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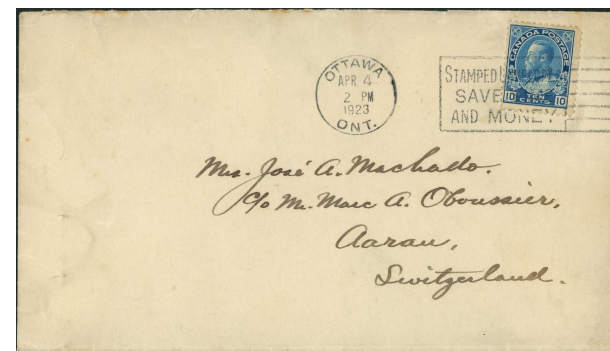
study group

**Meeting at BNAPS 2025 Virtual Conference
Saturday, 1 March 2025**

Andrew Chung, Chairman & Treasurer
Leopold Beaudet, newsletter editor

Discoveries and curiosities

- 1¢ green 12LR35 re-entry
- 3¢ carmine overprinted 2¢
- Design essays
- Admiral postal history
 - Scarce destinations
 - Tiny covers
- Booklets
 - Guide dots on French covers
 - Overprint varieties on cover
 - 2¢ carmine with large margins
- 2¢ carmine re-entries
- 3¢ brown flaw
- 50¢ flaw





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1¢ green – 12LR35 re-entry

\$18,960 – Highest price for a re-entry?



Courtesy John Jamieson,
Saskatoon Stamp Centre

- **Mint block**
 - Only mint copy of 12LR35 re-entry known
 - Re-entry on LL stamp
 - Black adhesion and trifle gum thin
- **Provenance**
 - Denninger Collection
 - Eastern Auctions Ltd., 15 Nov. 2024, lot 115, \$18,960 (inc. 18.5% buyer's premium)
 - Saskatoon Stamp Centre, Sept. 2013, \$9,450
 - Eastern Auctions Ltd., 22-23 Feb. 2013 sale, lot 645, \$7,475 (inc. 15% buyer's premium)
 - Harry Lussey Admiral collection
 - R. Maresch & Son, Sale 128-131, 10-11 June 1981, lot 620, \$1,210.
 - Illustrated in Boggs [1945, p. 374]

1¢ green – 12LR35 re-entry

- References:

1. Winthrop S. Boggs, *The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Canada*, Quarterman Publications Inc., 1974. Reprint of edition published by Chambers Publishing Co., 1945.
2. Leopold Beaudet, “Census of 1¢ Green Re-entry 12LR35 – Reboot”, *The Admiral’s Log*, Vol. XIII, No. 1, Dec. 2013.

Genuine or fake?



Courtesy Eastern Auctions Ltd.



Courtesy Vincent Graves Greene
Philatelic Research Foundation

- Top pair was lot 258 in Eastern Auctions sale of 14 Feb. 2009
- Bottom pair was submitted to VGG expertizing service in Jan. 2025
 - Evaluation still ongoing
- Stamps are:
 - Die I
 - Marler design type 25
- Overprint was printed after the sheet of 400 was perforated and cut into panes of 100
- Variety might occur if a pane was accidentally folded back along the vertical perforations before being overprinted

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Problems

- Based on centring, the two pairs must come from different panes
 - Were TWO panes folded before overprinting?
 - Where are the other 18 pairs?
 - Why no mention in the philatelic literature before 2009?
- The letters have the right shape and relative position, but are bulkier than normal
- The letters on the top pair are slightly taller than normal

Assessment

- No “smoking gun” proving the variety is fake
- No evidence that variety is genuine

Admiral initial design essay #1, 8 Sept. 1911

2¢ die 1st
1¢ die 2nd
15¢ die?
No 20¢ die
No 50¢ die

Signed by JAM (José Antonio Machado),
Resident Manager, ABN, Ottawa branch

One Color
See letter herewith re portrait.

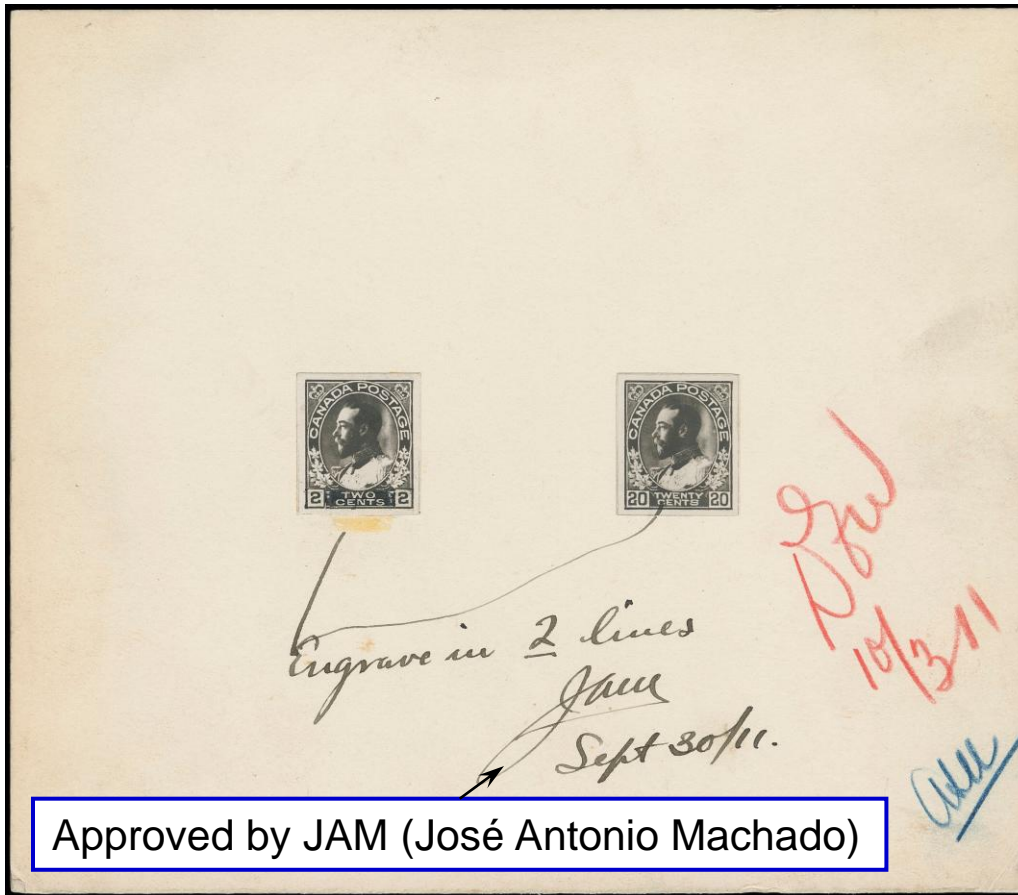


Courtesy Eastern Auctions Ltd.
Sale of 25-26 Oct. 2013, lot 1703

Realized
\$28,750
(inc. 15%
buyer's
premium)

- American Bank Note Co. archives sale by Christie's Robson Lowe, 13 Sept. 1990, lot 1877

Admiral initial design essay #2, 30 Sept. 1911



Sale of 9 Mar. 2024 (Lundeen, Part 3), lot 501
Realized \$124,425 (inc. 18.5% buyer's premium)

Sale of 27 Oct. 2012, lot 1978
Realized \$9,200 (inc. 15% buyer's premium)

Courtesy Eastern Auctions Ltd.

- American Bank Note Co. archives sale by Christie's Robson Lowe, 13 Sept. 1990, ex lot 1878

José Antonio Machado for the rest of us



Cover from Machado to his wife in Switzerland.

Postmarked
APR 4 / 1923.

10¢ UPU rate in effect
from 1 Oct. 1921 to 30
Sept. 1925.

Cover sold for \$20.

- Born 20 Jan. 1862 in Cuba
- Resident Manager of American Bank Note Co. (ABN) in Ottawa, 1901 to 1922
- Designed the 1908 Quebec Tercentenary commemoratives
- Signed ABN approval of die and plate proofs of the Admiral stamps
- At the close of 1922, the Ottawa branch of ABN became a subsidiary, the Canadian Bank Note Co. (CBN)
- First president of CBN, 1923 to 1935

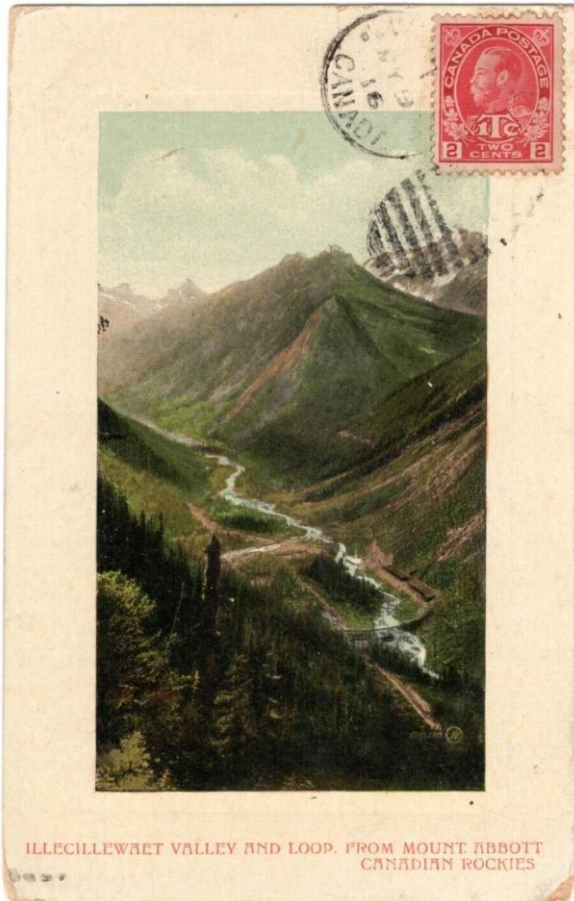


José Antonio Machado

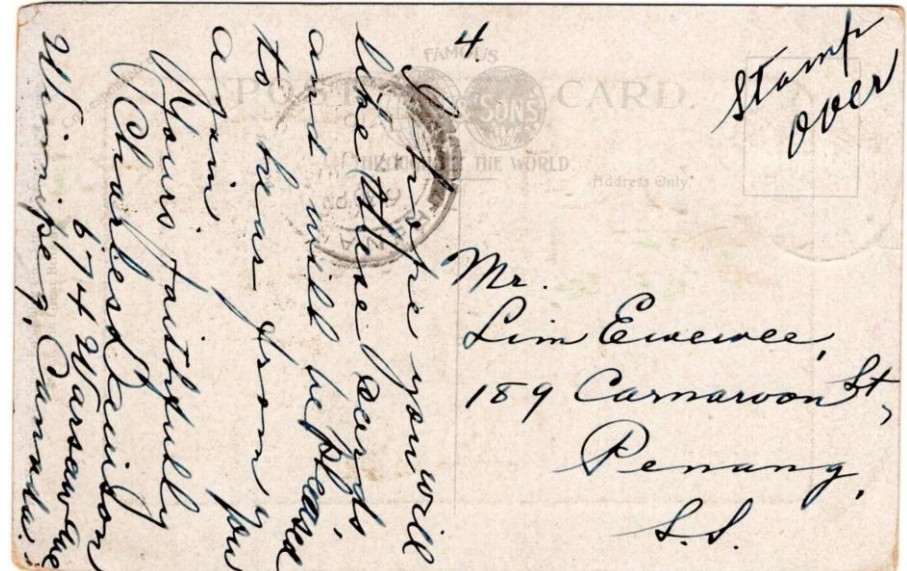
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2. *Who's Who in Canada 1934-5*, 1935.

Admiral postal history – scarce destination 1



Courtesy rachelmcmack,
eBay, 1 Feb. 2025, \$65



Postcard to Penang, Straits Settlements
from Winnipeg, dated MY 9 / 16
British Empire postcard rate - 2¢ (overpaid 1¢)

Graham collection has postcard dated 1916 from the
same correspondence
Willson collection has cover dated 1926

Admiral postal history – scarce destination 2



Postcard to Gold Coast, Africa
dated MAY 30 / 1914

Courtesy rachelmcmack,
eBay, 26 Jan. 2025, \$26

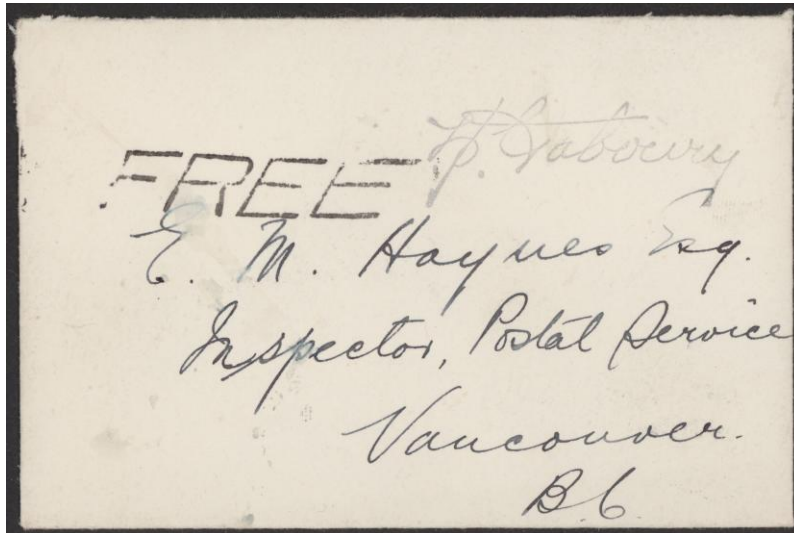


Admiral postal history – scarce destination

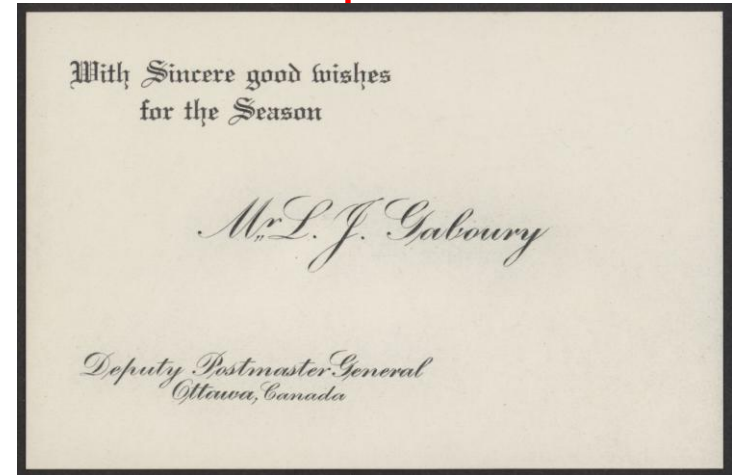
- **References:**

1. Vic Willson, *Admirals Away: Canadian Letter Rates 1912-1928*, British North America Philatelic Society Ltd., 2011.
2. John F. Graham, *The Postal Rates of the Admiral Era (1912-1928)*, exhibit to be posted in the ORE area of the BNAPS website.

Incredible shrinking cover 1



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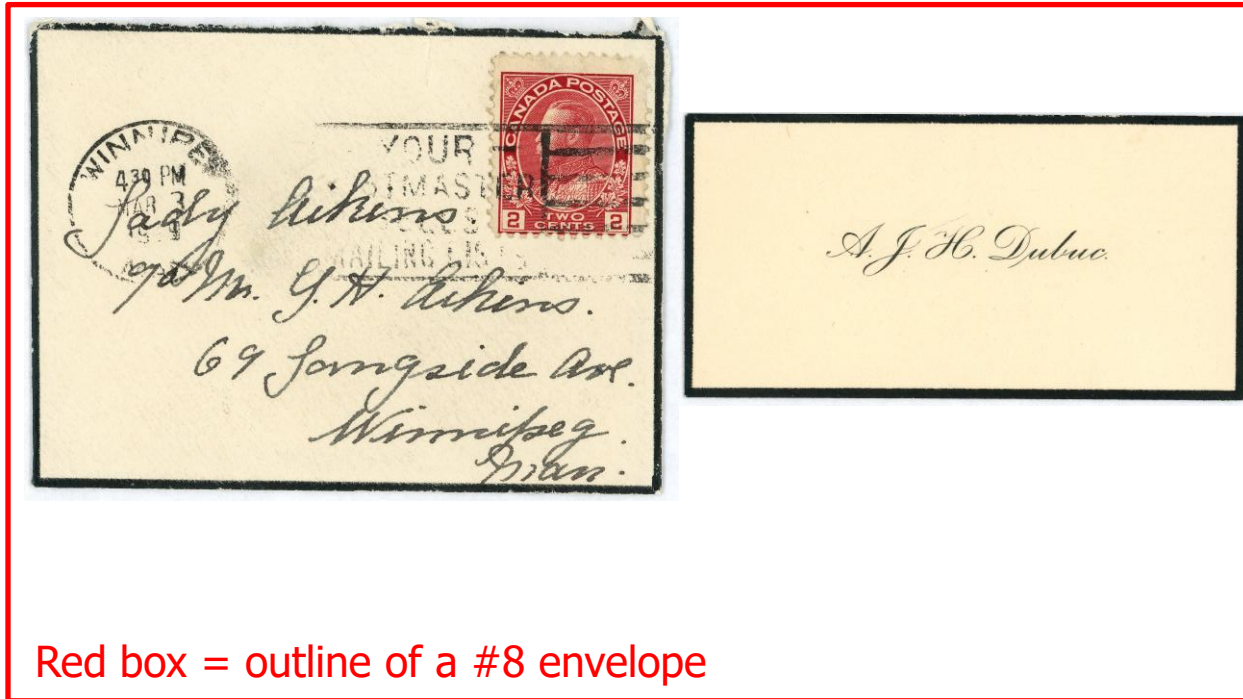


With Sincere good wishes
for the Season
Mr. L. J. Gaboury
Deputy Postmaster General
Ottawa, Canada

Red box = outline of a #8 envelope

- The sender was Louis-Joseph Gaboury, Deputy Postmaster General from 1923 to 1935
 - During that time, he approved die proofs of several Admiral stamps

Incredible shrinking cover 2



Red box = outline of a #8 envelope

- Mourning cover sent to Lady Aikins (Mary French Colby Aikins), wife of James Albert Manning Aikins of Winnipeg
 - Dated MAR 3 / 1919
 - 2¢ carmine stamp pays the rate for a drop letter
 - Machine canceller processed this tiny cover

Incredible shrinking postcard



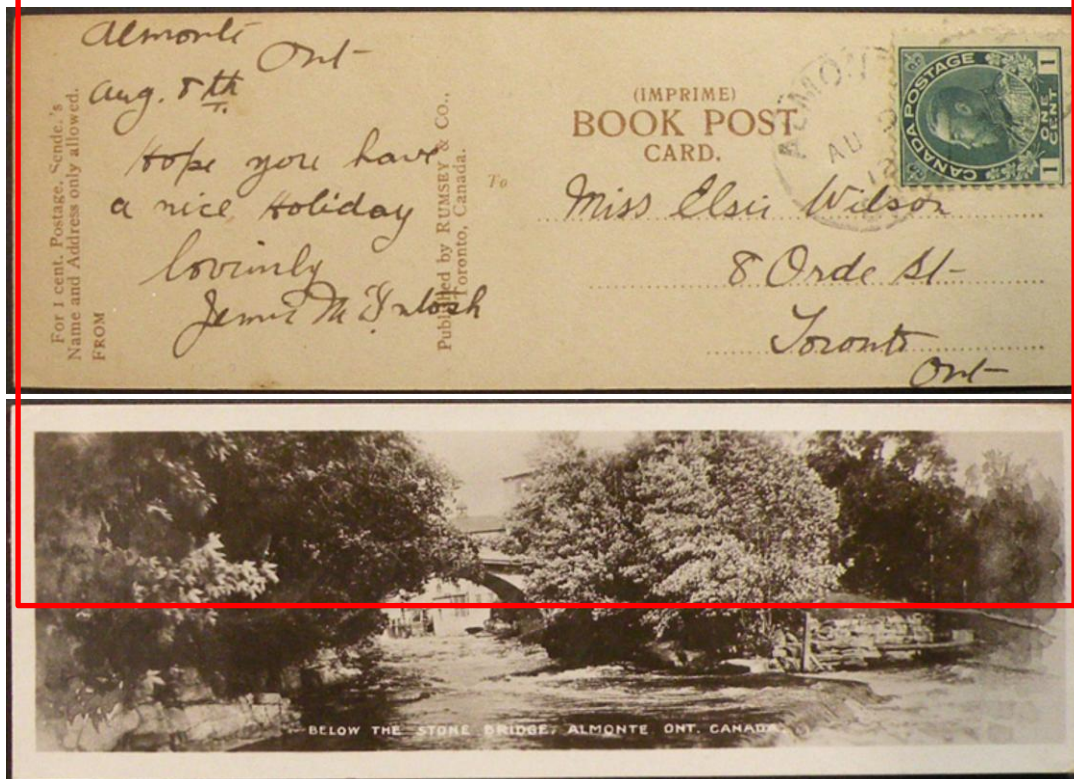
Impressive use of the real estate!

Red box = outline of a "standard" postcard

- Postmarked Green Valley, ON (in eastern Ontario)
 - Dated AU 14 / 16
 - 2¢ carmine stamp pays the domestic postcard rate
- Redirected
 - Montreal cancel dated AUG ? / 1916
 - Machine canceller processed this tiny postcard

Odd size post card

Red box = outline of a "standard" postcard



Contributed by Randall W. Van Someren

- “Book post card”
 - Fairly popular in Britain for a short time in the early part of the 20th century
 - Meant to be used as a bookmark by the recipient
 - Under the minimum height of 2 ¼ inches
- Postmarked Almonte, ON (near Ottawa)
 - Dated AU 9 / 12
 - 1¢ green stamp pays the domestic postcard rate in 1912

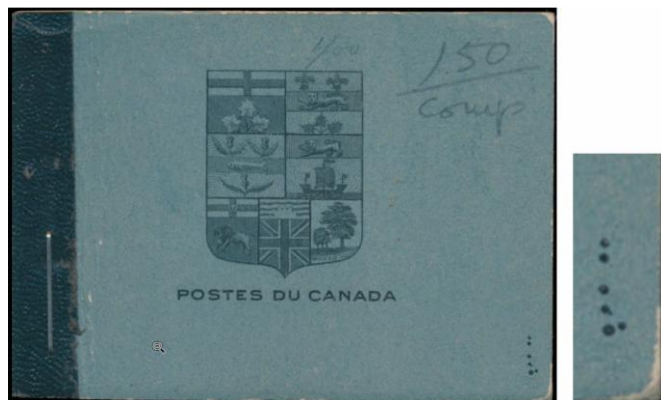
French booklet covers with guide dots



Courtesy David Bartlet



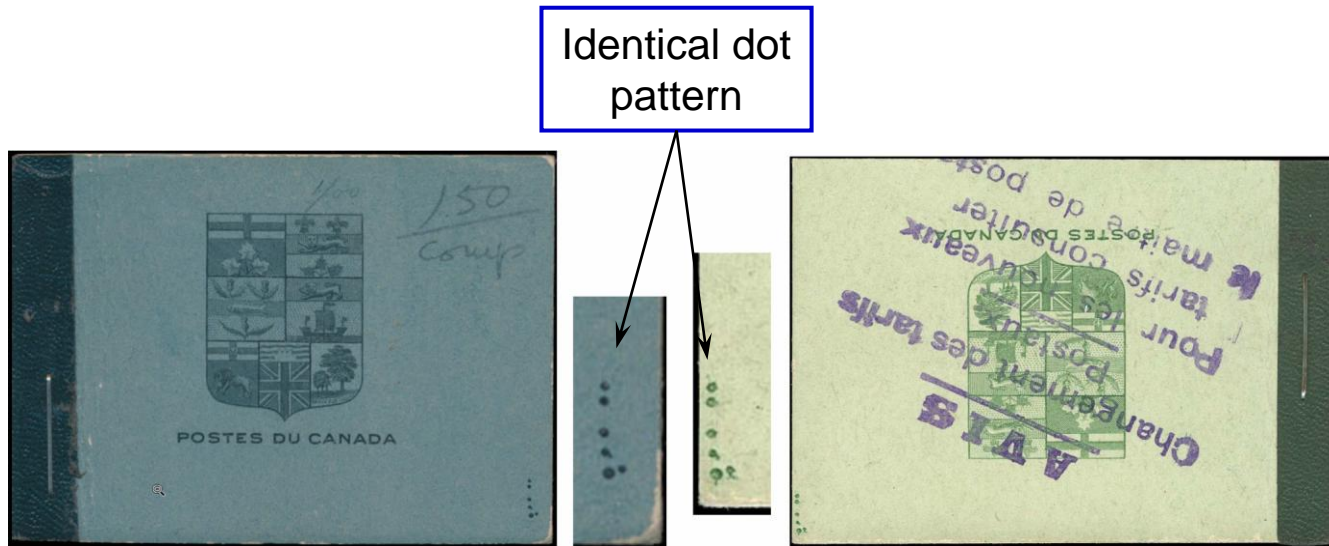
Courtesy R. Maresch & Son
Sale 509, 29 Oct. 2014, lot 1162, \$1,552
Sissons Sale 496-497, 14 Nov. 1989, lot 291, ex Alfred P. Cook



Courtesy Sparks Auctions
Sale 51, 17-19 Oct. 2024, lot 237
\$6,084 (inc. 17% buyer's premium)

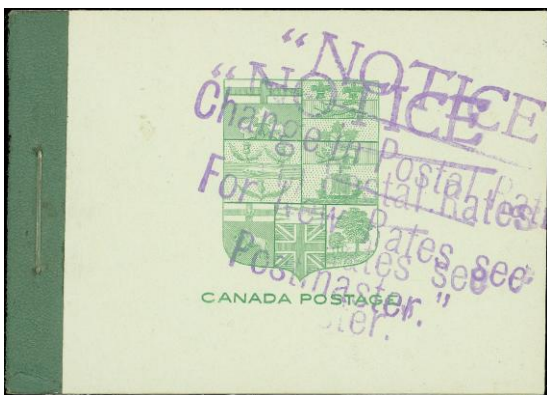
- Bartlet and Maresch booklets discussed at previous meetings
- Sparks booklet is newly recorded
- Only known booklet covers with these guide dots

French booklet covers with guide dots



- One booklet was upright, the other inverted
 - Cover designs were adjacent to each other
- Which booklet gets the guide dots depends on how they are guillotined
- There are two French booklet cover plates, 1 and 2
 - Guide dots appear to be hand-punched
 - Must come from one of the two plates

Booklet varieties – cover



Double overprint

Courtesy Eastern Auctions Ltd.
Sale 6 June 2009, lot 1320, \$104
(inc. 15% buyer's premium)



Inverted overprint

Sold on eBay
\$114

Booklet stamp with the largest margins?



- Postmarked MAY 12 / 1913
- Original die
- Nick in upper right corner
- Design type BO2
- 17.8 x 20.4 mm (squat stamp)

Courtesy rachelmcmack, eBay

How about this one?



- Stamp on right:
 - Retouched die
 - Design type?
 - Dimensions?

Courtesy Eastern Auctions Ltd.
Sale 25 Oct. 2013, lot 1760, \$276
(inc. 15% buyer's premium)

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ld Beaudet



Booklets

- **References:**

1. Leopold Beaudet, “Admiral Study Group presentation at BNAPEX 2018 Quebec, QC”, slides 17-30,
<https://bnaps.org/studygroups/admirals/ASG-Resources.htm>

2¢ carmine – Re-entry #1



Contributed by Claude Cholette

- Four lines in the first A in CANADA
 - Two in the middle of the left leg
 - One in the bottom of the left leg
 - One in the left side of the horizontal member
- Mark in the left inner oval
 - Below the left member of the N
- Two marks in the right inner oval
 - Below the right side of the G
 - Below the vertical member of the E
- Nick in upper right corner
- Unbroken vertical line in RNB

2¢ carmine – Re-entry #1 – Can we plate it?



Contributed by Claude Cholette

- Original die
 - Plates 1 to 26
- Unbroken vertical line in right numeral box (RNB) + nick in upper right corner
 - Marler design type O8 (plates 19-20) or O9 (plates 21-22)
 - Vertical line in RNB retouched
- Found on plate proofs at Library and Archives Canada
 - 20UL5 (not in Marler)
 - On the proof, the vertical line of the RNB is NOT retouched
 - Retouched after proof was made

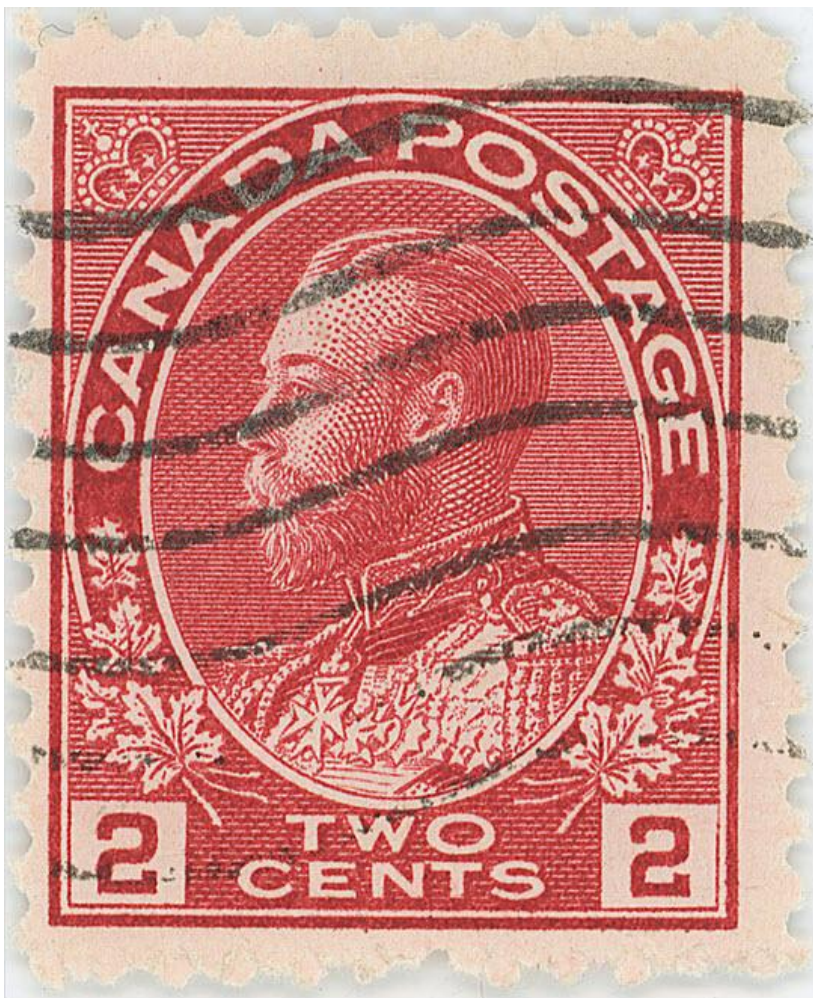
2¢ carmine – Re-entry #2



Contributed by William G. Burden

- Two marks in the left outer oval at the midpoint
- Line in the right inner oval below the E with a break or weakness below the middle of the E
- Minor smudging in the left margin and the upper arm of the C in CANADA
- Wide break at the top of the vertical line of the right numeral box (RNB)
 - Marler design type O6
- Guide dot in right inner oval

2¢ carmine – Re-entry #2 – Can we plate it?



Contributed by William G. Burden

- Original die
 - Plates 1 to 26
- Marler design type O6
 - Plates 15 (part), 16
- Must come from an upper pane
 - Only upper panes have guide dot in the right inner oval
- Found on plate proofs at Library and Archives Canada
 - 16UL94 (not in Marler)

2¢ carmine – Re-entry #3



- Line in the bottom arm of the E
- Short line in the right outer oval to the right of the E
- Wide break at the top of the vertical line of the right numeral box (RNB)
 - Marler design type O6

2¢ carmine – Re-entry #3 – Can we plate it?



- Original die
 - Plates 1 to 26
- Marler design type O6
 - Plates 15 (part), 16
- NOT found on plate proofs at Library and Archives Canada
 - Unable to plate!
 - Design type mis-identified?
 - Re-entered after proof was made?

3¢ brown



- Compass arc flaw in right margin
- May be design type 7 (plate 29)

Contributed by William G. Burden

50¢ with vertical scratches on 1R10



Found on Inland Revenue War Tax stamp

Contributed by Earl Noss