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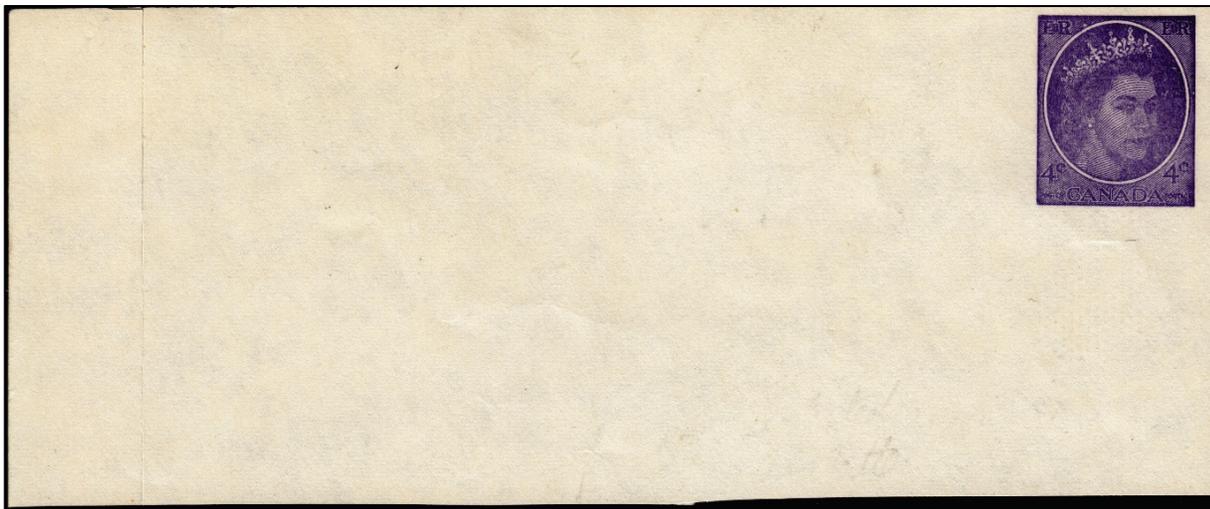
## Postal Stationery Study Group meeting at BNAPEX 2018

The BNAPS Postal Stationery Study Group will hold its annual meeting on **Saturday, 22 September 2018 at 11:00** during BNAPEX 2018 at the Hotel Plaza Québec, Quebec City, QC (in the Ravel Room—but check your show programme to confirm the time and room).

## Webb's EN541-P1a probably is not an envelope proof

In Webb's this item is listed as an envelope proof, EN541-P1a [1]. The roulette near the left margin suggests a more likely origin, though the item, on thin white stock, probably is a proof item. In the 1950s various companies were preparing, or submitting bids to prepare prestamped, rouletted, multiple-form items for private firms. Such items included the CN and CP railway flimsies and some of the Hydro cards (Webb's RKP and HKP series). There is evidence in the Archives files (*e.g.*, [2]) that unsuccessful attempts were made to use the Wilding steel surface die for preparation of such forms, and this item, with a rather muddy stamp impression, likely is the result of one of those efforts.

roulette



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**Standard precancelled post cards—Discoveries and questions** *by William Walton*

**Discoveries**

Two Admiral postal stationery cards, not previously known with private precancels, have now been recorded. Webb P26, the ½¢ with two-line English heading (type 9), has been found with a private precancel applied by Princeton Tailors in Toronto. It is not surprising that this should exist—the ½¢ cards were used extensively for business purposes—but it is also not surprising that a private precancel on this card should have taken so long to see the light of day. P26 did not come into use until the very end of the Admiral issue, and was almost immediately replaced (based on ERPs, in 1929) by the ½¢ Scroll type 9 (Webb P37). The text “Saturday April 12” suggests that this “Princeton Tailors” precancelled card was used in 1930. Private precancels on P26 would almost certainly have been very limited, and this was a fortuitous find.



**YOUR EASTER EGG** *Newly Made to Measure*

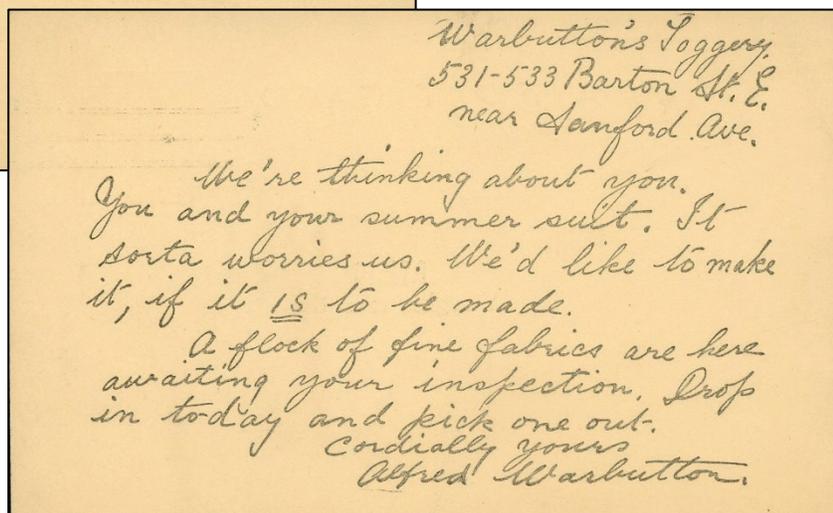
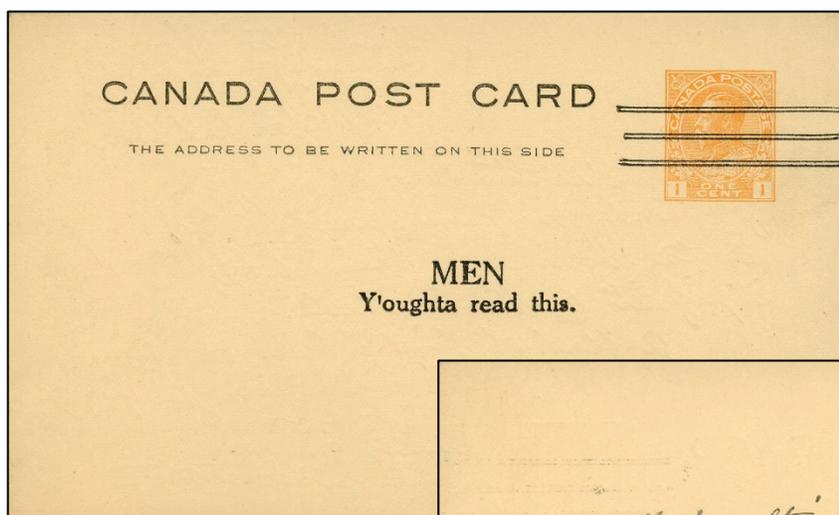
BETTER		BEST
<b>\$30</b>		<b>\$35</b>
GRADE		GRADE
with 2 Pants		with 2 Pants

One Day Only - Saturday April 12

*Princeton Tailors Limited*  
325 Yonge Street (near Dundas St.)

Please bring this card with you when you call.

Equally interesting, if not more so, is the discovery of Webb P29f, the 1¢ orange with 2-line English heading (type 6), with a private precancel, for Warbutton’s Toggery in Hamilton (Barton and Sanford give this away). Warbutton’s was a prolific user of private precancels on the ½¢ card (including their private order blue stock cards), but they had never been previously noted on a 1¢ card.—This usage may have occurred prior to the introduction of the ½¢ cards, or simply in error resulting from not yet understanding that a ½¢ rate had become available. Whichever the case, the completely different look of the reverse side advertising from that usually seen on Warbutton’s cards strongly suggests to me that this was an early promotional undertaking on the company’s part, almost certainly preceding the many subsequent ½¢ usages.



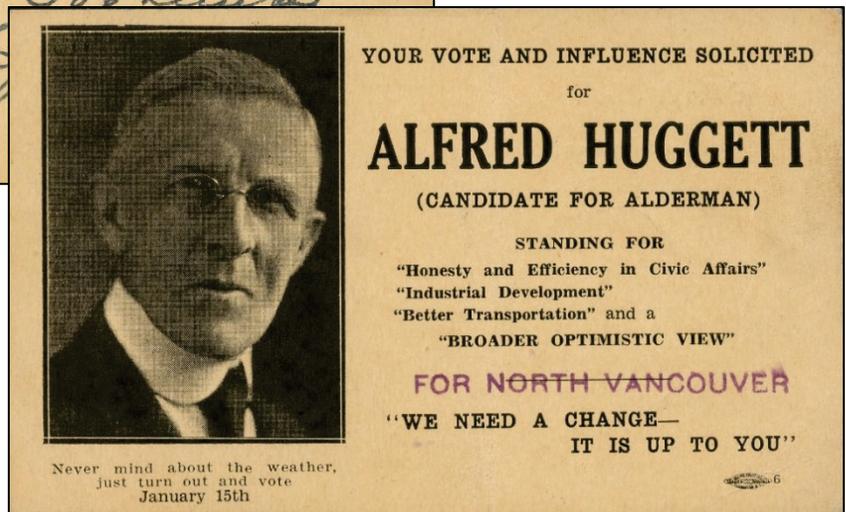
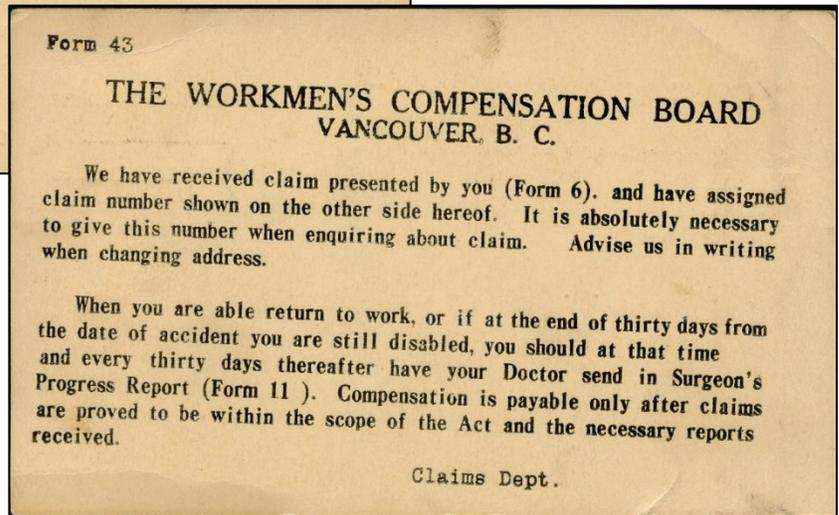
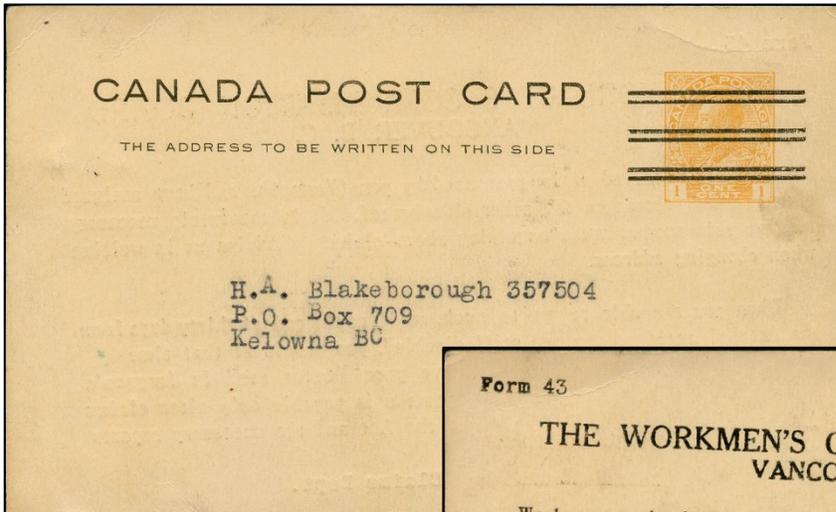
Finding such unrecorded items is certainly one of the great satisfactions in collecting, and the possibilities for this abound in Canadian postal stationery. Private precancels alone may yet yield more such—for example, there are many 1¢ + ½¢ reply cards that certainly could exist, but have never been recorded.

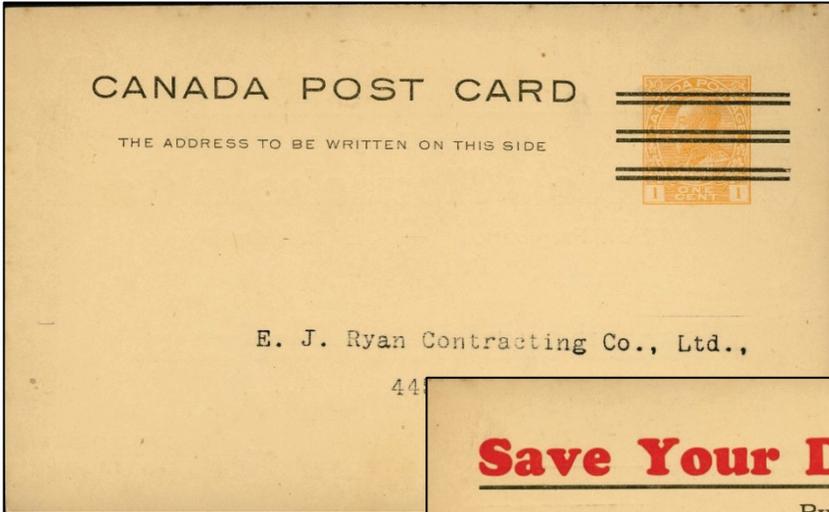
### Questions

Some years ago (PSN Vol. 8, No. 4, pg. 32), Robert Lemire identified the original use of standard precancels in Vancouver, citing the relevant correspondence. The Vancouver postmaster in November 1926 ordered 100,000 “ordinary” cards (this would have been P29n, the 1¢ orange Admiral card with 2-line English heading-type 6), and 100,000 advertising cards 8-on (this would have been P29b, the 1¢ die II orange Admiral card with type 1 heading (*i.e.*, no heading), and indeed at least four different usages of this standard precancel card, P26n, from Vancouver are known. The standard precancels were, as far as we know, always applied by the current security printer (Canadian Bank Note Company in 1926 and 1927 when this order was placed and filled).

The standard precancel on the Admiral type 6 heading is very scarce, and all subsequent standard precancels were on type 1 cards (no heading). The Vancouver postmaster may at the time have thought of the business card as an 8-on inventory item, and may not have realized he could order precancels on the single business cards without heading as well. In any case, ordering the English heading card precancelled, he generated a very unusual (and very scarce) item.

Shown on the next two pages are the only three examples of this card I have found over many years. One is for the Vancouver Workmen’s Compensation Board, another is an Alfred Huggett campaign card for an alderman’s seat in North Vancouver, and the third is for Marpole Coal, a Vancouver firm. A fourth copy, in Lemire’s collection (also shown) was used by a Vancouver-based mining company.





**Save Your Dollars —**

By Using

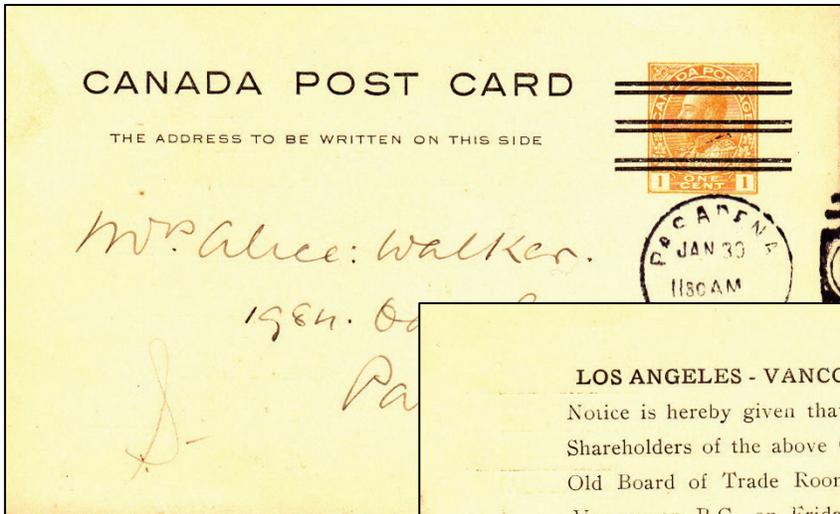
**Marpole's Household Coal**

Best Preparation — Highest Quality  
Full Weight

**MARPOLE COAL CO. LTD.**

**Phone Seymour 210**

COMOX FURNACE — LADYSMITH WELLINGTON — KITCHEN SOOTLESS



**LOS ANGELES - VANCOUVER MINES, LIMITED**

Notice is hereby given that the General Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Old Board of Trade Rooms, 300 Pender Street West, Vancouver, B.C., on Friday the 13th day of February 1931, at 10.30 a.m. precisely for the consideration of the balance sheet, for the election of Directors and Auditors and for the transaction of all such other business as may be transacted at General Meetings.

By order of the Board  
JOHN BROACH  
Secretary

Dated at Vancouver, B.C.  
23rd January 1931

*Hg 50  
Precw*

*1430 P H P 2*

- Question 1: Do we have any idea which if any of these users may have driven the postmaster's original request for the standard precancel cards? The PO archives record (file 13-19-12 of Volume 62) indicates that the cards were for "prospective future orders". Was W13c an incentive?
- Question 2: Can anyone report other Vancouver usages beyond these four?
- Question 3: It appears that initially this may have been exclusively the action of one postal official in Vancouver. Can anyone report usages of P26n from anywhere else in the country?
- Question 4: Can anyone report usages of P26b from anywhere else in the country prior to the first large order of precancelled cards in October 1927? The PO archives record (file 13-19-12 of Volume 62) suggests early use of precancelled cards in Toronto and perhaps Winnipeg.
- Question 5: Did the Bank Note Company simply make an error here in their first precancelling effort? Were they simply fulfilling the Vancouver postmaster's specific order, without thinking about their ability to fill the order with 100,000 single type 1 cards? Was the type 1 heading what they subsequently realized would have been preferable to use, and standard precancelling of type 6 headings was then immediately abandoned?
- Question 6: Vancouver received 100,000 of the type 6 heading cards, and was obviously able to fill a number of local orders for them. Clearly other users became aware of them. How was awareness of the availability and benefit of these cards communicated? Newspaper notices? Notices in the main post office? Some other way?

Answers to any of the above will be appreciated, and likely help me sleep better at nights.

**An uncommon CPR flimsy** by Robert Lemire

In material I purchased many years ago from the late Art Klass was a photocopy of a 6¢ Canadian Pacific Express Company (CP) flimsy, shown below, that bears a logo unlike the logo on any other CP Express form I have ever seen. I checked with several collectors who have major holdings of CP flimsy forms, and none reported ever seeing this item. The form number, X161 F & E REV. 3/67, printed initials "CPR" at the right of the stamp impression, and the information boxes are the same as on copies of the corresponding 6¢ orange shipment on hand form (to consignee); however, the printed logo (top centre) is completely different. Mike Sagar has reported documentation that indicates Canadian Pacific adopted this logo in 1968 (and a similar, but smaller, version of the logo was used on several CP Transport forms in the early 1970s). Of course the colour of the 6¢ impression

COPIE 1 AU CONSIGNÉ COPIE 2 AU CONSIGNATAIRE PRESS FIRMLY COPIE OFFICE COPIE BUREAU FORM X161 F & E REV. 3/67 MRF	OFFICE	BUREAU	PROV		
	ON HAND NO. NO. EN COMMS	DATE			
	SHIPPING POINT		POINT DE DÉPART		SEE OTHER SIDE VOIR AU VERSO
	WAYBILL NO. NO. DE BORDEREAU	DATE			
	ARTICLE		WGT	PDS	
	SHIPPER'S NAME		NOM DE L'EXPÉDITEUR		
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E	ENTREPÔT				
S	PAID BEYOND				
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C. P.	AMOUNT				
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on the photocopied item is unknown.

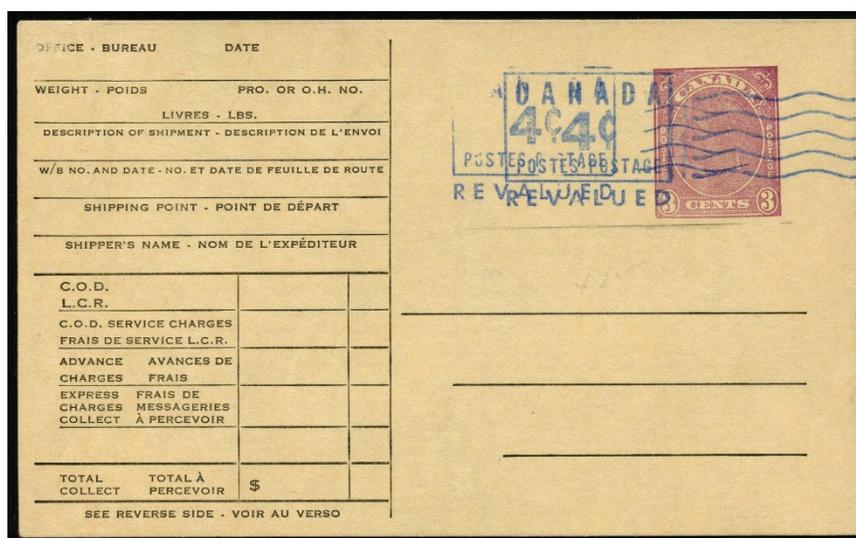
A file from the PO Archives (file 13-4-C1) indicates that there were printings of 6¢ cards for Canadian Pacific Express in April 1969 (355,875 copies), December 1969 (25,750 copies), and February 1970 (126,000 copies). Later printings, if any, were not recorded in the file. Forms with the 6¢ stamp impression in orange (printed initials CPR) are known, and most likely are from the April 1969 printing, though there are no used copies in my collection postmarked in 1969. A change in the colour of the 6¢ Centennial Issue adhesives occurred in January 1970. Forms for CP Transport, ordered and printed separately in February 1970 (Archives file 13-19-22), were printed with the stamp impression in black (printed initials were CPT). It seems possible that the stamp impression on the Canadian Pacific Express (CP) forms from the February 1970 printing would also have been printed in black.

### Questions

- Can anyone provide further details concerning the existence of this form? Is the form shown an essay, or an actual form from either the December 1969 or January 1970 printing?
- Does anyone have any copy of any CP Express flimsy form with the stamp impression printed in black?
- Can anyone confirm usage before December 1969 of a CP Express X161 or X186 form with an orange stamp impression?

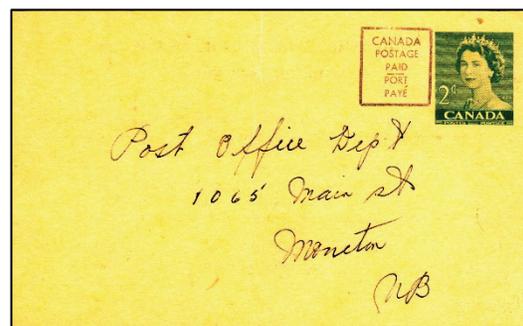
### Webb's RKP81e with a double overprint

Further to the discussion (PSN Vol. 28, pg. 27) of the tickometer revaluation of the Moore 3¢ CN Express cards, Bill Walton has submitted a scan of a card which was overprinted twice.



### Unlisted official post card reported

Recently this postage-paid handstamp on a 2nd-Karsh issue card used by the Unemployment Insurance Commission was reported. The boxed “CANADA / POSTAGE / PAID / — / PORT / PAYÉ” handstamp is different from that on any of the other cards listed under “Official Post Cards” in Webb’s. It seems to be a later card corresponding to the card reported by John Grace and illustrated in PSN Vol. 20, pg. 29 (2005).



**PCF Corner** by Robert Lemire: [rlemire000@sympatico.ca](mailto:rlemire000@sympatico.ca) – July 31, 2018

### New PCF Varieties

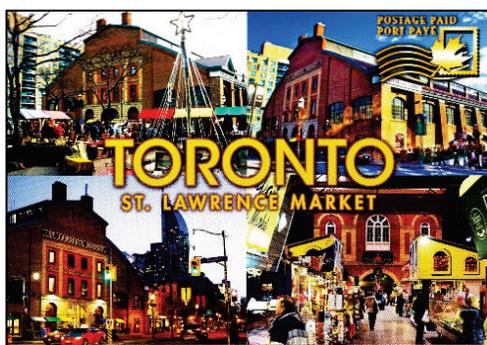
Copies now have been reported of TOR 4956, TOR 5961, and TOR 5963 (all die III, underlay U1, box style sIII), mentioned in the last issue of PSN. The views are shown below.



**TOR 4956**



**TOR 5961**



**TOR 5963**

Other new reports (Erhard Nachtigall, Earle Covert, Michel Gagné, Pierre Gauthier and Robert Lemire) include:

BC 020 box style sI but with underlay U4, not underlay U1

C 024 box style sV underlay U1

G038V box style sI but with underlay U4, not underlay U1

G044 2nd line of text begins "Humpback" (previously began "back")

MTL 107 box style sIII underlay U1

NB 019V now with PCF in logo, box style sI underlay U1

NB 090 box style sI underlay U1 now with PCF in logo—"normal" not "inverted"

NS 010 now with PCF in logo, box style sI underlay U1

NS 010 now with PCF in logo, box style sV underlay U1

NS018 no PCF in logo, box style sV underlay U1

O 197 with PCF in the logo, box style sV underlay U1

Q028 box style sIII and with an underlay similar to underlay U4 (but shifted slightly to the left)

RCMPC 074 box style V underlay UR1

TOR 2922 box style sV underlay U1

VAN 046 with PCF in the logo, box style sV underlay U1

VQ027 no PCF in the logo, box style sV, underlay U1

Erhard also notes that *on the PCF website* a new card BNF 1925 (Banff Springs Hotel) and a borderless version of C 014 (bear cubs) are shown. The actual cards have not yet been reported.

## Printings of the railway advice flimsy forms by Robert Lemire

### Part 4: The 2¢ CN printings (Part 3 [1] appeared in PSN Volume 28, No. 6, pp. 56-60 (2018))

#### The Moore printing

Because of the detailed information to be written on the front of CN forms to the consignee (as will be discussed in detail in a later part of this series, but also shown on the earlier CN 4¢ George VI forms [2]), such forms were not eligible for mailing at the 2-cent rate. In the early 1960s, CN decided to redesign its forms to the consignee so that the lower postage rate would apply.

The first CN 2¢ forms (CNE 5339 temp. on the left tab) were printed by Moore Business Forms in late 1961 [3].



**Figure 1:** An untrimmed pair of 2¢ CN forms printed by Moore Business Forms (thanks to Earle Covert for the scan), a copy of the Form “5339 temp.” as distributed to express offices, and a copy used in August 1962.

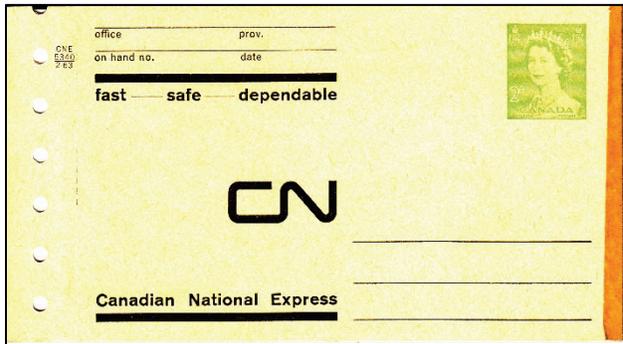
Some of the CP forms, also printed by Moore, have alignment holes at the left (Figure 1 of Part 3 [1]). Some do not (Figures 3, 5, 6 of Part 3 [1]). The untrimmed pair of CN cards at the left in Figure 1 of the present article shows that forms that do not appear to have production alignment holes at the left probably resulted from trimming of slightly wider forms that actually did have the holes.

The Archives file [3] discusses arrangements with the Post Office Department, transfer of the negative from the Toronto postal office, and payment for the “5339 tent.” (*sic*) forms. The 2¢ impression appears to be the same as the 2¢ Moore impressions on the CP cards (Figure 4 of Part 3 [1]). Used copies are known from mid-1962, also as illustrated in Figure 1.

#### The Drummond printings

Two printings of the 2¢ forms to the consignee (CNE 5340) were done in 1963 and 1964. Unused Drummond forms can be distinguished easily from those from the Moore (CNE 5339 temp.) printing by the form number on the tab, and the presence of production alignment holes at the left of the Drummond cards (Figure 2).

Unfortunately, there is essentially no information in the Archives file [3] concerning the 2¢ negative used by Drummond Business Forms to prepare the plates for the June 1963 printing (or proof impressions). Because of the many printings of 4¢ CN cards by Drummond (which will be discussed in detail in a later part of this series of



**Figure 2: A copy of the 2¢ Form “CNE 5340 2-63”, Drummond Business Forms printing, and a copy used in March 1964 (prior to the April 1964 postage rate increase).**

articles), even by the late 1950s arrangements for handling dies between the Post Office (Montreal Office) and Drummond almost had become routine. Although a 2¢ die had been supplied to Montreal in 1960 to be used for the Autographic printing (CP-A-1) for 2¢ CP cards [1], a letter (1960-08-03) from René Boileau, Postmaster, Montreal, to the Director of Financial Services, P.O. Department, Ottawa [4] reads in part:

“ Also enclosed, is the negative of the 2¢ postage stamp that Headquarters had forwarded on May 18, 1960. You will also find the negatives and positives produced by the printers, in order to make the printing plates. As regards the printing plates I must say that they have been destroyed in the presence of post office representatives, as Autographic Business Forms Limited, will not most likely go into another contract of this kind.”

Therefore, it does not appear that the 2¢ die used for the CP Autographic printing was retained in Montreal. Whatever the source of the die, the actual stamp impression on the Drummond 2¢ cards is truly wretched (Figure 3).

It *might* be that it was the “coarse” 2¢ die, as described in Webb’s [5], that was used, but even from a 600 dpi scan that is not conclusive. Also, the early (1960) ERP for the “coarse die” P83j [6] could only have been for a card from the earlier (and sharper) CP Autographic impression [1].



**Figure 3: Two-cent impression printed by Drummond Business Forms (CNE 5340 2-63) with an enlargement of the “D” in “CANADA”**

There is some discussion in the Archive file, *after* the first 2¢ Drummond printing, that is related to a recall of the 2¢ die in view of the impending rate change to 3¢ on April 1, 1964. This was carried out, but CN needed an additional small number of cards before that date, and a 2¢ die was returned to Montreal and Drummondville for the second small printing of 21,800 forms. I never have seen an unused CNE 5340 2-63 form printed with any stamp impression other than the one shown in Figure 3.

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