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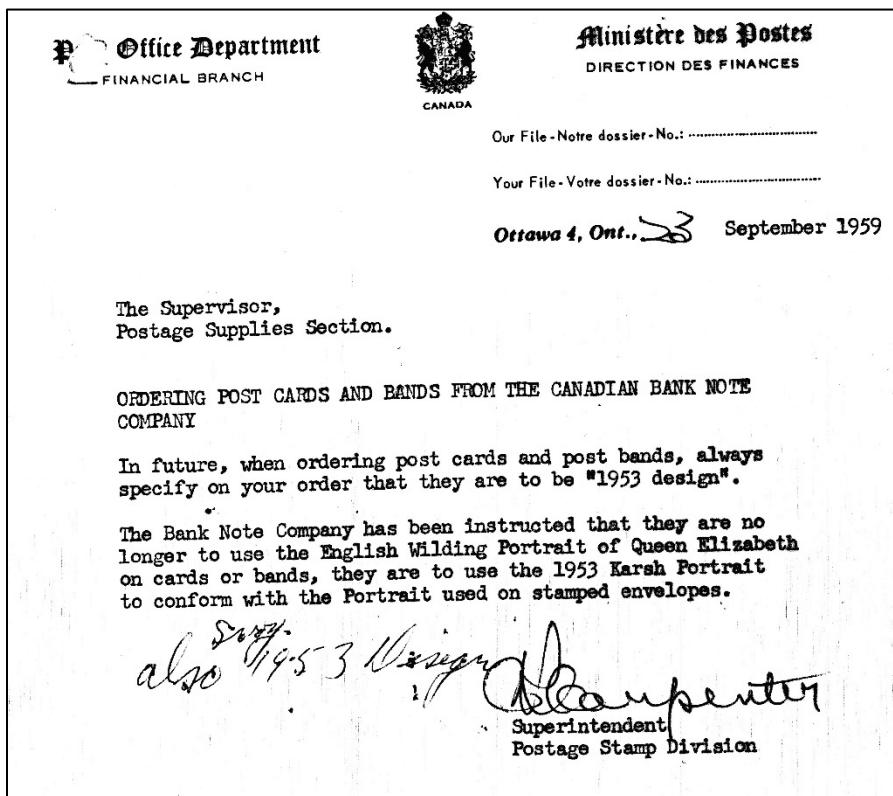
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Postal Stationery Study Group meeting at BNAPEX 2019

The BNAPS Postal Stationery Study Group will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, 31 August 2019 at 1:00 p.m. during BNAPEX 2019 at the Delta Hotel, Ottawa City Centre, Ottawa, ON (in the Chaudiere Room—but check your show programme to confirm the time and room). Earle Covert and Bill Walton will be discussing the Webb's Postal Stationery Catalogue, 8th Edition, which is being printed and should be available late this year.

The end of the CBNC Wilding post card printings

In PSN Volume 15, No. 5, pp 38-40 (2000), a summary was presented of the printings of the early Elizabethan post cards by Canadian Bank Note Company (CBNC). As noted there, the records seem rather sparse after early 1957. One other document in the same archives file (RG3. acc. 86/87-396, Box 67, File 13-27-3) that should be recorded is shown below. It confirms that all Post Office orders for cards from the CBNC after 1959-10-23 were intended to request that the cards bear the 1st Karsh portrait, not the Wilding portrait. This would have meant a change for regular card-stock singles 1-on, and mimeo-stock 1-on and 3-on, and precipitated the late initial release (Earliest Reported Postmarks are in 1960) of the 1st Karsh cards on mimeo stock.

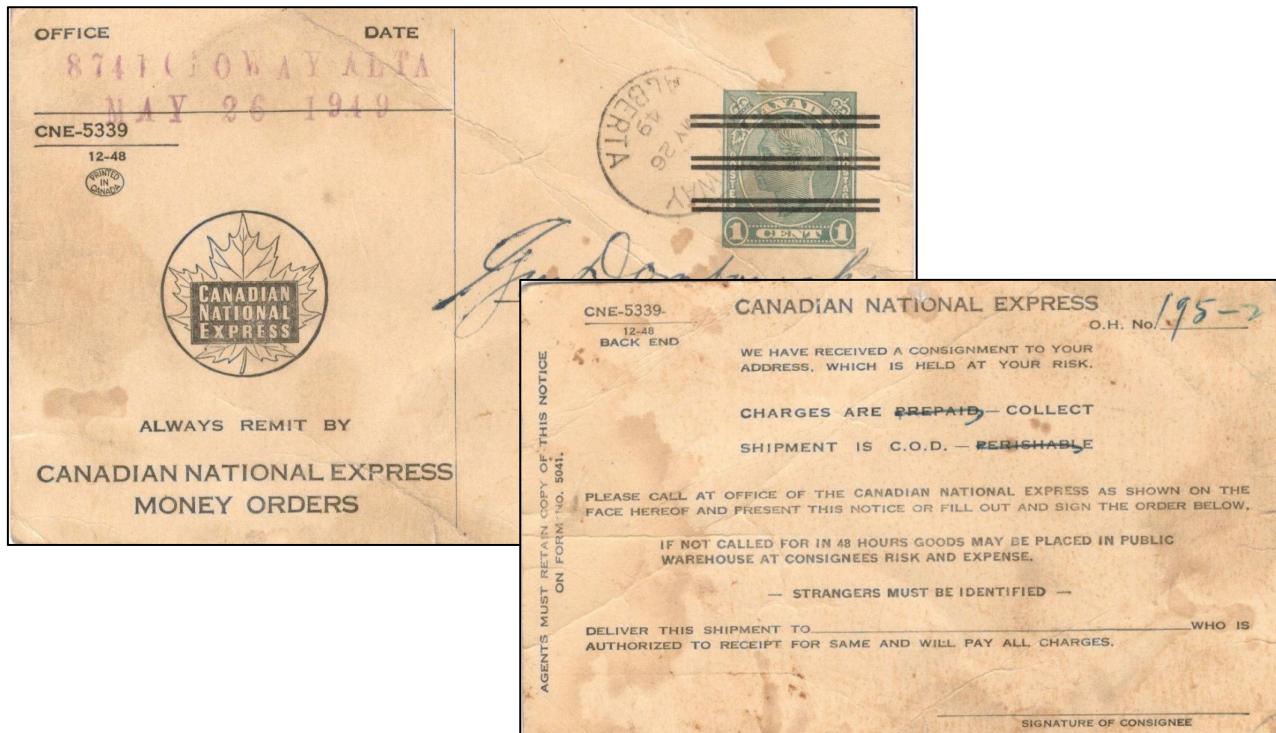


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CNE-Form 5339 on the precancelled card Webb's P66c by Pierre Gauthier

I recently acquired a very ugly used copy of Canadian National Express (CNE) form 5339 on precancelled card P66c. To my knowledge, it is the first instance of a precancelled card being used on a Freight Advice Form. This form is dated 12-48 and cancelled May 26, 1949. Has anyone seen any similar form on a precancelled card? For more information on these cards, please refer to Dick Staecker's article in the PSSG Newsletter Volume 12, No. 2 (pp. 12-16), June 1994.



PCF Corner by Robert Lemire: rlemire000@sympatico.ca – August 12, 2019

New PCF Varieties

Recent reports (Michel Gingras (apologies for a typo in his name in an earlier issue), Erhard Nachtigall, Robert Lemire, Pierre Gauthier, and Earle Covert) include three new Toronto views (shown below) and verification of BNF 1925 known previously only from a picture (PSN Vol. 29, pg. 22) on the Postcard Factory website.

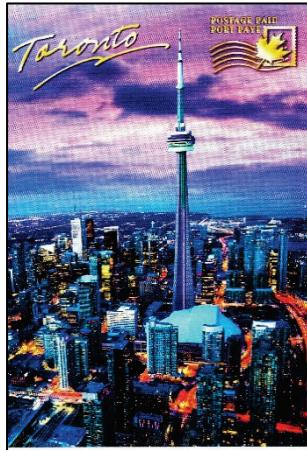
- die IIId: underlay U1, box style sV, PCF in the logo
BNF 1925, C108, MAN 024, C 096 (stamp impression at the top), T196, TOR 1908, NF166, VQ 3865
- die IIId: underlay U1, box style sIII, PCF in the logo
NF 803, TOR 6412, TOR 6519, TOR 6521, VQ 2427, WPG 5066

The C 096 with the stamp impression at the top has been found in several post offices, and is a surprise because the postage prepaid PCF cards with that orientation were last found more than five years ago.

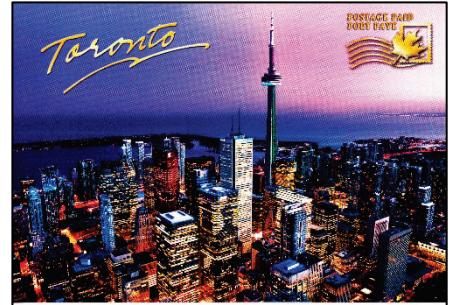
Michel Gingras has noticed that on some cards “SOUVENIRSTM” appears under the logo instead of “SOUVENIRS”. So far he has found 48 cards number with “SOUVENIRSTM”, and for 8 of the 48 cards number he has more than one variety with “SOUVENIRSTM”. This has raised more general questions about differences in the printing of the Postcard Factory information in the central block of cards—more details in a later issue of PSN.



TOR 6521
Toronto Day Aerial



TOR 6412
Toronto Aerial



TOR 6519
Toronto Night Aerial

Rates affecting the use of postage prepaid post cards 1938-1964 by Robert Lemire

This is a companion piece to my article on rates for Canadian postage prepaid envelopes (PSN Vol. 29, pp. 35-36). The information below represents an attempt to correlate the rate changes in the period 1938-1964 with post cards issued over the same time period.

Among the several rate changes on April 1, 1943, the rate for post cards was increased from 2¢ to 3¢; however, it seems that no 2¢ cards were revalued.

When the third class rate was raised from 1¢ to 2¢ on April 1, 1951, 1¢ post cards and 1¢+1¢ reply post cards were no longer needed. It seems that only sheet stock of the 1¢ cards was revalued. These included the cards on hard buff stock (no header, offset printed die) and the three-on (rouleotted) cards on mimeo stock (English header, typographed printed die). So far as is known, single cards on hard buff stock with printed headers and single cards on mimeo stock were not revalued. The reply cards, both the cards with English headers and those with bilingual headers, also were revalued.

On April 1, 1954, the rate for post cards was increased from 3¢ to 4¢. Stocks of 3¢ cards were recalled from post offices to be revalued. Then, on April 1, 1964, the third class rate was raised from 2¢ to 3¢ and stocks of 2¢ cards and envelopes were revalued.

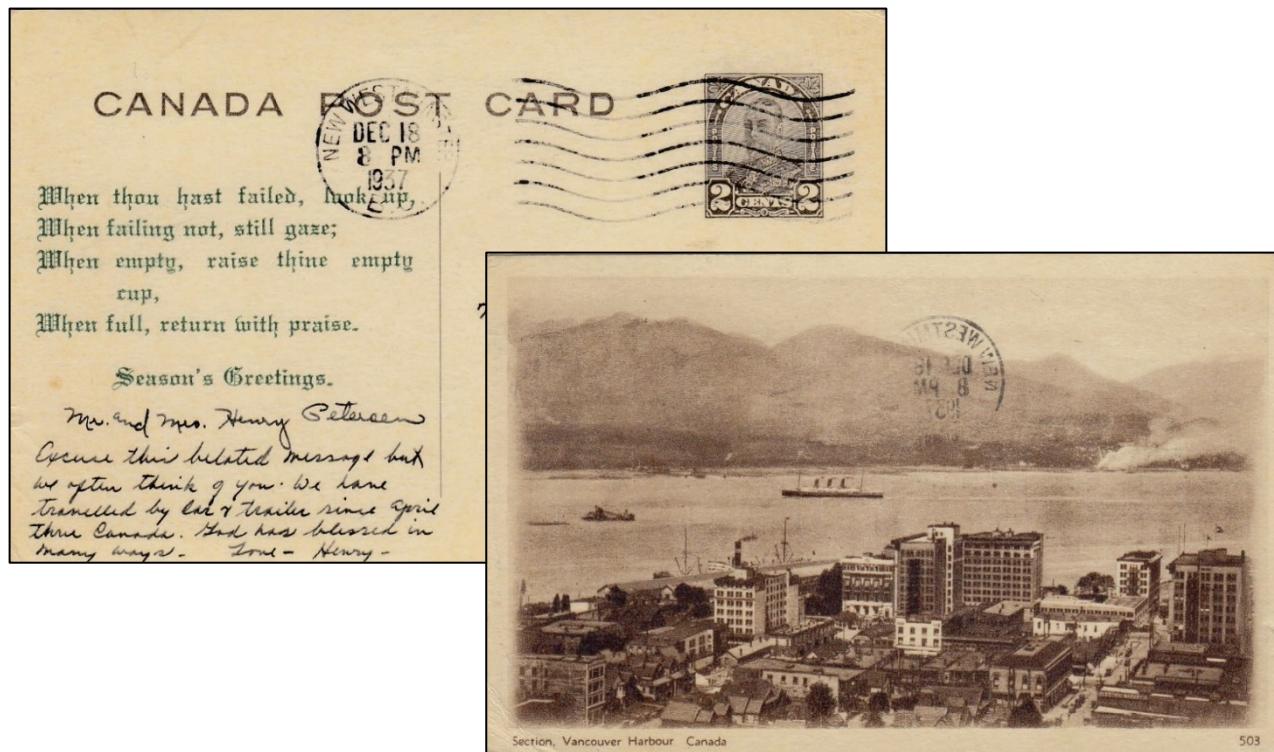
Domestic rates applicable to regularly issued post cards and Webb's numbers (7th edition) of cards newly issued during the date period					
time period	before 1938 – April 1, 1943	from 1943 – March 31, 1951	April 1, 1951 – March 31, 1954	April 1, 1954 - March 31, 1964	April 1, 1964 – 1968
3rd class mail (printed matter) first 2 oz.	<u>1¢</u>	1¢	<u>2¢</u>	2¢	<u>3¢</u>
regular new in period	(typo GVI) P66d, P66e, P66f, P66i (offset GVI) P66, P66t P67a, P67b	(typo GVI) P66p (offset GVI) P67c, P67d	(typo GVI) P69, P69a, P69b, P74, P74b, P74c (offset GVI) P70, P75 P71, P71a, P76, P76a also P83	(1st Karsh) P83d, P83i P84, P84a (Wilding) P87, P87a, P87b P89, P89a, P89b	P94, P94b, P94c, P95 + later 3¢ cameo and centennial issues
regular revalued	NA	NA	(1¢ revalued to 2¢) (typo GVI) P72 (offset GVI) P72c P73, P73a, P73b	NA	P96

Domestic rates applicable to regularly issued post cards and Webb's numbers (7th edition) of cards newly issued during the date period					
time period	before 1938 – April 1, 1943	from 1943 – March 31, 1951	April 1, 1951 – March 31, 1954	April 1, 1954 – March 31, 1964	April 1, 1964 – 1968
1st class postcard	2¢	3¢	3¢	4¢	4¢
regular new in period	(typo GVI) P68b P68c (offset GVI) P68	(typo GVI) P77b, P77c, P78b, P78c (offset GVI) P77, P79	typo GVI) P78, P78a	P80, P85, P88, P90, P93	P97, P97b, P101a
regular revalued	NA	—	NA	(3¢ revalued to 4¢) (typo GVI) P81, P81a, P81c, P81f (offset GVI) P81d, P82	P83 Not issued without the surcharge
special order revalued	NA	—	NA	(3¢ revalued to 4¢) RKP81b	NA

Added printing on a sepia view card by Mike Sagar

This was a recent eBay purchase out of the UK. I have never seen an added printing on a sepia view card. This card was used from New Westminster BC to the UK a week before Christmas. So, many questions:

- Was this printing arranged and sold by the local post office?
- If not, did a private printer add the message and then sell them retail? Did they use other views?
- If sold by a retail vendor, how much of a premium was charged, and how many were printed/sold?

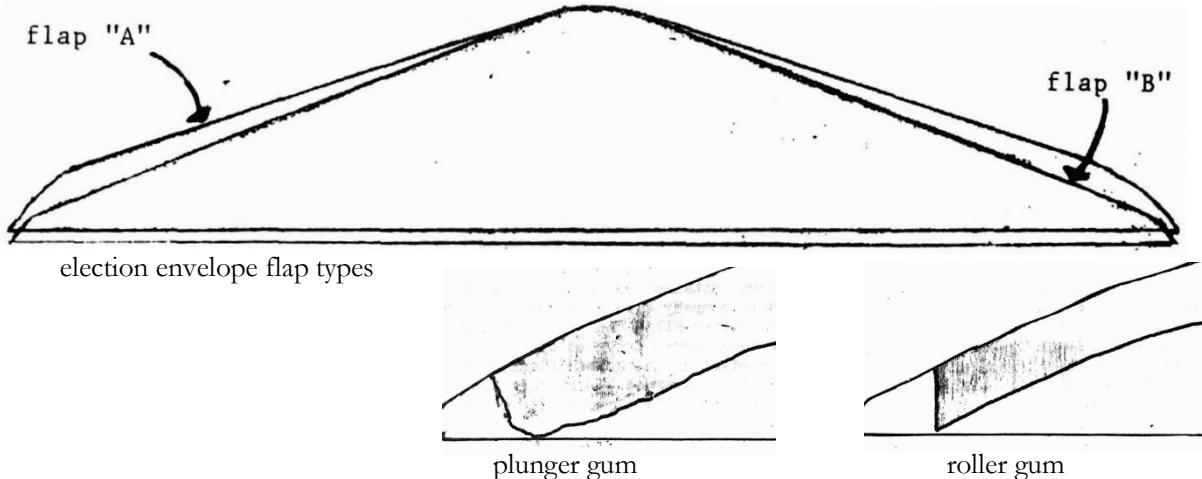


George V Envelope Press Proofs

I have been told that the George V Envelope press proofs recently reported and shown in PSN Vol. 28, pg. 51, will soon be offered at Auction by Sparks Auctions of Ottawa.

More about an Election Envelope variety by Michel Ledoux

In the last issue of PSN (pg. 33) some information was provided about the discovery of copies of Webb's EN813m (Form 95, 12-60 in French) with two different flaps. It should be noted that, as was the case for EN813d election envelopes (PSN Volume 8, No. 3, pg. 20 (1989)), the gumming also is different—the envelope with knife (flap) A has plunger gum; the one with knife (flap) B has roller gum. As discussed in PSN Volume 1, No. 1, pg. 4 (1981), similar gumming varieties can be found on the 1st Karsh regular-issue envelopes



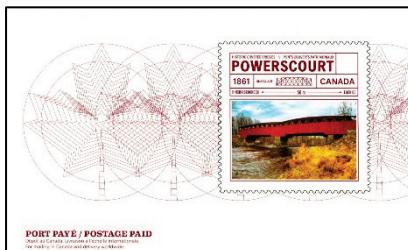
It was also mentioned in PSN Volume 8, No. 3, pg. 20 (1989) that envelope EN813e had been found with the two different flaps and with similar differences in the gum.

More postage-prepaid cards from Canada Post—Historic Covered Bridges

On June 17, 2019 Canada Post issued five postage prepaid cards (Canada Post order number 262499 for the set) in the "Historic Covered Bridges" series.



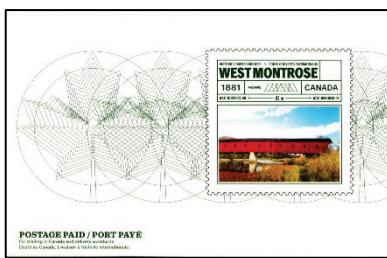
Hartland Bridge



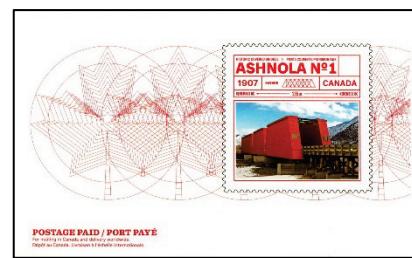
Powerscourt Bridge,



Félix-Gabriel-Marchand Bridge



West Montrose Bridge



Ashnola No. 1 Bridge

Printings of the railway advice flimsy forms by Robert Lemire

Part 8: Centennial-Issue printings for Canadian National Express (CN) 1967-1971

(Part 7 [1] appeared in PSN Volume 29, No. 4, pp. 38-40 (2019))

Railway advice flimsy forms bearing a Queen Elizabeth Centennial stamp issue impression were prepared from 1967 through the mid-1970s. The present article will deal only with the 4¢ and 6¢ flimsy forms, leaving discussion of the double-height 6¢ cards and the 7¢ and 8¢ Centennial Issue forms for a later date. According to the Postal

Archives [2], all of the CN Centennial Issue flimsy forms (Table 1) were printed by Savoy Continuous Forms. As before, the Post Office Department did not care which forms were printed, but only that costs for the postage were recovered. Information about forms printed sometimes can be found in comments from CN to the Post Office at the time orders were being placed, but primarily has been based on matching forms in collectors' hands against printing-order dates. The known forms are summarized in Table 1, though the list may be incomplete.

Even though all these forms were printed by the same firm there are some rather strange inconsistencies. For example,

- the 4¢ forms domiciled (on the front) for Montreal do not bear a Montreal return address on the back of the front card, but the 6¢ orange forms do (St. James Street), as do the 6¢ forms domiciled for Toronto (an address in Maple, ON).
- there are no form dates on the 6¢ orange flimsies, though form dates are printed (in the selvedge) of the 4¢ red and 6¢ black forms

Form 5345 to alert a customer that a shipment had not been picked up was not printed on any of the 6¢ flimsy forms.

Table 1: Printings of Railway Advice flimsies for CN Express [2]. Printings by Savoy Continuous Forms are designated by CN-S-x. Earlier printings have been discussed in previous articles in this series [1, 3, 4, 5]

printing	approximate date (printing or payment)	stamp	Webb's number [6]	quantity	form number
CN-S-4	August 1967 ¹	4¢ Centennial	RKP101	456,000	C.N.E. 5339-B MTL 8-65
CN-S-5	September 1968 ¹	4¢ Centennial	RKP101	430,650	C.N.E. 5339-B 4-67 CNE 5345-B 8-65
CN-S-6	April 1969 ²	6¢ Centennial (orange)	RKP103	509,700 ²	CN-5339B ² CN-5339B-TOR. CN-5339B-MTL
CN-S-7	January 1970 ^{3, 4}	6¢ Centennial (grey-black)	RKP104	359,850	
CN-S-8	autumn 1970 ³	6¢ Centennial (grey-black)	RKP104	349,050	CN 5339-B (10/68) ³
CN-S-9	early 1971 ⁵	6¢ Centennial (black)	RKP104a	358,350	CN 5339-B (11/70)

¹ I have not been able to find a way to distinguish forms from printings CN-S-4 and CN-S-5.

² The original order called for 325,000 undomiciled forms, 75,000 domiciled Montreal, and 75,000 domiciled Toronto.

³ Payment for labour for CN-S-8 was made to the Post Office in October 1970, indicating that it was unlikely the forms from CN-S-8 were similar to those printed with the (11/70) date and larger stamp impression (CN-S-9). I have not been able to find a way to distinguish forms from printings CN-S-7 and CN-S-8.

⁴ Smaller 6¢ stamp impression (23.5 × 19 mm).

⁵ Larger 6¢ stamp impression (25.5 × 20 mm).

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Another Interesting Use of an Election Envelope by Michel Ledoux

Six-cent election envelopes (FORM 95 9-70-250M and FORM 154 9-70-80 M, Webb's EN819 and EN820, respectively) were printed in 1970 when the first class postal rate was 6¢. There was no general federal election between September 1970 and January 1, 1972, so the "9-70" envelopes could only have been used at the 6¢ rate in three by-elections on November 6, 1970 and four by-elections on May 31, 1971 [1]. There also was a by-election (November 8, 1971) when a 7¢ rate would have been appropriate [1].

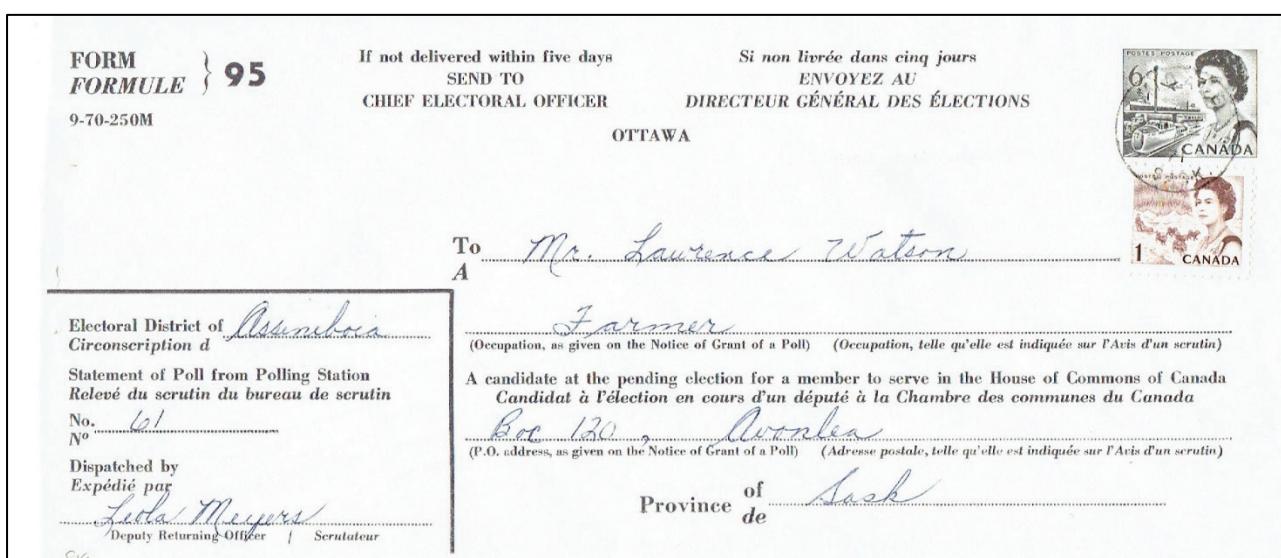
Shown below is a scan of the FORM 95 9-70 6¢ envelope (EN810) used properly for the November 8, 1971 by-election (riding of Assiniboia) at the 7¢ rate, up-rated with an a 1¢ adhesive. The envelope is postmarked Nov 9 1971. It was addressed to Mr. Lawrence Watson, the candidate for the Progressive Conservatives. Bill Knight, the New Democratic Party candidate, was elected. November 9, 1971 now becomes the Earliest Reported Postmark for EN819.

Of the many thousands printed, few copies of EN819 or EN820 must have been used in the eight by-elections held in 1970-71. For the October 1972 general election, the Chief Electoral Officer made arrangements to pay the Director of Accounting the full amount necessary to make up the difference in payment for all the 6¢ envelopes used [2].¹

It appears that the "arrangement" between Elections Canada and Canada Post made for the October 30 1972 general election was only granted due to the large remaining quantity of the 6¢ envelopes.

A question remains: why were the envelopes not up-rated by Canada Post as had been done in the past?

Can anyone report a copy of EN819 used properly at the 6¢ rate?



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Preparations for the printing of the 1st Karsh post cards.

In a Canada Post Archives file [1] there is a letter dated 26th February 1954 that provides some insight into the preparation of printing plates for offset printing of post cards with the 1st Karsh design. The letter is from the Deputy Postmaster General to the Postmaster General concerning payment to Canadian Bank Note Company for preparation of the printing plates. It reads in part:

¹ Apparently, in October 1972 not all POs and election officials realized that the arrangement was in place, and adhesives sometimes were added)

In the past the Canadian Bank Note Company has printed postage stamp impressions on post cards by reproducing a stamp design engraved by hand. The contract between the Company and the Department authorizes the payment of \$600.00 for each original printing plate from an engraved design.

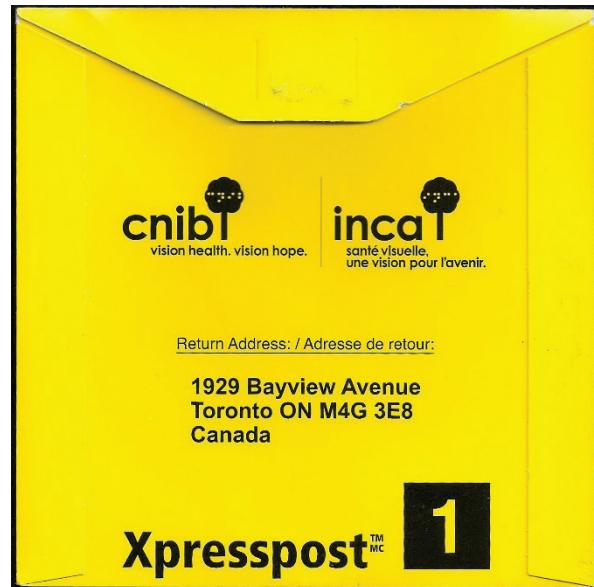
Early in 1953 the Department insisted that the Company reproduce stamp designs for post cards by photo mechanical means, rather than from an engraved die. The Company did a considerable amount of research and development work on the different designs....

Since the contract does not provide for the payment of printing plates from other than engraved dies, I should be obliged if you would approve the payment of \$800.00 for each of two approved printing plates, one for a 2¢ stamp and one for a 3¢ stamp, ...

[1] Canadian Archives file RG3, Accession 86-87/396, Vol. 67, file 60-13-27-3.

Unusual and new Xpresspost mailers by Earle Covert

There have been several previously unreported Xpresspost items. The CNIB (Canadian National Institute for the Blind) has used least 3 Xpresspost mailers (2005 to 2019). Mail for such items within Canada is free. The first, a CD Mailer, shown below, was used by CNIB to send "TALKINGBOOKS" to and from the CNIB; this mailer will be listed in the Webb's 8th edition. The address to and from CNIB is printed on either side of the CD disc.



Phone it Forward—Donate a smartphone. Change the life of someone who's blind.

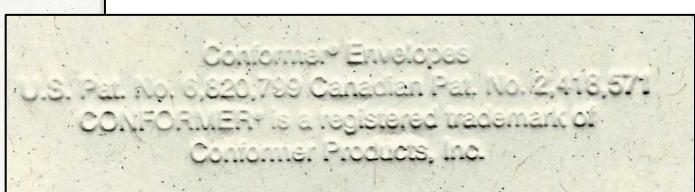
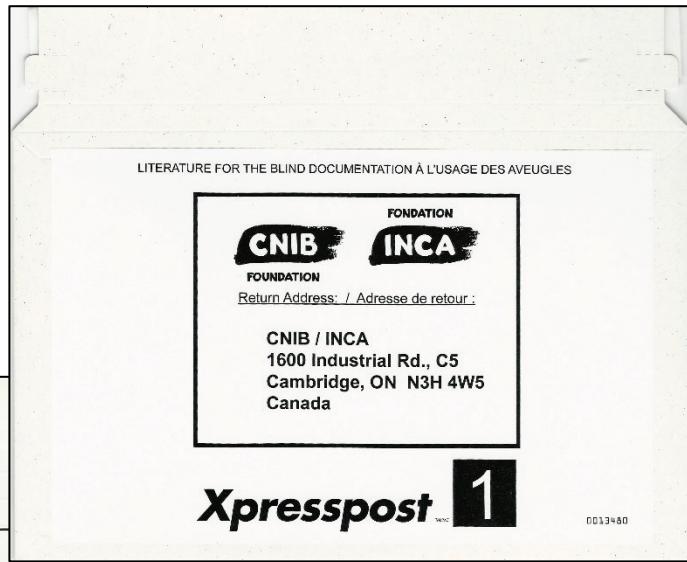
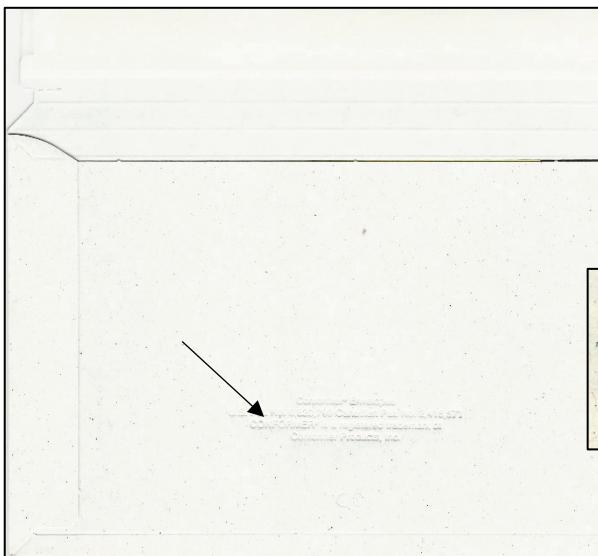
With millions of smartphones gathering dust each year as users upgrade to newer models, Phone It Forward gives Canadians a unique opportunity to donate their old phones, receive a tax receipt, and empower people who are blind in the process.

Smartphones make a tremendous impact on the lives of people who are blind. Accessible smartphone apps make it possible to do all kinds of things that may have seemed challenging before. Through a partnership with Fixt Wireless Repair, donated smartphones are wiped to the highest data security standards, loaded with accessible apps, and provided to people with sight loss who need them, along with technical training, discounted maintenance, and data plan support.

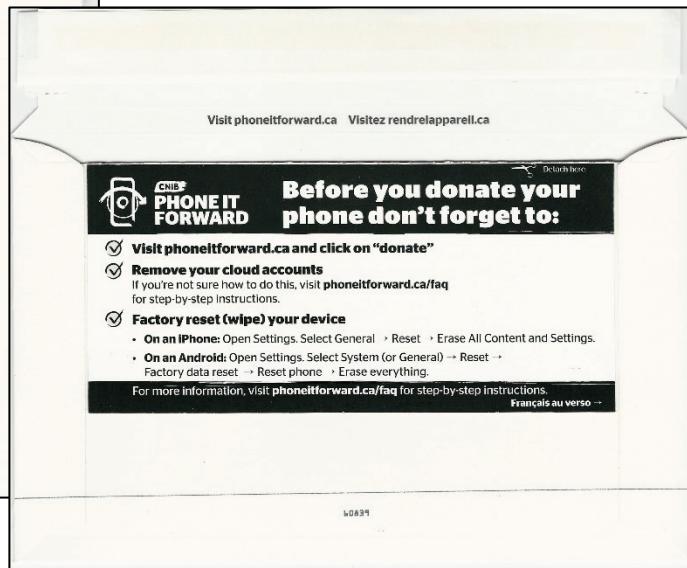
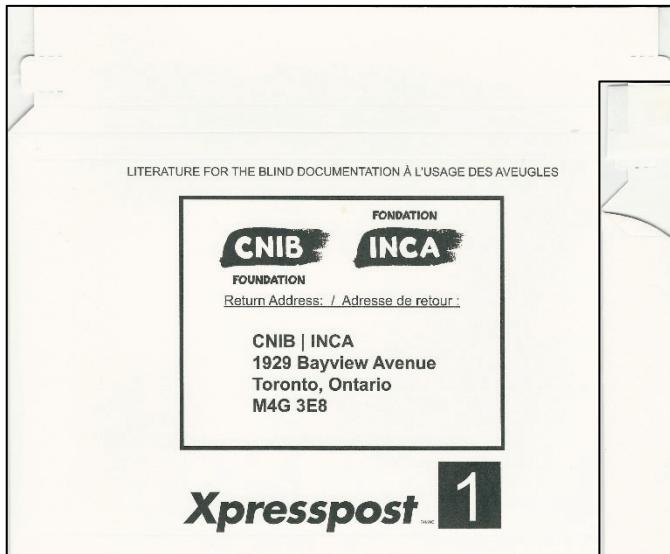
Two CNIB mailers have been reported in support of this campaign. The light-weight cardboard mailers have a peel-off sealing strip and, when folded, they are of sufficient size (240 × 152 mm) to contain a smartphone (the size before folding is 240 × 197 mm). One report (Duff Malkin) suggested there might be bubble packaging inside, but there is no bubble packaging in the mailers I have seen) The first variety of the "Phone it Forward" mailers was reported in late 2018, and the second type was noted in the spring of 2019.

To donate your phone, or learn more about Phone it Forward, visit phoneitforward.ca or call 1-833-554-5020.

Front and back (below) of the CNIB smartphone mailer found in late 2018.



Enlargement of the impression on the back of the mailer (see the arrow in the illustration)



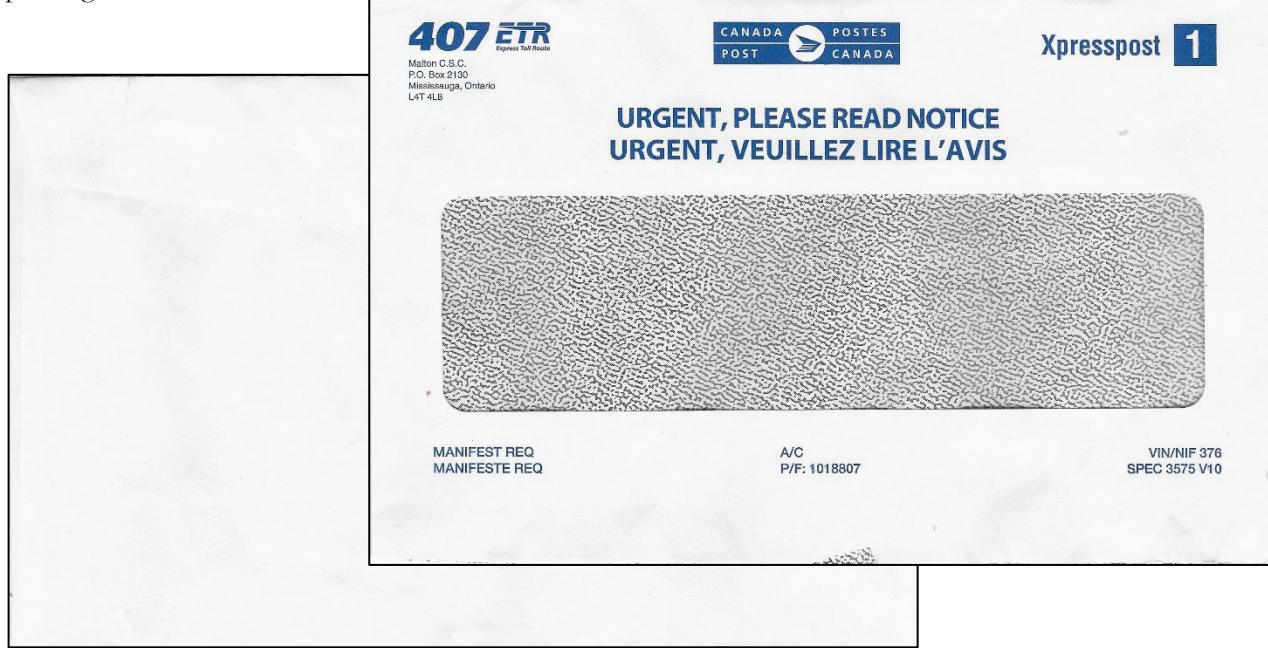
Front (left) and back (right) of the CNIB smartphone mailer found in late 2019; this had instructions attached to the back which were to be separated before mailing.

The instructions in French are seen when the flap on the back is raised. There is a roulette to allow easy separation.



Highway 407 Xpresspost Mailer

In May 2019, while visiting with my wife, Jean Covert's family in North Bay, Ontario I noticed a Xpresspost envelope that contained an invoice for using Ontario's toll road, Highway 407. No one has been able to tell me yet how long these have been being used. The envelope is 240 × 152 mm with a glassine window and security printing inside.



Thanks to Chris Ryan for initially reporting these items.

An uncommon CPR flimsy—an update by Robert Lemire

Further to my note in PSN. Vol. 29, No. 1, pg. 6, an unused copy of the illustrated Canadian Pacific Express Company form now has been found with the stamp impression printed in orange. In the absence of a used copy, it still is unclear whether copies were distributed to CP express offices. It also is possible that some cards were printed with the stamp impression printed in black.

Comment on "Distinct printings of Newfoundland RE5" by Bill Walton

A key question with respect to the two Newfoundland registered envelope formulas shown by Mike Sagar (PSN Vol. 29, p. 33) and similar setting varieties is whether they resulted from separate printings or whether they are simply print-setting varieties resulting from more than one envelope, with minor differences, being printed at the same time on a single sheet of stock.