

# Postal Stationery Notes

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## NEW PRIORITY POST ENVELOPES

By Earle Covert

Canada Post withdrew all the Priority Prepaid envelopes for use to Canada on April 23, 2012. The Post Offices were very happy, as one Postmaster told me that that Office was able to send back over \$1000 of mainly dead stock.

The reason cited was "rebranding" but the major change several offices mentioned was the removal of "Next A.M. Demain matin" from the picture side of the envelope. The on-time delivery guarantee no longer promises before lunch delivery the next day between major centres.

The new envelopes, released by the post offices April 23, 2012, have a new look. The price remains the same but delivery guarantee is less.

The prices are

Priority Pack National	\$39.30
Priority Pack Regional	\$25.00
Priority Letter National	\$34.30
Priority Letter Regional	\$24.10

Xpresspost envelopes with the new branding are also just starting to appear locally.



Fig. 1: New Priority National and Regional prepaid envelopes, without next day AM

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to \$100 liability coverage for loss and damage included free.</li> <li>• For complete terms and conditions consult the Canada Postal Guide at <a href="http://www.canadapost.ca/generallterms">www.canadapost.ca/generallterms</a>, a post office or the reverse side of the affixed customer receipt.</li> <li>• Buy now, ship anytime, one flat rate.</li> <li>• Need Signature, Collect On Delivery (COD) or additional liability coverage? Ask at your post office.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Une couverture-responsabilité d'une valeur maximale de 100 \$ en cas de perte ou de dommage est incluse gratuitement.</li> <li>• Pour connaître les modalités complètes, consultez le Guide des postes du Canada l'adresse <a href="http://www.postescanada.ca/conditionsgenerales">www.postescanada.ca/conditionsgenerales</a>, un bureau de poste ou le verso du reçu apposé de client.</li> <li>• Achetez maintenant, expédiez plus tard, à un seul tarif forfaitaire.</li> <li>• Vous avez besoin de l'option Signature, de l'option Contre remboursement (CR) ou d'une couverture-responsabilité supplémentaire? Demandez à votre bureau de poste.</li> </ul>
Letter 318 x 241 mm   format lettre 318 x 241 mm    Maximum weight - 500 g   Poids maximal - 500 g    Maximum thickness - 15 mm   Épaisseur maximale - 15 mm	



Fig. 2: Back of the new Priority Regional envelope. Terms available online, in your post office, or on the back of the affixed customer receipt

It makes absolutely no sense to pay for the more expensive service for Local and Regional (which are the same as there is no Local rate). National service is 1 day better.

	Priority™	Xpresspost™	Regular Parcel™
Local	<u>Next day</u>	<u>Next Day</u>	Up to 2 days
Regional	<u>Next day</u>	<u>Next Day</u>	3 up to 5 days
National	<u>Next day</u>	<u>Up to 2 days</u>	4 up to 9 days

In the case of USA and International even where they say Delivery Standards apply - the PO employees will tell you once it is out of the country CPC has no control,

The other difference is with Priority Signature on Delivery is include whereas with Xpresspost it is an extra charge.

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# What's New in Postal Stationery



Fig 1: The fifth Jubilee card, issued on May 7, showing the Elizabethan stamps from the 1992-2002 decade of her reign. The final Jubilee post card will be issued on June 1.



Fig. 2: Four Franklin/Benjamin “to anywhere” post cards, issued May 11.



Fig. 3: Two Calgary Stampede “to anywhere” post cards, saddle & buckle, issued May 17.

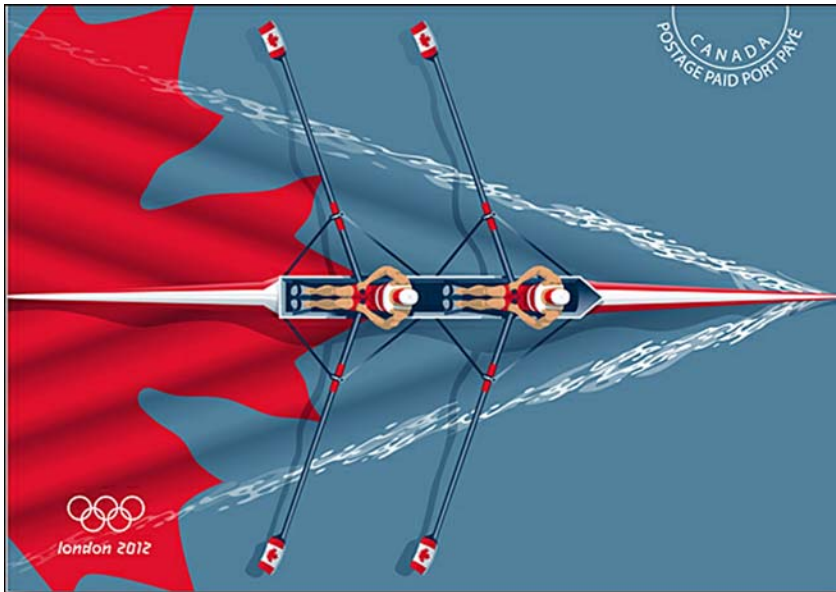


Fig. 4: A post card for the London Olympics, featuring the Canadian Towing team, to be issued June 27.

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**AN ADDITIONAL (AND EARLIER) PHOTO VIEW ON A PS CARD**

*By Bill Walton*

Since the write-up in our July issue of last year (see Vol. 24, No. 3), another card of similar design has surfaced, this one on a Webb’s P17 – a Victorian card. It shows a sailboat photographed and reproduced on the card, probably the same process as used on the Edward cards. This one has a title added in blue – “A Canadian Sailboat.” It was used from Toronto on May 1, 1903, and the sender has crossed out CANADA POST CARD and replaced it with PRINTED MATTER in ink to send it at the UPU printed matter rate rather than the 2¢ UPU post card rate.

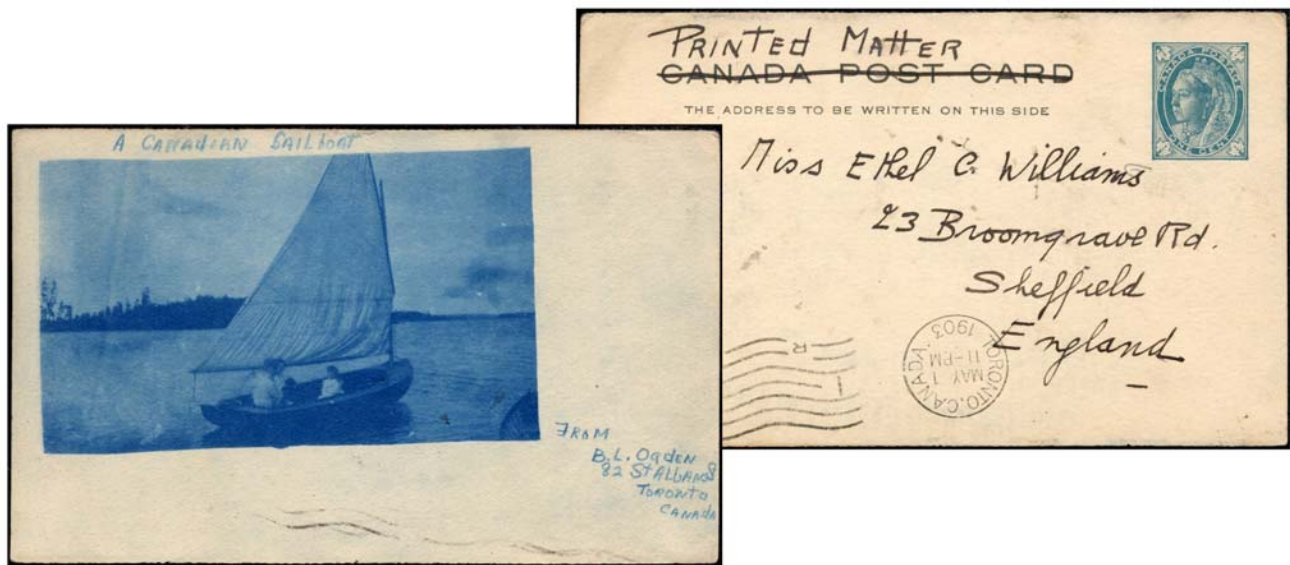


Fig. 1 Blue photo view (not a paste-up) printed on the reverse of a Webb’s P17 card in 1903.

## XPRESSPOST SPECIAL ORDER – Government of Canada (Passport Office): KNOWN TYPES

*By Pierre Gauthier*

All with adhesive flap with form number 102078 for Regional letters, 102079 for National and 101780 for Certified. With printed postal code K1A 0G3 in the sender's and/or return caption.

**A: Forms used in 2003-4** (no form number; probable years of usage): Flap in front, flimsy form paper, 255 mm x 165 mm.

- Regional, rouletted flap-end
- National, rouletted flap-end
- Regional, unrouletted flap-end
- National, unrouletted flap-end



Fig. 1: Forms used in 2003-4 (no form number).

After this issue, red production clocks show a form revision date. Form revision dates are known with various production months, e.g. regional envelope series (04-11) is known with production months 05-2, 05-4 and 05-8. Envelopes are now produced on sturdier cardboard, 260mm x 159mm.

**B. Form (04-11)** Production clock hidden under flap, lozenge-roULETted flap on back.

- Regional (05-2, 05-4 and 05-08)
- National (05-2 and 05-4)

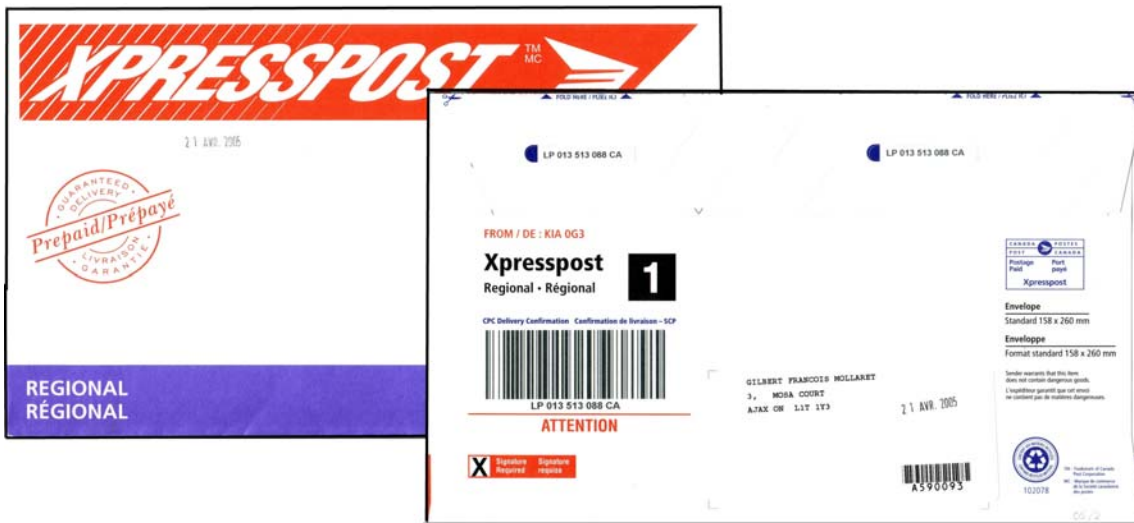


Fig. 2: Form (04-11)

**C: Form (05-12)** Production clock on back, lozenge-roULETted flap, postage paid caption on flap.

- Regional (06-3, 06-10 and 06-12)
- National (06-10)

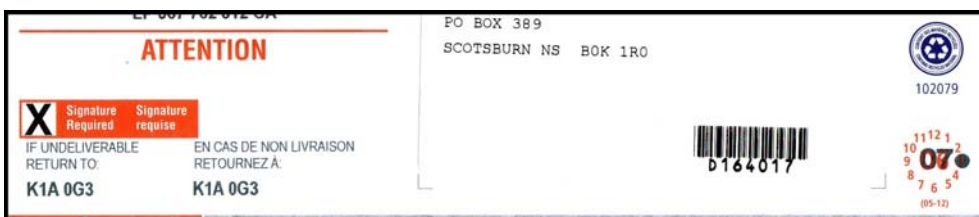


Fig. 3: Form (05-12)



Fig. 3a & b: Same as at left with overprinted production clock (Year 07 over 06) and added caption: "If undeliverable return to: K1A 0G3" in black under the "Signature Re-quired" rectangle.

- National (07-3)



- D: Form (06-06)** Production clock on back, lozenge-rouletted flap (showing 2 lozenges instead of 3), postage paid caption on flap.
- Certified (09-3 and 09-4)

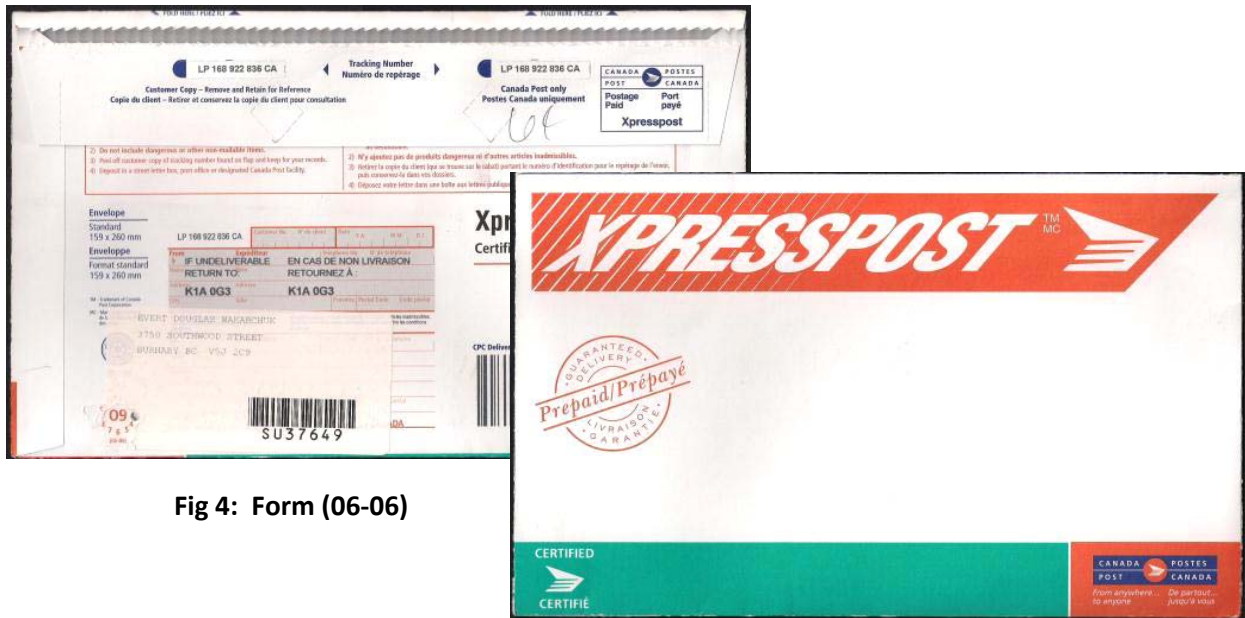


Fig 4: Form (06-06)

- E: Form (07-02)** Same as form (05-12) but with longer red “Signature Required” rectangle under “ATTENTION” (90 mm vs. 39 mm).
- Regional (07-2, 07-3, 07-5, 07-8, 07-10, 07-11 and 08-1)



Fig. 5: Form (07-02)

**F: Form (08-10) New front logo.**

- Regional (08-10), lozenge-roULETTEd flap
- Regional (09-5) X-roULETTEd flap, (X's all same height)
- National (09-5) X-roULETTEd flap, (X's all same height)



Fig. 6: Form (08-10)

**G: Form (10-01) New front logo, X-roULETTEd flap on back (X's with two different heights).**

- National (10-2 and 11-4)



Fig. 7: Form (10-01)



- H: Form (11-11)** Same front logo as form (10-01), lozenge-rouletted flap similar to form (08-10), postage caption on flap now shows permit number 7269032.
- National (12-2)



Fig. 8: Form (11-11)

Although I live in Montreal and XPRESSPOST items sent from Ottawa should be regional, the latest addition to my collection is a National (11-11) envelope containing my daughter’s passport. Regional envelopes have yet to be reported for form (10-01). Does that mean Xpresspost Regional envelopes are longer used? New reports as to form numbers and production dates are welcome. Thanks to Earle Covert for his help in preparing this article.

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## UNUSUAL AND EXOTIC POSTAL STATIONERY USAGES

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The ninth in our continuing series. We would welcome other contributions to this series from other members.

### 9: Card Used With Added Postage For Bulk Mailing.

This 1¢ Admiral card (Webb's P29f) was sent with an added 20¢ stamp and a Winnipeg 7 roller to the Postmaster in Pakan, Alberta by the *Nor'-West Farmer*. The printed back explains that it was accompanied by a stack of cards (either more P29f, or the ½¢ P26c if well into 1924) for householder delivery to local farmers, and the 20¢ paid for mailing of the stack to Pakan. The cards to be delivered would typically have been addressed back to the publication in Winnipeg, with the back requesting either a subscription or a trial subscription. The *Nor'-West Farmer* undoubtedly sent similar stacks of cards to rural post offices across the Western provinces.

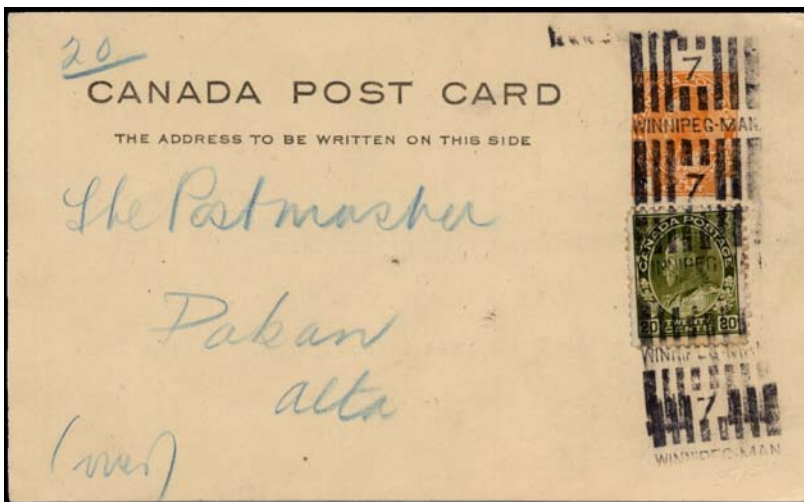
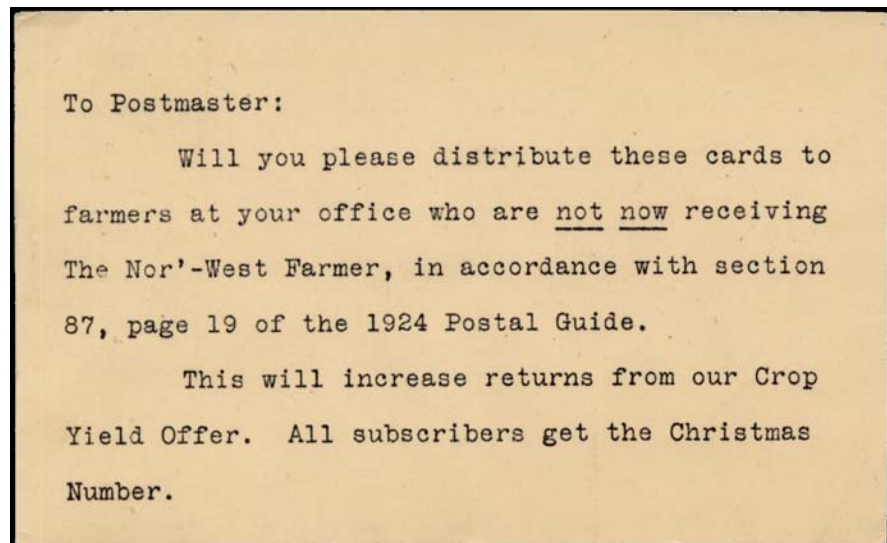


Fig. 1: P29f to Pakan Alberta, with Winnipeg 7 roller cancel.

The text requested distribution of the cards "to farmers at your office who are not now receiving" the publication, and references the 1924 Postal Guide (thus roughly dating the mailing) as allowing this request. This may have been a stretch. Charles Livermore consulted his closest Guide (1925), and found nothing but a regulation for delivery to everyone on the route – nothing about selective delivery.

Of course, this selective requirement might have been dropped after 1924, but it seems unlikely to me that Ottawa would have ever imposed such a time-consuming chore on postmaster – imagine the problems in Toronto or Montreal with such a request from a major magazine!

Fig. 2: Back of same card indicates that this card carried a stack of cards, for selective householder delivery.



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