

FIRST DAY COVERS OF THE 1937 CANADA

KING GEORGE VI CORONATION ISSUE

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PREFACE

This is the seventh monograph in a series dealing with First Day Covers for Canadian stamps issued during the King George VI era. Previous monographs have dealt with the six commemorative stamps of the 1947 to 1949 period, while the current document returns to an early stamp celebrating the coronation of King George VI on May 12, 1937.

As is the case with the prior publications in this series, I would welcome from other collectors scans of any cachets that are not included. I would also appreciate notice of any additional day-of-issue cancellations that are not listed herein. My intention is to prepare further editions of this monograph when new material warrants it.

The Coronation issue is demonstrably one of the more popular of the era's stamp issues, and there has been some prior research available to draw upon in compiling this work with the efforts of Melvin Baron, Pierre Ethier, and Glenn Estus being particularly instructive. Several collectors including Ivan Hebert-Croteau, George Basher, Harold Houston, and Barry Danard have generously provided scans of FDC's in their collections. The ongoing support of Stephen Prest on behalf of the BNAPS King George VI Study Group has been invaluable.

Edition 2 of Monograph 7, which contains reference to 199 cachets and first day covers, has been divided into two parts to facilitate electronic transmission of the document; this present document being Part II – Standard Cachets & Uncacheted Covers.

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INTRODUCTION

This monograph provides a description and analysis of the First Day Covers published in conjunction with the issue of a single 3 cent stamp on May 10, 1937 to mark the Coronation of King George VI. Canada's effort in this regard was modest compared with other countries in the British Empire, most of which issued at least three stamps in an "omnibus" series. Newfoundland, however, participated both with an omnibus set of three stamps as well as a "Long Coronation" set of eleven stamps.

Canada's Coronation stamp (see Figure 1) was printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company Limited from portraits engraved by William F. Ford based on photographs by Peter North and Bertram Park. The stamp, which was assigned Scott #237, was perforated 12 x 12 and 51,400,000 copies were printed using Plate Numbers 1 through 4. The stamp was released on May 10, two days before the actual date of the Coronation.



Figure 1: The 1937 Coronation Issue

The absence of a larger number of Canadian stamps to mark the Coronation was offset by a wide variety of first day cachets published to celebrate the occasion. For this study, 199 different cachets including varieties were identified and are shown within.

PREVIOUS STUDIES

The first attempt to describe the range of cachets for the Coronation issue was published by Melvin Baron in the periodical *First Days* in 1979. This article was part of an extensive series in that periodical which eventually covered FDC's for all of the stamp issues of Canada for the 1930's and 1940's. Baron identified 60 different cachets for the Coronation issue although only four were illustrated in black and white. He also listed 24 official first day cities along with 20 unofficial cities and nine cities with combination covers from the day-of-issue. In a subsequent article published in the same journal in 1994, Wayne Gasper described and illustrated six cachets produced by American makers for the Coronation issue. More recently, Pierre Ethier and Glenn Estus have both shown a wide range of Coronation FDC's on their websites. Ethier shows 66 different cachets while Estus illustrates 62. Those two websites illustrate only the cachet portions of the FDC's listed and there is no written description or analysis accompanying the illustrations.

In an article published in the *King George VI Post & Mail* in 2006, Gary Dickinson surveyed the field of FDC's for the Coronation issue, estimating the number of extant cachets "in the order of 115 to 120," a total which has been far surpassed at this point given the 199 cachets described here. Dickinson illustrated a number of fairly common types of cachets and varieties, along with presenting a number of newly documented cachets.

Studying the cachets for this issue is complicated by two key concerns. Firstly, the date of issue (May 10) differs from the date of the event that it commemorates (May 12). Some cachets emphasize the stamp issue date while others highlight the Coronation

itself. For this monograph, a liberal interpretation was chosen with the result that some of the FDC's shown were postmarked on May 12 rather than May 10. The same cachets may subsequently be found with May 10 postmarks. A more restrictive interpretation was applied to day-of-issue cancellations so that the list shown in Table II includes only cancels dated May 10. A second complicating factor is that three other stamps, the 4, 5, and 8 cent denominations in the "Mufti" series were also released on May 10. Some cachets were used either for the Coronation stamp or the Mufti singles or series. This monograph includes a day-of-issue cancellation listing for covers showing a combination of at least three of the four stamps. Six cachets included in the monograph were found only for a combination of stamps but not for the Coronation issue alone.

CATEGORIES OF CACHETS

Although the large number of different cachets produced for the Coronation issue would make it difficult for a collector to search for and identify a particular FDC, a number of summary categories were constructed here to render the task less complicated. There were a significant number of cachets featuring themes related to the Coronation, with 39 of them depicting King George VI alone while a further 39 showed both the King and Queen Elizabeth. (See Table I) The Royal Family figured on 5 cachets, crowns were depicted on 18, coats of arms were featured on 4, and miscellaneous themes pertaining to the Coronation were shown on 9 cachets. Half a dozen standard categories used for cachets described in the other monographs in this series were also applied in this case. The result was that 29 cachets consisted predominantly of text, 20 were rubber stamps, 9 were labels or stickers, 8 were hand-drawn or painted, 11 were general purpose cachets, and 8 were postcards.

TABLE I
CLASSIFICATION OF FIRST DAY COVERS FOR
THE 1937 CORONATION ISSUE

CATEGORY	CAT. NO.	NO. OF CACHETS
Coronation Issue Thematic Categories:		
King George VI only	237.100	39
King George VI and Queen Elizabeth	237.200	39
Royal Family	237.280	8
Crowns	237.300	18
Coats of Arms	237.370	4
Miscellaneous	237.500	9
Standard Categories:		
Postcards	237.600	8
Hand-drawn or hand-painted	237.650	8
Labels or stickers	237.680	9
Predominantly text	237.800	29
Rubber stamps	237.850	20
General purpose	237.900	11
Total		199
Uncacheted FDC's		
Business cover, typed message	237.994	NA
Business cover, hand-written or printed message	237.995	NA
Business cover, FD dated only	237.996	NA
Personal cover, typed message	237.997	NA
Personal cover, hand-written or printed message	237.998	NA
Personal cover, FD dated only	237.999	NA

The numbering system used here is basically the same as that employed in the other FDC monographs in this series. The first three digits (ie. 237) represent the Scott number for the issue while the second three digits (eg. .310) represent major types of cachets. The final pair of digits (eg. .04) were applied when there were variations of colour, wording, or design in the major types. Thus, a typical cachet might be numbered 237.310.04. Gaps in the assigned numbers provide space for new cachets to be integrated without disturbing the existing numbers. The categories as shown in Table I provide a convenient method for accessing information about a particular cachet without having to review all of them.

Six categories of uncacheted FDC's are listed in Table 1 and several examples are shown in the final pages of this monograph. As these covers were not usually produced in quantity, and as many of them may indeed be unique, attempting to classify and describe them in detail would likely be unproductive. An approach that collectors might wish to consider to organize their uncacheted covers would be to sort them in two stages, first according to their use as a business cover (advertising cover or corner card), or their use for personal correspondence. As a secondary classification, uncacheted covers could then be sorted according to the type of first day message they displayed into three groups; typewritten, hand-written or printed, or no message. In every case the covers would have a first day cancellation to warrant classification as a FDC. For inventory purposes, each uncacheted cover could be assigned a unique identification number. For example, the third FDC among several personal-use covers with a hand-written "First Day of Issue" message would be identified in that collection as 237.998.03.

DAY OF ISSUE LOCATIONS

As was noted earlier, Melvin Baron listed 24 official and 20 unofficial first day cities, plus 9 locations for combination covers in his initial review of FDC's for the 1937 Coronation issue. As Table II below shows, the number of official cities remained constant at 24, but the number of unofficial cities has increased to 50 while there are now 18 locations listed for combination covers. The summary table also depicts the existence of five different types of first day cancellations. Considering just the FDC's with a single stamp from official and unofficial locations, cancellations included flags (22 locations), circular date stamps (27), duplex (6), split circle (4), and machine cancels (6). Combination covers included flag cancellations (8 locations), circular date stamps (13), and duplex cancels (1).

TABLE II
FIRST DAY CANCELLATIONS ON #237 COVERS

	FLAG	CDS	DUPLEX	SPLIT CIRC.	MACH- INE
OFFICIAL FIRST DAY:					
Calgary, AB	X	X			
Charlottetown, PEI	X				
Edmonton, AB	X	X			
Fort William, ON	X				
Fredericton, NB	X				
Halifax, NS	X				
Hamilton, ON	X	X			
Kingston, ON		X			
Lethbridge, AB		X			
London, ON	X	X			
Medicine Hat, AB		X			X
Montreal, QC	X	X			X
Moose Jaw, SK					X
Ottawa, ON	X	X			
Port Arthur, ON	X				
Quebec, QC	X				
Regina, SK	X	X			

	FLAG	CDS	DUPLEX	SPLIT CIRC.	MACH- INE
Saint John, NB	X				
Saskatoon, SK	X				
Toronto, ON	X				
Vancouver, BC	X	X			
Victoria, BC	X				
Windsor, ON	X	X			
Winnipeg, MB	X	X			
UNOFFICIAL FIRST DAY:					
Auburn, NS				X	
Bowmanville,			X		
Brantford, ON			X		
Capreol, ON					
Coniston, ON			X		
Coronation, AB		X			
Duncan, BC					
Edmundston, NB					
Elphinstone, MB					
Granville Ferry, NS				X	
Gravenhurst, ON		X			
Hagersville, ON					
Haney, BC			X		
House of Assembly (Toronto)					X
Kennedy, SK		X			
Kentville, NS					
Kitchener, ON		X			
Lloydminster, SK					
Lunenburg, NS					
Merritton, ON			X		
Milton West, ON			X		
Mindemoya, ON				X	
Moncton, NB					
Montreal, St. A, QC		X			
Montreal, St. B, QC					X
Montreal, St. H, QC		X			
New Westminster, BC	X				
Orillia, ON					
Ottawa, Canada, R		X			
Parker's Cover, NS				X	
Perth, ON		X			
Port Burwell, ON					
Port Colborne, ON		X			
Prince Albert, SK					
Regina Terminal A, SK	X				
Rockingham Station, NS					
Rosetown, SK					
Saint John, NB		X			
St. Catharines, ON		X			
St. Jacobs, ON					
Semans, SK					
Stratford, ON					
Tor.&Lon.MC (RPO), ON		X			

	FLAG	CDS	DUPLEX	SPLIT CIRC.	MACH- INE
Toronto Sub. 116, ON					
Toronto Term. St. A		X			
Uxbridge, ON					
Vancouver Dundarave, BC		X			
Vernon, BC					
Welland, ON					
Yarmouth, NS					X
COMBINATION COVER LOCATIONS:					
Calgary, AB					
Edmonton, AB	X	X			
Hamilton, ON	X	X			
Kingston, ON		X			
Kitchener, ON					
Lethbridge, AB		X			
London, ON	X	X			
Montreal, QC	X			X	
Ottawa, ON		X			
Port Burwell, ON					
Prince Albert, SK		X			
Regina, SK	X	X			
Rosetown, SK		X			
Saskatoon, SK	X				
Semans, SK		X			
Toronto, ON	X	X			
Vancouver, BC	X	X			
Winnipeg, MB		X			

Note: Cells marked with an "X" have had first day cancellations of that type reported. In some cases there is no "X" opposite a location, indicating that cancellations have been reported but that the type of cancellation wasn't specified.

One unofficial city that was an especially active and popular point of origin for FDC's of this issue was Coronation, Alberta. Its circular cancellation appeared on numerous day-of-issue cachets on May 10 while the Coronation split circle was used on even more May 12 Coronation Day covers.

The flag cancellations that were used in 22 cities across Canada were in use for only one week starting on May 10. All but four of the official first day cities had a flag

cancellation as did two of the unofficial cities. Generally dealt with as a sub-type of slogan cancellations, the 1937 Coronation flags have been the subject of extensive study by philatelists including two recent articles by Dickinson..

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FDC No.: 237.601

Cachet By: Raphael Tuck & Sons

Description: This cachet shows a photographic portrait of the Royal Couple by Dorothy Wilding. It was posted in Montreal on May 10, 1937.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.602

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This colourful private postcard was produced for a general merchant in Coronation, Alberta and includes portions of provincial coats of arms, a pair of flags, and a crown. The card is 82 x 100 mm.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.603

Cachet By: Valentine's Post Card

Description: This post card shows the three kings who reigned for various periods during 1936. This example was posted on Coronation Day in Hamilton, Ontario.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.604

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This post card shows portraits of the Royal Couple and a brief biography of the King. A shield at upper right says, "SOUVENIR/ of the/ CORONATION/ 12th May/ 1937."

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.605 (Baron Type 52)

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This postcard, used as a FDC, was described by Baron, and consists of photographs of the King and Queen along with the poem "To Our New King" by Allan Junior.

Photo: Not available.

FDC No.: 237.606 (Baron Type 53)

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This postcard has a photograph of the Royal Family, including the two Princesses, and was used as a FDC.

Photo: Not available.

FDC No.: 237.607

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This postcard shows a full-length picture of the King in full military uniform. There are several elements of text including “LONG MAY HE REIGN” at upper right, “Souvenir/ of the/ Coronation/ 12th May/ 1937” at upper left, a biography on the left side, and “GOD SAVE THE KING” in a banner at the bottom.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.608

Cachet By: Rotary Photo, London

Description: This postcard has colourful photographs of the King, Queen, and Princess Elizabeth flanked by flags and with banners on the outer rims naming countries of the Empire. Beneath the crown at top centre are the words, "Crowned/ 12th/ May/ 1937./ GOD BLESS THEM." Two banners at the bottom read, "SOUVENIR of the CORONATION of/ KING GEORGE VI & QUEEN ELIZABETH."

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.651

Cachet By: This cover is addressed to Ben Edelson and is on his business stationery, so it is likely his production.

Description: This is a hand drawn and painted cachet in black, red, grey, and light blue with text indicating, "CORONATION/ G VI R/ MAY 12TH 1937."

Photo:

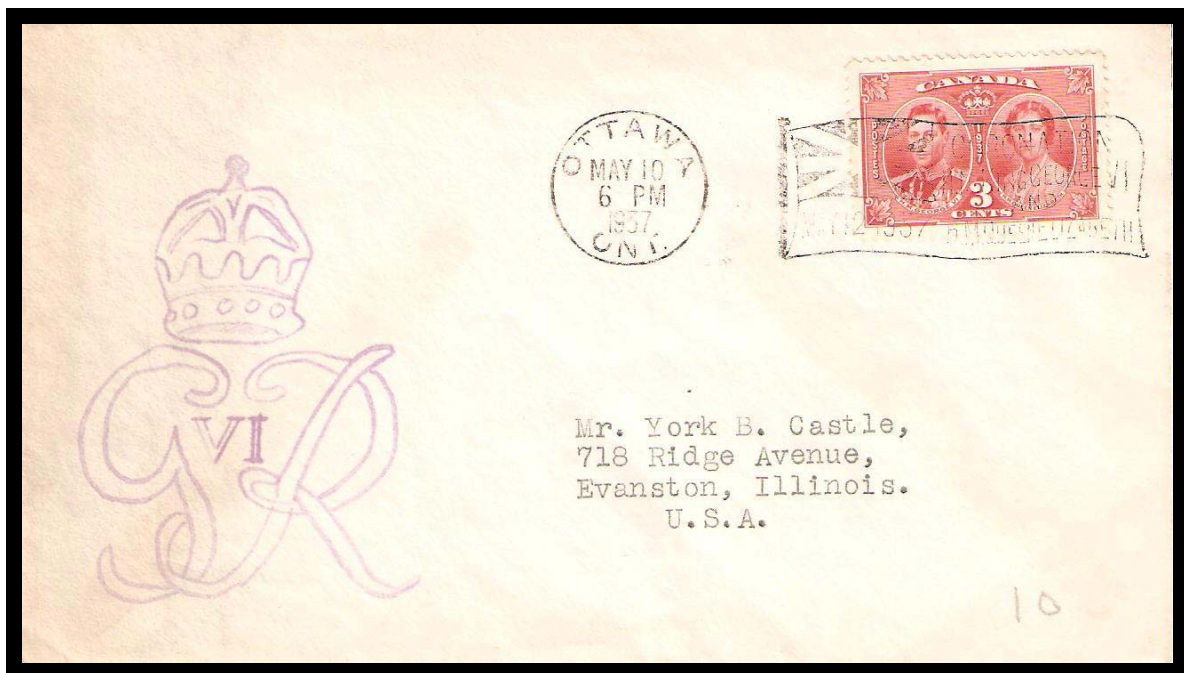


FDC No.: 237.652

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet is hand-drawn in purple and has a crown above the initials "G VI R."

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.653

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This hand-drawn cachet features a red crown above blue lettering of "G VI R/ CORONATION DAY/ MAY-12-1937."

Photo:

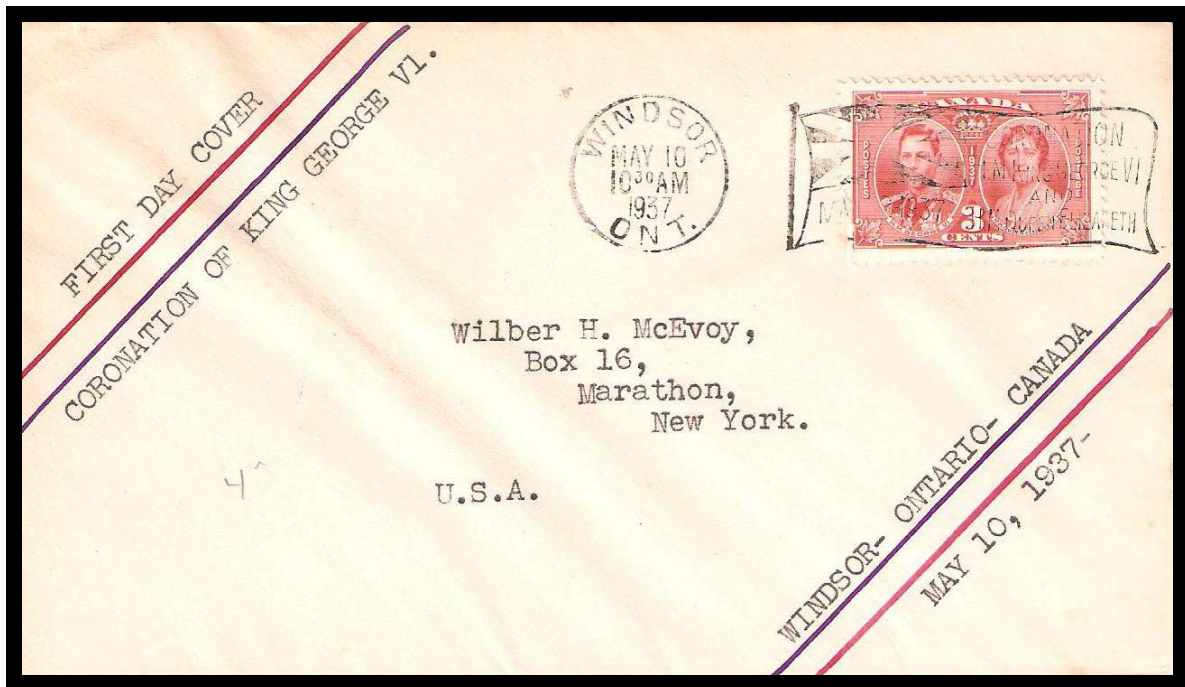


FDC No.: 237.654

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This hand-made cachet is one in a series featuring the official first day of issue cities. There are pairs of red and blue line running diagonally across the cover near the upper left and lower right corners of the cover, with typed wording at the top reading, "FIRST DAY COVER/ CORONATION OF KING GEORGE VI" at the upper left and the name of the city from which the cover was mailed along with the May 10, 1937 date at the bottom right.

Photo:

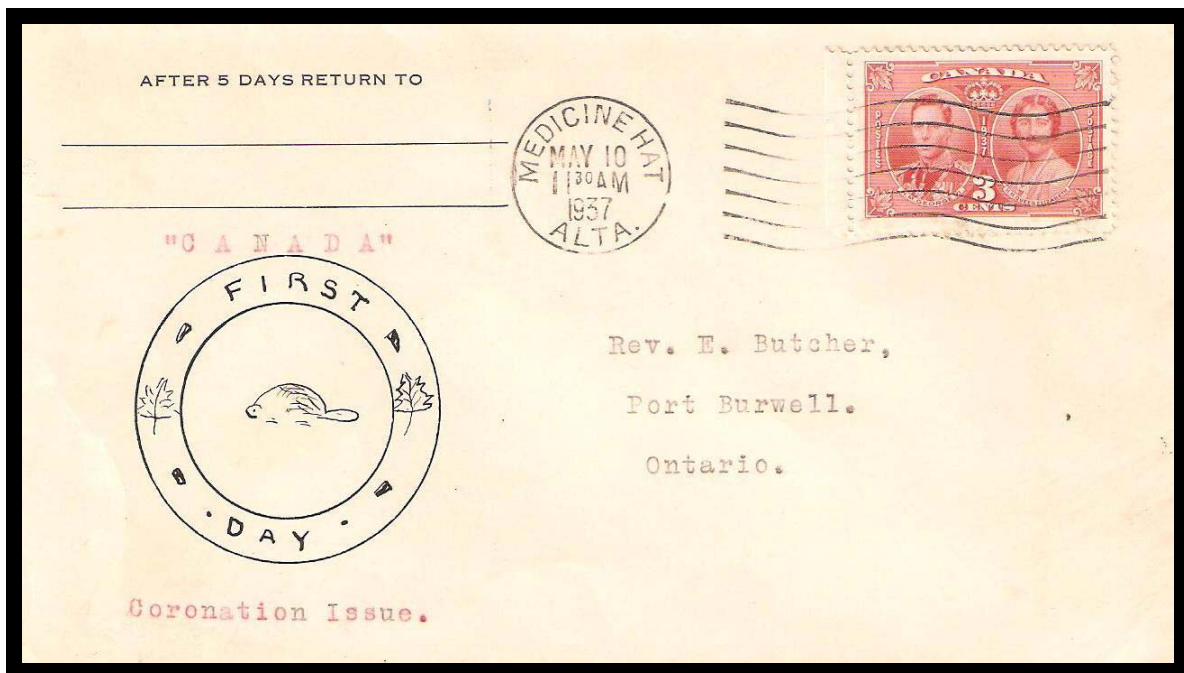


FDC No.: 237.655

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet features a hand-drawn, double-framed black circle containing a sketch of a beaver. The outer ring has two maple leaves and the words "FIRST DAY." "CANADA" is typed in red above the circle while "Coronation Issue" is below it.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.656

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This black, hand-drawn cachet shows a lion erect at the left side of a shield which has the initials "GR", the year "1937," and the word "CORONATION."

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.657

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This colourful cachet shows the Union Jack in the shape of a shield with a crown superimposed and flowers on each side. "CORONATION" is printed above the shield and the Coronation date is printed on the Union Jack. There is a red, yellow, and blue design in the lower right corner of the envelope.

Photo:

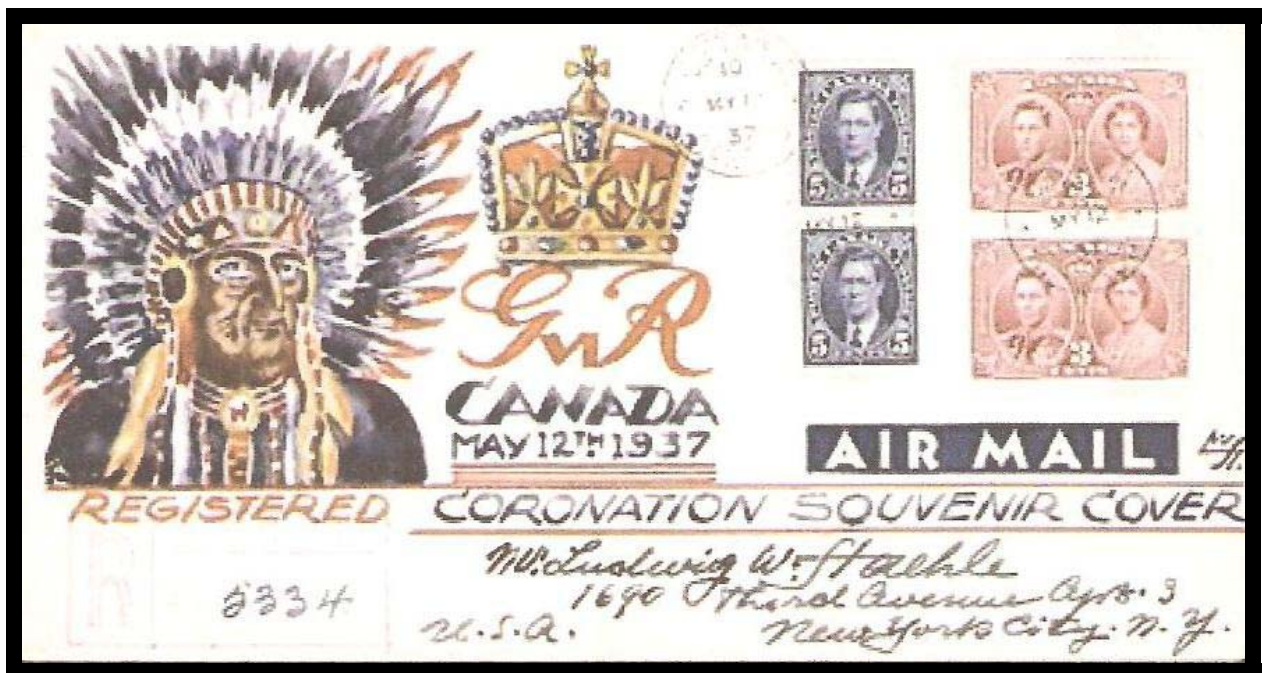


FDC No.: 237.658

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This colourful hand-painted cachet is one of a series addressed to Ludwig Staehle. This example features an aboriginal in elegant headdress plus a crown at top centre. Text includes "G VI R/ CANADA/ MAY 12TH 1937/ CORONATION SOUVENIR COVER."

Photo:

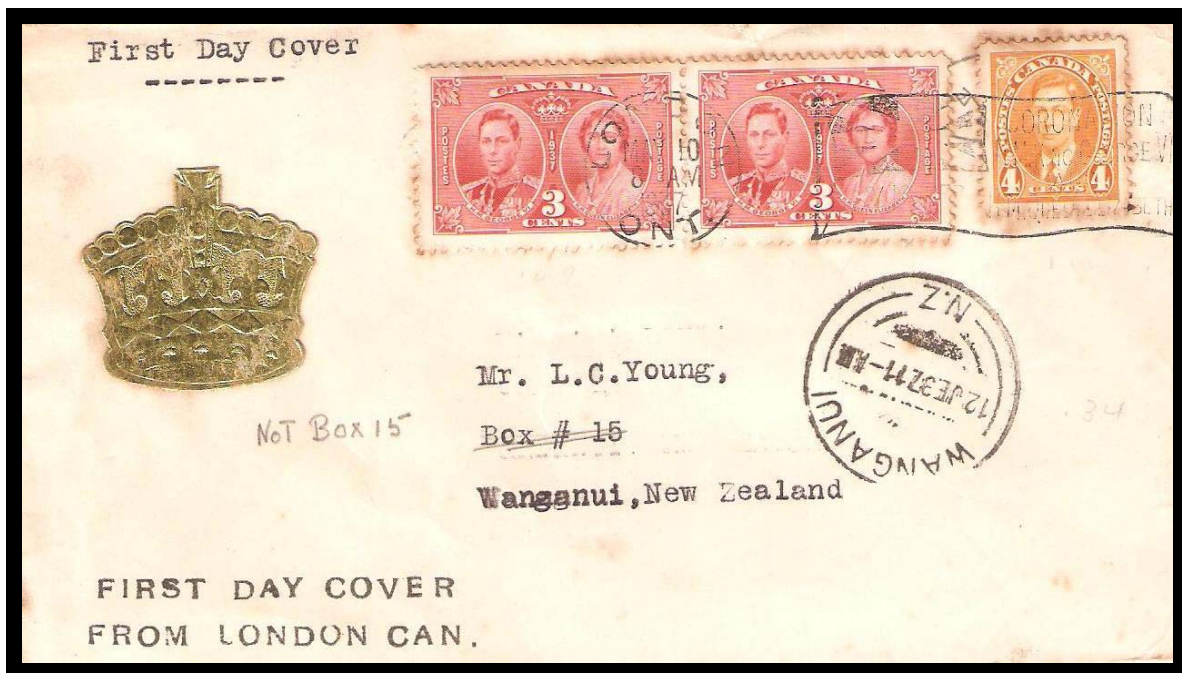


FDC No.: 237.681

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet is comprised of a gold label of a crown and a rubber-stamped "FIRST DAY COVER/ FROM LONDON CAN."

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.682 (Baron Type 37)

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This red and gold cachet is composed of a label in the form of a crown with the heads of the King and Queen portrayed in silhouette. Wording on the label is "MAY 1937" at the top and "CORONATION SOUVENIR" at the bottom.

Photo:

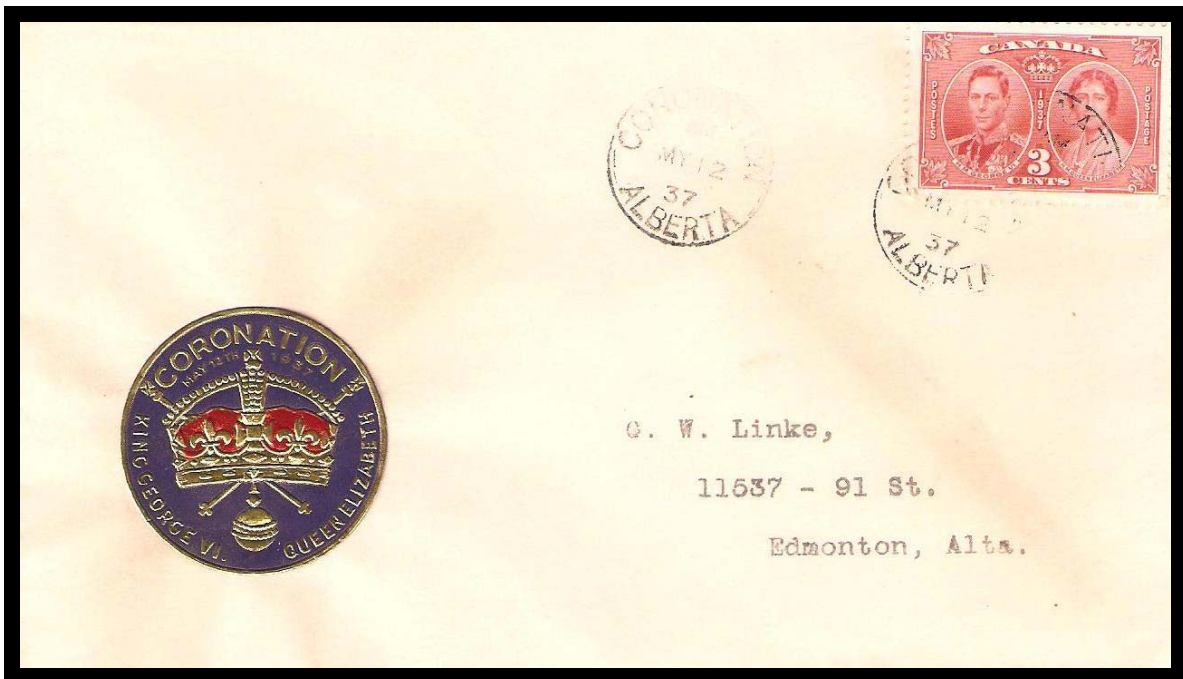


FDC No.: 237.683

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: Here is a label cachet in blue, red, and gold showing a crown.
Wording at the top of the label is "CORONATION/ MAY 12TH 1937", at the lower left is
"KING GEORGE VI", and at lower right is "QUEEN ELIZABETH."

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.684

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet is in gold and yellow and shows the silhouettes of the Royal Couple on a medallion with the word "CORONATION" at the left and "1937" at the right. There is a rubber-stamped "FIRST DAY COVER" at upper left of the cover.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.685

Cachet By: Canada Post Office

Description: Here is an official CPO cover with a label attached to indicate
“FIRST DAY COVER.”

Photo:

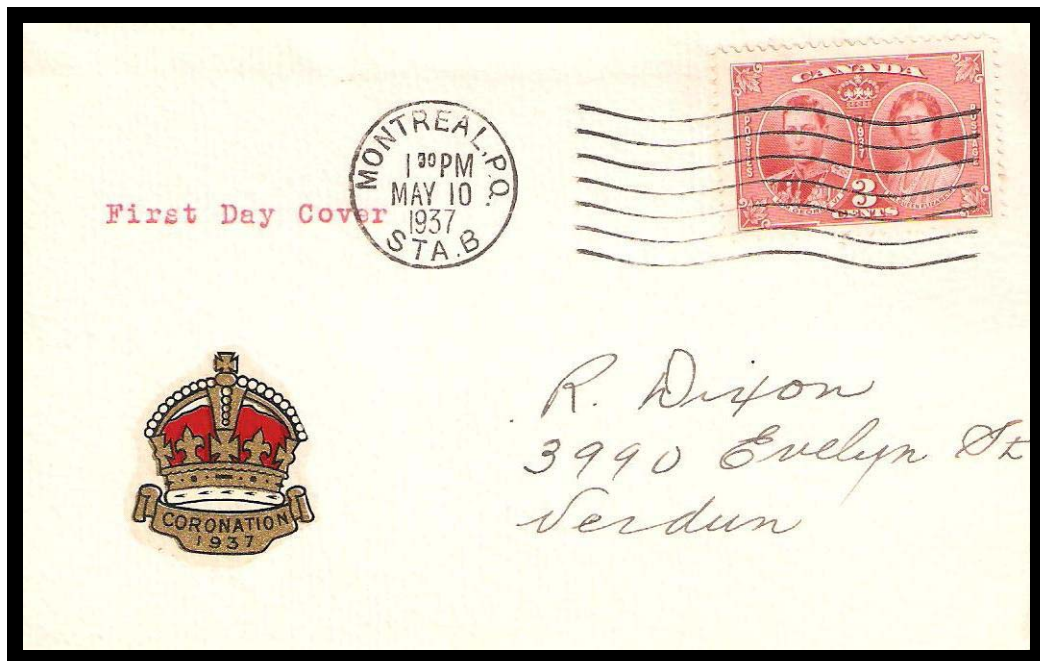


FDC No.: 237.686.01

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: Here is the first of two covers with different-sized labels attached. This is the larger of the two labels which are identical except for size. They are in red, blue, and gold with a crown atop a banner with "CORONATION/ 1937". This cover has a red typewritten "First Day Cover" added.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.686.02 (Baron Type 50)

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This is the smaller of the two labels which are otherwise identical.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.687 (Baron Type 38)

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: As described by Baron, this cachet is a “pasted circular Coronation Poster showing the state crown in gold and red with gold printing, ‘CORONATION/ May 12th 1937’ on the poster.”

Photo: Not available.

FDC No.: 237.688

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: The printed portion of this cachet is the same as 237.801, but a red and gold sticker showing the Royal Couple in profile has been added above the text.

Photo:

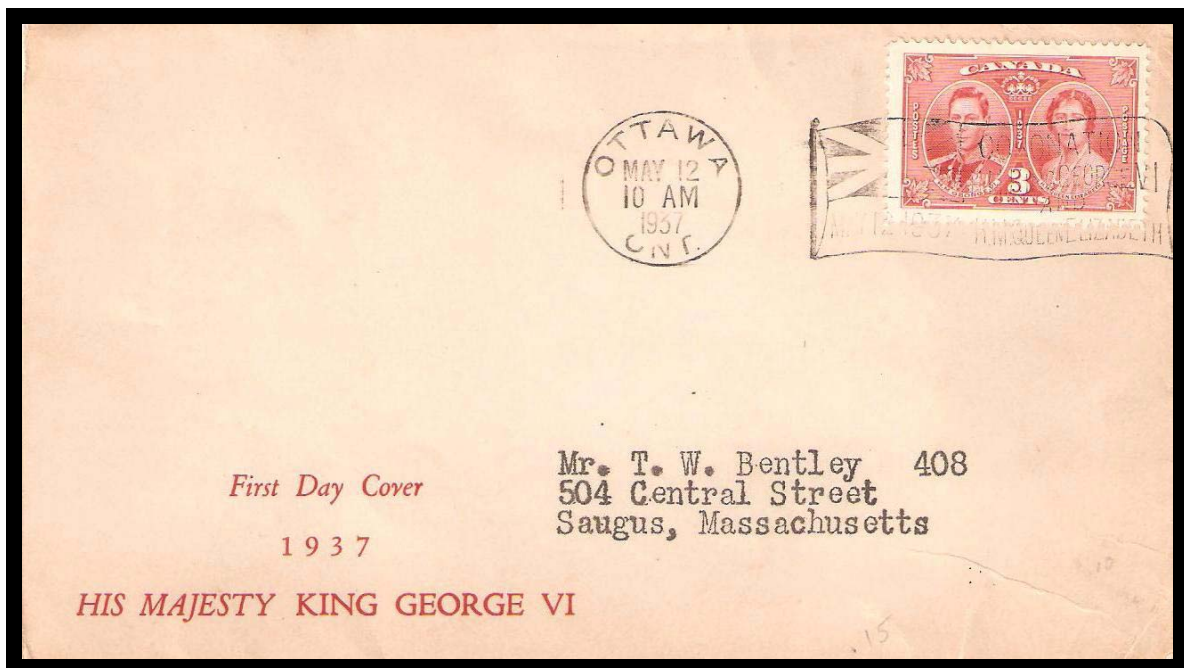


FDC No.: 237.801

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This text-only cachet in red has the legend, "First Day Cover [in italics]/ 1937/ HIS MAJESTY [in italics] KING GEORGE VI."

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.802.01

Cachet By: A considerable number of cachet of this type were addressed to J. Stephen, suggesting that he probably produced them.

Description: This blue text-only cachet reads simply, "DAY OF ISSUE/
CORONATION STAMPS."

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.802.02

Cachet By: J. Stephen

Description: This cachet is the same as the previous one except for the vertical and horizontal lines representative of the registration process, and the word "REGISTERED" in the upper left corner. Those lines were printed along with the rest of the cachet, on both the front and back of the cover, indicating a distinct variety.

Photo:

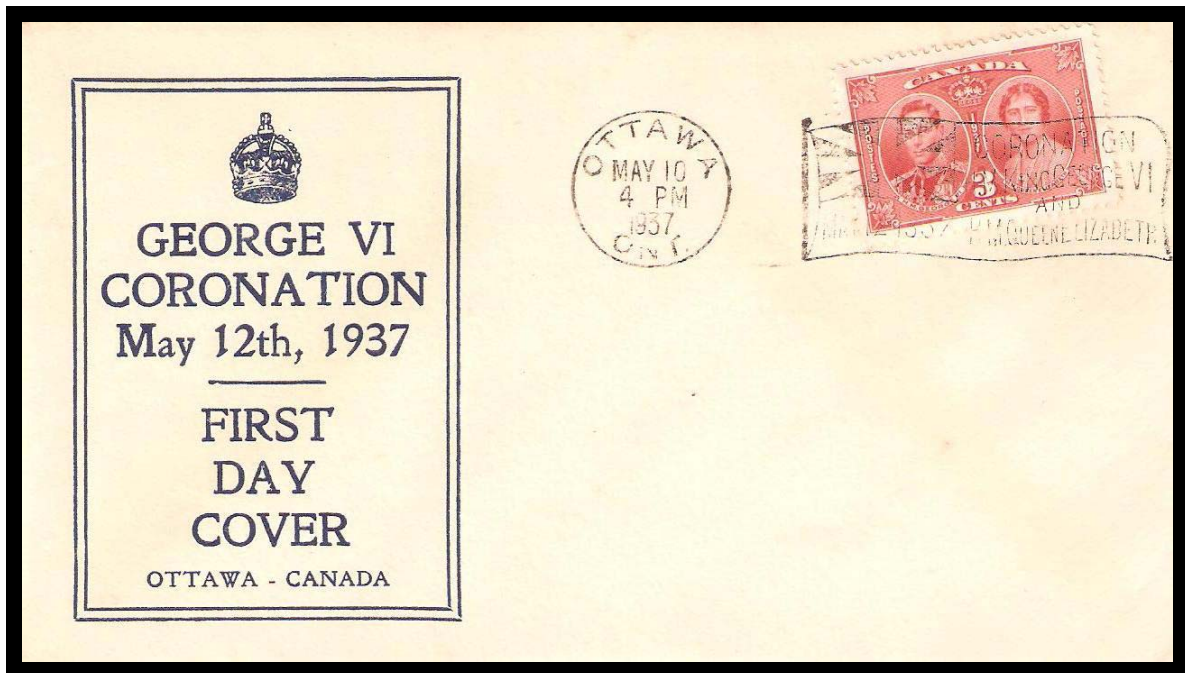


FDC No.: 237.803

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This blue cachet is comprised predominantly of text, with a small crown at the top and a double frame enclosing the wording. It reads, "GEORGE VI/ CORONATION/ May 12th, 1937/ FIRST/ DAY/ COVER/ OTTAWA – CANADA."

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.804

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This blue cachet has a pair of small flags at upper left and right, together with a small crown near the bottom. The cachet is predominantly text, however, and it reads, "CORONATION/ OF/ KING GEORGE VI/ AND/ QUEEN ELIZABETH/ FIRST DAY COVER."

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.805

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet features black text stating, "CORONATION/ OF H.M.
KING GEORGE VI./ & H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH/ MAY 12TH, 1937/ DAY OF
ISSUE."

Photo:

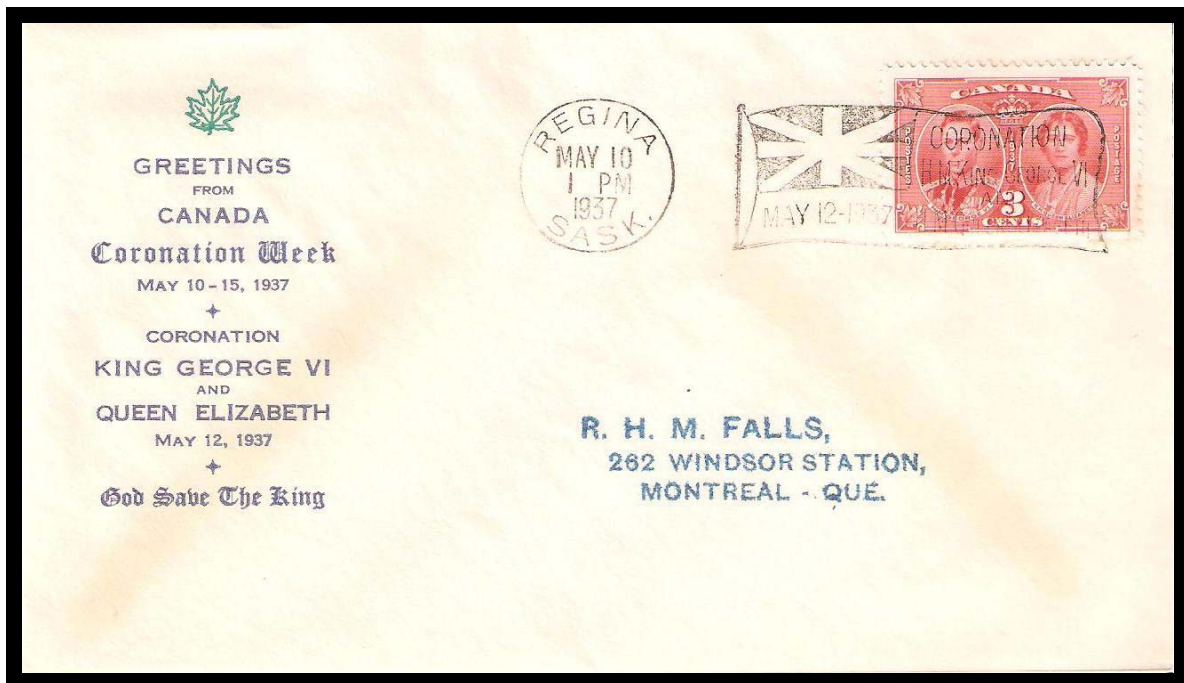


FDC No.: 237.806

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: On this cachet, a small green leaf tops an eleven-line blue text as follows: "GREETINGS/ FROM/ CANADA/ Coronation Week [in italics]/ MAY 10-15, 1937/ CORONATION/ KING GEORGE VI/ AND/ QUEEN ELIZABETH/ MAY 12, 1937/ God Save The King [in italics]."

Photo:

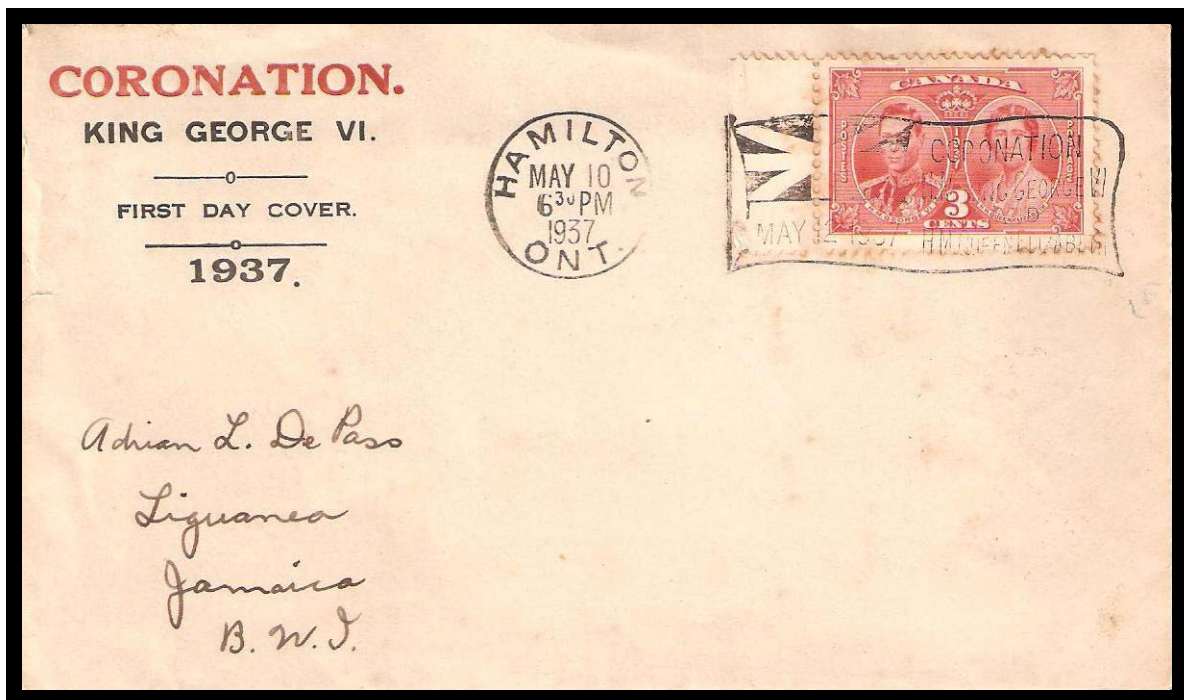


FDC No.: 237.807

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: Text is in red and black on this cachet, and reads as follows:
“CORONATION/ KING GEORGE VI/ FIRST DAY COVER/ 1937.”

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.808

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet is predominantly black text with sections separated by five black dots. The first section states, “Coronation Day Cover/ May 12TH, 1937” while the second has the title, ”Canada’s Rulers/ 1837-1937.” Following that is a list of the five Kings and Queens from Victoria to George VI, then a statement that the cover had been “Mailed from the City of/ Windsor, Ontario, which/ was founded in the year/ 1836 and named after/ the Royal Family.”

This example has interesting franking with the stamps bearing the likenesses of each of the five rulers, including Edward VIII who is represented on a British stamp as Canada had issued none showing him during his reign. The two air mail stickers were also added. Someone later added the 5 cent stamp with Queen Elizabeth to show the unbroken chain of Kings and Queens.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.809

Cachet By: N. Cole

Description: The blue cachet shown here is similar in design to the next one, and both appear to have been produced by the same person. This version has the text in italics, "God Save the King" with an inverted pyramid below it.

Photo:

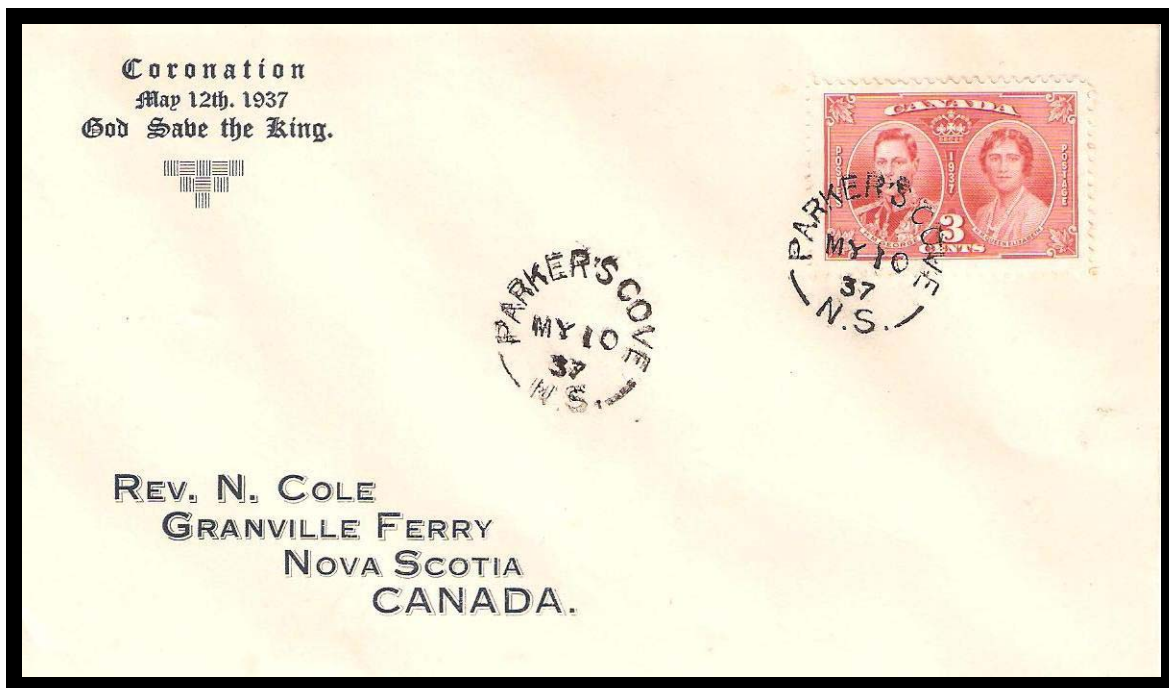


FDC No.: 237.810.01 (Baron Type 29)

Cachet By: N. Cole

Description: This blue cachet has the same content as the previous one but two additional lines of italic text at the top reading, "Coronation/ May 12th, 1937." The address is printed in the same colour as the cachet, suggesting that Rev. N. Cole produced it.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.810.02 (Baron Type 30)

Cachet By: N. Cole

Description: This cachet has the same design as the previous one but is printed in red rather than blue.

Photo: Not available.

FDC No.: 237.811

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet has a simple, black legend “CORONATION/ MAY, 1937” in a rectangular box in the lower left corner of the cover. There is also a rubber-stamped “FIRST DAY COVER” in the upper left corner.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.812

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet has "FIRST DAY COVER" at the top and "May 12th, 1937" at the bottom. There is text in italics between those two lines reading, "Commemorating/ the Coronation of/ Their Majesties/ King George the Sixth/ and/ Queen Elizabeth."

Photo:

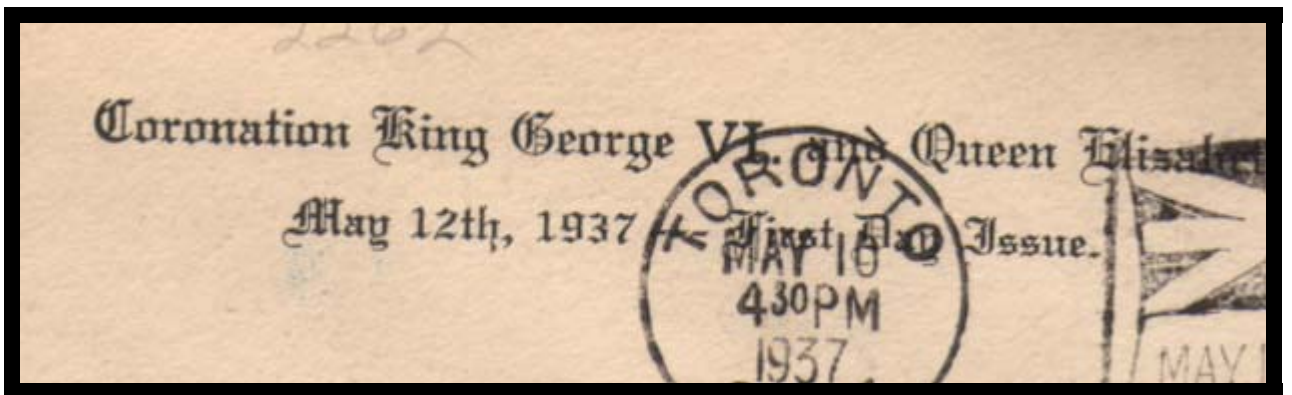


FDC No.: 237.813

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: Text on this cachet is in italics and reads as follows: "Coronation King George VI and Queen Elizabeth/ May 12th, 1937 – First Day of Issue."

Photo:

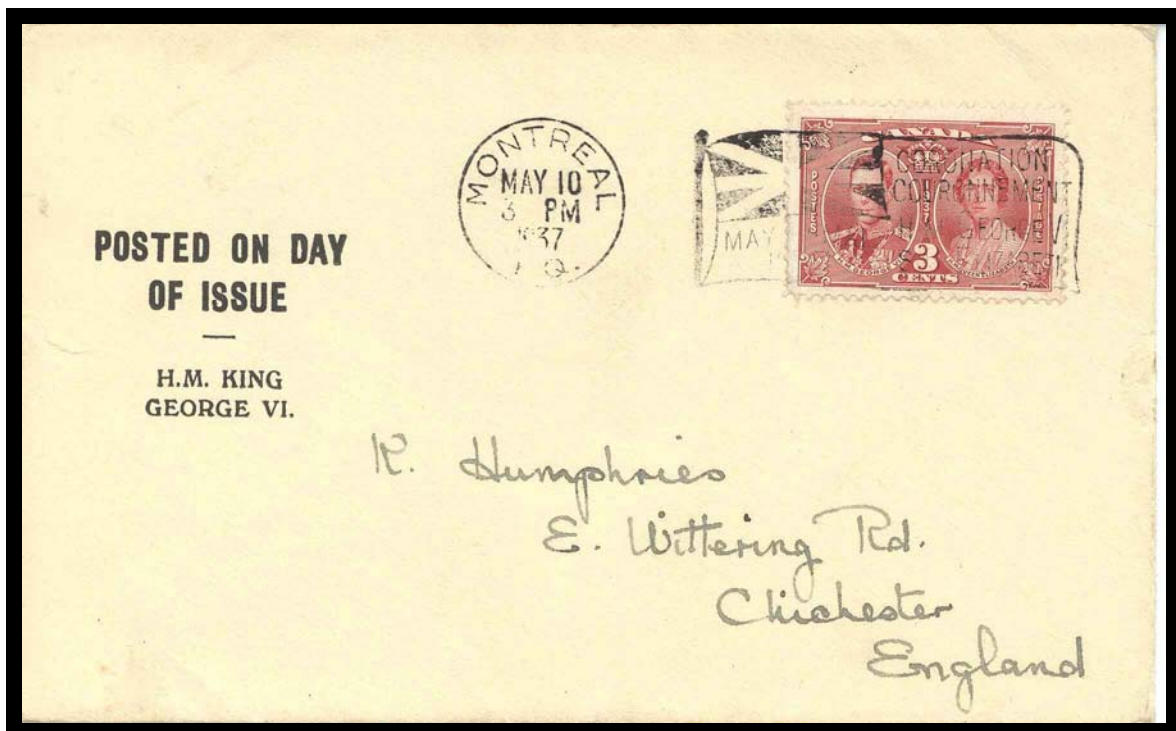


FDC No.: 237.814

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This text reads, "POSTED ON DAY OF ISSUE/ H.M. KING/
GEORGE VI."

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.815

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: Text across the bottom of this cover is, "Greetings from Medicine Hat, Coronation Day, May 12, 1937."

Photo:

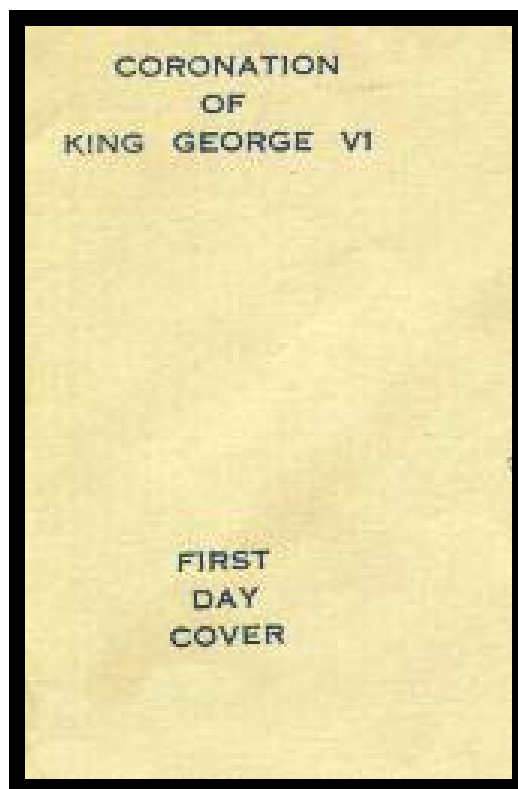


FDC No.: 237.816

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet is comprised of blue text as follows: "CORONATION/
OF/ KING GEORGE VI/ FIRST/ DAY/ COVER."

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.817

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: Two mythical creatures are shown at the top of this cachet, with text reading, "First Day Cover/ Commemorating the Coronation of/ King George VI/ of/ The British Empire."

Photo:

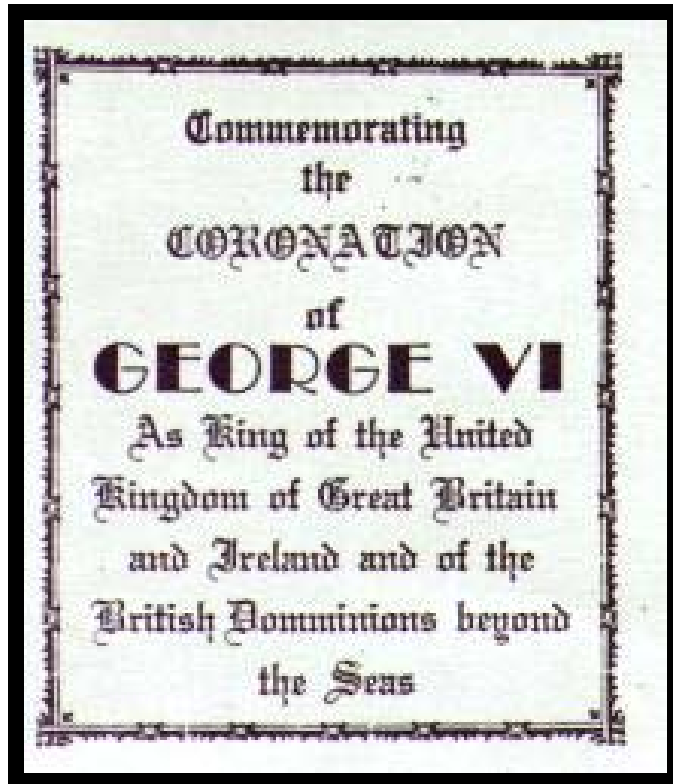


FDC No.: 237.818

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: A decorated frame encloses the text of this cachet which is primarily in italics and reads as follows: "Commemorating/ the/ CORONATION/ of/ GEORGE VI/ As King of the United/ Kingdom of Great Britain/ and Ireland and of the/ British Dominions beyond/ the Seas."

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.819.01

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: Apart from three small maple leaves and three horizontal lines, this cachet consists of text as follows: "King George VI [in italics]/ CORONATION/ ISSUE./ May 10, 1937/ Dominion of Canada/ First Day Cover."

Photo:

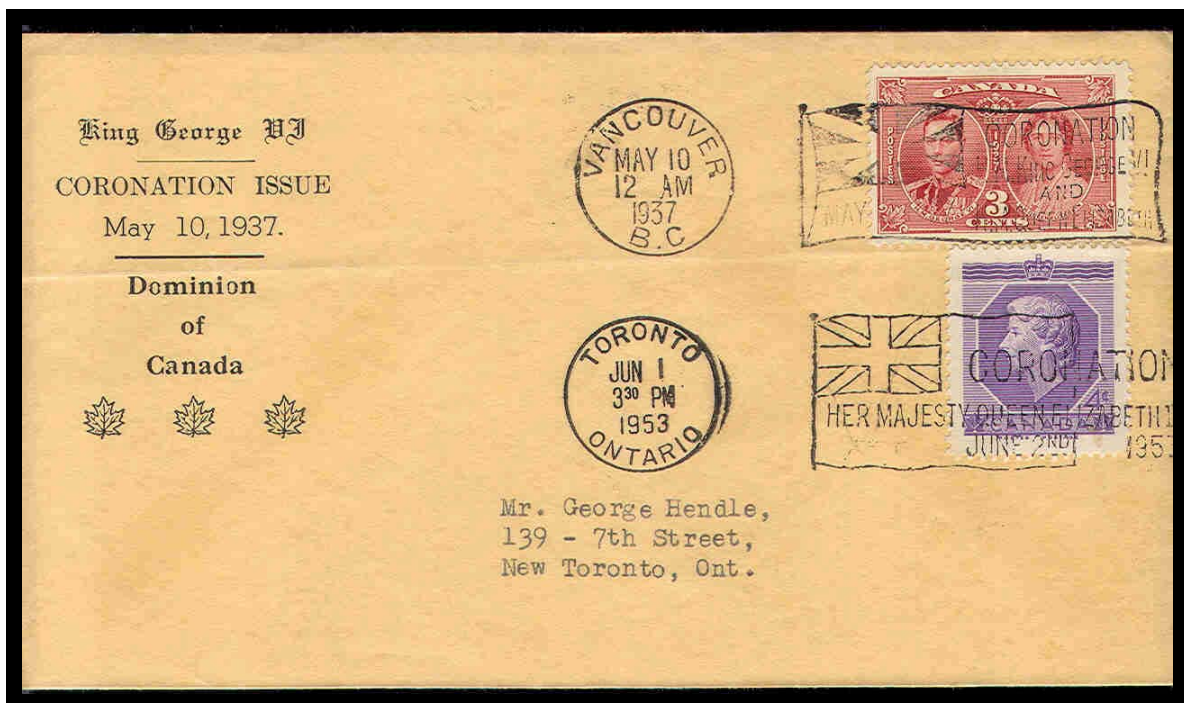


FDC No.: 237.819.02

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet is the same as the previous one except that the line "First Day Cover" has been omitted from the text. The cover shown below was also mailed on the first day of issue of Scott No. 330 which marked the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Photo:

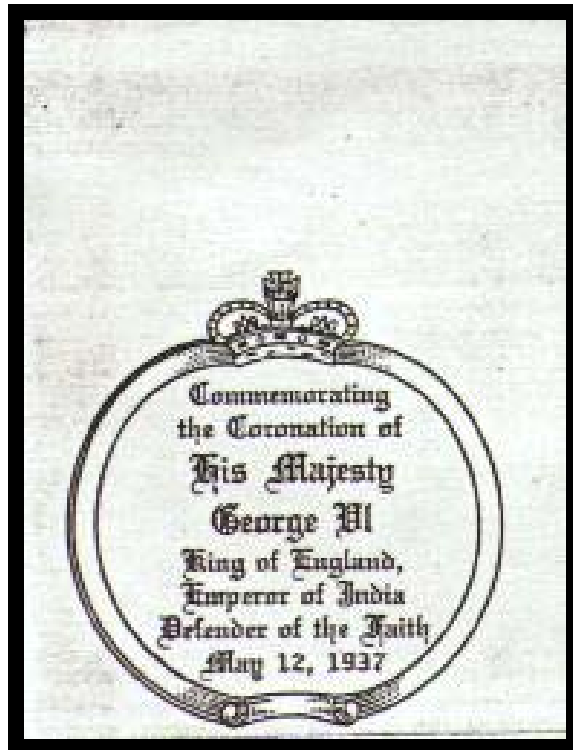


FDC No.: 237.820

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet's italic text is inside a double circle with a small crown on top. It reads, "Commemorating/ the Coronation of/ His Majesty/ George VI/ King of England,/ Emperor of India/ Defender of the Faith/ May 12, 1937."

Photo:

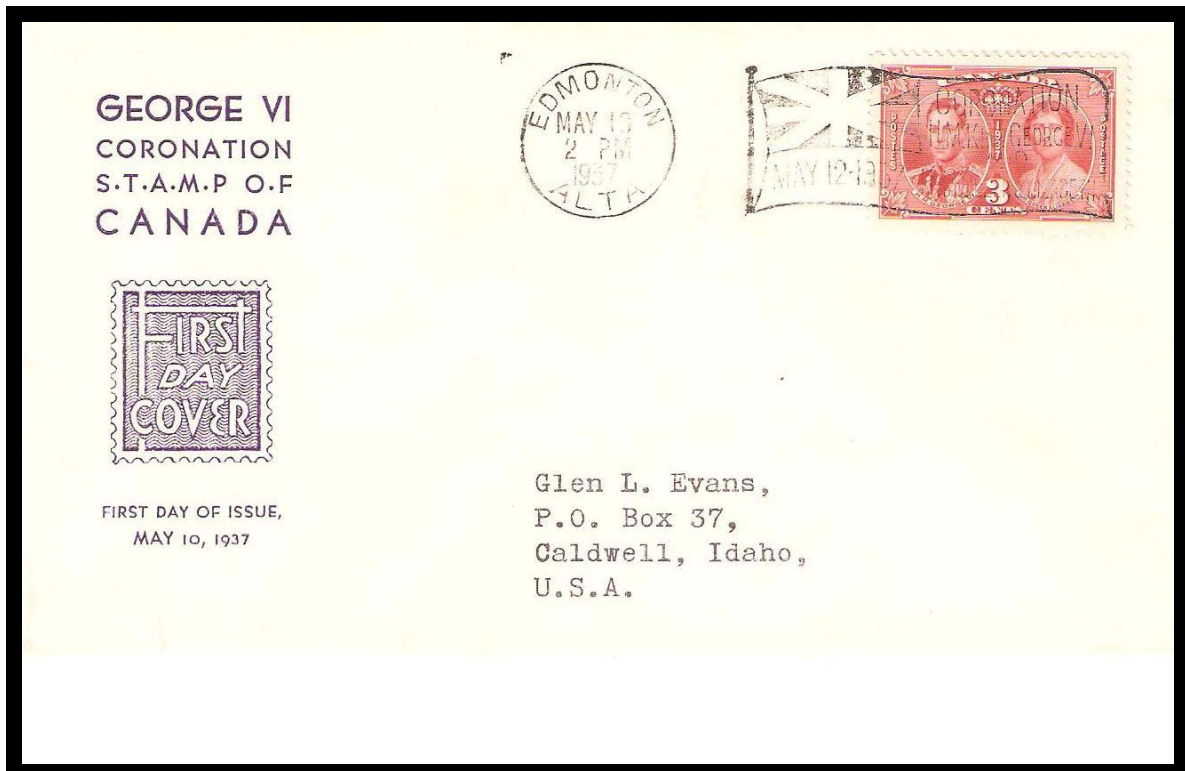


FDC No.: 237.821

Cachet By: Glen Evans (see Gasper article)

Description: This thermographic cachet is in purple with the only graphic element being a square enclosing the legend "FIRST DAY COVER." Text above the graphic is, "GEORGE VI/ CORONATION/ S.T.A.M.P O.F/ CANADA" while below the graphic it is, "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE,/ MAY 10, 1937."

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.822 (Baron Type 1)

Cachet By: William Frieze

Description: Baron describes this cachet as a double-lined black rectangle containing seven lines of red and black text as follows: "FIRST DAY COVER/
Dominion of/ CANADA/ Coronation of/ H.M. George VI/ and/ Queen Elizabeth."

Photo: Not available.

FDC No.: 237.823 (Baron Type 35)

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: Baron describes this cachet as a black design with two parallel lines containing three lines of printing, "First Day Cover/ H. M./ King George VI." The cachet is in the upper left corner of the cover.

Photo: Not available.

FDC No.: 237.824 (Baron Type 48)

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: Baron's description of this cachet notes that it is a wavy, bordered square with the text, "NEW STAMP/ COMMEMORATING/ the/ CORONATION/ of/ KING GEORGE VI", with "FIRST DAY COVER" at the left of the design.

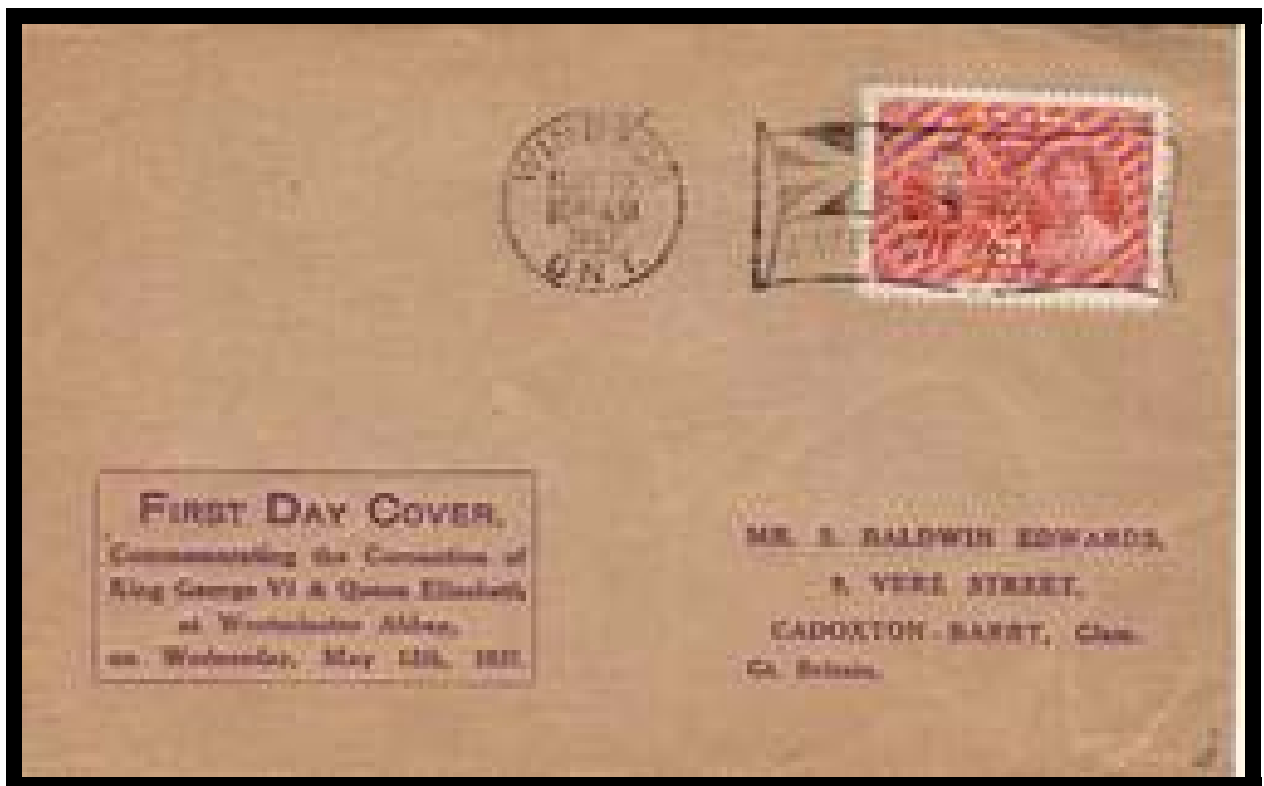
Photo: Not available.

FDC No.: 237.825

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This text-only cachet has a boxed cachet worded as follows:
“FIRST DAY COVER/ Commemorating the Coronation of/ King George VI & Queen
Elizabeth/ at Westminster Abbey,/ on Wednesday, May 12th, 1937.”

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.826

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cover is printed all in blue, including the address, and has the following text: "Coronation of H. M. King George VI/ Posted on Day of Issue."

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.851.01

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This purple, rubber-stamped cachet portrays a maple leaf with "First Day Cover" in the centre.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.851.02

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This is the same cachet as the previous one but the rubber stamp is in violet ink rather than purple.

Photo:

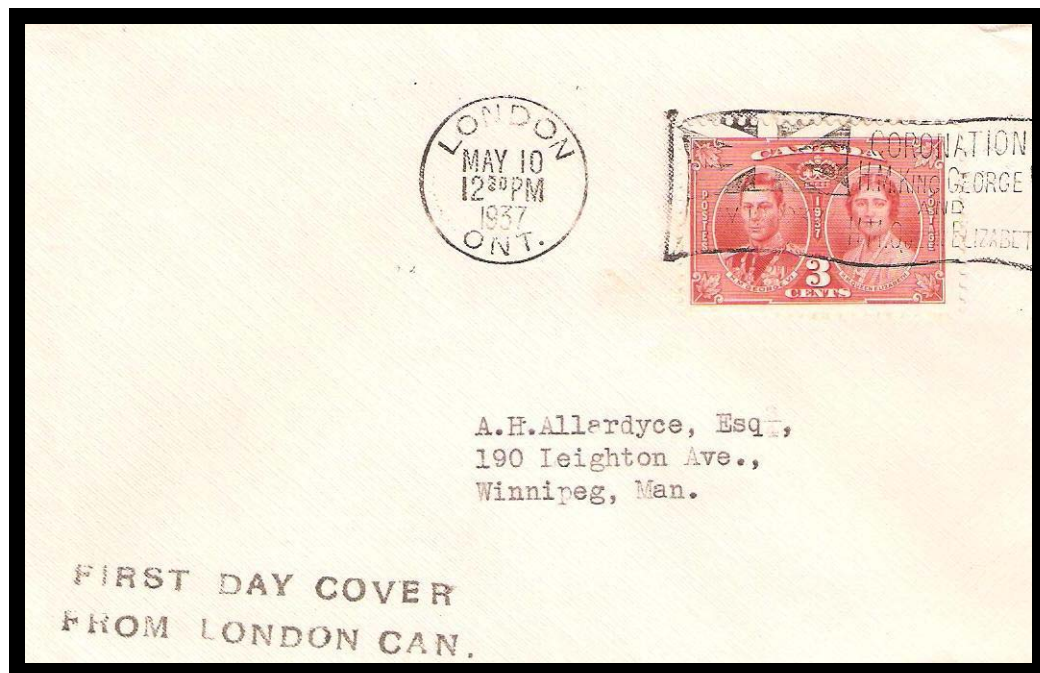


FDC No.: 237.852 (Baron Type 56)

Cachet By: London Postmaster

Description: This rubber-stamp "FIRST DAY COVER/ FROM LONDON CAN." was applied to first day of issue covers by the Postmaster in London, Ontario.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.853 (Baron Type 59)

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This red "FIRST-DAY/ CANADA" rubber stamp is enclosed by a rectangular frame.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.854

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet consists of a straight-line black rubber stamp reading
"FIRST DAY COVER."

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.855

Cachet By: City Stamp Shop

Description: This cachet is comprised of a straight-line rubber-stamped "FIRST DAY COVER."

Photo:

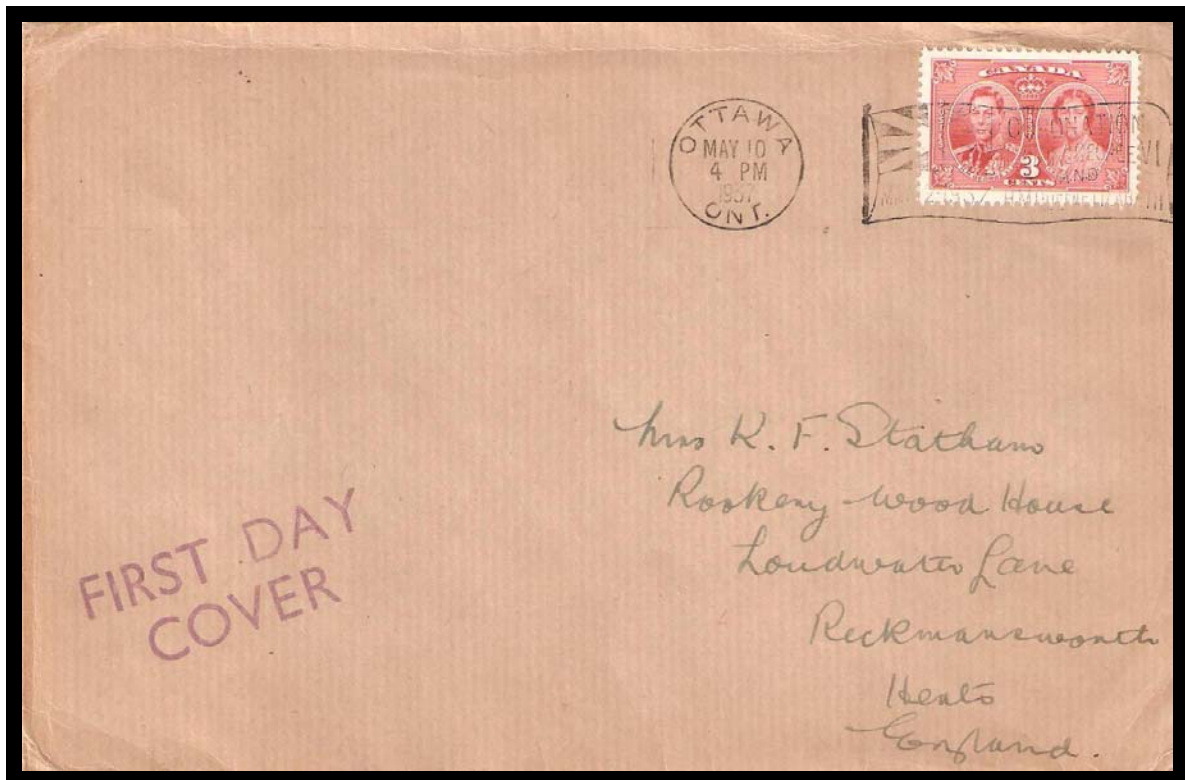


FDC No.: 237.856.01

Cachet By: Selfridge and Company Philatelic Department

Description: This is the first of three rubber stamps used by Selfridge, as indicated on the back of the covers, all of which are two lines reading, "FIRST DAY/COVER." This one is 50 x 18 mm.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.856.02

Cachet By: Selfridge and Company Philatelic Department

Description: This second Selfridge rubber stamp is 44 x 22 mm.

Photo:

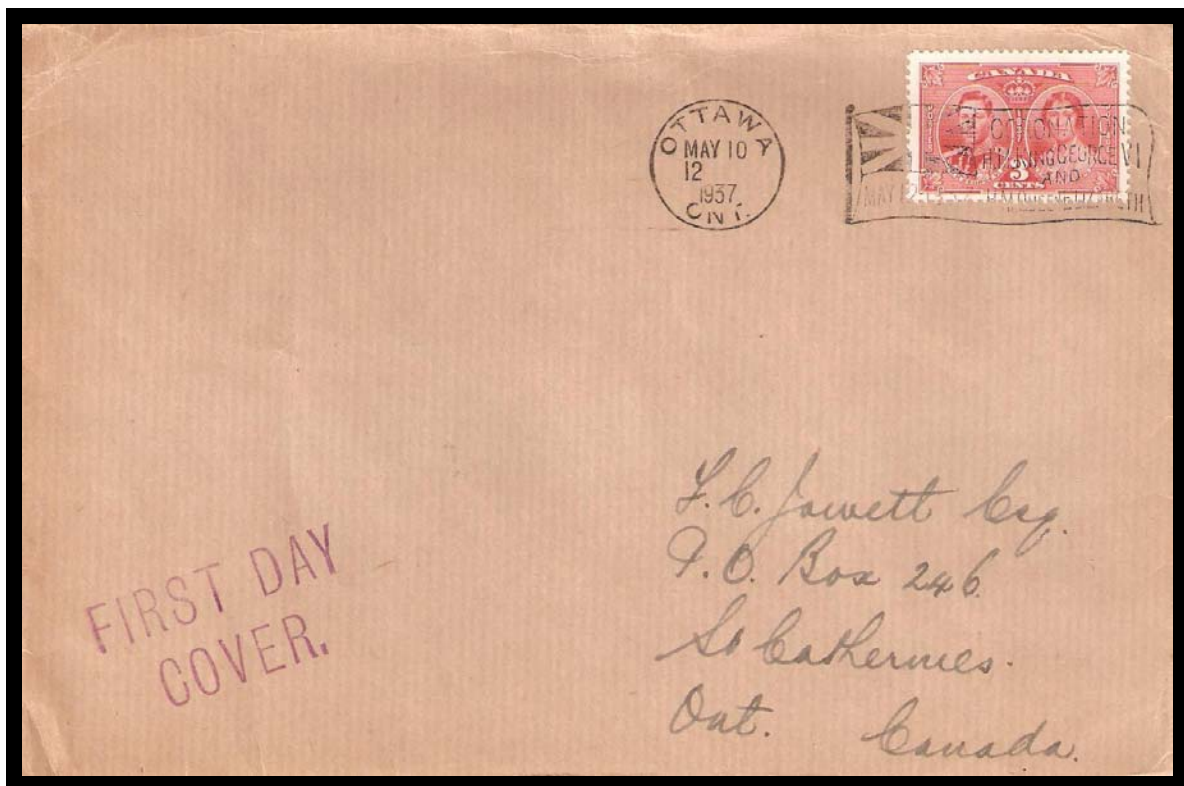


FDC No.: 237.856.03

Cachet By: Selfridge and Company Philatelic Department

Description: The final Selfridge rubber stamp is 43 x 22 mm. and the font is thinner than that of 237.856.02.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.857

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: Here is a straight line rubber stamp reading, "First Day Cover."

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.858.01

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This straight-line, rubber stamped "First Day Cover" is in a decorative font in blue ink.

Photo:

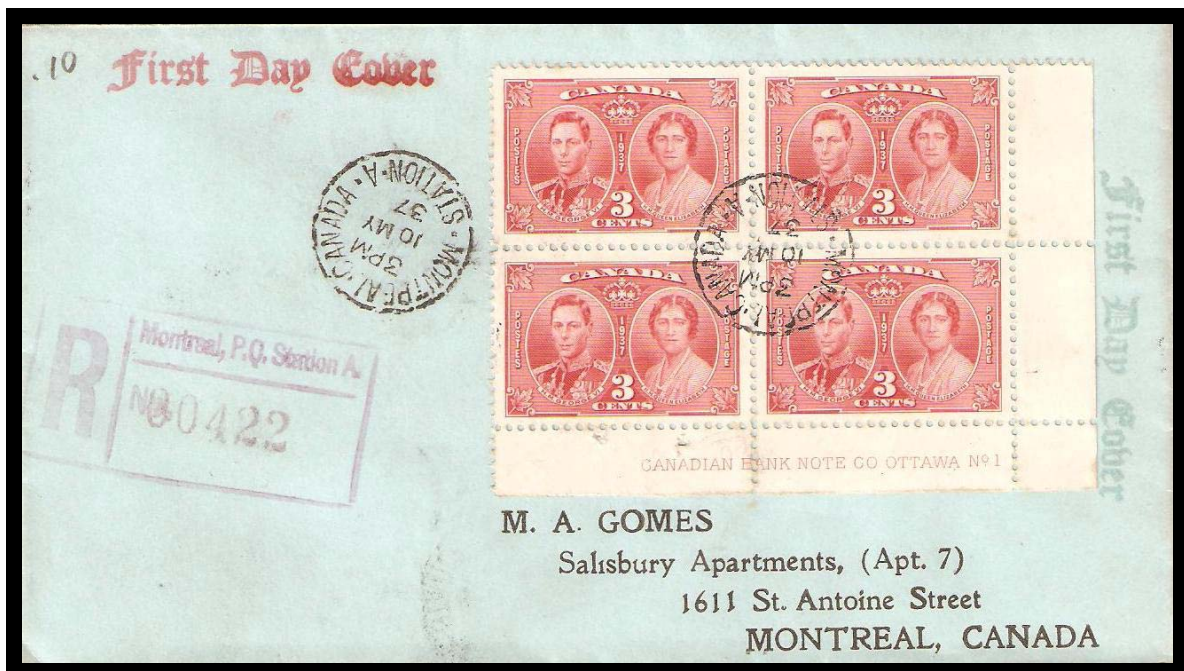


FDC No.: 237.858.02

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This rubber-stamped cachet has the same blue imprint of "First Day Cover" as the previous one, but it also has the imprint in red in the upper left corner of the cover.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.859

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: Here is a two-line "First Day Cover" rubber stamp.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.860

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet has a straight-line, rubber-stamp "FIRST DAY COVER."
COVER."

Photo:

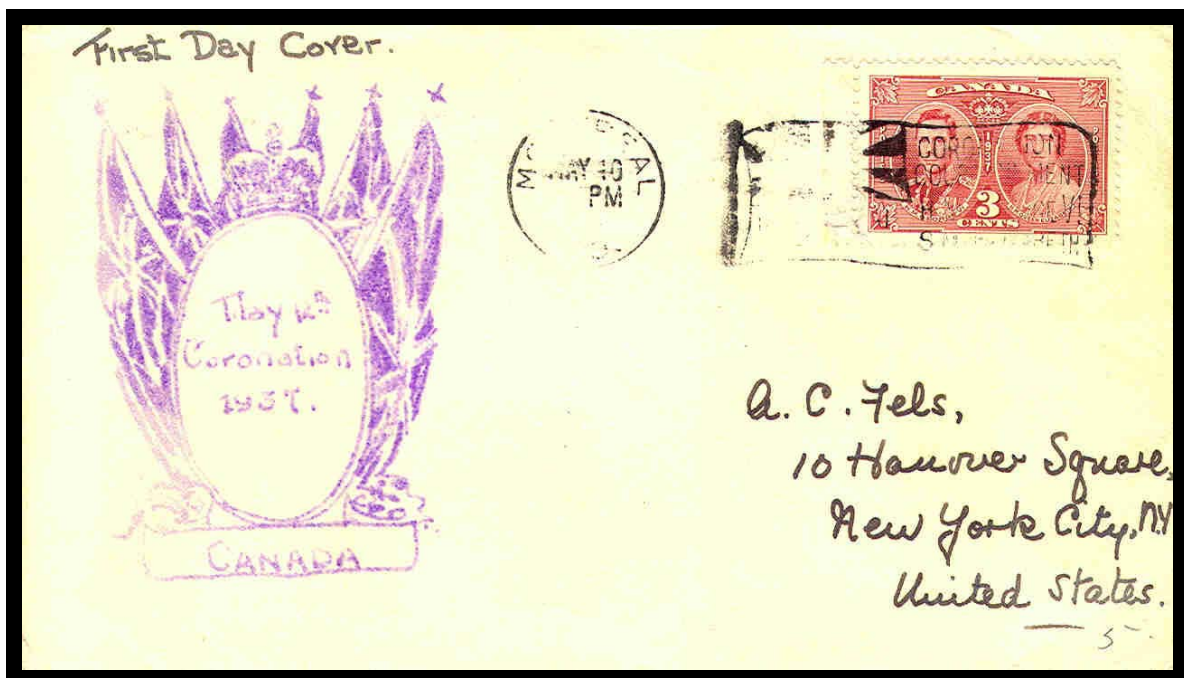


FDC No.: 237.861

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet is a purple, rubber-stamp version of 237.108 and its variants. The centre oval reads, "May 12th/ Coronation/ 1937" and "CANADA" appears in the pedestal at the bottom.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.862

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This rubber stamp is a one-line "First Day Cover" in script.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.863

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This three-line rubber-stamped impression has the legend "FIRST DAY/
of/ ISSUE" on an air mail envelope.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.864

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet, possibly by "G. M.", has three strikes of a rubber-stamped "Hands Across the Sea" plus clasped hands. Two of the strikes are in purple and one is in blue. There is also a blue and red-lined border.

Photo:

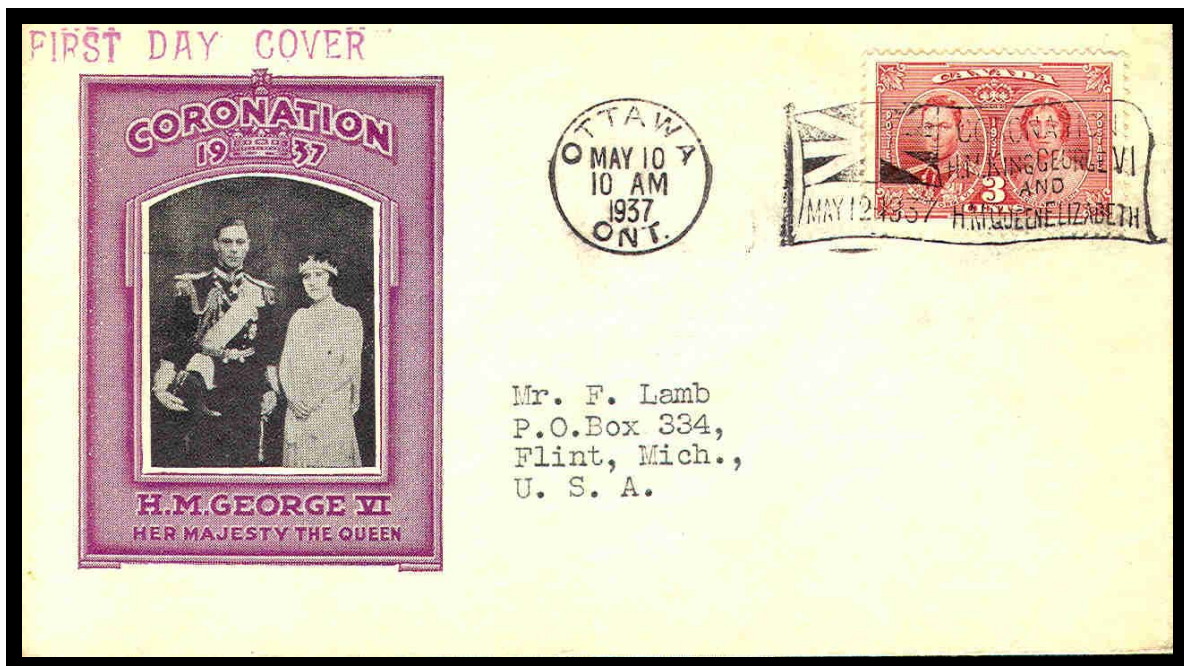


FDC No.: 237.865

Cachet By: Ioor

Description: This Ioor cachet has the added feature of a red rubber-stamped "FIRST DAY COVER" in a font not shown in other rubber-stamped cachets.

Photo:

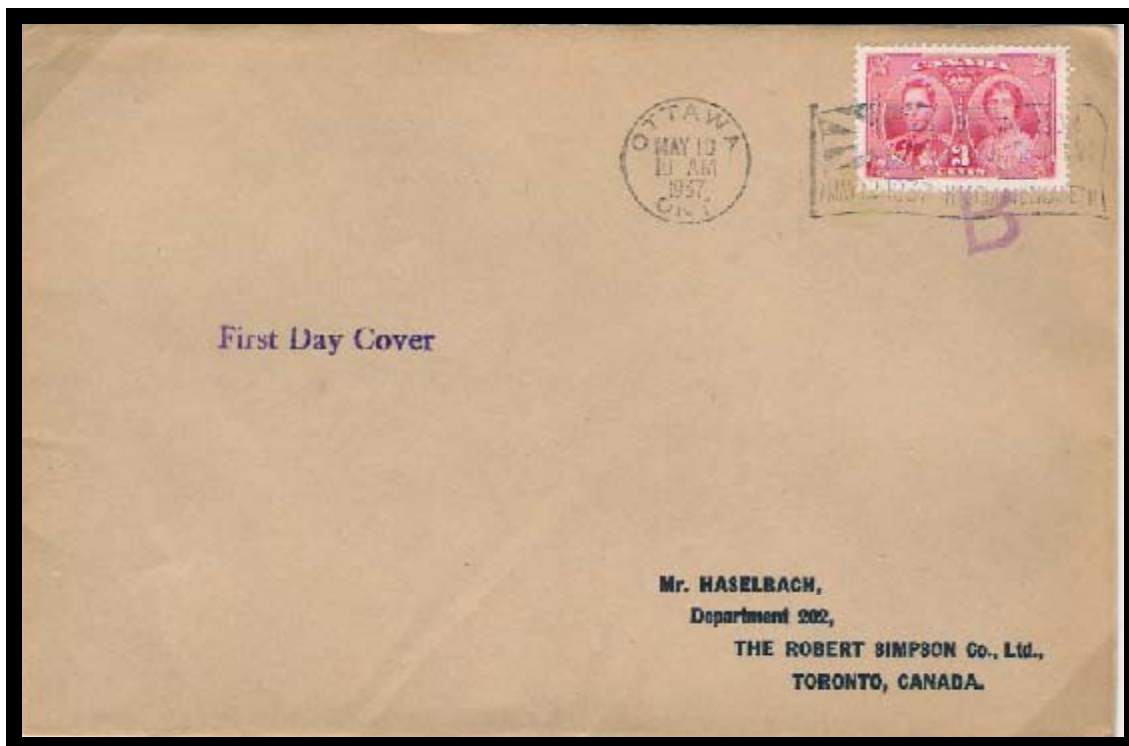


FDC No.: 237.866

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cover has a rubber-stamped "First Day Cover" in small purple letters.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.901.01

Cachet By: Frank Herget

Description: This general purpose cachet featuring a blue maple leaf and the wording, "CANADIAN/ new issue" was used for numerous first day covers for Canadian stamp issues.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.901.02

Cachet By: Frank Herget

Description: This cachet has the same design as the previous one but it is green rather than blue.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.902

Cachet By: Wascana Stamp Club

Description: Here is the general purpose cachet used for first day covers by the Wascana Stamp Club in Regina. The red and blue cachet features a lion within a circle, with a Union Jack at each side. The Club name appears in an arc above the circle and "CANADA" is below it. A typed "First Day Cover" has been added. A typed "First Day Cover" has been added.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.903.01 (Baron Type 57)

Cachet By: Ottawa Philatelic Society

Description: This cachet is the standard Ottawa Philatelic Society rubber stamp used extensively on FDC's of the era. It is in blue and shows a maple leaf with the name of the Society on it, surrounded by a double circle with "FIRST DAY COVER" within. The circle rests on a pedestal containing the date and the signature of the Society's Secretary.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.903.02 (Baron Type 58)

Cachet By: Ottawa Philatelic Society

Description: This cachet is the same as the previous one except that the ink used for the rubber stamp was purple rather than blue.

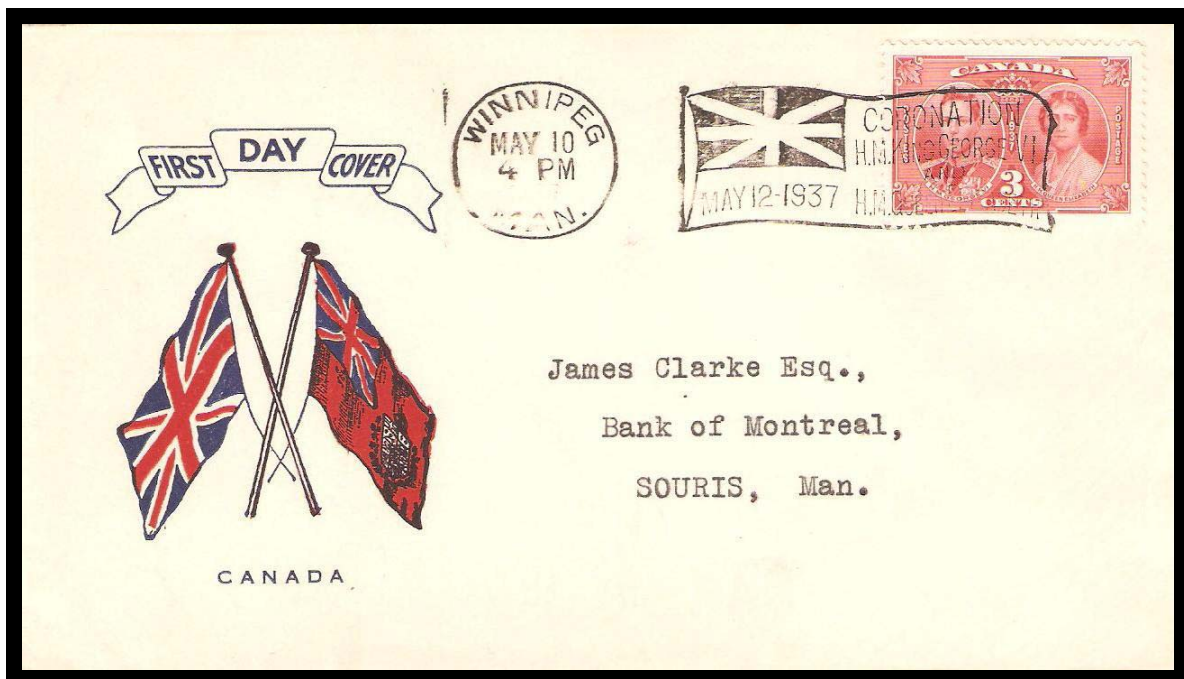
Photo: Not available.

FDC No.: 237.904

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This red and blue general purpose cachet consists of crossed flags with "CANADA" below them and a banner with "FIRST DAY COVER" above them.
(See also 237.906).

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.905 (Baron Type 60)

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: Here is a black general purpose cachet featuring crossed flags at the top with three vertical bars beneath. The text has the legend "First Day of Issue" in a decorative font.

Photo:

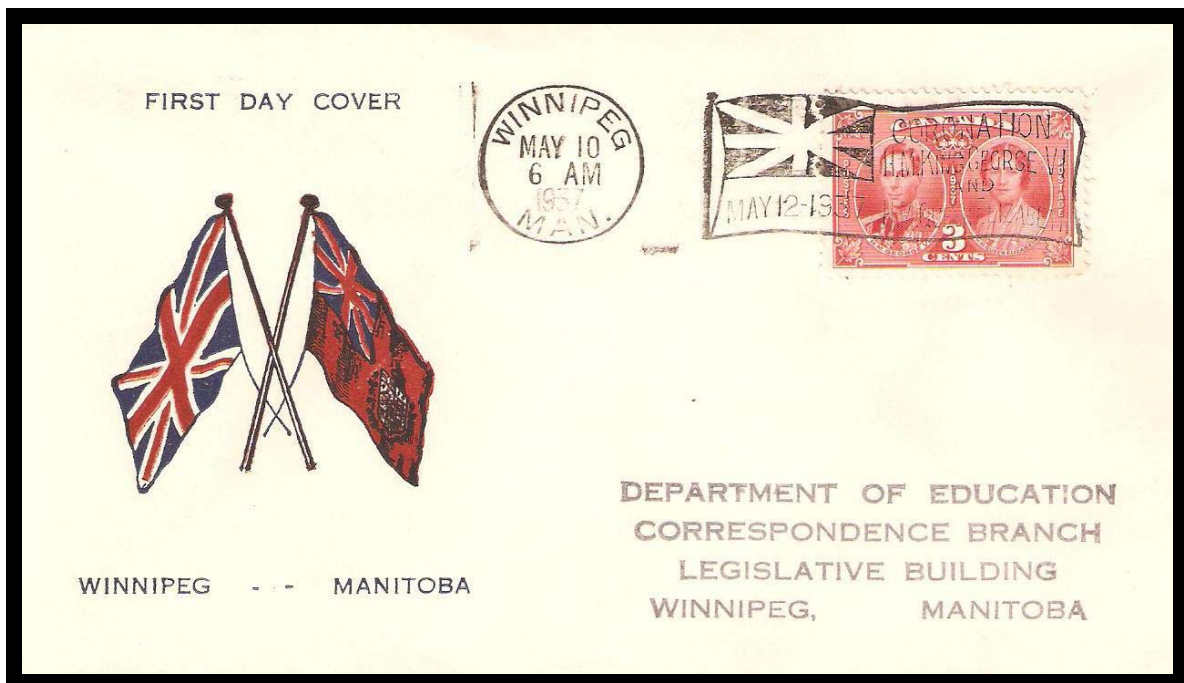


FDC No.: 237.906

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet has the same pictorial elements as 237.904, the pair of crossed flags in red and blue. The text differs, however, in that "FIRST DAY COVER" above the flags is not enclosed by a banner, and below the flags is "WINNIPEG - - MANTIOBA" rather than "CANADA."

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.907 (Baron Type 47)

Cachet By: Aearophilatelic Club of New York

Description: Baron describes this cachet as a general purpose cover from the Aearophilatelic Club, pasted over with a Coronation seal in blue and brown showing the Royal Couple. The cachet consists of a red frame with a plane flying over the sun. Text at the bottom reads, "FIRST DAY of ISSUE/ Postage Stamp", with "Coronation" typed between those two lines.

Photo: Not available.

FDC No.: 237.908

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This red general purpose cachet has trilingual text, with “FIRST DAY OF ISSUE” at the top in English, “USQUE AD MARE” in Latin in a banner beneath the coat of arms, and “LE PREMEIER JOUR D’USAGE” in French at the bottom.

Photo:

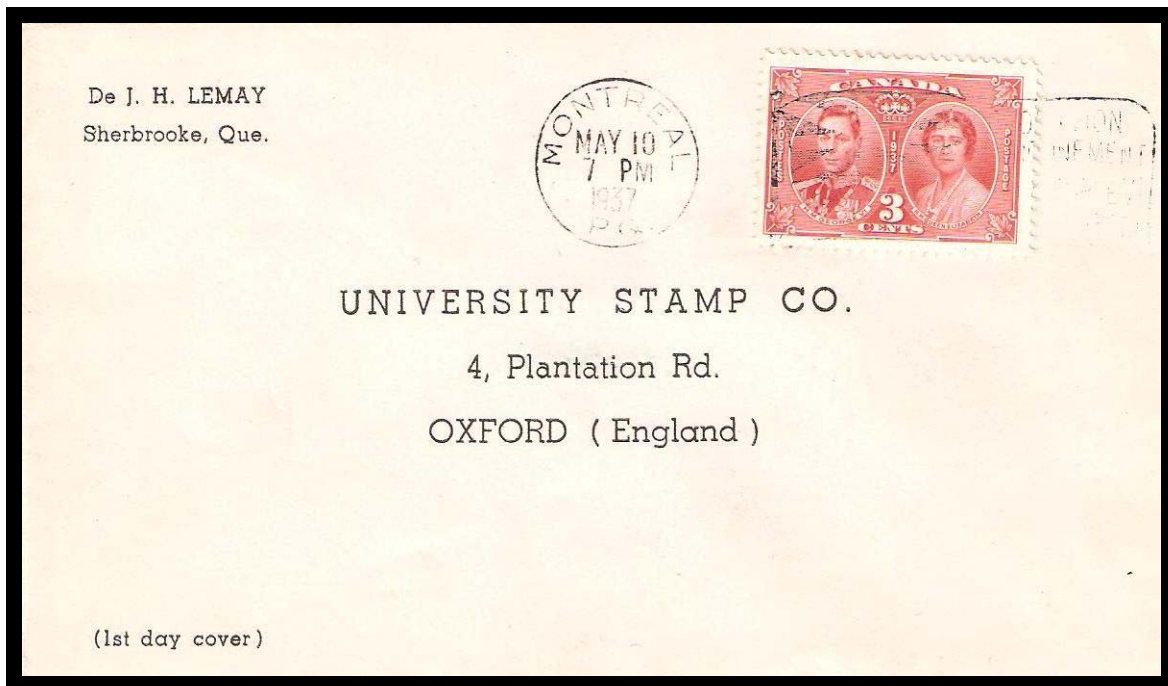


FDC No.: 237.909

Cachet By: J.H. Lemay

Description: This cover has a small imprint in the lower left corner “(1st day cover)”. It was apparently prepared by Lemay for the University Stamp Co. in Oxford, England.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.995.01

Cachet By: NA

Description: This uncacheted cover is a Bank of Montreal corner card with "First Day Cover" printed in ink at the top left. It was sent from a branch in Saint John to one in Woodstock, NB.

Photo:

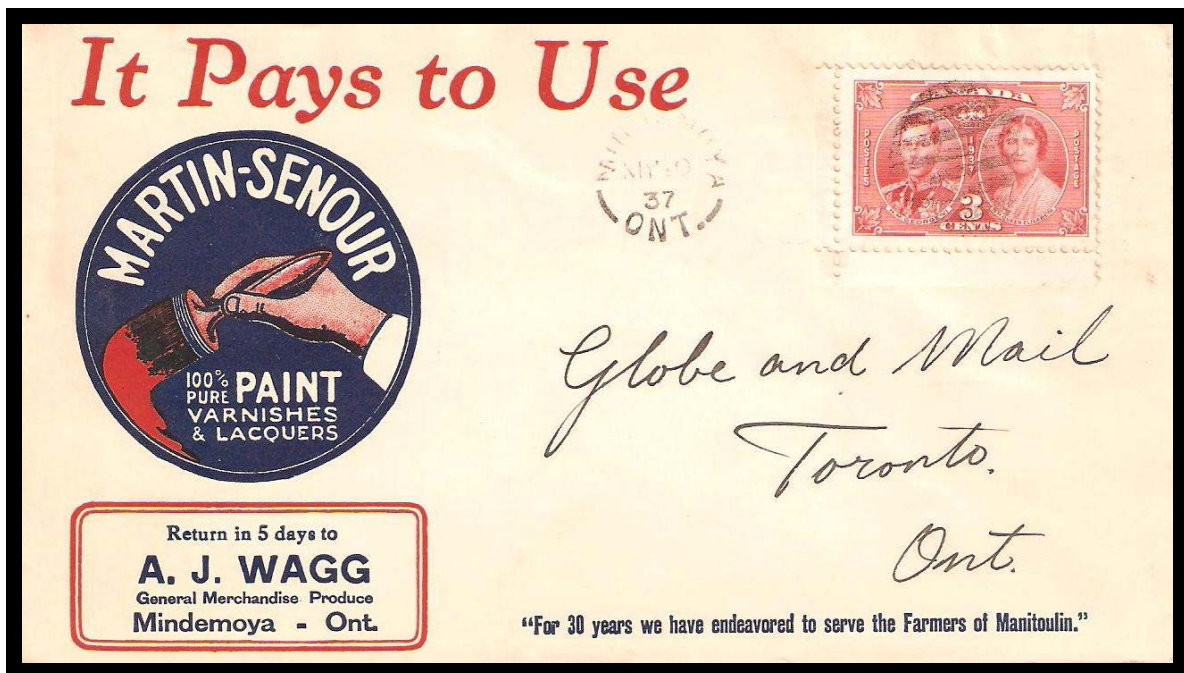


FDC No.: 237.996.01

Cachet By: NA

Description: This uncacheted advertising cover from Martin-Senour Paint has no indication of being a FDC other than the split circle cancellation from Mindemoya, ON dated May 10.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.997.01

Cachet By: NA

Description: Here is a typewritten "First Day Cover" notation with a row of "o"s beneath it. This cover is one of a series of similar covers mailed from various first-day locations across Canada to a common addressee in Dallas, Texas.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.998.01

Cachet By: NA

Description: This uncacheted cover is more elaborate than most hand-written ones as it has a notation in the lower left corner reading, "Coronation Stamp/ First Day Cover" as well as a double border consisting of red and blue lines.

Photo:



FDC No.: 237.999.01

Cachet By: NA

Description: This personal letter has only a Perth, ON CDS cancellation to indicate that it was mailed on the day-of-issue.

Photo:

