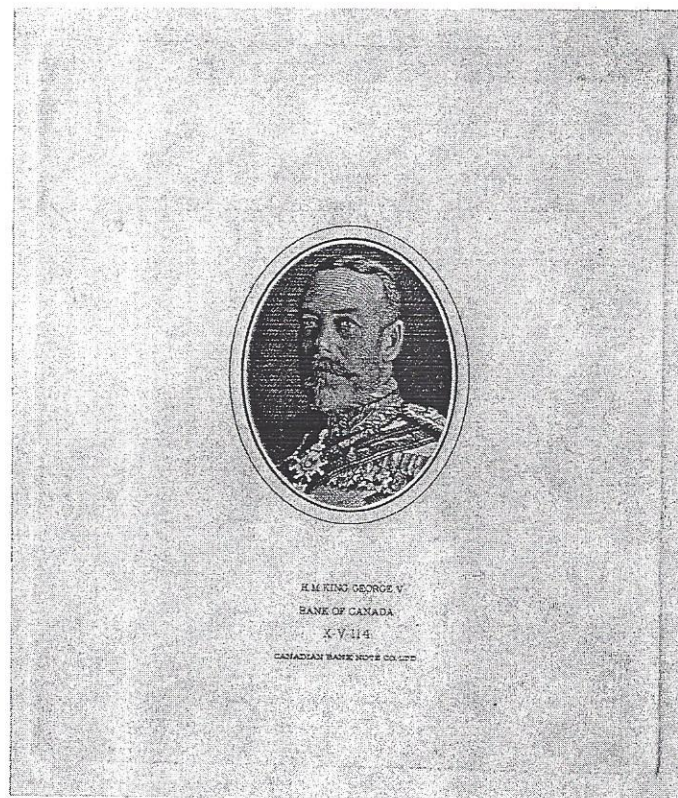


Canada's 1935 King George V Pictorial Issue

This traditional exhibit will show the order of production used by the Canadian Bank Note Company in this, their first contract since the 1929 Scroll Issue. Shown are Essays, Die Proofs, Plate Proofs, Plate Blocks and Usages by order of denomination. Only stamps readily available to the general public are included. i.e. no precancels, perfins, overprints or postage dues.

The stamps were printed on dry, pre-gummed white wove paper in sheets of 400 from 27 plates for the lower values, 3 plates of 600 for some of the 3 cent and 8 plates for sheets of 200 for the higher values. They were then cut into panes of 50 or 100 for Post Office use. The coil stamps were printed in sheets of 250 (25 x 10).

This was the first issue that had "hidden" production dates engraved into the design and the first 20th Century issue showing the printers name in the selvage.



The Pre-production Process Explained

Step 1

The die is a small flat piece of soft steel onto which the design is recess engraved in reverse by engraving tools or by etching. It is then hardened to withstand the stress of subsequent operations.

Step 2

A transfer roll of soft steel is rocked back and forth under pressure on the die. The resulting impression (s) on the roll are known as reliefs. The transfer roll is then hardened.

Step 3

The soft steel or copper printing plate is lightly marked with lines and position dots to guide the transfer of the reliefs onto the plate. The operation of transferring the design is called sideography. When finished, the layout lines and dots are buffed off from the plate. Starting in 1927, printing plates were chrome plated to reduce wear and extend the use of the printing plate.

Outline of the Exhibit

Frame 1—Hidden dates, Essays, Die Proofs 1¢ to 4¢

2—Die Proofs 4¢ to 50¢

3—Die Proofs 50¢ to \$1, Air Mail and Special Delivery Die Proofs Plate Proofs

4—Photographic Proofs, Plate Blocks 1¢ to 10¢

5—Plate Blocks 13¢ to \$1, Air Mail and Special Delivery Imperforates 1¢ to 8¢

6—Imperforates 10¢ to \$1. Air Mail and Special Delivery

7—Coils, Booklets, Varieties

8—Presentation Wallets, Uses