# A British Columbia and Vancouver Island primer

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his is the third column that I have written as a primer on the stamps and postal history of the former provinces and colonies that are now part of Canada. The first was on New Brunswick and appeared in the April 2000 issue of Scott Stamp Monthly. The second, on Prince Edward Island, was in the May 2001 issue. This time I am writing about the only Western colonies to have had their own stamps: British Columbia and Vancouver Island.

In both previous articles I mentioned what I believe is the collectors' pecking order for the provinces and colonies that compose British North America, but I'll repeat the list here for the benefit of new readers. Those areas are, in order of collecting popularity: Canada, Newfoundland, British Columbia and Vancouver Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

It is not surprising to see Canada first because it is still issuing stamps. Newfoundland comes in second because it issued more than 300 stamps and items of postal stationery from 1857 to 1949, and some



Figure 1. Cover showing compulsory mixed franking — United States stamps with two of the British Columbia and Vancouver Island stamps — for mail transiting through the United States. This is a rare example of the 21/2-penny in Vancouver Island after the value had increased to 3d in British Columbia. Ex-Wellburn.



Figure 2. A plate block of 12 of the 21/2d stamp used and valid in two separate colonies, a first for the British Empire. The boxed number 147 in the lower margin indicates the 147th surface-printed plate made by De La Rue & Co. since 1855. Ex-Wellburn.

of these are extremely important in the field of aerophilately (the study of airmail and related items).

Why would British Columbia and Vancouver Island rank third? The answer lies in postal history. It is of special interest to American collectors because much of British Columbia's mail had to be routed via the United States until the 1885 opening of the transcontinental railway through Canada. As a result, cross-border mail, mixed franking and express mail livens up this area of collecting.

United States stamps were sold at the counter of the Victoria post office before confederation, in the days when United States and colonial stamps had to be used side by side on letters passing through the United States postal system (Figure 1). Because that subject is so vast and complex I will devote a future article on the postal history of British Columbia and Vancouver Island. The present article will concentrate on the stamps of these two colonies.

At the creation of the colony of Vancouver Island (the Island being the more important of the two colonies at first), the Hudson's Bay Company continued to carry the mails until 1852, when the postal affairs of the colony were taken in hand by its administration. However, it was not until 1860 that the first postage stamp was issued. By then, the colony of British Columbia had been formed and, interestingly enough, the first postage stamp, a 2½-penny rose, was valid in both administra-

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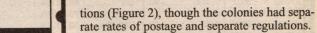
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first stamp was issued.

This first stamp, showing Queen Victoria, is inscribed with the names of both colonies and exists imperforate (Scott 1) and perforated 14 (Scott 2). The imperforate version was never put on sale and likely originates from the first sheets printed by De La Rue & Co. and submitted as samples to the Crown Agents. The color of these imperforates shows more orange than the perforated version. There are no other known varieties of the British Columbia and Vancouver Island stamp. It was issued in sheets of 240 stamps, made up of four panes of 60, surface printed (typographed) on unwatermarked wove paper.

Figure 3. Capt. William Driscoll Gosset,

treasurer and acting postmaster gen-

eral of British Columbia and Vancouver

Island, under whose administration the

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Figure 4. Detail of the unfinished die of the first postage stamp of British Columbia and Vancouver Island.

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One thousand sheets of 240 stamps were ordered June 8, 1859, when the governor, James Douglas, wrote to the Colonial Department in London, enclosing a proposed sketch of the stamp (which has not survived). Figure 3 shows a picture of Capt. William Gosset, treasurer of British Columbia and acting postmaster-general of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, who is given credit by some as the designer of the stamp. He was a gifted artist and subsequently designed the gold coinage of British Columbia.

An unfinished die of the stamp exists dated Nov. 24, 1859 (Figure 4), and 981 sheets consisting of 235,440 stamps were sent out Dec. 29, 1859, from London. The actual date of issue is not known, but the earliest recorded date of use is April 10, 1860.

On July 20, 1864, British Columbia's new postal ordinance went into effect, resulting in

an increase of the colonial postal rate from 2½d to 3d. However, the postal rate remained at 2½d in Vancouver Island. This anomaly created confusion, as the same 2½d stamp was being sold for its face value in one colony and for a higher amount in the other. Vancouver Island's governor, Sir Arthur E. Kennedy, ordered the withdrawal and transfer to the mainland of all 2½d stamps on the island on Oct. 26.

This, along with Vancouver Island's change to the decimal system, resulted in each colony issuing its own stamps as of 1865. This separation was short-lived, as the colonies were consolidated as one territory on Nov. 19, 1866, with the postage stamps of both former colonies valid throughout the entire colony until British Columbia joined the Canadian Confederation on July 20, 1871. Stamps of Canada became available for use in the new province on Aug. 26 of that year (Figure 5).

Two Vancouver Island stamps bearing the

picture of Queen Victoria were issued Sept. 19, 1865, with values of 5¢ and 10¢. Both are found imperforate (Scott 3-4) and perforated 14 (Scott 5-6, shown in Figure 6). The imperforates are known postally used, all from Victoria, in 1866. The 5¢ rose and the 10¢ blue were printed by De La Rue on watermarked Crown and CC paper in quantities of 114,000 and 113,360 stamps, respectively.

The entire consignment left London April 10, 1865, to arrive in the colony around June 20. The stamps were made available to the public Sept. 19, 1865. The delay between arrival and issue is explained by the need to await the arrival of sufficient United States and British Columbia stamps, because the Vancouver Island government wished to avoid payments in cash.

On Sept. 23, 1864, the governor of British Columbia, Frederick Seymour, wrote to the

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Flag Over Farm Type of 2001

Designed by Richard Sheaff. Printed by wery Dennison.

PHOTOGRAVURE
Serpentine Die Cut 8 on 2, 3 or 4

2001, Dec. 17	Tage	ged
Booklet Stamp		
Self-Adhesive		
3495 A2688 34c multicolored a. Booklet pane of 18	.65 12.00	.20
United We Stand Type o	f 2001	

Designed by Terry McCaffrey. Printed by Bureau of Engraving and Printing #3550).

PHOTOGRAVURE
COIL STAMP
Serpentine Die Cut 9% Vert.
2001, Oct. 24 Tagge
Self-Adhesive
3550A A2744 34c multicolored
Pair
P# strip of 5, #1111 5.00
P# strip of 5, #1111 5.00

No. 3550 has right angle corners and backing paper as high as the stamp. No. 3550A has rounded corners, the backing paper larger than the stamp, and the stamps are spaced approximately 2mm apart.

## WINTER OLYMPICS





Snowboarding — A2746



Ice Hockey A2747



Designed by Jager Di Paola Kemp. Printed by American Packaging Corporation for Sennett Security Products

PHOTOGRAVURE
Sheets of 180 in nine panes of 20
Serpentine Die Cut 11½x10¾
2002. Jan. 8
Tagge

2002	Jan.	8	Tag	geo
		Self-Adhesive		
3552	A2745	34c multicolored	.65	.20
3553	A2746	34c multicolored	.65	.20
3554	A2747	34c multicolored	.65	.20
3555	A2748	34c multicolored	.65	.20
a.	Block	k or strip of 4, #3552-		
		55	2.60	
	P# b	lock of 4, 6#+S	2.60	
	Pane	of 20	13.00	

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Child and Adult

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	Sheets of 120 in six panes of 20	
	Serpentine Die Cut 11x10%	
	2002, Jan. 10 Tagged	
	Self-Adhesive	
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	ners, Oct. 24, Washington, DC 1.25	
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	PA or DC metropolitan area 1.25	
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	Jan. 8, Park	
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BOOKLET PANES



3495a-A2688

Serpentine Die Cut 8 on 2, 3 or 4 Sides 2001, Dec. 17

Self-Adhesive

3495a 34c pane of 18,
#V1111 12.00

Nos. 3495a is a complete booklet (BC163B).
The peelable backing serves as a booklet

## COMMEMORATIVE PANELS

2001		
CP624	Peanuts Comic Strip, #3507	12.0
CP625	Honoring Veterans, #3508	12.0
CP626 CP630	Frida Kahlo, #3509 Amish Quilts, #3527a	12.0 12.0

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CP631	Ca	rnivorous Plants.	
	#:	3531a	12.00
CP632		1, #3532	12.00
CP633	En	rico Fermi, #3533	12.00
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2001			
SP1382A	21	c American Buffalo,	
		#3467, 3484	6.00
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		ton, #3468A,	0.00
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SP 1300A	3/	c Eagle, #3471A	7.50
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SP1416	34C (	Carnivorous Plants, #3528-3531	7.50
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## ALGERIA



14th Mediterranean Games, Tunis, Tunisia — A504

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2001, July 25	Litho.	Perf. 14

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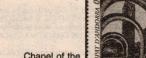


Natl. Mujahedeen Day — A506

Perf. 131/4x14

2001, Aug. 20 1230 A506 5d multi

## ANDORRA (Spanish Administration)



Chapel of the Virgin of Meritxell, 25th Anniv. of Rebuilding — A142

2001, Sept. 7 Photo. Perf. 14x13% 273 A142 40p multi .45 .45



Natl. Auditorium, 10th Anniv. A143

**2001, Sept. 20** *274* A143 75p multi *Perf. 133kx14*.85 .85



**2001, Nov. 20 Photo.** *Perf. 131/x14* 275 A144 40p multi .45 .45

## ANGOLA

Souvenir Sheet



Independence, 25th Anniv. — A252

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secretary of state for the colonies, asking for new stamps that would pay the 3d rate instituted earlier that year. Governor Seymour did not ask for a specific number of stamps, so De La Rue printed 464 sheets of 240 stamps, for a total of 111,360 stamps on the same type of paper later used for the stamps of Vancouver Island. This distinctively designed stamp was printed in light blue and perforated 14 (Scott 7). As illustrated in Figure 7, it shows a large V for Victoria, on top of which is a large crown.

The shipment left England on March 16, 1865, and was delayed en route, not arriving in Vancouver until Sept. 27. The stamps were put on sale Nov. 1. Shortly thereafter, the colony adopted the decimal system (Jan. 1, 1866) and the stamps were sold for 6½¢. The initial supply of stamps was sufficient to last for a year, so on March 24, 1866, an order for a second printing of 320,000 stamps was



Figure 5. An unaddressed paste-up envelope from Victoria, post April 1879, bearing five 6¢ yellow-brown Small Queen stamps of Canada (Scott 39), perforated 111/x12, paying the 30¢ parcel rate for a package not exceeding 1 lb., 4 oz. Courtesy of the Brigham Collection.

RUDOLPH

2001, Oct. 2

2507-2508 A431 Set of 2

2509-2510 A431 Set of 2

Rudolph Valentino (1895-1926), Actor — A431

No. 2507, \$1: a, Blood and Sand. b, Eyes of Youth. c, All Night. d, Last known photo of Valentino. e, Camille. f, Cobra.

No. 2508, \$1: a, The Son of the Sheik. b, The Young Rajah. c, The Eagle. d, The Sheik. e, A Sainted Devil. f, Monsieur Beaucaire.

No. 2509, \$6, The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. No. 2510, \$6, Valentino with Natasha Rambova.

Sheets of 6, #a-f

**Souvenir Sheets** 

Scenes From Shirley Temple Movies — A432

Perf. 133/4

9.00 9.00

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No. 1184: a, Tank, rifle, dove. b, Dove, hoe,

2001, Feb. 13 Litho. Perf. 141/4x14



Designs: No. 1185, 10k, Shown. No. 1186, 10k, Xylophone. 30k, Map, musical instruments, native with mask, elephant, satellite dishes and computer.

2001, May 25 Perf. 13x131/4 1185-1186 A253 Set of 2

Souvenir Sheet 1187 A253 30k multi 3.00 3.00



Butterfly and: 8k, Nicolaia speciosa. 9k, Alla-manda cathartica. No. 1190, 10k, Welwitschia mirabilis. No. 1191, 10k, Tagetes patula. 30k, Welwitschia mirabilis.

2001, June 9

Set of 4 1188-1191 A254 Souvenir Sheet 1192 A254 30k multi

3.00 3.00 Belgica 2001 Intl. Stamp Exhibition, Brussels (#1192).

Souvenir Sheet



Total Solar Eclipse, June 21 - A255

2001, June 21 1193 A255 30k multi

3.25 3.25

## **ANGUILLA**



Christmas - A158

Musical instruments: 15c, Triangle. 25c, Maracas. 30c, Guiro, vert. \$1.50, Marimba. \$1.90, Tambu, vert. \$2.50, Bath pan, vert. No. 1066, vert.: a, 75c, Banjo. b, \$1, Quatro. c, \$1.25, Ukulele. d, \$3, Cello.

2001, Nov. 5 Litho. 1060-1065 A158 Set of 6 Souvenir Sheet 5.00 5.00

1066 A158 Sheet of 4, #a-d 4.50 4.50

**ANTIGUA** 



Photomosaic of Queen Elizabeth

2001, July 3 2494 A428 \$1 multi Litho. Perf. 14 Queen Elizabeth II, 75th birthday. Issued in sheets of 8



Monet Paintings — A429

No. 2495, horiz.: a, Water Lilies. b, Rose Portals, Giverny. c, The Water Lily Pond, Harmony in Green. d, The Artist's Garden, Irises. \$5, Jerusalem Artichokes.

2001, July 3 2495 A429 \$2 Sheet of 4, #a-d Souvenir Sheet 2496 A429 \$5 multi 3.75 3.75



Endangered Animals — A430

Designs: 25c, Collared peccary. 30c, Baird's tapir. 45c, Agouti. 75c, Bananaquit. 90c, Sixbanded armadillo. \$1, Roseate spoonbill. No. 2503: a, Mouse opossum. b, Magnificent black frigatebird. c, Northern jacana. d, Painted bunting. e, Haitian solenodon. f, St.

Lucia iguana. No. 2504: a, West Indian iguana. b, Scarlet macaw. c, Cotton-topped tamarin. d, Kinkajou. No. 2505, \$6, Ocelot, vert. No. 2506, \$6, King wither, vert.

2001, Sept. 10 2497-2502 A430 Set of 6 2503 A430 \$1.80 Sheet of 6, 2.75 2.75 2503 A430 \$1.80 Sheet of 6, #a-f 2504 A430 \$2.50 Sheet of 4, 8.25 8.25 Souvenir Sheets

9.00 9.00

2505-2506 A430 Set of 2

No. 2511, \$1.65 - Scenes from Baby, Take a Bow, with Temple: a, In polka-dot dress. b, With man no steps. c, With man holding gund, With woman.

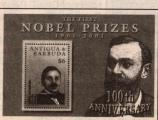
No. 2512, \$1.80, horiz. - Scenes from The Little Princess, with Temple: a, With man. b, Washing floor. c, With woman and child. d, With old woman.

No. 2513, \$1.50 - Scenes from The Little Princess, with Temple: a, With woman. b, In pink dress. c, Holding doll. d, On throne. e, With man. f, With birthday cake.

No. 2514, \$1.65, horiz. - Scenes from Baby, Take a Bow, with Temple: a, With woman and five children. b, With arms around man. c, Standing with man and woman. f, Looking in cradle.

No. 2515, \$6, In polka-dot dress, from Baby, Take a Bow. No. 2516, With soldiers, from The Little Princess. 2001, Oct. 2 Sheets of 4, #a-d 2511-2512 A432 Set of 2 10.50 10.50 Sheets of 6, #a-f

2513-2514 A432 Set of 2 **Souvenir Sheets** 2515-2516 A432 Set of 2 9.00 9.00



Nobel Prizes, Cent. — A433

No. 2517, \$1.50 - Chemistry laureates: a, elvin Calvin, 1961, b, Linus C, Pauling, 1954

c, Vincent du Vigneaud, 1955. d, Richard Synge, 1952. e, Archer Martin, 1952. f, Alfred Werner, 1913.

No. 2518, \$1.50 - Chemistry laureates: a, Robert F. Curl, Jr., 1996. b, Alan J. Heeger, 2000. c, Michael Smith, 1993. d, Sidney Altman, 1989. e, Elias James Corey, 1990. f, William Francis Giauque, 1949.

No. 2519, \$6, Ernest Rutherford, Chemistry, 1908. No. 2520, \$6, International Red Cross, Peace, 1944. No. 2521, \$6, Ernst Otto Fischer, Chemistry, 1973.

2001, Nov. 29 Perf. 14 Sheets of 6, #a-f 2517-2518 A433 Set of 2 13.50 13.50

Souvenir Sheets 2519-2521 A433 Set of 3 13.50 13.50

#### I Love Lucy Type of 2001

Designs: No. 2522, \$6, Fred at desk. No. 2523, \$6, Lucy and Fred. No. 2524, \$6, Lucy, closed door. No. 2525, \$6, Fred and Ricky at desk, horiz.

2001 2522-2525 A420 Set of 4 18.00 18.00

## **ARGENTINA**



Serpentine Die Cut 111/4x11 2001, Feb. 6 Litho Self-Adhesive

**Background Color** 2143E A979a 10c blue green 2143F A979a 25c brt green 2143G A979a 25c brt green 60c orange 2143H A979a 75c red 1p blue 2143J A979a 3p red brown 2143K A979a 3.25p yel green 2143L A979a 5.50p rose 1 Nos. 2143E-2143L (8) 2

Nos. 2143E-2143L are broken at right by five die cut wavy lines. Sold at Unidad Postal outlets.



Art in Silver - A985

No. 2150: a, Bridle (Freno). b, Stirrups ment (Bastra

2001, May 19 Litho. Perf. 133/x131/2 2150 A985 75c Block of 4, #a-d 6.00 6.00



World Youth Soccer Championships — A986

Designs: No. 2151, 75c, Player kicking ball. No. 2152, 75c, Goalie catching ball.

2151-2152 A986 Set of 2 3.00 3.00

Many delays occurred in processing the order and during that time the colonies were united. As a result, the Colonial Department, when it finally proceeded to get the stamps printed, decided to order a printing of one million. De La Rue printed 4,431 sheets in dark blue ink for a total of 1,063,440 stamps and shipped them out Feb. 8, 1867. They did not arrive until June 12 and were put on sale July 19.

Only one used block of four (shown in Figure 8) is reported to exist, since it was customary to divide the sheets into strips before they were sold to the public. According to the preeminent collector of these issues, Gerald E. Wellburn, only 209,640 stamps were sold from this printing. The remainders were sent to authorities in Victoria at the time of confederation and were burned Aug. 26, 1871, along with the other postage stamp remainders.





Figure 6. The 5¢ and 10¢ perforated stamps issued for Vancouver Island as a separate colony.



Figure 7. British Columbia's 3-penny blue issue of 1865 (Scott 7).

New postal rates came into effect in early 1867, creating a need for new stamps, but the Colonial Department would not authorize new designs. It instructed De La Rue to print all further British Columbia stamps from the original 3d plate but in different colors. In addition, each stamp was to be overprinted with the denomination required. The 2¢ was

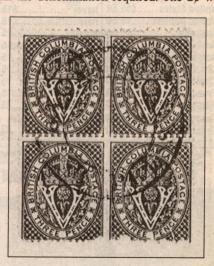


Figure 8. The only used block reported of British Columbia Scott 7, the 3d blue of 1859. Ex-Wellburn. This photocopied image from an exhibition page does not show the block's perforations, which gauge 14.

the first new stamp ordered (July 10, 1867) and produced. De La Rue printed 8,815 sheets (2,115,600 stamps) in light brown, with the surcharge "TWO CENTS" in black sans-serif capitals (Figure 9). The stamp was perforated

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14 and on the same type of paper as the previous 3d stamp. It is reported that only 73,375 stamps were distributed to the various post



Figure 9. The first of British Columbia's overprinted stamps, the 2¢ on 3d issue of 1867, Scott 8.











Figure 10. British Columbia Scott 9-13, the perf 14 surcharged issues, served the colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia under a single administration.

offices before confederation. Although there is no record, it is likely that the remainders were burned.

By November 1868, the stock of 5¢ Vancouver Island stamps — still in use throughout the colony — was exhausted. On Nov. 12 the British Columbia colonial secretary, William A.G. Young, ordered five new

stamps (Scott 14-18). These were in denominations of 5¢ (red with black surcharge), 10¢ (lilac rose with blue surcharge), 25¢ (orange with violet surcharge), 50¢ (violet with red surcharge), and \$1 (green with green surcharge).

Only 20 sheets of 240 stamps of each denomination were dispatched Jan. 16, 1869,

arriving in the colony early in March and distributed to post offices starting on the 12th of that month

Again the stamps were printed on watermarked paper similar to the type used earlier but they were perforated 12½, indicating that to hasten the delivery of the stamps, the printers had used their own perforator rather than the equipment available at Somerset House. Multiples of the perf 12½ stamps are extremely rare. In fact, only one used pair each of the 5¢ and of the \$1 are recorded by Wellburn.

The main shipment of the surcharged stamps, perforated 14, left London Feb. 13, 1869, arriving in British Columbia around the end of May (Scott 9-13, Figure 10). The 10¢ and \$1 stamps were never issued, although a few of those stamps were sold to stamp dealers.

The quantities printed and the dates of issue (where applicable) are as follows: 244,320 of the  $5\phi$  (May 29, 1869); 241,920 of the  $10\phi$ ; 497,280 of the  $25\phi$  (July 21, 1869); 371,760 of the 50¢ (Feb. 23, 1871); and 117,600 of the \$1.

The remainders of those stamps were also destroyed Aug. 26, 1871, including colonial stamps redeemed by postal patrons in exchange for Canadian stamps.





Belgica 2001 Intl. Stamp Exhibition, Brussels — A987

No. 2153: a, 25c, Washerwoman by the Banks of the Belgrano, by Prilidiano Pueyrredón. b, 75c, The Hay Harvest, by Pieter Breughel, the Elder.

2001, June 16 Sheet of 2, #a-b 2.00 2.00



2001 Census — A988

Perf. 131/2x133/4 Syncopated 2001, July 14 2154 A988 75c multi 1.50 1.50



2001, July 14 Perf. 133/4x131/2 2155 A989 75c multi Environmental protection.



Bandoneón Recital - 1990, by Aldo Severi — A990

2001. July 28

Perf. 131/2x133/4

The tango in art.

Souvenir Sheet



Phila Nippon '01, Japan - A991

No. 2157: a, Tango dancers, musical score b. Kabuki dancer.

**2001, July 28 Perf. 14**2157 A991 75c Sheet of 2, #a-b 3.00 3.00





Wild Cats - A992

No. 2158: a, 25c, Puma. b, 25c, Jaguar. c, 50c, Jaguarundi and young. d, 50c, Ocelot. e, 75c, Mountain cat. f, 75c, Huiña.

2001, July 28 2158 A992 Sh Perf. 133/x131/2 Sheet of 6, #a²f, +2 labels 6.00 6.00



Tango Lyricist — A993

2001, Aug. 4 2159 A993 75c multi Perf. 131/2x133/4 1.50 1.50



America Issue - UNESCO World Heritage — A994

No. 2160 - Buildings and artifacts from Jes-it Block and Estancias of Cordoba: a, Denom-nation at UL. b, Denomination at UR. Illustration reduced.

**2001, Aug. 11** *Perf. 13¾x13½ 2160* A994 75c Horiz. pair, #a-b 3.00 3.00



Prevention of Breast Cancer — A995

2001, Sept. 1 2161 A995 75c multi Perf. 131/2x133/4 1.50 1.50



World Championship Race Cars of Juan Manuel Fangio — A996

No. 2162 - Cars and track layouts: a, Alfa Romeo 159 Alfetta, Barcleona, 1951. b, Mer-cedes-Benz W196, Reims, France, 1954. c, Lancia-Ferrari D50, Monte Carlo, Monaco, 1956. d, Maserati 250F, Nürburgring, Ger-many, 1957.

2001, Oct. 6 Perf. 133/x131/2 2162 A996 75c Block of 4, #a-d



**Politicians** A997

Designs: No. 2163, 75c, Roque Sáenz Peña (1851-1914). No. 2164, 75c, Justo José de Urquiza (1801-70).

2001, Oct. 20 2163-2164 A997

Set of 2 3.00 3.00

Souvenir Sheet



Hafnia 01 Philatelic Exhibition, Copenhagen — A999

No. 2166: a, 25c, Argentine post rider, 18th cent. b, 75c, European post rider, 17th cent.

2001, Oct. 27 Litho. Perf. 14 Sheet of 2, #a-b SEMI-POSTAL STAMPS



Cetaceans — SP65

No. B186: a, Burmeister's porpoise (Mari-posa espinosa). b, River Plate dolphin. c, Minke whale. d, Humpback whale (Yubarta).

2001, Sept. 15 Litho. Perf. 14x131/2 Block of 4 SP65 25c +25c multi SP65 50c +50c Any single SP65 75c +75c multi

## **ARMENIA**



Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) — A122

Sciurus persicus: a, 40d, On branch. b, 50d, Eating. c, 80d, Close-up. d, 120d, Digging. Illustration reduced.

Perf. 131/4x133/4 2001, Aug. 25

Block of 4, #a-d **BANGLADESH** 



Shaheed Khandakei Mosharraf

2.10 2.10

1995, Oct. 16 Litho. Perf. 133/x141/4 496 A208a 2t multi

No. 496 was removed from sale shortly after

## Martyred Intellectual Type of 1991

Martyred intellectuals who died in 1971 - No. 595: a, Dr. Mohammad Shafi. b, Maulana Kasimuddin Ahmed. c, Quazi Ali Imam. d, Sultanuddin Ahmed. e, A. S. M. Ershadullah. f, Mohammad Fazlur Rahman. g, Dr. Capt. A. K. M. Farooq, h, Mohammad Latafot Hossain Joarder.

1999, Dec. 14 Litho. Perf. 141/4 595 A154 2t Sheet of 8, #a-d, + 4 labels 1.90 1.90

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Bangladesh - People's Republic of China Diplomatic Relations, 25th Anniv. - A274

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