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Seen on a Calgary street. The mail was slowed but still flowed during the pandemic.

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INVERTS AND ROTATIONS ON THE COIL 'CANADA' UNDERPRINTING

by Tony Doughty

Since 2012, Canada Post has distributed a selection of stamps underprinted with the repeating word 'Canada' on the gum side of the stamps, in a stepped off-set and rotated orientation. This feature is currently used only on coil and booklet issues. This story is a very condensed summary report of my research started in 2012 and ongoing today.

Modern coil stamps are printed on a Gallus Web Press printing machine as shown on the commemorative envelope in Figure 1. It uses ultraviolet inks, and coils produced on this machine can be cut into a variety of predetermined coil lengths ranging from 50 subjects through 75, 100, 500, 3,000 and 5,000 subjects.

I have been informed that the roll of paper shown mounted on the spindle at the left end of the printing machine (Figure 1) is preprinted with the Canada underprinting and pregummed as supplied by Tullis Russell Coatings in England. I believe, but have not been able to confirm, that the pre-gummed and underprinted side of the paper faces the mounting spindle, passing through the printing machine on the lower (gum side towards the floor) surface.

It has been suggested to me that the roll of paper mounted at the left end of the printing machine could be inverted or rotated 180° to feed the printing process. I have rejected this hypothesis because the paper is preprinted and pre-gummed by Tullis Russell Coatings in England with the gum side of the paper oriented inwards, towards the spindle. Inverting or rotating the roll would cause the roll to unwind counter-clockwise and invert the gum side of the paper to the top side as it passes through the printer.



Figure 1

Coil stamps can be laid-out either vertically or horizontally on the printing plates as demonstrated in Figure 2.

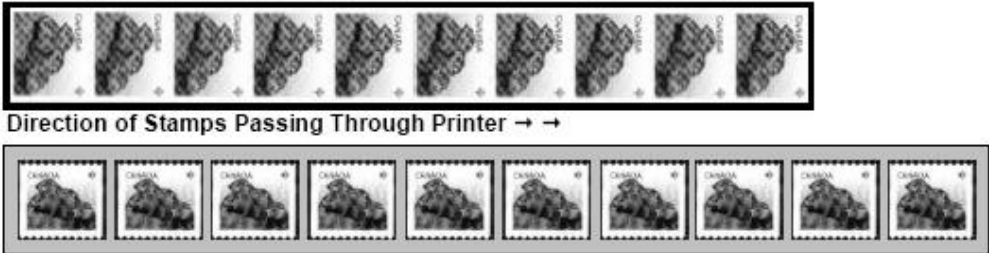


Figure 2 – Horizontal and Vertical Orientation of Stamp rows Passing Through Printer

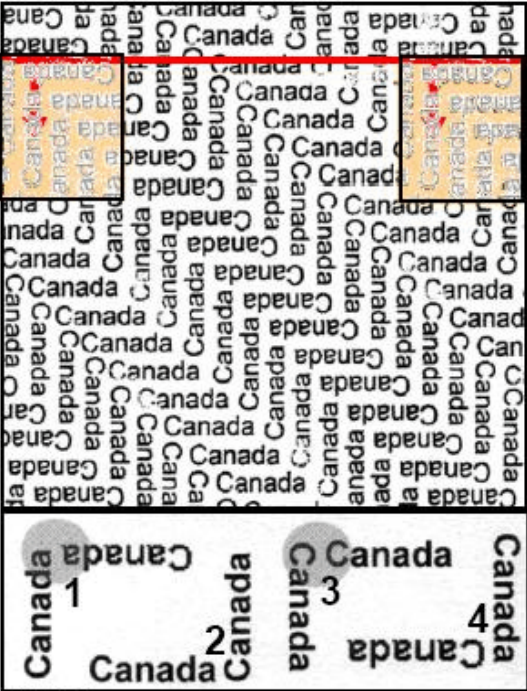


Figure 3

Figures 3 and 4 show a reconstruction of the underprinting of the paper as viewed from the gum side of the paper. Notice that there is only one orientation of the underprinting applied to the stamps paper, that is to the upper left, and that there can be only one orientation of the paper passing through the printing machine, that is to the right.

Notice also the underprint image repeat distance indicated by the shaded boxes in Figures 3 and 4. By studying Figure 3 and 4, you will observe that there are four different L-shaped orientations of 'Canada' as shown in the enlargement at the bottom of the Figure 3.

When examining the under-printing on individual stamps, one, and some times two, of these four orientations can be completely and clearly identified on a stamp. This makes sorting the underprinting on the stamps easier. Orientations 1 and 3 are easiest to spot.



Figure 4 – An elongated sample of the roll of underprinting passing through the printer



Figure 5

When matching the orientation of the underprinting do not be surprised if the rectangular orientation of the stamps appears to be rotated 90° as shown in Figure 5. The stamp orientation depends on how the stamps are laid-out on the printing plate (Figure 2).

The following examples demonstrate how I determined the orientation of the underprinting on these stamps. Each stamp has been notched with a decorative cut-out allowing you to determine how the stamp was originally matched with the underprinting orientation in Figure 3, and subsequently inverted to reveal the stamp face orientation. Both the stamp underprint orientation and the flip direction are critical to interpretation.

To determine the orientation of the underprinting each stamp was matched to the underprinting chart shown in Figure 3, completely ignoring the face orientation of the stamp, rotating the stamp as much as needed to make an ideal match. When an underprinting direction match was clearly established, the stamp was inverted vertically, that is, flipped top-to-bottom, in order to determine the face orientation of the stamp.

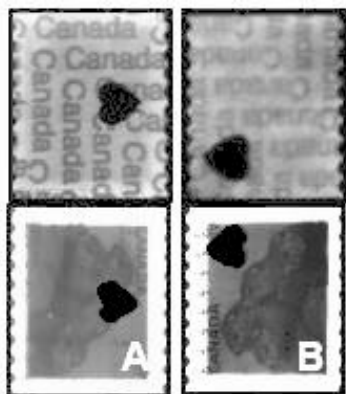


Figure 6 – Coils of 100

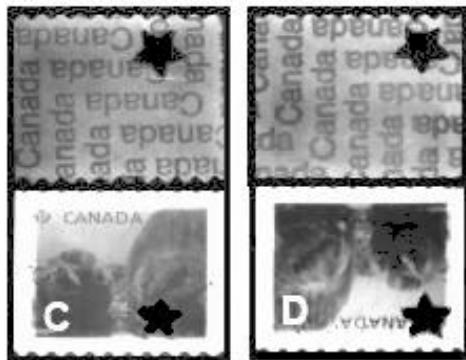


Figure 7– Coils of 5000

Notice in the coils stamps illustrated in Figures 6 and 7, the underprinting on the coils of 100 match orientations 3 (A) and 1 (B) in Figure 3, and on the coils of 5000 match orientation 1 (C and D). Notice also the final face orientation of the coils of 100 is horizontal, matching the direction of transit of the (coil) row of stamps through the printing machine.

Similarly, on all coils of 5000 the final orientation of the face of the stamp is vertical, again matching the direction of traverse of the (coil) row of stamps through the printing machine (Figure 2). What is surprising is that on both coils of 100 (A and B) and coils of 5000 subjects (C and D) the image of the stamp is either vertical or inverted compared one to the other.

Because there is only one orientation of the underprinted paper passing through the printing machine, I believe it can only be that the image of the stamps is rotated on the pre-printed paper. From this, I therefore conclude that two printing plates were in use, one with the images rotated 180° relative to the other. Compare Figure 2 with Figure 8 in which the original stamp layout has been rotated 180°. Surely the stamp face images are now reversed relative to the fixed underprinting!

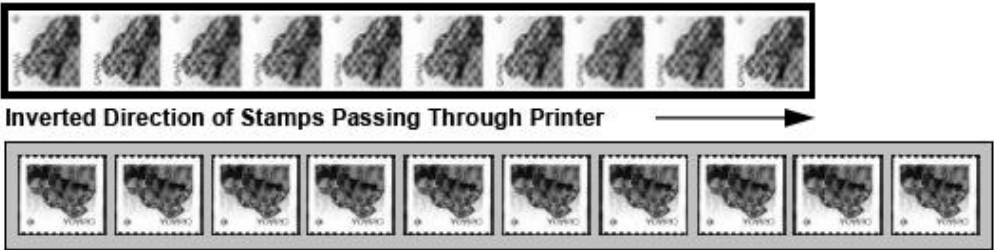


Figure 8 – New Horizontal and Vertical Orientation of Stamps Passing Through Printer

It is also salient to realize that when the coil of 100 stamps are rotated to the face vertically oriented position, it appears that the step off-set direction is in the opposite bearing to that of the coils of 5000, as shown in Figure 9.



Figure 9 – Resulting step off-set directions coils of 100 and 5000

My research has identified that the following coil stamps issued between 2013 and 2018 all display both vertical and inverted face orientations when the configuration of the underprinting is matched with that demonstrated in Figure 3. The stamps shown on the next page are all illustrated in the orientation in which my research leads me to believe they would pass through the printing machine to produce vertically oriented underprinting.

In addition to the above stamps, there were other stamps displaying the Canada underprinting issued within my research period, but I have not accumulated sufficient quantities of those stamps, and have not been able to confirm that the coil stamps not identified here have been issued in both vertical and inverted stamp face orientations. To the extent that this research is valid and reliable, I believe, what I have presented here can be applied to the unidentified coil stamps. Only your unbiased objective research or positive replication of my research will prove the case. As always, I appreciate your objective analysis of my presentations.

This ongoing research has been limited to the underprinting on coil issues of stamps. Some of these issues were also released in booklet format, but booklets are printed on a different printing press.



2013 Issues – Unitrade 2604, 2603, 2692, 2692A, 2605, 2606, and 2607
The 63¢ Coil of 100 was also produced without underprinting. Unitrade 2692b



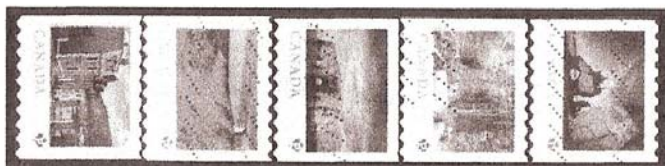
2014 Issues – Unitrade 2710, 2710A, 2711, 2712, 2713 and 2714



2015 Issues – Unitrade 2810 and 2811



2017 Issues – Unitrade 2977 and 2978



Coil of 100 – Se-Tenant



Coil of 50

2018 Issues – Unitrade 3062, 3063, 3064, 3065 and 3066 Se-Tenant and 3070

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

Our club is looking for a member to volunteer as our Program Co-ordinator. Responsibility involves lining up eight monthly speakers. Please contact Murray at 403-241-2006 or mbialek@shaw.ca if you can help with this task.

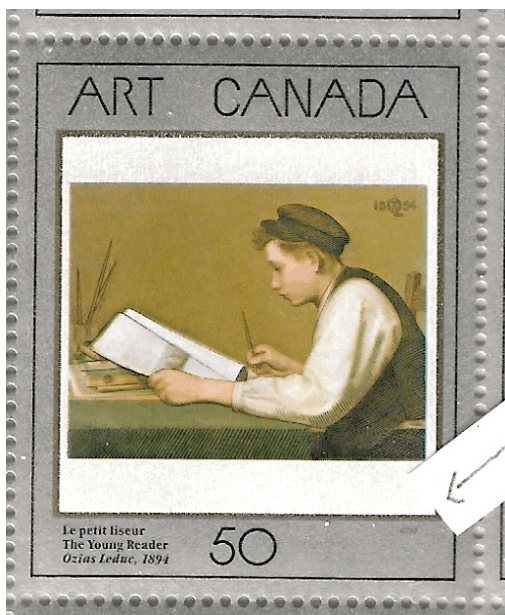
Our CPS 100th Anniversary Show in 2022 with the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) as our co-host, has also been granted official status as a National Level Show of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

THE YOUNG READER BY OZIAS LEDUC

by Raymond Villeneuve

This stamp was the first in a series of Masterpieces of Canadian Art issued in 1988. The engraving work was done by Gregory Prosser. The vignette of the painting is framed with a silver foil finish used for the first time by Canada Post. It was issued in a special miniature sheet format of 16 stamps. This foil framing and mini-sheet format was used throughout the 15-year series.

Ozias Leduc was mainly a self-taught painter. His sense of realism stood out in these familiar paintings. Much of his work also involved decorating church interiors in his native province of Quebec. He eventually became a member of the Royal Academy of the Arts.



The Unitrade catalogue of Canadian Stamps does not list any variety of this stamp but my close examination of a mini-sheet of 16 obtained from the Philatelic Center at the time of issue revealed some “ghosted” year digits on a number of stamps.

The copyright year, 1987, was printed on the silver foil frame in the bottom right corner, below the vignette of the painting (arrow pointing to date).

On five of those stamps, the digit 7 does not appear in black like the first numbers. However, this problem does not seem to reoccur in the following years of the Masterpieces of Canadian Art series.

CORONAVIRUS POSTMARK

Personnel soignant, merci
Thanks, healthcare workers



Walter Herdzik sent along this copy of a spray-on postmark used by Canada Post during the pandemic.

ANNUAL RENEWAL DUES

by Murray Bialek

Our Fiscal Year runs from July 1 to June 30. The time for members to pay their annual dues is almost here! We normally collect most of our dues in person during our first September General Meeting, but this may not be possible due to the pandemic.

Consequently, you may pay your dues of \$25.00 for 2020-2021 via cheque made out to the Calgary Philatelic Society and mailed to:

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or via e-transfer directly from your bank account to the CPS Membership Director, Murray Bialek, at mbialek@shaw.ca Unfortunately, our issues with PayPal have not been resolved.

Your membership card will be included with the September or subsequent issue of our newsletter once payment is received. Maintaining your membership certainly carries with it many advantages, a few of which are listed below.

Auctions: Only members can sell philatelic material directly at our club auctions. Members also have the option of paying by cheque for material purchased.

Calgary Philatelist: New issues of CALGARY PHILATELIST are available exclusively to members. Copies are mailed using current stamps and postmarks. Recent newsletters can also be viewed in the members-only section on the website. Members are further entitled to place free classified ads.

Library: The Calgary Philatelic Society library is one of only two Canadian libraries listed in the authoritative Official Stamp Collectors Handbook. The library contains hundreds of books, catalogues, and often rare reference material. A CPS membership card is required to check out items.

Members-Only Website Pages: A number of sections on the Website are restricted to active members. This includes viewing current newsletters, placing free member ads, and checking out or updating member profiles.

Other Benefits:

Access to approval/circuit books:

Camaraderie and access to unlimited professional philatelic knowledge:

Monthly speakers and monthly refreshments:

In addition, your dues ensure the continuation of a vibrant club for the local stamp collecting community, maintenance of our two youth clubs, and a philatelic voice and outlet for southern Albertans.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Jim Senecal

The CPS Board met June 13 to discuss issues including the resumption of our meetings. We hope to hold the AGM on September 2 at the Kerby Centre providing organizational rules allow it. The final decision will be made on the next Board meeting on August 22 and information will be sent to members via email and posted on the Club web site. It is probable there may be capacity limitation (i.e. 50 people) and we will be asking members to sign in, practice social distancing and wear their own masks.

We hope to hold CALTAPEX in October but the event may have to be modified. Its success will depend on the dealers being willing to come and most critically you our members and the general public's willingness to support them. The gathering in Red Deer which had been scheduled for May has been postponed until May 2021.

I'd like to thank all of you who completed the members survey. It has produced excellent guidance for the CPS Board and our Committees. A summary of the results will be published in future editions of the bulletin. You should also be aware that Dwayne Eadie has been coordinating input from Board Members and Committee Chairs to update the CPS Policy and Procedures Manual. This is a critical document which helps replacement members carry out their duties in an efficient manner. Many thanks to Dwayne and all those who have contributed.

REPORT FROM THE CALTAPEX EXHIBIT CHAIRMAN

by Dave Russum

I know this is a tough time for everybody, but it is also a great time to make progress on all those stamp projects we have been putting off. In particular, work on those new exhibits for future shows or creating one to four page mini-exhibits for all those interesting items that don't fit in any specific collection.

There is much uncertainty regarding future live events, so I am encouraging all members of the CPS to prepare some of these mini-exhibits. All it requires is some stamps or covers and an explanation of why they are of interest. A handwritten description is fine if you don't have access to a computer or typewriter. Exhibits don't need to be valuable or old. It could be the letter you received in the mail yesterday that caught your interest.

At the show I would like to have ten frames of these items to stimulate discussion and show people the range of interests philately can embody. If the show does not materialise, I'm hoping we could follow the example of some other clubs and have an online exhibition with both formal and informal judging.

I will try to get Entry Forms and Prospectus for the show on the CPS Website by the end of May, at www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com. An abbreviated entry form will be provided for mini-exhibits which will be free to enter. Call or email me if you have questions at: russumd@telusplanet.net or (403)284-4775.

CIRCUIT BOOKS REPORT

by Larry Tweedale

Circuit book sales for 2019-20 have been finalized. 51 books have been closed while 102 are being retained. Cheques are now ready with the retired books and are available for pick-up. Blank books are also available. Please call 403-282-9726 to make arrangements.

We are hopeful that meetings will resume in September. With this in mind there will be a need for new material, especially with the following countries: Canada recent issues used, Newfoundland, Great Britain recent, Germany occupation zones plus very recent used, British Commonwealth other than Australia and N.Z., China, Japan, All countries very recent.

All material is always accepted but please be mindful that very common issues are unlikely to sell. It is heartbreaking for me to get books that have been diligently prepared but which subsequently do not sell. Please keep this in mind and be neat with only large items on the blank side of the pages. Write the prices boldly and easy to read. Most stamps are priced at 1/3 of catalogue value and are harder to sell when priced higher.

Thank you everyone who has prepared circuit books and I look forward to receiving your new entries!

STUDY GROUPS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society meets monthly except July and August. This is a group of philatelists specializing in Canada and provinces, not just the old stuff but modern material as well. Details from Dave Bartlett at dave.bartlett@shaw.ca

The June 10 meeting would normally have been a face-to-face meeting but for the pandemic. Dave Bartlett set up an online Zoom meeting instead, using the facilities of the national BNAPS organization. BNAPSers were able to log in on their computers and smartphones, talk to and see each other, and view philatelic scans. About 30 people logged in, not just Calgary members but from across Canada and the USA.

Ron Major spoke about mourning covers and illustrated them with a slide show through the Zoom application. Dave Bartlett showed revenues and documents relating to the 1934 B.C. Hospital Aid stamps. Eldon Godfrey showed covers from the KGVI Mufti era. There followed a show-and-tell which had its glitches but most participants were able to display philatelic items online.

There were minor problems for some of the participants in figuring out how Zoom worked but by and large the event was successful. Dave and the BNAPS home office are to be commended for helping brighten up an otherwise gloomy period in our history.

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FOR SALE: Zillions of Stamps is a Website organized by country and catalogue number using Scott, Michel, Stanley Gibbons, or Yvert, as well as by topics such as birds, trains, Scouts, or famous people. I am one of the contributors and have listed over 35,000 worldwide items under I. Rudyk. Contact Ihor Rudyk at ivrudyk@shaw.ca or visit www.zillionsofstamps.com

FOR SALE: Stamp collector's storage cabinet; white, six drawers and six mail boxes. Drawers are divided for storing various sized covers and loose items. \$100 May be viewed on Kijiji under Hobbies. Contact Al at 282-1030 or dorandal@telus.net

FOR SALE: Seven Unity Canada stamp albums in a case. Annual pages to end of 2016. About 65% of stamp slots filled. Initial years mostly used. Recent years almost 100% mint. Price to be negotiated. Contact Al at 282-1030 or dorandal@telus.net

WANTED: Canadian perfin covers and Canadian military covers and postcards. Contact Jon Johnson at 253-8411 or jcjperfins@hotmail.com

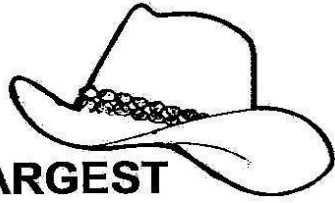
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FOR SALE: Queen Elizabeth Machins, stamps and strips of four VFNH, about \$100 face value.
WANTED TO BUY: Early German and British Colonies stamps to George VI. Call Godfrey at 464-3252.

WANTED: Pilot-signed First Flight covers and also any signed material by Canadian notables. Contact Glenn at pgdaze@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Current Canadian stamps, very fine used. Contact Michael Teekens, 912 Olympia Crescent SE, Calgary, T2C 1G7, or michateekens@gmail.com

WANTED: We volunteer at the MCC thrift store in Calgary. They raise money for worldwide disaster relief and are looking for donations of old albums and pages, covers, and bulk stamps. Contact Greg Lang at 282-1644 or Gerry Vader at 293-0158.



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Publications by CPS members:

Dale Speirs published the book INVISIBLE POSTAL HISTORY, available as a free pdf from www.academia.edu. It covers the postal history of public scribes, round robins, offprints, and mailrooms. Speirs also published an article on the postal history of the Rosebud River badlands in the 2020 May/June issue of CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

CPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our club is entirely run by volunteers, ten of whom compose our Board of Directors. The Board meets about 4-5 times per year. The Board is always looking for new directors and here is your opportunity to volunteer. If you are interested in helping or need more information, please contact Murray Bialek at 403-241-2006 or mbialek@shaw.ca no later than August 9.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Depending on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic, our next AGM will be held on September 2, either in person, via Canada Post mail-in ballots, and/or via email.

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

This schedule is subject to sudden change. Make certain that our Membership Chairman Murray Bialek has your correct email address and telephone number so that you can be contacted in an emergency. You can reach him at 403-241-2006 or mbialek@shaw.ca

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August	12	Deadline for August bulletin
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All events are conditional on the ban of public gatherings being lifted.

September	2	General meeting
	2	Deadline for October bulletin
	9	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	16	Auction
	23	CAPE meeting
October	7	General meeting
	14	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	17 and 18	CALTAPEX 2020 (Kerby Centre gymnasium)
	21	Auction
	28	CAPE meeting
November	4	General meeting
	4	Deadline for December bulletin.
	18	Auction
	25	CAPE meeting
December	2	Christmas social
	9	BNAPS Regional Group meeting

MEETINGS and AUCTIONS are at the Kerby Centre, Room 205 (Lecture Room), 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, at 19h30. Auction lots should be in before 19h30 to allow viewing.

BNAPS (Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society) meets second Wednesdays. For details, contact Dave Bartlet at 829-3580.

JUNIOR CLUB meets monthly September to November and January to May on second Saturdays (north side of city) and third Saturdays (south side of city). Information from Jim Senecal at 547-7681 (north side) or Pat Prevey at 238-3435 (south side).

CAPE (Calgary Association Of Philatelic Exhibitors) meets fourth Wednesdays except June to August and December. For details, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698.