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He commented that there would probably be no second printings of the 2c, 3c or 6c as stocks are plentiful.

The collector I got my information from, who claimed all denominations he received from Ottawa were the second printing, is no amateur and I find it difficult to believe he would make such an error; at any rate he is bringing his set to show us. I'm truly sorry I gave out the wrong information on this.

Here are some further varieties:

The top right 15c Christmas stamp (No. 5 on the sheet) has a yellow blob on the top margin above the right tree. This only occurs on one pane out of four; we believe there are 200 stamps to a sheet and 50 to a pane (5 stamps across, 10 down). So find this yellow blob on the top-right stamp on a sheet and corner plate block, or, on a tagged top-right corner block, it's the top corner stamp.

Another variety: the lower-right stamp in the center block of the 5c Christmas stamp has a dot between the "M" and "A" of "Christmas".

— Stuart A. Clark

Some new Revenues

Gordon Waldie of Toronto sent in a clipping from the *Toronto Telegram* from late December, 1970. The CP story told of the Department of National Revenue's announcement that it would revamp the excise tobacco stamp system to make the stamps more informative for consumers and easier for producers to use. The new stamps will be in denominations of ounces instead of fractions of a pound; the range will go from one ounce to five pounds. Cigar stamps, meanwhile, will be issued in denominations

of 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 20, 25, 30, 50 and 100. The shapes of the tobacco stamps will be reduced to three; previously the stamps were available in a large number of forms because of the variety of package shapes on which the stamps were applied. The new revenue stamps went on sale January 1.

No International Reply Coupons from Newfie?



In the last paragraph of the Newfoundland article in the November *Topics* Brien Damien states, "There is no evidence of the use of International Reply Coupons . . ."

Enclosed are two examples of these — one each of the Imperial and International types.

— E. H. Hiscock

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