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THE 1¢ GEORGE VI POSTAL CARD - OFFSET CARDS WITH ENGLISH ONE-LINE-HEADINGS

The George VI 1¢ green postal cards, issued in 1938, were in use for about thirteen years. Their primary purpose was for mailing short, printed messages at the 1¢, 3rd class (printed matter), rate. According to the standard catalogues, blank "business" cards (Webb P66) were printed by an offset process while the stamp impression on regularly issued cards with headings (P66d, P66e, P66f, P66i) were printed by typography. It should be noted that the stamp impressions on the large (mimeo) cards (P66h) prepared for Goodrich with a type 5 heading are offset printed.

However, a number of regular-size cards with an offset impression and type 5 heading have also been found. Several types of information can be obtained by examination of the offset type 5 cards. The headings can be compared with each other and with headings on the typographed and reply (offset) cards. Details are given in the table below. Data for other cards are given for reference. Most rulers are not accurate enough to measure a distance of 80mm within $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. When checking cards for the length of the heading, it is always necessary to first measure several cards for which the heading length is known. This serves to calibrate the ruler.

Webb #	Typographed or Offset	user	city	postmark date	heading length
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STANDARDS

P62d	T				82mm
P66d	T				82mm
P67b	O *				83 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm

OFFSET 1¢ CARDS (except regular-size single cards with type 5 headings)

P66h	O	Goodrich	Montreal	1940	83 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm
		Goodrich	Toronto	Jun. 9, 1941	83 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm
P67a	O				82mm
(message half)					83 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm

OFFSET 1¢ CARDS - REGULAR SIZE - TYPE 5 HEADING

? # 1	O	Bond Hardware Guelph	Waterloo	Mar. 21, 1950	81 $\frac{3}{4}$ mm
# 2	O	Valour Theatre	Winnipeg	-----	81 $\frac{3}{4}$ mm
# 3	O	Dunlop Tires	?, P.Q.	?, 1950	81 $\frac{3}{4}$ mm
# 4	O	Oneida	Toronto	-----	81 $\frac{3}{4}$ mm
# 5	O	Canadian Legion	Tillsonburg	Aug. 23, 1946	81 $\frac{3}{4}$ mm
# 6	O	Washing Machine Clinic	Winnipeg		

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# 7	0	London Horticultural Society (1946)	London	-----	83mm
# 8	0	Hydro	Dorchester	Jan. 22, 1942	83mm
# 9	0	King Hiram Lodge	Tillsonburg	Mar. 17, 1942	83mm
#10	0	Tillsonburg Public Library	Tillsonburg	Oct. 31, 1944	83mm
#11	0	Conservative Business Men's Club	Toronto	Sept. 24, 1946 (text date)	83mm
#12	0	Association of Optometrists	Toronto	-----	83mm
#13	0	-----			83mm

* Heading and stamp impression printed in the same colour from the same plate

Three possible sources for these cards must be considered.

- 1) The cards are normal blank cards with the headings added by private printers.
- 2) The cards are the message halves of reply cards. Reply cards were offset printed and (until approximately 1950) the type 5 message heading was printed in black.
- 3) The cards are offset printed with the type 5 heading added by the Post Office.

The large number of different users argues against the headings being privately produced. Of course one or two printers could have produced cards for many users. Also, close examination indicates that at least one heading (on card #13) has been printed by a method different from that used to print the other headings of the same length. The long period of use suggests that the offset cards were produced contemporaneously with the typographed cards.

The shapes of the letters on all of the headings are very similar. The shorter (81²/₃mm) heading on the offset cards is not quite identical to the heading on the typographed cards. Both offset card headings are close to different headings found on the message half of the reply card, P67a, but are not exactly the same. It should be noted that the headings on P67a have not yet been fully investigated, and further varieties may be found. None of the cards #1 - #13 have edges cut in a way suggesting they had been reply card message halves, nor do most bear messages that would be compatible with the cards being message halves.

The evidence is strongly suggestive that the simplest explanation is correct. The offset cards with type 5 headings were probably issued by the Post Office. Further examples would be useful. What cards are held by other members of the study group? Does anyone have reply cards from any of the reported users of cards #1 - #12?

Dick Staecker and Robert Lemire

NEW ERPs (for items in the Nov. 1983 Special Issue of PSN)

This list represents the first update to the ERP Special Issue. These have been reported by regular contributors B. McCallum, John Aitken, Earle Covert and Robert Lemire. However, a good number of study group members have not yet checked their collections (or sent photocopies of their finds). There are probably ERPs in your collection or in your duplicates!

F5 April 22, 1882
F70 May 15, 1951
P87b Dec. 9, 1954
F94c Apr. 7, 1964
P102c Jan. 14, 1970

P30b Nov. ?, 1925
P77b Sept. 11, 1943
P88 May 11, 1955
P94j Mar. 9, 1967
P107d Feb. 10, 1970

P66d July 27, 1938
P87 Oct. 23, 1954
P91e July 11, 1963
P101a July 31, 1967
L4a May 5, 1898

A19 Sept. 4, 1953	FN15 Mar. 15, 1899	EN15b Feb. 9, 1899 *
EN16 Jan. 2, 1907 **	EN16a Oct. 5, 1911	EN26 Jan. 4, 1924
EN34d June 7, 1927	EN39 Sept. 9, 1931	EN53 July 12, 1938
EN60a Oct. 12, 1951	EN67 July 19, 1951	EN70a (rw) Mar. 1, 1961
EN72a Apr. 16, 1954	FN75 Aug. 10, 1962	EN76 Sept. 24, 1962
EN76a Sept. 24, 1962	EN77 Sept. 4, 1964	EN77a Oct. 1, 1964
EN79 Feb. 17, 1964	EN83a June 9, 1967	EN85a Aug. 25, 1967
EN85d Feb. 20, 1969	EN85e Nov. 25, 1968	EN86 Nov. 27, 1968
EN88a June 30, 1971	EN92a Feb. 8, 1969	EN92b May 20, 1969
EN92c Mar. 7, 1969	W22 Nov. 28, 1957	W23 ? , ? , 1955

* A truly spectacular report from Bruce McCallum! This date is almost a month earlier than the previous ERP for any surcharged envelope of this issue. Howes reported that the surcharging "was done sometime during the week of 6-11 February, 1899" and the reported ERP now tends to provide strong confirmation of Howes. Note that EN15b is a surcharged copy of EN10a, an envelope that the Post Office Department would have been likely to have had in stock. Later, customers were allowed to return extra 3¢ envelopes to the Post Office for surcharging, however, it would appear that Bruce's envelope is from the original "Post Office stock" batch.

** Distinguishing features of the die are covered by the postmark. Presumptive evidence (all other 1¢ dies have ERPs in 1910 or later) indicates that this ERP is for die I.

Bill Walton

Sadly, we must report the deaths of two of our members. Lawrence Sandford, of Ottawa, specialized in Victorian postal cards, but also had other interests in postal stationery. He was an active member of the group, and contributed several dates to the ERP list. Murray Freedman, of Toronto, collected Centennial Issue stationery. He was particularly interested in special order material. These members will be missed.

We also wish to extend our sympathies to Horace Harrison whose wife, Elizabeth, died recently.

HEADINGS ON CANADIAN POSTAL CARDS

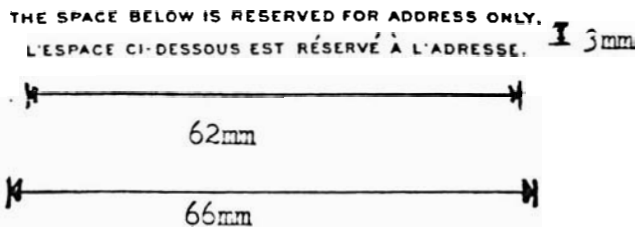
Information on the points raised in the last issue of PSN has been slow in coming in. Therefore most discussion will be delayed until a future issue. However, Bill Walton raised two points. First, he noted that an important distinction must be made between heading A4 and headings such as A5-A7. The heading and the stamp impression on the UPU cards are recess printed (the same process Scott calls engraved in the printing of adhesives). The heading and the stamp impression are printed from the same plate. For other headings different plates were used for the headings and the stamp impression, and the position of the heading with respect to the stamp impression varies from card to card.

Secondly, Bill notes that the point that heading A2 is a regularly issued heading was first established by Horace Harrison in 1976.

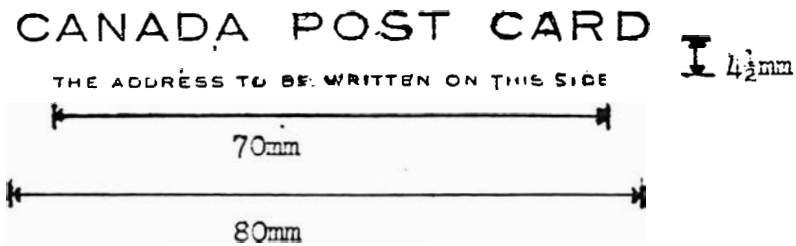
Considering the complexity of the Admiral Issue postal cards, it seems that the most useful way to discuss the headings is chronologically. This approach makes clear what cards might be expected to be found with different headings, and where the real puzzles lie. Card stock varieties have not been distinguished, and the question as to whether all the same headings can be found on the "mimeo" and on the hard stock cards is a topic worthy of discussion at some future date.

This area has been a particular interest of Colin Campbell who provided initial check lists for the preparation of this article. Information should either be directed to Colin or to the editor of PSN.

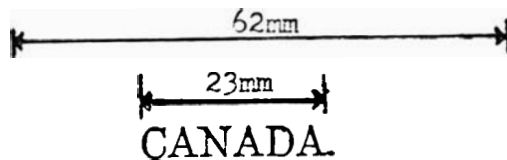
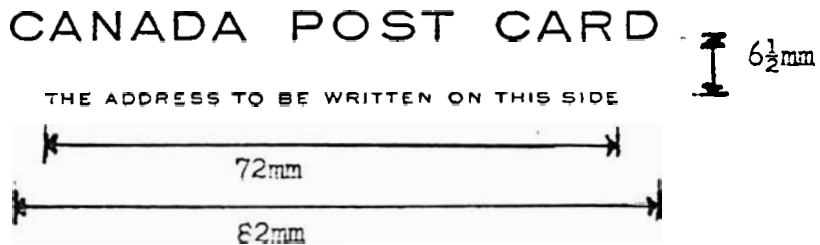
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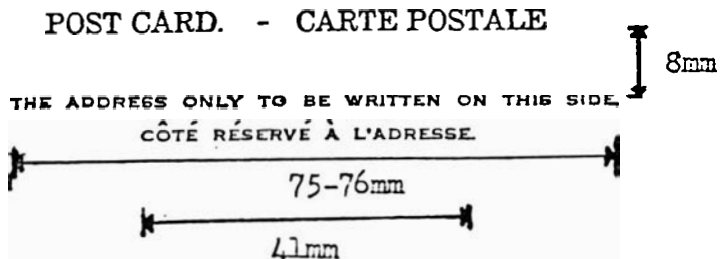
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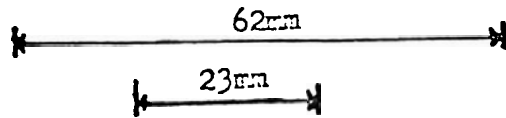
A10



A11



(43)



CANADA.

POST CARD. - CARTE POSTALE

A12

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.
CÔTÉ RÉSERVÉ À L'ADRESSE.



"C" of "CANADA"
above
"R" of "CARD"

CANADA.

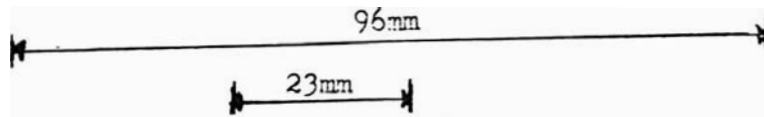
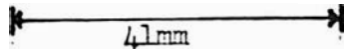
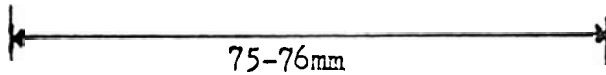
POST CARD. - CARTE POSTALE

A13

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.
CÔTÉ RÉSERVÉ À L'ADRESSE.



"C" of "CANADA"
above the space
between the "AR"
of "CARD"

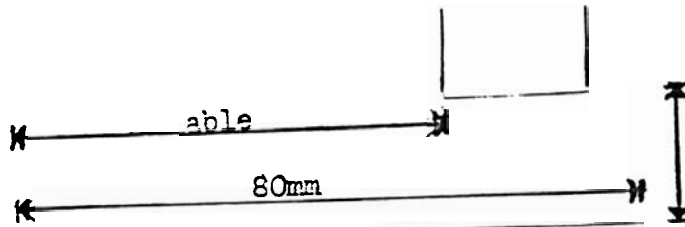
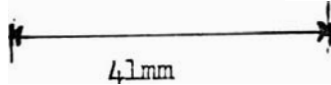
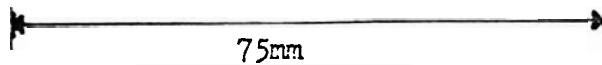


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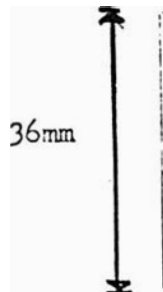
REPLY POST CARD. - CARTE POSTALE RÉPONSE.

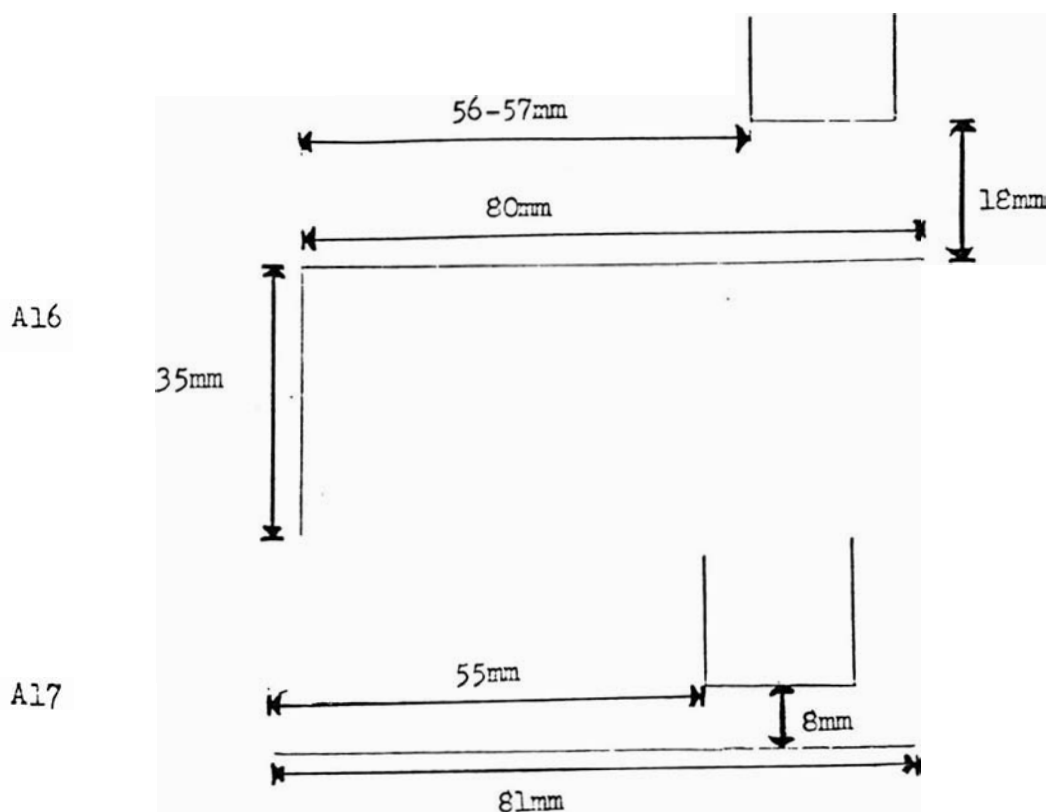
A14

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.
CÔTÉ RÉSERVÉ À L'ADRESSE.



A15





Notes

- A9 - differs from type A5 in the lengths of the heading lines. Strangely, type A9 has so far only been reported on the scarce P27f (1¢ green, die I)
- A10 - differs from types A5 and A6 in the distance separating the two lines of the heading
- A11-A13 - these types have not been distinguished in the Webb Catalogue, but were noted in Arnold's book. Except for the Confederation card (Webb P33m), types A12 and A13 have only been reported on the reply cards. The headings differ in many details including the separation and alignment of the lines of the headings. Note also that the upper left serif on the "N" of "CANADA" points downward on type A12.
- A15 - this heading was printed in black, and the position of the lines with respect to the stamp impression seems to vary from card to card (as is true of the other headings printed in black)
- A16 - this heading was printed in the colour of the stamp impression; and its position with respect to the impression is essentially the same on all cards. This suggests that the type A16 heading was printed from the same plate as the stamp impression.
- A17 - printed in the colour of the stamp impression. The position of the line with respect to the impression is essentially the same on all cards.

ADMIRAL ISSUE POSTAL CARDS (PART I)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Webb #</u>	<u>WEBB TYPE</u>	<u>HEADING TYPE</u>	<u>ERP</u>
<u>BASIC ISSUE</u>				
2¢ JPU	P35	17	A4	June 27, 1912
1¢ carmine				
die I	P28c	4	A8 @	Dec. 17, 1913
die II	P28d	4	A8	Nov. 7, 1913
1¢ green				
die I	P27f	6	A9	July 11, 1914
die II	P27g/h	6	A6 @@	Jan. 25, 1915 (P27g)
	P27i/j	8	A11	Sept. 4, 1913 (P27i)
1¢ + 1¢				
black	P32	6 + 13	A6 + A7	Nov. 19, 1915
	P32a	8 + 16	A11 + A14	Apr. 6, 1914

CARDS WITH NEW BUSINESS CARD HEADING AND CARDS FOR WAR TAX RATE INCREASES

1¢ carmine				
die I	P28a	3	A16	May 25, 1915
die II	P28b	3	A16(?)	?? does this exist ??
2¢ carmine				
die I	P33c/n	3	A16	May 31, 1915
	P33e	6	A6	July 14, 1915
	P33i	8	A11	June 25, 1915
die II	P33d	3	A16	Jan. 25, 1916
	P33f/g	6	A6	July 5, 1915 (P33f)
	P33j/k	8	A11	Sept. 1, 1915 (P33j)

CHANGE OF COLOUR FOR THE 1¢ BUSINESS CARD - PROVISIONALS

1¢ green				
die I	P27e *	4	A8	Oct. 1916
	P27c	3	A15	Nov. 30, 1915
die II	P27d	3	A16	Feb. 26, 1918

NEW BUSINESS CARD HEADING

1¢ green	P27a/b	2	A17	Apr. 3, 1917 (P27a)
2¢ carmine	P33a/b	2	A17	Sept. 8, 1916 (P33a)

CONFEDERATION ISSUE

2¢ carmine	P33l	6	A6	Aug. 3, 1917
	P33m	8	A12	Sept. 27, 1917

NEW COLOURS

1¢ orange	P29c	2	A17	Oct. 1922
	P29f/g	6	A6	? Nov. 11, 1921 (P29g) ? **
			A10	?
	P29j/k	8	A11	Dec. 12, 1921 (P29k)
2¢ green	P34d	2	A17	May 31, 1922
	P34f/j	6	A6	? Sept. 29, 1922 (P34f) ? **
			A5 @@@	?
			A10	?
	P34l	8	A11	Mar. 28, 1922

<u>Description</u>	<u>Webb #</u>	<u>WEBB TYPE</u>	<u>HEADING TYPE</u>	<u>ERP</u>
1¢ + 1¢ orange	P31a/d	6 + 13	A6 + A7 A5 + A7	? Nov. 14, 1922 (P31d) ? ** ?
	P31c	8 + 16	A11 + A14 A12 + A14 A13 + A14	? Nov. 5, 1925 ? ** ? ?

@ replaced the A3 type heading

@@ the same as the A6 type on the Edwardian issue

* only reported on cards with railway views; the 1¢ "die I" is the same as that used on the 1¢ wrapper and is different from all other 1¢ "die I's".

** The heading type for the ERP was not reported. The previous issue was of this same heading type, but confirmation of the type on the ERP is required.

@@@ I have not found any way to distinguish this heading from the type A5 used on Victorian and early Edwardian cards.

INFORMATION NEEDED

Arnold indicated that Webb P31a exists with heading types A10 - A7. Can anyone verify this variety?

What ERPs can be found for the two varieties of P29f, the three varieties of P34f, the two varieties of P31a, and the three varieties of P31c? **Were all the heading varieties on these cards used concurrently?**

Does P28b exist? Does anyone actually have a copy? What is the heading? The Farmer's Advocate used various Admiral Issue cards and added a box similar to Webb heading 3 to several cards as part of their printed ad. **Can anyone** supply a photocopy of a Farmer's Advocate card with a 1¢ carmine die II impression (e.g., P28d). The existence of such a copy might suggest that P28b should be delisted.

Does anyone have any theories as to why P27c was issued with the heading lines printed in black, when earlier and later business cards had the lines in the colour of the stamp impression?

BNAPEX '84

BNAPEX '84 in San Francisco will be held on September 6th, 7th and 8th. The Postal Stationery Study Group meeting is scheduled for Friday September 7th (9:45 - 10:45 a.m.)

1984 MEMBERSHIP DUES

If there is an X in this box your study group membership fee for 1984 (CANS 5.00 or equivalent) is now due.

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