

A LOOK AT THE S20-E VARIETIES...

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I will be researching the S-18B and S-20 series as there are so many varieties in these issues. As I complete my research on other values I will submit an article from time to time. In the meantime save all your S18-B and S20 coupons as you will need them in the future. I will not attempt to categorize all the varieties for each value in one article as it is just too overwhelming.

The S20-E was printed in a quantity of 12,000,000 by the British American Bank Note company. The new Volume 2 Bilodeau guide shows many varieties in the S20 issue but for this article I picked the 50 cent value to do research on as this value has the most varieties where a magnifying glass is not required. It is interesting and challenging to attempt gathering these coupons with all the variations. The majority are still easy to find in circulated condition and a specialized collection can be made quite inexpensively. All you need is the Vol 2 Bilodeau Guide.

This information is based on 600 coupons. I found a pattern in this value where one variety will occur in a particular serial number range every 300,000 notes printed in a quantity of 10,000.

The first one I picked was the signature variety with the different S in Stephen. Those with the longest tails on the S are shown in the guide as S0, Sa, Sc, Sf and Ss, page B-11. The serial number range for these 5 variations in the S will be found throughout the entire printing and are common. Some replacements will have the long tail.

Within this group you will find the variety with the short T. The stroke through the T is shorter than normal. Shown in the guide as Xf, page B-10. The only serial number ranges that I know where they exist are in the 1,700,000 and 3,200,000 range. This one has been the most difficult to find in our region. The pattern does not work very well for this variety as I found several ranges that did not have it. See chart A. To date I know of no replacements with this variety. (Note: This may change as more research is done in this issue)

The next item we will look at is the S with No tail. The Guide shows it as Si, page B-11. This variation occurs throughout the entire printing and is also common. Some replacements will be found with short or No tail.

Within this group you will find the short P variety. Shown in the Guide as Pc, page B-10. The known ranges so far are 319,000, 615,000, 1,515,000, 1,812,000, 2,114,000, 2,717,000 to 2,220,000, 3,614,000, 4,812,000 to 4,815,000, 5,110,000, 5,715,000 to 5,717,000, 9,614,000 to 9,618,000 and 11,714,000. Use the pattern and work your way forward or backward from the ranges above to find more ranges where this variety may exist or see chart B. Not as common but still a good chance of finding one. Some replacements will also be found with the Short P variety.

Within this group you will also find the break between A & S variety in Pasternak, the easiest one to find. Shown as Ac in the guide, page B-10. The ranges known so far are 62,000 to 69,000, 368,000, 663,000, 965,000, 1,860,000 to 1,863,000, 2,164,000 to 2,170,000, 3,060,000 to 3,067,000, 3,664,000, 4,563,000, 5,764,000, 6,060,000 to 6,069,000, 6,360,000 to 6,368,000, 6,660,000 to 6,662,000, 6,966,000, 7,560,000, 7,860,000, 9,060,000 to 9,070,000, 10,261,000, 10,865,000, 11,163,000 to 11,164,000 and 11,762,000 to 11,765,000. A pattern is obvious for this variety. Use the pattern and work your way forward or backward from the ranges above to find more ranges where this variety may exist or see chart C. Some replacements will also be found with the Type Ac break between A & S.

Another variety in the S20-E is the "No period after business in the warning". The only ranges I know of at present are 00032900000 to 00032999999, 00098900000 to 00098999999, 00110900000 to 00110999999 and 00113900001 to 00113999999. A pattern also shows up with this variety, work your way forward or backward by 300,000 coupons from the known ranges and the odds are you will find the missing period variety. There are 10,000 coupons in each range. You will note that the S in Stephen will have the long tail. They do not exist with the short or no tail in the S of Stephen. This variety exists in the replacements. See chart D for the ranges.

There are no Broken Y varieties known in this value.

The K in Pasternak shown on page B10 of the Guide, are all type K0 for the entire printing.

I have created 4 charts, the Short T, Short P, Break between A & S and Missing Period after business. Due to insufficient data I was not too comprehensive on the Short T and Period missing after business varieties. From the charts below one can see that you will not find a single note with both the Short P and the Break A & S varieties together because they only occur 50,000 notes apart. As a matter of fact you will not find any of these 4 varieties together on one coupon.

To sum up, 2 plates are required for the printing of the front and 2 plates for the reverse. The first pass prints the signatures, black text, outline of the CTC logo, Sandy Mctire and light background color. The second pass prints the values, text and designated color for that value. The first pass for the reverse prints the outline of the logo and value squares and Black text. The second pass prints the values and the designated colors for that value. It appears that 4 different areas on the plate were affected, hence the 3 varieties occurring in different serial number ranges on the front and 1 variety on the reverse. All 4 occurred on the first pass in the printing.

CHART FOR THE S18 TO S21 VARIETIES

Chart for the S-18 to S-21 varieties

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It took many coupons to go through and the use of the Bilodeau guide Volume II to find most of the varieties in these issues. The following is what I found.

Value	S18-b	S18-ba	S20-b	S20-ba	10 Cents	25 Cents	50 Cents	\$1.00	\$2.00
Cat #	S18-b	S18-ba	S20-b	S20-ba	S20-c	S20-d	S20-da	S20-f	S21-g
Large 7514 in right side serial #	Yes								
No period after limited	Yes								
No Period after business	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
Break between A & S of Pasternak	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes		
No period after limtee & Business	Yes	Yes	Yes						
No period after detail	Yes					Yes	Yes		
No period after limtee	Yes				Yes				
Clipped C in Canada (Left side)			Yes		Yes				
Clipped C in Canada (Both sides)			Yes			Yes	Yes		
No period after business & Broken Y			Yes						
Broken Y & Break between A & S			Yes						
Missing A in Canada			Yes						
Clipped C (Left) & Missing A			Yes						
Clipped C (Right) & Missing A			Yes	Yes					
Clipped C (Right) & Break A & S			Yes						
Brkn Y at r of treasurer			Yes						
Clipped C (Both sides) & Broken Y			Yes			Yes			
Broken Y in Stanley			Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		
Broken Y in Stanley & missing A			Yes	Yes					
Bent U					Yes				
Clipped A in B A & Bent U					Yes				
Clipped U					Yes				
Clipped A in B A					Yes				
Clipped A in Canada (Right)					Yes				
White smudge above uniqueent					Yes				
Grey spec to right of Y in Stanley					Yes				
Dot above A in Pasternak					Yes				
Missing C in Canada (Right)						Yes			
No Period after detail & Broken Y						Yes	Yes		
Broken Y – Bottom of Y						Yes	Yes		
Broken Y in 2 places						Yes	Yes		
Broken S and missing period						Yes			
Broken S & missing period – Brkn Y						Yes			
Short P							Yes	Yes	
Short T							Yes		