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## Editor's Column

Can you believe this is Issue 200? A big thank you to this issue's contributors and to those who have promised articles for future newsletters.

We are pleased to announce that thanks to the hard work of Leopold Beaudet all back issues of the Corgi Times are now available on the main BNAPS website under the study groups tab. The direct link is <https://bnaps.org/studygroups/Elizabethan/newsletters-eliz.php>

## Study Group News

**REMINDER** – The ESG Annual Show-and-Tell during BNAPEX 2025 in Vernon, BC is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 14:30-16:00 in the Columbia Room. Hope to see you there!

### Planning Calendar

This is a listing of major exhibitions and bourses with a large content of both Canadian Exhibits and Canadian dealers.

The goal is to list events far in advance to encourage either exhibiting or attendance and preferably both.

September 19-21, 2025    BNAPEX, Vernon, BC

October 18-19, 2025    CANPEX, London, ON

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We are the Elizabethan II Study Group under the auspices of the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) – The Society for Canadian Philately.

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## 50 Years Ago

September 1975

September 2 • The Supreme Court of Canada, 1875-1975



September 24 • Coastal Vessels – W. D. Lawrence

September 24 • Coastal Vessels – Beaver

September 24 • Coastal Vessels – Neptune

September 24 • Coastal Vessels – Quadra



October 1975

October 22 • Christmas – Santa Claus

October 22 • Christmas – Skater

October 22 • Christmas – Child

October 22 • Christmas – Family and Christmas

October 22 • Christmas – Gift Box

October 22 • Christmas – Christmas Trees





# An Unusual Auxiliary Marking: Special Delivery Express to Great Britain

by Ingo G. Nessel FRPSC FRPSL

A 1963 Elizabethan airmail cover (Figs. 1 and 2) from Montreal to England with manuscript marking "Special Delivery" has the unusual hand stamp *Express Fee Paid*. Special delivery service from Canada to Great Britain dates back to 1952 according to Chung/Machum/Narbonne (ref. 1). British Post Office regulations stipulated that special delivery should be prepaid at the origin and items be marked thus (ref. 2). That explains the marking on this cover.



Figure 1



Figure 2



If not prepaid, the cover presumably would have been marked Express Fee Not Paid and the special delivery fee would be added at destination. During this period, the fee was an additional 1 shilling. I am still looking for a Canadian special delivery cover to U.K. with the fee unpaid marking (if it even exists). A 1960 British Post Office guide spells out this procedure.

The envelope is franked with two 20c 1956 pulp and paper definitives and a 5c hunting stamp from the recreation sports issue issued in 1957 for total postage of 45c. But deciphering the rate is a challenge. Airmail letters to Great Britain at the time were 15c per ½ ounce. The special delivery charge was 10c per item. Assuming double weight (2 x 15c) the correct rate for this item would seem to be 40c, meaning it was overpaid by 5c. Another rate explanation would be a triple weight letter (1 ½ oz.) in which case the 45c (3 x 15c) would be correct, assuming that the special delivery fee of 10c was paid but not receipted in stamps on the cover – an unlikely scenario.

Readers may know that my other philatelic specialty is Hong Kong. Some time ago I was lucky to acquire the 1969 cover to England in Figure 3. It is an example of the Express Fee Not Paid marking and subsequent treatment at destination. This busy cover has multiple markings and labels indicating registration and advice of receipt (AR), special delivery, and the British post office More to Pay box with the 2 Shilling fee. An excerpt from the 1968 post office guide indicates this treatment specifically to Hong Kong and ten other, mostly Commonwealth countries, but not Canada.



Figure 3

These two covers are examples of the somewhat unusual British post office regulations for the handling of overseas incoming mail requiring special delivery handling for the final leg.

Thanks to Ken Snelson FRPSC for providing the two excerpts from the British Post Office Guide as well as examples of other Express covers to the UK in this period verifying the methodology.

1. Chung, Andrew & Machum, Harry W.E. & Narbonne, Roger F., *Postal Rates and Fees of the Elizabethan Era from Canada 1952 – 2005*, Self-published, 2006
2. Woodrow, L.K.R., *Post Haste: Hong Kong Express Mail Service from 1960 – 1974*, The Hong Kong Philatelic Society, Journal No. 11, 2007



# Canada Post "Presenting - En Primeur" Cards - 1991-1993

by Scott Traquair

I was recently contacted by a client looking for various Canada Post ephemera items and we discussed the subject of the "Presenting - En Primeur" cards issued between 1991 and 1993.

This prompted me to sort out the accumulation of cards that I had. I thought it might be of interest to fellow Elizabethan II members. Table 1 lists all of the cards that I have in my possession. There could be more that I am not aware of and I would be interested in any feedback on unlisted cards.

Table 1		
1991	1992	1993
91C01	92C01	93C01
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6
7	7	7
8	8*	8
9	9*	9
10	10*	10
11	11*	11
12	12*	12
13	13*	13
14	14*	
15		
16	* UNUSED ARE 92CPXX	
91AS01	92AS09	
	92AS10	
91D01	92D01	93D01
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
	5	
	6	
	7	

From a Canada Post news release dated February 12, 1991:

## New "Presenting Stamp Cards" to advise customers of latest stamp issues

Also new this year, "Stamp Cards", postcard-style announcements of upcoming stamp issues, will replace the familiar *Presenting* brochure. Stamp Cards will carry the name and date of the issue and will feature a colour reproduction of the stamp(s). Designed to act as reminders, the cards will be offered free of charge to collectors.

The first Stamp Cards feature the new definitive issues for 1991. Subsequent Stamp Cards will be mailed to philatelic customers and provided at postal counters in advance of stamp issue dates.

Additional information about each stamp issue, as well as the stamp specifications, will be available in the new *Canada's Stamp Details*. Because of its larger format, *Canada's Stamp Details* will carry more information about the stamps than was possible with the smaller *Presenting* brochure format.

As mentioned in the above cards were mailed to customers (used) and available at post offices (unused). The fronts differ slightly (Fig. 1).

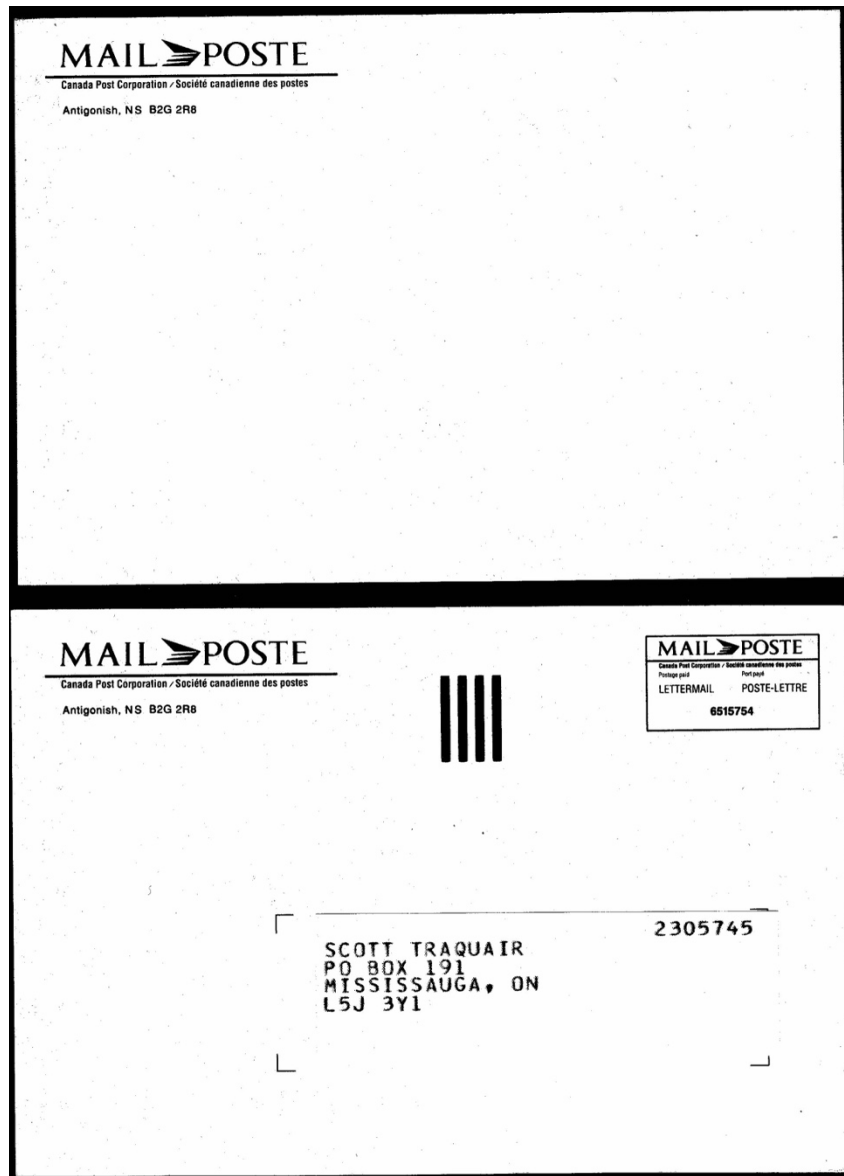


Figure 1 – shown at 75% of original size

The cards are all numbered on the backs. I have both unused and used cards. Three examples are illustrated 91D02, 91D04, and 93C11. The cards numbered YYCXX (Year-Year-C for commemorative-Number-Number) are for commemoratives, the cards numbered YYASXX are for annual collections (or sets) and the cards numbered YYDXX are for definitives. For some reason in 1992 the 92C08 thru 92C14 cards that were unused were numbered 92CP08 thru 92CP14. I do not know why.





Figure 2 – 91D02 and 91D04 - shown at 75% of original size



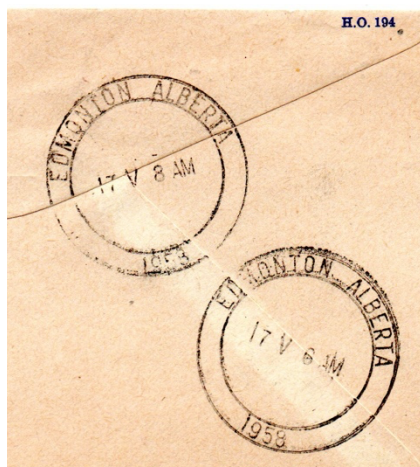
Figure 3 – 93C11 - shown at 75% of original size

## Hudson's Bay Cover – May 15, 1958

By Jane Sodero

When I saw this cover for offer, around the same time that the iconic Hudson's Bay Company was closing their stores, I knew I wanted it in my collection. Of course, the cover is franked with the 1955 kayak stamp! Mailed from Prince George, BC on May 15, 1958, it was processed with the slogan cancel "British Columbia 1858 – 1958 A Century to Celebrate" (Period of Use May 13 – 15, 1958; Circuit B, 2nd period) which, according to Coutts, was used from May 13th until May 15th. It was backstamped with a barrel cancel in Edmonton on May 17th.

It was franked with 12c with an air mail label and a handwritten Special Delivery notation. A red handstamp across the centre of the cover indicates that special delivery service was given in Edmonton. Starting April 1, 1954, all letter mail was sent by air if that method expedited delivery at a rate of 5c for a 1oz letter. The special delivery fee at the time was 10c. So, the 12c franking was not sufficient for both the postage rate and the special delivery fee.



backstamp reduced by 75%



# ESG Financial Statements

Submitted by ESG Treasurer, Derek Fleming

**THE ELIZABETHAN II STUDY GROUP**  
**Financial Statements for the Period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024**  
**(with comparatives to June 30, 2023)**

		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>OPERATING FUND</b>			
Income:	Membership Dues	40.00	30.00
	Interest Income	318.75	98.55
Total Income		<u>358.75</u>	<u>128.55</u>
Expense:	Printer, Toner, Paper, & Envelopes	271.77	0.00
	Postage Cost	66.68	35.27
	Bank & PayPal Charges	33.45	20.17
Total Expenses		<u>371.90</u>	<u>55.44</u>
<b>Operating Income/(Loss)</b>		<u><b>(13.15)</b></u>	<u><b>73.11</b></u>
<b>RESEARCH RESERVE FUND</b>			
Balance June 30, 2023		7,674.16	8,450.34
Additions (Donations)		0.00	35.00
Book Promotion Subsidies		(2,001.33)	(811.18)
Publishing & Distributing Postal Rate Book		50.00	0.00
<b>Balance June 30, 2024</b>		<u><b>5,722.83</b></u>	<u><b>7,674.16</b></u>
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>			
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash in Bank - Operating Fund		7,450.84	9,524.16
Cash in Bank - Certificates of Deposit		6,390.26	6,071.51
Cash in Bank - PayPal Account		708.82	165.53
Prepaid Postage		(191.87)	(125.19)
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u><b>14,358.05</b></u>	<u><b>15,636.01</b></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Payable to Editor (see note 1)		185.79	(85.98)
Accounts Payable (see note 2)		414.75	0.00
		600.54	(85.98)
<b>Study Group Equity</b>			
Balance June 30, 2023		15,721.99	16,425.06
Current Period Operating Income/(Loss)		(13.15)	73.11
Change in Research Reserve Fund		(1,951.33)	(776.18)
Balance June 30, 2024		<u>13,757.51</u>	<u>15,721.99</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Study Group Equity</b>		<u><b>14,358.05</b></u>	<u><b>15,636.01</b></u>

Note 1 - Payable to the Editor re: postage and supplies

Note 2 - Payable to Longley Auctions re: BNAPS Book Promotions

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**Financial Statements for the Period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025**  
**(with comparatives to June 30, 2024)**

		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>OPERATING FUND</b>			
Income:	Membership Dues	30.00	40.00
	Interest Income	167.28	318.75
Total Income		<u>197.28</u>	<u>358.75</u>
Expense:	Printer, Toner, Paper, & Envelopes	59.82	271.77
	Postage Cost	75.00	66.68
	Bank & PayPal Charges	38.37	33.45
Total Expenses		<u>173.19</u>	<u>371.90</u>
<b>Operating Income/(Loss)</b>		<u><b>24.09</b></u>	<u><b>(13.15)</b></u>
<b>RESEARCH RESERVE FUND</b>			
Balance June 30, 2024		5,722.83	7,674.16
Additions (Donations)		10.00	0.00
Book Promotion Subsidies		(1,231.52)	(2,001.33)
Publishing & Distributing Postal Rate Book		0.00	50.00
<b>Balance June 30, 2025</b>		<u><b>4,501.31</b></u>	<u><b>5,722.83</b></u>
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>			
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash in Bank - Operating Fund		6,370.16	7,450.84
Cash in Bank - Certificates of Deposit		6,557.54	6,390.26
Cash in Bank - PayPal Account		81.60	708.82
Prepaid Postage		100.00	(191.87)
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u><b>13,109.30</b></u>	<u><b>14,358.05</b></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Payable to Editor (see note 1)		234.82	185.79
Accounts Payable (see note 2)		314.40	414.75
		<u>549.22</u>	<u>600.54</u>
<b>Study Group Equity</b>			
Balance June 30, 2024		13,757.51	15,721.99
Current Period Operating Income/(Loss)		24.09	(13.15)
Change in Research Reserve Fund		(1,221.52)	(1,951.33)
Balance June 30, 2025		<u>12,560.08</u>	<u>13,757.51</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Study Group Equity</b>		<u><b>13,109.30</b></u>	<u><b>14,358.05</b></u>

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