

AUSTRIA

1934



Withdrawn issue

As part of the costumes and regions set the 2 schilling value, in grey-green, portrayed an army officer and soldiers. However, the stamp was withdrawn when it was realised the double eagle had only five feathers on each wing instead of the correct seven.



Replacement Issue

A revised design with seven feathers on each wing was issued on 3rd April, 1935, in an emerald shade.

BARBADOS

1988
(6th June)

West Indian Cricket



Incorrect portrait



Corrected portrait

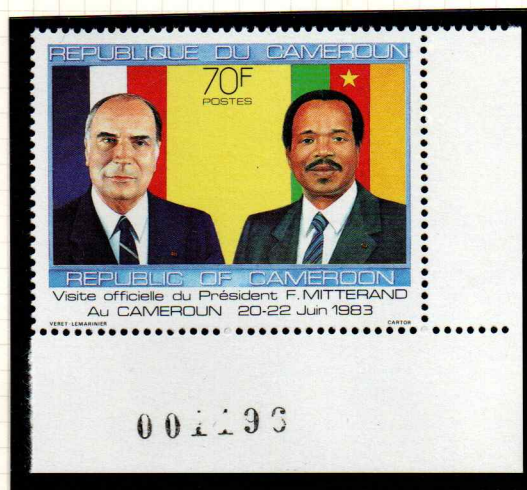
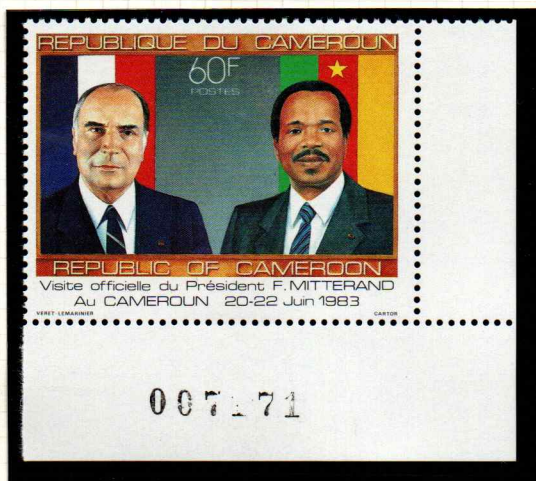
As originally prepared the 50c. inscribed 'Herman C. Griffith', showed the portrait of another Barbadian cricketer, E. Lawson Bartlett, in error. The mistake was noticed two days prior to issue and the 50c. was delayed until 11th July while supplies showing the correct portrait were printed. The instructions to withdraw the stamps with the Bartlett portrait failed to reach the Parcel Post Department in time and, it is reported, 101 examples were sold before the, belated, notification was received.

Issued 11th July, 1988

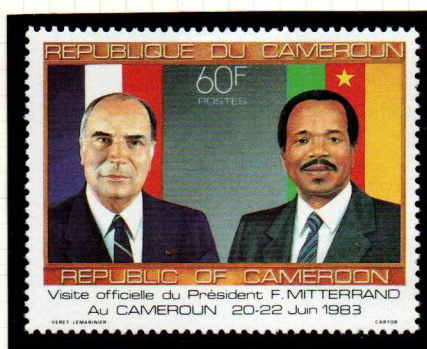
CAMEROON

1985

President Mitterrand of France's Visit to Cameroon in 1983



Issued in error (spelt 'Mitterand')



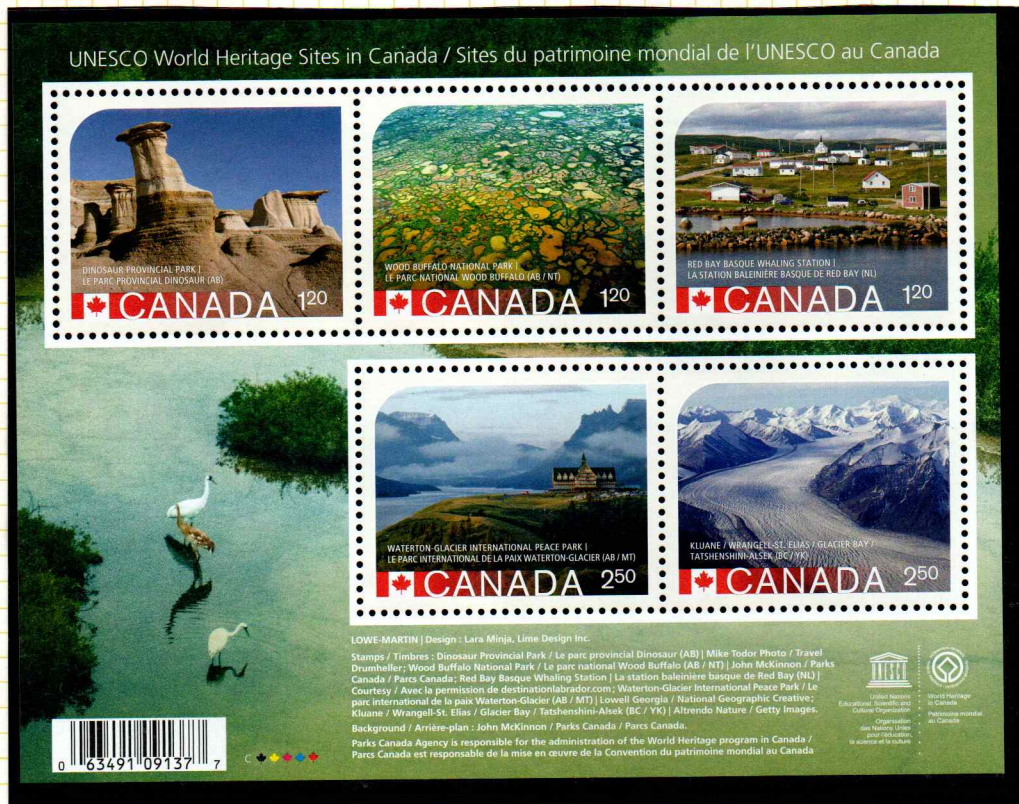
Corrected issue (spelt 'Mitterrand')

The original printing was withdrawn on the day of issue when the incorrect spelling of the French President's name was noted. A corrected printing with the correct spelling was then prepared and issued.

CANADA

2015

UNESCO World Heritage Sites



Withdrawn Miniature sheet

On the very day of issue, 3rd July, one of the five stamps celebrating UNESCO World Heritage Sites was found to have the wrong image.

The controversy which arose concerned a \$1.20 stamp issued to honour Dinosaur Provincial Park, one of three Alberta sites portrayed in the issue. The design, so striking it was reproduced on the cover of the booklets of six \$1.20 stamps in three designs, pictured hoodoos: weirdly contorted columns of rock strata weathered by frost and moisture, found in the badlands of south eastern Alberta, where Dinosaur Provincial Park is located.

However the stamp actually showed a very distinctive formation found not in the park, but in East Coulee, Alberta – some 60 miles northwest of the park.

On 7th July Canada Post announced the withdrawal of the Dinosaur Provincial stamps from sale, recalling the \$1.20 stamps from post offices and retail outlets.

EGYPT

2014 Suez Canal Extension Project



Issued stamps



Replacement issue

On 5th August the Egyptian government announced plans to build a new Suez Canal alongside the existing 145 year old historic canal and a set of stamps to mark the multi-billion dollar project were also issued.

But in an embarrassing start to the scheme, it appeared that the stamps were not all they seemed – the designers had managed to mix up their canals. Instead of featuring photographs taken only in Egypt, the central image had been printed with a picture of the Panama Canal.

The issue was withdrawn in mid-September amid much embarrassment and a replacement issue was released soon afterwards.

FRENCH POLYNESIA

1989
Copra Production



Withdrawn issue



On 16th March, 1989 the postal administration issued two stamps in respect of the production of copra (dried coconut kernels, from which oil is obtained).

Based on photographs, the 55f. value showed a woman splitting coconuts and the 70f. value showed the drying of copra.

However, the postal administration had not thought of verifying whether the woman represented on the 55f. value had given her consent for her image to be copied onto the stamp, and after she had taken legal advice she was able to force them to withdraw this stamp only a few days after its issue.

IRELAND

2014

Irish Citizen Army



Withdrawn issue

Intended to commemorate the formation of the Irish Citizen Army the stamp was intended to be issued on Thursday, 23rd January but this was halted when historians raised doubts about the image chosen.

The Irish postal authority, An Post, had believed the picture of the officer on the stamp was that of Captain Jack White, a former British army officer who had volunteered for the Irish Citizen's Army in 1913, and had named him on the stamp. However when the image was circulated on 22nd January, historians claimed the man in the picture was not Captain White. It has since been reported the officer pictured was Vincent Poole.

In a small number of post offices, the stamp was on sale for less than 10 minutes before it was withdrawn. Soon afterwards An Post reported it had withdrawn the stamp while it clarified the issues raised, and did not know how many were sold. "Post offices were advised not to offer the stamp for sale on the morning of issue but it is possible that some may have been sold," it said.



Replacement Issue

A revised design was issued on 17th April, 2014

ITALY

1961

Visit of President Gronchi to South America



Issued stamps



Withdrawn issue

The values 170l. blue, 185l. deep green and 205l. rose were placed on sale on 3rd April, 1961 with each value showing the country to be visited (Argentina, Uruguay and Peru, respectively) in a darker colour.

The stamps were not valid for postal use until 6th April, 1961. The 205l. rose showed an error in the map of Peru and was withdrawn from sale on 4th April, 1961, replaced by the 205l. in slate-violet showing a corrected map of Peru.

Where envelopes had already been received for postage bearing the 205l. rose the Postal Administration covered this stamp with an example of the 205l. slate-violet. A few examples of the 205l. rose are known cancelled on cover, where the 205l. slate-violet value was not affixed.



Forgery on genuine watermarked paper

NEW ZEALAND

1996

Health Issue – Child Safety



Issued stamps, including self-adhesive



Withdrawn issue

The original version of the 40c + 5c was withdrawn prior to issue after the design was criticised for showing the baby sitting the wrong way in the car seat in relation to the seat-belted teddy bear. However, fifteen sheets of a hundred stamps of the original design with teddy bear were accidentally released to two post offices, Te Ngae (Rotorua) and Royal Oak (Auckland). Of the 1500 stamps, 539 were retrieved by the Post Office, leaving 961 sold over the counter.

Most of the stamps at the Royal Oak Post Office seem to have been purchased by the Auckland Savings Bank, and it was its use of the stamps on mail that brought their existence to the knowledge of the philatelic world. When television coverage alerted the bank to the situation it had 88 stamps left, which auctioned off 87 stamps for charity, keeping one copy for its records.

466 copies of the self-adhesive stamp with the incorrect design are also known to have been incorrectly issued.