

## LATEST FROM THE WEST cont'd



A sheetlet of 6 coupons with an expiry date of September 15, 2002 was issued in Alberta.

The flyers of Friday November 22, 2002 have the new coupon as shown in fig 4. The last flyer (Nov 14, 2002) with a 4X coupon distributed in Saskatchewan will have an expiry date of November 16, 2002. Subsequent flyers had the new coupon as shown in fig 4.

On November 4, 2002, the Gas Bars began the sale of the "Foundation for Families" trucks. This issue was shipped in boxes of 6, 1 being "Gold" and the other 5 White in color. I was advised by Eastern collectors that there was also a French version of each of these trucks as well. I believe that most Gas Bars got 4 cases each (Take this with a grain of salt), that means Saskatchewan may have received 12 Gold trucks in total as I only know of 1 Gas Bar in Regina, 1 in Saskatoon and 1 in Prince Albert. The other Gas Bar in Saskatoon is a Macs Store which did not participate in this promotion. Alberta has 17 Gas Bars, B.C. has 5 Gas Bars and Manitoba has 6 Gas Bars. That means 124 of the Gold trucks and 620 White trucks were distributed in the Western provinces. Some people checked the stores for these trucks but were disappointed to learn that only the Gas Bars were participating in this promotion. When the general public became aware of the "Gold truck" they disappeared rapidly into collections or became available for private sale. Ben advises that the Gold trucks in Red Deer soon disappeared before one could be acquired. How many Gas Bars are

there in Canada? I obtained a location list from a Saskatoon Gas bar giving the location of all the Gas Bars and there are approximately 216 throughout Canada. Suppose that each Gas Bar received 4 cases, what is the theoretical distribution of each truck? If 864 cases were distributed that means there are theoretically 864 Gold trucks and 4320 White trucks? If Quebec and New Brunswick, (Ottawa, Ontario???) received French Versions that means 53 cases of French trucks were distributed, 53 of which are Gold and 265 White ones from the total. Here is the theoretical breakdown:

English Gold – 811	English White – 4055
French Gold - 53	French White – 265

Only Ontario is the unknown, so it appears that the French versions will certainly be the scarcer issues.



In addition to having this years truck on sale, the 1957 Fargo truck bank, the owners of the Saskatoon stores received a special order of 324 truck banks produced by Liberty. It is a 1939 Chevy pickup (Box covered) in Red. The doors of the truck have the CTC logo and Saskatoon below it. The owner (Darren Gunn) of the West side store advises that they were for employees of both stores. The excess (Over and above the number of employees) were put aside for known collectors in the area and therefore not available for sale to the public.

In the next issue I will be doing the annual update for the High/Low list, please send your numbers that are different from the existing list. For the April 2003 issue I will be doing an update on the S8 (Blank and filled C), S11-E (1 Void and 2 Voids) and the S-11 issue including varieties and replacements for all values. Please send your numbers for these as well. For those that have access to the internet I can E-mail the lists as an attachment. I use the Excel spreadsheet. Direct inquiries to: lfontaine@shaw.ca on the internet.

## NEW VARIETY IN THE S27-C ISSUE...

by Lou Fontaine #109, November 2002

While going through some new bundles of S27-C 10¢ coupons, I came across an interesting variety. There is a large dot on the 1 of the value on the reverse. This variety occurred on 10 coupons in the range of 0206666581 and 0206666607. Shown here is a closeup of the variety. It is believed that some foreign matter got on the plate during the printing and eventually disappeared. Incidentally I was also able to get # 0206666666, an interesting number.

