

Jump Shift Varieties in Coil Stamps By Nick Fedorchuk

Early centennial coil stamps, the 3c, 4c and 5c produced a number of varieties. Jump shifts were created where rows of stamps at the junction of plates were misaligned producing an offset in the row. Start and end strips are other listed varieties.

Starting with the 6c orange the stamp printing changed and instead of stamps coming in rolls of 500 stamps, they now came in rolls of 100 and were printed in sheets of 10 rows. The sheets were perforated between stamps and guillotined between the 10 rows. New varieties became possible. Where plates were joined at top and bottom; wide and narrow spacing varieties resulted if the plate joints were imperfect. Also, if the plates were offset at the joints, a Jump Shift was possible.

In the 60ties and 70ties, when stamps were cheap I would occasionally buy sticks of 1000 coil stamps (10 rolls). I was hoping to find some imperf coils. Unfortunately I was not lucky to find anything. I cut a few sheets out of the 1000 coil sticks to keep and sold most of the rest for postage.

Much later I found out from Unitrade's catalogue, that wide and narrow spacing varieties existed. I checked my coils and sure enough some of my left over accumulation had both wide and narrow coil varieties. I was kicking myself for not checking all of my coils for these varieties before disposing most of the material for postage.

In the March 2009 club auction I put a block of 2 by 4 of 36 cent parliament coils with narrow spacing variety. The catalogue value was \$40 and I asked a minimum bid of \$8.00, it did not sell.

For the October 2009 club auction I looked again at the coils and realized that there was something unusual about the block. Not only did it have a narrow spacing variety; it also had a distinct jump shift at the spacing variety location. I broke up the block into two strips of four and listed one item with a minimum bid of \$15.00. With a proper description, it sold for \$20.00. I kept the other strip for my collection.

The lesson for collectors is that you don't know what you have unless you check the item very carefully. So have you checked your coils for

Jump Shift varieties? I checked the rest of my coils and I found Jump Shift varieties in 7c and 8c centennial coils, 8c and 10c caricature coils, 17c, 36c and 37c parliament coils as well as the A coil stamps. For illustration purposes I am attaching a photo of the 17c parliament as an example of the variety.



The jump shift occurs in conjunction with the wide or the narrow spacing varieties. It does not occur with every spacing variety, only on a few where significant plate misalignment occurred. So where do you look for the Jump Shift varieties?

Your best chance of finding these are in complete rolls of 100; better yet, complete sticks of 1000 stamps. Look for wide and narrow spacing, there should be two varieties per roll of 100 if they exist in the roll (not all rolls have the varieties). At the spacing variety look for the Jump Shift, if it is there it is quite visible to the naked eye.

The Jump Shift varieties are rare as most coils were broken up for singles and used for postage. A few collectors may still have complete rolls of 100, but the sticks of 1000 are long gone. Good hunting!

From Your Editor:

Thank you to our contributors for this month's issue: Nick Fedorchuk and Linda Anderson. Nick's article is greatly appreciated. Linda, thank you for taking the time to photograph our dedicated Junior Club guides.

Folks, it's just that easy. Take a few minutes to put a short item together for the next issue.

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Wanted: WPS Show covers from 2006 and earlier; WPS Royal ephemera. Contact Don Bahaud through buffalo_editor@mts.net

Calendar of Events

Nov 5	Meeting & Auction
Nov 19	Presentation - The private city post stamps of Germany
Nov 21	Fall Auction - 9am Viewing, Bidding starts 10am.
Dec 3	Charity Auction - Bring your significant other and anything else we can auction off for charity.
Dec 17	NO MEETING
Jan 7	Meeting & Auction
Jan 21	Meeting & Presentation
Feb 4	Meeting & Auction

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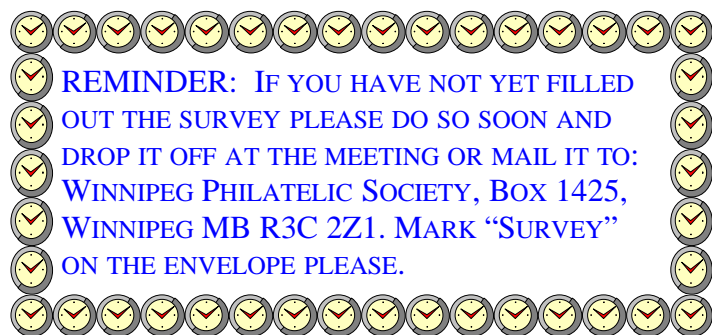
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BUFFALO CHIPS



Here is a very interesting presentation on the use of Railroad Post Office postmarks in Southern Manitoba by Robert K. Lane. I'm not sure when it was created but found it very in-depth. You can access it at : <http://bnaps.org/philatelic/cprpart1.pdf>

Another interesting presentation is on Brandon and its 125th anniversary back in 2007 through the BNAPS. It can be viewed at: <http://bnaps.org/philatelic/brandon125/phistory.htm>

The Gordon Jory Collection of Manitoba Postal History can be viewed at the following website. It has an excellent gallery of photos of samples of postmarks used in early Manitoba, NWT, and Assiniboia. You can view them at: <http://www2.brandonu.ca/library//archives/postal/index.asp>

Minutes of the Winnipeg Philatelic Society Annual General Meeting Oct. 1, 2009

Russ Thompson called the meeting to order at 7.35. Welcome to everyone.

Don Fraser, membership secretary for the year 2008-2009 read his report and submitted it. Debbie Birch takes over the position.

Michael Zacharias made his financial report and moved that it be accepted. Sid Kroker 2nd and it passed. It was submitted.

Bill Pooley needs speakers . Thank you for help and volunteering to speak.

Robert Zacharias did a report for the library. There were 3.4 transactions per meeting. \$448 was spent, mostly on Michel German language catalogues. We also purchased a VanDamm catalogue. If there are any requests, we may purchase the item if there is enough interest.

Bob Stanley, in the capacity of long past president thanked the current executive for the fantastic job they were doing.

A presentation was made to Len Kruzinski, Forbes Sharpe, and Judy Lipsey for their outstanding service to the club.



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Sid Kroker thanked Marjorie Hughes for coffee and tea making and for proving refreshments, and her backups, too.

Ken Kristjanson is taking names of people who are interested in the new Unitrade catalogue. He will making the order so, so let him know if you are interested in getting it at the discounted price. Ken also reminded us about the charity auction slated for the first meeting in Dec. Please consider baking, preserving, and generally collecting stuff to auction off. Please bring your partner too.

Robert let us know that the next meeting is the last to get lots into the big auction in November, 12 lots per member.

Pat D'Avignon mentioned that maybe members would use the library more if it was known what was in the library. Michael replied that this is in the works and it is a very slow process.

Don Bahuaud, as the Buffalo editor, made a request for articles for the Buffalo.

Russ thanked his executive, all volunteers, coffee brewers, tickets sellers, etc. for the past year. The May show will be in a new venue, West Saint Paul Civic Centre, the 1st weekend in May. We are committed to the Royal 2013. Thank you for everyone's support.

Sid Kroker announced that the Red River Bourse will be take place Oct. 13th, 10.00-5.00 at the Best Western Charter House Hotel.

Adj. 7.55.

Draw: Karl Rasmussen, Diane Malinowsky, Bob Elias, Marjorie Hughes.

Next meeting will be a presentation by Dick Johnson on offset marks on the 2 cent Queen.

Minutes Of Oct 15, 2009

Russ Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:30 and welcomed everyone.

Mike Zacharias asked if anyone needed name tags. If so, please let him know.

For those who put exhibits into the Spring Show, it is your responsibility for the insurance of your material. Homeowners insurance usually will not cover the items if they are in an exhibit. If you are a member of the RPSC, you are covered. Separate insurance is also available through the RPSC if you are not a member. You are probably cheaper off just to become a member.

Rob Zacharias reminded everyone that this is the last meeting to get in your auction lots for the "big" fall auction. It will be held on Saturday Nov. 21 with viewing at 9:00am and the auction starting at 10:00am sharp. 12 lots max per person. The lot list will be available the first meeting in November.

Meeting Adj. 7:40pm.

Draw: Alf Brooks, Linda Anderson, Mike Lasko, Michael Zacharias.

Presentation: Dick Johnson, Offset Marks and what they tell us (on the 2 cent Large Queen).

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WPS Youth Club Promoters

"On Saturday, October 3, 2009 John Salmi and Gerry Babij manned a booth at the St. Vital Shopping Centre. Member Ivor A. (shown below) dropped in for a while to help promote the WPS Youth Club to passers-by. Thanks to John and Gerry for their dedication and time."



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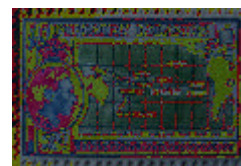
The **Pitcairn Islands**, officially named the **Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands**, are a group of four volcanic islands in the southern Pacific Ocean. The islands are a British overseas territory (formerly a British colony), the last remaining in the Pacific. The names of the islands are Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie, and Oeno; only Pitcairn, the second largest, is inhabited. (I always thought it was just one island, not a group)

The islands are best known as home of the descendants of the Bounty mutineers and the Tahitians who accompanied them, an event retold in numerous books and films. This story is still apparent in the surnames of many of the islanders. With only 50 inhabitants (from nine families), Pitcairn is also notable for being the least populated jurisdiction in the world (although it is not a sovereign nation). The United Nations Committee on Decolonization includes the Pitcairn Islands on the United Nations list of Non-Self-Governing Territories.

The postal history of the Pitcairn Islands can be traced to second half of the 19th century, when outgoing mail was hand stamped as "Posted on Pitcairn Island: no stamps available." Stamps were carried by passing ships and received postal stamps and cancellation at various ports of calls. However, this practice was discontinued in 1926 following reports of ship passengers mixing their own mail into the "no stamp" system set aside for the Pitcairn residents.

In June 1927, a postal agency was set up on Pitcairn to sell New Zealand stamps. The first Pitcairn postage stamps, consisting of eight denominations, were issued on October 15, 1940.

The New Zealand-based Pitcairn Islands Philatelic Bureau coordinates the territory's stamp program. The program issues up to six commemorative stamps per year, and new definitive stamps are issued on an average cycle of five years. The sale of philatelic issues has been a source of revenue for the territory.



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