

1950 KING GEORGE VI DEFINITIVE ISSUE ORIGINAL DESIGN

Scope

This exhibit deals with the last Canadian definitive issue of King George VI, the proofs, sheet and coil stamps and their usages. Progressive and final die proofs are included along with domestic and international usages of these stamps. The stamps were issued on January 19, 1950, concurrent with a modified design bearing the words "Postes" and "Postage".



Photo Essay of an unaccepted design
for the new King George VI definitive
c 1948

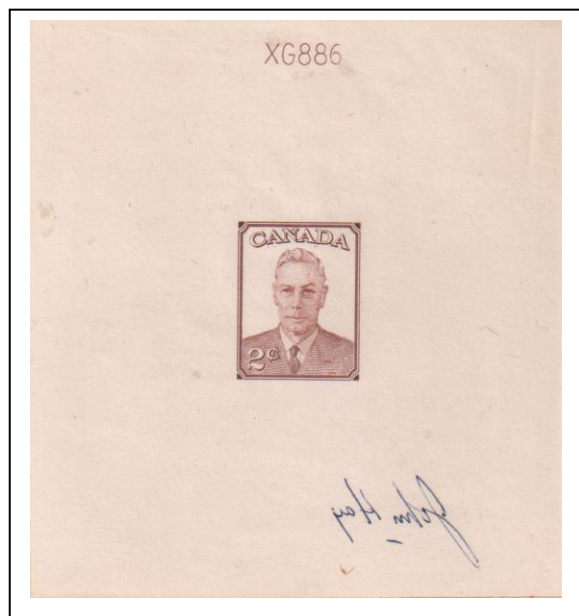
History

These stamps had a very short life span. Originally scheduled for release on June 6, 1949, two plates of each denomination were prepared and printed along with coil stamps. No booklets were prepared. However, the stamps were withheld by the federal government because with an upcoming election, the government felt it would be better to include some French text on the stamps. The basic design was modified to include "Postes" and "Postage" and issued on November 15, 1949. The original unissued design was finally issued on January 19, 1950. No additional plates of this design were prepared.

EXHIBIT PLAN

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Frame Location</u>
Die Proofs of the Original Design	1-2 to 1-7
Sheet & Coil Stamps <i>The sheet and coil stamps along with private perfins and varieties</i>	1-8 to 1-12
Domestic Rates and Usages <i>Usages paying Domestic surface and airmail, along with Registration and Special Delivery fees</i>	1-13 to 2-16
International Surface Mail Rates and Usages <i>Usages paying Domestic surface and airmail, along with Registration and Special Delivery fees</i>	3-1 to 3-7
International Airmail Rates and Usages <i>Usages paying Domestic surface and airmail, along with Registration and Special Delivery fees</i>	3-8 to 4-9
Short Paid Rates and Returned Mail <i>Examples of short paid and returned mail</i>	4-10 to 4-16

PROGRESSIVE DIE PROOFS



2¢ Progressive Die Proof XG886 in Brown
John Hay (engraver) signed in reverse



5¢ Progressive Die Proof XG881 in Black
John Hay (engraver) signed in reverse