

NUMBERS

by Ovide Bilodeau #004

Boy Oh Boy, little did I know back in the late 80's where this Guide thing would lead to. I started this project because there was no available information for CTC coupons. I never realized how complicated it would become.

Thank the Lord that I don't have to do all the work alone. My three helpers have really taken up the challenge and I must admit that my role is now reduced to guiding and helping them.

When important matters arise, they can count on me for guidance, which brings me to a case in point, the CTC S27 series. It is getting out of hand with all the different dates and denominations to keep track of. The Club meetings I have attended lately have brought up tons of questions as to what series is what and what the different catalogue numbers mean or should be. Most members are really perplexed as to what is what in this series.

After having given it some thought, I have decided that the Bilodeau Guide will be using the following numbering system for this series starting with the Seventh Edition which should be out in 2006.

The denomination will stay the same. A 5¢ will remain CTC S27-B for the regular notes and CTC S27-Ba will remain constant for the replacement notes.

The year of the plate will be added to that catalogue number using a two digit number. The 5¢ will become CTC S27-B02 for the 2002 plate date, the CTC S27-B03 for the 2003 series and so on. The replacements will become CTC S27-

Ba02 for the 2002 plate date, the CTC S27-Ba04 for the 2004 series and so on. This way I won't have to worry about this for the rest of my life, the next 99 years are covered. Knowing Canadian Tire though, they will find a way to throw a wrench into my plan.

For the moment, the question of single replacement notes, replacement sheet notes and same number replacements will not be addressed because the research is not finished yet. I know Jerome is trying to gather as much information as possible about these different notes. It would really be appreciated if you could get in touch with Jerome and give him your input about these notes. Members with access to new bundles can take notes as to the replacements they find by keeping their bracketing notes with their replacements and whether the note stood out from the rest of the bundle (single replacement notes) or if they were indistinguishable in the bundle (replacement sheet notes).

As for the same number replacements, if they are of a different date as the rest of the coupons in that particular number range, they are easy to find even after the bundle has been split up. If however they are the same date, I would not even consider them as same number replacements because of the inconsistency of inking by the printing company (a darker print does not equal a same number replacement). Same number replacements are 99% of the time, single notes added at the end or the beginning of a bundle and not to be confused with out of range notes.

As I said earlier, if you have any input please contact Jerome with it. Thank You.

SHALL WE 'DANS'?

by Thayer Bouck #284

A few days after the deadline for the October issue of "The Collector" my friendly Canadian Tire Gas Bar manager Mike showed me a coupon that just didn't look right to him. I took it home and examined it and sure enough he had discovered a new variety. It was on a CTC S24-D 25¢ coupon. On the reverse where the french text explains the use of Canadian Tire cash bonus coupons, where the word 'dans' appears in the middle line which is the third line from the top or bottom, these are two breaks in the letter "d". I started a search for additional notes with this variety in this series. So far I have found over a dozen in each of CTC S24-D 25¢ and

CTC S24-E 50¢ but only one of CTC S24-B 5¢? I soon realized that every bill in this series that has this variety has a "4" in the fifth position of the serial number. This certainly does not mean that every note that has a "4" in the fifth position has this variety. In other words, mathematically, the converse is not true. If anyone finds this variety and there isn't a "4" in the fifth position, please let me know. Also, please let me know the serial numbers that you find and if enough are found we should be able to determine the exact plate that caused the variety. Good luck! Thayer Bouck, 11 Damude Dr., Fonthill, Ontario L0S 1E0. Phone 905-892-3335

