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EDITORIAL

This number is the last of Volume II and we have endeavoured to supply a varied diet of reading. It is realised that we are dependent upon authentic material from our members but by spreading out the major works, such as "Paid Ads" we have managed quite well. Although the Index of Towns appears in this issue, there is still the Sligo marks which were treated separately as well as addenda and corrections, together with a critical survey of the work as a whole.

Next year, if funds permit, we hope to go into two extra numbers by devoting such to the Bibliography only, since it is felt that the sooner the existing data, which has been collated, is published the better. After this it is possible we can start on publishing some of the finished work which has been circulating amongst members.

Dependent upon our Treasurer's reports, it may be necessary to increase subscriptions, particularly if we have to resort to professional stencil work for some of the specialised illustrated work. These would, of course, be permanent records and the cost is in the neighbourhood of 15/- to 16/-, per permanent plate. This will only be a last resort, since we are doing everything to keep costs down. Our covers, by the way, cost us nothing!

However, it is hoped that members have approved of our efforts this year and it only remains for us to wish you all the Compliments of the Season and a Prosperous and Successful New Year.

R.P. Woods,
T.S. Telfer,
M.C. Mabblerley.

AREA MEETINGS

The Southern Area appears to be the most active in holding regular meetings, chiefly due to the facilities of transport and accommodation. The next meeting is on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th and in addition Philatelic Congress meets at Worthing, Sussex in June. Application has been made for an official Study Group meeting, since we are affiliated and this could be made the Annual Meeting as heretofore. Details will be circulated later on this point.

THE UNDATED PARCEL POST STAMPS OF IRELAND by B. de Burca

Subsequent to the introduction of the parcel post in the British Isles on the 1st August, 1863, undated parcel post stamps were issued about 1866. Though the types issued are illustrated by Alcock and Holland, the date of their issue is not given, nor is it mentioned that they were issued elsewhere than in England.

The types issued to Ireland were similar to those issued throughout the United Kingdom. The barred type (A) was issued to Dublin in February 1867, and twelve copies were supplied. Cork and Letterkenny received this type in May, 1867, and Clones in September, 1866.

The next type (B) was issued to Limerick in June, 1869, followed in the same year by Castleblayney, Ballymena, Cranmore, Dungannon, and Lisburn. Further issues followed in 1890, Donegal (2), Waterford (2), Ennis, Atherney, Belfast, Lurgan, Dundalk and Strabane. Waterford (2) did not receive its copies until December, 1898. This type remained unaltered until 1916.

A complete list has been given of all the issues which I have been able to trace in the record books, and if it is complete then the issue seems to have been a very limited one.

The next type (C) which was issued in England in 1916, is thus curiously the common type found on letters after the Easter Rising of 1916. I have been unable to trace its issue in the record books, but some of the records for this year are missing. Could it have been made in Dublin to meet the emergency which occurred?

I have to thank Mr. E.C. Baker, Chief Archivist to the G.P.O., London for access to the records.



A



B



C.

THE PROVINCIAL "PAID AT" STAMPS OF IRELAND

(Continued)

INDEX OF TOWNS

Town	Type	Town	Type
Arklow	A	Edenderry	F
Armagh	A, E	Enniskillen	D
Athboy	A	Fermoy	A
Athlone	B	Galway	A
Ballina	A	Gort	A
Ballycastle	A	Hillsborough	A
Ballyconnell	C	Kells	A, D
Ballymena	A	Kilcock	A, B
Ballymonee	A	Kilkenny	C
Ballyshannon	A	Killashandra	A
Banbridge	A	Kinsale	A
Bandon	A	Letterkenny	A
Belfast	D	Limerick	B
Belturbet	B	Lisnaskea	A
Boyle	A	Listowel	A
Buncrana	A	Longford	A
Bundoran	A, C	Manorhamilton	A
Buttvant	A	Monaghan	A
Cahir	B	Mountmellick	A
Carlow	D	Mullingar	A
Carnew	A	Navan	A
Castlebar	A	Newry	A, B
Castleblaney	A	Newtonlimavady	C
Cavan	A	Newtonstewart	C
Clones	B	Omagh	D
Clonmel	A	Phillipstown	F
Coleraine	A	Raphoe	A
Cookstown	B	Rathfriland	A
Cork	D	Ross	A
Derry	B, E	Strabane	B
Dingle	A	Tandragee	A
Donagadhee	A	Templemore	F
Donegal	A	Tipperary	B
Down	B, E	Tralee	D
Drogheda	C, E	Tuam	A
Dundalk	B, E	Tullamore	A
Dunfermighy	A	Warrenpoint	B
Dungannon	D	Waterford	C, D
Dungarvan	C	Westport	A
		Wexford	B

Type F - as yet unseen and unclassified.

IRISH CENSOR LABEL S.P.I. by Miss N. Wright

Compiled from information received from members of the I.P.S.G., I would like to thank Dr. Brian de Burca for his great help especially in identifying the types of printing on the Irish Censor Labels S.P.I.

LABEL SP.I.

This was the commonest of the Irish Censor labels used during the 1939 - 1944 war. Many different types of this label were issued. They differed in the size of the label, in the various types of print used and in the shades of colour in which the labels were printed.

Any of the labels can be classified by studying the accents over the u and o of Scrudoir, also the hyphen between the D and O of D'OSCAIL shows different characters or positions in each type.

Type I On large size label 82 x 50 mm. Printing bold face Gothic (sans serif). Numbers either above An Scrudoir D'oscail or below Opened by Censor. Thorn-type accents over U and o of Scrudoir and hyphen between D and O in shape of seven and close to O.

1939 - 1941 Colour pink

Nos. 8, 15, 19, 32, 36, 65, 75, 76, 91, 105, 125,
137, 138, 141, 150, 151, 160, 166

Numbers added by hand sometimes very faint. Found only on incoming mail.

Type Ia As Type I but without number added by hand. Bearing handstamp type I see page 43¹/₂

1939

Number in handstamp Type I 115

Type Ib As Type I but numbers added in ink

Nos. 122, 154.

Type II Change in size of label. Printing de Vinne variant of old Roman type. Figures under AN. These figures are found wide and narrow. Thorn-type accent over u and o of Scrudoir and hyphen normal and close to D

Type II (Cont)

1940 - 1943 Colour deep pink.

Nos. 2, 3, 5, 15, 17, 22, 26, 33, 35, 36, 42, 47, 50,
53, 61, 65, 66, 77, 80, 82, 115, 117, 118, 121, 132,
134, 139, 158, 169, 172, 182, 190.

Found on incoming and outgoing mail registered and
ordinary.

Type IIa

Same as Type II but colour changed to pink.

1940 - 1943

Nos. 10, 15, 17, 21, 26, 36, 43, 51, 53, 54, 61, 65, 66,
77, 86, 93, 95, 111, 115, 118, 121, 125, 126, 137, 141,
143, 147, 151, 155, 158, 167, 170, 171, 172, 179, 187,
189, 192, 203.

Type IIb

Same as Type II but number to right.

1941

Nos. 31.

Type III

As illustrated AN SCRUDOIR D'OSCAIL has under spacing
measuring 81 mm. in comparison to 75 mm. of Type II.
Line accents over u and o. Hyphen midway between
D & O.

1940 - 1944 Colour pink

Nos. 36, 61, 164, 168.

Type IIIa

As type III but number omitted.

Type IV

Same as Type II but opened by censor omitted.
Irregular type accents over o and u. Hyphen close to
D of D'Oscail. Print shows evidence of wear.
An. IR and AIL joined.

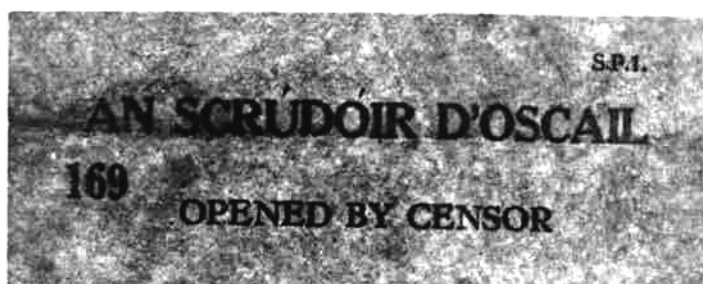
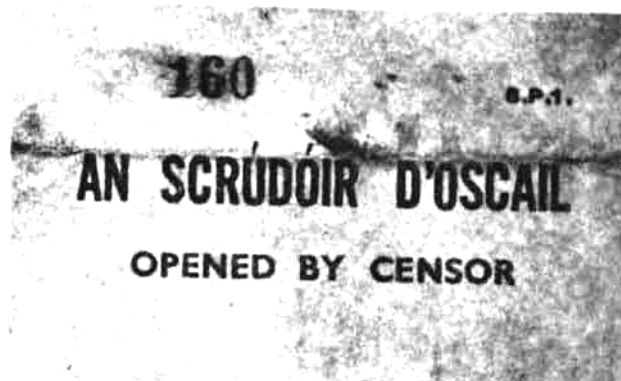
1942 - 1945 Colour pink

Nos. 9, 15, 21, 26, 34, 36, 47, 50, 61, 65, 66, 84, 95,
118, 132, 151, 155, 160, 172, 183, 190, 198, 200.

Outgoing mail registered and ordinary.

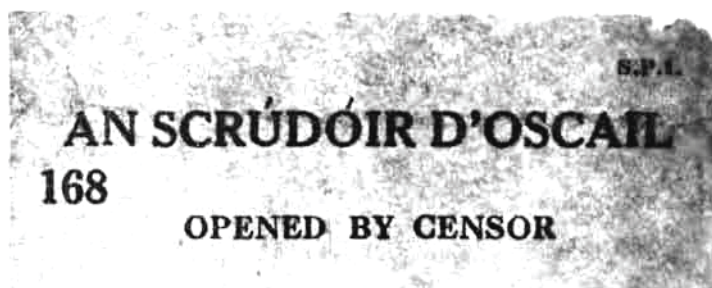
MAJOR TYPES OF IRISH CENSOR LABEL S.P.I.

Type I →



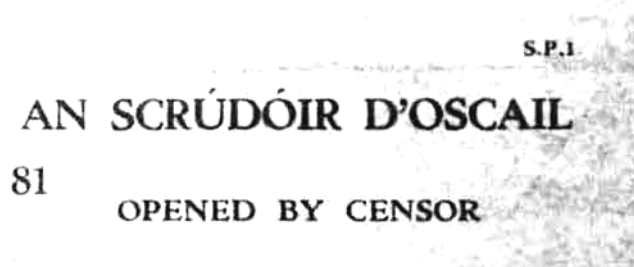
← Type II

Type III →



← Type IV

Type VI →



Type IVa As Type IV but number on top.

Nos. 141.

Type V Bold type Gothic as in Type I but with smaller letters and better spacing. All strokes of equal thickness sans serif. Thorn accents over u and o. Hyphen normal equal distance between D and O. Opened by Censor omitted.

Colour pink

Nos. 105.

Type VI As illustrated a much finer impression of Type II. Triangular accents over u and o. Hyphen equidistant between D and O.

1941 colour pink

Nos. 65, 81, 120.

Type VIa Same as type VI but colour changed to deep pink.

Nos. 65.

The English censor labels F.C. 90 were frequently found sealing the opposite side of the envelope to the S.P.I. label. When air letters were opened, one side only was sealed with S.P.I. label and the other with plain paper. S.P.I. labels have been seen cut into in order to seal large covers.

The British forces letter airforms with the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d printed stamp were used in Southern Ireland with a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d Irish postage stamp added. It is curious to find that these were not opened by Censor. Army mail from the north to the south was normally opened by Northern Ireland Censor and sealed with army form W.3424. It does not appear to have been opened by an Irish Censor.

LABEL S.P.2.

This was a yellow label for sealing letters returned to the senders, and was accompanied by a slip enclosed to give the reason for return.

LABEL SP.4.

This was a slip enclosed to draw attention to the absence of reported enclosures and disclaiming responsibility.

LABEL S.P.5.

This was a smaller slip disclaiming responsibility for the mutilation of the letter

ADDENDUM

Type IIc

Same as Type IIa but number omitted.

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SPECIALISED INTERESTS

R.D. Barnsdale - Newspaper Tax stamps.

Dr. de Burca - Irish Rebellion, Campaign covers, G.B. used in Eire, T.P.O. specialised

H.G.L. Fletcher - Forgeries and locals of all countries.

J.B. Leece - Special cancellations, i.e. Exhibition. Island postmarks. Covers to and from Ireland-Isle of Man Official photographs.

E.A. Mills - Army Camp post cards and war covers. Used Irish picture cards (views) early issues to fit in with postmarks.

KANE, William

Postal Stationery

Pub: 1958, Rev. vols 8 and 9

T.P.O.'s - current 1959.

Pub: 1959, Rev. vol. 9.

1929 O'Connell: Varieties.

Pub: 1960, Rev. vol. 10.

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Pub: 1960, Rev. vol. 10.

John Redmond: Varieties.

Pub: 1960, Rev. vol. 10.

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Pub: 1960/1. Rev. being a study of the number of lines at the top, bottom and sides of the numeral.

Contributor of other articles to the Press.

KAW CHIEF STAMP JOURNAL

Published U.S.A.

Nov. 1942 Censored Covers of Ireland (Leo Ryan)

KAY, A.B.

List of the Impressed Duty Stamps of Great Britain & Ireland.

Pub: 1924, Bridger & Kay (Stamp Dealer) London.

In Section 3, pp. 58-70 are devoted entirely to Ireland; the General Dies and the special dies.

KEMMEDY, P.O.

Check List of the Postal Stationery of Eire.

Pub: 1949, Author, Woking.

This duplicated and privately published Work give complete details of Postal Stationery up to the year of publications.

KIDD, Cyril

The Irish Mail

Pub: 1958, Robson Lowe, London.

This work concerns the early history of the Holyhead to Ireland Mail service, with illustrations of postmarks.

December, 1961.

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The Story behind those Lost Letters.

Pub: 1954, Sept. 19, "Sunday Independent", Dublin.

A Press article for popular rather than philatelic reading about the Dead Letter Office.

KING, R.A.

The Postage Stamps of the Irish Free State.

Pub: 1930, Vallancey Press, London 24 pp. "SC" handbook No. 39.

An excellent Work of a general nature on the 1922 Overprints, with good section on O'Connell, Shannon briefly, and mention of Permanent Issues, Essays, Fakes and the High Values (still not issued on date 1930)

KOHL

Briefmarken Handbuch.

Pub: Germany.

Covers a certain amount of pre-1922 postal history, the 1922 Overprints, Permanent and Commemorative Issues. (see also Munk)

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December, 1961.

LEONARD, Michael.

Triangular Obliterating Stamps of Eire.
Pub: April 17th, 1953. SC.

Useful check-list of Triangular cancellations or postmarks.

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Literature and Records can sometimes be made available for reference or study purposes by Libraries of repute and the undernoted are a brief indication. It should be understood that these are not "lending" libraries and that personal application must be made. In some instances, photostat copies of the Record Page can be obtained by prepayment of cost and postage.

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The Record Office, London.
The Patent Office, London.
Archives of the G.P.O., London.
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National Library of Ireland.
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Some philatelic auctioneers and dealers.

LIDMAN, D.

The Irish Commemorate Their Great.
Pub: 1944, Chambers Stamp Journal.

LINNELL, V.A.

1934 Gaelic Athletic Association : Varieties.
Pub: 1959, Rev. vol, 9, p.398.

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Published in Sydney, Ohio, U.S.A.

July 18, 1946	Rialtas Sealadac na hEireann (Neil J. Browne)
Jan. 16, 1947	From the Emerald Isle. Market Prices.
Aug. 29, 1949	Notes: 3d. Airmail Re-Entry.
Jan. 28, 1952	Special Number with Irish Items:
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	A Look at Irish Postal History (Hoser).
	Galway-London First Airmail Flight (Reibel)

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June 25, 1956 Special Number sponsored by the Eire Philatelic Association:

Ireland's Postal Department; It's Organisation,
Services to the Public and Collector.
My 25 years' of Collecting Irish (Field).
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A Few Basic Notes about the 1d. Coil
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Controls on Overprint Issues (Adams).
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LIST OF THE IMPRESSED DUTY STAMPS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND
- by A.B. Kay (1924)

LITERATURE OF IRISH POSTAGE STAMPS - by A.H. Harris (PM, 1937 March, 19)

An article in which it is stated, "Literature on the stamps of Ireland has not been abundant ...", reflects the state of affairs between 1922 and 1937; but, as the Author states, "nobody has the right to complain of lack of information on Irish Stamps" if they take the trouble to consult the Press

LITERATURE, Philatelic,

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Pub: 1894, London.

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