



POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA

PROVINCE ISSUES

1851-64



Prince Albert



Beaver 4d



Queen Victoria



Jacques Cartier



Queen Victoria 5



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Beaver



Prince Albert 16



Queen Victoria



Jacques Cartier



Queen Victoria





POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA

ISSUES OF 1868 - 97

21A

Confederation between the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia under the name "Dominion of Canada" was consummated in 1867.

A new set of stamps followed the Confederation with the Large Cent issue appearing in 1868.



Queen Victoria



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POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA

ISSUES OF 1870-89

MONTREAL and OTTAWA PRINTINGS



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria

The Provinces of Prince Edward Island, British Columbia and Manitoba followed into Confederation shortly after the original Provinces banded together. At that time, the size of the stamps was reduced and additional values added to cover various postal needs. These were produced by the British-American Bank Note Co. in Montreal and Ottawa up to 1875 after which they were ordered to print them in Montreal only. In 1888 the printing plant was moved to Ottawa from where all later printings were done. The stamps issued before February 1888 are generally referred to as Montreal printings and printings after that date are called Ottawa printings.





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CANADA

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ISSUES OF 1888 - 93

OTTAWA PRINTINGS



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria





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Queen Victoria

QUEEN VICTORIA JUBILEE

1897



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria

These stamps, which portray Queen Victoria in 1837 (the year she ascended the British throne at the age of eighteen) and in 1897, were issued on June 19, 1897 to mark her diamond jubilee, her sixtieth year as Queen. She continued to reign until her death in 1901.





POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA

QUEEN VICTORIA JUBILEE

1897



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria

During her last quarter century on the throne, Victoria also held the title Empress of India, symbolic of the extent of the British Empire over which she reigned. She was succeeded by her oldest son, who ruled for nine years as Edward VII.



Queen Victoria





POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA

ISSUES OF 1897



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria

Following the Queen Victoria Jubilee issue, a new set was placed in use bearing a maple leaf in each corner with the Queen Victoria head in a center oval.





POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA

ISSUES OF 1898 - 1902



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria

The Maple Leaf issue of 1897 was in use for a very short time. In 1898 a new set was issued which was the same as the 1897 series, except that the lower maple leaves were replaced with the numerals of value. The set is sometimes called "The Numeral Issue."



INTERNATIONAL B. & S. C.

1900

Handwritten signature or mark.

Messrs Ed. Adams & Co.

London

EW





POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA

OVERPRINTS OF 1899



Queen Victoria



Queen Victoria



ISSUES OF 1903 - 08



King Edward VII



King Edward VII



King Edward VII



King Edward VII



King Edward VII



King Edward VII



King Edward VII

Following the death of Queen Victoria, King Edward VII ascended to the throne of Great Britain. This set, issued in 1903, bears the likeness of the new King and was the only regular postage issue of Canada to honor him.





POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA

QUEBEC TRICENTENARY

1908



Princess and Prince of Wales



Jacques Cartier and Samuel Champlain



Queen Alexandra and King Edward VII



The Champlain Home, Quebec



Generals Montcalm and Wolfe



Quebec in 1700



Champlain's Departure for West



Cartier Arrives in Quebec

When the St. Lawrence River narrows at Quebec City, French explorer Jacques Cartier in 1535 came upon an Indian village called Stadacona. But no attempt was made to establish a permanent European settlement of this spot until the start of the seventeenth century. By this time fur hats had become the fashion in Europe, increasing the demand for beaver pelts and renewing French interest in North America. Samuel de Champlain founded the first permanent European settlement at Quebec in 1608. It remained French until 1759, when the British won the battle of the Plains of Abraham.





POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA

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ISSUES OF 1912 - 25



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V (Cuckoo Yellow) King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V





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IMPERIAL PENNY POSTAGE

1898



Map of World



Map of World

These stamps were issued on December 7, 1898 to commemorate the London Conference that month which established the one penny rate for mail being sent within the British Empire. The Mercator Projection map of the world highlights the territories of the widespread British Empire. The stamps were produced by engraving and typography.

CONFEDERATION

1917



Fathers of the Confederation

This stamp was issued on September 15, 1917 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Canadian Confederation. As a result of conferences over several years, the four colonies of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Upper and Lower Canada were united as the Dominion of Canada in 1867.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONFEDERATION

1927



Sir John A. MacDonnell



Sir Wilfred Laurier



Fathers of the Confederation



Parliament Buildings, Ottawa



Map of Canada

Issued on June 29, 1927, these stamps mark Canada's sixtieth anniversary as a united country. Under the British North American Act of 1867, four colonies were united as the Dominion of Canada. In the years since, six more provinces and two territories have been added to the country. With some revisions, the Act of 1867 remains the "constitution" of Canada, setting forth the division of power between the federal government and the provinces and confirming the legal and language rights of the French.





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HISTORICAL SERIES

1927



Laurier and Macdonald



Thomas D'Arcy McGee



Baldwin and La Fontaine

This trio of stamps was to have been released in the summer of 1926 to commemorate leaders in the movement toward Canadian nationhood, but the set was not issued until June 29, 1927. Sir John A. Macdonald served as Canada's first Prime Minister from 1867 until 1873 (and again from 1878-1891). Sir Wilfred Laurier (1841-1919) was the first Canadian Prime Minister of French descent; he served as his country's leader from 1896 to 1911.

AIR MAILS

1928



Allegory of Flight

1930



Allegory, Air Mail Circles Globe

1932



Allegory of Flight

OTTAWA CONFERENCE

1932



King George V

Occasional conferences between Great Britain and the self-governing colonies began in 1887 as a by-product of the fiftieth anniversary of Queen Victoria's accession to the throne. The 1932 Imperial Economic Conference was held in Ottawa, and these stamps were issued on July 12, 1932.



Allegory, Air Mail Circles Globe



Edward, Prince of Wales



British Empire Allegory





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ISSUES OF 1928 - 29



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



Mr. Hard from Bell-Smith's Painting



King George V



Bridge at Quebec



Harvesting Wheat



Schooner "Blasenose"



Parliament Buildings

In December 1928, Canada began to issue a new set of postage stamps. King George V is shown on the stamps under the 10c value, while the Provinces of the Dominion are publicized on the stamps of 10c and higher denomination.





POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA

ISSUES OF 1930 - 31



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V





POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA

ISSUES OF 1930 - 31



The Citadel at Quebec



Parliament Library



Harvesting Wheat



Church at Grand Pre



Mt. Edith Cavell

The contract for printing Canadian stamps expired in 1930 and a new firm was given the job. At the same time, the designs were all changed. The lower values show the King's head with maple leaves in the upper corners. The higher values show famous Canadian scenes.

OVERPRINTS OF 1926



King George V



King George V





POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA

ISSUES OF 1931



Sir George Etienne Cartier

ISSUES OF 1932

#184



King George V

ISSUES OF 1932



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



Old Citadel at Quebec



King George V





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POSTAL UNION

1933



Parliament Hill, Ottawa

The executive committee of the Universal Postal Union met at Ottawa in May and June of 1933, and this stamp—which shows the government buildings on Parliament Hill—was issued on May 18, 1933. The UPU, which was founded in 1874, regulates mail between countries.

NEW BRUNSWICK

1934



Seal of New Brunswick

New Brunswick first was part of the French province of Acadia; then it became part of the English province of Nova Scotia. It became a separate province in 1784 and grew rapidly due to an influx of immigrants from Great Britain and the United States.

ROYAL WILLIAM

1933



S. S. Royal William

The Royal William was the first steamship to cross the Atlantic Ocean under steam all the way. This stamp, which was released on August 17, 1933, commemorates the 100th anniversary of that first voyage between Britain and her then-colony in North America.

This stamp marks the 400th anniversary of French explorer Jacques Cartier's landing in Canada. Discoverer of the St. Lawrence River, Cartier did considerable exploration in Canada while looking for a northwest passage to the east. The stamp was issued July 1, 1934.



Arrival of Cartier

JACQUES CARTIER

1934

GRAIN CONFERENCE

1933



Harvesting Wheat

The World's Grain Exhibition and Conference was held in Regina, Saskatchewan in 1933, and this stamp was issued on July 24 of that year to mark the occasion.

AIR MAIL

1935



Dardanis

LOYALISTS

1934



Loyalist Group

During the American Revolution a number of British Loyalists emigrated from the American colonies to Canada. This stamp, issued on July 1, 1934, marks the 150th anniversary of that movement.





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1935 - GEORGE V SILVER JUBILEE - 1935



Princess Elizabeth



King George V and Queen Mary



Duke of York



Windsor Castle



Edward, Prince of Wales



Royal Yacht "Britannia"

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the accession of George V to the British throne is commemorated by this set of stamps issued on May 4, 1935. The eldest son of King Edward VII, he ascended the throne on May 6, 1910 and reigned until 1935. The Prince of Wales succeeded his father, reigning briefly as Edward VIII.

GEORGE VI CORONATION

1937



King George VI and Queen Elizabeth

When his brother, King Edward VIII, abdicated in order to marry Wallis Warfield Simpson, Prince Albert (Duke of York) ascended the throne as King George VI. This stamp marks his coronation on May 12, 1937.

ROYAL VISIT

1939



Elizabeth and Margaret Rose



War Memorial, Ottawa



King George VI and Queen Elizabeth

King George VI was the first reigning monarch of Canada actually to visit that country.





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ISSUES OF 1935

Another change in Government printers made this new set necessary.

This was the last of the King George V designs to appear as Canadian stamps.



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



King George V



Royal Canadian Mounted Police



Confederation Conference



Niagara Falls



Parliament Buildings Victoria, B. C.



Champlain Monument





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ISSUES OF 1937-38



King George VI



King George VI



King George VI



King George VI



King George VI



King George VI

These were the first of the new King George VI portraits.



Entrance to Halifax Harbor



Fort Gary Gate - Winnipeg



Vancouver Harbor



Memorial Hall



Chateau de Ramezay





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ISSUES OF 1942-3



King George VI



King George VI



King George VI



King George VI



King George VI



Grain Elevator



King George VI



Farm Scene

The stamps in this set were placed in regular use during 1942 and 1943 to picture Canada's contributions to the war effort on the side of the Allies in World War II.





POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA

ISSUES OF 1942-3



Parliament Buildings



"Ram" Tank



"Ram" Tank



Corvette



Munitions Factory



Destroyer





POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA

ISSUES OF 1946



Farm Scene



Great Bear Lake



Hydro-electric Station



Reaper and Harvester



Lumbering in British Columbia



Prince Edward Island Train Ferry

The stamps on this page were issued in 1946 to replace the war designs in the 1942-43 set. The stamps illustrate the changeover to peacetime production.





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BELL CENTENNIAL

1947



Alexander Graham Bell

This stamp marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone. Born in Scotland, Bell later came to America and in 1870 moved to Canada. His interest in the problems of the deaf led him to invent the telephone. He died in 1922.

ELIZABETH

1948



Princess Elizabeth

On November 20, 1947, Princess Elizabeth, daughter of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, was married to Philip Mountbatten. This stamp, which was issued on February 16, 1948, honors her marriage. The Princess, who was born in 1926, ascended the throne in 1952.

CITIZENSHIP

1947



Citizen of Canada

Under Canada's Citizenship Act, which went into effect on January 1, 1947, residents of Canada no longer were British subjects but were citizens of their native land. This stamp was issued on July 1, 1947, which also was the eightieth anniversary of Confederation.

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

1948



Victoria, George and Parliament Buildings

This stamp—issued on October 1, 1948—commemorates the centenary of responsible government in Canada. Canada achieved this authority during the reign of Queen Victoria, shown on the left of the stamp; King George VI, reigning monarch in 1948, is on the right.

NEWFOUNDLAND

1949



Cabot's "Matthew"

Newfoundland became a British crown colony in 1933; prior to that year, it had been a self-governing dominion since 1855. In 1949 it decided to join Canada as the country's tenth province. This stamp, issued on April 1, 1949, marks Newfoundland's entry.

HALIFAX

1949



Halifax in 1749

Halifax—which was to become the capital of Nova Scotia—was founded in 1749 by the Honorable Edward Cornwallis as a rival to Louisburg on Cape Breton. The city was named after the second Earl of Halifax. This stamp was issued to mark its bicentennial.

ROYAL VISIT

1951



Princess Elizabeth & Duke of Edinburgh

The year before she succeeded her father as monarch, Princess Elizabeth visited Canada with her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh. This stamp was issued on October 26, 1951 to mark the royal visit. While on this trip to North America, the couple also visited the United States.





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ISSUES OF 1949

REVISED

In 1949, the war portrait stamps were redesigned to show more recent pictures of King George VI. Before they went on sale, the issue was withdrawn and a revision made.



King George VI



King George VI

The original set was prepared without "POSTAGE" and "POSTED" in the design. The revised designs were placed on sale in 1949, while the unrevised designs were released for the benefit of stamp collectors in January, 1953.



King George VI



King George VI



King George VI

UNREVISED



King George VI



King George VI



King George VI



King George VI



King George VI





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OIL WELL

1950



Oil Wells

Canada is known the world over for her rich deposits of oil and this stamp was issued to publicize the development of natural oil in the Dominion. Oil wells in the Province of Alberta form the design for this stamp.

FUR INDUSTRY

1950



Drying Skins

The fur industry plays a leading roll in the economy of Canada and is her trading post across farms the subject for this 10c stamp issued in 1950. The design shows skins being dried by Indians.

FISHING INDUSTRY

1951



Fishing Industry

Fishing ranks as one of the major Canadian occupations. The stamp, shown above, was issued in 1951 to publicize Canada's fish resources and forms a part of the new regular issue.

CHANGES IN COLOR

1951



King George VI



King George VI

PAPER MANUFACTURE

1952



Paper Industry

This stamp is intended to emphasize the wealth of forestry products that are manufactured from Canada's great timber resources. The main element of the design displays a broad strip of wood which, at the extreme left, is cut to form a simple condenser tree shape and at the extreme right is bleached and curved into a roll of paper. A newspaper mill is in the center.





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POSTAGE STAMP CENTENARY

1951



The British North American postal administration began in 1851 when Canada's first stamps were issued, one showing a beaver and the others Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. This set marks the centenary anniversary of Canadian postage stamps; it was issued September 24, 1951.

Mail Trains, 1851 and 1951



Steamships



First Stamp of Canada



Mail Coach and Mail Plane



RED CROSS

1952

This stamp, which was produced by a combination of the engraving and lithography printing methods, was issued on July 26, 1952. It commemorates the 18th International Red Cross Conference, which convened in Toronto, Ontario, during July of 1952.

Red Cross and Clouds

PRIME MINISTERS

1951



Prime Minister Borden

1951



Prime Minister King

1952



Sir John Abbott

1952



Alexander Mackenzie

These stamps pay tribute to Canadian Prime Ministers. Sir John Abbott became the head of Canada's government in 1891; Alexander Mackenzie served from 1873 to 1878; Sir Robert Laird Borden became Prime Minister in 1911; and W. L. Mackenzie King served on three different occasions as Prime Minister: 1921-6; 1926-30; 1935-48. Mackenzie headed Canada's first Liberal administration; King also was a Liberal leader. The Borden and King stamps were issued June 25, 1951; the Abbott and Mackenzie adhesives November 3, 1952.





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PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA

CANADA GOOSE 1952



Canada Goose

Featuring the design of a Canada Goose, this 7c stamp, while intended for air mail use, was for the first time issued without the AIR inscription so that it might be used for regular or air mail. The Canada Goose is the most widely distributed wild species in North America.

INDIAN HOUSE 1953



Indian House and Totem Pole

Many of North America's early Indian tribes now inhabit the Western part of Canada. For their part in the growth of Canada, this stamp showing the Pacific Coast Indian House and Totem Pole was made part of the new series.

REGULAR ISSUE 1953



Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth II

Following the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, this set of stamps was issued to replace the current George VI stamps then in use. This procedure is customary with the reign of a new monarch.





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PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA

TEXTILE INDUSTRY

1953



Spinning Wheel

Issued on November 2, 1953, this stamp represents the importance of the textile industry to Canada. The design shows a hobbin from which threads are spun through an old fashioned spinning wheel to appear at the right as folded cloth.

GANNET

1954



Gannet

This design illustrates a Gannet in flight against a night sky. It was designed by Lawrence Hyde of Ottawa and was selected as an appropriate symbol for this denomination which is used extensively for airmail.

REGULAR ISSUE

1954



Illustrations by G. S. A.

© 1954



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DEFINITIVE ISSUES

1964



Jet Aircraft in Flight

This new regular issue seven cent stamp, designed primarily for air mail letters to the United States, features a modern inter-city jet aircraft taking off from a Canadian Airport.

1964



Jet Aircraft in Flight

Several months after issue of the 7c Jet Aircraft stamp, postage rates by air were increased to 8c. Remaining stocks of the 7c stamps were overprinted "8c" and placed on sale July 15th.

1964



Jet Aircraft in Flight

The new 8c Regular Issue was placed on sale November 18th. Identical in design with the 7c denomination, the only difference is in the denomination.

POSTAGE DUE

1967



Nansen

Adjustments in certain postage rates made it necessary to issue this postage due stamp in the 3c denomination.

CENTENNIAL YEAR

1967



Queen and Northern Regions



Queen and Pacific Coast



Queen and Prairie Scene



Queen and Mid-Canada Seaway View



Queen and Atlantic Coast

The lower denomination regular issues broke with tradition by incorporating representative regional views of Canada in an overall design featuring a reproduction of a new portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.





POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA

CENTENNIAL YEAR

1967



"Alaska Highway"



"The Jack Pine"



"Bylor Island"



"The Ferry, Quebec"



"The Solemn Land"



"Summer's Stores"



"Imp. Wildcat No. 3..."

In the preparation of the 1967 Regular series, special arrangements were made to use central portions of outstanding works of art by prominent Canadian painters for these higher denominations. These portrayals of the Canada scene, from works hanging in the National Gallery, Ottawa, include on 8c stamp based on A. Y. Jackson's "Alaska Highway between Watson Lake and Nelson"; Tom Thomson, the acknowledged father of the Group of Seven, is represented by "The Jack Pine" on the 10c issue. Lawren Harris, James Wilson Morrice, J.E.H. MacDonald, John Ensor and H.G. Glyde and other Canadian artists respectively represented on the 15c, 20c, 25c, 50c and \$1.00 issues; the designs are the central portions of "Bylor Island", "The Ferry, Quebec", "The Solemn Land", "Summer's Stores", and "Imp. Wildcat No. 3, Excelsior Field North Edmonton" in that order.



