

# Collecting The Canadian Blasting Cap Containers

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A hobby that has become quite popular lately is the collecting of the tins and boxes that contained blasting caps. In this list we shall attempt to cover all of the known Canadian ones, and assign them a number. Since I am interested only in the products I am not going to go into Company history very heavily.

No. 1

## Curtiss & Harvey Canada Ltd.

Curtiss & Harvey of England operated a division from 1911 - 1917, see the article by Will Ady-White in Bulletin #30. Only one can is known from this operation and it is blue in color with white print for the No.6 cap. It is quite probable that they produced other sizes of caps in different colored cans, but at this point it is all that is known to exist.



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**Dominion Cartridge Co., 1886 - 1927**

**Canadian Explosives Ltd., 1910 - 1927**

**Canadian Industries, 1927 - 1976**

This organization produced many different tins and cardboard boxes over the years. The containers for No.4 and No.5 caps were green in color. No.6 cap tins were red, No.7 an orangy color and the No.8 cans are yellow.

No. 2



No. 3



The beaver in the trademark on the first Dominion tin is very well defined and has a sort of scroll each side of the beaver oval. Known in No.4, No.5 green and No.6 red.

The next can in the line has a beaver that is not as well defined, and each side of the beaver oval has a series of lines. These exist in green and red.

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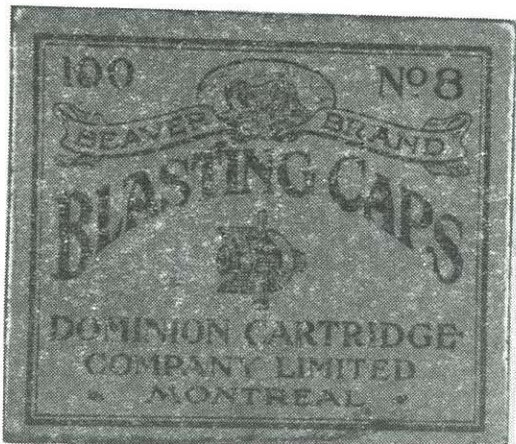
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The first of the Canadian Explosives tins followed the Dominion's lead with the fancy beaver and the scroll lines. Known in No.4 & No.5 green without number and red No.6 with number showing.

Following Dominion again, CXL's next can showed a less ornate beaver logo and the series of lines. Exists in green, red and one tin known for No.7 cap in a sort of orange color.

No. 6



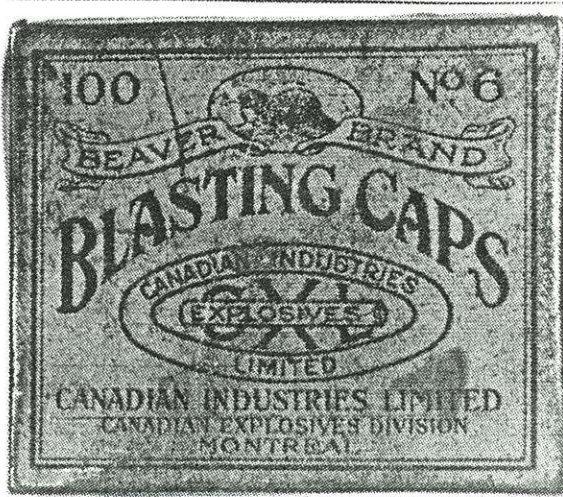
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The first of the rectangular tins by Dominion Ctg. Co. retain the "Beaver Brand" as well as the "bent D" trademark c.1907 - 1910, and come in red No.6 and yellow No.8. All yellow tins are much scarcer than the red ones.

The next tin shows a Beaver CXL and CIL and would be the last of the CXL tins probably 1927 era. Known in red and yellow.

No. 8



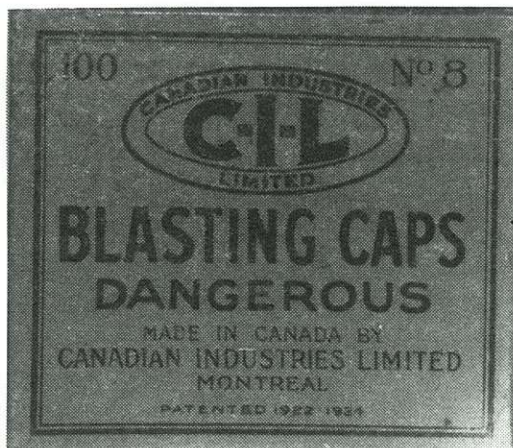
The first of the Canadian Industries LTD. tins still showing the Beaver and CXL logos. Known in red No.6, and there should be yellow one as well.

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The next CIL tin has the same "Blasting Cap" printing but the dynamite stick is gone. Again found in red and yellow.

No. 12



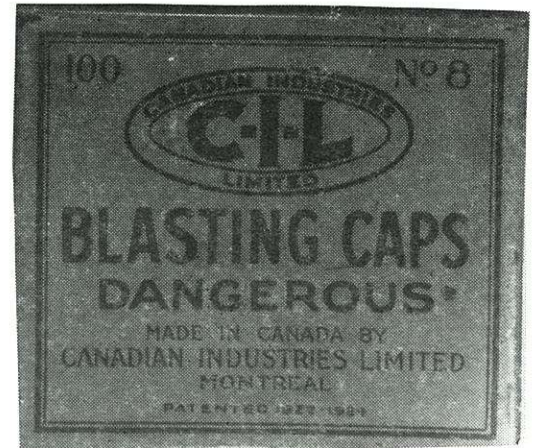
Tin variety #12 has the exact same top as #11, but has different side wording, starting "Do not leave blasting caps lying around..." Found in red and yellow colors.

No. 9



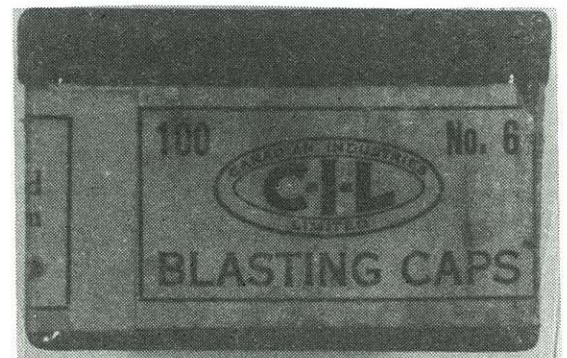
The next tin by CIL retains the dynamite stick in the logo, and "Blasting Caps" print is larger at each end. Exists in red and yellow.

No. 11



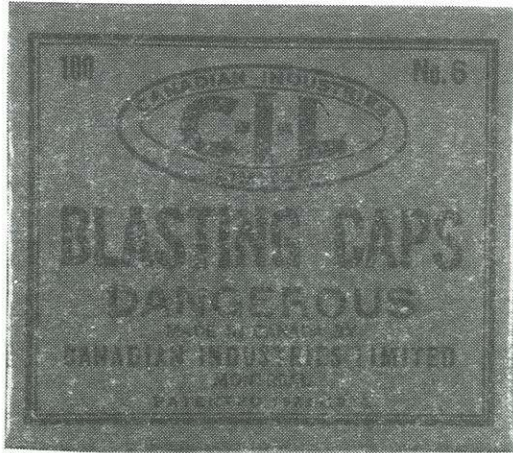
On the next tins, the "Blasting Caps" wording is now in even letters. Known in red and yellow colors.

No. 13



The next is an odd rectangular tin, the only one known with a paper label around the sides only. Perhaps a special order, there is only one tin known, a No.6 cap with a red label.

No. 14



The first of the cardboard CIL boxes are square, and the corners are reinforced with steel. Exists in a tan color No. 6 and a yellow No. 8 from the 1940's.

No. 15



Tan color 1950 era cardboard boxes are rectangular in shape. Known only in No.6.

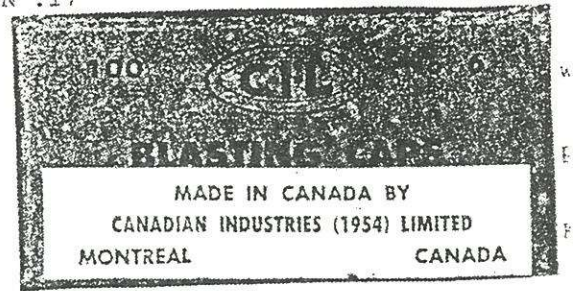
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Again known in a tan No. 6, the next box has the 1950 - 1953 company logo.

*It is hoped that others will respond to the Association with additions to the list so that our knowledge will be expanded. Write to Don Blythe, R.R. # 5, Guelph, Ontario, N1H6J2, CANADA.*

No. 17



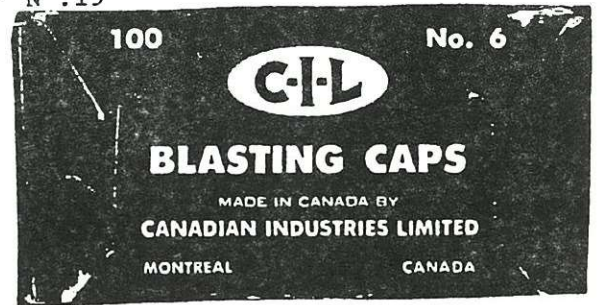
The same box appears with the 1954 company address on a paste-on label. Known in tan colored No.6.

No. 18



A cardboard box is known in tan No.6 with the logo CIL used from 1955 - 1976.

No. 19



A cardboard box known in red No.6 is thought to be CIL's last caps. The bottom is marked CAN PAT 574,285.

### DuPont Canada

Little is known of DuPont's blasting cap business in Canada. Only one tan No.6 cardboard box, dated 1956 is known at this time.

No. 20

