FIRST DAY COVERS OF THE 1948 CANADA
RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE

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PREFACE

This is the fourth monograph in a series dealing with the First Day Covers of the six commemorative stamps issued by Canada from 1947 to 1949. This is a revised and updated edition of the monograph issued in January, 2007. Subsequent editions will feature new cachets and additional day-of-issue locations in order to provide a “living” record for FDC collectors.

Several collectors, most notably George Basher, Ivan Croteau, Harold Houston, and Bruce Perkins, were especially helpful in the preparation of this second edition through their contributions of scans, photocopies, and comments. I would also like to express my appreciation and thanks to Stephen Prest for his encouragement, support, and assistance from conception to fruition of this project as well as my series of articles on FDC’s he has edited for the BNAPS King George VI Study Group Newsletter, the King George VI Post and Mail.

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INTRODUCTION

This is the fourth in a series of monographs presenting detailed inventories and studies of First Day Covers published for stamps issued during the reign of King George VI. This monograph deals with FDC’s for the stamp issued on October 1, 1948 to mark the 100th anniversary of Responsible Government in Canada.

The stamp, Scott No. 277, was printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company.

![Scott No. 277—Responsible Government](image)

The picture was engraved by Silas Robert Allen and the stamp was designed by Herman Herbert Schwartz. It was printed in sheets of 200 and divided into panes of 50. Plates numbered 1 and 2 were used, the perforation was 12, and 50,300,000 were printed.

The concept of the stamp, Responsible Government, is somewhat abstract but was summarized in a stuffer enclosed with the FDC 277.505. With the heading, “First Responsible Government in the British Empire Overseas,” the explanation begins as follows: “The first Executive Council, chosen exclusively from the party having a majority in the representative branch of a colonial legislature, was formed in Nova Scotia, on 2nd February, 1848, following a vote of want of confidence by the House of Assembly in the preceding Council.” It goes on to name the officers and members of the new Council.
THE CACHETS

Two prior efforts have documented the variety of cachets for the Responsible Government issue. The first was an article by Melvin L. Baron published in the periodical *First Days* in 1982. He identified and described twenty distinct cachets, including minor variations, although only five cachets were illustrated in black and white. Baron listed fifteen first day cities including Ottawa, the official day-of-issue city. In an unpublished study in 1992, Bruce Perkins listed 39 different cachets including variations. He did not list first day cancellations in that study. The first edition of the current monograph showed 35 distinct cachets and 27 day-of-issue cities for which cancellations are known. This second edition shows 58 different cachets and lists 46 different first day cancellations.

Baron assigned each distinct cachet a separate type even if it differed only slightly from another cachet. The Baron types are shown in this monograph beside the cachet numbers assigned. In the current study, any minor variations on a basic design are assigned sub-types for ease of identification and organization. As is the case in other monographs in this series, the numbering method consists of the three-digit Scott catalogue number for the issue (ie.277) followed by a three-digit major type number (eg. 201) and then a two-digit variation number (eg. 02) if applicable. A typical entry would therefore be 277.201.02.

CATEGORIES OF CACHETS

A limited number of elements appeared on the FDC’s of this issue, with more common ones including Queen Victoria and King George VI, maps of Canada, coats of
arms, the Parliament Buildings, and flags. As shown in Table I, designs featuring the two
monarchs appeared on thirteen cachets followed by eleven cachets showing maps of
Canada., five showing coats of arms, and seven featuring miscellaneous elements related
to responsible government. Five different standard categories of cachets, with general

TABLE I

CATEGORIES OF FDC’S FOR #277 (RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT)

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purpose cachets leading the way with ten and cachets consisting predominantly of text following with seven. These standard categories are cachet types used for every monograph in this series whereas the thematic categories vary from issue to issue depending on the topic.

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 277.998.03.

**DAY OF ISSUE LOCATIONS**

Ottawa was the official first day city for this issue, but first day cancellations from numerous other locations have been identified. Baron listed a total of fifteen first day cities, but that list has been expanded to include 46 different sites (up from 27 in Edition 1) listed below in alphabetical order. Some day-of-issue sites have been reported
TABLE II
FIRST DAY CANCELLATIONS ON #277 COVERS

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<th>LOCATION</th>
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without noting the type of cancellation, and the cells are left blank where that is the case.

The largest number of first day cancellations were circular date stamps with 26 different sites reported, followed by 9 machine cancellations, 4 slogans, and one duplex.

REFERENCES


FDC No.: 277.101.01 (Baron #4)

Cachet By: C. W. George

Description: This thermographed cachet features a reddish-brown maple leaf as background for silhouettes of Queen Victoria and King George VI facing each other across a frontal view of the Parliament Buildings. The text is as follows: “100th Anniversary [in writing]/ OF THE ACHIEVEMENT OF/ Responsible Government [in writing]/ IN CANADA”. Beneath the graphic design are the words “FIRST DAY OF ISSUE.”

Photo:
**FDC No.:** 277.101.02 (Baron #5)

**Cachet By:** C. W. George

**Description:** This cachet is identical with the previous one except that the maple leaf is outlined in green rather than reddish-brown.

**Photo:** This is a second-generation scan from an Internet image.
FDC No.: 277.101.03

Cachet By: C. W. George

Description: This further George cachet has the same design as the previous ones, however the leaf is a dark brown.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.102 (Baron #12)

Cachet By: A cover stuffer has the return address of H. T. Wevill, a stamp dealer in Edmonton, which together with the Edmonton cancellation suggests that he may have produced this cachet.

Description: This cachet is in black and white and has two of the same graphic elements as the George cachets. There are portraits of Queen Victoria and King George VI in ovals above the Parliament Buildings. The text includes “First Day Cover” in writing at the top of the cachet and “A CENTURY OF RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT” at the bottom and the years 1848 and 1948 in banners at the foot of the Parliament Buildings.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.103.01 (Baron #13)

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This red cachet shows portraits of Queen Victoria and King George VI at the sides with the Parliament Buildings at the centre. “CANADA” is in a banner at the top of the graphic. The text above the graphic is: “FIRST DAY OF ISSUE/ 1 OCTOBER, 1948” while beneath the graphic the written text reads, “Commemorating/ 100 Years of/ Responsible Government/ 1848-1948.”
**FDC No.:** 277.103.02

**Cachet By:** Unknown

**Description:** This cachet is identical with the previous one except that it is in blue instead of red.

**Photo:**

![First Day Cover Image](image-url)
FDC No.: 277.104.01 (Baron #8)

Cachet By: Herman Jacobi

Description: This cachet shows profiles of King George VI (foreground) and Queen Victoria (background) within a double-ringed medallion with a banner beneath. The words “A CENTURY OF RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT” are within the double rings and “FIRST DAY COVER” are in the banner. This cachet, the first of several with the same design, is in red.

Photo:
**FDC No.:** 277.104.02 (Baron #9)

**Cachet By:** Herman Jacobi

**Description:** This cachet has an identical design to the previous one but is in olive green rather than red.

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**Photo:**

![Image of the cachet and FDC envelope]
FDC No.: 277.104.03

Cachet By: Herman Jacobi

Description: Here is another cachet which is identical in design to the previous two but in dark blue.
FDC No.: 277.104.04

Cachet By: Herman Jacobi

Description: This variation of the Jacobi cachet is black.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.104.05

Cachet By: Herman Jacobi

Description: This is the first of two different multi-colour versions of this cachet.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.104.06

Cachet By: Herman Jacobi

Description: Yet another variation of the Jacobi cachet in blue, red, and orange.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.105

Cachet By: Michael Sanders

Description: This typical Sanders cachet has a number of design elements in common with the George cachets shown previously (277.101). Queen Victoria and King George VI are shown, along with the maple leaf and just the Clock Tower from the Parliament Buildings. A banner at the centre of the leaf contains the wording, “One Hundred Years of Responsible Government” and across the bottom of the leaf is printed, “First Day of Issue.”

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.201.01 (Baron #1)

Cachet By: JCR (J. C. Rosenbaum)

Description: This red and black JCR cachet features, in red, a ribbon border and outline map of Canada and in black, nine lines of text. Wording above the map is, “OCT. 1ST 1948/ 100 YEARS/ OF/ ACHIEVEMENT” and below the map is, “1848-1948/ CANADA ATTAINS/ Responsible/ Government [in script]/ FIRST DAY COVER.”
FDC No.: 277.201.02 (Baron #2)

Cachet By: JCR (J. C. Rosenbaum)

Description: This cachet is identical to the previous one except that yellow is used for the frame instead of red and the text is blue rather than black.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.202.01 (Baron #15)

Cachet By: Litho Art

Description: This cachet features a large map of Canada with the capital cities shown. The Parliament Buildings are superimposed on the Prairie Provinces. The map, together with text “First Day of Issue” at the bottom of the cachet are in red, the Parliament Buildings and capital cities are in black, and text in brown beneath the map reads, “Commemorating One Hundred Years/ of Responsible Government.”
FDC No.: 277.202.02

Cachet By: Litho Art

Description: This cachet is identical in design to the previous one, but the map colour is orange rather than red.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.202.03

Cachet By: Litho Art

Description: This variation of the Litho Art cachet is printed in black.

Photo:
**FDC No.:** 277.203 (Baron #6)  

**Cachet By:** Unknown  

**Description:** This blue cachet features an outline map of Canada in a frame with Queen Victoria and King George VI facing each other from opposite ends of the country. Text above the map is, “First Day of Issue [in script]” and under the map, “Commemorating [in script]/ The Centenary of/ Responsible Government/ 1848-1948.”

**Photo:**

![First Day Cover Image](image-url)
FDC No.: 277.204 (Baron #10)

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet shows a map of Canada in red with the years 1848 (shown in the east) and 1948 (shown in the west). The remainder of the cachet is in bluish-green and shows the oceans and a double circle frame enclosing the words, “A CENTURY OF RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.” A banner below the circle has the words, “FIRST DAY COVER.”

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.205.01 (Baron #11)

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This blue cachet has an outline map of Canada with boxed text above, “100th ANNIVERSARY/ RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT” and boxed text below, “FIRST DAY COVER/ OCTOBER 1, 1948”, with the years 1848 and 1948 just below the map.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.205.02

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet has the same design as the previous one, however it is red rather than blue.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.205.03

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This variation of the previous cachets is printed in two colours, orange and blue.
FDC No.: 277.206

Cachet By: Japanese Philatelic Specialists Study Club (Wm. H. Talbot)

Description: This cachet shows a globe with an outline of North America, with Winnipeg the only identification on it. An arrow pierces the globe while text just inside it reads, “The centre of the North American continent.” The return address of the Study Club is placed in the top left corner of the cover while the bottom right indicates, “POSTED ON DAY OF ISSUE/ 100th Anniversary, Responsible Government in Canada.” The date of issue is rubber-stamped in red in the bottom right corner.

Photo:
**FDC No.:** 277.301 (Baron #7)

**Cachet By:** Unknown

**Description:** Here is a red cachet featuring Canada’s Coat of Arms. Text above is, “POSTED ON DAY OF ISSUE” and below reads, “TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENARY OF RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT IN CANADA 1848-1948.”

**Photo:**

![Image of the FDC](image-url)
FDC No.: 277.302.01

Cachet By: Grover

Description: The cachet shown here, while similar to 277.301, is sufficiently different to warrant a distinct identification number. The Coat of Arms is larger and the text is different than on the previous cachet. Above the Coat of Arms it reads, “CENTENARY OF/ RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT/ 1848 1948” while below it says ”FIRST DAY OF ISSUE/ OCTOBER 1, 1948.”

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.302.02

Cachet By: Grover

Description: This cachet has the same design and text as the previous one, but the text is in black rather than red.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.302.03

Cachet By: Grover

Description: Here is an all-black version of the previous two cachets.

Photo:
**FDC No.:** 277.303 (Baron #17)

**Cachet By:** A. R. Alexandre

**Description:** The Canada Coat of Arms is again shown on this black cachet. Text beneath the design says, “THE CENTENARY OF/ RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT/ CANADA.” Near the centre of the right side are the lines, “OCTOBER 1ST, 1948/ FIRST DAY OF ISSUE.”

**Photo:**

![Image of a first day cover](image-url)
FDC No.: 277.501 (Baron #3)

Cachet By: Robert Fulton

Description: This blue cachet has the Canadian Coat of Arms at top left with a blue maple leaf below. The five petals of the leaf show the five “fathers” of responsible government who are identified in text beneath the flag.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.502 (Baron #14)

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: Baron described this cachet as follows: “Design consists of a red maple leaf and black printing. Printing above the maple leaf reads: “COMMEMORATING/100 YEARS.” Printing to the left and right of the maple leaf reads “OCT./1848” and “OCT./1948” respectively. Printing below the maple leaf reads “RESPONSIBLE GoVERNMENT IN CANADA.” The printing “FIRST DAY OF ISSUE” appears at the bottom of the cover.”

Photo: Not available
FDC No.: 277.503 (Baron #19)

Cachet By: Frank Herget

Description: This blue cachet has a generic component, the maple leaf with “CANADIAN NEW ISSUE,” at left centre. Text at the top centre of the cover is “FIRST DAY COVER” while the bottom centre reads, “ACHIEVEMENT OF RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.” The word “CENTENARY” is printed vertically at the left and right margins of the cover. This same maple leaf design was used on a number of first day cachets of the period. See also 277.909 which shows the general purpose version of this cachet.
FDC No.: 277.504

Cachet By: Canadian Philatelic Society

Description: This cachet in blue has as its centerpiece a replica of the first Canadian stamp with a crown at the top and a wreath of maple leaves surrounding it. There are two lines of text above the graphic design: “OFFICIAL/ FIRST DAY COVER.” Below the design are six lines as follows: “Commemorating/ 100th ANNIVERSARY/ of the Achievement of/ RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT/ IN CANADA/ 1848-1948.”
FDC No.: 277.505

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This black and green cachet shows the site of the first meeting place of the first responsible government in the British Empire. Text above the meeting place is as follows: “FIRST DAY COVER COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT IN CANADA.” Text below the graphic includes the following: “PROVINCE HOUSE/ HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA/ THE FIRST RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT OF ANY OVERSEAS BRITISH/ COLONY ASSEMBLED WITHIN THESE WALLS ON FEBRUARY 2, 1848.”

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.506

Cachet By: Malott

Description: This is a black cachet featuring crossed flags, the years 1848 and 1948, and text reading, “Commemorating Canada’s 100th Anniversary of Responsible Government.”

Photo: This is a third-generation scan from a photocopied manuscript.
FDC No.: 277.507

Cachet By: Guelph Stamp Club

Description: Here is a grey cachet picturing the Parliament Buildings with a tablet at the bottom reading, “RESPONSIBLE/GOVERNMENT” in English and French. The Club’s name is in italics above the picture and “FIRST DAY OF ISSUE” is at the bottom.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.601

Cachet By: Mortimer Co. Limited

Description: This post card, used as a FDC, pictures Kent Gate, built in 1879 with a funding contribution from Queen Victoria in memory of the Duke of Kent.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.602

Cachet By: Harris Litho Co. Ltd.

Description: This post card shows the Maid of the Mist near Niagara Falls.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.651

Cachet By: Gladys Adler

Description: This hand-painted, multi-coloured cachet includes a frame enclosing a maple leaf with a dove flying above and holding an olive branch in its beak. Text includes “FIRST DAY ISSUE” above the leaf and “Centenary of RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT/ 1848-1948” below it.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.801

Cachet By: Harold W. Bickerstaff

Description: This black, all-text cachet is similar in design to others produced by Bickerstaff in this period. It reads as follows: “FIRST DAY COVER/ Commemorating [in italics]/ Canada’s 100 Years/ of Responsible/ Government/ Compliments of [in italics]/ Harold W. Bickerstaff/ 292 Runnymede Road/ Toronto 9/ Phone JU 8736/ Highest Prices Paid for/ Collections and Accumulations/ We Specialize in Canada and/ British Colonials.”

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.802

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This is a text-only cachet in black with the following wording contained within a double-ruled rectangle in the top left corner of the cover: “FIRST DAY COVER/ OCTOBER 1st, 1948/ In commemoration of the 100th Anniversary/ of Responsible Government in Canada.”

Photo: This is a second generation scan from an Internet image.
FDC No.: 277.803 (Baron #16)

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This black cachet consists of a rectangular frame with printing reading as follows: “100th Anniversary/ Responsible Government/ Canada 1848-1948/ First Day Cover Oct. 1, 1948.”
FDC No.: 277.804

Cachet By: Thomas H. Read

Description: This cachet, printed in black, has a postage stamp design in the background with text in the foreground reading, “FIRST DAY COVER/ OCT 1ST, 1948,”

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.805

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet consists of text within a rectangular frame with a small crown at the top. The wording is as follows: “COMMEMORATING/ THE/ 100th/ Anniversary/ OF THE/ ACHIEVEMENT OF/ Responsible/ Government/ FIRST DAY COVER.” There is a first day cancellation on the back of this cover.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.806

Cachet By: Linto

Description: This cachet is multicoloured and shows a scroll with the following text on it: “Canada celebrates 100 years of Responsible and Successful Government also a Good Neighbor.”

Photo: This is a third-generation scan from a photocopied manuscript.
FDC No.: 277.807

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet has blue printing reading: “CANADA CELEBRATES/ 100 YEARS/ of RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT/ “First Day of Issue.””

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.851

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: Here is a rubber-stamp cachet showing the legend, “First Day/ Issue” in italics.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.852

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: The rubber stamp used on this business corner card is a light blue impression in the upper centre of the cover reading, “FIRST DAY COVER” around the perimeter of a circle and “CANADA” at the centre.

Photo:
FDC No.:  277.901

Cachet By:  Unknown

Description:  Here is a three-colour general purpose cachet featuring the Canadian Coat of Arms. Beneath the Coat of Arms is a banner with “CANADA”, and below that is “First Day Cover.”

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.902

Cachet By: Ottawa Philatelic Society

Description: This is a general purpose, rubber-stamped cachet in blue with a maple leaf with the Society’s name at the centre of a double-ringed circle. The words “FIRST DAY COVER” are between the rings of the circle and a tablet pedestal below the circle has two lines for the date of the issue and the name of the Secretary.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.903

Cachet By: K. Bileski

Description: This typewritten cachet is similar to others produced by the late Winnipeg stamp dealer, K. Bileski, at the time. Bileski’s return address is at the top left corner and “FIRST DAY COVER” is imprinted down the left side of the cover.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.904

Cachet By: Teaneck Stamp Club

Description: This cachet shows the Club’s return address in the upper left corner and “FIRST DAY OF ISSUE” is rubber-stamped below that. At the left side of the cover, printed vertically, is the wording “The COLLECTORS’ CLUB/ of BERGEN COUNTY.”

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.905

Cachet By: Talbot

Description: This multicoloured general purpose cachet features Canada’s Coat of Arms with the legend “First Day Cover” beneath it and “Canada’s New Stamp Issue” at the bottom centre.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.906

Cachet By: Grand Valley Stamp Club

Description: This general purpose cachet has “FIRST DAY COVER” above the name of the Club. There is a promotional message for a “GET TOGETHER PARTY” in the bottom left corner of the cover.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.907

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This red-printed cachet features Canada’s Coat of Arms and the legend “FIRST DAY COVER” beneath the design.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.908 (Baron #20)

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This general purpose cachet in dark violet consists of hanging drapes with shields of the provinces of Canada. The coats of arms of Canada and Britain also appear at the center of the drapes.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.909

Cachet By: Frank Herget

Description: This general purpose cachet shows a blue maple leaf with “CANADIAN NEW ISSUE” printed in white on the leaves. This basic design was used by Herget for another FDC for this issue. (See 277.503)

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.910 (Baron #18)

Cachet By: Mitchell

Description: This is a black cachet showing a detailed map of Canada in a rectangular frame. The names of the provinces are printed on the map. The printing “CANADA” appears above the map and “FIRST DAY COVER” appears below the design.”
FDC No.: 277.994.01

Cachet By: N. A.

Description: This advertising cover for the F. T. James Company in Toronto has a typed “FIRST DAY COVER” notation in red.
FDC No.: 277.996.01

Cachet By: N. A.

Description: This personal cover is self-addressed to A. R. Alexandre with a two-line address. There are no “first day” markings apart from the cancellation. Alexandre also produced cachet 277.303 for this issue.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.996.02

Cachet By: N. A.

Description: A. R. Alexandre also produced this uncacheted cover which has a four-line address.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.997.01

Cachet By: N. A.

Description: This personal use cover has a typed “Mailed on First Day of Issue” notation in the upper right corner of the envelope.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.998.01

Cachet By: N. A.

Description: Here is a personal use cover with a “FIRST DAY COVER” notation in the upper left corner.

Photo:
FDC No.: 277.999.01

Cachet By: N. A.

Description: This personal use cover has no day-of-issue marking other than the first day cancellations.

Photo: