

Definitive and Commemorative

by
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Canada continues its series of high-value definitives that show hauntingly beautiful scenes of our hinterlands, sometimes also known as national parks.

The latest is the \$1 definitive showing a scene from Glacier National Park, a scene that certainly leaves no doubt as to the appropriateness of the name.

The first in this series started on Jan. 24, 1979 when a \$1 value was issued for Fundy National Park in New Brunswick. Frankly, the design was not "exquisite". In fact, the Glacier stamp replaces this.

The second was a \$2 value issued April 27, 1979 (Scott 727) showing a scene from Kluane National Park in the Northwest Territories.

With me so far? Okay, so let me tell the newer collectors the definition of definitives as opposed to commemoratives.

A commemorative is a stamp issues singly or in a set to honour a person, an event or an anniversary. They are on sale for a specified period after which the stamps unsold are destroyed. In Canada, the period is six months.

The recent 32-center marking the 25th anniversary of the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway is a commemorative for

example.

The definitive stamp is issued on a continuing basis. So, many are issued. There are many printings and some printing plates need to be remade. The \$1 Fundy stamp is an example: Two plates were used, and there's a noticeable difference in the stamp itself.

The next in the series was the \$1.50 stamp issued June 18, 1982 and showing a beautiful mountain scene from Waterton Lakes National Park (Scott 935).

The next was the \$5 definitive issued Jan. 10, 1983 showing marshlands from Point Pelee National Park (Scott 938). The beauty of the stamp offset the

high value for collectors.

As I said, Glacier National Park is aptly named: It is 64 kms east of Revelstoke, B.C. and was established as a park in 1886, in the days when land preservation was not exactly fashionable.

Mountain scenery is, of course, a key feature of the park, and so are glaciers. So are avalanches. It is not uncommon to have guns from artillery units of the Canadian Armed Forces shoot into snow out-crops to break them up before they become death-dealing avalanches.

The park is also noted for its population of black bears and grizzly bears, not to mention

140 km of hiking trails. If you meet any of the former or the latter, give the right-of-way.

The illustration used for the stamp is by Brent Laycock of Calgary, noted for his western scenes.

There are other definitive issues of beauty and interest,

such as the "street scene" series begun in 1978.

On July 6, 1978 a 50-center was issued showing the main street of a typical Prairie town (Scott 723). It's of special interest, because there's a variety, Scott 723 a. In

the scene, there are cars parked on the street. In the variety, there's a licence plate that can be determined on one of the cars. Look closely, now.

Curiously, the stamp catalogues at \$1.25 mint and the variety at only \$1.

Also on July 6, 1978, there was a 75-center issued (Scott 724) showing "old houses, city street."

Farm issues

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committed \$59.1 million for stabilization payments to be made for hogs marketed in 1983-84 at a support level of 95 percent of the previous five years.

In the area of dairy farming the Canadian Dairy Commission and Agriculture Canada are working on a long-term National Dairy Policy and Liberals are determined that consultation on areas of concern for dairy producers will continue. A detailed study is due in November, 1984.

The family farm really is the backbone of Canadian agriculture and Liberals must redouble their efforts to keep this form of the industry viable. A new Liberal government intends to review the Bank Act and the Bankruptcy Act to improve protection for unpaid producers in the event that they have made deliveries to a processor, agent, or any other third party which gets into financial difficulty.

Pre-bankruptcy arbitration legislation will be reintroduced to provide farmers facing severe financial difficulties with a means of recourse.

The Special Farm Financial Assistance Program (SFFAP) will be re-established to ensure that no farmer in financial difficulty will pay more than 12 percent interest. Under the SFFAP the Farm Credit Corporation (FCC) will provide refinancing loans with an interest rebate of four percentage points for the two years.

Furthermore, the Small Business bonds (SBB) and Small Business Development (SBDB) programmes will be extended to December, 1985, to allow farmers to get up to \$500,000 in refinancing from banks at just over half the normal interest rate for five years.

On July 24, 1984, Agriculture Minister Ralph Ferguson and his provincial counterparts established a task force on various credit and

financial mechanisms, such as an agribonds system, which truly benefits the borrower, and guarantees enough security to the lender in a fiscally responsible manner.

In addition, the FCC will be enhanced to be a better principal source of long term agricultural credit in Canada. To achieve this objective, the FCC will be given the authority by a new Liberal government to rewrite outstanding high-interest loans and will further develop the policy under which it can defer payments for an appropriate period and reschedule these payments over the remaining life of the loan for farmers who are in financial difficulty.

A new Liberal government will re-introduce the Budget proposals for Capital Gains Tax from the last budget to allow farmers selling their property a tax-free rollover of up to \$10,000 per year between 1972 and 1984 to a total of \$120,000 into an RRSP. A special provision will extend the benefit to farmers who would otherwise qualify but have passed the 71-year age limit for contributing to an RRSP.

Where a farmer sells his farm and takes back his mortgage, the mortgage back can be applied to an RRSP for \$10,000 a year between 1972 and 1984 to a total of \$120,000.

The federal natural gas tax will be reduced to zero.

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Players making plans for 23rd

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We're about to embark on another season (our 23rd) for the Huronia Players, and to start things off, an annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Drama Room (C230) at MSS.

Both new and old members are invited and we do hope for a good turnout.

Our first production this season will be a comedy entitled "There Goes the Bride", directed by May Williams.

For those of you interested in auditioning for a part or if you wish to help backstage, the casting will take place Wednesday, Sept. 5 and Friday, Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m., once again in the Drama Room at MSS.

If you are interested in joining the group, but a little uncertain about what you can do, or what you want to do, come out to either the

meeting or the auditions. Aside from the actual work on stage, there are any number of jobs with a production (scenery, costumes, props, etc.), let alone such things as taking tickets, serving in the lobby, ushering, etc. Membership fees this year are \$15 per person, \$20 per couple, and \$10 per student.

Tickets this year are \$5 for adults, and \$2.50 for students. Subscription tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students. Subscribers will be contacted about their tickets and if there are any further queries, please contact our Subscription Chairperson, Barry Daley, at 526-7995 or our President-Person, May Williams at 526-2592.

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