

A review of Canadian philately in 2006

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It is that time of year again: the annual review of philatelic activity in Canada in 2006. As usual, the review will be divided into four segments: organized philately, philatelic literature, the trade, and stamps. All dollar amounts quoted in this article are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated.

ORGANIZED PHILATELY

Major changes occurred in 2006 at the top of Canadian organized philately. I did not run for re-election as president of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC). The RPSC is Canada's national society for stamp collectors. After six years, I felt it was time for a renewal in leadership. My replacement as president is Rick Penko of Winnipeg, Manitoba (Figure 1).

Penko is past president of the Winnipeg Philatelic Society (WPS) and has been in charge of that society's annual stamp show for the last 14 years. He was a member of Canada's Stamp Ad-

visory Committee from 1997 to 2006. For six years he has been vice president of the RPSC, and he was instrumental in ensuring the society's transition to a database management system.

The members of the board of directors also elected Elizabeth Sodero of Halifax, Nova Scotia, vice president; Peter Kritz (Hanover, Ontario) treasurer; and Peter Butler (Toronto, Ontario) secretary during the 78th convention of the RPSC held last September in Calgary, Alberta.

The convention was also the host of a 12-frame exhibition of British North America treasures from the collection of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This was the first time that portions of the Royal Philatelic Collection were shown in western Canada, and a souvenir booklet was produced for the occasion. Copies of this booklet are available for \$20 Canadian postpaid if mailed within Canada and U.S. \$20 for all other destinations.

Information about the society and the booklets is available from the RPSC by e-mail at info@rpsc.org, by visiting the society's web site www.rpsc.org, by phone at 1-888-285-4143, or by writing to the RPSC National Office, P.O. Box 929, Station Q, Toronto ON M4T 2P1, Canada.

The Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance (GTAPA) successfully hosted Ameristamp Expo 2006, the convention of the American Association of

Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE), in March 2006. An innovation at this show was the AAPE's first one-frame team competition. Nine teams competed, including one from France. The winner of the competition was the Collectors Club of New York.

Kurt Glatzfelder of Roxboro, Quebec, became the third Canadian to win the prestigious North American Youth Champion of Champions sponsored by the AAPE. Glatzfelder's winning exhibit was titled "The Vostok Program."

Previous winners were Charlotte Verge in 1994 and Amber O'Reilly in 2004. James Barron of Edmonton, Alberta, was named Young Canadian Philatelist of the Year for 2005. He is the 13th winner since the inception of the program in 1992.

The year 2006 saw the loss of one of Canada's greatest philatelists. Harry Sutherland of Quebec died February 14, 2006 (Figure 2). Sutherland signed the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists (RDP), was an honorary fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London and a fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

He was born in Toronto in 1930 and attended Upper Canada College, Trinity College of the University of Toronto — for which Canada Post issued a stamp on April 30, 2002, on the occasion of its 150th birthday (Figure 3, Scott 1943) — and Osgoode Hall Law School. He

Figure 1. Rick Penko, the new president of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

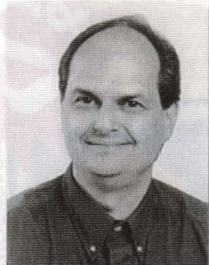


Figure 2. Harry Sutherland



Figure 3. Trinity College of the University of Toronto, Harry Sutherland's alma mater, is featured on this stamp issued in 2002 (Scott 1943).



Figure 4. Lola Caron



Figure 5. Pierre Laporte, assassinated Canadian politician and Lola Caron's boss, was honored on a stamp (Scott 558).

was called to the bar in 1954. He practiced, until his retirement in 1996, with the firm of Fraser Beatty, now known as Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP.

Sutherland edited several editions of Fraser and Stewart's (both former Fraser & Beatty partners) *Company Law in Canada*, a definitive text on Canadian corporate law. He was appointed a queen's counsel in 1974.

Sutherland told the story of how he started collecting when his father gave him a Christmas present of stamps when he was five years old.

To enumerate Sutherland's contributions to philately from that memorable beginning is to create a chronology of a first star in a game. For Sutherland the game was stamps. He learned the rules early, applied them well and excelled at every facet of the hobby.

For more than 50 years, Sutherland played a large part in the management and direction of not only Canadian philately but that of the continent and the world. He joined the



Figure 6. The Daffodil and Big Cats stamps were second and third in the most favorite stamp category for 2005 and fifth and seventh in the least relevant category.

RPSC in 1954 and was elected a member of its board of directors in 1957.

He was elected vice president in 1966, and a year later he became president upon the death of Dr. Mac Geldert of Ottawa. He served until 1978, the longest service of any president of the RPSC. After his term ended, he took on the posts of secretary and legal advisor and was still shouldering these responsibilities at the time of his death.

He was elected a fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London in 1958 and a fellow of the RPSC in 1968. He was asked to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in 1991, the highest philatelic honor any of us can aspire to.

The RPSL gave him an honorary fellowship in 2000, a rare honor bestowed infrequently. In 2002, he was also honored with the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie's (FIP) Service Medal and the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for his contributions to philately.

He served a term on the FIP board and was, at the time of his death, treasurer of the Federación Interamericana de Filatelia after being its president in the 1970s.

Another great loss for philately in 2006 was the legendary Lola Caron, FRPSC (1911-2006), who was, for many decades, one of the mainstays of Quebec philatelic circles (Figure 4). She was a former president of the Société Philatélique de Québec and a

founding member and president of the Société d'Histoire Postale du Québec.

Her main areas of collecting interest were Quebec postal history in general and that of World War II in particular. She also put together a substantial collection of philatelic and nonphilatelic material related to the trips undertaken by Pope John Paul II and a collection on the 1975 issues related to the International Year of Women.

She was elected a fellow of the RPSC in 1992 at the society's convention that was held, coincidentally, in the city of her birth.

She was the private secretary to Pierre Laporte, one of only two Canadian politicians to be assassinated. He is pictured on Scott 558 (Figure 5).

For the third year in a row, *Canadian Stamp News*, Canada Post, the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and *Philatélie Québec* organized a stamp poll to determine collectors' most and least favorite stamps for 2005.

The three top choices in each category included: favorite stamp issues, the Homer Watson souvenir sheet in the Art Canada series (Scott 2110), Daffodils (2091-2093) and Big Cats (2122-2123) (Figure 6); least favorite, TD Bank (Scott 2094), Maclean's (Scott 2104) and the Youth Sports (Scott 2121); most relevant, Canadian War Museum (Scott 2108), Battle of the Atlantic (Scott 2107)



Figure 7. This souvenir envelope was given to guests at the opening of Ian Kimberly's new stamp shop premises in downtown Ottawa, Ontario.



Figure 8. Five opera singers are honored on this set of stamps issued October 17, 2006.

and Search and Rescue (Scott 2111a-2111d); and least relevant, TD Bank (Scott 2094), Year of the Rooster (Scott 2083) and Year of the Rooster souvenir sheet (Scott 2084).

Although beauty and possibly relevance are in the eyes of the beholder, I would like to make a few comments on these selections. As far as I am concerned, the results reflect the demographics of stamp collectors: older and male. They favor military themes and staid designs.

For the 2005 stamps, there was an unusual story in the results for the favorite and least favorite categories. There were no overlaps from one to the other. This is the first year in my memory that this has happened. Basically the voters were of one mind on the 2005 crop of stamps.

When it comes to relevancy, the vot-

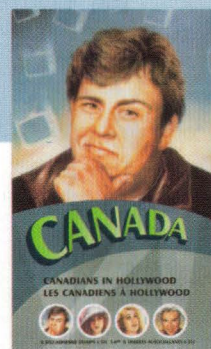


Figure 9. A Canadians in Hollywood booklet showing the different placement of the stamps to match the actor depicted on the booklet cover; in this example, John Candy.

ers are more ambivalent. Daffodil and Big Cats issues that rated high (second and third) on the favorite list find themselves fifth and seventh on the least relevant list. The NHL All-Stars issue, in its last year of a five-year run, finished fourth in both the most relevant and least favorite categories.

My other pet peeve is that voters do not appreciate that the design of some stamps chosen by the Stamp Advisory Committee is done with a purpose. The design for the Youth Sports issue, for example, was chosen to be eye-appealing to young people and teenagers, not stamp collectors.

It might be time for Canada Post to make this survey available at all of its post offices so that the general public can vote.

PHILATELIC LITERATURE

Again this year a slew of books has been published by the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS). There are too many to list here. Collectors can look at the list of all BNAPS publications by consulting their distributor's web site at www.kimmerly.com.

The 2007 version of the *Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps* was issued in October 2006 and builds on the sellout 2006 edition. Editor D. Robin Harris has made many corrections to the previous edition, including one of the most glaring: the image for CLP6, the 1927 25¢ stamp for the London, Ontario, to London, England, flight. For years the stamp has been

shown in purple and yellow although described as a green and yellow semi-official airmail stamp. The new illustration now shows the correct colors.

Hundreds of new varieties have been added, particularly in the booklet section, and major re-entries are listed, most notably in the Provinces section. There is also a new definitive series identifier for stamps from 1977 to the present.

The catalog, which uses Scott catalog numbers, is available from Unitrade Press, 99 Floral Parkway, Toronto, ON, Canada, M6L 2C4; or by phone at 416-242-5900. It is reasonably priced at \$49.95.

THE STAMP TRADE

After many changes, deaths and retirements in the trade in 2005, the year 2006 did not present much to report on except for one major leadership change at the Canadian Stamp Dealers' Association (CSDA). The new president is Ottawa stamp dealer Ian Kimmerly.

The CSDA is, like the American Stamp Dealers Association (ASDA) in the United States, the professional association of stamp dealers of Canada.

More information on the CSDA can be found at www.csdonline.com or by writing the Canadian Stamp Dealers' Association, P.O. Box 81, Lambeth Station, London, ON N6P 1P9, Canada.

It is also interesting to note that the new president of the RPSC, Rick Penko, is a member of the CSDA. He is the first president of the RPSC to be a member of the trade since Fred Jarrett was president in 1927.

On December 5, Kimmerly officially opened new store premises for his stamp business in a historic/heritage building in downtown Ottawa. What is more impressive is that his business has grown by leaps and bounds, and

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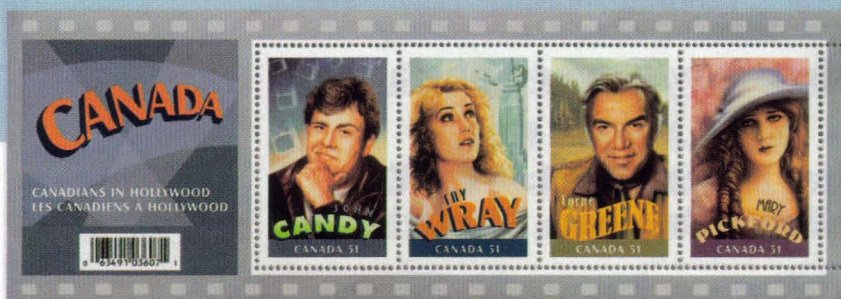


Figure 10. The Canadians in Hollywood four-stamp souvenir sheet was issued May 26 in conjunction with the Washington 2006 world philatelic exhibition.

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the new premises show that there is room in the marketplace for thriving storefront stamp stores.

If you want to see what Kimmerly's place looks like, check out the web site www.iankimmerly.com. It is also shown on the cacheted cover in Figure 7.

There were a number of Canadian specialized auction sales in 2006. The most important was the Sir Gawaine Bailey sale to which I devoted my September 2006 O Canada column in *Scott Stamp Monthly*.

Other important 2006 sales included the Leonard Beck Collection of British North America (June 28) at Robert A. Siegel; The "Malibu" Collection of Canada and Provinces (May 30), and the Canada and Provinces (November 11), both at Matthew Bennett International; and the Michael Roberts Collection (December 1-2) at Eastern Auctions Ltd.

Realizations for Canadian material at these sales and for other auctions are now commensurate with the scarceness of the material. When 12-penny blacks realize more than \$200,000, Canadian philately has finally come into its own.

STAMPS

Canada's 2006 stamp program was increased by five stamps from the preview that I wrote about in the February 2006 issue of *Scott Stamp Monthly*. One of these was a split of a previously announced stamp.

Canada Post's original press release indicated that there were to be four stamps issued for opera singers. In fact, there were five. Originally Maureen Forrester and John Vickers were to be portrayed on the same stamp. In the end they each had their own stamp.

The five Opera singer stamps (Figure 8) were issued on October 17. Two show Edward Johnson (a.k.a. Edoardo di Giovanni, 1878-1959), the only Canadian to have been director of the Metropolitan Opera and who was known

as the "tenor that saved the Met," and Raoul Jobin (b. Joseph Roméo, 1906-1974), who made his career in Paris.

At the time they were selected, the other four artists were still alive. Unfortunately, one of them, Léopold Simoneau (1916-2006), died August 25 at the age of 90. He is portrayed on the stamp with his wife Pierrette Alarie (b. 1921). The recordings they made together testify to a personal and artistic relationship that has been properly described as "the perfect vocal marriage."

Also honored is "Jon" Vickers (b. Jonathan Stewart in 1926), whose greatness of heart, of bearing, and of musical and dramatic conception shows through his greatest role, Othello.

The last artist shown in the set is Maureen Forrester (b. Kathleen Stewart in 1930). She is considered to be the greatest contralto and lieder singer of our time. She also provided the voice of the Bianca Castafiore character in the television series *The Adventures of Tintin*.

A series of four stamps was issued on May 26 during Washington 2006, the world philatelic exhibition held in Washington, D.C. Four Canadian ac-

tors who made good in Hollywood are portrayed on self-adhesive stamps. They are John Candy, Fay Wray, Lorne Greene and Mary Pickford.

Canada Post announced early in November 2005 that Fay Wray was one of the actors to be honored, to coincide with the launch of the new *King Kong* movie. The names of the other three were not released until the stamps were put on sale.

The stamps were available in self-adhesive booklets of eight stamps containing two of each actor. Booklets had different covers showing one of the four actors. The stamps in each booklet were arranged so that the stamp showing the actor on the cover was found in the top left corner of the booklet pane (Figure 9).

A water-activated souvenir sheet was also produced (Figure 10). The actors were in order from left to right: Candy, Pickford, Wray and Greene. Furthermore, Canada Post issued four postage-paid postal cards, one for each actor, using the actor's stamp as the indicia without the "51" denomination.

Although these cards were also issued on May 26, Canada Post used the Wray card in or around April 19 to mail out a message to their standing-order customers in the Washington area inviting them to visit Canada Post's booth at Washington 2006 (Figure 11).

Other 2006 postage-paid cards

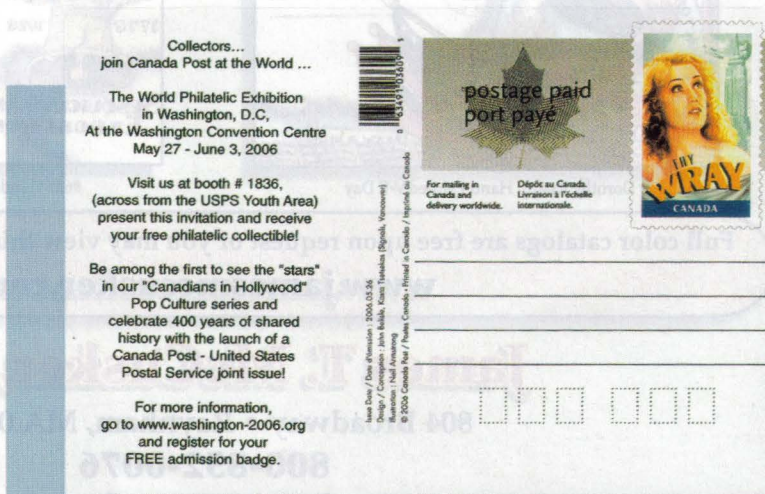


Figure 11. The Fay Wray show announcement card used more than a month prior to the official launch of the postpaid postal card.



Figure 12. The three special commemorative envelopes issued in 2006.

were those issued for the Year of the Dog (two cards), the Canadian Forces Snowbirds (two cards) and the Duck Decoys (four cards).

Each nondenominated postal card sells for \$1.69 and is good for mailing anywhere in the world.

Two important discoveries were made in 2006. One was a new copy of the London-to-London semiofficial air-mail stamp (Unitrade CLP6) that I wrote about extensively in the August 2006 O Canada feature in *Scott Stamp Monthly*, and a new copy of the red Riel essay on piece, which was written up in the October 2006 issue of the magazine.

For the first time last year, I did not spend an inordinate amount of time in this column explaining the intricacies of modern Canadian varieties and new printings that happened in that year. Again, this year the amount of information is overwhelming, so I am gratified to see that the new "Permanent" stamps are well-covered in Michael Baadke's The Editor's Forum in the December issue of *SSM* and my O Canada column in the February 2007 *SSM*.

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As usual, D. Robin Harris, editor of *Corgi Times* and webmaster extraordinaire (www.rpsc.org and the web site of the Elizabethan Study Group at www.adminware.ca/esg) has discovered all kinds of varieties and formats for stamps issued in 2006. They are all listed in one or the other of the six issues of *Corgi Times* published last year or on the Elizabethan Study Group web site mentioned earlier.

Again, if you have an interest in modern Canadian varieties, you need to be a member of that group.

Three special commemorative envelopes were released in 2006. These envelopes feature a special cachet and cancel issued for people or events deemed worthy for honor but not important enough for a stamp. The envelopes are shown in Figure 12.

The production run for each is indicated in parentheses. They sold for \$2.50, the same price as in 2005. The first, issued May 28 (10,000 envelopes), commemorated the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, deputy postmaster general of British North America (1753-74). The envelope was issued at Washington 2006 but bears a postmark of Quebec City.

The second envelope, issued October 12 (10,000 envelopes), commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Hungarian Refugee movement of 1956. This was the first time in the history of Canada's special commemorative envelopes — they started in 1997 — that the stamp was created specially for and printed directly on the envelope.

The third commemorates the 25th anniversary of Canada Post becoming a Crown corporation. It was released October 16 in a quantity of 72,500 envelopes. The print run for this envelope is large because each employee of Canada Post received a copy on the anniversary date.

This is the end of the review for 2006, and I am sure that collectors will find that there are many other areas of interest in Canadian philately that I have not touched upon. If you have a subject you would like me to write about, send requests to me in care of *SSM*.

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Scott #	Price	Scott #	Price	Scott #	Price	Scott #	Price
454	136.00	533	268.50	658-68	270.00	K6	96.00
455	15.00	534	19.95	669	3.85	K7	96.00
455 LP	72.00	534A	52.50	670	3.50	K8	76.00
457	43.00	535	15.00	671	3.50	K9	76.50
458	49.50	536	26.00	672	14.50	K10	68.00
458 LP	245.00	537	12.00	673	22.00	K11	80.00
460	1,190.00	538	15.00	674	19.00	K12	98.00
461	215.00	540	17.00	675	46.00	K13	153.00
462	11.00	541	56.00	676	26.00	K14	136.00
463	6.50	542	17.75	677	36.00	K15	620.00
464	96.00	543	1.15	678	42.00	K16	490.00
465	64.00	545	240.00	679	120.00	K17	140.00
466	96.00	546	156.00	689-79	335.00	K18	120.00
467	765.00	547	280.00	692-701	79.95	Q1	6.35
468	130.00	548	5.75	704-15	18.95	Q2	7.75
469	160.00	549	8.00	723	9.00	Q3	14.25
470	76.00	550	45.00	723 LP	49.95	Q4	41.25
471	84.00	551	25	730 S/S	20.00	Q5	37.50
472	132.00	552	1.85	731 S/S	19.00	Q6	60.00
473	56.00	553	3.20	725 S/S	9.50	Q7	82.50
474	72.00	554	2.10	740-49	7.95	Q8	165.00
475	240.00	555	22.50	750 S/S	29.00	Q9	75.00
476	320.00	556	22.50	751 S/S	9.95	Q10	390.00
477	1,440.00	557	22.50	756-65	7.95	Q11	112.50
478	1,000.00	558	42.00	803-31	19.95	Q12	440.00
479	467.50	559	11.25	832	6.00	QE1-4	24.95
480	382.50	560	58.00	833	14.00	J61	3.00
481	1.35	561	19.00	834	75.00	J62	3.00
482	2.30	562	23.00	839-51	19.95	J63	13.00
483	21.20	563	2.10	839-51	19.95	J64	13.00
484	16.00	564	8.40	LP	99.95	J65	19.25
486	1.35	565	5.80	1030-52	11.50	J66	93.75
487	19.50	566	27.00	1053	55.95	J67	131.25
488	4.25	567	25.00	1278-95	16.00	J68	1.05
488 LP	28.00	568	22.00	1581		J69	5.00
489	7.20	569	35.00	1612	19.95	J70	3.25
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490	.90	571	48.75	1686-89		J72	26.00
490 LP	6.00	572	95.00	S/S	12.50	J73	22.95
492	14.50	573	195.00	1844-89	12.00	J74	60.00
492 LP	66.30	575	8.25	1953-82	21.95	J75	156.00
493	24.00	576	2.00	2168-96	29.00	J76	220.00
493 LP	152.00	577	2.50	2216-19		J77	33.00
494	14.50	578	120.00	S/S	24.95	J78	42.00
494 LP	96.00	579	104.00	2286-35	34.95	J01	13.00
495	16.00	581	12.50	2624-29	23.95	J02	97.50
495 LP	112.00	582	6.50	2647-96	29.95	J03	18.00
496	5.60	583	3.50	2870	220.00	J04	206.00
496 LP	42.00	584	34.00	2875		J05	124.00
497	36.00	585	18.00	S/S	14.95	RW1	495.00
497 LP	172.00	586	22.00	3138	140.00	RW2	475.00
498	.65	587	11.25	3139-40	23.95	RW3	275.00
499	.65	588	16.00	C1	59.00	RW4	195.00
500	340.00	589	35.00	C2	89.00	RW5	195.00
501	16.50	590	7.30	C3	89.00	RW6	130.00
502	20.50	591	82.50	C4	24.95	RW7	130.00
503	14.85	595	340.00	C5	80.00	RW8	130.00
504	11.90	597-06	19.50	C6	90.00	RW9	130.00
505	552.00	597-06		C7-9	11.95	RW10	60.00
506	18.75	LP	115.00	C10-12	18.75	RW11	60.00
507	35.00	599A	150.00	C13	350.00	RW12	45.00
508	16.30	610-12	23.00	C14	650.00	RW13	33.00
509	18.75	614-16	29.95	C15	950.00	RW14	33.00
510	22.50	617-19	29.95	C18	74.95	RW15	38.00
511	13.00	620-21	17.95	C20-2	12.95	RW16	55.00
512	13.00	622	11.50	C25-31	11.00	RW17	60.00
513	15.00	623	13.50	E1	495.00	RW18	60.00
514	52.50	630 S/S	425.00	E2	495.00	RW19	60.00
515	63.75	634A	395.00	E3	295.00	RW20	60.00
516	52.50	632-42	14.95	E4	995.00	RW21	60.00
517	97.50	647-48	16.25	E5	215.00	RW22	60.00
518	82.50	649-50	5.95	E6	195.00	RW23	60.00
519	550.00	656	12.50	E7	75.00	RW24	60.00
523	880.00	656 LP	77.55	E8	140.00	RW25	60.00
524	296.00	658	2.80	E9	265.00	RW26	80.00
525	3.50	659	4.00	E10	405.00	RW27	70.00
526	34.00	660	4.00	E11	22.50	RW28	65.00
527	26.50	661	22.00	E12	43.75	RW29	75.00
528	12.00	662	22.00	E13	24.95	RW30	75.00
528A	72.00	663	13.50	F1	74.95	RW31	75.00
528B	29.00	664	32.50	K1	26.75	RW32	68.00
529	4.50	665	29.00	K2	26.75	RW33	68.00
530	2.60	666	105.00	K3	60.00	RW34	68.00
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