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BNAPS George VI Study Group at BNAPEX 2005

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► Postal History during the King George VI Reign

Each Issue of the Post & Mail contains a wealth of information about postal rates and usages of Canadian and Newfoundland stamps issued during the King George VI reign. Contributors include John Burnett, a BNAPS Director, and Gary Steele, Chair of the George VI Study Group. The following article by Gary entitled "*Double Registration Fee to the U.S.?*" appeared as the Cover Story in Issue 5 of the Post & Mail.

"The cover illustrated on the right is quite an unusual item. If you will recall from the summary of postal rates presented in John Burnett's article on postage rates to destinations in the United States in Issue 4, indemnification against loss of registered letters was not to exceed \$25. The Canada Official Postal Guide of the day stated that the registration fee was a "uniform 10¢" for registered mail to the U.S. The registered cover below seems to indicate that the staff at downtown Montreal Station N charged the Canadian Bank of Commerce a double registration fee in November 1937 as evidenced by the two 1935 10¢ RCMP Constable stamps on the cover.



"It is doubtful that the bank would have been able to claim up to \$50 in the event of a loss as the Post Office regulations were quite clear about the \$25 liability limit for registered mail to the United States. I would be interested in hearing from other members of the Study Group if they have also seen examples of overpaid registration fees on mail to the U.S."

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► EFO's & Varieties

Each Issue of the Post & Mail features an EFO & Varieties column. The following article about a variety of the Unrevised 1¢ coil stamp issued in December 1949 appeared in Issue 5. This stamp, and its companion stamps in sheet form printed without the words "Poste-Postage", was originally scheduled to be issued in mid 1949. When the printing oversight was recognized, the Canadian Bank Note Company was instructed to revise the design to incorporate the words Poste-Postage and the Revised 1¢ coil was subsequently issued in May 1950.



Coils precancelled during the King George VI era featured three pairs of parallel lines overprinted across the face of the stamps (the so-called "V-Type Precancel"). The strip above shows only two pairs of lines overprinted with traces of the lower line of the third pair evident along the top of the stamps. It would appear that something caused the (pre-slit) coil roll and overprinting machine to be misaligned during the overprinting process which resulted in the lines being shifted upwards.

This strip is probably the bottom strip of the coil roll as there is no evidence of the next set of lines which should otherwise appear at the bottom of the stamps. This would also infer that there is as yet another variety out there to be discovered i.e. a precancelled coil strip or stamps with a single pair of lines at the bottom of the stamps separated by a wider spacing than normal from the other two pairs of overprinted lines at the top of the stamps. Your Editor would be interested to learn whether Study Group Members might have such examples in their collections.

► Cracked Plates

Recent Issues of the Post & Mail have featured scans of cracked plate blocks such as the cracked Upper Left Plate Block No 3. of the 1942 War Issue 10¢ Parliament Buildings shown on the right.

A review of current stamp catalogues reveals some 18 cracked corner plate blocks of the War Issue stamps issued in 1942 have listed status. Other unlisted cracked plates are known to exist as is the case of the 10¢ Parliament Buildings pictured here.

The George VI Study Group invites philatelists to forward further examples of unlisted cracked plate blocks to the Editor for possible inclusion in future editions of the Post & Mail.

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