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ABOUT YOUR CANADIAN PAPER MONEY NEWSLETTER

The Canadian Paper Money Journal is now issued as an annual edition. In order to maintain contact between the society and the members, this Newsletter will be produced four times a year, and more if warranted by the amount of information available for publication. This change was necessary to retain the services of our Journal editor, Dr. Ted Banning, who was increasingly burdened by his lecturing and research and for whom time to put out a quarterly Journal was becoming unavailable. Also, the cost of the quarterly Journal was getting out of control. Members who returned ballots recently mailed with the Journal voted overwhelmingly in favour of this change.

The Newsletter will carry all of the advertising, society news, market reports and so on; the annual Journal will be used exclusively for articles. The Journal will thus become eligible for financial grants. The Newsletter will be able to set an informal tone, as befits a publication designed to provide communication between collector friends.

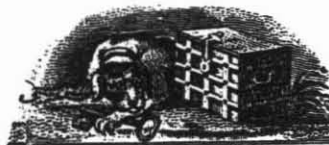
Among regular features your Newsletter editor hopes to see are the Prefix Update, for collectors of Bank of Canada notes, a column for cheque collectors, and a column devoted to Canadian Tire coupons. Unfortunately, the latter item did not arrive in time for this issue. Lub Wojtiw, current CPMS President, will be providing the prefix information. Continue to send your "serious" articles to Ted Banning for the Journal; please send your "fun stuff" to me for the Newsletter. Contributions of all kinds are needed for future issues.

With this new publication we are reviving the "Information Please" column once featured in the CPM Journal. Perhaps you have a partly completed article and are waiting for that one elusive bit of information which never seems to arrive. You may be surprised at what other members may be able to provide that will let you finish your article.

Many collectors have small bits of unrelated information which do not lend themselves to working into articles. Perhaps you have discovered errors or omissions in the catalogues. These short items would be very useful for the Newsletter. So would good photocopies of rare notes, unusual serial numbers, error notes, etc. Please send regular size and reduced size (50-60%) photocopies of notes.

Your executive hope that the Newsletter will be interesting for you. They also hope it will be useful. To that end, the Newsletter will print short classified ads from CPMS members in future issues, at no cost. Try to keep within 20-25 words, not counting your name and mailing address. In addition, a roster of cheque collectors will be run to facilitate trading, again at no cost to the members. Display advertising space is also available, at a price-contact Dick Dunn for rates. Please send your contributions of articles, your classified advertisement, and any other communications to

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WRITE A STORY, AN ARTICLE, A LETTER OR EVEN A PARAGRAPH FOR THE NEWSLETTER.

BANK OF CANADA 1937 \$1 NOTES: PREFIX AND PLATE NUMBER CENSUS

W. D. Allan, F.C.N.R.S.

A Bank of Canada 1937 bilingual one dollar note collection can be an interesting and challenging pursuit for today's collector. To obtain the three signature types would be quite easy; to add the Gordon-Towers narrow panel H/A or J/A would take more searching as these are seldom offered. To assemble a complete prefix and signature collection of 80 notes is now a more difficult challenge.

The note has a central portrait of King George VI with Bank of Canada, counters etc. to the left in English and repeated to the right in French. The portrait die proof imprint is "H.M. King George VI/Bank of Canada/X-V-119/Canadian Bank Note Co. Ltd." It was engraved by Robert Savage from a photograph by Yvonne Gregory of Marcus Adams Ltd., London, England. The tint panel (signature area) has "one dollar, 1" at the left and "un dollar, 1" at the right. The back vignette die proof imprint is "Agriculture/V-71428/American Bank Note Company" and was engraved by Wm. Ford after a painting by A.E. Foringer. It also has English wording to the left and French at the right. Further details can be found in the Charlton Government Paper Money Catalogue under 1937 issues. This includes information regarding the change from a narrow signature panel to a wider signature panel, this being accomplished by raising all the black engraved elements in the body of the note by about 3/32 of an inch.

The notes printed from each plate bear face and back plate numbers. These tiny numerals can be found on the face, just to the left and slightly above the left sheet number and on the back, in the bottom left corner of the vignette area. These commence with face number 1 (abbreviated F1 in this article) and back number 1 (B1), and continue through the series to F86 and B80. As can be seen slightly fewer back plates were used than face plates. The face and back plate number combinations are many and varied, with the back plate number in the majority of cases being lower than the face plate number. A few exceptions are F7,B8; F21,B22; F31,B36; F66,B67; F75,B76. The face and back plate numbers are generally only a few (less than 10) numbers apart. A few exceptions are F24,B10; F43,B26; F48,B26; F58,B33;

F62,B38; F70,B52.

The numeral 7 used in the plate numbers has a tiny horizontal bar at the bottom, differing from the 7 used by the B.A.B.N.Co., and the face plate numbers are slightly larger than the back plate numbers. The face plate numbers are printed in black, the back in green. When the modified wide signature panel notes were started with the Gordon-Towers signatures, one might have expected the face plate numbers to start again at 1. This, however, did not happen, the numbers continuing from the previous series.

A significant variety in the size of the denomination letter (ie. the lower letter) can be found in the M series. The letter M changes from a wide M to a narrower M somewhere between E/M8825987 and F/M0449776 (see the accompanying illustrations). It possibly occurred at F/M0000001. I would appreciate receiving photocopies from collectors having notes with numbers closer to the changeover, as well as ideas of possible reasons for the change. (Ed. note: How about the installation of a new, and unintentionally slightly different, letter font on the note numbering apparatus?)

The following list of prefix and plate number combinations will, it is hoped, be of use to present or future collectors of the 1937 \$1 issue. Thanks to Mr. Herb Bishop and Mr. George Fraser for providing many needed details. Good luck in your search for notes of this interesting series!

PREFIX AND PLATE NUMBER CENSUS

<u>Osborne-Towers</u>		
A/A0793224	F2	B2
A/A0793227	F4	B3
A/A3989001	F6	B6
A/A8955207	F3	B2
B/A0148038	F6	B2
B/A8078731	F4	B3
C/A1848859	F8	B2
C/A7693150	F7	B8
D/A7721244	F8	B1
D/A7721267	F8	B1
D/A7721356	F7	B6
E/A1129601	F7	B8
E/A1129603	F8	B7
E/A1129620	F8	B8
E/A1876859	F1	B5
E/A4908314	F7	B8
E/A8980876	F1	B8

Gordon-Towers

H/A0641911 F8 B5
H/A0641913 F8 B5
H/A3250965 F7 B7
J/A0032173 F10 B6
K/A3468246 F14 B2
L/A3021302 F14 B2
L/A7712836 F15 B10
M/A0797150 F15 B10
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O/A4480992 F22 B13
O/A6833824 F22 B13
R/A0374207 F24 B10
R/A0374208 F24 B11
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R/N0802894	F81 B74	U/N3333332	F81 B77	W/N2204149	F83 B79



\$1 1937 Wide M (lower prefix letter)



\$1 1937 Narrow M (lower prefix letter)

INFORMATION PLEASE

Notes of the Union Bank (of Montreal) pose some interesting questions. Can you help?

- *1. First issue: 10-02,04,06, plain backs. Are all of the check letters A? Does anyone have a \$5 note?
- *2. 12-02,04,06, green back. Please list all sheet numbers with check letters.
- *3. 12-02,04,06, blue back. Please list all sheet numbers with check letters.
- *4. Second issue: need sheet numbers with check letters for all notes, indicating back colour for each.
- *5. Are there any notes of the second issue with plain backs?

Please send information to: W. D. Allan, 2442 Lakeshore Hwy. W., Oakville, Ont. L6L 1H7

Contributors: Please have your material to the editor by 17 May for the next issue.

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CHEQUE COLLECTORS CORNER

Ed. Note: Authors are required for this feature. I have been able to provide the material for this issue but further columns on cheque collecting will have to be contributed by others who are more knowledgeable in this area than I am.

We hope to be able to print a roster of cheque collectors in the society to facilitate exchanges between members. Most of us have numerous duplicates and long want lists. Obviously there is not enough space to go into detail with each collector's needs but we will print your name, mailing address, and, if you wish, your phone number. Also briefly indicate your interests, whether by region, bank, business, foreign countries etc., and also whether those interests extend to drafts, notes, pass books, calendars, bank reply cards, staff magazines and so on. Let us hear from you promptly and help make this a useful service.

WAR TAX ON CHEQUES

World War I vastly increased the cash requirements of the federal government. Revenue had to be expanded sufficiently to pay the interest on wartime borrowing. A wide range of new taxes was imposed by the Special War Revenue Act 1915. Among its provisions was a stamp tax to be applied to fiscal documents. A 2¢ stamp had to be affixed or impressed upon bank cheques, promissory notes, bills of exchange and receipts for money paid by a bank chargeable against deposits.

The act was amended a few years later, and in 1917 an income tax was imposed. These war taxes eventually exceeded customs revenue to become the largest source of government income. The stamp tax on bills of exchange and promissory notes was 2¢ for the first \$100 and 2¢ for each additional \$100 or portion thereof. Overdraft notices were also taxed on the same basis.

The stamp tax on fiscal documents could be paid in a number of ways. Some cheques were embossed with a war tax stamp ("stamped by means of a die" in the text of the legislation) and the tax paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund upon sale of the cheque forms. At least two kinds of special adhesive war tax stamps were available. Some had the appearance of regular postage stamps (Admiral series) except for the addition

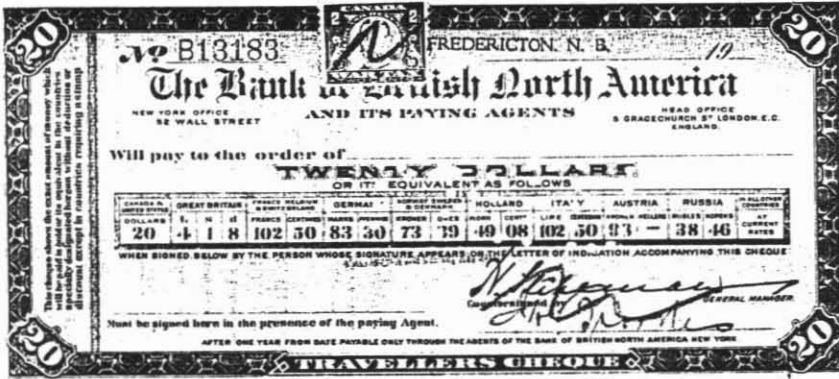
of the words "WAR TAX" and were valid for postal purposes. Another type, of completely different design, were inscribed "INLAND REVENUE" and were not intended for postage. Later, excise tax stamps were used increasingly and these make no mention of the war tax. Regular postage stamps were valid for paying the war tax on cheques and other documents, and are frequently found on fiscal documents. Cheques have also been seen with no stamp, but with a rubber-stamped numeral "2" within a triangle, possibly indicating that the tax was collected by the bank which handled it.

The legislation made clear that the stamps, of whatever type, were to be cancelled, and banks which neglected to perform this duty were subject to a \$100 fine plus the value of the stamps involved.

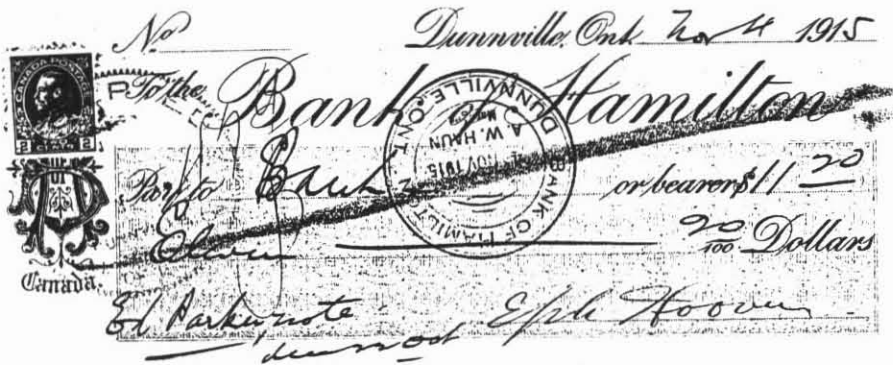
Failure to issue a cheque without paying the war tax carried a fine of up to \$50 for individuals, and \$100 for banks. Despite the penalty, many individuals "forgot" to affix a stamp when remitting by cheque, and the cost to large businesses of stamping cheques before depositing them became quite significant. *The Monetary Times* (24 Oct. 1919 p 10) supported a proposal to be made to the Canadian Bankers Association, that the stamp be printed as part of the cheque, as had been the custom in England for some time, and the cheque book should be sold to customers for the cost of the stamps. "As it is at present, creditors are usually glad to have the opportunity to stamp their customers' checks, with the result that parsimonious debtors make it a point to forget this little detail." Whether this marked the origin of the embossed stamps is not known to this writer, but the dates on the few such cheques in my collection suggest that it is possible. In any case, it is known that similar embossed war tax stamps were used on fiscal documents, other than cheques, as early as 1916.

The end of the First World War did not remove the resulting debt of course, and the tax on cheques continued into the 1950's. In 1931 the tax-free limit on cheques etc. was reduced from \$10 to \$5, and in April 1932 the stamp tax was increased from 2¢ on each instrument over \$5, to 3¢ on those from \$5 to \$100, and 6¢ on cheques over \$100. The exemption for cheques under \$5 was repealed the following year.

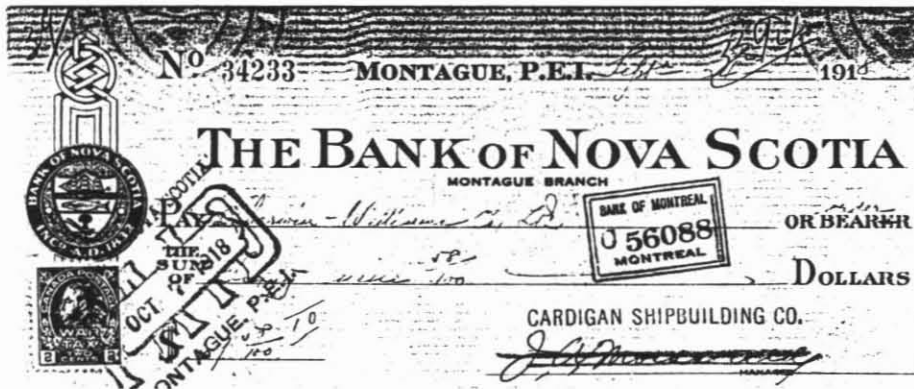
-Thanks to Ray Virtue for sharing details of cheques in his collection.



Bank of British North America \$20 Traveller's Cheque. The War Tax is paid by a 2¢ war tax revenue stamp.



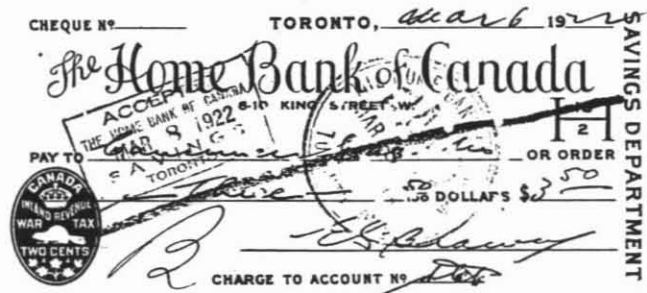
Bank of Hamilton Cheque, 1915. The War Tax is paid by a 2¢ postage stamp.



Bank of Nova Scotia Cheque, 1918. The War Tax is paid by a 2¢ war tax postage stamp.

NEW CATALOGUE SOON!

The sixth edition of the Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Government Paper Money is expected by the end of April. (see ad on back cover)



Home Bank of Canada Cheque, 1922. The War Tax is paid by an embossed 2¢ stamp.

IN THE MARKETPLACE

Jeffrey Hoare Auctions, Torex, 27 Feb. 1993

This sale contained 136 lots of Canadian paper money and related items, and also a quantity of notes from Scotland and elsewhere. Dominion and Bank of Canada notes generally sold within a reasonable range of estimate, over or under, while error notes continued to fetch strong prices. As usual, notes of the chartered banks showed mixed results, from bargain levels to surprisingly strong prices on selected items. Overall, the market appears to have recovered substantially from the weakness shown last fall.

Prices realized do not include the 11.5% buyer's premium. Grading is as reported in the auction catalogue.

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Est.</u>	<u>Realized</u>
1354	Municipal Council of Midland Dist., £5 1862 G-VG	\$400	\$300
1356	Dom. of Can. 25¢ 1870, letter A, Ch. EF	500	566
1360	Dom. of Can. \$2 1887 544607/B F+	300	220
1361	Dom. of Can. \$1 1898 DC-13a, 427896/D, Ser. A,F+	100	130
1365	Dom. of Can. \$5 1912, DC-21f, C275530, VG	90	130
1367	Dom. of Can. \$1 1923 DC-25I, C6452914/B, nice VG	170	140
1400	Bank of Can. \$5 1979 BC-53aA, 31003156104, UNC	225	160
1401	Bank of Can. \$5 1979 BC-53bA, 31003451899, UNC	700	550
1409	Bank of Can. \$5 1972 BC-48bT, RS8283930, AU	800	1050
1418	Error note, \$2 1954, multiple fold cutting error of 2 notes, EF	250	325
1419	Error note, \$2 1974, offset printing of face onto back, UNC	200	400
1424	Arman's Bank, 10d 1 Aug. 1837, VG	450	420
1428	Charlotte County Bank, 5/- 1853, 5286, VG	750	1500
1432	Commercial Bank of NB, \$4 1860, 4416, nice F	850	2000
1444	Bank of Lower Canada \$3 18—, EF	500	425
1446	Mechanics Bank \$5 1872 o/p BEAUHARNOIS, 36407/A, VF+	200	450
1452	Phenix Bank \$1 18—, remainder, good VF	800	560
1470	W.U. Chaffers sheet, 1 chelin (1/-) and 12 sous (6d). EF+	100	160
1471	Watkins and Harris sheet (3) EF	300	250
1472	Champlain & St. Lawrence RR sheet (6), EF	75	110
1473	Champlain & St. Lawrence RR, receipt for payment on stock, 1836	100	320



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1053	Harry J. Bassett	Meteghan Cr., NS
1054	Domtar Security Papers	Montreal, PQ
1055	Dave Copper	Edmonton, AL
1056	Steve MacRae	Yellowknife, N.W.T.
1057	Craig Wilde	Thunder Bay, ON
1058	Rod Saigent	Etobicoke, ON
1059	Steven Bromberg	Orleans, ON

IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT IN YOUR DUES FOR 1993 PLEASE DO SO NOW, AS THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWS LETTER THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

Please note that 1993 is an election year and nominations are requested for all of the Officers and Directors of the Society. All nominations shall be made in writing, signed by two members in good standing, and mailed to the Chairman of the Elections Committee, Robert J. Graham, 395 Fraser St., Pembroke, Ont. K8A 1Y5. The nomination shall be accompanied by a written acceptance from the nominee.

Dick Dunn
Secretary-Treasurer

SHIPWRECKED £5 NOTES

"Some years ago a vessel was wrecked on the Newfoundland coast, and in her cargo was a lot of note forms of the Commercial Bank of that Island which got into the hands of the wreckers. Some enterprising individuals brought them for a trifle, and having forged the signatures of the officials, recently put them in circulation with considerable success. As the notes have printed numbers, ranging from 6,000 to 8,000 and are all of the denomination of £5 they can easily be detected."

-from *The Monetary Times*, 10 Dec. 1875, p 656. For more details on this story, please consult *The Currency and Medals of Newfoundland*, p 28.

WHAT'S NEW IN PREFIXES

by Lub Wojtiw

A number of new prefixes have recently appeared in circulation. A listing of recent prefixes for the \$2 through to the \$100 notes follows. For other prefixes and series, the reader is asked to refer to *The Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Government Paper Money*, 5th edition, or the 6th edition which is now in prospect. Note that changes since the last listing in CPMJ are in boldface type.

\$2 1986 Bird Issue

This note was introduced in 1986 and is currently printed by both printing companies in Ottawa: Canadian Bank Note Company (CBN) and British American Bank Note Company (BABN).

(i) Regular Notes

BG_ Series, Thiessen-Crow signatures (BABN) BGA to BGY; 21 different prefix combinations (currently in circulation)

BGA, BGB, BGC, BGD, BGE, BGF, BGG, BGH, BGJ, BGK, BGL, BGM, BGN, BGP, BGR, BGS, BGT, BGU, BGV, BGW, BGY

Thus far no BGZ has been observed in circulation.

BR_ Series, Thiessen-Crow signatures (BABN) BRA to BRS; 15 different prefix combinations (currently in circulation)

BRA, BRB, BRC, BRD, BRE, BRF, BRJ, BRK, BRL, BRM, BRN, BRP, BRR, BRS, BRT

(ii) Replacement Notes

BBX Thiessen-Crow (BABN) (in circulation)

EBX Thiessen-Crow (CBN) (in circulation)

BRX Thiessen-Crow (BABN) (in circulation)

\$5 1986 Bird Issue

This note was introduced in 1986 and is printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company (CBN)

(i) Regular Notes

FO_ Series, Thiessen-Crow signatures FOA to FOZ; 22 different prefix combinations FOA, FOB, FOC, FOD, FOE, FOF, FOG, FOH, FOJ, FOK, FOL, FOM, FON, FOP, FOR, FOS, FOT, FOU, FOV, FOW, FOY, FOZ

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FP_ Series, Thiessen-Crow signatures
4 prefix combinations (current series)
FPC, FPD, FPL, FPN

\$10 1989 Bird Issue

This note was introduced in 1989 and is printed by British American Bank Note Company.

(i) Regular Notes

AE_ Series, Thiessen-Crow signatures
AEA to AEY; 21 different prefix combinations
(in circulation)

AEA, AEB, AEC, AED, AEE, AEF, AEG, AEH, AEJ, AEK, AEL, AEM, AEN, AEP, AER, AES, AET, AEU, AEV, AEW, AEY

AT_ Series, Thiessen-Crow signatures
ATA to ATD, 5 different prefix combinations
ATA, ATB, ATC, ATD, ATE

(ii) Replacement Notes

ATX Thiessen-Crow (in circulation)

\$50 1989 Bird Issue

(i) Regular Notes

EH_ Series, Thiessen-Crow signatures (CBN)
EHP to EHZ; 9 different prefix combinations
EHP, EHR, EHS, EHT, EHU, EHV, EHW, EHY, EHZ

(ii) Replacement Notes

EHX Thiessen-Crow (in circulation)

\$100 1989 Bird Issue

(i) Regular Notes

AJ_ Series, Thiessen-Crow signatures (BABN)
AJN to AJU; 6 different prefix combinations (in circulation)

AJN, AJP, AJR, AJS, AJT, AJU

(ii) Replacement Notes

AJX Thiessen-Crow (in circulation)

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