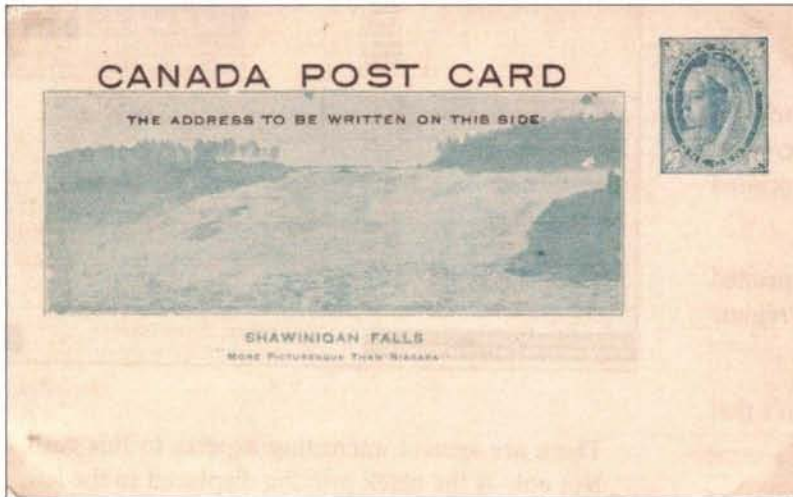


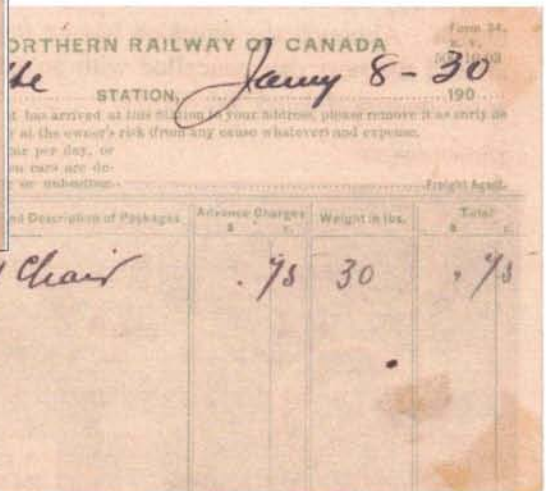
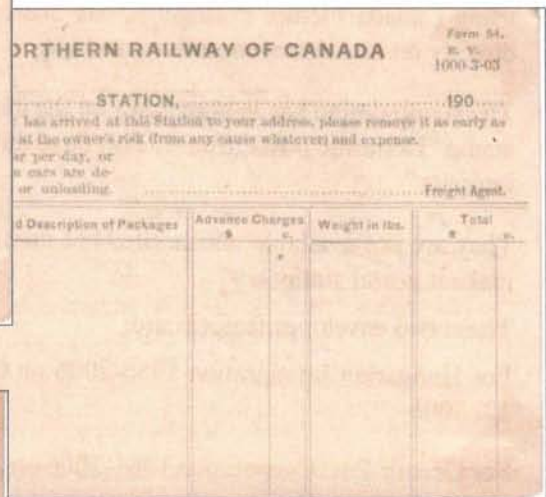
Postal Stationery Notes

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These two Great Northern Railway cards were recently acquired by Pierre Gauthier.



Great Northern Railway of Canada (GNR). WEBB's lists GNR1 as on P17 (one cent red). This is a typo as P17 is on one cent green. The caption under my copy of GNR1 says: 'SHAWINIGAN FALLS / " More Picturesque Than Niagara " but the caption in the copy shown in the catalogue only mentions the first phrase in a different typesetting. Freight advice form 54 E. V. 1000-3-03.

The second example is a copy of GNR2. The 'O' of 'More' seems to fall under the 'S' of 'SHAWINIGAN'. In the copy shown in the catalogue, the 'O' seems to fall under the 'S' of 'SHAWINIGAN'. Freight advice form 54 E. V. 500-10-03. The printing is very small indeed. No wonder these cards are rare.

What's New

in Postal Stationery

ENVELOPES

Two envelopes released by Canada post mark the first time that a customized stamp image, created using Canada Picture Postage™, has been printed directly on to a commemorative envelope.

The stamp design has in both cases on the imprinted stamp "Domestic postage paid / Port payé du régime intérieur"

They are not available uncanceled but doesn't that make it postal stationery?

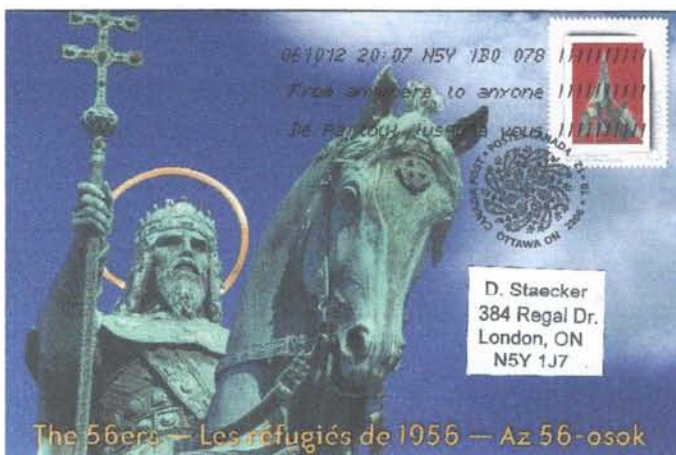
These two envelopes features are:

For Hungarian Immigration 1956-2006 on October 12, 2006

For Canada Post Corporation 1981-2006 on October 16, 2006

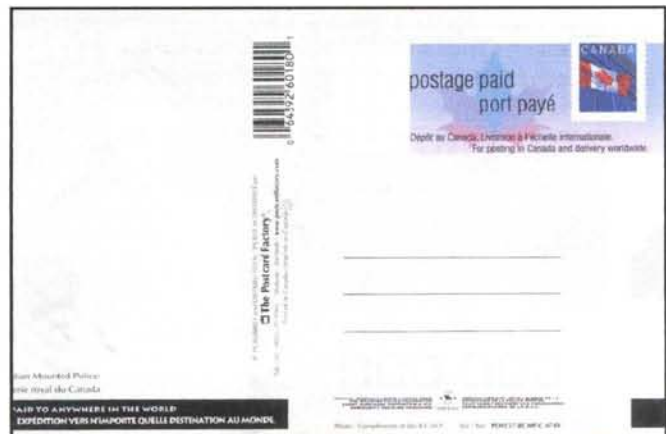
The first day of issue date inside the special cancel printed on the envelope is October 12, 2006. I was able to buy this envelope the same day, and mail it to myself. Although the envelope has no tagging, it arrived the next day cancelled with an additional spray on cancel dated "06. 10. 12"

shown below



CARDS

Earle Covert has found an intriguing copy of the RCMP card C 074V (shown below)



There are several interesting aspects to this card. Not only is the black printing displaced to the left, indicating that the indicium and text are printed in different press runs (also see the T 198 error above), but there is a white gap on the right side of the black printing for the C 074V card. This indicates that there is normally a piece of blank stock (~ 1 cm) between at least some adjacent cards, and that this excess is usually trimmed away and discarded. Finally the piece of printing at the right obviously comes from an adjacent card that is *not* C 074V, as the shaded background is different (but is the same as is found on all PCF cards other than the RCMP cards). This piece of printed background includes 2-3 mm of printing that, it seems, is normally trimmed from each card.

An update and a lot more about the Postcard Factory cards by Robert Lemire is on pages 33 to 35

We would like to acknowledge a donation to PSN of \$150.00 from Art Klass, at the request of Bill Walton, in memory of Horace Harrison.

The new 'face' of domestic prepaid envelopes in post offices starting September 2006

Last fall, Canada Post introduced Athlete-themed Domestic Priority Courier and Xpresspost prepaid envelopes featuring images of athletes from the Canadian Speed Skating and Canadian Freestyle Ski teams sponsored by Canada Post. During the span of the initiative, prepaid envelope sales revenue increased 10.8 per cent from the previous year, resulting in an overall success story for Canada Post.

In an effort to build on the success of the Athlete-themed prepaid envelopes and continuously improve the product, post offices will see a new look to Domestic Priority Courier and Xpresspost prepaid envelopes starting the end of September 2006.

The new prepaid envelopes will highlight the service standards and features of each service while outlining the benefits that are specific to prepaid envelopes. The new look of prepaid envelopes includes:

- Specific mention of the service standard for each product to raise awareness of what each product brand means;
- Highlighting Canada Post's promise to meeting customer's requirements for timeliness with on-time delivery guarantee; and
- Images that reinforce key messages related to Priority Courier's timeliness for urgent shipments and the ability to drop prepaid Xpresspost envelopes purchased at the post office into Street Letter Boxes.



Did you know?

Post offices sell approximately 500,000 prepaid Priority Courier and Xpresspost envelopes per month! Since these envelopes are seen by those who ship them, as well as those who receive them, highlighting the features and benefits on the envelopes is a great opportunity to continue to educate 1 million shippers and receivers about Priority Courier and Xpresspost.

Over the next few months, post offices will notice a transition from the current look to the new look as the product becomes available. The product, service and article numbers will not change; rather a new look will gradually replace the current product offering. Continue to order prepaid envelopes as usual and sell existing stock first by placing the new product behind the current product.

Regional versus National envelopes

Be sure to help customers differentiate between Regional and National destinations in order to ensure that customers clearly understand the products and select the one that meets their specific needs. Also, continue to educate them about the service standards associated with Priority Courier and Xpresspost.





DUES: Postal Stationery Study Group dues are Can. \$8.00 or equivalent per volume of six issues. Dues are now payable if you mailing label reads V21#1. Please renew soon and make your remittance payable to 'JOHN GRACE' not to BNAPS or the Postal Stationery Study Group.

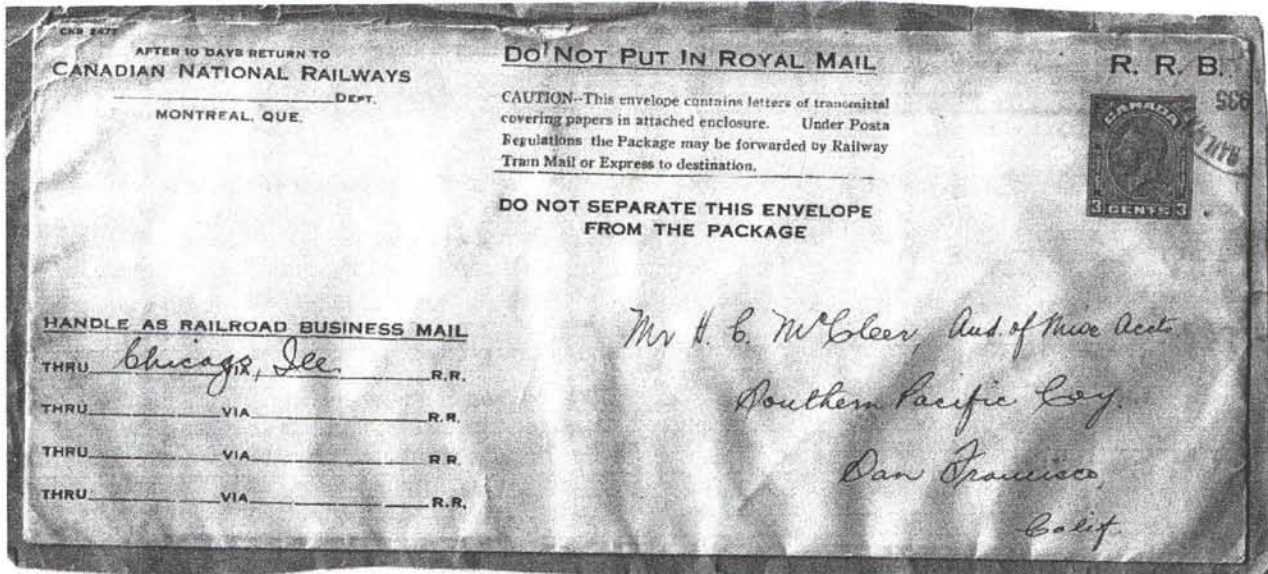
Dues or any change of mailing address should be sent to the Sec./ Treasurer John Grace, 734 Aspen Rd. Pickering, On. L1V 4H2. E-mail jandm@sympatico.ca

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This photo copy of a postal stationery envelope EN47a was sent in by Pierre Gauthier. The back is still glued to a piece of brown wrapper. According to the printed caption, it was apposed to a package and was sufficient to cover the cost to destination as long as it was related to Rail Road Business (RRB caption above the stamp which also shows part of a 1935 railway cancellation).



PCF Corner (by Robert Lemire, rlemire000@sympatico.ca)

Mercifully, this summer has not seen as many new PCF varieties as were found in 2005, and so far only one new view, VQ 097, (Chateau Frontenac at night, SKU# 260334). One PCF representative indicated that a minimum of 5000 cards still must be ordered for any new view. Fewer post offices seem to be restocking their cards (inventory reporting is a major issue in some offices), and there seem to be fewer stores with small stocks (large stocks continue to be maintained at a few tourist locations and in some airport shop racks).

There has been a general shift to the use of the smaller 1995 flag indicium (1995 flag, die III), rather than the “regular”-size 1995 flag indicium (1995 flag, die II). Although there are seven new reports of die II cards below, most of these reports were received in late spring. The die III cards have continued to flow in quantity. Several cards that previously were reported with the “regular”-size 1995 small-flag indicium also have now been found with the smaller-size indicium. There are two more “1965 flag” reports, and two new reports of “leaf” indicium cards—probably leftovers. Finally, Raymond Gagné has reported two great finds on earlier cards (original 1995 small-flag indicium (die I)). Since his initial report, a few additional copies of the Montreal card have been found.

New Reports (as of 2006-10-04)

These are reports received since the end of February, 2006. Reports received prior to June were also incorporated in the draft PCF catalogue in the supplement to the July issue of PSN (reports from Clarence Wigmore, Raymond Therrien, Duff Malkin, Michel Ledoux, Robert Lemire, Pierre Gauthier, Raymond Gagné, Earle Covert, Brian Cannon and André Bisailon).

1995 flag indicium, die I

After all this time, two new reports from Raymond Gagné:

PCF-T2A

ATC206 Hopewell Cape (bar code 60058) the first report of this card with the printed individualized bar code

PCF-T3A

MTL166 Mount Royal printed number “60101” at the lower right (as later seen on the MTL166 “leaf”-indiciu card; previously known with printed number 60102)

1965 flag indicium

New reports from Earle Covert and Raymond Gagné:

PCF-T2C

CR149 Lake Louise

PCF-T3C

VQ101 Quebec City (winter)

maple leaf indicium

New reports from Clarence Wigmore and Pierre Gauthier:

PCF-T2D

VAN510 Totem Poles

PCF-T3D

NB 077 Hartland Bridge

1995 flag indicium, die II

PCF-T2E

C005V Peyto Lake
CR115 Banff Townsite
WEM007 West Edmonton Mall

PCF-T3E

C180 Ice
NF 198 Niagara Falls, aerial view
SASK002 Sunflowers
T197 Aerial view of Toronto

1995 flag indicium, die III

PCF-T2F

C006a, C007, C009V, C 014a, C024, C 042V, C 060Va, C086, C 092a, C097,
MTL107, MTL128, NF122, NF143, O 042, OT014, OT047, T141, T166V, T170,
T171V, VQ99V

PCF-T3F

ATC052, C108, C120, C 124, C177, CR030, CR149, CR150, CR222, CR 335,
CR 373, CY 096, CY 105, G038V, MTL 088, MTL 148, MTL 153, MTL 162V,
MTL187, MTL 514, NF166, NF185, NF186Va, NF187a, NF 198, NF 199, NF 826,
O 197, O 244, O 259, OT 034, OT 048V, OT 054, OT 069, Q028, Q 048, Q 054,
Q074V, Q 502, T058, T109, T147V, T196, T197, T198, T203,
VAN 086 (SKU# 260240), VAN530, VQ027V, VQ102

new view VQ 097 (night view of the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City,
SKU# 260334)

Correction

Q 505, Montmorency Falls, listed in the April issue of PSN, has the small-size indicium (*i.e.*, die III, and thus PCF-T3F), **not** the “regular”-size indicium.

Summary of views known with both die II and die III

A number of views are now known with *both* the regular-size (die II) indicium, and the small-size (die III) indicium. For convenience, and to try to help avoid confusion, these are relisted below:

C009V BC sunset
C 014a Bear cubs
C024 Jasper National Park
C 042Va Beaver
C120 Bear cubs
C 124 Moose family
CR030 Bow Valley
OT014 Parliament Buildings
NF166 Maid of the Mist
NF198 Aerial view, night
T147V CN Tower, night
T171V CN Tower/Sky Dome
T197 Aerial view of Toronto
VAN 086a (die II, no SKU#), VAN 086b (die III, SKU# 260240) Gastown
VQ027V Chateau Frontenac
VQ102 Chateau Frontenac

Corrections to the PCF List in Postal Stationery Notes (Volume 21, Number 3, supplement)

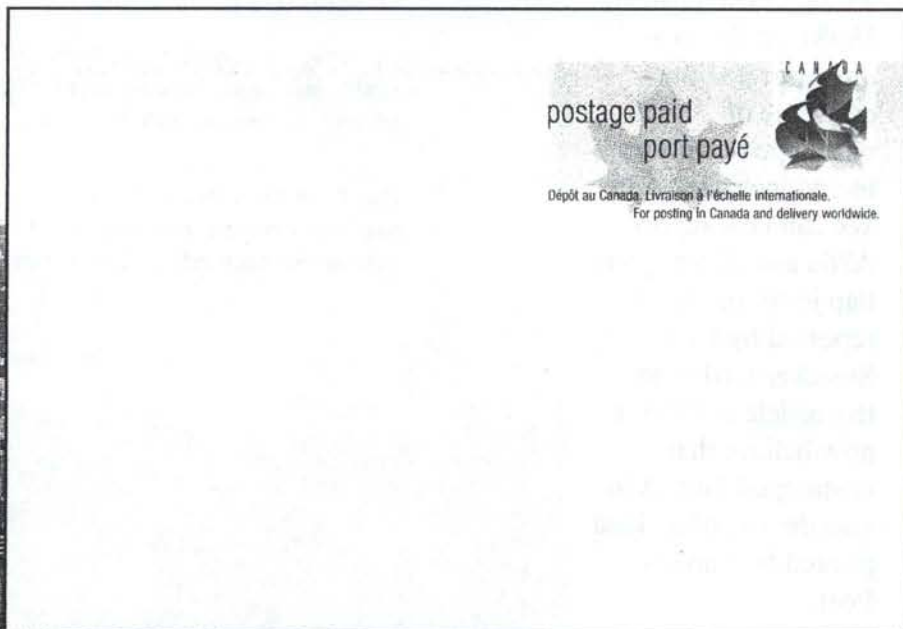
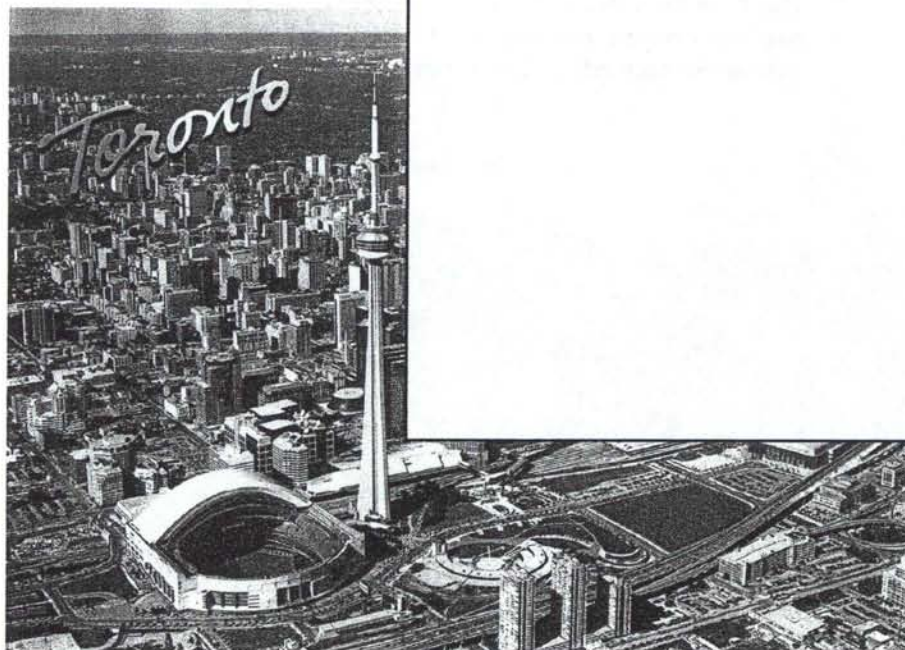
Brian Cannon, Pierre Gauthier, Dick Staecker and Bill Walton reported errors; also, thanks to Mike Sagar for some suggestions.

- C95V type T2F (1995 flag, die 3) was listed, but the listing should have been C95V type T3F
- CR149 type T2D (Maple Leaf) was listed, but the listing should have been CR149 type T3D.
- NS140 was listed as type T3A (1995 flag, die 1), but it is only known as type T3C (Maple Leaf)
- VAN 060V is also known as types T3B (1965 flag)
- O 042 type T2D has a SKU number
- NB 0108 type T3D has a SKU number
- On copies of MTL166a, the number **60101** is *above* the card number, not below.
- All following type 3 cards should have had a V after the code number:
ATC 207V, BC 021V, CR 221V, NB 019V, NB 108V, NFLD 020V,
NFLD 075V, NFLD 102V, NFLD 103V, O 297V, OT 048V, OT 051V,
PEI 096V, PEI 098V, VAN 190V.

Error Cards

Over the last couple of months some cards with errors have been reported. Pierre Gauthier noticed that one copy of the vertical view card NF 826V (die III) was wider than other cards, and that the left side of OT 48V can be seen on the right side of this Niagara Falls card. The extra width is only ~ 1 mm, and the miscut piece cannot easily be shown here.

Raymond Therrien has sent a scan of a copy of T198 (or T 198a) with *no* printing on the back (reduced here to 70%).









by Pierre Gauthier.

This copy of a used unstamped form A26a (rounded flap join) dated March 1, 1968 was sent to Norway by a Victoria B.C. stamp dealer. The inside is a nice preprinted header for B. SCHULZE STAMPS LTD.

This unstamped form is to be added to the list I published in BNA TOPICS Vol. 55, no. 3 (Summer of 1998). At the time, I only reported the existence of unstamped forms up to and including A25. We can now report A26a and A26 (square flap join), the latest reported by Dick Staecker further to this article in 1998. I now believe that unstamped form A26 was the last of its kind printed by Canada Post.


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March 1968.

To whom it may concern:

In order to avoid misunderstandings we wish to point out that Samson Stamps Limited is not part of our business, but it is an independent firm.

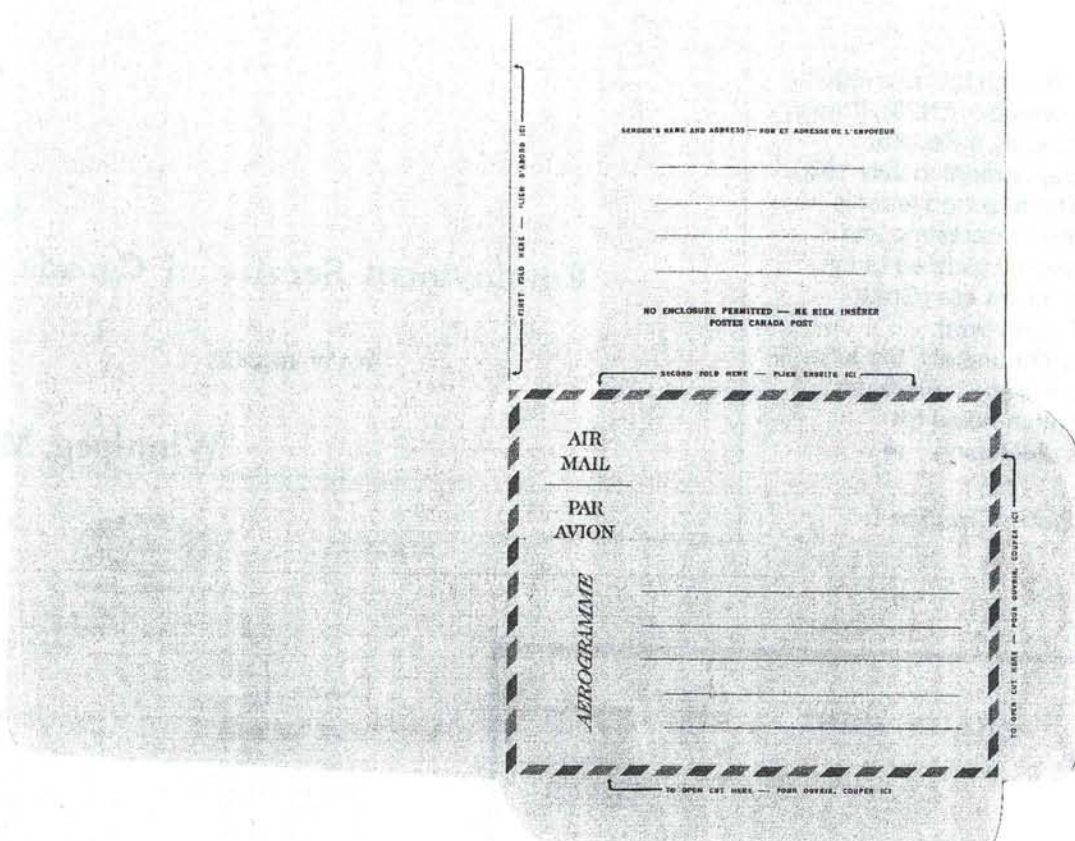
The firm is under Toronto management. We do not have management control. Letters of enquiry, praise or complaint should not be sent to us.

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BFS/em

This is my unused copy of the unstamped form A26 with the square flap join.

Dick
Staecker



A double printing impression can be seen very clearly on this Air Letter sheet A25 from my Air Letter collection



Although this is a regular envelope (EN28), it was used by a Federal Department in July 1930. The attached letter is most interesting and gives a glimpse of this troubled era (Great Depression). Unfortunately, the letter & envelope have been punch-holed for safekeeping. →


Pierre Gauthier




Employment Service of Canada,

MAW BLOCK


Winnipeg, Man.

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WILKES BAY ROAD
WINNIPEG, MAN.
July 10th, 1930.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE 27 811
SEE FOR DEPARTMENT REQUIRED

JUL 11 1930
ANSWERED

Dear Sir:

Two years ago we brought into Western Canada over 50,000 men to help harvest the Western crop. Last year a few were brought in from British Columbia amounting to about 6,000 or 7,000 in all. It is very difficult to make an accurate estimate of the number of men that shall be required this year and the railway authorities are anxious to know this at as early a date as possible, so as to arrange for excursions if such will be necessary. It is impossible for me to estimate the number required without having the judgment of representative men throughout the Province. I am accordingly writing to you asking if you will be good enough to fill in the questionnaire at the foot of this letter and have it returned to me as soon as possible. Thanking you for your hearty co-operation, I am,

Yours very truly,
[Signature]
Provincial Superintendent.

July 1930.

Having carefully considered the labor situation in this district I should state as follows:-

Total number of men required for harvest _____

Number of additional men required for threshing _____

Number of men available in the district _____

Probable wages per day for harvest _____

Probable wages per day for threshing _____

Wheat cutting will commence about _____

Signed _____

← A strip of 3 of the mimeo rouletted cards P66f. Although not uncommon, it has three different messages, one on each card. The first two for members of the Canadian Protestant League to send a message to two different newspapers (Globe & Mail and the Toronto Daily Star) in November 1942 to express their discontent as to the way their meeting was (or wasn't) covered by these medias. Their discontent was against preferential news treatment given to Roman Catholics... The third card was a reply card to be sent to the organization advising of the mailing of the first two cards. Interesting and unconventional use of the strips of 3.