

Canada Post reveals 2009 stamp program

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A new 12-year Lunisolar New Year stamp series will be introduced by Canada Post in January with a Year of the Ox stamp (Figure 1). The previous 12-year series, which ended in 2008, was the most expensively produced set of stamps in Canadian stamp-production history. In addition, it was a major seller in the Canadian communities whose ancestry celebrates the lunisolar new year. Most of these stamps, souvenir sheets and uncut press sheets were retained and not used for postage, ensuring an almost pure profit for Canada Post.

In June 2008, Canada Post requested that the Canadian government approve a three-year, incremental increase to the domestic letter rate, from 52¢ to 54¢ in 2009, to 56¢ in 2010 and to 58¢ in 2011. The government rejected the proposed 2009 increase.

On October 18, Canada Post returned to the government and asked for a 2¢ increase to 54¢ for January 12, 2009. The request was published October 18, 2008, in the *Canada Gazette*, the official newspaper of the Canadian government. There is a 30-day period for interested parties to make comments, and then the government will make a decision. The earliest date such a decision could have been published in the *Canada Gazette* was November 22, about the time this issue of *Scott Stamp Monthly* went to press.

Also in January, a new nondenominated (P-rate) Celebration stamp will be issued for weddings, anniversaries and birthdays. So-called "P" stamps are valid for permanent domestic use, similar to the Forever stamps issued by the United States Postal Service.

This will be the fourth stamp in the Celebration series. The first stamp, issued in 2006, features balloons (Scott 2146); the second (2007) shows streamers (Scott 2203); and the third (2008) depicts fireworks (Scott 2259).

February is Black History Month in Canada, and in 2009, two stamps honoring Abraham Doras Shadd and Rosemary Brown will be issued to commemorate the event.

Shadd (1801-82), a descendant of a German military officer, was born in Mill Creek Hundred, Delaware. He married, had 13 children and earned a living as a shoemaker, a trade he learned from his father. He was a conductor on the Underground Railroad, was elected president of the National Convention for the Improvement of Free People of Color in 1833, and was an active participant in the founding of the American Anti-Slavery Society. In 1851, Shadd moved to Canada and settled in North Buxton, Ontario, where he was the first black man in Canada to be elected to a political office.

Rosemary Brown (1930-2003) was

a social worker, politician, councilor of the Privy Council of Canada, and a member of the Order of Canada. Born in Kingston, Jamaica, she moved to Canada in 1950 to attend McGill University. She was the first black Canadian woman to be elected to a provincial legislature, in British Columbia from 1972 to 1986. She also was the first black woman to run for leadership of a Canadian political party (New Democrat), coming in second on the last ballot in 1975.

In 1983, Canada Post issued a stamp for another major player in the Underground Railroad. The Reverend Josiah Henson (1789-1883), who was born in Charles County, Maryland, is pictured on a 32¢ stamp (Scott 997). Henson escaped slavery in 1830 and moved to Dresden, Upper Canada, where he founded a settlement and laborer's school for other fugitive slaves. He was Harriet Beecher Stowe's model for Uncle Tom for her successful novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

The 100th anniversary of the first flight in Canada will be honored on a domestic-rate stamp (Figure 2) to be issued in February. The stamp depicts the plane. Again, the design shown here carries a "P" inscription. This will be changed to the domestic-letter rate when the stamp is issued.

On February 23, 1909, the AEA *Silver Dart* took off from the frozen surface of Bras d'Or Lake, Nova Scotia. AEA is



Figure 1. Canada Post's Lunisolar New Year stamp issued in January salutes the year of the ox. The stamp is the first in a new series.



Figure 2. AEA *Silver Dart* is shown on a domestic-rate stamp to be issued by Canada Post in February to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first heavier-than-air powered flight in Canada. The "P" inscription will be changed to the domestic letter rate.



Figure 3. Alexander Graham Bell, the man behind the *Silver Dart*, is honored on a 1947 4¢ stamp (Scott 274). A 5¢ stamp (Scott 383), issued in 1959, shows the *Silver Dart* and delta-wing planes.

the abbreviation for Aerial Experiment Association. The plane was piloted by Douglas McCurdy and flew under the watchful eyes of Alexander Graham Bell (Scott 274, Figure 3). In 1959, Canada issued a 5¢ stamp to honor the 50th anniversary of the event (Scott 383, also shown in Figure 3). The stamp features the *Silver Dart* and delta-wing planes.

Canada rhododendrons are featured on new stamps to be issued in March (Figure 4), continuing the series of Canadian Flowers stamps. Thus far, the series pictures orchids, issued in 1999 (Scott 1787-1790); roses, in 2001 (Scott 1910-1914); tulips, in 2002 (Scott 1946-1947); daffodils, in 2005 (Scott 2091-2093); lilacs, in 2007 (Scott 2206-2208); and peonies, in 2008 (Scott 2260-2262). Like the Daffodil, Lilac and Peony stamps, the new set of stamps will be issued in pairs in a perforated souvenir sheet and in self-adhesive die-cut booklets of 10 stamps (five pairs).

The designs shown here carry a 54¢ denomination. This might change, depending on the decision of the Canadian government regarding new domestic letter rates.

The Art Canada series will honor artist John (Jack) Hamilton Bush (1909-77) with two stamps to be issued in March, on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

Bush was an abstract expressionist painter and a member of Painters Eleven. In 1953, a group of Canadian artists, Painters Eleven, banded together to exhibit abstract art in Toronto. The group included Jack Bush, Oscar Cahén, Hortense Gordon, Thomas Hodgson, Alexandra Luke, J.W.G. Macdonald, Ray Mead, Kazuo Nakamura, William Ronald, Harold Town and Walter Yarwood. Bush's works of art can be found in many galleries around the world, including those in Boston, London, Toronto and Ottawa.

In April, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Commodore Robert Peary's 1909 polar expedition, Canada Post will issue a single domestic-rate stamp to honor Captain Robert Abram Bartlett (1875-1946, Figure 5). Bartlett captained more than 40 Arctic voyages, including Peary's famous 1909 expedition. He logged more than 400,000 sailing miles in a career that lasted more than 50 years.

Bartlett also is recognized for his contributions to Arctic scientific research, from the 1920s to the 1940s. Many of his expeditions were conducted for the benefit of the Smithsonian Institution, the

American Museum of Natural History, National Geographic and other institutions.

A two-stamp set will be issued in May to honor the Canadian horse and Newfoundland pony. Without the support, strength and resilience of these animals, the settlement of Canada would have been more difficult.

The Canadian horse is a national treasure of Canada. Only about 2,500 exist today, from a peak number of 150,000 in the mid-1800s. It is a hardy breed, descended from horses originally sent to the New World by King Louis XIV of France in the late 1600s.

The Newfoundland pony has its ancestry in a variety of horse breeds from the British Isles that arrived on Newfoundland with British settlers. Like the Canadian horse, the Newfoundland pony has had hard times recently. Some 12,000 of the ponies existed in the 1970s, but their numbers dwindled to about 100 in the 1980s. Today, there are about 250 ponies able to reproduce. Both the Canadian horse and the Newfoundland pony are on the threatened list, defined by the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy as "fewer than 1,000 annual registrations in the United States and estimated global population less than 5,000." The horse and pony are protected by the Canadian government.

In June, a stamp will be issued to hon-



Figure 4. Rhododendrons are featured on a new set of stamps to be added to Canada Post's Canadian Flowers series. The stamps will be issued in March. The 54¢ denomination might be changed, depending on the domestic letter rate decided upon by the Canadian government.

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Figure 5. Captain Robert Abram Bartlett will be honored for his Polar expeditions and research on a stamp to be issued in April.



or the 100th anniversary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT). DFAIT began as the Department of External Affairs in 1909, with six staff, including its minister, his under-secretary and four clerks, in small offices above a barbershop at the corner of Queen and Bank streets in central Ottawa. In its first years, the department functioned primarily as a document-clearance center.

Also to be issued in June is the second set of stamps in the Canadian Recording Artists series. This set will feature living artists Bryan Adams, Édith Butler, Robert Charlebois and Stompin' Tom Connors.

Bryan Guy Adams, born in 1959, is a rock singer and songwriter whose photograph of Queen Elizabeth II in her jubilee year was used on two Canadian stamps (Scott 2012, 2075).

Édith Butler (born Marie Nicole Butler in 1942) is an Acadian singer, songwriter and folklorist who had her start on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's *Singalong Jubilee*. The first set in the Canadian Recording Artists series (Scott 2221-2222), issued in 2007, honors Anne Murray, another alumnus of *Singalong Jubilee*.

Robert Charlebois (born 1944) is an author, composer, musician, performer, actor and brewery owner.

Stompin' Tom Connors (born Charles Thomas Connors in 1936), one of Canada's greatest folk singers, was once known as Tommy Messer.

A new three-part series of stamps titled *Roadside Attractions* will make its debut in July. Four stamps will feature quirky tourist landmarks around Canada.

In August, a stamp will be issued to honor a century-old treaty to oversee boundary waters between Canada and the United States. The Boundary Waters Treaty provided for the creation of an international joint commission to help resolve disputes and to prevent future disputes, especially those concerning water quantity and water quality.

UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) has proclaimed 2009 as the Interna-

tional Year of Astronomy. Coincidentally, it is also the 400th anniversary of the first use of an astronomical telescope by Galileo. A number of stamps will be issued by Canada and other postal administrations under the theme "Preserve the Polar Regions and Glaciers." In 2007, Canada issued two stamps for International Polar Year (Scott 2204-2205).

Canadians are recognized for having invented a number of sports. Four of these sports will be honored on a stamp quartet to be issued in September, Stamp Collecting Month in Canada. The sports are basketball, lacrosse, ringette and five-pin bowling. Only basketball and lacrosse have been featured previously on Canadian stamps. Basketball was pictured on a 1991 40¢ stamp (Scott 1343) and souvenir sheet of three stamps (Scott 1344) issued to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the invention of the sport by James A. Naismith (1861-1939). Another Basketball stamp was issued in 1976, for the Montreal Olympic Games (Scott B10).

The first Lacrosse stamp was issued in 1968 (Scott 483). The second such stamp (Scott 2161) promoted the 2006 World Lacrosse Championships.

A single stamp will be issued to honor the sacrifices of Canadian war heroes, in time for Canada's Remembrance Day November 11.

In December, Canada Post will issue two stamps to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Montreal Canadiens professional hockey team.

The year will come to a close with the usual four Christmas stamps. The 2009 set includes one stamp depicting a Christmas tree and three with a religious theme.

At the time this column was written, Canada Post had not announced any special stamped envelopes for 2009. ■