

Canada's stamp plans for 2005

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Figure 1. Top right, a 46¢ stamp from 2000 commemorating hockey star Maurice Richard (Scott 1838c). His brother Henri appears in the upper-left position on the fifth annual set of Canada's Hockey Player stamps planned for 2005 (bottom).

Canada's stamp program for 2005 presents a variety of issues, as some old series return and some new subjects are commemorated.

As we've seen in many previous years, the program reveals a significant lack of stamps celebrating people, either historical figures or contemporary personalities. In fact, the great majority of individuals receiving this honor in 2005 will be hockey players. The six new NHL stamps for 2005 will up the total to 30 in the five-year long series celebrating National Hockey League All-Stars.

The six players chosen for commemoration this year are Henri Richard, Grant Fuhr, Allan Stanley, Pierre Pilote, Bryan Trottier and John Bucyk (Figure 1). Richard appears on a stamp five years after his fabled brother, Maurice (Scott 1838c).

The only other person to be honored in 2005 will be Canadian artist Homer Watson (1855-1936) on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of his birth (Figure 2).

His paintings *Evening After the Storm* and *The Flood Gates* will each be featured on a stamp; one on a domestic-rate stamp (50¢) and the other on a U.S.-rate stamp (85¢). The 85¢ stamp will only be available in a souvenir sheet in tandem with the domestic-rate stamp. The 50¢ stamp will also be sold in panes of 16.

The Watson stamps also commemorate the 125th anniversary of the National Gallery of Canada. The stamps will be launched during the 77th annual convention and exhibition of the Royal

Philatelic Society of Canada, taking place May 27-29 in London, Ontario.

The New Year will start with a slew of definitives to fulfill the new postage rates in effect beginning Jan. 17, 2005. From that day on it will cost 50¢ to mail a first-class letter weighing up to 30 grams (1.06 ounces) within Canada, 85¢ for the same letter to go anywhere in the United States, and \$1.45 to fly out to all other countries.

A domestic letter at the second weight step (over 30gr up to 50gr) will also require an 85¢ stamp.

The 50¢ definitive stamps include new versions of the popular "Flag Over" design in booklet format. Contrary to previous years, the booklet will contain five different designs showing the Canadian flag flying over each of the five regions of Canada, as shown in Figure 3, instead of the single stamp we are used to.

The scenes behind the flags are of Mont-Saint-Hilaire, Quebec; below Shannon Falls in Squamish, British Columbia; Broadway Bridge over the South Saskatchewan River in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; the Toronto skyline and the Island ferry, Toronto, Ontario; and Durrell on Twillingate Island, Newfoundland.

Accompanying the Flag issue will be a new Queen stamp, also shown in Figure 3, which will be available in booklets as well. This is the second version of the stamp showing Queen Elizabeth II dressed in nonformal attire, based on a photograph originally taken by



Figure 2. Two stamps will commemorate the work of artist Homer Watson in 2005. His painting *Evening After the Storm* will appear on one stamp. Image of artist courtesy of the National Gallery of Canada Archives, Hammond Collection. Artwork illustration: National Gallery of Canada at <http://cybermuseum.gallery.ca>.



Figure 3. The five different "Flag Over" designs for 2005, and a second variety of the popular Queen Elizabeth stamp featuring a Bryan Adams photograph.



Figure 4. Coil and booklet stamps showing lilies and irises will be issued for domestic, U.S. and international-rate definitives.

Canadian rock musician Bryan Adams for the queen's Golden Jubilee.

Monarchists will be pleased to know that after several years in decline, sales of stamps depicting the queen have increased. This may be due to the fact that the stamps are now available, like all other definitives, in self-adhesive format only. A second reason may be the popularity of the photographer, whose loyal fans likely bought many of the stamps. It will be interesting to see how sales of the new version go.

To round out the January definitives, there will three stamps showing lilies (*Calla* and *Arum*) and irises, in coil stamp format for the letter rate and in booklets for the U.S. and international rates (Figure 4).

In early 2005 there will be a Lunar New Year stamp and a souvenir sheet for the Year of the Rooster, the ninth in an ongoing series of 12 stamps that began in 1997. The 50c stamp and \$1.45 souvenir sheet are shown in Figure 5.

These will be followed by four stamps showing fishing flies, the second time that fishing flies have been featured on Canadian stamps. The first issue was released in 1998 (Scott 1715-1720, shown in Figure 6). The subject proved to be popular then and, based on the design I have seen, it surely will be again.

A single stamp in the University series will commemorate the 100th anniversary of Nova Scotia Agricultural College, while another stamp will cel-

brate EXPO 2005 in Aichi, Japan, and the theme for Canada's participation, "Wisdom of Diversity."

Spring will bring two stamps showing daffodils in time for Easter: one for the Canadian Cancer Society's fund raising campaign — which has the daffodil as its symbol — and an issue for wedding announcements. As we've seen for previous flower stamp issues, a souvenir sheet containing the two Daffodil stamps will be issued as well. It will be overprinted for sale at PACIFIC EXPLORER 2005, an international stamp show in Australia taking place in early April.

The Audubon Birds series that started in 2003 will conclude with four more stamps at the domestic letter rate and one at the U.S. rate.

Several bridges celebrate anniversaries in 2005, and four of them will be the subjects of some rather original designs. These will be views from the eyes of a person crossing or looking at the Jacques-Cartier Bridge (inaugurated in 1930); the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge (1955); the Canso Causeway (1955); plus the country's longest suspension bridge, the Souris Swinging Bridge in Manitoba (1903).

One of Canada's oldest magazines, *Maclean's*, will be honored by a single stamp on its 100th anniversary.

For years efforts have been underway in Canada to conduct a joint stamp issue with Ireland. Negotiations have finally come to fruition and two stamps will be



issued by both countries to honor each other's National Parks: Waterton Lakes in Canada and Killarney National Park in Ireland. Both of these parks have been shown on their respective country's stamps before, and coincidentally both in the same year, 1982 (Figure 7).



Figure 6. The 1998 Fishing Flies issue. Canada's new Fishing Flies set will be released in 2005.



Figure 5. Canada will celebrate the upcoming Year of the Rooster with a 50c stamp and a \$1.45 souvenir sheet.

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FRANCE	Yvert 1914/21	2N1-10	35.00	C86	5.00
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262	44.00	2233-6	2.75	C94	15.50
300	13.15	2237-9	1.80	C95	20.00
302	30.00	2244-7	4.40	C96	12.75
304	24.40	2250-3	3.00	C98	18.00
305	9.75	2261-4	3.20	C100-04	59.00
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322	5.50	2517-20	4.30	C106	14.75
327-8	7.50	2555-6	1.55	C107-11	105.00
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332 blk	7.80	2562	1.55	C117-19	9.75
353-65	3.90	2569-72	3.90	C122-26	26.00
372	5.20	2580a	4.90	C128-9	4.25
372 blk	20.80	2584-7	3.15	C134-6	9.75
552	3.90	2623-4	1.30	C137	6.75
612-5	8.45	2639	1.65	C141-4	3.45
614-5	4.25	2641	1.65	C168	5.25
624	26.00	2642	1.65	C169	9.75
632	1.15	2644-7	3.20	C170	1.20
654	8.40	2653a	4.40	C172-6	8.00
673	2.70	2671	1.00	C177	5.00
674-6	3.90	2672-5	3.15	C179	5.00
679	4.00	2688-9	1.45	C185	5.25
700-5	40.00	2709-12	2.65	C187-90	5.00
705	22.50	2776-9	2.40	C194-97	9.75
801-3	11.25	2790-1	1.45	C198	5.00
807-9	11.25	2809-12	2.30	C208	6.00
907-9	20.35	2870-1	2.40	C217	5.00
908	1.25	2874-6	1.85	C221-3	8.00
942a blk	4.95	2884-6	1.70	C224	6.00
942a	1.30	2892-5	2.40		
952-5	30.00	2905-10	3.50		
1014-17	9.20	B38	105.00		
1017	2.25	B44	3.90		
1049	1.90	B44 blk	15.60		
1049-51	6.30	B53	19.50		
1050	1.50	B58	4.20		
1054	1.95	B58 Fine	3.50		
1055	2.85	B60-2	4.40		
1068-72	1.80	B64	2.60		
1076-7	1.35	B70	18.00		
1084	1.15	B76	6.50		
1100 sht	115.00	B85	7.15		
1100	13.50	B113	3.60		
1100		B135-48	20.25		
w/bs	13.50	B147-8	10.20		
1106-7	1.15	B147a	10.00		
1124-30	4.65	B152a	8.45		
1169	1.10	B153-7	41.00		
1197-8		B157a	39.00		
blk 10	5.00	B161-6	5.90		
1230-1		B207-12	4.65		
blk 25	8.25	B249-54	41.00		
1278-81	2.55	B258-63	35.00		
1292 sht	9.00	B267-72	26.35		
1315-8	5.00	B270	4.35		
1421-4	6.40	B276-81	33.00		
1460-3	5.90	B294-9	65.00		
1487-90	5.25	B303-8	25.35		
1522-33	14.00	B312-7	13.30		
1573	1.70	B316-6	8.25		
1688-94	8.90	B330-5	4.00		
2422a.4a	3.00	B341-6	17.25		
Yvert 811		B356-7	2.60		
imp	8.00	B362	1.50		
Yvert 1230		B363	1.50		
34A	10.00	B365-6	1.30		
Yvert 1730-1		B421a blk	1.80		
imp	40.00	B523-8	3.25		
Yvert 1739		B567-72	15.75		
imp	25.00	B598a	3.25		
Yvert 1741		B600a	3.90		
imp	30.00	B628-33	4.30		
Yvert 1742		B642-7	4.30		
imp	30.00	B663b	9.75		
Yvert 1744-8		B678a	9.40		
imp	40.00	B677-82	4.90		
Yvert 1750-1		B683a	8.00		
imp	30.00	C16-17	290.00		
Yvert 1754-5		C17	275.00		
imp	20.00	C22	32.00		
Yvert 1761		C23-7	123.00		
imp	20.00	C27	64.00		
Yvert 1778	9.00	C29-32	168.00		
Yvert 1781	12.00	C34-6	64.00		
Yvert		C35	19.50		
1782-3	24.00	C43	4.85		
Yvert 1784	9.00	C56-9	22.00		
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Figure 7. National Parks stamps issued in 1982 by Canada (Scott 935) and Ireland (Scott 515). The two countries will commemorate these same parks with a joint issue in 2005.

Tribute stamps will be issued for the opening of the new premises for the War Museum in Ottawa; the Battle of the Atlantic; and the value of search and rescue, on the occasion of the opening of the Search and Rescue Organization in Montreal.

In conjunction with the opening of the War Museum, two special envelopes bearing the new stamp will be made available by Canada Post to honor the Canadian Artillery and Canadian war brides. In the continuing series commemorating the 400th anniversary of the founding of New France, a single stamp will be issued for the 400th anniversary of Port-Royal, Nova Scotia. It will feature a drawing of the Habitation (walled house) made by Samuel de Champlain, considered to be the founder of New France.

For the first time ever, the worldwide swimming sports governing organization, FINA (Fédération Internationale de Natation Amateur), will hold its world championships in North America. Two stamps will be issued for this event, taking place in Montreal July 17-31.

September 1 marks the 100th anniversary of the creation of the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan: each will get a stamp to celebrate the event. They were honored on their 50th anniversaries with a joint stamp, and by individual stamps

on their 75th anniversaries in 1980 (Scott 355 and 863-864 in Figure 8).

October is stamp-collecting month, and this year's four stamps to support the hobby will show extreme sports: skateboarding, snowboarding, mountain biking and wall climbing.

The final announced issue for the year will continue Canada's longest themed stamp series. For the 42nd year in a row, a series of stamps will be issued for Christmas. The three stamps (for domestic letter rate, U.S. and International rates) will feature managers from the crèches collection of Saint Joseph's Oratory in Montreal.

Canada Post in August 2004 signed an agreement with China to have a joint issue in 2005. It would be, like the planned Irish joint issue, a set of two stamps, likely be issued in Fall 2005 to celebrate the 35th anniversary of Chinese and Canadian diplomatic relations. The second half of the year has far fewer stamps than the first half. That seems to be usual practice during the last few years. As in the past, Canada Post will surely announce additional stamp issues as the year progresses.

A preliminary schedule of Canada's 2005 stamp program appears on page 68.



Figure 8. Stamps for the 50th and 75th anniversaries of the creation of the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. New stamps for the centenary of these provinces will be issued in 2005.

