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► Cover Story - by George Lafontaine



One of my most interesting covers obtained last year is this December 17, 1948 War Issue cover mailed from the Toronto Air Mail Section to Kesumu, Kenya. The correct rate was 50 cents per 1/2 ounce resulting in a short-paid cover of 25 cents. In Canada the 150 centimes was applied: 25 x 3 centimes per cent double deficiency then converted to 120 cents in Kenya. On January 7, 1949 three 40 cent KUT postage dues are shown tied to cover.

► Chairman's Notes: - by Gary Steele

"Amazing", "so much material", "so hard to take it all in" were some of the comments at the 2016 World Stamp Show, an International show held a few weeks ago in New York City. A number of BNAPS members were in attendance. There were over 4000 exhibit frames. Although I did not see many Canadian George VI exhibits there was some KG VI material at various dealers' booths.

At the show Steven Zwillinger of the AAPE just finished his book *The Path to Gold* on 175 Proven Stamp Exhibiting Tips with copies at a very reasonable cost. I would recommend this book for every George VI collector. It not only provides information for exhibitors but can be used by every specialist collector to improve their collecting habits, clarity of research, and especially the ability to adapt and change over time as we grow into our specialties.

► New Members :

On behalf of the King George VI Study Group, I would like to welcome William C. Walton as a new member

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► Editor's Desk

This issue is quite colourful as it is packed with a large number of covers. Articles featured are as follows:

- 1) Starting on Page 3, **Gary Dickinson** writes about the "*Cachets of the Peace Issue First Day Covers*". In this article Gary reviews FDC's issued by a number of well known cachet producers, along with a multitude of cover illustrations.
- 2) On page 8, **Eldon Godfrey** presents "*The Role of the Canadian Banks in Assurance of FECB Compliance, Part 6.*" The article illustrates self approved mail sent by a large number of Canadian Banking institutions to a variety of destinations.

On Page 1 is a very nice short paid cover sent in by **George Lafontaine**. Note: that the cover is to a scarce destination in Kenya.

Members will note that there are only two articles in this issue. At the moment, there are no articles for the next issue, which I am hoping to publish about mid September, prior to **BNAPEX 2016**. I do expect there will be two feature articles for Issue 34. What is needed are short articles!

Do you have any of the following:

- * Cover and short story that can be used in the Cover spot.
- * A favourite or interesting cover. It doesn't have to be rare or expensive.
- * A cover with interesting franking, destination, recipient, or cancel.
- * An error on a stamp, block, cover etc.

If you have any of the above, please send them to kwlemke@sympatico.ca.

Of course, if you want to write a multi page article, they are always welcome as well.

When sending in articles, Microsoft Word files are preferred. Images (300 dpi) should be sent in a separate JPEG file. Imbedding images in the article complicates the publishing process.

On page 7, you will find a reminder for **BNAPEX 2016** in Fredericton.

If you have never been to a conference, I would encourage you to try and get to this one.

In addition to the wonderful scenery, BNAPEX conferences feature:

- * Great exhibits and comradery.
- * Meet new friends and put faces to names.
- * A wide variety of very informative study groups.
- * Dealers from whom you can obtain additions for your collection.

Hope to see you in Fredericton!

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Cachets for Peace Issue First Day Covers

By Gary Dickenson

Mike Street's recent study of the rates and postal history of the 1946 Peace Issue (1) devoted a chapter to First Day Covers (FDC's). He presented fourteen covers representing a variety of different destinations and rates, but only two of them depicted cacheted envelopes. This was an appropriate selection given the focus of Street's study, but it did not reflect the main interest of those philatelists who choose to specialize on the FDC cachets rather than the rates and destinations of the covers. The purpose here is to present an overview of the cachets that were used to embellish the day of issue envelopes of the Peace set.

The great majority of cachets for the Peace set have been documented by members of the FDC Study Group and are included on that group's website (2). For the purpose of this study, the relevant cachets were downloaded to the author's computer in a separate file and duplications were deleted.

The result of this process was that almost 50 different cachets were identified consisting of 28 general purpose cachets (usable for any stamp issue of the era) and 20 special purpose cachets designed specifically for one or more of the Peace issue stamps. Colour varieties of some designs were noted but not included in the above totals. Thus, **Miss W.R. Smith** of Toronto used three basic designs with at least eleven colour variations while the **Artmaster** and **Fulton** Company cachet designs each had seven colour varieties. Fulton was the only producer to make a different colour or design of the cachets for each stamp in a set.

Very few FDCs carried the complete Peace set comprised of nine stamps (Scott # 268-273, C9, CE3, and E11), in part because a #8 envelope would barely have room for them all. Complete day of issue covers are usually found on a #10 or (larger) envelope. For example, the cover shown in Figure 1 carries the complete Peace Issue set of nine stamps on a #10 envelope. All of the stamps are tied to the cover with Montreal Place d'Armes CDS cancellations dated September 16, 1946. There is a red rubber-stamped "First Day Cover" cachet along with "Registered", bilingual "Special Delivery" and registration rubber-stamped impressions.



Figure 1: Rubber-stamped cachet with the complete Peace Issue (#268-273, C9, CE#, E11)

The U.S. firm Artmaster produced a cachet that was printed in black and showed symbols of Canada that were representative of the scenes that were shown on the definitive stamps. The Ottawa registered cover shown in Figure 2 carries a block of CE3 stamps and was addressed to Philadelphia. The plain black cachet was hand-coloured and is one of several different versions of the Artmaster cachet that received a similar treatment.



Figure 2: Artmaster coloured cachet with a block of CE3

The renowned cachet maker **Ludwig Staehle** also included some peacetime symbols drawn from the definitive stamps but also noted “Victory” on his cachet design. The cover in Figure 3 was printed in red but the same design was also printed in dark blue.



Figure 3: Red Staehle cachet with # C9

The **Fulton Stamp Company** used two different designs for its' cachets. The design used for # 268-273 was as shown in Figure 4 (see page 5) on a registered cover to Chicago, but the cachet for each stamp was printed in a colour similar to that of the stamp (3). The two other stamps (C9 and CE3) were given a different design featuring an airplane flying upside down as illustrated in Figure 5.

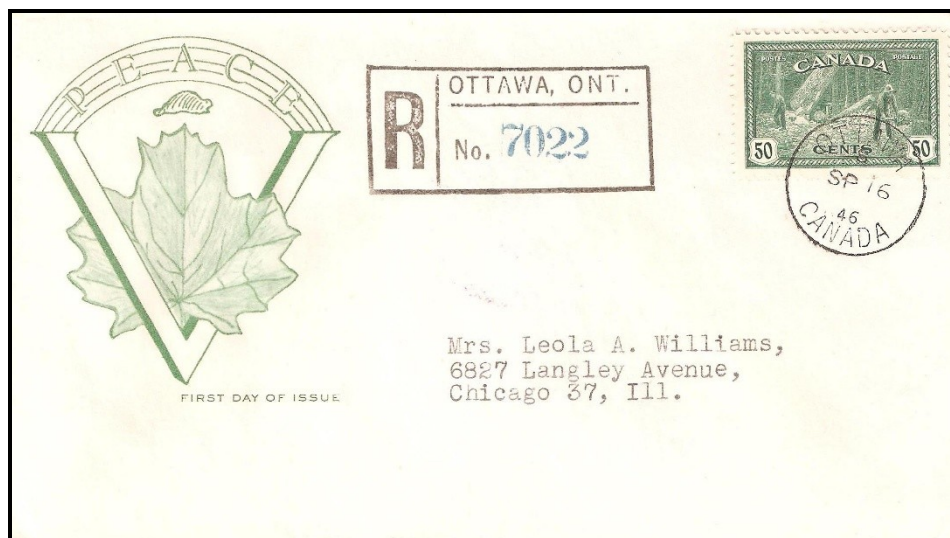
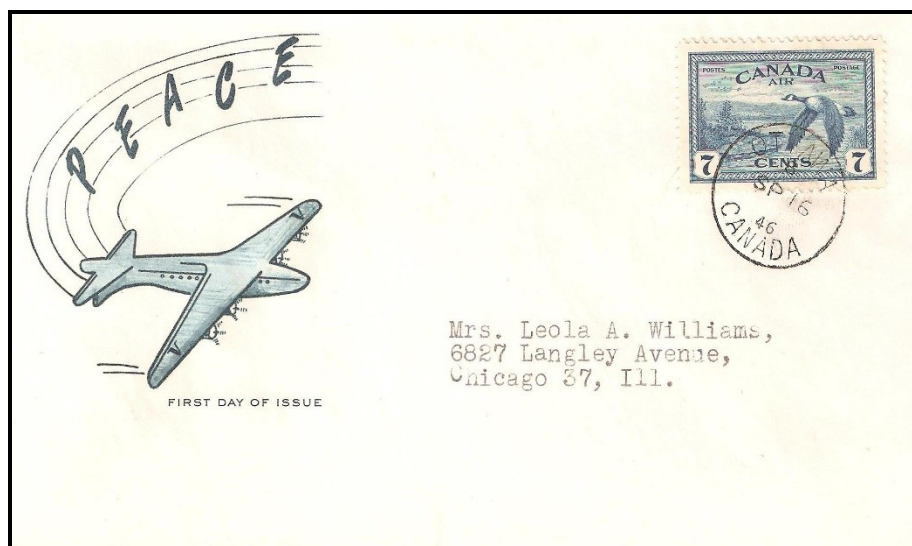


Figure 4: Green Fulton cachet with # 272

Figure 5: Fulton cachet with # C9



Winnipeg's **M.J. Merrihew** produced a general purpose cachet that was used for many stamp issues in 1946 and later years. Illustrated in Figure 6 the Merrihew cachet's design was based on the stamp (E11) that was affixed to this cover. Although most of his FDC's were postmarked at Winnipeg, this example was mailed at Toronto's Terminal A and the franking included the 3 cent King George VI coronation commemorative (Scott # 237)



Figure 6: Merrihew general purpose cachet with #E11

Another general purpose cachet that saw use for the Peace Issue was that of the **Windsor Stamp Collectors Club**. It is shown in Figure 7 with # C9 and a Windsor postmark

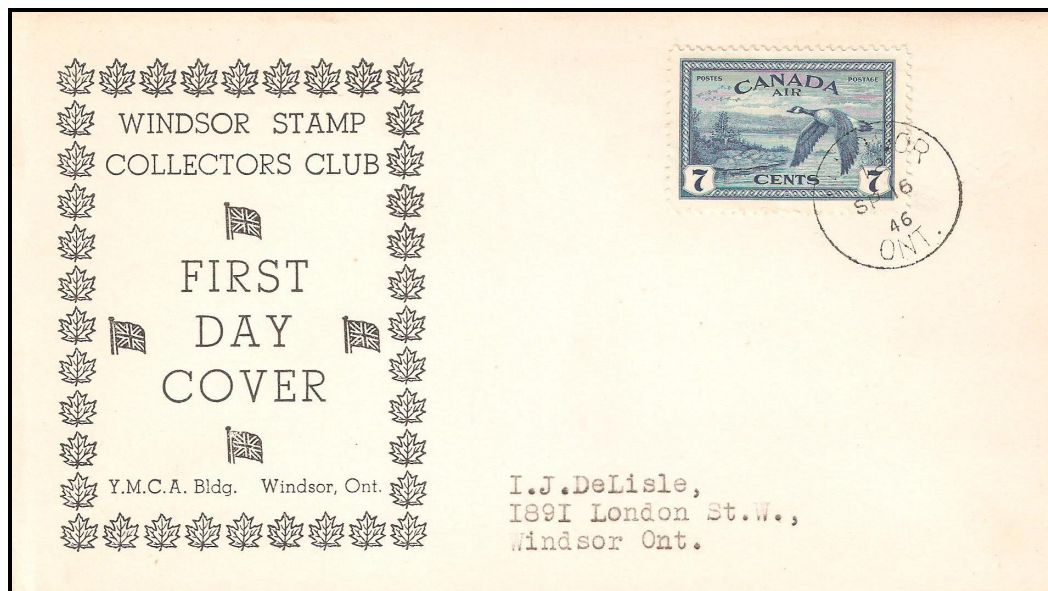


Figure 7:
Windsor Stamp Collectors Club cachet with #C9.

Toronto resident W.R. Smith was an active producer of FDC's in limited quantities for Canadian stamp issues between 1939 and 1950. She employed only three basic designs throughout that period, but all of her FDC's were finished by hand with text or water-colours or both so that each cover had a different appearance even though the foundation was the same. Most, but not all of her cachets for the Peace stamps used her Type III design (4) including the one shown in Figure 8 which was addressed to a Toronto resident and mailed at that city's Postal Terminal A.

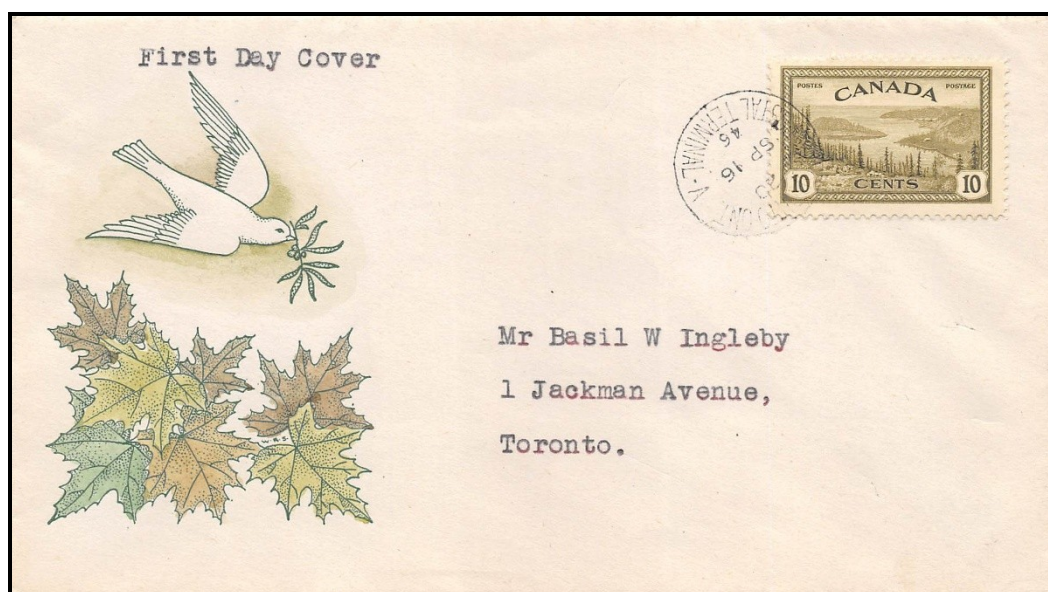
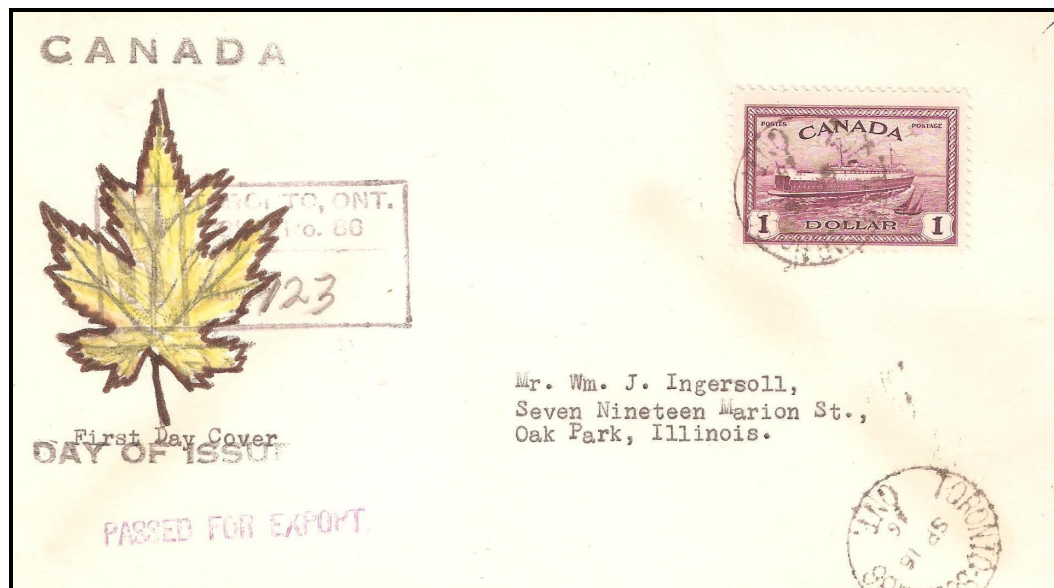


Figure 8: Smith hand-coloured cachet with #269

The final cover (Figure 9, page 7) was an unusual add-on, and it took several inquiries to find out its background. It appears on numerous FDC's over many years, and dates back to covers from the 1920's. The cachet consisted of a hand stamp made by **Ted Wright**, who was an employee of the **George Wegg** firm. Wright indicated to **Bob Vogel** at a stamp show in Barrie, ON., that, "Whenever I found an uncacheted FDC with plenty of white space, I would apply the hand stamp and colour it (5).

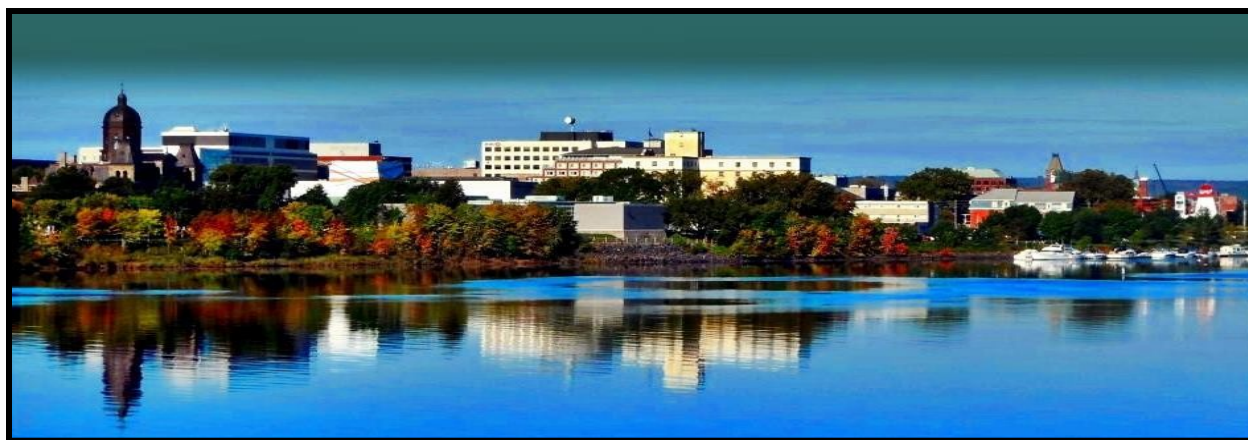


**Figure 9: Wright
add-on cachet with #
273**

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1. **Mike Street.** *The Rates and Postal History of Canada's Peace Issue 1946-1952.* British North America Philatelic Society, 2015, 272 pp.
- 2) See www.canadafdc.org. Anyone may access and search this website. Cachet scans are shown under the "Gallery" icon.
- 3) **Gary Dickinson.** "The Fulton Folio." *First Impressions*, Issue 25 (October–December, 2015) pp. 2-9.
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If you have never seen the fall colours in all their glory, now is the time to book your reservations for BNAPEX 2016.

To fully enjoy the scenery, plan a few extra days either before the conference or after.

If you've never attended a BNAPS conference, this would be a great one with which to start. For our American friends, your dollar goes about 29% further as of this writing!

For more information regarding BNAPEX 2016, full details can be found at www.bnaps.org

The Role of Canadian Banks in Assurance of FECB Compliance (Part 6)

by

Eldon C. Godfrey

Order in Council 2716 – Foreign Exchange Control Order and Regulations (September 15, 1939) Section 32 (1) states:

“Every bank incorporated under the Bank Act shall be an authorized dealer in Canada, and every Canadian branch of such a bank shall have the powers and duties of an authorized dealer pursuant to this Order”. [1]

The banks were given the authority to self-approve all outgoing mail provided it met regulations, was marked on the face with the return address of the institution, was initialled by an officer of the institution and was endorsed

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTROL BOARD

The authorization was communicated to the banks by telegraph and confirmed, together with “*suitable instructions given to Post-masters and Collectors of Customs*” by Deputy Governor **D. Gordon**. I assume all banks received the same correspondence as that addressed to The Canadian Bank of Commerce on September 19, 1939 [2] and consequential “Special Instructions to Branch Banks”.

Authority was granted to the following:

Bank of Canada

Barclays Bank (Canada)

The Canadian Bank of Commerce

The Dominion Bank

Imperial Bank of Canada

Bank of Montreal

also

Banque Canadienne Nationale

Bank of Nova Scotia

The Royal Bank of Canada

The Bank of Toronto

La Caisse d’Economie de Notre Dame de Quebec

The Montreal City and District Savings Bank

Province of Ontario Savings Office

Recognizing the neutral position of the United States of America and the volume of cross-border financial transactions, FECB Chairman **Gordon F. Towers**, by letter dated September 15, 1939 advised the Chairman of the Federal Reserve System, **Hon. Marriner S. Eccles**, the details of the measures being taken by Canada and the role of the Canadian postal service and chartered banks as related to such transactions. [3]

As will be noted a wide variety of authorization declarations may be found. The authorization can be found in “manuscript form”, “typewritten form” and in “hand-stamp form”.

Bank of Canada

The Bank of Canada acts as “*technical advisor and banker to the Board, which will have at its disposal initially the assets of the pre-sent Exchange Fund*”. [3]

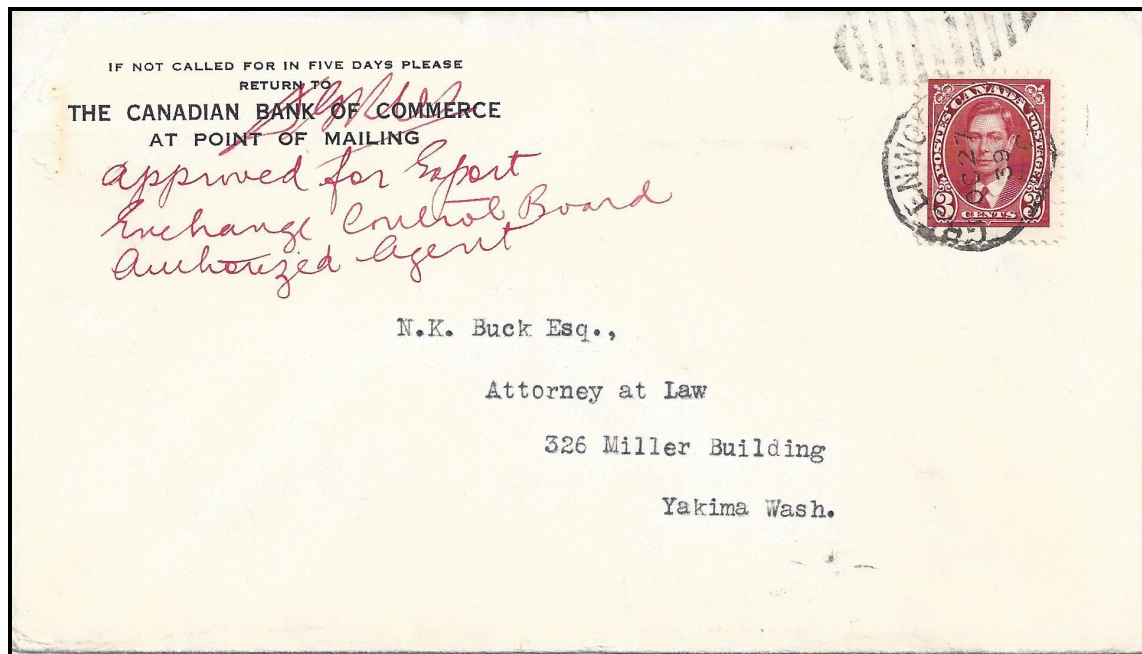
**Figure 1:**

Bank of Canada correspondence mailed from Ottawa to New York, USA on December 11, 1941, paying the “Money Packet Rate” (7¢ first ounce plus 5¢ per additional ounce or portion thereof) plus the registration fee of 10¢. Obverse of the cover shows receiving (December 12) and 4 wax seals of the Bank of Canada. [4]

Barclays Bank (Canada)

**Figure 2:**

Barclays Bank (Canada) correspondence mailed from Montreal Place d'Armes to Sodermanlands Enskilda Bank, Stockholm, Sweden on May 22, 1942 --- PASSED BY CENSOR D/B 25

The Canadian Bank of Commerce**Figure 3:**

Canadian Bank of Commerce correspondence mailed from Greenwood, BC to Yakima, Washington with **manuscript endorsement** on October 27, 1939.

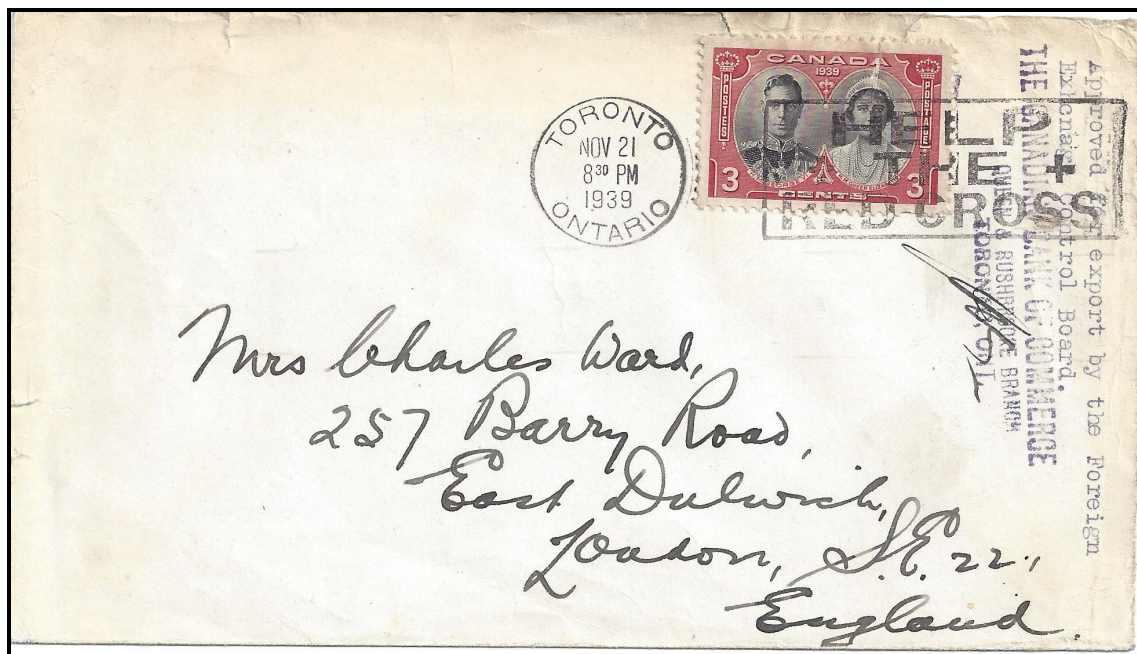


Figure 3a: Canadian Bank of Commerce correspondence mailed from Toronto to London, England on November 21, 1939 with a combination **Typewritten “Approved...”** and Bank Hand Stamp. Note the use of the word “Approved”, wording generally used by trust and insurance companies, and the incorrect spelling -“**Exhcnage**”.

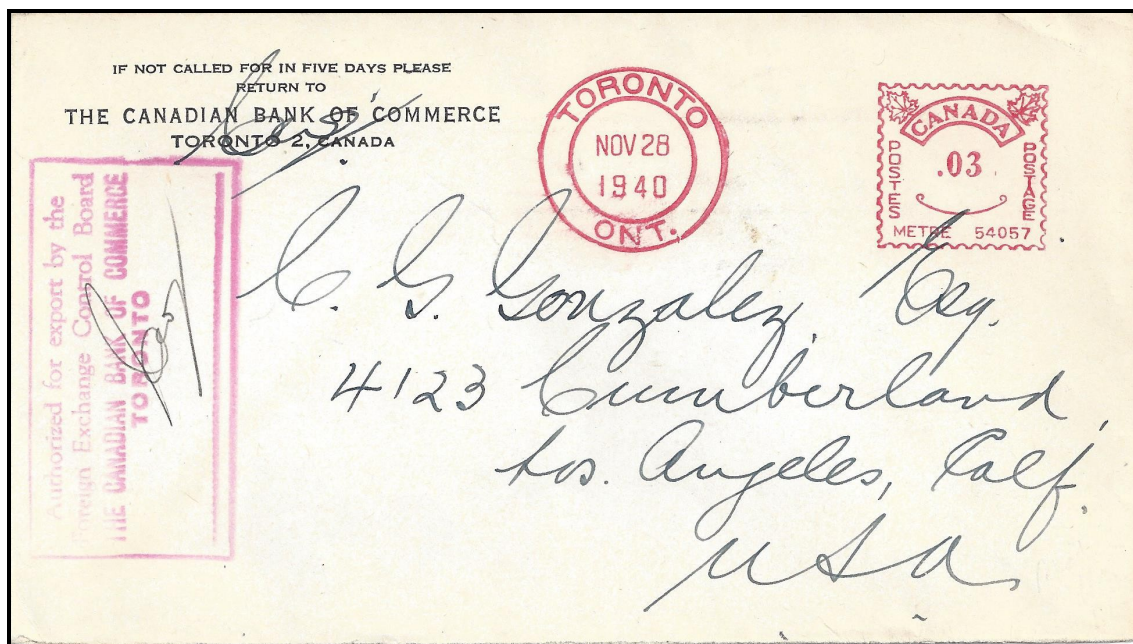


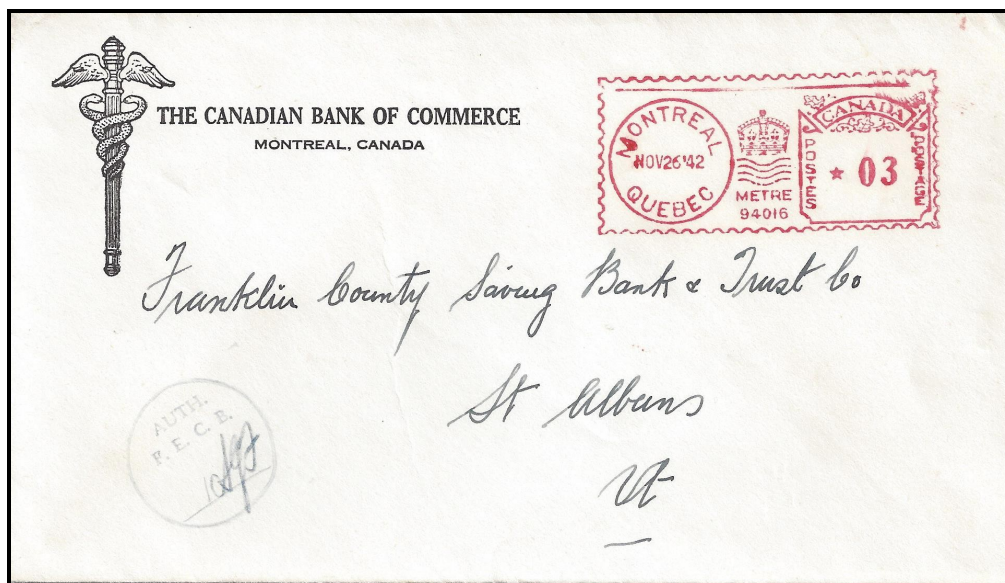
Figure 3b: Canadian Bank of Commerce correspondence mailed from Toronto to Los Angeles, USA on November 28, 1940 using a “BOXED” hand stamp.



Figure 3c:

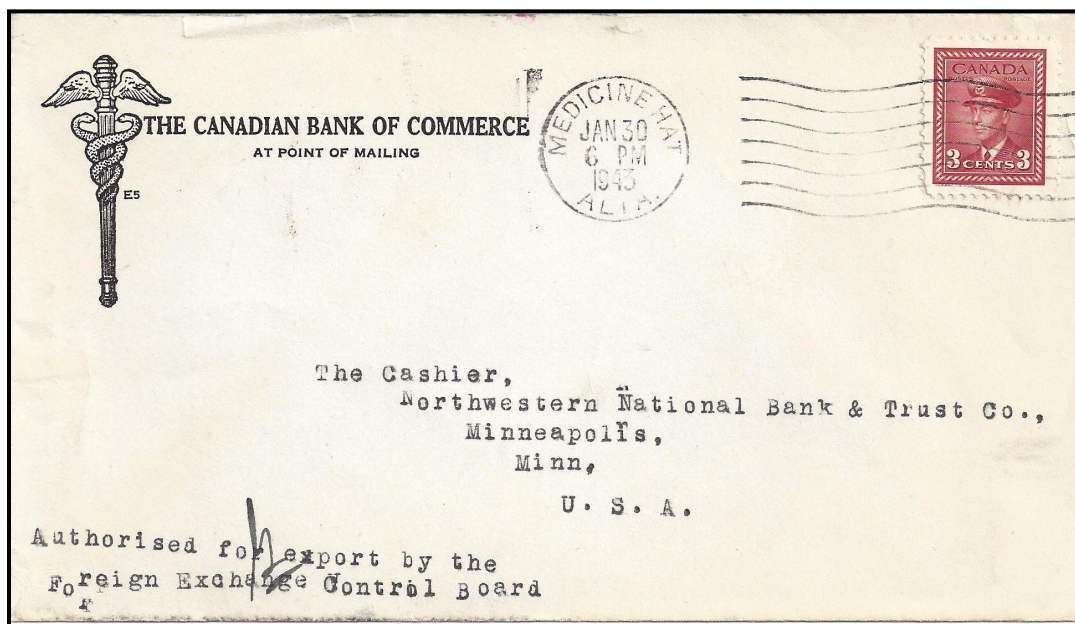
Canadian Bank of Commerce correspondence mailed on May 15, 1940 from Princeton, BC to the Chase Bank, Hong Kong, China.

Note: the “custom designed” SQUARE hand stamp.

**Figure 3d:**

Canadian Bank of Commerce correspondence mailed on November 26, 1942 from Montreal to Franklin County Saving Bank & Trust Co., St. Albans, Vermont, USA.

Note: the “custom designed” CIRCULAR hand stamp

**Figure 3e:**

Canadian Bank of Commerce correspondence mailed on January 30, 1943 from Medicine Hat, Alta. to Northwestern National Bank & Trust Co., Minneapolis, Minn., USA.

Note the “flawed type written” declaration of authorization.

The most commonly seen hand stamps of compliance appear in various type fonts and colours.

Canadian Bank of Commerce correspondence mailed from three jurisdictions



Figure 3f:

Victoria, BC

October 24, 1939

Lower and UPPER fonts

Figure 3g:

Toronto, Ontario

December 28, 1940

UPPER FONT

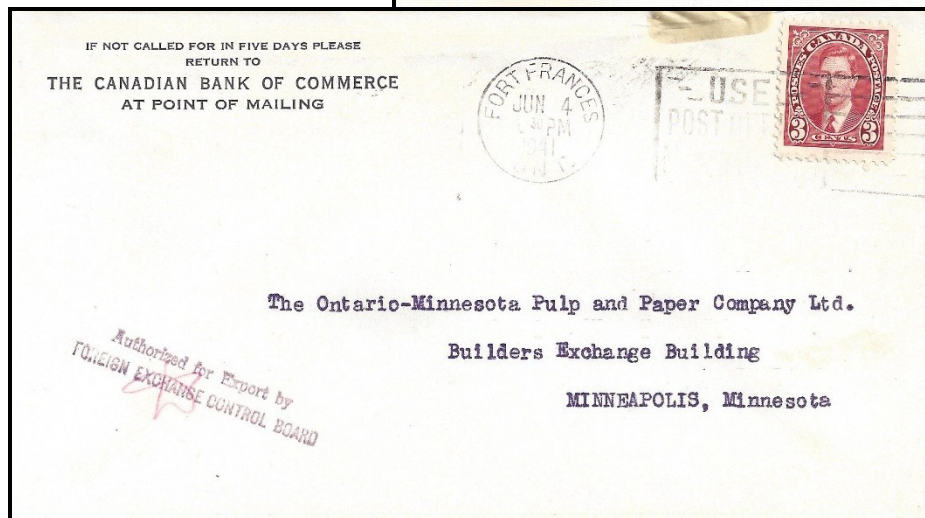


Figure 3h

Fort Frances, Ont.

June 4, 1941

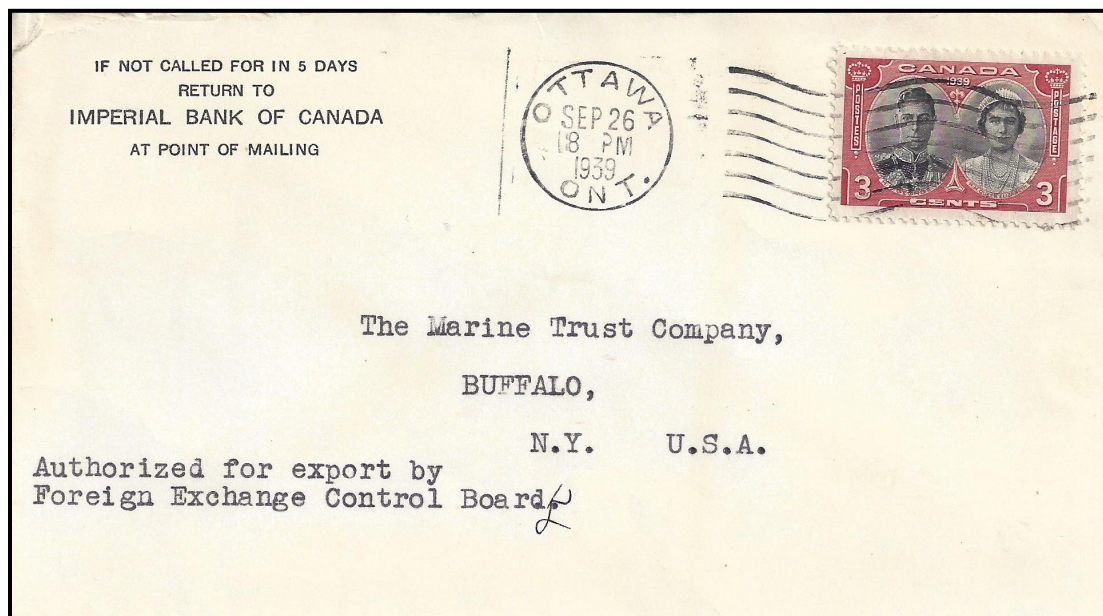
Lower and UPPER
(small font)



The Dominion Bank**Figure 4:**

Dominion Bank correspondence mailed on **October 5, 1939** from St. Thomas, Ont.

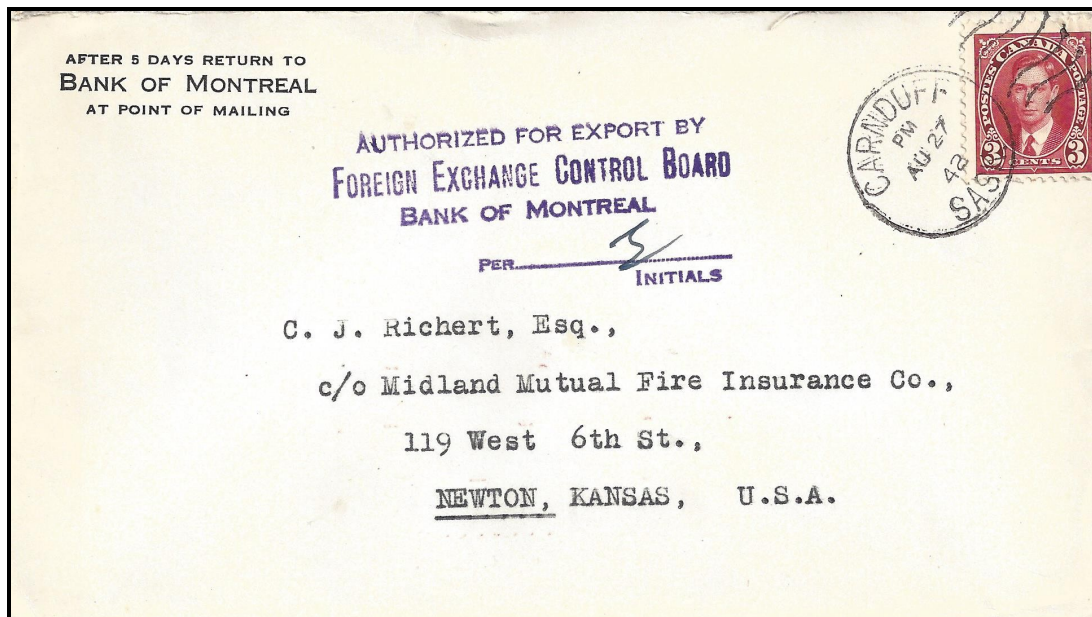
to The Chase Bank, Hong Kong, China. Note early use of hand stamp and By Air Mail/Par Avion etiquette.

The Imperial Bank of Canada**Figure 5:**

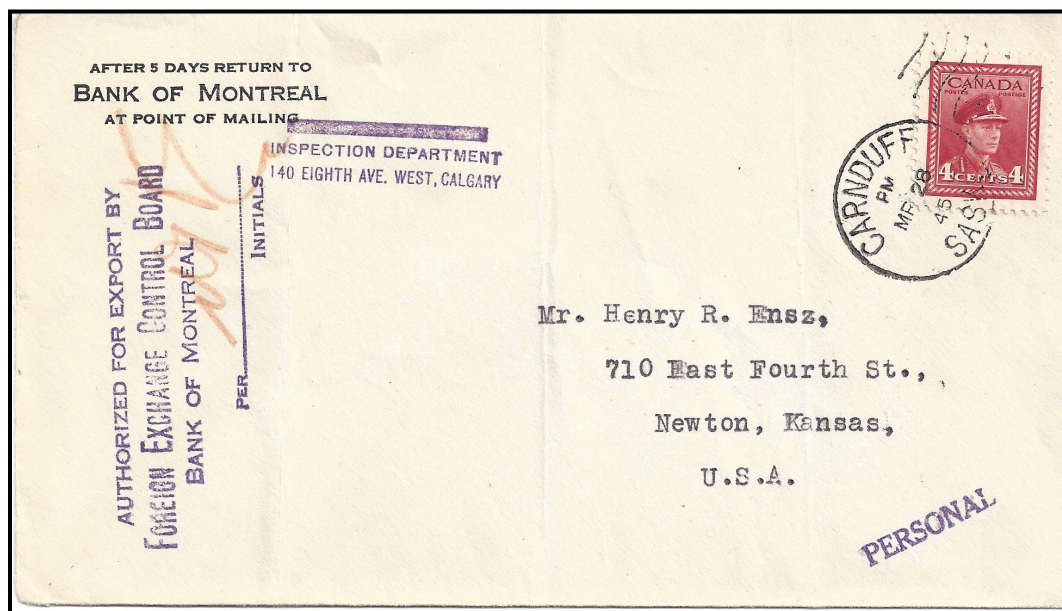
Imperial Bank of Canada correspondence mailed on **September 26, 1939** from Ottawa, Ont.

to The Marine Trust Company, Buffalo, N.Y., U.S.A.

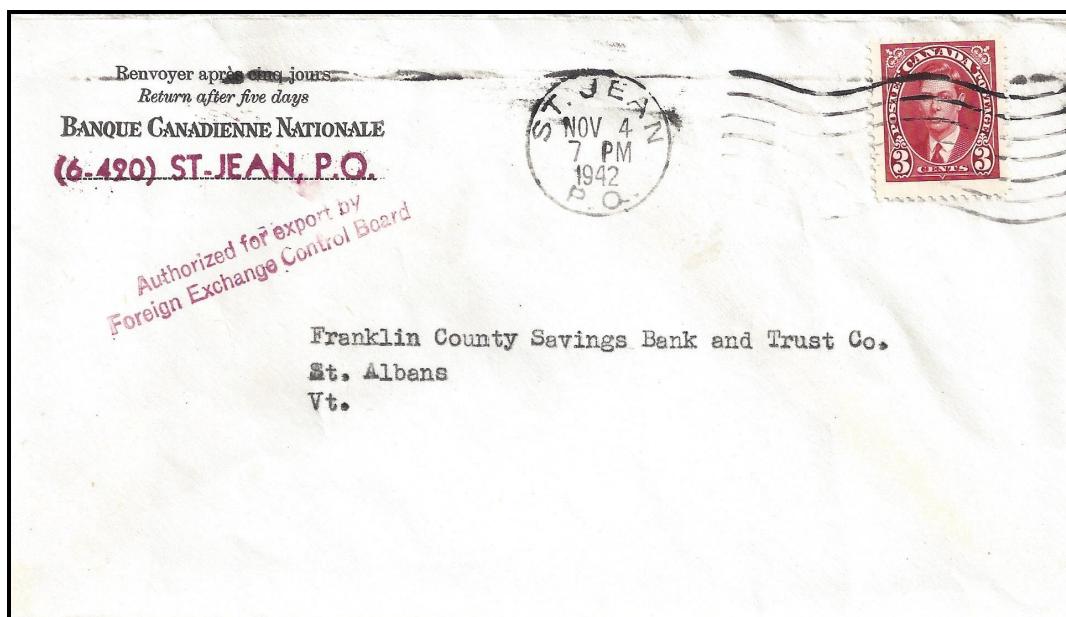
Note early typewritten endorsement presumed to be prior to the bank acquiring its' hand stamp.

Bank of Montreal**Figure 6a:**

Bank of Montreal correspondence mailed on August 27, 1942 from Carnduff, Sask.
to Midland Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Newton, Kansas, U.S.A.

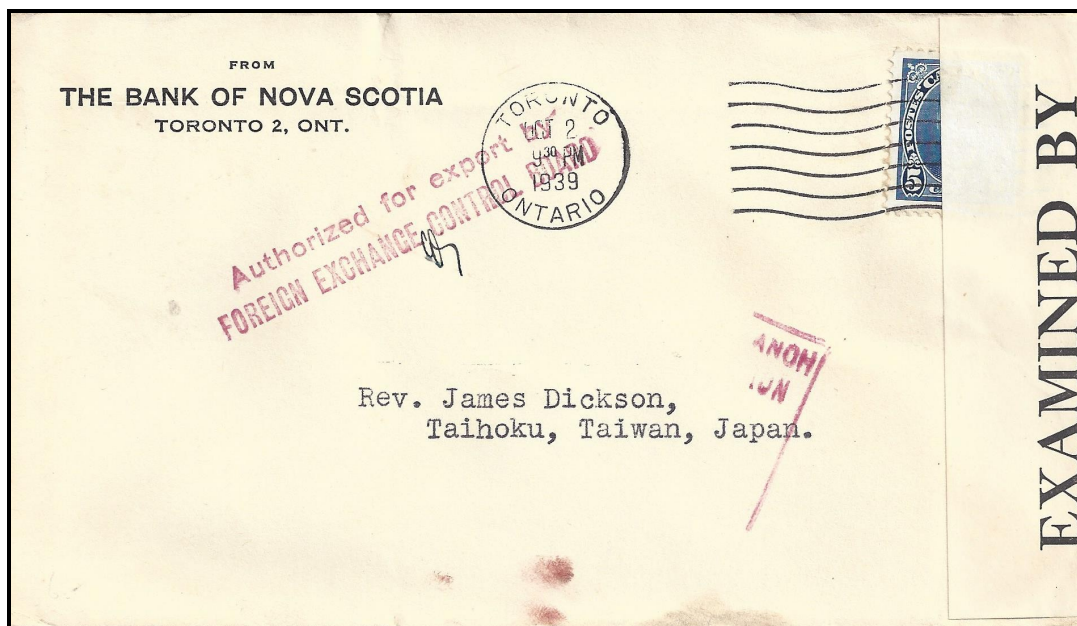
**Figure 6b:**

Bank of Montreal **employee correspondence** mailed on March 28, 1945 from Carnduff, Sask. **improperly** to Newton, Kansas, U.S.A. as **PERSONAL** correspondence and intercepted and forwarded to the Bank of Montreal **INSPECTION DEPARTMENT / 140 EIGHTH AVE. WEST, CALGARY** Ultimate disposition unknown.

Banque Canadienne Nationale**Figure 7:**

Banque Canadienne Nationale correspondence mailed on November 4, 1942

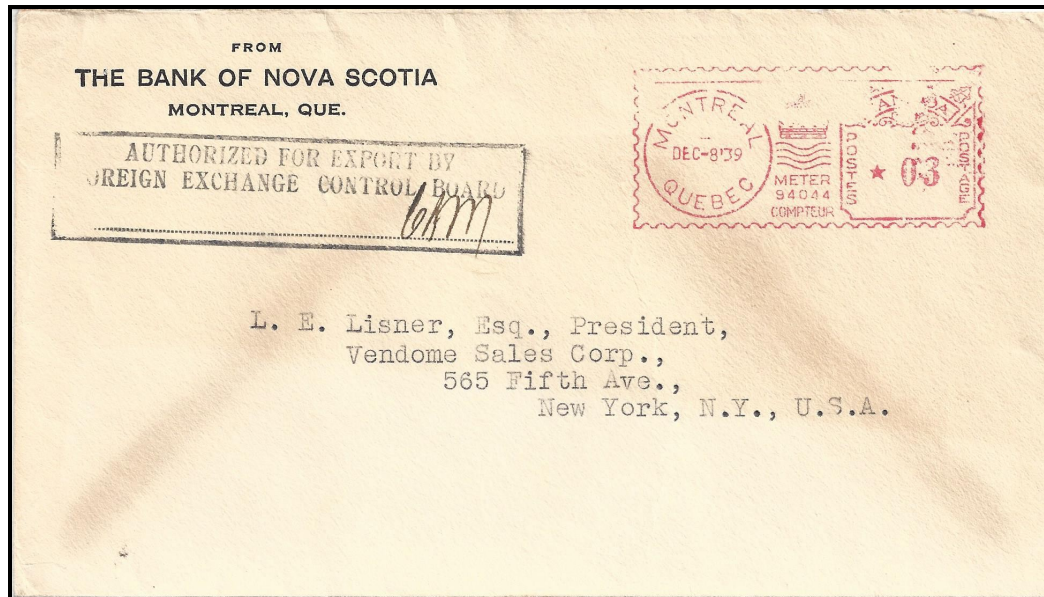
from St. Jean, P.Q. to Franklin County Savings Bank & Trust Co. St. Albans, Vermont, U.S.A.

The Bank of Nova Scotia**Figure 8a:**

Bank of Nova Scotia correspondence mailed on **October 2, 1939** from Toronto, Ontario

to Rev. James Dickson – Taihoku, Taiwan, Japan.

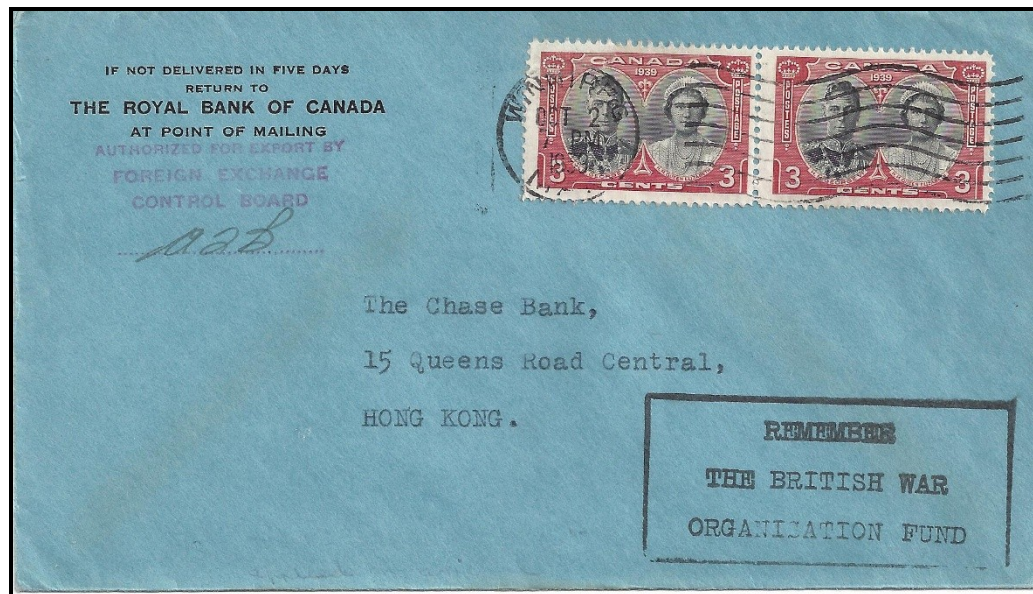
Rev. Dickson and his wife, Lillian, served as missionaries under the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in Taiwan from 1927 – 1940. [5]

**Figure 8b:**

Bank of Nova Scotia correspondence mailed on December 8, 1939 from Montreal, Quebec to Vendome Sales Corp., New York, U.S.A.

Note BOXED endorsement hand stamp

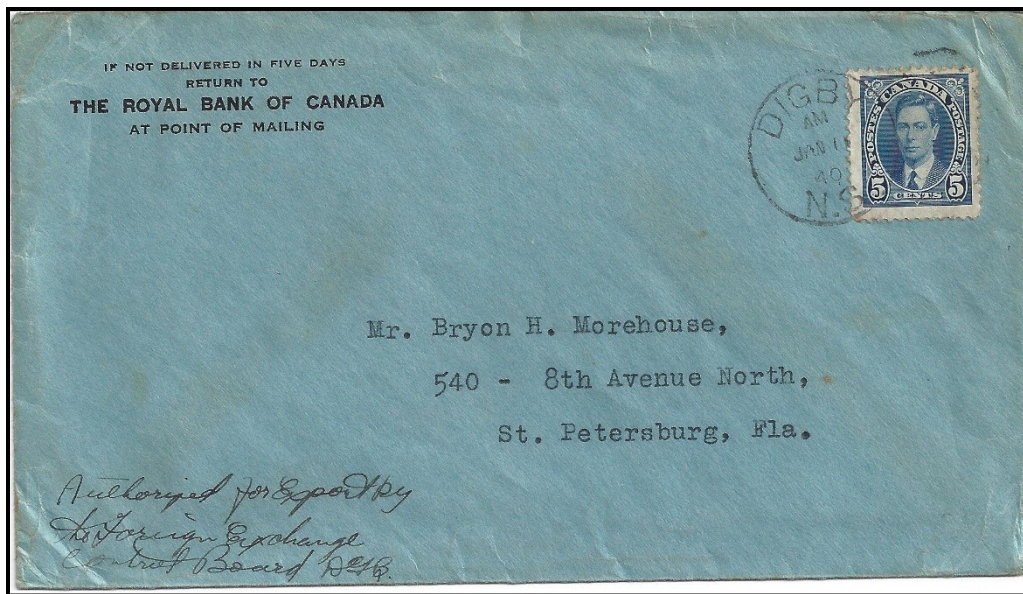
The Royal Bank of Canada

**Figure 9a:**

Royal Bank of Canada correspondence mailed on **October 2, 1939** from Winnipeg, Man. to The Chase Bank, Hong Kong.

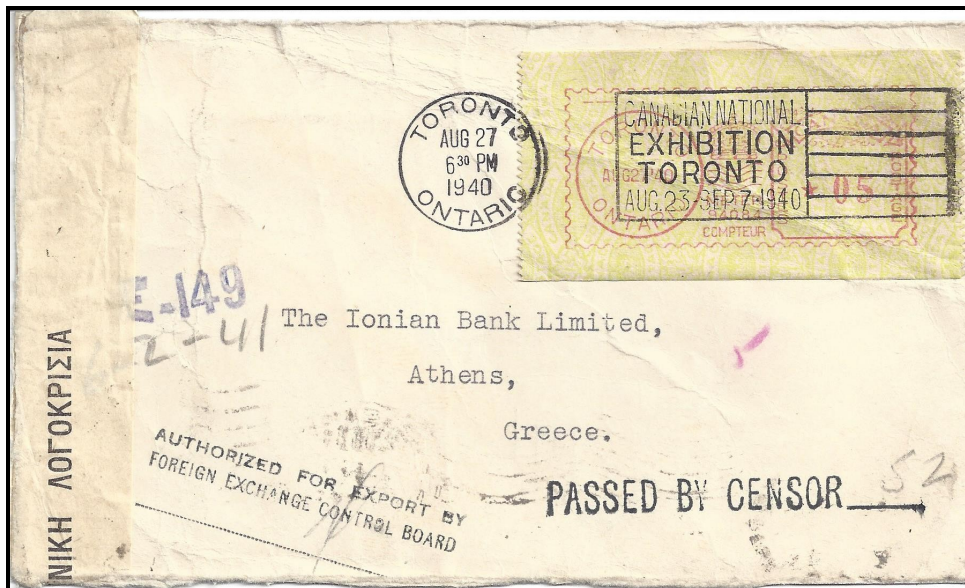
On April 1, 1939 the Empire Air Mail Scheme (EAMS) was extended to Hong Kong.

With the outbreak of World War II the EAMS was discontinued in September 1939. This correspondence dated October 2, 1939 appears to have gone forward as under the EAMS regime.

**Figure 9b:**

Royal Bank of Canada correspondence mailed on January 20, 1940 from Digby, N.S. to an individual in St. Petersburg, Florida, U.S.A. Note the *Manuscript Endorsement* used at this relatively small post office.

The Bank of Toronto

**Figure 10a:**

Bank of Toronto correspondence mailed on August 27, 1940 from Toronto, Ontario to The Ionian Bank Limited, Athens, Greece.

Note PASSED BY CENSOR 52 (Ottawa) and also by Greek Censor.

THE BANK OF TORONTO embossed on the back flap of the envelope.



Figure 10b:

Bank of Toronto correspondence mailed on April 28, 1945 from Gananoque, Ontario to an individual in Cartagena, Colombia, South America.

Note PASSED BY CENSOR DB/610 (Ottawa).

It should be remembered that every branch of the banks were required to abide by the regulations – branches in communities as small as “Greenwood, B.C., Carnduff, Sask., and Digby, N.S. required endorsement of compliance just as branches located in the cities of Toronto and Montreal.

The above illustrations provide an overview of possibilities for the collector of bank correspondence during World War II while exchange transactions were under the control of the Foreign Exchange Control Board. Post-war requirements will be noted in a later part of this series.

In Part 7 we shall look at endorsements of compliance by Trust Companies and Insurance Companies.

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- [2] CORRESPONDENCE – **D. GORDON**, DEPUTY GOVERNOR NA/RG 19/ VOL 3998/ FILE 184D
- [3] FECB Chair **Gordon F. Towers** letter and attachments dated September 15, 1939 to USA Federal Reserve System Chair **Hon. Marriner S. Eccles** to be found at http://fraser.stlouisfed.org/docs/historical/eccles/039_01_0003.pdf
- [4] **Eldon C Godfrey**, “FECB – Bank of Canada money packet to the USA” BNA Topics Vol.69, No. 2, Whole Number 531, pp 38 & 39
- [5] <http://www.presbyterianarchives.ca/Lillian%20-%20Timeline.html>

► **Members' For Sale Corner****For sale –KG VI Stamps and Postal History**

Member Dealers can help you find that special item you are looking for

See the back page of Issue 30 for further details

Dave Jones has a few hundred MNG Unitrade 285 plate blocks (3, 6, 7 and 8); 286 (plates 12, 13 and 14) for sale and a few 306 (plate 18) also some mint and NG singles for these issues. If of interest to anyone studying these issues please email shibumi.management@gmail.com. Not looking for a million dollars.

► **Members' Wants**

Precancel plate blocks, precancel varieties and precancels on cover wanted: Gary Steele, is willing to trade for anything he has listed on Ebay under Sportster.

Dead Letter Office Covers - All Issues Gary is also looking for DLO covers for the 1937 - 52 period.

KGVI Covers with Foreign Postage Dues Gary is also interested in underpaid Canadian covers to foreign destinations charged/marked Postage Due and paid with foreign dues or regular stamps. Gary can be reached by email at gwsteele57@gmail.com

Mufti Pre-cancels Bruce Field is seeking any values of Mufti pre-cancel warning strips of 20. Bruce can be contacted by e-mail at a.b.field@sympatico.ca

Peace Issue Rates and Destinations Mike Street is looking for Peace Issue Stamps (Sc #s 268-273, C9, CE 3-4 and E11) on mail to China and the American Pacific (Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, Philippines) up to June 1952 but especially Sept 16-Nov 15/1946. Also Parcel post anywhere, legitimate paquebot and unusual foreign destinations, including Russia and components of the USSR from 1946 to June 1952.

Members

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► **Members' Wants**

Covers Wanted Eldon Godfrey is seeking "Mail Suspended Service" and "Foreign Exchange Control Board" covers. His e-mail address is ecg@godfrey-godfrey.ca

KGVI Booklets - All Issues Eirwyn Jones is looking to buy/sell/exchange KGVI booklets and has duplicates to offer. Eirwyn can be contacted by mail at 10 Low Green, ATHERTON, Manchester, United Kingdom M46 9HS or by email at jennifer.jones45@btinternet.com

KG VI Patriotic Covers Bill Verbruggen is assembling a collection of KG VI Patriotic Covers for the purpose of studying the Postmarks used. He's interested in corresponding with study group members who can assist him with:

- * Postmarks used during the KG VI era
- * Cachets produced during the era.
- * Any references pertaining to the above mentioned subject.

His e-mail address is verbill@dccnet.com

George VI Postes-Postage production materials

Peter Kritz is asking for members' help in locating any production materials for the George VI Postes-Postage or withdrawn issues including any press releases or correspondence they may have for these issues. Also looking for #285 Plate #4 UR. Peter can be contacted by email at pkritz@coldwellbankerpbr.com

Postmarks on KG VI wanted: Patrick Moore in Bonn, Germany, is looking for a nice large collection or collections of clear and readable postmarks on KG VI stamps. Geographic diversity rather than scarcity is important. His e-mail address is patrick.moore@snaflu.de

1949 - 51 Postes-Postage Greg Spring is looking for in period postal history items featuring the last Canada KGVI issues incl. overprints postally used to destinations outside of Canada and the US particularly, dated 1949 but no later than Feb 6, 1952 (the King's death). Greg can be contacted by email at g.m.spring@asch.co.uk.

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