

The Jacques Cartier Commemorative Issue of 1934

Synopsis

This is a single frame exhibit which examines the Canadian stamp issued on July 1, 1934 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the landing of Jacques Cartier at Quebec (Scott #208). Rates and usages are beyond the scope of this exhibit, although examples of varieties on cover are presented.

The exhibit starts by examining the four previous stamps as well as a banknote die proof which featured Cartier. The design ultimately selected was based on a vignette which had been in use for decades on banknotes and stock certificates. A scarce die proof of this early vignette is shown. The vignette is discussed in Boggs' book (see bibliography).

Next the exhibit looks at the printing of the stamp, including a rare die proof. Also shown is the only known example in private hands of a Specimen handstamp, as well as a scarce imperforate pair.

Examples of all of the major constant plate varieties are shown, as well as a few of the lesser known minor varieties first illustrated by Reiche (see bibliography). One significant variety shown is the "Line from Sleeve". This exhibit (and its previous iterations) is the first to show this variety.

Re-entries are shown, and again this exhibit and its previous iterations is the first to show these.

The final page looks at non-constant varieties.

The subject headings in the exhibit are as follows:

Selecting the Design
Die Proof
Photo Mechanical Die Proof
Face Value
Date of Issue
The Plates
Specimen
Imperforate
The “Wide Gutter”
“Burr on Shoulder”
“Scarface”
“Line from Hand”
“Line from Sleeve”
Reversed “C” Marginal Marking
“Dot in 4”
“White Flaw After T”
“Line in R”
Hairlines
Re-Entries
Plate Clamps
Misplaced Perfs

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