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## Single Use of a 4¢ Mufti - by Stephen Prest

- 1 John Burnett's article in *Post & Mail Issue 26* described the relative scarcity of the 1937 4¢ Mufti used singly to pay a four cent rate. Recently I came across a 1938 2¢ Canada Post Card forwarded by air mail within Canada which had a single 4¢ Mufti stamp affixed which uprated the postage to meet the domestic 6¢ air mail rate. I am not sure if this usage strictly falls into the criteria of "single use" but one so seldom finds a 4¢ Mufti on its own I thought this variation might merit consideration for inclusion in John's list of examples.



While postcards were forwarded by surface means at reduced postal rates relative to first class letters during the George VI period, the postage for postcards forwarded by airmail was the same as for the first weight of first class letters. Readers may recall Louis Fiset covering this point in his article in *Post & Mail Issue 12* (p 27) where he described a similar 2 cent Canada Post Card uprated with a 3¢ Mufti which underpaid the correct rate by 1¢ and was charged 2 cents double deficiency postage due.

## ► Chairman's Notes - by Gary Steele

I trust everyone is looking forward to a great year in 2015. We are hoping to have a few issues published this year by Stephen Prest filling in for Ken Lemke. Stephen is editing and publishing these next two issues from New Zealand. We desperately need a back-up from Canada or the U.S. If anyone can help please let us know.

BNAPLEX will be in Niagara Falls this year. I am expecting a huge crowd for the show with many coming from all around the world. If anyone is interested in doing a talk at the annual meeting please email me.

Thanks to the members who have contributed items for the current newsletter. It makes for enjoyable reading to see and learn about the various collecting of our members. I encourage everyone to keep the items coming.

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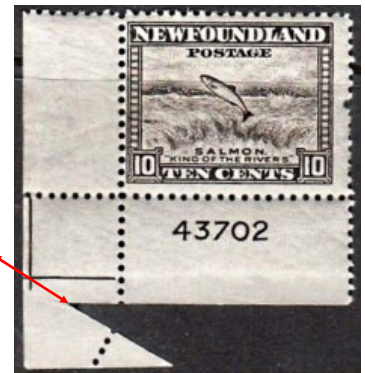
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**► EFO's & Varieties**

This issue's EFO's & Variety is courtesy of **Robert Cooperman** of City Stamp Montreal. This nice example is a paper fold-over error of the LL Plate 43702 stamp of the Newfoundland 10¢ 1941 Revised Resource Issue "Salmon" (Waterlow Printing). This type of error occurs when a portion of the excess selvage is doubled back or folded over prior to the guillotining stage of production (as indicated by the red arrow). The fold-over wedge is then perforated along with the rest of the stamps of the sheet and reveals itself when a collector unfolds the paper after purchase from the post office.



This item was a recent offering by City Stamp Montreal on Ebay and may well still be available. We would like to thank Robert for giving us permission to use the image above for this issue's EFO & Varieties column.

**► Editor's Desk**

This Issue 30 of the Post & Mail features the next instalment of **Donald Leblanc's** series on War Issue Imperforate Plate Blocks. Donald has researched this subject over many years and his findings stand as the definitive study on these rare items. The Study Group is very fortunate to have a study of this caliber grace the pages of our newsletter.

**Mike Street** has forwarded an interesting article discussing a letter sent to France which was franked with 1946 Peace Issue Special Delivery stamps. These stamps were invalid for regular postal use and the letter was charged postage due. Mike has also provided a note on the change introduced by the Post Office in July 1947 to reduce the exchange rate for postage due purposes from 1¢ = 5 centimes to 1¢ = 3 centimes.

**Stephen Prest** has contributed the first in what he hopes will be a series of articles on Canadian mail to New Zealand during the George VI period. Stephen has also forwarded a review of an article that appeared in the December 2014 issue of GEOSX on the Newfoundland Long Coronation Issue and also this issue's Cover Story which identifies a novel way a single 1938 4¢ Mufti might be used singly on cover.

Letters to the Editor were received from **Gary Dickinson**, **John Watson**, **Peter Kritz** and **BNAPSer Robert (Steve) Keowen** on a variety of subjects. Short notes and messages about one's collecting interests is always welcomed by your Editor. In addition to adding variety to the newsletter, Letters to the Editor provide an excellent forum to bring new items or questions about postal history matters to the attention of our membership at large.

Part XVI of TOPICS Revisited and other regular back of the newsletter columns round out this Issue 30 of the Post & Mail. Your Editor appreciates the time and effort members have put in to forward material for this current issue of our newsletter.

Planning for Issue 31 is already afoot and articles, notes and letters for upcoming issues can be forwarded to Stephen at stephen.prest@gmail.com at any time.

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## The War Issue 1942-1943 - Part XI

### The Imperforate Plate Blocks Revisited

*by Donald Leblanc*

#### Introduction

In the Sept - Dec 2011 edition of the King George VI Post & Mail ( Issue 24, pages 4 to 13), I wrote an extensive article on the history of the Imperforate stamps panes of the 1930's and 1940's given to the Post Office by the printers, and more specifically, on the Imperforate Plate Blocks of the War Issue. I had been very lucky to acquire many of these different positions. I also collected photocopies of the other positions that I had found in researching auction catalogues over the past 60 years. At the end of this article, I submitted the most extensive listing of all the confirmed positions that was known at that point in time.

#### New information

At the end of the article, I also requested members of our Study Group to send me any photocopies of the missing positions to complete the list. Unfortunately, I didn't receive any new information from our members, and I therefore accepted the fact that I probably would never complete the list of positions.

Then, in 2013, a major event occurred in the philatelic landscape that had some bearing on my list. **Mr Ron Brigham** had decided to sell his private stamp collection by private auctions over the next 3 to 4 years.

To prepare for these auctions, he and his staff had to list each and every exceptional individual item that they planned to offer for purchase. It became very apparent to his staff that many items had never been photographed or listed individually. Many items had been forgotten and had never appeared in any of the collections that Mr Brigham had exhibited with success, over the years.



1942 1¢ King George VI War Issue Imperforate Plate Blocks Nos. 1 LR (2) & 2 LR

The two 1¢ Plate No. 1 LR imperforate blocks can be distinguished from one another by the slightly larger top and left hand margins of the block indicated by the red arrow.

I have both blocks in my collection and have thus been able to verify the blocks themselves rather than via photocopies. In past years, whenever one block came up in an auction, collectors and experts assumed that there were only two blocks, one Plate No. 1 LR and one Plate No. 2 LR. In reality there were always three blocks, but this is the first time that they have been compared side by side in a published philatelic article.



## ... The War Issue 1942-1943 Part XI - The Imperforate Plate Blocks Revisited

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Concerning the War Issue Imperforate plate blocks, in April 2010 I had been in communication with Mr. Brigham's friend and associate, **Mr Charles J.G. Verge** to request photos of any values and positions that Mr Brigham may have in his collection. I was furnished photos of four blocks (one each of the 13¢, 14¢, 20¢ and 50¢) with a note from Mr Verge indicating that these were the only ones that he, Mr. Verge, had found. These photos were very useful in preparing my list for the 2011 article.

However, when a more complete search was conducted recently to prepare future auctions catalogues, four additional plate blocks were discovered, that is a plate block of the 1¢, 6¢ air, 7¢ air and a block of the 17¢ air/special delivery, all of the War Issue. I am very grateful to Mr. Brigham's staff for sending me these four additional photos.

In essence, Mr Brigham had eight Imperforate plate blocks of the War Issue in his collection, rather than only the four blocks for which I had received photos a few years ago.

What effect does receiving these 4 extra photocopies have on the list included in my article of 2011?

Firstly, these photos help in COMPLETING the list. It also confirm that the stamps pane were selected randomly with no effort whatsoever to have different positions. In reality, whoever delivered these "favour" panes to the post office in 1942 and 1943 from the stock of printed stamp paper sheets or panes, before they were perforated, choose 2 same position panes out of 3 for the 1¢, 2¢, 20¢, 50¢, \$1.00, 6¢ air and 10¢ special delivery. He even chose 3 identical panes of the same plate position for the 8¢ stamp. (Images available in my Post & Mail Issue 24 last article).

However, by pure luck, he chose three different plate positions for the other values, that is the 3¢ carmine, 3¢ violet, 4¢ grey, 4¢ carmine, 5¢, 10¢, 13¢, 14¢ and 7¢ air.

I am including a few photocopies from my own collection: all known positions of the 1¢, and 2 blocks of the 6¢ air and 7¢ air. My previous article has many photocopies of the other values.

I am including the revised list as Table 2 at the end of this article and I am convinced that this is the **complete list**.

The next step is to have this list included in the War Issue section of The Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps. Our Editor should request their Editor to publish it. If an acknowledgement should be noted, credit should be given to the King George VI Study Group.

Should members have any comments or further information regarding the War Issue Imperforate Plate Blocks, please send them to the author at [jeanmall@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanmall@hotmail.com).



1942 6¢ War Issue "British Commonwealth Air Training Plan" Air Mail Imperforate Plate Blocks No. 1 UR  
Differentiation by left and top gutter widths - "Thin" on the left block and "Thick" on the right hand block

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by Donald Leblanc



1943 7¢ War Issue “British Commonwealth Air Training Plan” Air Mail Imperforate Pl. Blk. Nos. 2 UR and 1 LR

### Partial Imperforate War Issue Plate Blocks

Table 1 below lists the three known partial imperforate War Issue plate blocks that I included in my article in the Sept - Dec 2011 edition of the Post & Mail. An image of the 1942 10¢ Parliament appeared in Post & Mail Issue 7 courtesy of Study Group member **John Jameison** of Saskatoon Stamps <sup>(2)</sup>. In 2005, **Eastern Auctions** published an image of the 1942 6¢ Air Mail imperforate top margin Plate No 1 UR in BNA Topics noting that this block was a “new find” which had previously been uncatalogued <sup>(3)</sup>. My own research reveals this block had been reported in the April 1962 issue of BNA TOPICS by **Dr Fred Starr** <sup>(4)</sup>.

These partial imperforate likely arose as a result of sheets being improperly perforated during production and then slipping past the keen eyes of quality control inspectors to find their way into collector’s hands. As such, there may be other examples still to be discovered, buried in a long forgotten corner of a plate block collector collection.

**Table 1 - Listing of known positions of the War Issue Partial Imperforate Plate Blocks**

<u>Unitrade Cat. No.</u>	<u>Stamp</u>	<u>Plate No. &amp; Position</u>	<u>Comment</u>
257 i	1942 10¢ Parliament	3 LR	Imperf at right margin
C7 i	1942 6¢ Air Mail	1 UR	Imperf at top margin
C8 i	1943 7¢ Air Mail	4 LR	Imperf at right margin

### References:

- (1) D. J Leblanc “The War Issue 1942-43 - Part VI: The Imperforate Plate Blocks”, Post & Mail Issue 24 Sept-Dec 2011 pp 4-13
- (2) John Jameison “EFO’s & Varieties” Post & Mail Issue 7, July-Dec 2005, p. 2
- (3) Eastern Auctions Ltd BNA Topics Vol. 62, No 1, Whole No. 502, p 1
- (4) Dr Fred A.E. Starr, “The Editor’s Mailbag” BNA TOPICS Vol 19, No4 , Whole No 200 pp 85 & 86

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**Table 2 - Listing of all known positions of the War Issue Imperforate Plate Blocks**

<u>Unitrade Cat. No.</u>	<u>Stamp</u>	<u>Plate No. &amp; Position</u>	<u>Comment</u>
249 d	1942 1¢ KGVI Green	1 LR, 1 LR & 2 LR	Two examples of Plate 1 Lower Right confirmed
250 c	1942 2¢ KGVI Brown	1 LR, 1 LR & 2 LR	Two examples of Plate 1 Lower Right confirmed
251 b	1942 3¢ KGVI Car- mine	1 UR, 1 LL & 2 LL	
252 d	1943 3¢ KGVI Violet	11 UL, 12 LL & 12 LR	
253 a	1942 4¢ Grey Grain Elevators	1 UL, 1 UR & 1 LR	
254 c	1943 4¢ KGVI Car- mine	6 UR, 6 LL & 6 LR	
255 a	1942 5¢ KGVI Blue	1 UL, 1 UR & 1 LL	
256 a	1942 8¢ Chestnut Farm Scene	1 UR, 1 UR & 1 UR	Two examples of Plate 1 Upper Right confirmed, Evidence suggests 3rd example also Plate 1 UR
257 a	1942 10¢ Brown Parliament	1 UL, 1 LL, & 2 LL	
258 a	1942 13¢ Green Ram Tank	1 UL, 1 LL, & 1 LR	
259 a	1943 14¢ Green Ram Tank	1 UL, 1 LL, & 1 LR	
260 a	1942 20¢ Brown Corvette	2 UL, 2 UL, & 2 LR	Two examples of Plate 2 Upper Left confirmed
261 a	1942 50¢ Purple Munitions	1 UR, 1 LR, & 1 LR	Two examples of Plate 1 Lower Right confirmed
262 a	1942 \$1.00 Blue Destroyer	1 UR, 1 UR, & 1 LR	Two examples of Plate 1 Upper Right confirmed
C7 a	1942 6¢ Air Mail	1 UR, 1 UR, & 1 LR	Two examples of Plate 1 Upper Right confirmed
C8 a	1943 7¢ Air Mail	1 LL, 1 LR, & 2 UR	
CE 1 a	1942 16¢ Air Mail Special Delivery	1 UL, 1 LL, 1 UR (x2) & 1 LR (x2)	Two examples each of Plate 1 Upper Right and Lower Right confirmed
CE 2 a	1943 17¢ Air Mail Special Delivery	1 UL (x2), 1 LL (x2) 1UR & 1 LR	Two examples each of Plate 1 Upper Left and Lower Left confirmed
E 10 a	1942 10¢ Green Special Delivery	1 UL (x3) & 1 LL (x3)	Three examples each of Plate 1 Upper Left and Lower Left confirmed



## Newfoundland Long Coronation Issue Why was the portrayal of the King so poor?

*A review of an article appearing in GEOSIX - Journal of the King George VI Collector's Society*

The December 2014 issue of GEOSIX (Whole No. 254) contains a "must read" article (as titled above) for BNAPS members whose collection includes examples of the Newfoundland Long Coronation Issue.

In this well researched article, co-authors Brian Livingstone FRPSL and Richard Berry describe the circumstances in late 1936 and early 1937 leading up to the release of the Newfoundland 1937 Long Coronation Issue. Their research brings to light correspondence between the Government of Newfoundland, the Colonial Office and the Crown Agents where Newfoundland proposes that Newfoundland issue a set of pictorial stamps bearing the likeness of King Edward VIII in addition to the three stamp definitive issue planned for the colonies and also bearing the likeness of Edward VIII. Figure 3 of the article features the Harrison & Sons artwork of the omnibus Edward VIII definitive design for the Crown Colonies courtesy of the Royal Philatelic Collection. This small definitive design was later used to produce the 1937 Grenada and 1940 Dominica 1/4d. King George VI stamps.

The authors then provide a review of events following King Edward's abdication which included:

- the Colonial Office setting aside the Harrison & Sons design concept in favour of the Del La Rue 1937 Coronation design featuring Queen Elizabeth and King George;
- Newfoundland commissioning John B. Dickinson & Co., Ltd. to produce the dies for its Long Coronation issue which commenced in mid-January 1937.

The likeness of King George VI found on Long Coronation Issue stamps was copied from the Del La Rue design of the King for the 1937 Omnibus Issue reduced to two-thirds in size to accommodate the overall design requirements of the Long Coronation issues. The author's conclude that this restraint, together with the short time available to produce these stamps in advance of the May 12, 1937 Coronation date resulted in the rather "poor" portrayal of the King on these stamps.

Readers having an interest in obtaining a copy of the abovementioned article can do so by contacting the GEOSIX Editor, Nick Halewood, by email at [editor@kg6.info](mailto:editor@kg6.info).



1937 3¢ "Newfoundland Map"  
Comb Perf 13.3x13.2 - Die I  
Light Orange Brown



1937 3¢ "Newfoundland Map"  
Line Perf 14 - Die II  
Orange Brown

*Editor's Note: Reference 8 of the above article refers to the three-part series by BNAPS'er Robert H. Pratt OTB entitled "Newfoundland: The Long Coronation Issue-1937-A Problem" which presented a detailed discussion of dies used and other useful background information about the issue. The articles appeared in BNA Topics Vol. 43, Whole No. 416 (Nov.-Dec. 1986) pp. 14-17, in Vol. 44, No. 417 (Jan.-Feb. 1987), pp. 21-24, and Vol. 44, No. 418 (Mar.-Apr. 1987) pp. 41-46.*

## 1947 “Special Delivery” letter to France

### Short-paid and Taxed in France

*by Mike Street*

#### Introduction

The letter shown overleaf was postmarked at Aurora, Ontario on 30 September 1947. Addressed to France, it carried both Air Mail and Special Delivery etiquettes, and a plate margin trio of E11 Special Delivery stamps had been affixed to pay postage. At this time the air mail rate for a letter to France was 15¢ per quarter ounce. For reasons which are not clear, someone in the Aurora post office assessed the postage paid as being 20¢ short, applied the rectangular “POSTAGE DUE” handstamp, and wrote the double deficiency amount “40” in pencil beside “CENTS”.

When the letter arrived at the main Toronto Special Delivery office the “40” was crossed out, the number “15” was written in pencil a bit below the postage due box, and a circular “T/CENTIMES” handstamp was applied and the number “90” written in pencil in its centre. What’s going on here? Two things:

#### a) There was no Special Delivery service to France in 1947!

Before 1 January 1923 Special Delivery mail addressed to locations outside Canada was not accepted for Special Delivery service in the destination country. Special Delivery mail to the United States was accepted only if United States Special Delivery stamps were affixed in Canada. After 1 January 1923 Canada and the US accepted each other’s Special Delivery. Prior to 1 April 1947 Special Delivery mail from Canada to the United Kingdom was accepted, but the Special Delivery fee could not be prepaid. It was assessed and collected from the recipient in the UK. After 1 April 1947 the same reciprocal arrangement as had been in effect with the USA was extended so that Canadian and British stamps could be used by senders in one country to prepay Special Delivery service in the other. Until at least 1962 letters could still not be sent Special Delivery from Canada except to the United States and the United Kingdom.

#### b) Special Delivery Stamps Invalid for Postage

From their introduction in 1898, until after the printing of dedicated Special Delivery stamps was discontinued on 21 December 1951, Special Delivery stamps could only be used to pay for Special Delivery fees, not for postage!

#### Determination of Postage Due

Back to the letter itself - the main Toronto Special Delivery office, realizing that the Special Delivery stamps had no value, weighed the letter at less than a quarter ounce and calculated the international postage due amount as:

$$15¢ \text{ short paid} \times \text{double deficiency} \times 3 \text{ centimes/¢} = \underline{90 \text{ centimes.}}$$

On arrival in France on 6 October 1947, a clerk at La Poste calculated the equivalent postage due in francs as:

$$90 \text{ centimes} \times .39\text{f/centime} = \underline{35.10\text{f. (rounded to 35f.)}}$$

and applied 35f in French postage due stamps on the back of the envelope and cancelled them. The French postage dues applied were a vertical strip of  $10 \times 3\text{f}$  stamps with marginal selvage at left and at both ends, with a plate number at the bottom, and a block of  $5 \times 1\text{F}$  stamps.

#### Post World War II Change of Postage Due Conversion Rate

The tax on shortpaid Canadian covers addressed to overseas destinations in the KGV period was assessed in Swiss centimes. Postal historians trying to interpret such covers have noted that Canada changed its conversion rate from 5 centimes to 3 centimes per Canadian cent during the George VI period. Recent research into the topic has revealed this change took place in July 1947. Item (6) in the July 1947 *Canada Official Postal Guide Monthly Supplement* reads:

*“Insufficiently prepaid Correspondence for Overseas Destinations: In future short payments on all unpaid or insufficiently prepaid correspondence for overseas destinations should be expressed in gold centimes. Postmasters are, therefore, requested to amend the information appearing in Section 313, page 66, of the 1947 Canada Postal Guide in this regard by altering the reference to the equivalent of 1 cent to read 3 centimes,” instead of 5 centimes.”*



# ... 1947 “Special Delivery” Letter to France - Short-paid & Taxed in France

by Mike Street

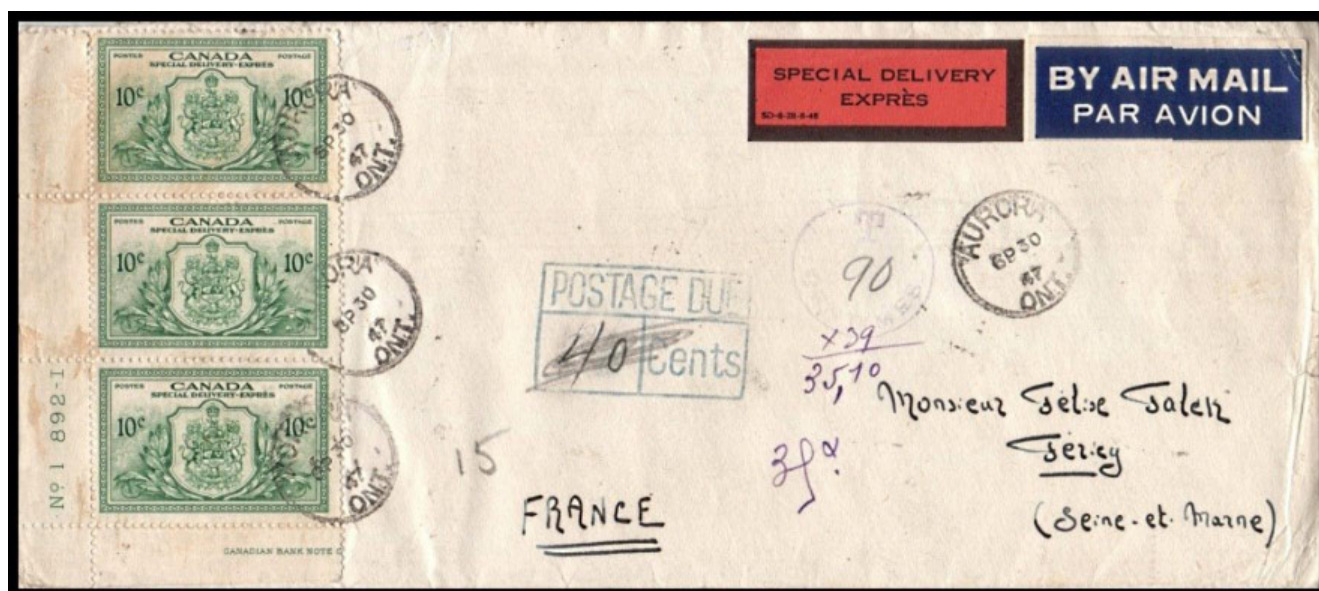


Figure 1: Air Mail Letter mailed September 30, 1947 from Aurora, Ontario to Fericy, Seine-et-Marne, France franked with three 1946 10¢ Peace Issue Special Delivery stamps - Invalid for payment of postage (Airmail rate to France (15¢ ea. 1/4oz.))

Letter rated 90 centimes postage due by Canadian Post Office (15¢ x 2 x 3 centime/¢)

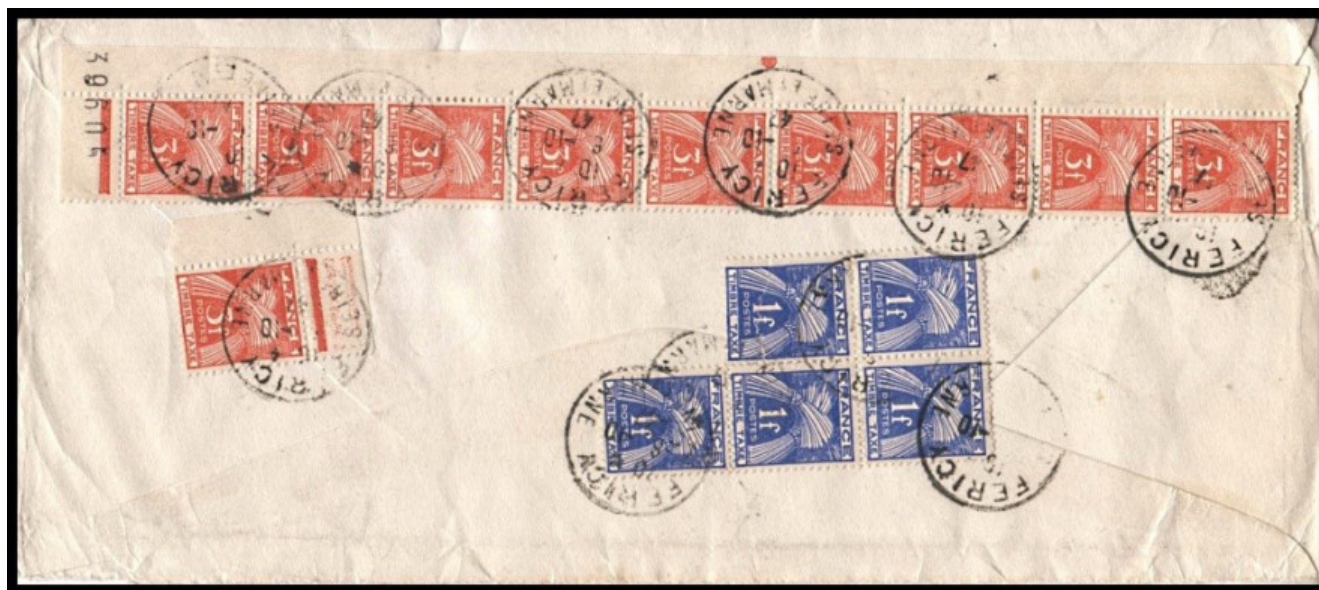


Figure 2: Letter short-paid 90 centimes charged 35f on arrival by French postal authorities

(90 centimes x .39f/centime = 35.1f - Rounded to 35f)

## References:

- [1] G.H. Davis, *Canada Special Delivery*, 1981, Unitrade Press, Toronto.
- [2] Canada Post Office, *Canada Official Postal Guide*, 1934 through 1961.

## Canadian Postal Rates to New Zealand 1937-1954 (Part 1)

by Stephen Prest

### Introduction

Over the past few years I have collected covers of Canadian mail forwarded to New Zealand. This collecting interest was initially sparked by examples I had accumulated of shortpaid Canadian mail into New Zealand which I plan to write about in a future issue of the Post & Mail. Before tackling postage due, one needs to have on hand a good appreciation of the prevailing Canadian postal rates to New Zealand. This would seem a relatively straightforward task but as is often the case the devil is in the details.

References to Canadian postal rates for mail to New Zealand during the George VI period appear in a variety of secondary sources. Discrepancies exist between these sources, particularly in respect to airmail rates. I have had sight of all Canada Postal Guides issued between the 1936-1937 and 1952-1953 editions but these, by their very nature, provide limited information about the dates various rates came into effect. More precise information regarding rate changes, dates and services resides in the Post Office's Weekly and Monthly Supplements. These are cited to the extent they have been cited in the secondary sources I have had access to. I am particularly grateful for the work of former Study Group member, **David Whiteley**, who has recorded in considerable detail air mail related information from the Post Office Weekly and Monthly Supplements through to the early 1940's in his monograph "*Official Air Mail Rates to Foreign and Overseas Destinations...*". published in 2000.

### Surface Postal rates (1937 - 42)

Canadian postal rates for various classes of mail conveyed by surface means to New Zealand is shown on Schedule 1. As New Zealand was a Dominion within the British Commonwealth, the Canada Post Office rates for British Empire destinations applied throughout the George VI period. A typical example of surface mail during the Mufti period are illustrated below.

### Registered First Class letter forwarded August 1938

The cover below was mailed from Montreal on August 17, 1938 franked with 13¢ in postage to pay the 3¢ letter rate plus the 10¢ Registration fee. The sender used a pair of 1938 6¢ Air Mail stamps (in addition to a 1¢ Mufti) and was clearly concerned that Post Office might send the letter by air mail via Great Britain, then the Empire air mail route through to Australia. If this had transpired, the letter would have been short-paid 32 cents the then current 35¢ per ½ oz. rate for the abovementioned service. For avoidance of doubt the sender endorsed the cover with the phrase "*Poste recommandé - voie ordinaire*" to request the letter be sent by ordinary (surface) means.



Figure 1: Letter mailed August 17, 1938 from Place d'Armes, Montreal to Palmerston North, New Zealand franked with a 1938 1¢ Mufti and two 1938 6¢ Airmail Pictorial to pay the 13¢ rate for a 1<sup>st</sup> Class registered letter weighing up to 1 oz.

## ... Canadian Postal Rates to New Zealand 1937-1954 (Part 1)

by Stephen Prest

### Air Mail Postage Rates

Prior to April 1940 there were no direct international airmail service to New Zealand. Rather, all overseas air mail arrived in New Zealand by sea via Australia having arrived there either via various Empire airmail services or via the Pan American Airways Pacific routes. The PAA service to New Zealand was established in July 1940 but was terminated some seventeen months later in December 1941 following the attack on Pearl Harbour. Airmail services to New Zealand underwent many further changes during the war years.

This article limits itself to discussion of letters and postcards forwarded by air to US and Canadian west coast ports for onward transit to New Zealand by sea. Further articles in this series will look at airmail services across the Atlantic and Pacific. As we progress through the various categories in these writings, my approach will be to identify the gaps in my knowledge of these rates. I hope this approach will encourage study group members to identify further examples that will fill the knowledge gaps noted in these writings so that we can establish a definitive schedule of Canadian airmail rates to New Zealand during the George VI period.

### Air Mail to West Coast US/Canadian Ports; Sea to New Zealand (1936-1945)

It is thought that Canada accepted letters franked for domestic air mail service to the west coast of Canada or the US for on-forwarding by sea to New Zealand from the beginning of the George VI period through to August 1945. This service can be divided into four period as follows:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Dec 11, 1936 to March 30, 1939	6¢ per oz.	<i>Not confirmed by examples to date; Not known if the 2nd weight was 5¢ per oz as per domestic airmail</i>
April 1, 1939 to Sept 1939	6¢ per ½ oz.	Empire Air Mail Scheme - confirmed <sup>(1)</sup>
October 1939 to March 1, 1943	6¢ per oz.	Confirmed - <i>Unknown if rate reverted to 6¢ per oz. or remained at the EAMS rate of 6¢ per ½ oz.</i>
April 1, 1943 to August 1945	7¢ 1 <sup>st</sup> oz., 6¢ ea. add oz.	<i>Not confirmed by examples to date</i>

The two airmail covers shown in Figure 2 overleaf were mailed from Chatham New Brunswick and Rivers Manitoba to Lyttleton, New Zealand in May and June 1942 respectively. Both bear subscriptions, one, "To California" and the other, "West Coast". While there are no transit back-stamps to indicate the actual route taken, it seems clear the sender expected these airmail letters to be forwarded to New Zealand by sea following air carriage to US or Canadian west coast ports.

### Air Mail to Panama (Canal Zone); Sea to New Zealand (1942)

Following the cessation of PAA's trans - Pacific services in December 1941, the New Zealand Post and Telegraph Department advised in January 1942, that an alternate service, first established in April 1938, using sea transport to Panama followed by PAA air transport to New York and then onto Canadian (and US) destinations, would continue in service <sup>(2)</sup>.

This author is not aware of any formal instruction by the Canadian Post Office of a reciprocal service to New Zealand. However, the airmail covers shown in Figure 3 overleaf, both mailed from Mountain View M.P.O. 309 in June 1942, clearly indicate that the sender expected the letters to receive air transport to Panama and prepaid the ruling 10¢ per ¼ oz. accordingly. While the airmail letter rate to Panama had been 10¢ per ¼ oz. since December 1937 <sup>(3)</sup>, the period Canada Post Office accepted letters for on-forwarding to New Zealand via Panama is currently unknown.

<u>Period</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Comment</u>
May - June 1942	10¢ per ¼ oz.	<i>Start and End dates for this service unknown</i>



## ... Canadian Postal Rates to New Zealand 1937-1954 (Part I)

by Stephen Prest

### Air Mail to West Coast US/Canadian Ports; Sea to New Zealand



Figure 2. Air Mail letters addressed to Lyttelton, New Zealand subscribed "West Coast" and "To California" each franked with a 1938 6¢ Airmail Pictorial to pay for air transport within the US or Canada for sea transport across the Pacific to New Zealand

### Air Mail to Panama (Canal Zone); Sea to New Zealand



Figure 3. Air Mail letters addressed to Lyttelton, New Zealand subscribed "To Panama" and "To Panama or Inland" each franked with a 1938 6¢ Airmail Pictorial to pay for air transport to Panama for sea transport across the Pacific to New Zealand

## ... Canadian Postal Rates to New Zealand 1937-1954 (Part I)

by Stephen Prest

### Airmail Postcards to New Zealand (1936-1954)

Postage for postcards forwarded by airmail within Canada and overseas was the same as the first weight charged for airmail letters throughout the George VI period. By exception, the rate for postcards sent overseas via the Empire Air Mail Scheme was 4¢. The Canadian Post Office set accepted mail for New Zealand at EAMS rates commencing April 1, 1939. Figure 4 below shows a postcard mailed to New Zealand in August 1939, a month before the EAMS scheme was discontinued.

<u>Period</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Dec 11, 1936 to March 30, 1939	Airmail Letter rates (1 <sup>st</sup> wt)	<i>Various rates according to route and carrier</i>
April 1, 1939 to Sept 1939	4¢ ea	Empire Air Mail Scheme - confirmed
October 1939 to 1953+	Airmail Letter rates (1 <sup>st</sup> wt)	<i>Rates varied according to route and carrier</i>



Figure 4. QSL Postcard mailed August 1, 1939 from Vancouver to Mt. Roskill, Auckland franked with the 1939 1¢ and 3¢ Royal Visit stamps to pay the 4¢ EAMS postcard rate to New Zealand

... to be continued

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**Schedule 1**  
**Canada Surface Postal Rates & Fees to New Zealand - King George VI Period**  
**December 1936 to February 1954**

	Wt. unit	11 Dec 1936 (1)	1 Apr 1939 (2)	1 Oct 1939 (3)	1 Apr 1943 (4, 5)	2 Apr 1952 (6, 7)	28 Feb 1954 (7)
Letter – British Empire (1 <sup>st</sup> wt)	1 <sup>st</sup> oz	3¢		3¢	4¢	→	→
Letter – British Empire (2 <sup>nd</sup> wt)	ea. add oz	2¢		2¢	2¢	→	→
Letter – Via Empire Air Mail Service	ea ½ oz		6¢ <sup>(1)</sup>				
Postcards – British Empire	Each	2¢		2¢	3¢	→	→
Postcards – Via EAMS	Each		4¢				
Comm. Papers – Br. Empire (1 <sup>st</sup> wt)	1 <sup>st</sup> 10 oz	5¢	→	→	→		
Comm. Papers – Br. Empire (1 <sup>st</sup> wt)	1 <sup>st</sup> 8 oz					5¢	→
Comm. Papers – Br. Emp. (2 <sup>nd</sup> wt)	ea. add 2 oz	1¢	→	→	→	→	→
Printed Papers – Br. Emp. (1 <sup>st</sup> wt)	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 oz	1¢	→	→	→	2¢	→
Printed Papers – Br. Emp (2 <sup>nd</sup> wt)	ea. add 2 oz	1¢	→	→	→	→	→
Newspapers Canadian – Br. Empire (1 <sup>st</sup> wt)	1 <sup>st</sup> 4 oz	1¢	→	→	→	2¢	→
Newspapers Canadian – Br. Empire (2 <sup>nd</sup> wt)	ea. add 4 oz	1¢	→	→	→	→	→
Newspapers Other – Br. Empire (1 <sup>st</sup> wt)	1 <sup>st</sup> 4 oz	1¢	→	→	→		
Newspapers Other – Br. Empire (1 <sup>st</sup> wt)	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 oz					2¢	→
Newspapers Other – Br. Empire (2 <sup>nd</sup> wt)	ea. add 2 oz	1¢	→	→	→	→	→
Samples – Br. Empire (1 <sup>st</sup> wt)	1 <sup>st</sup> 4 oz	2¢	→	→	→		
Samples – Br. Empire (1 <sup>st</sup> wt)	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 oz					2¢	→
Samples – Br. Empire (2 <sup>nd</sup> wt)	ea add 2 oz	1¢	→	→	→	→	→
Money Packets – Br. Empire (1 <sup>st</sup> wt)	1 <sup>st</sup> oz	5¢	→	→	7¢	→	→
Money Packets – Br. Empire (2 <sup>nd</sup> wt)	ea add oz	5¢	→	→	→	→	→
Registration Fee	each item	10¢	→	→	→	20¢	→
Advice of Delivery Fee (sent with Reg. article)	each item	10¢	→	→	→	→	→
Advice of Delivery Fee (sent separately)	each item	20¢	→	→	→	→	→

**Note:**

- (1) Senders could request that letters be sent to New Zealand via surface transport means during the EAMS period (April to September 1939). Such mail was to be endorsed "via Vancouver" or other ports of dispatch on the west coast of Canada or the USA. These letters were still subject to the new EAMS rate of 6¢ per ½ ounce<sup>(2,8)</sup> even though they were not necessarily sent to Great Britain for onward transport by air conveyance. Such letters would however be conveyed by air transport within Canada and continental United States if such conveyance was needed to meet west coast sailing dates.



## ► Letters to the Editor

A number of members have written in response to your Editor's email of mid-December advising Issue 30 of the Post & Mail was being assembled.

**Gary Dickenson** wrote:

Hi, Stephen. It's great that you're able to fill in for Ken. I've been in the editing business also with the FDC Study Group newsletter, First Impressions.

I've been building up a collection of FDCs for the 1949-50 revised-unrevised issues and will prepare something for the KG VI newsletter in the near future. I've had some preliminary thoughts about doing a series of three or so articles to deal with various aspects of it, eg. cachets for the revised issue, town cancellations for the revised issue, and EKUs (Earliest Known Use) for the unrevised issue. More later!

Gary D

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**John Watson** wrote:

Hello Stephen

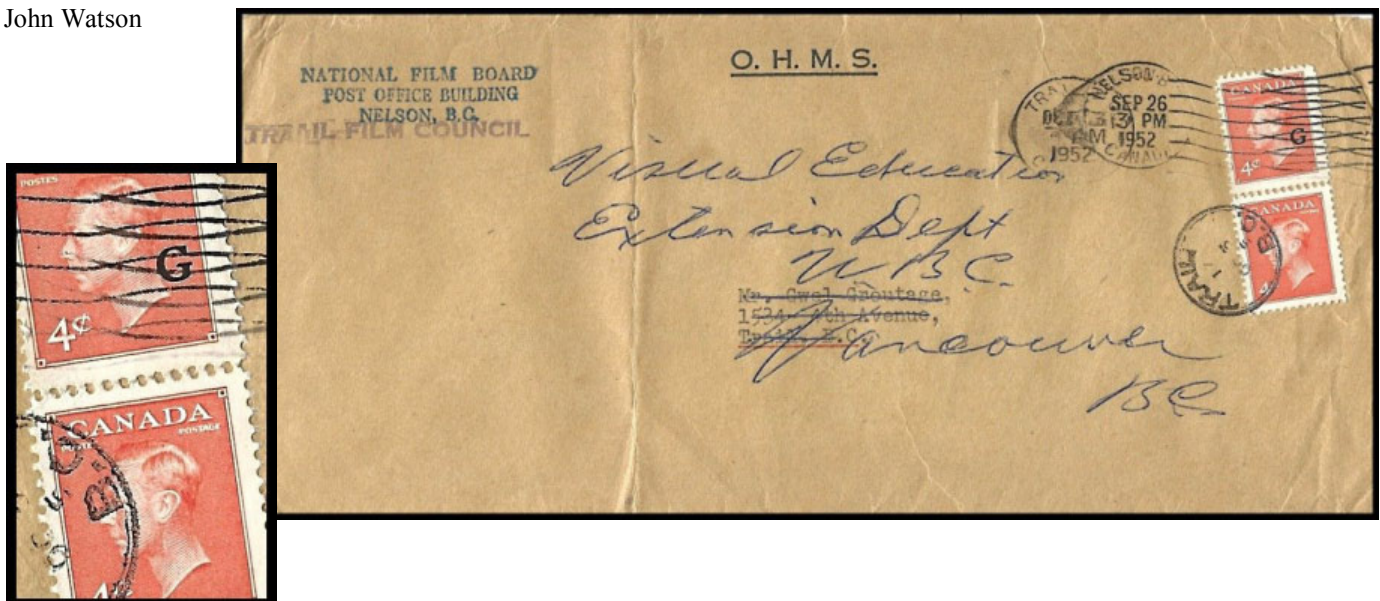
Thanks for your recent email regarding the upcoming Issue 30 of the Post & Mail. I am in the process of writing an article on redirected mail for "Maple Leaves" which is the journal of the CPS of GB, and one of the items I am including is the cover and close up in the attached files (and shown below). My comments in the article are along the lines of: this cover is franked by a pair of GV1 G officials, paying 1<sup>st</sup> class forward letter rate plus 4 cents for an extra 2 ounces.

The bottom stamp of the pair is missing the G overprint. The bottom stamp missed being machined cancelled in Nelson and again in Trail, whereupon it was sent through a different cancelling machine, making it look as though the bottom stamp was added in Trail, but unless someone took a lot of trouble to find a stamp which had matching perforations and took a lot of trouble lining it up with the Nelson stamp it looks as though this is a pair.

I have included a scan of a close up of the joining perforations. See what you think. If you think it is a pair perhaps you'd be interested in using it in the news letter. I don't collect overprints so I don't know too much about it, but I do know it isn't listed as an error in my very out of date Gibbons catalogue. Hope you find this of use and look forward to hearing if any Study Group member has seen a similar pair of stamps that would confirm my observations.

All the best for Christmas and the New Year.

John Watson



## ► Letters to the Editor ...

**Peter Kritz** wrote:

Morning Gentleman

Do you know if anyone has written about the plate 6 printing of the Postage Postes issue? This is the 4 cent in new colors. #306. It has high catalog values for the plate blocks which usually indicates a small run.

But why would that be? Curious on the story behind this. Plus, some of this printing seems to have hair lines in the selvage which is not mentioned in Unitrade. See the picture I have provided. Hairlines are beside top left stamp and are actually fairly pronounced. This and the withdrawn issue of Wilding portrait of George VI are my favourites and hence my request for info.

Actually I was able to find some excellent info with the help of the Bibliography on the BNAPS George VI site. Thanks for this. If you know of any other avid collector of this issue I would be happy to chat with them though.

Thanks, Peter



**BNAPSer Robert (Steve) Keowen** wrote:

In a recent email with Gary Steele I sent the attached scan of a very cracked #254 plate 38. He suggested that you may like to see it as well. I believe to is not listed in Unitrade and should be. I am a member of the King George VI Study Group but have been an inactive one to date.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Keowen BNAPS #6564



*Editor's Note: Readers may recall that a black and white image of this block appeared as Figure 4 in Donald Leblanc's Part 5 article of his The War Issue 1942 series published in Post & Mail Issue 23 (April - Aug 2011) pp 4 - 8. At the time, Donald also identified this 1943 4¢ War Issue Carmine Cracked Plate No 38 LL as being one of eight plate blocks of that issue that have not been given catalogue status as yet. We appreciate Robert sending along the above image to share with members of the Study Group.*

**TOPICS Revisited - Part XVI (BNA TOPICS Vol. 65 - 68)***by Stephen Prest***Introduction**

The previous Part XV of TOPICS Revisited appeared in Issue 27 of the Post & Mail bringing the series up to BNA Topics Volume 64 published in 2007. This Part XVI edition of TOPICS Revisited reviews articles and references pertinent to George VI period philately found in Volumes 65 to 68 (2008 to 2011) of BNA Topics.

There were 37 articles related to KGVI published in BNA Topics during the four year span between 2008 and 2011 of which 21 were authored by Study Group members.

BNA Topics from Volume 69 (2012) to date are currently being reviewed for inclusion in the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Bibliography and will be made available to Study Group readers in future editions of TOPICS Revisited articles as time permits.

**"Blackout" Cancellations**

**Cecil C. Coutts'** article in **BNA Topics Vol. 68 Whole No. 528** (July-Sept 2011) pp. 58-61 entitled "*Victoria's Secrets*" describes the use of "Blackout" Cancellers in Victoria B.C. during 1942 to 1945. Examples are shown of last day usage (August 31, 1945) and the only known example of a Department National Health and Welfare Family Allowance (cheque) envelope with a blackout cancellation (July 19, 1945).

**"Duke of York" Stamp**

**Neil Donen's** articles entitled "*The 1935 Canadian Silver Jubilee imperforate stamps: A review, unexpected findings and new conclusions (Part 1)*" and "*(Part 2)*" in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 67 Whole No. 524** (July-Sept 2010) pp. 8-19 and **BNA Topics Vol. 67 Whole No. 525** (Oct-Dec 2010) pp. 52-60 respectively describe the sheet layout and inscription position of the known imperforate examples of the 1935 2¢ "Duke of York" stamp.

**Neil Donen & Derek Hayter's** article in **BNA Topics Vol. 68 Whole No. 528** (July-Sept 2011) pp. 24-27 entitled "*The 1935 Canada Silver Jubilee Imperforate stamps: Official correspondence-interpreting the information*" provides further background about the 1935 2¢ "Duke of York" imperforate stamp.

**First Day Covers**

**Gary Dickinson's** article entitled "*More than just a pretty face: Perspectives on Canada's First day Covers*" that appeared in **BNA Topics Vol. 66, Whole No. 518** (Jan.-March 2009) pp. 36-46 contains numerous references to First day Covers issued in the George VI period.

**Flag Cancellations**

**Gary Dickinson's** article entitled "*The 1937 Coronation Flag Cancellations of Canada*" appeared in the **King George VI Post & Mail, Issue 11** (Jan-June 2007) pp. 10 - 17. Gary wrote a follow-up article entitled "*The 1937 Coronation Flag Cancellations of Canada – Revisited*" that appeared in the **King George VI Post & Mail, Issue 12** (July-Dec 2007) pp. 24 - 26. The second article features an updated list of times and dates of use of the Coronation Flag Cancellations at various post offices across Canada. These articles appeared as a combined article entitled "*Canada's 1937 Coronation flag cancellations*" in **BNA Topics Vol. 65, Whole No. 514** (Jan.-March 2008) pp. 50-58.

**Military Mail & Postmarks**

**C. D. Sayles** article entitled "*Matters Military -2. West to Alaska: The Canadian Army*" appearing in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 64, Whole No. 513** (Oct-Dec 2007) pp. 25-28 describes Canadian Forces involvement in Alaska during WWII and the operation of CAPO 51. A follow-up article entitled "*Matters Military – 3. North to Alaska: The RCAF*" appeared in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 65, Whole No. 514** (Jan-Mar 2008) pp. 30-32.

**Charles Lablonde & Gary Coates'** article entitled "*Canadian Suspended Mail to Switzerland, end 1942 – early 1943*" appeared in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 65, Whole No. 514** (Jan-Mar 2008) pp. 59-64. Corrections to this article are found in the "Readers write" column in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 65, Whole No. 517** (Oct-Dec 2008) pp. 5-6

**Mike Street's** article entitled "*Matters Military -5. Previously unknown RCAF WWII postal depot handstamp*" appeared in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 65, Whole No. 516** (July-Sept. 2008) pp. 62-63.



## ► TOPICS Revisited (Part XVI - BNA TOPICS Vol. 65 - 68) ... continued

### Military Mail & Postmarks (cont'd)

**Donald J. Ecobichon's** article entitled "*A Canadian connection to the odyssey of a Hong Kong prisoner of war*" appearing in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 67, Whole No. 522** (Jan-March 2010) pp. 37-39 describes the use of a un-franked CANADA AIR LETTER sheet forwarded with a two line hand-stamp "BRIT. LIB. P.O.W. MAIL / POSTAGE FREE".

**Henk Burgers'** article entitled "*Canada's 'Stealth' MPOs – Part 1*" in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 67, Whole No. 522** (Jan-March 2010) pp. 49-55 describes the seven Canadian military base post offices that used numbered cancellers in the 1949-41 period. **Henk's** follow-up article entitled "*Canada's 'Stealth' MPOs – Part 2*" in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 68, Whole No. 528** (July-Sept 2011) pp. 62-73 describes further examples of Canadian MPO cancellers used during the Second World War.

**Henk Burgers'** article entitled "*Matters Military 10. 'B' Force – Bermuda*" in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 67, Whole No. 522** (Jan-March 2010) pp. 45-48 describes the Canadian military presence in Bermuda during the Second World War.

**HK (Kim) Dodwell's** article entitled "*Matters Military 11. A well-travelled letter to a hero of Dieppe*" in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 68, Whole No. 527** (April-June 2011) pp. 52-54 features numerous postal markings of a returned letter to Canada in the 1942 period.

### Newfoundland

**Gary Dickinson's** article entitled "*Philatelists adapt as Newfoundland joins Canada: Reflections on a Diamond Jubilee*" appeared in **BNA Topics Vol. 65, Whole No. 515** (Apr.-June 2008) pp. 70-76. Part 2 of Gary's article appeared in **BNA Topics Vol. 65, Whole No. 516** (July-Sept 2008) pp. 64-71. Both articles focus on aspects of Canadian and Newfoundland postal history during the period immediately prior and after Newfoundland's becoming Canada's 10<sup>th</sup> province in 1949.

**C. R. McGuire's** article entitled "*Post-Confederation sales of Newfoundland stamps by the Canada Post Office*" which appeared in **BNA Topics Vol. 66, Whole No. 520** (July-Sept 2009) pp. 21-26 describes the post-confederation (April 1, 1949) sale and use of Newfoundland stamps in Canada. Two examples of perforated Newfoundland stamps by Canadian entities are cited in the article. **Judith (Edwards) Viney** provided further information on this topic in a note to the Editor **BNA Topics Vol. 66, Whole No. 521** (Oct-Dec 2009) pp. 5-6.

### Newfoundland 1937 Coronation Issues

**Anthony B. Thompson's** article in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 68, Whole No. 527** (April-June 2011) pp. 34-38 entitled "*Naming the Newfoundland watermark varieties*" provides an excellent guide on how to identify normal, reversed and inverted watermarks on King George VI stamps of Newfoundland. (*cross-referenced to Papers & Gums*)

### Newfoundland 1942 – 49 Second Resources Issues (Waterlow Printings)

**Anthony B. Thompson and Peter de Groot's** article entitled "*Pencil-fractions on the Second Resources Issue of the Newfoundland Waterlow archival proofs*" in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 67, Whole No. 523** (April-June 2010) pp. 62-66 describes in detail various aspects of the 10 1941-49 printings of the 1¢ "Codfish" Second Resource Issue printed by Waterlow & Sons Ltd.

**A. B. Thompson's** article in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 68, Whole No. 526** (Jan-Mar 2011) pp. 8-20 entitled "*Newfoundland Industrial Issues and the 'Coat of Arms' watermark layout*" contains an extensive description of the paper sizes, types and watermark patterns associated with and used for the production of the 1932-38 (Perkins-Bacon) First Resources and the 1942-49 (Waterlow & Sons) Second Resources issues. **Anthony's** follow-up article in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 68, Whole No. 527** (April-June 2011) pp. 34-38 entitled "*Naming the Newfoundland watermark varieties*" provides an excellent guide on how to identify normal, reversed and inverted watermarks on King George VI stamps of Newfoundland. (*cross-referenced to Paper & Gums*).

In the "Readers write" columns in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 68, Whole No. 527** (April-June 2011) p. 4 and Whole No. 528 (July-Sept) p 4, **Peter McCarthy** shows an example and explains the providence of a 1941-49 2¢ King George Second Resource Issue (Waterlow Printing) stamp perforated with the letter "L".

### Official Stamps – Overprinted

**Bill Pekonen's** article in **BNA Topics Vol. 68, Whole No. 526** (Jan-March 2011) pp. 69-70 entitled "*Private use of Official postage stamps*" describes two preaddressed envelopes pre-stamped with the 1949/1950 Revised KGVI Official overprinted "G" stamps to be used by private individuals to return reports to the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

## ► TOPICS Revisited (Part XVI - BNA TOPICS Vol. 65 - 68) ... continued

### Papers & Gums

**Stephen Prest's** article entitled "*The plates, papers & gums of the 1937-38 stamps of Canada Part I. – The 1¢ Mufti Issue: An interim Study*" appeared in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 66, Whole No. 520** (July-Sept 2009) pp. 36-46.

**Stephen Prest's** article entitled "*The plates, papers & gums of the 1937-38 stamps of Canada Part II. – The 2¢ Mufti Issue: An interim Study*" appeared in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 67, Whole No. 522** (Jan-Mar 2010) pp. 60-67.

**Stephen Prest's** article entitled "*The plates, papers & gums of the 1937-38 stamps of Canada Part III. – The 3¢ Mufti Issue: An interim study*" appeared in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 68, Whole No. 529** (Oct-Dec 2011) pp. 7-14.

### Philatelic Literature

The publication "*Canadian Philately – An Outline*" by **John Burnett** et al published by the British North American Philatelic Society (2008) contains numerous references helpful to any collector of the Canadian George VI period stamps and postal history.

### Postal History

**Gary Steele's** article entitled "*Postal History during the King George VI 1937 - 42 'Mufti' Era; First Class Postage to British America & Mexico*" appeared in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 65, Whole No. 517** (Oct-Dec 2008) pp. 42-54. This article describes covers of various types including redirected, registered, short-paid mail and examples of airmail letters at various rates.

**John Burnett's** article entitled "*Postal History during the King George VI 1937 - 42 'Mufti' Era Postage Rates to Great Britain & Ireland*" appeared in **BNA Topics Vol. 65, Whole No. 516** (July-Sept 2008) pp. 27-36.

**Mike Street's** "Cover Stories (14) entitled "*DLO Mail – Anything but dead! – Part 2*" column in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 65, Whole No. 515** (April-June 2008) pp. 57-64 describes three covers that were processed as returned mail through the Dead Letter office in the KGV period.

**Charles J. Lablonde and John Tyacke's**, publication "*The Postal History of World War II Mail between Canada and Switzerland*" published by The American Helvetia Philatelic Society, is reviewed by **Mike Street** in **BNA Topics Vol. 65, Whole No. 516** (July-Sept. 2008) pp. 56-58.

**Mike Street's** "Cover Stories (16) - Intercepted Mail – Part I" column in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 66, Whole No. 521** (Oct-Dec 2009) pp. 28-30 describes two covers mailed in 1943 but were intercepted and returned to the sender by Canadian censors as the addressees were "on the Canada List of Specified Persons". A further example of censored mail markings (1942) appears in Mike Street's "Cover Stories (17) - Intercepted Mail – Part I" column in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 67, Whole No. 524** (July-Sept 2010) p. 70.

**Eldon C. Godfrey's** article entitled "*Prisoner of War Mail – KRIEGSGEFANGENPOST Laghouat, Algeria Prisoner of War Internee Covers*" which appeared in **King George VI Post & Mail, Issue 18** (Jan-Mar 2010) pp. 10-13 was reprinted in **BNA Topics Vol. 68, Whole No. 529** (Oct-Dec 2011) pp. 46-49.

### Post Office History, Correspondence & Regulations (cont'd)

**Earl Covert's** "Postal potpourri" column entitled *16 "Still more Post Office Christmas"* in **BNA Topics Vol. 65, Whole No. 516** (July-Sept. 2008), pp. 5-10 features a number of Post Office notices to the public about Christmas mailing rates and regulations during the 1940's.

### Tax & Revenue

**Earle Covert's** note in the "Readers write" column in **BNA TOPICS Vol. 67, Whole No. 525** (Oct-Dec 2010) pp. 4,5 describes two cheques forwarded to payees in Czechoslovakia in 1948-49 that feature affixed Canada Excise Tax and Czech revenue stamps and Canadian FECM markings.

## ► TOPICS Revisited (Part IX - BNA TOPICS Vol. 19 - 20) ... Addendum

With special thanks to **Donald Leblanc**, your editor has been referred to a reference to the 1942 6¢ War Issue Airmail, Plate 1 Upper Right Imperforated at the top margin which escaped our attention at the time TOPICS Revisited Part IX appeared in Issue 12 of the Post & Mail. The reference below will now find its way into the next edition of the KGVIBibliography.

### Imperforates

**Dr. Fred A.E Starr's** letter that appeared in "*The Editor's Mailbag*", **BNA TOPICS Vol. 19, Whole No. 200** (April 1962) pp. 85 & 86 describes an example of the 1942 6¢ War Issue Airmail, Plate 1 Upper Right partial imperforated at the top margin. This item has in recent times reached catalogue status as Unitrade No. C7 i. (*cross-reference: Errors, Flaws & Oddities (EFO's)*)

## ► Members' Corner - BNAPEX 2014

... by **Ken Lemke**

The George VI Study Group annual meeting held in conjunction with BNAPEX 2014 in Baltimore was attended by 15 members and guests. Our Chairman, Gary Steele reviewed a number of topics of general interest to the members including, noting his book entitled "1937-38 Canadian Definitive Issue has been published as #76 of the BNAPS Exhibit series in August 2014 and that Sparks Auctions will be taking over the sales of BNAPS books as of October 2014.

A general discussion was held as to whether the Study Group should sponsor an annual award or plaque to be presented at future BNAPEX's for either the best KGVIB exhibit at BNAPEX or for article(s) or books published in the twelve months prior to each annual BNAPEX. Gary would put the matter to members of the Study Group executive and report back to the membership accordingly.

A lively show & tell session followed with Eldon Godfrey, Gary Steele, John Burnett, Jim Woodfill and Marc Issacs all speaking to a variety of interesting topics related to King George VI philately and postal history.



(From left to right) Front Row: Dab Sibbet, Jim Woodfill, Mark Issacs; 2nd Row: George Dresser, John Burnett, Ken Lemke; 3rd Row: Chris Pollack, Don Mackenzie, CA Stillions; 4th Row: Dennis Amos, Mike Street, Earle Covert; Back Row (standing): Eldon Godfrey, Stephen Sacks, Gary Steele



► **Members' For Sale Corner****For sale –KG VI Stamps and Postal History**

Member Dealers can help you find that special item  
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See the back page for further details

**Dave Jones** has a few hundred MNG Unitrade 285 plate blocks (3, 6, 7 and 8); 286 (plates 12, 13 and 14) for sale and a few 306 (plate 18) also some mint and NG singles for these issues. If of interest to anyone studying these issues please email shibumi.management@gmail.com. Not looking for a million dollars.

► **Members' Wants**

**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 reached by email at gwsteele57@gmail.com

**Mufti Pre-cancels** Bruce Field is seeking any values of Mufti pre-cancel warning strips of 20. Bruce can be contacted by e-mail at a.b.field@sympatico.ca

**Peace Issue Rates and Destinations** Mike Street is looking for Peace Issue Stamps (Sc #s 268-273, C9, CE 3-4 and E11) on mail to China and the American Pacific (Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, Philippines) up to June 1952 but especially Sept 16-Nov 15/1946. Also Parcel post anywhere, legitimate paquebot and unusual foreign destinations, including Russia and components of the USSR from 1946 to June 1952.

**Members**

Your Want or For Sale List Could be Here

Contact Stephen @ [stephen.prest@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.prest@gmail.com)

► **Members' Wants**

**Covers Wanted** Eldon Godfrey is seeking "Mail Suspended Service" and "Foreign Exchange Control Board" covers. His e-mail address is ecg@godfrey-godfrey.ca

**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

**KG VI Patriotic Covers** Bill Verbruggen is assembling a collection of KG VI Patriotic Covers for the purpose of studying the Postmarks used. He's interested in corresponding with study group members who can assist him with:

- \* Postmarks used during the KG VI era
- \* Cachets produced during the era.
- \* Any references pertaining to the above mentioned subject.

His e-mail address is [verbill@dccnet.com](mailto:verbill@dccnet.com)

**George VI Postes-Postage production materials**

**Peter Kritz** is asking for members' help in locating any production materials for the George VI Postes-Postage or withdrawn issues including any press releases or correspondence they may have for these issues. Also looking for #285 Plate #4 UR. Peter can be contacted by email at [pkritz@coldwellbankerpbr.com](mailto:pkritz@coldwellbankerpbr.com)

**Postmarks on KG VI wanted:** Patrick Moore in Bonn, Germany, is looking for a nice large collection or collections of clear and readable postmarks on KG VI stamps. Geographic diversity rather than scarcity is important. His e-mail address is [patrick.moore@snaflu.de](mailto:patrick.moore@snaflu.de)

**1949 - 51 Postes-Postage** Greg Spring is looking for in period postal history items featuring the last Canada KGVI issues incl. overprints postally used to destinations outside of Canada and the US particularly, dated 1949 but no later than Feb 6, 1952 (the King's death). Greg can be contacted by email at [g.m.spring@asch.co.uk](mailto:g.m.spring@asch.co.uk).

**KGVI Period Articles Wanted** Your Editor is always looking for articles or images of special items from Members for future Post & Mail Issues. Also this space is available for any member who wishes to place a Want List ad. Detailed want lists can be published on the Study Group website. Contact Ken or Stephen for further info at snail mail or email addresses given on page 2 of the Post & Mail.

**► Member-Dealers' Corner**

The following Dealers are members of the BNAPS George VI Study Group. Member - collectors are encouraged to support our Member - Dealers in appreciation of their support for our Study Group.

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