

S27-B 02 ERRORS

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My two preceding articles in this issue of the COLLECTOR were intended as a lead up to this article. As I stated earlier, I finally got a chance to start going through my stash of S27-B02 coupons. I had a lot of coupons, about 3000 by rough estimate, as I have been stockpiling them since 2002. If anyone is interested in errors, the 27-B series can be a great start.

Errors can be divided into many types or classifications. And what actually is an error?

I have picked out coupons with ink either missing where it should be or added where it shouldn't be. The sizes and shapes ranged from specks (smaller than a period in the warning on the bottom of the coupon) to dots (period size) to spots (larger than dots but smaller than planchet-size) to planchet size to splots (planchet size and larger in irregular size). I also classified some of the aforementioned into spuds (splots smaller than planchet size) and boils (spots to splots with a volcanic shaped centre, like a boil).

I started out viewing the coupons under one of those big magnifying lamps with the circular florescent lights. That was probably my first mistake. I think I found more coupons with "errors" than without. I was pulling coupons with little specks, spots, etc., all the way up to splots. Realizing how ridiculous I was for going to this depth, I naturally (?) continued. I also documented each and every item I found, using my grid system and devising abbreviations for the various types of "errors". Anal – you bet!!

Having examined around three thousand coupons, I have recorded about 1500 coupon "errors" as defined above. Having conversation with my good friend and "expert error examiner" Don Bradt, he said something to the affect that to be an error it should be visible to the naked eye and at least three examples (coupons) should have the error. Great. That sorta eliminates lots (but not all) of the specks and many spots. I have quite a few single coupon errors, so that eliminates a bunch more (for now). Some of the errors I noticed without magnification but they were a lot easier to find under magnification (I guess they all are). A rough calculation (minus multiple specks and tiny spots) brings up a tally of about 25 varieties which may be considered as valid varieties. Knock out another ten just to be super-safe and there should be a good count of 15 new varieties – and that is just up to the 15,000,000 mark (the end of the S27-B02 production).

Oh yeah, other than checking for signatures and general printing, I rarely looked at the front of the coupons. There are just too many splatters and smears of ink. On the few occasions I did glance at I noticed that there are a number of "Lumpy Leafs" as in the S18 series in the three million to six million print range. There is another shape of the maple leaf that is between the lumpy and the clean-cut maple leaf too. There are also silver maple leaves that have "splots" in them.

I made a presentation on a three of my finds at the last Toronto meeting.

1. On the front of the coupon at grid 11B (number first indicates the front of the coupon) there is a green "bump" on the top portion of the 5¢ box border. Along with the "bump" there is a short green diagonal line at 5B, or in the left top corner of the green CTC triangle Almost all "bumps" have the green line too.

These coupons have been found in the ranges as follows:

2002 – 0207 319 xxx 0223 169 xxx
0208 343 xxx 0223 219 xxx
0211 734 xxx 0225 969 xxx
0213 532 xxx 0236 569 xxx
0213 533 xxx 0236 869 xxx
0213 534 xxx 0238 669xxx
0213 537 xxx 0240 719 xxx
0121 538 xxx 0241 519 xxx
0213 539 xxx 0243 619 xxx
0214 430 xxx 0245 669 xxx
0215 069 xxx 0246 919 xxx (please stand – Thayer – be seated)
0216 469 xxx 0248 219 xxx
0218 469 xxx 0250 719 xxx (please stand – Thayer – be seated)
0221 319 xxx 0251 219 xxx (Doug Adams)
0260 269 xxx (please stand – Thayer – be seated)
0261 319 xxx

2. On the back of the coupon (grid I3) below the "P" in "Property of Canadian ...") and to the left of "Propriété de la Société ..." there is a red dot. These appear to be very rare with only an estimated 6000 printed from finds reported to date. The red dot coupons are found in serial numbers:

0210 261 xxx (please stand – Thayer – be seated)
0212 519 xxx
0213 414 xxx
0213 867 xxx
0213 868 xxx
0213 869 xxx

3. On the back of the coupon (grid M2) there is a border break directly above the second "r" in "Corporation" in "Property of Canadian Tire Corporation ...". The break is represented by a white spot slightly larger than a period in the warning at the bottom of the coupon. So far the border break coupon are found in coupon serial numbers:

0200 677 xxx 0203 077 xxx
0201 777 xxx 0204 027 xxx
0202 327 xxx 0204 677 xxx
0202 527 xxx 0206 077 xxx
0202 977 xxx 0206 177 xxx

It certainly appears that the common thread is a "7" as the seventh digit.

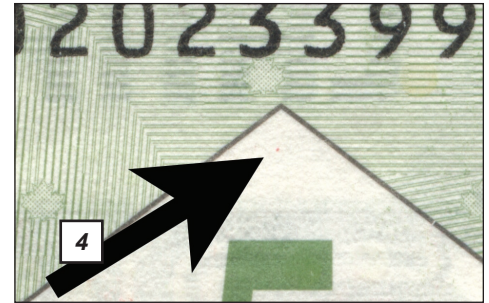
(Please stand) Thayer (please be seated) and Doug provided me with a list of their discoveries in the last three errors as indicated on the list. Thanks to you both and hoping to hear from more members.

4. Thinking of red dots, here is a new one I never mentioned before. There is a tiny red dot near the inside top of the right 5¢ diamond (grid S4 – see scan) found in:

0202 339 xxx 0207 939 xxx
0202 989 xxx 0208039 xxx
0206 239 xxx 0208 539 xxx

Anyone finding any of these errors please let me know the details at (don't worry about the upper case in the e-mail address – it just looks better that way)
CTCC4EVERett@gmail.com

Thank you and good luck hunting!



A WORD FROM THE CLUB AUCTIONEER

by Mike Hackett #375

I need someone to fill in as Club auctioneer for 2008 as I expect to be traveling for most of the year. There need to be only two auctions, 1 donation auction and 1 mail bid auction.

All you need is a few hours here and there, a phone, and a mailing address. A computer would be a big help. If you are interested in doing this for the Club please contact me: Mike Hackett, 127 Hallmark Ave., Sackville, NS, B4C 3R5 or phone (902) 865-5773. Email at mike.hackett@ns.sympatico.ca.

All coupons for the donation auction or the club auction can still be sent to me up to the end of the year and I will forward them to the auctioneer for 2008. The new auctioneer will be listed in the January newsletter.

If each member sends in one or two items for the donation auction it goes a long way towards the Club.

For new members - the club auctions are a great way to build up your collection and find some of the hard to find items.

23RD CLUB MAIL AUCTION RESULTS

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
1	25.00	41	3.50	122	2.50	190	15.00	230	4.50	274	3.50	319	5.00
2	8.76	43	3.00	123	4.50	193	4.00	232	4.00	276	3.50	320	3.00
3	25.00	48	2.50	124	1.50	194	3.50	233	10.00	277	12.00	321	1.10
4	33.33	50	2.50	131	3.50	195	1.00	234	3.00	278	7.50	323	5.00
7	1.50	51	3.50	133	5.00	196	2.50	235	4.00	282	1.00	324	1.00
10	1.50	54	2.50	137	4.50	198	1.00	236	4.00	283	4.00	330	1.10
11	1.50	55	4.00	148	2.20	199	2.50	237	5.00	284	2.50	332	1.00
12	1.50	56	2.00	155	2.50	200	2.05	238	4.75	285	2.50	333	3.00
16	1.50	57	2.50	156	2.50	201	4.50	239	13.37	286	11.76	334	3.50
18	14.52	62	1.50	158	7.50	205	3.50	241	3.50	287	15.00	335	3.50
19	21.00	64	2.50	159	3.50	206	4.00	244	7.00	288	5.00	337	65.00
20	20.03	66	2.50	162	3.00	207	2.00	246	3.50	289	7.00	338	77.51
21	2.00	67	3.00	163	3.50	208	6.50	248	4.90	293	5.00	339	67.51
24	3.00	70	2.00	165	3.50	209	5.37	253	25.55	294	1.00		
25	2.50	75	5.00	167	4.50	210	7.77	258	47.00	295	5.00		
26	2.50	81	3.50	169	8.37	214	2.50	259	22.00	296	1.00		
28	12.00	82	3.00	170	3.50	217	3.00	260	3.75	297	1.00		
30	15.00	83	1.50	173	2.50	219	7.10	261	3.50	298	1.00		
32	3.00	84	35.00	175	10.10	220	5.50	265	4.50	299	1.00		
33	4.00	85	2.50	177	55.55	221	3.50	266	3.50	300	1.00		
34	2.50	92	8.00	179	1.50	222	5.10	267	4.50	301	1.00		
35	16.55	95	3.50	180	15.00	224	7.10	269	3.57	302	1.00		
36	37.53	101	3.00	181	6.00	225	3.00	270	3.50	303	1.00		
37	20.00	110	1.50	185	15.00	226	3.75	271	5.00	313	1.00		
39	2.50	117	1.50	187	3.50	227	8.10	272	3.50	317	1.00		
40	60.00	120	3.00	188	12.52	228	16.00	273	3.50	318	1.10		