

75TH ANNIVERSARY \$2.00 REPLACEMENT COUPON - CTC S-19AA

by Roger Fox

As we all know, \$2.00 replacement coupons are hard to find, probably the hardest of any denomination simply because they are the least printed.

A good example of this is the recent 75th anniversary series CTC S-19A in which only one million 2 dollar coupons were made. All have now been issued and as we all know the "175" replacements have been very hard to find, with only a "handful" actually acknowledged.

To try and establish actual serial numbers printed vs actual numbers used and issued to try and determine rarity, I have been asking several of our members who have an example of this "175" \$2.00 coupon in their collection for their serial numbers, and the result is as follows in numerical order from low number to high:

13617, 13684, 13829, 13830, 13834, 13866, 13978, 14001

As you can see, the few that we know of are mostly in the high thirteen thousand range with one over fourteen thousand. Were there 14,000+ replacements printed by the British American Bank Note Company? If so, where are all the others? Are there any in other serial number ranges

found? Did B.A.B.N.C. elect to only use a "few" in lieu of re-printing actual destroyed serial numbered coupons for other errors that occurred, or did they just simply not make very many errors in the printing of this \$2.00 series?

To try and get more information on this elusive coupon, I need your help!

If you have an example of this "175" \$2.00 coupon, series CTC S-19Aa and the serial number of your note is not listed above, please write to me or call me with the number(s) of your replacement coupon(s). Even if it is in the range above, please let me know so we can get a feeling of how many have actually been found. As you can see, not too many so far!

We have established the actual number of regular coupons printed at one million, but only research, and your help will establish some idea of how many replacements were used. Your input would be greatly appreciated.

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Thank you in advance, and if there is any significant change, or other interesting developments arising from member input, I will let everyone know in the next newsletter!

President's Message cont'd

Torex Meeting - October 24, 1998 - Toronto

For this meeting, we were assigned a different room than normal. We were still on the 23rd floor of the Best Western Primrose Hotel, but met in the Starlite Room instead of the Rainbow Room. Not quite as bright, a different layout of tables, and following a prior meeting, we did not get in and set up until almost 10:00 am. We did however get started on time at 10:00 am, and had a great turnout of 22 members and 2 guests. We had members from as far as Quebec, Ottawa, Sudbury, and London in attendance!

The meeting started with the introduction of the CTC-S20, and S21 series. All denominations except the 5¢ have been issued, and replacements have been found in all denominations so far. Members reported the issuing of "new-old stock" CTC-S17 coupons in many areas with serial numbers advancing beyond "highs" recorded before the 75th anniversary series, however few reports of the S17 '9' prefix Bachand replacement \$1.00 coupons being found.

We then proceeded with our 60 lot auction run by Mike Hollingshead, recorded by Don Robb, with Ovide Bilodeau as "runner". All items except one sold, either to our mail bidders or to the floor! With the auction over, we still had 45 minutes left for members to trade in the room. Another great meeting.

Nuphilex Meeting - November 7, 1998 - Montreal

Room opened at 9:00 am with some immediate trading. Jerome Fourre started the meeting at 10:00 am welcoming 16 members and 2 guests. Again, members keen to attend, came from as far as Quebec City, Trois Rivières, Ottawa, Newmarket, and London!

Many of the same items discussed at Torex were again mentioned at this meeting to keep everyone informed.

The "make-up" auction of 51 lots followed but sales were slow, with many lots "passing" which was disappointing considering the work involved in getting it ready! With the auction over, more trading commenced for about another half an hour in the room, then continued out in the lobby.

For those finished with coupons, the Nuphilex Show, although held in two smaller rooms this time was still very good, and provided a great afternoons entertainment. For the CTCCC, another excellent meeting.

C.A.N.D. Show, Sat., Jan. 16, 1999 in Hamilton, Ontario

Our next meeting will feature a trade and swap session only, to kick off the new year, (no structured business meeting), and is to be held at the C.A.N.D. Winter Show on Saturday, January 16, 1999 in Hamilton, Ontario. See meeting calender for exact address, location and time. Then Torex in February, and Nuphilex again in March. Please check the meeting calender and make your 1999 plans now!

Again, for those who have not yet renewed for 1999, please forward your membership renewal to Membership Chairman, Mike Hollingshead now, so you won't miss out on all the exciting things coming up!

I hope your Winter Season is warm, safe and fun, with continued good luck in your coupon hunt!

Roger Fox,
President