

SYNOPSIS

Title –

FOREIGN MAIL WITH ADDED CANADIAN FORMS AND LABELS

Purpose of Exhibit –

To show the various forms and labels which have been added to incoming foreign mail.

Historical Background –

As time progressed there was attempt to automate the tracking of incoming foreign mail and to show the delivery route and facilitate the collection of customs tariffs.

Scope-

We show items entering Canada to which labels have been added to facilitate tracking from arrival in Canada to successful delivery. These include EMS, Priority Courier, Registered, Xpresspost, Regular Parcel, Customs or nothing (DO NOT SCAN ON DELIVERY.) Often the type of mail sent by the originating country determines what level of service label is applied in Canada. However, at times it is difficult to determine why a particular label was applied. I make no attempt to justify the level of service.

In addition redirection, sorting, routing, holding, pick up (where and how) and indication of damage is shown by the labels. The notification for the Post Office to collect Customs duties and the amount has evolved over time.

Availability –

Most of the items in this exhibit have been in my personal mail or sent to me by friends who knew I was interested. Much of this material has been discarded as modern junk or had the stamps soaked of by collectors.

Philatelic Elements –

We show the different kind of forms and labels used on incoming mail mainly in the last 30 to 40 years.

Philatelic Significance –

It is modern postal history often ignored.

Philatelic References –

I have done exhibits using some of the labels. I know of no references to the subject. If you do know of any references, please advise me.

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