

Latest from the West...

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There is a lot of activity going on with the store on the West side in Saskatoon. The parking lot is being torn up in preparation for adding another section to the store. Darren Gunn is the owner and says that in about a year the construction should be complete. There are a couple of other small strip malls in the area that will have to be torn down. A competitor gas bar will also be moving and the present gas bar will be in its location. Darren is being run ragged trying to get everything done. The new store and parking lot will comprise about 2 city blocks when complete.

The gas bars have been issuing a lot of old money for the past few months. Several of the gas bar issues (CTC 7 to CTC 10 mostly) and Store S1-S5 have been found in circulation. The stores have been getting a lot of it from customers who regularly buy at a CTC gas bar. The store on the East side of Saskatoon took in some \$400.00+ worth of coupons, from the S-14 issue and before, in December. Many of these old coupons are really ugly with all kinds of problems not worth collecting (Spend'em if you got'em).

The only new coupons presently being issued by the gas bars in this area are the 5 cents, 10 cents, 50 cents and the new \$1.00:

S-20B	- 5 Cents	Range of 20,000,000
S-20E	- 50 Cents	Range of 10,400,000
S-25C	- 10 Cents	Range of 10,300,000
S-25F	- \$1.00	Range of 980,000

The only discovery or rather slight difference found on coupons lately was on S20-C the 10¢ value where the background color (Light gray) under Canadian Tire and the signature area is a very dark gray. The serial numbers I have are 27,547,144 and 45. 27,547,198 is the normal light gray so this variation must have occurred only in that packet of 100. It is very striking to have the coupons side by side to see the difference. The only other slight difference found was on the S20-B 5¢ value where the A of Canada was almost totally missing. The ranges where this variation occurred in this area were in almost all of the 8,600,000 range and part of the 14,307,000 range. This variation was also reported in a lower serial number range in a previous bulletin prior to my finding some in this area.

The multiplier coupons continue to be the 4x CTC money from both the store and the flyers. Occasionally 5x are issued. Very seldom is anything higher issued in this area. The last significant difference in the store multiplier was the issue of November 26, 2000 (5x CTC money) in which one store was issuing a thick paper version of that date and the other a thin paper. A couple of members from the East are aware of it and have confirmed its existence on Eastern coupons as well. Some of the Quebec 7x coupons have been noted on a very thick paper.

Gas went down throughout Saskatoon to 70.9 cents a liter today, January 12, 2001, but by January 22 it was back to 72.9 and by January 28 to 74.9.

Until next time, happy collecting.

CORPORATION ISSUE MYSTERY

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This may or may not be of interest as it concerns a minor variety in the corporation Issues. Catalogue number CTC2-A (Without Serial Number) and (without MorPower) has a broken frame line in the upper right corner (See fig 1). It has recently been discovered that CTC3-C with X prefix has the same variety. The serial number I have is X 823716.

The mystery is "Did the corporation use the same printing plate for all the Corporation Issues"? If they did not, then perhaps something went wrong with the serial number printer during the printing of CTC3 and the notes without serial number (CTC2A) belong to it. This poses a

problem as CTC2-A1 has (MorPower). Would different plates be required for those coupons with or without MorPower? If this is the case perhaps the 3 cent note without serial number should be considered as part of the CTC3 issue. For the moment, leaving the catalogue numbers as they are is the only way until someone can prove that CTC3 was issued from a different plate than CTC2 and CTC4.

Since I do not know how these were printed I am as much in the dark as many of you. For all you experts out there, perhaps you can shed light on this mystery. Please respond with your theories in an article to the bulletin.

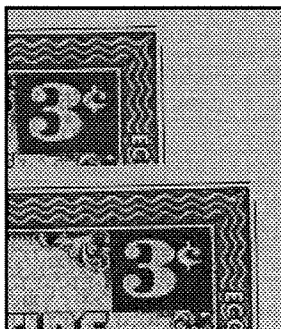


Fig. 1