

# Request for additional delivery in **Canada** 1967–1990s(??)

## Introduction

This is a pseudo-virtual exhibit; *pseudo-* because it is intended to be printed (with real covers, not the scans) as an exhibit. I put it in this virtual form in order to expose it to criticism before I mount the pages, and also to see just what I have, what I need, and what I can dispose of.

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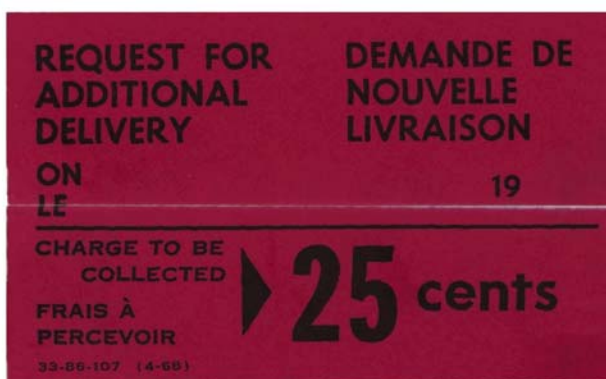
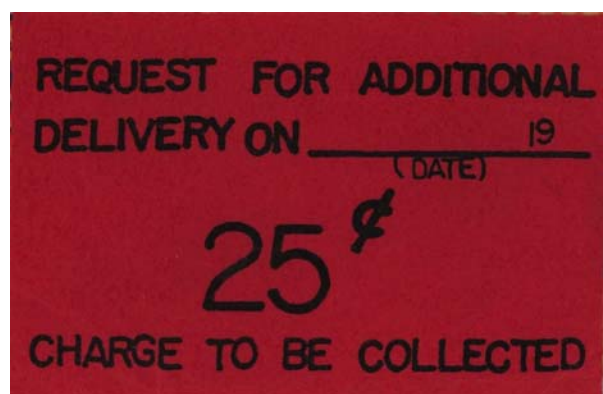
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## Synopsis

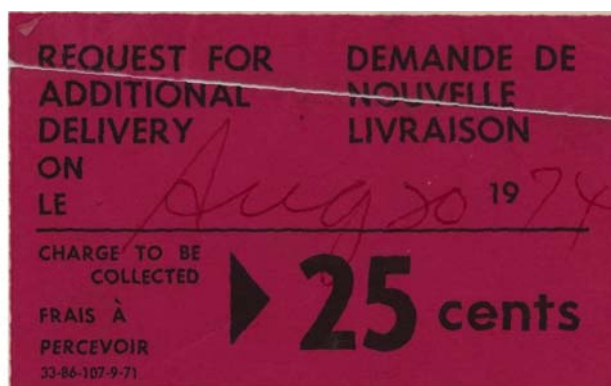
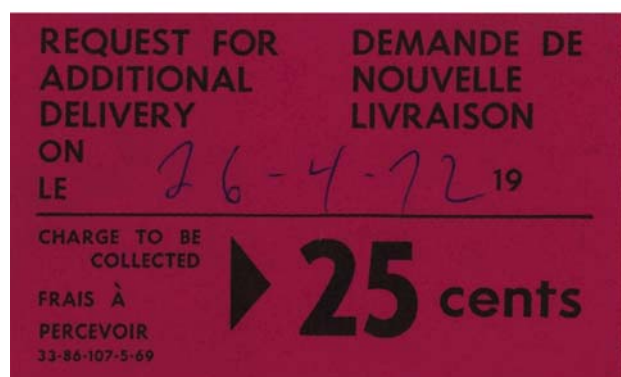
This exhibit concerns a service introduced in Canada in (or slightly earlier than) 1967, *request for additional delivery*. If a registered letter could not be delivered because the recipient was not at home to sign for it after repeated attempts, a card would be left, to indicate that the item was available for pick-up at a nearby post office. From 1967, the addressee could phone that office and request one more delivery, for a fee. A large red sticker would be applied, and the fee would be considered postage due. (If the letter again could not be delivered, the fee was still charged.) This also was possible for other types of mail that required a signature, although all known examples are registered.

The fees and the stickers varied, until about the 1990s, and in general, very few examples exist. The only reference I could find is the very useful (but necessarily incomplete) article [sA]. I do not know when the service was initiated, nor when it was terminated, nor the dates of rate changes.

In the beginning, the fee was 25¢, and the stickers were large and very distinctive.



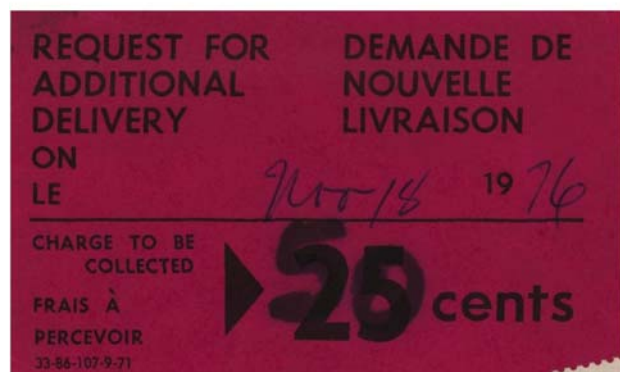
25¢ First known form (used 1967), and only example of this style; no print order data. At right, print-order data 33-86-107 (4 68); this and all subsequent printings are bilingual.



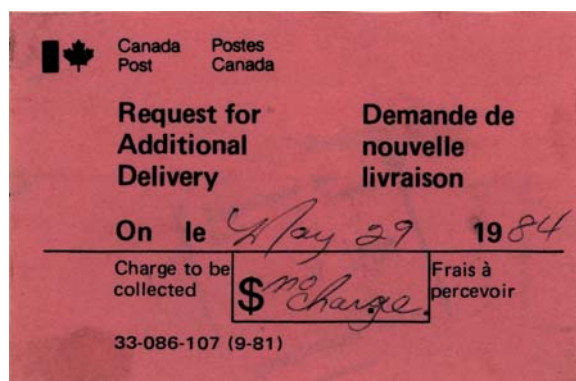
25¢ Print-order data 33-86-107-5-69 and 33-86-107-9-71 (last two numbers are the month and year).



50¢, 75¢ Print-order data 33-086-107 (7 76) and 33-86-107 (7 79). There are 75¢ stickers with print-date (4 79).



50/25¢, 75/50¢ According to [sA], when the fee changed, clerks were encouraged to use up the old stickers by overwriting the fee. Print-order data 33-086-107-9-71 and 33-86-107 (7-76). Postage due stamps in the amount of the fee are often applied.



**Denomination to be filled in.** This particular example is inscribed *no charge*, but 80¢, 85¢, \$1.00 have been seen, and there probably exists a 90¢ example. Print-order data 33-086-107 (9-81).

As far as I am aware, there are four printings of the 25¢ labels, just one of the 50¢, two of the 75¢, and just one of the non-denominated one, although the last was in longest use.

From the covers and [sA], we can see that the fee changed to 50¢ in 1976 or so, to 75¢ around 1979, to 80¢ ca 1983, to 85¢ around 1986. By 1 January 1989, the rate was 90¢, and it had changed to \$1 by the next year. None of these dates are known precisely, nor are the start-up and termination dates known.

However, based on covers and the print-order data together with other substantial rate changes, we can make suggestions as to when the rates were altered.

*To 50¢* There was (as far as we know at the moment) only one printing of the 50¢ label, July 1976, and none of the 50¢ examples (including 50/25¢) are known prior to October 1976; so it is reasonable that the date of rate change was **2 July 1976** (rate changes in this period tended to be at the beginning of months, and 1 July is Canada Day).

*To 75¢* There are two (known) printing dates, April and July 1979 (why they are so close together is mysterious) for the 75¢ label, and the earliest 75¢ use (in this case, of an overwritten 50¢ label) is in May 1979. There were extensive rate changes on **1 April 1979**, and it is likely that the additional delivery fee changed to 75¢ on this day.

*To 80¢* We are hampered by very few examples. The non-denominated label (only one printing as far as we know) was issued September 1981; however, the 75¢ rate was still in effect, and lasted until at least July 1982. The only 80¢ I have is dated March 1983. There were substantial rate changes on **15 February 1983**, so this date is plausible for the start of the 80¢ fee.

*85¢, 90¢* I don't have examples of these, but one is shown in [s A]: 85¢ in April 1986. A possibility is 24 June 1985 (because of other rate changes that day), but evidence is minimal.

*To \$1* I have two examples, August 1988 and January 1990. No conclusions can be drawn.

Rate changes should be found in the Canada Gazette, but I don't know where to look.

I don't know when (or even if) the service terminated.

## Reference

[s A] Mike Street & John D Aitken, *Request for additional delivery—labels, stationery, or postage due?* BNA Topics 46 (1989) 39–41.



Earliest known example

And only sticker of this type. No print-order data.



Viersen (West Germany) to North Burnaby (B.C.), August 18, 1967. With ms No Ans 22/8 67 (no answer), returned to special delivery unit (backstamp that day), and 25¢ in postage due stamps applied (interestingly, the 1¢ stamp was issued in the 1930s (these remained on hand until used)).



First (known) of the standard labels

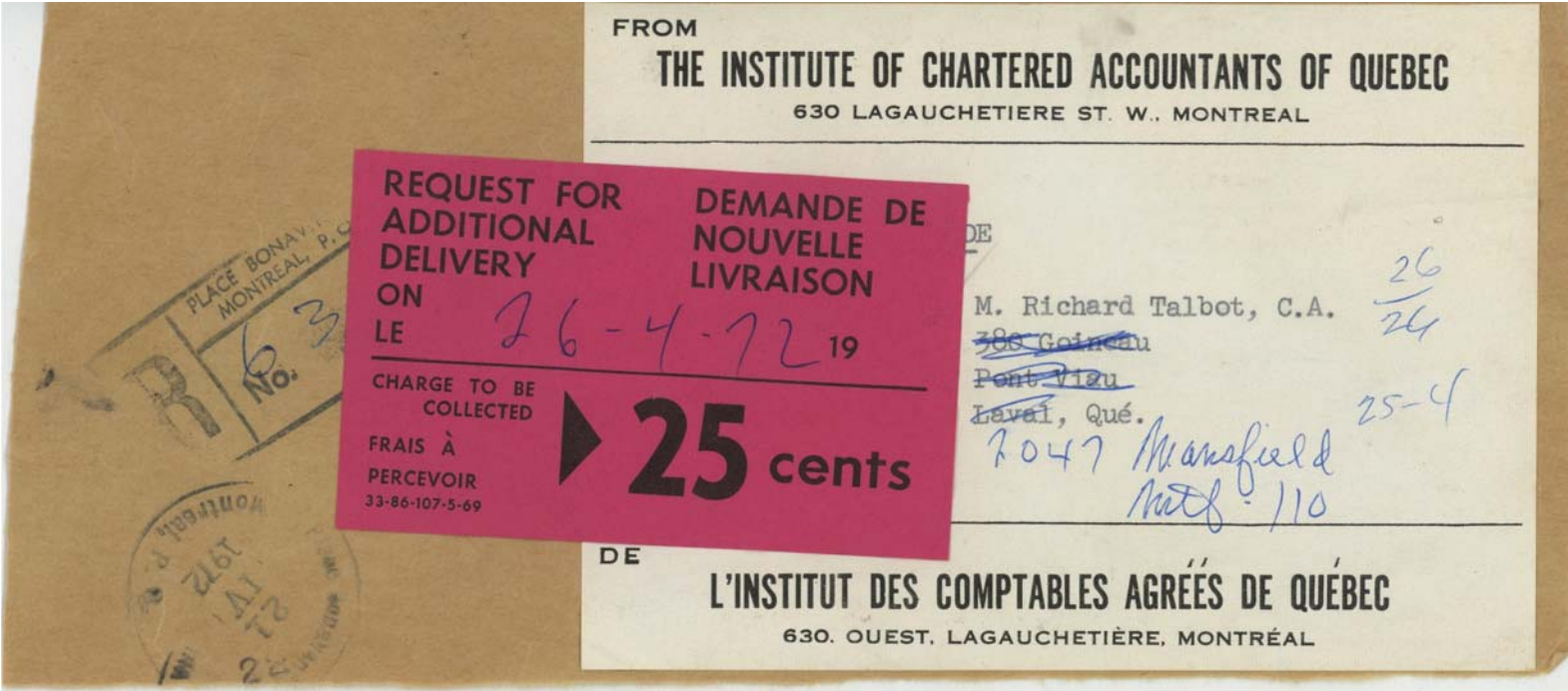
Print-order data 33-86-107 (4-68) (April 1968).



Herne (Germany) to Montreal, August 1970. CARD LEFT AUG 11 1970. *Call/call for delivery*



Second (known) of the standard labels  
Print-order data 33-86-107-5-69 (May 1969)



Montreal to Laval, forwarded back to Montreal, April 1972. Part of a parcel, no stamps showing.



Print-order data 33-86-107-9-71 (September 1971). This is the one most likely to be seen.

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# Late use of an early label

Printed 1969, used 1975 in a large city.



Halifax to Ottawa, July 1975. Print-order data 33-86-107-5-69. Fee payment indicated by postage due stamps. *Card 26 Left 30/6.*

Rated 50¢ registration plus 8¢ domestic, two separate meters.

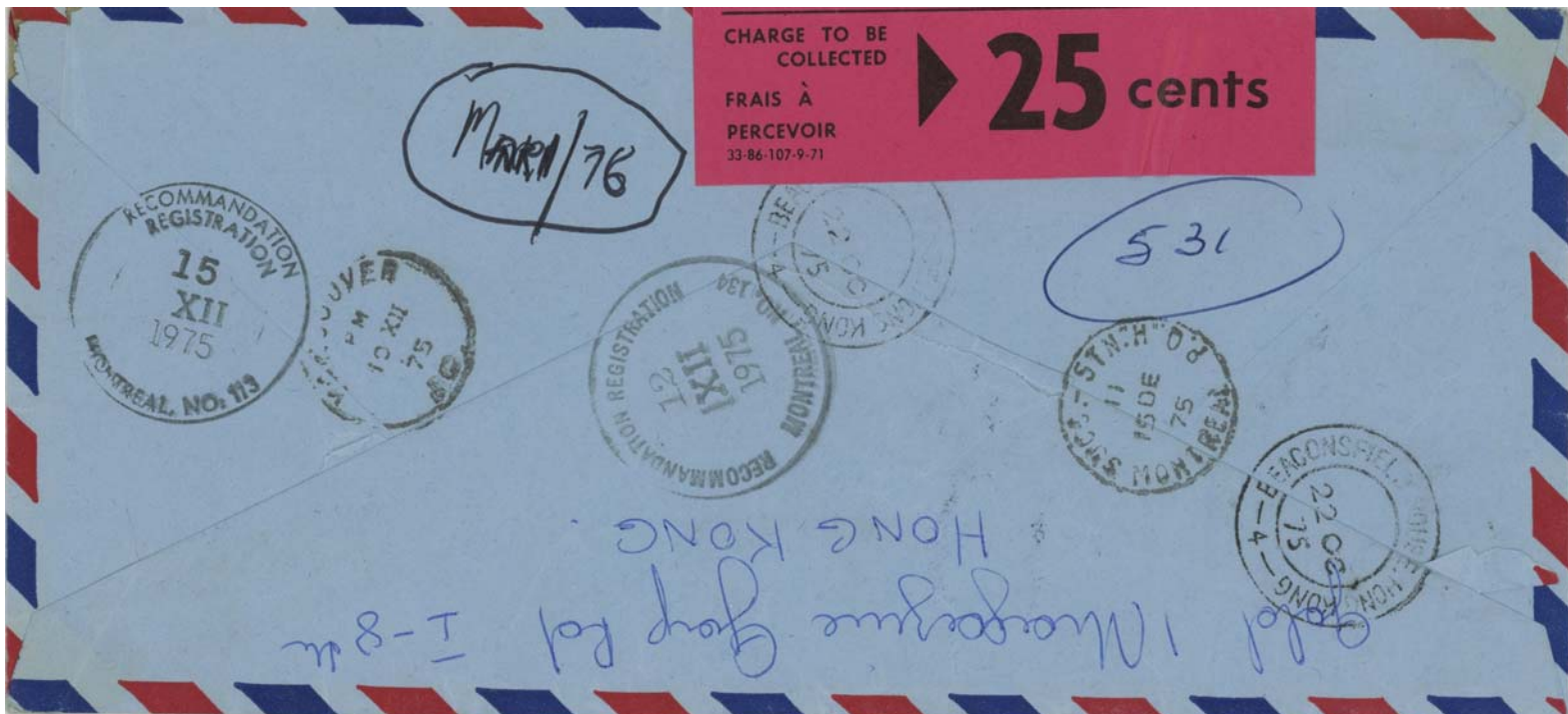


From abroad and not philatelic



Beaconsfield House (Hong Kong) to Montreal, readdressed, October–December 1975. Print-order data 33-86-107-9-71. Forwarded within Montreal, and sent to General Delivery (*poste restante*; note the range of dates in the postmark, giving the deadline before it is to be returned to sender).

From the postmarks, it appears to have taken almost two months to get from Hong Kong to Vancouver by air. This is inexplicable.



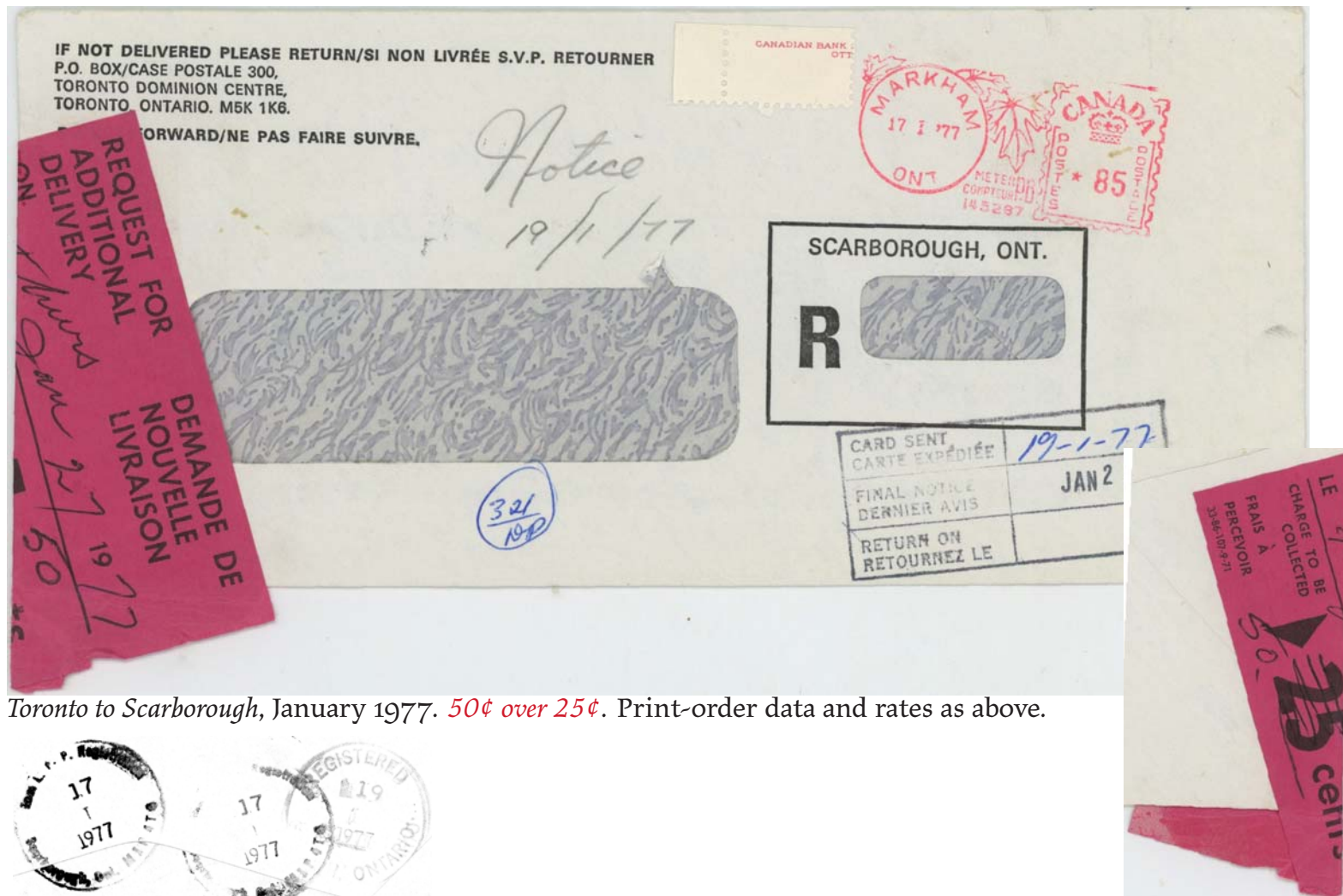


Fee changes to 50¢

Possibly July 1976, based on print-order data. Clerks told to overwrite 25¢ labels before using 50¢ labels.



Montreal, 14 October 1976. 50¢ over 25¢. Print-order data 33-86-107-9-71. Forwarded within Montreal. Metered postage 85¢, made up of 75¢ registration and 10¢ domestic, both initiated 1 September 1976.

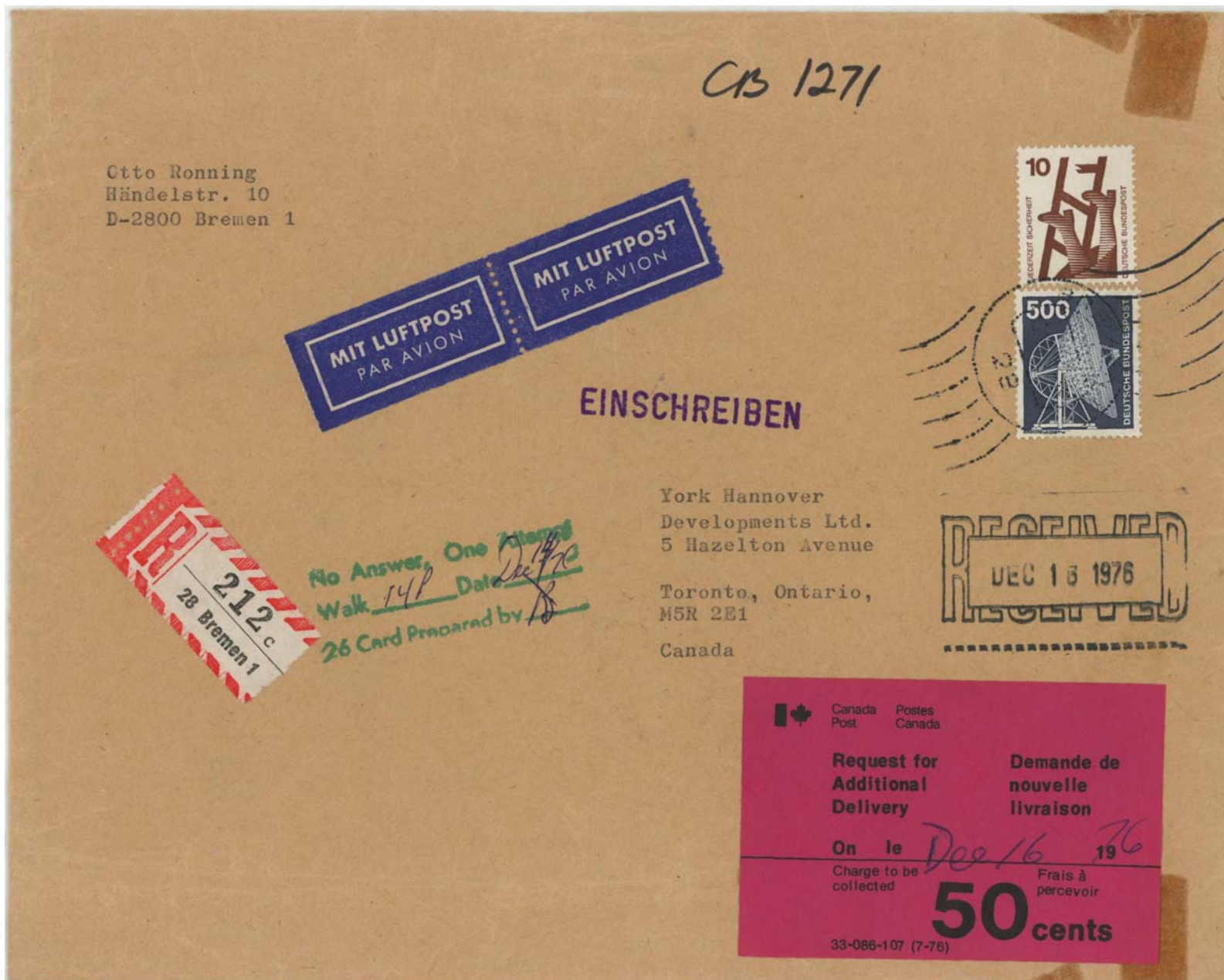


Toronto to Scarborough, January 1977. 50¢ over 25¢. Print-order data and rates as above.



50¢ Label

Print-order data 33-086-107 (7-76) (July 1976).



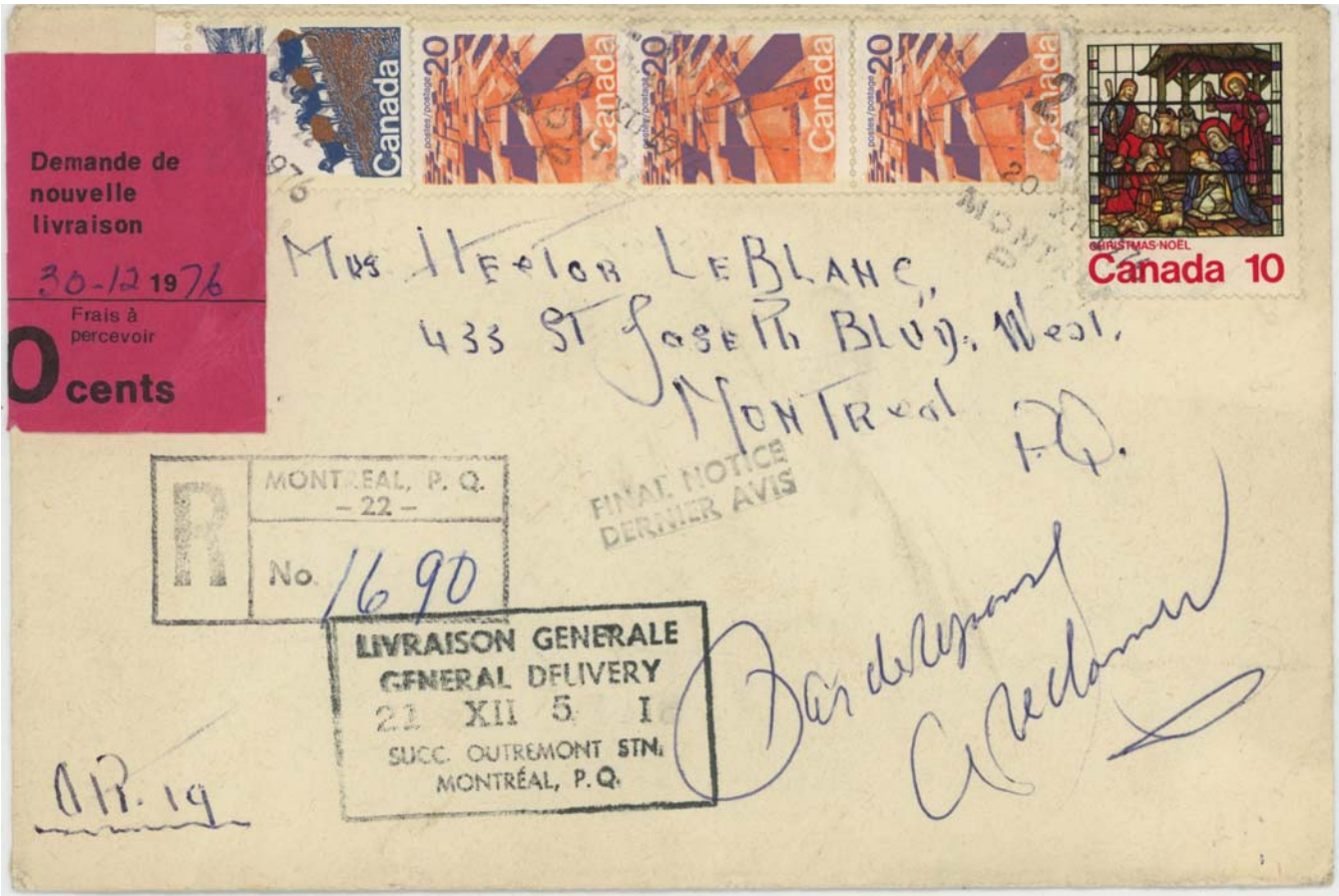
Bremen (West Germany) to Toronto, 16 December 1976. Registered airmail. Green notice of card left, redelivery just two days later.





50¢ Label

Same print-order data as previous.



Montreal, 30 December 1976. FINAL NOTICE / DERNIER AVIS handstamp, and General Delivery (*poste restante*) with date range. 85¢ applied; made up from 75¢ registration and 10¢ domestic.



## 50¢ Label

Same print-order data as previous two.



Toronto (Scarborough) to Hamilton, June-July 1978. Carded handstamp 28 June 1978. Postage due stamps indicate amount due. Metered \$1.47: registration \$1.25 plus double domestic at 14¢ for the first ounce and an additional 8¢ for the second (initiated April 1978).

This cover probably contained a new Visa credit card.



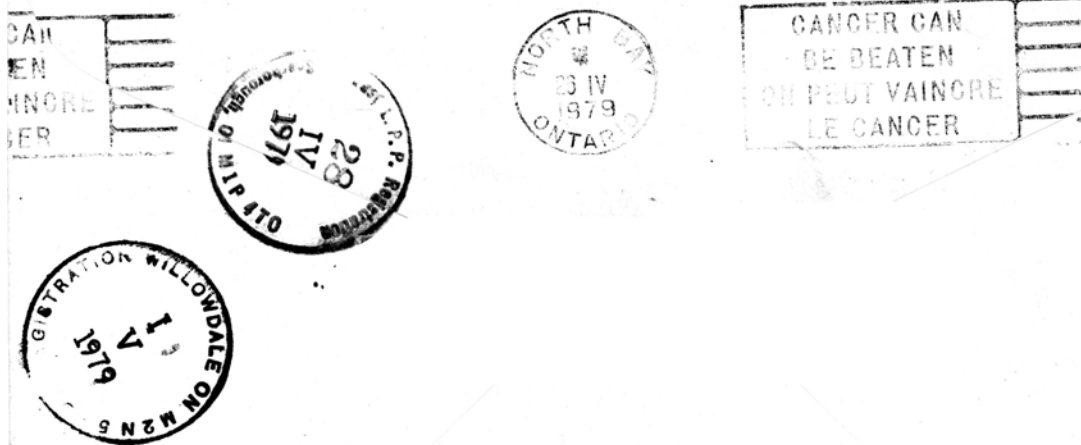


## Fee changes to 75¢

Rate probably changed 1 April 1979 (based on the 75¢ label print-data). Once again, clerks were instructed to overwrite older labels before using new ones.



North Bay to Willowdale (Toronto), May 1979. 75¢ over 50¢. Carded handstamp 30 April 1978. Postage due stamps indicate amount due. Metered \$1.67: registration \$1.50, domestic 17¢ (initiated 1 April 1979).



No charge

I do not know the circumstances surrounding this, but similar ones (*no charge*) are known. The label is for 75¢, print-data 33-086-107 (4-79) (April 1979).



First day cover, Budapest to Ottawa, December 1979. *N/C No charge*. Carded handstamp 14 February 1980.



Print data 33-086-107 (7-79) (July 1979), just three months after its predecessor. Presumably the April printing was very small.

With card for delivery notice.

Canada Post  
Canada

Request for Additional Delivery

On le Jan 26 1982

Charge to be collected

75 cents

Frais à percevoir

33-086-107 (7-79)

MR. C. L. PAGET  
1279 COLDREY AVE.  
OTTAWA, ONT.  
K1Z 7P6

REGISTERED MAIL

Canada 15  
Aurore Châteaueau  
Aurore Post  
1982

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OTTAWA, ONT.  
SUB-AUX 44

No. 296

404 Mc Arthur Road, apt. 1  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1K 1G8

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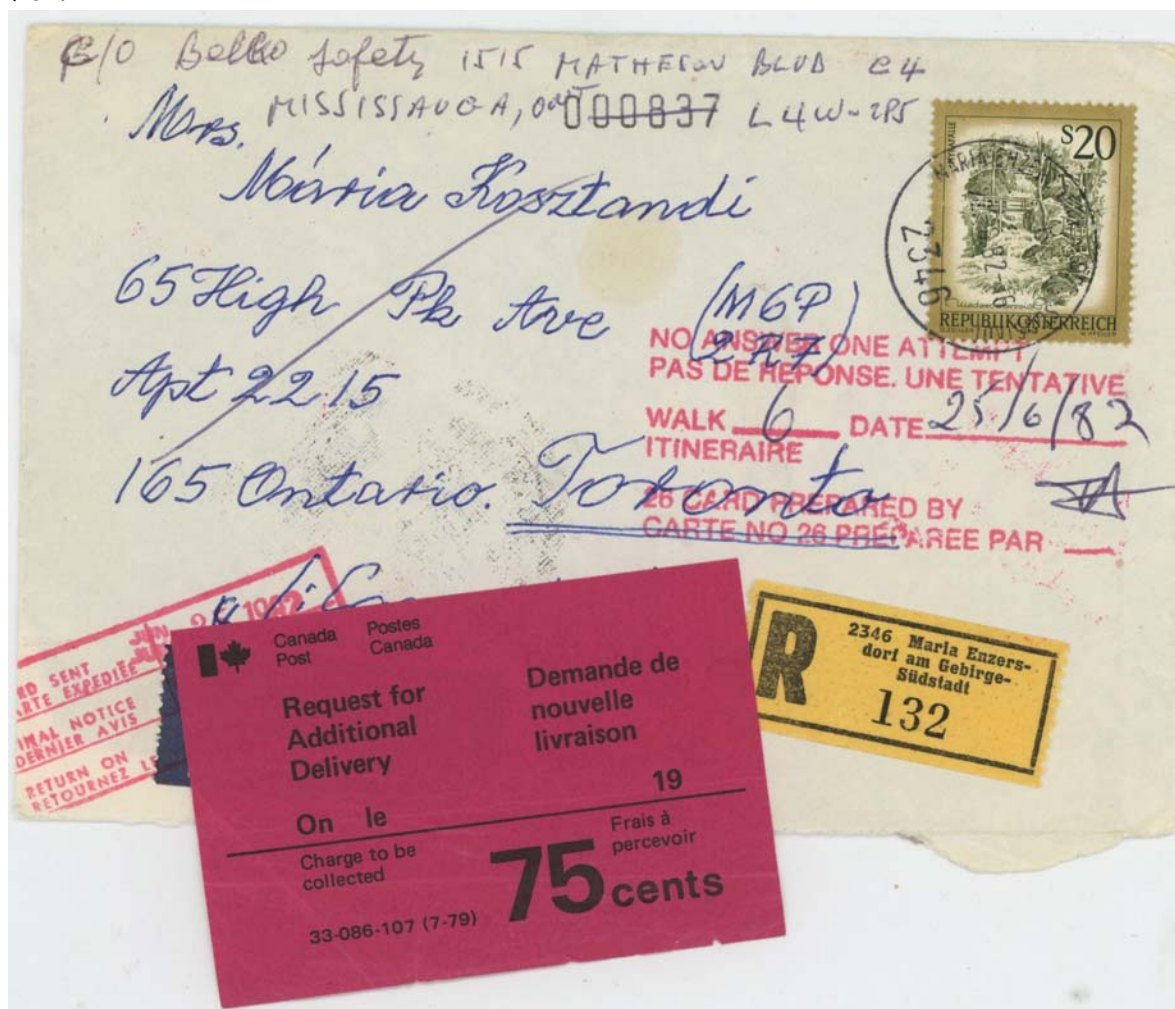
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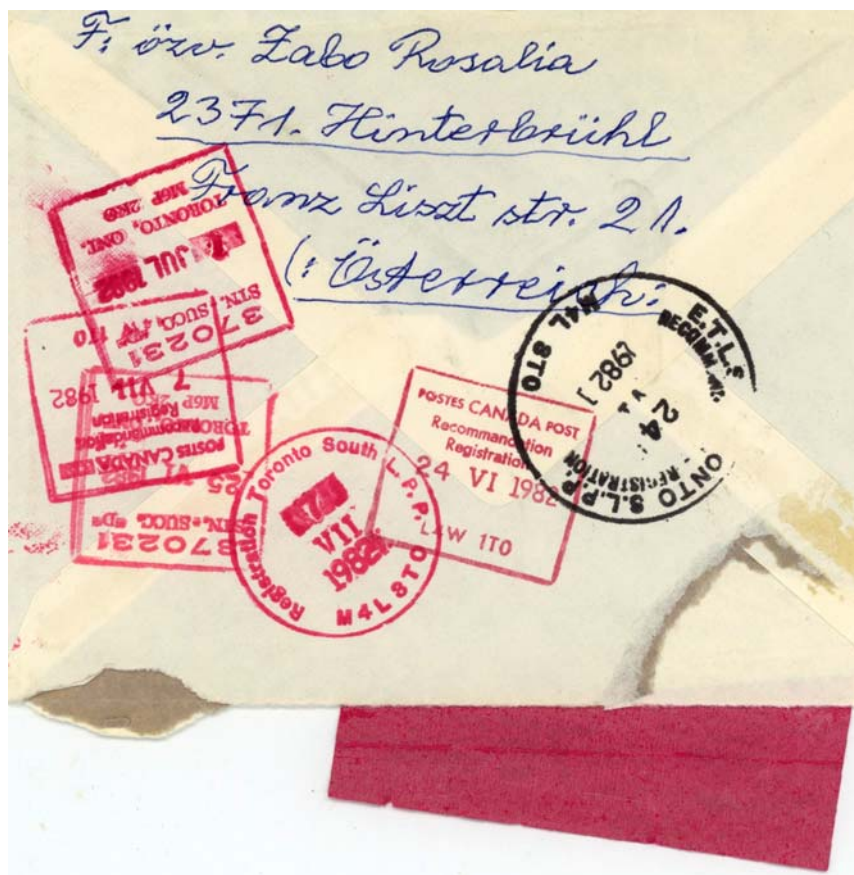
Canada Post / Canada Post  
On Service / Postal Service  
On Service / Postal Service

To (Régime adonné) / À (Inscrite ou matriculée)  
Complete address / le nom et l'adresse complète

C. L. PAGE T  
1275 CALDAIR



Austria to Toronto, forwarded to Mississauga, June-July 1982. Print data 33-086-107 (7-79). Carded handstamps 25 June 1982.





Print data 33-086-107 (9-81) (September 1981) on pink (rather than red) paper, and with denomination to be filled in. At the time of printing, the rate was still 75¢, but by 1983, it had risen to 80¢.

With card for delivery notice.

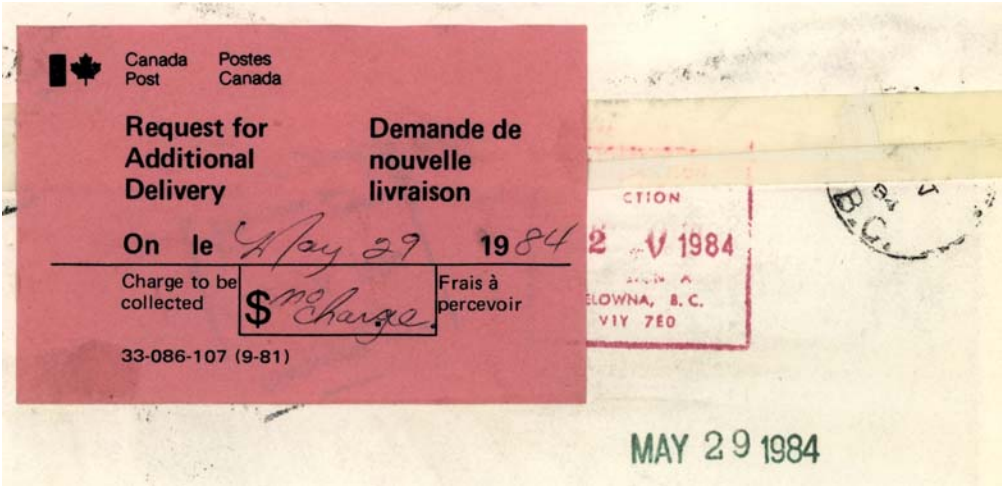
Montreal, March 1983. Postage of \$2.20 of \$1.96 registration and 32¢ domestic. With card for delivery notice.

No charge

The carded handstamp was struck through, indicating something went wrong, so there was no charge for the additional delivery.



Nanaimo to Kelowna, May 1984. Print data 33-086-107 (9-81). Private registration handstamp. Postage of \$2.28 made up of \$1.96 registration and 32¢ domestic.





\$1.00

Still using the undenominated label 33-086-107 (9-81).

Canada Post Canada Postes Canada

Request for Additional Delivery

Demande de nouvelle livraison

On le 19

Charge to be collected \$1.00

Frais à percevoir

33-086-107 (9-81)

Mrs. Edith Kadar  
3210 Forest Hill #302  
MONTREAL, Quebec  
H3V 1C7

*Received by Edith Kadar*

Canada Post Canada Postes Canada

External Affairs Canada Bureau des passeports

Affaires extérieures Canada

Passport Office

CARD SENT  
CARTE EXPÉDIÉE

FINAL NOTICE  
DERNIER AVIS

RETURN ON  
RETOURNEZ LE

17 08 88

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1 09 88

PPT818

OTTAWA, CANADA  
ORIGINAL No.  
ED05126

CANADA  
50¢  
= 3.07  
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ONT.

Official mail from the Passport Office (Ottawa) to Montreal, August 1988. Postage of \$3.07 made up of \$2.70 registration and 37¢ domestic.



\$1.00

Use of the undenominated label 33-086-107 (9-81) in 1990.



Toronto, forwarded, December 1989-January 1990.  
Postage of \$3.08 made up of \$2.70 registra-  
tion and 38¢ domestic.

Receipt for payment of additional delivery  
fee (itself with a print-date of April 1979):

