

S11-C TOOTHPICK AND OPEN ENDED “L” VARIETIES...

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The S11-C “Toothpick” and “Open Ended L” varieties can be quite a challenging project should one try to get a high and low of all the possible ranges. There is a possibility of up to 5000 coupons for each range. (See fig 1)

To view the toothpick variety one has to look at the face of Sandy McTire and it appears that he has a straw toothpick hanging out of his mouth. The lowest and highest ranges with the prefix “E” known are E0055000-E0059999 and E9850000-E9854999. With the “F” prefix the lowest and highest ranges known are F0060000-F0064999 and F5770000-F5774999. In some ranges, for both the E or the F prefix, there are some that are known as the “Faint toothpick”. This variety was not issued in batches of 5000 but only within a few of the variety ranges so it will be more difficult to find. (See fig 2)



For the Open ended L one has to look at the French text “La societe.....” at the bottom of the note below Sandy McTire. The line above La... is broken and runs into the L. The lowest and highest ranges known for this variety are E0405000-E0409999 and E9984500-E9989999. With the F prefix the lowest and highest ranges known are F0050000-F0054999 and F5690000-F5694999.

I have not seen any replacements in any run of either variety to date but I do not have all the ranges either. In the event that they exist and you have a bracketed sequence I would be interested in hearing from you. If any sheets were spoiled during these runs then it would be extremely desirable to own a bracketed Uncirculated sequence if in fact any exist.

For a supplemental project one may use the specialized High Low list to determine where all the ranges are for both varieties and from there, arrive at the quantity of each printed. Regrettably I have not had the time.

For more detailed information on these varieties and the known ranges, please refer to the specialized high low list on the Club web site (www.ctccc.ca) and click on the link.



PAPERCLIP

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Here are a couple of scans of two CTC S29-C coupons with imprints of a paperclip. I believe the paperclip on Sandy’s shoulder was previously reported but I noticed that there is also a paperclip imprint on the front lower-left denomination box of other coupons. Possibly the paperclip moved from printing plate to printing plate. The coupons I found with the paperclip on Sandy’s shoulder are 0332851163, 320, and 685. There should be a few more than 500 out there. The coupons I found with the paperclip on the denomination box are 0330350457, and 0331400238, 239, 960, and 961.

