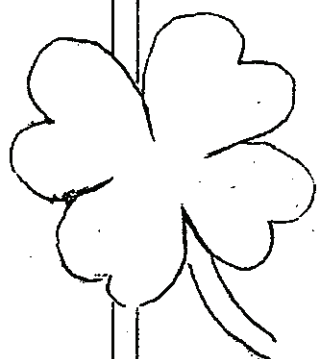


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

It is my pleasant duty, as founder-President, to send Good Wishes to the newly formed Irish Philatelic Circle, and all its members.

We have a good team of officers who, I am sure, will conduct the many proposed activities of the Circle in accordance with the majority wishes of members, and I should like to thank all those who have given so much time and thought to the great deal of preparatory work already carried out.

Any organisation catering for Hobby interests should exist for the pleasure of its members, and I am sure that I.P.C. will do just that. But much of its success must depend on individual contributions to its various activities, and I appeal to all to try and give as much pleasure to others as they will themselves receive.

Thomas E. Field,
President.

EDITORIAL

A journal belonging to a Study Circle should contain the findings of its members. In addition such a periodical should contain (1) resolutions passed at a meeting ; (2) brief records of displays and interesting material shown to members; (3) queries from individual members which cannot be solved at meetings; (4) information supplementary to reports already published which does not yet justify a further formal interim report".

The above words were written by Dr. William Byam, O.B.E., F.R.P.S.L., in "Philately", Vol. III, No. 2, 1950. He is acknowledged as an originator of the modern spate of study groups, and his words apply as well today as in 1950.

It is hoped that "Irish Philately" will conform to those requirements. It cannot do so without your co-operation. Especially we need articles and queries likely to stimulate others to write articles. The main feature for the present is a continuation of T.S. Telfer's Bibliography.

As many members preserve only selected pages of the Journal, and discard the cover, we are keeping the cover cheap and simple. We hope, however, that as the Irish Philatelic Circle prospers, a more ambitious format will be feasible.

One major difficulty, that of illustrations, has been largely overcome through the kindness of our Circular Superintendent O.M. Richards. If intended illustrations are drawn, to the required size, in Indian ink, on separate paper, he can photocopy the pages for us.

Already we have a core of valuable members, in the United Kingdom and in Ireland. This can be the nucleus of an excellent Circle if everyone plays his part, by bringing in other members, by supporting the Exchange Packet as buyer and seller, and by keeping the Hon. Editor supplied with articles and information.

R.P. WOODS,
Editor.

HON. SECRETARY'S SPOT

It will be seen from the list of members printed in this issue that at the moment I.P.C. is divided into two areas - Ireland & Scotland and England. It is hoped to sub-divide England later on into North and South, when we have a few more members in the North.

With this issue, as a separate enclosure, are the Draft Rules. They have been thrashed out by the Committee and will stand until the Annual General Meeting later on this year. It is hoped that by the time the A.G.M. comes along, members will have sent any comments, additions or amendments in to me so that these can be fully discussed with as many members as possible.

May I remind members to send along material for the Packet to Mr. W.E. Goodhew as often as they can.

For the benefit of new members and those who have thrown away the notes that were made at meetings in October and December, I give below the members of the Committee:

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TWO MINUTE CHATS by Noel Langton

No. 1 - Overprints - The Coil Issues

All collectors of Irish 1922 Provisional stamps are familiar with those values which were overprinted by Harrison and issued in coil form. The catalogue explains the differences between the coil stamps and the stamps issued in sheets, but no attempt is made to explain the necessity for coil stamps in the first place. This being so, the collector assumes that they were required for use in stamp vending machines, probably because these machines are such a familiar sight to-day.

But the facts are somewhat different. They were needed for use in stamp affixing machines. These machines were used by firms having large mail despatches and there were no vending machines in use in Great Britain outside the London area before 1923. They had been a popular piece of office equipment for a number of years and depended on coils of stamps to function. The Post Office did not supply stamps in coils to suit the machines and the owners had to prepare their own rolls of stamps from sheets. Eventually the machines became so numerous that the Post Office contracted with Messrs. Harrison & Sons Ltd. to produce rolls of stamps for the affixing machines.

There were two kinds of machine - one used stamps reeled sideways, while the older type used stamps reeled lengthwise. Some of these delivered the stamps top-end first and some lower-end first, which made the Post Offices' job of supplying corresponding rolls no easy one. At first the rolls were of 500 or 1,000 stamps but later the Post Office found it more convenient for accounting purposes to reduce the number to 960 and 480. It is of interest to note that there was a charge for each roll over and above the face value of the stamps. This was 1d. for 500 and 2d. for 1,000, later doubled to 2d. and 4d., but eventually abolished.

The Post Office used a letter code to distinguish the various types and sizes of coils supplied and the following is the complete list to 1924 (later additions and amendments do not affect the overprint issues). The code letter was printed on the wrapper sealing the completed rolls.

Delivery

Code A.	1,000	1d.	stamps reeled lengthwise	top-end first
Code B.	1,000	1d.	" " "	lower-end "
Code C.	1,000	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	" " "	top-end "
Code D.	1,000	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	" " "	lower-end "
Code E.	500	1d.	" " "	top-end "
Code F.	500	1d.	" " "	lower-end "

Delivery

Delivery

Code G.	500	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	stamps reeled lengthwise	top-end first
Code H.	500	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	" " "	lower-end "
Code J.	1,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ d.	" " "	top-end "
Code K.	1,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ d.	" " "	lower-end "
Code L.	500	$1\frac{1}{2}$ d.	" " "	top-end "
Code M.	500	$1\frac{1}{2}$ d.	" " "	lower-end "
Code N.	480	$1\frac{1}{2}$ d.	" " sideways	left side first
Code O.	480	1d.	" " "	" " "
Code P.	480	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	" " "	" " "
Code Q.	1,000	2d.	" " lengthwise	lower-end "
Code R.	500	2d.	" " "	top-end "
Code S.	500	2d.	" " "	lower-end "
Code T.	480	2d.	" " sideways	left side "

Coils bearing the code letters B, D, E, G, L, N, O, P, Q, R, and T only are to be found in the Irish overprint issues, but these give a complete range of vertical and horizontal coils in the four values treated - $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 2d.

Sources: British Stamps by Patrick Hamilton.

Postage Stamps of G.B. Part 3 by Beaumont and Adams

Postage Stamps of G.B. by Oliver Vallancey.

Postage Stamps of G.B. and Ireland 1922 - 27

by Meredith.

Footnote

A man who in 1922 was working with a Dublin firm using a stamp-affixing machine tells the following:

For the period from February to early June the only rolls available were the unoverprinted ones, a fact which was overlooked when the first pronouncement was made banning the use of unoverprinted U.K. stamps within the Free State. He had the task of calling at the Rotunda temporary G.P.O. protesting at the imposition of postage due on letters bearing stamps just bought in that G.P.O.! This led to a hurried withdrawal of the ban until arrangements could be made with Messrs. Harrison & Sons for the production of overprinted rolls.

Unfortunately I have never seen a 1922 cover with the unoverprinted coil stamp to illustrate the story.

F.E. Dixon.

THE IRISH SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS OF 1962 by F.E. Dixon

New Slogans

From 1st March to mid-May Cork used a slogan "CORK INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL MAY 16-20" with the city badge and some music. On 7th March Dublin and six towns started "JUNE for your IRISH HOLIDAY" the design incorporating a beaming sun. It was planned that this should be followed by a general issue of dies "SUPPORT the FREEDOM from HUNGER CAMPAIGN", the pictorial part of which shows two victims of starvation. This was used briefly in mid-June at Dublin, but not generally until the end of July.

During September Limerick had the ingenious device of a racehorse and jockey in a television screen frame, plus the slogan "SEE REAL RACING AT LISTOWEL OCT 2ND, 3RD & 4TH", and in October followed it with GRAND OPERA FESTIVAL LIMERICK NOV".

The sixth and last new slogan appeared in Dublin and 24 of the towns from 22nd October to 19th November, the wording being "MAKE THE ROAD SAFE" surrounding a STOP sign.

Revivals

There were numerous re-uses of local slogans, those seen being "KILLARNEY FOR HOLIDAYS", "COME TO THE FESTIVAL OF KERRY, SEPTEMBER TRALEE", "WESTPORT FOR SEA ANGLING", "WEXFORD FOR HOLIDAYS", "WATERFORD INTERNATIONAL LIGHT OPERA FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER" at the appropriate places; and at Cork "WHEN IT'S AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY IT'S KINSALE REGATTA" followed by "BANDON CARNIVAL 3RD WEEK IN SEPTEMBER".

The slogans re-used more widely were "PLEASE SHEW DISTRICT NUMBER IN DUBLIN ADDRESSES", "PREVENT FOREST FIRES", the two varieties of VOTERS' LISTS slogan, and the inevitable "POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS".

Machine News

Two more towns received machines for cancelling, Arklow in June and New Ross in September. Dublin acquired a new machine, for stamping items posted in bulk and prepaid in cash. So far no slogans have been used on it.

It is noteworthy that there has been an increase in the practice of reversing the positions of the slogan and the name-and-date circle, but rather erratically, so that one finds a town using the different procedures on successive days.

OVERPRINTED FISCALS by F.E. Dixon

Few collectors have paid any attention to the various legal and revenue stamps overprinted for use in Ireland from 1922 onwards. As these are of various shapes and sizes special plates had to be made for the overprinting, but the legends were the same as on those applied to the postage stamps. So the first overprints read "Rialtas/Sealadac/na/hEireann/1922" and later ones "Saorstát/Eireann/1922". But in 1923 and afterwards, as further printings became necessary, the plates were modified by removing the date. There are thus four main varieties of overprint to be looked for.

A surprising feature is that issues for King Edward VII were still current in 1922 and stamps of his reign are found bearing at least two of the four possible overprints.

Although I have had considerable assistance from T.E. Field and J.J. Walsh, I think it still premature to attempt a detailed list of the overprinted fiscal stamps. Below I give only a short summary. In most cases two of the possible overprints are known for the one stamp, and it seems likely that far more are awaiting discovery.

Brief Checklist

CONTRACT NOTE	K.E. VII	2/-
	K.G. V	6d., 1/-, 2/-
COUNTY COURT FEE	K.G. V	1d., 2d., 3d., 6d., 1/-, 2/6d.
EXCISE REVENUE		$\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., $1\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 9d., 1/6d.
INSURANCE, HEALTH		7d., 8d., 7/7d., 8/8d.
INSURANCE, UNEMPLOYMENT		$8\frac{1}{2}$ d., $9\frac{1}{2}$ d., 10d., 1/3d. 1/7d.
JUDICATURE FEE	K.G. V	1d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-, 2/-, 2/6d., 3/-, 5/- 10/-
LAND COMMISSION	K.G. V	3d., 1/-, 5/-
LAND REGISTRY	K.G. V	3d.
PETTY SESSIONS	K.E. VII	2/6d.
	K.G. V	6d.
REGISTRATION OF DEEDS	K.G. V	3d., 6d., 1/-, 2/-, 2/6d., 10/-, £1.

PACKET

Refer to SHIPLETTERS

PACKET STATIONS - AN OLD RIVALRY RECALLED

by F. M'Cotter, 1908

PAQUESOT AND SHIPLETTER CANCELLATIONS

by M... Studd, 1953.

PARCEL POST

Postal items, Parcel (Ward)MSN, 1936.

Parcel Post Labels, (C Reilly), Rev. 1957, Jan.

The P.O. (Bennet), 1912; mention of subject.

Catalogue of Railway Letter & Parcel Stamps (Ewen)

PENNY POST. DUBLIN 1773 - 1840.

by Dr. J. Stafford Johnson,
Dublin Historical Record, 1942.

PEN PICTURES OF THE PAST

by M.P. Cosgrave.

PERIODICALS

Refer to PRESS

PERMANENT SERIES

This title is given by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs Dublin (Irish P.O.) to those postage stamps commonly termed as Definitives by Stamp Collectors.

An Index to references is separately prepared,
See page Perm 1 (to be issued later)

PHANTOM PHILATELY

by P.J. Melville.

PHILATELIC ADVISER (PA)

Separate index prepared, see page Phil A.1.
to be issued later in the year.

PHILATELIC CONTACT (PC)

Published by the Association of Essex Philatelic Societies during 1948 - 50.

1948

- Vol.1. No. 2. Gaelic A.R. stamp "wavy lines" variety: a very short extract of Hilliard's Irish Postage Stamps appearing in Musson's Stamp Monthly.
- Vol. No. 3 London Prints Eire Stamps: Extract of Belfast Weekly Telegraph concerning 3d. and 6d. Airmail Issues.

1949

- Vol.2. No. 1 Short article about Railway Stamps in general 1830 - 1921, mentions Waterford and Limerick Rly.
- No. 2 Postal Stationery (Avery) mentions GB. and date when "& IRELAND" omitted from postcards.

1950

- Vol.3. No. 1 Some data about 1949 Republic of Ireland and the Mangan commemorative issues.
- Coil Registration Labels of GB. (Beckett), an informative 2pp article about these labels, with mention only of Northern Ireland.
- Postal Stationery (Avery), refers to Eire New Issues in 1949.
- No. 3 Romance of the Greetings Telegram (Green), an informative article of the UK. service, with very brief mention of Northern Ireland.
- Slogan Postmarks of Eire 1922-50, a brief Editorial Review of F.R.A. McCornick's work.

PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF GREAT BRITAIN (PJGB)

- 1922 March 10 The Irish Stamps.
- 1927 Dec. Simple Studies in Irish Stamps (M'Loughlin), refers to 2nd Harrison's.
- 1928 April High Value Thon Saorstad Overprints (M'Loughlin)
- 1930 Nov. O Connell Retough
- Vol. 69 Valdivia Head.
- 1945 Oct-Dec. Irish National Stamp Collection (Holmes)

PHILATELIC MAGAZINE (PM)

Separate Index prepared. See page Phil M.1.
(to be issued later)

PHILATELIST (PT)

Separate Index prepared. See page Phil T. 1.
(to be issued later)

PHILATELY (PY)

Separate Index prepared. See page Phil Y 1.
(to be issued later)

PHILBRICK & WESTOBY

Postage & Telegraph Stamps of G.B.

Pub: 1881. Sampson Low, 188 Fleet Street, London, 384 pp.

Details are generally "British" but English and Irish and
British and Irish Magnetic Telegraph Co. mentioned p. 331.

PIGGOTT. W.

Charles Bianconi

Pub: SC. Vol. 91, P.608, 1959, Jan 16.

PIM. J.T.

The Irish Mail Contract.

Pub: 1883, Dublin.

PLINT. R.G.

Slogan Cancellations of Ireland.

Pub: 1947, PT.

Co-author with Trout, supplementing Tomlin's list.

POLITICAL

Refer to LABELS

PONT. Lewis

First approach to Eire

Pub: 1947. WEP

Settings of the Overprints.

Pub: 1949, WEP

These two articles are most useful when beginning a study
of the 1922 Overprints.

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POSTAGE DUES

- Postage Dues; article in GSM 1924-5
- New Postage Dues Issued; Rev. 1953, p.102.
- UK. Dues used in the Free State; Rev., 1951, p.6.
- IFS Postage Dues; LPT, 1929, Oct.

POSTAGE STAMPS OF GREAT BRITAIN

by Oliver & Vallancey, 1923.

POSTAGE STAMPS OF GREAT BRITAIN

by Robson Lowe, 1943.

POSTAGE STAMPS OF IRELAND 1845 - 1923 (E.H.Ford). 1925-6 SL

POSTAGE STAMPS OF IRELAND 1922-27

by W.G. Meredith.

4th Edition (and supplements) Pub: 1928.

POSTAGE STAMPS OF IRELAND

Pub: Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs, Dublin, Price 55/-.

A brochure containing specimens of each denomination in the Permanent Series with most of the Commemoratives, mounted on loose leaf pages with brief descriptions.

POSTAGE STAMPS OF IRISH FREE STATE

by P.W. Ware, 1926.

POSTAGE STAMPS OF IRISH FREE STATE

by A.E. Hopkins, 1927.

POSTAGE STAMPS OF IRISH FREE STATE

by R.A. King, 1931.

POSTAGE STAMPS OF IRISH RAILWAYS (Gardner) 1937 PM.

POSTAL HISTORY

To list or prepare an index of all that has been published on this subject is beyond the capacity of the Compiler of this Bibliography. Many works have been published dealing mainly with the British subject but taking into account the relationship of Ireland. The Press publish articles frequently and the following should be consulted:

Philatelic Adviser/Philatelist/Postal History Society
Bulletin/Dublin Historical Record.

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POSTAL HISTORY

by T.S. Smyth, 1942.

POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY BULLETIN (PHSB)

Separate Index prepared. See page Postal HSB 1.
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POSTAL MUSIC SHEETS

A branch of literature which has only recently come into prominence among collectors of postal items is illustrated music. In the second half of the 19th Century the music of dances and songs was often given a lithographed title page, sometimes in colour, and there are several of special interest to the Irish collector.

THE ROYAL IRISH QUADRILLES - first published in the 1840's and later reaching 100 editions, was issued by S.J. Piggott, Grafton Street, Dublin. The illustration is of Sackville Street, Dublin, including the Nelson Pillar and the G.P.O.

THE "ROYAL MAIL" GALOP - about 1860, composed by M.C. Barter, and published for at least 28 editions by John Blockley, London, depicts a Packet-boat leaving Holyhead for Dublin and is dedicated to Captain Triphook who commanded the Ulster on that route for many years.

THE POSTCARD GALOP - published by Piggott & Co. in 1871, and composed by F.J. Leonard, has a remarkably accurate reproduction of the first 1d postcard, erring only in that the "Dublin" cancellation has the wrong number and is of a Scottish type!

MY PICTURE POSTCARD GIRL - is a song by Mary Maguire and L.G. Redmond Howard to music by Jerone Coleman, published in 1918 by Thomas Kiersey, Dublin. Its main embellishment is a crude enlargement of the contemporary 1d. adhesive stamp.

GALWAY PACKET depicted - details not known.

POSTAL ORDERS

Postal Orders without Counterfoils (J.C. Lawler)
Pub: 1948, Irish Independent.

POSTAL STATIONERY

Up to 1922, this subject is found under "British" or "GB & Ireland" references, and, for a continuation of the subject as applied to Northern Ireland, references may sometimes be found under "United Kingdom".

The following list refers mainly to the "Irish" aspect of the subject after 1922.

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POSTAL STATIONERY (Cont.)

Stamped Stationery, GSM, 1924-5

Article (Ward) MSN, 1936, Nov. 16, refers.

Postal Stationery, MSN, 1937, March 1.

Encyclopaedia (Robson Lowe's) 1947 should be consulted.

Article (Avery), PC 1949, mentions "& Ireland" being omitted in 1922.

Check List of the Postal Stationery of Eire (Kennedy) is an excellent work for full details of subject 1922-1949.

Article (Avery), PC, 1950, giving data about Eire 1949 issues.

Les Entiers Postaux d'Irlande, L'Entier Postal 1955, Jan., gives a list.

A unique Irish Envelope (Dixon), GIP, 1956, Aug.

New 1/- Registered Envelope, and 2d. Wrapper of 1957 (Carley), Rev. 1957, Nov.

Postal Stationery (Walsh), Rev. 1958, vol. 8.

Postal Stationery (Kane), Rev. vols. 8 and 9.

POSTAL WORKER

Official Journal of the Irish Post Office Workers Union.

Pen Pictures of the Past by M.P. Cosgrave. A series of articles dealing with various aspects of Irish Postal History.

POST CHAISE COMPANION THROUGH IRELAND

by J. Fleming, 1814.

To be continued on page P.7. in next issue.

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