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Advertising on envelopes

to encourage the use of electricity on 4¢ purple size 190 x 102 mm private order window envelopes, used by the Chesley Public Utilities Commission in 1962. Not likely to be seen in today's times of power shortages.



Editor's Notes

After complaints from Canada Post about the weight being a tiny bit over the limit of the 10 pages of our Postal Stationery Notes in the prepaid envelope, we tried to use lighter paper the last issue, but the quality of the printing suffered and with this issue we are trying some other better but lighter paper.

Another solution would be to only use nine pages in the prepaid envelope and occasionally use double the pages unfolded in a larger envelopes for double the postage when the amount of information warrants it. Please let me know any suggestions.

On the question from Myron Molnau about which is the front and which is the back on postal cards I received a reply from J. Perry-Hooker:

On a postal card the front is the address side, while the side with the picture is the front on a post card.

In this issue we continue with Earle Covert's latest listing of the Meteorological Envelopes and the series "ODDS 'N' ENDS" by John Grace.

Dick Staeker

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What's New

in Postal Stationery

CARDS

Two cards for the Year of the Monkey were issued with the same stamp design but without value on the address side and also in large size on the picture side as on the two stamps issued January 8, 2004, but date of issue of the cards is in question. These cards ordered at the National Philatelic Center did not arrive before the end of January and were not seen before that time at post offices or postal outlets.

Another new issue in prepaid postcards is the Quebec City Winter Carnival card to continue the series of tourist attractions prepaid post cards. It is based on the stamp impression from the Quebec Winter Carnival stamp booklet issued January 29, 2004, available from Antigonish, order #262113.



DUES: Postal Stationery Study Group dues are Can. \$8.00 or equivalent per volume of six issues.

Dues are now payable if you mailing label reads V19#1. Please renew soon and make your remittance payable to 'JOHN GRACE' not to BNAPS or the Postal Stationery Study Group.

Dues or any change of mailing address should be sent to the Sec./ Treasurer John Grace, 734 Aspen Rd. Pickering, On. L1V 4H2, E-mail jandmgrace@sympatico.ca

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CANADIAN DATE-CODED ENVELOPES

by William R. Geijsbeek

Canada Post has supplied the following production quantities for date-coded Birds and Tulips envelopes. The Birds envelopes were issued February 15, 2002 in two sizes (#8 – American Goldfinch and #10 – Scarlet Tanager) for the new 48¢ rate. They were not denominated but rather carried the service designation “DOMESTIC LETTERMAIL”. Production quantities are in thousands (000).

Bird Printings	Date Code	size 8	size 10
*1	undated	*850	*3625
2	2002-02-25	700	500
3	2002-04-04	550	900
*4	April 2002	*1000	*2300
*5	2002-11-02	*600	*3100
*6	2003.02.03	*2775	*3102
*7	2003.11.17	none	*3101
	Total to date	6475	16628

Latest from Pierre Gauthier

He found size #10 of the birds envelopes dated 2003.10.15 in Sherbrooke main PO from a box of 500

The Tulip envelopes were issued May 6, 2003 in two sizes (#8 – The Bishop Tulip and #10 – Ottawa Tulip). They were not denominated but rather carried the service designation “DOMESTIC LETTERMAIL”. Production quantities are in thousands (000).

Tulip Printings	Date Code	size 8	size 10
*1	2003-04-04	*800	*3100
*2	2003-11-17	*270	none
	Total to date	1070	3100

Apparently Canada Post considers the Bird envelopes and the Tulip envelopes as parallel issues. Because these envelopes are service rated rather than denominated, their use will continue into the future until Canada Post decides to replace them with another issue.

Canada Post carries four different envelope items in its stock — #8 envelopes in packs of 10, #8 envelopes in boxes of 500, #10 envelopes in packs of 10, and #10 envelopes in boxes of 500. When stock of any of these four items gets low, a new printing is triggered. The date codes are used as a quality control measure. Each code represents a different printing of envelopes. Thus, in case a batch of envelopes turns out to be faulty, it can be isolated from other printings of the same envelope.

All of the printings preceded by an asterisk produced both single envelopes (packed in boxes) and packets of 10 envelopes. I have breakdown production data for both and will be happy to provide them upon request.

Canada Post has provided no breakdown data for the second and third Bird printings, but both sizes of envelopes of both printings were available in packs of 10.

A NEW DISCOVERY

by Michael Sagar

The 47c Eagle #10 envelope from 2001 provided an immediate surprise when it was discovered that the philatelic and "commercial" supplied envelopes contained different UPC's. I would like to report on a second printing of the commercial envelope that was released not too long before the withdrawal of the envelopes (due to a first class rate increase to 48c).

I bought these envelopes in a local Shoppers Drug Mart, just after the rate changed to 48c. As I was standing in line to buy postage, I instinctively glanced behind the counter to see what was for sale in postal stationery products. My eyesight isn't great, especially for envelopes at 20', but I saw that the #10 envelope packages contained an envelope with a blue indicia. I associate the 47c Eagle as being a gray-green colour, so I thought that the new denominated stationery had already been released, even though there is usually a lag of a couple of months until the new envelopes are released.

I asked the clerk for a package of envelopes, and when handed them noticed that they were still the 47c denomination. Not having anything to compare them to, I asked if he had any more, and he was able to produce one more package, and another few from a broken package. I bought them all.

When I finally got around to comparing the two, I noticed three (later Rob McGuinness pointed out a fourth) differences between the two printings. I haven't noticed any differences in the text on the back. Both envelopes have a 2001 copyright date. I have not compared envelopes under ultraviolet light.

Original later printing of the treed mountain backdrop is in a grey-ish green and other background in a light blue.

Security printing is different between both printings - noticeable in upper corners of flap Gum

- approx 14mm deep (extends to edge of security printing)
- approx 16 mm deep (extends well into Maple Leaves)
- UPC Code bars - 27 x 9 mm - 26 x 9 mm

I have subsequently found a single used copy postmarked "Athabasca, AB" on November 14, 2001 - only six weeks before the rate change. I suspect that these envelopes will be difficult to obtain, as post offices that needed a replenished stock of envelopes, and were not willing to wait for the impending rate change will be relatively few. Plus, as this change was unannounced, and not carried by Antigonish, most collectors would have already filled the space in their collection.

Once you see the two envelopes side by side, you will never mistake them again.

See colour scan on page 32

As mentioned, I have a very small stash of these items. I am willing to give them out to anyone who sends me \$3 in their respective currency (Canadian or US). I will donate \$2. from each purchase back to the study group. Maximum two per collector (which may be reduced to one, should I get a large response).

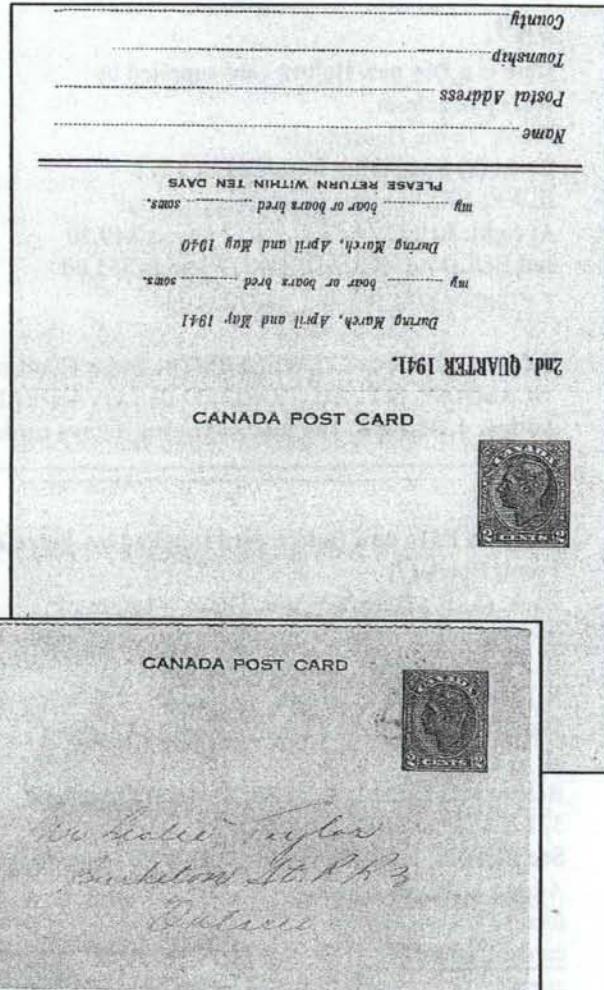
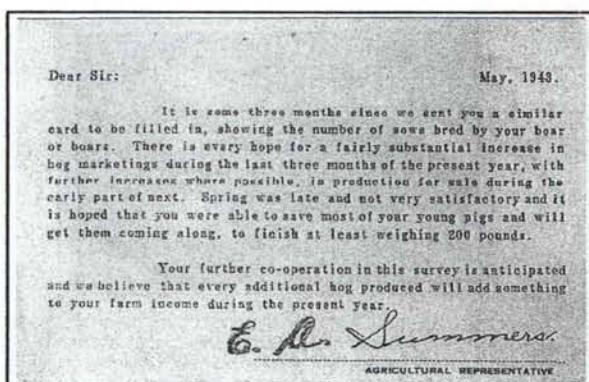
Mike Sagar, 3920 Royalmore Avenue Richmond, BC V7C 1P6 Canada

**THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REPLY
CARDS**

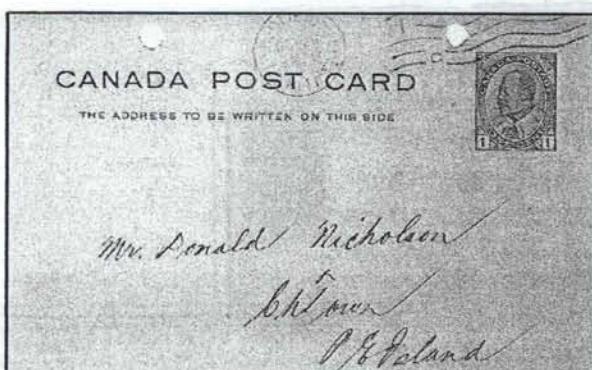
In Postal Stationery Notes Volume 11, No. 3 (July 1993) we mentioned and showed copies of the two new found Department of Agriculture reply cards prepared for the Livestock Bureau of the Department of Agriculture. But both reply cards (2¢ + 2¢ and 1¢ + 3¢) were only known in unused condition.

Recently, at last, I was able to obtain a used message half of the 2¢ + 2¢ reply card and to my surprise the text on the back was different than on the mint unsevered reply card and was dated May, 1943.

See below



Recently I acquired a railway advice card used by "Prince Edward Railway". It was new to me, that this line also used prepaid freight advice cards for their shipment notifications



ODDS 'N' ENDS by JOHN GRACE

#49.

Here is a P66 new Bulova card supplied by Harry Machum.

Front: To the Householder

Back: (v) Something from/CRESCENT JEWELERS/is always/something/special!

At right: BULOVA/SUSAN/17 jewels/\$49.50 and BULOVA/SQUADRON/17 jewels/\$55.00 + wrapped gifts left and watches right.



Below: CRESCENT JEWELERS/The Store That Confidence Built/NEW GLASGOW, N.S./AUTHORIZED BULOVA DEALER

Added: 1.III.2004. The total of known Bulova cards is now 120

#50.

Here is a P61e new Bulova card supplied by Peter Zariwny.

Front: Blank (?)

Back: (h) It's Bulova Watch Time! + 4 lines of text excluding wreath + jeweller's name (4 lines)

UL: Santa in sleigh with two reindeer.

R:Three watches in wreath, vertically:

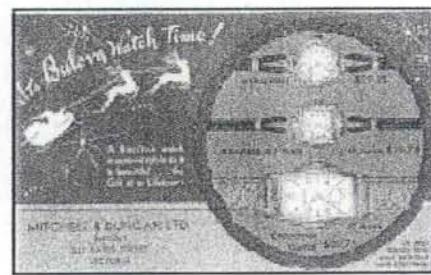
Medallion, Goddess of Time, Canadian Clipper, all at \$29.75.

Below: MITCHELL & DUNCAN LTD./Jewellers/

521 YATES STREET/VICTORIA

See BURNS, EILERS and FLOYD'S for same design.

Added 1.III.2004. The total of known Bulova cards is now 121.



#51.

Thanks to our editor we have this new bilingual Easter Seal card, used Montreal June 8, 1951.

Issued by the Quebec Easter Seal Society/Suite 20

-Mount Royal Hotel - Montreal.

The card is a receipt for a donation of \$1.00.

The three illustrations reproduce Easter seals for the years 1949, 1950 and 1951. We have on record another Quebec Easter Seal Society card on P75a.



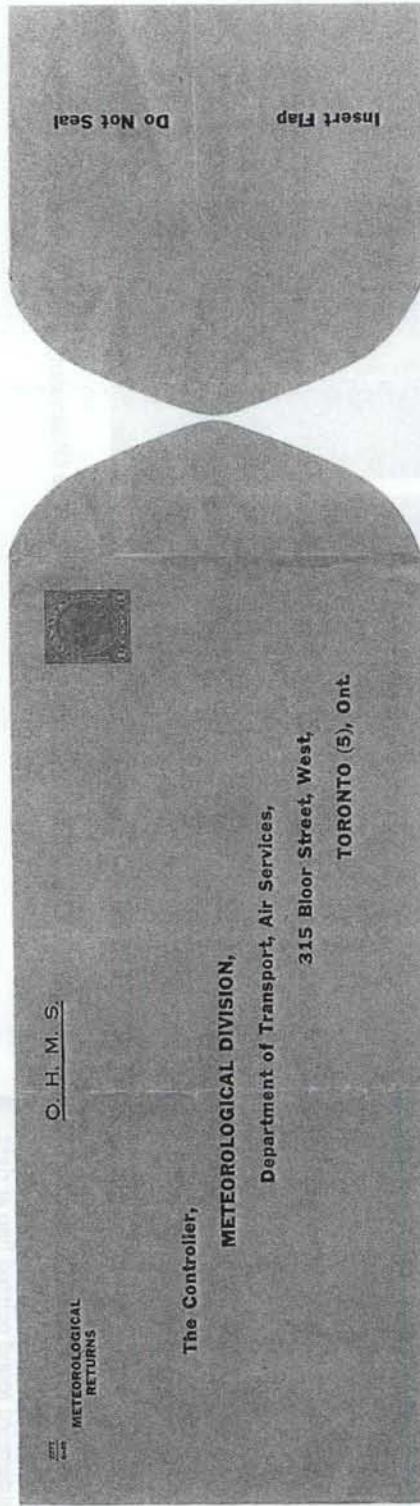
#51. This is a copy of P2 used in Hamilton, Ontario, on July 16, 1880, to Ancaster, Ontario, regarding a shipment held at the addressee's risk. There are fourteen lines of text or dotted lines and the card is domiciled HAMILTON, Ont., 1880. The card was supplied by your editor, Dick Staeker. Some time ago in Postal Stationery Notes, I was doing a list of these cards. Perhaps one day I shall continue.





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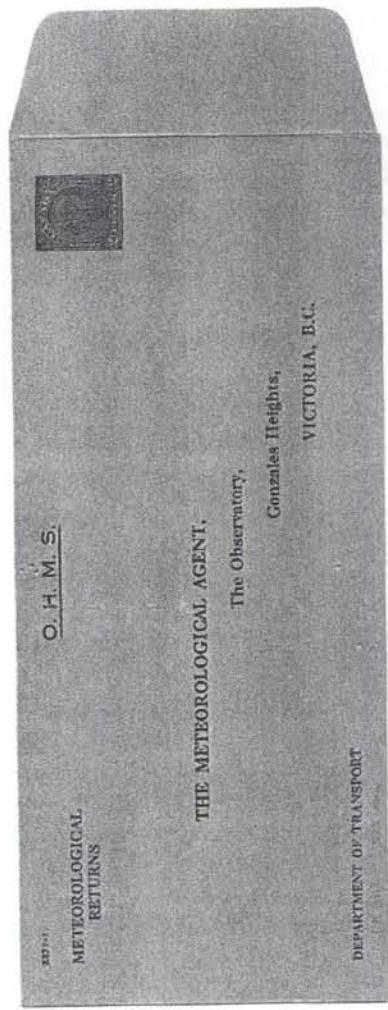
- 2271-5 (over) 5-40 / METEOROLOGICAL / RETURNS // O.H.M.S. / The Agent of the Dominion Meteorological Service, / The Observatory, / St. John,
N.B. // DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT // Insert Flap Do Not Seal
- round ungummed flap at right
 - light paper



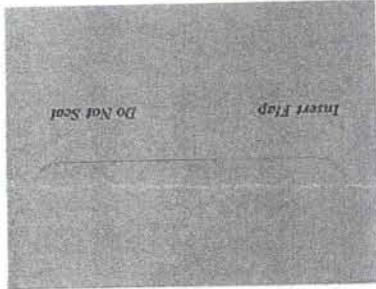
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Services, / 315 Bloor Street, West, / TORONTO (5), Ont. // Insert Flap Do Not Seal

METEOROLOGICAL ENVELOPES

DEN527-40a 2¢ olive green GEORGE VI, #10, kraft, centre seam

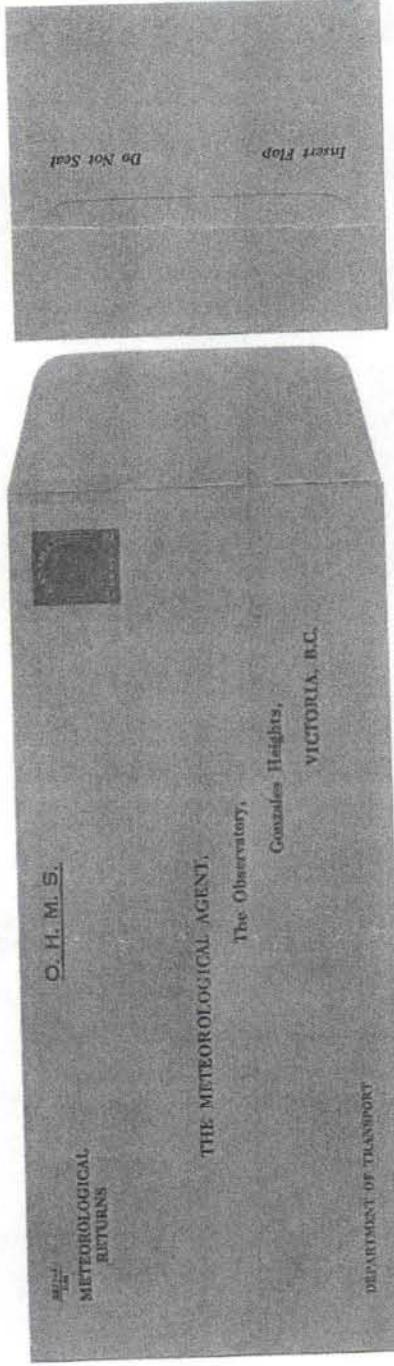


35.00



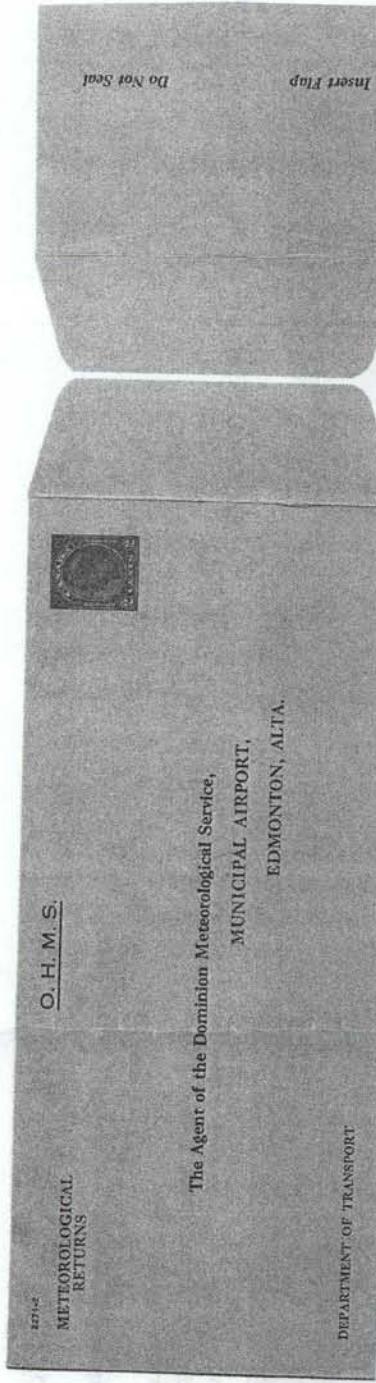
2271-1 / METEOROLOGICAL / RETURNS // O.H.M.S. // THE METEOROLOGICAL AGENT, / The Observatory, / GUNNISON, COLORADO,
VICTORIA, B.C. // DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT // Insert Flap Do Not Seal
- ungummed round pointed flap at right

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222271-1 (over) 7-50 / METEOROLOGICAL / RETURNS // Q.H.M.S. // THE METEOROLOGICAL AGENT, / The Observatory, / GONZALES Heights, / VICTORIA, B.C. // DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT // Insert Flap - ungummed round pointed flap at right
Do Not Seal

METEOROLOGICAL ENVELOPES



3 2271-2 // O.H.M.S.// METEOROLOGICAL / RETURNS // The Agent of the Dominion Meteorological Service, /
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, / EDMONTON, ALTA. // DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT // Insert Flap Do Not Seal



4 2271-2 (over) 7-50 // O.H.M.S.// METEOROLOGICAL / RETURNS // The Agent of the Dominion Meteorological Service, / DEPT. OF TRANSPORT /
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, / EDMONTON ALTA. // DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT // Insert Flap Do Not Seal

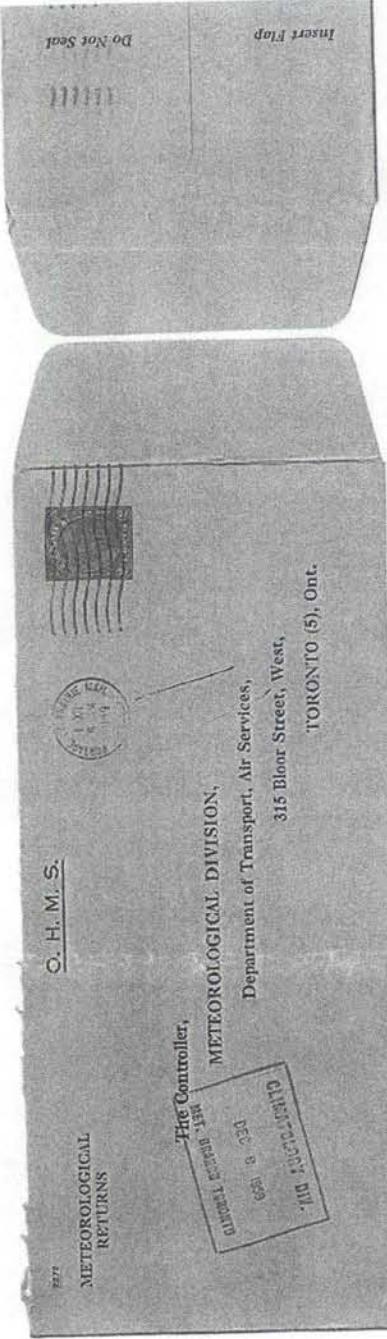
5 2271-5 (over) blank / METEOROLOGICAL/ RETURNS // O.H.M.S.// CITY WEATHER OFFICE, / 93 CANTERBURY STREET, / SAINT JOHN, N. B.
- unguammed squarer flap at right

(used July 4 1955)

METEOROLOGICAL ENVELOPES



2272 (over) 7-50 / METEOROLOGICAL/ RETURNS // O.H.M.S. // The Controller, / METEOROLOGICAL DIVISION, / Department of Transport, Air Services, / 315 Bloor Street, West, / TORONTO (5), Ont. // *Insert Flap* *Do Not Seal*
 - ungummed rounded flap at right



2. 2272 (over) blank / METEOROLOGICAL/ RETURNS // O.H.M.S. // The Controller, / METEOROLOGICAL DIVISION, / Department of Transport, Air Services, / 315 Bloor Street, West, / TORONTO (5), Ont. // *Insert Flap* *Do Not Seal*
 (used 1 XII 1959, PG has Dec 5 1959)
 - ungummed rounded flap

DEN534-40b 3¢ purple GEORGE VI, #10, kraft, centre seam

?? WHO HAS IT ??