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## ► Vanier Cover II — by Mike Street

Further to **Eldon Godfrey's** article "Vanier Cover" in P&M 17, the letter shown here was mailed to Ambassador and Mrs. George Vanier at the Canadian Embassy in Paris in January 1947. The 3 x 10¢ Peace Issue stamps paid the double rate (1/4 to 1/2 ounce) to France in effect at the time. The roller cancellation is indistinct but the letter carries a Montreal return address.



While attending Loyola College in Montreal I was a photographer for the yearbook. On two occasions in 1963, I was assigned to cover visits to the school by then Governor-General

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## ► Chairman's Notes - by Gary Steele

Many of you will have heard lately about auction house fees going up for buyers and sellers. Also, at the same time E-bay has been telling the world about lower fees, when in reality many fees are going up as much as 600%+.

Every dollar that moves from the pockets of collectors to a non-philatelic product or service such as fees and commissions is probably lost forever unless you are a shareholder of E-bay. I am not advocating staying away from other sources of material, just that there are other options available.

For members of the George VI Study Group the last page (or more if required) of Post and Mail is available to post Wanted Items, Items for Sale and Items for Trade. I have done well from a couple of deals and would encourage others to not only check your Wants, but check your stamp inventory of items that you don't particularly need or have too many. This way other than postage costs the stamp dollars stay within the community.

Send Ken (your editor) your interests or inventory and a listing will be made.

On another note, in case any members of the George VI Study Group want to exhibit this year at Victoria I would recommend getting their entry forms in soon as there are only 150 frames with over half already taken up.

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**► Vanier Cover II continued**

Vanier, a Loyola alumnus. The first occasion was on Homecoming Weekend in October, when he received the Loyola Medal for his contributions to Canada. The second was a month later when he came in uniform for a formal dress dinner in the Canadian Officer Training Corps (COTC) mess on the campus. The school's new Vanier Library was opened a few months later. I remember Governor-General Vanier as soft spoken and very courteous to everyone.

**► Editors Desk**

Issue 18 features Part VII of the postal rates during the mufti period, 1937– 1942, by **Gary Steele**. Part VII features rates to Great Britain and Ireland. Gary's articles are a continuation of work started by **John Burnett**.

The second article by **Eldon C. Godfrey** features two covers sent to a R.C.N. prisoner of war at the Internee camp at Laghouat, Algeria. In Issue 8, page 5 of Post and Mail, **John Burnett** referenced a cover to the Internee camp at Laghouat, Algeria. John had thought the cover was addressed to a L.H. McGyn and speculated the cover may be unique. With Eldon's research, we now know the addressee on **John Burnett's** cover was J. H. M. Cocks.

The cover story by **Mike Street** is another Vanier cover as a follow-up to **Eldon Godfrey's** Vanier cover in Issue 17.

In this issue you will find the completion of Topics Revisited, Part XIII and Part XIV by **Gary Dickinson**. Part XIV represents at least a pause in the "Topics Revisited" series. On behalf of the KG VI study group we would like to extend our thanks to **Gary Dickinson** for compiling this excellent reference and research tool.

On page 13, you will find a small article regarding 3¢ mufti inking varieties, and on page 17, an article by **Gary Dickinson** discussing a possibly unique Royal Visit FDC that was brought to the study group's attention by **John Jamieson** of Saskatoon Stamp Centre.

You will note that most of the contents of this issue are an expansion or continuation of articles submitted by other authors. Expanding on the contributions of others is a major function of a study group. Thus, I would encourage all members to submit articles whether you have all the answers or not. A simple question, sharing one cover, a stamp variety etc could start an adventure of discovery for the entire study group.

Our study group has about 62 members, and I look forward to being inundated with articles, large and small.

It is with great sadness that I must inform you that study group member John Munroe-Cape passed away on March 9, 2010. While I never met John, I shall always remember his KG VI 1¢ War Issue exhibit which won a silver at the BNAPEX 2009 conference in Kingston.

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## Postal History during the King George VI 1937 - 1942 “Mufti” & Pictorial Era

### Part VII - Postage Rates Great Britain & Ireland

by Gary Steele

This article is the seventh in my series on Postal History items from the King George VI Mufti and Pictorial period. Thanks to **John Burnett** for starting off a great variety of subject matter for the second most common of destinations outside of Canada.

Canadian letter rates to Great Britain and Ireland mirror domestic rates. However, rates do vary for Parcel post and with the introduction of Trans-Atlantic air mail via Northern and Southern routes and military mail, many different rates and uses can be found.

#### First Class Surface mail to England

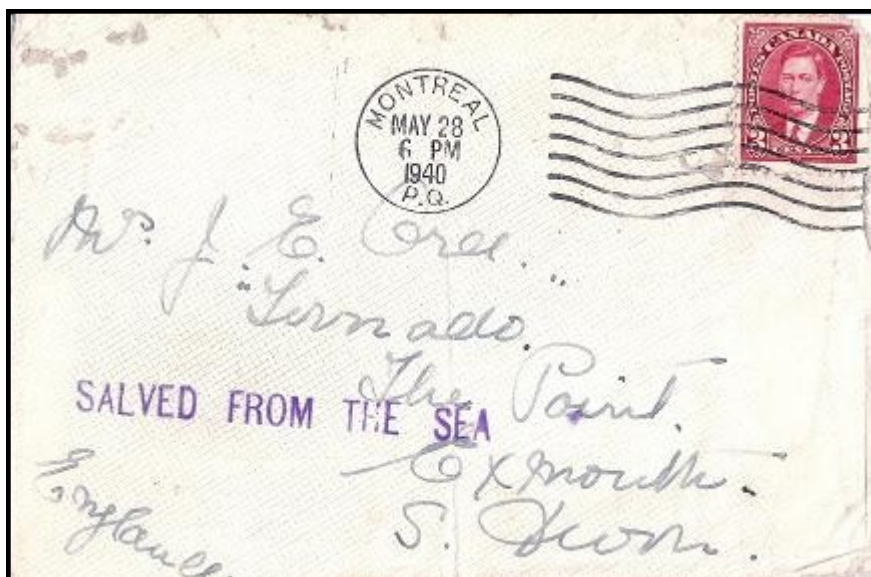
First class surface mail to England was the same as domestic rates, 3 cents for the 1<sup>st</sup> ounce and 2 cents for each additional ounce. To further enhance a simple rate, the following surface mail item from Brantford, Ont. on Jul 29, 1938 was sent across the Atlantic by ship, missing the addressee at 54 Leamington Rd, Southall, Middlesex. For reasons we will never know the letter was registered and franked with a 3 pence British stamp with a ‘R Wembley 10’ registration label applied. The new destination was Milford-on-sea, Hampshire on AU 6 1938. It is assumed that something of value was found under cover with the requirement of registration or, to ensure delivery to the new destination registration fees were paid.



#### First Class Surface mail to England

Not every cover has a story; however items do appear with a little bit of good or bad luck. In this case a ship thought to be the SS Eros was torpedoed by a U-48 class submarine on June 7<sup>th</sup> 1940 and taken under tow to port. About half the mail was water damaged. All mail on board was recovered and imprinted SALVED FROM THE SEA whether water damaged or not.



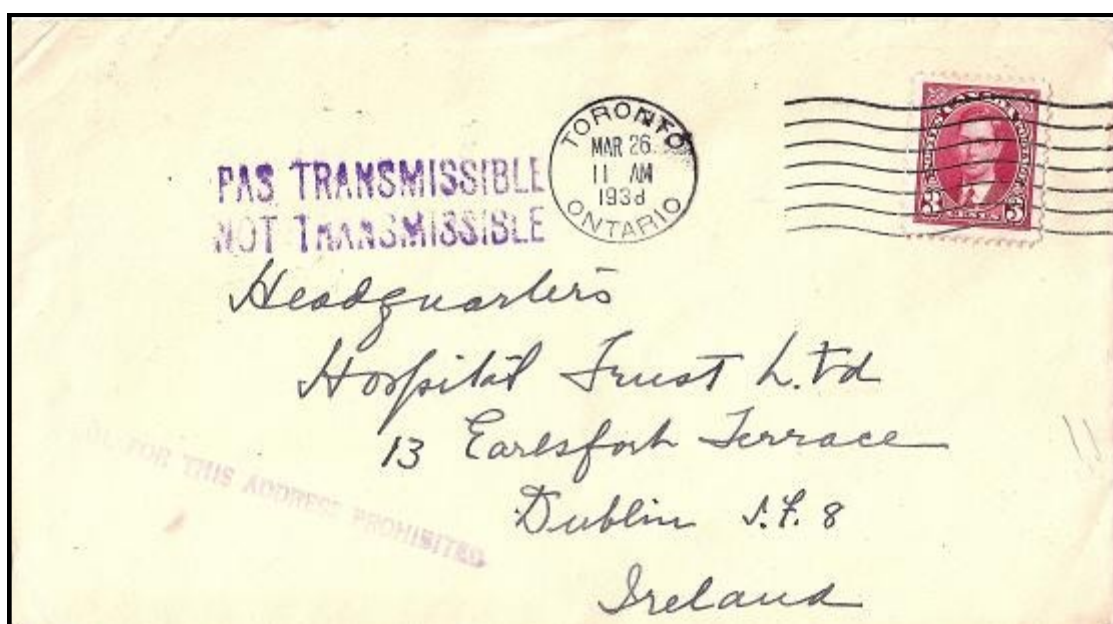


### **First Class Surface mail to Ireland sent to Dead Letter Office**

One thing collectors of the George VI era look for on mail from Canada to Ireland is any link to the Irish Sweepstakes. Several addresses were set up to accept mail for lottery tickets. Once the postal authorities got wind of suspicious activities certain addresses were thus prohibited.

Seen below is a 1<sup>st</sup> class letter sent to **Headquarters, Hospital Trust Ltd.**, an organization appointed by the governing bodies of various hospitals to channel the net proceeds of the Irish Sweepstakes. Walter Bass was reported to have won the 1938 Irish Sweepstakes according to William O'Brien's "History of Irish Sweepstakes".

Post masters in Canada kept track of prohibited addresses. The cover below was thus deemed PAS TRANSMISSIBLE/NOT TRANSMISSIBLE and MAIL FOR THIS ADDRESS PROHIBITED. The cover did not make it out of Canada as it was sent to the Ottawa Inspection Division (DLO) on March 30<sup>th</sup> 1938.



**Special Delivery/Express Paid Destination**

3 cent 1<sup>st</sup> ounce letter rate plus 20 cent domestic special delivery fee plus 24 cents Express Letter Fee for delivery in England up to two miles.

The fee for Express Letters to be delivered in England was 12 cents per mile (equal to 6d). A special hand-stamp was made for mail in Great Britain that indicated the Express Letter Fee was paid by the sender. The 1936-37 Canada Postal Guide page 71 section 378 states 'extra fee cannot in the case of letters, be prepaid.' However, this was clearly not always followed by Canadian senders and the British Post Office did acknowledge the extra payment with the corresponding hand-stamp.

As can be seen prior to June 1938 the 1935 Definitive Issue high value denominations including the 20 cent special delivery stamp were used in conjunction with the low value 1937 definitive stamps.

**EXPRESS FEE PAID**

Mailed from Quebec, Canada on Aug 4, 1937 to Kent, England.

**20 cent Fee for Acknowledgement of Receipt sent Subsequent to Delivery**

In the last article we discussed an Acknowledgement of Receipt (AR) card sent with the registered letter at time of mailing to India. This particular item shown on page 6 was sent Subsequent to the registered letter, thus the higher 20 cent fee.

Normally registered items are sent expeditiously, however, the original registered letter was sent on 19/8/39 just before Canada entered World War II .. With the sender probably wondering if his registered letter really did arrive at its destination of Leicester, England, an AR card sent Subsequent to Delivery of the registered letter was mailed on Dec 24 1939.

Regulations in the 1940 Postmaster's Information book requested a '20 cent stamp' specifically be placed on form 39B, and when sent to countries other than Canada and the US, is to be forwarded under cover to the District Director or District Superintendent by ordinary mail. Note cancel from District Director of Postal Services on DEC 24 1939.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT  
ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES  
CANADA

This card to be filled in by office of origin  
Le présent card à remplir par le bureau d'origine

REGISTERED ARTICLE  
Envoi recommandé

ENTERED AT THE OFFICE OF  
Enregistré au bureau de poste

DATE 19/1/39 UNDER NO. 279  
sous le

ADDRESSED TO  
Adressé à  
P. E. Winwright  
97 London Rd.  
Leicester, England

AT  
à  
39B-175,000-23-4-35

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT  
AVIS DE RÉCEPTION

To be filled in by addressee  
À remplir par le destinataire

RETURN TO  
Retournez à  
J. J. Hewlett  
Westbank  
Blc

STREET AND NUMBER  
Rue et numéro

PLACE OF DESTINATION  
Lieu de destination  
CANADA

(1) IN PRINTED CHARACTERS  
En gros caractères

THE UNDERSIGNED ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE REGISTERED ARTICLE DESCRIBED ON THE OTHER  
Le soussigné déclare que l'envoi mentionné d'autre part

WAS DULY DELIVERED ON THE 3rd September 1939  
a été dûment livré le

Date stamp of office of destination  
Timbre du bureau destinataire

SIGNATURE OF THE ADDRESSEE (1)  
Signature du destinataire

OF ADDRESSEE'S REPRESENTATIVE (2)  
Du représentant du destinataire

OF THE POSTMASTER OF THE OFFICE OF DESTINATION  
De l'agent du bureau destinataire

R. R. MILLARD

(1) This advice should be signed by the addressee or if the regulations of the country of destination so provide, by the Postmaster of the Delivery office and returned by first mail to the address shown on the other side.  
Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le comportent, par l'agent du bureau destinataire et renvoyé par le premier courrier directement à l'expéditeur.

(2) When delivery is made to the authorized representative of the addressee, both addressee's name and representative's signature must appear on this receipt.  
Lorsque la remise est faite au représentant autorisé du destinataire, le nom du destinataire et la signature de son représentant doivent paraître sur ce reçu.

It took 100 days to reach Leicester on AP 3 40. Notation was made on when the original registered letter was actually delivered, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939. As noted on the front, the AR card was then returned to Canada via Birmingham on AP 4 40.

### Registered 1<sup>st</sup> Class Letter with Customs Label

10 cent registration fee plus 11 cents for up to five ounces, 1<sup>st</sup> class letter rate of 3 cents 1<sup>st</sup> ounce and 2 cents each additional ounce.

Upon first glance this item (see page 7) appears to be a parcel that is registered sending 'Two, Souvenir Dollars'. Parcels are not allowed to be registered thus the package was charged 1<sup>st</sup> class letter mail rates. The notation (*circled in red*) at the top left '21' denotes total postage charges. This was a common practice of postmasters or postal clerks either from the post office or private/government mail rooms.

In addition, the CUSTOMS DECLARATION was required for parcels to indicate items of value. It appears that the contents were not subject to duty, so no additional charges were made for Customs inspection or Duty fees as compared to the next item.





Edmonton, Alta. Jun 4<sup>th</sup> 1939 letter to London, England with 10 cent plate block inscription.

### Parcel Post to England with Duty and Customs Charges

96 cent parcel post rate for up to 5 lbs. with customs declaration filled out in Red Deer Alberta.

British Customs charged 2/10d and the Post Office charged a fee for Customs Clearance of 6d. Note the amount of work required to examine a parcel and seal it back up, place the Date Stamp of Office of Exchange on it, fill out a Customs Label OE 84 in England, and collect appropriate duty from addressee.

**PARCEL POST.**  
Opened for Customs Examination and duly closed against the Post Office.

DATE STAMP  
3 1940

**BRITISH AND FOREIGN PARCEL POST  
CUSTOMS DECLARATION**

ADDRESS OF PARCEL  
Mr. E. Goodsey  
112 St. Georges Road  
Stafford, Staffs, England

**LIST OF CONTENTS**

DESCRIPTION	NET WEIGHT LBS. OZ.	VALUE £ CTS.
Goods		3 00
Underland		1 25

POSTAGE AND EXCHANGE DUTY

POSTAGE  
1 25

EXCHANGE DUTY  
1 25

ENTRY NO.

NO. SATES

**CHARGE**  
OE 54  
The charges shown below are to be levied on the delivery of this parcel. All such charges except a Trade Charge (C.O.D.), must be prepaid by the sender.

CHARGE	£	s.	d.
British Customs charge (at rate 10% less DEHS must be paid)			6
Post Office Fee for Customs Clearance			
Charges for Insurance, etc.			
Postal Surcharge			
C.O.D. Delivery Fee			
Trade Charge (C.O.D.) (if sent note above)			
<b>TOTAL</b>	3		

**DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS OF SENDER:** If not deliverable an address label of this parcel as follows (where not indicated) will be used:

1. DELIVER TO: (If it is a relative address) Mr. E. Goodsey  
29, Brown Lane, 1, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000

SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS OF SENDER  
E. Goodsey  
112 St. Georges Road  
Stafford, Staffs, England

Mr. E. Goodsey,  
112 St Georges Rd.  
Stafford,  
Staffordshire,  
ENGLAND.

**Triple 30 cent per ½ ounce South Trans-Atlantic Air Mail Rate via Azores, Portugal  
and by train from Lisbon**

From October 5<sup>th</sup> 1939 to June 3, 1940 Trans-Atlantic air mail was sent via the Southern route to Lisbon then by train to England. This was due to the regular North trans-Atlantic services being suspended with war declared in September 1939.



Toronto, Ont. JAN 21 1940 to Birmingham, England



**Five times 30 cent per ½ ounce North Trans-Atlantic Air Mail Rate Short-paid 21 cents**

With the advent of air mail, Trans-Atlantic and Trans-Pacific routes, the Empire Air Mail Scheme and other private carriers, rates were never so complex in the previous 75 years of mail history.

Short-paid Air Mail with postage due charges was treated the same as surface mail. Mailed from Beaton, B.C. just west of Banff, Alberta with 129 cents postage short 21 cents for up to 2 ½ ounces weight, this item still travelled via air mail across Canada, by Trans-Atlantic air mail to London, England. There it was adjusted for postage due of 210 centimes equal to 21 cents x double deficiency x 5 centimes per cent.

As the rate for the first four ounces was paid in full, only the single deficiency of 10 1/2 pence equal to 21 cents Canadian was collected on the remaining half ounce.

**Six times 30 cent per ½ ounce South Trans-Atlantic Air Mail Rate via Azores, Portugal and by train from Lisbon**

The following item is franked \$1.80 using the least number of stamps, a \$1.00, 50 cent, 20 cent and 10 cent stamp. Commercial correspondence from Vancouver, B.C. was mailed on Mar 6 1942 out of the Mail Dispatch Branch Air Mail Section in Vancouver, B.C.

This item was delivered across Canada by Air Mail, and as instructed across the Atlantic, thence by the South trans-Atlantic route to England at the rate of 30 cents per one half ounce.



**PRISONER OF WAR MAIL -- KRIEGSGEFANGENENPOST****Laghouat, Algeria Prisoner of War Internee Covers**

By Eldon C. Godfrey, FCA

In Jan - April 2006, "King George VI Post & Mail" Issue 8, Page 5, **John Burnett** presented a very interesting cover addressed to an internee of the Laghouat POW Camp in Algeria.

In the article John attempted to identify the addressee and speculated upon the name as "L H McGyn" and, in concluding, speculated that the cover may be unique.

Now, being semi-retired from administrative and technical work in the aquatic sports, I have begun exploring and writing up my collection; today my subject is that Laghouat, Algeria POW Camp.

I have two (2) such covers and, in the investigation process, have found that the addressee was in fact "Paymaster-Midshipman J H M Cocks RCN", being John Henry McGregor Cocks.

My two covers, as was John's, were both mailed from London, Ontario although John's cover bears the "cds" of Ottawa Oct 15, 1942 over-striking London (date ??) presumably after censorship, while mine are dated prior on September 21 and subsequently on October 20. My covers carry a return address H.F. Cocks, 368 Oxford Street, London; John's cover shows the return address 460 Piccadilly, London but does not identify the sender.

My September 21 (Figure 1a & 1b) cover bears the statement UNABLE TO DELIVER and is back-stamped with the two line statement UNDELIVERED FOR REASON STATED / RETURN TO SENDER.



Figure 1a

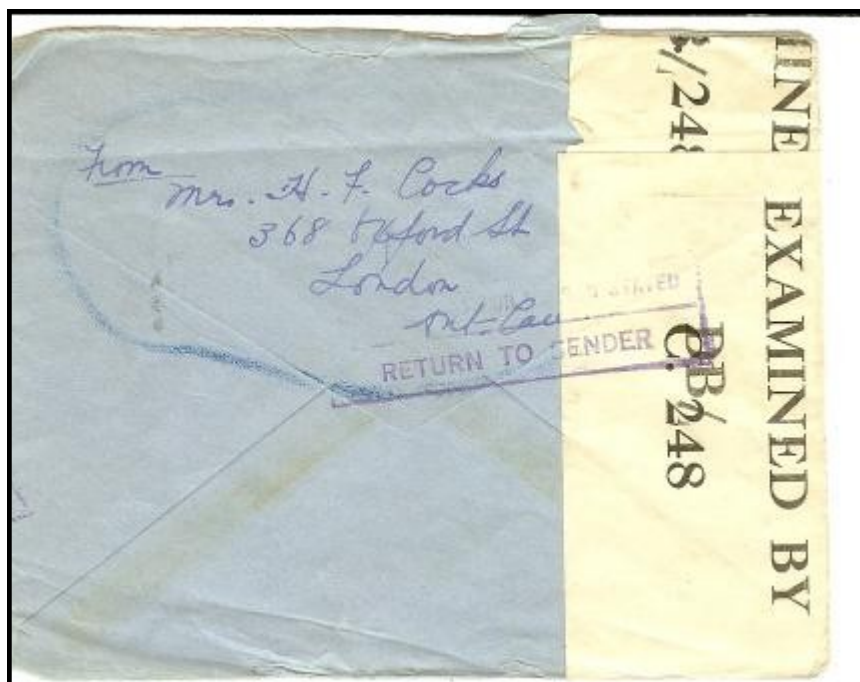


Figure 1b

My October 20 (Figure 2a & 2b) cover bears the statement UNABLE TO DELIVER and the two-line statement UNDELIVERED FOR REASON STATED / RETURN TO SENDER and is box back-stamped "Inspection Division – Dead Letter Office – Jun 4 1943 – No. 6 – Ottawa, Canada" and circular "Montreal, Canada - 20 May – No. 205".



Figure 2a





Figure 2b

With the liberation of the Laghouat POW Camp internees on November 11, 1942 the letters were deemed undeliverable, the latter cover arriving in the Ottawa Dead Letter Office on June 4, 1943. Following his liberation it appears the whereabouts of Paymaster Midshipman Cocks was temporarily unknown to postal authorities.

*Lt (E) R D Cooper, Paymaster Lt A A D Cope RNVR, Ty/Lt A J Daniels RNVR, Lt Cdr D A R Duff DSC, Lt (E) G M Fletcher, Lt (E) O J George, Cdr H B C Gill DSC, Lt T B W Jeans RM, Cdr D H Johnston, Lt (E) N H Malim, Warrant Shipwright H Matthews, Midshipman L L G C Parker, Surgeon Lt E C Powell, MRCNS, LRCP RNVR, Ty/Act/Sub Lt W Preshaw RNVR, Ty/Lt (E) P M Rambant, Warrant Ordnance Officer A E Reddy, Cdr (E) W J Robb, Sub Lt (A) C K Roberts RNVR, Lt G V B Russell, Sub Lt (A) N R Selkirk RNVR, Lt (E) E C Sutton, Ty/Sub Lt J E Tabor RNVR, Gunner D Turner, Lt H Wake, Midshipman G B Walker, Sub Lt (A) P D V Wheeler RNVR, Midshipman J C E White, Gunner E Whiteside, Midshipman A H Wilmot RCN, Midshipman G C Yorke and four hundred and eighty seven ratings were interned by the Vichy French at Algiers.*

*The internees were released on 11 November 1942 after the invasion of North Africa. Several of the ship's officers were court martialled and the court ruled that MANCHESTER had been scuttled prematurely. А книжке Кемпа не очень доверяйте. Он в ней местами сильно напортачил. Я бы ему только по части потерь англ. ПЛ доверял. Остальное однозначно сверять надо.*

Надводные вопросы Pr.Eugen: Господа, поскольку существует топ ...

- [ Translate this page ]

... Lt B H Clinkard, **Paymaster Midshipman J H M Cocks RCN**, Act/Lt (E) R D Cooper, ... **Midshipman**

Our addressee, Paymaster Midshipman Cocks and Midshipman Wilmot appear to be the only officers designated “RCN”, unfortunately, from the information currently available to me there is no telling if other Canadians were amongst the 487 ratings interned at Laghouat.

Extensive writing on the subject “Operation Torch” appears on [www.google.ca](http://www.google.ca); however, the writers give only passing mention to the liberation of the Laghouat POW Camp.

I have been assisted in my research by a friend and neighbour, **Commander Fred R. Fowlow** (RCN – Retired), Director of Marine Affairs of the Naval Officers’ Association of Canada (Calgary Branch). NOAC promotes interest and awareness of Canada as a marine nation.

Cdr. Fowlow has advised me “....there were three people carrying the name Cocks; I knew them all. Two of them were Supply or Pay Officers.

*I knew the two brothers Harvie and Bob fairly well. Harvie was a Supply Officer/Bob an Executive Officer.*

*The Cocks that we were looking in the Navy Lists I had when you were here was another Supply (Pay Officer) Cocks who I also knew but not that well.*

*His full name was John Henry McGregor Cocks. He passed away 25-05-06 in Ottawa. I believe he was the Cocks who was in HMS Manchester and is the Cocks you are interested in.*

*The other Cocks; Bob Cocks (Robert Wm. Cocks) retired as a Commodore Executive Branch. He passed away in Mahone Bay NS 6-07-06. He (Bob) was Harvie Cock's brother. Harvie as far as I can determine is still with us somewhere (probably in Ottawa) -- he is NOT the Cocks you are chasing down.*

*I hope I haven't confused you beyond redemption.”*

Of additional interest in this story is the fate of the Captain of HMS Manchester – **Harold Drew**, DSC, RN.

Subsequent to liberation from Laghouat, Captain Drew was summoned to a hearing which became a court martial at which Captain Drew and several other surviving officers were court martialled for allegedly scuttling HMS Manchester prematurely. Many seamen who sailed under the command of Captain Drew have spoken in support of their captain and in 2002, on the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the week of Operation Pedestal, a diving expedition was conducted for the purpose of ascertaining the extent of damage sustained by the Manchester for the purpose of clearing the name of Captain Drew (now deceased).

Privately spoken, it has been alleged that British Naval authorities were at loggerheads with Captain Drew, somewhat unusual given his prior service record; could it be the loss of the Manchester after only 48 months at sea was too much for the “number crunchers” to bear?

The culpability of Captain Drew or his heroism and his reputation remains a mystery for further investigation by British naval historians.

## ► Inking Varieties

When I became interested in postal history, it was decided to focus on the KG VI era, and for reasons unknown to me the 3¢ mufti in particular. After reading *An Interim Study of the Plates, Papers and Gums of the 1937 1 ¢ Mufti Issue* (Nov., 2005) by **Stephen Prest**, plate blocks were added to the collecting interest. One thing led to another, and I started collecting everything to do with the 3¢ carmine mufti.

Below are two inking varieties which were recently acquired. One shows a heavy “blob” of ink (circled) on the bottom stamp and the other shows two ink smears (circled), one rather heavy and the other light in appearance. To-date a number of examples which show either over-inking, ink blobs, smears, and what I call “under-inking” have been acquired. The “under-inking” examples actually have no ink on areas of the stamp. Some were acquired from the **Bileski** holdings and he had identified position and plate numbers. I’m hoping to get to Ottawa in the near future to examine the specific plate proofs in the Archives.

*Note: the “under-inkings” will be in the next issue of Post and Mail.*

While focusing on the 3¢ mufti, other values of the mufti series are examined but I haven’t noticed ink smears, over-inking etc. on the other values to the degree that have been noted with the 3¢ mufti. My observations to-date along with previous inking smears shown in previous issues of Post-Mail have led me to wonder if there was a printing problem with the 3¢ mufti or a problem with the carmine ink drying properly.

I would appreciate hearing from others who have similar examples of printing varieties on the 3¢ mufti as well as the other values. Also if anyone has any theories as to how these printing varieties occur, please let me know, and we’ll publish them in future issues of Post and Mail. My e-mail address is [kwlemke@sympatico.ca](mailto:kwlemke@sympatico.ca)



**Ink Blob**



**Ink Smears**

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## TOPICS Revisited — Part XIII (BNA TOPICS Vol. 47-54)

By Gary Dickinson

**Postal Stationery**

In "Postal Stationery Notes" in **BNA Topics Vol. 47, Whole No. 436** (Mar.-Apr. 1990) pp. 32-34, **Robert Lemire** discussed the use of reply cards in the 1930's and 1940's..

**Dale Speirs'** article "Form 95 Election Envelopes" in **BNA Topics Vol. 47, Whole No. 440** (Nov.-Dec. 1990) pp. 33-35 discussed the envelopes used to submit final poll statements from federal elections.

**Melvin L. Baron's** "First Day Covers of the Classic Issues of Canada Part 15—Postal Stationery—Stamped Envelope Issues of 1930-43" was in **BNA Topics Vol. 53, Whole No. 469** (Oct.-Dec. 1996) pp. 17-25. Part 16 with the same general title and subtitled "Postal Stationery—Postal Card Issues of 1935-1938" appeared in **Vol. 54, Whole No. 470** (Jan.-Mar. 1997) pp. 47-53.

**Post Office History, Correspondence & Regulations**

**Gary W. Steele's** series "More Forms, Cards and Slips During the King George VI Era" continued with several more topics including handling of third class mail in **BNA Topics Vol. 47, Whole No. 436** (Mar.-Apr. 1990) pp. 24-25; C.O.D. tags in **Vol. 48, Whole No. 445** (Oct.-Nov. 1991) pp. 28-29; and air mail facing slips **Vol. 49, Whole No. 447** (Jan.-Feb. 1992), p. 10.

**Precancels**

**Hans Reiche's** column "The Pre-cancel Specialist" in **BNA Topics Vol. 47, Whole No. 440** (Nov.-Dec. 1990) p. 51 dealt with large orders of "Multiple Pre-cancelled Postcards" in 1948-1949.

**Presentation Booklets**

**Jeffrey Switt's** article "The Royal Train Presentation Book" in **BNA Topics Vol. 51, Whole No. 459** (Apr.-Jun. 1994) pp. 52-61 described in detail the presentation booklet for the 1939 Royal Visit.

**Jerome C. Jarnick** and **Andrew Chung** described "Presentation Booklets for the 12<sup>th</sup> Universal Postal Union Congress (Paris—1947)" in **BNA Topics Vol. 54, Whole No. 471** (Apr.-Jun. 1997) pp. 42-45.

**Registration Markings**

**John N. Tyacke's** "Canada and Newfoundland, World War II Registered by Censor" in **BNA Topics Vol. 50, Whole No. 457** (Nov.-Dec. 1993) pp. 69-72 dealt with how censors registered mail if it appeared to include valuable items.

Two new listings from RPOs during the KG VI era were described by **William G. Robinson** in "Registration Markings," **BNA Topics Vol. 54, Whole No. 471** (Apr.-Jun. 1997) pp. 67-68.

**Slogan Cancellations**

**Jeffrey Switt's** "Newfoundland Slogans—Unreported Multiple Dies" in **BNA Topics Vol. 48, Whole No. 443** (May-Jun. 1991) pp. 32-34 included cancellations from the KG VI era.



**TOPICS Revisited—Part XIV (BNA Topics Vol. 55-60)****by Gary Dickinson**

This edition of “TOPICS Revisited” includes the KG VI-related items appearing in **BNA Topics** volumes 55 to 60 (whole numbers 474 to 497) from 1998 to 2003. Four issues per year were published throughout that period. Three subsequent volumes (61 to 63) have already been annotated for the **King George VI Canada and Newfoundland Philatelic References** (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) document while issues of **BNA Topics** from 2007 onwards have not yet been scanned for the BNAPS website. This edition therefore marks at least a pause in the “TOPICS Revisited” series.

**1946 Peace Issue**

A controversy raised in the Canadian Parliament over “Design Errors: The Left-Handed Plough & the Unsafe Lumberjack” was reviewed by **Dale Speirs** in **BNA Topics Vol. 59, Whole No. 490** (Jan.-Mar. 2002), pp. 31-36.

**Air Letters**

“Air Letter Sheets of Canada and Newfoundland: Forerunners and Unstamped Forms” were discussed by **Pierre Gauthier** in **BNA Topics Vol. 55, Whole No. 476** (Jul.-Sep. 1998), pp. 7-20.

**Military Mail & Postmarks**

**Canadian Military Postal Markings** by W.J. Bailey and E.R. Toop was reviewed by **W.G. Robinson** in **BNA Topics Vol. 55, Whole No. 474** (Jan.-Mar. 1998), pp. 72-73.

**Kevin O'Reilly's** letter in **BNA Topics Vol. 55, Whole No. 474** (Jan.-Mar. 1998), pp. 80-81 discussed and illustrated two letters sent from Canada with free franking by a U.S. Army officer during WW II.

**C. D. Sayles** reviewed the postal history of “Z Force: Canadian Army in Iceland 1940-1941” in **BNA Topics Vol. 57, Whole No. 484** (Jul.-Sep. 2000), pp. 10-19. **Dean Mario** provided some additional information in a letter to the editor in **BNA Topics Vol. 59, Whole No. 490** (Jan.-Mar. 2002), pp. 69-70.

The postal history of “Dieppe—Before and After” was discussed by **C.D. Sayles** in **BNA Topics Vol. 58, Whole No. 486** (Jan.-Mar. 2001) pp. 33-35.

**Bill Pekonen's** article, “Research Resources for the Postal History of WW II,” identified Orders-in-Council and events that would be informative to the student of postal history, in **BNA Topics Vol. 58, Whole No. 486** (Jan.-Mar. 2001), pp. 48-52.

**C.D. Sayles** reviewed “Concessionary Rates for Canadian Forces in Jamaica” during the 1940 to 1946 period in **BNA Topics Vol. 59, Whole No. 490** (Jan.-Mar. 2002), pp. 24-29.

**Steven Luciuk's** article, “Remembering the Korean War,” reviewed the postal history of that conflict (1950-1953) in **BNA Topics Vol. 60, Whole No. 495** (Apr.-Jun. 2003), pp. 7-33.

Problems involved in delivering mail to individual soldiers during WW II were discussed by **C.D. Sayles** in “Poste Restante for Troops Proceeding Overseas” in **BNA Topics Vol. 60, Whole No. 496** (Jul.-Sep. 2003), pp. 24-26.

**Newfoundland**

**Ernest D. Swersky's** article “Newfoundland Perforation Varieties” in **BNA Topics Vol. 55, Whole No. 476** (Jul.-Sep. 1998), pp. 21-27 included stamps issued during the KG VI era.

“The Last Four Newfoundland Surcharged Provisionals” by **Norris R. Dyer** in **BNA Topics Vol. 56, Whole No. 479** (Apr.-Jun. 1999), pp. 34-42 includes three stamps from the KG VI era.

"Newfoundland Plate Numbers 1897-1947" were reviewed by **John Walsh** in **BNA Topics Vol. 60, Whole No. 497** (Oct.-Dec. 2003), pp. 66-67.

### Postal History

**Victor L. Wilson's** article "Canadian Mail to Mexico, 1882-1951" appeared in **BNA Topics Vol. 56, Whole No. 479** (Apr.-Jun. 1999), pp. 5-12. The latter portion of the article dealt with the KG VI era.

"Postal History Tidbits" by **Bill Longley** in **BNA Topics Vol. 56, Whole No. 480** (Jul.-Sep. 1999), p. 57 discussed the return of hotel keys dropped into mail boxes.

Mail from "The *Greenhill Park* Explosion" in Vancouver, 1945 was described by **Alex Unwin** and **Gray Scrimgeour** in **BNA Topics Vol. 57, Whole No. 484** (Jul.-Sep. 2000), pp. 26-30.

**David Handelman** presented a well-marked cover from Manitoba to Antarctica in "Top Secret—Operation Tabarin" in **BNA Topics Vol. 59, Whole No. 490** (Jan.-Mar. 2002), pp. 31-36.

Three letters carried by *RMMS Aorangi* in 1949-1950 were discussed by **Gray Scrimgeour** in "Canadian-Related Commercial Mail to Tonga", **BNA Topics Vol. 59, Whole No. 490** (Jan.-Mar. 2002), pp. 42-44.

### Postal Markings

**Jerome C. Jarnick's** letter to the editor in **BNA Topics Vol. 56, Whole No. 480** (Jul.-Sep. 1999), p. 81 noted early official first day cancellations from post offices outside of Ottawa.

In "Len Ludlow's Cowcatcher", **William G. Robinson** discussed steamer markings, many from the KG VI era, in **BNA Topics Vol. 57, Whole No. 483** (Apr.-Jun. 2000), p. 54, in **Vol. 57, Whole No. 484** (Jul.-Sep. 2000), p. 55, in **Vol. 57, Whole No. 485** (Oct.-Dec. 2000), p. 62, and **Vol. 58, Whole No. 486** (Jan.-Mar. 2001), p. 57.

**Dean Mario** provided a detailed description and analysis of "Newfoundland's *Paid All* and *Postage Paid* Markings: 1897-1948" in a lengthy article in **BNA Topics Vol. 58, Whole No. 488** (Jul.-Sep. 2001), pp. 4-35. He dealt with "Newfoundland's 'FS' Hand-stamps" (foreign service) in a subsequent article in **BNA Topics Vol. 59, Whole No. 490** (Jul.-Sep. 2002), pp. 36-42.

The introduction of some new canceling devices during the KG VI period was discussed by **R.F. (Hank) Narbonne** in "Moody Motos Moon Pocons" in **BNA Topics Vol. 60, Whole No. 496** (Jul.-Sep. 2003), pp. 36-37.

### Postal Stationary

"A Small Study of a Large Card" by **Arthur Klass** and **William C. Walton** in **BNA Topics Vol. 56, Whole No. 478** (Jan.-Mar. 1999) pp. 21-27 examined post cards used by B.F. Goodrich in the early 1940's.

### Post Office History, Correspondence & Regulations

**David H. Whiteley** published two articles dealing with "The Foreign Exchange Control Board and the Canadian Post Office: 1939-1951" in **BNA Topics**. Part I appeared in **Vol. 55, Whole No. 474** (Jan.-Mar. 1998), pp. 37-50 and Part II was in **Vol. 55, Whole No. 476** (Jul.-Sep. 1998), pp. 29-38.

In "The Steinhart Legacy", **Allan L. Steinhart** reviewed postal guides and supplements primarily from the earlier portion of WW II regarding international mail in **BNA Topics Vol. 55, Whole No. 476** (Jul.-Sep. 1998), pp. 48-52. A subsequent article in **BNA Topics Vol. 56, Whole No. 479** (Apr.-Jun. 1999) pp. 52-54 under the same title continued this topic to the end of the KG VI era.

### Presentation Booklets

**Jerome C. Jarnick** described and illustrated "Presentation Folders for the 1937 Coronation and 1939 Royal Visit" in **BNA Topics Vol. 55, Whole No. 475** (Apr.-Jun. 1998), pp. 33-36. He also dealt with the "War Issue Presentation Booklet" in **Vol. 55, Whole No. 476** (Jul.-Sep. 1998), pp. 45-46, and "Presentation Booklet, CAPEX 1951" in **Vol. 58, Whole No. 486** (Jan.-Mar. 2001), pp. 53-54.

**Jerome C. Jarnick** and **Andrew Chung** discussed the “Presentation Booklet for the 6<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain, Madrid, 1950” in **BNA Topics Vol. 55, Whole No. 477** (Oct.-Dec. 1998), pp. 47-49, “The 1946 Chinese Delegation Presentation Booklet” in **Vol. 56, Whole No. 481** (Oct.-Dec. 1999) pp. 62-63, “The 1948 Royal Wedding Presentation Booklet” in **Vol. 57, Whole No. 482** (Jan.-Mar. 2000), pp. 58-59, and “Presentation Booklets of the 1946 P.U.A.S. Congress” in **Vol. 57, Whole No. 485** (Oct.-Dec. 2000), pp. 58-61.

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## Unique 1939 Royal Visit FDC?

by Gary Dickinson

Saskatoon Stamp Centre's **John Jamieson** recently brought to our attention an unusual 1939 Royal Visit issue first day cover which is now in his inventory. This cover was part of the collection of the late **Melvin Baron** of New York, a knowledgeable collector and prolific author on matters pertaining to Canadian FDC's. The #10 envelope is franked with OA246, OA247 (both position F) and OA248 (position A) and addressed to the Bank of Nova Scotia in Westboro, ON. It is postmarked with an Ottawa machine cancellation dated May 15, 1939 and has a Westboro, ON CDS back-stamp of the same date. The purple cachet is by itself relatively uncommon, but the combination of three official 5-hole perforated stamps on any FDC was thought by Baron to be unique.



### ► **BNAPLEX 2010**

BNAPLEX 2010 will be held at the Victoria Conference Centre and the Fairmont Express Hotel in Victoria, British Columbia, Sept 3-5, 2010. *Note: In order to reserve a room at the outstanding convention rate, you must make your reservation by August 2, 2010.*

The conference will include a dealers bourse, exhibits, seminars and study group meetings.

**The KG VI study group will meet on Saturday, Sept 4, 2010, 3-4 pm.**

Non-philatelic activities planned are:

- 1) City Tour including a visit to Craigdarroch Castle.
- 2) Butchart Gardens Tour.
- 3) Whale Watching Tour.

Full conference details and information can be found at [www.asch.ndirect.co.uk/bnapex2010/default.asp](http://www.asch.ndirect.co.uk/bnapex2010/default.asp) or through the BNAPS web-site at [www.bnaps.org](http://www.bnaps.org) (BNAPLEX link is at the top of the BNAPS home page).



## ► **KG VI Study Group**

We would like to welcome the following new members to the study Group:

- \* **Peter Bergstom**
- \* **John Cranmer**
- \* **John Deutch**
- \* **Rob Taylor**

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**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](mailto: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.

**1937 3 cent Mufti Issue** Ken Lemke is looking for an end strip for the 3 cent mufti coil (Unitrade #240). Ken is also looking for the following pre-cancels on the 3 cent mufti (Unitrade #233) a) #4260 -- St. Thomas b) # 4940 --Windsor. Varieties and errors of Unitrade # 233 are also sought. He can be reached at [kwlemke@sympatico.ca](mailto:kwlemke@sympatico.ca)

**Special Delivery stamps and usage** David Whiteley is working on Special Delivery stamps, usage and regulations during the King George VI era. His special focus is Air Mail Special Delivery Express Issues (Unitrade CE1-4). Any input from members would be appreciated. His e-mail address is [davidwhiteley@hotmail.com](mailto:davidwhiteley@hotmail.com)

## ► **Members' Wants**

### **For Sale -George VI Booklets, 35% off Cat.**

Large inventory of Mufti and War Issue Complete Booklets. E-mail with want list to [gary.steele@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:gary.steele@ns.sympatico.ca) or write per address in George VI Newsletter (page 2)

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

**KGVI Used Plate Blocks** Ed Harris is interested in used plate blocks for his KGVI collection and has a few duplicates for trade or purchase. Ed can be contacted by mail at 620 75th Ave. NW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2K 0P9 or by email at [harrise@shaw.ca](mailto:harrise@shaw.ca)

**1937 - 42 Mufti, Pictorial Issue etc.** Gary Steele is looking for covers, proofs, plate blocks, misperfs etc. of all issues in the Mufti period.

**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 contacted by mail at 6 Braemont Court, Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia, Canada B4E 3A1 or by email at [gary.steele@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:gary.steele@ns.sympatico.ca)

**1949 Postes - Postage OHMS** Peter Kritz is looking for O285 & O286 (2 & 3¢ KGVI Poste - Postage issue) on cover. Peter can be contacted by regular mail at RR #3, Hanover, Ontario, Canada, N4N 3B9 or by email at [pkritz@coldwellbankerpbr.com](mailto:pkritz@coldwellbankerpbr.com)

**1949 - 51 Poste 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](mailto:g.m.spring@asch.co.uk).

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