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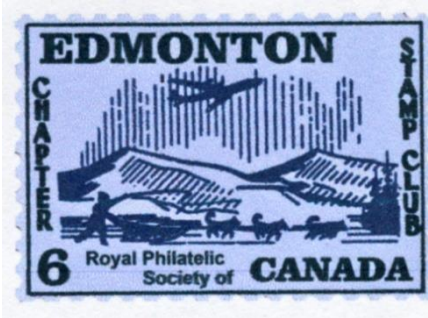
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Regular meetings
St. Joseph High School Cafeteria, 10830 - 109 Street, 6:00 pm

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The Edmonton Stamp Club dates back to 1912. The Club is Life Chapter #6 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and Chapter #680 of the American Philatelic Society.

The editor welcomes communications of all kinds—letters, comments and articles.

These may be forwarded to Fred

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Christmas songs are now being played on the radio and the neighborhood is all lit up except my neighbor, Jerome 3 houses north who puts up tons of Halloween decorations and then replaces the Halloween pieces one at a time with the Christmas Stuff. Strange but interesting combinations appear some quite scary and when there is a half, and half mix even stray cats won't enter his yard.

Enough about my neighborhood let's get back to the message at hand. We just had a board meeting and we as a club are definitely headed in the right direction, the committees are meeting, and progress has been made on the spring show and the summer meeting. Reports will be forthcoming.

There have been no changes in the Covid19 protocol, neither from the Province or the Catholic School Board who are the most cooperative people to deal with. So, if you are one of the 40 members who are now attending, remember that we are allowed 50 at the present time, always carry vaccine cards (QR codes) and identification, you never know when you have to produce them.

For those who are attending meetings I will extend my best wishes when we meet. For those who are not quite ready, a Merry Christmas and for all those others have a great holiday season. Always be kind to one and other.

Barend Wissink
President

NOTICE

RULES TO FOLLOW AT OUR MEETINGS

- Only fully vaccinated members and visitors are invited
- Entry will only be through the SE entrance door of St. Joe's High School
- Mask compliance is necessary and hand sanitizers will be available, at sign-up table.
- Snacks and beverages will not be available, bring your own beverage and food.
- A COVID-19 questionnaire will need to be completed (please read) at the sign in desk – by signing the attendance binder, you agree to the rules provided. Please bring your own pen

Only the first 50 ESC members will be allowed admittance to our indoor gatherings, but in order to protect the school's daytime population, we request that no one arrive before 6 PM, doors are locked at 6:30. If you arrive late, a club member will be posted at the door until 7 PM to let you enter. If you handle the stamp lots, you must wear gloves. Masks and gloves are available at most drug stores.

These rules can be changed at any time.

HACKERS TRY TO GET YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

A recent form of phishing is rampant on the internet. They use public information about the ESC board of directors and send requests for payment from these names. **Delete, do not reply.**

Now is the time to prepare your summer auction lots.
The summer meeting is scheduled for July 25th. 2022
Auction application sheets are available at the sign-up desk.

Mark your calendar.
Edmonton Stamp Club Spring Show
April 2nd & 3rd, 2022

Closed Albums

MACKAY, Edgar Allan

1934 - 2021

ESC #1003

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Edgar on October 18th, 2021, at the age of 87 years. He is lovingly remembered by his brother, Cecil and his family as well as



numerous relatives and friends. Edgar was predeceased by his wife, Doris and his parents Charles and Mable. The club will miss Ed who provided many services to the stamp club.

Trading Post

I have '250,000' Belgium parcel post stamps and have always been fascinated by the use and cancellations on these stamps.

Does anyone have information I can borrow or buy?

Timetables, maps, or any other articles?

Barend Wissink, 780-922-5019 or email wissink@mcsnet.ca

On Ebay (Canadian dollars)



GB#7_U, (20 bids) \$245 / USA#508_MNH, *plt blk6*, (15) \$157 / #571_MNH, *blk4*, (12) \$117

TWO BRIDGES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE by Barend Wissink

STAUFFER BRIDGE DRUMHELLER #17 IN THE SERIES

I had only one post card of this bridge for quite awhile, not only did I not see any others but this card turned up a half a dozen times, must be the most common of all the Drumheller bridge cards. This post card is also the only one that is postally used, six other post cards have found their way into my hands and they are all unused.



The bridge itself is a three span Warren Open Truss across the Red Deer River on Hwy 56 that joined the village of North Drumheller to the town of Drumheller, named after Liberal Speaker of the House Joseph Stauffer (1874-1917) Alberta Legislature from 1909 until 1917 when

he was shot and killed at Vimy Ridge on April 10th 1917. His name lives on with the Village of Stauffer. It was hard to tell exactly where this bridge was at first, matter of fact the first post card I couldn't tell if it was a traffic bridge or a rail road



bridge. This second post card makes it all clear, it is a traffic bridge. Looking from the North bank to the East you can see the smoke stack of the Canadian Utilities Ltd.

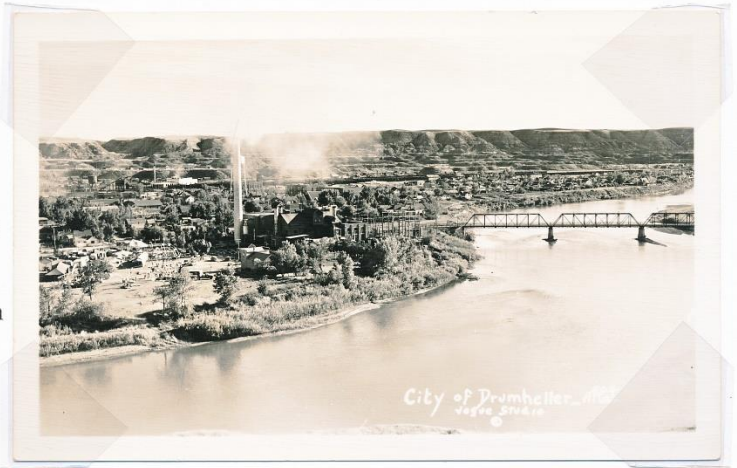
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which was east of the present bridge with the honking big T Rex next to it.

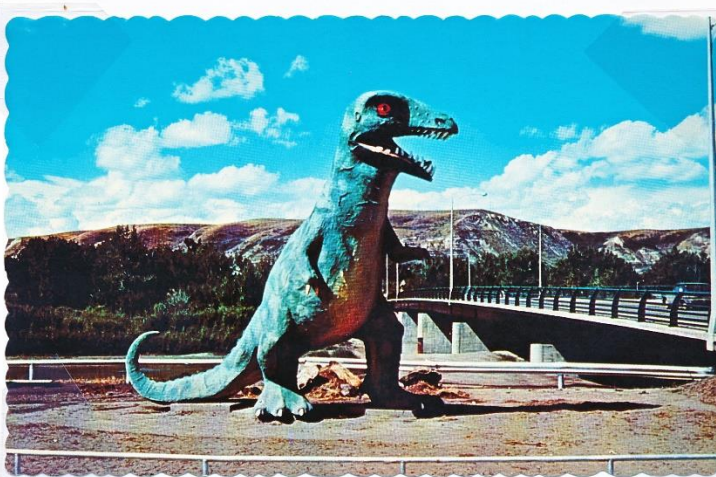
The Stauffer Bridge was built in 1916 and demolished in 1959.

The view from the east looking west from the top of the valley rim down to the bridge

Which leads us to the replacement



THE GORDON E. TAYLOR BRIDGE #18 IN THE BRIDGE SERIES



Gordon Taylor Bridge is the replacement bridge for the Stauffer bridge built in 1959 from concrete and steel

Named after Gordon Taylor (1910-2003) Alberta Legislative Assembly Minister of Highways

All post cards are by Vogue Studios Drumheller
First post card mailed Drumheller May 4, 1952
Last post card with small T Rex

Largest T Rex seen from Bridge
Height 86ft, weight 146,000 lbs.



The last stamp Dealer in Edmonton?



After 45 years in business, it is time to recognize a stamp dealer who still has a walk-in store (home office) to shop for stamps. Strictly stamps. (But without any strictness because there are usually lots of laughs to go with some great stamps from virtually any place on earth.) Not to miss mentioning some wonderful Canadian Stamps including the classics, and good varieties. Les Garvey is this stamp dealer. Open; Even in the covid crisis!! – within the restrictions – of course. This business had its early beginnings with Les's father Joseph, who just passed away a few years ago. We all called him Joe. And this enthusiasm for stamps began in the city of Joe Garvey's birth: the beautiful city of Buda Pest, the capital city, of Hungary. Beautiful, even in the communist era, this is a great city to visit.

As a 10-year-old boy in school, Joe Garvey received stamps from a missionary organization that had a mission in North Borneo. This country is now part of Malaysia. A stamp dealer was born. I am sure he had great success selling stamps from such an exotic place as North Borneo! By the time Joe finished school he went straight into the army. This was just in time for the Second World War. Fighting on the Russian front was no picnic for any soldier of any army on both sides. Doing guerilla warfare was probably the riskiest part of the war. Casualty rates for the battalion officers was 96%, and tragically most officers died of 'friendly fire'. They picked up many stragglers as well on the eastern front. In spite of the conflict and ever-present dangers of soldering.

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Joe was married to his wife Eva. It was 1944 and the Russians are on the attack and moving west relentlessly. Many Hungarian people died, including Eva's whole family save one aunt, and their beautiful home destroyed. Right behind the soldiers, were the communist party members who nationalized all businesses. That meant doing your normal business for a paid salary and any profits went to the government: the party. Joe & Eva's family business was up for grabs. Joe & Eva Garvey said: "No Thanks" and were forcibly moved out of their comfortable home and in to a small apartment. They were also considered enemies of the people, by the Communist Party.

The Communists were only too happy to accept western aid to help rebuild damaged cities. By 1948 it was the Soviets that formally took over the Eastern European countries in a very aggressive manner that basically was, in essence, an empire in its own right. As Churchill said, "An Iron Curtain has fallen over Europe."

Joe went back into dealing in stamps; an activity very frowned upon by the Party. In any case this greatly helped the family income, in spite of the risks. Joe managed over the next several years, to build a near complete collection of mint German stamps. This was intended to be a 'nest egg' to help for leaving the country. It is 1956 and the disastrous uprising against the Russians, seemed to initially succeed. The Russians were in deep with the Suez Crisis. But it was inevitable the Western Allies were not willing to fight another war. (There were some high ranking officials who assured help would be given). The Russians returned with a vengeance.

This was all Joe and Eva needed to move the family out of Hungary right now and go to Austria, the traditional ally. They took a train to a border town. Crossing the frontier to Austria, of course would occur at night; with a guide. A convoluted trail that negotiated mine fields, barb wire barriers and dodging Russian patrols. There was gun fire heard at times as Les's older brother recalled. He had nightmares long after. Les was three years old. The Austrian villages would light up the church steeples to help the people fleeing find their way. Of course, the Russians made false steeples with lights to try and capture some of them. On the way, three-year-old Les was hopelessly stuck in the mud. With not much time to think about it, Joe put the suitcase with the valuable stamps under a bush and pulled Les out of the mud and carried him down the way to dry ground. No time to go back for the stamps on this kind of a voyage.

Joe could only hope they would be found by a stamp friendly person. They crossed the border safely on Dec 06. It is Les's 4th Birthday; St Nicholas Day in many European countries. Les's gift: freedom!

They could not stay long in Austria, and moved to Rouen, in Northern France. They were involved in a textile company. But France would not be a permanent place to live. In 1957 the family, with help from the Red Cross, moved to Canada, directly to Edmonton. Here Joe got a job working for City Service, one of the companies that formed Syncrude. Joe would work 20 days out and 10 days back. By 1960 you can be sure the 10 days were filled with stamp dealing including consigning 100 albums through Tom Mercer, who had a store on Jasper Ave & 99 Str. This would be where the Shaw conference Centre's West building is. Canada's Centennial year, in 1968 was celebrated even further by moving into a house on 122 St half a block North of Jasper Ave. This home had a special stamp room in the front of the house that was the stamp store. A few years later they moved again to a house on 102 Ave and 138 St. The stamp store was in the basement. Then Joe (Joe's Stamp Shop), was a dealer at the Edmonton Stamp Club's annual Stamp Show in the Chateau Lacombe in 1970. That's right people: The Chateau Lacombe! One of the best hotels in Edmonton at that time..

It is 1976 and stamp collecting couldn't be more popular. J Garvey & Sons (since 1978) opened a Stamp Shop in a building beside the King Edward Hotel. (This burnt down in 1979 and is now the Manulife Tower.) Edmonton now had 10 Stamp Shops in the greater downtown area. Les finished university majoring in town planning, but the call of stamp dealing, and the adventures that came with all that, brought Les in to manage the Stamp Store.

Eva, Joe's wife, was also quite active. Starting as support staff in the Royal George Hotel (Now the 4 season's???), she then learned accounting at McTavish's School for secretaries and went on to manage the books for Park Memorial.

Then in 1985, Joe suffered a major stroke. It hospitalized him for over 6 months. The next year, 1986, redevelopments will happen and the buildings along 101 Street, and including the building that they had the store in, became the Commerce Place. Where to move the store? So, it was moved to the Empire Building, a protected building for our heritage. This is about as long term as you could get.

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Meeting Dates

The Edmonton Stamp Club meets Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of St. Joseph High School, 10830 - 109 Street. Park to the north of the school and use the main entrance at the south-east corner of the school. For information about the club call 780-467-4825 or 780-437-1787.

***2022**

January 10th & 24th

February 7th & 28th

March 14th

ESC Spring Show

April 2nd & 3rd

***2022**

April 4th, 11th & 25th

May 9th, 16th & 30th

June 13th ESC elections

July 25th Summer

Meeting/Auction

***Meetings could be cancelled at any time. (Covid-19)**

Edmonton BNAPS

(British North America Philatelic Society) will meet on the last Sunday of the month. All BNAPSers welcome.

For information contact David Piercey at 780-437-2771 dpiercey@telus.net or Steven Friedenthal at 780-721-3669 sfriedenthal@shaw.ca

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This is about as long term as you could get. Wider horizons presented themselves in the form of the many stamp shows that were held all over the country. Les and Trixie are fixtures in all of the Edmonton Stamp Club's Spring Shows. Here in town, and in many other shows, including Toronto and Montreal's big shows that still keep Les and Trixie quite busy. As time went on, the walk-in stamp store alas, needed to be moved one more time. In 2003, J Garvey & Sons closed the last Stamp Shop in downtown Edmonton. From 101 St and Jasper Ave; you can't get more downtown than that!! The stamp store now resides in a special room in front of the house. Les and Trixie's house. A great place to buy stamps, learn, laugh and enjoy the best hobby in the world!!

Ed Dykstra

Russian Liberation Army (ROA) Stamps

I have a fascination for Occupation stamps and have looked at many German and Russian Collections. I was asked if I could identify a stamp with a scenic design that had the word NOYTA on it without any country designation [Fig 1].



Figure 1

NOYTA google translation told me that the word is Russian for post as in postage stamp. During my search I did find the first stamp produced in the Soviet Occupation Zone in Germany [East Saxony] issued in 1945, Mi 41 [Fig 2]. However, I did not find the identification for the stamps with a scenic design. Years later my mindless computer wanderings during my Covid virus meanderings did uncover some of the information I needed.

This five stamp set [Fig 3] is a WWII German issue. There is a note saying that 16,300 five stamp sets were printed by the German Postal Ministry, propaganda section in 1943. This set was issued in conjunction with the German efforts to incorporate Russians into the German military effort on the Eastern Front fighting the Soviets. The original purpose for producing this set is unknown. The German effort in WWII to exploit the anti-Stalin/anti-communist sentiment within the Russian populous was, at best, disjointed, confused and undervalued. One possible use of these stamps is propaganda.



Figure 2



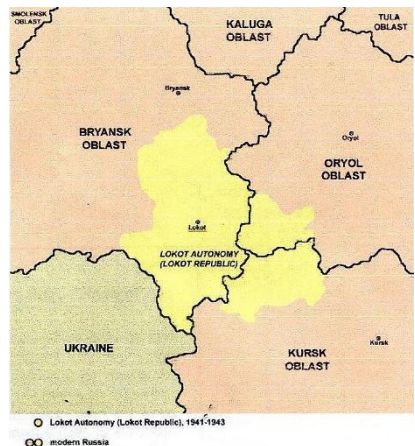
Figure 3

Another suggestion is that they were created to be available for future use in areas controlled by Russian self-government administrations such as the ROA. In 1945 when the remnants of ROA forces were in Prague Czechoslovakia these stamps MAY have been used postally {Ljapin Special 2009 catalogue}.

There was no postal necessity for these stamps. By 1943 Russian personnel in the German Armed forces were provided with Fieldpost numbers.

Figure 4

It is not known where these stamps were issued. One suggestion is that these stamps were issued in the Lokot Autonomous Region [Fig 4] controlled by Kaminski. Another option is the stamps were issued directly to the infamous Kaminski Brigade. The remnants of the Kaminski Brigade were absorbed by the ROA in 1944.



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The Lokot Autonomous Region and its leader is the only common thread that is connected to this set of stamps.

The date of issue is in dispute. The only known date that there is a report of German forces actually having these stamps in their possession is with the ROA when they withdrew west into Bohemia, 1944. However, there are cancelled stamps dated September 1943 [Fig 5]. All the cancels have on the bottom of the cancel the Russian word SLOBODA. Google translation of this word is freedom. It is also has a historical connotation of a free town in the same context as a Free City in English history. Perhaps this is a connection to the Lokot Autonomous Region.



Figure 5

After all the writing about this five stamp set as being of German origin, other sources condemn these stamps as spurious. They believe these stamp are fantasies printed in Ukraine after WWII. This 5 stamp set is very generic in the topics; building a house, plowing a field, a country village,

view of the city of Pleskau and a city street seen. If this set was printed in Ukraine why is the only specific location depicted on a stamp is a city in Northwest Russia? It is possible that the cancelled stamps were created in the Ukrainian town of Sloboda. There are earlier versions of these cancelled stamps that have a rougher cancel and different font [Fig 6]. The top of the cancel read Standortkommandatur {station commander?} and have various misspellings of SLOBODA. There is another possibility Ukraine suggested. These stamps were printed for an autonomist region in the Ukraine but this region is not identified.

Figure 6

After writing this note I have found more questions than answers. Can any member add a bit more clarity to the history, use, etc. of this 5 stamp set?

While writing on philatelic subjects we lean heavily on the work of others. When the various bloggers are discussing the anti-Soviet Russians in Germany why are



the terms HAIR Army and hair movement used? What have I missed in my WWII reading? Can any member help me with is?

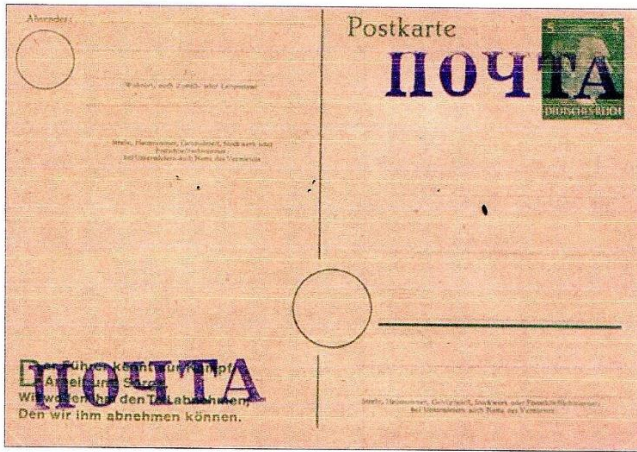


Figure 7

A Related Aside? Mr. Simon Horecky submitted a blog of a 5 Pf postal stationery (P313) that was originally printed in 1944. What is interesting to him and me is the overprint NOYTA [Fig 7]. The upper right overprint defaces the printed portrait stamp of Hitler. The lower left overprint covers the propaganda slogan.

He cannot find any reference to this post card and is requesting assistance getting information. He speculates that this card was issued by the Province of East Saxony in the Soviet German Occupation Zone in June 1945 at the same time as the stamp Mi 41.

This post card was created after the formal surrender of the Third Reich. Neither the German nor the Soviet authorities looked favorably on bilingual postage. The Mi 41 stamp was issued and withdrawn all within one day because of the universal objection to this “official” stamp. If this post card was officially issued by the East Saxony administration, I am confident there would have been a noticeable flap within the Philatelic Community. This post card did not receive such notoriety. Remember that post cards, at this time were a major component of the mail. There are significant studies on the overprinting of the Third Reich stamps in the period between the end of WWII and the formal government issued stamps. I have not found any reference to the use of the NOYTA overprint. In my opinion this is probably an interesting philatelic phantasy. Any additional information or speculation is welcome.

More on Stamp-Cards: Natal (Part 3)

John Woollard

Continued from February 2021



Appendix 2 countries featured in Rochester Bakery cards. I have seen (on-line) the following images with either original English text or a corresponding one in German {indicated by ‘& G’}.

The ones with a stamp replaced by an advertisement {indicated by ‘& A’} were given different series numbers, but assuming some consistency and based on examples of both types, one can cautiously assign some countries as shown by [square] brackets.

1. 5468. 1 [prob. France]
2. 5468. 2. Belgium
3. 5468. 5. Sweden (& G)
4. 5468. 6 [prob. Denmark]
5. 5469. 1. Algeria (& G)
6. 5469. 2 Morocco (also German)
7. 5469. 3. Tunis (& G)
8. 5469. 4. Egypt (& G)
9. 5469. 6. Persia
10. 5470.1 USA (& G & A)
11. 5470. 2 Mexico (& G)
12. 5470. 3 Brazil (& A)
13. 5470. 4. China (& A)
14. 5470. 6 [prob. New Zealand]

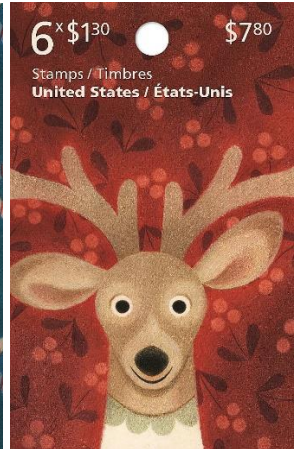
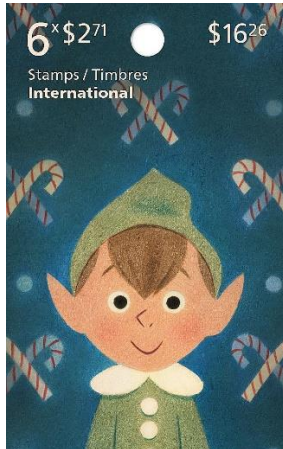
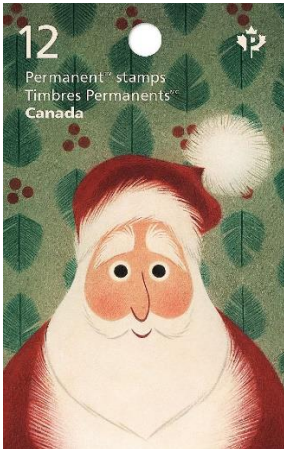
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15. 5471. 2. Austria \ Tyrol (& G)
 16. 5471. 4 Russia \ Siberia (& G)
 17. 5471. 5 Norway
 18. 5472. 1 India (British) (& G)
 19. 5472. 2 Siam (& A)
 20. 5472. 3. Anam (=Viet-Nam) (& G)
 21. 5472. 4 Dutch Indies
 22. 5472. 5 North Borneo (& G)
 23. 5472. 6. Samoa
 24. 5473. 1. Bavaria (& A)
 25. 5473. 2 [prob. Luxembourg]
 26. 5473. 3 Switzerland (& A)
 27. 5473. 4. Bulgaria
 28. 5473. 5 [prob. Romania]
 29. 5473. 6 Serbia (& G)
 30. 5474. 1 Canada (& G & A)
 31. 5474. 2. Argentina (& G)
 32. 5474. 3. Natal (& G)
 33. 5474. 4. South Africa \ ZAR (& A)
 34. 5474. 5 German SWA (& A)
 35. 5474. 6. Finland (& G)
 36. 5475: 1 Bosnia (& G)
 37. 5475. 2. Hungary (& A)
 38. 5475. 5 Perú (& G)
 39. 5475. 6 Portugal \ Madeira (& G)
 40. Spain
 41. Holland
 42. Japan
 43. Greece
 44. Turkey
 45. Italy
 46. Bolivia
- cards with advert replacing bottom LHS stamp as only example see of design seen so far
56. 1 France
 56. 6 Denmark
 58. 6 New Zealand
 61. 2 Luxemburg
 61. 5 Roumania
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Christmas 2021



More Canada Post Christmas 2021



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