

Gas Bar Coupon Varieties cont'd

"Back Varieties"

Some further explanation is required about the notes for 10 cent gas coupons with the different "4" in the serial number. There are quite a number of printing defects in the gas coupons (and also the store coupons if you look closely). Most of these defects are due to sloppy printing and are not usually noticed or collected. Some, however, due to the size, shape or position of the print defect or "blob" are quite interesting. The following are only two among a great many:

Cat at Gas Bar

This "back variety" has a red blob that looks very much like a cat strolling across the gas bar depicted on the back of gas coupons. See fig. 3. I have found this "variety" on CTC 8 coupons with a plain T prefix and also with a large serif T prefix. This "variety" is also found with serial numbers other than the "different 4" mentioned above.

Lake Winnipegosis

This "back variety" has a red blob that looks like a lake west of Lake Winnipeg. See fig. 4. From a map of Canada, I have given it the above name. Of course all "blobs" over land on the map of Canada on the back of gas coupons are going to look like lakes. Similarly some white "blobs" over water look like extra islands.

The "Cat at Gas Bar" and "Lake Winnipegosis" coupons are not common. I've averaged about 2 or 3 per 500 coupons.

I would be happy to correspond with anyone concerning the above "varieties" and also any other varieties that are discovered.

Additional Information

In the April 1994 Newsletter I had an article describing some of the Gas Bar varieties. I now have some additional information about these coupons. Doug Cowan (CM 0000130) wrote and confirmed that all the coupons in his possession conformed to the serial numbers described in the article. Don Robb wrote and mentioned he had found a 5¢ "Top Scratch" with a serial number of the form S 114nnn.

I have found some additional gas bar coupons that I had put away in a safe place and then forgotten. For the "Stalagmite" variety I can now add a U(serif) U 086nnnn and a V(plain) V 018nnnn.

Many thanks to those that took the time to respond.

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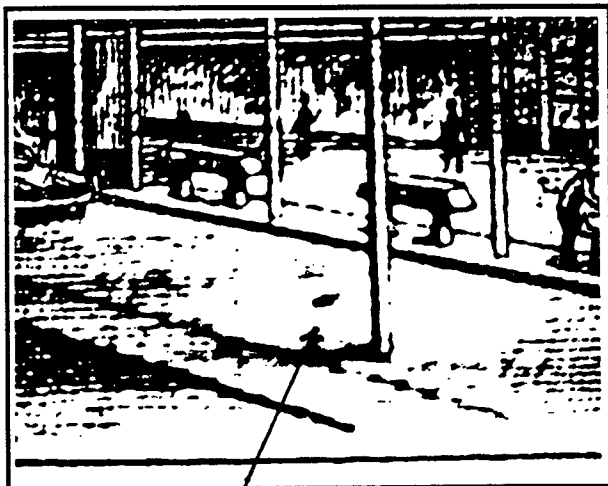


Figure 3: Close-up of cat at gas bar.

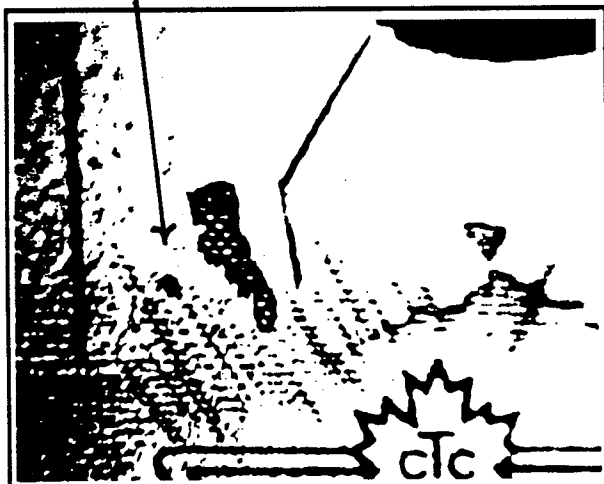


Figure 4: Close-up of Lake Winnipegosis.