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Dear Collectors

We’re ready for a new start

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

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

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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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.

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Product | Denomination | Size | Quantity | Printing process
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This Year of the Ram stamp issue is the seventh in a series of 12.

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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 transcontinental 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
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