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► Cover Story — Gary Steele

Gorgeous Large Special Delivery Cover

A small copy of a scan will not do this cover justice. As most know there were several Special Delivery stamps used during the King George VI period. I believe four alone for the Mufti issue.



Most Special Delivery covers are quite plain, only something a Postmaster can love. The 20 cent Special Delivery stamp is one of Canada's nicest engraved stamps. The overall advertising in colour adds substantially as does the additional markings and Air Mail etiquette label. I challenge others to find an exceptional Special Delivery cover for the next issue.

► Chairman's Notes - by Gary Steele

Ken Lemke our Editor has asked me to put together another Chairman's Notes as we are hoping to be a little more consistent going forward. As Ken is now President of BNAPS we are looking for a short-term or long-term Co-Editor, with the view of eventually becoming the Newsletter Editor. The job does not have to be accomplished alone. Ken and others can help. Newsletters in the past have been up to 22 pages in length. Going forward the size will probably be reduced as we lack articles.

We all know there are many specialists of King George VI material. Whether this newsletter survives depends upon the members who feel they can contribute. Half a page, one page, or more it does not matter. I am sure many members over the last year have purchased something interesting to all. Share them with us.

I hope to see one of our largest gatherings for the George VI Study Group this year in Ottawa.

Visit the BNAPS web-site (www.bnaps.org) for the latest information regarding BNAPEX 2019 in Ottawa, Canada's capital city.

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New Member On behalf of the King George VI Study Group, I would
like to welcome our newest member, Francois Alarie

► Editors' Notes

After over a years' absence for a variety of reasons, health and simply too much on my plate. I am now feeling well and am back at all my activities. I have finally retired which frees up a significant amount of time. I might be able to start thinking about exhibiting.

You will notice that some of the formatting is a little different. This is as a result of the fact that Microsoft no longer supports Publisher 2007, so I had to upgrade to Publisher 2019. This was bit of a learning curve.

This issue of Post and Mail, has a lovely Special Delivery Cover submitted by **Gary Steele** on page 1. Please note that Gary has submitted a challenge to the Study Group.

The feature article starting on page 3 is Part 12 of **Eldon Godfrey's** Foreign Exchange Control Board. This Part discusses Post War activities and Termination of the FECB and consequent requirements of Canada Post.

On page 15, **Ingo Nessel** writes about a very interesting cover that was sent from Hong Kong to Canada. On page 16, he also discusses a cover with an extremely long addressee.

I would like to emphasize Gary's comment regarding a Co-Editor. I am not getting any younger and we really need someone to step forward and work with me, with the goal of eventually becoming the Newsletter Editor.

On a similar note, we desperately need articles. At the moment, I have none to publish. While we have been fortunate to have many long feature articles, short articles are great (See Ingo Nessel's on page 15 and 16). We also do not need 20 page Newsletters. We can easily cut the size down to 10-12 pages. The important issue is we need articles to ensure ongoing Newsletters.

The KG VI study group and the newsletter are intended to share information, research, discussion, and helping each other.

If we are to support this goal with quarterly newsletters, we need more contributions.

Comments, questions, want ads, items for sale are welcome.

A single cover or several that is/are interesting to you, or one or more of your favourites make great articles.

Find an interesting article, do some research — please share.

THIS IS YOUR STUDY GROUP — PLEASE HELP.

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Foreign Exchange Control Board
Part 12
Post-war Activity
and
Termination of the FECB and consequent requirements of Canada Post

Eldon C. Godfrey, OTB

Victory in Europe Day, generally known as V-E Day, VE Day or simply V Day, was the public holiday celebrated on 8 May 1945 to mark the formal acceptance by the World War II Allies of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces. **Wikipedia Date:** 7/8 May 1945

"In view of the changed conditions following VE Day the FECB advised that they had decided to relax to some extent their examination requirements particularly in respect to outgoing mail containing cash or securities.

Instructions were issued on June 6th, 1945, Examination Centres being advised that outgoing letters whether marked "Passed for Export" or otherwise could now be allowed to go forward if found to contain cash not exceeding \$5.00.....

August 15, 1945 VJ Day also marked the cessation of censorship.

Official Japanese Surrender September 2nd, 1945." [1]

With the cessation of World War II, censorship was ended; however, exchange controls remained in effect until terminated on December 14, 1951.[2]

Following the cessation of censorship on August 15, 1945 the FECB issued the Fifth Revision of Instructions to Postmasters taking effect on September 1, 1945. [3]

On August 31, 1946 the operation of the FECB which had been conducted under the initial Foreign Exchange Control Order now moved forward under the Foreign Exchange Control Act; in consequence thereof the Fifth Revision was canceled and Instructions to Postmasters effective February 1st, 1947 [4] took effect.

(See Page 4 for Instructions to Postmasters)

The first set of Instructions to Postmasters under the Foreign Exchange Control Act effective February 1st, 1947. The Booklet comprises 7 pages of instructions and 5 pages of designated banks, trust companies and security dealers being 12 pages in all.

A further revision on April 29, 1948 (a copy of which I have not yet seen) was revoked and revised Instructions to Postmasters effective May 2nd, 1949 [5] were issued.

Minor revisions continued for "Special Agents" issued on March 5th, 1951 [6] and for "Trust and Loan" companies issued on August 9, 1951 [6] prior to termination of the mandate of the FECB and consequent requirements of Canada Post

On August 16th, one day following termination of civil censorship on August 15, 1945, Acting Chief Superintendent of Postal Services, **Geo. C. Avery**, advised District Directors and *"requested that District Directors "notify immediately all postmasters in his postal district that all instructions which have been issued in connection with the diversion of mail to examination centres are cancelled"* and further *"This action will, however, have no bearing on the INSTRUCTIONS TO POSTMASTERS (4th Revision, effective April 30th, 1942) other than in so far as the diversion of mail to examination centres is concerned."* [7]

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1ST, 1947.

INSTRUCTIONS TO POSTMASTERS

Regarding their Duties under the Foreign Exchange Control Act and Regulations.

TO BE READ CAREFULLY

1. These instructions cancel the Fifth Revision, effective September 1, 1945, of Instructions to Postmasters regarding their duties under the Foreign Exchange Control Order and Regulations.

It is IMPORTANT that these instructions be carefully read and studied by Postmasters.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF POSTMASTERS

2. (a) With certain exceptions, permits are required under the Foreign Exchange Control Act and Regulations for exports by post or otherwise of
 - (i) Goods (merchandise);
 - (ii) Cash (banknotes, coin and travellers' cheques); and
 - (iii) Securities (stocks, bonds and bond coupons).
- (b) Under Section 46 of the Act, no Postmaster shall permit the export by post of any letter, parcel, package or other article which contains, or which is suspected to contain, any property for the export of which a permit is required under the Act, unless he is satisfied that the necessary permit has been obtained.
3. (a) Under the Foreign Exchange Control Act and Regulations, any person desiring to buy foreign exchange or make payments to non-residents of Canada is required to apply for a permit to an authorized dealer or agent of the Foreign Exchange Control Board.
- (b) Under Section 15 (b) of the Act, every Postmaster is appointed to act as agent of the Board, in accordance with these Instructions, for the issuance of money orders payable outside Canada.
4. In the Foreign Exchange Control Act and in these Instructions, "Postmaster" includes any person authorized by the Postmaster General to perform the duties of a Postmaster, or acting under the authority or direction of a person so authorized, and any officer or clerk of the Canada Post Office.

PERMIT FORMS

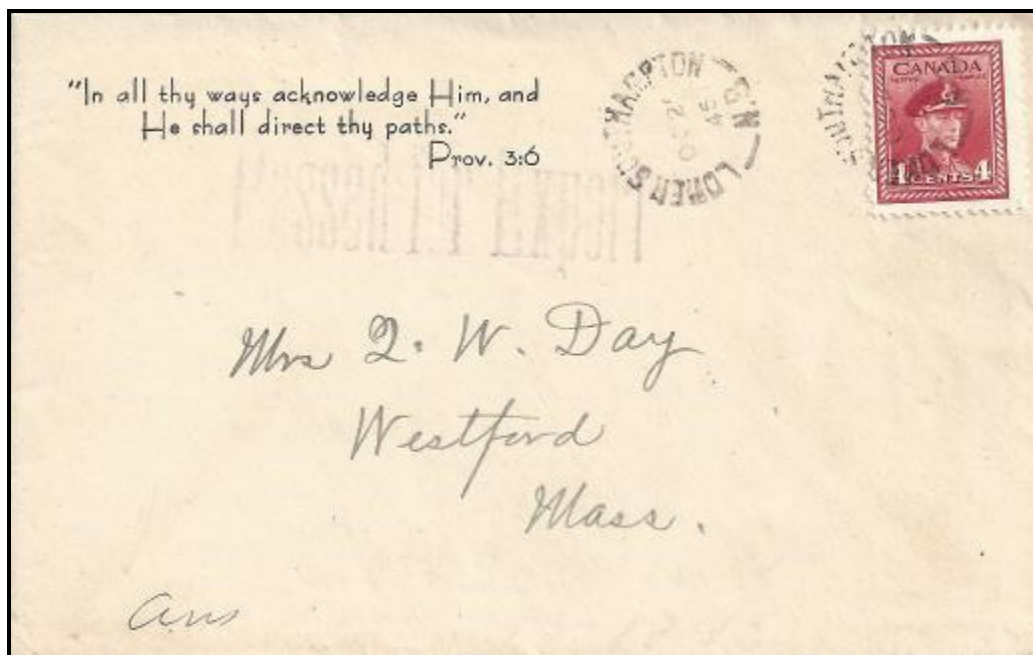
5. The required permit forms are
 - (a) Form B18-B for exports of goods. This is a combined Customs Export Entry and Foreign Exchange Control Board Permit form. Copies may be obtained from any Customs Office.; and

IMPORTANT NOTE: As directed by ACS of PS Geo. C. Avery, despite cessation of civil censorship, the requirement for postmasters to mark PASSED FOR EXPORT on correspondence containing permissible currency or financial instruments because the Foreign Exchange Control Order remained in effect.

USA DESTINATIONS



Ordinary Mail— River Glade N.B.to Waterville. Maine, October 1, 1945



Ordinary Mail -- Lower Southampton N.B. to Westford, Maine, USA –
October 29, 1945



Registered Mail – Ridgeway, Ont. to Buffalo, N.Y., USA –February 11, 1946



Registered Mail – Nokomis, Sask. to Des Moines, Iowa, USA –June 29, 1950

REGISTERED MAIL TO OFFSHORE DESTINATIONS

Federated Malay States

Sardis, B.C. (Chilliwack, B.C.) to Kuantan Pahang, FMS – November 17, 1945



England

Hamilton, Ont. to **Buckingham Palace**, London, England – November 7, 1947Correspondence of the Naval Social Club of Hamilton to **H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth**



Netherlands (Dutch) East Indies

Ottawa, Ont. to Buitenzorg, Java, NEI – April 10, 1948



Belgian Congo

Oshawa, Ont. to Elisabethville, Belgem Congo – May 23, 1949



Southern Rhodesia

Montreal, P.Q. to Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia – February 5, 1950



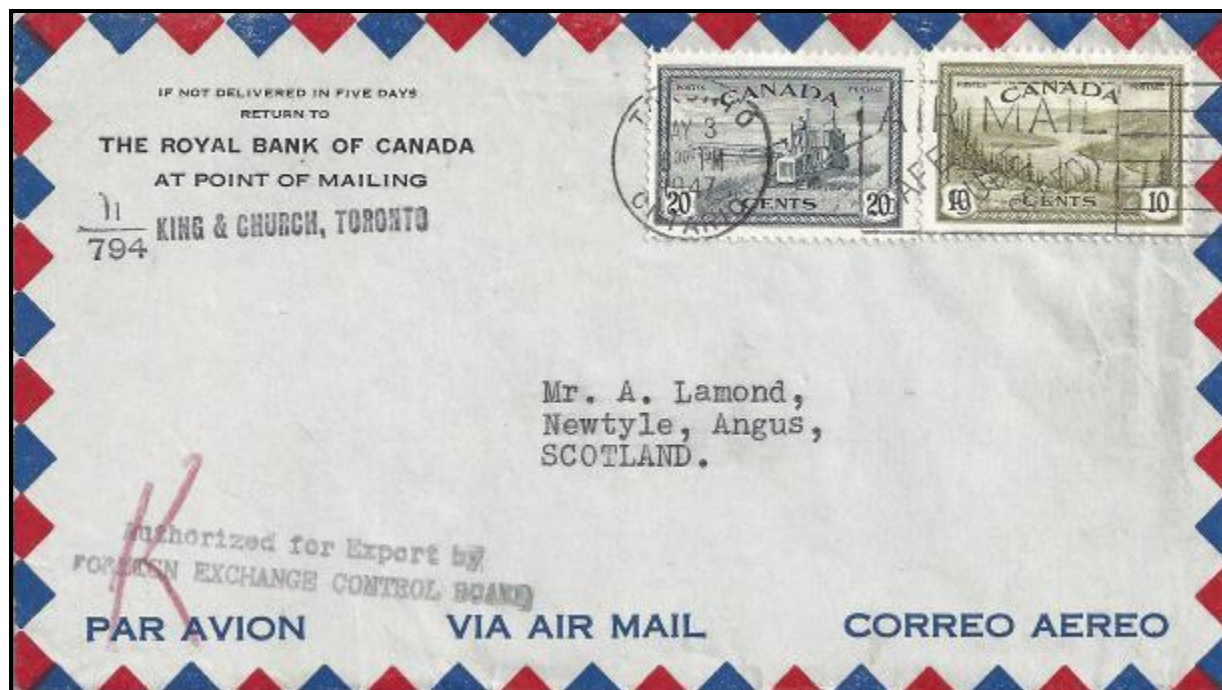
Czechoslovakia

Toronto, Ont. to Prague (Praha) Czechoslovakia – October 22, 1951

On March 1, 1946, banks were notified to discontinue using AUTHORIZED FOR EXPORT hand stamp on ordinary foreign mail but continue its use on registered mail or other mail that required an export license.

Uses of the AUTHORIZED FOR EXPORT hand stamp subsequent to March 1st, 1946 are not readily found.

AUTHORIZED FOR EXPORT – THE BANKS



The Royal Bank of Canada

Toronto, Ont. to Newtyle, Angus, Scotland – May 3, 1947



The Dominion Bank

Toronto, Ont. to Tel-Aviv, Palestine – March 8, 1949



Bank of Montreal

Wolfville, N.S. to San Francisco, USA – February 13, 1950



Imperial Bank of Canada

Ingersoll, Ont. to Philadelphia, USA – October 23, 1950

ANNOUNCING GOVERNMENT DECISION TO DISCONTINUE FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTROL

REPRODUCTION

Foreign Exchange Control Board

Confirmation of
Notification to Banks of
Termination of
Foreign Exchange Control
Requirements

Ottawa,

NL/A RG 19 VOL 654
FILE 184 Circulars

December 21, 1951

G. M. Special
(For Head Offices Only)

The General Manager,

Dear Sir,

1. As advised to you by telephone on December 14th, we telegraphed at the close of business on that day to all Canadian branches of the chartered banks as follows:

"As announced by Minister of Finance regulations have been passed which have the effect of discontinuing exchange control stop Usual year-end report of non-resident balances is to be furnished to Board stop Otherwise all instructions contained in Authorized Dealers' Manual are cancelled and transactions may be entered into without reference thereto."

2. Resulting from the decision of the Government to discontinue foreign exchange control, it is now open to all residents of Canada, including the chartered banks, to transfer funds freely to non-residents, to borrow from or lend to non-residents, to export goods or securities without conditions as to the method of payment, and to deal in foreign exchange freely with other residents or with non-residents. Transactions with countries which have exchange controls in force will, of course, be subject to the restrictions in those countries. Insofar as Canada is concerned, however, no restrictions now exist regarding the manner or channels through which settlements with other countries are effected.

3. Consequent upon the discontinuance of foreign exchange control here it has been announced in the United Kingdom that on and after 17th December sterling may be freely transferred from Canadian accounts to American accounts and vice versa; that sterling held on American accounts and Canadian accounts is convertible into either United States dollars or Canadian dollars; and that authorized banks in the United Kingdom will be allowed to cover their permitted transactions in United States dollars or Canadian dollars either for spot or forward delivery with banks in the United States or Canada. Canadian banks will, therefore, be able from now on to buy or sell sterling in New York and to convert sterling held in Canadian account in London into either Canadian or United States dollars.

FECB 237-51.

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4. In view of these changes the Board will no longer be prepared to buy or sell sterling from the banks' head offices against United States dollars at the official rates as previously advised in G. M. Special of September 30, 1950. Any operations which the Board wishes to undertake in sterling will be effected through the market rather than direct with the banks' head offices.

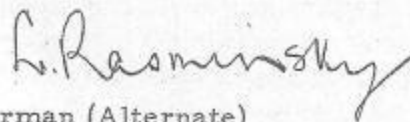
5. As the banks henceforth will be able to cover forward transactions in United States dollars and sterling, if necessary, through New York and permitted sterling transactions in London, the Board will no longer provide swap facilities to the banks' head offices at a fixed spread. Any transactions in sterling or United States dollars for forward delivery, by way of swap or otherwise, which the Board might wish to undertake, will be effected through the exchange market.

6. Banks are requested to continue furnishing the following reports:

- (a) Reports of their position at the close of each month in United States dollars and sterling as outlined in our letter to the Banks' Advisory Committees of October 28, 1950;
- (b) Annual return of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies as outlined in G. M. Special of January 9, 1951; and
- (c) Report of Canadian dollar balances at the end of the year as detailed in pars. 6 and 7 of section 8 of the Authorized Dealers' Manual and also, for the time being, the more frequent reports from selected branches in accordance with existing arrangements.

7. G. M. Special of September 30, 1950 is cancelled.

Yours very truly,



Chairman (Alternate)

[Internal document “Examination of Mail Under Foreign Exchange Control Board Regulations.”]

- [2] National Archives – RG 19, Vol 654, File 184 Circulars
- [3] National Archives – RG 3, Vol 2591, File ARC 3/2591/1
- [4] National Archives – RG 3, Vol 2591, File ARC 3/2591/2
- [5] National Archives – RG 3, Vol 2591, File ARC 3/2591/3
- [6] National Archives – RG 19, Vol 653, File 184 Circulars, Vol 4
- [7] National Archives – RG 3, Vol 2591, File ARC 3/2591/1

This article completes a series of 12 articles illustrating the role played by Canada Post in ensuring compliance with the regulations of the Foreign Exchange Control Board. In closing I wish to acknowledge the work and writing of other distinguished philatelists who have taken interest in the subject. With apologies to any I have missed I refer you to the following:

Switt, J., “Postal Censorship and the Foreign Exchange Control Board” PHSC No. 77 pp 51-54 (1994)

Switt, J., “Those PASSED FOR< APPROVED FOR and AUTHORIZED FOR EXPORT markings”

BNA Topics Vol. 52 No. 3 pp. 44-51 (1995)

Whiteley, David H., “Some Additional FECB Covers” BNA Topics Vol. 53 No. 1 pp. 53 & 54 (1996)

Pekonen, Whiteley, Switt “Correspondence Exchange” BNA Topics Vol. 53 No. 2 pp 66-68 (1996)

Miller, C., “Foreign Exchange Control in World War II” Maple Leaves Vol. 25 No. 5 pp.165-170 (1997)

Whiteley, David H., “The Foreign Exchange Control Board and The Canadian Post Office: 1939-1951”

A Monograph (1997 & 2009)

Burrows, Peter C., “British Empire Civil Censorship Devices – World War II – Section 7

Canada & Newfoundland” (2010)

Library and Archives – Canada “Various correspondence, instructions, regulations and related material”

The monograph of David Whiteley, recipient of the Vincent G. Greene Foundation Award 1999, is a scholarly presentation of the history of the Foreign Exchange Control Board. Dr. Whiteley’s access to archival material of the Bank of Nova Scotia provides great understanding of the cooperation between the Board, Canada Post and the banks.

BNAPEX 2018, Quebec City

The King George VI Study Group met at Quebec City, where Mike Street provided us with a presentation of his outstanding Peace Issue Covers. The presentation included numerous destinations which many of us had not seen on a Peace Issue Cover.

Members and guests in attendance :

Mike Street	Barbara Sneyd	Paul Sneyd
Gary Steele	Mark Issacs	Alexander Fortier
Ken Lemke	Judi Rubin	Benoit Finkelstein
Robert Haslewood	Gilles Morel	Bob Elias
Eldon Godfrey	Ingo Nessel	Nick Poppenk
Donald LaBlanc		

At BNAPEX 2018, Gary Steele won the Herb McNaught One Frame Exhibit Grand Award with “Canadian Dead Letter Office Re-organization Handstamps.”

► Surprise from Hong Kong —by Ingo Nessel, FRPSL

While recently recording my Hong Kong KGV cover collection into a database, I came across a rather ordinary airmail letter from a Hong Kong point of view. The rate of HK\$2.00 per ½ ounce, and the franking with the very common \$2 KGV definitive is plentiful and accordingly inexpensive to obtain. But on closer inspection, especially when turning the cover over, there are some **surprises that make this a much more interesting cover from a Canadian standpoint.**

Dated July 22, 1950, the sender, a trading company in Peking addressed the cover to “Messrs. Reading Chain & Block Corp., Reading Pas, Canada.” (the underline is as typed on the cover). Inscribed “Via Hong Kong” one can assume that the letter was carried by private means from Peking to Hong Kong. In July 1950 the People’s Republic of China was in existence for less than one year and they were recovering from the aftermath of WWII and subsequent civil war. For those who had the contacts and means to do so, sending a letter via Hong Kong was faster and more secure.

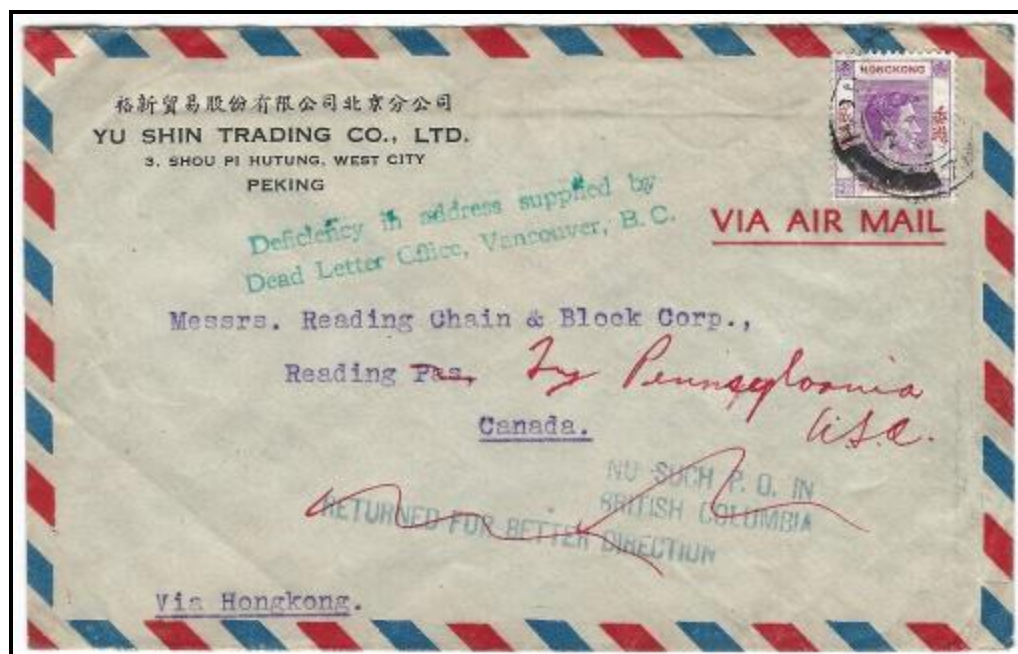
Unfortunately, the address was all wrong. Two hand-stamps on the front state “No such P.O. in British Columbia” and “Returned for Better Direction”. In addition, there is a manuscript marking in red ink crossing out “Pas” in the typed address and stating, “Try Pennsylvania USA”. Whether that was done remains an open question as attested by the markings on the reverse.

There are 3 rectangular boxed hand-stamps as follows:

- Vancouver B.C. Mail Despatch Branch (with initials) dated July 26, 1950 (gray-blue ink)
- Undelivered Mail Vancouver B.C. dated July 27, 1950 (dark violet ink)
- The Dead letter Office No. 5 Vancouver, Canada dated August 4, 1950 (green ink)

The Dead letter Office No. 5 Vancouver, Canada dated August 4, 1950 (green ink)

So, what happened while this letter was in custody at Vancouver Post Office? I theorize that with a non-existent address, it seems to have been given to the mail despatch branch upon arrival from Hong Kong, to try to figure out possible on-forwarding. They handed the letter to the undelivered mail section when they realized that the Reading in the address was likely Reading, Pennsylvania. Undelivered section may have searched for an address of the intended consignee. When no reply came from the U.S. post office (or from whomever they may have sought the addressee) within 8 days it was given over to the dead letter office, who then added their back stamp as well as the following hand-stamp in the same green ink, on the cover front: “Deficiency in address supplied by Dead Letter Office, Vancouver, B.C.” The letter does not appear to have been returned to Hong Kong or Peking as there are no return markings. Hong Kong in particular was very adept at marking letters in their returned letter office. If the letter eventually made it to the correct addressee, there is no evidence attesting to it.



Reverse side of cover is on page 16.



The Longest Addressee — by Ingo Nessel, FRPSL

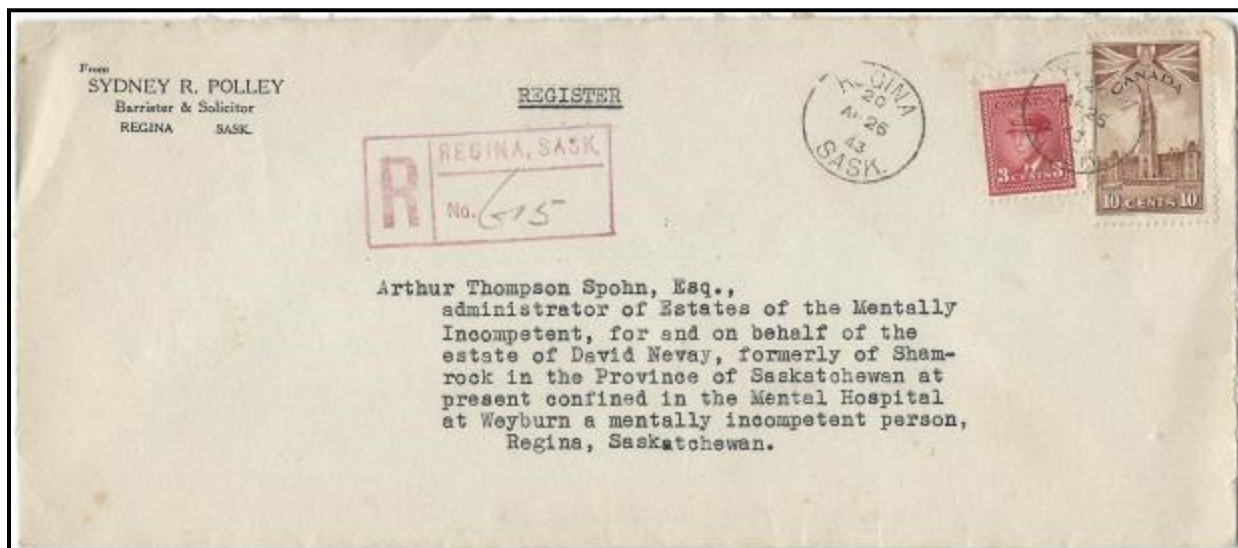
At the recent National Postage Stamp & Coin Show in Mississauga, I came across a cover in a dealer's box that I simply *had* to have. It was mailed from **Sydney R. Polley**, Barrister & Solicitor in Regina Sask on April 26, 1943. It is the common 13c rate made up by the 3c wartime KGV definitive and the 10c brown Parliament with flag stamp. The back has two more of the same cancels as the front, and nothing else. What caught my interest was the long-winded addressee appellation as follows.

Arthur Thompson Spohn, Esq.,

administrator of Estates of the Mentally Incompetent, for and on behalf of the estate of **David Nevay**, formerly of Shamrock in the Province of Saskatchewan at present confined in the Mental Hospital at Weyburn a mentally incompetent person,

Regina, Saskatchewan

Only a lawyer could dictate such an address! It may be a Canadian record for longest addressee.



► Member's 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

Pre-cancel plate blocks, pre-cancel varieties and pre-cancels on cover wanted: Gary Steele, is willing to trade for anything he has listed on E-bay 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

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

Your Want Ad or For Sale List Could be Here

Contact Ken at kwlemke@sympatico.ca

► 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

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

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@snaufu.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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