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BNAPEX 2013!

This year BNAPEX will be held on Prince Edward Island, giving us all an opportunity to cross one of Canada's prettiest bridges, to a province of bucolic beauty. We would love to

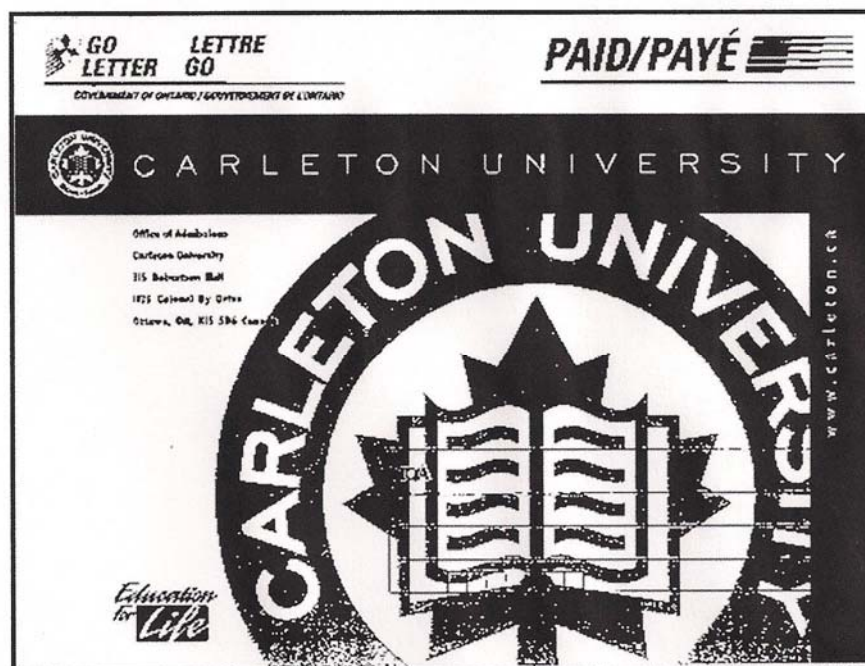
see you there, and exchange any new information that may have come to light since our last meeting in Calgary.

Do your best to come – we'll see you there!

On the Lookout!

Earle Covert

Does anyone in the Postal Stationery Study Group have the attached item? I believe it was sold in Dick Staecker's sale. If so, I would love a colour scan at 300 DPI of the front and back even if it is in 2 overlapping pieces each side which I would piece together. Contact me at ecovert6@gmail.com or by mail at Box 1190, Raymond, AB T0K 2S0.



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What's New in Postal Stationery:

Canada Post has again overwhelmed us with a plethora of new entries:

The usual Chinese New Year stamps (now the Year of the Snake), are accompanied by two vertical view format post cards with imprinted stamps to anywhere, issued January 8, 2013. Also issued on May 1 was a set of eight artist-view post cards commemorating Chinese Gates to Chinatowns across Canada, with matching stamps for delivery worldwide. Other new items include a new set of 4 Baby Animal cards (woodchucks, a fawn, a bear cub, and a porcupine), issued January 14; Canadian Pride (a set of 5 cards showing flags of Canada, also available January 14); four Zodiac cards – Sagittarius (the Archer), Capricorn (the Sea-Goat), Aquarius (the Water-Bearer), and Pisces (the Fish) – the last four in the whole set of 12, issued Feb. 20), two Magnolia cards (purple and yellow) available March 4, and 7 cards in a set with a Canadian photography theme, available March 22. All have preprinted worldwide postage. The new Black Hero stamps do not seem to have had any accompanying cards this year. Finally, 2 Motorcycle post cards were issued June 5, showing a 1908 Lightweight Motor Cycle (CCM) and the 1914 Indian, apparently the first two in a series to follow.

A sampling is shown below and on the next page.



Year of the Snake postal cards to anywhere, with stamp dies at left.

Issued Jan. 8, 2013



Stamp dies for the **Chinese Gates** postal cards, with the same artwork on the reverse. The gates depicted are from Chinatowns across Canada.

Issued May 1, 2013



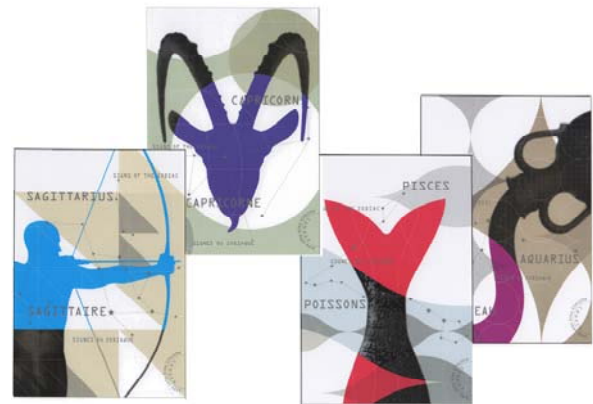
Stamp dies for **Baby Animals**: fawn, bear, porcupine, & woodchucks. Each replicates the photo on reverse. Maple leaf circles in stamp area, background otherwise white.
 Issued Jan 14, 2013



Dies for the **Canadian Pride** series (flags), superimposed on one card – a set of 5 cards with the same photo as shown in the stamp die on reverse. Background shows a large pink maple leaf.
 Issued Jan. 14, 2013



Stamp dies of the **Zodiac** to anywhere cards: Capricorn at left, Sagittarius & Pisces center, and Aquarius at right – these differ a great deal from their reverse view, shown at right. Card back-ground white with maple leaf circles around stamp.



Reverse sides of the **Zodiac** cards, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Pisces & Aquarius. These cards complete the Zodiac set, begun in 2011 with 4 cards each year.

Issued Feb. 20, 2013

Two **Magnolia** cards and their worldwide stamp dies.

Issued Mar. 4, 2013





Stamp dies from a 7-card **Canadian Photography** set. The reverse views are the same as the dies. The background is white, with maple leaf circles around the stamps. Issued Mar. 22, 2013



Two **Motorcycle** cards were issued June 5, 2013, showing an early lightweight motorcycle, the CCM, from 1908, and an early Indian from 1914.

Stamp dies shown at left differ from the views on reverse,

Issued June 5, 2013

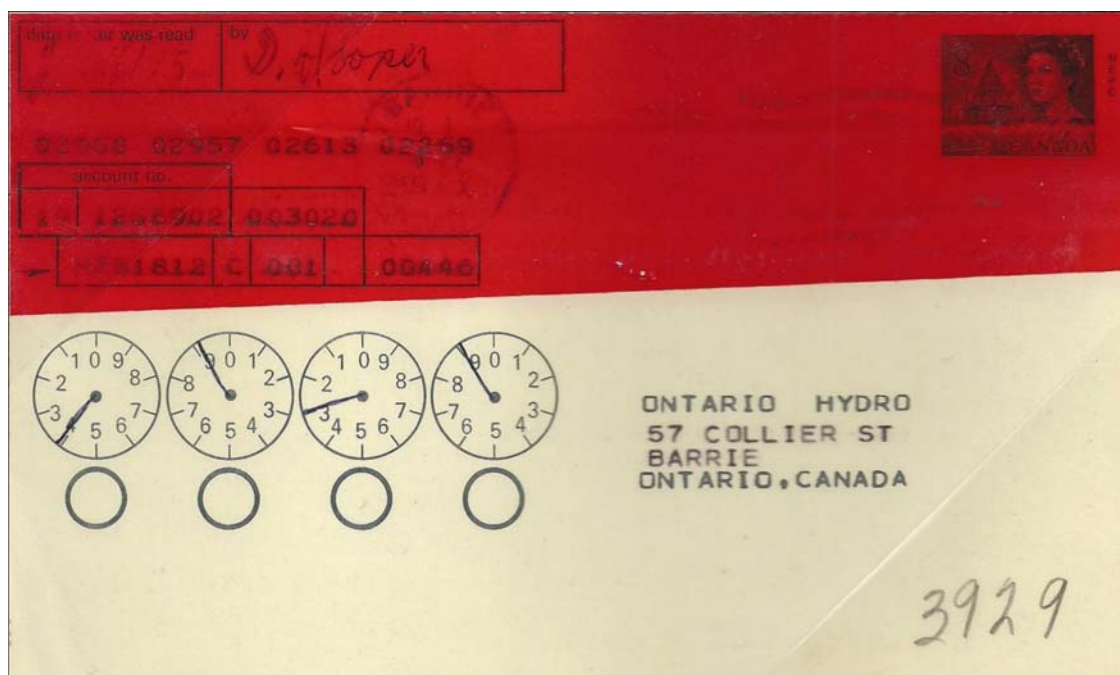
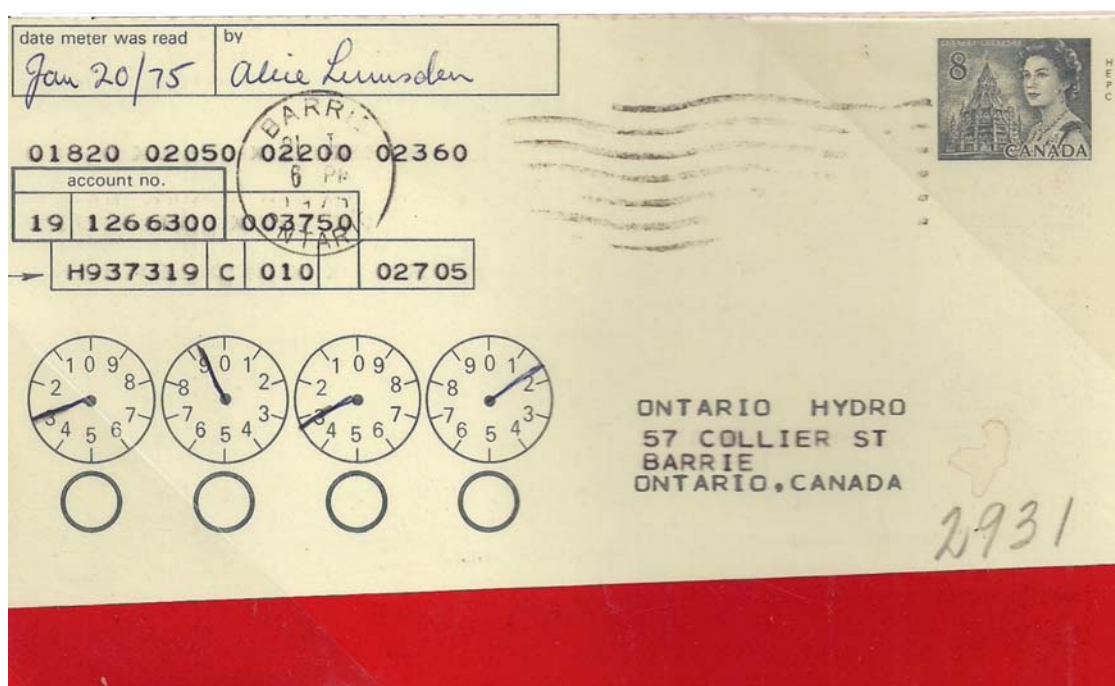
Two brief notes from Earle: On Xpresspost, Canada Post has stopped using padded envelopes and gone back to using bubble envelopes. I have a Standard Regional. I am told there were too many complaints and they were heavier to send in the mailstream.

The Post Office is cutting back on staff. All mail outside of Raymond goes to Calgary and gets sorted even if it is to Lethbridge. All Lethbridge's mail goes to Calgary for sorting. There are 8 redundant staff in Lethbridge who are not being laid off but "are going to die of boredom as they have nothing to do."

Ontario Hydro Card Misprints

Earle L. Covert

An interesting pair of Ontario Hydro cards, HKP108h, show printing over a red splice on the continuous card stock. Such items were usually pulled out of production, but printing on splices did occasionally get through. It took searching a box of some 5000 of these to find these two! Has anyone seen anything similar?



ADDITIONAL PRINTED CORNERS ON POST BANDS & WRAPPERS

Earle L. Covert (ecovert6@gmail.com)

Some additional printed corner cards on wrappers and post bands have been reported by Don Fraser and Ian McMahon. A few more from Bill Walton will be shown in a future issue. I am sure others have more. Let us hear from you.

Some of these are from the earlier Victoria issues, and quite extraordinary.



Fig. 10: A W1 post band, with the printed addition for the Union Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Boston. An enlargement of the imprinted stamp is shown below. See also Figure 12.

Courtesy Don Fraser



Fig. 11: Issued for Independent Order of Foresters (I.O.F.) with their seal left and above the level of the stamp, on W3 Issue of 1887.

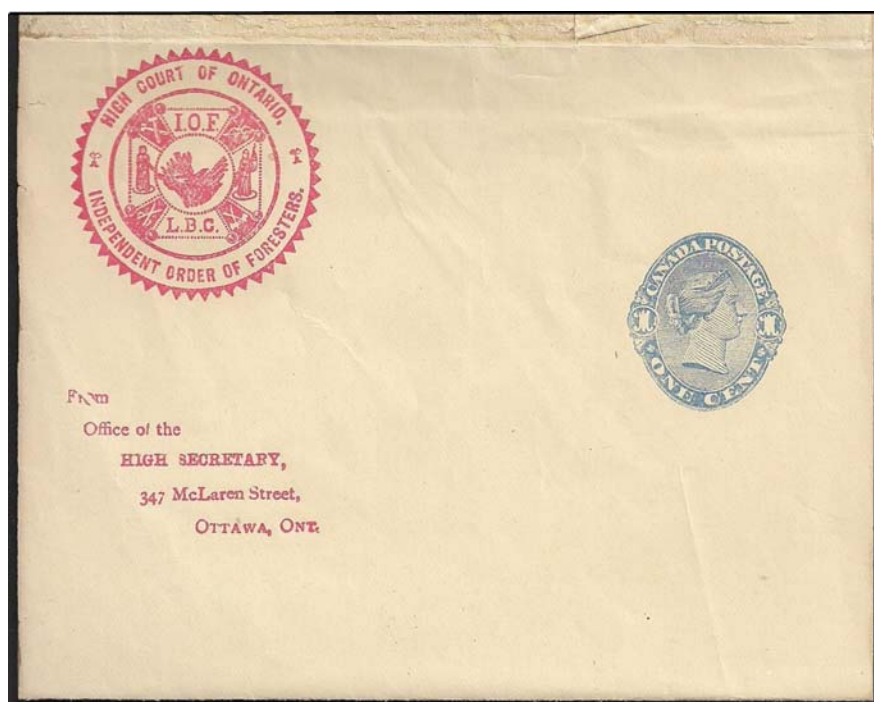


Fig. 12: A W4 post band on cream (1892 issue) with an imprint for the Union Mutual Life Insurance Co. (See also *Figure 10*, on W1.) The Boston address lines have now been barred out (or attempted to be) and replaced with Portland, Maine.

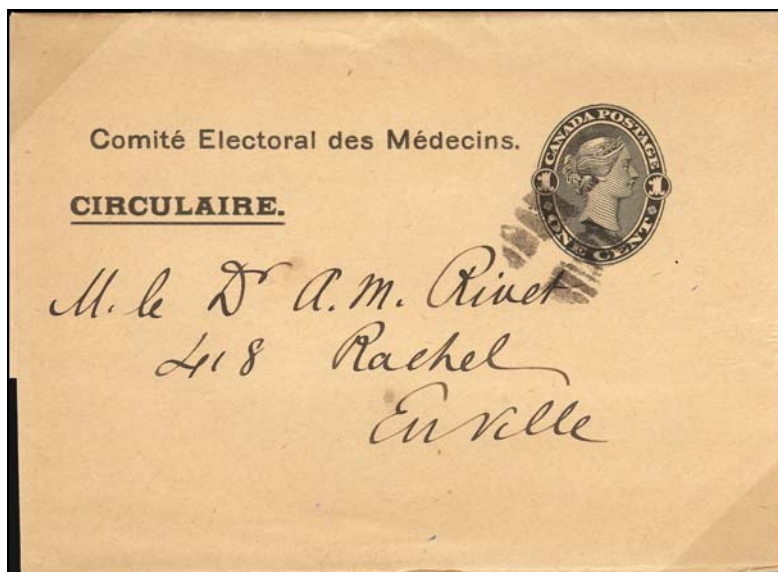
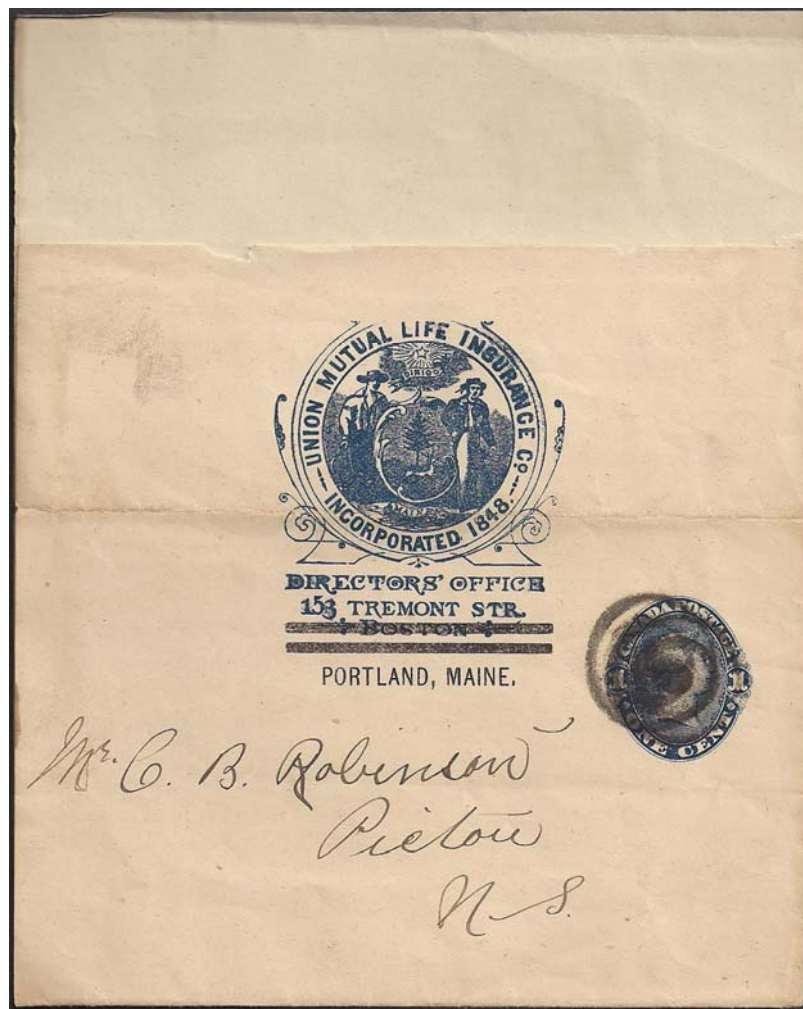


Fig. 13: A local usage of a W5a post band (rosettes, black on cream) with a Circulaire heading and an imprint for the Comité Electoral des Médecins.

Courtesy Don Fraser

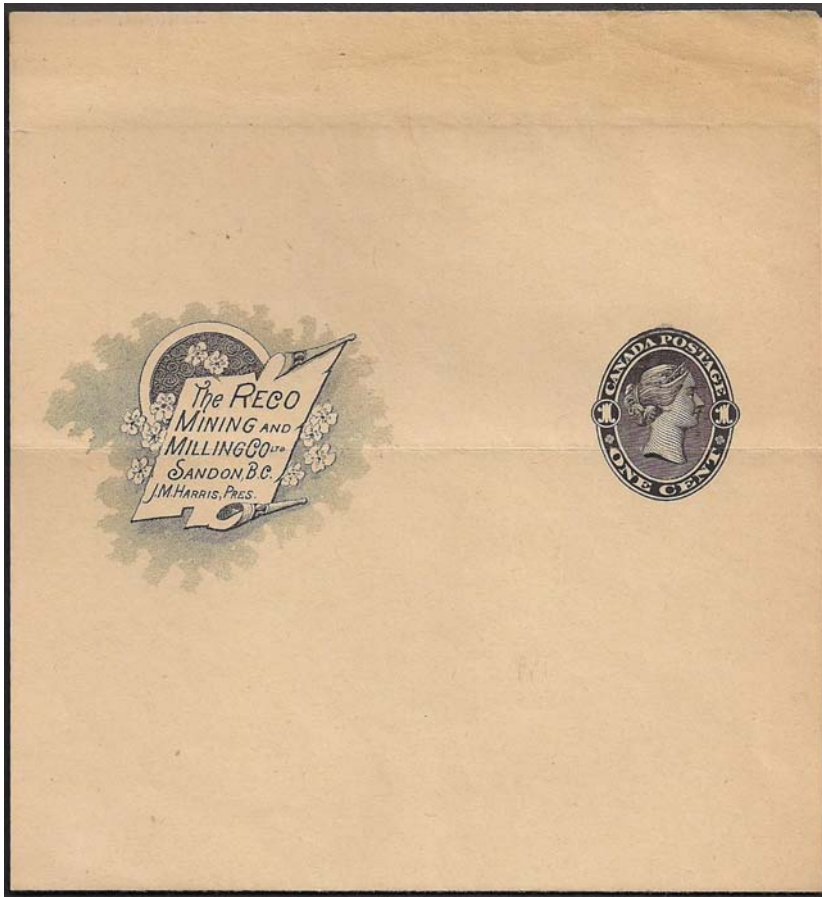
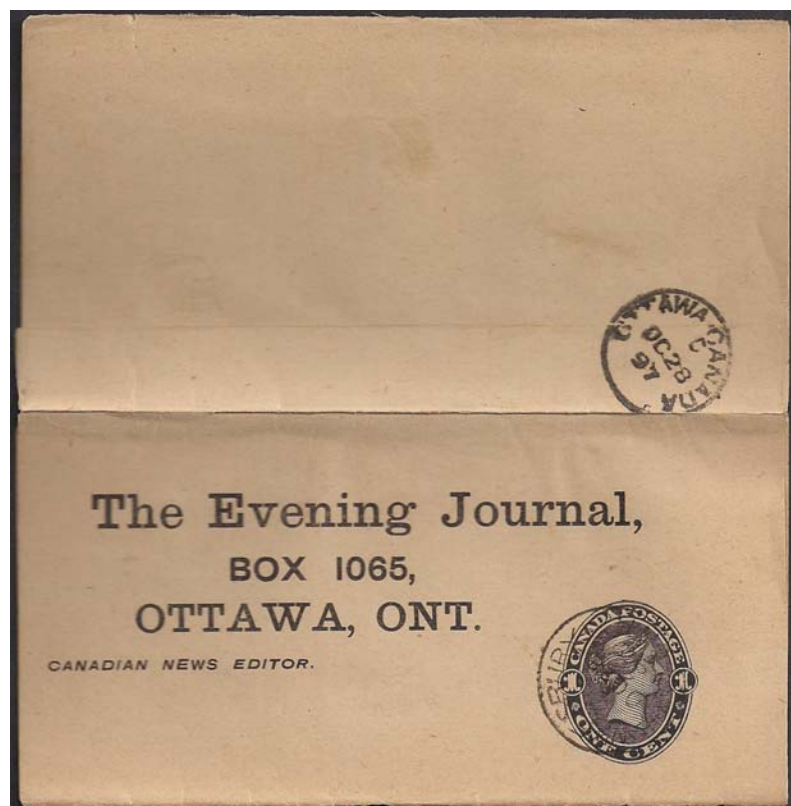


Fig. 14: An illustrated corner on the W5a post band, for The Reco Mining and Milling Co. in Sandon, British Columbia.

Fig. 15: A printed address for The Evening Journal, in Ottawa (Canadian News Editor), on W5, used Ottawa (Oct. 28, 1897 receiver).



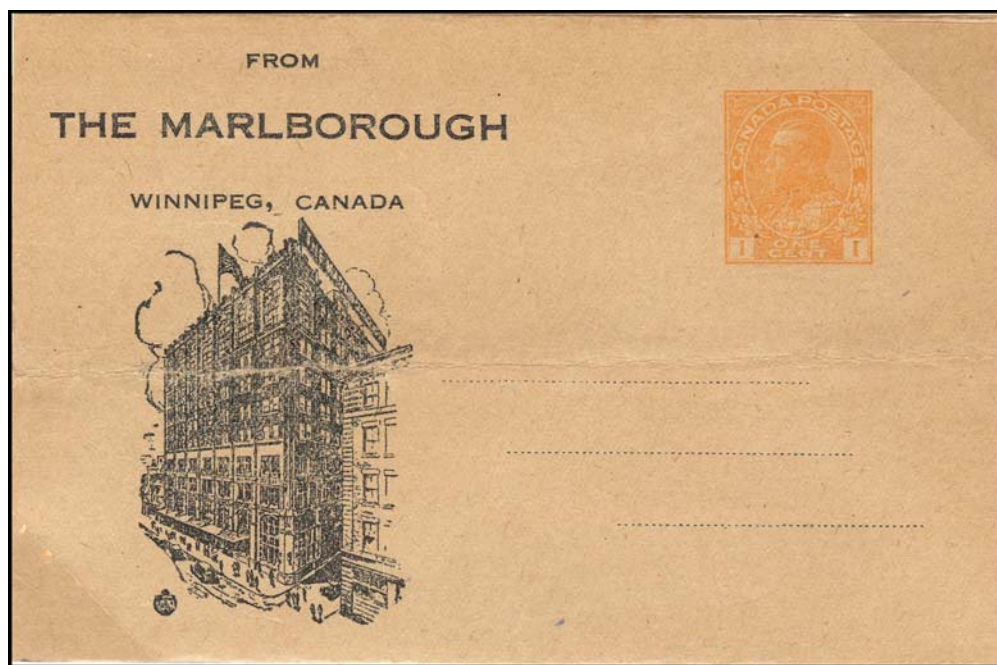


Fig. 16: W13 post band with a printed corner for The Marlborough in Winnipeg.

Courtesy Don Fraser

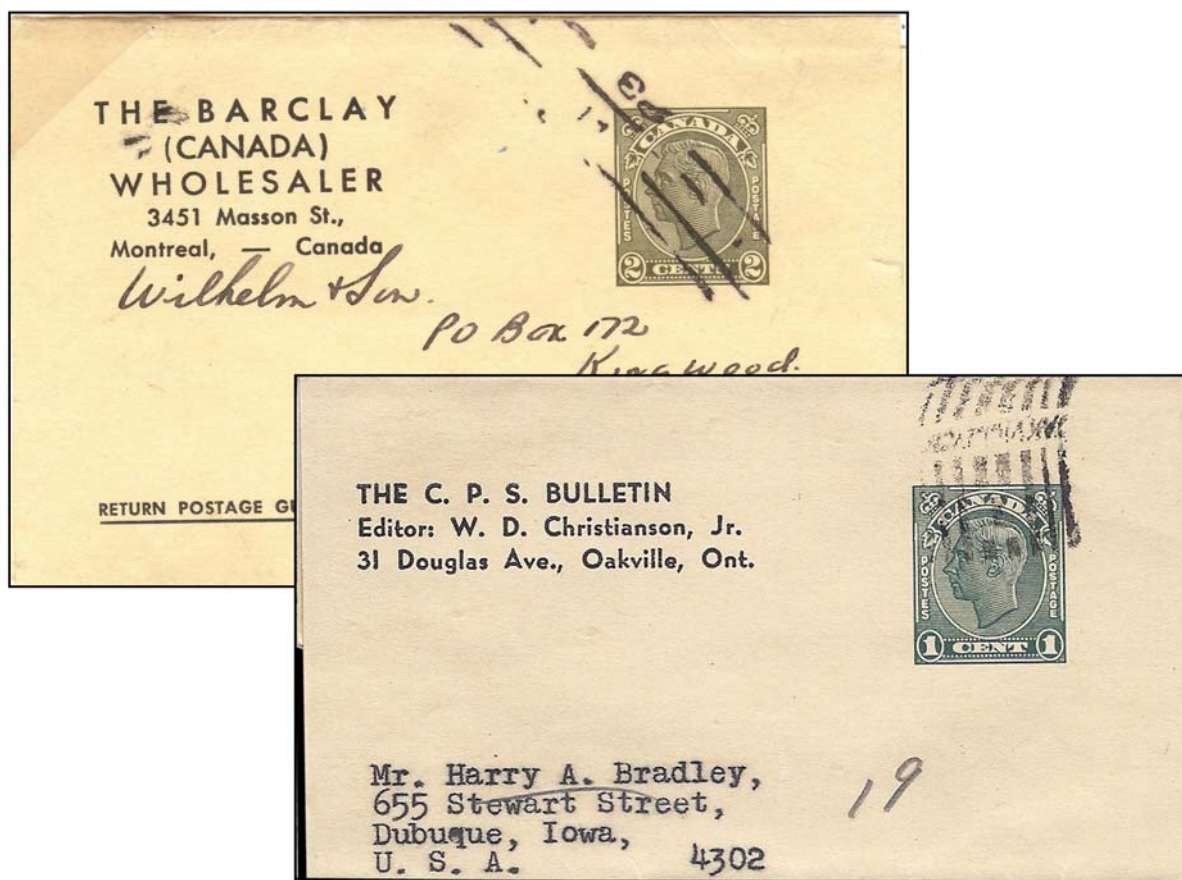


Fig. 17: Two George VI post bands, the 1¢ (W20, courtesy Ian McMahon) and the 2¢ (W21, courtesy Don Fraser) with printed corners for the C.P.S Bulletin and The Barclay wholesaler, respectively. Both used to the US.

Apologies from your Layout Editor:

Our apologies for the dearth of PSNotes issues – various things have interfered, but we will do our best to get back on schedule. Is there someone else out there who would like to take over this job? It is fun, but time-consuming!

JRW

PCF Corner

(Robert Lemire: rlemire000@sympatico.ca)

Since the last issue of PSN one older view has been reprinted with Die IIIc (Pierre Gauthier) and one new view, TOR 3481 Die IIIc has been reported (Robert Lemire).

PCF-T3H (borderless)

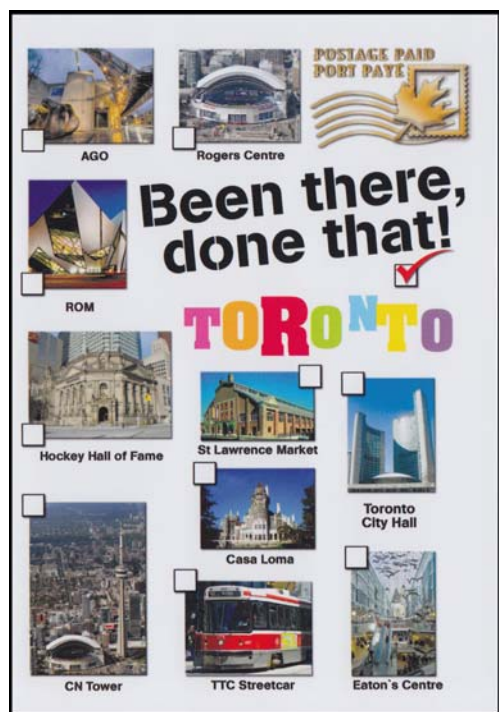
NFLD 079

TOR 3481

Details of the New View

The new view card is a 2-bar code type, stamp impression at the bottom, underlay type U1, and has no printed SKU number.

<u>card #</u>	<u>view</u>	<u>bottom-left bar code</u>	<u>top-middle bar code</u>	<u>SKU#</u>
TOR 3481	Toronto "Been There"	64392 00409	73418 30078	none



TOR 3481



RCMP 074 with new underlay – (URCMP2)

As reported by Earle Covert, there is a new underlay (shown above) for the RCMP cards, RCMP 074 and RCMP 104. The original underlay shows RCMP / GRC in the upper left. **Note the lack of those letters on this version.** Also, the T3H cards TOR 2340, TOR 2922 and TOR 2923, previously issued with underlay U1, now have been found with underlay U3. Conversely, VQ 3926 has now been found by Raymond Gagné with underlay U1—previously it was known only with underlay U2.

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