CANADIAN ERRORS AND THEIR CAUSES

This exhibit includes examples of every type of major printing and perforation error found on regular & commemorative postage issues of Canada. It includes 35 unique items.

The exhibit is arranged by type of error and provides explanations and causes of the errors shown. Although the primary causes of errors in general are known, which cause applies to a specific issue cannot always be determined with certitude. As an example, if a color is missing is it due to an ink fountain being out of ink, or did two sheets go through the press together.

The term error is used here in a broad sense and includes errors which some collectors & specialists further classify as errors, freaks & oddities.

The St Lawrence Seaway invert of 1959 was the first widely recognized and still is the most famous Canadian error.

With the WORLD PEACE issue of 1964, Canada began to use, in combination with engraving, the Color Offset Photo-Lithography process, or Lithography for short, to produce its postage stamps. Prior to that time Canadian stamps were printed using the steel engraving process, except for the 1898 Penny Post issue (engraved and lithographed), and usually in a single color. By 1970 lithography was the method of choice, often in combination with an engraved plate used for the inscriptions. The engraved inscription or design was printed on separate presses.

The most common lithographic process uses 4 individual colors to print a wide variety of colors. Each color is applied at a separate print station.

More recently up to 9 colors have been used, with additional stations added to the printing process. Separate press passes are used to apply foil colors for special issues and add engraved inscriptions. As these complications have been added to the printing process, the number of issues with errors has increased.

Known error quantities are shown where available. Each error in the exhibit, with one exception, is believed to exist in quantities fewer than the 400 of the St. Lawrence Seaway invert issue, of which approximately 216 remain in private hands.

Tagging errors are noted when they occur in conjunction with another error.

EXHIBIT PLAN

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St. Lawrence Seaway Issue
1959
Issued on the occasion of the Opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway – June 26, 1959

Two sheets of 200 inserted upside down when second engraved color was printed, resulting in 400 stamps with inverted centers.

100 found in postal stock – returned to Ottawa.

Approximately 100 were used or lost.
- 16 used on cover are known

Approximately 200 mint remain in private hands.

A Canadian Bank Note Co. destruction certificate dated December 16, 1959, now in the Canadian Postal archives, states that an additional 3800 errors, 19 full printing sheets, were discovered and destroyed before being sent to Post Offices and were never in the possession of the general public.

Copy of pane of 50 in Postal Archives, Ottawa

Canadian Bank Note Co. – Engraved, 2 colors

Certification: The Philatelic Foundation
La. INVERTS

Architecture Series
1989-1994 Definitives

Runnymede Library

Normal

Inverted Inscriptions

25 copies known

British American Bank Note, Inc. – lithographed, 6 colors – engraved inscriptions

Provincial School, Truro, Nova Scotia

Normal

Inverted inscriptions

70 copies known

Sheets inserted upside down when engraved inscription printed.

Canadian Bank Note Co. – lithographed, 5 colors – engraved inscriptions

Certification: V.G. Greene Foundation
Ia. INVERTS

Revalued Airmails -
1932

Canada's first airmail stamp surcharged due to rate increase

Airplane and two winged figures over the globe.

Normal

Inverted Surcharge

Canadian Bank Note Co., engraved. Surcharged by British American Bank Note Co.
I.b. MISSING INSCRIPTIONS

CAUSES OF MISSING INSCRIPTIONS
- Uneven lift off of plate pressure at end of press run
- Out of ink at one of the print stations
- Two sheets put through press together – bottom one not printed
- Two sheets stuck together – bottom one not printed
- Sheet not put through press for printing engraved inscriptions

Queen Elizabeth’s Silver Anniversary - 1977

Normal

Missing silver value

Ashton-Potter, Ltd. – lithographed, 4 colors + silver stamping

Certification: VG Greene Foundation

Error shows albino impression. Print fountain out of silver color, or sheet went through press under another sheet.

The Inuit as Skilled Hunter - 1977

Normal

Missing inscription “Canada 12”

22 sound & 3 damaged examples known

Ashton-Potter, Ltd. – Lithographed, 5 colors

Certification: VG Greene Foundation

Two sheets stuck together going through press resulting in missing inscriptions.
1.b. MISSING INSCRIPTIONS

National Parks Definitives–1979-1987

Kluane
500-600 known

Waterton Lakes
25 known
(Albino impression)

Glacier
(Quanity not known)

Banff
Less than 100 known

La Maurice
25 mint + 2 used known
(all copies are off center)

Canadian Bank Note Co. – Lithographed, 4 colors, engraved inscriptions
I.b. MISSING INSCRIPTIONS

Christmas – 1979

As issued

Inscriptions & tagging missing

100 known

Canadian Bank Note Co. – lithographed, 5 colors

Vancouver Rare Musical Instrument Exhibition - 1980

Antique Mandora

Inscriptions & tagging missing
- printed on gum side

200 known

Ashton-Potter, Ltd. – lithographed, 5 colors

25th Anniversary of the Canadian Flag

As issued

Sliver inscriptions & tagging missing

16 known

Ashton-Potter, Ltd. – lithographed, 7 colors

Certification: APS (Christmas); PSE (Flag)
1.b. MISSING INSCRIPTIONS

Architecture Series
1989-1994 Definitives

Runnymede Library, Toronto

Missing Inscriptions
Embossing visible

British American Bank Note, Inc. – lithographed, 6 colors – engraved inscriptions

Yorkton Court House, SK

Missing Inscriptions

Canadian Bank Note Co. – lithographed, 5 colors – engraved inscriptions

Provincial Norman School, Truro, NS

Missing Inscriptions

93 known

Leigh-Mardon Pty., Ltd. – Lithographed 5 colors, engraved inscriptions

Certification: AIEP (Runnymede);
I.b. MISSING INSCRIPTIONS

XV Commonwealth Games - 1994

Diving

Cycling

Lunar New Year - Year of the Ram - 2003

Gold inscriptions omitted

33 known

25 known

Leigh-Mardon Pty., Ltd. - lithographed
5 colors + foil application

Drying Beaver Pelts with "G" Overprint for Official Government Use

Certification: VG Greene Foundation (Games)
1.b. MISSING INSCRIPTIONS

National Parks - 1979

Fundy National Park

Canadian Bank Note Co., lithographed, 4 colors, engraved, 1 color

Definitives - 1989

Uneven inking. Left stamp completely missing engraved inscription (error), others partially missing (freaks). Five such sheets reported.

BABN Co., lithographed, 6 colors, engraved, 1 color.

Runnymede Library, Toronto
I.d. DOUBLE PRINTS

A double print error is a doubling (or tripling) of the design or part of the design, surcharge or overprint. A light or partial second impression is sometimes referred to as a "kiss" print.

Double print errors are caused by
- rippling, flapping or moving of the paper during printing,
  causing stamp paper to come in contact with the
  printed paper a second time
- stutter of the printing plate, making duplicate impressions
- paper passing through the press 2 or more times.
- wet waste sheet put thru press, transferring some ink to the blanket.
When regular paper put thru press, blanket image also picked up.

1888 (Small Queens) Definitive Issue

Queen Victoria

10 known

This is one of only three examples of double prints on 19th century Canadian stamps. The other two exist on the 6c. large queen and the 3c. small queen issues.

Illustrated in Boggs p.233.
ex. Lindemann & "JAL"

British American Bank Note Co., engraved

King George V "Admiral" Issue - 1926

Double surcharge

Canadian Bank Note Co., engraved
certs: Bileski, BPA, Gratton
1.d. DOUBLE PRINTS

The Centenary of the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario - 1976

Wing & Color Parade

Double Print

75 mint pair exist
25 pair used for postage of which 2 exist

Canadian Bank Note Co. – Lithographed, 6 colors

According to Canada Post the Canadian Bank Note Co. believes that the double impression was caused by a wet waste sheet being put through the press a second time. This sheet went through off register and transferred some of its ink to the blanket so that when the regular postage paper was put through, it picked up the wet image in addition to the regular image.
I.d. DOUBLE PRINTS

Christmas 1975

Doubling of black in "Canada 8 Christmas / Noel"
Sheet went through press twice

Enlarged 100%

Ashton-Potter, Lithographed, 4 colors

Inland Vessels - 1976

Passport

Canadian Bank Note Co.
lithographed, 1 color, engraved, 1 color

National Parks 1979 - 1981

Kluane

Canadian Bank Note Co.
lithographed, 4 colors, engraved, 1 color

Purple color & silver inscriptions doubled.
Sheet put through press twice.
St. Lawrence Seaway - 1976

Strong second impression of "CANADA" - slight doubling of "ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY - VOIE MARITIME DU ST.LAWRENCE".

Certification: Philatelic Foundation

Canadian Bank Note Co., engraved, 2 colors.

National Parks - 1979-1984

"$1" and "CANADA" doubled

Canadian Bank Note Co., lithographed 4 colors, engraved 1 color
Canada in Space Issue - 1992
Canada issued October 1, 1992 to honor Canadian achievements in space and space technology.

Holograms missing from two bottom stamps

Canadian Banknote Co. – Lithographed, 10 colors – hologram applied.

Certification: V.G. Green Foundation.
$5 Definitive Issue - 2003

Missing engraved Moose, grass, trees, & small text under $5.
Margin missing corner moose and “C1”.

Between 32 & 48 known.

Error stamp shows very faint “albino” impression of missing Moose, indicating this was from a “bottom sheet” of two that went through the engraved press together. Top one only received printing of Moose and other parts of design missing from this error.

Normal

Canadian Bank Note Co. – Lithographed, 4 colors – Engraved, 2 colors.
II.a. MISSING COLORS

**CAUSES OF MISSING COLORS**
- Uneven lift off of plate pressure at end of press run
- Out of ink at one of the print stations
- Two sheets put through press together – bottom one not printed
- Two sheets stuck together – bottom one not printed
- Foldover
- Repellex error
- Sheet not put through press for printing engraved inscriptions
- Sheet not put through press for application of foil
- Overlay of foreign material, e.g. piece of paper.

![Definitive - 1937](image)
Yellow color missing on part of 2 stamps. Caused by extra piece of paper on printing plate or fold-over. Albino impression visible in areas of missing color.

Canadian Bank Note Co., engraved, 1 color

![Christmas 1969](image)
First significant error since the St. Lawrence Seaway Invert.

Canadian Bank Note Co., Lithographed, 4 colors

![Definitives - 1978](image)
Red color completely missing. Albino impression, station out of ink or sheet went through press under another sheet. Tagging and gum present.

Parliament Buildings
British American Bank Note Co., engraved, 1 color
II.a. MISSING COLOR / PRINTED ON GUM SIDE

Christmas - Snowflakes - 1971

Photocopy of corner foldover as found in post office.

Area printed on gum side

Photocopy from gum side

3 full & 10 partial stamps printed on gum side

Canadian Bank Note Co., engraved.

4 full and 9 partial stamps missing blue color
II.a. MISSING COLOR

The “White Queen” Definitive - 1978

Strip of 20 from 4th pane. Red completely missing on 3 stamps, 95% missing on 2 others, with 15 showing progressively more red. All Untagged.

Approximately 325 missing red known.

4 panes of 100 stamps containing errors found in Moncton in 1978.
- 2 panes (200 stamps) were completely without red color.
- 3rd pane - only 6 stamps showed any red color.
- 4th pane - 20 stamps completely missing red color, 80 missing red to some degree.

Canada Post explains that stamps were printed at time of stopping the press. As the impression is "lifted off" at end of run the image disappears in uneven fashion across cylinder until all units are off pressure. Instead of being discarded, at time of "startup" good panes were put on top of error panes and made ready for shipment.

60% reduction of portion of 4th pane from which this strip came.

British American Bank Note Co., engraved 1 color, photogravure 1 color.
II.a. MISSING COLORS (and TAGGING)

Christmas 1978

Madonna & Child
Black color missing

50 known
Ashton-Potter, Ltd., lithographed, 6 colors

Nickel Centenary - 1983

Discovery of Nickel at Sudbury
Silver color & tagging missing

Less than 100 known
Canadian Bank Note Co., lithographed, 4 colors + silver foil

Definitives – 1978-1990

Peary Caribou
Dark blue color missing

Ashton-Potter, Ltd., lithographed 5 colors
cert. V.G. Greene Foundation

Maple Leaf
Cream background color & tagging missing

150 known
British American Bank Note Co.,
engraved & photogravure, 2 colors

Prairie Street Scene
Engraved brown color missing

150 known
Canadian Bank Note Co., Ltd.
engraved & photogravure, 4 colors
II.a. MISSING COLORS & PRINTED ON GUM SIDE

Christmas 1982 – The Holy Family

Reverse of stamp printed on gum side.

Complete stamp missing all colors except black.

Canadian Bank Note Co., Lithographed, 4 colors.
II.a. MISSING COLORS & PRINTED ON GUM SIDE

1. View of front showing area of missing colors stamps

2. View of back showing area printed on gummed side

HOW DID THIS ERROR OCCUR?
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A PROBABLE EXPLANATION

Gummed sheet of blank paper received black color only.
A fold-over occurred causing a lighter black impression to be transferred to area to left of fold-over crease. (View 1)

Fold-over caused gummed paper to overlay part of printed sheet which had received the black color. (Views 2 & 3).

Folded over sheet received all additional colors, with the folded over portion being printed on the gum side but without the black color. (View 3).

photocopies @ 50%
II.a. MISSING COLORS

Canadian Authors - 1983

Four lower right stamps and parts of 6 others missing colors due to overlay of this "rogue piece" of torn paper.

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After printing, but before perforating, "rogue piece" shifted up 33 mm. and, thus, has shifted perforations.

Canadian Bank Note Co.,
Lithographed, 5 colors

Laure Conan, author of Angéline de Montbrun
E.J. Pratt, poet, Sea Gulls
II.a. MISSING COLORS – PRINTED ON GUM SIDE

Fruit Tree Definitives
USA-Rate 1994

Triple corner fold-over of gummed paper prior to printing. All colors missing from part or all of five stamps on front. Parts of 6 stamps printed on gummed side.

As printed, viewed folded

Reverse view showing printing of parts of 6 stamps on gummed side.

(Photocopies at 50 %)
II.a. MISSING COLOR

Definitives - 1994

Booklet

Unprinted booklet pane. All 5 colors and tagging missing. Full original gum on reverse.

Flag Over Wheat Field

Ashton-Potter, Ltd. lithographed. 5 colors
II.a. MISSING COLOR

Year of the Ox – 1997

Ox and Chinese Symbol

Gold color and tagging missing

4 sheets reported – 1 split

Ashton-Potter Canada, lithographed 6 colors
II.a. MISSING COLOR & TAGGING

Year of the Rabbit - 1999

Rabbit & Chinese Symbols

Ashton-Potter Canada, Ltd.,
lithographed, 7 colors

Red color & tagging missing
100 known

23 known

Certification: V.G. Greene Foundation
II.a. MISSING COLOR

Lunar New Year Issue - Year of the Dragon - 2000

Missing Orange Color

Error exhibits faint tracings of orange color near the right dragon. Tagging is very faint. These are characteristic of a start-up or shut-down of the web fed press.

Certification: V.G. Greene Foundation, Philatelic Foundation

Normal

Certification: V.G. Greene Foundation

Missing Orange

Ashton-Potter, lithographed, 9 colors + embossing

25 known
II.a. MISSING COLORS

Canadian Gold Medal Olympians - 1996

Etienne Desmarteau, 56# weight throw 1904
Ashton-Potter Canada
lithographed, 6 colors + silver foil

Silver Foil Rings Missing
2 known from 1 booklet pane.

Masterpieces of Canadian Art - 1995-2002

Blossoming, by Alfred Pellan
Canadian Bank Note Co.,
lithographed, 6 colors + gold foil

Coq licorne, by Jean Dallaire
Ashton-Potter Canada, Ltd.
Lithographed, 6 colors + silver foil

Church and Horse, by David Alexander Colville
Ashton-Potter, Ltd.,
Lithographed, 5 colors + silver foil

Gold border missing
1 pane of 16 known

Silver border missing
1 pane of 16 known

5 color painting & tagging missing
1 pane of 16 known
II.b. PRE-PRINTING PAPER CREASES

Definitives - 1954 - 1976

Queen Elizabeth II

Christmas 1966

Lester Pearson

Wilfrid Laurier

Birth Centenary of Sir Wilfred Grenfell - 1965

Praying Hands

Canadian Banknote Co., engraved, 1 color
II.c. PRINTED ON GUM SIDE


Queen Elizabeth & modes of Transportation

Canadian Bank Note Company, engraved

Hepatica

100 known

Canadian Bank Note Co., engraved & lithographed, 4 colors

Houses of Parliament

British American Bank Note Co., engraved, 1 color

Lester B. Pearson

Canadian Bank Note Co., engraved, 1 color

Fishing Spear

Ashton-Potter Ltd, lithographed, 4 colors

Houses of Parliament

Poor registration, blurred printing

Canadian Bank Note Co., lithographed, 4 colors.
In lithographic printing, repellex is the name of the chemical process or fluid that causes water to adhere to the non-image areas of the printing plate, thus repelling ink (oil-based). When the process is not performed properly, ink is “repelled” from an image area, resulting in a missing color.

Christmas Candles - 1972
Ashton-Potter Ltd., lithographed, 4 colors
Red color missing from candle flames & background on part of 8 stamps.

Christmas 1975
Ashton-Potter, Ltd., lithographed, 4 colors
Christmas Trees
Dark blue missing on all or part of 10 stamps
Nativity, stained glass window, St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto

**Blue & most of red missing from 4 stamps. Right stamp is normal.**

Ashton-Potter Ltd., lithographed, 4 colors

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**1979 Christmas – Antique Toys**

Rare that repellex fluid caused all color to be missing. Repellex errors usually affect only one color.

**Wooden Horse**

Canadian Bank Note Co., lithographed, 5 colors
III.a. REPELLEX

Rare that repellex fluid caused all color to be missing from part of several stamps. Repellex errors usually affect only one color. Engraved inscriptions printed O.K. on separate press.

Point Pelee National Park Definitive
1983

Canadian Bank Note Co.
lithographed 4 colors,
engraved 1 color.

Fundy National Park
Definitive - 1979

Certification: V.G. Greene Foundation
III.b. SHIFTS

Printing shifts and misalignments occur when:
- two or more processes, lithography, engraving, foil application, are combined.
- printing from subsequent process not perfectly aligned with printing from initial process
- slippage of paper during one printing process
- malfunction of printing press

Definitives - 1926

King George V

Shifted

Airmail - 1932

“Airmail circles the Globe”

Canadian Bank Note Co., engraved. Surcharged by British American Bank Note Co.

Normal

Shifted

Shifted

British American Bank Note Co.
III.b. SHIFTS

Girl Guides - 1960

- Girl Guide Emblem
- center shifted left
- center shifted right

Canadian Bank Note Co., engraved, 2 plates/colors.

Definitives - 1977-1981

- Shooting Star
- shifted left
- Lady's slipper
- shifted left
- 100 known

Western Columbine
- shifts

British American Banknote Co.
- engraved, 1 color,
- photogravure, 3 colors

- Prairie Street Scene
- inscriptions shifted left

Kluane National Park
- inscriptions shifted down

Canadian Bank Note Company, Lithographed, 3 colors, Kluane 4 colors, engraved, 1 color.
III.b. SHIFTS

Nickel Centenary - 1983

As issued

“NICKEL” shifted to top

Canadian Bank Note Co., Ltd.
Lithographed, 4 colors + silver foil

Architecture Definitives - 1994

As issued

Leigh-Mardon Pty, lithographed, 5 colors,
engraved, 1 color.

“CANADA $1” at bottom rather than top.
“Court House – Yorktown” shifted up 5 mm.

“CANADA $1” across bottom of building.
“Court House – Yorktown” shifted up 9 mm.

“CANADA $2” at bottom rather than top.
“Provincial Normal School – Truro”
shifted up 4 mm.
III.b. SHIFTS

Masterpieces of Canadian Art – 1994 / 2002

32 copies known
Leigh-Mardon, Ltd.,
lithographed, 6 colors + foil

Vera 1931, by Frederick H. Varley
Gold frame misaligned

Church & Horse, by David A. Colville
Platinum foil frame and perfs,
shifted 4 mm. left relative to central design

Golden Jubilee- 2002

Queen Elizabeth II
Queen’s portrait shifted 6 mm.
relative to background colors.

Canadian Bank Note Co.
lithographed, 8 colors
III.b. SHIFTS

National Parks Definitives – 1979-1984

Part of inscriptions at both top and bottom of stamp.

Fundy National Park

"CANADA" & "$1" shifted 8 mm. right.

Glacier National Park

"CANADA" and "$1 postes" reversed

Point Pelee

"CANADA" & "$5" and marginal inscriptions shifted 11 mm. left.

Canadian Bank Note Co., engraved, 1 color, lithographed, 4 colors
III.c. OFFSETS

Offsets are reverse images or part images of a stamp design on the reverse side of a printed stamp.

Causes include:
- Back of a sheet of stamps coming in contact with another sheet of printed stamps whose ink is still wet, e.g. sheets stacked one on the other before ink is completely dry.
- When a sheet of paper is not fed into the press properly, the wet ink can be deposited on the backing material or blanket normally masked by the sheet to be printed. The next sheet through the press will receive normal image on the front and image from the blanket in reverse on the back.

"Small Queens" Definitives – 1870-1897

Photocopies of obverse @ 100%

Queen Victoria
British American Bank Note Co., engraved, 1 color.
III.c. OFFSETS

1897

Queen Victoria
American Bank Note Co., engraved, 1 color

1899

Definitives
Queen Victoria
American Bank Note Co., engraved, overprint electroplated

1954

1962

Queen Elizabeth II
Canadian Bank Note Co., engraved, 1 color
Photocopies of obverse @ 100%
III.c. OFFSETS

Definitive - 2003

Moose

200 reported

Moose offset on back of sheet of four.

Canadian Bank Note Co., Ltd. lithographed 4 colors, engraved 2 colors.
III.d. SMEARS

Smears caused by over inking or failure to properly clean printing plate.

Definitives - 1943

King George VI

Caricature Definitives - 1973 - 1976

Elizabeth II

Canadian Bank Note Co. engraved, 1 color
III.d. SMEARS

Definitive - 1985

Blue "wash" results from ink spill or improper wiping of printing plate.

Block of four from bottom of sheet showing blue "wash".

Queen Elizabeth II

Photocopy of complete sheet at 60% reduction.

British American Banknote Co., engraved 1 color, photogravure 1 color.
Printing blanket wiped to remove excess ink or a flaw, possibly performed while press continued to run, resulted in smear. Sheet should have been discarded by press operator or quality control.

Canadian Bank Note Company, Lithographed, 3 colors, engraved, 1 color.
III.e. MISCUt BOOKLET PANES

Definitives 1943 - 1951

War Issue

King George VI

Peace Issue

King George VI

Canadian Bank Note Co., engraved, 1 color.
III.e. MISCUT BOOKLET

Definitive - 1992

Flag over prairie

Ashton-Potter Ltd.
Lithographed, 5 colors
IV.a. IMPERFS – GUTTER PAIRS

Imperforated & misperforated stamps caused by:
- Sheet not fed through perforator.
- Failure of sheet of stamps to advance completely.
- Freak or double strike of perforator
- Failure of perforator to strike

Definitives – 1954
Queen Elizabeth II – Wilding Portrait Issue

Imperf. vertically – Unique Plate #2 block from the one known sheet of this error.

Imperf. vertically – very slight scoring.

Foldover results in only known gutter pairs of the 4c. value of this issue.
IV.a. IMPERFS

Honoring Canada's Mining Industry & 6th Commonwealth Mining & Metallurgical Congress - 1957

Definitive - 1954

Gannet

5 blocks recorded

Miner with drill

Unique plate block + 8 singles known

Canadian Bank Note Co., engraved, 1 color

Christmas, 1977

Shift in T-comb perforator results in imperf. margins

Canadian Bank Note Co., engraved, 5 colors
IV.a. IMPERFS

Maple Leaf in Spring - 1971

Winged Maple Seed

75 pairs recorded

Ashton-Potter, Lithographed, 5 colors

R.C.M.P. Centenary - 1973

Musical Ride

Ashton-Potter, Lithographed, 4 colors

Telephone Centenary - 1974

Old & New Telephones

25 pairs recorded (untagged)

Ashton-Potter, Lithographed, 4 colors

Royal Military College Centenary - 1976

Wing Parade & Mackenzie Building

Color parade & Memorial Arch

Canadian Bank Note Co., Lithographed, 6 colors
IV.a. IMPERFS

Sailing Ships - 1977

Pinky
Tern Schooner
Five-Masted Schooner
Mackinaw Boat

Canadian Bank Note Co., engraved, 1 color, lithographed, 5 colors.

Shift of T-comb perforator results in imperf. margin pair and part perf. center pair.

Canadian Authors - 1979

Fruits of the Earth,
by Frederick Philip Grove

The Golden Ship,
by Emile Nelligan

Canadian Bank Note Co., lithographed, 6 colors
IV.a. IMPERFS

First Class Definitives – 1979-1982

Light strike of T-comb perforator - imperf between lower left pair & margins, blind perfs above and right.

9 known

British American Bank Note Co., Engraved & photogravure

First Class Definitives – 1987

Mis-strike of the H-comb perforator – left pair imperf and 2nd pair part perf.

Canadian Bank Note Co., Lithographed, 4 colors

Missed strike of T-comb perforator

40 blocks known

British American Bank Note Co., Lithographed, 5 colors.

Imperf between from a miscut booklet

Christmas - 1993

Swiety Mikolaj (St. Nicholas), Poland

Canadian Bank Note Co., Lithographed, 7 colors

Gutter block, 4 vertical pairs, imperf. between from booklet

Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd., Lithographed, 5 colors
IV.a. IMPERFS – miscut booklet

38 cent First Class Rate Definitive - 1988

Miscut booklet results in:
- 3 pair imperf. between
- stamp and label imperf. between
Definitives 1984-1991

Glacier National park

12 pair reported

Queen Elizabeth II
From a booklet pane of 10

Canadian Flag

Flag over clouds

Ashton-Potter Ltd., lithographed, 5 colors

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms - 1987

Canadian Coat of Arms

12 pair recorded

Ashton-Potter Ltd., lithographed, 5 colors
IV.a. IMPERFS

Canada Wildlife Definitives
1987-1991

Flying Squirrel

Porcupine

Red Fox
19 known

Skunk
10 known

Varying Hare

Ashton-Potter Ltd., Lithographed, 5 colors
V.a. IMPERF COILS

Coil stamps were produced in coils of 100, printed on a continuous web of paper using a plate of 250 (10x25), tagged, rouletted between the columns and passed through a machine that perforated 13 rows of stamps, across 10 columns, with each strike. Stamps were cut after each 100 rows, sealed in tubes containing 10 breakaway coils in each tube. Produced almost completely without visual inspection, imperf coil stamps were a regular occurrence.

The harrow-type perforator lifted after each strike and the web moved forward ready for the following strike. Imperfs occurred when the perforator failed to strike and the web moved forward for the next strike. If the web failed to move forward, double perforated varieties result.

(Unitrade, 2007 edition)

Definitives – 1969-1971

Definitives – 1974-1976

Low fluorescence paper

Hi-brite paper

Dull fluorescence paper

Dull fluorescence paper

Queen Elizabeth II

Canadian Bank Note co., engraved, 1 color
V.a. IMPERF COILS

Definitives – 1977-1979

- Plain paper (cream under UV)
- Low fluorescence paper (violet under UV)

Parliament Buildings

Definitives – 1982-1987

- Maple Leaf

Parliament Buildings

Definitives – 1991-1995

- Tagged
- Hi-brite paper
- Canadian Flag

Canadian Bank Note Co., engraved, 1 color
V.a. IMPERFS – Used

Definitives – 1991-1995

Canadian Bank Note Company
Engraved, 1 color.

Definitives – 1974-1976

Imperf. Coil strip – Registered Special Delivery
IV.a. IMPERFS

Definitives
1987-1991

Pronghorn Antelope

Beluga Whale

Peary Caribou

Ashton-Potter Ltd., Lithographed, 5 colors

McAdam Railway Station, New Brunswick

108 pairs reported

British American Bank Note Co., Lithographed, 6 colors, engraved
IV.a. IMPERFS

Canadian Painters - 1981

Self Portrait, by Frederick Varney

Golden Jubilee - 2002

Queen Elizabeth II

Joint Canada – Thailand Issue – in conjunction with the Bangkok 2003 International Philatelic Exhibition

Yellow blossom of cassia fistula tree

Maple Leaves

25 pair known

Ashton-Potter Ltd., Lithographed, 5 colors

Canadian Bank Note Co., Lithographed, 8 colors

40 pair known

Ashton-Potter (USA) Ltd., Lithographed, 7 colors
IV.a. IMPERFS

Canadian Folklore-1990

50 blocks known

Ashton-Potter Ltd., Lithographed, 5 colors

Canadian Folklore - 1993

Kanien Kehaka Song

Newfoundland Ditty

Definitive - 1998

Flag & building

Canadian Bank Note Co., lithographed, 5 colors

Sasquatch, Kraken, Werewolf, Ogopogo
IV.a. IMPERFS


Imperf. pair having missed top strike of double comb perforator.

Imperf. across 3rd & 4th rows, double perforated on two top rows due to near perfect upward shift of double comb perforator.

Imperf. across 1st & 4th rows, double perfs. on 2nd & 3rd rows due to near perfect upward shift of double comb perforator.

Runnymede Library
25 imperf. pairs known

McAdam Railway Station
25 examples known

Bonsecours Market
5 examples known

British American Bank Note Co., Lithographed, 6 colors.
IV.a. IMPERFS

Christmas 1992 - Personages

Jõuluvana
(Santa Claus - Estonia)

La Befana
(Italian legend - La Befana delivers gifts to children on feast of Epiphany - the feast of the Wise Men)

Weinachtsmann
(Santa Claus - Germany)

25 pair reported

Ashton-Potter, Ltd., lithographed, 5 colors
"Special Occasions" Greetings Booklet - 1996

Booklet pane of 10 stamps & 35 greeting stickers – folded.

Die cuts completely missing

4 panes recorded

Leigh-Mardon Pte Ltd., lithographed, 6 colors.
IV.a. IMPERFS

Christmas - 2003

Die cuts completely missing

Ice skates & wrapped gifts - 48c. domestic rate

Block of four from three known booklets of 12 stamps each.

Lowe-Martin, Lithographed, 7 colors

Booklet pane of six.

Teddy bear & wrapped gifts - 65c. U.S. rate

Lowe-Martin, Lithographed, 8 colors
V.b. MISPERFS

Queen Victoria - 1870-1897
British American Bank Note Co., engraved

King Edward VII - 1903-1908
American Bank Note Co., engraved

King George V - 1930-1931
BABN Co., engraved

Special Delivery - 1942
Canadian Coat of Arms

King George VI - 1937-1943

Prime Minister Sir Robert Borden - 1911-1920
Canadian Bank Note Co., engraved, 1 color

Queen Elizabeth II - 1953 -
Foldover results in 11 stamps in upper right corner block of 24 being misperforated.

Horizontal perforations are as they should be. Thus, foldover occurred after horizontal perforating and before vertical perforating.
V.b. MISPERFS

Definitives – 1962-1967

Queen Elizabeth II – Cameo Issue

Canadian Bank Note Co.,
engraved, 1 color

Queen Elizabeth II –
Centennial Issue

Canadian Bank Note Co.,
engraved, 1 color

Maple leaf in Spring –
1971

Top margin imperforate, privately perforated three sides by “sewing machine”.

3 used copies known

Ashton-Potter Ltd, lithographed, 5 colors
V.b. MISPERFS

Expo '67

Commonwealth Parliamentary Assn.

Definitives – 1973 - 1979

Mis-aligned perforator

Extra strike of comb perforator
5 blocks of 4 known

Mis-perf. resulting in imperf. & part. perf. pairs

Impref bottom half and margin.
Mis-strike of H-comb perforator

Mis-aligned perforator

Canadian Bank Note co., engraved
V.b. Misperfs


John Peters Humphrey, principal drafter of United Nations *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*

Christmas - 1995

The Annunciation

Christmas - 2002

Aboriginal Art - *Genesis*, by Daphne Odjig

Christmas - 1999

Angel with drum

Mis-strike of T-comb perforator

Canadian Bank Note Co., lithographed, 6 colors
Misperfs caused by corner foldover after printing, before perforation.

Untrimmed margins show, green cutting guides, 4-color blocks and previously unknown lathe work.
Unissued Christmas Issue - 1994

Unissued values printed in anticipation of rate increase which was not approved.

Overprinted "FUDDLE DUDDE PIERRE" & "P.E.T. ’68-’79 R.I.P"

Prime Minister (1968-1979) Pierre Elliott Trudeau coined the phrase FUDDLE DUDDE in lieu of gesturing with the middle finger or using the colloquialism f*** off.

Definitives - 2005

Himalayan Blue Poppy

Piece of brown fibrous paper adhered to stamp paper before printing. Small flower (lower right) & part of large flower printed on brown paper.

Not valid for postage. Overprinted by Canada Post to promote a 1978 stamp show in Montreal.
Original printing omitted "postes – postage" contrary to bi-lingual rules. Before release to public, government decided "postes – postage" should be added. Revised stamps printed and released November 15, 1949. However, rather than waste original printing, design lacking "postes – postage" was released for sale January 19, 1950.

Error Issue – "Postes – Postage" omitted.

Corrected Design - "Postes – Postage" added

Migratory Wildlife – 1995 - “f” missing from “faune”

Inscription "faune migratrice" on Belted Kingfisher in error, "f" missing from “faune” on printing of 4,550,000.

"faune" corrected in special reprinting of 800,000.

Canadian Bank Note Co., lithographed, 7 colors
V.c.1. DESIGN ERROR

Definitives -
2008

Original Pachena Point stamp with lighthouse reversed. Negative “flipped” in error.

Original – error view

Different view of lighthouse used to fit design with flag in upper left corner.

Corrected view.

Canadian Bank Note Co., lithographed, 5 colors.
V.c.2. FORGED ERRORS

Official Stamp – 1950-51; Pair, one without “G”

Photocopy (100%) of genuine error.

“G” added fraudulently

St. Lawrence Seaway – 1959; Inverted Center

Normal

Center of stamp cut out and pasted over normal stamp.

Maple Leaf in Autumn – 1971; Missing Inscription

Normal

Inscription fraudulently removed (erased).

Certs: VG Greene Philatelic Foundation
V.c.2. FORGED ERRORS

Photocopy (100%) of genuine double print

Canadian Bank Note Co., lithographed, 6 colors

Definitive
-1991 (engraved)

Imperf. lithographed forgery

Fraudulent double print

Forgery used on cover to France