Postal Stationery Notes

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Editor's Notes

Due to a death in our family this newsletter is a month late. I also had problems with the computer which are resolved now. At the same time I switched to internet cable which is a lot faster and never blocks the phone lines.

On June 24th was Robert A. Lee's auction no. 99 and included was the first lot from Horace Harrison's postal stationery collection. I followed the auction with great interest, since there were a lot of items which would have made a very nice addition to my collection. But a lot of other collectors must have also been impressed with so many nice items, because what I can see on the list of prices realized many of the scarcer items sold above Webb's 6th edition catalogue value plus the 15% buyers premium, sales tax and shipping. I assume that will be reflected in much higher valuations in the new postal stationery catalogue to be issued soon.

Even some of the more modern items like the revalued centennial envelopes did sell above catalogue value. So did many air letter sheets and postal cards. For instance the ½ cent CBN profile issue card, privately precancelled sold for \$250.00 (cat. Value \$150). Other examples are P66s \$150.00 and KP66h \$150.00, both valued at \$60.00 each in Webb's, but items in only fair condition sold for far less or not at all, particularly cards with file holes.

The essays and proofs (out of reach for most of us) all went for close to or above catalogue value, that is a substantial price if you add the buyers premium and tax.

In this issue we resume the listing by John Grace of the Canadian Express Company cards with a different front and back. Please let us all help him, by letting him know about any corrections, additions or new items.

I would like to remind all members again, I need more material for the newsletter.

<u>DUES:</u> If your label on the envelope reads V16#1, your study group fee is now due. Please make out the cheque (Can. \$8.00 or U.S. equivalent) to 'JOHN GRACE' not to BNAPS or the Postal Stationery Study Group.

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What's New in Postal Stationery

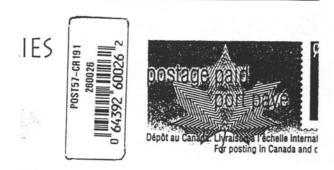
SPECIAL ENVELOPES

The latest information I received was that Hallmark with cooperation of Canada Post will issue several greeting cards to be used with one prestamped envelope which will be named "Fresh Ink".

Other prepaid envelopes or greeting cards are also planned for the Christmas mail by Hallmark. The self mailer "A Word of Love" issued in January must have been successful, to continue with special issues.

Cards

"Postcard Factory" prepaid postcards was recently discovered by Pierre Gauthier.



The old bar code was the same for all cards up till now. This sticker (see picture) reproduces the same Postcard Factory number that was at the right bottom of each card; the number following the five digits 64392 refers to the item number on Canada Post's order form. When scanned on a Canada Post cash register, the card name can be seen. This would be a new way for Canada Post to keep inventory of each card sold.

This new sticker probably is only a temporary measure until cards are reprinted with new bar code information.

Several collectors already found a variety of cards with that new sticker and below I compiled a list of cards already reported:

Cards with black printing on the address side: ATC202, ATC210, C01V, C02, C03, C05V, C06, C07, C10VC13, C14, C24, C42V, C47, C79, C85, C86, C92, C95V, C96V, C97, CR68, CR107, CR115, CR146, CR149, CR151, CR191, CR272, CR4628, CY46, CY35V, ED032, G38V, MTL66V, MTL98, MTL107, MTL127, MTL128V, NF141, O042, VQ089, VQ099V, RP001

So far only 2 cards with brown printing on the address side: AL08, CY55

XPRESSPOST

On July 1 new prepaid Xpresspost envelopes were issued for use to the U.S.A. measuring the same as the Regional and National Standard and Letter size envelopes in use within Canada for years. They also have a on-time delivery guarantee and delivery confirmation. New for Xpresspost is, that the shipping label is already glued on the back of both U.S,A. envelopes.

Here is a list of dates found on the back of the Xpresspost envelopes up to the end of 1999 (not the date after the code numbers, see Vol.15 page 18): Regional Standard: 3-98, 8 98, 10 98, 11 98, 1 99, 2 99, 3 99, 4 99, 6 99, 9 99, 10 99, 12 99
National Standard: 3-98, 8 98, 11 98, 1 99, 2 99, 4 99, 6 99, 9 99, 12 99

Regional Letter: without date, 10 98, 1 99, 2 99, 3 99, 6 99, 8 99, 9 99,

National Letter: without date, 10 98, 99, 1 99, 2 99, 3 99, 6 99, 8 99, 12 99

Regional Pack: 03 98, 10 98, 12 98, 1 99, 8 99, 10 99, 12 99

National Pack: 03 98, 10 98, 12 98, 1 99, 3 99, 10 99, 12 99

SKY PACK

The shipment of the international courier service was turned over to Purolator Courier Ltd on July 1, 2000. All Sky Packs were withdrawn from all Post offices and postal outlets at that date. Earle Covert found some interesting items before the Sky paks were withdrawn, an International Pack and a Europe Pack with the front of a USA envelope glued over, in an attempt to use up the surplus sky paks. The USA fronts were probably from the cardboard fronts used as advertising at the beginning of sky paks:

The sky paks are being replaced by a Puropack and a Puroletter - these say Canada Post Corporation on the back, but are not prepaid items. So by everyones definition they are not postal stationery.

The photo copy below, of an Ontario Hydro meter reading card is on a regular? I cent green revalued 2 cents, heading type 5 in green, message half of a reply card (P73?). Recently I was able to purchase this unusual card at a stamp show. I immediately sent a photo copy to our expert Robert Lemire and he had the following interesting comment:

"I have looked up my photo copies from file RG3 86/87/396, Vol. 3, file 13-19-20 (originally PO file 13-19-H. 2) and have come up empty. I have nothing but the following:

all printing with 4 reply cards on a sheet order K4-6122 (June 1949) 200,000 1 cent + 1 cent (actual 198,900)

Separate card at perforated line—Retain instruction portion—Mail other portion

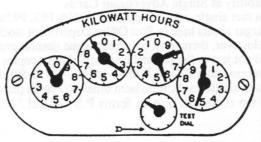
CANADA POST CARD



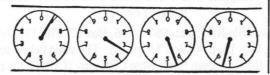
PLEASE RETURN ATTACHED POST CARD IMMEDIATELY

HOW TO MARK METER READING REPLY POST CARD ATTACHED

If the dials on your electric meter look like this:



Please draw lines on the diagram on the attached reply post card, as shown below. It is important to show whether the pointers are on the figures or between them.



order K4-7060 (Oct. 1949) 200,000 1 cent + 1 cent order K4-9884 (Sept. 1950) – delivered Nov. 1950 20,000 1 cent + 1 cent order 13721-3-V17 (April 1953) 32,000 2 cent + 2 cent (delivered May 1953)

The cards as ordered were blank reply cards with NO added heading or other printing.

It would appear that there is a gap here. However, I notice from the file that the letters were modeled consecutively. That is, the copy of the letter for K4-9884 has the quantities, date, order number etc_crossed out in pencil to give to a secretary as a model for order 13721-3-V17. That would argue against there being a "missing" order despite the long time gap between K4-9884 and 13721-3-V17. On the other hand there is nothing in the file before 1953 referring to 2 cent cards or revaluation of 1 cent cards.

The records for order 13721-3-V17 demonstrates some confusion on the part of both OH and the PO. The original order dated April 8, 1953 requests:

"Approx. 8000" of "sheets post card stock with 2 cent stamps affixed in position as sample attached. Note: 8,000 sheets make 32,000 double size reply post cards" at "\$21.60 per 125 sheets of '2 cent-8 on' post card stock".

The Post office immediately contacted CBNC fore a price with respect to 8,000 sheets.

The \$21.60 apparently was the price for 1000 post cards (including postage, P.S. 36-250M-19-6-52) of standard stock 2 cent advertising cards. (I suppose 125 standard sheets could be cut up to provide 500 reply cards, but the stamp impression would be on the outside of both sides of the folded card).

The Post Office and Ontario Hydro never did get their prices sorted out, but eventually 32,000 reply cards (8000) sheets were delivered at \$6.50 per 1000 sheets plus sales tax (10%) plus postage (\$1508.80 total).

Some time ago, I tentatively identified the April 1953 order with the 2 cent QEII card (a bit early—the first QEII order for 2 cent cards was Nov. 1953). Now, either this was the case, or there was a 2 cent GVI special reply card or a 2 cent on 1 cent special reply card. The other possibility, given the apparent familiarity of OH with the sheets stock price for 8-on cards, was that in the 1951-1953 period OH used some regular issue cards or reply cards. The latter would also be consistent with your diagnosis of he card as having a "regular" heading.

There are later orders, but none seem relevant.

A Further Comment on the Availability of Single Advertising Cards

In Vol. 15, p. 39, I made a comment that single, unused copies of Webb's P83, P83a and P85 (1st Karsh) were probably prepared by cutting the larger sheets kept in Post Office Department stock, as only sheets (8-on, 16-on, 32-on) were ordered from CBNC. However, there must have been some general procedure for supply of single advertising cards to post offices, and not just to the philatelic agency. I have copies of a number of "Requisition for Postage Supplies" forms (the most recent being P.S. 36 P.M. —150M—13-10-50) that indicate individual post offices could order advertising cards as single cards, minimum order 100 cards (as well as 8-on, minimum order 1000 cards). Can anyone confirm the same was true on forms P.S. 36 and 36½ from the early Elizabethan period.

The CBNC Wrapper and Post Band Orders mid-1952-1959

Robert Lemire

The contents of the Canadian Archives file RG3, acc. 86/87-396, Box 67, File 13-27-3 has been discussed several times before in PSN (Vol. 12, p. 20, Vol. 13, p. 4, Vol. 15, p. 38). The table below contains a summary of information related to orders sent to the Canadian Bank Note Company (CBNC) for post bands and (newspaper) wrappers during the 1950s. A draft of the table was first prepared by John Aitken from photocopies of the Archives material.

The QEII wrapper (Webb's W23b) has always been a scarce item, particularly used copies. It is clear from the records that only 900,000 copies were printed; none before January 1954. However, a decision not to have any more wrappers prepared was communicated to CBNC less than a year later. It would also appear from the February 8, 1955 order that the earliest the 1¢ first Karsh post band could have been issued was February 1955.

Table 1: The CBNC post bands and wrappers orders mid-1952 to December 1959.

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⁽a) for delivery Apr. 1, 1934
(b) cleaning up of "good overs"
(c) the order for 300,000 wrappers was cancelled Nov. 9, 1954
(d) for delivery after Apr. 1, 1955

⁽e) for delivery before Mar. 31, 1955. This order included the order for the 1¢ post band plate (f) for delivery after Apr. 1, 1956 (g) for delivery after Mar. 31, 1957

⁽h) to be delivered after Apr. 1, 1960 (note:this was arranged even though CBNC cancelled its contract for printing the post cards and bands effective Dec. 22, 1959)

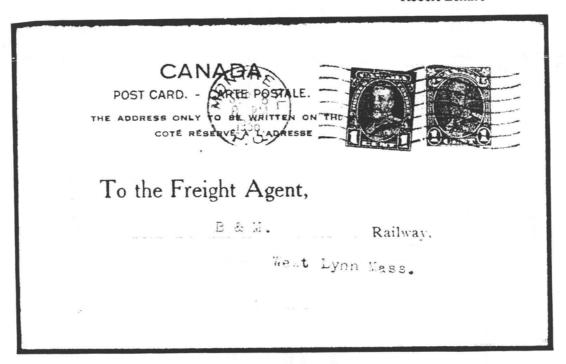
Webb's P59a—A Used Message Half with Added Heading Lines

Used copies of Webb's P59a are hard to find, as are many of the other 1¢+1¢ bilingual reply cards from the 1930s and 1940s. Occasionally over the last twenty-five years I have seen obviously philatelic used copies, sometimes copies addressed to European dealers, but I never had a chance to purchase a commercially used copy.

At a recent show I finally found the used message half as shown. Now the copy does have an added adhesive—it was used to the U.S.—but the card definitely was used commercially by the Madawaska Company of Montreal. Furthermore, the card has had the lines "THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE/COTÉ RÉSERVÉ À L'ADRESSE" added privately. This makes the Type 7 heading appear similar, but not identical, to the Type 8 heading used in the Admiral period.

The back of the card reads "PLEASE DETACH REPLY CARD/AND RETURN PROMPTLY." What a pity not to have also found the reply half used from the U.S.!

Robert Lemire



A Further Comment on the Letter in RG3 acc. 86-87/396, Box 67, File 13-27-3 and the National Film Board Reply Card

In PSN Vol. 13, p. 10, I discussed a letter I found (in Canadian Archives file RG3 acc. 86-87/396, Box 67, File 13-27-3) that appeared to discuss printing of the National Film Board of Canada (NFB) 4¢ + 4¢ reply card (Webb's KP90a). The letter referred to the return of the proof for the "Special 4¢ Reply Post Cards for National Film Board". What escaped me five years ago was that, in the parlance of the Post Office Department and Canadian Bank Note Company, a 4¢ + 4¢ card would normally be referred to as an 8¢ reply card (i.e., the reference would be to the total postage on the card). Does this mean there was an asyet-unreported 2¢ + 2¢ NFB card?

The new Xpresspost USA Prepaid Envelope, standard size (64%)





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CEC - 1903	1. Front: Violet ink. The last line to the left of the stamp reads "ing protest". Back: Canadian Express Company. (70 mm.). Form 131. Text: 35 lines. Dateline: Hamilton, Ont., 190 Note: J. H. MOORE. NEW/REDUCED/RATES. at lower left [Front # 3, Back # 10]

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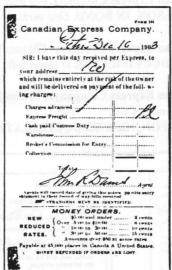
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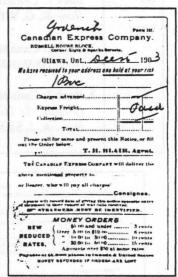
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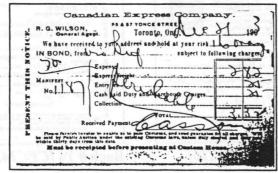


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CEC12	1. Front: As CEC11 but brown ink. Back: Unknown	[Front # 4, Back # ?]



Back # 12 [CEC11]

1 cent red KING EDWARD VII ISSUE (P23)

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On the front of the following cards EXPRESS COLLECTION SERVICE is printed in squarish letters.

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1. Front: Blue ink. The last line to the left of the stamp reads "ing protest".

Back 1: Canadian Express Company. (70 mm.). Text: 29 lines. Dateline: Toronto, Ont., ... 190

Note: R. G. WILSON. IN BOND. One vertical line at left: PRESENT THIS NOTICE.

[Front # 5, Back # 14]

2. Back 2: Canadian Express Company. (70 mm.). Form 131. Text: 30 lines. Dateline: _____ 190

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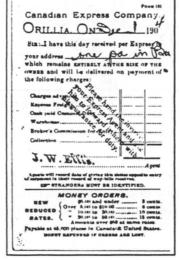
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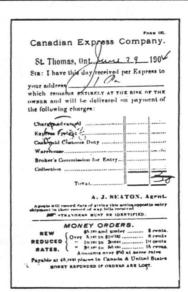
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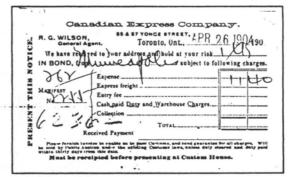
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Back # 14b /CEC14.3/



Front # 5 [CEC14, CEC15, CEC16]



Back # 14 [CEC14.1]