

Fancier registered datestamps and handstamps

Some towns used oval registered datestamps, and these come in various shapes, sometimes cogged or doubled; double circles were also used infrequently. These were largely left over from the early twentieth century, but persisted into the 1960s. A few offices used fancy registration handstamps that were either simply an R, or more elaborate ones allowing space for the registration number.



Sussex (NB), small double oval, 1913. Rated 5¢ registration and 2¢ domestic.



Truro (NS), elongated double oval, 1913. Rated 5¢ registration and triple 2¢ domestic, attached to a larger parcel. An odd shape.



Bothwell (ON), 1940. Rated 10¢ registration and 3¢ domestic.



Prince Albert cogged oval, returned from Arborfield (SK), 1915. **Rated** 5¢ registration & 2¢ domestic. Arborfield and New Osgood (sk) broken circles on reverse.



House of Assembly (Toronto) oval, 1918. **Rated** 5¢ reg'n, 2¢ domestic, and 1¢ war tax, paid with coils. House of Assembly machine; H of A duplex on reverse.

Straightline registered datestamp

Only known from a handful of offices.



Prince Albert–Melfort (SK), returned to sender 1919. Also with two *different* Prince Albert double circle rubber hammers (indicating dates of despatch and return a month later). **Rated** 5¢ registration, 2¢ domestic, and 1¢ war tax.

Two strikes of the Dominion Lands Office dater, *not* a post office device.



Melfort straightline is in turquoise; double circle is in redder shade than on the front.



Experimental registered handstamps

Known from a few cities.

Paris (ON)—Saint John, 1918. Odd-shaped registration rectangle (similar type used at Halifax).

Rated 5¢ registration, 2¢ domestic, & 1¢ war tax.



Danville (QC)—Montreal, 1919. Rectangular hs enclosing registration number without office name, used for several years in Montreal.

Double circle Danville cancel enclosing separate R hs.

Rated as above



Toronto—Ottawa, returned to sender, 1920. Big R attached to small rectangle enclosing number.

Rubber double circle Toronto reg'd datestamp.





Odd registered handstamps enclosing town name & number

West Montrose (ON)—St. Jacobs (ON), 1916. Tiny St-J at bottom. Five examples are known.

Rated 5¢ registration, 2¢ domestic, & 1¢ war tax.



Birtle (MB)—Hamilton, 1920. Small turquoise oval.

Rated 10¢ registration, 2¢ domestic, and 1¢ war tax.



Manuscript rectangle, Cathcart (ON)—Peterborough, 1928. Imitating standard rectangle enclosing reg'n number.

Rated 10¢ registration and 2¢ domestic (1928–31).



International

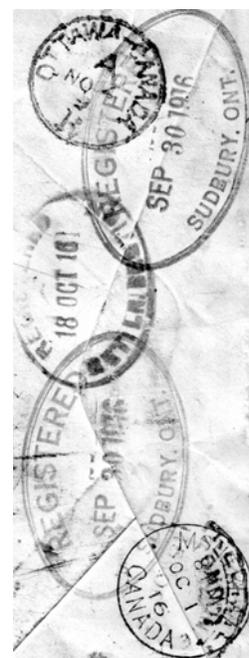
While the registration fee changed just once, from 5¢ to 10¢ (15 July 1920) for all destinations, the UPU rate changed four times: from 3¢ per ounce + 2¢ to 5¢ per ounce + 5¢ (1 October 1921), to 4¢ per ounce + 4¢ (1 October 1925), and back to the first rate (1 July 1943). Empire rates changed more frequently.

Airmail rates were far more complicated and are treated separately.

International (surface)



Crysler (ON) to the Pope, Rome, 1915. **Rated** 5¢ registration and 5¢ UPU rate. Ms *Donnez à la personne même* (deliver to him personally). Experimental Montreal registration box.

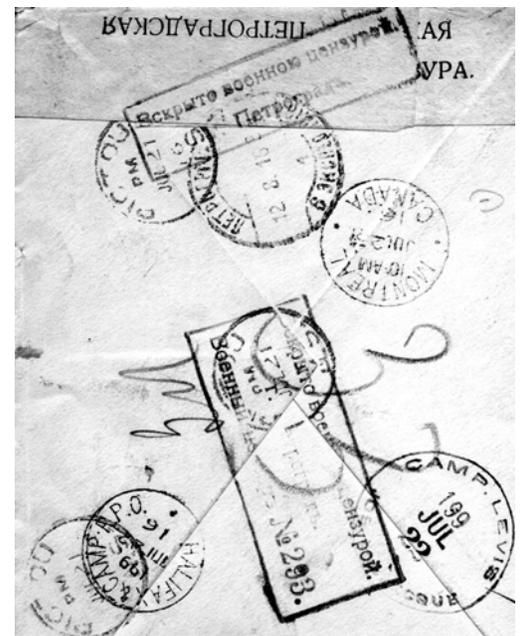


Sudbury (ON)–London, returned to sender, 1916. **Rated** 5¢ registration and 2¢ Empire rate. Indelible pencil ms gone away on reverse and one of many standard UK Undelivered for reason stated handstamps. Experimental Montreal registration box. Sudbury and British RET LR SECTION registration ovals.

World War I

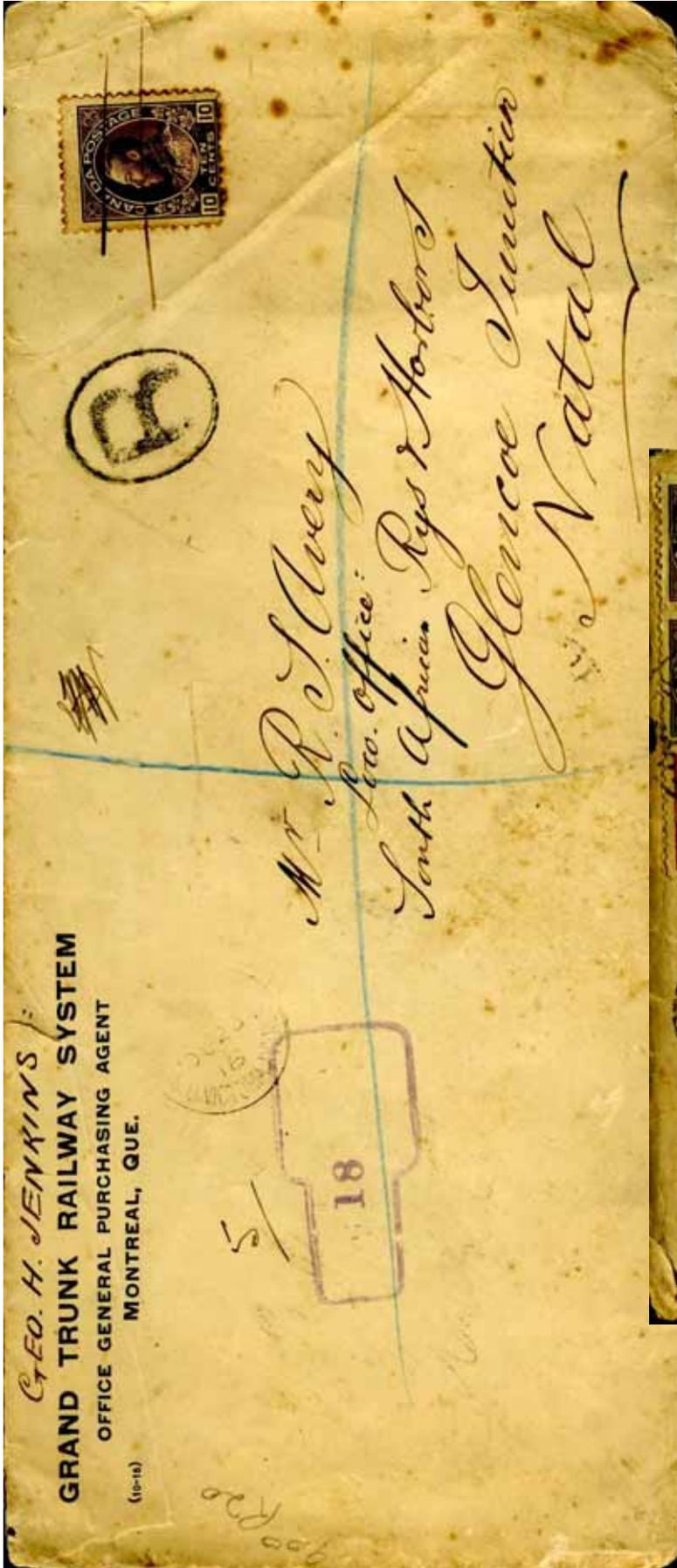


To Belgium very early in the War, returned to sender, 11 August 1914. Rated 5¢ registration & 5¢ UPU rate. Germany invaded Belgium 4 August 1914. Stamped **Inaccessibles—retour** in UK.



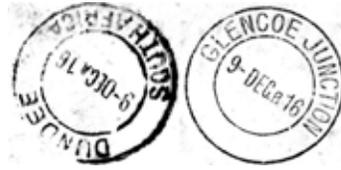
Pictou (NS)—Petrograd (formerly St Petersburg), 1916. Rated as above. Via two RPOs to Montreal (experimental registration device). Address has been transliterated into Cyrillic. Military censorship in Petrograd.

World War I, Empire rate to Africa

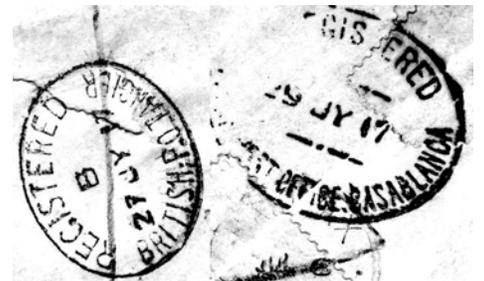


Montreal-Glencoe Junction (Natal), 1916.

Rated 5¢ registration and double Empire (= domestic) rate, 2 × 2¢ + 1¢ war tax.



To Casablanca (Morocco) via BPO Tangier and BPO Casablanca, 1917. Rated 5¢ registration and single Empire; eligible for the latter because of the British Post Office in Casablanca. Experimental Halifax registration handstamp. ↓↓



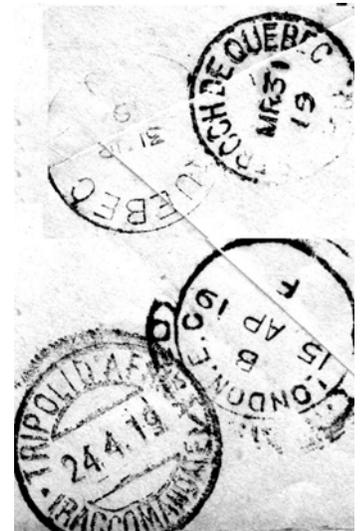
Post-World War I, to 1920

The war ended officially on 11 November 1918.



Slightly out of date.

Montreal–Azores, December 1918. Rated 5¢ registration and 5¢ UPU rate.



St Roch de Québec–Libya, 1919. Rated as above.

Pre-1920 to South America

South American destinations are unusual from Canada in this period.



Ste Hyacinthe—Chile, returned to sender, 1912. **Rated** 5¢ registration and 5¢ UPU rate. Two experimental registration markings, one for outgoing, the other for incoming. On reverse, double oval Montreal Dead Letter Office double oval.



Vancouver—Uruguay, 1919. **Rated** as above. Montevideo registration etiquette on reverse.

Registry fee increases from 5¢ to 10¢
Effective 15 July 1920



Montreal–Czechoslovakia, 1920. **Rated** 10¢ registration and 5¢ UPU. Stamps killed with keyhole handstamp.



Québec–Turkey, and returned to sender, February 1921. **Rated** as above. Obviously insufficient address! Via London, Port Said (Egypt), Alexandria, Istanbul, and a town near Galata (a suburb of Istanbul).



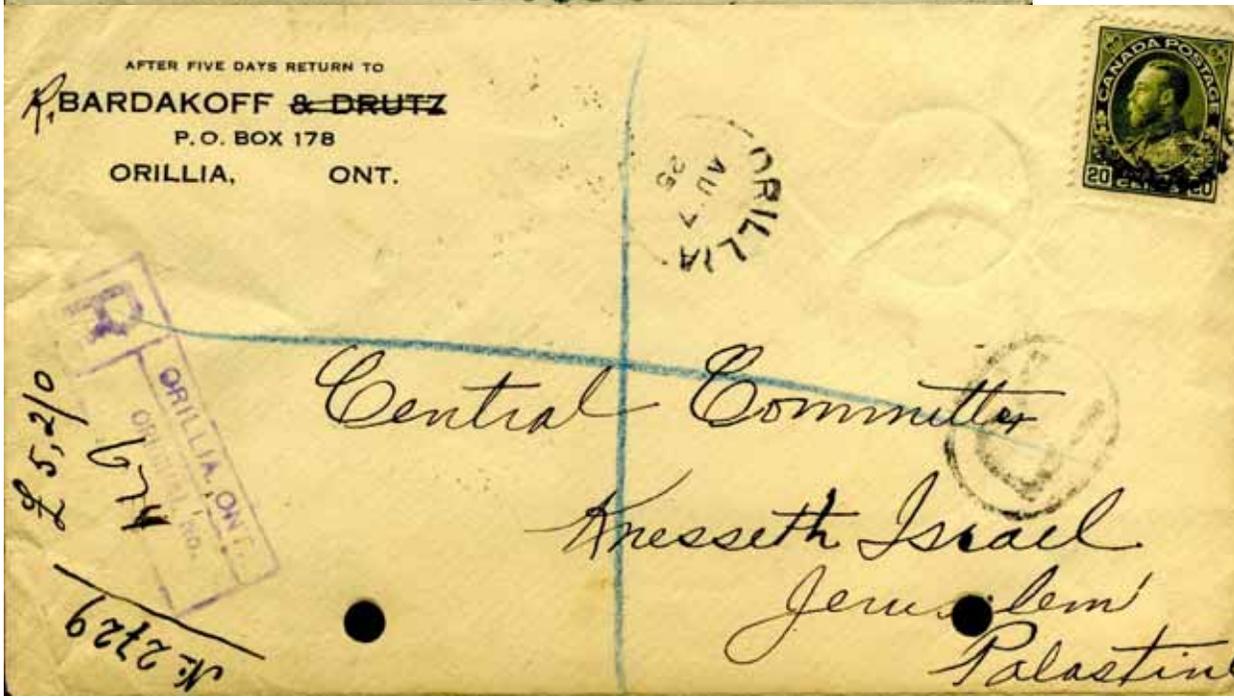
UPU rate increases from 5¢ to 10¢ (first ounce)

Effective 21 October 1921–30 September 1925

Toronto–Lisbon (Portugal), returned to sender, unknown, December 1921. **Rated** 10¢ registration and 10¢ UPU rate. Montreal experimental registration handstamp.



Saskatoon–Göteborg (Sweden), December 1923. **Rated** as above.



Orillia–Jerusalem (Palestine), 1925. **Rated** as above.

Additional weights per 5¢

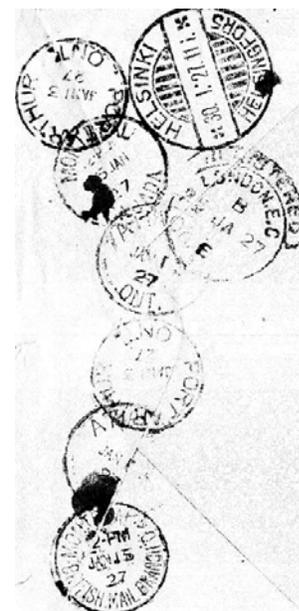


Double rate, Winnipeg–Vienna, 1922. Rated 10¢ registration, and UPU 10¢ first ounce & 5¢ second. Winnipeg experimental registration markings.



Single rate, New Westminster (BC)–Baghdad (Mesopotamia, now Iraq), 1924. Rated 10¢ registration and UPU 10¢ first ounce.

UPU rate decreases from 5¢ per ounce + 5¢, to 4¢ per ounce + 4¢
 Effective 1 October 1925–30 June 1930.



Atikokan (ON)–Helsinki (Finland), 1927. Rated 10¢ registration and 8¢ first ounce UPU.



Triple, Montreal–Bialystok (Poland), 1926. Rated 10¢ registration, 8¢ first ounce plus 4¢ for each of two additional ounces.

To Argentina and China



Hamilton—Argentina, unclaimed and returned to sender, 1929. Rated 10¢ registration and 8¢ first ounce UPU. Insufficient address (according to the notation at top).



Peter Street (Toronto)—Canton, 1930. Rated as above