

CANADA'S FIRST RCMP STAMP (1935)

SYNOPSIS

PURPOSE:

To show the design, production, varieties and usages of the 1935 RCMP stamp.

TREATMENT:

This one frame exhibit incorporates the photograph design, the die proofs, some of the different varieties of this RCMP stamp and some of the usages of it.

IMPORTANCE:

It wasn't until I acquired the "Broken Leg" variety on cover (2023) that I realized I could create an exhibit on the 1935 RCMP stamp. This 10-cent RCMP stamp was issued from June 01, 1935 until 1942 as part of the King George V Pictorial Issue.

PHILATELIC/SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE:

I acquired my first piece of the "Broken Leg" MNH variety in 1997. Since then I have acquired covers that I thought would go into my exhibit.

PERSONAL STUDY AND RESEARCH:

I discovered that there was an unadopted proof of a 3-cent value that was submitted earlier. It was decided that a 10-cent stamp was preferred because that would pay the international rate. A letter dated Feb 07, 1935 from the Canadian Bank Note Company and sent to Mr. George T. Hann, Secretary, Royal Canadian Mounted Police requested a selection of photographs of a Royal Canadian Mounted Policeman on horseback. The photographs were returned back to the RCMP. We don't know who is the officer on the horse because the RCMP was given to understand it is a "composite" picture.

RARITY:

I consider the production pieces and my "Broken Leg" variety on cover with a Certificate as the rare pieces in my exhibit.

CONDITION:

I have tried to acquire the best covers that I could find.

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