

## Synopsis

### **Canada - 1972 Earth Sciences Issue**

#### **The Purpose:**

This one frame exhibit shows the Canadian Earth Sciences regular issue and inscription issues of August, 1972 covering the release varieties with emphasis on the pane layouts, first day covers and usage.

#### **The Premise:**

Canada hosted four international organizations concerned with the exploration and development of the earth and man's activities on the planet in July and August 1972. Assemblies in Montreal and Ottawa welcomes more than 15,000 delegates from 125 countries to part in various activities of the 22nd International Geographical Congress, the 24th International Geological Congress, the 6th International Conference of the International Cartographic Association and the 12th Congress of the International Society of Photogrammetry, the major assemblies of which are being held in Montreal and Ottawa. The presence in Canada of these four international organizations gives implicit recognition to the work of Canadians in the field of earth sciences.

#### **The Plan:**

##### Page: Section

1 : Title, Introduction  
2: Production: Issue Circular  
3: Production: The Issue  
4: Production: Latin Squares in Pane Layouts  
5 : Distribution: Field Stock Panes  
6-7 : Distribution: Philatelic Panes

##### Page: Section

8-10: First Day Covers (Official)  
11: First Day Covers (Official / Replacement)  
12: First Day Covers (Rosecraft)  
13: First Day Covers (Rosecraft / Kingswood)  
14: First Day Covers (Artopages / Van Dahl)  
15-16: Usage: International Airmail

#### **Treatment:**

The exhibit introduces Canada's first se-tenant issue with a unique layout that is discussed as philatelic Latin squares in several papers on statistics. The issues are common and all stamps in many combinations are available. Some evidence that the pane position within the press sheet can be determined by "marks" with images; however, this is not pursued here due to the lack of enough material or published references to consult. Combinations of 4 se-tenant blocks or strips are numerous and could make collecting interesting, and nausea - examples are given. First Day covers also provide numerous combinations and this is multiplied by the presence of two official FDC Ottawa cancel date stamps that contain two different sized "2" in the date. These have only been seen in the Official and Rose Craft FDC to date. Usage is difficult to find since there were several 15c stamps issued in the previous year that may have made overshadowed Air mail stamp sales for use. Ottawa GT2 tagging is distinguished in the counter panes and not the philatelic inscription panes.

**References:**

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