

SYNOPSIS : Booklet Varieties of the Admiral Issue

Purpose:

This exhibit shows readily visible booklet varieties/errors from the Admiral era with the first stamps of the issue being released in December 1911 and running through 1925 issue. It excludes plating of the booklet panes or covers. It starts with the outside cover varieties then onto the rate sheets and finally various pane varieties. This exhibit has been previously exhibited and revised based on judges critique. Revisions include resequencing, and additional varieties.

Challenge Factor:

While the Admiral issue is generally in good supply as are most of the booklets, this exhibit is showing varieties/errors that are on the booklet panes and covers themselves. Most of the varieties shown in this exhibit are not readily available.

What is Presented:

The most interesting pieces presented include plate marking varieties such as the Ottawa Top margin varieties from plate 15 and 16 of the 2 cent red and includes some of the best known examples. Next to these are the pyramid lines of the 1 cent yellow and 2 cent green panes of 4 from the combination booklets and possibly the only known example of a pyramid line pane on cover. Since most of these items exist in very limited numbers, I have only highlighted some of the more important items with a background green matte. As a background on the Ottawa Top and the Pyramid pages, I have used scans of the Plate Images from the Postal Archives in order to show where these two varieties appeared on the printing sheets. It is not known by this collector if a die proof of the Coat of Arms (missing Alberta and Saskatchewan) exists, the die essay of the Coat of Arms on the title page which includes Alberta and Saskatchewan could have been used as both provinces joined Canada in 1905, well ahead of the issue of these booklets. The only known booklet essay for the 1c Green booklet is on the second page

Since this is an exhibit specific to booklet varieties and not plating it would be difficult to expand it without changing to a complete study of booklets as there are only a couple of other easily visible varieties known to this collector that could be added.

Organization:

The material is presented working from the outside cover of the booklet into the inside rate sheets then finally the panes themselves.

Bibliography/References:

Plate Proofs of Ottawa Top from the Ottawa Archives.

The Admiral Issue of Canada by George C. Marler, ISBN 0-933580-08-8

Booklets of the Admiral Stamps of 1911 to 1925 by George C. Marler, P.C., BNAPS Handbook