

An Overview of Canadian Continental Postal Rates from 1763 to 1851 through the Québec City Post Office Window

Purpose of Exhibit: The purpose of this 8 frames exhibit is to illustrate the evolution of the rates and services of the Continental Canadian postal system during the Colonial Administration (1763-1851) shown through the window of the Québec City Post Office. Specific attention has been paid to include all type of letters handled by this major post office, by destination and mail categories matters during 88 years period. This exhibit will also show and explains, behind, **specific and exclusive to Québec rate handstamps** used by this post office. Important **postal routes** connected to that city will therefore also be presented, analyzed and explained.

Here are some examples of the coins used during this period to pay for postal fees or postage stamps:


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Plan of the exhibit:

General introduction Forerunners

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| 1. Domestic rates | 3. Rates to the United States of America |
| 1.1 Letter rates | 3.1 Letter rates |
| 1.2 Free Mail | 3.2 Free Mail |
| 1.3 Money letter | 3.3 Registered letter rates |
| 1.4 Non-letter rates | 3.4 Non-letter rates |
| 2. Rates to the British North America Colonies | Epilogue |
| 2.1 Letter rates | |
| 2.2 Money letter | |
| 2.3 Non-letter rates | |

Legend:

- Primary research or discoveries on the part of the exhibitor is noted by the icon 
- Important or unusual items are marked with a red dot ●
- The pedigree of some important items, researched by the author, is indicated as follow: ex. (Name)
- Certificate of authenticity 