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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Richard Kelly

Fall traditionally starts the stamp and collectable season as the summer holiday season passes and the shorter days and cooler weather leads to more indoor activities. A good start for Irish Philately is the annual Stamp show held in Dublin. This year's show will be held on October 11 to 13, 2019. Details are inside this issue.

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Eire Philatelic Association Treasurer's Report September 1 2018 to August 31 2019

Thank you to Barney Clancy for all his assistance during the past year of transferring the Treasurer's operation. An additional Thank you to Brian Warren who agreed to assist me with the Bank of Ireland, EPA account. And a most grand and gracious thank you to my wife Jean, who took on the role of EPA accountant and after many long hours managed to balance the EPA accounts.

The following is a summary of the EPA Finances:

Membership dues contributed \$6099 for the year.

The largest expense for the year in the printing and mailing of four issues of the Revealer at \$2550 per issue for a total of about \$9000 a year. It is anticipated that this cost will increase about 5% to 7% in 2020 due to increased postage and printing costs. The Revealer is now being mailed from Minuteman Press to all members in North America and abroad. USA postage rates are more stable and predictable.

The annual operating expenses including the AGM and Secretaries expenses total \$1000. Total Expenses last year were \$12,938 and Total Income was \$14566. The Eire Philatelic Association financial year ended with a positive cash flow largely due to the generous assistance of Bill O'Connor, Bob Kemper, Barry Cousins and Tim O'Shea. Bill has provided the EPA with a total of \$4576 from the sale of material to the EPA. Bob has provided the EPA with a Total of \$3987 from the Commission received from EPA auction sales.

Barry Cousins donated his new book to the EPA at our Annual General Meeting at Boxboro, May 2019. The Title is ***Propaganda Overprints on Great Britain and Northern Ireland Stamps*** and was auctioned at the AGM for \$850 which was added to the treasury. The book can be ordered directly from Barry Cousins. Tim O'Shea sold \$494 of Special Offer books at the AGM.

It is important to note the following

- (a) Membership dues only pay about 50% of the cost of operating the EPA
- (b) There is very little opportunity for additional monies from donated sales in 2020.
- (c) The EPA auctions are a vital part of the EPA revenue stream and we all need to help Bob Kemper providing him with top quality material to auction and to donate any excess covers and stamps to Bob for auctioning.
- (d) We will need to make up the short fall of revenues anticipated in 2020 due to the reduction in sales of donated materials.

Robert Benninghoff

Treasurers report re: additional monies received at Boxboro

The EPA received a most helpful cash infusion from several different sources at Boxboro this past May \$2087 check from Bill O'Connor for the sale of donated material to the EPA.

\$494 from the sale of Special Offer Material brought to the Show by Tim O'Shea.

\$850 from the auction sale of Barry Cousin's donated book and elated stamps on

"Propaganda Overprints on Great Britain and Northern Ireland Stamps"

This was a most generous donation to the EPA and there was vigorous room bidding for the material with the final price of \$850.

Other material auctioned at the AGM added another \$148 for a total of \$998.

The Total added to the Treasury from Boxboro was \$3597

Thank you

Robert Benninghoff

EIRE PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT							
INCOME AND EXPENSES - September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019							
(rounded to nearest \$)							
General Fund Income:	09-01-18	TOTAL	2019-04-04	TOTAL	2019-08-31	TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL 2019
Dues:							
US Dues - Suntrust Dollar Checking Account	\$3,375		\$2,605		\$ 435		\$ 3,040
Dues Paid into Paypal Account	\$1,006		\$2,163		\$ 667		\$ 2,830
2017-2018 Foreign Dues - €212.00 @ \$1.12**	\$237	**					
2018-2019 Foreign Dues - €202.35 @ \$1.13**			\$229				\$ 229
Net Dues Receipts for Year		\$4,618		\$4,997		\$ 1,102	\$ 6,099
Other Income:							
Donations	\$1,310		\$595		\$ 28		
Auction Transfers and Sale of Other Donations ****	\$4,741		\$0		\$ 5,606		
Special Offers Transfers to the General Fund	\$70		\$219		\$ 573		
Advertisements in The Revealer - Paid in Dollars	\$105		\$1,125		\$ 322		
Advertisements in The Revealer - Paid in Euro (€793. @ \$1.12)	\$888						
Miscellaneous Income							
Net Other Income		\$7,114	\$1,939	\$1,939		\$ 6,529	\$ 8,467
Total Real Income		\$11,732		\$6,936		\$ 7,630	\$ 14,566
Expenses:							
Revealer cost including printing, mailing, dues envelopes, etc.)	\$7,046		\$4,344		\$ 4,517		\$ 8,861
2017 AGM Expense	\$1,000		\$1,000		\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000
Misc. Expenses:							
Account fees, Linns Advertisement, etc	\$677		\$0		\$ 455		\$ 67
VP North America Expense (award medals and associated costs)	\$61		\$0				
President Expense	\$0		\$34				
Secretary Expense	\$399		\$285		\$ 230		\$ 230
Web Site Development	\$1,900		\$880				
Revealer Foreign Mailing (Ireland)* (€600.00 @ \$1.12** in 2017-18)	\$672						
Revealer Foreign Mailing (Ireland)* (€125.50 @ \$1.13** in 2018-19)			\$142				
2017-2018 Foreign Account Fees - (€64.49 @ \$1.12**)	\$72						
2018-2019 Foreign Account Fees - (€46.30 @ \$1.13**)			\$52				
Total Expenses:		\$11,827		\$6,737		\$ 6,201	\$ 12,938
Gross Income (Loss)		\$1,003		\$198			\$ 1,627
Paper Transfer:							
One year of Life Member obligation from reserve account***		\$845	***	xxxx	***		
Net Income (Loss)		\$656		\$198			
*Includes advances toward future mailings of the Revealer							
**These figures are Euros converted at the prevailing rate at the time.							
***Reduction to the Reserve for Life Members is calculated on August 31 of each year.							
**** Does not include \$3986.64 received for EPA Auction Commissions Aug 31 2018 to May 15 2019. Deposited in Sept 2019							
Robert Benninghoff, Treasurer							
September 7, 2019							



The John Blessington Memorial Library of the Éire Philatelic Association

Library Procedures - ÉPA Members only

INTENT: It is the intent of the association to operate the library to provide a service ÉPA members to assist in research and to provide a vehicle to help expand the members' knowledge of Irish stamps and Irish postal history.

LOCATION: The library is located and maintained at the Spellman Museum of Stamps & Postal History, 241 Wellesley Street, Weston, MA 02493, www.spellmanmuseum.org. and is available for use by ÉPA members without admission charge.

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NOTE: For the most part, where numbers are shown parenthetically after a title, they refer only to library file locations.

FOR AN UPDATED INVENTORY OF THE ÉPA COLLECTION AT SPELLMAN, A PDF IS AVAILABLE FROM THE SECRETARY jsharkeyepa@me.com



Donations to the ÉPA

As Secretary I receive numerous inquiries about how to dispose of a stamp collection. As many of these inquiries come from people who are not stamp collectors, I try to assist them in this process. I encourage donations to the ÉPA, and explain that the donation will be put to good use through our auctions, gifts to stamp groups, and giveaways at our annual meetings. We recently received a small donation of Irish stamps on paper

from Bernadette Gibbons, in memory of her late grandfather Joseph Gibbons. I am told that most of these stamps came from Dail Eireann. He worked at the main entrance gate and the TDs, including An Taoiseach Albert Reynolds, would give him stamps. Several years ago, the ÉPA received a large donation of stamps and first day covers from the estate of member James Healy. This donation has greatly helped with finances

through our auction. Donations like these helps to keep our membership dues at a very reasonable level, in spite of increasing postal costs. Please consider a donation to the ÉPA.

On the subject of the disposal of a collection, the American Philatelic Society has some good information on their website, stamps.org. Go to services and then Estate Advice. Please note that donations to the ÉPA enjoy the same tax deduction benefits for the donor as those made to the APS. So if you are thinking of downsizing your collecting or disposing of your collection, please consider the ÉPA. With this approach, not only does the donor get a tax benefit, but it also benefits our association.

John Sharkey



ÉPA Board Members Recognized by the American Philatelic Society

The Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition Awards recognize the outstanding efforts of APS (American Philatelic Society) volunteers at the national, regional and local level. Two of our Board members, **William O'Connor** and **Raymond Murphy** have been recognized as Award Recipients for Local Service.

Bill has been President of the Philatelic Clubs of Southern California, President of the San Diego Philatelic Council, President of the ÉPA, President of the Poway Stamp Club as well as Show Chairman of POWEX. He also helps run auctions for the San Diego County Philatelic Library, serves as a regular volunteer and has helped appraise collections for "What's in Your Attic?" at Southern California stamp shows. He has previously been recognized with the 2009 Distinguished Service Award from the federation of Stamp Clubs of Southern California. Bill also has handled stamp show cachet arrangements and been a volunteer for SESCAL. He has previously been recognized with the 2009 Distinguished Service Award from the Federated Stamp Clubs of Southern California.

(Ed. In addition, Bill has served almost every office position in the ÉPA, including many years as our auction manager. He currently serves as Director. His contributions have been recognized with the Foley Memorial Medal, as well as the Clark and Field Awards.)

Ray served the St. Petersburg Stamp Club as President for 12 years and as the APS representative/ambassador since 1998. For much of the past 20 years, Ray has also served as their ATA representative, their newsletter editor, and on their board of directors. He also was President of the Captain Townsend Stamp Club for two years. Ray has also been a volunteer for the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition, has four exhibits on Ireland and Jamaica, and is co-author of the Military Mail Volume 9 of the Encyclopedia of Jamaica Philately and a Director of the ÉPA. *(Ed. In addition to serving as Director, Ray has served as V.P. of North America and has developed "The ABCs of Irish Philately" for our website. He recently published a book "Irish Official Mail" for the ÉPA. Ray's contributions have been recognized with the Foley Memorial Medal and the Clark and Linnell Awards.)*

The awards were presented at the American Philatelic Society Stamp Show 2019 in Omaha, Nebraska. Congratulations and thanks to Bill and Ray for your contributions to philately and especially to the ÉPA. Reference, *The American Philatelist*, July 2019, p643.

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The Five Polar "Expeditions" of Great Britain's Greatest Irish Polar Expeditioner

By Hal Vogel

Part 3

Much of the postal material from S-R consists of souvenir "overprinted" stamp-pairs (usually on piece) prepared by the expedition aboard *Quest*. They had £135.00 of mixed denomination consignment postage for their use.⁸ Figure 21 is an example of a pair of 6d definitives from the two sheets of these in their postal kit that were overstruck with the "Gough Island" cachet. It is cancelled to order with the expeditions (never changed) 25 May 1922-dated postmarker.

Second-in-command Frank Wild tried to carry on after Shackleton's death. However, when he returned to England on 16 September 1922, there was little to show for all their Antarctic cruising.

Quest had to return to South Georgia after three months from its Antarctic cruising for repairs and a sad duty. Lady Shackleton requested that Sir Ernest be buried at South Georgia. So his body had to be sent back from its northerly transit.

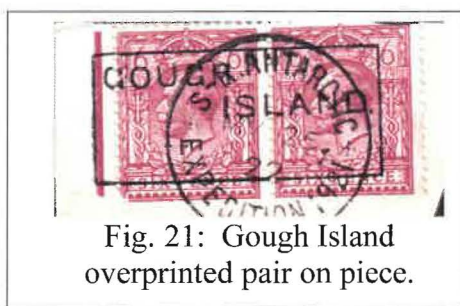


Fig. 21: Gough Island overprinted pair on piece.

Figure 22 is cancelled at South Georgia (5 May 1922) three days before *Quest* departed for the second phase of its Antarctic geographic and scientific exploring. It had been there since 6 April. The onboard post office was yet to be opened. George Hubert Wilkins (later Sir Hubert) sent this addressed to the island's "Police Constable." South Georgia then was an active whaling base. This is one of the few examples on mail of the ship's cachet.

Earlier they already had neared "Enderby Land" without being able to land. No "Enderby Land" struck mail is known to mark that offshore encounter. They also had explored the previously impenetrable Weddell Sea and stopped at Elephant Island before making that second layover at South Georgia.

Now they headed out for Tristan da Cunha and then Gough Island. Each would be postally important. At Tristan they took on islander mail. The expedition's "post office" canceller was set (25 May 1922) on the last day of their 3-day stay to service this mailing.

Fig. 22: 5 May S. Ga. *Quest* mail

Tristan mail then traditionally was "compassionately" handled in the international mail system. The islanders had no money nor stamps. So their occasional postings (picked up by visiting ships) usually were not penalty double-taxed postage due.

Figure 23 is unfranked islander mail to Kent, UK, bearing 1-1/2d postage due (no penalty doubling) by Rochester & Chatham TPO (11 July 1922). It is struck with both the S-R cancellation and one of only two known uses of the newly arrived Tristan **Type III** circular cachet on expedition-cancelled mail. The 1-1/2d rate had just been instituted that month.

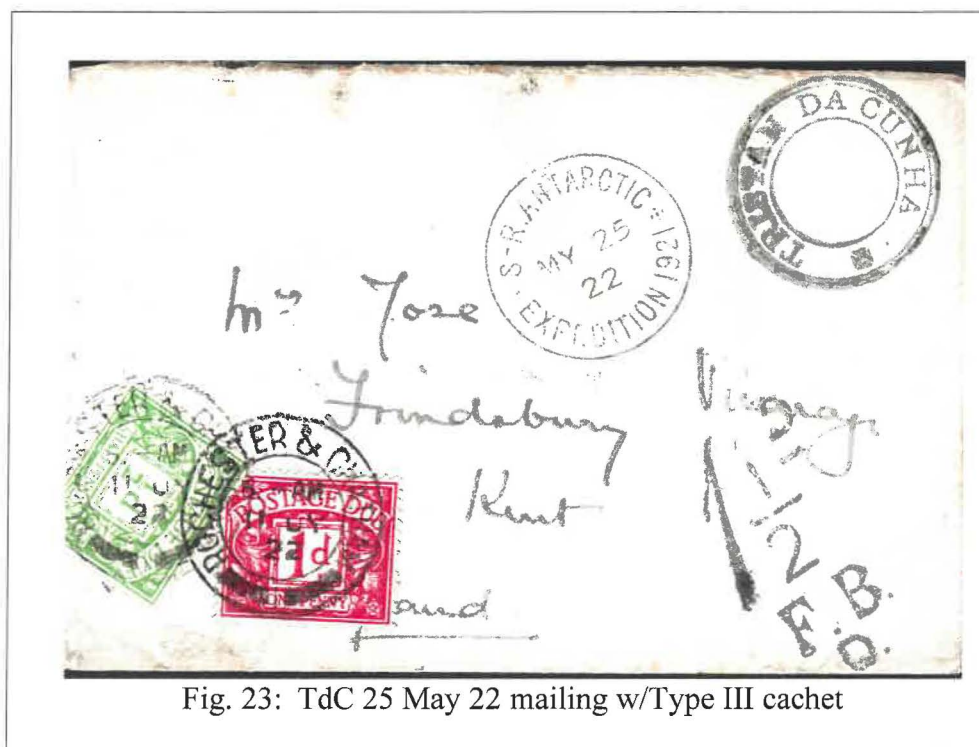


Fig. 23: TdC 25 May 22 mailing w/Type III cachet

The expedition post office had lots of stamps to accommodate mailings through it. Probably none was used on islander mail, because the expedition was accountable for the consigned postage. The islanders did not use money, so had none to pay for any of it. Their mail still got cancelled, however, with the first name/date postmark ever applied at Tristan da Cunha.

Figure 24 also is unfranked Tristan da Cunha mail cancelled at the S-R post office. It is quite different, though, from figure 23's servicing. The Tristan circular mail cachet is the older (soon to be replaced) Type II. It is paquebot struck at Cape Town, probably because it came from a foreign vessel, even though not franked.

Compassion seems to have been absent with this handling and the mail was penalty double-rated. A thought to do otherwise at first is changed.⁹ However, the amount of the rerating also seems to be in error. Its conversion (ten cents) in the United States does reflect a double (penalty) charge. This is the only known paquebot-marked mail and only mail to the United States from the S-R post office.

Quest's last research stop was uninhabited sub-Antarctic Gough Island (27 May-3 June 1922). Among those going ashore was Wilkins, serving as naturalist. He also used his stay to send at least one letter to someone in South Africa using the Gough Island cachet (fig. 25). Only two S-R postings are known using the Gough Island cachet (other than on piece).



Fig. 24: Tdc 25 May 22 with paquebot to USA

It is properly franked for an expiring (29 May 1922) commonwealth rate (2d). The "Gough" cachet also is nearly correctly employed. It only barely overprints the stamps.

This marks the last Shackleton *polar* expeditions' mail. However, there is one other Shackleton "expedition" mail. It is the most elusive (and hardly known) of them all.

Sir Ernest was eager to participate in WWI upon returning from the "*Endurance* Expedition." He had left (with

permission of the British government) just as WWI began. Everyone thought it would be over by the time he returned. Of course, it wasn't, so he volunteered his services after the expedition closed.



Fig. 25: Gough Island cachet on Wilkins mail

The military was reluctant to give him anything to do. Some feel that there were senior officers who did not want to contend with his "big" personality. Whatever was their reluctance, he finally was sent by the Foreign Office on missions to South America, that were not that successful nor satisfying to Shackleton. So upon returning from South America, he asked again for appointment to some military duty.

Awhile later he got a response. Appointed a temporary Major (22 July 1918) in the British Army, he was to be posted to Murmansk, (Subarctic) Russia. There he was to assist and advise the Allied force on operations and logistics in a polar clime.

This was the result of the Allies earlier having intervened in revolutionary Russia in the Summer of 1918 after collapse of the Czar's regime and Russian withdrawal from the "Great War." The initial reason for the allied intervention was to prevent Germany from establishing submarine bases in Russia. It was also to prevent taking equipment and supplies delivered by the Allies to Russia during the war.

A number of Allied countries (primarily Great Britain, France and the United States) had significant forces in both North Russia and Siberia (the two polar fronts of the Allied Intervention of Russia 1918-22). The North Russia Expeditionary Force (NREF) had headquarters elements at Murmansk and Archangel with fighting taking place throughout the Russian northwest. Great Britain was the principal command in NREF. The USA was the principal in AEF Siberia (a non-linked theater at the other end of the country).

As part of its major commitment in NREF, Great Britain had established two base military post offices, thirteen (mobile) field post offices and two TPOs (travelling post offices along this areas N-S railroad). The two (stationary) base post offices would be at Murmansk (designated PB1) and Archangel (PB2).

Shackleton got to use PB1 while a Major with NREF from October 1918 to March 1919. He was reported to have been very popular with the troops, who would forgive him for recommending the uncomfortable "Shackleton boot." Without a heel, it was inappropriate for Arctic tundra. Shackleton had designed it from his Antarctic experience. Without suitable Arctic exposure, Sir Ernest did not realize how different some of the Subarctic conditions were from those he knew in the Antarctic.

He felt that he was not that vital to NREF. This prompted him to request a return from this assignment in March 1919. All the British forces would follow him from North Russia by the Fall. His work must have been appreciated by those who mattered. He was "mentioned in dispatches" (an honor), later got an OBE for this service and would be allowed to retain his rank (Major).

Figure 26 is reported to be the only known mail from Shackleton during his NREF posting. It is unfranked (concession to the military when abroad) and cancelled at Army Post Office PB1 (Murmansk, Russia) 8 November 1918. This mail is self-censored (lower left) by Shackleton (privilege given to most officers) with an NREF distinctive X10 oval censor stamp. It probably was issued to him, as censor stamps were issued to a number of officers for their occasional censorship duties.

Interestingly, it is addressed to his brother, although that is not immediately apparent. "Frank Mellor" was an alias now used by his ne'er-do-well relation, recently released from prison for a felonious activity. Francis Richard Shackleton still is suspected today of having also been involved in the 1907 theft of the so-called "Irish crown jewels." It might be more than coincidental then, for Shackleton to write to his errant sibling in care of his lawyers.

NREF was not the longest, nor the most productive, arduous or most famous of Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton's expeditionary experiences. It did produce one distinction absent from the other four, however. It is the only one with only one posted piece to show for his participation.

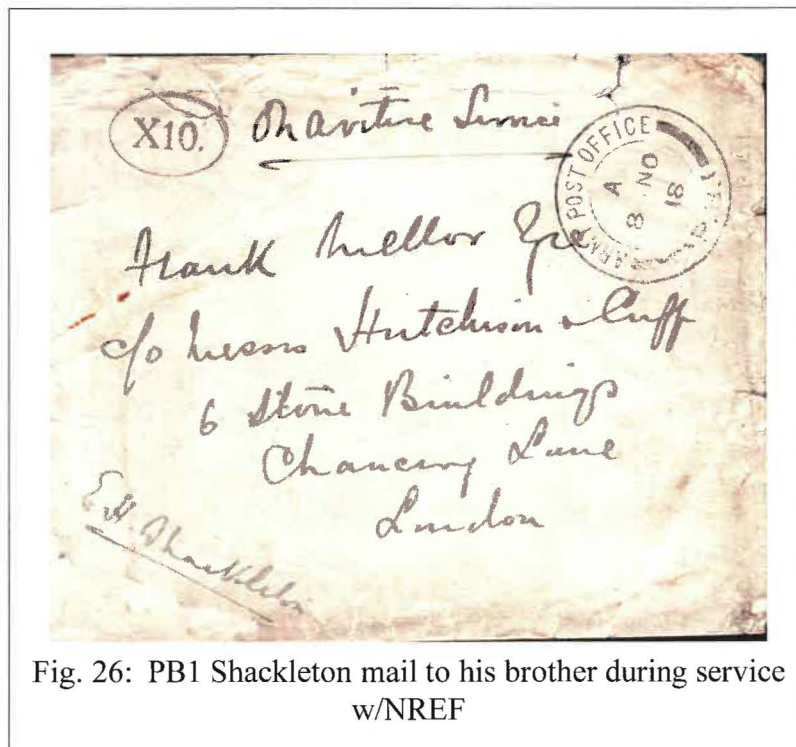


Fig. 26: PB1 Shackleton mail to his brother during service w/NREF

END NOTES

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2. Roland Huntford, *Shackleton* (NY: Atheneum, 1986), 36.
3. "Ernest Shackleton," *Wikipedia.org*.
4. Robert J. Duns, *New Zealand Antarctic Postal History To 1941* (Christchurch, NZ: Philatelic Foundation Christchurch, 1997), 37. Duns' excellent study of "Nimrod Expedition's" post office (pages 36-55) reveals many before unknown details based on primary sources.
5. A differently-dated (3 February 1908) example of another normally mailed (by someone on the expedition) envelope (with expedition straight-line stamp on reverse) to Kinsey.
6. Duns, 39.
7. Now his portrait and that of his ship can be seen on locally-printed picture postcards (ex. fig. 11a), mailed 16 November 1909 at Batten Sea, England to the United States).
8. George Crabb nicely details the postal arrangements and activities of S-R in his 1980 study *The History and Postal History of Tristan da Cunha* on pages 167-75.
9. One thought about this rating is that inexplicably it was eventually marked double ($2-1/2d \times 2 = 5d = 50c$) for an expiring commonwealth/internal rate after having been rated for the current single, new international charge ($3d=30c$). (Robert Hisey, South Africa mail authority, communications with author, 27 December 2018). The addressing ("London [New London], Connecticut, USA," rather than "London, England") might have confused the clerk as to its exact destination.

**Member Want Ads**

Wanted. An Post Christmas cards, 1990, 1991, 1992, and and An Post promotional card "Ole, Ole" for special offer on Dutch World Cup stamp of 1994. Contact Ray Murphy, rayhmurphy@prodigy.net .

Wanted: Ireland Slogan Cancels before 1938. Please provide scans and prices wanted to Steve Friedenthal: sfriedenthal@shaw.ca

Ireland to Canada and the Provinces:

1840 - 1901

By Gene M. Labiuk

Part 3

Figure 24 shows a 7d rated cover from Cork, December 26, 1868 to Quebec, Canada. The cover was back-stamped Passage West Dec. 26, 1868, London Dec. 28, 1868, Montreal Jan. 13, 1869 and Quebec receiving date stamp Jan. 14, 1869.



Figure 24. An 1868 cover rated 7d from Cork to Quebec

Figure 25 presents a 7d. rated cover from Dublin July 11, 1868 to Victoria, V.I. (Vancouver Island), British Columbia. It travelled from Dublin via the H & K Packet to Holyhead and onward to Liverpool with trans-Atlantic crossing to New York, across the US to San Francisco and steamship to Victoria. Its docketing shows its arrival date in manuscript "Rec. 17 Aug 1868". Delivery took just over five weeks.



Figure 25. An 1868 7d rated cover from Dublin to Victoria, Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

Figure 26 shows another 7d rated cover from Dublin September 21, 1868 to Victoria, Vancouver Island. It likely was carried in the Inman Line *City of Paris*, which left Queenston on September 23, 1868 and arrived at New York on October 3. From there, the cover proceeded overland across the United States to San Francisco. At that time, the Union Pacific Railroad had reached west to Bryan, Wyoming. The Central Pacific Railroad was operating daily except Sunday from San Francisco to Wadsworth, Nevada (east of Reno). Travel between these two terminai was by Overland Stage. There is no record in the newspapers of a mail ship between San Francisco and Victoria at an appropriate time, so this cover probably was carried overland from California to the Pacific Northwest. It bears docketing showing its arrival: “Rec. 5th Nov. 1868”.¹² Its travel time was just over 6½ weeks.



Figure 26. An 1868 7d. rated cover from Dublin to Victoria, Vancouver Island. –
Gray Scrimgeour Collection

January 6, 1870. Provisions of the Treasury Warrant. The postage on letter mail to Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, direct by British or Canadian packet reduced to 3d pre-paid per ½ ounce. Unpaid letter fined 3d + deficiency. GPO Notice 2/70 adds that letters to these destinations via the US rated 4d. Pre-paid.

This reduction did not apply to mail for Newfoundland, which remained at 6d until January 1, 1873.

Figure 27 shows a cover from Waterford mailed September 7, 1871 to St. John's, Newfoundland prepaid 3d, short paid 3d; since it was not fully paid, there was a fine of 6d as well as the short-paid amount of 3d + 6d = 9d. The “6D” hand stamp in black was applied at Dublin to indicate the amount of the fine due and the balance of the unpaid amount of 3d + 6d = 9d = 18 cents due upon arrival in Newfoundland. An “INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID” boxed hand stamp in black was applied at Dublin. The cover left Queenstown on September 9, 1871 on the Allan Line *Caspian* and arrived at Halifax on September 17, 1871.¹⁰



INSUFFICIENTLY
PREPAID



Figure 27. 1871 cover pre-paid 3d. for the rate which was in effect for other parts of Canada, but not to Newfoundland. –
Courtesy Malcolm B. Montgomery¹⁰

Figure 28 presents a 3d-rated cover from Bray December 18, 1871 to Nova Scotia, sent by the Canadian packet Inman/Allan packet *Hibernian*, which left Queenstown on December 19, 1871 and arrived at Halifax January 6, 1872. The cover is endorsed “via Halifax”.

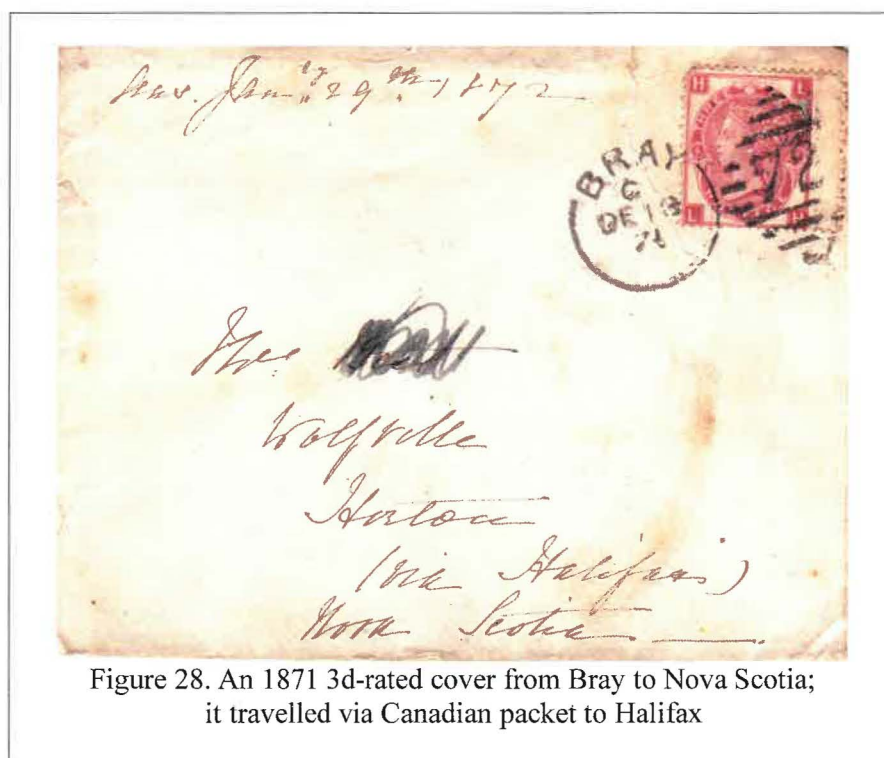


Figure 28. An 1871 3d-rated cover from Bray to Nova Scotia;
it travelled via Canadian packet to Halifax

Figure 29 shows a 3d-rated cover from Dublin May 20, 1871 to Nanticoke, Ontario, pre-paid 3d for the rate to Canada via Canadian packet. Since there was no route endorsement, it was sent on the first vessel to North America, which was the Cunard packet *Scotia*, which departed Queenstown on May 21 and arrived at New York

on May 30. The postmark "1d" in black was added to make up the 4d rate to Canada via an American packet. The black "2" applied in Canada indicates 2 cents postage due.

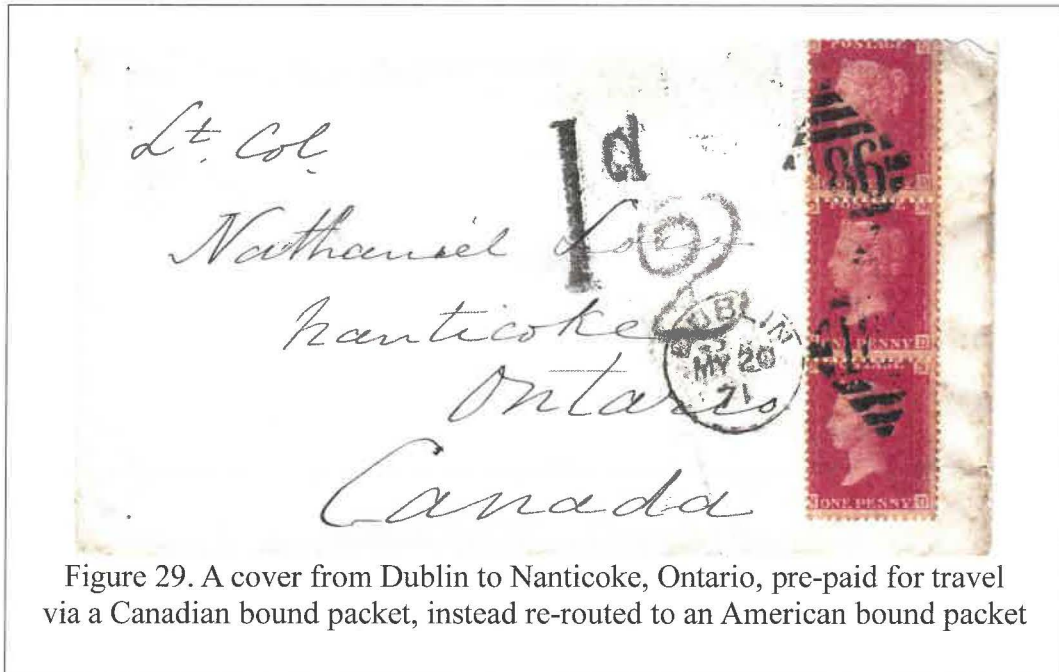


Figure 29. A cover from Dublin to Nanticoke, Ontario, pre-paid for travel via a Canadian bound packet, instead re-routed to an American bound packet

Late fee paid cover, figure 30 from Belfast, December 5, 1871 to Hamilton, Ontario. Pre-paid for travel to Canada via a Canadian bound packet as indicated by the endorsement "Per Halifax Str Queenstown", letter rate 3d, late fee rate of 1d to ensure that the cover went on the evening mail to Dublin so it would be able to catch the steamer leaving the next day. Cover travelled on the Allan Line packet *Nova Scotian* which departed Queenstown on December 6 and arrived at Halifax on December 19. Shown is the *Late Fee Paid* boxed hand stamp in black. Hamilton receiving back stamp December 23.

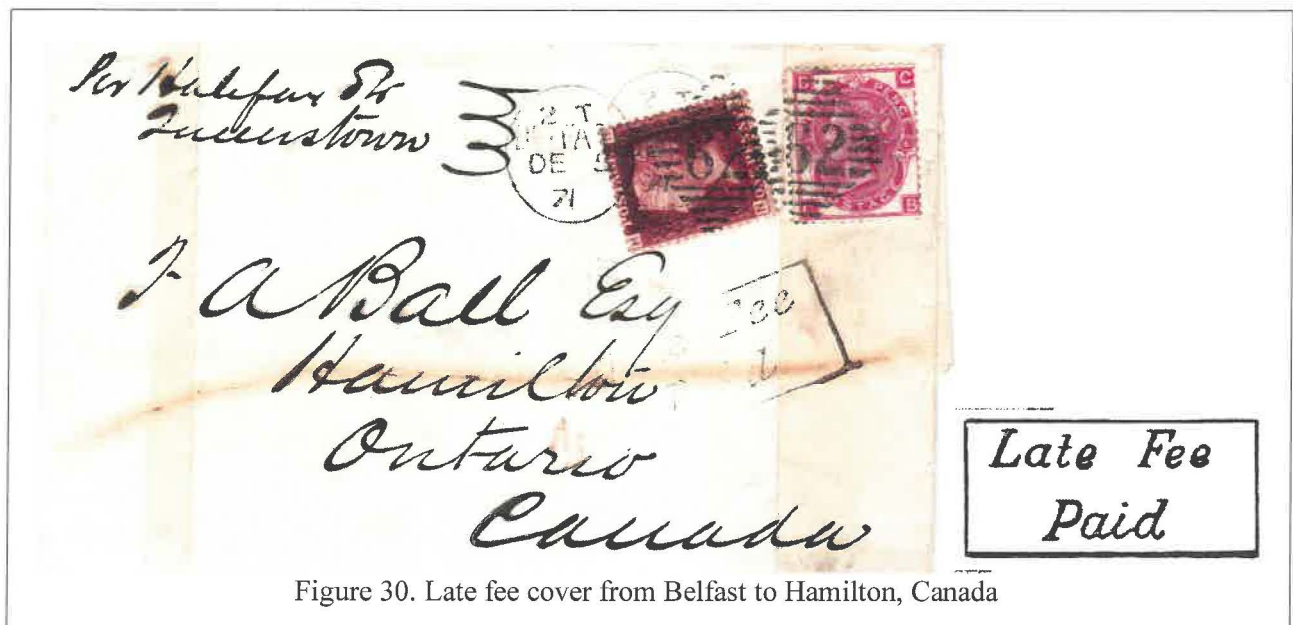


Figure 30. Late fee cover from Belfast to Hamilton, Canada

Figure 31 shows a cover from Dublin November 29, 1873 to Nanticoke, Ontario, pre-paid 3d for the Canadian packet rate to Canada, since there was no indication how the cover was to travel, it went on the first ship to sail for North America, which was the Inman Line *City of Brussels* that departed Queenstown on December 1, 1873 for New York arriving on December 9. The cover was properly rated 3d for sailing via a Canadian packet, but since it left on an American packet, the rate was 4d as indicated by the “1d” hand stamp due, converted to “2”

cents upon arrival in Canada. Prior to sailing, a clerk noticed that the cover was overweight – “over ½ oz” in manuscript – which meant there should have been another 4d postage applied for the over ½ oz. Since there was no extra postage applied, the amount due was as follows, 1d + 4d + deficiency of 3d = 8d = 16 cents as shown with “16” marked in black crayon.¹⁰

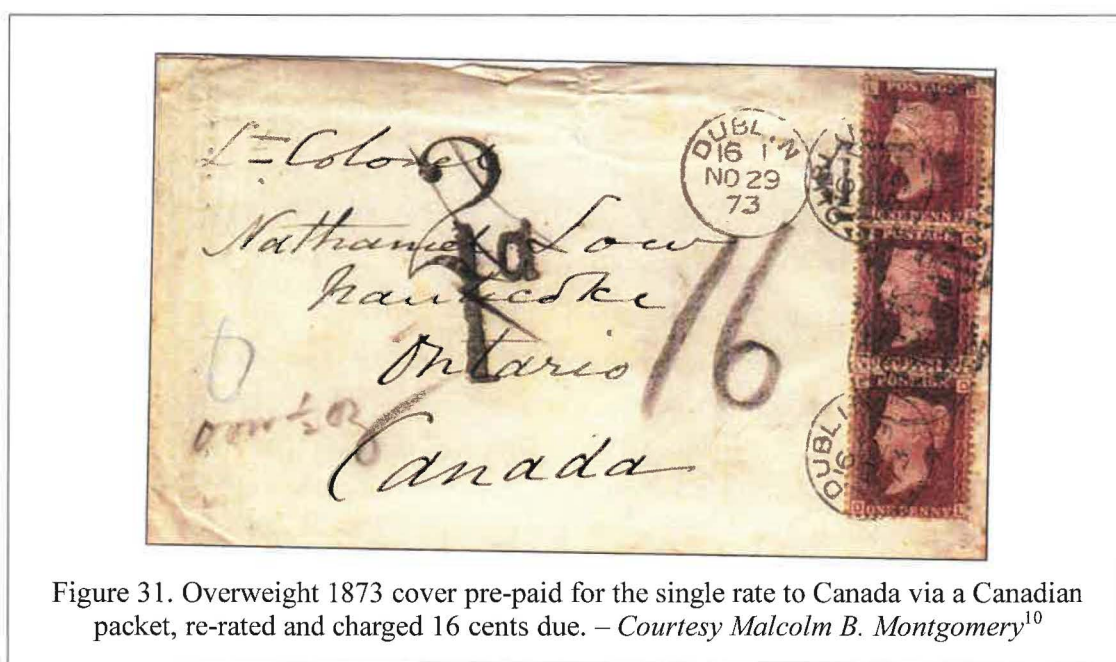


Figure 31. Overweight 1873 cover pre-paid for the single rate to Canada via a Canadian packet, re-rated and charged 16 cents due. – *Courtesy Malcolm B. Montgomery*¹⁰

Figure 32 presents a 3d-rated cover from Belfast mailed June 27, 1873 to Montreal, pre-paid 3d for the rate to Canada via Canadian packet. Because it had no endorsement, it was sent on the first vessel to North America, which was the Cunard line *Scotia*, which left Liverpool on June 28 and arrived at New York on July 9. Since it travelled by an American packet, there was an extra charge of 1d added to make up the 4d rate to Canada via an American packet. A black “2CTS” was applied in Canada indicating 2 cents postage due.

June 1, 1870. Treasury Warrant. United Kingdom to PEI direct by packet or private ship, reduced to 3d post paid. Under paid fined 3d + deficiency, via the USA rated 4d.

October 26, 1871. GPO Notice. “British Columbia having become part of Canada, the rates will apply as to all other parts of Canada.

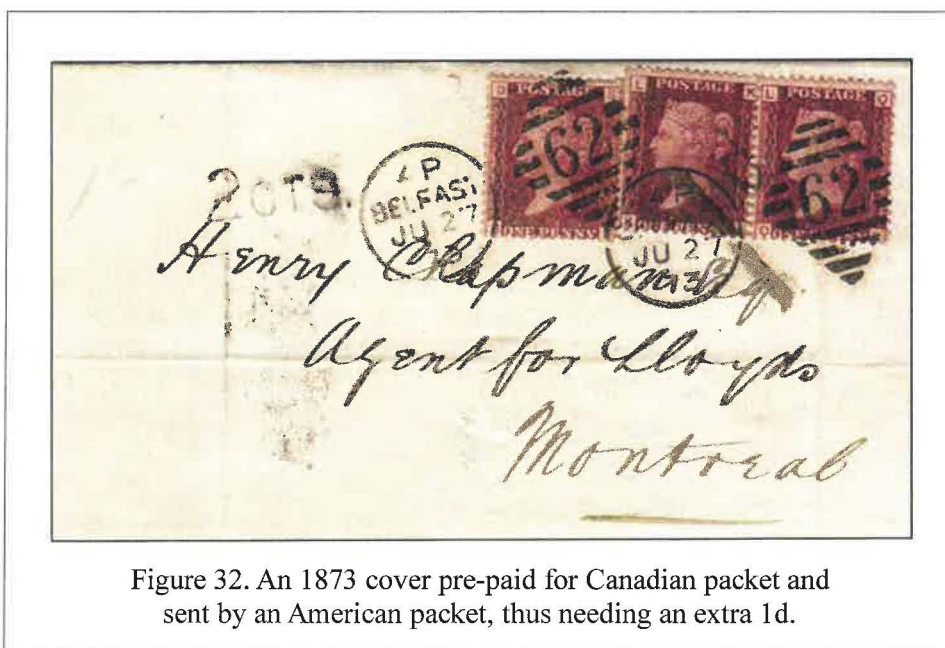


Figure 32. An 1873 cover pre-paid for Canadian packet and sent by an American packet, thus needing an extra 1d.

January 1, 1873. GPO Notice. "Postage to Newfoundland reduced to 3d pre-paid and 6d unpaid."

October 1, 1875. GPO Notice. United Kingdom to Canada by any route, 2½d per ½ ounce, unpaid double.



EPA Member Exhibits

By Robert Benninghoff

Several EPA Members have done well Exhibiting at recent Stamp Shows.

ROPEX Stamp Show May 17 to 18 2019, Rochester New York

Robert Benninghoff - Single Frame: *The Collection of Postage of Postage Due Fees in Ireland 1914 to 1921*

Large Gold and Grand award

Single Frame: *The Struggle for Irish Independence May 1916 to December 1921*

Gold and Judges Award of Merit, The Larry R Moriarty Sr. Memorial Award

Brian Callan - Five Frame: *Irish Postal Stationary 1922 to 1983*; Large Vermeil and Marcus White Postal Best Multi- frame Postal Stationary Award

Stockholmia 2019 Stockholm Sweden May 29 to June 2 2019 - Celebrating the 150 Anniversary of the Royal Philatelic Society London

Robert Benninghoff - Single Frame: *The Collection of Postage of Postage Due Fees in Ireland 1914 to 1921*; Gold

THE SHRUNKEN OWL ON *AN POST* POSTAL CARDS

by Raymond Murphy

In 1997, *An Post* sent out two different cards to people on their North America mailing list advertising their presence at two upcoming shows, the New York ASDA Megashow (13-16 March 1997) and Pacific'97 (29 May-8 June 1997) in California. The cards offered special show gifts if the card was turned in at the *An Post* booth during the show. Besides the advertising, it also served the purpose of verifying addresses on the mailing list. All cards are 110 mm wide by 140 mm high. The cards have a print image of the 52p Barn Owl stamp.

In my collection, there are two copies of the New York card and one of Pacific'97. One of the New York cards is identified as New York1. A second New York card is mis-registered and labeled as New York2 in **Figure 1**. The card from Pacific'97 is identified as Pacific'97. **Figure 2** is the sheet stamp. While reorganizing my collection, I decided to put all the cards together.



Figure 1. Barn Owl stamp images on postal service cards announcing *An Post* presence at shows in 1997. L to R: New York1, New York2, Pacific'97



Figure 2. Sheet stamp 52p. Not to same scale as others.

With the cards on my desk, laying almost together, I happened to notice that they weren't identical; the printed stamp images were noticeably different sizes. This triggered a closer look and identified the following differences shown in **Table 1**. The second New York card cannot be measured accurately due to the mis-registration.

Measurements in mm ± 0.05	Sheet Stamp	New York1	Pacific'97
Width of <i>Éire</i>	9.5	9.4	8.5
Bottom of wing to bottom of "B" in "Barn"	22.5	22.4	20.2
Width of owl -nose to tail feather	15.2	15.2	13.7

TABLE 1: Measurements in millimeters of the sheet stamp and cards.

Both New York cards appear to be printed by photolithography, while the Pacific'97 card is lithographed. The small dots on the New York cards can be seen under magnification while the Pacific'97 card appears solid. The dark blue on the New York etiquettes is made from a mixture of blue, black, and red dots. The Pacific'97 card is solid blue.

1. The stamp image on both New York cards is the same size as the 52 p Barn Owl sheet stamp. The image on the Pacific'97 card is smaller at about 91% of the stamp image on the New York card. **Figure 3** is the Pacific'97 stamp image in color overlaid on the New York1 stamp image in red aligned on the "S" of *Scréachóg*. The New York1 stamp image was changed from color to red for comparison purposes. The Pacific'97 owl's wing is shorter, and the differences in size and position "Éire" are noticeable. The circles and letters of the cancels are in different locations but are not reduced since they were printed as a separate step. (Paragraph 3 below). The titles at the top of the stamp image are in different locations due to the differences in sizes.

2. The printed airmail etiquettes are the same size, however the placement on the Pacific'97 card is 3 mm from the left edge while the New York cards are 8 mm. (**Figures 4 & 5**).

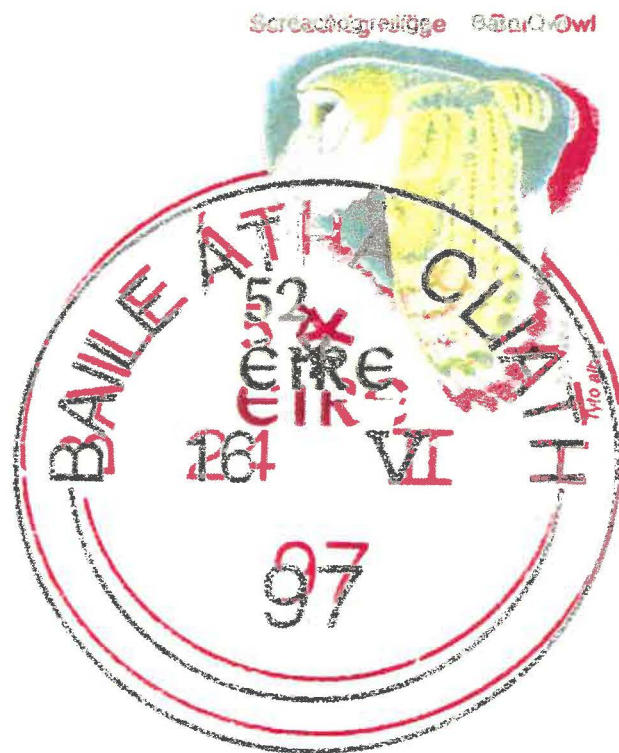


Figure 3. Colored Owl from Pacific'97 overlaid on grey-scale New York1 Owl. Note differences in body length and wing height as shown with red lines. Pacific owl wing ends at the "A" in *Cliath*.

PAR AVION
AERPHOST



Figure 4. Top of New York1 card showing position of etiquette.

PAR AVION
AERPHOST



Figure 5. Top of Pacific1 card showing etiquette, Note position and lighter color of etiquette.

A. The typeface used for etiquette lettering is on the New York cards is Bookman (**Figure 6**) while the Pacific card is Times Roman. (**Figure 7**). The Bookman typeface has blunter serifs and thicker horizontal lines, while the Times Roman typeface has short, pointed serifs and thin horizontal lines.

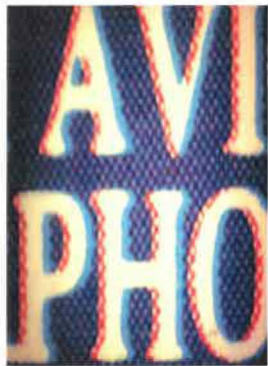


Figure 6. NY ASDA etiquette. Note the thickness of the horizontal lines on P, H, and A. The serif ends are rounded. Bookman typeface.

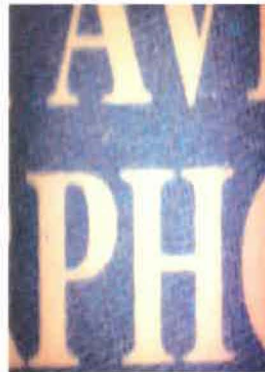


Figure 7. Pacific 97 etiquette. Horizontal lines are narrower and serifs are pointed. Times Roman typeface

B The etiquette type size is different as well. Both New York cards use 2-½ mm type, while 3 mm type is on the Pacific'97 card

C. The shade of blue on the New York cards is darker (HSV:230,201,170 or RGB:36,81,170) than on the Pacific'97 card (HSV:208,175,200 or RGB:62,135,200).

3. The cancels apparently were printed separately from the stamp images. This is noticeable since they are the same size on all cards although they vary in position relative to the stamp image lettering *Eire* as seen in **Figure 1**.

4. The New York1 card that is properly registered fluoresces a cream on the front and white on the reverse. The cardstock used for the New York2 card, which has poor registration fluoresces a yellow-tan on the address side. The Pacific'97 card fluoresces a light tan on the address side and white on the reverse. The sheet stamps fluoresce white on both sides.

Light source	New York1	New York2	Pacific'97	Sheet Stamp
Visible - Front	white	cream	white	white
Visible - Back	white	cream	white	white
UV - Front	cream	yellow-tan	tan	white
UV - Back	white	white	white	white

5. While the message wording on the reverse side is by necessity different for the different shows, the type sizes are different. The type size on the New York cards is 3mm high while the Pacific'97 card is 2½ mm. The typeface is the same on both.

6. The print registration on one New York card (New York2) is several millimeters off horizontally. This causes the magenta color to show where there should be black (actually red and cyan (blue) in the same spot) and the yellow is off about 0.5 mm in the opposite horizontal direction. It makes the lettering and the image appear blurry. (**Figure 8**). The colors on the owl are affected by the registration and make it appear redder than on the New York1 card. Both the New York1 card and the Pacific'97 card have the colors in proper registration. Apparently, the etiquette was printed on a different plate, since the colors are in register on all cards.



1 Note red and blue are badly misregistered, while yellow is slightly misregistered, creating a blur.

Since these cards were deemed as advertising rather than philatelic products available for sale, no records have been retained. This is understandable since it has been 22 years since the shows, The quantity mailed out is also unknown, but estimated between 15 to 20,000. How many were returned? Here again, unknown, but a figure of 30 to 50% is not unreasonable.

CONCLUSIONS:

The reason for the major difference, that of the size of the stamp image, is unknown and appears to make the least sense. If the intent was to prevent copying the stamp, reducing the size might make sense, but then, why reduce on one card and not the other? If the Pacific'97 card was a reduced copy of the New York card, then the airmail etiquette would also have been reduced, and the typeface differences noted there (items 2a and 2b) could not have appeared. In light of the information above, it is most likely these two sets of cards were done by different printers.

The cancels were likely printed separately from the cards based on the different positions seen on the New York cards in **Figure 1**. Note vertical distance from the circle to the owl's eye.

The differences in fluorescence are inherent in the coating on the paper, as seen in the differences of front side and back side. The reason for the difference between the New York cards is unknown.

Any further information on cards issued for Pacific'97 would be appreciated.

My thanks to Brian Warren for his input.



President's Message (continued from Page 2)

I want to congratulate Ray Murphy and Bill O'Connor. Many of you are aware of all of the work they have done for the EPA over the years and their dedication to the EPA. Both of them have recently received Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition Awards for Local Service from the American Philatelic Society. A detailed article is inside. Both Ray and Bill have been great assets to the EPA and Philately.

Two recent articles in Linn's Stamp News were very interesting this quarter. The first appeared on the front page of the June 24, 2019 issue. The subject was the targeting of two stamp societies by internet scammers with one suffering a significant loss. The scam works by people getting information about the society's officers from their website and then using the officer's name to send out fake e-mails requesting money. This article hit home as some e-mails were sent under my name to other EPA officers asking for money to be sent to bogus places. The diligence of the people receiving them recognized the very unusual nature of these emails and asked for confirmation and we prevented any action being taken. The EPA did not suffer any losses.

The second article appeared in the August 12, 2019 issue again on the front page. The subject was the An Post new Space Exploration set of 4. Issue on July 4th the stamps honor the 4 United States astronauts of Irish ancestry and the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. An Post has apologized for a spelling error on the two stamps featuring Neil Armstrong and Michael Collins. The Irish word for moon is "gealach" the letters were transposed to "gaelach" meaning Irish. Send me an email and we can send you a scan of these articles.

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