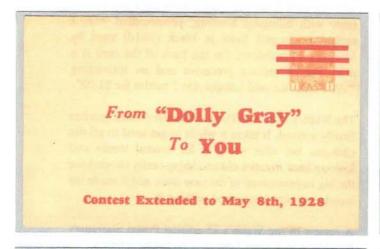
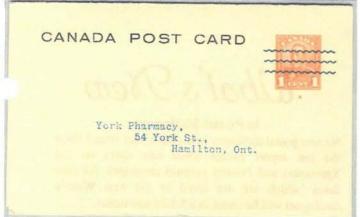
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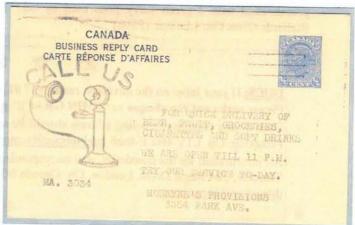












Editor's Notes

On the preceding page I am showing a selection of privately precancelled cards. They are quite colourful and rare. Although I am only showing the front, most cards also have very interesting backs. Therefore it is no surprise, that these items are in such high demand. The first card shown is a 1 cent orange Admiral issue without heading, with 3 horizontal bars in red used by Dolly Gray Knit Goods Co., Toronto. (P29s)

Followed by a ½ cent blue Scroll issue with heading type 9, with 3 black vertical bars used by Warbutton,s Toggery (P37a) with an interesting ad on the reverse. (see below)



Next is the front of a message half of the 1cent orange and ½ cent blue reply card of the Scroll issue precancelled with 3 green wavy lines used by the Richards Glass Co., Limited. (P39b) Beside that card is the ½ cent blue Medallion issue heading type 9 precancelled card with 3 thin horizontal lines used by Ritholz Optical Co., London, Ontario. (P51b)

On the bottom left is the message half of the 1 cent and ½ cent reply card of the Medallion issue with 3 ragged bars in red used by the Richards Glass Co., Limited. (P53b)

The last card is the half cent blue of the CBN Profile issue with bilingual heading, precancelled with 3 ragged horizontal lines in black (P61d) used by Moreyne's Provisions. On the back of the card is a price list of various groceries and an interesting "SPECIAL- ice cold Labatts Ale 7 bottles for \$1.00".

The Webb's 7th edition Postal Stationery Catalogue has finally arrived. It takes a while to get used to all the changes, but after using it for several weeks and looking back into the old catalogue really showed me the big improvement of the new issue and it made me wondering how I managed without it.

A review of the Webb's 7th edition Postal Stationery Catalogue by Robert Lemire is on the next pages.

What's New

in Postal Stationery

No new postal stationery items have been issued since the last report except some new dates on the Xpresspost and Priority prepaid envelopes. All new dates (which are not listed in the new Webb's catalogue) will be listed in a future newsletter.

New PCF cards are expected to be issued this Summer.

<u>DUES:</u> If your label on the envelope reads V17#1, your fee of Can. \$8.00 or U.S. equivalent is now due. Please make out the cheque to 'JOHN GRACE' not to BNAPS or the Postal Stationery Study Group.

Dues or any change of mailing address should be sent to the Sec./ Treasurer John Grace, 734 Aspen Rd. Pickering, On. L1V 4H2 E-mail jandmgrace@sympatico.ca

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Webb's 7th Edition: A Very Different Catalogue

by Robert Lemire

Earle L. Covert & William C. Walton, editors, "Webb's Postal Stationery Catalogue Of Canada and Newfoundland", 7th edition, Saskatoon Stamp Centre (2001), CAN\$39.95, US\$26.95 (available from the publisher, P.O. Box 1870, Saskatoon, SK, S7K 3S2: with postage and handling charges of CAN\$5.00 to Canada, US\$5.25 to the U.S., or CAN\$11.50 to overseas addresses).

The 7th edition of the Webb's Postal Stationery Catalogue is now available, supplanting the 1993 (6th) edition. Collectors who have used the previous editions will get their first surprise before they open the front cover. The idea of balancing this Catalogue with one hand, and going through a pile of covers at a bourse using the other, must be abandoned The Catalogue now has been expanded from less than two hundred pages to well over three hundred $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" pages, and it weighs almost a kilogram (the previous edition weighed just over 300 g).

So what does the reader gain to compensate for this change in size? First of all, pictures, pictures and more pictures. There are pictures of the Admiral Issue dies. Large pictures. Clear pictures. There are pictures of most of the private order and official cards. There are pictures of the aerogramme flap and setting variations. There are pictures of the address labels. There are pictures of the railway and steamship pictorial cards—all the views. There are many more pictures in the essays and proofs sections. Then there are the envelopes—not just pictures of the dies, but an entire section showing superb, full scale pictures of the regular issue envelope knives and envelope linings.

Second, there is an attempt to put some order to the rather chaotic array of prepaid stationery (some with stamp impressions, some not) that have been issued or authorized by Canada Post over the last decade. Sky Pak, the CD and Photo Mailers, the Postcard Factory cards, the Xpresspost envelopes, the Red Cross special issue post cards, the envelopes from the "U.S. Priority Mail" experiment and many other items are included along with the various new regular issue envelopes.

Third, there are expanded listings for several of the more popular series of post cards—the Hospital for Sick Children cards, the Eaton's cards, the Christmas Seal cards and the Money Order pictorial cards (and there is a new section on the related early Canadian Express ad cards).

Fourth, there are other new sections: a listing of the Hechler envelopes, a listing and detailed pictures of the Edwardian envelope dies (a revision of the list dropped after the 4th edition of the Catalogue), and a listing of the "request for additional labels".

The new sections will keep collectors scrambling to find items to add to the 8th edition. The pictures will allow us to discover whether the rare items in our collections are ones the editors have seen, or whether they are "unreported".

There has also been some major reorganization within Webb's. The post cards now directly follow the envelopes and are followed by the wrappers, letter cards and air letter sheets. After more than a decade of trying to find the "Official" items near the back of the Catalogue, the reader now must learn to find them at the end of the appropriate section. This should be simpler; but, I did say at the *end* of the appropriate section, not directly following the "Private Order" items. Thus, the "Official Envelopes" now do follow the section on "Private Order Envelopes". However, in the Post Card section, the "Official" items not only follow the "Private Order Post Cards", they strangely follow the "Railway & Steamship Pictorial Cards" and even the "Niagara Falls Scenic Views". Some items, such as the letter sheets and address labels have

ended up in a section on "Miscellaneous Stationery". The Priority Post and Xpresspost items have been relegated to "back of the book" status, and now come after the Newfoundland section. At least some of these changes are distinct improvements, as I discovered after using the new edition for a couple of weeks.

What else is new? There are separate prices for used reply card halves and 3-on strips of mimeo rouletted cards; the "Specimen" private order envelopes and election envelopes are identified and priced. There is a millimetre scale buried on page 315 in one of the Appendices (thanks to Bill Geijsbeek for pointing it out to me). However, that scale would be even more useful if it ran to the edge of the page (as is done in the Geuzendam catalogue of Dutch postal stationery) to facilitate measurements of stamp impression sizes and heading lengths.

There has been a thorough repricing in many sections. I may not agree with the final results in a very few cases, but it is obvious great attention has been paid to dealers and recent auction realizations. Among the major changes are upward revisions to the prices for selected Elizabethan material. The election envelopes have been completely repriced. The prices for many private order post cards have increased substantially. The prices on most Newfoundland items are up, but the Catalogue prices may still be trailing the market for the scarcer items in that section.

Of course, there are still apparent inconsistencies in treatment of different areas. The hardest problem (and there is no good solution) remains with the official items. The listing of a single Department of National Health and Welfare card as DP74d, apparently because of an added heading, will only lead to more debate. (There are unlisted cards in that series, including some with an added heading). Moving the National Film Board $4\phi + 4\phi$ reply card to the official section may also be open to debate. There are details on setting varieties on the letter cards, and even for the Hechler envelopes, but setting varieties on the wrappers are still relegated to footnotes. There are more setting varieties listed in the section on the Xpresspost envelopes—a true is specialist listing, and though the Xpresspost roulettes are shown, the different roulettes on the regular issue mimeo rouletted cards are not discussed. The pictorial Manitoba Hydro permit is give full catalogue status, but the prepaid Quebec Government envelopes (with the same type of indicia as the Red Cross post cards) are not even mentioned. I collect the "Request for Additional Delivery" stickers, but it could be argued that there are many other items of post office postal stationery more worthy of inclusion in Webb's (for example, the formular air letter sheets described by Pierre Gauthier in BNA Topics, Vol. 55, No. 3 7-20 (1998)).

Considering the complexity of the task of preparing the Catalogue, there seem to be relatively few typographical errors. I checked many of the large number of page cross-references, and all seemed correct—a difficult job well done. There are some strange, apparently extraneous, boldings of text in the Private Order Envelopes section. Layout is sometimes crowded; in several places headings are jammed between sections, with minimal white space above the headings. In various places bolding and underlining seem to have been used in preference to spacing out notes on a page. I suppose this helped keep the number of pages from becoming larger, but it left me with the feeling the editors are shouting at the reader in places. Bold boxes are used to separate other notes from the rest of the text. The boxes seem intended to draw the attention of the reader to the notes. Instead, there is a tendency to read past them. However, overall these problems are minor.

So what we have is a larger, but much more useable catalogue. Better than ever. Doubters should simply pick up and compare this new volume with copies of earlier editions, for example, the 1st, 4th and 5th. Great effort that has gone into this fine new 7th edition (and its predecessors). For this collector, the only words that even approach being appropriate are "Thank you".

Chris Ryan sent in photo copies (reduced size) of two GO items not listed in the latest Webb's catalogue. They are similar to earlier issues, but have the heading "PAID/PAYÉ" instead of "GUARANTEED SERVICE" as on the older issues. The new catalogue only lists a GO letter in the new format.

- 1. Trillium GO Pack "PAID/PAYÉ" only. Hidden numbers: 522521 06/97 DK#SP501422-07/98 501615-10/98 501687-03/99
- 2. Small size GO letter with a window "PAID/PAYÉ" only (285 x 223 mm). Hidden number: 523859-06/97



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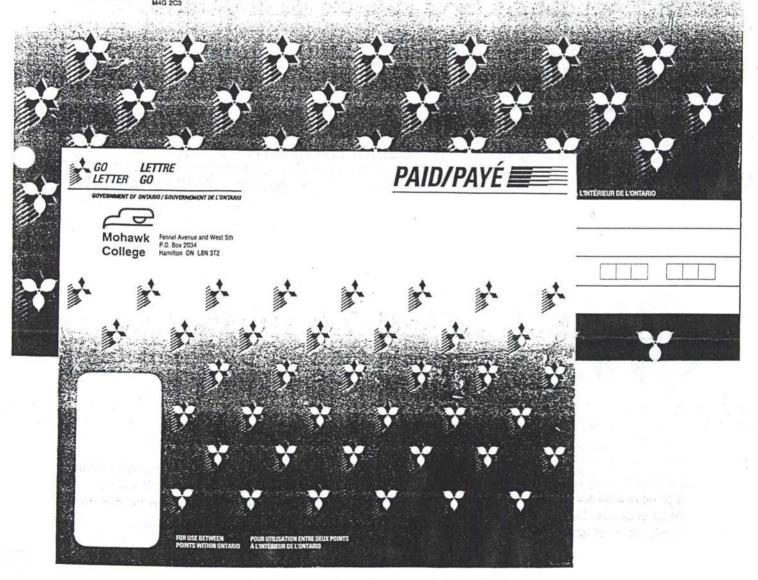
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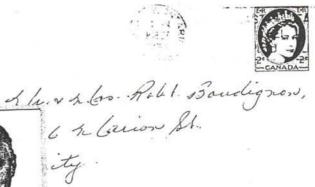


Postal Stationery election cards

I find it very interesting collecting postal cards used for Municipal, Provincial and Federal elections showing the candidate on the front or back. Researching what happened to the candidates is quite fascinating.

Below are two samples,







YOU VOTE AT

POLLING DIVISION No. 16 Alexander Pub'ic School, St. Brandon St.

For Information on Election Day PHONE

OS 4-6481 4-6483 4-6485

Vote Conservative

ELECT

MITCHELL,

DOCTOR





EDWARD LITCHELL 50 BRUCE ST.



SUB-DIVISION No. 31

Municipal Election Monday, December 3rd, 1928. Your Vote and Influence Respectfully Asked For

Kilpatrick

As MAYOR for 1929

You Vote at Victoria Public School

POLLS OPEN 9 A.M. UNTIL 7 P. M.

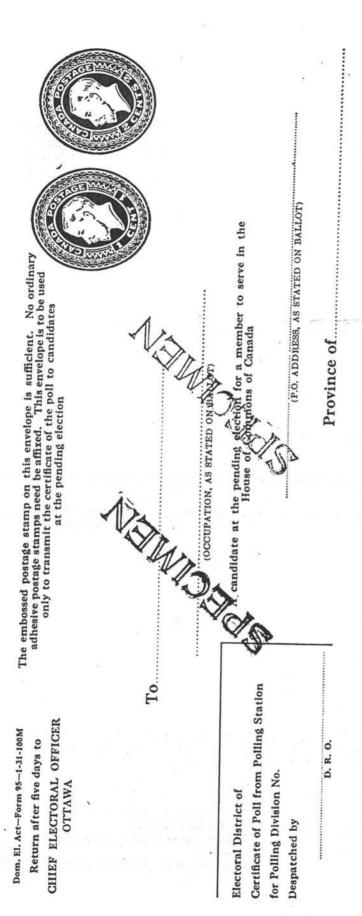
HEADQUARTERS, MOLSONS BANK BUILDING, 133 DUNDAS ST. Call Metcalf 8085 for a car to take you to vote.

Ealing Committee Room 583 Hamilton Road. Phone Fair, 3195.

Wanted to buy or trade

Canadian Postal cards showing the candidate for Municipal, Provincial or Federal elections on the front or back.

Dick Staecker, 384 Regal Drive, London, On. N5Y 1J7



SPECIMEN OVERPRINTS

Peter Zariwny sent in a photo copy of this election envelope (EN803) with SPECIMEN overprints not listed in the new Webb's catalogue.

He also reported other election envelopes with SPECIMEN overprints unlisted in the catalogue: EN802c, EN805, EN805b, EN805c, EN805d, EN808f and 808k.

PSSG MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Paid members	82
Renewals to May 1, 2001	0
New members to May 1, 2001	- 1
Deceased	1
New paid member total:	82
Circulation of PSN	92

ADD TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

Gary Clarke, Box 53, Petersburg, ON NOB 2H0

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Robert G. Stanley, 327 Marlton Cr., Winnipeg, MB R3R 1A6 Scott Traquair, P.O. Box 25 Georgetown, ON L7G 4T1

DECEASED

C. Angus Parker

MEMBERSHIP LAPSED

Anderson, Angst, Beecham, Beltrandi, Burega, Curtis, Daneman, Eisenberg, Flynn, Gerlach, Kasper, Kravitz, Narbonne, Pignon, Rapp, Russell Steinkamp, Underhill, White, Vanderburgh

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