

NEW STORE 10¢ SERIES DISCOVERED --- BUT "SMALL WINDOW"

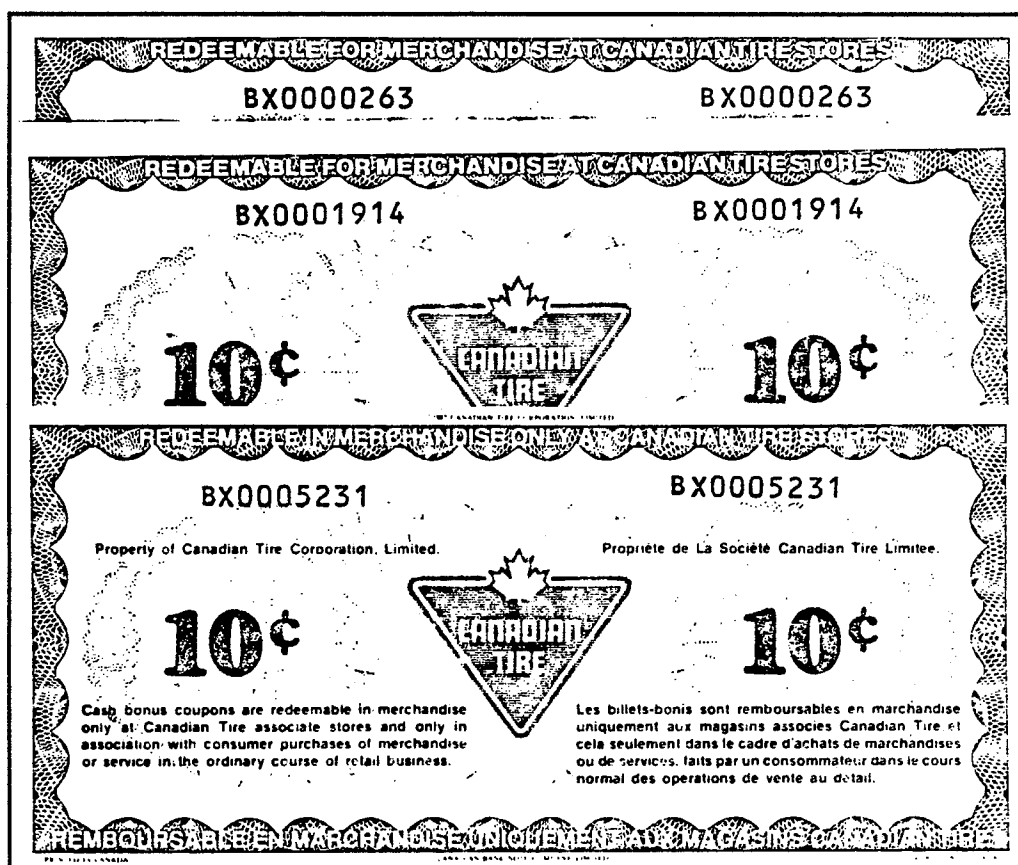
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There is one thing you can count on when you collect Canadian Tire Coupons, and that is, there is always the potential for new discoveries. Although most discoveries happen in current issues, occasionally something is found in a former series not previously mentioned or listed in the catalogues.

Until now, we all thought that the CTC S8-B series ended with the 'BY' letter prefix. That is the 10¢ store series printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company, dated 1985 along the reverse bottom of the coupon, with the two signatures of D. Heuman and D. Groussman and NO CORPORATE WARNING on the reverse.

Now, it has been discovered that there are CTC S8-B coupons with the next letter prefix "BX", but only in a 'small window' of some 3000 to 5000 notes. At this point we are not sure just where the CTC S9-B coupons dated 1987, WITH the CORPORATE WARNING begins as:

1. there has not been a lot of time to research this discovery as yet,
2. these notes are about 7 years old now,
3. no more than 5230 of them could exist



Pictured here is low note No. BX 0000263 and high note BX 0001914 (both with NO WARNING) which indicates the BX series started in the CTC S8-B group of coupons. And for reference my lowest note - BX 0005231 in the CTC S9-B series (with WARNING).

Member Don Bradt reports that he has CTC S8-B note No. BX 0002786, which narrows the gap of the S8-B notes available from probably 3000 to 5000. As time progresses and this new series is explored in more detail by other collectors, we will be able to be more specific on mintage quantities, but regardless, we are talking only 3000 to 5000 notes maximum issued about 7 years ago! We, as collectors, have the fact that this newly discovered series is not something unusual or outstanding, or being recalled by Canadian Tire, so the notes are still out there!

I might add that I credit "low-high" coupon number research for this discovery, and if it wasn't for member Don Robb who has been helping me in 'low-high' numbered notes, this series may not have come to light at this time. Thanks Don for your help.

If any of you readers find 'BX' S8-B notes higher than BX 0002786, but lower than BX 0005231, please write me, or phone me of your findings, so Jerome Fourre can update our catalogue with both this new series and mintage quantities. Thanks! Write: 382 Selby Crescent, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y-6E1. Phone: (905) 898-7677.