



Stamps by Larry McInnis

Canada's April 1 postage rate hike resulted in a number of new definitive stamps that should prove to be an inexpensive challenge to collectors.

The first stamp issued at the new 36-cent domestic rate is a good example, as I'll explain.

Definitives are stamps that are in service for a long period of time. It is quite common for them to be reprinted, often by a different printer than the original, and often on a different paper.

Let me give you a definitive example, if you'll pardon that terrible, but unintentional pun.

The first stamp in the low-value "Heritage Artifacts" series was the 1-cent (Scott 917) duck decoy issued Oct. 19, 1982. It was printed by Ashton-Potter of Toronto on paper supplied by Abitibi-Price Ltd.

The stamp was reprinted Jan. 10, 1985, by Canadian Bank Note Co. on paper supplied by

Harrison & Sons Ltd. of Britain. Canadian Bank Note did another printing Aug. 6, 1985, using paper supplied by Clark Paper International, also of Britain. The fourth and final printing was July 4, 1986, this time by the original printer, Ashton-Potter, but using paper supplied by Rolland Paper of Quebec.

The new 36-cent definitive shows the Parliament Buildings from behind with trees in autumn colors (although the stamp was issued March 30, a week after spring was sprung), printed by Canadian Bank Note Co.

What makes it interesting is that it's available to two papers, one from Harrison and one from Rolland.

How can you tell, you ask? Well, if you have a corner block (or plate block), it's easy. The selvahe has the usual "traffic lights" or color registration marks, but some have the letter H for Harrison paper and some have R for Rolland.

It's a little more difficult with individual stamps and you may need several, or a bunch, for comparison; those with the whiter paper are on Rolland, the slightly duller paper is Harrison.

New Definitive Stamps A Challenge For Collectors

The coil stamps issued in mid-May in monocolour, showing the parliament Buildings from the rear, are on Rolland paper. Printer is Canadian Bank Note.

Just before the rate change, a five-stamp booklet was issued, with two 1-cent stamps, two 6-cent stamps and one 36-cent stamp showing the Parliament Buildings and a non-postal tab that says "The stamps of Canada-worth collecting."

The printer was British-America Bank Note Inc., which hasn't been too involved in Canadian stamp printing of late. The paper is from Rolland.

Two booklets were issued, one containing ten 36-cent Parliament stamps in full color, issued on March 30, and one containing twenty-five of the same 36-cent stamps issued in mid-May. All were printed by Ashton-Potter Ltd. of Toronto, on Rolland paper.

The rate change and the spate of new issued brought four new, unexpected additions to the "Heritage Artifacts" series.

They are a 25-cent showing a butter stamp (not a postage stamp but rather a seal), a 42-cent show-

ing a linen chest, a 55-cent depicting an iron kettle and a 72-cent showing a handdrawn cart.

Frankly, while I'll personally be happy to see the end of this series, it is really an interesting field for collectors that could form the basis for an inexpensive collection. If done with care, such a collection should carry off some awards at local and even national shows.

The printer of the latest "Heritage" quartet is Ashton-Potter.

Now pay attention: the 55-cent is on Harrison paper, the other three are on Rolland paper.

Incidentally, two commemoratives were issued at the new rates, a 36-cent and a 42-cent on April 3, to mark the 1988 Olympic Winter Games at Calgary. Both were printed by Canadian Bank Note on Rolland paper.

See. Collecting is always a challenge- not to mention fun, and inexpensive.

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