

LATEST FROM THE WEST... cont'd

As an added note, some \$2.00 Yellows from the S-11 series found their way into Saskatchewan during August but none in September, with serial numbers in the 200,000 range. None had been circulating previously. The last time these were seen was in September of 1992 when some were issued to Canadian Tire employees in a promotion. At that time I had seen only 6. The \$2.00 from the S-16 series has been circulating quite well.

The Saskatoon stores will be issuing cash bonus coupons beginning in January. As far as the other stores in the other provinces I have no information available. The Western Canada coupons currently in use will likely be discontinued and may become quite scarce. They will also represent a chapter in Canadian Tire coupon history.

"HOW MANY COLLECTORS ARE THERE IN THE WEST" ??? If you are a collector living in any of the Western provinces I would like to hear from you. Louis Fontaine, 86, Morris Drive, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7L 3V2

SPECKLED AND NORMAL PAPER TYPE (DEAD OR FLUORESCENT) USED BY THE CANADIAN BANK NOTE COMPANY

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An area that has not been widely researched is *fluorescence* in the papers used by the Canadian Bank Note company. If you have a black light (Ultraviolet lamp) it is possible to detect the different paper types. The Bank note companies do change paper suppliers from time to time and since the method of manufacture may also vary you will get various degrees of fluorescence in the paper. The paper used by the Canadian Bank Note company in the printing of their series (S-4, S6 to S-9, S12 to S-14) will have a dead (No reaction to UV excitation) to as high as a medium fluorescence. Some papers will be normal and others speckled.

Speckled paper - Varying numbers of multicolored dots that appear randomly on the coupon.

Normal paper - A dead to fluorescent paper without speckles.

Note - The speckles or types of papers are not visible without an ultraviolet light.

S-4 issue - The following prefixes have both normal and speckled papers: AN, BN, AM, CN, EM, DN, BM, EN, ZN and DM. The following prefixes are on normal paper only: XN, HN, QN, TN, GN, PN, SN, UN, YN, CM, RN, WN and FN. The fluorescence will vary to as high as medium on some issues. **The speckled paper is the scarcer.**

S-6 issue - The speckled and normal paper appear randomly throughout the issue and at about the same frequency.

S-7 issue - Appears only on normal paper.

S-8 issue - This issue used 2 different batches of paper. The 5 cent, 10 cent values are on normal paper only, the 25 cent, 50 cent values are on speckled paper only and the \$1.00 value is on both normal and speckled paper.

S-9 issue - You will find that all values are on speckled paper. I have noted varying degrees of fluorescence (from dead paper to low fluorescence) on all values, however there is only 1 that is worthy of mention. The 10 cent value with the BW prefix was printed with at least 2 different batches of paper, one will be found without any fluorescent fibers in the paper at all, and the other will have a medium degree of fluorescence due to the high number of fluorescent fibers in the paper.

S-12 issue - It appears that all coupons before 364xxxx are of the normal type and those after are the speckled paper. I have also noted that the S-12 will be found on Dead paper and low fluorescence paper. **The normal paper is the scarcer of the 2.**

S-13 issue - The 5 cents to 50 cents are on normal paper. The paper for the 25 cent value has a medium fluorescence as well as the dead paper. This variety is quite scarce as I have only seen 1 so far. The \$1.00 value is on both normal and speckled. The paper is also fluorescent. The serial number ranges that I have noted the speckled variety are in the 070xxxx, 071xxxx, 073xxxx and 074xxxx ranges. It is possible that the speckled variety exists on serial ranges 068xxxx, 069xxxx and 072xxxx also. Beyond 074xxxx I have not seen any. The normal paper also occurs in the above ranges mentioned. **The speckled variety is the scarcer.**

S-14 issue - The 10 cent value appears on both normal paper and speckled paper, however there are very few speckles on the speckled variety. The 25 cent appears on both normal and speckled paper. There are at least 4 degrees of fluorescence, Totally dead paper, very low fluorescence (These 2 varieties will show the speckles), low fluorescence and medium fluorescence (These last 2 will not show the speckles as they are the same brilliance as the paper, however if you look closely you will be able to see the colored dots). The speckled and normal paper appear randomly throughout the issue and at about the same frequency.

S-15 to S-17 issues - All on dead paper but with fluorescent fibers in the paper.

The Ultraviolet light can also show stains on coupons such as those caused by liquids. In a future article I will be reporting on the British American Bank note company issues. Inquiries or comments may be directed to: Louis Fontaine 86 Morris Drive, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. S7L 3V2