

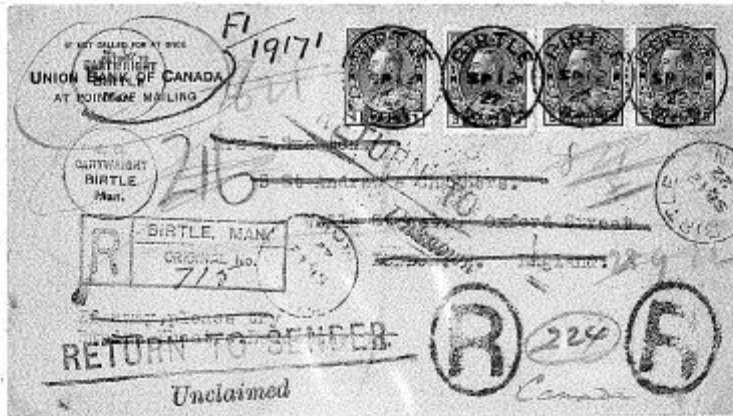
A Rate Study of
The "Admiral" Stamps of Canada
1912 – 1928

The Admiral Issue of Canada is so named because King George V is portrayed in the ceremonial uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet of the Royal Navy. These definitive stamps were first released on January 1, 1912, and continued in use until superceded by the "Scroll" issue of 1928. These dates establish the time frame for this exhibit.

During this period, several significant events affected postal rates in Canada. World War I broke out and a war tax was added to the standard rates. Canada also began an air mail service to the U.S., and other postal rates changed both upwards and downwards as mail service around the world increased and technology made handling mail more sophisticated.

This exhibit presents covers that illustrate the numerous postal rates established by the Canadian Post Office during this period for sending mail within Canada, to the United States, to the British Commonwealth and to other U.P.U. nations. Included charts show the rate for the first ounce of usage. Amounts for heavier items are discussed in the narratives.

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British Empire Registered Mail
\$ 04 first class + \$ 10 registry fee = \$ 14
Posted at Birtle, Manitoba – September 12, 1922
After additional attempts to deliver – Marked "Return to Sender/Unclaimed"
Arrived back at Birtle – October 15, 1922