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This first issue of the newsletter contains articles about a variety of types of RNAPS postal stationery. Others will be discussed in future issues. Articles, questions, comments and ideas are all needed, and should be sent to the address noted below. The participation of all members is necessary to the success of the Study Group.

Do YOU have an ESP?

One long neglected area of study in Canadian Postal Stationery is the dates of issues of stationery items. This is not surprising because, in most instances, the Post Office did not keep records. Although Bond, Howe, the Philatelic Society of London (in their book of 1889) and Boggs all give dates, these do not agree on many items, even as to the year of issue. Nothing has been reported on many of the more recent issues. However, a good idea of the date of issue can usually be obtained by looking for the Earliest Reported Postmark (ERP) for an item.

20 Years Postal Stationery Notes

Editor's Notes

20 years ago this month the first newsletter of "Postal Stationery Notes" was issued edited by Robert Lemire and co-edited by Earle Covert and Bill Walton.

Quite often I browse through the many pages issued in these 20 years, which already fill 2 binders of very valuable information or I look for and find some specific information from the many studies, articles and listings sent in by members willing to share their knowledge.

In this issue is the second and last part of the "Prepaid Parcel Label" listing by Earle Covert. Please let him know, if you have any additions to report.

Member Chris Ryan was able to get some interesting information about the return envelopes for the Census 2001 forms:

Statistics Canada only had to pay for the envelopes they received back through the mail. They actually counted each envelope (approximately 9.5 million). After receiving an invoice from Canada Post, Statistics Canada had to pay between 72 ¢ and 75 ¢ for each envelope. Based on this information I do not think we can class these envelopes as postal stationery.

What's New

in Postal Stationery

ENVELOPES

Information I received from Andrew Chung tells me that a new 'Letter Writing Kit' will be issued in early December. No details have been announced yet, but as Andrew told me, the Kit will include 8 new pre-stamped envelopes with a stamp impression of a rose, similar to

the stamps issued in August of this year. Four size #8 envelopes will each feature a different rose, with the same design also shown on four size #10 envelopes. All envelopes will show no denomination on the stamp impression to facilitate the use after a postal rate increase without adding extra postage for domestic mailings.

The earlier 'Letter Writing Kit' issued in February 1, 2001 had a booklet of 12 self-adhesive stamps included, but no postal stationery.

Two new pre-stamped envelopes (size #8 and size #10) in the 'Birds of Canada' series will be issued February 15, 2002. These envelopes also will have no denomination showing in the stamp design, so, regardless of following postal rate increases no additional postage will be necessary within Canada.

CARDS

On September 28, 2001 Canada Post made available for \$2.00 a Domestic Lettermail Postage Paid card. It is addressed to 'Goodyear Drive For Gold' to send your best wishes to the men and women on Canada's national hockey teams competing in the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, and support Canadian amateur hockey at the same time. Canada Post will donate \$1.00 from each card sold to the Canadian Hockey Association.

On the preceding page is a reduced size colour copy of the front and reverse of that card, featuring a painting of young hockey players by noted artist Michel Lapensée and is pre-stamped with a non-denominated version of the Wayne Gretzky All-Star stamp issued in 2000. First availability of the card was in Brantford, Ontario, home of hockey star Wayne Gretzky. (see first day cancel on the front of the shown card)

XPRESSPOST

New prepaid Xpresspost products are planned again for this Christmas Season, similar to the colourful 'Snowman' issues of last year, but no details are available at this time.

All prepaid Xpresspost and Priority Courier envelopes and Packs starting with the dated circular clock 01, missing 5 have some changes in design:

Now only the item number is shown under the 'Recycled Material' logo and all code numbers and dates which were under the item number are deleted. Also the text 'Northwest Territories' was replaced with 'Nunavut' and on some items "Free Insurance coverage up to \$100" was replaced with "Free coverage against loss or damage up to \$100".

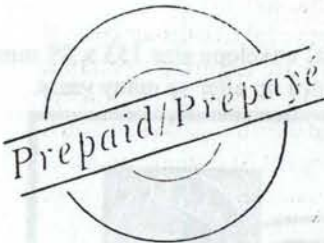
A new private order Xpresspost item was discovered by Chris Ryan. Used by the Ottawa Carleton University, it is in the same size and the same type of paper as was used for the obsolete 'Go Pack' (with threads in the

paper) with the same rounded corners as the Go Packs. The instructions on the reverse mention "maximum weight - 1 kg., maximum thickness - 20 mm" See photo copy below. (reduced 50%)



DUES: 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@svmpatico.ca

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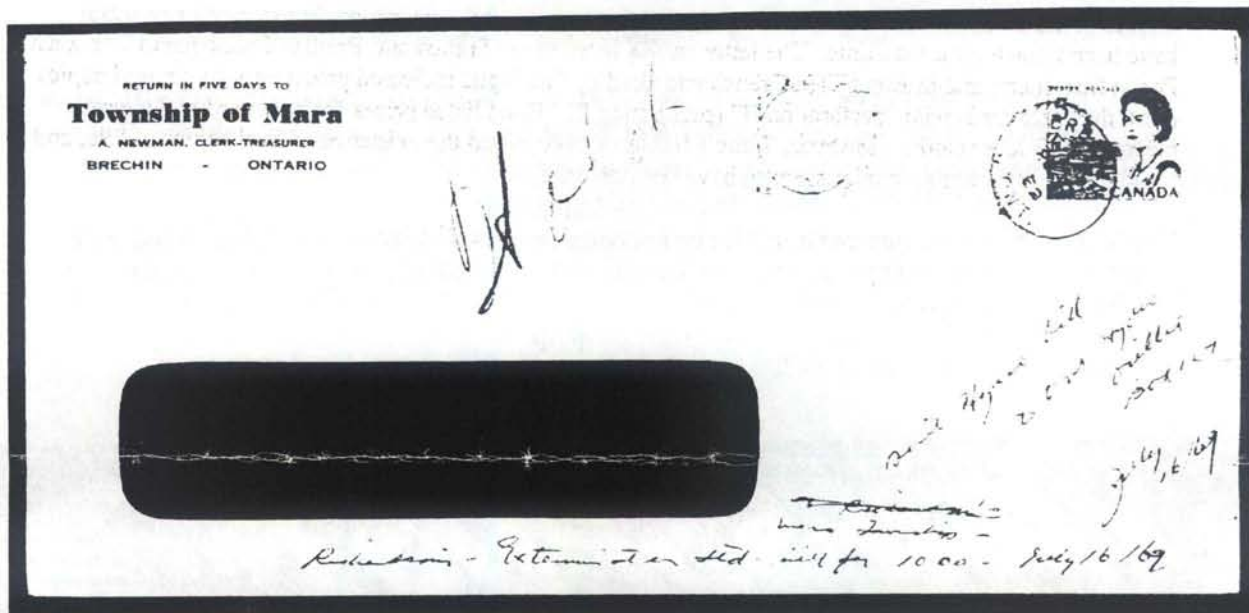
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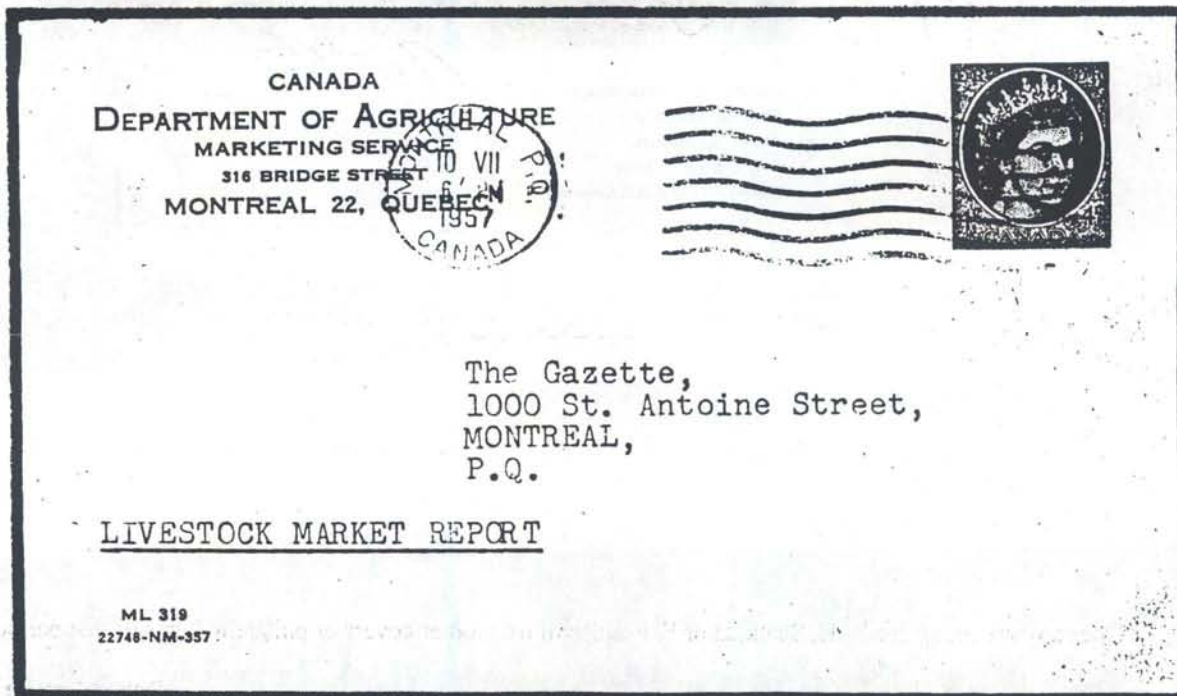
REGIONAL
RÉGIONAL



Below is a photo copy (reduced size) of a Centennial private order envelope discovered by Pierre Gauthier. The size of that window envelope is 228 x 102 mm, used by the Township of Mara. This size has never been reported before on a 5 cent Centennial issue, although that size is known on the Cameo envelopes. (EN552-40a)



Below is another interesting find, this one by Harry Machum. A 4¢ Wilding Official envelope size 153 x 89 mm used by the Department of Agriculture, Montreal. It is amazing, how new finds still turn up after so many years.



A Used Copy of L9e

Copies of the British American Bank Note Company 3¢ letter card, perforation B, revalued to 2¢ (L9e), have been known for a long time. The letter card is listed in the French and Bradley Catalogue of Canadian Postal Stationery, and in Bond. The French and Bradley Catalogue indicated prices only for unused copies of all the letter cards with "perforation II" (perforation B). Bond listed prices for both used and unused perforation B letter cards. However, Webb's has never recognised the existence of used copies of L9e, and for almost thirty years no copies seem to have been reported.

The 3¢ letter cards were revalued in 1899, and no letter cards were distributed after 1902. Normal usage ceased soon after that. Recently, I was able to purchase a used copy of L9e. It was used in Berlin, Ontario, postmarked June 14, 1905—not really "in period"—and bears a June 26, 1905, Salzburg, Austria receiver. It was addressed to Herrn. F. Pospischil, K.K. Postoffizial, Salzburg, Austria. A 3¢ numeral issue adhesive was added to make up the 5¢ UPU letter rate.



The item is probably philatelic in origin (though it is interesting that Howes apparently did not know of the existence of revalued perforation B cards when he wrote his excellent 1911 monograph). The message itself is innocuous.¹

Dear Friend!

I am very sorry that I let you wait so long for my letter. I am extremely busy and also was away several times.

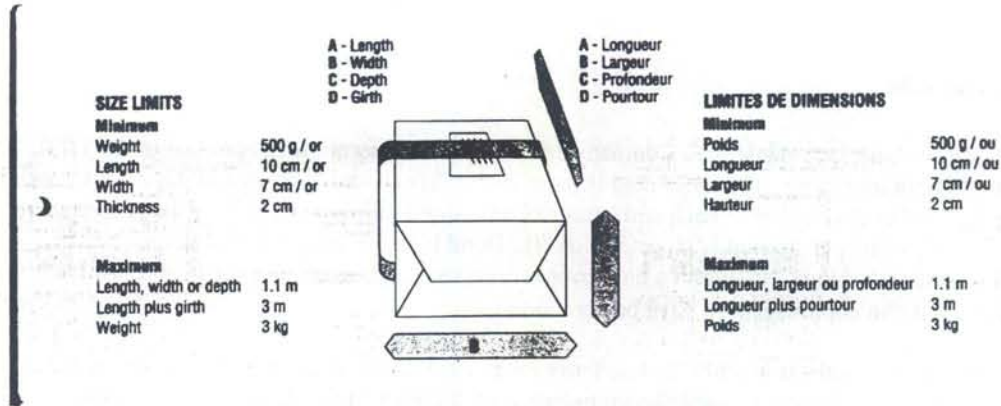
Greetings, your friend

W.H. Schmalz

Does anyone recognise W.H. Schmalz or F. Pospischil from other covers or philatelic items of that period?

Robert Lemire

¹ Translated by Dick Staecker.



TYPE VII - THE INSIDE BACK COVER

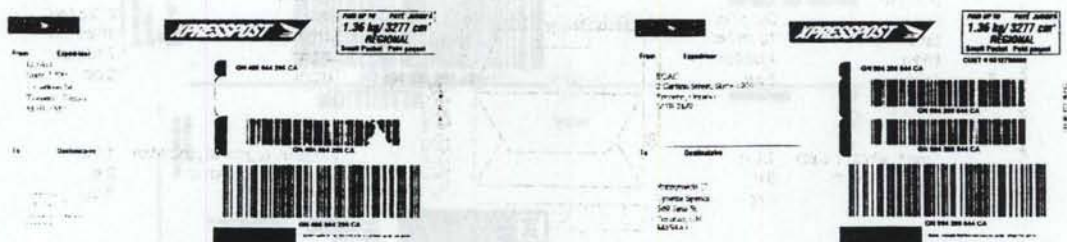
TYPE VII - "REGULAR POST POSTE ORDINAIRE / Paid Payé / PROOF OF DELIVERY PREUVE DE LIVRAISON." All printing is in brown, "NATIONAL" and "up to jusqu'à 3 kg" is in silver and the peel off bar codes and numbers are black. The form has a receipt portion at the left side. There is a "41-016-314 (94-08)" under the receipt portion. These labels are in a self-adhesive peel off format in a book of 4 labels with a red, grey and green front cover and a white back cover. This booklet of 4 Postage Prepaid Parcel Labels was sold in Calgary as a test market during the last 3 months of 1994 for \$15.00. My sister-in-law had to go to 4 R.P.O.s in early December of 1994 to find one who knew what she wanted.



TYPE VIII 50%



ADDITIONAL TYPE VIIIs 33%



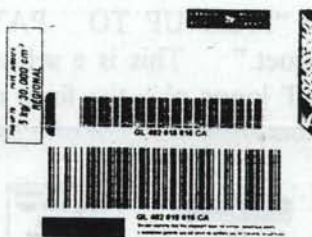
OTHER TYPE VIIIs 33%

BOTH HAVE SIGNATURE BOX AT BOTTOM BLACKED OUT, RIGHT HAS "CUSTOMER NUMBER"

TYPE VIII – Supposedly a set of 32 different “PAID UP TO PAYÉ JUSQU’À” I was told of the existence of these and received a scan by email. After having spent hours trying to track them down, I found they are only available in quantities of 50 through Commercial Sales Representatives. Canada Post told me finally if I signed a contract and presented a certified check for approximately \$26,000 they would sell me 50 of each. I found a user who was willing to sell me 2 copies of each of 4 weights of REGIONAL EXPEDITED PARCEL MAIL. These are all in black on white. Besides “PAID UP TO PAYÉ JUSQU’À / RÉGIONAL ” the box in the upper left corner has one of these 4 weights/sizes “1.36 kg/ 3277 cm³ Small Packet Petit paquet,” “5 kg/ 30,000 cm³,” “10 kg/ 60,000 cm³,” or “30 kg/ 180,000 cm³.” All have form number and date “33-086-570 (98-01).”

In addition I have a scan of a “33-086-566 (98-06)” with "PAID UP TO PAYÉ JUSQU’À 1.36 kg/ 3277 cm³ RÉGIONAL Small Packet Petit paquet.” The 3 trucks on the Expedited Parcel Mail are replaced by a red “XPRESSPOST™” and winged logo. Otherwise all this label is in black. The next two illustrations show variations of this with SIGNATURE OPTION blacked out. This pair is shown with and without a customer number.

There is supposed to be all 4 weights/sizes in the Regional and National category for each of PRIORITY COURIER, XPRESSPOST, EXPEDITED PARCEL MAIL, and REGULAR PARCEL MAIL, which would make the minimum of 32 labels not counting variations (such as customer numbers or printing blacked out.)



TYPE IX

TYPE IX – A smaller version of TYPE VIII without the address portion. I have only seen a scan of one weight/size “PAID UP TO PAYÉ JUSQU’À / 5 kg/ 30,000 cm³ / RÉGIONAL ” with form number/date of “33-086-560 (98-06).” There could be others in this series.



TYPE X

TYPE X This is similar to TYPE VIII but has a “1” in white in a black box and a “CUST” number in the upper right box.

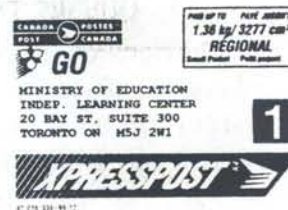
The “1” is Canada Post’s number for XPRESSPOST with “2” for EXPEDITED PARCEL MAIL, “3” for REGULAR PARCEL MAIL and “P” for PRIORITY COURIER.

This raises the possibility of 32 labels of this type with “1,” “2,” “3,” and “P ” in both regional and national categories.

ONTARIO



ONTARIO TYPE I



ONTARIO TYPE II

ONTARIO TYPE I - I have only seen “PAID UP TO PAYÉ JUSQU’À / 1.36 kg/ 3277 cm³ / RÉGIONAL / Small Packet Petit paquet.” This is a self-adhesive label in black and red. Canada Post Postes Canada and XPRESSPOST logos plus the form number/date “41-016-336 (98-12)” is in red.



ALL ARE ONTARIO TYPE II



SAME SETTING IN UPPER RIGHT BOX WITH NUMBER UNDER



DIFFERENT SETTING UPPER RIGHT BOX AND CODE # 1825L

ONTARIO TYPE II – Exactly the same as ONTARIO TYPE I except there is a white “1” in a black square. There are various setting and numbers of uncertain significance.

QUEBEC

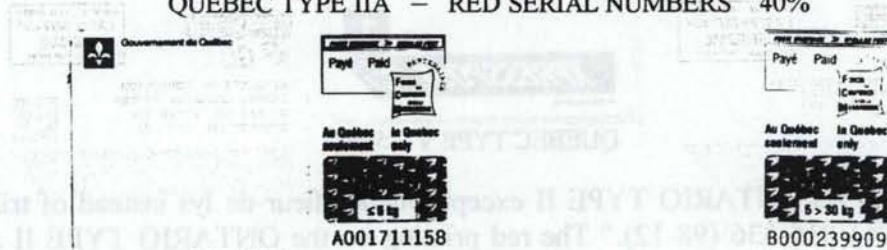


QUEBEC TYPE I (Shown in black & white) 60%

QUEBEC TYPE I - "SERVICE DE COLIS PARCEL SERVICE / Société canadienne des postes Canada Post Corporation / Prépayé Prepaid / Au Québec In Québec / MAS CANADA / PROJET EN PARTENARIAT / POUR L'AMÉLIORATION DU SERVICE POSTAL GOUVERNEMENTAL" This is a self-adhesive 76 x 67 mm label in black, red and pink. I have only seen a scan of "Type A : envoi de moins de 10 cm d'épaisseur." Pierre Gauthier has provided a translation "Services and Supplies CANADA, Partnership project to improve government postal services" and "Type A : to mail material less than 10 cm thick"



QUEBEC TYPE IIA - RED SERIAL NUMBERS 40%



QUEBEC TYPE IIA - BLACK SERIAL NUMBERS 40%

QUEBEC TYPE IIA - "POSTE ORDINAIRE REGULAR POST / Payé Paid / PARTENAIRES / FONDS DU COURRIER ET DE LA MESSAGERIE / Au Québec seulement In Quebec only." Black printing with grey logo background and a **red** serial number. I have seen "Type A / ≤ 1.36 kg" (tagged all over) and the scans of "TYPE B / > 1.36 kg" (tagged all over) and "Type A / ≤ 5 kg" (tagged all over and tagged over logo plus number only.)

QUEBEC TYPE IIB - Same but a **black** serial number. I have seen a scan of "Type A / ≤ 5 kg and the actual TYPE B / $5 > 30$ kg." Both are tagged all over. All QUEBEC TYPES IIA and B are known with the fleur de lys "Gouvernement du Québec" / space for address on the left, although these labels were usually used with the left portion removed.



QUEBEC TYPE III 40%

QUEBEC TYPE III – “POSTE ORDINAIRE REGULAR POST / Payé Paid / Excluant service aérien omnibus Excluding Air Stage Service / Au Québec seulement In Quebec only” Black printing with grey logo background and a red serial number. I have seen “Type C / ≤ 5 kg” This item has not been seen with the left portion (as TYPES IIA and B) but the labels seen have a roulette on the left. This is known with 3 types of tagging – 1) tagged all over, 2) tagged from “Au Québec” down including the control number, and finally 3) tagged from “Au Québec” down excluding the control number.

The order that QUEBEC TYPES I to TYPES IIIB appeared in is uncertain according to Pierre Gauthier. Certainly only a limited number of these are presently in collectors’ hands.

QUEBEC TYPE IV – Would be the similar to ONTARIO TYPE I. I have not seen or heard of these.



QUEBEC TYPE V 50%

QUEBEC TYPE V – As ONTARIO TYPE II except Québec fleur de lys instead of trillium and GO. Form number/date “41-016-336 (98-12).” The red printing on the ONTARIO TYPE II and QUEBEC TYPE IV is exactly the same. I have only seen “PAID UP TO PAYÉ JUSQU’À / 1.36 kg/ 3277 cm³ / RÉGIONAL / Small Packet Petit paquet”

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