



# Admiral Study Group Meeting

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# Queries, discoveries, and curiosities

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- 1¢ green with plate imprint in lathework
- Doubled lathework
- Astounding 7¢ bistre retouch
- 5¢ blue with stitch watermark
- Two plating successes
- Booklet covers with guidelines

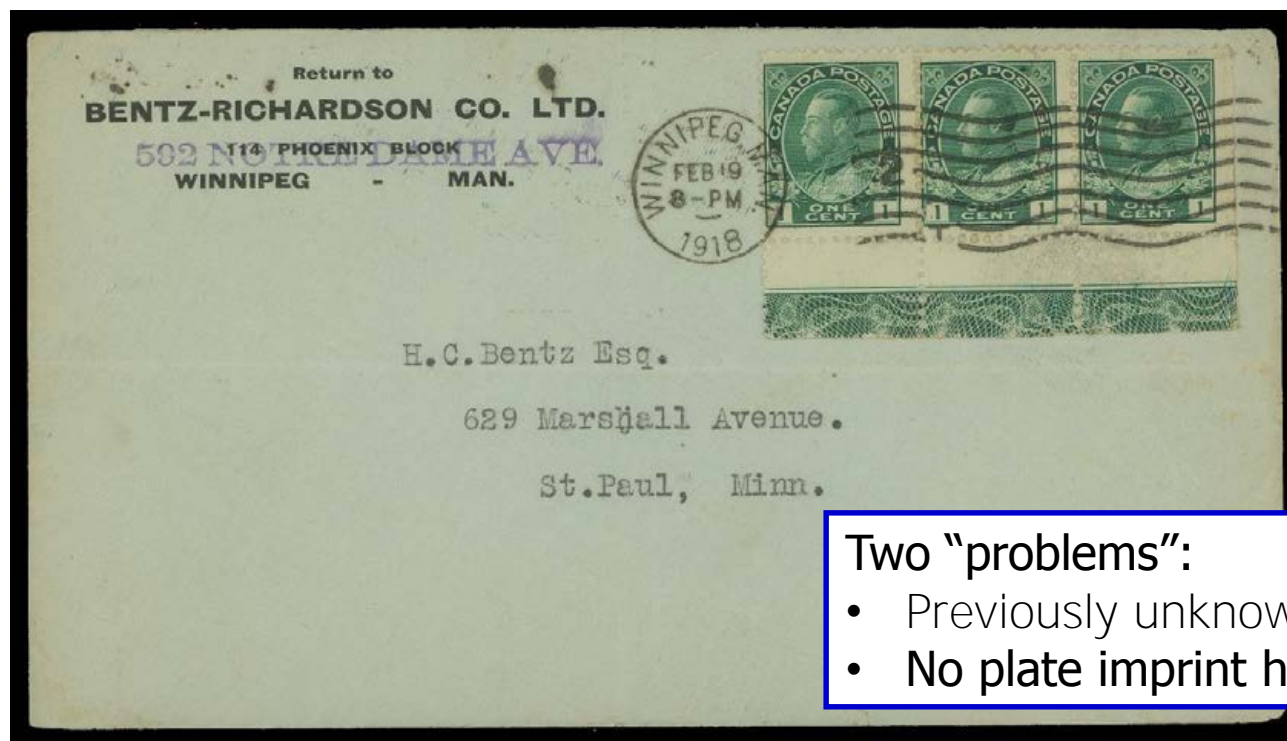
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- Auction realizations include the buyer's premium

# 1¢ green with plate imprint in lathework

- Eastern Auctions lot description – “There is a printing order ‘901J’ under the lathework of the second stamp”



## Two “problems”:

- Previously unknown variety
- No plate imprint has PO “901J”

Courtesy Eastern Auctions Ltd.  
Smallman collection, Sale of 23 Feb. 2018  
Lot 251 (\$891)

# 1¢ green with plate imprint in lathework

- Found on the proof of plate 141 at Library and Archives Canada
  - First 1¢ green plate with lathework
  - Plate imprint and PO number in lathework on both lower panes
    - PO in normal imprints on top panes and below the lathework: 901H
    - PO in lathework imprints: 901J

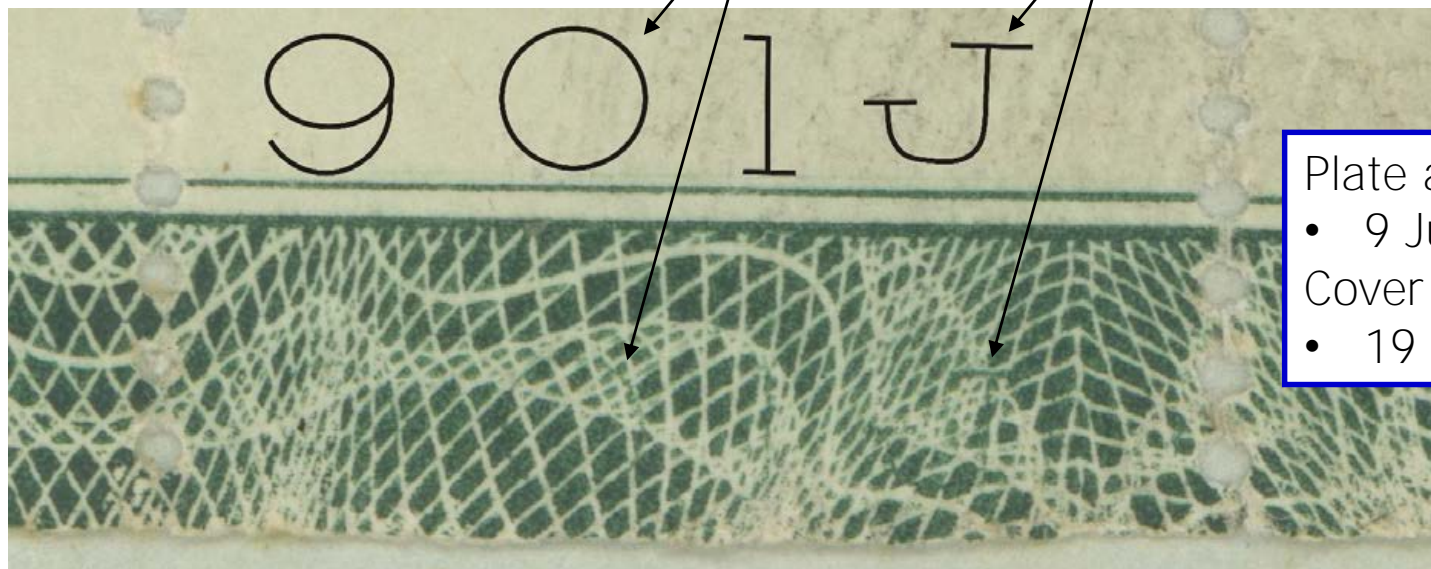


Plate approved  
• 9 June 1917  
Cover postmarked  
• 19 Feb. 1918

Courtesy Eastern Auctions Ltd.



# Lathework type B doubled



Courtesy Eastern Auctions Ltd.  
Smallman collection, Sale of 23 Feb. 2018  
Lots 66 (\$402), 79 (\$374), 85 (\$575)



Plate 138



Plate 9

Ex Lindemann (Ian Bett)

# Lathework type A doubled – 10¢ plum



Courtesy Eastern Auctions Ltd.  
Smallman collection, Sale of 23 Feb. 2018  
Lot 41 (\$2,530)



Plate imprint in  
lathework

Maltese cross band

Engine turning band

Four crosses doubled  
Engine turning normal

- Two bands of lathework
  - Laid down separately



# Lathework type A doubled – 20¢ olive green



Courtesy Eastern Auctions Ltd.  
Smallman collection, Sale of 23 Feb. 2018  
Lots 50 (\$1,322), 51 (\$1,208)

Courtesy Saskatoon  
Stamp Centre



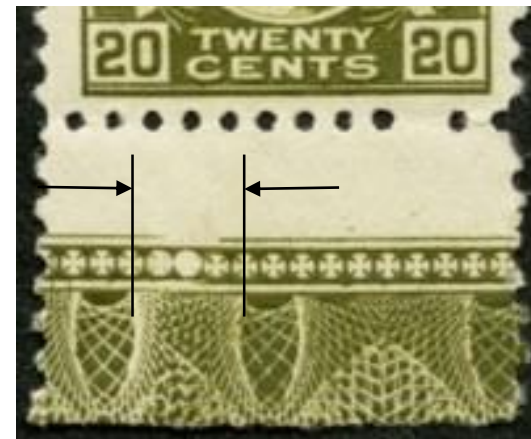
Plate 4LL93



Crosses doubled  
Engine turning normal



Crosses doubled  
Engine turning normal



Cross almost missing  
Engine turning narrow

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## 7¢ bistre – defective transfers



Upper left  
1R100



Lower left  
1L13



Lower left  
1L33



Lower left – crude retouch  
2L53



Bottom frame  
1L46



Lower right  
2R49

- Over 60 defective transfers on plates 1 and 2
  - About 10 of them retouched

## 7¢ bistre – astounding retouch on 2L76

Ex Sandy Mackie



Photo from plate proof [Marler, p. 30].  
"X" in pencil flags defective transfer of the upper left.  
Issued stamp with upper left spandrel retouched.



# 7¢ bistre – this retouch is **really** astounding

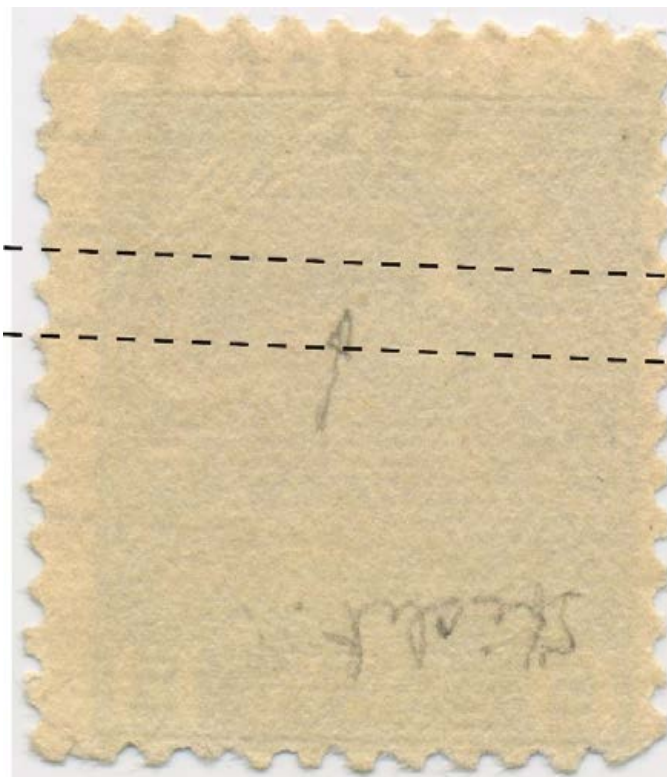


Stamp w/o the retouch! The retouch was made AFTER plate was put into production. When? Before the stamp with the retouch dated AU 2 / 12 was printed.

Ex Sandy Mackie



## 5¢ blue with stitch watermark



Stamp is **Marler's**  
type 2 (plates 5-10)



Courtesy Bill Burden

Watermark consists of series of vertical lines (not visible in the image) across the stamp between the dashed lines. Stitch watermark known on 1¢ green & 2¢ carmine sheet stamps and 1¢ green sidewise and endwise coils.

Ref: Leopold Beaudet, "Stitch Watermark on 1¢ Green and 2¢ Carmine", *The Admiral's Log*, Vol. XII, No.1, Dec. 2010

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# 1¢ green plating success



Courtesy Richard Hautala

- Extensive re-entry affecting upper and lower parts of design
  - Plate and position?
  - Is it in Marler?

## 1¢ green 22UL13

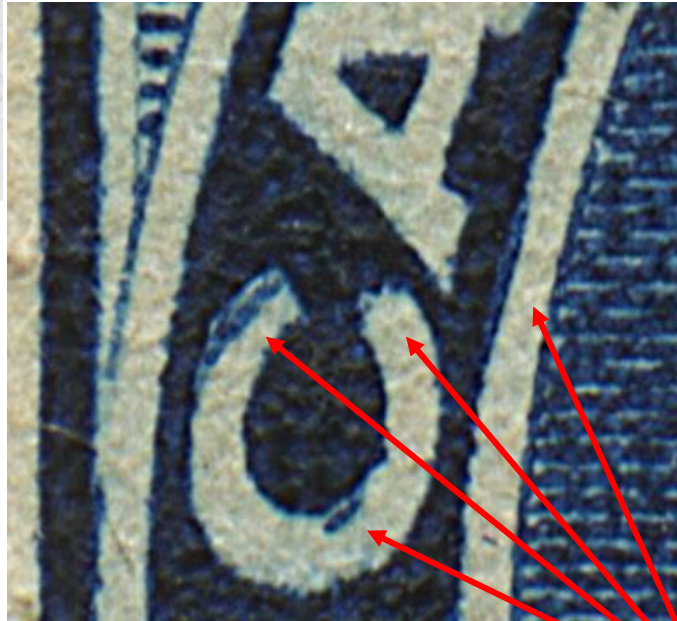


Courtesy Richard Hautala

1¢ green ➡ Plates 1-170 ➡ Approx 68,000 stamps.  
Original die ➡ Plates 1-30 ➡ 12,000 stamps.  
Marler type O7 ➡ Plates 21-30 ➡ 4,000 stamps.  
Listed in Marler ➡ 22UL13



# 5¢ blue plating success



Re-entry

Courtesy Bill Burden

Ref: Ralph E. Trimble, "5¢ Blue Re-entry in C of CANADA, E of POSTAGE",  
*The Admiral's Log*, Vol. XII, No.1, Dec. 2010

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## 5¢ blue 9LR80



Type 2

Plates 1-2 (200 stamps), 3-14 (400 stamps) ➡ 5,200 stamps.  
**Marler's** type 2 ➡ Plates 5 to 10 ➡ 2,400 stamps.  
Guideline in right margin ➡ Column 10 of UR, LR pane ➡ 120 stamps.

From plate proofs at Library and Archives Canada: 9LR80.  
Not in Marler.

Other copies: Ralph Trimble (*Log* article + website #4), metari (eBay), listed in Unitrade (111iv).

Courtesy Bill Burden



# Engraved booklet cover plates

	Plate	# bkts	Engraved	Approved	Guide dot	Comment
En	5	21	1905-12-08	1905-12-14	5.5	
En	6	28	1907-11-05	1908-06-18	8.5	
En	7	28	1912-01-05	1912-01-17	None	Not used?
En	8	28	1913-05-22	1913-05-31	None	Not used?
En	9-10	42	1914-05-16	1914-07-23	10.5	Cutting guide dots
En	11	28	1914-10-09	1914-10-15	5.5	Not used?
En	12-13	42	1915-12-15	1915-12-24	None	Cutting guideline
Fr	1-2	42	1916-02-18	1916-02-24	7.5	Cutting guide dots Cutting guideline
En	14-15	42	1924-03-13	1924-08-25	7.5	Not used?

After 29 April 1924, Canadian Bank Note printed covers by typography.

Source: George C. Marler, *The Admiral Issue of Canada*,  
American Philatelic Society, 1982, pp. 73-74.

# Plate layout – plates with 42 booklets

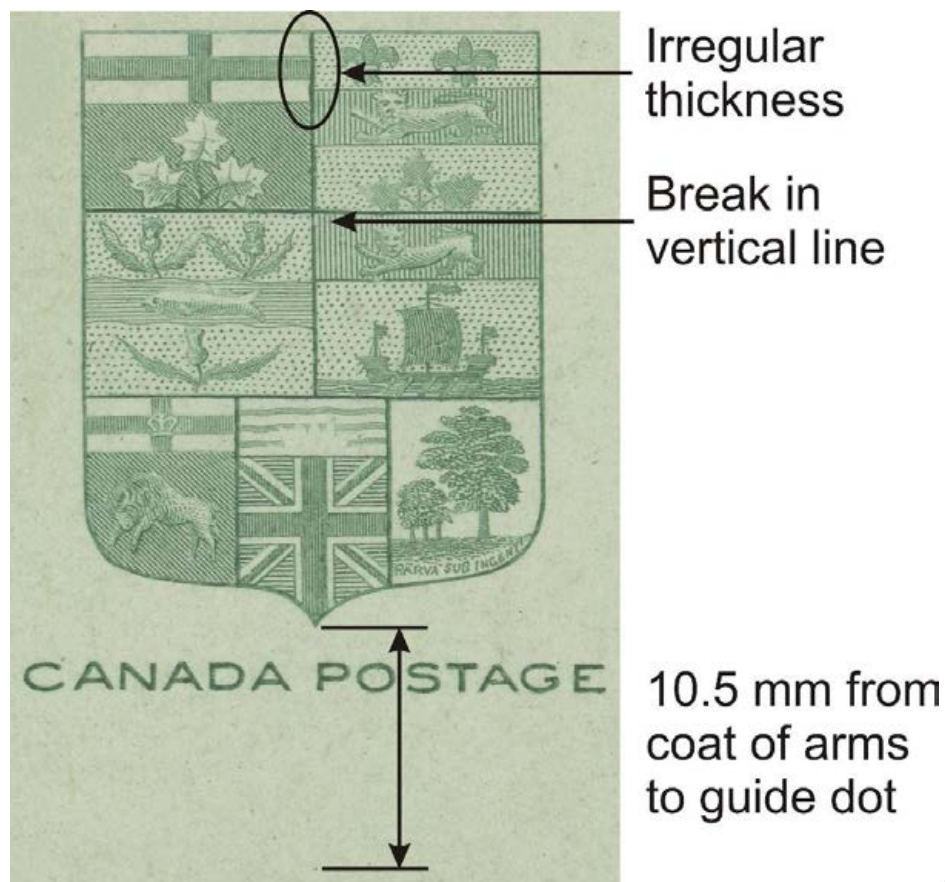
- **Plates**
  - English 9-10
  - English 12-13
  - French 1-2
- Marler's plate layout type Y1



	Left		Centre		Right	
	Upright	Inverted	Upright	Inverted	Upright	Inverted
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						

# Sorting booklets from plates 9-10 & 12-13

- **Guide dot**
  - 10.5 mm below coat of arms on plates 9-10
  - None on plates 12-13
- **Centre line**
  - Top irregular on plates 9-10
  - Normal on plates 12-13
- **Break in centre line**
  - Developed about half way through plate 9
  - On all plate 10 booklets
  - No break on plates 12-13



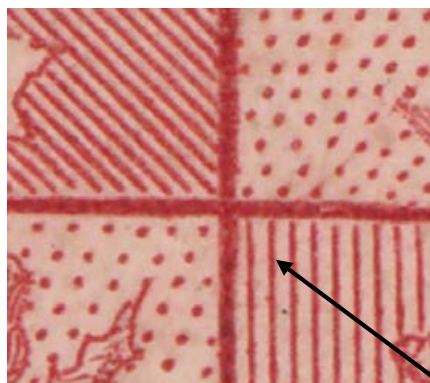
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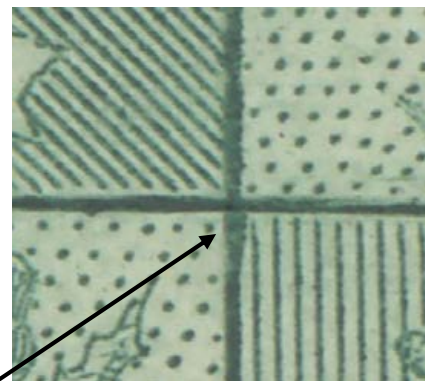
# Progression of relief break in coat of arms

- Break in centre line developed about half way through plate 9

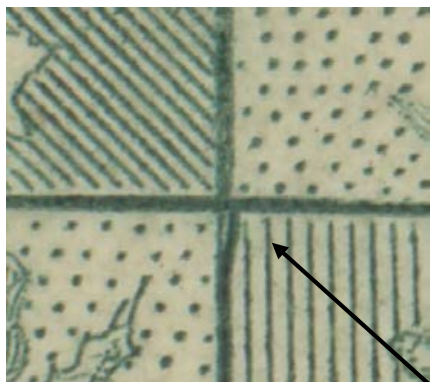
Very slight  
bulge  
Plate 9



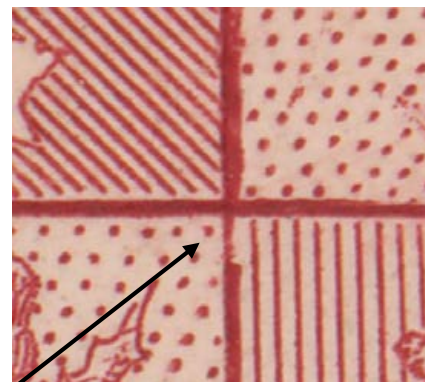
Visible bulge  
Plate 9



Start of relief  
break  
Plate 9



Obvious  
relief break  
Plates 9 & 10



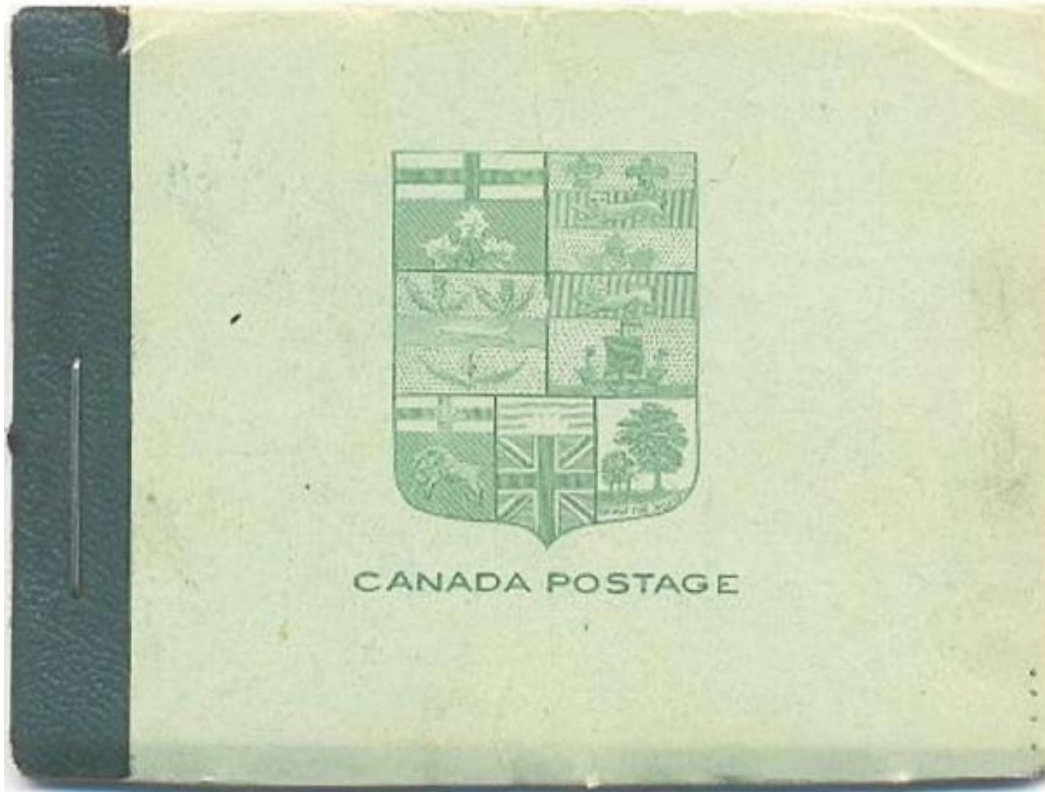
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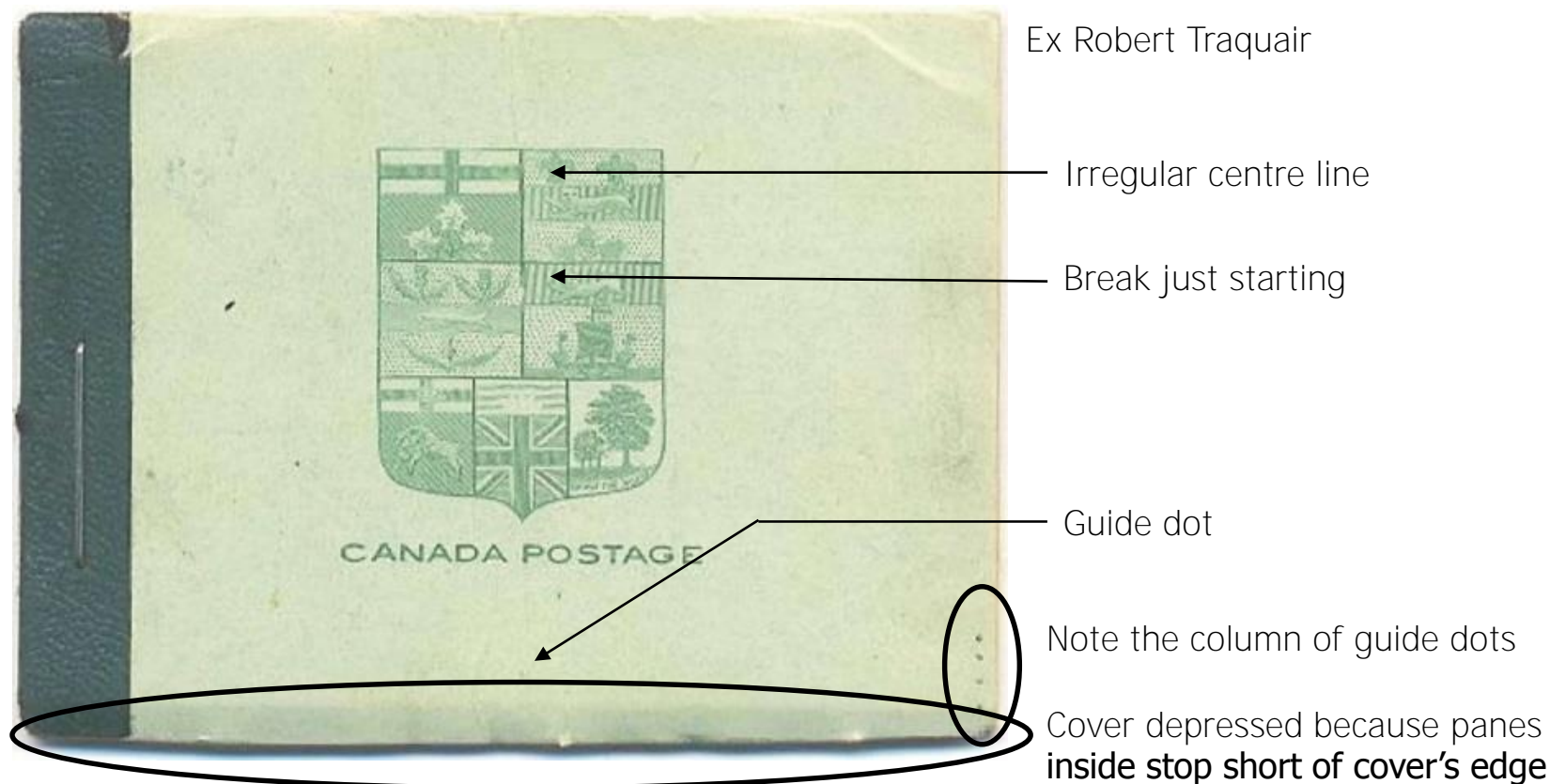
# Can you plate this booklet?

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Ex Robert Traquair

# Can you plate this booklet?



Booklet is from plate 9, just as break was starting.  
Bottom row if upright booklet; top row if inverted booklet.

# Plate 9-10 booklets with guide dots

Dots in straight line

Dots in curved line

Break in coat  
of arms



No break in  
coat of arms

Ex Robert Traquair

Break just  
starting in coat  
of arms



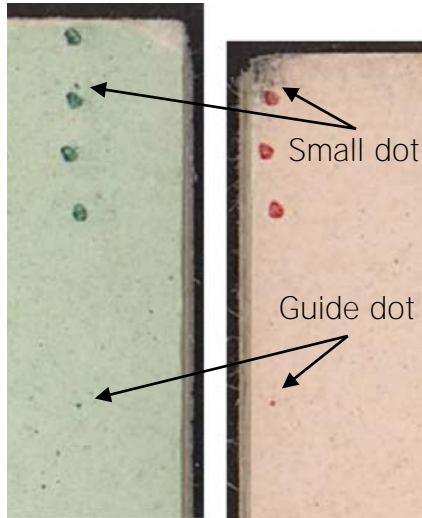
Break in coat  
of arms

Courtesy David Bartlet

"After the proofs of Plates 9 and 10 had been approved, a vertical row of dots was added to the plates to mark the centre of the bottom ..." [Marler, p. 72]

# Four patterns ... or two?

Dots at top of  
cover  
No break in  
coat of arms



Dots at bottom  
of cover  
Break in coat  
of arms

Small dot

Guide dot

Dots at bottom of  
cover  
Break just starting  
in coat of arms

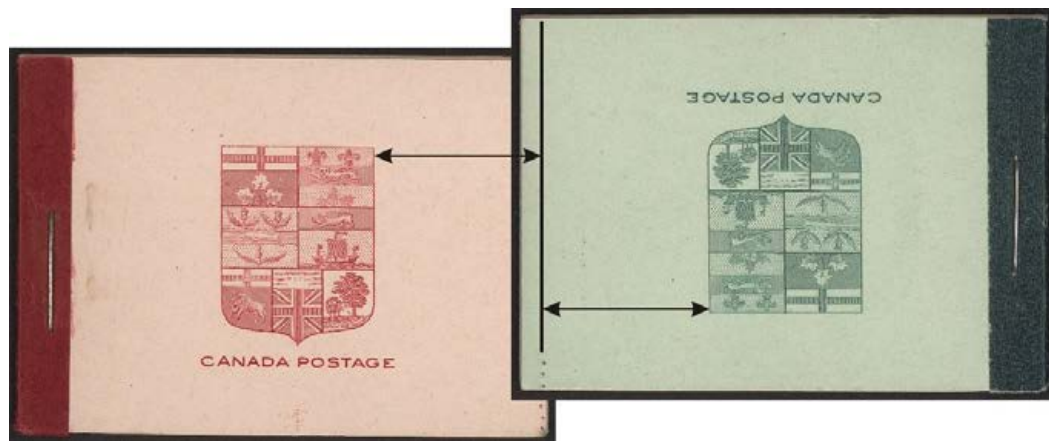


Dots at top of  
cover  
Break in coat of  
arms

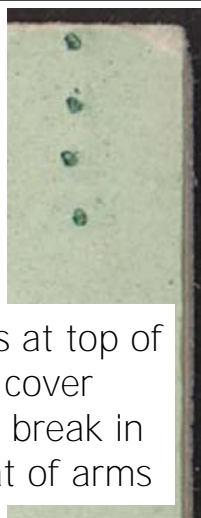


# Two patterns ... on just one plate

- Same two patterns on upright and inverted booklets
  - Which booklet gets the guide dots depends on where the booklets are guillotined vertically
- Both patterns exist on booklets with and without the break (or break just starting) in the centre line of the coat of arms
  - Both patterns must come from plate 9
  - What position on plate 9?
  - No guide dots on plate 10?



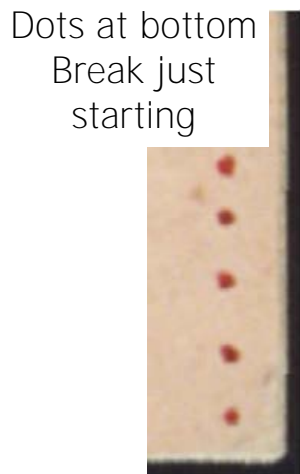
# Which booklets on plate 9 have guide dots?



Dots at top of cover  
No break in coat of arms



Dots at bottom of cover  
Break in coat of arms



Dots at bottom  
Break just starting



Dots at top  
Break in coat of arms

	Left		Centre		Right	
	Upright	Inverted	Upright	Inverted	Upright	Inverted
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						

# Plate 12-13 booklets with guidelines

- More types of booklets
  - But most of the booklet types are very scarce
  - 10 booklets found with guidelines



2¢ carmine  
Sold on eBay in 2005



1¢ yellow  
Sold on eBay in 2016

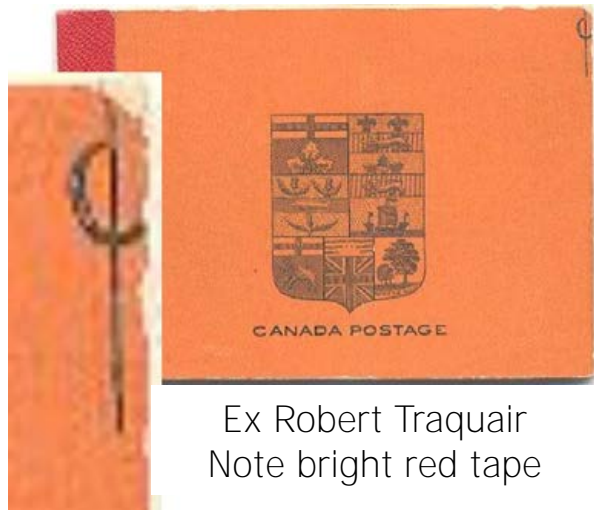


"Inverted" guideline  
Sold on eBay in 2015

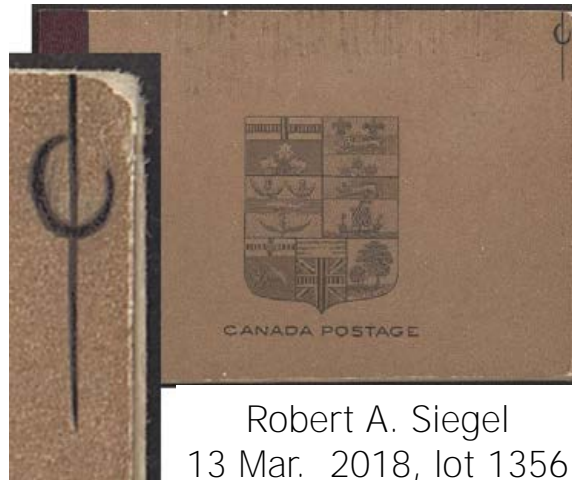
## Type 1

Guideline is narrow at the top and thick at the bottom  
(or vice versa for the "inverted" guideline)

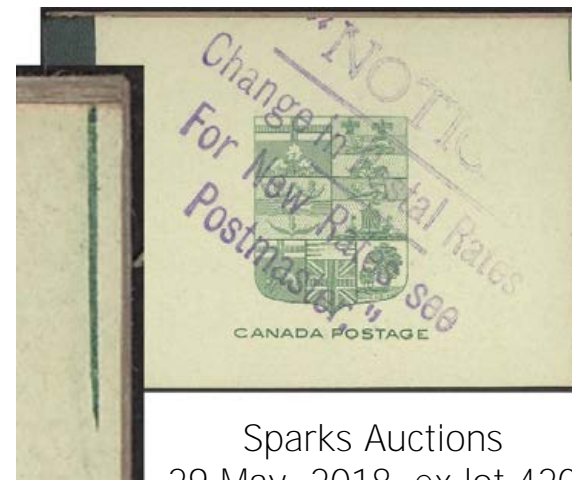
# Plate 12-13 booklets with guidelines



Ex Robert Traquair  
Note bright red tape



Robert A. Siegel  
13 Mar. 2018, lot 1356  
CA\$2,163



Sparks Auctions  
29 May 2018, ex lot 420

Type 2  
Guideline with circle

Type 3  
Type 2 w/o circle?



# Plate 12-13 booklets with guidelines

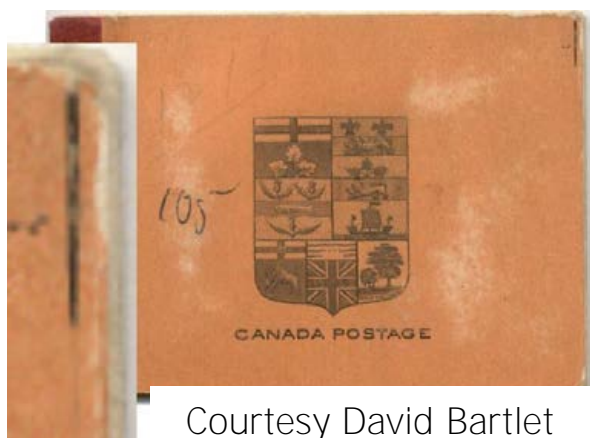


2¢ green  
Sold on eBay in 2017

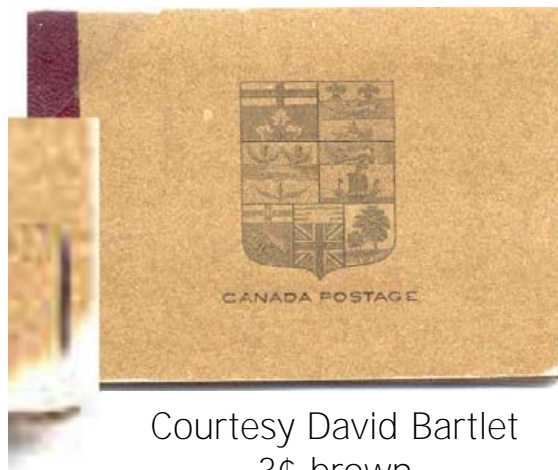


Combo booklet

Type 4  
Thick guideline,  
ends at an angle



Courtesy David Bartlet  
1¢ yellow



Courtesy David Bartlet  
3¢ brown

Type ?

# Plate 1-2 French booklets with guidelines

- Did someone say scarce?
  - Surprise! Both dotted and solid guideline
  - Plates 12-13 laid down Dec. 1915
  - Plates 1-2 laid down Feb. 1916



Courtesy David Bartlet



Courtesy R. Maresch & Son  
Sale 509, 29 Oct. 2014, lot 1162,  
\$1,552

Sissons Sale 496-497, 14 Nov.  
1989, lot 291, ex Alfred P. Cook

