

# TIRE & DOLLAR GAS BAR REPLACEMENT NOTES

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We are all aware that asterisk or replacement notes exist for the Canadian Tire Store coupons printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company and have been issued in 3 different distinct series and styles since 1974 to date. There have even been stretched serial numbers reportedly used as replacements, and now the use of the number "9" preceding the 10 digit new store series to indicate the replacement of misprinted coupons.

This is great for the store series of notes, but what about the familiar Tire & Dollar gas bar coupons printed by the British American Bank Note Company? Did the B.A.B.N.C. consider themselves perfect and never make mistakes, so there was never a need to have replacement notes?!? Hardly --- if they are human, and using man-made equipment, they would have as much wastage as their competition, the Canadian Bank Note Company --- only the B.A.B.N.C. chose to be less obvious.

In the February issue of the C.T.C.C.C. newsletter, Don Bradt wrote an article on page 3, questioning some 5 cent Heuman - Groussman coupons in which a non-serif 'S', or plain 'S' was found in the "middle" of a serif 'S' series, for no apparent reason.

While going through a bundle of 200 new CTC-8C 25 cent notes bearing the signatures of Sasaki - Billes, I came across a lone serif 'V', serial number: V2901332 in perfect sequence with the numbered series containing all plain 'V's'. A quick check of my collection and high-low listings, revealed that the regular production of serif 'V's' did not happen until much later at approximately V4595xxx, and continued to date.

- Therefore:
- a. since this serif 'V' was the only one in the bundle,
  - b. since the serial number is printed slightly off center to the others,
  - c. since the colour of the coupon is lighter than the others,
  - d. since the serial number ink is lighter and mottled, and finally,
  - e. the fact that serif 'V's' were not in regular production yet,

I concluded that it was, indeed a replacement note! !!