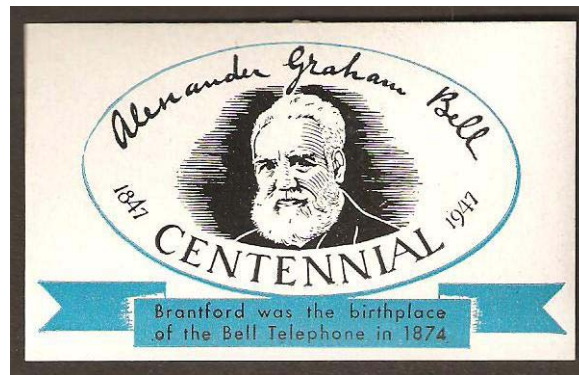


**FIRST DAY COVERS OF THE 1947 CANADA
BELL COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE**

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**Figure 1. The Official Bell
Centennial Logo**

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PART IV

GENERAL PURPOSE & UNCACHETED COVERS

STUDY PAPER ORGANIZATION

This Study Paper has been divided into four parts due to the large number of First Day Covers identified for the Bell Issue.

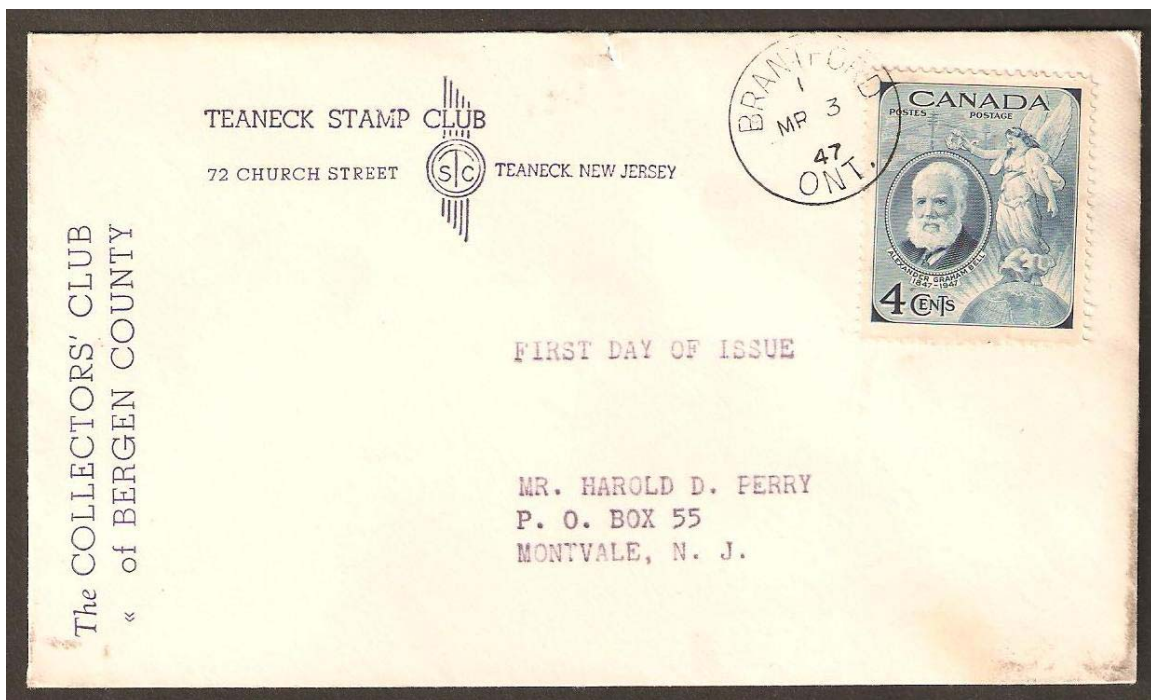
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FDC No.: 274.901

Cachet By: Teaneck Stamp Club

Description: This general purpose cachet was used by the Teaneck Stamp Club for several different issues of the period. At the left of the cover is vertical printing reading "The COLLECTORS' CLUB/ of BERGEN COUNTY" while the address of the Club is shown horizontally at top left.

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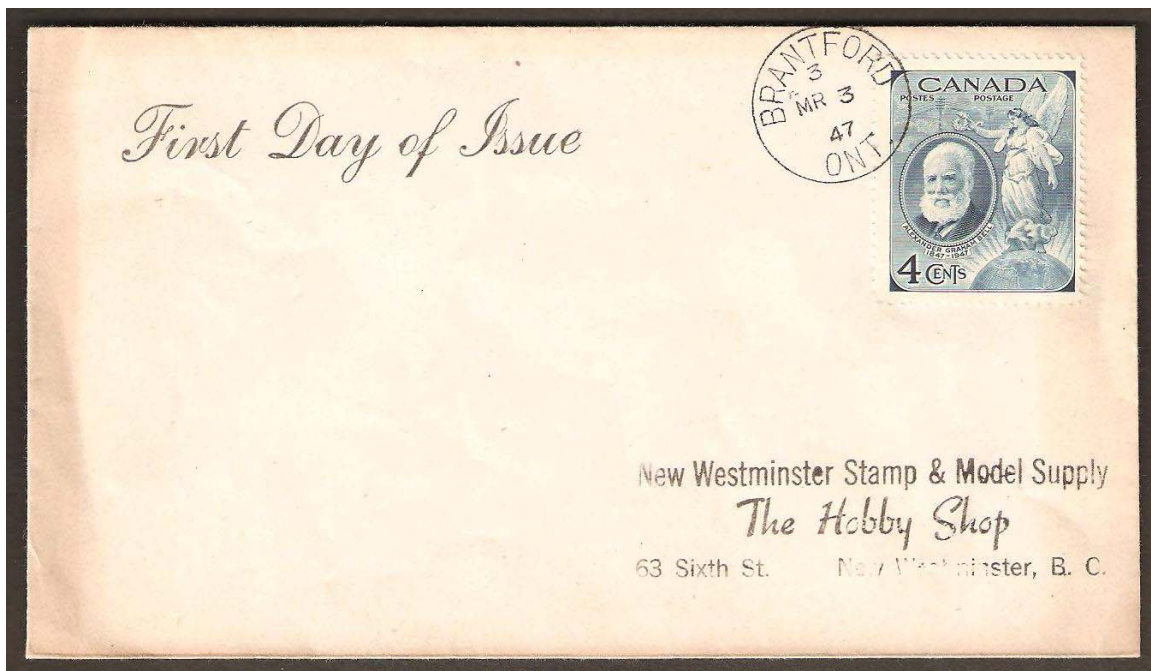


FDC No.: 274.902

Cachet By: New Westminster Stamp & Model Supply

Description: This is a very simple, generic cachet showing just the legend, "First Day of Issue" in script.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.903

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This general purpose cachet has brown printed wording, "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE" with a star beneath it.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.904

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This is a red general purpose cachet featuring the Canadian Coat of Arms, with the only text being "FIRST DAY COVER" at the bottom.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.905

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This general purpose cachet featuring the words, "GOOD NEIGHBOURS," an American flag and a Union Jack, a maple leaf, and three stars was printed on a #10 envelope.

Photo: This is a second-generation scan.

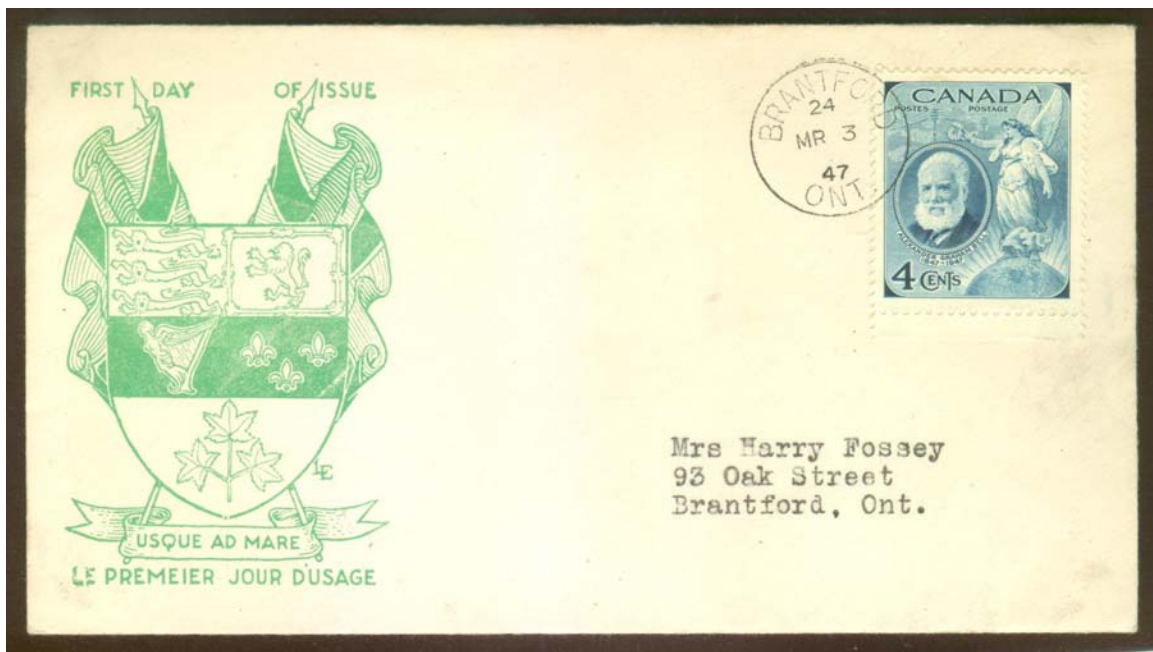


FDC No.: 274.906

Cachet By: L. E.

Description: This green general purpose cachet is a rather unusual trilingual product including English ("FIRST DAY OF ISSUE"), French ("LE PREMIER JOUR D'USAGE"), and Latin ("USQUE AD MARE"). The pictorial element of the cachet shows Canada's shield which is included in the lower centre portion of the Canadian Coat of Arms.

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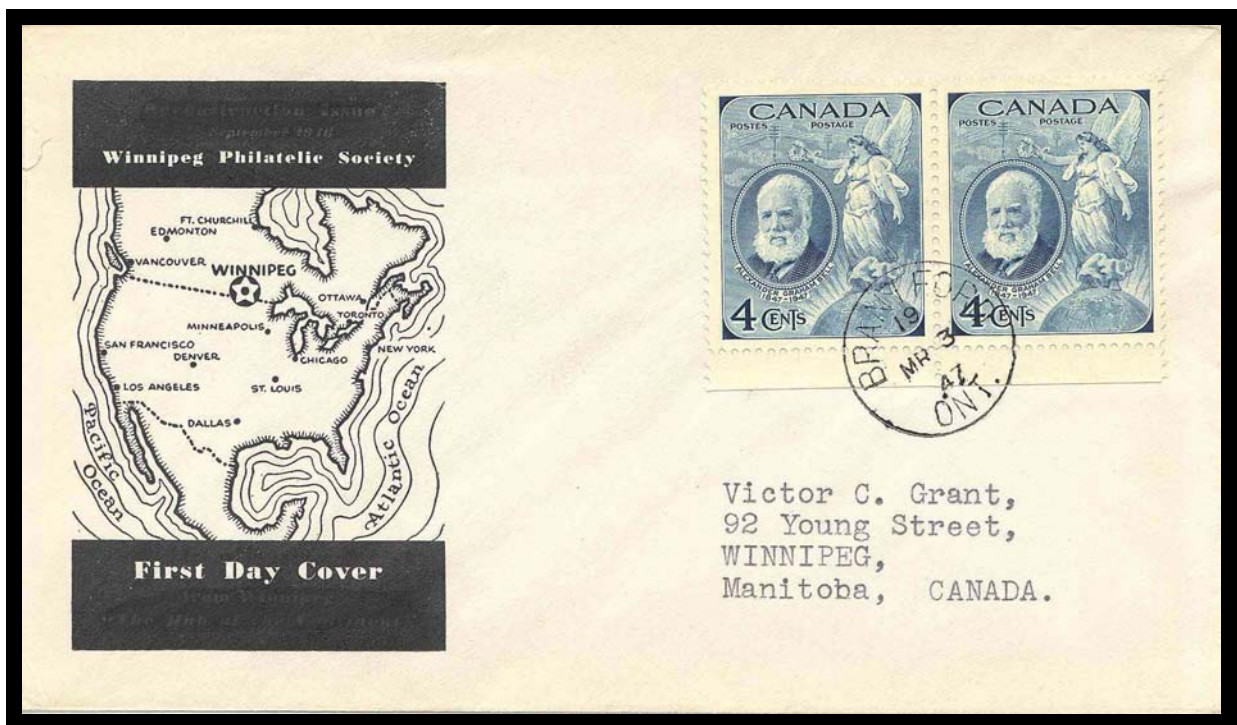


FDC No.: 274.907

Cachet By: Winnipeg Philatelic Society

Description: This black cachet was first prepared for the Peace Issue of 1946 but was converted to a general purpose cachet by blacking out the original text. The design features a map of North America with the Society's name at the top and "First Day Cover" at the bottom in white lettering on black rectangles.

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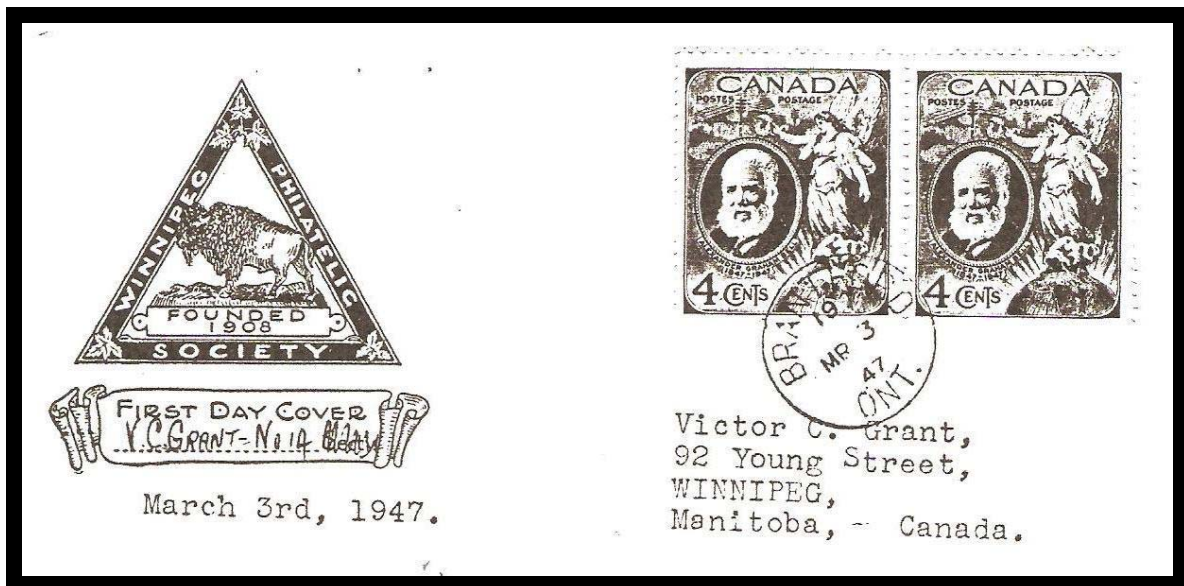


FDC No.: 274.908

Cachet By: Winnipeg Philatelic Society

Description: This blue cachet was the standard design used by the Society for its FDC's. It shows a buffalo within a triangle whose border contains the Society's name. There is a banner beneath the triangle containing the legend "FIRST DAY COVER", and the date of the issue is shown at the bottom.

Photo: This is a second-generation scan.



FDC No.: 274.909

Cachet By: Ed Lawrence

Description: This simple design in green and purple features a shield enclosing the legend "FIRST DAY COVER."

Photo:

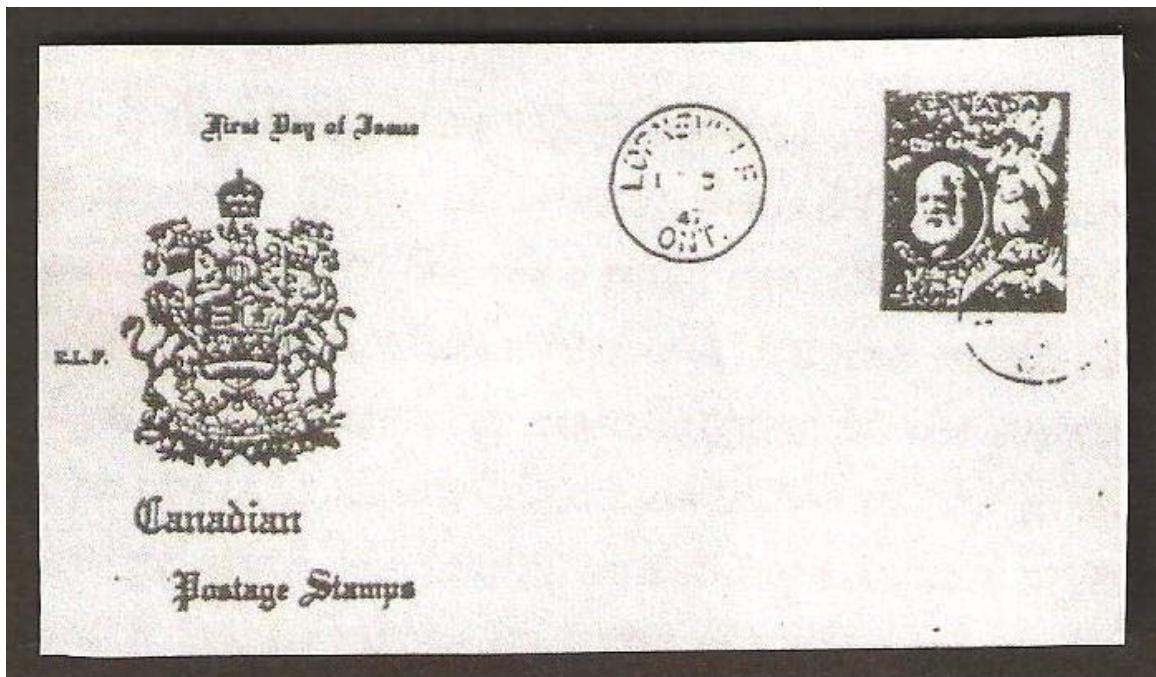


FDC No.: 274.910

Cachet By: E. L. F.

Description: This black cachet shows the Canadian Coat of Arms with lettering in italics. Above the Coat of Arms is "First Day of Issue," while below it is "Canadian/Postage Stamps."

Photo: This is a second-generation scan of a black and white photograph in a periodical.

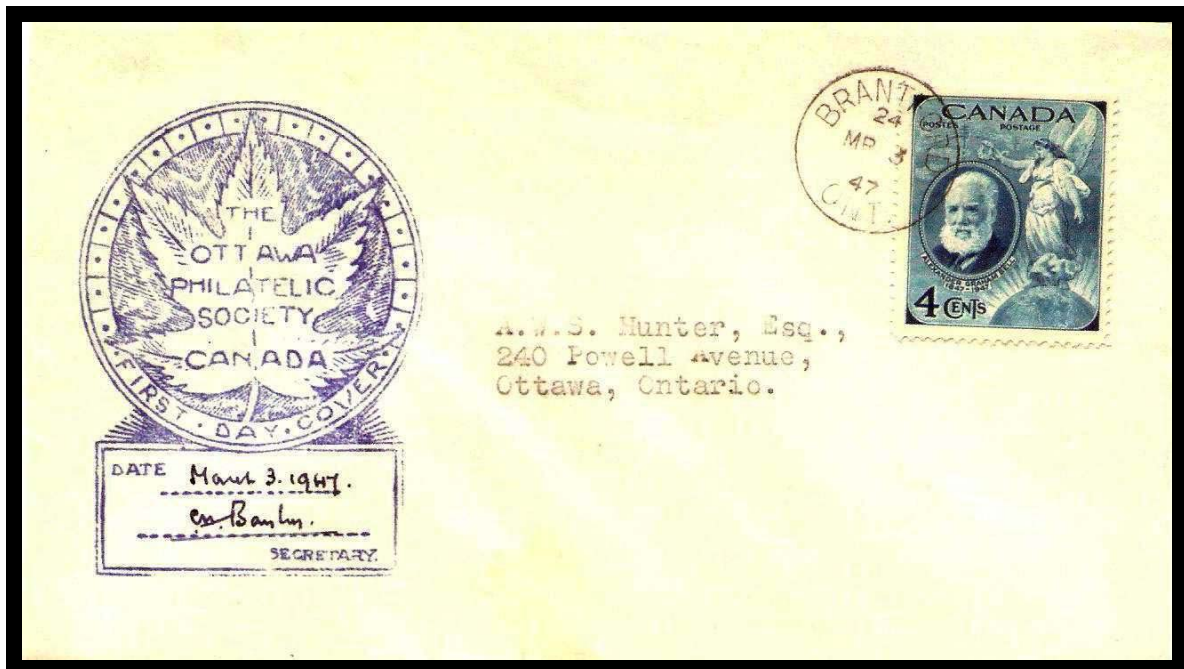


FDC No.: 274.911

Cachet By: Ottawa Philatelic Society

Description: This cachet is the standard blue rubber-stamped design used by the Ottawa Philatelic Society on many stamp issues of the era. It features a maple leaf inside a double circle with a pedestal at the bottom which contained the date of the issue and the signature of the Society Secretary.

Photo:

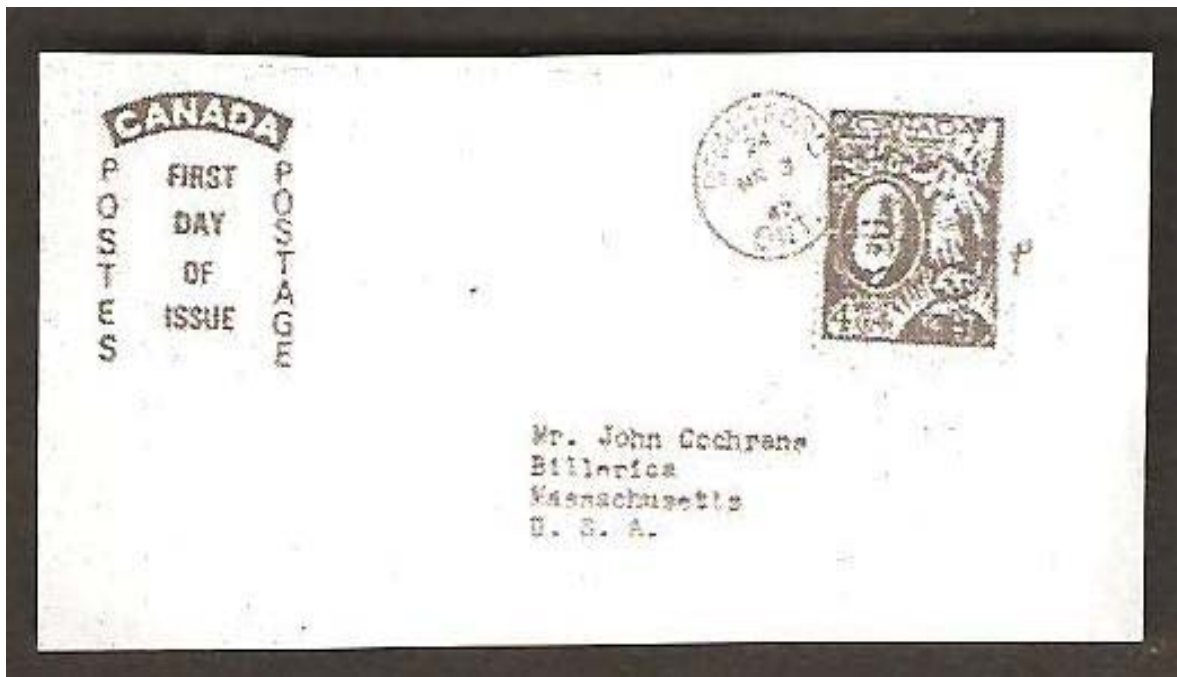


FDC No.: 274.912

Cachet By: John Cochrane

Description: This black, general purpose cachet has "CANADA" displayed in white letters against a black background in an arch at the top of the design, with "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE" below the arch and "POSTES POSTAGE" at either side.

Photo: This is a second-generation scan of a black and white photograph in a periodical.

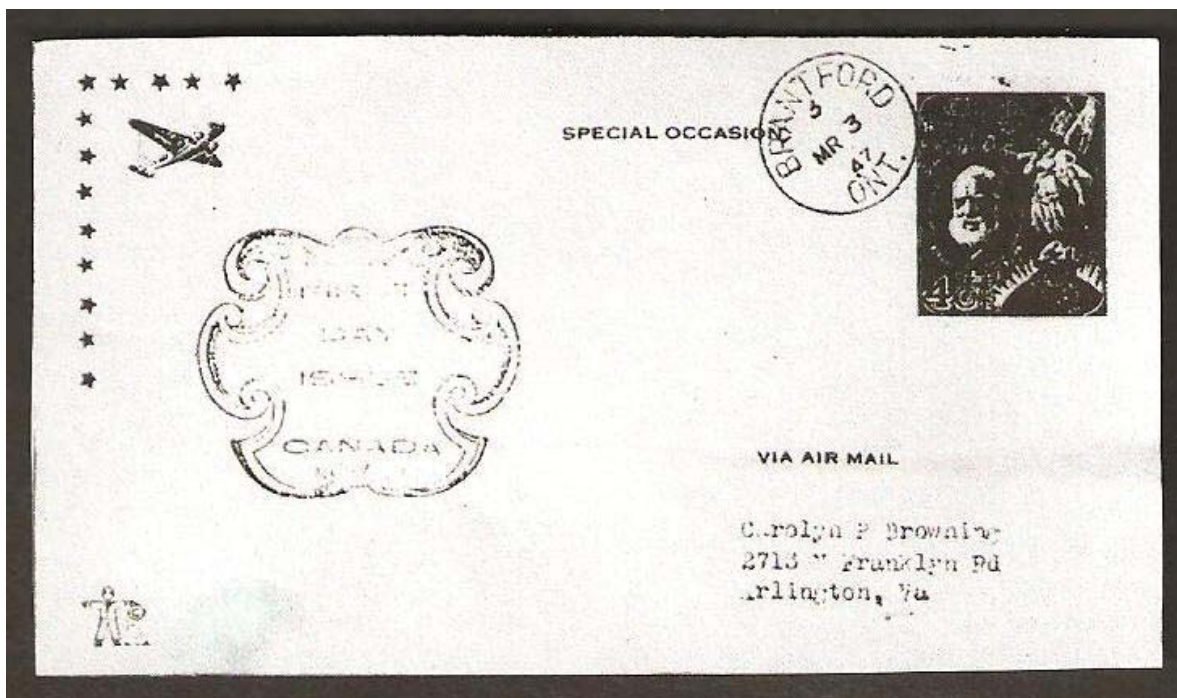


FDC No.: 274.913

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This general purpose cachet with unknown colours has an upper left border of stars, with an airplane in the corner, and a scalloped frame around the legend FIRST DAY ISSUE CANADA." "SPECIAL OCCASION" appears near the top slightly to the right of centre.

Photo: This is a second-generation scan of a black and white photograph in a periodical.



FDC No.: 274.914

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This multi-coloured, general purpose cachet shows the Canadian Coat of Arms with "CANADA" printed beneath it. A horizontal line is near the bottom of the cover, with "POSTED ON DAY OF ISSUE" below it. There is a union-made symbol in the bottom right corner of the envelope.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.915.01

Cachet By: E. M. Rickson

Description: This is a purple edition of Rickson's typical cachet featuring a frame and the words, "FIRST DAY COVER."

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.915.02

Cachet By: E. M. Rickson

Description: This red version of Rickson's cachet has a slightly more elaborate design at the top of the frame, otherwise it is the same as the previous cachet although the colour is different.

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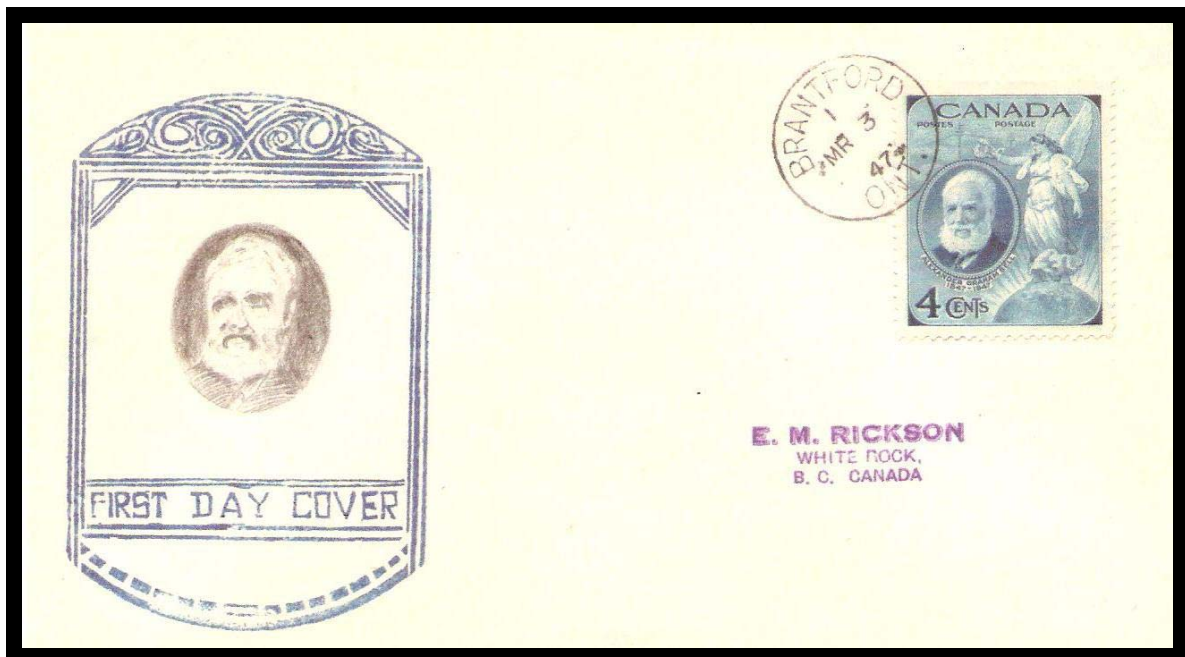


FDC No.: 274.915.03

Cachet By: E. M. Rickson

Description: The frame on this cachet is the same as the previous one except that it is blue, however, there is a small portrait of Bell within the frame.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.916

Cachet By: Mitchell

Description: This brown cachet shows a map of Canada with the legend "FIRST DAY COVER" beneath it.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.917

Cachet By: Wascana Stamp Club

Description: This is a general purpose cover used by the Club for a number of different FDC's. It features a pair of Union Jacks flanking a lion in a circular frame. The Club name forms an arch above the circle and "CANADA" is in a banner below it. Printed lettering "FiRST Day COVER" has been added.

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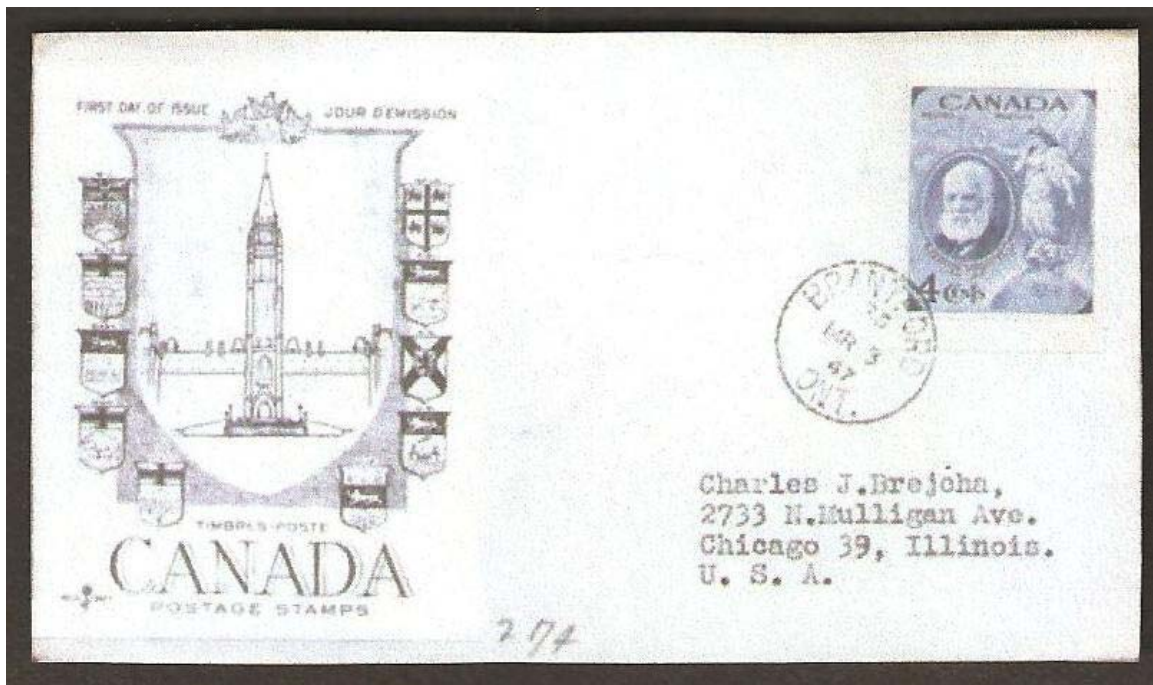


FDC No.: 274.918

Cachet By: Rosecraft

Description: This general purpose cachet shows the Peace Tower with a shield-like frame surrounding it and shields of ten provinces outside the frame. The first day of issue is noted in English and French at the top of the shield. This cover is illustrative of the fact that FDC's are not immune from those who would insinuate fanciful items into philately: It bears a Rosecraft cachet that was first printed in several different colour variations in 1962, some 15 years after the Bell issue. It appears that the cachet design was cut from a Rosecraft general purpose cachet and pasted to an original FDC.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.919

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This patriotic cachet in red and blue features a bulldog, three Union Jacks, and miscellaneous war equipment. The cover appears to have been a remnant from World War II which ended less than two years before the Bell commemorative was issued.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.920

Cachet By: Jacques Minkus

Description: This is the first in a series of five cachets with patriotic themes by Jacques Minkus that were printed in 1942. This one features the Statue of Liberty, three fighter planes, and an eagle along with a V for Victory and the slogan, "ON./ TO VICTORY/ FOR LIBERTY."

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.921

Cachet By: Jacques Minkus

Description: The second Minkus cachet shows an extended torch and flame, with red, yellow, and blue colouring. A banner near the bottom of the cachet encloses the words, "KEEP THAT LIGHT BURNING."

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.922

Cachet By: Jacques Minkus

Description: This cachet shows an eagle clutching a Hitler-like figure which is clinging to a globe. The text reads "NOT SO FAST/ ADOLF!"

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.923

Cachet By: Jacques Minkus

Description: This rather gruesome cachet shows the heads of three “enemy” figures, with the slogan “STAMP ‘EM OUT!” printed above them.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.924

Cachet By: Jacques Minkus

Description: The fifth Minkus cachet in this series shows an eagle standing on a globe. A banner above the eagle has the slogan, "UNITED FOR FREEDOM AND EQUALITY."

Photo: This is a second-generation scan.

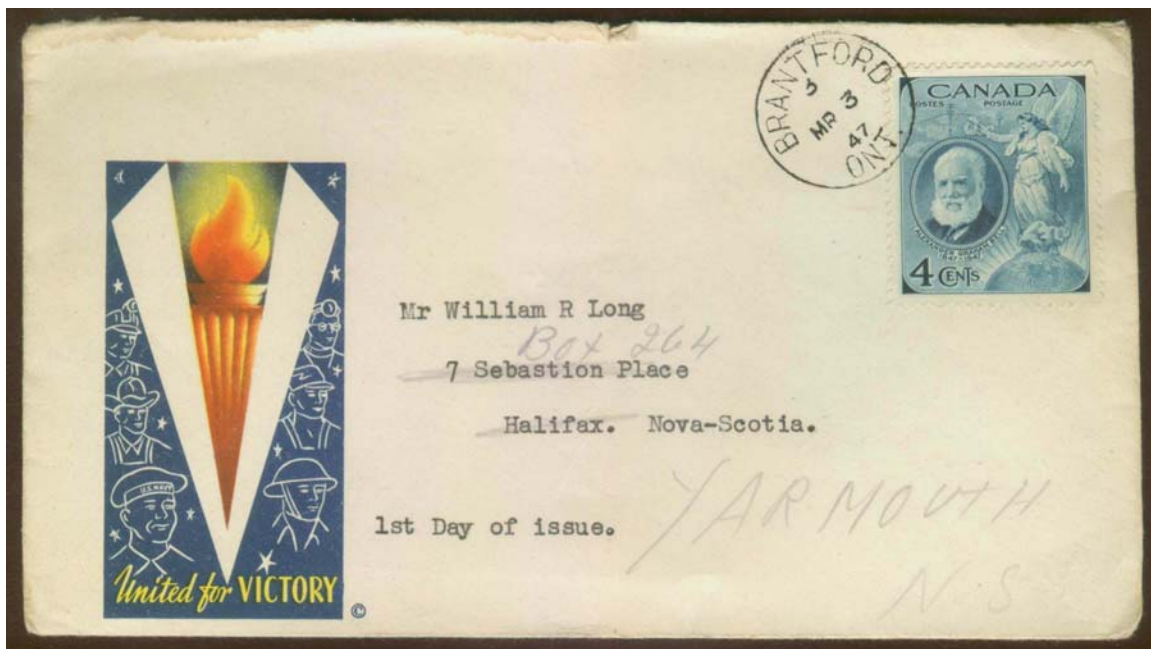


FDC No.: 274.925

Cachet By: Jacques Minkus

Description: This patriotic cachet features a large V with a torch burning within and the text "United for VICTORY": at the bottom. Outlines of soldiers appear on either side of the V.

Photo:

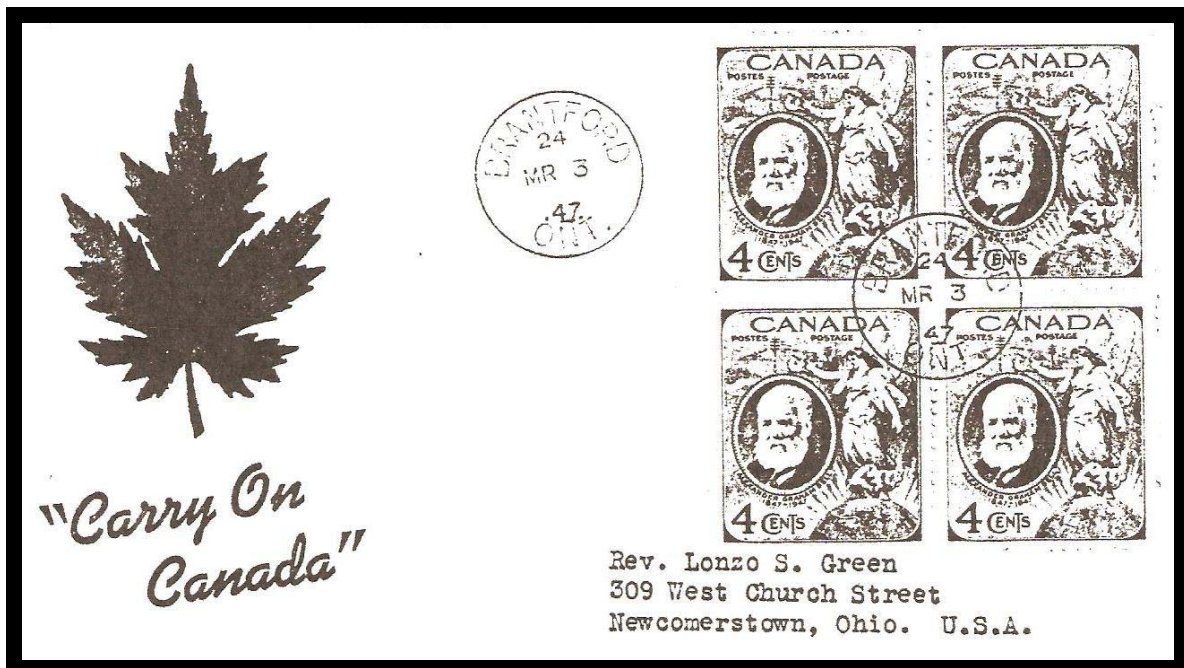


FDC No.: 274.926

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This patriotic cachet shows a maple leaf and the legend, "Carry On/ Canada [in script]." It was first used in 1942 for the War Issue.

Photo: This is a second-generation scan.



FDC No.: 274.927

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: A flight of nine planes forming a V is depicted on this patriotic cachet. The legend reads, "V for VICTORY." A first day of issue note has been added. This cachet was first used in 1942 for the War Issue and may be the work of W. R. Smith.

Photo: This is a second-generation scan.



FDC No.: 274.928

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet shows the American flag with the country name above it and "THE FLAG/ WE LOVE" below.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.929

Cachet By: Francis E. Krysty

Description: Here is another cachet of U.S. origin showing the American flag, the legend "First Day/ of Issue", and Krysty's home address.

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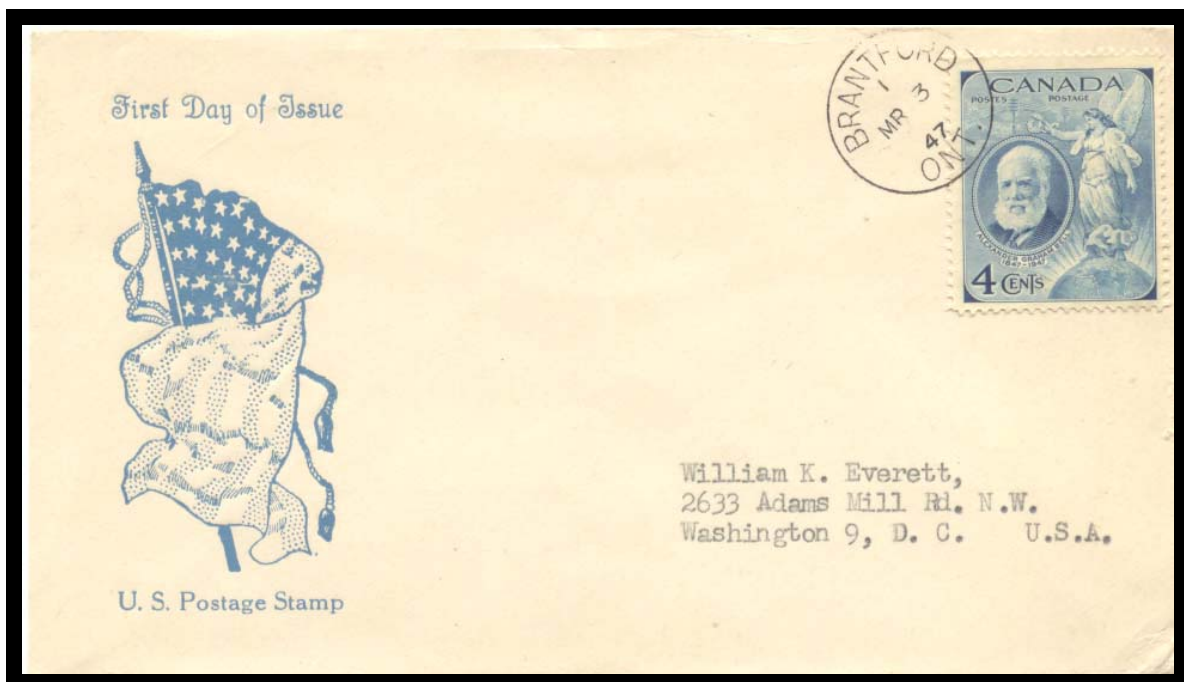


FDC No.: 274.930

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This is another misused U.S. cachet with the American flag, "First Day of Issue" in italics above it, and "U. S. Postage Stamp" below it.

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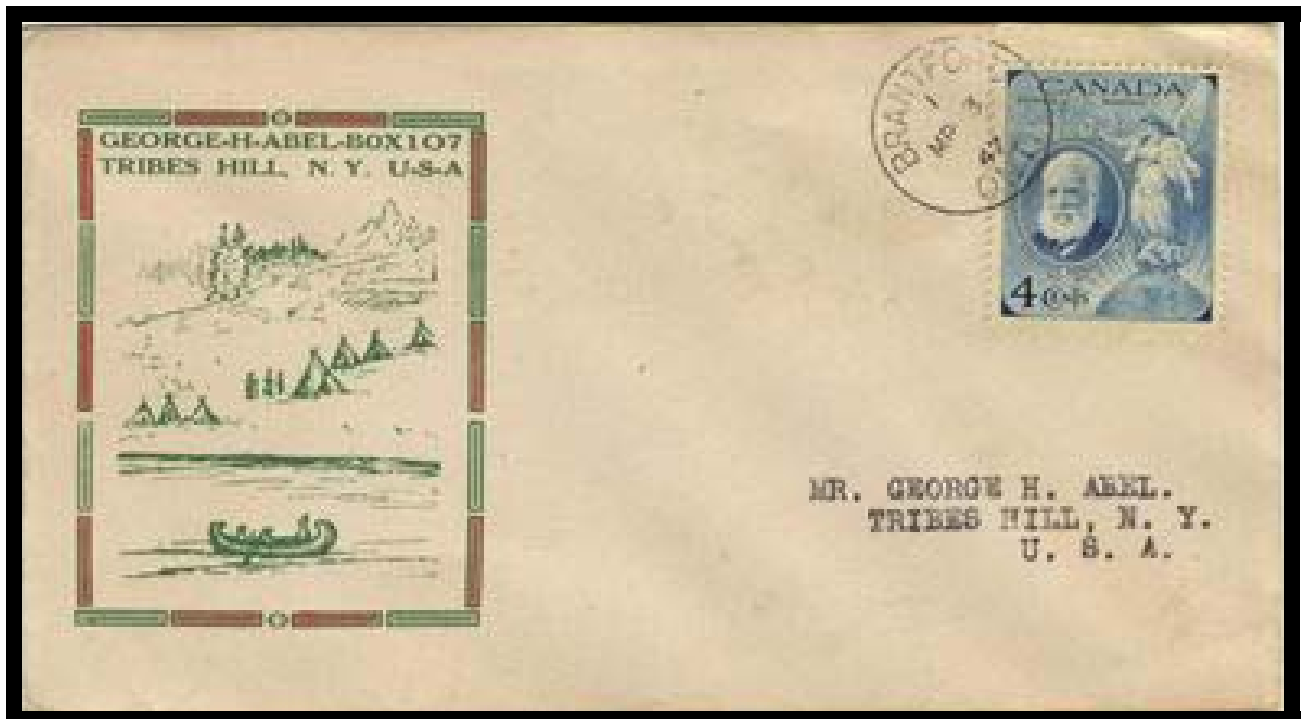


FDC No.: 274.931

Cachet By: George H. Abel

Description: This forest scene shows a series of teepees on a hillside with a canoe in the foreground. The cachet-maker's home address is shown at the top of the vignette. See also 274.996.01 for another George Abel cover.

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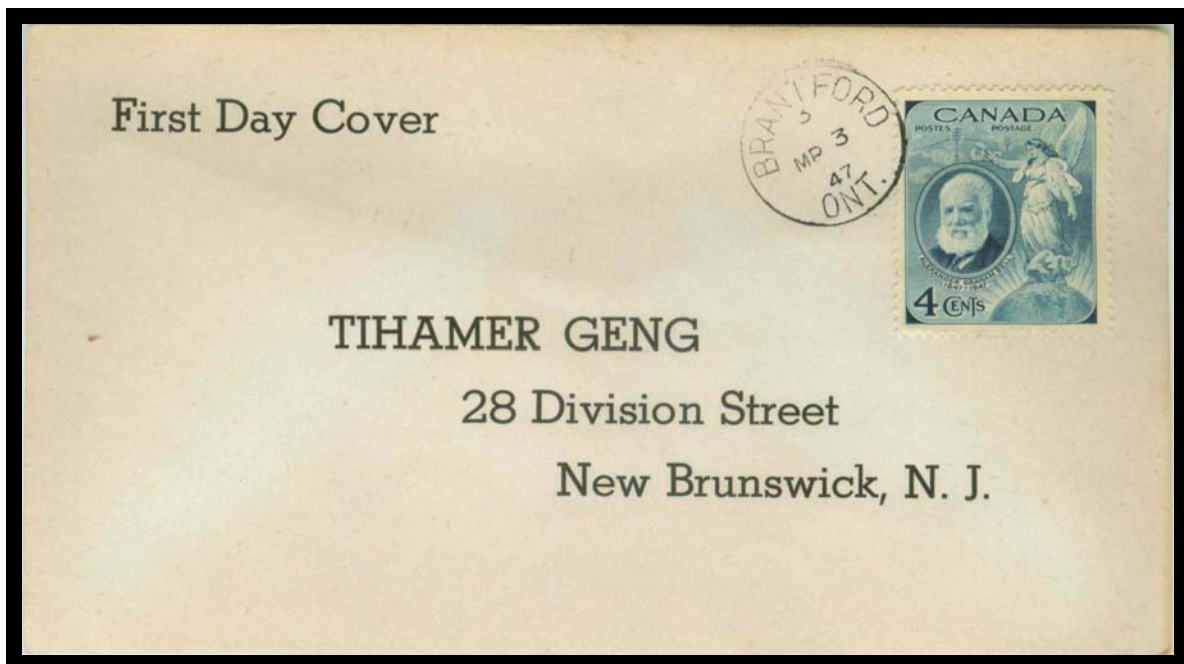


FDC No.: 274.932

Cachet By: Thamer Geng

Description: This general purpose cachet has a very plain "First Day Cover" notation printed in the upper left corner.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.933

Cachet By: Cachet Craft

Description: This blue cachet was designed for use with the 1946 Peace Issue but was also used on a number of other issues including the Bell commemorative.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.934

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This rubber-stamped general purpose cachet was designed for use on any issues of the King George VI era.

Photo:

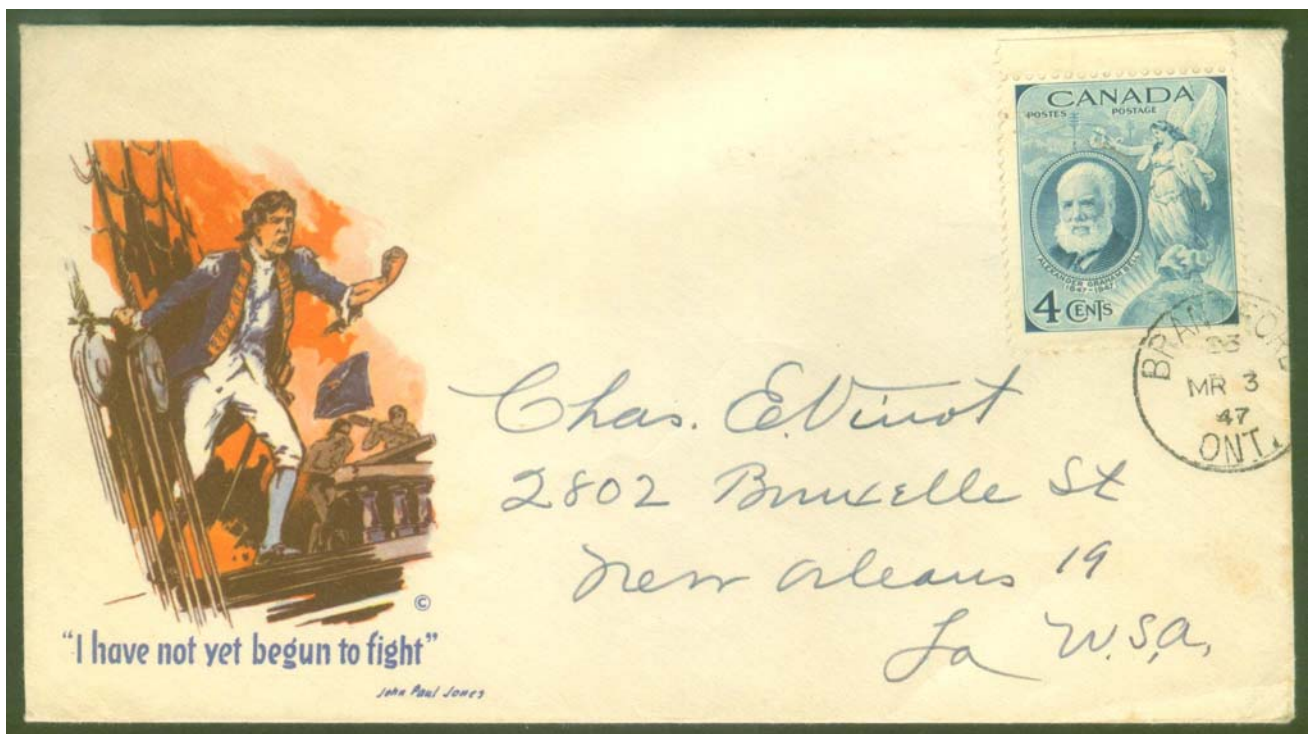


FDC No.: 274.935

Cachet By: Jacques Minkus

Description: This Minkus cachet features John Paul Jones's "I have not begun to fight."

Photo:

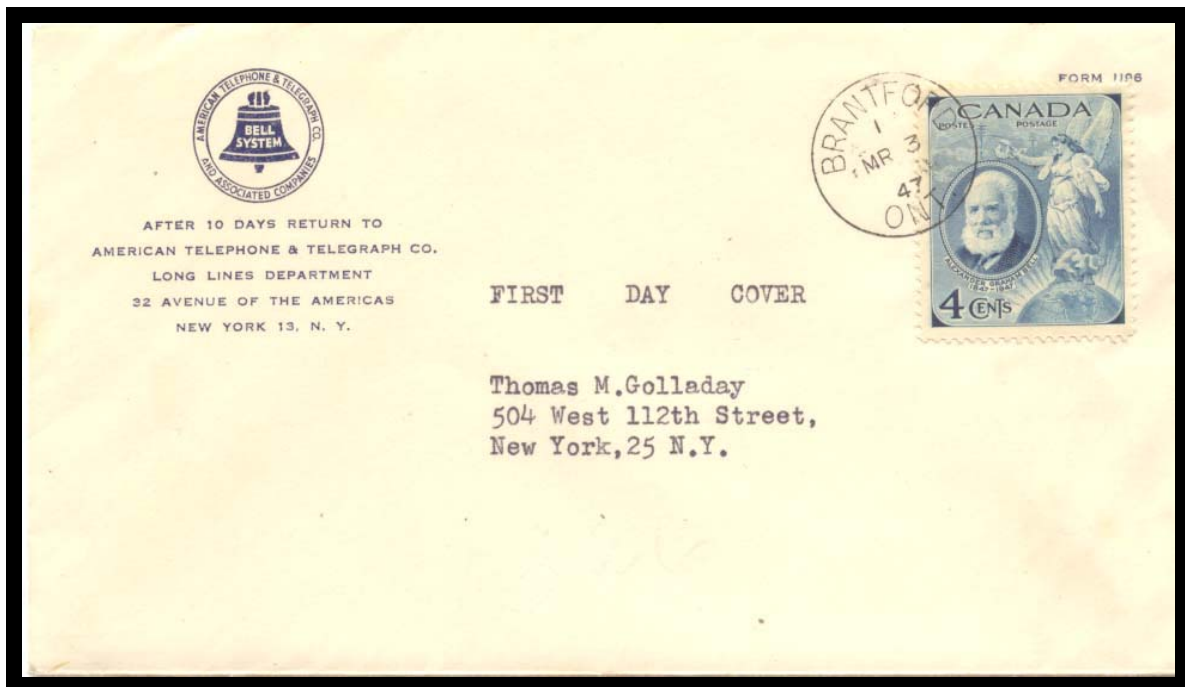


FDC No.: 274.994.01

Cachet By: Not applicable

Description: This American Telephone & Telegraph Co. business corner card has "FIRST DAY COVER" imprinted above the address.

Photo:

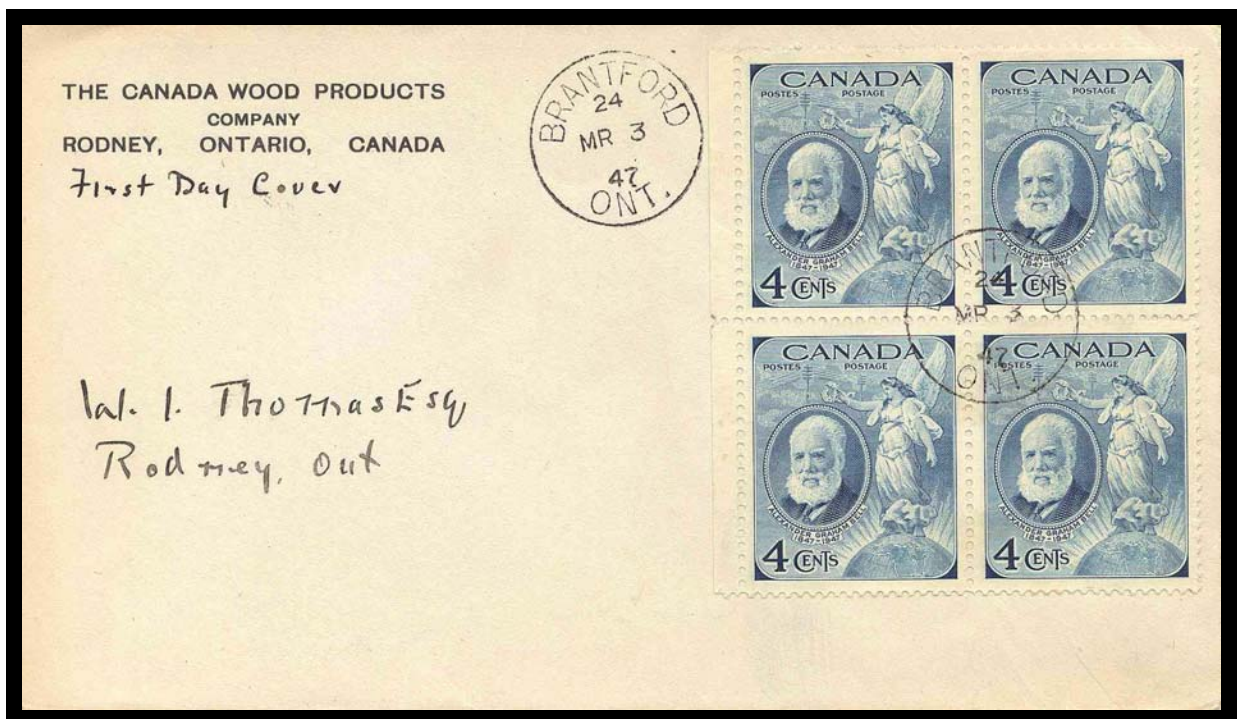


FDC No.: 274.995.01

Cachet By: Not applicable

Description: This uncacheted cover has an inked "First Day Cover" notation in the upper left corner near the Canada Wood Products return address.

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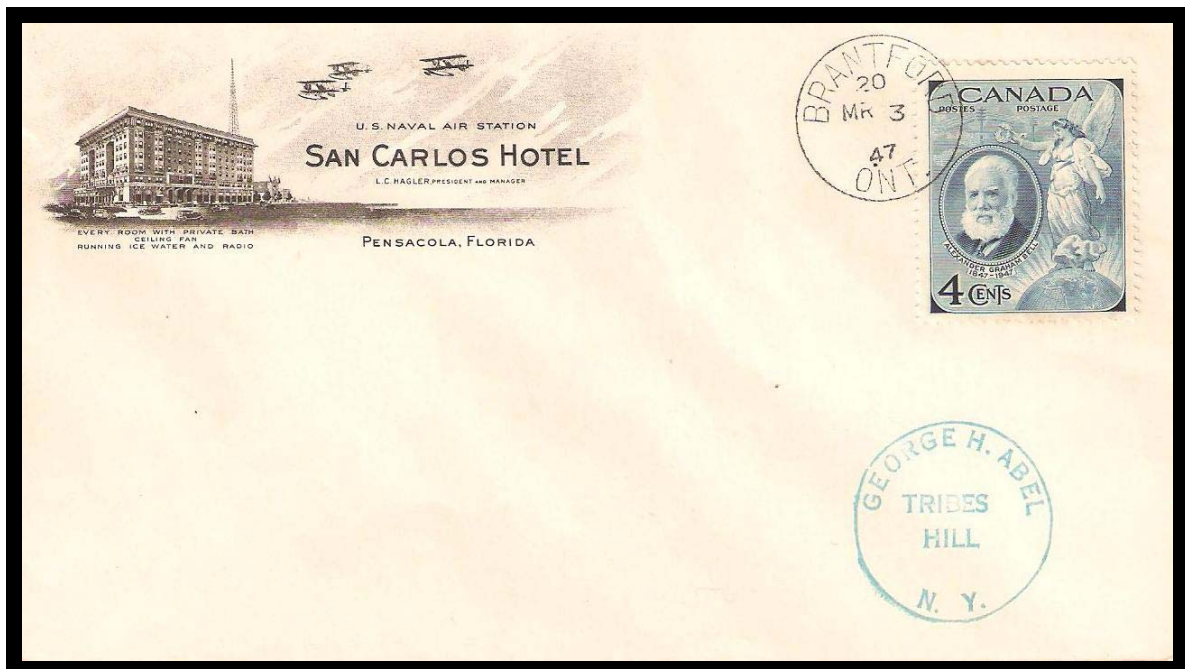


FDC No.: 274.996.01

Cachet By: Not applicable

Description: This advertising cover for the San Carlos Hotel in Pensacola, Florida has no first day message apart from the day of issue cancellation. See also 274.931 for a general purpose cachet by George H. Abel, the addressee of this cover.

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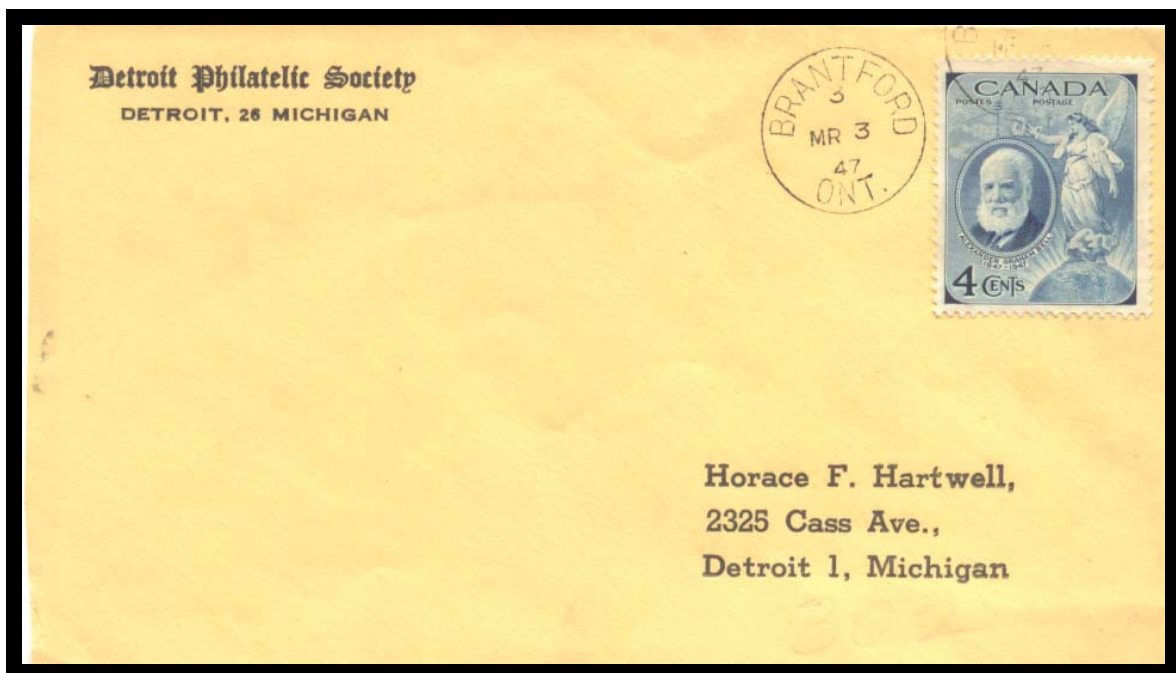


FDC No.: 274.996.02

Cachet By: Detroit Philatelic Society

Description: The Society used this same corner card for many first day issues.
The return address is given simply as "Detroit Philatelic Society/ Detroit, 26 Michigan."

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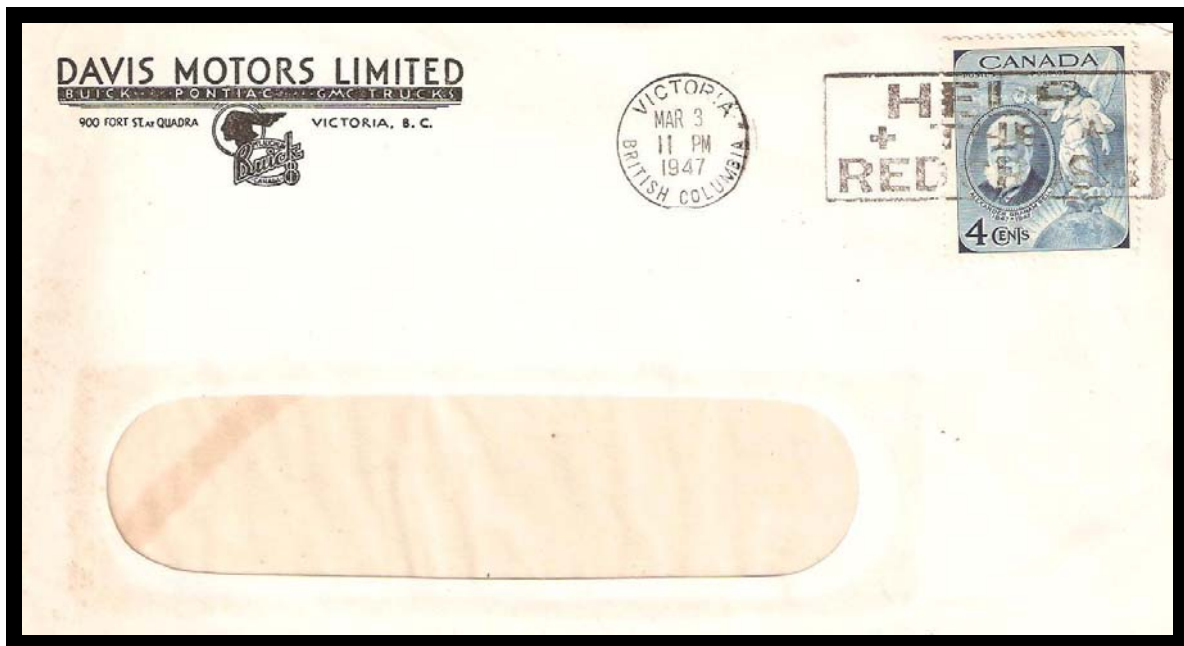


FDC No.: 274.996.03

Cachet By: Not applicable

Description: This Davis Motors Limited business corner card has a Victoria, BC slogan postmark. Cancellations from cities other than Brantford were unusual first day markings for this issue.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.997.01

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: Here is a personal cover with a typed message at the bottom left reading, "(First day Issue of Alex. Graham Bell stamp)". The cover is signed by Herbert James Hartley who was the Brantford Postmaster from 1933 to 1949.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.997.02

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This personal-use, colourful Air Mail cover is addressed to Czechoslovakia and has a "First day of use" notation in the upper left corner.

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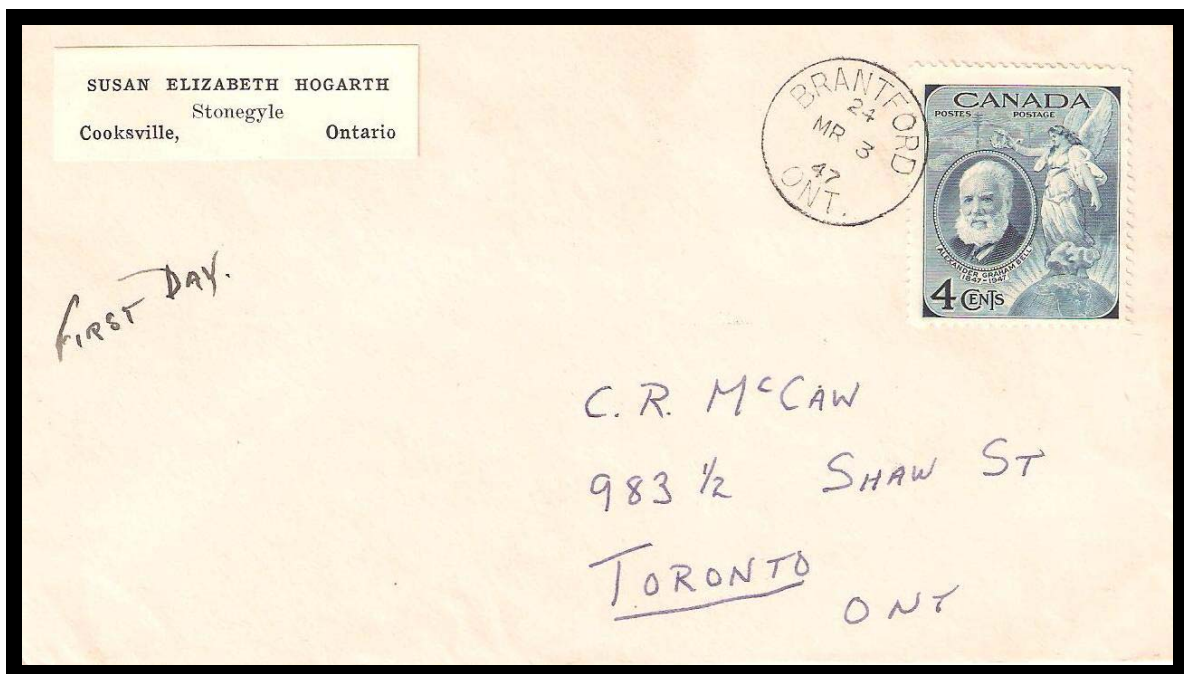


FDC No.: 274.998.01

Cachet By: Not applicable

Description: This personal cover has a "FIRST DAY" notation in ink.

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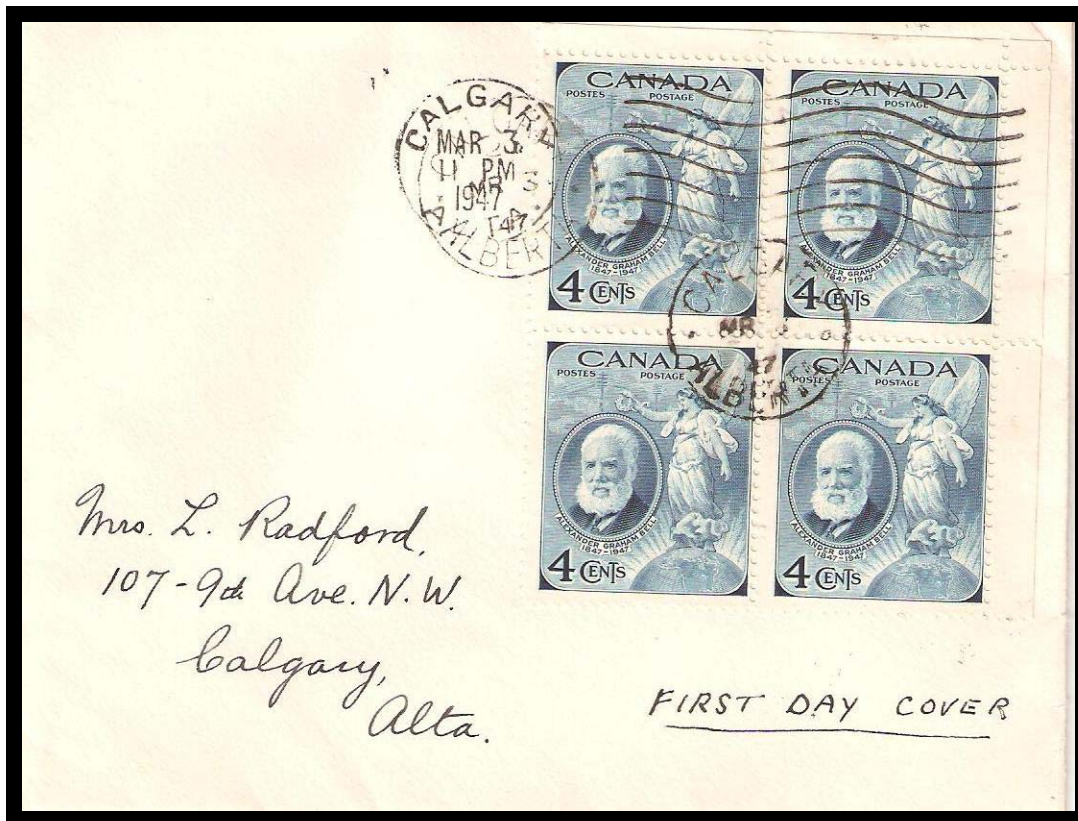


FDC No.: 274.998.02

Cachet By: Not applicable

Description: This personal correspondence has Calgary first-day-of-use CDS and machine cancellations.

Photo:

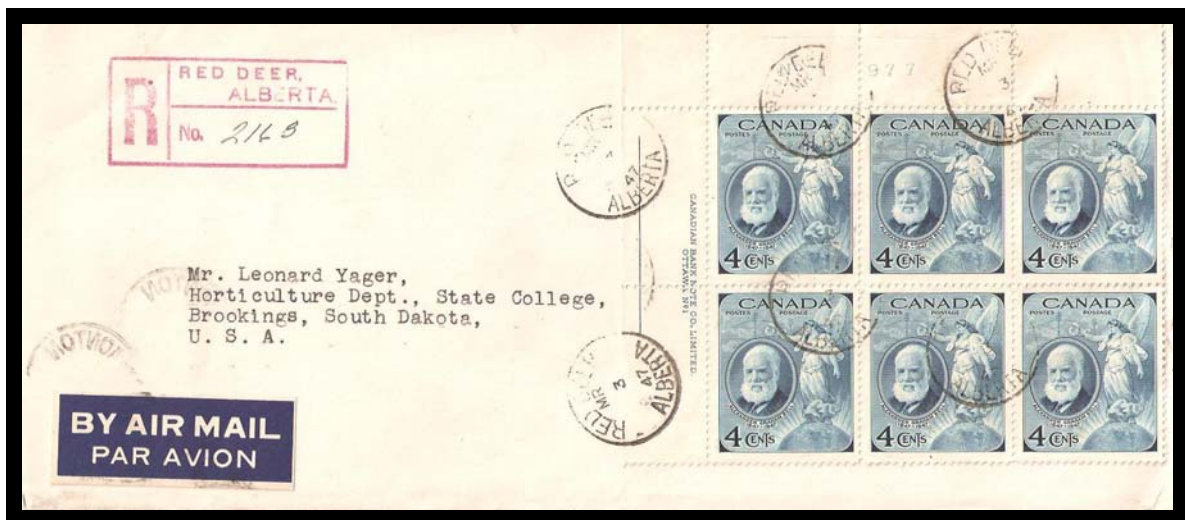


FDC No.: 274.999.01

Cachet By: Not applicable

Description: This registered cover has an upper left plate no. 1 block of six stamps. It has no explicit first day marking apart from the Red Deer CDS cancellations.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.999.02

Cachet By: Not applicable

Description: This cover is postmarked House of Commons and in the bottom left corner has the initials of "F. E. L./ M. P."

Photo:



END PART IV