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Discoveries and curiosities

- Glen Lundeen Admiral collection
- Admiral postal history
 - Destinations
 - Rates
 - Single use
- 8¢ FDC
- True purpose of the War Tax stamps
- Marginal marks on coils
 - 3¢ brown endwise coil
 - 2¢ carmine endwise coil
 - 2¢+1¢ carmine sidewise coil
- 8¢ imperf (?) used single
- Varieties on 1¢ green, 2¢ carmine, 2¢ green coil, 3¢ brown coil, 20¢, 50¢
- 2¢ carmine experimental endwise coil





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Eastern Auctions sale of Lundeen Admirals

- Part 1, 18 Mar. 2023 – \$960,958
- Part 2, 19 Aug. 2023 – \$1,034,860
- Part 3, 9 Mar. 2024 – \$962,605
- Prices include 18.5% buyer's premium



Type C inverted lathework.
Discovered by dealer Bill Coates.
Offered at CAPEX 1996.
Plate 160 (only 2¢ green plate with this lathework).
Lot 537 - \$22,515.



Type E lathework.
Discovered by dealer Hank Narbonne in 2004.
Only copy known.
From plate 77 (only Admiral plate with type E lathework).
Postmarked Chesterville AU 23 / 20.
Lot 542 – \$53,325.
Highest price for lathework?

Courtesy Eastern Auctions Ltd., Glen Lundeen Collection Part 3, sale of 9 Mar. 2024

Eastern Auctions sale of Lundeen Admirals

- References:

1. The Yellow Peril (Stan Lum), “A Sweetheart in Every Port Part 7 – Lathework, New Finds”, *Maple Leaves*, Vol. 26, No. 2, Apr. 1999.
2. Leopold Beaudet, “Scarce and Unusual Lathework”, *The Admiral’s Log*, Vol. IX, No. 1, Apr. 2005.
3. RF (Hank) Narbonne, “Admiral lathework – type E special”, *BNA Topics*, Vol. 61, No. 3, July-Sept. 2004.

Admiral postal history

- 10 frame postal history exhibit + extra covers (total about 700)
 - Sold by Eastern Auctions, 22-25 May 2024, lot 1077 (single lot)
 - \$100,725 (inc 18.5% buyer's premium)

Both covers courtesy
Eastern Auctions Ltd.



MR 16 / 18 Vancouver to Kiev, Russia
5¢ UPU + 5¢ registration
Service suspended, Vancouver FE 20 / 19
Ex Willson



NOV 28 / 1924 Montreal to Cameroon
10¢ UPU rate
Ex Willson

Admiral postal history

3. MILITARY LETTER RATES

World War I and Russia

| | |
|---|---|
| Letters from Canada to soldiers On Active Duty in England and the Continent | 3 cents (2 cents + 1 cent War Tax) |
| Letter from soldiers On Active Duty in England and the Continent | FREE FRANKING. Initially the post office would gratuitously affix a stamp upon the letter arriving in Canada, as there was no agreement with Great Britain to transmit free franked mail to Canada. On July 20,1917 an agreement was reached and subsequently free franked stampless soldiers' mail was handled. |

SPECIAL MILITARY POSTAL RATES DURING WORLD WAR I

A large number of Canadians served with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in Europe during W.W.I.. The distribution of mail in Belgium and France was handled by the British Post Office. Rather than charge the standard U.P.U. rate of 5 cents to the continent on first class letters going to the soldiers, arrangements were made whereby the Empire rate of 2 cents per ounce (2¢+1¢ after War Tax), applicable on letters sent from Canada to the United Kingdom, would apply to letters addressed to Canadian troops on the Continent.

Mail to Canada, from troops "On Active Service", was to be carried free to Canada, but the British Post Office, had no legislative authority to transmit the mail free of charge to Canada, and the U.P.U. procedures required postage due on any stampless letter arriving in Canada. The Canadian Government was obviously not going to charge the relatives of our troops with postage due and so the Post Office had Canadian stamps affixed, free of charge, when the letter arrived at one of the "exchange" offices in Canada. This procedure continued until July 20,1917, at which time an agreement was finally reached with the Great Britain, permitting the free franking of Canadian soldiers' mail from the continent and Britain to Canada. This agreement went into force July 28, 1917.



Dec. 7, 1915. Letter from HAMMOND, B.C. to the Canadian Depot, HAUTOL, Army P.O.S. 8, B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force); franked with 2 x 2 cent carmine Admirals and 1 cent green War Tax, paying the reduced 3 cent rate to soldiers "On Active Service" in Europe (rather than the 5 cent U.P.U. rate), plus 2 cents for an additional ounce, or part thereof.

- Scan of entire lot on Eastern Auctions website
 - Includes album pages from the 10-frame exhibit

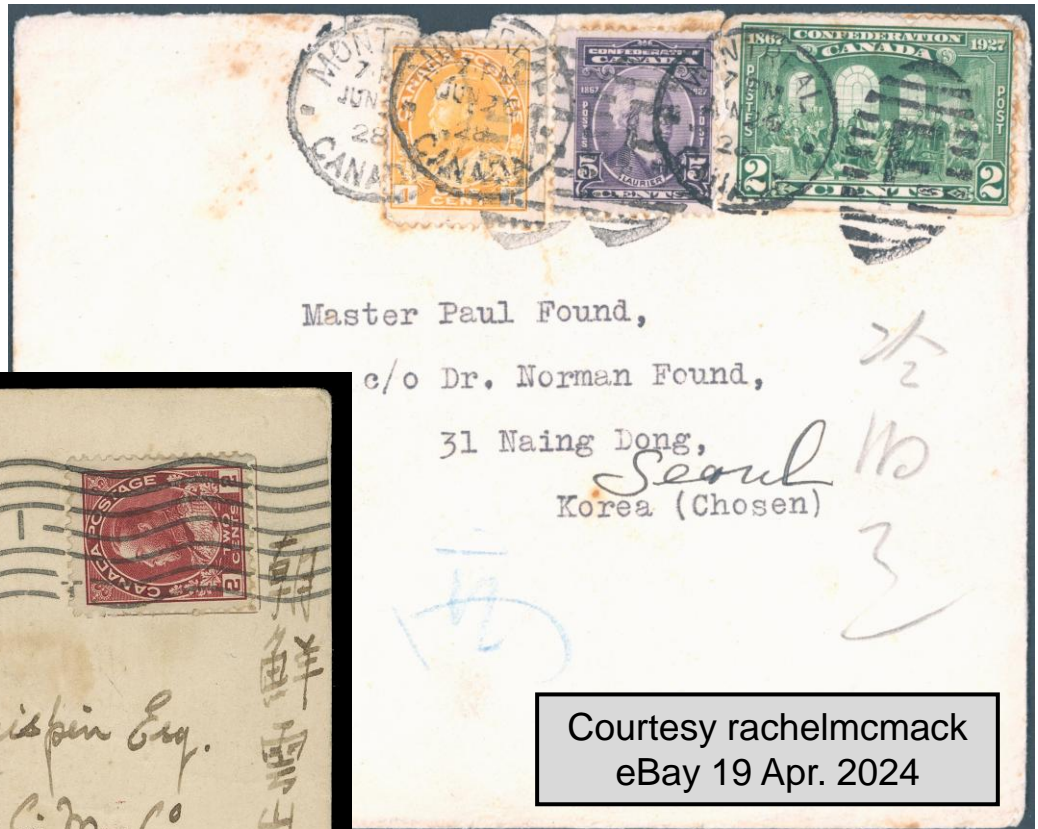
Sample album page
Section 3, "Military Letter Rates"

Courtesy Eastern Auctions Ltd.
Sale of 22-25 May 2024, ex lot 1077

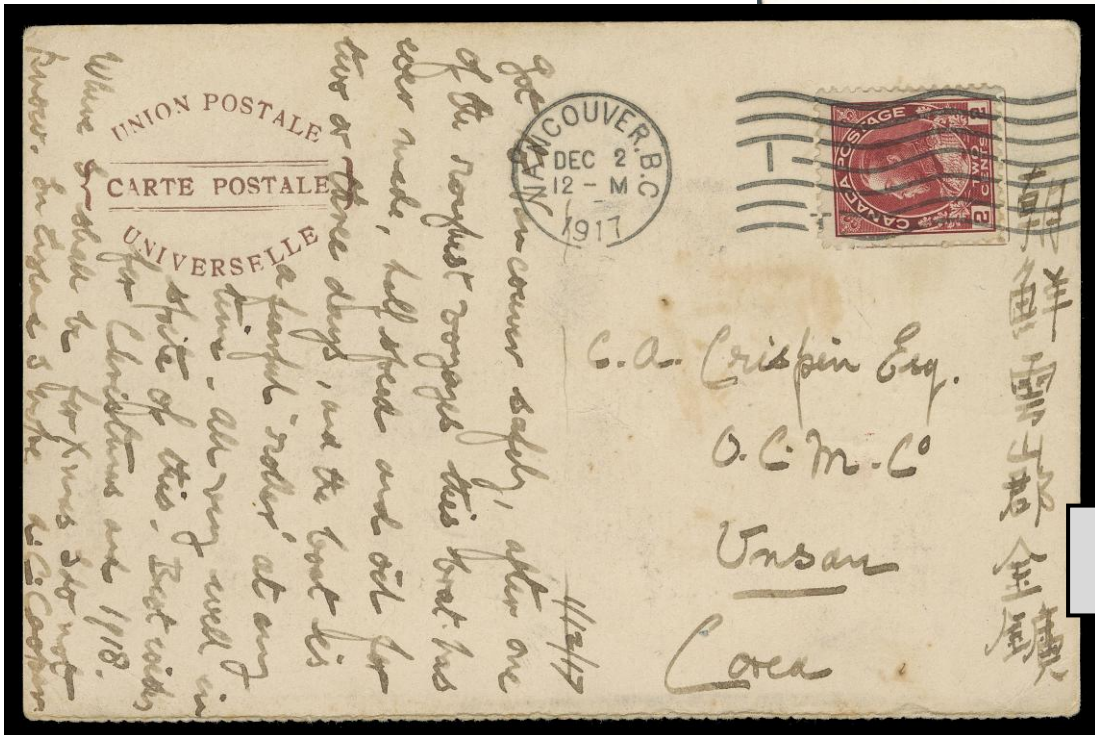
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Admiral postal history – scarce destination

Two covers to Korea
 DEC 2 / 1917 (below)
 JUN 26 / 28 (left)



Courtesy rachelmcmack
 eBay 19 Apr. 2024



Courtesy Eastern Auctions Ltd.
 Sale of 22-25 May 2024, ex lot 1077

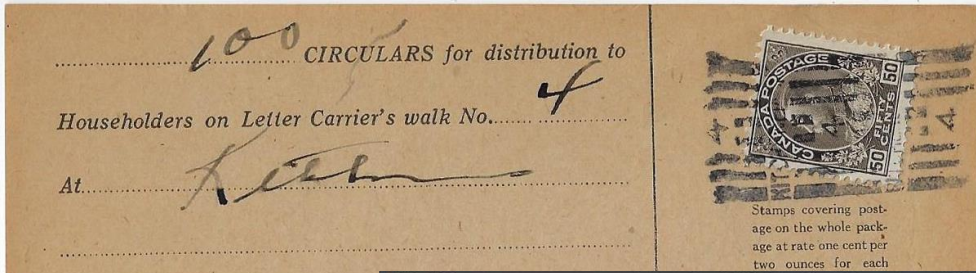
Admiral postal history – rates / single use

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>100 CIRCULARS for distribution to Householders on Letter Carrier's walk No. 4 At <i>Kitchener</i></p> |  <p>Stamps covering postage on the whole package at rate one cent per two ounces for each</p> |
| <p>50 CIRCULARS for distribution to boxholders on rural route No. starting from <i>Virdee</i> <i>Waco</i></p> <p>TO POSTMASTER: Will Postmaster kindly have</p> |  <p>Stamps covering postage on the whole package at rate one cent per two ounces for each piece enclosed, to be placed in this space.</p> |
| <p>200 CIRCULARS for distribution to every Boxholder and Householder at: <i>Kitchener</i> <i>Ont</i></p> <p>TO POSTMASTER: Will Postmaster kindly deliver one of the enclosed items to every Boxholder and Householder receiving mail through his office, in accordance with the Postal Regulations.</p> <p>BERGER TAILORING CO. LTD. (Name of sender) TORONTO, ONTARIO (Address of sender)</p> <p>9 P.—200,000—21-3-27</p> |  <p>Stamps covering postage on the whole package at the rate chargeable for each piece enclosed, to be placed in this space.</p>  |

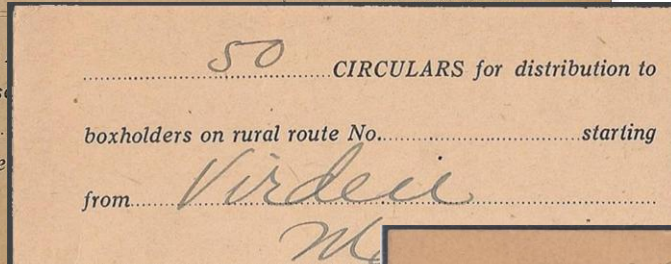
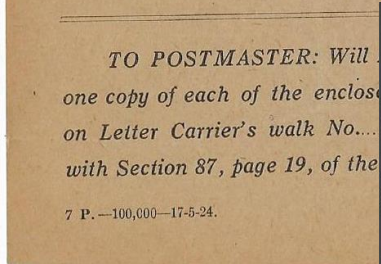
- Bulk rate prepayment for circulars
- Rate: 1¢ per 2 oz. for each piece until 29 Apr. 1925 when it was reduced to ½¢ per piece except for rural route delivery
- About the only non-philatelic source of 50¢ and \$1 single stamp use

Courtesy Hugo Deshayé (top two forms), Gary Steele (bottom form)

Admiral postal history – rates / single use

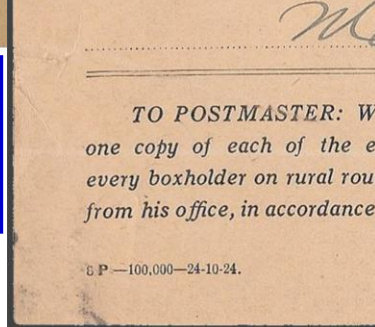


- Forms introduced on 17 May 1924
- Sometime between 1930-1939, forms were combined

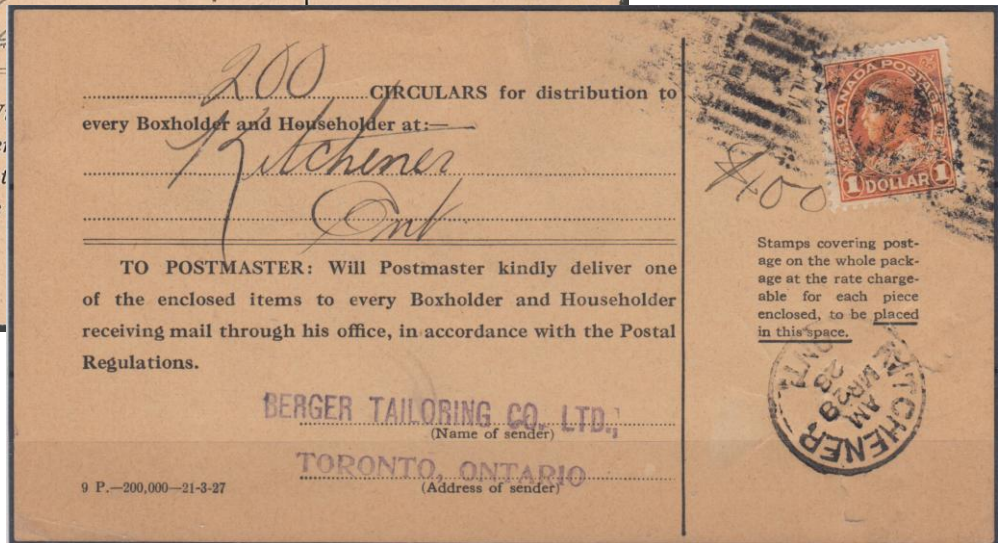


9P 21-3-27
Boxholders & householders

7P 17-5-24
Householders on letter carrier walk

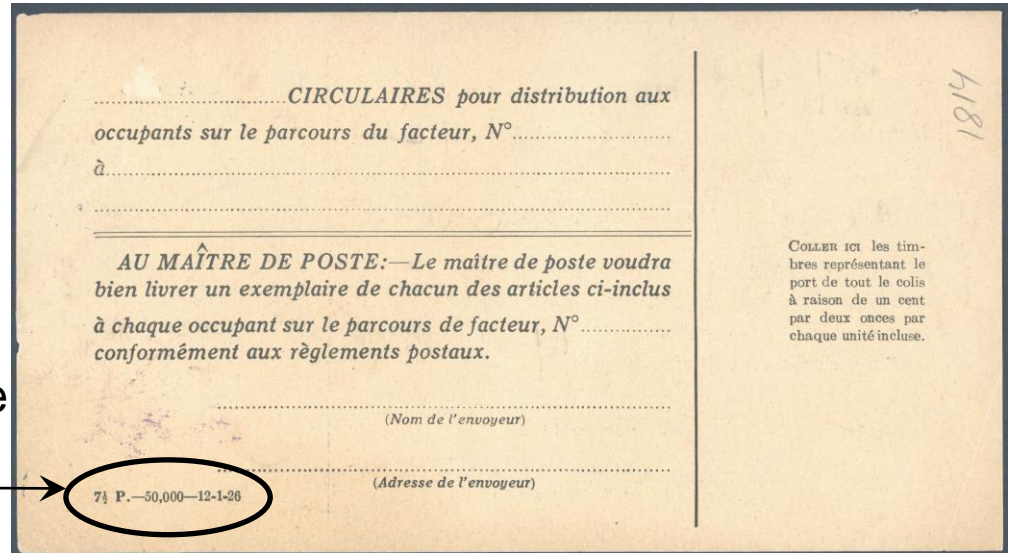


8P 24-10-24
Boxholders on rural routes

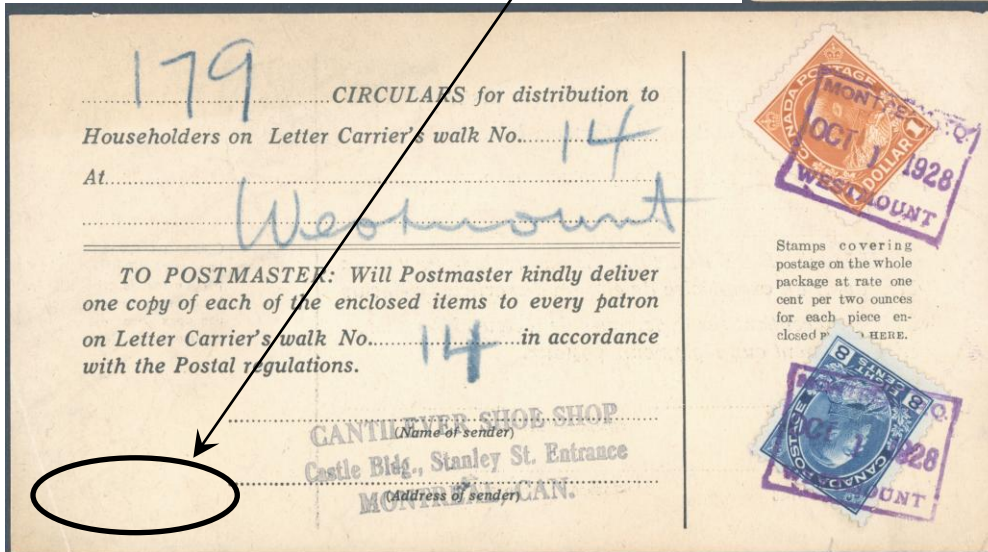


Admiral postal history – rates

- Bilingual form, one side French, the other English
 - Used in Quebec
 - Form 7½ P (!)
 - Most from Saint-Hyacinthe



“Back” – no legend



“Front”
Legend: 7½ P.—50,000—12-1-26

Strange franking
\$1.08 for 179 circulars???

Interlude - scarcest stamp on cover or piece



- 7¢ red brown probably the scarcest
 - Make-up rate
 - Issued 12 Dec. 1924



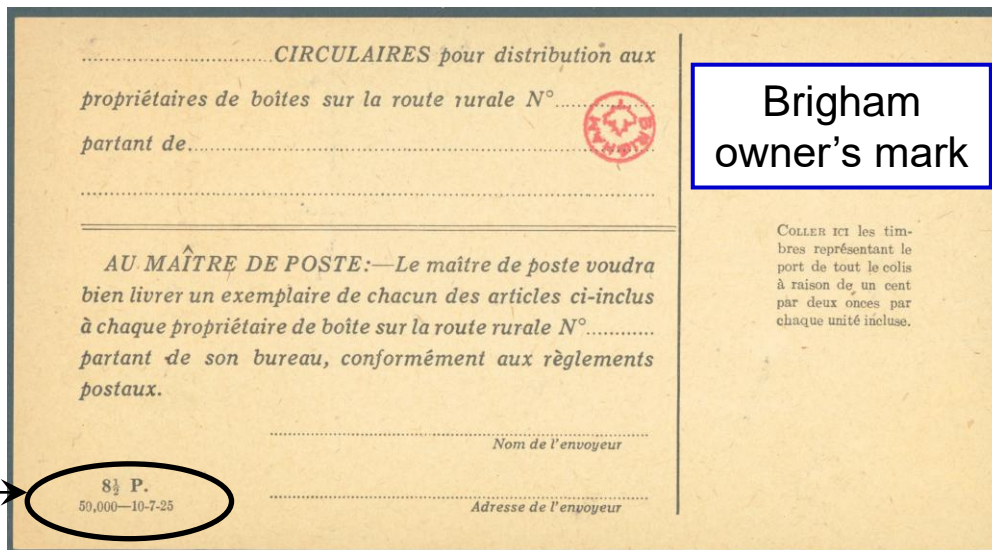
- 5¢ violet
 - Make-up rate
 - Issued 2 Feb. 1922



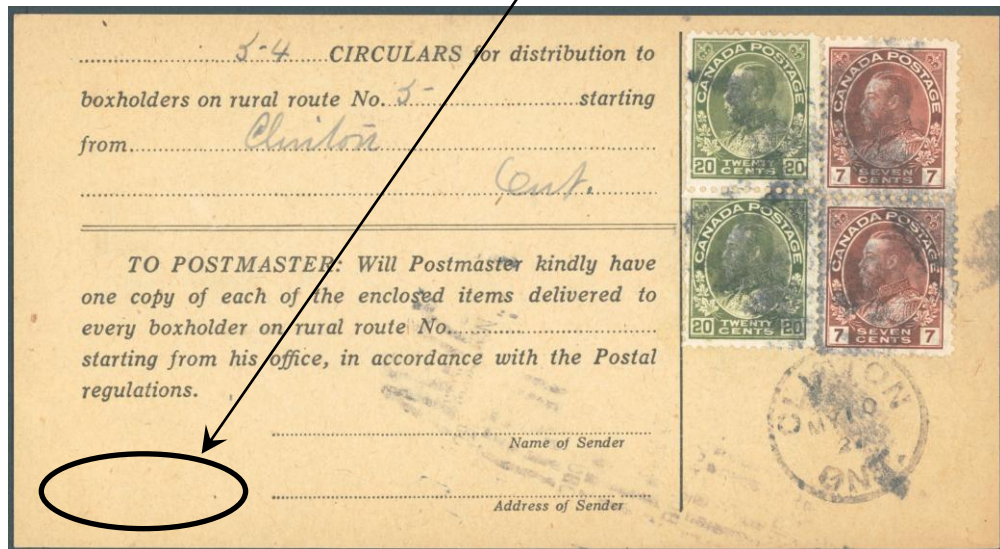
- 20¢ olive green
 - Circular bulk payments
 - Registration + UPU rate (1921-1925)
 - Make-up rate

Admiral postal history – scarce stamp use

- Bilingual form 8½P 10-7-25
 - Handful of 8½P forms recorded
- Do 9½P forms exist?



"Back" – no legend



"Front"
Legend: 8½ P. / 50,000—10-7-25

Rural route distribution
1¢ per 2 oz. per piece
Clinton, ON, MY 10 / 27
Scarce use of 7¢ red brown and 20¢

Admiral postal history – scarce stamp use

- Scarce use of:
 - 5¢ violet (dry printing)
 - 7¢ red brown (wet printing)

Victoria, BC, Sub No. 12
DE 1 / 25
2¢ drop letter rate + 10¢ registration

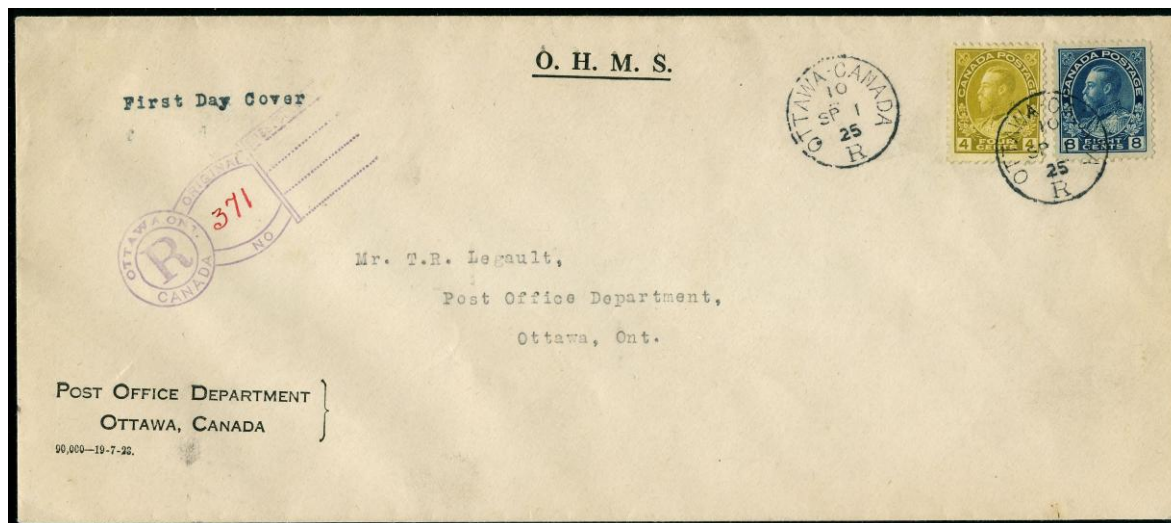


Admiral postal history

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2. Sale catalogue, sale of 22-25 May 2024, Eastern Auctions Ltd., 2024. Images of the covers in lot 1077 are on the Eastern Auctions Ltd. website, <https://www.easternauctions.com/>
3. Vic Willson, *Admirals Away: Canadian Letter Rates 1912-1928*, BNAPS, 2011.
4. Leopold Beaudet, “Circular Rate during the Admiral Period”, *The Admiral’s Log*, Vol. XII, No. 1, Dec. 2010.
5. Randall W. Van Someren, “More Circular Rate Bulk Payment Forms”, *The Admiral’s Log*, Vol XIII, No. 1, Dec. 2013.

8¢ First Day Cover



2¢ drop letter + 10¢ registration

Courtesy John Jamieson, Saskatoon Stamp Centre
Ex “Jacsue” (Melvin Baron)

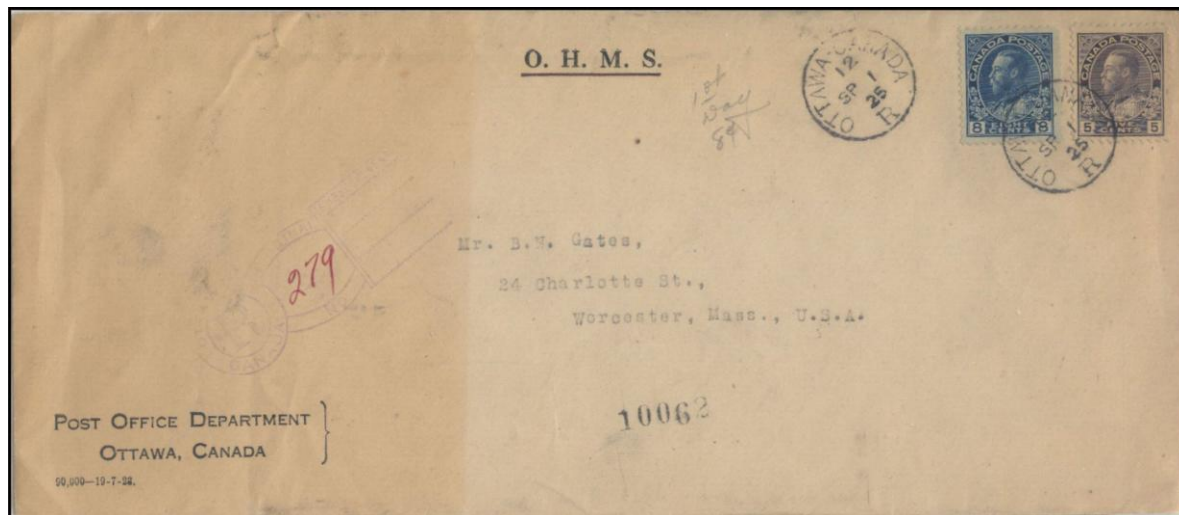
SP 1 / 25
(8¢ date of issue)

In 1924, Post Office employee T. R. Legault started producing Admiral FDCs. He annotated them “First Day Cover”, and addressed most of them to himself.

He produced one FDC of the 8¢ issued on 1 Sept. 1925.

The cover was in the Melvin Baron FDC collection sold by Saskatoon Stamp Centre in March 2009.

8¢ First Day Cover

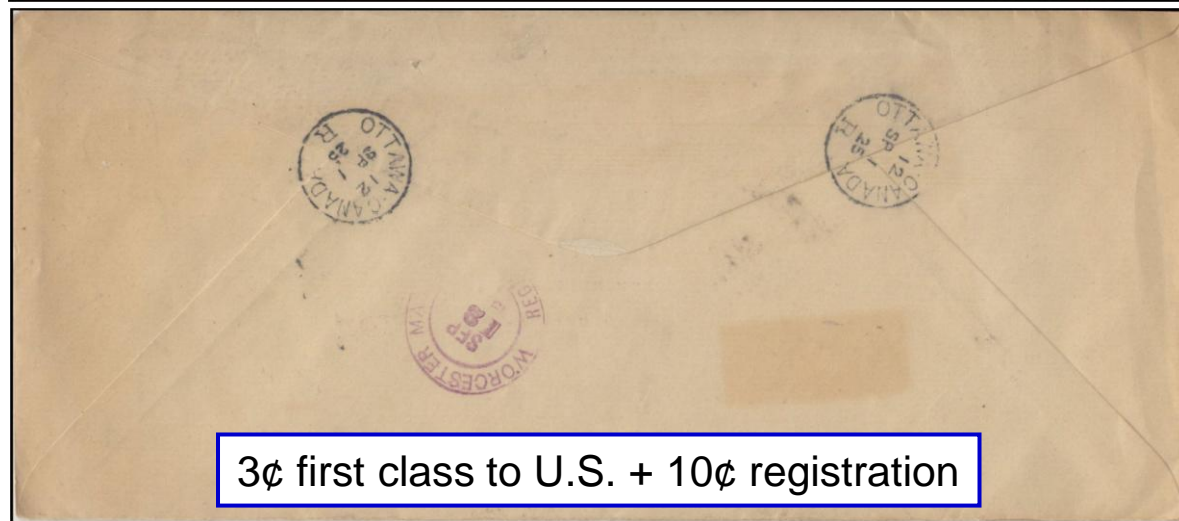


SP 1 / 25
(8¢ date of issue)

In April 2024, this previously unrecorded cover was offered on eBay.

Mailed from the Post Office Dept. to an address in the U.S.

Cancelled on first day of issue, but not annotated.



3¢ first class to U.S. + 10¢ registration

8¢ First Day Cover

The cover came with a letter explaining its creation. As noted, the 8¢ stamp was deliberately cancelled on the date of issue.

Mr. B.N. Gates
24 Charlotte St.
Worcester, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

As stated in my letter of the 1st ult., I am sending you 15 specimens of the new 8¢ stamps which are being issued today for the first time. I am using one specimen of these 8¢ stamps to prepay postage and registration fees: this being the first day of issue.

Yours truly,
W. J. Glover
Financial Superintendent

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA
FINANCIAL BRANCH

5,000-3-5-23

POSTAGE STAMP DIVISION

1st September 5.
OTTAWA,.....192.....

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[Signature]

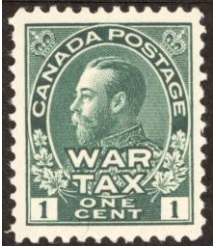


8¢ First Day Cover

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2. Melvin L. Baron and Stan Lum, “First Day Covers of the Classic Issues of Canada Part 9”, *BNA Topics*, Vol. 51, No. 1, First quarter 1994.
3. Melvin L. Baron and Stan Lum, “First Day Covers of the Classic Issues of Canada Part 10”, *BNA Topics*, Vol. 52, No. 1, First quarter 1995.

True purpose of the War Tax stamps



- Article by Christopher D. Ryan in the *Canadian Revenue Newsletter*, No. 118, June 2024
- Shows that the general public understood that new taxes introduced in 1915 were “taxes because of war, not taxes for war”
 - War Tax postage stamps funded Post Office operations, not the war effort
- Article quotes newspaper reports and letters to the editor

True purpose of the War Tax stamps

- References:

1. Christopher D. Ryan, “Nominal War Tax Stamps of the Canadian Post Office Department, 1915-1918”, *Canadian Revenue Newsletter*, No. 71, Dec. 2010.
2. Christopher D. Ryan, “Canada’s Inland Revenue and Postal War Tax Stamps did not Finance its War Expenditures during the First World War”, *Canadian Revenue Newsletter*, No. 92, Mar. 2017.
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<https://bnaps.org/ore/Ryan-WarTaxStamps/Ryan-WarTaxStamps.htm>
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“Finding Images for Marler” – Bill Burden

- Website illustrates and describes
 - Re-entries
 - Retouches
 - Other plate flaws
- Over 3,000 detailed Admiral stamp images
- Descriptions from Marler’s 1982 book
- Many flaws not in Marler’s book
- Search function



<https://cms.wgburden.com/>

Marginal marks – 3¢ brown endwise coil

- Coil produced from sheet stamps
 - 500,000 stamps (1,000 rolls) produced
- Reiche found paste-up with part of plate 100 imprint
 - Plates 100 and 101
 - Laid down 24 Nov. 1920
 - Approved 23 Dec. 1920
- Marler believed coil was issued sometime after April 1921
 - Based on Post Office documents
 - Discounts Reiche's ERD reports of 13 July 1919 and Dec. 1920
- ERD: 5 Nov. 1921
 - Cover from Hamilton, ON



Marginal marks – 3¢ brown endwise coil



- Pair with bottom of “00-944” from plate 100 imprint
 - “00” doesn’t line up with imprint on plate block
 - Coil is from the pane on the other side of the plate
- Single with bottom of A-J in imprint

Bottom of “101”
from plate 101
imprint

Marginal marks – 3¢ brown endwise coil

- **References:**

1. Hans Reiche, *Canada the Admiral Stamps of 1911 to 1925*, 1965 (p. 65)
2. Hans Reiche, *Canada the Admiral Stamps of 1911 to 1925 Part 2* (p. 39). Date of publication not given, but probably 1971.
3. George C. Marler, *The Admiral Issue of Canada*, American Philatelic Society, 1982 (pp. 510-511)
4. Leopold Beaudet, *Admiral Study Group Meeting BNAPEX 2021 Virtual* (slide 28 – ERD on the 3¢ brown endwise coil)
<https://bnaps.org/studygroups/admirals/documents/AdmiralStudyGroupMtg-BNAPEX2021rx.pdf>
5. Leopold Beaudet, *Admiral Study Group Meeting BNAPEX 2023 Halifax* (slides 35-45 discuss marginal markings on coils)
<https://bnaps.org/studygroups/admirals/documents/AdmiralStudyGroupMtg-BNAPEX2023.pdf>
6. Sparks Auctions, *Sale 34*, 22 Sept. 2020, lot 531

Marginal marks – 2¢ endwise coil, perf 12

- Endwise coil plate 2 imprint in tab
- Plate imprint is above columns 2-3 on both top “panes”
- Distance from imprint to stamp design
 - 8.2 mm on upper left “pane”
 - 6.9 mm on upper right “pane”
- Position of this stamp: 2UR1/3 (2UR3)
- How did this piece survive? Possible (unlikely?) scenario:
 1. The postage required to mail an item is at least 4¢.
 2. The stamps used includes a pair of the 2¢ endwise coil bought from a vending machine. The stamps have gripper marks.
 3. The pair is a paste-up pair with the plate imprint on the tab.
 4. The pair is affixed to the envelope, and the item is mailed.
 5. A collector gets the envelope and soaks the stamps off it.
 6. The paste-up becomes detached during the soaking.
 7. The collector saves the paste-up stamp with the tab, keeping the tab intact.



2UR1/3
Used
Gripper marks
Sixth copy reported

Courtesy Arpin
Philately. Discovered
by Louis Arpin.

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Marginal marks – 2¢ carmine endwise coil

- References:

1. Leopold Beaudet, *Admiral Study Group Meeting BNAPEX 2023 Halifax* (slides 35-45 discuss marginal markings on coils; slides 39-40 focus on the 2¢ carmine endwise coil).

<https://bnaps.org/studygroups/admirals/documents/AdmiralStudyGroupMtg-BNAPEX2023.pdf>

2. Glen Lundeen, “Admiral Plate Census” (2¢ carmine)

<https://bnaps.org/studygroups/admirals/Census/AdmPlateCensus-2cCarmine.htm>

Marginal marks – 2¢+1¢ carmine sidewise coil

- **Plates 1-2**
 - Engraved 3 Jan. 1916
 - Approved 6 Jan. 1916
- **Plates 3-4**
 - Engraved 12 Feb. 1916
 - Approved 19 Feb. 1916
- **ERD: 7 Feb. 1916**
 - Field Post Office cancel dated 22 JA 16 corroborates ERD
- **Initial printing**
 - Rose carmine
 - Non-fluorescent ink
- **Reprint**
 - Carmine
 - Fluorescent ink



Marginal marks – 2¢+1¢ carmine sidewise coil



“On Plates 1 and 2 the arrows centered in the top margin of the upper half and in the bottom margin of the lower half are very close to the subjects, and the tip may sometimes be seen in rolls from the top or the bottom of these plates.”
[Marler, p. 446]

- Position of marks at bottom right is different on all three examples
- Fluorescent ink
- Are these the tips of Marler's guide arrows?
 - No

Courtesy William G. Burden

Marginal marks – 2¢+1¢ carmine sidewise coil

- 2¢+1¢ carmine coil was issued in sheet format
 - Stamps from plates 1 and 2
- Vertical guide arrows
 - Hand-engraved
 - Different than the marks on Bill Burden's three coils
 - Tip of guide arrow appears on coil if margin greater than 1 mm
 - As noted by Marler



Plate 1
Guide arrow in
top margin
From UR pane

Probably plate 2
Guide arrow in
bottom margin
From LL pane

Sources: Block of 10 – Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, sale of 2006-06-28
Block of 4 – Ian Kimmerly Stamps

Marginal marks – 2¢+1¢ carmine sidewise coil

- Vertical guide arrows from plate 2 (hand-engraved)



Plate 2
Guide arrow in
top margin
From UL pane

Plate 2
Guide arrow in
bottom margin
From LR pane



Sources: Block of 20 – Eastern Auctions Ltd., sale of 2009-02-14, lot 318
Strip of 3 – Stan Lum

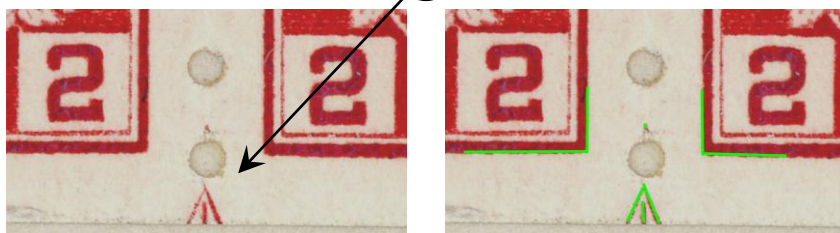
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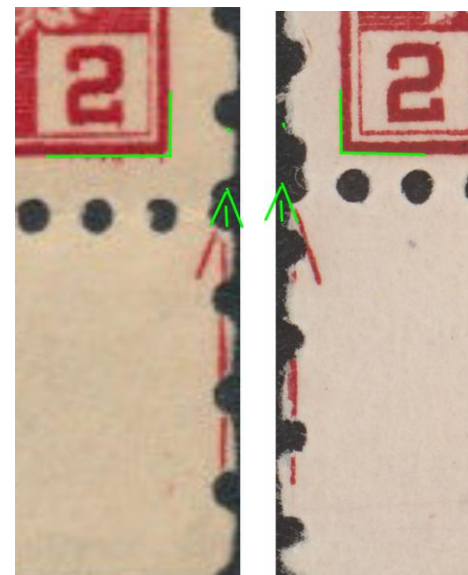
- Registered to U.S., MY 6 / 16
 - 3¢ first oz
 - 2¢ each additional oz or part thereof
 - 2 oz = 4¢
 - 5¢ registration
- Tip of vertical guide arrow
 - Bottom of strip
 - Between middle stamps



Marginal marks – 2¢+1¢ carmine sidewise coil



Tip of vertical guide arrow with:
No overlay
Green overlay



Green overlay on:
• Block of 4 with PO #
• Strip of 3, plate 2

- Overlay does not fall on guide arrow on block of 4 with PO # or strip of 3 from plate 2
 - Coil strip of 4 must be from plate 1
 - Block of 4 with PO # likely from plate 2

Marginal marks – 2¢+1¢ carmine sidewise coil



- What are the marks on Bill Burden's coils?
- What plate do they come from?
 - They are not guide arrows from plates 1 and 2
 - Are the marks from plates 3 and 4?
 - Each plate will have just one guide arrow in the bottom margin
 - Total: two guide arrows
 - But there are three coils with different marks
 - ???

Courtesy William G. Burden

Marginal marks – 2¢+1¢ carmine sidewise coil

- **References:**

1. George C. Marler, *The Admiral Issue of Canada*, American Philatelic Society, 1982 (pp. 446-447)
2. Randall W. Van Someren, *The Colours and Shades of Canada's Admiral Stamps*, BNAPS Admiral Study Group, 2018 (pp. 99-102)
3. Leopold Beaudet, *Admiral Study Group Meeting BNAPEX 2023 Halifax* (slides 35-45 discuss marginal markings on coils)

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Imperf used single?

- Large margin especially at top and right
- From 8¢ imperf upper left pane, plate 1, issued by favour?
 - If so, first used stamp from any of the 8 values issued by favour
 - Some of the imperf stamps not in good condition
 - One 8¢ vertical pair known imperf
 - Why a vertical pair when most are horizontal?
- Expertization services will decline to certify imperf singles



Contributed by Steve Hellsten

Over inked!



- Dated OC 6 / 17
- What caused the smudged inking?

Contributed by William G. Burden

Re-entry or kiss print?



- Doubling in top frame, top horizontal lines, top of outer oval, lettering
- Inking appears “fuzzy”

Contributed by Claude Cholette

2¢ green sidewise coil

- Diagonal line LR corner
 - Re-engraved die, design type SRRE12, plates 15-17



Contributed by Denis Lecompte



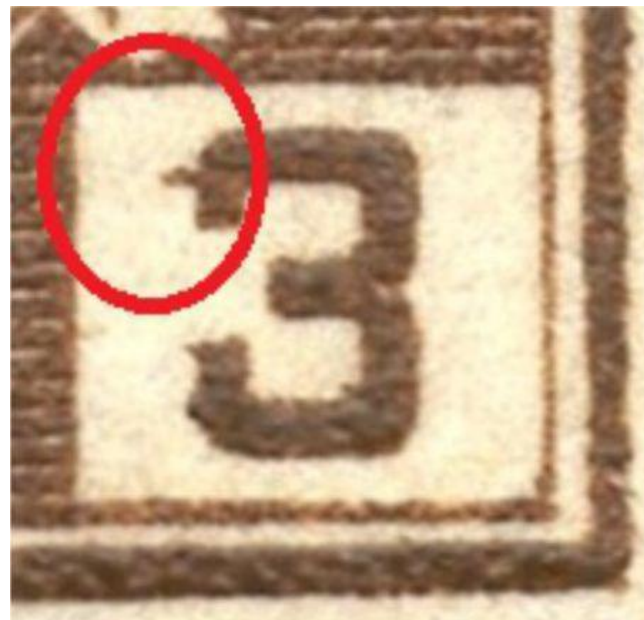
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3¢ brown sidewise coil

- Spur off of 3 in right numeral block
 - Design type SR5, plates 9-10
 - Constant plate flaw or transient inking variety?

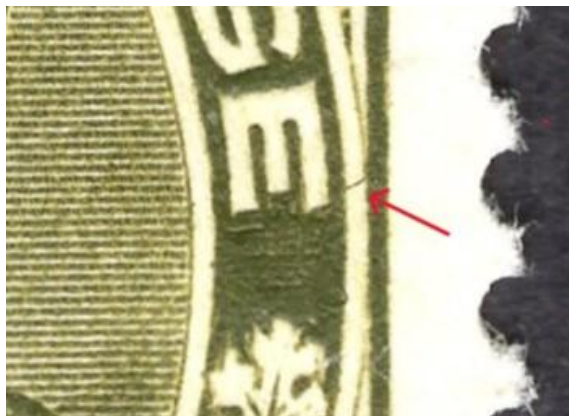
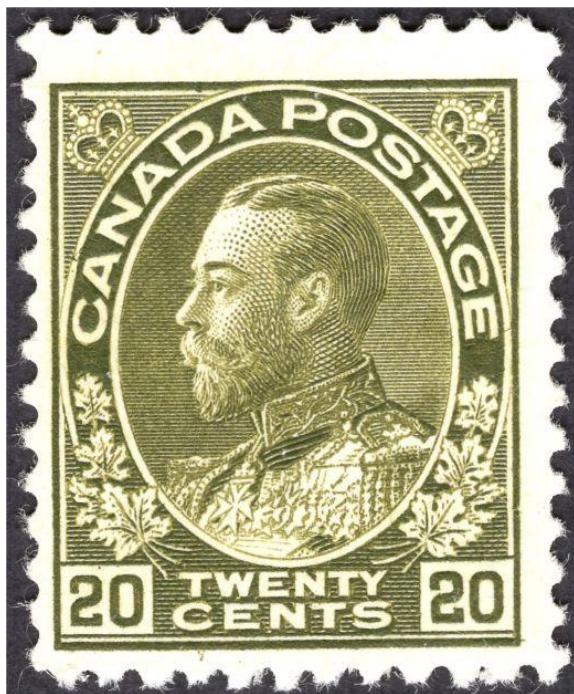


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20¢ line + spur

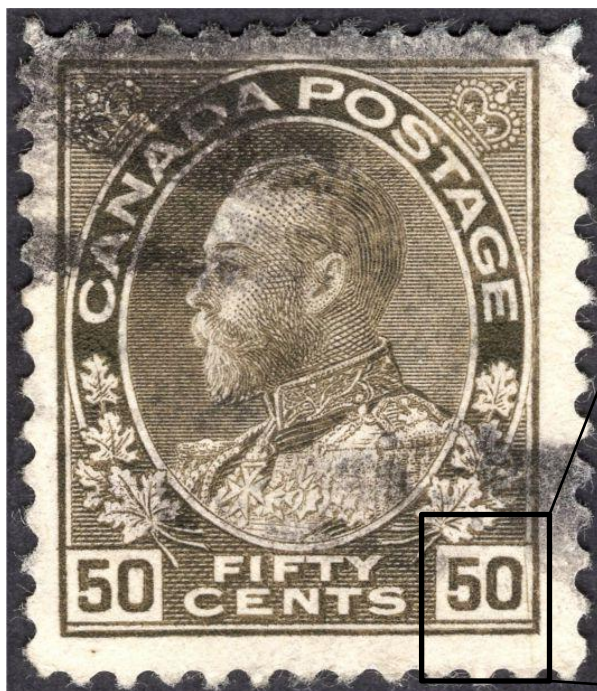
- Line in right outer oval
- Spur extending from bottom frame to right margin
 - Wet printing



Contributed by Denis Lecompte

50¢ scratch

- Scratch in RNB and bottom margin
 - Dry printing = plate 4
- Second copy reported by Bill Burden



Contributed by Denis Lecompte

2¢ carmine experimental coil – R5 vs R6



R5 – “common”



R6 – “scarce”

Contributed by Randall W. Van Someren

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