

CANADA'S 1955 KAYAK HUNTER

The exhibit explores the issue and use of the Kayak Hunter stamp through both first day covers and commercial covers. In 1955, the 10¢ Kayak Hunter replaced the 1950 10¢ Fur Resources stamp. The stamp was designed by noted Canadian war, northern and commercial artist Harold Beament (1898 - 1984). It was replaced in 1967 by the Centennial issue.

Canada Post reported 24,464 first day covers being serviced for this issue, 8,000 more than the Fur Resources stamp issued in 1950 but significantly fewer than for later stamps issues.

The 10¢ stamp could be used singly on airmail to Central and South America or to pay for special services such as 'avis de reception' and special delivery. In multiples or in conjunction with other stamps, it was used for airmail to all other parts of the world and registration rates.

The exhibitor is unaware of any pre-production material in private hands.



First Day Cover - February 21, 1955
Illustrator E. Thorne on Philatelic Supply Company cover

EXHIBIT PLAN

1. Announcement
2. Production – Plates, Perforation Error, Plate Crack
3. First Day Covers
 - a. Semi-Official
 - b. Commercial – Issue Specific
 - c. Commercial - Generic
 - d. Handmade
 - e. Other First Day Uses
4. Postal Uses
 - a. Domestic
 - b. United States
 - c. Postcards
 - d. Bermuda; Central and South America and the West Indies
 - e. Africa, Asia, Oceania
 - f. Britain and Ireland; Europe; Turkey; USSR
5. Conclusion

Right –
Illustrated Stamp
Announcement, Canadian Post
Office Department, 1955