

FOUR MINOR VARIETIES DISCOVERED

by Roger Fox, Ovide Bilodeau & John Emmett

MISSING "A" IN CANADA VARIETY - CTC S-20B 5¢ Roger Fox

A small variety in the current CTC S20B 5¢ series has come to light. It appears that the green printed portion on the back of some 5¢ coupons has been shortened on the right side, and the result is that the last "A" in "IMPRIME AU CANADA" at the bottom right has been cut off.

At this time it is not known how many notes are affected, if it was on more than one plate, or if found in other denominations.

The serial number range of the 5¢ notes containing this variety is: 0001414nnn or in this area. If you find any other coupons in the S-20 series 5¢, or this variety in any other denominations please let me know so I can further advise everyone.



STUBBY FOUR CTC S20-C 10¢ COUPONS Ovide Bilodeau

As Jerome and I were out hunting (Canadian Tire Coupons) the other day we came across a new variety in the CTC S20-C 10¢ coupons. The fifth digit of the serial number on the right hand side has a stubby four. At first it looked like the four was printed too high, and it is, but it also has a shorter "leg". It can easily be seen if you compare it to the serial number on the left, which should be the same.

Going through the bundles of coupons we found the serial numbers starting at around 0016424500 right through to 0016430000 to have stubby fours. We then found coupons numbering from 0016434001 up, to have normal fours on both sides, without any other information we would suspect around 5 or 6 thousand stubby four coupons.

If the four was lower than the other numbers then I would think that the "leg" of the four just did not print out full length, but being higher, it almost has to be a defective number on the printing wheel.

Keep us posted if you find any of these coupons, and happy hunting.



GREY LEAF VARIETY - CTC S-20C 10¢ & CTC S-18D 25¢ Roger Fox

While going through some brand new 10¢ coupons I found a very small run of 19 notes with a slightly shiny dark grey maple leaf printed on the front between the signatures. The normal printing of the maple leaf in this area is usually a shiny transparent white/beige leaf.

When comparing the grey leaf variety to a normal note, the black/grey background of the grey leaf coupon seemed to be slightly darker, but because the normal maple leaf is not grey, but a shiny white/beige, I am not sure if a darker black/grey background has anything to do with this.

I have also found a well used 25¢ S-18D coupon with a grey maple leaf so it appears that this variety could be in all denominations in both series printed by the British American Banknote Company.

The grey leaf coupons actually have quite a nice appearance as they are slightly darker with a good contrast to the denomination colour plus the maple leaf really stands out and makes a nice divider between the signatures.

The serial # range of the 10¢ notes is: 0014975738 to 0014975756 and the one 25¢ note is: 7513682718.

If anyone else has found any more of these grey leaf coupons in any denomination, or in any BABN series, please advise, so I can track numbers and perhaps establish rarity.

In any event, a couple of fun additions to look for!

