



most accessible place in the Maritimes (I trust the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce will forgive me) and while we have pointed out that the proof date as found on stamps for Belleville and London are in order, as these cities were within easy distance of Ottawa, Fredericton is another matter. This date seems to represent jet travel in the steam age. The strike is clear and I have seen January dates for 1895 so it is not a case of forgetting to change the year date.

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SEPTEMBER
24 to 27
1964

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"Insignificant natural gum crease" went at \$250. We feel badly about this as we think we should have bid it in at that price it was most reasonable and would go nicely with our block of eight of the same stamp on thin paper

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Post Office in Ottawa. They still have available the stamps of the second tagged issue. Apparently there is a philatelic shortage of the first issue as dealers' prices for these are rising all the time. Supposedly everyone figured there would be ample quantities for quite awhile as this was a regular issue. What was overlooked was the fact that a new regular issue was slated for 1962, with eventual tagging, and that the five stamps of the first issue were restricted to but one city, Winnipeg. For plate block collectors it is noteworthy that there are 24 blocks for the first set, with the 1c, 2c, 4c, and 5c having blank corners (none exist with actual plate numbers) and the 3c value has eight different positions of plates 1 and 2. The 1963 tagged issue (second) exists only with blank corners.

Europe has experimented with tagged stamps long before our Post Office, and I have never seen an article on these issues in English or European publications, so by inference the philatelic problem of longevity of the tag doesn't exist there, nor should it here in this country.

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