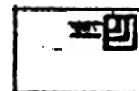
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CANADIAN CAPITALS ENVELOPE SERIES CONTINUES

On July 5, 1994 two more 43¢ envelopes were released in the series depicting Canadian provincial and territorial capitals. The #8 shows a picture of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory; the #10 shows a picture of Fredericton, New Brunswick. The knives appear to be the same as for previous envelopes in the series, however, on the #10 envelope, compared to the other Provincial Capitals #10 envelopes the address lines have been lowered relative to the rest of the printing. A rate increase is proposed for October (with new 45¢ envelopes). This may limit the period of use of these 43¢ envelopes without affixed adhesives.

MORE SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

A recent issues of the CMS Bulletin (Vol. 73, No. 13) indicates another set of Automotive Opinion Forum cards and envelopes will be in use from July until November 1994. Also, 20,000 #9 window envelopes were used in a May 1994 test mailing by Reader's Digest's "Northern Credit Union" (CMS Bulletin, Vol. 73, No. 9). All were to bear the Quickstick flag stamp impression without a denomination.

XPRESSPOST - NEW VARIETIES AND A PRIVATE ORDER ISSUE

Pierre Gauthier reports the rouletting has changed on the small size XPRESSPOST envelopes. The original rouletting is narrowest closest to the fold and wider at the edge of the flap (/ \). On envelopes found recently, both regional and national, this is reversed (\ /).

Vol. 73, No. 11, June 6, 1994 of the CMS Bulletin (Canada Post) describes prepaid XPRESSPOST envelopes prepared for Meditrust. These are being used in a 90 day test. Peter Zariwny reports medium size Regional and National envelopes with the Meditrust Pharmacy name and logo printed in red and blue at the middle-to-top left. It is not clear if these are special order printings, or whether the extra printing has been added to regularly prepared envelopes. Peter's envelopes are addressed (in blue) for delivery to an address in New Brunswick. Envelopes addressed to an Ontario office also apparently exist.

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THE 1960 BABNC POST CARDS - SHEET LAYOUT

Although the 2¢ 2nd Karsh Issue on Ivory stock (mimeo) was sold in post offices only as singles and rouletted 3-on sheets, it has long been presumed the actual printing sheets were much larger. In the Canadian Archives, RG3 acc. 86-87/396, Box 63 File 13-19-24, there is a letter from the Post Office Department, Director of Accounting, to R.F. Blandford, British American Bank Note Company concerning these cards. It reads in part:

"A proof sheet of 36 cards you supplied this Department in 1959 indicated they are printed by you in four columns of nine cards each on a sheet which measures 31 1/8 by 23 inches. There is no space on this sheet between the individual cards, either horizontally or vertically. I should be obliged if you would confirm that these specifications still apply."

A handwritten note in the margin reads "By tel. Blandford says OK.". Given these dimensions, the sheet size would have left only 1/2" margins at the sides of the large sheet, and even less at the top and bottom.

Robert Lemire

THE CAMEO ISSUE POST CARDS - THE ADDITION OF HEADINGS

Also, from the RG3 acc. 86-87/396, File 13-29-2, is information concerning the addition of the "CANADA POST CARD/CARTE POSTALE" heading to the 3¢ and 4¢ Cameo Issue post cards.

A letter dated 10th November, 1965 was sent from the Director of Postal Rates and Classification to the District Directors of Postal Service. The letter noted "changes in postal regulations effective 1st January 1966 adopted by the Universal Postal Union Congress held at Vienna in 1964" and enclosed an advance copy of a notice for the "Weekly Bulletin" of the 20th November 1965 concerning these changes.

Among the items of particular interest are the following::

"1. General Conditions

(b) Post Cards

- (2) Only illustrated post cards of private manufacture will not be required to bear the heading "Post Card"; "

and

"(d) Printed Matter

- (3) Cards marked "Post Card" will be acceptable at the printed matter rate the same as illustrated cards not bearing the heading "Post Card" provided they satisfy the general conditions applicable to printed matter ;".

As a post card rate of 4¢ applied to several countries, and a 3¢ printed matter rate applied to "the United States, its territories and possessions, and other countries of North, Central and South America, the West Indies and Spain", it was decided Canadian post cards should bear the headings necessary to make them acceptable for the international mails.

On November 24, 1965, R.W. Eyre, Superintendent, Postage Stamp Division wrote to the Director of Accounting to point out the upcoming changes in postal regulations. The note continued:

"In order to conform to the requirements of the U.P.U., I would recommend that all post cards, have the heading, Post Card-Carte Postale, printed in the top center of the address side. The title would be in the same color as the postage impression and would not affect the layout. No additional cost would be involved other than new plates."

There is also a handwritten addendum reading:

International Mails Division agrees that our cards should carry this wording. RWE".

A letter (signed by Eyre for L.V. McGurran, Director of Accounting) was sent on November 30, 1965 to R.F. Blandford, Secretary, British American Bank Note Company. It requested proofs of "the 3 cent and 4 cent post cards . . . for approval."

"The title Post Card - Carte Postale will be printed on the address side of the post card in the same color as the Postage Stamp impression. The title should be printed with Post Card appearing over Carte Postale similar in size and location as shown on the attached sample. The top of the letters Post Card should be in line with the top of the impression"

No copy of a "sample" was found in the Archives file.

A letter from BABNC to Eyre, dated December 9, 1965 accompanied "two 3¢ and two 4¢ proofs in wash form". There are two handwritten notes on the copy of the letter. The first reads "Mr. McGurran, Approval recommended 10/12 RWE". The second provides the storage location (at that time) of the proofs ("Proofs in env. # 35 cabinet 3 14-12-65). The letter also confirmed that aside from the cost of the new plates, there would be no additional cost for the printing the cards with the heading.

Another letter was sent to Blandford on December 15, 1965 confirming the proofs were satisfactory, and requesting the additional wording be "added to all 3-cent and 4-cent post cards manufactured on behalf of the Post Office Department.". There was also a request to inform the Post Office Department when BABNC was ready to begin delivery of the cards with the added wording. However, if such a letter existed, it is no longer in this particular Archives file.

From this correspondence, it is clear the headings were added to meet a perceived requirement of the U.P.U. The cards were probably issued sometime in early 1966 (the best ERP on this issue is June 29, 1966 for Webb P 94h), but certainly after December 15, 1965.

Robert Lemire

ABSTRACTS OF ARCHIVES FILES POTENTIALLY RELATED TO POSTAL STATIONERY

(cont. from PSN Vol. 11, pg. 6)

RG3 acc. 86-87/396

Box 37 File 13-1-33

General correspondence Canadian Bank Note Co. Ltd.

This is a small file dealing primarily with minor production difficulties and minor problems with miscounted stock. (RJL)

Box 55 File 13-10-5

Dies - rolls and plates cancelled by British American Bank Note and correspondence related to various contracts during the period 1895 to 1928

This file contains correspondence about (and lists of) plates and dies cancelled between 1897 and 1903 (BABNC) and between 1914 and 1925 (ABN). There is little related to postal stationery except with respect to the engraved plates for the U.P.U. cards. Post Office correspondence with N. Argenti (circa 1960) is included. (RJL)

Box 67 File 13-27-3

Orders for P.S. supplies from Canadian Bank Note Co.

There are three parts to this file, covering the period 1952 to 1959 (i.e., to the end of the CBNC contract). For the most part, the file is comprised of the set of Post Office Department requisitions for post cards wrappers, aerograms, booklets and commemorative stamps from Canadian Bank Note. Some orders refer to specially perforated stamp stock for sale to philatelists, and there are some orders for stamps overprinted "G". The letters from CBNC confirming the receipt of each order is also enclosed. There is a very small selection of useful letters. There is only occasional reference to postal stationery special orders. (RJL)

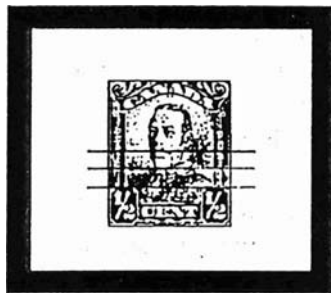
Box 72 File 13-29-2

General correspondence relating to manufacture of postcards

This file contains correspondence between the British American Bank Note Company and the Post Office Department from 1962 to 1966. Most of the correspondence relates to issues such as selection of post card stock and the size of post card sheets. (RJL)

ANOTHER PRIVATE PRECANCEL TYPE FOR P37a

Since George Manley's "retirement" from the hobby, we haven't had many new reports on precancelled items. However, some time ago, Pierre Gauthier sent a photocopy of a P37a with a precancel type for this card not previously noted in George Manley's book or the subsequent updates in PSN.



P37a-8-25-5½

P37a

3 thin lines - 8-25-5½

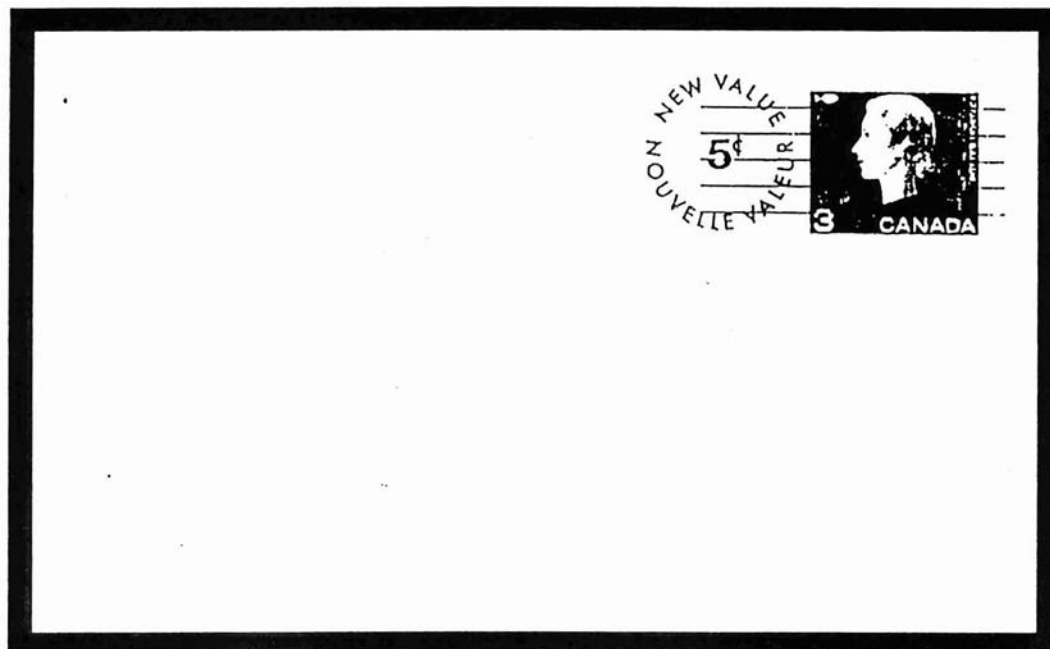
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Updates to George Manley's book are scattered over several volumes of PSN. I have compiled a list of precancelled post cards reported in these updates. I suspect such a list is of interest to only a limited number of members (and the information is already in PSN), but I will mail a copy to anyone who requests it.

Robert Lemire

P94e REVALUED TO 5¢ - ANOTHER UNLISTED POST CARD

I noted a few months ago (PSN Vol. 11, pg. 45) that we hadn't had much recently in the way of newly reported revalued items from the 1968 rate change. However, John Aitken has now sent along a photocopy of an unlisted item. As shown below, it is a Gasparo 5¢ surcharge on the 3¢ mimeo card, without a heading, but with precancelled lines, Webb P94e. This is the first reported example of a Gasparo surcharge on any of the cameo cards not having the "POST CARD/CARTE POSTALE" heading.



ERP UPDATES

This is the first update to the comprehensive Earliest Reported Postmark (ERP) listing mailed to members with the last issue of PSN. The updates are arranged in the same order as the ERP listing, and the appropriate page numbers in the listing are noted. Updates are from Colin Campbell, Earle Covert, Pierre Gauthier, Horace Harrison, Robert Lemire, R.L. Thompson, and additions to my own collection.

The extensive railway view card ERPs are courtesy of Horace Harrison, who supplied other dates as well. The numerous election envelope changes are from Robert Lemire. The revised P36 date - moving the ERP back almost to the beginning of the rate - was one of a number supplied by Pierre Gauthier.

Bill Walton

pg. 1	EN6	Oct. 25, 1887 ⁽ⁿ⁾	pg. 20	LS1	Oct. 31 1893
pg. 3	EN21	Jan. 12, 1922		LS2	Sept. 28, 1895 ^(h)
pg. 4	EN34c	Apr. 8, 1927	pg. 34	P33a	Sept. 11, 1916
pg. 8	EN77a	Oct. 6, 1964	pg. 35	P36	Nov. 10, 1921 ^(c)
pg. 10	EN85d	Feb. 7, 1969	pg. 38	P62g	Oct. 8, 1935
					cont. on pg. 22

pg. 44	P106j	Aug. 18, 1972	pg. 62	GTR F55A	Dec. 23, 1914
pg. 53	CPR 2	Sept. 4, 1898		GTR H41	Dec. 16, 1915
	CPR 3a	Apr. 14, 1898		GTR I16	Sept. 22, 1916
	CPR 5	Jul. 27, 1898		GTR G14	Sept. 19, 1916
	CPR 6	Aug. 13, 1898	pg. 64	CNR C12	May 16, 1925
	CPR 8a	Feb. 5, 1901		CNR A21	Aug. 19, 1925
pg. 54	CPR B37	Jan. 29, 1904		CNR B2	Oct. 17, 1927
	CPR G42	Nov. 27, 1913		CNR B10	May 21, 1929
	CPR F44	Apr. 2, 1914		CNR D10	May 6, 1930
	CPR F46	Oct. 29, 1914	pg. 65	CNR E2	Aug. 29, 1931
pg. 55	CPR I47	Aug. 2, 1915		CNR E12B	Aug. 3, 1931
	CRP K35	Nov. 3, 1915		CNR F2	Mar. 22, 1932
	CPR C36	Mar. 31, 1917		CNR G2	May 23, 1932
pg. 56	CPR A75	Feb. 1, 1918		CNR G20	Dec. 5, 1933
	CPR A78	Dec. 1, 1917	pg. 66	CNR B2A	Nov. 5, 1928
	CPR A80	Oct. 4, 1918		CNR B3	Nov. 4, 1930
	CPR A81	Jan. 2, 1918		CNR B29	May 6, 1929
pg. 57	CPR B66	Jun. 28, 1922 ^(d)		NTH 5	Nov. 30, 1917
	CPR F66	Nov. 29, 1922	pg. 67	ONW 3	Apr. 7, 1903
	CPR F79	Jan. 29, 1923 ^(d)		NTH 14	Jun. 20, 1917
pg. 58	CPR D69	Dec. 8, 1927	pg. 68	CTS 1	Nov. 21, 1902
	CPR D76	Jun. 30, 1925		DSL 1	May 15, 1905
	CPR D77	May 23, 1925	pg. 71	EN800c	Sept. 14, 1926
	CPR E66	Sept. 23, 1927		EN800e	Sept. 14, 1926
	CPR E78	Jan. 2, 1931	pg. 72	EN803	Oct. 14, 1935
	CPR E81	Oct. 1, 1929		EN803a	Oct. 15, 1935
	CPR E82	May 16, 1929		EN804	Mar. 26, 1940
pg. 59	CPR G70	May 1, 1931		EN805d	Apr. 26, 1942
	CPR G71	Dec. 4, 1929	pg. 73	EN808j	Jun. 8, 1945
	CPR G74	Apr. 1, 1930	pg. 74	EN813h	May 30, 1961
	CPR G79	Sept. 12, 1930		EN813n	Apr. ?, 1963
	CPR G81	Nov. 12, 1929		EN814h	Jun. 26, 1968
	CPR G82	May 13, 1929		EN820	?, ?, 1972
	CPR H68	Apr. 27, 1931		EN820b	?, ?, 1974
	CPR I72	May 23, 1933	pg. 75	Nfld. P1	Oct. 1, 1873
	CPR I79	Apr. 3, 1933 ^(e)		Nfld. P4	Oct. 12, 1880
	CPR I81	Jan. 7, 1932		Nfld. P6	Jun. 10, 1892 ^(f)
	CPR J80	Feb. 16, 1933		Nfld. P7	Apr. 13, 1904
pg. 61	GTR D22	Aug. 30, 1907	pg. 76	Nfld. RE5	Oct. 9, 1944
	GTR E14	Dec. 24, 1914			

(a) correction of a typographical error

(b) printed statement date

(c) footnote 6 on ERP Listing pg. 35 should now read:

6. The postmark shows the month and year. The manuscript date on the card is the 10th.

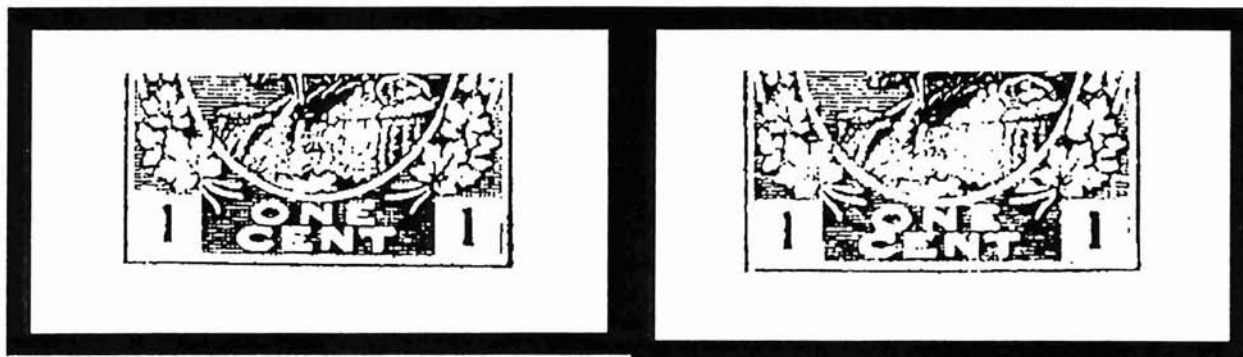
(d) statement date

(e) a previously unreported view in this series - Mt. Stephen

(f) as in the list, but a footnote should be added: The ERP, as noted by Horace Harrison, is on a used reply half being returned from Rotterdam. Obviously the outbound half was mailed earlier, probably in late May or early June.

PUZZLING ADMIRAL ISSUE DIE VARIATIONS

A few months ago, Horace Harrison sent along some photocopies of an unusual-looking Admiral Issue stamp impression. On otherwise normal looking copies of the Webb P28d 1¢ die II impression there appear to be a series of vertical lines giving the background the appearance of being-hatched. The cross-hatching seems to be over much of the background, but appears strongest (or clearest) to the lower left. It did not look like the photocopies would be clear enough to reproduce in the newsletter. However, as one of the cards had a corner from Canada Cement Company, and the same corner is found on P28e, I checked my copy. Sure enough, the same cross-hatched background was found, as shown below in the Figure.

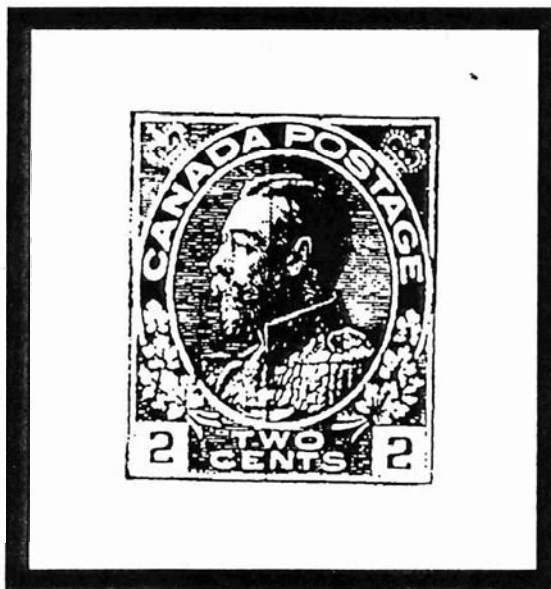


1¢ red, die II, cross-hatching

1¢ red, die II, normal

It is not clear if the degree of cross-hatching varies from copy to copy. When scanning the cards into the computer, I could, by varying the settings on the scanner, make the cross-hatching appear or disappear on either card. This happened even though visually the cards were distinctly different.

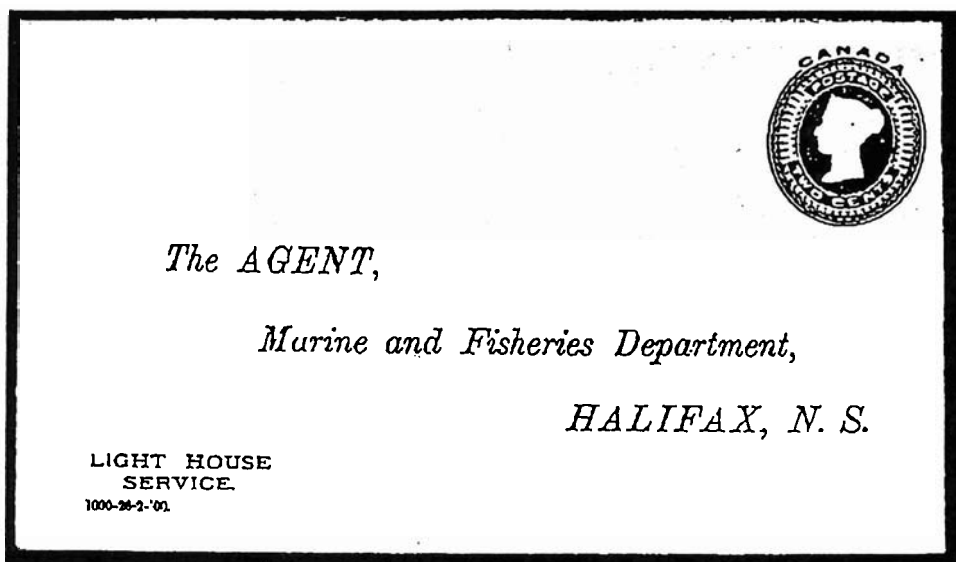
While we are discussing Admiral issue dies, I show below an example of a copy of Webb P33a with two strong vertical lines through the middle of the stamp impression. The lines stop abruptly at the top and bottom borders. Does anyone have explanations for these varieties?



vertical lines on P33a

ANOTHER MARINE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ENVELOPE

A look at the latest edition of Webb's Catalogue shows more than a three-and-one-half-year gap between the form dates of the official envelopes used by the Marine and Fisheries Department DEN15e (23-12-98) and DEN13c (12-8-'02). The interval of form dates between several of the envelopes in the same series is of the order of one year. This suggests there are probably one or more envelopes to be discovered with form dates in 1899, 1900 or 1901. Bill Walton has now had one of the "missing" envelopes reported to him, as shown below. The envelope is of the DEN13 type (i.e., the basic envelope is EN13), and it bears a form date of "26-2-'00".



BNAPEX'94

BNAPEX'94 will be held September 29 to October 1 at the Radisson Hotel in Burlington, Vermont. The annual meeting of the Postal Stationery Study Group will be held Friday September 30, 1994 at 1:15 p.m. as part of BNAPEX'94.

One topic of discussion for this year's meeting is George VI postal stationery but, if things proceed as usual, many other subjects will be addressed - either in the meeting or in the late night sessions. Join the fun. Come to BNAPEX.

WEBB'S WINS AWARD

The current edition of Webb's Postal Stationery Catalogue of Canada and Newfoundland was entered in the literary fair conducted annually by the Cardinal Spellman Postal Museum. The catalogue was awarded a gold, and the judges presented certificates not only to the current editors (Bill Walton and Earle Covert), but also, most deservedly, to the original editor, Jim Webb. Without Jim, this invaluable work would not exist. Congratulations Bill and Earle and, particularly, congratulations Jim!