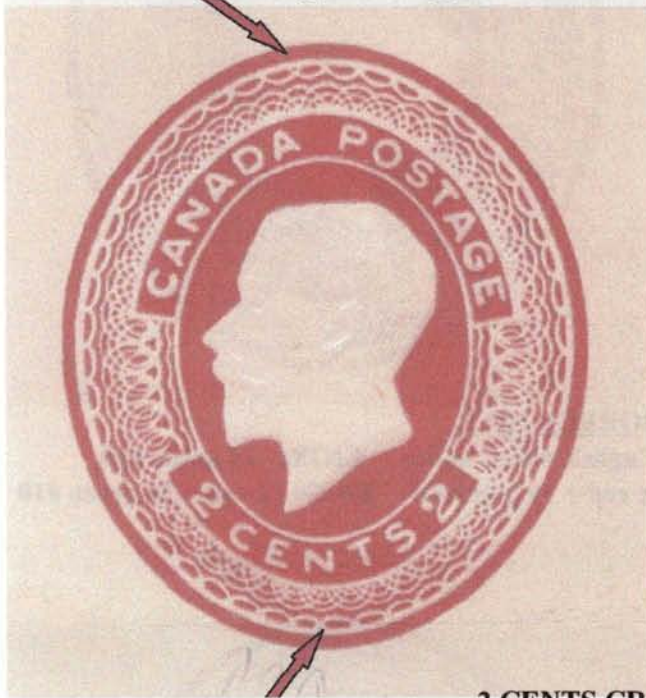


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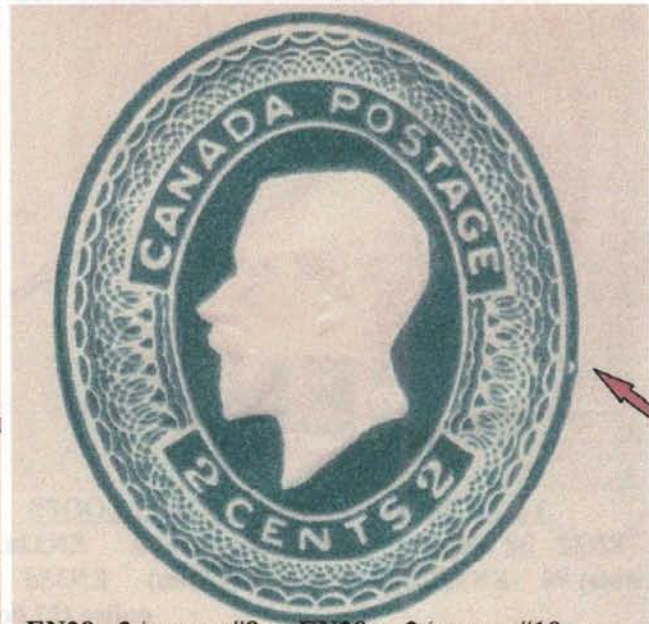
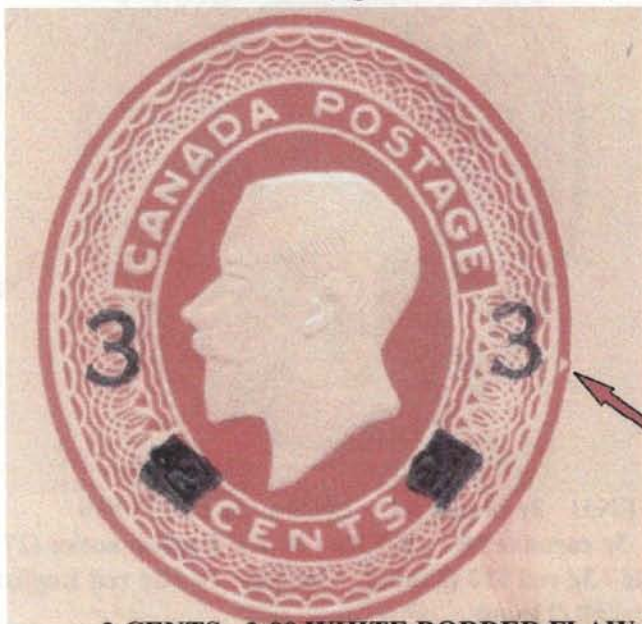
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## King George V Oval Die Envelope Varieties



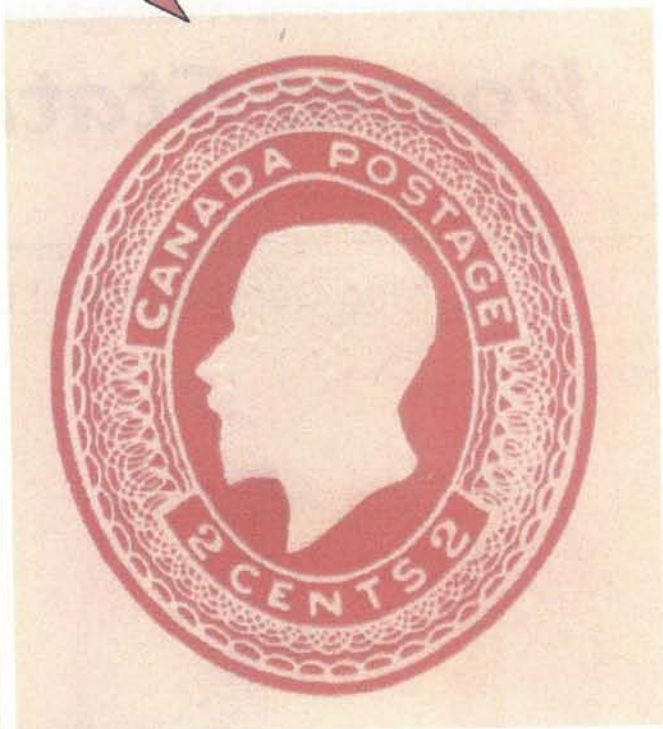
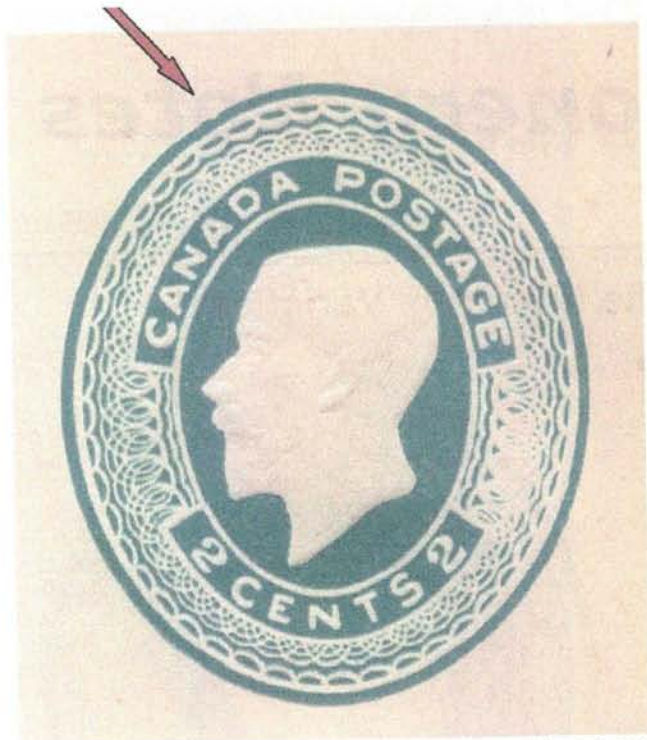
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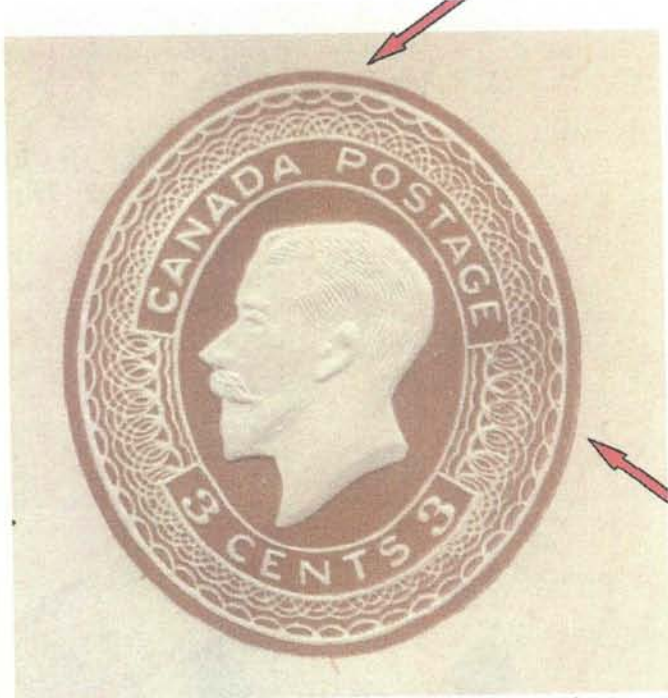
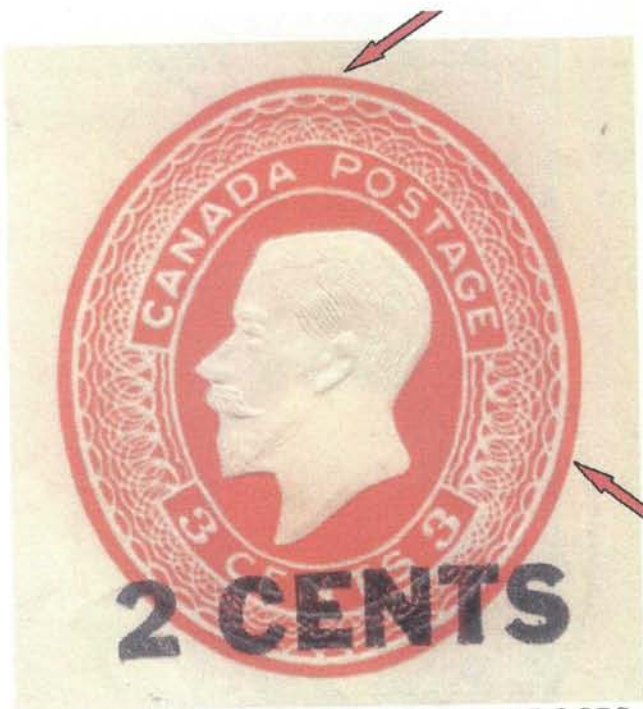
### 2 CENTS 3:00 WHITE BORDER FLAW

EN28 2¢ green #8    EN28a 2¢ green #10  
EN29 2¢ red #8    EN29a 2¢ red #10    EN40 2¢ red + 1¢ green #8    EN44 3¢ on 2¢ red #10



**2 CENTS 11:00 BORDER NICK**

EN28 2¢ green #8    EN 28b 2¢ green #8 English return notice    EN28a 2¢ green #10  
 EN29 2¢ red #8    EN29a 2¢ red #10    EN40 2¢ red + 1¢ green #8    EN40a 2¢ red + 1¢ green #10



**3 CENTS CROSSED BORDER LOOPS**

EN31 3¢ brown #8    EN31a 3¢ brown #10  
 EN32 3¢ red #8    EN32d 3¢ red #10    EN32a 3¢ carmine #8    EN32c 3¢ red English notice (27 dots) #8  
 EN35 2¢ / 3¢ red #8 (23mm)    EN35d 2¢ / 3¢ red #10 (23mm)    EN35a 2¢ / 3¢ red English notice (27 dots) #8 (23mm)

### **George(V) Oval Die Envelope Varieties**

(a summary of information provided to attendees of the BNAPS PSSG at BNAPEX 2004 in Baltimore).

Although the Webb's catalogue lists working die varieties for the Edwardian envelopes (7th edition, pg. 200-202), there actually were a much larger number of working dies used for the George(V) oval die envelopes. A few of these are easily identifiable, and their use on successive issues were noted many years ago by Arnold and by Harrison (see excerpts below). Thanks to Bill Walton, some of these varieties are also illustrated in colour:

#### **C.P. Arnold, The Stamped Envelopes of Canada, 1963.**

"1924 Issue, 3¢ Brown, S

"3"s have round loops

Die A (border loops meet at ends on frame)

Die B (ends of several border loops at top and right cross before meeting frame)

The 3¢ envelopes of 1924 and 1925 are Type A except as noted. Die B probably exists as varieties in addition to those listed."

(but essentially on all the 3¢ envelopes of the series)

#### **H. Harrison: BNA TOPICS / FEBRUARY, 1972 / 39**

"The King George V envelopes of Canada are a fascinating field of study for the philatelic specialist, even if one excludes the many special-order varieties, and only considers those envelopes freely available to the public at post offices in the Dominion during the 1911-1937 period.

Little or no work has been published on the working dies used to produce these envelopes. Charles P. Arnold, in 1963, published a mimeod list of Canada envelopes which included two dies of the 3¢ deeply-embossed-hair type. This is the only reference to working die differences that I can find for the King George V envelopes.

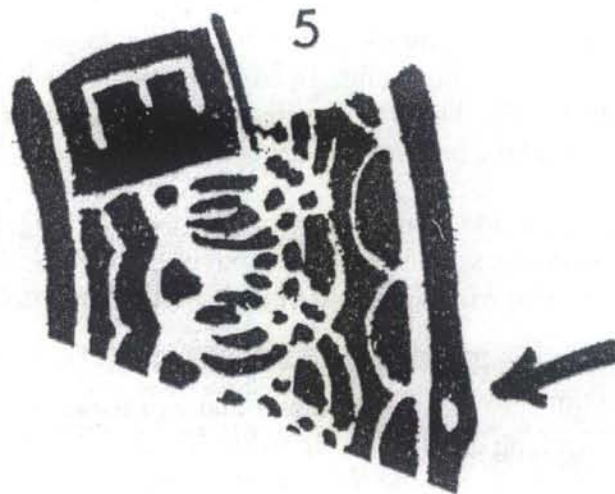
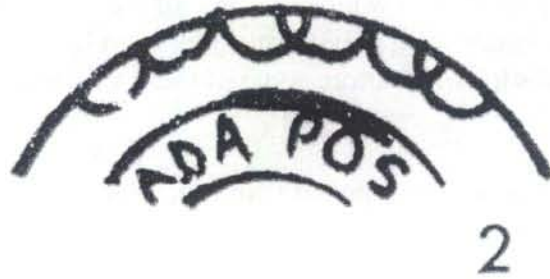
...

Webb EN28 is known from two working dies; die 1 has border loops which meet the outer frame neatly all around, while die 2 (fig. 2), has crossed border loops above "A" of Canada and below "N" of CENTS. Die 2 may well exist on other 2c denominations besides the number 8 size envelope on which it has been seen.

Webb EN 31, 31a, 32, 32c, 32d, 34e, 35d are known with two working dies: die 1 as in the 2¢, and die 2 (fig. 3), with crossed border loops above "P" of POSTAGE at the right, and below "TS" of CENTS. Die 2 may exist on other 3c denominations in addition to those listed above.

In checking through my duplicates to separate dies 1 and 2 of the heavily-embossed hair and beard, I discovered a working die 3 of the 2¢ value. This newly-reported die 3 has a white triangle in the outer frame line at the right center, as shown in figure 5.

The discovered copy was on the 2c green, size 10 envelope, both mint and used. Further checking of my 2c envelopes showed that I also had die 3 on the 2¢ brown used, and a mint 2¢ red revalued 3¢. Calling on Maisel to check his material produced copies of this third working die on both sizes of the 2¢ red. So far, this die 3 is known to exist on the following envelopes: Webb EN28a, EN29, EN29a, EN30, EN44.”



*Editor's Notes*

Research of the King George V oval die envelopes are on the first four pages of this issue. It was supplied by Bill Walton and Robert Lemire. I think these varieties are of great interest to all study group members, since they are not yet listed in the Webb's catalogue, although the King Edward VII die varieties are quite nicely listed in the 7<sup>th</sup> edition again.

Also you will find 6 more interesting pages in this first issue of 2005.

Please do not forget to send in your membership dues if your mailing label reads V20#}. It still is a bargain at only Can. \$8.00 for the year.

Best Wishes and good luck in hunting for the elusive postal stationery item in the NEW YEAR.

*Dick Staecker*

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# What's New in Postal Stationery

## CARDS

Yesterday (Dec. 29) arrived the latest "details" January to March 2005 in the mail and just like early last year it contained only short information about surprise new prepaid post card issues

Under "Postal Stationery on Sale" were the following cards:

- Yellow Calla Lily, order #262134 \$1.49
- Purple Dutch Iris, order #262135 \$1.49
- Red Calla Lily, order #262136 \$1.49

Although the "On Sale" date in the brochure is 2004-12-20, so far I was not able to get these cards.

Pictures in "details" of the three cards show designs are similar to the new regular postage stamps issued at the same date of the 50¢, 85¢ and \$1.45 value.

Now that postage was raised to \$1.45 for the international rate, I am surprised to see the cost for the prestamped cards, postage paid worldwide, still is the same bargain price of \$1.49 (\$1.45 for postage and 4¢ for the card).

Two more prepaid cards with the issuing date 2005-01-07 are listed in "details" to be issued to commemorate the Lunar New Year "Year of the Rooster" and just like in the year before the design will be similar to the domestic

and to the high value (international rate souvenir sheet) adhesive Lunar New Year stamps.

Product numbers 262126 and 262127

And still more to come.

Prepaid postcards are to be issued February 4, 2005. Under the heading "What a catch" the advertising in "details" shows four cards to feature fishing flies combined with paintings of landscape scenes, again the cards have a similar image to adhesive stamps to be issued in booklets at the same date.

Order numbers for the cards are:

- P.E.I. Fishing Fly order #262130
- Mickey Finn Fishing Fly order #262131
- The Alevin Fishing Fly order #262132
- Jok Scott Fishing Fly order #262133

Furthermore two daffodil stamps to be issued in booklets and in a souvenir sheet available March 10, 2005 will also be sold as prepaid post cards. With a similar design of each flower on the front in large size and as stamp design without value on the back of each card. Each card again will be sold for \$1.49.

White Daffodil order # 262128

Yellow Daffodil order # 262129

## EXPRESSPOST

Chris Ryan sent me an interesting brochure Canada Post is handing out at Government of Ontario offices. It looks like Canada Post is still pushing the branding of prepaid Xpresspost envelopes.

Below is a scan of part of the brochure.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Canada Post has a convenient and fast way to help you send documents to destinations throughout Ontario.

Prepaid 10" x 13" Xpresspost envelopes produced for the Government of Ontario provide fast service and a branded professional look to all your important document shipping.

### Avoid price surprises

Xpresspost GO envelopes cost just \$3.03\* each, (minimum purchase of 1,000 envelopes) have no weight limit and no expiry date. Stock up now and use them as you need them. As they are prepaid, there are no price surprises.

### Convenient next business day delivery

Get next business day delivery between major Ontario centres or delivery anywhere in the province within two business days. Just fill the Xpresspost GO envelope, address it and seal with the convenient sticker strip, then deposit with your outgoing mail or in any street letter box or at any Post Office.

### A limited time offer

And if you order 5,000 or more GO prepaid envelopes before December 15, 2004 we'll provide one colour overprinting of your organization's name, address and brand or logo on your envelopes, absolutely free! To take advantage of this special time limited offer, complete the enclosed order form and fax it toll-free to 1 866 443-1252.



The prepaid Xpresspost mailer shown at right was recently issued for Sears Canada.

A Canada Post Operations Bulletin concerning this mailer was supplied by Andrew Chung.

It reads as follows:

### PILOT XPRESSPOST GIFTCARD MAILER FOR SEARS

As part of a be where they shop strategy, Canada Post is now bringing the post office to the consumer through a pilot with corporate partners. This holiday season, the Xpresspost Gift Card Mailer will be for sale at 20 Sears locations across Canada, in a move that saves the consumer time and simplifies their sending experience.

Two Gift Card Mailers will be available:

- \* a Sears Christmas look Gift Card Mailer coincides with the current Sears Christmas promotion (this pilot runs from November 15<sup>th</sup> to Dec 31<sup>st</sup>);
- \* a generic Gift Card Mailer (this pilot runs from November 15<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>)

The Xpresspost Gift Card Mailer features:

- \* a tear-off customer receipt for tracking purposes;
- \* delivery confirmation and on-time delivery guarantee;
- \* \$100 coverage.



The meteorological wrapper (W1f) shown at left is dated May 25, 1880 (ERP for the regular wrapper also). The return address is similar to the envelope DEN3-25 listed by Earle Covert in PSSG News (Vol. 19, nos. 1, page 7). The scan from this new discovery was sent in by Pierre Gauthier.

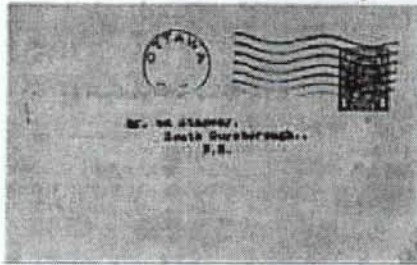
# ODDS 'N' ENDS BY JOHN GRACE

## #58. P57

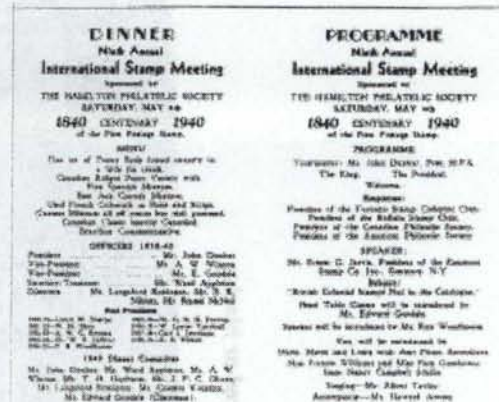
In the first edition (1994) of "Earliest Reported Postmark Listing for the Postal Stationery of Canada and Newfoundland", Bill Walton Co-ordinator, post card P57 was given an ERP of October 5, 1935. The discovery of this card caused that date to be revised to *before* September 6, 1935.

P57 1¢ green blank card (Type 1) Full-Face Issue, offset, CBNC, used: Ottawa, Ontario bulk cancel, before September 6, 1935.

The back is publicity for speeches by the Prime Minister The Right Honourable R. B. Bennett on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

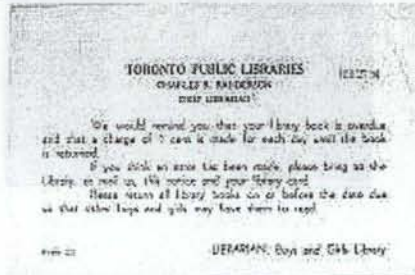


## #59. Listed as P62c in Webb, 4<sup>th</sup> edition.



Most of these banquet menus were prepared on Webb card P66 of George VI. A few were printed on P62: 1¢ + 1¢ green George V reply card, blank card, Type 1, CBNC. Used, both halves, May 6, 1940.

## #60. The post card rate was 4¢ from April 1, 1954 until the rate was abolished on November 1, 1968. This card,



Webb P83 2¢ green QE2 was used February 27, 1958 as printed matter, i.e. third class mail.

THIRD CLASS MATTER was printed in red at the top right by the user, Toronto Public Libraries.

**METEOROLOGICAL RETURN ENVELOPES**

This installment concludes Earle Covert's article

**OVERPRINTS ON DEN539-40d and DEN543-60.**

Two types of O/P on Meteorological envelopes in 2 colours as noted.



HANDSTAMP O/P TYPE 1

CANADA  
POSTAGE  
PAID

"TYPEWRITTEN" O/P TYPE 4

**DEN539-40g As DEN539-40d with Handstamp O/P Type 1 in red or black**

50.00



**1.** 2271-1 / METEOROLOGICAL RETURNS // O.H.M.S. // THE METEOROLOGICAL AGENT, / The Observatory, / Gonzales Heights, / VICTORIA, B.C.  
// DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT /// Insert Flap Do Not Seal  
- ungummed rounded flap at right



METEOROLOGICAL ENVELOPES



2 61-2228 (2271-1) / METEOROLOGICAL RETURNS // O.H.M.S. // OFFICER IN CHARGE, / Victoria City Weather Office, / Gonzales Observatory, / VICTORIA, B.C. // DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT // Insert Flap Do Not Seal

DEN539-40i As DEN539-40d with "Typewritten" O/P Type 4 in black 50.00



1 61-2228 (2271-1) / METEOROLOGICAL RETURNS // O.H.M.S. // OFFICER IN CHARGE, / Victoria City Weather Office, / Gonzales Observatory, / VICTORIA, B.C. // DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT // Insert Flap Do Not Seal

METEOROLOGICAL ENVELOPES

DEN543-60a As DEN543-60 with Handstamp O/P Type 1 in black

100.00



1. CANADA / DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT / MINISTÈRE DES TRANSPORT / IF UNDELIVERED RETURN TO / EN CAS DE NON-LIVRAISON  
RENOYER À / METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, / 315 BLOOR ST., WEST / TORONTO 5, ONTARIO / 61-2294 // ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE /  
/ SERVICE DE SA MAJESTÉ