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THE BOB HOPE NOSE VARIETY IN THE S10 AND S11 ISSUE...

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The Bob Hope nose variety was first discovered by Jerome Foure 10 years ago. The first value noticed was the S11-G \$2.00 Yellow. It has gone by many names like the "Thin 3", Ski jump3, Funky 3, etc...In the last 2 years Don Bradt expanded on this variety and found that they exist in most S-10 and S-11 values. It will be included in the forthcoming (Volume 2) of the Bilodeau Guide when it is issued. Some members have reported numbers in their possession which I have included in the chart. I have spent many hours doing further research on these varieties and have added my actual coupons and theories in the chart shown below.

The Bob Hope Nose 3 will be found in the Fourth or Fifth digit on either side serial numbers only on all values in the S10-S11 issues. Where I have placed a number with question marks I suspect that this range might have this variety but since no coupons have turned up in that serial number range I am unable to confirm its existence. On the average I found that this variety occurs every 200,000 to 220,000 cou-

pons more or less. I have also found that it does not necessarily occur in the entire serial number range for each value. On one or two values this variety is unknown, as none have been reported.

When this variety is the fourth digit it signifies that there are 1000 coupons in that range; When it is the fifth digit there are only 100 in that range. The only exception so far is the 50¢ value. From the hundreds of coupons that I went through I found that several had a thin 3 but did not have the little hook in the center of the 3. Do not confuse it with the Bob Hope Nose 3. (See Fig 1 and Fig 2 for examples of the Bob Hope Nose 3 variety). I hope that variety collectors will find a few more ranges that I have not been able to confirm to date. Your assistance will be very useful and finding all the serial number ranges where this variety occurs. Anyone finding this variety please send me a photocopy or actual coupon or if you have a computer and scanner an image scanned at 200 dpi to fontaine2@shaw.ca (See chart below)



