

CTC S10 AND CTC S11 NUMBERING EXPLANATIONS

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In the beginning (1958) Canadian Tire hired BABN (British American Bank Note Company) to print their notes. BABN printed all of Gas Bar series and the first three series of Store notes. In 1973 CT went to tender for the next series. CBN (Canadian Banknote) won out over BABN and they ended up printing Series S04 through S09.

Canadian Banknote lost out on the bid for the contract in 1989 to redesign a new series of notes. The winner was BABN. They redesigned a completely new series and they started with the CTC S10 series which were actually "Test Notes" for the series to come. They only issued 5¢, 25¢ and \$1.00 notes with large red serial numbers. This was a small limited run of notes in the three aforementioned denominations. The corporation gave their approval for this new design, so BABN proceeded to print up the CTC S11 series except they switched the numbers from red to black plus they added the \$2.00 note which was not issued until 1992 at the same time as the S16-G deuces.

In 1991 CT needed some 3¢ notes but BABN did not have a new design for the 3¢ so they called up CBN whose last series of 3¢ notes the CTC S04-A-XN had not been printed since the late seventies. CBN printed the S12-A-XN series continuing on from the serial number last used for the S04

three cent notes (XN3577000). They used the smaller red serial number that they had used on the CTC S09 series.

CBN again won the contract for series CTC S12 to CTC S17. BABN reported their highest numbers printed for the CTC S11 series to CBN and they continued the numbers from that point upwards for the S13 series. The difference was that they used one letter prefix with eight digits instead of the usual two letter prefix and seven digits. They even tried out a ten digit serial number, which we call the S14 series in the middle of the S13 series.

Murphy's Law entered into the equation, BABN had 800,000 quarters that were printed and needed serial numbers before being shipped. *So what they did was restart over at J0000001 and went to J0799999. It is therefore possible to find an S10 25¢ note with the same serial number as the S11 25¢ note.

When the CTC S11-G \$2.00 notes were finally issued in 1992, the brass were not keen on having notes with the signatures of Heuman and Groussman on them. As a result only 900,000 notes were issued to the public and 800 were kept by headquarters (400 after the 900,000 and 400 before 3,069,999) and the rest (2,169,199) were destroyed.

See charts below for quantities issued in these 2 series.

	Starting at		Stopping at
CTC S10-B - 5¢	A0000001	to	A0599999
CTC S10-D - 25¢	J0000001	to	J0999999
CTC S10-F - \$1.00	Q0000001	to	Q0399999

	Starting at		Stopping at
CTC S11-B-A - 5¢	A6000001	to	A9999999
CTC S11-B-B - 5¢	B0000001	to	B0744999
CTC S11-C-E - 10¢	E0000001	to	E9999999
CTC S11-C-F - 10¢	F0000001	to	F5783000
CTC S11-D-J - 25¢	J1000000	to	J8539999
CTC S11-D-J - 25¢	J0000001	to	J0799999 *
CTC S11-E-M - 50¢	M0000001	to	M6111999
CTC S11-F-Q - \$1.00	Q0400001	to	Q6890999
CTC S11-G-T - \$2.00	T0000001	to	Q3069999