. Avoiding the need to have staff lick stamps to affix them to items being mailed no doubt provides a higher degree of working safety for the employees.

The stamps are being replaced by postage labels which have been in use since Canada Post computerized its operations, and which are printed at the time of mailing. If a package with pre-affixed stamps or pre-paid postage is low on the amount paid, the extra cost will then be added by a label instead of actual stamps.

I acknowledge that low-value definitives have not seen high collector focus since the Caricature set, though a number of interesting and elusive varieties and reprints occur on each of the series that followed: Wildflowers, Artifacts, Mammals, Edible Berries, Traditional Trades, and the current Beneficial Insects (see Table). Nonetheless, they have formed an important part of specialized collecting in Canada for many, many, years and it will be sad to see them go! Finding combinations of low-value booklet (make-up) stamps paying the full letter rate on commercial envelopes, or even with first class rate stamps, can be very challenging!

I would be interested in learning if some of your local post offices give you a different answer or explanation to this...

LOW VALUE DEFINITIVE SERIES (since Caricatures)							
Series	Scott / Unitrade Number	Period of use	Years of use	Values	Values in Set	# of Major Reprints	Comments
Floral	705 – 712, 781 – 787	1977 – 1982	6	1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 4¢, 5¢, 10¢, 12¢, 15¢	8	1 (on first 6 values)	Change of printer
Artifacts	917 – 922	1982 – 1987	6	1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 5¢, 10¢, 20¢	6	2 on most values	Two printer changes
Mammals	1155 – 1161	1988 – 1992	5	1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 5¢, 6¢, 10¢, 25¢	7	1 on 4 values	Change of stamp paper
Edible Berries	1349 – 1355	1992 – 1998	7	1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 5¢, 6¢, 10¢, 25¢	7	3 on most values	One printer, one paper change, and combinations of the two
Traditional Trades	1673 – 1680	1998 – 2007	10	1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 4¢, 5¢, 9¢, 10¢, 25¢	8	3 on most values	One printer, and several sheet marking / perforator / plate inscription changes
Beneficial Insects	2234 – 38, 2328, 2406 – 2410	2007 – current	14	1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 4¢, 5¢, 6¢, 7¢, 8¢, 9¢, 10¢, 25¢	11	1 on most values, several more w/minor changes	One paper change, one constant flaw correction, and several black ‘frame’ changes on several values

NOTE: A ‘Major Reprint’ is defined as one involving a change in the security printer, the paper or gum, or perforation layout. A minor change refers to a subtle change in the design of a stamp, or changes to margin markings of the sheet.

# Canada Special Delivery Cancels to 1992, Part 1: Circular Cancels

By: Vic Willson

G. H. Davis (1991) illustrated one circular date cancel devised specifically for Special Delivery mail: Montreal with S and D at left and right, illustrated her in Figure 1. He also noted that a similar cancel with letters C left and right was used from Montreal, also in Figure 1, that was not specifically for Special Deliver but other mails.

In a series of articles, I will show other date cancels specifically noted as Special Delivery between 1948 and the late 1980s. Since I continue to find new variants of each type, these articles are intended to begin more systematic investigation of these cancels dedicated to special delivery mail.

## TYPES

I define Special Delivery cancels as having the words SPECIAL, SPECIAL DELIVERY, or S D as part of the cancel. Many have the French equivalent LIVRAISON SPECIALE or LIVRAISON EXPRES. I have based my research around three basic types of cancels, although there is great variation among them: circular, box, and clockface. They tend to follow chronologically in that order, although there is overlap among all. They continued in use up to the end of Special Delivery service in August 1992 and perhaps a year after, as my latest use is in 1993. It is likely there may be later uses.

## CIRCULAR DATE CANCELS

Cancels vary greatly in size, arrangement of city, dater, and special delivery designation. Within and between cancel types, the arrangement of the time varies greatly. Some list hour, day, month, and year, while others only day, month, and year, in various order, which I list in Table 1, with the other features discussed here. Examples of some of the Types are shown in Figures 2 to 15.

There is a sort of order chronologically by early date of use in the cancels' arrangements, and I use that feature to label them as Types 1–25 based on changes in feature.

The Montreal Special Deliver cancel of Figure 1 appears to be used between 1948 and April 3, 1958, my late date. Its diameter at 23mm is the smallest of all the cancels. The largest, Type 23 of Red Deer, AB, is 50mm. There was a certain consistency in the 1970s with Types 6 and 7, comprising 26 of the 51 listed cancels. The termination of Special Delivery as a supplemental option in mailing did not stop the use of the cancels for a few years, even though other services had different names and terms of operation. The circular date cancels, however, seem to have gone out of use by mid 1989.

In future articles I will address the box and clockface cancels. The latter, particularly, is quite complicated to describe. I hope these articles will generate some interest and additions to the listings.



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Type 2



Type 4



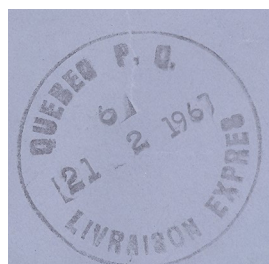
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Type 6



Type 7



Type 8



Type 9





Type 10



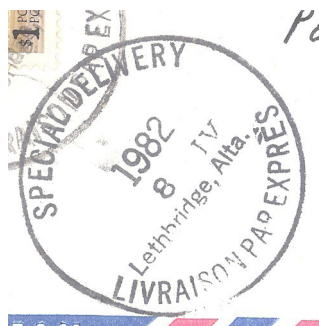
Type 12



Type 13



Type 15



Type 20



Type 24



Type 25

## Reference

Davis, G. H. (1991), *Canada Special Delivery*, Toronto, Unitrade Press.

SPECIAL DELIVERY CIRCULAR DATE CANCELS OF CANADA									
City	Dates of use	Size mm	Type	Ink Color	C date info # lines, order	City name, curved at Top, Bottom, or C (T,B, or C)	Notes	Province Full/ Abbrev	Month value Numeral/ Roman/ Alphabetic (N/R/A)
Montreal	1948-Oct. 7, 68	23	1	black	3: hr/day mo/yr	T	in Davis p. 3-86	-	A
Toronto	June 2, 1954	25	2	black	3: hr/day mo/yr	B	Special Delivery Branch	-	A
Montreal	Dec 9, 1955	25	3	black	3: hr/day mo/yr	T	Expres·SD	-	R
Montreal	Apr 14, 58	37	4	black	1: day mo yr	T	barrel cancel	P.Q.	R
Montreal	Feb 6, 61	30	5	purple	3: hr/day mo/yr	T	S.D. Expres, DL above date	P.Q.	R
Edmonton	May 12, 66	32	6	black	1: day mo yr	B		ALTA.	R
Calgary	Dec 20, 66	37	7	black	2: hr/date	T		ALTA.	R
Vancouver	Jan 28, 67	35	7	black	2: hr/day mo yr	B		B.C.	R
Quebec City	Feb 21, 67	33	8	purple	hr/day mo yr	T	Livraison Expres	P.Q.	N
Montreal	Jun 15, 67	23	9	black	3: hr/day mo/#	T	inv13 over S.D. EXPRES	-	R
Sydney NS	Aug 31, 67	32	6	black	2: hr/day mo yr	B		N.S.	R
Montreal	Sep 12, 68-Oct 17, 69	23	9	black	3: hr/day mo/yr	T	S.D. EXPRES	-	A
London ON	Nov 16, 69- Feb 6, 70	39	10	black	2: hr/day mo yr	B		ONT	R
London ON	Feb. 6, 70	32	6	black	2: hr/day mo yr	B		ONT.	N
Vancouver	Oct 13, 70- Nov 29, 76	32	6	black	2: hr/day mo yr	B		B.C.	R
Ottawa	Oct 14, 1970	30	11	black	2: hr/day mo yr	T		ONT.	R
Vancouver	Nov 10, 70	32	6	black	2: hr/day mo yr	T		B.C.	R



# SPECIAL DELIVERY CIRCULAR DATE CANCELS OF CANADA

City	Dates of use	Size mm	Type	Ink Color	C date info # lines, order	City name, curved at Top, Bottom, or C (T,B, or C)	Notes	Province Full/ Abbrev	Month value Numeral/ Roman/ Alphabetic (N/R/A)
Montreal	Apr 26, 71	32	12	purple	2: day/mo/yr	T	Montreal, P.Q.D.L./ No.28 D. Expres	P.Q.	R
Toronto	Dec 10, 71	31	13	black	3: hr/day/mo	T		ONTARIO	R
Calgary	Mar 29, 72	32	6	black	2: hr/day mo yr	T		ALTA.	R
Rexdate ON	Sep 18, 72	32	6	black	3: day/mo/yr	B		ONTARIO	R
Sarnia ON	Dec 27, 72	35	7	black	1: day mo yr	T		ONT.	R
London ON	Dec 27, 72 - May 8, 76	32	6	black	2: hr/day mo yr	B		ONTARIO	R
St. Catharines ON	Jan 14, 1973	32	6	black	3: day/mo/yr	B		ONT.	R
Vancouver	Jan 31, 73	24	14	black	3: hr/day mo/yr	B		B.C.	R
Montreal	May 20, 73	23	9	black	3: hr/day mo/yr	T	S.D. EXPRES	P.Q.	R
Hamilton	May 30, 74	37	7	black	2: hr/day mo yr	B		ONT	R
Kitchener ON	Jun 21, 74	32	6	black	3: day/mo/yr	B	date inverted	ONT.	R
Vancouver	Oct 8, 74	32	6	black	2: hr/day mo yr	B		B.C.	N
Brandon MB	Feb 24, 1975 - Apr 11, 85	32	6	black	3: mo/day/yr	T		Man.	N
Montreal	Feb 24, 75	35	15	black	3:hr/day mo/yr	T	S.D. Expres B	-	R
Montreal	May 31, 75	35	7	black	3: hr/day mo/yr	T	D.L. after P.Q.	P.Q.	R
Calgary	Jun 20, 76	47	16	black	2: hr/day mo yr	T		Alta.	R
Toronto	Jun 20, 76	42	17	black	2: day mo/hr	B	9 P.M.	ONTARIO	R
Montreal	Nov. 30, 1976	29	18	blue	3: day/mo/yr	T	S.D. Expres B	-	R
Guelph ON	Nov 17, 77	35	7	black	3: day/mo/yr	B		ONTARIO	R
Dawson Creek BC	Sep 30, 77 - Sep 27, 86	32	19	black	3: hr/day/mo	B		B.C.	R
Lethbridge AB	Dec 19, 80-Apr 8, 82	32	20	black	3: yr/day mo/ city	C		Alta.	R
Vernon BC	Dec 30, 81 - Feb 13, 86	32	6	red	3: day/mo/yr	B		B.C.	R
Oshawa	Mar 9, 82	37	7	blue	3: yr/mo/day	T	2 STAFF after SPECIAL DELIVERY	ON	R
Lethbridge AB	Apr 8, 82 - May 2, 82	38	21	black	3: yr/day mo/ city	C		Alta.	R
Stratford, ON	June 8, 82	32	6	red	3: day/mo/yr	B		ONT.	R
Don Mills ON	Jun 13, 82 - Dec 22, 82	32	6	red	3: day/mo/hr	B	hr inverted	ONT.	R
Brossard	Jun 15, 82	37	7	red	3: day mo yr	T		-	R
Oshawa	Jul 6, 84 - Jul 27, 88	35	7	red	1: day mo yr	T		ONT.	N
Vancouver	Oct 16, 84	31	22	red	2: day/mo yr	B		B.C.	R
Red Deer AB	May 29, 85	50	23	black	3: mo day yr/city/ prov	C	only double circular text	ALBERTA	R
Campbell River BC	Apr 14, 86 - Apr 16, 88	37	7	black	3: day/mo/yr	B		BC.	R
Dawson Creek BC	Sep 27, 86	30	24	black	3: hr/day/mo	B		B.C.	R
London ON	Aug 31, 87	32	6	red	3: mo/day/yr	B		ONT.	N
St. Jean sur Richelieu, PQ	Jul 19, 89	29	25	red	1: day mo yr	B		P.Q.	R

# Odd Perfs on Canadian Stamps

by: Robin Harris

Here are some “odd” perforations employed by Canada over the years (five stamp issues). That is, perforations that are not circular.

## Year of the Horse (January 3, 2002)



A diamond-shaped perf is placed halfway down each vertical side.

## Anne of Green Gables (June 20, 2008)



Maple Leaf-shaped group of perforations (between se-tenant pair).

## Big Cats (October 13, 2005)



First appearance of a Maple Leaf-shaped group of perforations (between se-tenant pair).

## Marine Life (May 13, 2010)



Top: Maple Leaf-shaped group of perforations (between se-tenant pair) and elliptical-type on left- and right-side edges.

Bottom: Elliptical perforations between se-tenant pair of stamps; a first in Canada (stamps were printed in Sweden).

## International Polar Year (February 12, 2007)



Maple Leaf-shaped group of perforations (between se-tenant pair).

We really could use more articles.