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2010 – Year
of the Tiger
403753149



~~\$29⁹⁵~~ **\$22⁴⁶**
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of the Rabbit
403780149

\$30

403970149

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DEAR COLLECTORS

We're ready for a new start

A photo from the launch of our 2014 sacred Christmas stamp. The original painting by baroque Flemish master Janssens van Nuyssen that the stamp depicts is held in the collection of the Basilique-cathédrale Notre-Dame de Québec.



One of the best things about the New Year is that it brings a brand new stamp program. Granted, by the time we print and issue a stamp, we have already worked on it for a year or two. But when the new issue goes on sale, it gets our attention again. That's because we finally get to show and tell all about it to our collectors and others who are interested in coming stamp topics.

We also love to watch each addition to a multi-year series take shape. That's why we're particularly happy to kick off 2015 with a stamp that celebrates the Year of the Ram – the seventh issue in our Lunar New Year series. We're also proud of our tribute stamp to mark the 200th anniversary of Sir John A.

Macdonald's birth – even if we can't show it yet. You have to wonder where Canada would be today if our first prime minister hadn't emigrated from Scotland as a child, decided to go into politics and realized his vision to create a united country.

A happy 2015 to all – and we hope you enjoy this year's program.



Jim Phillips, Director, Stamp Services

EVENTS

January 16, 17 and 18, 2015

Unipex stamp and coin show
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1677 Wilson Avenue (HWYs 401 and 400)
Toronto, Ontario

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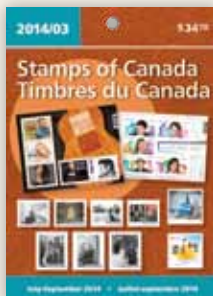
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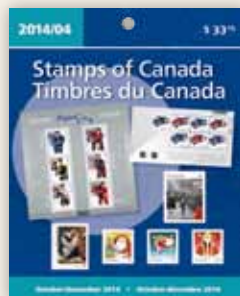
\$18¹¹
Jan.-Mar. 2014
402014101



\$80⁸⁷
Apr.-June 2014
402014201



\$34⁷⁰
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402014301



\$33⁷⁵
Oct.-Dec. 2014
402014401
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Stuck on Stamps! 2014

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\$5⁹⁵
402014501



\$5⁹⁵
402014502



\$5⁹⁵
402014503



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402014504

CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR

The domestic stamp shows three rams welcoming spring, a popular New Year's image, especially at the start of the Year of the Ram.



\$21²⁵

Pane
403970107

\$1⁸⁵

OFDC

403970121



This souvenir sheet OFDC is sold unsealed to facilitate the Chinese New Year custom of giving money in a red pouch.

\$3⁵⁰

Souvenir sheet OFDC
403970144

YEAR OF THE RAM

Issue date: January 8, 2015

Singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell, big-screen scream queen Fay Wray, and former prime minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau – what do they all have in common, aside from being subjects of Canadian stamps?

They were all born in the Year of the Ram, whose next cycle runs from February 19, 2015, to February 7, 2016.

In Chinese culture, the ram – or male sheep – is a sacred symbol of good fortune, kindness and justice. Ancient Chinese literature often associates

the ram with religion, law, ethics, politics, literature, art and folklore.

Those born under the influence of the eighth creature in the zodiac of lunar New Year are caring, sensitive (sometimes to the extreme), artistic, fashion-savvy and intuitive. They long for beauty, to see the world, and many have the special talent of being able to turn challenges into opportunities – qualities shared, to some degree, among the Canadian Rams we just mentioned.

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\$15
Booklet of
6 stamps
(international)
413970111



\$4³⁵
Transitional
souvenir sheet
403971145



The souvenir sheet,
decorated with a
rain of gold petals,
represents an
idealized landscape
where three rams
rest under a tree
filled with plum
blossoms.

\$2⁵⁰
Souvenir sheet
403970145

Product	Denomination	Size	Quantity	Printing process
Pane of 25 stamps ‡	Permanent™	32 mm x 32 mm	125,000	Lithography in 7 colours, embossing, 1 foil stamping
Booklet of 6 stamps	\$2.50	32 mm x 32 mm	180,000	Lithography in 5 colours, 1 foil stamping
Souvenir sheet ‡	\$2.50	40 mm x 140 mm	300,000	Lithography in 7 colours, embossing
Transitional souvenir sheet of 2 stamps ‡	1 x \$2.50 1 x \$1.85	116 mm x 94 mm	150,000	Lithography in 5 colours, embossing
Uncut press sheet of 12 souvenir sheets ‡	\$2.50	360 mm x 610 mm	11,000	Lithography in 7 colours, embossing
Official First Day Cover single	Permanent™	191 mm x 113 mm	32,000	Cancellation site: Richmond Hill ON
Official First Day Cover souvenir sheet	\$2.50	191 mm x 113 mm	36,000	Cancellation site: Richmond Hill ON

Design: Hélène L'Heureux | **Illustration:** Susan Scott | **Caligraphy:** Ngan Siu-Mui | **Printer:** Lowe-Martin | **‡Gum type:** PVA

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Sheep are close relatives of the goat, a creature that holds a special place in Guangzhou (Canton), China, also known as “Goat City.” The name comes from a tale of five goat-riding fairies that brought rice and everlasting fertility to the local people. Guangzhou’s granite statue of five goats, which honours the legend, is a favourite among tourists, and locals believe that it brings them prosperity.

This Year of the Ram stamp issue is the seventh in a series of 12.

The domestic stamp palette was inspired by China’s Danxia mountains.

\$4⁴⁰

Upper left corner
(UL) OFDC
403970122



\$3⁴⁰

Upper left corner (UL)
403970102

\$3⁴⁰

Upper right corner (UR)
403970103



\$3⁴⁰

Lower left corner (LL)
403970104

\$3⁴⁰

Lower right corner (LR)
403970105



\$13⁶⁰

Corner set
403970106
Not shown

\$4⁴⁰

Upper right corner
(UR) OFDC
403970123



\$4⁴⁰

Lower left corner
(LL) OFDC
403970124

\$4⁴⁰

Lower right corner
(LR) OFDC
403970125





\$59⁹⁵

Year of the Ram – Framed stamps
15" x 14" / 390 mm x 350 mm
342048

See end of magazine for
limited edition framed
uncut press sheet.



\$89⁹⁵

Year of the Ram – Framed souvenir
sheet enlargement
12" x 26" / 305 mm x 660 mm
342049



\$2⁵⁰

Postcard
262426



\$2⁵⁰
Postcard
262427



\$98⁸⁸

2015 \$15 Pure Silver Coin – Lunar Lotus –
Year of the Sheep
Mintage: 18,888 coins worldwide (26.7 g)
244356 ▢ **No GST/HST**

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD

Issue date: January 11, 2015

At the Charlottetown Conference, in 1864, lawyer and politician John A. Macdonald signed the guest book of the Prince Edward Island legislature and indicated his occupation as cabinet maker – a joke for posterity.

Thereafter, the immensely popular Macdonald had ample opportunity to form cabinets, winning six out of the first seven elections after Confederation. As Canada's first prime minister, he guided the newborn nation through its first steps – and 19 of its first 24 years. Macdonald expanded the country's boundaries and was a driving force behind the trans-continental railway. He established the North-West Mounted Police and Canada's first national park in Banff, Alberta.

Issued on the 200th anniversary of his birth, this stamp celebrates Sir John A. Macdonald – the old chieftain – who was a formidable and influential cabinet maker.

It may be said without any exaggeration, that the life of Sir John A. Macdonald, from the date he entered Parliament, is the history of Canada.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the death of Sir John A. Macdonald, June 8, 1891



\$8⁵⁰
Booklet of 10 stamps
413972111

\$1⁸⁵
OFDC
413972131

Product	Denomination	Size	Quantity	Printing process
Booklet of 10 stamps	Permanent™ (domestic rate)	32 mm x 40 mm	150,000	Lithography in 5 colours
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Design: Paprika | **Illustration:** Image Asset Management Ltd. | **Printing:** Canadian Bank Note

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\$98⁸⁸

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\$278⁸⁸

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