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EDITOR'S NOTES

Please accept my apologies for the weird way I've numbered the pages in this issue. I'm afraid I haven't yet mastered some of the distinctions between the old Office 10 ways of doing things and the new Office 365 ways. In addition, some of the material required wider margins than I usually use, which only exacerbated my problems.

Technical issues aside, there is an abundance of useful material in this issue, leading off with the first article in Bob Vogel's new series about commercial FDCs published for Atlas Chemical. John van der Ven also deals with a commercial producer, Royal Trust. A Sparks Auctions ad for John's pre-1960s covers expands on the ad which appeared in our last issue. For those of you who are well-healed, there is an exciting lot of more than 400 hand-painted cachets that would be a delight to acquire.

The issue concludes with your editor's introduction to a private maker of FDCs for contemporary Canadian stamps. Kevin Colton is one of the rare cachet makers who has ventured into the marketplace long after Canada Post entered in 1971.

And above all, be kind, be calm, and be safe!

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PART I-ATLAS CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES

by Bob Vogel

The Atlas Chemical Industries Canada Ltd. located in Brantford Ontario manufactured sobitol for the pharmaceutical industry under the trade name SORBO as well as other products made from sugar alcohol. Sorbitol is a sugar alcohol found in fruits and plants with diuretic, laxative and cathartic property, it is also used as a sugar substitute, and when used in food is about 60% as sweet as sucrose (table sugar). The International Division of Atlas was located in Wilmington, Delaware, USA. Their first day cover program started in the mid- 1960s and over its history they used three different cachet makers for their FDCs containing an enclosure describing the stamp issue and usually a promotion for one of their products.

The first known Atlas FDC was used for the 1964 commemorative issue for the Royal Visit using a general purpose cachet produced by ArtCraft.



Figure 1.

Figure 1. ArtCraft Cachet showing the aqua hand stamp “PERSONAL” and “1-FDC” which are conducive to all Atlas FDCs.

Figure 2. A typical enclosure describing the stamp issue and the Atlas product SORBO.



Figure 2.

Below is a table of all known Artcraft Cachets used by Atlas. I have elected to show items chronologically by stamp issue date rather than by Scott numbers

Day of	Scott	Description	Artcraft GP	Return address
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issue	No.		Cachet type	on flap
64.10.05	433	1964 Royal Visit	C & E	None
64.10.14	435	5¢ Christmas – Star of Bethlehem	C	None
64.11.18	436	8¢ Jet Definitive	A	None
65.02.03	420	Floral Emblems / Coat of Arms – Nova Scotia	D	None
65.02.03	421	Floral Emblems / Coat of Arms – New Brunswick	F	None

From 1965 until 1974 Atlas turned to Canadian FDCs, the Rosecraft cachets designed and produced by J.C. Rosenbaum of Montreal and later by William Assad of Ottawa.

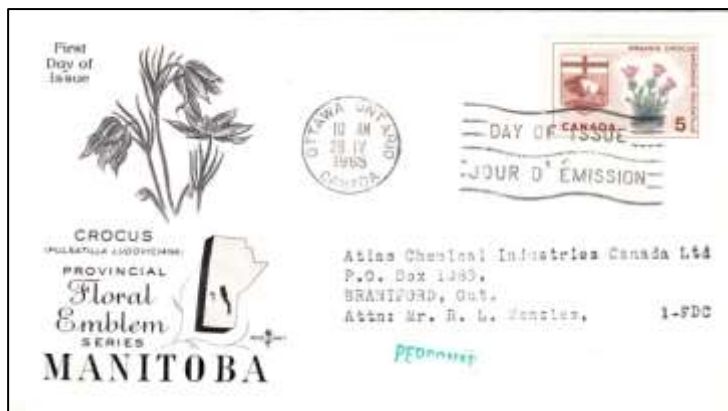


Figure 3.

Like the Artcraft cachet in Figure 1, the telltale aqua (also found in blue and black) PERSONAL hand stamp and 1-FDC were maintained for the Rosecraft covers. Similarly, the enclosure described the stamp issue and promoted their own products.

Two types of return addresses were used on the reverse of the Rosecraft envelopes.



Figure 4.

Type 1 return address (printed)



Figure 5.

Type 2 return address (hand stamp)

Following is a table of the known Rosecraft cachets for Atlas in the same format as the ArtCraft cachets.

Day of issue	Scott No.	Description	Return address on flap
65.03.03	437	5¢ International Co-operation Year	None
65.04.28	422	Floral Emblems / Coat of Arms – Manitoba	None
65.04.28	423	Floral Emblems / Coat of Arms – British Columbia	None

65.06.09	438	Sir Wilfred Grenfell	None
65.06.30	439	Canadian Flag	None
65.07.21	424	Floral Emblems / Coat of Arms – Prince Edward Island	None
65.08.12	440	Sir Winston Churchill	None
65.09.08	441	Inter-Parliamentary Union	None
65.09.08	442	Ottawa (1865-1965)	None
65.10.13	443	Christmas – 3¢ Gifts of the Magi	None
65.10.13	444	Christmas – 5¢ Gifts of the Magi	None
66.01.05	445	Alouette II – Space Research	None
66.01.19	425	Floral Emblems / Coat of Arms – Alberta	None
66.01.19	426	Floral Emblems / Coat of Arms – Saskatchewan	None
66.02.23	427	Floral Emblems / Coat of Arms – Newfoundland	None
66.03.23	428	Floral Emblems / Coat of Arms – Yukon	None
66.03.23	429	Floral Emblems / Coat of Arms – Northwest Territories	None
66.04.13	446	La Salle	None
66.05.02	447	Highway Safety	None
66.05.26	448	London Conference	None
66.06.30	429A	Coat of Arms of Canada	Type 1
66.07.27	449	Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy	Type 1
66.09.08	450	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association	Type 1
66.09.08	451	Christmas – 3¢ Praying Hands Not Reported***	
66.10.12	452	Christmas – 5¢ Praying Hands	Type 1
67.01.11	453	5¢ Centennial of Canada	None
67.02.08	454-457	1¢-4¢ Centennial Definitive Not Reported*	
67.02.08	458	5¢ Centennial Definitive (green or blue cachet)	None
67.02.08	461-465B	8¢-\$1.00 Centennial Definitive Not Reported (high value) **	
67.04.28	469	expo67	None
67.05.24	470	Women's Franchise	None
67.06.30	471	Royal Visit	None
67.07.19	472	Pan-American Games	None
67.08.31	473	The Canadian Press	None
67.09.15	474	Georges P. Vanier	None
67.09.28	475	Toronto – Capital of Ontario (1867-1967)	None
67.10.11	476	Christmas – 3¢ Children Carolling Not Reported***	
67.10.11	477	Christmas – 5¢ Children Carolling	None
68.02.15	478	Canadian Wildlife – Gray Jays	None
68.03.13	479	Meteorological Readings	None
68.04.10	480	Canadian Wildlife – Narwhal	None
68.05.08	481	International Hydrological Decade	None
68.06.05	482	Voyage of the Nonsuch	
68.07.03	483	Lacrosse	Type 2
68.08.21	484	George Brown Not Reported	
68.09.04	485	Henri Bourassa	Type 2
68.10.15	486	Armistice	Type 2
68.10.15	487	John McCrae	Type 2
68.11.15	459	6¢ Orange Centennial Definitive Not reported*	
68.11.15	488	Christmas – 5¢ Eskimo Carvings Not Reported***	
68.11.15	489	Christmas – 6¢ Eskimo Carvings	Type 2

69.01.15	490	Curling	Type 2
69.02.20	491	Vincent Massey	Type 2
69.03.14	492	50¢ Aurèle de Foy Suzor-Côté Not Reported (high value) **	
69.05.21	493	International Labour Organization	Type 2
69.06.13	494	15¢ First Non-Stop Transatlantic Flight Not Reported (high value) **	
69.06.23	495	Sir William Osler	Type 2
69.07.23	496	Canadian Wildlife – White-Throated Sparrow	Type 2
69.07.23	497	10¢ Canadian Wildlife – Ipswich Sparrow Not Reported (high value) **	
69.07.23	498	25¢ Canadian Wildlife – Hermit Thrush Not Reported (high value) **	
69.08.15	499	Charlottetown (1769-1969)	Type 2
69.08.15	500	Canada Games Not Reported	
69.09.12	501	Sir Isaac Brock	Type 2
69.10.08	502	Christmas – 5¢ Children	Type 2
69.10.08	503	Christmas – 6¢ Children	Type 2
69.11.12	504	Stephen Leacock	Type 2
68.11.15	460	6¢ Black Centennial Definitive Not reported*	
70.01.27	505	Manitoba (1870-1970)	None
70.01.27	506	Northwest Territories (1870-1970)	None
70.02.18	507	International Biological Programme	Type 2
70.03.18	508-511	EXPO 70 25¢ values Not Reported (high value) **	
70.04.15	512	Henry Kelsey	Type 2
70.05.13	513	United Nations 25 th Anniversary - 10¢ World Unification Not Reported	
70.05.13	514	United Nations 25 th Anniversary - 15¢ World Unification Not Reported (high value) **	
70.06.19	515	Louis Riel	Type 2
70.06.25	516	Sir Alexander Mackenzie Not Reported	
70.08.12	517	Sir Oliver Mowat	Type 2
70.09.18	518	The Group of Seven	Type 2
70.10.07	519-523	Christmas – Children’s Drawings Not Reported ***	
70.10.07	524	Christmas – Children’s Drawings – 6¢ Santa Clause Not Reported	
70.10.07	525	Christmas – Children’s Drawings – 6¢ Children and Christmas Tree	Type 2
70.10.07	526	Christmas – Children’s Drawings – 6¢ Toy Store	Type 2
70.10.07	527	Christmas – Children’s Drawings – 6¢ Santa Clause	Type 2
70.10.07	528	Christmas – Children’s Drawings – 6¢ Church	Type 2
70.10.07	529	Christmas – Children’s Drawings – 10¢ Not Reported (high value) **	
70.10.07	530	Christmas – Children’s Drawings – 15¢ Not Reported (high value) **	
70.11.04	531	Sir Donald Alexander Smith	Type 2
71.02.12	532	Emily Carr	Type 2
71.03.03	533	Discovery of Insulin	Type 2
71.03.24	534	Sir Ernest Rutherford	Type 2
71.04.14	535	The Maple Leaf in Four Seasons – Spring Not Reported	

71.05.07	539	Louis Joseph Papineau	Type 2
71.05.07	540	Samuel Hearne	Type 2
71.06.01	541	Radio Canada International	Type 2
71.06.01	542	Census Not Reported	
71.06.16	536	The Maple Leaf in Four Seasons - Summer Not Reported	
71.06.30	459	7¢ Centennial Definitive Not reported*	
71.07.20	552	British Columbia (1897-1971)	Type 2
71.08.11	553	Paul Kane	Type 2
71.09.03	537	The Maple Leaf in Four Seasons – Autumn Not Reported	
71.10.06	554	Christmas – 6¢ Snowflake	Type 2
71.10.06	555-557	Christmas – 7¢, 10¢ & 15¢ Snowflake Not Reported (high values) **	
71.10.20	558	Pierre Laporte	Type 2
71.11.19	538	The Maple Leaf in Four Seasons – Winter Not Reported	
71.12.30	459	8¢ Centennial Definitive Not reported*	
72.03.01	559	World Figure Skating Championships	Type 2
72.03.17	600-601	\$1.00 Vancouver & \$2.00 Quebec City Not Reported (high values) **	
72.04.07	560	World Health Day	Type 2
72.05.17	561	Frontenac	Type 2
72.07.06	562	Indians of the Plains – Artifacts	Type 2
72.07.06	563	Indians of the Plains – Way of Life	Type 2
72.08.02	582-585	15¢ Earth Sciences Not Reported (high values) **	
72.09.08	594-598	10¢-50¢ Medium Definitives Not Reported (high values) **	
72.10.04	564	Indians of the Plains – Graphic Symbolism	Type 2
72.10.04	565	Indians of the Plains – Dress	Type 2
72.11.01	606	Christmas – 6¢ Candles	Type 2
72.11.01	607-609	Christmas Candles – 8¢-15¢ Not Reported (high values) **	
72.11.29	610	Cornelius Krieghoff	Type 2
73.01.31	611	Francois-Xavier de Montmorency de Laval	Type 2
73.02.21	566	The Algonkians – Artifacts	Type 2
73.02.21	567	The Algonkians – Way of Life	Type 2
73.03.09	612	RCMP – Commissioner G.A. French	Type 2
73.03.09	613-614	RCMP 10¢ & 15¢ Not Reported (high values) **	
73.04.18	615	Jeanne Mance	Type 2
73.05.16	616	Joseph Howe	Type 2
73.06.08	617	J.E.H. MacDonald	Type 2
73.06.22	618	Prince Edward Island (1873-1973)	Type 2
73.07.20	619	Arrival of the Scottish Settlers	Type 2
73.08.02	620	Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting – 8¢ Queen Elizabeth II	Type 2
73.08.02	621	Ditto – 15¢ Queen Elizabeth II Not Reported (high values) **	
73.08.29	622	Nellie McClung	Type 2
73.09.20	623	1976 Olympic Games – 8¢ Olympic Logo	Type 2
73.09.20	624	1976 Olympic Games – 15¢ Olympic Logo Not Reported (high values) **	
73.10.17	586-593	1¢-8¢ Low Value Definitives Not Reported *	
73.11.07	625	Christmas – Celebrating Christmas – 6¢ Skate	
73.11.07	626-628	Christmas – Celebrating Christmas – 8¢-15¢ Not Reported (high	

		values) **	
73.11.28	568	The Algonquins – Graphic Symbolism	Type 2
73.11.28	569	The Algonquins – Dress	Type 2
74.01.16	570	The Indians of the Pacific Coast – Artifacts	Type 2
74.01.16	571	The Indians of the Pacific Coast – Way of Life	Type 2
74.02.22	572	The Indians of the Pacific Coast – Graphic Symbolism Not Reported	
74.02.22	573	The Indians of the Pacific Coast – Dress Not Reported	
74.03.22	629	1976 Olympic Games – Keeping Fit – Swimming Not Reported	
74.03.22	630	1976 Olympic Games – Keeping Fit – Jogging	Type 2
74.03.22	631	1976 Olympic Games – Keeping Fit – Cycling Not Reported	
74.03.22	632	1976 Olympic Games – Keeping Fit – Hiking	Type 2
74.04.08	592	Louis St-Laurent	Type 2

Notes: Not Reported indicates they should exist.
 Not Reported * low value definitives will not be found
 Not Reported (high value) ** will not be found.
 Not Reported *** Printed matter Christmas issues will not be found

During 1974 after William Assad ceased production of the Rosecraft cachets, Atlas turned to another Canadian, Norman Rosenblum, who manufactured cacheted covers under the name NR Covers. These are less common than the previous two cachets therefore the listing below will only show the observed FDCs.

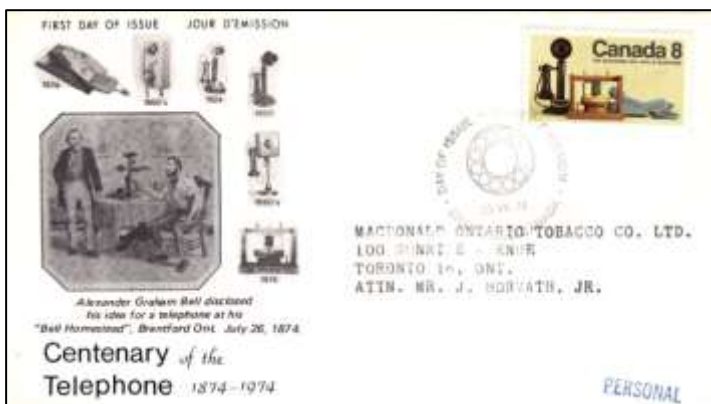


Figure 6.

The same tell-tale PERSONAL hand stamp is still present.

The 1-FDC is present on some covers, others are blank and some show just FDC.

Return addresses on the reverse are all Type 2 as in Figure 5.

74.07.12	640	Agriculture Education	
74.07.26	641	Invention of the Telephone	
74.08.28	643	Prairie Settlers	
74.09.23	647	1976 Olympic Games – Keeping Fit – Curling	
74.11.01	651	Christmas – Paintings - 8¢ Skaters in Hull	
74.11.29	655	William Hamilton Merritt	
75.02.05	B4	1976 Olympic Games – Water Sports - 8¢ + 2¢ Swimming	
75.04.04	574	Indians of the Sub-Arctic - Artifacts	
75.05.14	658	Lucy Maud Montgomery	

75.07.03	667	Calgary (1875-1975
75.07.14	668	International Women's Year
75.09.02	669	The Supreme Court of Canada
75.09.24	673	Coastal Ships - Quadra
75.11.10	680	The Royal Canadian Legion
76.01.07	B10	1976 Olympic Games – Team Sports and Gymnastics - 8¢ + 2¢ Basketball
76.06.01	691	United States Bicentennial
76.09.17	578	The Iroquoians - Artifacts
76.11.19	700	Inland Vessels - Northcote
77.04.22	711	Definitives – Wildflowers - 10¢ Sparrow's Egg Lady's Slipper
77.05.03	714	Definitive - 12¢ Houses of Parliament
77.08.04	737	Peace Bridge
77.08.08	717	Definitives – Trees - 15¢ Trembling Aspen
77.11.18	749	Inuit – Hunting - 12¢ Fisherman's Dream
78.01.18	752	Endangered Wildlife – Peregrine Falcon
78.05.19	765	Resource Development - 14¢ Cobalt/Silver
78.07.06	712	Definitive – Wildflowers - 12¢ Jewelweed
78.08.03	759	XI Commonwealth Games - 14¢ Commonwealth Stadium
78.08.16	767	Canadian National Exhibition
78.10.20	773	Christmas – Renaissance Paintings - 12¢ The Madonna of the Flowering Pea
80.10.22	870	Christmas – Christmas Cards - 15¢ Christmas Morning by Frank C. Hennessey

I would be interested if anyone has further reports of any of these. Please contact berlinb@csolve.net.

A PROMOTIONAL FIRST DAY COVER

P.8

This cover was sent by a dealer in Wingham, ON, a small town between London and Owen Sound, ON to Shawinigan Falls, an even smaller town just 30 km. north of Trois Rivieres, QC. It was submitted by Jan Pieter (John) van der Ven. It appears to be a promotional FDC from Falcon Stamps in Wingham. It looks like this dealer might have had a standard setup for any new issues and just added with a hand press any specific information needed for that issue. The simulated cancellation is unusual, but the actual cancellation and date are correct, so it is an authentic FDC and the only one like it that I have seen in all these years. My question to our readers is how many were sent out and were there any other issues that had FDC's from this stamp dealer? If you have any in your collection would you please scan it and send it to the editor.



Charles Verge forwarded a pair of advertisements for FDCs prepared by Herman Jacobi (Figure 1) and Regal (Figure 2) for stamps issued in the mid-1950s. The first appears to be for envelopes only while the second is for serviced FDCs with blocks of four stamps.

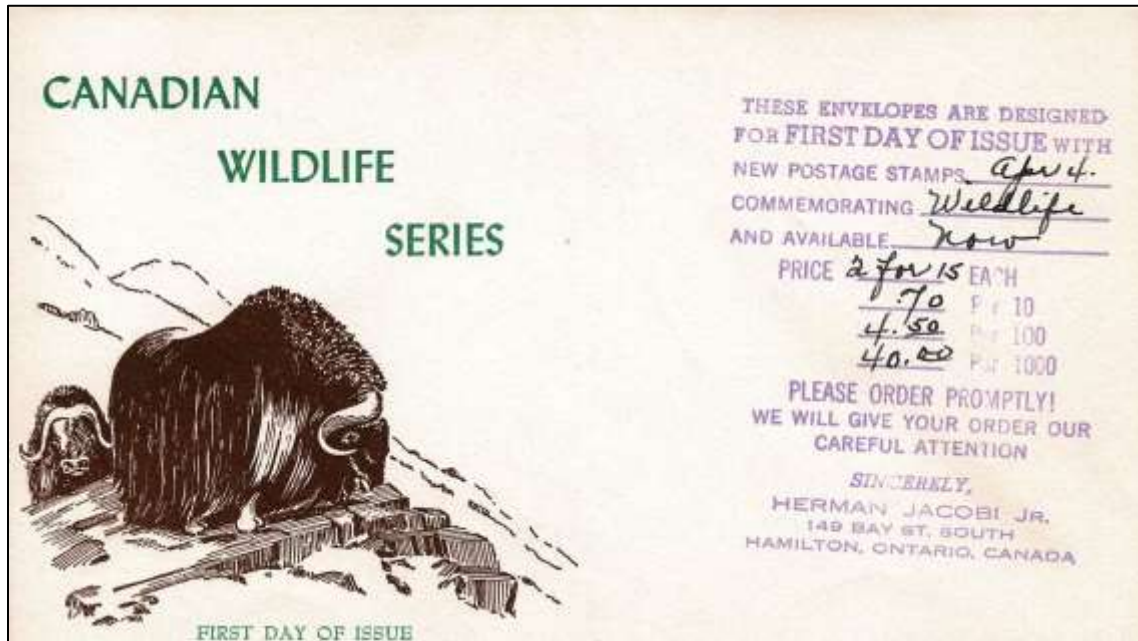


Figure 1. Jacobi ad for Scott 352 issued on April 4, 1955.

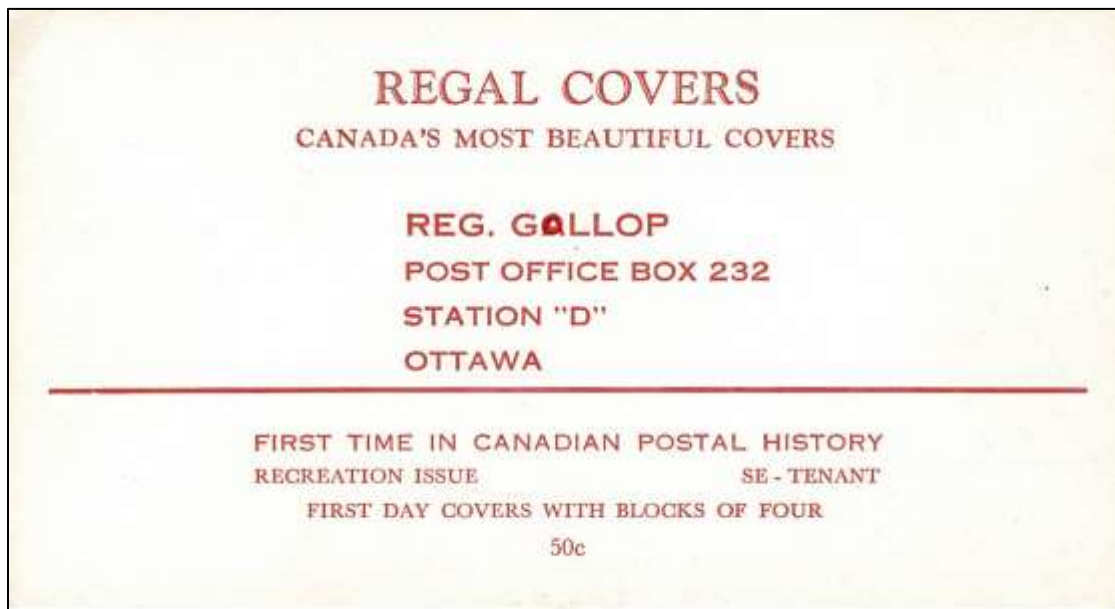


Figure 2. Regal ad for Scott 365-368 issued on March 7, 1957.

COMMENTS ON RECENT POST OFFICE CANCELLATIONS

The following query was received from Carol and Gary Ridge, aka 3angrycats, one of the few producers of private FDCs for Canadian stamp issues:

A customer who recently bought one of our own FDCs has brought to our attention something that we had never noticed, and we wonder if you have any more information about it. He says that the "official" cancel Canada Post affixes to private FDCs is larger than the cancel CPC uses on their own FDCs.

The artwork is identical, but the size differs, and it also appears that a different ink is used. The customer noticed this when comparing our 2019 Asahi Baseball Team cover with the Asahi OFDC. We then checked the cancels on our covers against the OFDCs that we have, and all of the cancels on our covers are larger by 2 to 4 cm. These are the ones we compared: 2017 Diwali, 2018 Bighorn Sheep (different colour cancel as well), 2018 Far & Wide, 2019 Red River Resistance.

Have you heard of this before? Know the reason? Only Canadian OFDC?

I forwarded their questions to Peter Lepold, aka paparazzikelowna, who also produces his own stamps and covers and maintains close contact with the local post office. He responded as follows:

Good questions. As far as I know the "cancel" of the OFDC is printed on by the printer of the stamp/cover, and that has happened for quite a few years. And the cancels aren't the standard round format. If collectors send in their own covers to CPC for first day cancellation they actually get a cancel.

Here in Kelowna I've seen that as cancels reach their ten-year life, their replacement may not be identical in size to the previous one. I know for a fact that the Bennett Bridge cancel at the Gaston Ave PO was replaced with a cancel which had a larger diameter and was produced by a local company. I had several discussions with Sheryl the manager and the regional CPC manager because initially they didn't want to replace it.

Then I suggested that I would get the Kelowna Stamp Club do a fund raiser if Canada Post couldn't afford to buy one. That did it, and they had a replacement made, but it is a few mm. larger. As for inkpads, I would think outlets don't necessarily have to get them from Ottawa and can buy them locally. Some of the pads are made in the Czech Republic and others probably in China, which would account for different "blacks." You may remember that when Prince William got married the cancel in a perforated stamp format handed out to the PO outlets was blue. That was in use for about a month. I remember going to the Rutland PO to get covers cancelled.

By Jan Pieter (John) van der Ven

Royal Trust Canada was a trust company founded in 1899 in Montreal and became part of the Royal Bank of Canada in 1993. Their main office was in Montreal and operated initially out of the basement of the Bank of Montreal building at 109 St. James street. By February 1908 it had purchased the Alliance Building which was next door at 107 St. James street.

The initial board of directors included several prominent and influential businessmen.

Donald Alexander Smith was the first Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal. He was President of the Bank of Montreal and co-founded the Canadian Pacific Railway. He was the first President of the Royal Trust Company from 1899 to 1914. Sir William Christopher MacDonald, tobacco manufacturer and philanthropist, donated large sums of money to McGill University and started MacDonald College originally intended to train farmers and other in the agriculture industry. Sir William Cornelius Van Horne was a former railway manager and President of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

On November 4, 1970 Canada Post introduced a 6-cent stamp (Scott 531) in honour of Sir Donald A. Smith, the first president of the Royal Trust.

The Royal Trust Company took this opportunity to celebrate the introduction of this stamp with a specially designed FDC. I believe that these were addressed and sent to Royal Trust customers. These covers must have been well received by the target audience because Royal Trust continued to issue their own specially designed FDCs

from time to time until June 1976.

Following are the FDC's that Royal Trust issued over the period from 1970 to 1976 and a representative sample of the inserts. The early inserts were bilingual with one side English and the other side French, and the inserted card made the connection between the issued stamp and a Royal Trust Branch. I have only found English cards for the later issues.

The initial Royal Trust FDC for the Donald Smith commemorative is shown in Figure 1 which also includes both English and French inserts.



Figure 1. Scott 531 with inserts.

It is likely that Royal Trust collaborated with the Canada Envelope Company (Caneco) to publish the former's FDCs. A comparison of the backs of both #8 and #10 Royal Trust covers with other FDCs produced by Caneco for Schering reveals that they are identical, and they were unique to Caneco at that time.

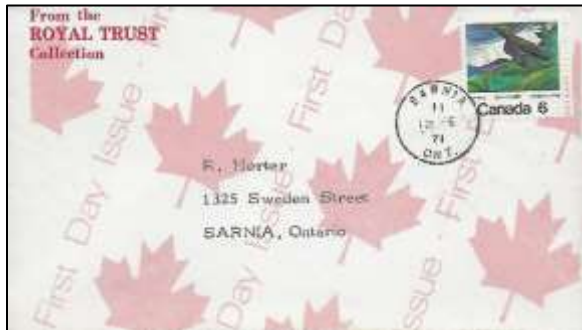


Figure 2. Scott 532, February 12, 1971.



Figure 3. Scott 582, August 2, 1972 (#10 envelope).

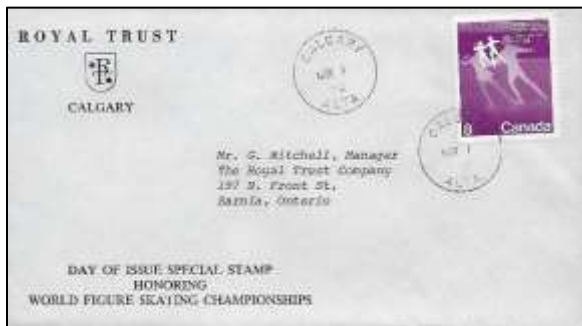


Figure 4. Scott 559, March 1, 1972.



Figure 5. Scott 612-614, March 9, 1973 (#10 envelope).



Figure 6. Scott 623, September 20, 1973 (#10 envelope).

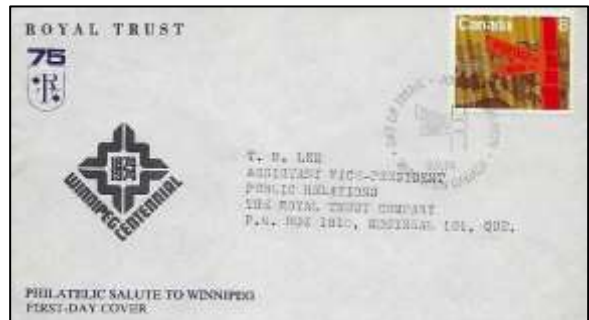


Figure 7. Scott 633, May 3, 1974.



Figure 8. Insert for Scott 633.

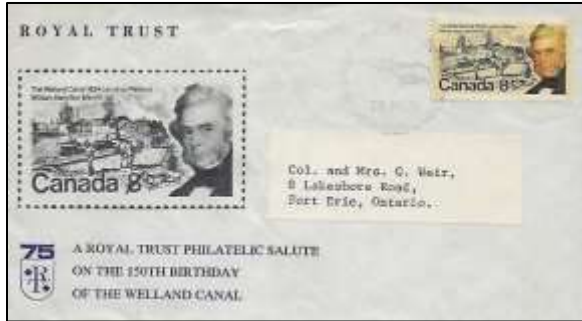


Figure 9. Scott 655, November 29, 1974.



Figure 13. Scott 682, June 18, 1976 (#10 envelope).



Figure 10. Scott 658, May 15, 1975 (#10 envelope).

Royal Trust made a significant contribution to Canadian FDCs in the early 1970s, although some of their covers are hard to find. If you are aware of any other cachets, would you please notify our editor and forward a scan if possible.



Figure 11. Scott 659, May 15, 1975 (#10 envelope).

Editor's Note: John also submitted an FDC scan for Scott 513 from Butler Publications and has asked that anyone who knows of other cachets by the same maker to please contact him through the editor. A scan of this cover is shown below, with the maker's name in the lower left corner.



Figure 12. Scott 667, July 3, 1975.



SPARKS

★ AUCTIONS

Sparks Auctions is pleased to offer the Jan (John) Pieter van der Ven Canadian Pre-1960 First Day Cover Collection in our September 22nd & 23rd, 2020 auction



The comprehensive collection will be offered in our September auction. The collection contains all his better pre-1960 material, lotted mostly by stamp issue, and we have tried to have no duplication in any lot. The values given are the retail prices John paid over the years for his treasures.

Some were bargains and some he paid whatever it took to secure the items, as many of the gems in his collection are either the only one he has seen in 30 years, or one of very few. We hope you will find something of interest in this rarely offered group.

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FIRST DAY COVERS BY KEVIN COLTON

by Gary Dickinson

New makers of FDCs for Canadian stamps have been uncommon in recent years and have almost disappeared from the scene with a very few exceptions. Gary and Carol Ridge of Carrying Place, ON, for example, have produced FDCs under their brand 3angrycatts and Peter Lepold of Kelowna, BC has made both covers and stamps as paparrazikelowna. (1)

The purpose of this article is to introduce a third contemporary cachet maker, Kevin Colton of KSC Cachets. He is based at Seneca Falls, New York but travels extensively for his work as a professional photographer. As such, his work requires “a lot of strange hours and trips from home.” When I first contacted him, he was heading off to Norway for three weeks to photograph the Northern Lights.

His early FDCs were produced as add-ons for U.S. stamps issued prior to 2006, but subsequently he began to make his own allover, cacheted covers. His first FDC for Canadian stamps was for a Star Trek issue (Scott 2911b) on May 5, 2016 which is shown in the first scan. Since then he has produced cachets for most issues.

The artwork for Colton cachets sometimes is based on his own photographs, vector images from stock houses, or photographs for stock sales. Very few are hand-drawn or painted. The cachets are designed in Adobe Photoshop and printed on Canon ink jet printers.

He is not interested in mass producing his FDCs, and usually makes twenty copies of each cover for regular postage stamps or as few as twelve for higher denomination.

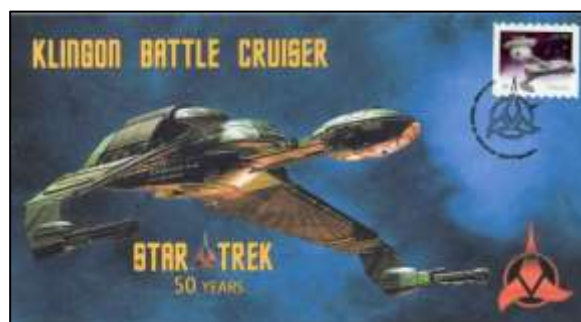
Each cover has a serial number on the back, and he keeps number 1 for his

personal collection. He doesn't want his FDC business to become too big and wants to make sure that his customers continue to get high quality products and personal service.

A selection of Kevin Colton's Canadian covers follows, with two from each year starting in 2016. His current offerings may be viewed on his website at: <https://www.ebay.ca/str/kcolton315>

References:

Gary Dickinson. “Introducing Two Current First Day Cover Makers.” *Canadian Stamp News*. December 10, 2019, p. 10.



Scott 2911b
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Scott 2923e
May 26, 2016



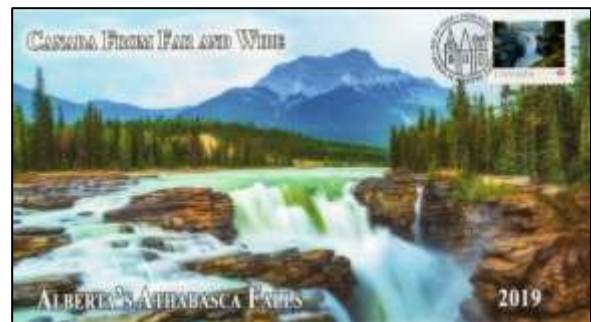
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Scott 3137
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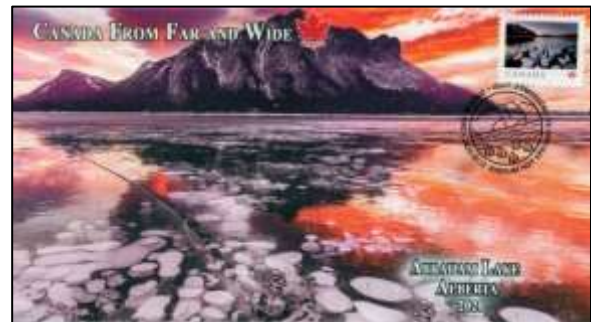
Scott 2985 (coil)
April 27, 2017



Scott 3138b
January 14, 2019



Scott 3067 (coil)
January 15, 2018



January 13, 2020



Scott 3105c
July 13, 2018



January 17, 2020