A review of Canadian philately in 2001

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for the third consecutive year I am providing a review of the previous year in Canadian philately. As before, the information presented here has been divided into four categories: stamps, organized philately, philatelic literature and the stamp trade.

STAMPS

On Sept. 1, 2000, Canada Post announced 53 stamps in its 2001 program, but eventually 60 were issued. The new additions were a single 47¢ stamp honoring former Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, who died Sept. 28, 2000 (Scott 1909), another single 47¢ stamp for the Shriners (Scott 1917, originally scheduled for 2002), and a new version of the Greetings booklet containing nondenominated (47¢) versions of five Picture Postage stamps (Scott 1918, shown on a firstday cover in Figure 1).

The preissue publicity photo for the Trudeau stamp showed the design area sur-

Figure 1. Five nondenominated Picture Postage

Greetings stamps were issued Sept. 21, 2001.

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rounded by a white border. When the stamps were issued, however, the background color was solid throughout the pane of 16 stamps (Figure 2).

This was the year that Canada celebrated the 150th anniversary of its independent post office and the 150th anniversary of its postage stamps. A beautiful replica of Canada's first stamp, the Three Penny Beaver (Scott 1) was issued April 6, 2001. The new 47¢ stamp is listed as Scott 1900.

I wrote about the production of this stamp in the June 2001 issue of Scott Stamp Monthly. At the time, I did not know that there was a constant variety on the right stamp of the third row of each pane (the stamps come in small panes of

eight: two columns of four stamps each). The variety, a white dash over the "R" in "THREE," is visible with a magnifying glass "R" in and is clearer on some stamps than others

(Figure 3). The stamp design manager at Canada Post confirmed that the scratch in the design is found on the original plate that was used to prepare the eight panes of the press sheet.

The 47¢ Track and Field stamp commemorating the International Amateur Athletic Federation championship in Edmonton (Scott 1908), has a design error. The stamp, pictured in Figure 4, was issued June 25. It shows a runner going down a lane in a race, but the track has seven lanes in the design when there should be eight. As with most





Figure 2. The photo essay at left for the 47¢ stamp honoring former Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau (1919-2000) has a white margin, while the dark background of the issued stamp at right actually extends fully to the edges.

design errors, the image is the same on all the stamps issued and does not command a premium value.

In contrast, a production error variety of the 47¢ self-adhesive Maple Leaves coil, Scott 1878, was found missing all inscriptions. A photocopy of the error is shown in Figure 5, along with an image of the normal stamp for comparison.

Reprints of definitives included the 5¢ Weaving stamp in February, the 10¢ Artistic Woodworking in March and the 25¢ Leatherworking in November; all are from the Traditional Trades series. The new stamps were printed by Canadian Bank Note (CBN). Previously they had been printed by Ashton-

Starting in November 2001, Canada Post added a UPC bar code on the margin of full stamp panes. The first commemorative pane to have a UPC was the 47¢ Royal Canadian

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Figure 3. The only constant variety found on the 150th anniversary of Canadian postage stamps shows what appears to be an accent over the "R" of "THREE" in position 3/2 (the second stamp in the third row).

Legion 75th anniversary stamp (Scott 1926), while the first definitives were the second CBN reprints of the 1¢ Bookbinding and the 5¢ and 10¢ Traditional Trades. The 25¢ second reprint was to appear in December.



Figure 4. The "missing lane" design error on the Track and Field Championship stamp. There should be eight lanes on the track, not seven.

Collecting these reprints will require a plate block of four identifying the printer and an upper strip of 20 (or at a minimum a strip of 12) to collect the UPC printings. The UPC is in the middle of the upper margin of the pane of 100 (10x10).

In addition, the booklets of 10 and 30 47¢ Flag and Inukshuk stamps have been reprinted several times this year. Although the front cover and the contents are the same, the advertisement in the back changes. In March, the reprint's key word in the back was "Moving." In July it was "Prepaid cards" and in November it was "Xpresspost" (only the 30stamp booklet). The frequent reprints of the booklets are easily explained: they are convenient and they contain self-stick stamps. Canadian postal patrons are becoming more and more enamored of self-adhesive s

Another innovation this year was a change

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Figure 5. The missing inscriptions production error on the 47¢ Maple Leaves coil (left) with a normal copy

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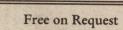
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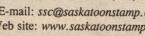
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order window envelope bearing a printed version of the 47¢ Year of the Snake stamp. What appear to be perforations surrounding the stamp are actually printed gray circles.

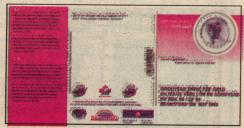


Figure 7. The imprinted stamp on the Go for Gold special nondenominated postage paid postal card pictures ice hockey legend Wayne Gretzky.

in the identifying characteristic of philatelic booklets. They now bear a "P" in the lowerleft corner of the back cover. Previously field and philatelic stocks were differentiated by the UPC bar code.

There are also some new items on the postal stationery front. Two new bird envelopes were issued Dec. 28, 2000, in anticipation of the new 47¢ rate. They show the Lapland longspur (No. 8 size) and the golden eagle

Again this year, the Asia International Corporation ordered a special window envelope bearing a 47¢ imprinted version of the Year of the Snake Lunar New Year stamp (Figure 6). The quantity printed is unknown but if the numbers match last year's it should be in the 600,000 range. Although the envelope stamp design appears to have perforations all around, the illusion is created by printed gray circles.

Hockey fans can support both Canada's men's and women's hockey teams as they go for the gold at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah. In cooperation with Goodyear's Drive for Gold and the Canadian Hockey Association (CHA), Canada Post issued 100,000 preaddressed and prestamped support postal cards (Figure 7), Continued on page 44







Figure 8. The three special envelopes issued by Canada Post in 2001. Note that the 25th International Postal Hockey Tournament envelope can be found with any of the six 2001 NHL All-Stars stamps.



Figure 9. The \$8 Grizzly Bear stamp in a sheet of four as issued. In a poll held by the Canadian Postal Museum the Grizzly Bear stamp was named Canada's most beautiful stamp.

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which it sells at \$2 (\$1 of which will go to the CHA). The stamp image used on the card is a nondenominated version of the Wayne Gretzky stamp issued in 2000 (Scott 1838a).

Lastly, on December 3, Canada Post made available a Roses letter kit. The kit contains 24 sheets of paper and 12 preprinted nondenominated envelopes showing the four roses stamps issued Aug. 1 (Scott 1911-1914).

Canada Post's three special envelopes for 2001 are illustrated in Figure 8. These envelopes are issued in small quantities and commemorate an event or a person for whom a stamp cannot be issued. The first of these was issued on April 13 for the 25th anniversary of the International Postal Hockey Tournament. There were 12,000 envelopes printed. Only 2,000 complete sets are available since all six of the 2001 NHL All-Stars

2001, July 15

569 A128 55c multi

568 Horiz. strip of 5 a.-e. A128 55c Any single

Perf. 121/4

Souvenir Sheet

Perf. 12

No. 569 contains one 40x70mm stamp.

No. 570: a, Scout, administering first aid. b, Girls, tents. c, Scouts and leader.

No. 571: a, Jewelry, cane. b, Mosque exterior. c, Computer, satellite dishes. d, Mosque interior.

2001, Aug. 18 Wmk. 388

571 Horiz. strip of 4 a.-d. A130 20c Any single

2001, Aug. 5 Wmk. 388

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30 International Youth Camp 2001 — A129

Perf. 121/4 1.00 1.00 .30 .30 1.00 1.00

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47¢ stamps, Scott 1885a-f, were used to frank these envelopes. On May 3, the second envelope was issued for the 100th anniversary of The Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. It bears the 47¢ Queen Elizabeth II definitive (Scott 1683). The third envelope was issued on May 18 to commemorate the founding, in 1901, of the Canadian Medical Protective Association. This envelope bears the 47¢ Maple Leaf coil stamp (Scott 1878).

ORGANIZED PHILATELY

Our reports about prominent Canadian philatelist Ron Brigham are by now an annual habit. Again this year Brigham distinguished himself by becoming the first Canadian to win the World Stamp Championship, when his exhibit, "The Province of Canada: The Pence and Cents, 1851-1868," won the Grand prix d'Honneur at BELGICA 2001. In addition, his exhibit, "The Dominion of Canada: The Large Queens, 1868-1897," has now qualified to compete in the International Federation of Philately (FIP) Championship Class.

The Lakeshore Stamp Club, host of the 2001 convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, has turned 40, having been founded in 1961. It is one of the five largest

stamp clubs in the country. The Canadian Postal Archives, in cooperation with Canada Post, launched its new web site in support of Canada's philatelic heritage. The site — accessible at www.archives.ca will eventually contain 16,000 digitalized philatelic documents. The site is to be fully developed over the next three years to reflect the

core philatelic archival collection and library. Between April 23 and Aug. 27, visitors to









Figure 10. Four of the nine stamps based on photographs of the late Malak Karsh (1915-2001). All four were issued in 2001; the three Christmas stamps a week before Karsh's death.



Paintings by Charles Lloyd Tucker — A141

Various paintings: 35c, 70c, 85c, \$1.

Perf. 141/4x143/4 2001. Oct. 9 818-821 A141 Set of 4

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

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Locomotives

No. 123 - Locomotive from: a, 1848. b, 1865. c, 1930. d, 1990.

Litho. 2000, Oct. 4 Perf. 133/4 Horiz. strip of 4 + central label
a.-c. A40 50pf Any single
d. A40 1m multi 3.75 3.75 .75 .75 1.50 1.50



Protected ies — A41

Designs: 1m, Leontopodium alpinum. 2m, Proteus anguinus, horiz.

2000, Oct. 31 124-125 A41 Set of 2 4.25 4.25

Millennium Type of 1999

No. 126: a, Ship. b, Glassblowers. c, Black-smith. d, Printers. e, James Watt, steam engine, steam-powered vehicle. f, Satellites. g, People on shore, ships (105x55mm).

Booklet pane of 7 + la-

.60 3.75



lcons from: No. 127, 50pf, 1577-78. No. 128, 50pf, 1607-08. No. 129, 1m, 1577-78. No. 130, 1m, Unknown year.

2000, Dec. 20 127-130 A42 Set of 4 4.25 4.25

Invention of the 125th Anniv. - A43



2001, Feb. 27 131 A43 1m multi 1.50 1.50



Flight, 40th Anniv. — A44

1.40 1.40

Designs: 1m, Yuri Gagarin, Vostok 1. 3m, Gagarin, Earth, rocket lift-off.

2001, Mar. 29 132 A44 1m multi

Souvenir Sheet

133 A44 3m multi 4.00 4.00 No. 133 contains



Vlado Composer A45

2001, Apr. 11 134 A45 50pf multi

2001, May 4 Designs: Nos. 135, 137a, 1m, Skakavac Waterfall. No. 136, 137b, 2m, Turjanica River.

White Border 135-136 A46 4.00 4.00 Set of 2

Light Blue Border Perf. 13¾ Vert.

Vert. pair, #a-b 4.00 4.00



Butterflies - A47

Designs: No. 138, 50pf, Maniola jurtina. No. 39, 50pf, Pyrgus malvae. No. 140, 1m, apilio machaon. No. 141, 1m, Lycaena

Perf. 133/4 2001, June Set of 4

POSTAL TAX STAMP



Red Cross - PT7

2000, Sept. 14 Litho. *RA7* PT7 10pf multi Perf. 103/4 Obligatory on mail 9/14-21.

BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY



2001, A 231-234 234a	Set of #231-234
British In Ocean	虚限

Perf. 133/4

3.75 3.75 3.75 3.75

cyathophora, horiz.	
2001, Sept. 24	Perf. 133/x141/
235 A43 26p multi	.75 .75
a. Perf. 141/2	.75 .79
236 A43 34p multi	1.00 1.00
a. Perf. 141/2	1.00 1.00

Souvenir Sheet

Perf. 141/2 -c, 235a, 236a .25 .25 1.75 1.75 2.00 2.00

Souvenir Sheet



Birdlife International World Bird Festival — A44

Crab plover: a, Resting. b, Eating crab, vert. c, Close-up of head, vert. d, In flight. e, Standing on one leg.

238 A44 50p Sheet of 5, #a-e

BRUNEI

Sultans Type of 2000 2000, July 15 Litho. Perf. 133/4



Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, 55th Birthday — A128

No. 568: a, Navy blue uniform. b, Light blue uniform. c, Robes. d, Camouflage uniform. e, White uniform. no. 569, Casual shirt.



Year of Dialogue A132

2001, Oct. 9

No. 573: a, Emblem. b, Two abstract heads. c, Cubist-style head, native. d, Multicolored leaves.

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573 Horiz. strip of 4 a.-d. A132 30c Any single 1.25 1.25 .30 .30

Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) - A133

Figure 11. The 2001 **Christmas ornament** produced by Canada Post and Hallmark cards features a letter-writing hedgehog inside a red metal mailbox.



the Canadian Postal Museum and its web site were encouraged to vote for Canada's most beautiful stamp from a selection of 20 on display. The winning issue, the \$8 Grizzly Bear of 1997 (Scott 1700, shown in Figure 9), garnered fewer than 25 percent of the votes cast, but still beat out what was considered to be the favorite, the 50¢ Bluenose stamp of 1929 (Scott 158), which received just less than 15 percent of the votes.

A new national level stamp show in Vancouver was held in October. It is hoped the show will be able to maintain its national level status for years to come.

Perhaps not specifically related to organized philately, but still of interest to collectors, was the passing of Malak Karsh on

中国郵政 the Communist Party — A886

Perf. 111/4x11

Perf. 13x131/4

Designs: No. 3113, 80f, Wang Jinmei (5-1). No. 3114, 80f, Zhao Shiyan (5-2). No. 3115, 80f, Deng Enming (5-3). No. 3116, 80f, Cai Hesen (5-4). No. 3117, 80f, He Shuheng (5-5).

Set of 5

1921-2001 CHINA中国邮政 80°

Nov. 8. The younger brother of worldrenowned photographer Yousuf Karsh was himself a photographer of note. The younger Karsh's photographs are on nine Canadian stamps, including four from 2001: the \$1.05 Canadian Tulip Festival stamp in the Tourist attraction series (Scott 1904c), and the three Christmas stamps that appeared a week before he died (Figure 10).

PHILATELIC LITERATURE

2001 was the year of the catalog. Three of them came out and two others, although actually handbooks, can also act as catalogs. After skipping a year, Unitrade is back with its 2002 Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps. The main change is its format. It now measures 8 inches by 11½ inches and has 520 pages. It used to contain 624 pages and measure 6 inches by 9 inches.

The price has changed as well. It used to sell for \$28.95 (Canadian) and is now \$39.95.

It can be ordered directly from Unitrade, 99 Floral Parkway, Toronto, ON M6L 2C4, Canada; or inquire by e-mail at unitrade@unitradesassoc.com. With this edition, Unitrade no longer produces a French version of its catalog.

The Canadian Revenue Stamp Catalogue including Wildlife Conservation Stamps (31st edition) was released by Erling van Dam. The full-color catalog is also published by Unitrade and can be purchased through them

at \$21.95 (Canadian). Also issued this year is Webb's Postal Stationery Catalogue of Canada and Newfoundland (7th edition). It, too, has grown in size, to 8½ inches by 11 inches, and has many new features, including private-to-order stationery, essays and proofs, and extensive listings of regular issue priority post/courier envelopes. Published by Saskatoon Stamp Centre (P.O. Box 1870, Saskatoon, SK, S7K 3S2, Canada; or ssc@saskatoonstamp.com), it

retails at \$39.95 (Canadian). Saskatoon Stamp Centre is also the official distributor of publications of the British North America Philatelic Society, Ltd. (BNAPS). Two new publications by BNAPS this year are Fancy Cancels on Canadian Stamps, 1855 to 1950 by D.M. Lacelle (\$24.95 Canadian) and the 5th edition of The Squared Circle Cancellations of Canada edited by John S. Gordon. BNAPS has many more publications including a series of more than 20 volumes duplicating award-winning exhibits. If you are interested in BNAPS publications or other items of Canadian philatelic literature, contact

THE STAMP TRADE

Saskatoon Stamp Centre and ask for the lit-

erature catalogue. It is extensive.

The stamp dealers in Canada are very quiet these days. The Canadian Stamp Dealers Association, after a burst of energy in the late 1990s, seems to have retrenched in its show organizing and advertising. There were no new major dealers or auction houses formed this year. The newest auction house, Longley Auctions, opened in June 2000, seems to have been the only major auction house dealing regularly in Canadian material to have had a name auction this year. Bill Longley offered Michael Rixon's postal history of the Small Queens era. This awardwinning exhibit concentrated heavily on the material bearing 2¢ and 6¢ stamps of the series. The auction was well attended and the prices realized continue to indicate that the market for good material is strong.

Two other items of note are the previously mentioned Saskatoon Stamp Centre, which celebrated 35 years in the business, and Canadian Stamp News, Canada's only commercial philatelic newspaper, which celebrated its 25th anniversary by getting a facelift, with changes in size, format and style.

And yes, Canada Post, in cooperation with Hallmark cards, put on sale the second in its Christmas Tree ornament series. I don't know how long they will keep it up, but I can tell you that I like the ornaments very much and they make excellent stocking stuffers (Figure 11).

No. 574 - Bulwer's pheasant: a, Male and male. b, Male. c, Female and chicks. d,

Wmk. 388 2001, Nov. 1 574 Horiz. strip of 4 a.-d. A133 30c Any single

CANADA



YMCA in Canada

2001, Nov. 8 Litho. Perf. 131/4



Royal Canadian Legion, 75th Anniv. — A780

2001, Nov. 11 1926 A780 47c multi Perf. 121/2x13

CHINA (TAIWAN)

Zodiac Signs Type of 2001 Designs: \$5, Pisces. \$12, Cancer. \$25,

2001, Nov. 8 Litho. Perf. 12 3339-3341 A812 Set of 3 Values are for copies with surrounding



Rapid Transit

Designs: \$5, Train, transit system emble \$12, Passengers in station, fare card. \$25, Chientan Station.

2001, Aug. 14 3371-3372 A821 Litho. Perf. 13 A821 Set of 2
Souvenir Sheet Perf. 113/4

3373 A821 \$25 multi No. 3373 contains one 85x42mm stamp.

Bird Manual Type of 1999 and



Rubythroat

esigns: No. 3379, Waxwing (3 characters JR). \$12, White-rumped munia (2 charac-at R). \$25, Great barbet (3 characters at

2001, Sept. 28 Litho 3378 A823 \$5 shown 3379 A792 \$5 multi 3380 A792 \$12 multi 3381 A792 \$25 multi Nos. 3378-3381 (4) Litho. .30 .20 .30 .20 .70 .35 1.50 .75 2.80 1.50



2001, Oct. 18 Litho.



34th World Cup — A826

Perf. 121/2

1.75 .85

Emblem, map and: No. 3388, \$5, Pitcher. No. 3389, \$5, Batter. \$12, Catcher. \$20, Runner sliding.

2001, Oct. 30 Perf. 111/2 2.40 1.25 2.40 1.25

CHINA (PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC)



Ancient Towns - A880

Designs: No. 3092, 80f, Zhouzhuang, Kunshan (6-1). No. 3093, 80f, Tongli, Wujiang (6-2). No. 3094, 80f, Wuzhen, Tongxiang (6-3). No. 3095, 80f, Nanxun, Huzhou (6-4). No. 3096, 80f, Luzhi, Wuxian (6-5). \$2.80, Xitang, Jiashan (6-6).

2001, Apr. 7 Photo. Perf. 111/2x111/4 3092-3097 A880 Set of 6 3097a Booklet pane, #3092-3097 + 6 labels Booklet, #3097a 2.10 2.10 8.75 8.75



2001, Apr. 21 3098-3101 A881 Perf. 111/2 1.60 1.60 Set of 4 Souvenir Sheet Perf. 131/2x13

3102 A881 \$8 multi 10.00 10.00 No. 3102 contains one 90x60mm stamp



Yongle Temple Murals A882

No. 3103: a, Lady Queen Mother (4-1). b, Jade Lady Presenting Treasure (4-2). c, Celestial Worthy of the East (4-3). d, Venus and Mercury (4-4).

2001, May 5 Litt 3103 Horiz. strip of a. A882 60f multi b.-c. A882 80f Any single d. A882 \$2.80 multi Litho.

Perf. 12 1.60 1.60 .20 .20 .25 .25 .90 .90



Wudang — A883

Designs: 60f, Nanyan Hall (3-1). No. 3105, 80f, Zixiao Temple (3-2). No. 3106, 80f, Taizi Slope (3-3). \$8, Golden Crown in spring.

Perf. 111/4x111/2 2001, May 26 Photo. 3104-3106 A883 Set of 3 Souvenir Sheet Perf. 121/4x121/2 3107 A883 \$8 multi + label 7.00 7.00

No. 3107 contains one 47x71mm stamp



Ancient Chinese

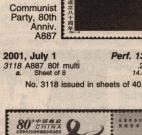
Designs: No. 3108, 80f, Earthenware va 3109, 80f, Porcelain coffee pot.

2001, June 12 — *Perf. 111/x111/z* 3108-3109 A884 Set of 2 .40 .40 See Belgium Nos. 1858-1859.



Designs: No. 3110, Dragon boat race (3-1) No. 3111, Making Zongzi (3-2). \$2.80, Expelling five poisons (3-3).

2001, June 25	Perf. 13x131/2
3110 A885 80f multi	.20 .20
a. Sheet of 9 3111 A885 80f multi	8.00 .20 .20
a. Sheet of 9	8.00
3112 A885 \$2.80 multi	.70 .70
a. Sheet of 9	30.00
Nos. 3110-3112 (3)	1.10 1.10
Nos. 3110-3112 each issued i	n sheets of 40.



2001, June 28

3113-3117 A886

Emblem of 2008 Summer Olympics, Beijing — A888

Perf. 13x131/4 **2001, July 14** *3119* A888 80f multi + label

No. 3119 printed in sheets of 12 stambel pairs with one large central label. ong Kong No. , Macao No.



Waterfalls

Designs: No. 3120, 80f, Yinlianzhuitan (3-1). No. 3121, 80f, Doupotang, horiz. (3-2). No. 3122, 80f, Dishuitan (3-3). \$8, Huangguoshu.

2001, July 22 *Perf. 121/4x12, 12x121/4* 3120-3122 A889 Set of 3 .60 .60 **Souvenir Sheet**

3123 A889 \$8 multi 5.00 5.00 No. 3123 contains one 40x60mm stamp



Beidaihe Beach - A890

Designs: 60f, Pigeon Nest (4-1). No. 3125, 80f, Zhonghai Beach (4-2). No. 3126, 80f, Lianfeng Hill (4-3). \$2.80, Tiger Stone (4-4).

2001, Aug. 5 3124-3127 A890