

Early Canadian AR service

Avis de réception, acknowledgment of receipt, advice of delivery, ...

AR is a service wherein a document signed by the recipient of the registered letter is returned to the sender as evidence of delivery. While the GPU/UPU mandated it from 1875, Canada did not offer it until it was made universal for UPU members, April Fool's Day 1879. Covers sent with this service are called *AR covers*; the signed forms (later cards) which were returned to the sender are called *AR forms (cards)*. Special envelopes used to return some types of AR forms, known as *AR covering envelopes*, were also prepared.

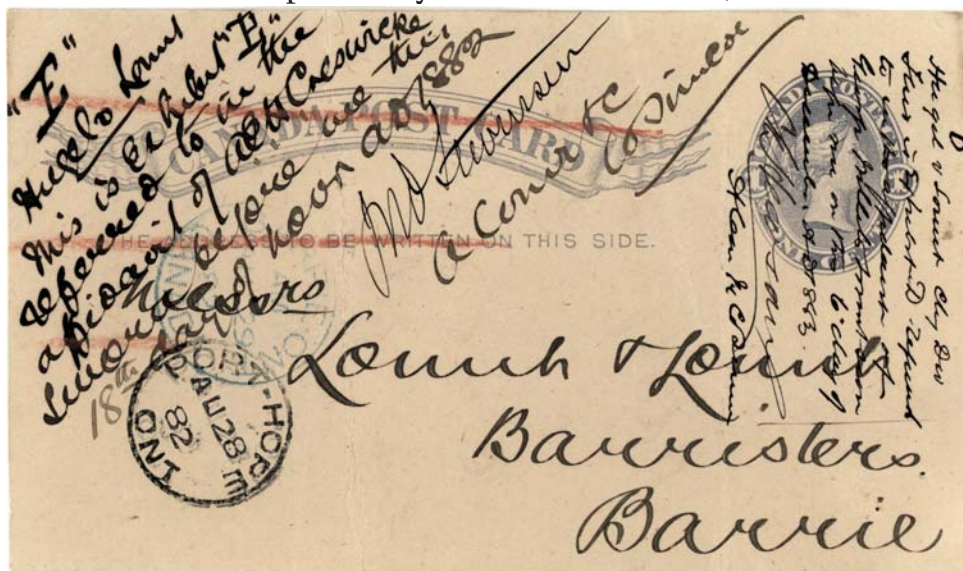
This service was not at all popular in Canada, and very little nineteenth or early twentieth century Canadian AR material is known. No Canadian domestic AR covers or any AR covering envelopes are known in the nineteenth century. The AR fee was 5¢ (1879–1921), and could be applied only to registered matter.

In the pre-Treaty of Vienna period (1 April 1879–30 June 1892), no Canadian AR covers are known; however, it appears that the AR fee was placed on the form, and the latter was sent (attached to the registered cover) to destination. During the Treaty of Vienna period (1 July 1892–31 December 1898), the form was prepared in the destination country, and the AR fee applied to the registered cover. Post-Treaty of Vienna, treatment was as in the pre-Treaty of Vienna period.

This exhibit is divided into periods (pre-Vienna, Treaty of Vienna, post-Vienna) to September 1921, finishing just before AR cards were introduced and fees increased.

Pre-Vienna, DIY AR

This unofficial method of obtaining acknowledgment of receipt was cheaper than AR service. AR seems to have been practically unknown in Canada, even within the legal community.



Do-it-yourself AR, 1882. Domestic post card from the postmaster at PORT HOPE ONT AU 28 82, pre-addressed by the sender of several different registered letters. The card reads, *The registered letters referred to in yours of the 26th were duly received and delivered personally to the parties addressed.*

The card was subsequently used in at least two legal cases (exhibits D and E).

Post Hope local Office
Aug 28/82
The registered letters referred to in yours of the 26th were duly received and delivered personally to the parties addressed.
E. Wright
J. M.

A law firm sent this pre-addressed card to the local postmaster to receive acknowledgment that the registered items had been delivered.

This cost 1¢ for the card and 3¢ for the covering envelope, totalling 4¢; sending the registered letters with AR would have cost 5¢ per item (for AR service), a total of 15¢.

Pre-Vienna; first Canadian AR form

Like all Canadian AR forms, returned as folded letter sheet, not requiring a covering envelope.

- Only known Canadian domestic use AR *item* of the nineteenth century
- Only known example of a Canadian AR form in the pre-Treaty of Vienna period (1879–1892)

Acknowledgment of receipt of a Registered article.

TABLE I., to be filled up at the Office of origin.

A Registered article addressed to
a. Chaluc
Box 62
Penetanguishene

No. *816* The Sender, whose name and address appear on the third page, requests to know if it has been delivered, and to whom, or how otherwise disposed of.
H.B. for pm

Registering Officer.

TABLE II., to be filled up at the Office of destination, and if the letter has not been duly delivered it should be stated how disposed of:
Delivered to his
Son A. Chaluc

Date Stamp of Delivery Office.
Penetanguishene

Postmaster.

to the Office of Delivery for information as to the delivery of a Registered Letter

of
Penetanguishene
out

Postmaster

REGISTRED. DEC 29 1883 TORONTO P.O.

Domestic use, Toronto–Penetanguishene, 1883–84. Signed only by the Penetang postmaster (which was sufficient). Print order data, 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ –5000–27-3/79, just in time for the onset of AR service in Canada, 1 April 1879. Although AR was mentioned only in the international section of contemporary postal guides, it clearly was available domestically—in Canada's second largest city (at the time). The double oval Toronto registration datestamp is known in fewer than ten examples.

AR fee paid by 5¢ small queen on reverse. As with all subsequent Canadian AR forms, this was a folded letter sheet, not requiring a covering envelope for its return to the sender.



Pre-Vienna (1879–1892), incoming AR form

No outgoing international use Canadian AR forms are known in the pre-Vienna period.

- Only incoming (to Canada) AR form in the pre-Vienna period.

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Postmasters. — No. 68. Administration de la Grande Bretagne.

AVIS DE RECEPTION.
Acknowledgment of Delivery.

d'un objet recommandé adressé à } M Jacob Weiss & A. J. Mac-Farlane
of a Registered Article addressed to } à Vancouver British Columbia

Le soussigné declare qu'un objet recommandé a l'adresse susmentionnée
The undersigned acknowledges that the Registered Article addressed as above

et provenant de † } M German Embassy
and sent by } à London

a été dument livré le Vancouver 18 .
was duly delivered the 11 Februy 18 91


du destinataire
of addressee

Signature *
du chef du Bureau distributeur.
of the Chief of the Delivering Office.

Jacob Weiss. J. Mac-Farlane

* Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire, ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le permettent, par le Chef du Bureau distributeur, puis être mis sous enveloppe et renvoyé sous recommandation par le premier courrier.
† The name and full address of the sender of the Article must be entered in this form at the Issuing Office.

G & S [1142] 20,000 3/86



British AR form, Charing Cross (London)—Vancouver, 1891. Properly signed and datestamped in Vancouver. This British AR form, on heavy paper (not card stock), required a covering envelope for its return (unlike all Canadian AR forms). No markings of any sort on reverse.

AR fee paid by 2½d stamp (UK was one of the few countries whose AR fee exceeded its registration fee, the latter being 2d).

- One of three known pre-Treaty of Vienna British AR forms to anywhere (all different printings).

Pre-Vienna incoming AR cover

No AR covers (that is, registered letters provably sent with AR) of Canadian origin are known in the pre-Vienna period.

- One of two known incoming (to Canada) AR covers in the pre-Vienna period (the other is addressed to stamp dealer Hechler).



Received in bad order, L'Anse (MI)–Montreal, 1890. US formula for AR was *return receipt demanded*, and this was a free option (the US was one of very few countries that did not charge for international AR service).

Rated 10¢ registration fee and (double) $2 \times 2\text{¢}$ rate to Canada (equals the domestic US rate). With 1889 US officially sealed stamp. Via Detroit (likely where the officially sealed was applied) and Windsor.



Treaty of Vienna AR (1 July 1892–31 December 1898)

AR or its equivalent was required to be stamped or endorsed on registered material for which AR service was desired. More importantly, the AR form was to be prepared in the *destination* office (so for a registered letter from France to Canada, a Canadian AR form would be prepared and sent to the original sender in France).

This also required the AR fee to be paid in stamps on the registered cover (some countries already did this, but most simply had put the AR fee on the accompanying AR form, which was no longer possible).

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ADMINISTRATION DU CANADA.
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA.

AVIS DE RÉCEPTION
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

{ d'une lettre recommandée } enregistré sous le N° 545, et adressé à
{ d'un objet recommandé }

of a Registered { letter } entered under N° , and addressed to
{ article }

Montreal Philatelist à Montreal le 25 juillet 1898
to on the

Le soussigné déclare { qu'une lettre recommandée } à l'adresse sus-
qu'un objet recommandé } mentionnée

The undersigned acknowledges that a registered { letter } addressed as above
{ article }

Paris 81.

Timbre du bureau distributeur. et provenant de
and posted at

MONTREAL CANADA AUG 5 P5 98

a été dûment livré le 6 août 1898
was duly delivered on the

Signature (*)

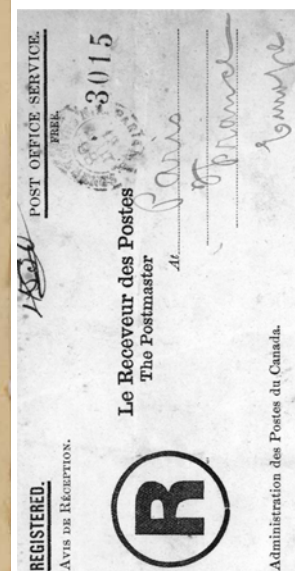
du destinataire : du chef du bureau distributeur :
of the addressee: of the Postmaster of the office of destination:

R Bach
Rédacteur The Montreal Philatelist
451 Saint-Jacques

(*) Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire et par le maître de poste du bureau distributeur, puis être envoyé, sous recommandation, par le premier courrier, au bureau d'origine de l'objet qu'il concerne.

(*) This acknowledgment of receipt should be signed by the addressee, and by the Postmaster of the office of destination; it will then be transmitted under registration, by the first mail, to the office of posting of the article to which it relates.

39 B.-2,500 2-11-92.



Book form (unfolds to foolscap size, with address on the other side). AR forms were returned as registered letters (till 1908), hence large encircled R.

Once received at Paris, office of origin would send it to the sender of original registered letter.

Canadian AR forms were folded letter sheets, not requiring AR covering envelopes.

Canadian AR form for a registered letter from France to Canada, 1898. Illustrates normal AR procedure during the period. Prepared in Montreal, properly signed and handstamped, and returned to office of origin as a registered folder letter sheet. Print order data 39 B.-2,500 2-11-92 (six-year gap between printing and use).

- One of three Canadian AR forms known used in the Vienna period.

Vienna period; AR service with the US, part 1

Discovery example for Canadian AR forms in the Vienna period. This seems to have followed the usual procedure, that is, a registered letter from the US was sent with AR service, and the form prepared in Canada, in this case, at the destination office, Vancouver.

However, at least eight US AR forms AR representing registered items in the *same* direction. To have been consistent with the Treaty of Vienna, they should have have been for registered items from Canada to US.

ADMINISTRATION DU CANADA.
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA.

AVIS DE RÉCEPTION
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

{ d'une lettre recommandée } enregistré sous le N° , et adressé à
{ d'un objet recommandé }

of a Registered { letter } entered under N° , and addressed to
M *Catholic Supply Store* le 1896
to *Vancouver*

Le soussigné déclare { qu'une lettre recommandée } à l'adresse sus-
{ qu'un objet recommandé } mentionnée

The undersigned acknowledges that a registered { letter } addressed as above
{ article }

et provenant de *Dayton Ohio*
and posted at

a été dûment livré le 1896
was duly delivered on the

Signature (*)

du destinataire :
of the addressee: *Lawrence Kipt*

du chef du bureau distributeur :
of the Postmaster of the office of destination: *S. C. Cornwall*

Timbre du bureau distributeur.

Stamp of the office of destination.

(*) Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire et par le maître de poste du bureau distributeur, puis être envoyé, sous recommandation, par le premier courrier, au bureau d'origine de l'objet qu'il concerne.

(*) This acknowledgment of receipt should be signed by the addressee, and by the Postmaster of the office of destination; it will then be transmitted under registration, by the first mail, to the office of posting of the article to which it relates.

39 B.-2,500-2-11-92.

1239 Post Office, DAYTON, OHIO.
Received 11/24/96 from
Untersmann
addressed to Catholic Supply Store
Vancouver B.C.
J.C. Ely. P. M., per

This space is reserved on counterpart
for particulars connected with dispatch
of registered piece.

US registration
receipt for the
registered item.

REGISTRY DIVISION
DEC 12 1896
DAYTON, OHIO
REGISTERED.
AVIS DE RÉCEPTION.
Administration des Postes du Canada.

Le Receveur des Postes
The Postmaster
At *Dayton Ohio*

6744

POST OFFICE SERVICE.
FREE.

Stamp of the office of destination.

Canadian AR form for registered letter from the US to Canada, Dayton (OH)—Vancouver, 1896. Same print order as preceding example.

- Second of three Canadian AR forms known used in the Vienna period.

Vienna period; AR service with the US, part 2

One of the eight reported US AR forms addressed to Canada in the Vienna period, all for registered items to Canada; does *not adhere* to Treaty of Vienna practices. No US AR forms are known in the other direction.

Some pairs of countries, e.g., New Zealand & Australia, adopted the practice of filling out the AR form at the office of origin (as occurred both pre- and post-Vienna) on mail between them (and otherwise adhering to Vienna procedures). While no documentation is known for this between US & Canada, the eight US AR forms would be consistent with it, and the example on the previous page is an anomaly (or an oversight, or the original AR form was not received at Vancouver).

(3870.)
A bla.

U. S. Post Office Department.

RETURN RECEIPT
AVIS DE RÉCEPTION
RÜCKSCHEIN 1047

for a registered article entered under No. _____, and addressed to
d'un objet recommandé enregistré sous le No. _____, et adressé à
für eine Einschreibsendung No. _____, an
M. Catharine, at Supply Store, the _____, 18____
M. _____, à _____, le _____, 18____
M. _____, in Vancouver - B.C., 18____
Canada

Stamp of the office of origin. The undersigned certifies that a registered article to the above address
Timbre du bureau d'origine. Le soussigné déclare qu'un objet recommandé à l'adresse susmentionnée
Stempel der abliefernden Postanstalt. Der Endesunterscribene bescheinigt dass eine Einschreibsendung an die obige Adresse

and originating at Dayton OH, has been duly
et provenant de 17-97 #134, a été dûment
und aufgegeben in _____, wurde vorschrifts mässig

Stamp of the office delivered the _____, 18____
of delivery. Timbre du bureau distributeur. livré le _____, 18____
Stempel der abliefernden Postanstalt. abgeliefert den _____, 18____

Signature (*) Lawrence Kip
Signature (*)
Unterschrift (*)

of the addressee:
du destinataire:
des Empfängers:

of the Chief of the office of delivery:
du chef du bureau distributeur:
des Chefs der abliefernden Postanstalt:

(*) This Return Receipt must be signed by the addressee, or if the regulations of the country of destination allow it, by the Chief of the office of delivery, placed in an envelope, and returned under registration by the first mail.
(*) Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le permettent, par le chef du bureau distributeur, puis être mis sous enveloppe et renvoyé sous recommandation, par le premier courrier.
(*) Dieser Rückschein muss vom Empfänger unterschrieben werden, oder wenn die Bestimmungen des Empfangslandes es erlauben von dem Chef der abliefernden Postanstalt, in einen Briefumschlag gelegt, und als Einschreibsendung mit der ersten Gelegenheit zurück geschickt werden.

Typical trilingual US AR form, requiring a covering envelope for its return. Prepared en route, at St. Paul (MN), where it likely crossed the border (to travel via Winnipeg to Vancouver).

US AR forms are not at all scarce, even in the nineteenth century.

This space is reserved on counterpart for particulars connected with dispatch of registered piece.

Registered Letter { Parcel } No. _____

Received 17 _____, 1897, from _____

addressed Catharine Supply Store _____

Dayton, OH, P. M., per _____

134 Post Office, _____

US registration receipt for the registered item (full size).

US AR form for registered letter from the US to Canada, Dayton (OH)–Vancouver, 1897. Same correspondence as preceding. Signed and handstamped at Vancouver, and returned to sender. US AR forms required a covering envelope for their return, unlike Canadian folded letter sheets.



Vienna period;
outgoing AR
covers

- Three of five known non-philatelic Canadian AR covers 1879–1898.

St John–Middleton (CT), 1893. Rated 5¢ RLS (registration), 3¢ letter rate to US, and 5¢ AR fee. **Earliest Canadian AR cover, and only one with an RLS.**



Halifax–Cedar Rapids (IA), 1896. Rated combined registration fee and letter rate to US paid by 8¢ small queen, and 5¢ AR fee.

Very clear AR handstamp showing no wear—consistent with being rarely used.



London (ONT)–Leipzig, 1897. Rated 5¢ for each of registration, AR, & UPU letter rates.

With US-style AR formula **Return receipt demanded**, and obviously rubber **Rückschein** handstamp; applied routinely in Germany on all incoming AR covers.

Hooded London registered datestamp.
Trimmed at left.

Vienna period; incoming AR covers

Fewer than ten non-philatelic incoming to Canada AR covers are known in the Vienna period.



Sydney (New South Wales, Australia)—Montreal, 18 May 1893. Standard Australian AR in oval cancel, in use for many decades.

- **Earliest known Australian state AR cover**

Rated 3d registration and 2½ d for each of AR and UPU letter rate, underpaid by ½ d (stamp is overprinted 7½ d, no evidence of missing stamp).

Carried on the *first run* of Canada-Australia Steamship line (the *Miowera*, Sydney–Honolulu–Vancouver). Only one other cover to Canada is known from this run (and is unregistered).



San José (Costa Rica)—Toronto, 1896. Rated 5 centavos registration fee, 5 cvo AR fee, and 10¢ UPU-letter rate (includes authorized surcharge).

Post-Vienna

On 1 January 1899, the Treaty of Washington superseded the Treaty of Vienna. AR forms were once again to be prepared at the office of origin, and it became optional for each country to decide whether the AR fee was to be paid on the cover or on the form. Canada chose the latter.

Canadian AR form to US (1906)

Only known Canadian AR form without payment of AR fee by stamp(s).

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES DU CANADA.
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA.

AVIS DE RÉCEPTION
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

d'une lettre recommandée } enregistré sous le N° et adressé à
d'un objet recommandé }

of a Registered { letter } entered under No. 49 and addressed to
State Life Ins Co Indianapolis le 12 Nov 1906
to Ind. on the

Le soussigné déclare { qu'une lettre recommandée } à l'adresse sus-
qu'un objet recommandé } mentionnée

The undersigned acknowledges that a Registered { letter } addressed as above
article }

Timbre du bureau distributeur. et provenant de Grand Forks 36
and posted at

a été dûment livré le 1906
was duly delivered on the

Signature (*)

Stamp of the office of destination. du destinataire: du chef du bureau distributeur:
of the addressee: [of the Postmaster of the office of destination:]

THE STATE LIFE INS CO 85544

(*) Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire et par le maître de poste du bureau distributeur, puis être envoyé sous recommandation, par le premier courrier, au bureau d'origine de l'objet qu'il concerne.

(*) This acknowledgment of receipt should be signed by the addressee, and by the Postmaster of the office of destination: it will then be transmitted under registration, by the first mail, to the office of posting of the article to which it relates.

39 B.—6,000-23-11-04.

Grand Forks (BC)—
Indianapolis, 1906.
Via London.
Properly signed.
Printed 23 November 1904, in
a quantity of
only 6000.
• 5¢ in stamps
should have
been affixed to
pay the AR fee;
presumably paid
in cash, con-
trary to reg-
ulations.

REGISTERED.
AVIS DE RÉCEPTION.

POST OFFICE SERVICE.
FREE.

Hanninglow

Le Receveur des Postes
The Postmaster

Grand Forks
36

Administration des Postes du Canada.

Return of AR forms by registered mail dropped, 1908

More precisely, the big **R** on the address side of the was dropped from printings after early 1908. However, if the **R** appeared on an AR form mailed after this date, the form *was* returned registered.

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES DU CANADA.
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA.

**AVIS DE RÉCEPTION
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT**

{ d'une lettre recommandée } enregistré sous le N° et adressé à
{ d'un objet recommandé }

of a Registered { letter } entered under No. 462 and addressed to
M. Mining Records le 190.....
to Kenora on the

Le soussigné déclare { qu'une lettre recommandée } à l'adresse sus-
qu'un objet recommandé } mentionnée

The undersigned acknowledges that a Registered { letter } addressed as above
article }

Timbre du bureau distributeur. et provenant de TORONTO.
and posted at
a été dûment livré 5 le Dec 1908
was duly delivered on the

Signature (*)

Stamp of the office of destination. du destinataire :
of the addressee: X W. Belya

du chef du bureau distributeur :
[of the Postmaster of the office of destination:]

(*) Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire et par le mail par le premier courrier, au bureau d'origine de l'objet qu'il conc

(*) This acknowledgment of receipt should be signed by the destination; it will then be transmitted, by the first mail, to the

39 B.—18,000-20-7-08.

Kenora (ON)—Toronto, 1908. Properly signed. Printed 20 July 1908, in a quantity of 18000.

This AR form was sent registered, despite the absence of the large printed **R**, likely from force of habit.

Seldom seen blue double oval Registered Toronto P.O. handstamp.



AR form to Beirut (1909)

Beirut was part of the Ottoman Empire. AR forms *printed* after 1908 were not intended to be returned as registered mail; however, this was printed (1907) with the R, so was returned registered.

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES DU CANADA.
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA.

AVIS DE RÉCEPTION
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

{ d'une lettre recommandée } enregistré sous le N° et adressé à
{ d'un objet recommandé }

of a Registered { letter } entered under No. 380 and addressed to
M. Mik Aziz à Beirouth le 17th apr 1909
to Turkey on the

Le soussigné déclare { qu'une lettre recommandée } à l'adresse sus-
qu'un objet recommandé } mentionnée

The undersigned acknowledges that a Registered { letter } addressed as above
{ article }

Timbre du bureau distributeur. et provenant de
and posted at
a été dûment livré. le 190.....
was duly delivered on the
Signature (*)

Stamp of the office of destination. du destinataire :
of the addressee :
du chef du bureau distributeur :
of the Postmaster of the office of destination :

(*) Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire et par le maître de poste du bureau distributeur, puis être envoyé sous recommandation, par le premier courrier, au bureau d'origine de l'objet qu'il concerne.

(*) This acknowledgment of receipt should be signed by the addressee, and by the Postmaster of the office of destination: it will then be transmitted under registration, by the first mail, to the office of posting of the article to which it relates.

39 B.—13,000-22-11-07.

am. adeel



St Thomas (ON)—Beirut, 1909. Via London. Properly signed. Printed 22 November 1907, 13000.

- 5¢ AR fee paid by stamp
- Returned (registered) to office of origin as folded letter sheet.

After-the-fact AR service

Also known as *subsequent* AR, this permitted the sender of a registered letter to send an AR form *after* the registered item had been mailed. Began with the Treaty of Washington (effective from 1 January 1899). There was no extra fee above the AR charge of 5¢, until October 1921.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA.
ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES DU CANADA.

ADVICE OF DELIVERY
AVIS DE RÉCEPTION

Stamp of the office of origin.
Timbre du bureau expéditeur.

of a Registered { letter } entered under No. { 997 } and addressed to
{ d'une lettre recommandée } enregistré sous le N° { } et adressé à
{ d'un objet recommandé }
M. W. R. Macomber, at 314-315 Alex Bldg. on the 2nd June, 1913.
Edmonton

The undersigned acknowledges that a Registered { letter } addressed as above
Le soussigné déclare { qu'une lettre recommandée } à l'adresse sus-mentionnée
{ qu'un objet recommandé }

Stamp of the office of destination.
Timbre du bureau distributeur.

and posted at Vancouver
et provenant de
was duly delivered on the June 5, 1913
a été dûment livré le

Signature (*)

of the addressee:
du destinataire:
W. R. Macomber

of the Postmaster of the office of destination:
du chef du bureau distributeur:
J. B. B. B.

(*) This advice of delivery should have date of delivery filled in, be signed by the addressee, and by the Postmaster of the office of destination, date stamped and then transmitted, by the first mail, to the office of posting of the article to which it relates.
(*) Cet avis de réception doit être signé par le destinataire et par le maître de poste du bureau distributeur, après y avoir inséré la date de distribution, et l'avoir timbré avec le timbre à date, puis être envoyé par le premier courrier, au bureau d'origine de l'objet qu'il concerne.

39 B.-100,000-30-5-12.

Vancouver-Edmonton,
21 July 1913.

The original registered letter was mailed on 2 June 1913, and delivered three days later. AR form was sent out about six weeks after the letter had been delivered.

Signed at Edmonton 25 July 1913.

Change of wording On AR forms printed 1912-15, *Acknowledgment of receipt* was replaced by *Advice of delivery*.

Printing 100,000-30-5-12

Very unusual to have a roller cancel on an AR form.

POST OFFICE
FRI
JUN 5 1913
Vancouver

ADVICE OF DELIVERY.
AVIS DE RÉCEPTION.

The Postmaster
Le Receveur des Postes
Miss Greta Irwin
1074 Pender St W
Vancouver.

Post Office Department, Canada.
Administration des Postes du Canada.

Big form (printed 1919)

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA
ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES DU CANADA

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT
AVIS DE RÉCEPTION
(A. R. FORM.)

Stamp of the office of origin
Timbre du bureau expéditeur.

of a Registered { letter } entered under No. 638
{ d'une lettre recommandée } enregistré sous le N°

on the 16 le 1920

Addressed to
Envoyé par

M. O. Lukianovych *Ukrainian Canadian*
(Name) (Nom) (Name) (Nom)

(Ukrainian Labor) *Citizen League*
(Street and number) (Rue et numéro) (Street and number) (Rue et numéro)

Liberec (Reichenberg) Wg
(Post Office address) (Bureau de poste) (Post Office address) (Bureau de poste)

Czechoslovakia *Man*

The undersigned acknowledges that a Registered { letter } addressed as above
Le soussigné déclare { qu'une lettre recommandée } à l'adresse sus-mentionnée
{ qu'un objet recommandé }

Stamp of the office of destination and posted at
et provenant de **WINNIPEG, Man**

was duly delivered on the 8 December 1920
a été dûment livré le

Signature (*)

of the addressee: *M. O. Lukianovych*
du destinataire:

of the Postmaster of the office of destination:
du chef du bureau distributeur:

(*) This advice of delivery should have date of delivery filled in, be signed by the addressee, and by the Postmaster of the office of destination, date stamped and then transmitted, by the first mail, to the office of posting of the article to which it relates.

(*) Cet avis de réception doit être signé par le destinataire et par le maître de poste du bureau distributeur, après y avoir inséré la date de distribution, et l'avoir timbré avec le timbre à date, puis être envoyé par le premier courrier, au bureau d'origine de l'objet qu'il concerne.

NOTE.—When this form is used for a registered article addressed to a Post Office outside of Canada, the signature of the addressee, or of the addressee's authorized agent, must be obtained.

AVIS.—Lorsque cette formule est employée pour un article enregistré adressé à un bureau de poste en dehors du Canada, il ne sera pas absolument nécessaire d'obtenir la signature de l'addresé, ou de son agent autorisé.

39 B.—125,000-21-7-19.

Winnipeg—Liberec
(Czechoslovakia), 1920.

Larger form; English text has reverted to Acknowledgment of receipt.

Forms printed in 1920 are considerably smaller than all of their predecessors.

Sent by the Ukrainian Canadian Citizens' League to a representative of *Ukrainian Labor* in Liberec.

Print-order data, 125,000—21-7-19.

Faint London hooded registered datestamp on front.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT
AVIS DE RÉCEPTION
(A. R.)

The Postmaster
Le Receveur des Postes

Arthur V. B. B. B.

BRANTFORD CNT

103. Brantford

Post Office Department, Canada.
Administration des Postes du Canada.

AR cover with form still attached

When an AR cover cannot be delivered, it is returned with the form still attached. Pre-1920, at most three such examples are known.



Prince Rupert—
Vancouver,
returned to
sender, 1919.
Postage of
5¢ regis-
tration, 2¢
domestic,
and 1¢ war
tax on the
cover, and
5¢ AR fee
on the form.

Print order 90,000-
10-5-16; of course,
unsigned

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA
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Stamp of the office of origin.
Timbre du bureau expéditeur.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT
AVIS DE RÉCEPTION
(A. R. FORM.)

of a Registered { letter } entered under No. 212 { and addressed to }
{ d'une lettre recommandée } enregistré sous le N° { et adressé à }
M. J. F. Anderson
(name)
H. C. Anderson on the 9th 1919
(Post Office address)

The undersigned acknowledges that a Registered { letter } addressed as above
Le soussigné déclare { qu'une lettre recommandée } à l'adresse sus-mentionnée
{ qu'un objet recommandé }

Stamp of the office of destination
et provenant de
and posted at
was duly delivered on the 1919
a été dûment livré le

Signature (*)
of the addressee:
du destinataire:
of the Postmaster of the office of destination:
du chef du bureau distributeur:

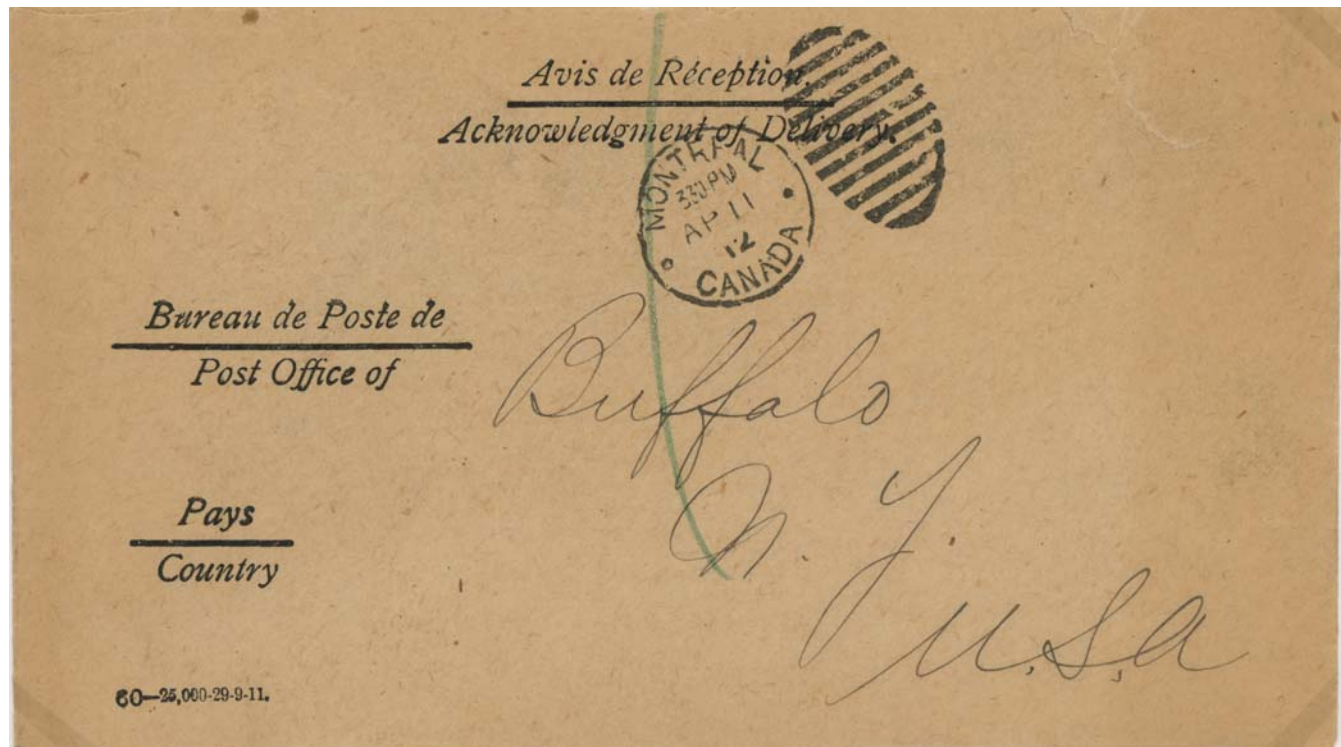
(*) This advice of delivery should have date of delivery filled in, be signed by the addressee, and by the Postmaster of the office of destination, date stamped and then transmitted, by the first mail, to the office of posting of the article to which it relates.
(*) Cet avis de réception doit être signé par le destinataire et par le maître de poste du bureau distributeur, après y avoir inséré la date de distribution, et l'avoir timbré avec le timbre à date, puis être envoyé par le premier courrier, au bureau d'origine de l'objet qu'il concerne.

39 B. - 90,000-10-5-16.

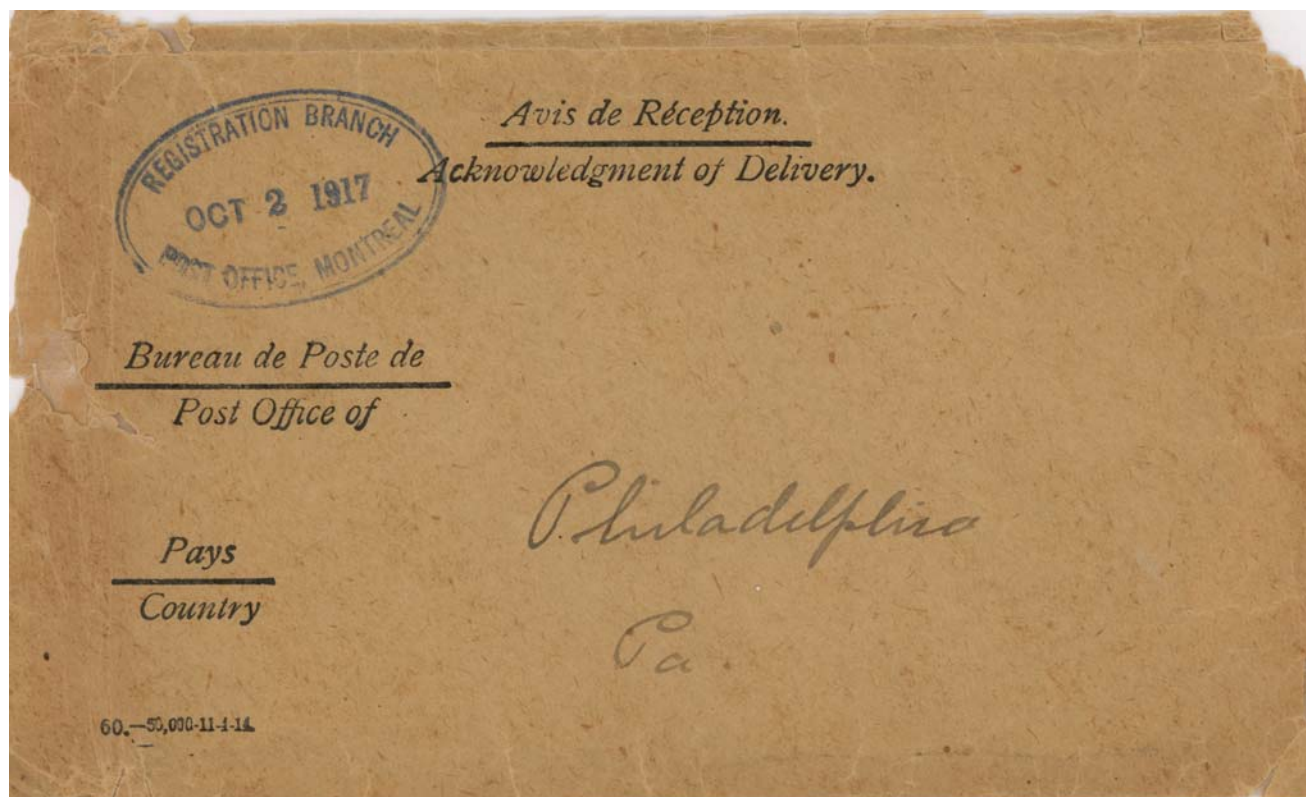
AR covering envelopes

These are used to return signed AR forms that required a covering envelope to the senders of registered items. All known examples (about twenty) are addressed to the United States (whose form did require a covering envelope). These became largely obsolete when most countries adopted AR cards after October 1921.

Canadian examples must exist from the pre-Vienna period, and also from 1899–1910, but none has yet been found.



Montreal–Buffalo, 1912. Print-order data, 25,000–29-9-11.



Montreal–Philadelphia, 1917. Print-order data, 50,000–11-1-14.