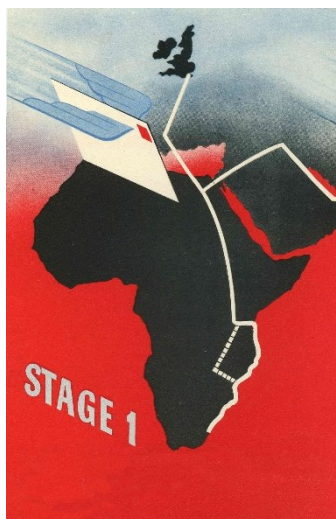


# Canadian Mail Sent via the **EMPIRE AIR MAIL SCHEME** 1938 - 1939



## **Purpose:**

The exhibit shows Canadian **1<sup>st</sup> class letters and post cards** mailed and transported via the Empire Air Mail Scheme.

## **Background:**

All first-class mail to certain Empire countries as carried **by air beyond England** as the normal means of conveyance, was inaugurated by Great Britain on the 29<sup>th</sup> June, 1937 which extended to South Africa. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, 1938, with the implementation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage, **this was when service was also extended to Canadian mail** per the February 5<sup>th</sup> notice of the Canadian postal guide supplement. A third stage was extended to Australia and New Zealand with additional destinations admitted at various time frames.

## **Rates:**

Under the new arrangements the Postage rate for all three stages will be:

**Letters - 6 cents per half ounce.**

**Postcards - 4 cents.**

One key instruction for this service:

**Letters should not in any case bear air mail labels or other markings to indicate air transmission.**

**Significant items:**

Registered first Class mail will also be forwarded by air as the means of transmission.

**Transmission of mail will be by air in Canada when available, to New York** and then surface across the Atlantic, then by air beyond England thenceforth. Some destinations will finish by ship.

## **Plan:**

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## **Significant Items:**

- Only reported EAMS post card with **full payment by a 4 cent 1937 Mufti stamp to any destination**, p 3.
- Six cent half ounce letter rate, short-paid, with postage due to Kisumu, **Kenya, due tied**, p 4.
- Registered 10 cents + 12 cents double weight letter rate to **Tanganyika, East Africa**, p 5.
- **Southern Rhodesia Triple weight letter rate** up to 1 ½ ounces, 18 cents full payment, p 6.
- Six cent half ounce letter rate to **Iraq**, p 10.
- Six cent half ounce letter rate postage due to **North Borneo**, then to **Singapore**, dues tied (not collected), p 12.