

# RESEARCH ENQUIRY

by Ross Irwin

CTC have issued SPECIMEN coupons and asterisk replacement coupons for several coupon series. The problem is we are not certain which series have these special coupons. They are certainly scarce. I list below those series that are known to exist. Please write the Editor if you know about series not listed here. In banknotes the replacement prefix is often different from the prefix series in which it is found. Is this the case with these coupons.

## Replacement Coupons

Replacement (\*) coupons are not known to exist in the gas bar series. Series S-4 (CT-23), 1974, the asterisk precedes the first prefix letter. Those known to exist are: \*AN - 3¢; \*HN - 5¢; \*PN - 10¢; \*DN - 25¢; \*EN - 50¢; \*FN - \$1.00. Why is there no BN or CN? Do they exist? Series S-9 (CT-27), 1987, the asterisk follows the first letter and replace the second letter. Those known to exist are: A\* - 5¢; B\* - 10¢; C\* - 25¢; D\* - 50¢; E\* - \$1.00. New series of 1987 with a single prefix. The asterisk replaces the letter in the format: \* 00000001 in each denomination.

## Specimen Coupons

The purpose of SPECIMEN coupons is not known. They are assumed to be a series used to show cashiers the format of new coupons. Does anyone have knowledge based on company use? The 1958 Rural Scene series have SPECIMEN coupons for each denomination, printed both sides. The Scotsman first Seal series have SPECIMEN coupons, uniface. The Olympic series have SPECIMEN coupons, serial JN 00000. Sasaki-Muncaster SPECIMEN printed both sides.

Can you add to this list?

## CLARIFICATION

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The purpose of the following is to clarify an information published in the Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Tire Cash Bonus Coupons, First Edition by Ross W. Irwin. After numerous verifications with ressource people implicated at the time in "Les Huiles Montcalm Inc." "affiliated to P.Simard Inc." (owner of Canadian Tire Stores in Quebec) Champlain Oil Company" was never affiliated to nor the property of the Simard Family from Quebec. Mr. Ross W. Irwin probably wanted to allude to "Les Huiles Montcalm Inc." on page 5 of his catalog.

A reduced size photocopy of a "Huile Champlain" bonus-coupon in circulation around 1975 is illustrated below.

