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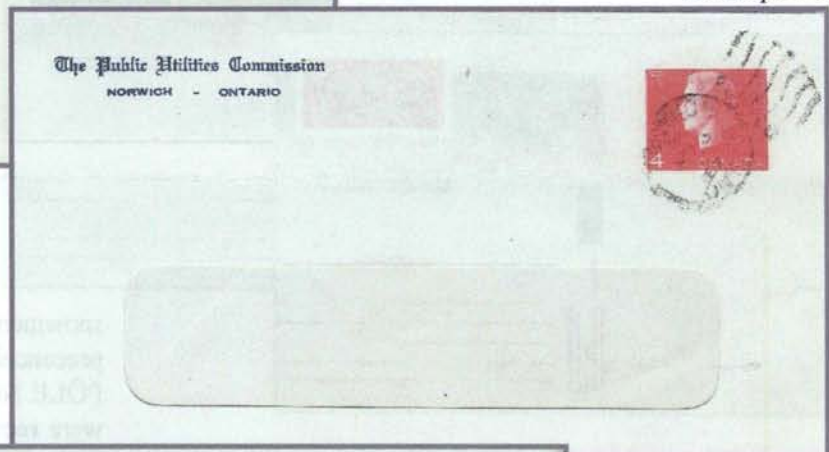
1963/64 CAMEO SPECIAL ORDER ENVELOPES



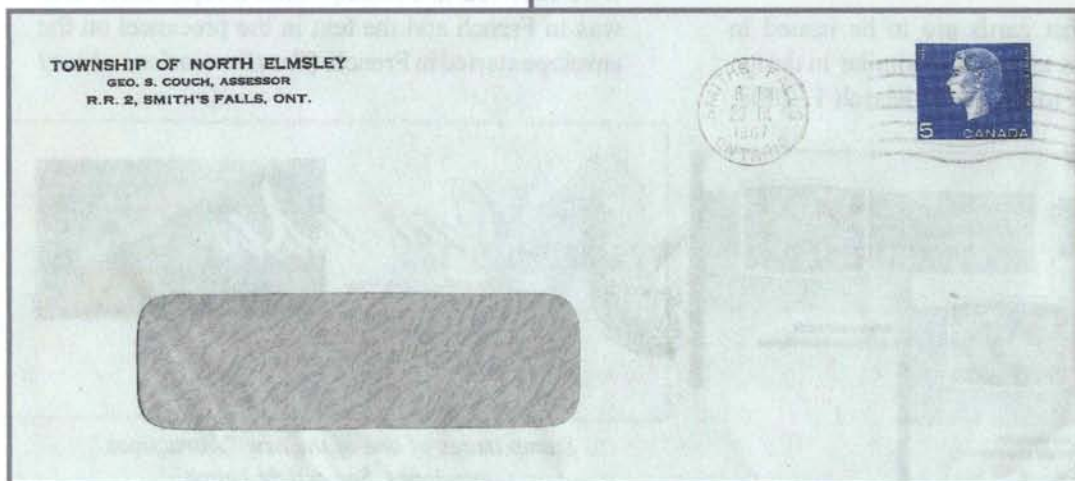
Envelope # 1

I soon found out that it was not that easy to acquire the envelopes by just going to a dealer and pay catalogue value for these items.

The Cameo design postal stationery was introduced in 1963 and I remember that I was just getting seriously interested in collecting Canadian postal stationery at that time and looking into Webb's catalogue I was intrigued by the variety of special order envelopes listed.



Envelope # 2



Envelope # 3

But I did not give up, although it was challenging locating new Cameo special order envelopes over the last 43 years including the latest one I acquired a week ago. (see at left) Cont. page 45

What's New

in Postal Stationery

CARDS

Two "Year of the Pig" Lunar New Year prepaid postcards were issued in January 2007 with the stamp impression similar to the stamps issued at the same time, but with the value (52) behind "Canada" missing on the cards. According to Canada Post, this is the last set of Lunar New Year cards.

I noticed that the address lines were increased from the usually 4 lines on CPC cards to six lines and with rather narrow spacing between five of the lines.

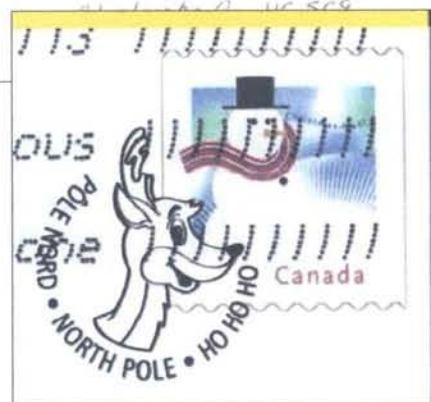


Two more prepaid post cards are to be issued in March 2007 with lilacs as a theme, similar in design to the postage stamps to be issued March 1, 2007, but again without denomination.



ENVELOPES

Since the early 1980s Canada Post has sent Santa Claus reply letters through the mail using its permit



mail system, but now the 2006 Santa reply letters are different. They have a facsimile stamp impression of the 50c snowmen coil Christmas stamp issued in 2005 and precancelled with bilingual text "NORTH POLE · PÔLE NORTH · HO HO HO". If letters to Santa were received in French, Santa's reply letter also was in French and the text in the precancel on the envelope started in French. (See illustrations above)



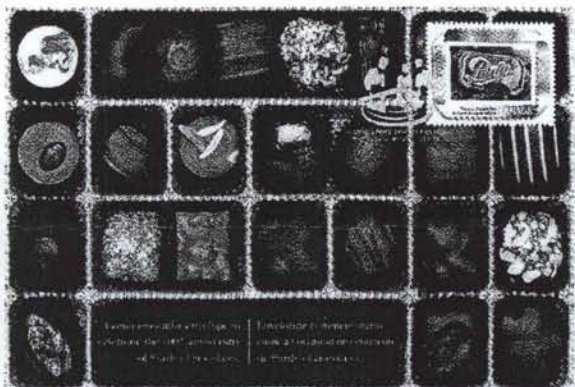
Stamp image of one of the new "Attractions" envelopes. See article below

Below is the opinion of Earle Covert if the Santa reply letters should be included under the listing of postal stationery:

“I feel these are precancelled Postal Stationery as they have a stamp (non-denominated) and can go through the mail from any Canadian P O. There are two – one with an English first and one with French first both in the return address and th precancel. Perhaps Official or perhaps a new section in Officials.”

Another commemorative envelope, the third issued by Canada Post with a stamp and special cancel printed on the envelope will be issued February 8., marking the 100th anniversary of Purdy’s Chocolates.

It looks like all future commemorative envelopes will have the stamp and special cancel imprinted on the envelope.



There again we are not sure if these items should be considered as postal stationery and an expert from Canada Post has the following to say about these envelopes:

“The Commemorative envelopes are not postal stationery and are not intended to go through the mail. Jin Phillips with CPC said to Andrew Chung that the PO doesn’t consider these non-mailable envelopes anything but souvenirs.”

NEW REGULAR ENVELOPES

New regular prepaid size #8 and size #10 envelopes featuring Attractions and another set featuring Flowers were supposed to be available January 15., but so far only Robert Lemire was able to find a

package of 25 of the size #10 “Attractions” envelopes and to his surprise there were 10 different views. These new envelopes only will be available if all old stock is depleted.

Here is what Robert Lemire writes:

The new #8 Attractions envelopes (loose stock) turned up today (Jan. 18.) in Deep River---10 different views, bundled together in a package of 25. (see page 40 for illustration)

Agawa Canyon (Ontario)

Icefields Parkway (Alberta)

Northern Lights (Northwest Territories)

Auyuittuq National Park (Nunavut)

Canadian Tulip Festival (Ontario)

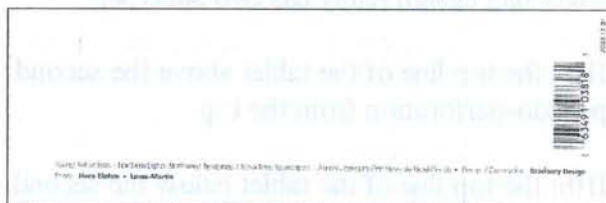
Peggy's Cove (Nova Scotia)

Signal Hill Historic Site (Newfoundland and Labrador)

Sugar Bushes (Quebec)

The Forks National Historic Site (Manitoba)

White Pass & Yukon Route Railway (Yukon)



Back of one of the new envelopes

It appears to have been printed by Lowe-Martin
Form date is 2006.12.01

All envelopes have the same code (6349103818)

Now that the size #8 American Goldfinch, the size #10 Scarlet Tanager and the two Tulip envelopes are not going to be reprinted anymore, below are the last dates reported of these envelopes. Please let me know of any later date someone my find.

#8 American Goldfinch - 2005.4.22

#10 Scarlet Tanager - 2006.06.16

#8 Tulip - 2005.01.21

#10 Tulip - 2005.12.23

Steven Whitcombe 1950-2006

Steven Whitcombe, editor of Postal Stationery Notes from 1995 through 1998, died from leukemia on November 3rd, 2006. He was only 56. Steven grew up in northern and central Wisconsin, and then in a suburb of Chicago. He worked for twenty years as a computer programmer, having done the transition from being a "hot-type printer". Later he made his home in rural Minnesota, and worked as a beekeeper.

Steven began stamp collecting early, and then in 1978 started studying and plating Webb's Canada P1 (plates, positions, and different states of the plates). By 1997 he had examined approximately 12,000 copies of P1 and P2, and the study had grown to encompass all the recess-printed Canadian cards, right through the Admiral Issue UPU cards. In the course of this research he found that a previously unsuspected plate had been used for the early printings of P35. Steven didn't restrict himself to Canadian material, and carried out similar important detailed studies on cards of Mexico and Brazil.

MORE PCF CARDS

A new die type

As this issue was going to press, Brian Cannon passed on another "interesting PCF problem". What we have been calling "die III" of the 1995 small flag design really has two subtypes.

IIIa: the top line of the tablet above the second pseudo-perforation from the top

IIIb: the top line of the tablet below the second pseudo-perforation from the top



type IIIb

type IIIa

Type IIIa seems to have appeared earlier (autumn 2005) than type IIIb (which does not seem to have appeared until spring 2006). So far, 23 cards of type IIIa are known, and over 80 with type IIIb.

cards found with die type IIIa (all other cards are known only with die type IIIb)

ATC052, C001V, C 042V, C 60V, C 079, C85, C 092, C95, C96, C97, MTL107, MTL 514, MTL 536, MTL 547, O 048V, O 197, O 259, Q 505, RCMP-C 74, RCMP-C 104, T 198, VQ060, VQ089

Four cards, C 042V, C 085, RCMP-C104 and T 198 are known in both types. I suspect that most type IIIa cards have been (or will be) reprinted as type IIIb cards. There likely are a few more type IIIa cards to be found.



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 jandmgrace@sympatico.ca

All information for the newsletter, and correspondence about the study group, should be addressed to Dick Staecker, 384 Regal Drive, London, On. Canada N5Y 1J7, phone (519) 455-9715, E-mail may be sent to dstaecker@rogers.com



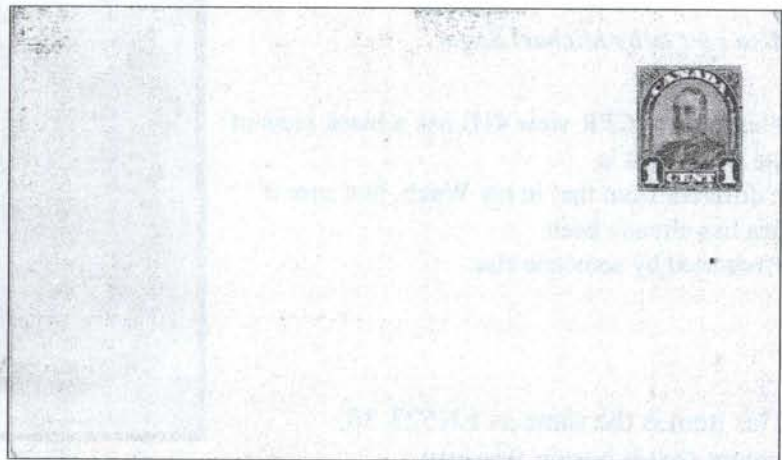
*We're Showing
the*
LONE EAGLE
by
BULOVA

Rich in beauty and masculine in its sturdiness, with 15 jewel movement and smart new link band. Come in and see it.

**J. HOUSE
JEWELLER
1009 Centre St.
NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.**

\$37⁵⁰

This Arch issue prepaid postcard with an unknown illustrated back and an unreported user of a Bulova card was discovered by *Pierre Gauthier*



Here are scans of a PSC that has a printed black collar around the Queen Victoria impression and information about a memorial service for the late QV. Thought to be appropriate for the January PSN issue since it is the 106th anniversary of her death.

Sent in by Bruce McCallum.

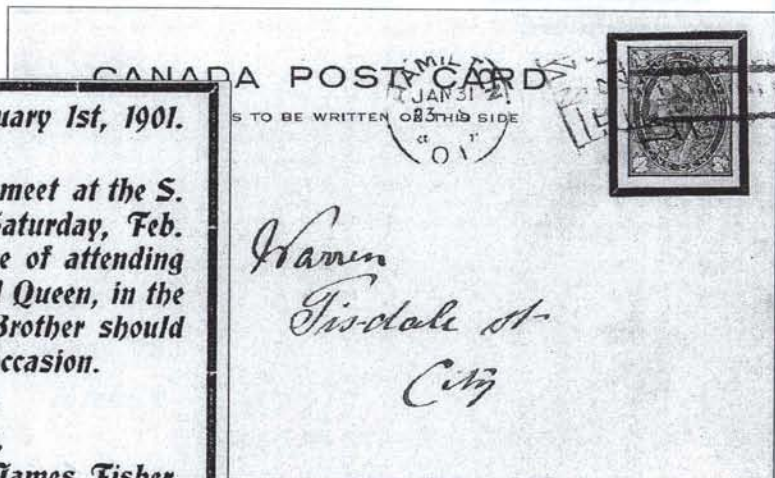
Hamilton, February 1st, 1901.

Dear Sir and Bro. :

You are hereby requested to meet at the S. O. E. Hall, King St. West, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, at 10.45 a. m., for the purpose of attending Memorial Service to our late Beloved Queen, in the Church of the Ascension. Every Brother should make an effort to be present on this occasion.

Funeral Badges will be worn.

Yours fraternally,
James Fisher.



This unlisted Canadian Northern Express card was sent in by Michael Sagar.

- > Canadian Northern Express 1c green Admiral die II with type 3 lines
- > in GREEN! (P27d). Has Series 1 \$50 Feby 15, 1912 shield. Used 1917
- > locally in Granview MB.

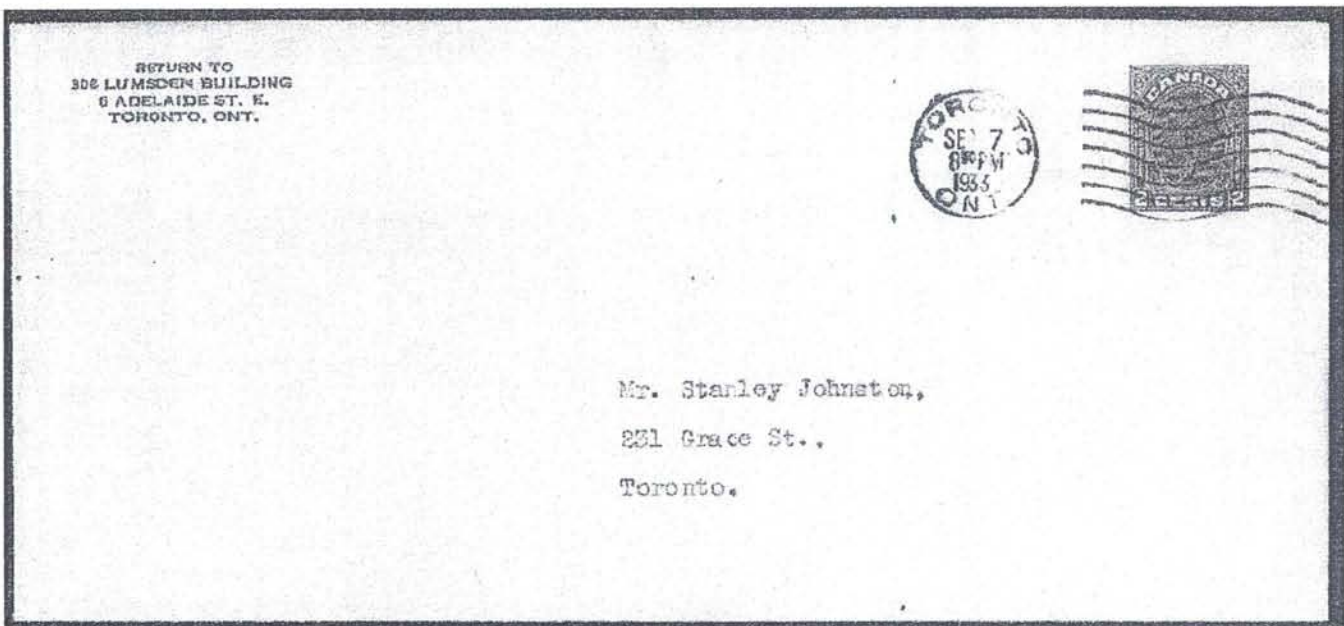


Also sent in by Michael Sagar:

- This back of CPR view 41B has a black view of the Notch that is
- > different from that in my Webb. Not sure if this has already been
 - > reported by someone else.



This item is the same as EN523-30, except that it has no window (and is from a different user).



continued from page 39 (Cameo special order envelopes)

Some of us not only collect the varieties of the special order envelopes by size, different paper stock, different knife style or some other type than the regular size #8 and #10 envelopes, but also by the different users of these envelopes printed by special order.

Because some of these envelopes were ordered at various printers for a specific use by a company, organization or local offices in very low quantities of maybe just a few thousand of each printing, some of the envelopes ordered may never be found or may turn up many years later. Collectors may own one of a kind.

Earle Covert issued a listing of all known users of Queen Elizabeth II Canadian Special Order Envelopes in 1996 and not surprisingly, more envelopes with different return address have been located since.

On page 39 are illustrations of three Cameo special order envelopes printed for specific local mailings. They are not on Earle Covert's listing and as far as I know none of these have been located by other collectors as of now.

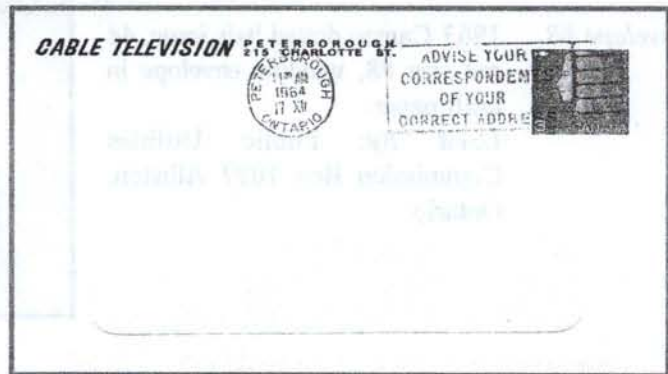
Envelope #1 1964 Cameo lined hair issue, 3¢ purple size 168 x 114 mm, pointed flap, inspection notice on the back (in black). *Used by:* 31 CLAPPERTON STREET Barrie, Ontario *Personal*

Envelope #2 1963 Cameo dotted hair issue, 4¢ red size #8 window, cross flap envelope.
Used by: The Public Utilities Commission NORWICH - ONTARIO

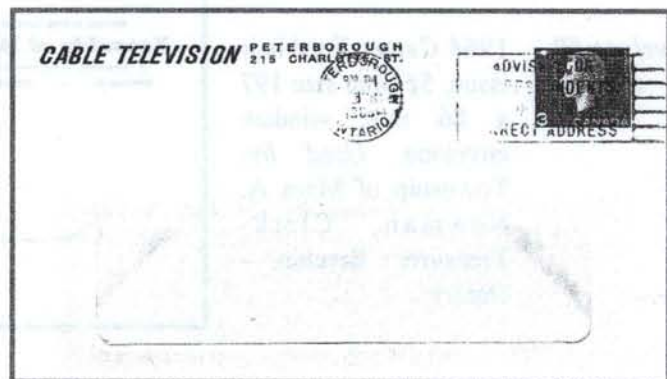
Envelope #3 1964 Cameo lined hair issue, 5¢ BLUE size 222 x 96 mm, mottled gray inside, window, cross flap envelope with a hole on the back. *Used by:* TOWNSHIP OF NORTH ELMSLEY GEO. S. COUCH, ASSESSOR R. R. 2, SMITH'S FALLS, ONT.

Following is a selection of some other seldom seen and probably produced in low quantity Cameo special order envelopes.

Envelope #4 1963 Cameo **dotted hair** issue, 3¢ purple size #8, window envelope with wide rounded flap, no inspection notice on the back.
Used by: Cable Television Peterborough 215 Charlotte St.



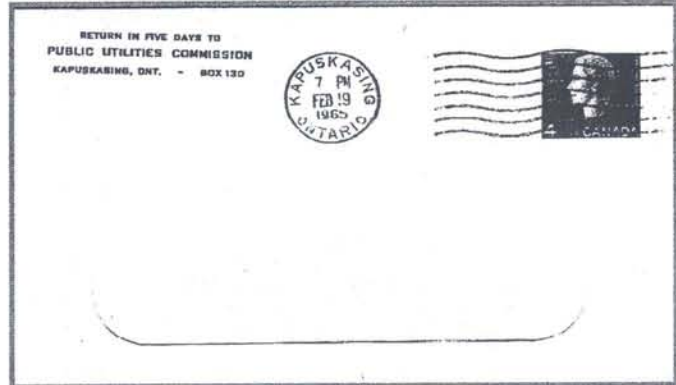
Envelope #5 1964 Cameo **lined hair** issue, 3¢ purple size #8 window envelope with very wide rounded flap, no inspection notice on the back. *Used by:* same as Envelope #4.



Envelope #6 1963 Cameo dotted hair issue, 4¢ red size #8, window envelope with wide rounded flap.
Used by: Orangeville Hydro 45 Mill Street Orangeville, Ontario. With Hydro emblem.



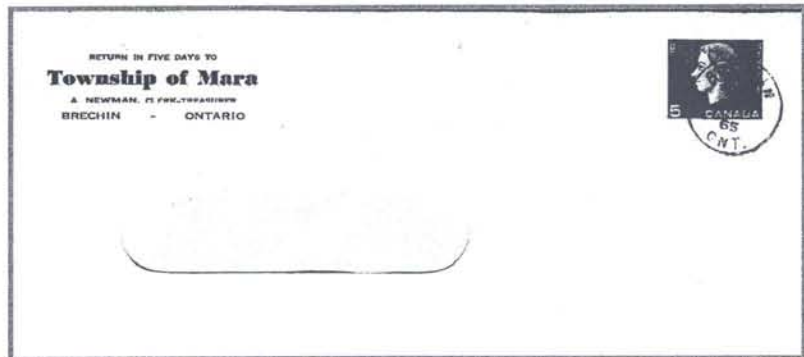
Envelope #7 1963 Cameo dotted hair issue, 4¢ red size #8, window envelope with rounded flap.
Used by: Public Utilities Commission Kapuskasing, Ont. - Box 130.



Envelope #8 1963 Cameo dotted hair issue, 4¢ red size #8, window envelope in kraft paper.
Used by: Public Utilities Commission Box 1027 Alliston, Ontario.



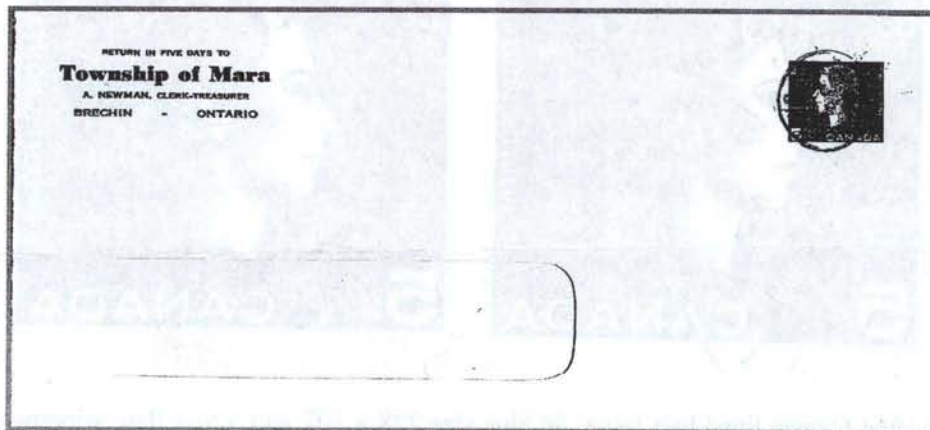
Envelope #9 1964 Cameo lined hair issue, 5¢ blue size 197 x 86 mm, window envelope. *Used by:* Township of Mara A. Newman, Clerk-Treasurer Brechin - Ontario.



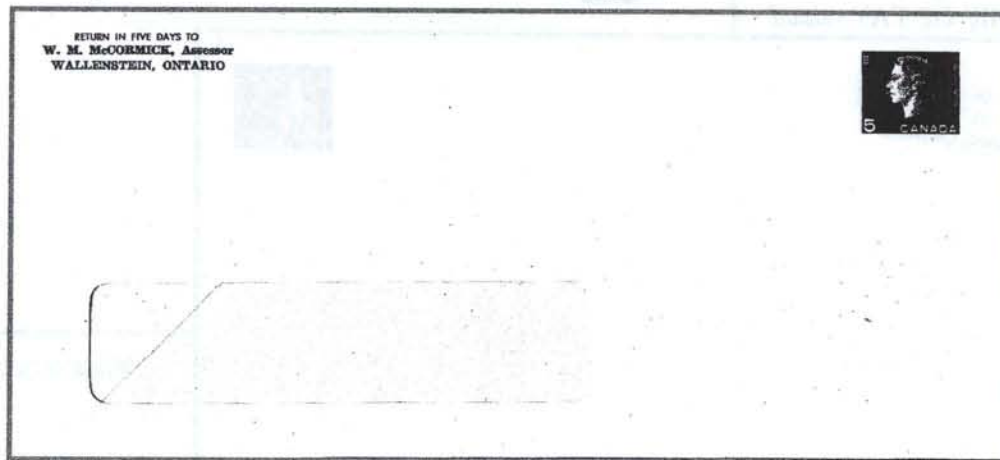
Envelope #10 1964 Cameo lined hair issue, 5¢ blue size 219 x 92 mottled gray inside, cross flap, window envelope. *Used by:* Township of Front of Leeds & Lansdowne Alex D. Sliter, Assessor R.R. 3, Gananoque, Ontario



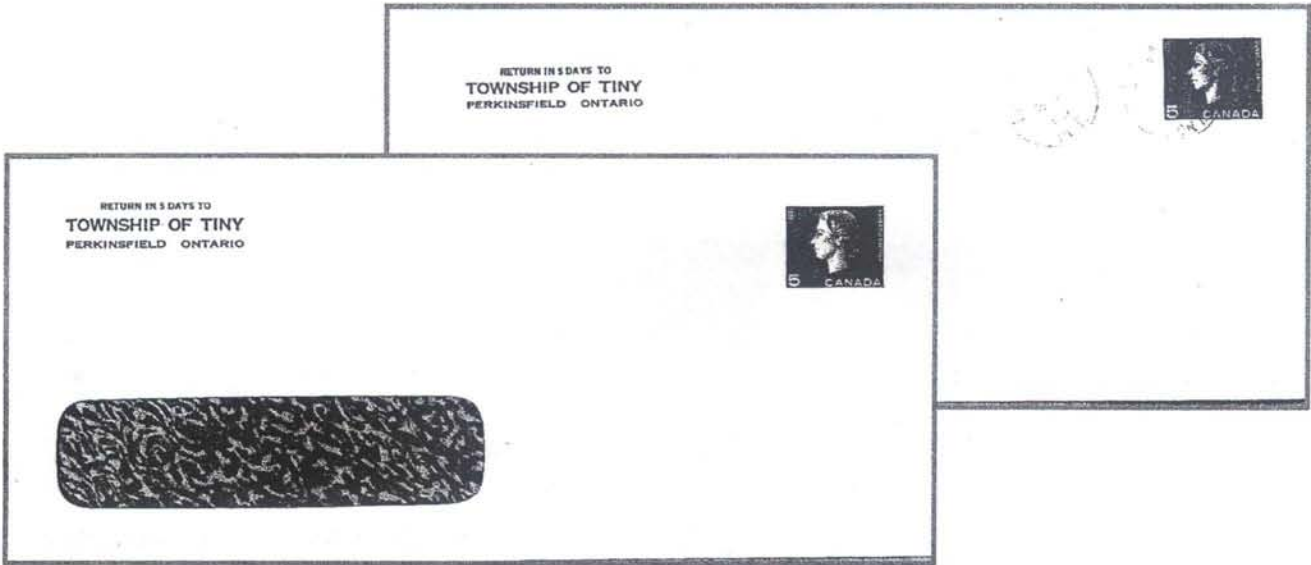
Envelope #11 1964 Cameo lined hair issue, 5¢ blue size 229 x 102 mm, cross flap, window envelope. *Used by:* Township of Mara A. Newman, Clerk-Treasurer Brechin - Ontario.



Envelope #12 1964 Cameo lined hair issue, 5¢ blue size #10, cross flap, window envelope. *Used by:* W. M. McCormick, Assessor Wallenstein, Ontario



Envelopes #13 1964 Cameo lined hair issue, 5¢ blue size 222 x 96 mottled gray inside, cross flap, window envelope. *Used by:* Township of Tiny Perkinsfield Ontario. *2 different stamp settings.*



Envelopes #14 1964 Cameo lined hair issue, 5¢ blue size 228 x 102 mm, cross flap, window envelope. *Used by:* Box 100 Victoria Harbour Ontario. *2 different stamp settings.*

