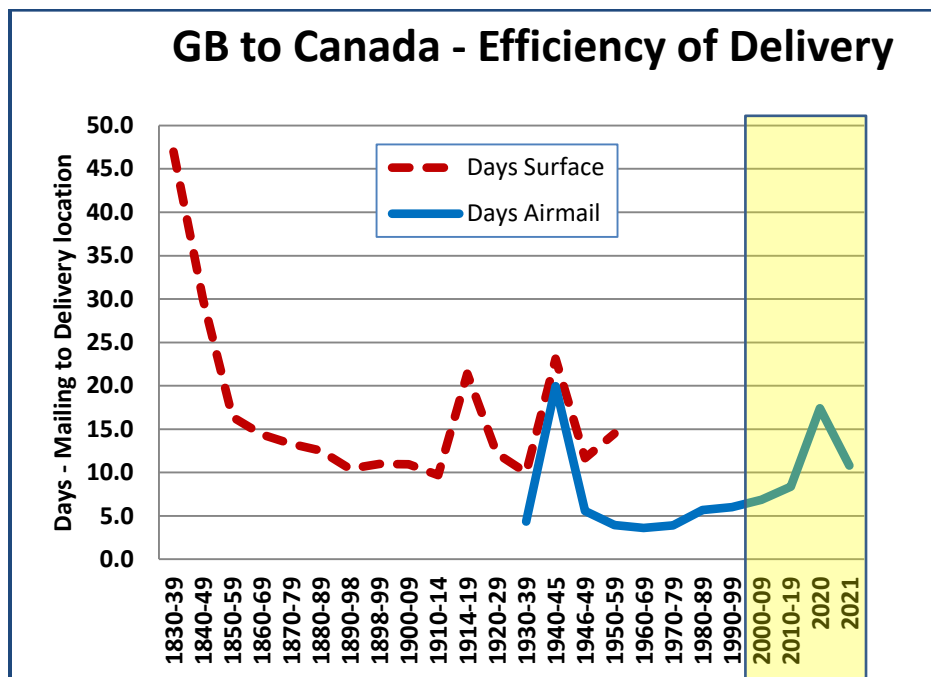


Development of Royal Mail, 2000-2022 - examples from GB to Canada mail

Period starting January 1st 2000 has been the most challenging for national postal services since mail delivery began. Escalating costs, private competition, forgery, re-use of stamps, declining efficiency, declining volumes, new technology, pandemics and free, instantaneous communications - all contribute to the challenge.



Despite technological advances, efficiency of delivery has continually declined since the early 1980s. Much of this delay actually occurs within Canada but is difficult to accurately quantify (Personal Research).

Meanwhile, postage for the cheapest Airmail rate GB to Canada (lowest rate) have continued to climb from 44P in 2000 for 10g to £1.85 for 20g rate in 2022 (+320%). 10g. rate abolished in 2021.

Exhibit is in two parts:

Part 1: Chronological review of significant events and developments in Royal Mail system since start of Millennium to March 2022, using examples from commercial and personal mail between GB and Canada. (Pages 2-49)

Part 2: Expansion of topics: 2.1 Labels to Pay Postage (Pages 50 – 65)

2.2 Special Delivery of Mail (Pages 66 - 71)

2.3 Cancellation of stamps (Pages 72 – 84)

2.4 Automatic sorting of mail (Pages 85 – 90)

2.5 Revenue Protection (Pages 91 – 95)

Epilogue (Page 96)

A large volume of mail still flows between Britain and Canada; however, little is preserved. Colourful stamps are torn from envelopes. There are many interesting aspects, material will be more difficult to find in future. Many items presented are the only examples I have found in 22 years. Very little has been published for this period so most information is from personal research. Where practical, blue matte has been applied to white covers to improve clarity, a ● identifies some of the more unusual items in this exhibit.