

Queen's University at Kingston: A Postal Profile

Queen's University has a rich history as a post-secondary institution. **Queen's roots run deep into the history and national life of Canada.*" Much of this postal profile was traced by fortuitous and/or deliberate research in areas surrounding the university's activities, communications and involvement with the community. Its alumni and its contribution to society have left a rich heritage which is reflected in this exhibit.

Philatelic information is noted in italics.

Special items of interest are framed in red.

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University Girl postcards were a popular trend to promote campus spirit in the early 20th C. This is one of a few U. Girl PCs produced for Queen's by its College Bookstore in Kingston. The medallion reflects its coat-of-arms.



Dated Kingston Ont. Oct 16/ 1912



**University Map and Guide, circa 1960's*

WELCOME
TO
QUEEN'S
UNIVERSITY
AT
KINGSTON

Fundraising

It has always been an important and ongoing exercise for Queen's University. Appeals for various funds and causes to alumni and organizations remained a priority. Witness this letter from Principal (1877-1902) G.M. Grant and not from University Treasury J.B. McIver.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY,

KINGSTON, ONT., 18TH FEB., 1888.

MY DEAR SIR,

I have much pleasure in informing you that the minimum sum required for the Jubilee Fund has been subscribed. Indeed, it was guaranteed on the 1st of Dec. last by two friends. Kindly inform myself or the Treasurer (J. B. McIver, Esq., Kingston) whether you intend to remit the whole or part of the principal you subscribed ($100^{\frac{00}{100}}$) or to pay interest on it for a time. We wish to know as soon as possible, so as to arrange about investments, the form of memorial certificates, and other matters referred to in the printed statement concerning the Fund.

Yours truly,

G. M. GRANT,
Principal.



*my Farrell Esq
Macdonnell & Ludie
City*

*Drop letter dated Kingston/Canada
Feb 21/ 1888 with nice duplex cancellations*

J. B. McIver,
TREASURER.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY,

Kingston, 24th January 1893

Dear Sir,

Your favor of 23rd Jan^y inst., with enclosure of \$ 82⁰⁰ etc. Dr. Morrison (the balance as you state it is about right) duly received with thanks. Would like to get balance closed up soon.

Yours truly,

*J. B. McIver,
Treasurer.*

*Canada Post Card dated Jan. 24 /1893
addressed to Peterborough Ont.*

Queen's alumni from various cities would often form associations to better coordinate their efforts.

Queen's University Society of Ottawa pre-printed 1889 post card,
sent to Kingston Oct 10/1891 with manuscript message.

Ottawa 9th Oct 1891
You are invited
Meeting of the
Executive Council
Monday
Oct 10th
at 4:30
at the office of F. H. Chrysler

Queen's University Society of Ottawa.
10th April, 1889.
DEAR SIR,
A meeting will be held at the office of F. H. Chrysler, Esq., 24 Metcalfe St. on the afternoon of Thursday 18th of April 1889, at 4:30, to consider a communication from the Ottawa Branch of the Endowment Association proposing amalgamation with this Society. It is of very great importance that all friends of the University should be present.
Yours truly,
GEO. F. HENDERSON,
Secretary.

M. H. Henderson
18 William St.
Kingston Ont

(front of card)

In 1926 an Endowment Fund campaign saw slogan cancels used in 3 different cities: Toronto, Ottawa and Kingston. The same Universal die was used in those 3 offices only that year.

UNIVERSITY
QUEEN'S
ENDOWMENT
CAMPAIGN

TORONTO
MAY 20
2:30 PM
1926
ONTARIO

UNIVERSITY
QUEEN'S
ENDOWMENT
CAMPAIGN

CANADA POSTAGE
3 CENTS

HAROLD E. ARMSTRONG
825 FRANK STREET,
OTTAWA, ONT.

OTTAWA
JUL 3
4 PM
1926
ONT.

UNIVERSITY
QUEEN'S
ENDOWMENT
CAMPAIGN

CANADA POSTAGE
WAR TAX
ONE CENT

CANADA POSTAGE
WAR TAX
ONE CENT

1-85

KINGSTON
11 AM
NOV 8
1926
ONT.

UNIVERSITY
QUEEN'S
ENDOWMENT
CAMPAIGN

CANADA POSTAGE
WAR TAX
ONE CENT

CANADA POSTAGE
WAR TAX
ONE CENT

Mrs. M. C. Johnston.
185 Teddington Park Ave.,
Toronto 12.

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World War 1 Participation

Given the dedication of the university alumni, it was not surprising to have Queen's University offer its services for the war effort. In 1915, students and graduates not only from the Medical Faculty but from all faculties, offered their services to work for a Stationary Hospital. The staff, representing #5 Canadian Stationary Hospital, left Canada on May 6, 1915 and eventually set up its camp on the outskirts of Cairo, in Egypt.

It was initially equipped to care for 200 patients. It quickly grew in size and in Jan. 1916, was then identified as #7 Canadian General Hospital. With the increased activity on the European front, it was repositioned in France in April 1916. Its facility included over 2200 beds and treated war casualties until May 1919.

No. 7 Canadian General
Hospital.
France.

21st Nov 16.

My dear old Jack,

Perhaps you will be

surprised at the above address,
but the truth of it is that the

Huns have winged me at last!

Yes, it happened last
Monday week 13th during our

great attack on the Somme, when

I managed to slip

in the left chest

serious & it might

be a lot worse if it was

on Active Service.

J. B. Hicks Esq.



St. Paul's,
St. Paul's Road

Bromley
Kent.



Letter from recovering soldier where heading identifies it as written from
No. 7 Canadian General Hospital/France
21st Nov (19)16

Sent in this censored cover from
Army Post Office/S.11/23 Nov/16

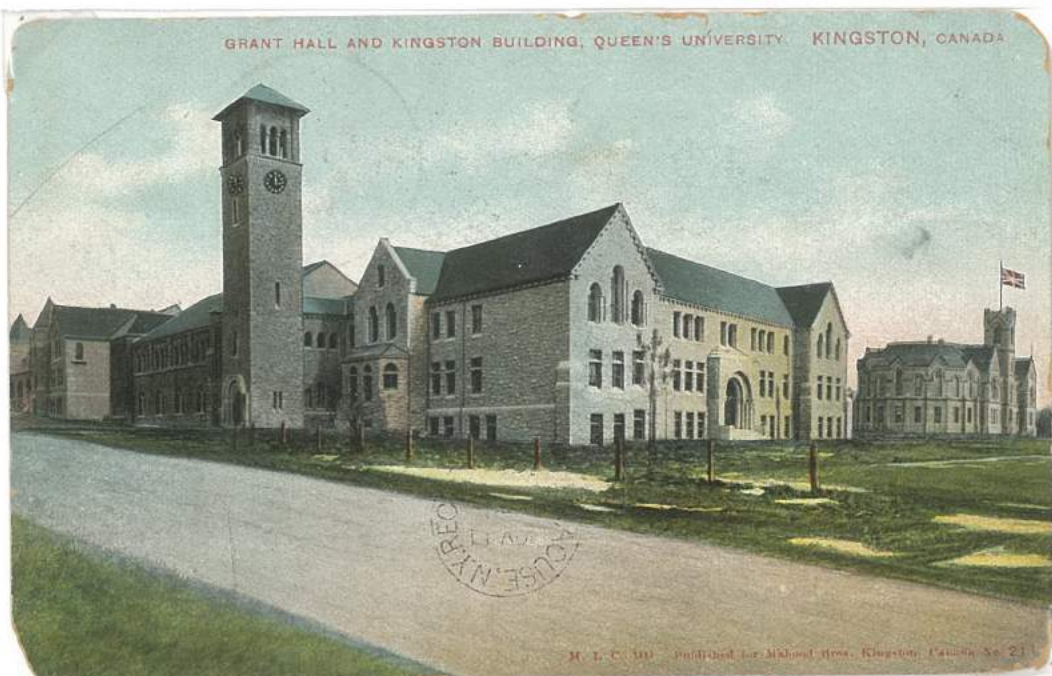
Views of the campus

Postcard views of university campuses became popular at the turn of 20th century. Here are several of Queen's main buildings. Their limestone exteriors were a distinctive architectural feature.

Grant Hall and Kingston Building

One of Queen's best known landmark is the clock tower overlooking Grant Hall. The **Kingston Building** was built in 1903 with funding from the city of Kingston. It was used by the Fac. of Arts and Science.

(Published by Montreal Import Co., divided back, #2110, used)



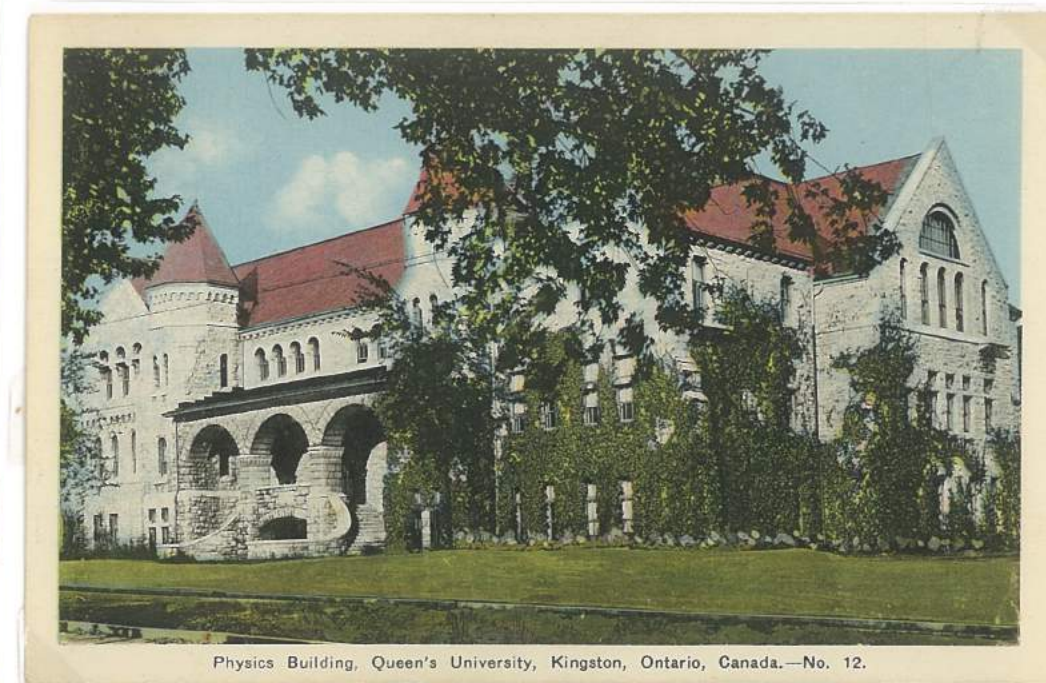
Aerial view, circa 1930's, of Queen's campus near downtown Kingston. The main university buildings appear in the upper left corner. The K. General Hospital facility in the forefront is also an integral part of this higher education campus.

(Produced by PhotoEngraving Co. of Ottawa, card # 1, white borders, used)

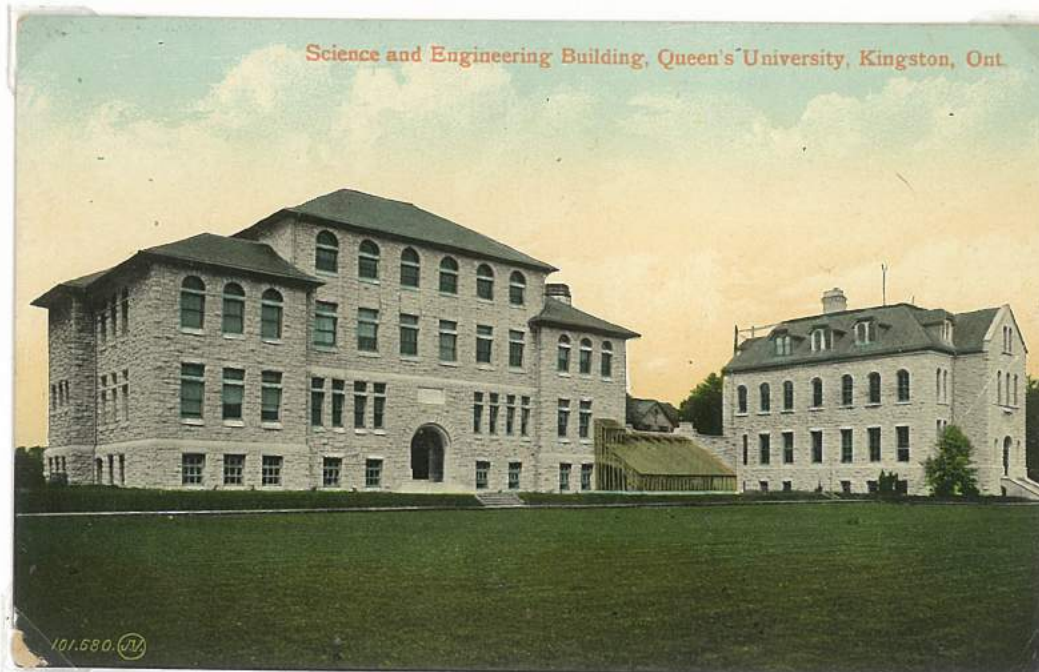


The **Physics Building** (now Ontario Hall). Teaching and research have led Queen's to offering the oldest and largest undergraduate program in Canada and eventually to a Nobel Prize in 2015.

(Produced by PhotoEngraving Co. of Ottawa, card # 12, white borders, used)



Science and Engineering Building, Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.



Science and Engineering Building now known as Fleming Hall and Carruthers Hall. The applied sciences received some early encouragement from its second Chancellor Sir Sandford Fleming. *(Valentine & Sons Pub. Co., Montreal & Toronto, printed in G.B., card #101,680. The 6 digits typical of their Canadian numbering system)*



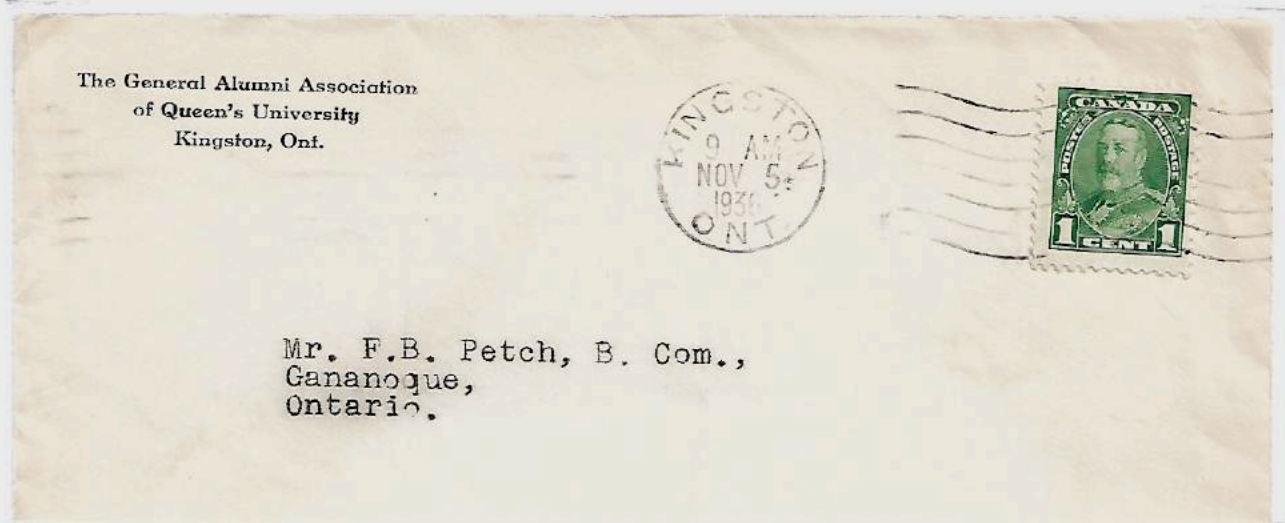
New Medical Building built in 1907 to accommodate the Dept. of Medicine. *(Valentine & Sons Pub. Co., Montreal & Toronto, card #101,680, used)*

Old Arts Building is now the Theological Hall. It was the main building throughout the 19th C. It's the 3rd oldest building on campus. *(Published by Montreal Import Co., divided back, #2118, used)*

Alumni

The list of Queen's alumni is a very impressive one and counts many who have been historical figures as well as famous personalities.

Corner card cover from the General Alumni Association dated Nov. 5 1936, Kingston.



Rev. John Cook

Minister with Presbyterian Church of Canada,
Queen's College at Kingston Principal 1857-59
Queen's College at Kingston Chancellor 1877-79

Sir Sandford Fleming

Chief railway engineer for Canadian Pacific Railway
Queen's Chancellor 1880-1915
Friend of Principal G.M. Grant,
Inspired Grant to establish Faculty of Applied Science



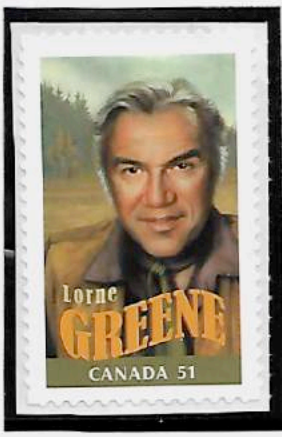
Sir Robert Borden

8th Canadian Prime Minister 1911-1920
Served as Queens 5th Chancellor from 1924-30



Robertson Davies

Attended Q.U. 1932 and 1935
Editor of the Queen's Journal
Distinguished Canadian novelist



Lorne Green

Famous Canadian actor

Enrolled 1932-37, active in Drama Guild

Correspondent for CBC during war years

Received honorary degree in 1971

Albert B. MacDonald

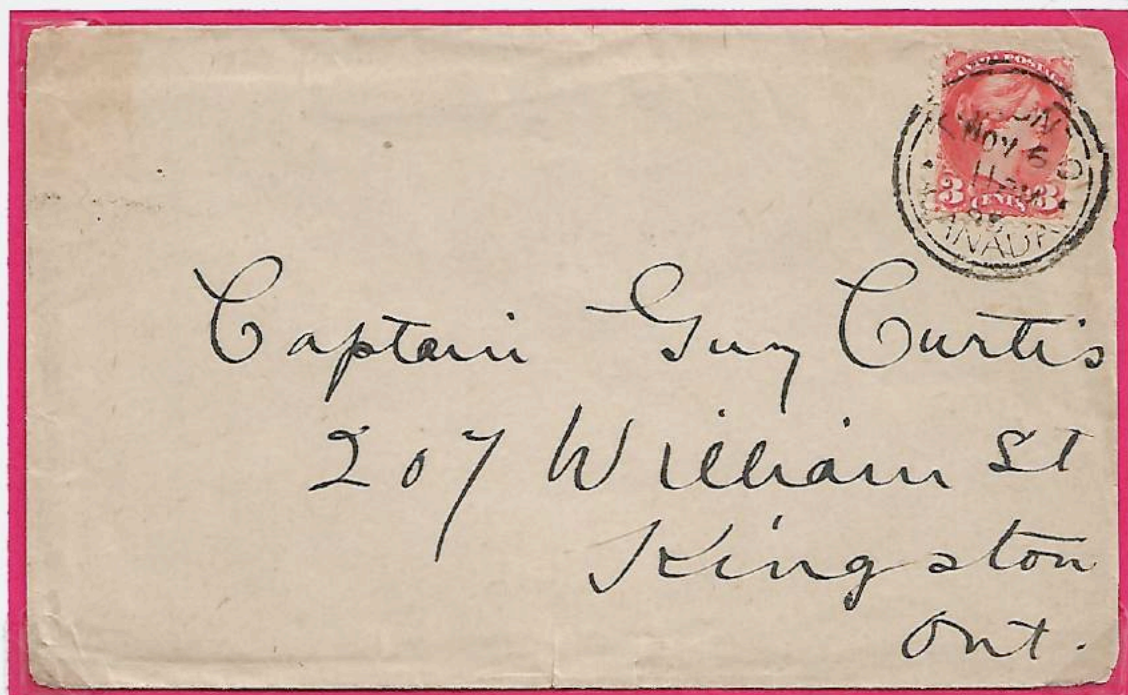
2015 Nobel Prize in Physics
for his "underground work"
in Neutrino research

*Portrayed with partner
Takaaki Tajita on 2015
Sierra Leone 24000Le
souvenir sheet.*



Guy Curtis (1869 -1930)

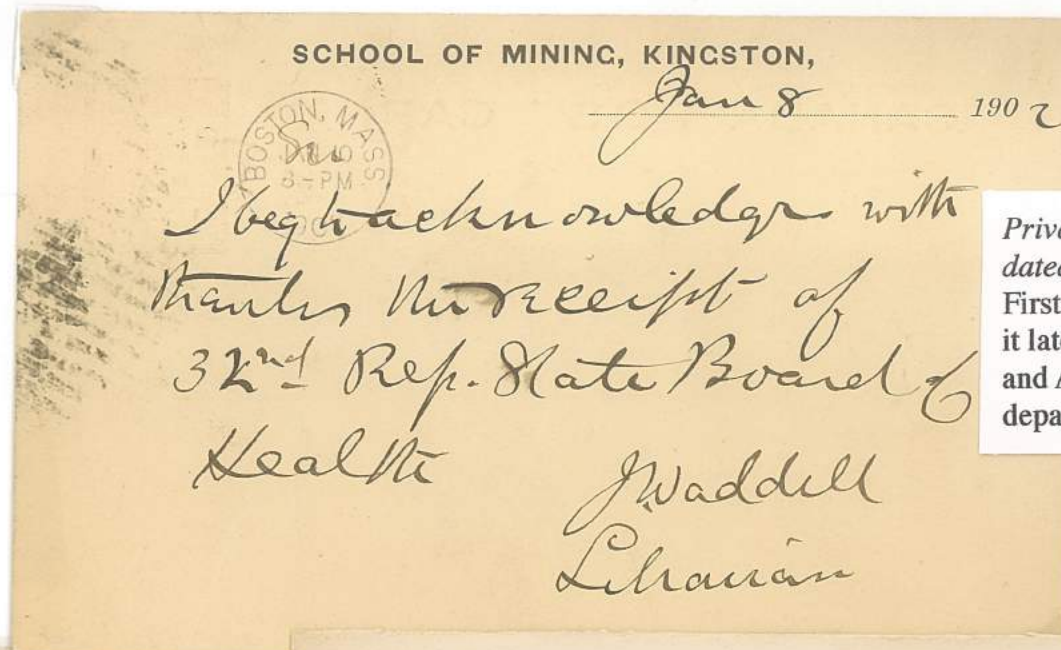
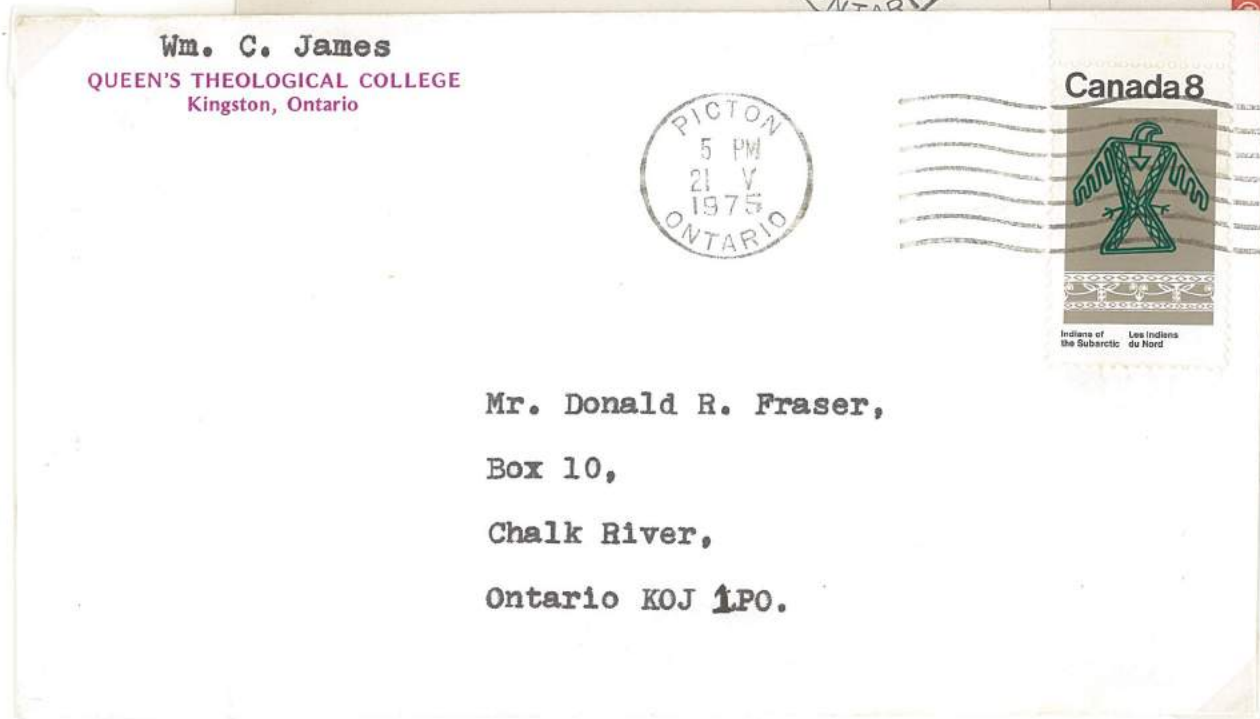
Guy Curtis was one of the most famous figures in Queen's and Canadian athletics at the turn of the century. He was a two-sport star who led Queen's U. as a coach and a player, to a dazzling array of national, provincial, and intercollegiate titles in football and hockey. He led Queen's to a Canadian football title in 1893 and his hockey teams appeared in three Stanley Cup finals.



Letter to Captain Guy Curtis dated Nov. 6, 1895.

Promoting the University

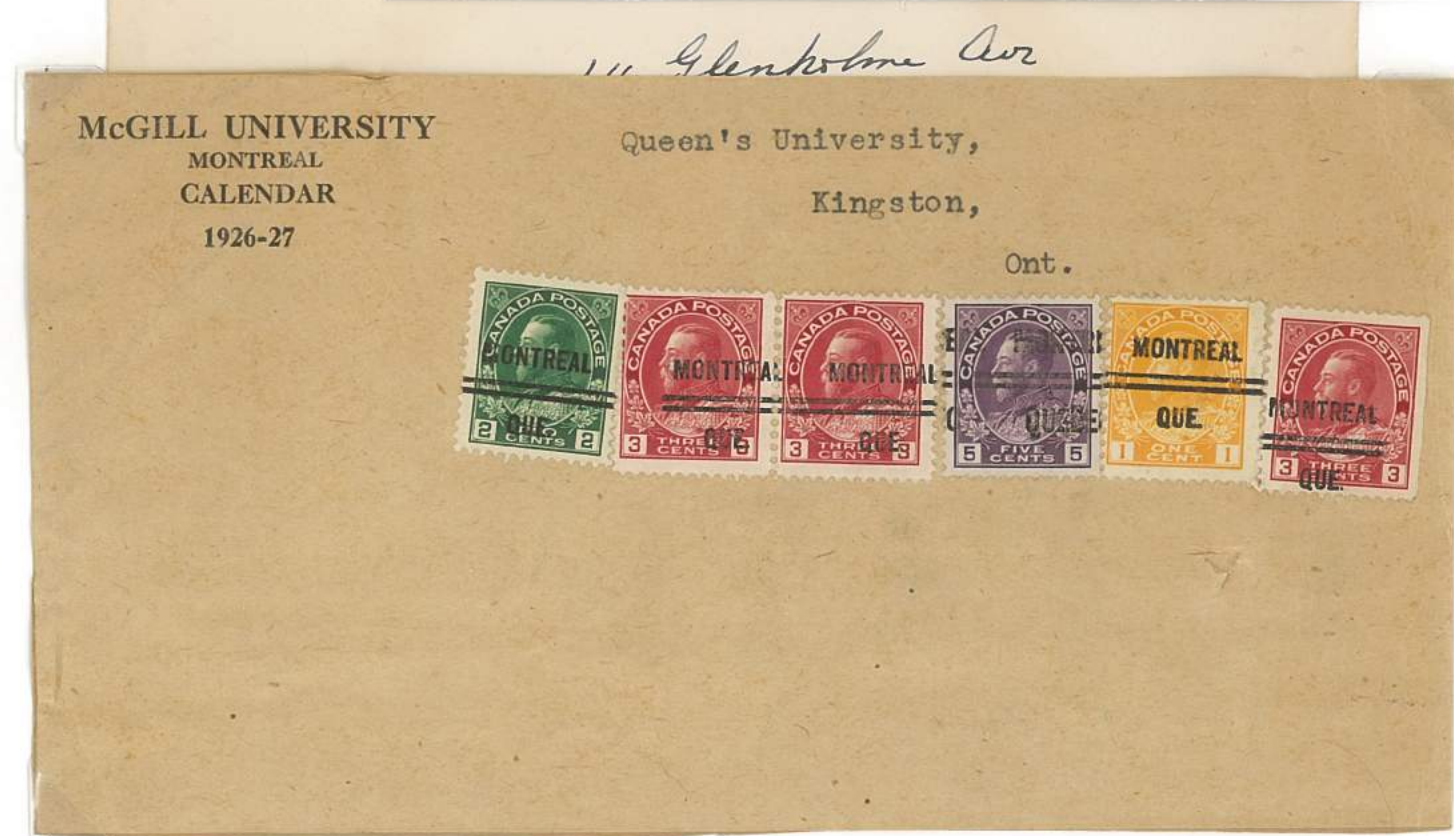
It was common practice for universities to produce corner card covers to advertise their various services, departments and faculties. Here is a selection of those covers.



Private post card for the School of Mining dated Jan. 8, 1902 addressed to Boston Mass. First known as Ontario School of Mining in 1893, it later became part of the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science. Today, it's the largest mining department in Canada and the world.



Ban Righ Hall corner card cover dated Kingston/Ont./Oct 27/1939. Opened in 1925, Ban Righ Hall is the oldest women's residence on campus. It was funded by Queen's Alumnae Association of women graduates.



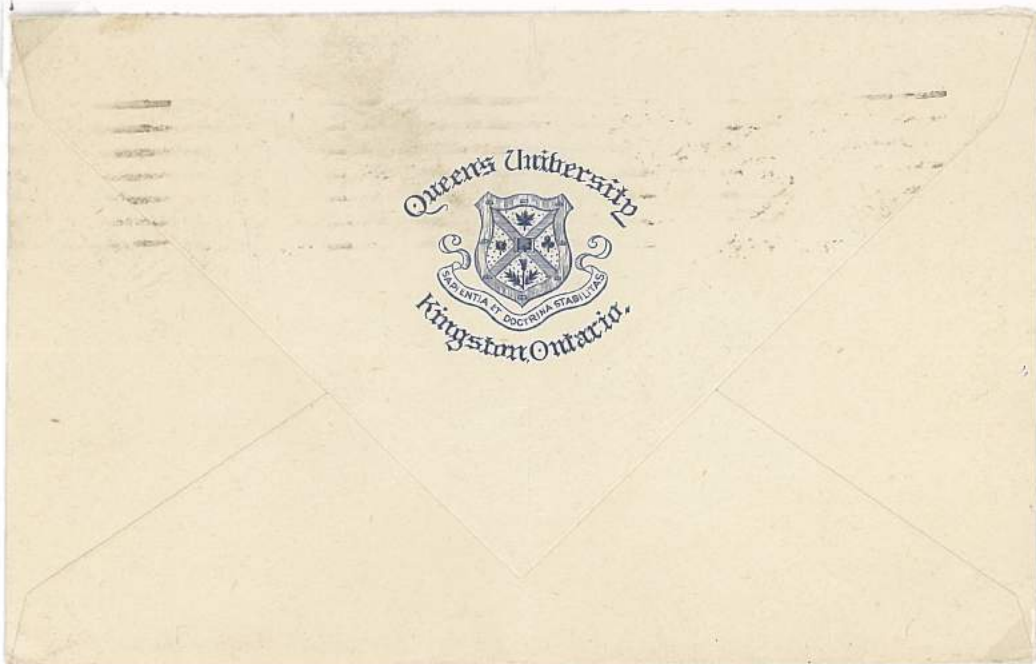
Part of wrapper from McGill University to Queen's in Kingston, franked with a colourful series of Montreal/Que. precancelled stamps, circa 1926. Queen's and McGill universities have a long history of cooperation, including sports, research and since 1969, in publishing with the McGill/Queen's University Press.

Spanning the centuries, the **promotion of the university's** aims and objectives used a variety of tools. From displaying their coat-of-arms and motto to simpler logos used for corner advertising on stationery along with colour schemes and slogan cancels.

The Coat-of-arms design was based on that of Edinburgh University, the institution after which Queen's was modelled.



Coat-of-arms design shown on the back of a Feb. 1881 cover sent to Muskegon Michigan.

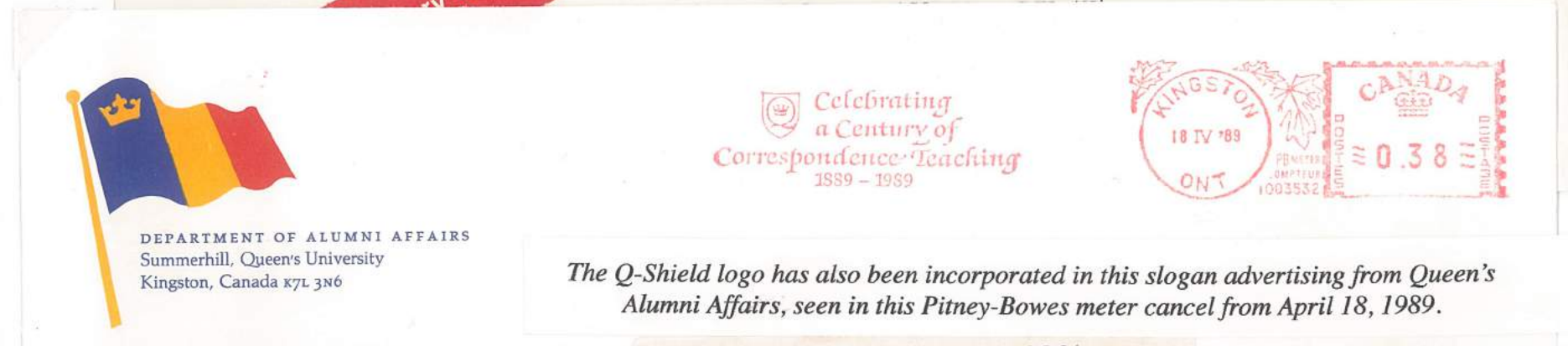


Cover from Kingston, dated May 13 / 1918, to Brunswick, Maine.

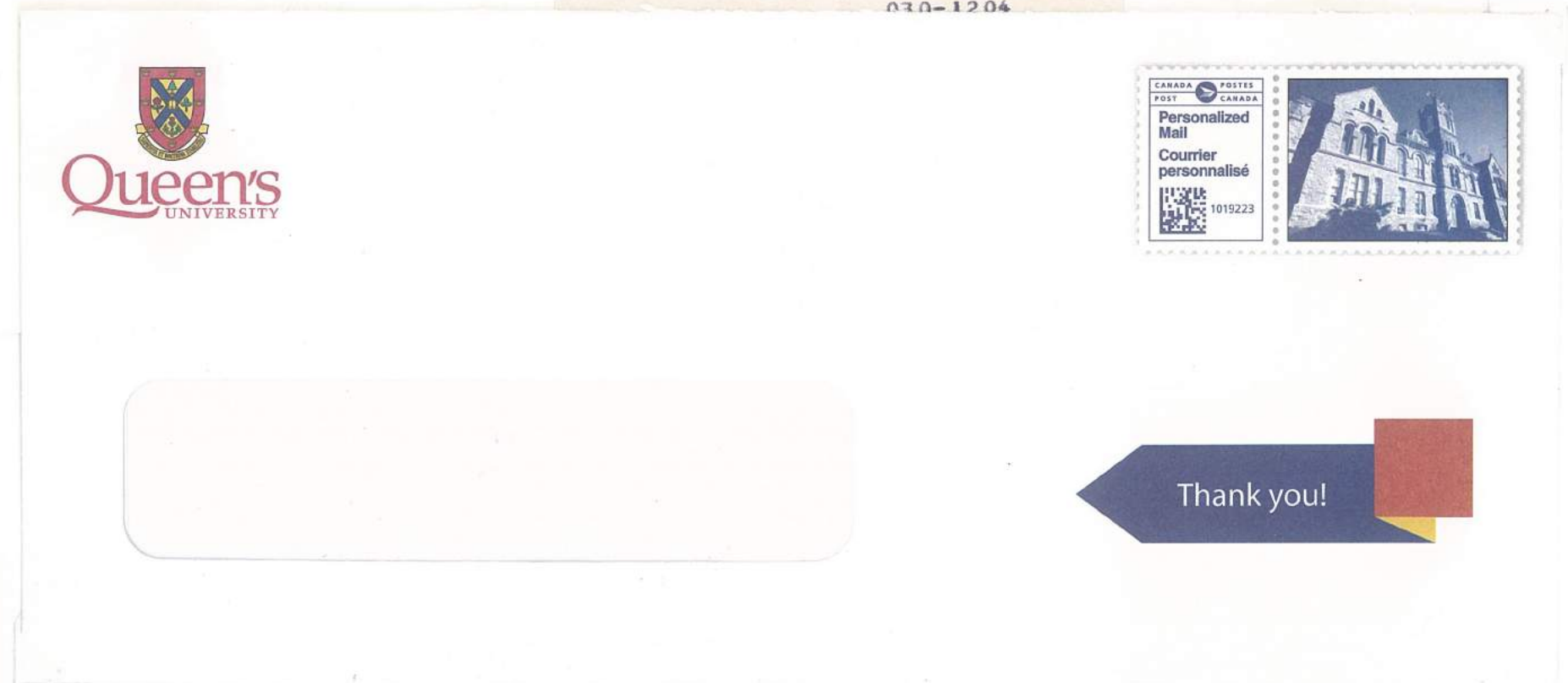
Corner card cover with "Q-Shield" logo sent Special Delivery Jan 28, 1981 to Calgary. This logo was used between 1972 and 2000.



The Dean
Faculty of Graduate Studies
The University of Calgary

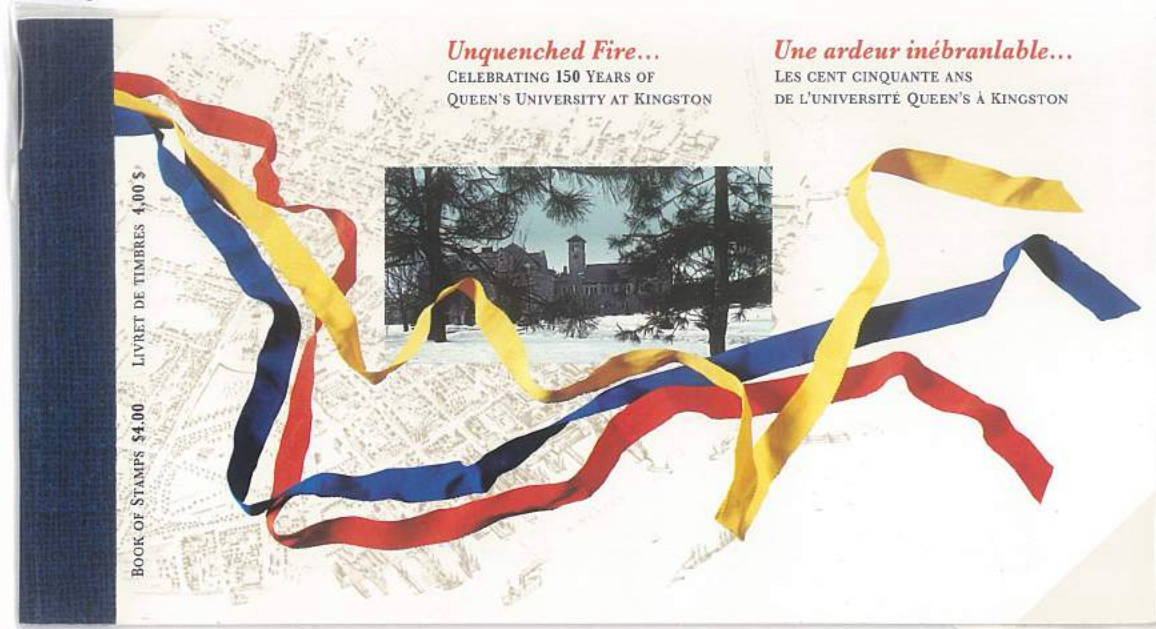


The Q-Shield logo has also been incorporated in this slogan advertising from Queen's Alumni Affairs, seen in this Pitney-Bowes meter cancel from April 18, 1989.



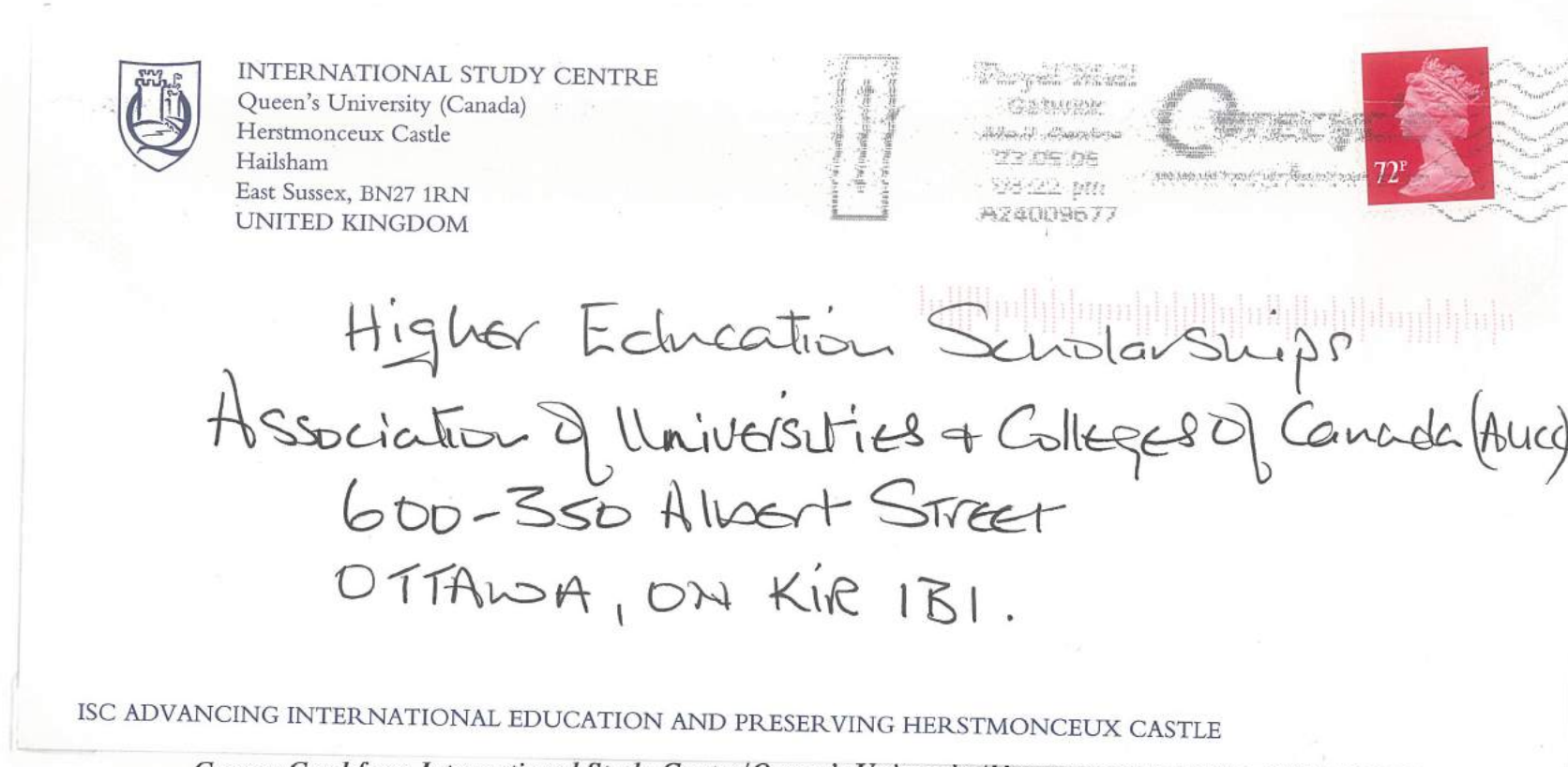
Queen's Personalized Mail cover, circa 2018, using a picture of the iconic Grant Hall, on this illustrated mail permit. This corner design, showing the coat-of-arms, has been in use since 2000.

In 1991, Queen's University celebrated its **150th anniversary**. Canada Post commemorated the sesquicentennial event by issuing a booklet containing 10 stamps and 10 pages of illustrated text. This was called a Prestige booklet, the second one ever issued by Canada Post. Eventually, a series of commemorative Canadian university stamps were issued, starting in 1998.

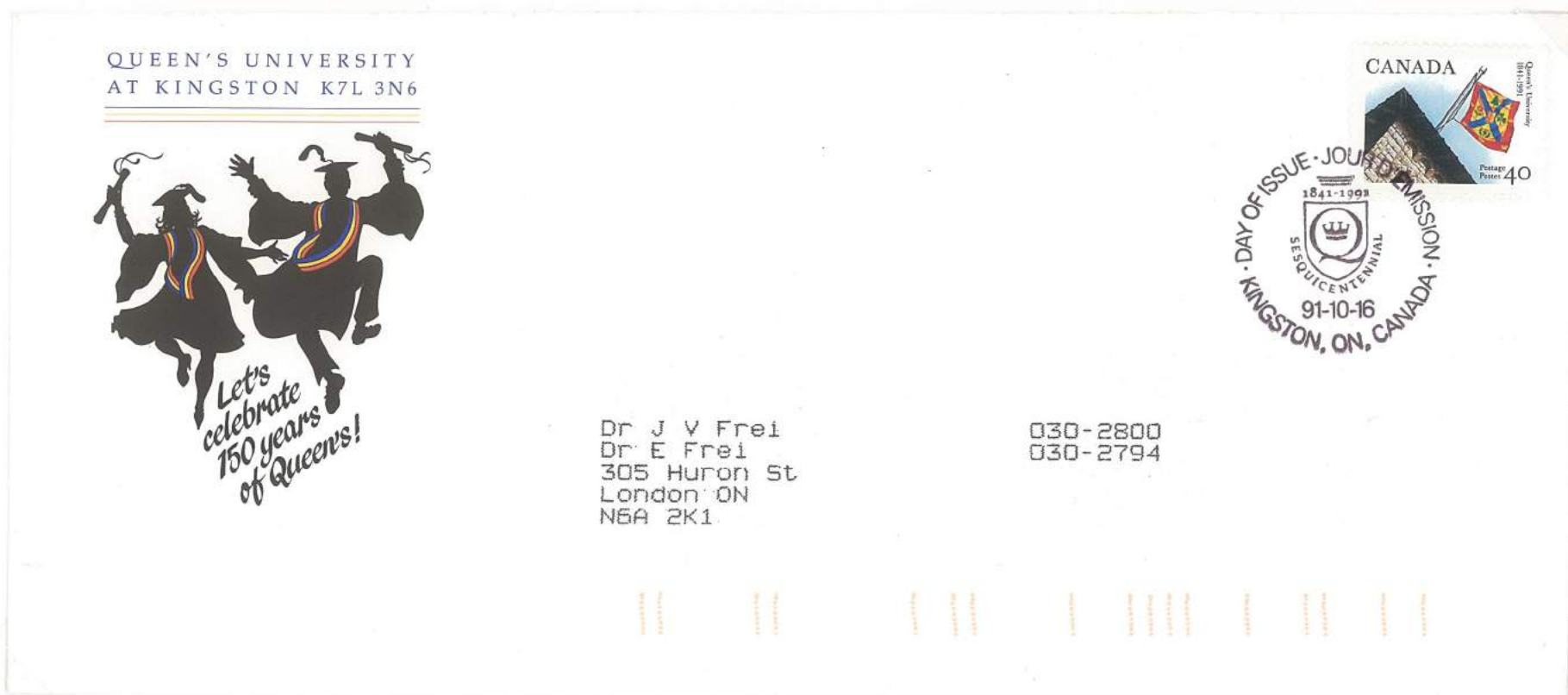


Prestige booklet containing a sheet of 10 stamps and 10 pages of information, issued Kingston, Oct. 16 / 1991

In 1993, Queen's acquired **Herstmonceux Castle** in East Sussex, UK, a generous gift from Doctors Alfred and Isabel Bader, two of the university's alumni. After extensive renovations to the 15th century castle, Queen's established its **International Study Centre** there.



Corner Card from International Study Centre/Queen's University/Herstmonceux Castle, May 25/2003



Queen's U. First Day Cover with commemorative stamp and illustrated cancel dated Kingston, ON, Canada / 91-10-16. It included a letter, signed by Queen's Chancellor and Principal sending greetings to alumni.



Souvenir Postcard, Valentine's Series, Printed in Great Britain, Unused.

Royal Postal Outlet (1993-2011)

Queen's university campus had its own Royal Postal Outlet, for a period of 18 years. It was located in the John Deutsch University Centre at the intersection of Union and University streets. On June 30th, 2011, it closed due to growing annual deficits.

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Next Day

On-time delivery guarantee
Postage Paid: Buy now, ship later
Between major centres. See reverse for details*

Livraison le jour suivant

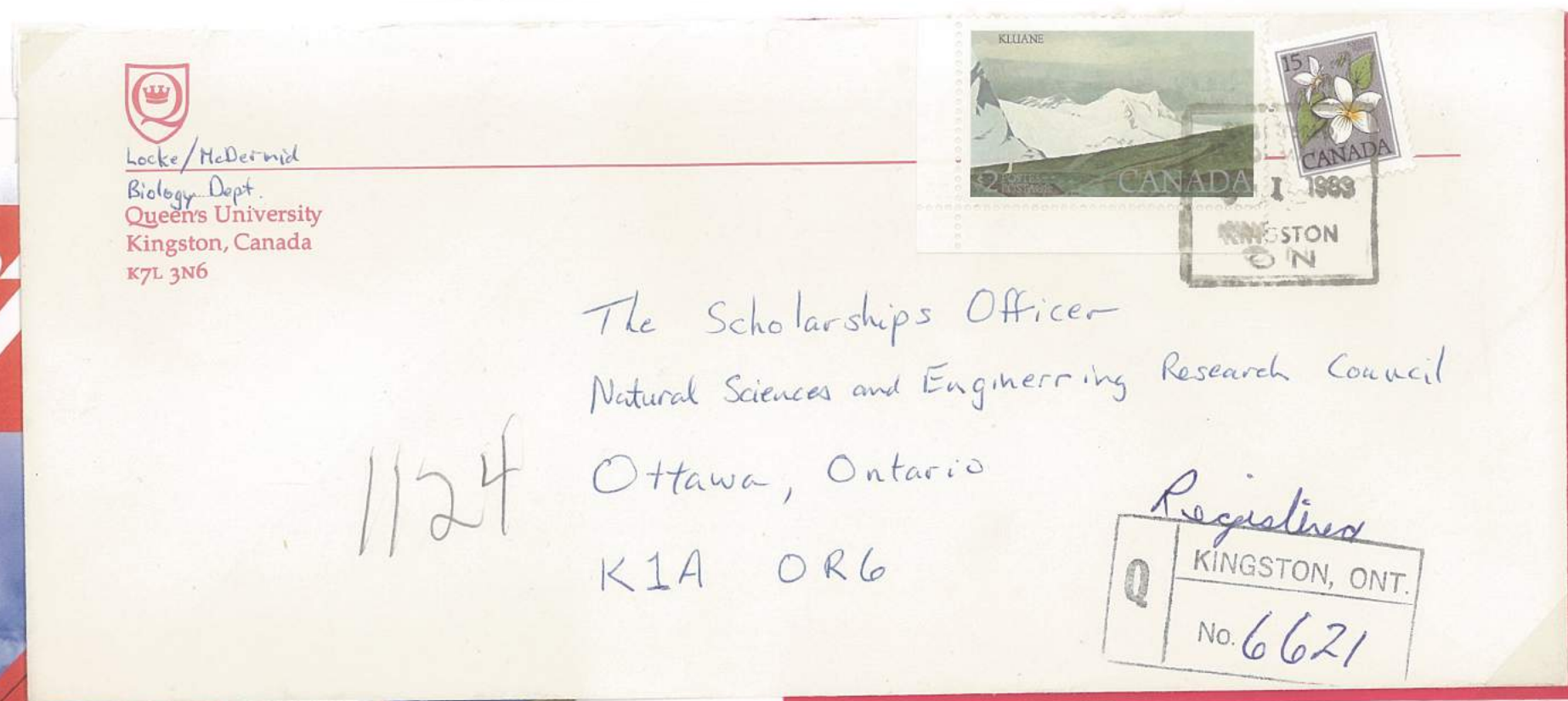
Garantie de livraison à temps
Port payé : achetez maintenant, expédiez plus tard
Entre les grands centres. Voir les détails au verso*

REGIONAL
RÉGIONAL

Regional XPRESSPOST prepaid envelope sent from Kingston to Ottawa, 2008-09-29. The boxed handstamped identifies the Post Office Computer Organization Number (POCON) 081906 / QUEEN'S R.O. / K7L3N0.



A very unusual cancel was also used to identify registered mail from Queen's. The letter "Q", with its obvious connection to the university, was used in the Registration box instead of an "R" used in all such boxes.



Registered cover from the Biology Dept. at Queen's dated 6 1 1983 to Ottawa. A "Q" is used in the registration box.



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CANADA K1R 1B1

Corner card cover with latest coat of arms and Queen's namesake logo from Registrar's office with Pitney-Bowes meter, dated April 22, 2003. A university slogan, "Training of Minds/Queen's/Creation of Knowledge" was used.