

1977-79 "PEACE TOWER" DOMESTIC RATES STAMPS

INTRODUCTION

The new Domestic Postal Rate was increased to 12¢ on March 1st 1977.

Canada issued a new stamp picturing the "Peace Tower" in Ottawa (Reinhard Derreth, designer). The British American Bank Note Company engraved and by photogravure printed this stamp in panes of 100.

Re-orders would be printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company from March 1978, as would the next two denominations (14¢ and 17¢) following the next two postal increases, keeping this same design.



Mar.1 1977



Mar.7 1978



Mar.8 1979

PURPOSE

To study in depth, the three stamps issued in sheet form and as coils, showing examples of all plates, plate and production varieties, and usages.

PLAN

PLATES: blocks from every plate used for the three denominations

SHEET STAMPS: -Production Varieties for the three denominations
-the Constant Plate Varieties of the 14¢

COIL STAMPS: -Imperforates of the three denominations
-Production Varieties for the three denominations
-the Constant Plate Variety of the 12¢

PRECANCEL: exist only for the 12¢

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SYNOPSIS

This is a comprehensive exhibit of the three stamps with the "Peace Tower" of the Parliament Building in Ottawa, vignette. Three rate changes in 1977-79 produced the three denominations: 12¢, 14¢ and 17¢. The exhibit starts with plate blocks for all plates used for all three stamps as there are no pre-production pieces in collectors' hands.

VARIETIES

Production varieties, prominent for this issue, are well developed and the categories are complete: perforation, tagging, inking, papers, and printing varieties. Furthermore, in addition for coils, spacing and score line varieties are studied.

Constant Plate Varieties of the 14¢ stamp includes examples in duplicate (to show constancy) and in blocks of 16, **and on cover**;
and the 12¢ coil stamp constant plate variety in duplicate, in strip, **and on covers**.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS

PINK DOTS are used to point out some **KEY PIECES**

POG: are stamps printed on gum

PPPC: pre-printed paper crease block

Imperforated coils, and coils with no score line

COVERS were chosen from small towns: St. Eustache, La Malbaie, Ste. Hélène de Bagot, Gander, Moonbeam, Kitimat, Ile-a-la-Grosse Sask, Ste-Agnès Charlevoix, and two Forces Mail Militaries: B.C. and N.S.

DISCOVERIES

ORANGE DOTS are used to point out **DISCOVERIES** from personal research
Missing Brick on the 14¢ stamp exists on all four plates, but not on all four panes.

The Pigeon Hole Variety on the 12¢ coil stamp (now listed in Unitrade).

The Imperforated Coils exist in two types: explanations and distinguishing features are described in this exhibit.