The Postal History of the Scroll Era, 1928 – 1930.

This exhibit illustrates the majority of the postal rates of the Scroll era. This starts in 1928 and ends in 1930, although I have included a 1931 cover as this was a legitimate usage of the 20 cent pictorial which was only superseded in December 1930, and therefore many firms were using up old stock in 1931, particularly of the higher values. Similarly, a 1929 use of the 20 cent Admiral issue is included.

Included in the exhibit are the 6 Scroll definitive issues and the 4 lower pictorial values, as well as examples of postal stationery and meters as alternative ways of paying for postage.

Logically, one would expect to find the 5 cent value paying the domestic airmail rate, whereas I have only seen it used to pay for philatelic first flight covers, so I have only included this value as a make – weight stamp. Most of the other values are shown at least once as paying a single rate.

The layout of the exhibit is as follows:

- a Basic domestic rates (including USA).
- Basic preferred country rates.
 This included USA Possessions, France, UK and the Commonwealth and The Americas.
- c Basic U.P.U. rates.
- d Additional services.
- e Maritime mail.
- f Postage due.
- g Since airmail service was beginning to expand worldwide, I conclude with a pair of scarce airmail covers.

- Denotes scarce rate for this issue
 - Denotes scarce destination for this type of mail or this issue
- Denotes scarce usage for this stamp

Basic Domestic Rates

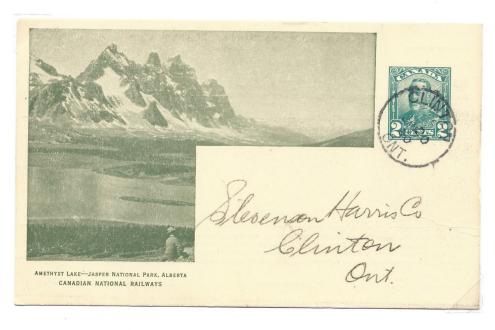


First Class letter rate -2 cents, redirected to New Zealand. There was no extra to pay as New Zealand was eligible for the preferred country rate - also 2 cents.

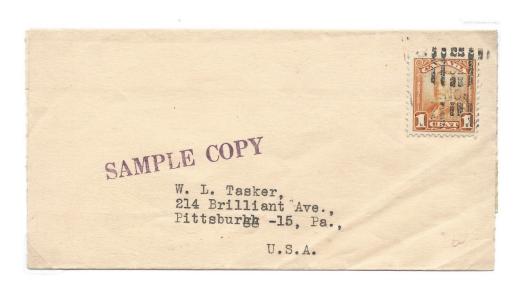


First class letter rate to USA – 2 cents.

Basic Domestic Rates



Postcard Rate -2 cents.



Third Class Matter -1 cent per 2 ounces for printed matter – here a home- made wrapper marked "sample copy".

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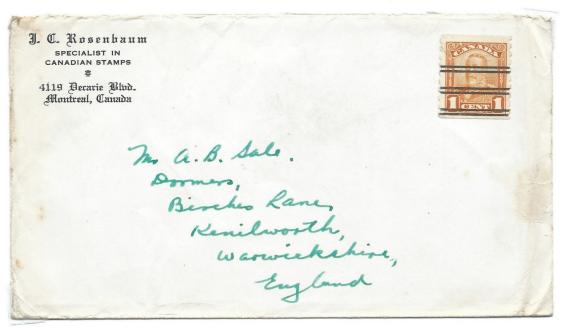
Fourth Class – Parcel Rate. 52 c pays up to 7 lbs to the same province.

Basic Preferred Country Rates



First Class Letter Rate. 2 c to American Samoa.

Basic Preferred Country Rates



Third Class. 1 c to England.



Basic U.P.U. Rates



First class letter rate. 8 c first oz, 4 c subsequent oz until 30. 6. 30



First class letter rate. 5 c first oz, 3 c subsequent oz from 1.7.30

Basic U.P.U. Rates



First class letter rate -12 cents for up to 2 oz. (8 cents + 4 cents)



Third class matter. 2 cents per 2 oz.

Basic U.P.U. Rates



Postcard rate. 4 c.

Additional services



Special Delivery. 20 c + postage. This service was restricted to domestic mail only.

Registration. The basic rate of registration was 10 cents + postage. I show domestic, preferred foreign and U.P.U. registered mail.



10 cents registration = 4 cents first class domestic postage (paying up to 2 oz.)







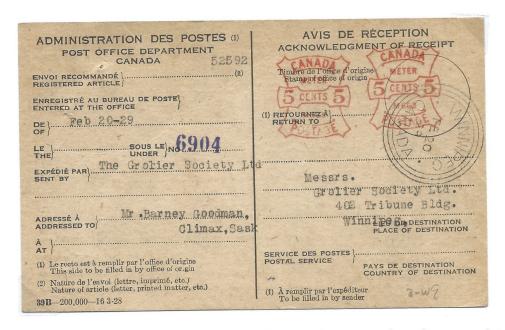
Registered postal stationery envelope + 2 c preferred foreign rate to Malta



22 c - 10 c registration + 8 c first oz U.P.U. rate + 4 c second oz to Germany



15 cents – 10 c registration + 5 c U.P.U. rate (after 1st July 1930) o Italy. The 7 c Admiral stamp was still in period, since no 7 c Scroll stamp had been issued.



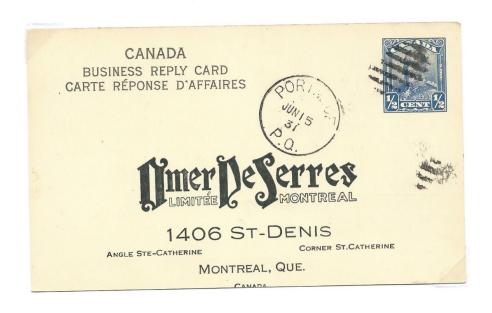
Acknowledgement of receipt fee - 10 cents when paid at time of sending a registered letter, 20 c for subsequent despatch. Fee paid by two 5 c meters - an unusual method of payment.



10 c fee to China 1930 (the Chinese date is not using the Western calendar)







½ c Business Reply card. These cards were sent out to potential customers in bulk on the understanding that not all would be returned – hence the reduced rate.



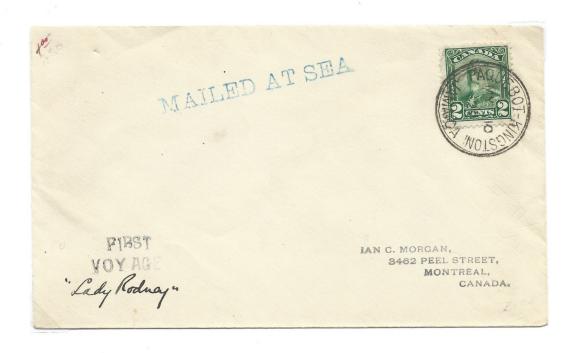
Reply paid postcard. This is a Finnish card additionally franked to pay the postcard rate from Canada to Finland. Returned from Canada with the addition of totally unnecessary Canadian postage.

Maritime Mail

Letters written and posted on the high seas had to be franked with the postage of the ship's registered country. I show here two covers posted on board ships registered in Canada.



Letter card posted on board a Canadian Pacific steamship which entered the mail stream when the ship docked at Southampton, England.



Letter posted on board "Lady Rodney" which entered the mail stream at Kingston, Jamaica.

Postage Due



Letter to France franked correctly for the 2 c concessionary rate in effect from 23.5.29 to 30.6.31. Redirected to Italy where it was charged 25 centesimi to make up to the 8 c UPU rate. Eventually returned to Canada.



Postcard sent at the correct rate of 3 c, but posted on the American side of Niagara Falls. Not rated for postage due in the USA but charged 10 centimes in Austria. However, this was not the full 3 c postage deficiency, but probably an erroneous charge of 1 c deficiency as the rate had only just been reduced from 4 c, 5 days previous to posting.

Two Airmail Covers



The airmail rate to India in 1930 was 15 cents, but to Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras, it was 20 cents. This cover pays the 20 cent rate to Calcutta.



Prior to March 1st 1930, airmail to Columbia was carried within Columbia by SCADATA and mail had to be paid using their stamps. This cover was paid in addition for postage through N. America and the Canal Zone. It was underpaid for SCADTA.