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Parcel Post Labels

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Although an international system of parcel post was established among many of the members of the Postal Union in 1880, Ireland and Great Britain, did not enter into any such system until the first of August 1983.

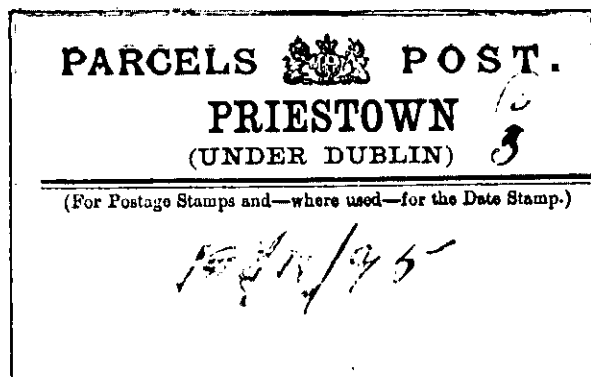
In connection with the inland parcels post, the post office printed special labels to be used for the mailing of parcels. The labels were to provide a clear flat surface on which the stamps to pay the postage were to be placed and cancelled.

It is of these labels that we write, rather than of the postmarks which so closely imitate them. The postmarks were applied either to "soft" parcels, or to parcels on which stamps had been applied prior to presentation at the post office.

There are many different types of these adhesive labels which were used in Ireland. A list of ten major types is found in Mr. C. F. Dendy Marshall's, "The British Post Office From Its Beginnings to the end of 1925". We will follow his listings and illustrate some of the types.

TYPE 1. Parcels Post. This type was printed for each office. Space was provided for the affixing of postage stamps and for their cancellation. At first the stamps were not cancelled until the parcel reached a Head Office. Note the wording-- "and-where used for the Date Stamp."

There are three varieties under this type, as illustrated; two, the arms are different; three, the arms are different from "one" but the same as "two", and the unicorn faces out.



TYPE 2. Similar to Type 1, but with the addition of a vertical line to the left of center. It has the same sub-varieties as Type 1.

TYPE 3. The letters "s" and "d" are added to the right. The correct postage was to be entered in the space beneath the letters, shillings under "s" and pence under "d".

TYPE 4. "X" list number was added. There are two sub-types. One, "X" list etc. is in two lines; two, it is in three lines.

TYPE 5. When registration was extended to parcels on June 1, 1891 a new legend appeared on the labels. "Fee paid on Registration" was added.

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TYPE 5.

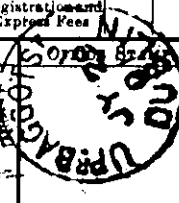
PARCEL POST		X LIST Letter and Number	S.	D.
		Post- age.		
		Fee paid on Registration		
For Postage Stamps.		DATE STAMP.		



TYPE 6.

449
7/12

PARCEL POST		X LIST Letter and Number	S.	D.
UPPER BAGGOT STREET		Post- age.		
Dublin		Registration and Express Fees		
For Postage Stamps.		DATE STAMP.		



TYPE 9.

PARCEL POST		X LIST Letter and Number	POSTAGE. S. D.	
CROOM (C.X.B.) (under Limerick).		Insurance, Registration, or Express Fee		
FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.		DATE STAMP.		




TYPE 10

P.P.-8.

PARCEL POST.		DATE STAMP.
POSTAGE S. D.	Insurance or Express Fee	

TYPE 11.

**POST NA mBEART.
(PARCEL POST.)**

POSTAGE S. D.	DATE STAMP.
	Registration, Insurance or Express Fee

P.P.-8.

TYPE 6. Express Delivery Service was available for parcels from 1892. The box for Fee Paid on Registration was changed to include Express fees also.

There are sub-varieties in this type which are similar to the Type 1 sub-varieties.

(Note the cancellation on the stamps. It is the roller used at the Amiens Street Depot, Dublin, although the Parcel was handed in at the Upper Baggot Street Office.)

TYPE 7. A ring for the Office Date Stamp was added.

TYPE 8. The word Insurance was added to the "fee" box.

TYPE 9. The arms were changed. A taller type was used. The telegraphic code of the office receiving the parcel is incorporated in the office name. The example of Type 9 illustrated shows all three of the last changes.

TYPE 10. This is the "midget" type.

TYPE 11. The "midget" type with Gaelic lettering.

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R.L.S. 54.

M.P. 486

Official Seal

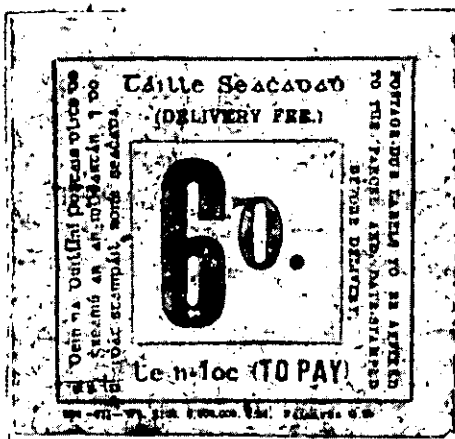
COVER FOUND
OPEN
(OR TORN)



DELIVERY FEE LABELS OF THE IRISH POST OFFICE

A charge was made by the Irish Post Office on most of the imported parcels not liable to Customs charges. This label was at first accompanied by a postage due stamp, but about 1926, the practice was stopped and the label used alone. The delivery fee label (and the charges on parcels not liable to Customs duties) ceased in the late 1950s and the Post Office revenue was compensated by increasing their Customs Clearance Fee to 1/= when Customs charges are 10/= or less and to 2/= if they are more.

CHECK LIST OF DELIVERY FEE LABELS by Fred E. Dixon



I. 1924. Paper label about 63 mm x 62 mm. Green on white paper. Center square 30 x 30 mm. 6d in large numeral. Above is "Taille Seacadad (Delivery Fee)" in two lines. Below in single line, "le h-Ioc (To Pay)". At right and left are Gaelic and English wording. Printer's identification at bottom: "235-671 Wt 2100. 2,500,000 8/24 Falconer G.25"

II. 1925. Reprint of Type I with additional imprint: "...4266 2,500,000 1/25"

III. 1926. As Type II but used with side inscriptions trimmed off.

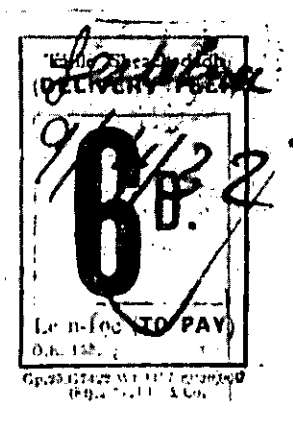
III. 1926. Paper label about 41 mm x 61 mm. Green on white paper. Center square 29 x 29 mm. "6d" (Roman "D" instead of Gaelic). Above in two lines, "Taille Sheachadadh (Delivery Fee)" and below in single line, "le h-Ioc (To Pay)". No side inscriptions. Printer identification "Wt 3076 2,500,000 11/26 A.P.W. Co. Ltd G 25".

IV. 1928. Same as Type III above, but Printer's imprint " (6464). Wt. 2800-490. 1,500,000. 10/28 A.T. & Co. Ltd."



Type IV

V. 1931. Paper label about 40 x 60 mm. Green on white paper. Center square 28 x 28 mm. "6d" At top, two lines, "Taille Sheachadadh (Delivery Fee)" and at the bottom a single line "Le n-Ioc (To Pay)". O.E. 133. Printer's imprint: Gp 25. G 7422 Wt 4457. 1,000,000 (84) 2/31 J.E. & Co."



Type V

VI. 1931. Same as Type V but imprinted "Gp 25. H 4131. 1,000,000 (84) J.E. & Co."

VII. 1935. Paper label about 41 x 63 mm. Green on white paper. Center square 28 x 28 mm with value "6d". At top, two lines, "Taille Seacadad / le n-Ioc" and below in two lines, "Delivery Fee To Pay". The printer's imprint is: "Gp 25. M 1236. Wt. 386. 500,000 (40) 7/35 J.E. & Co."

VIII. 1935. As Type VII but imprint: "Gp 25. M 6148. Wt. 2994. 1,000,000 (8) 11/35. J. E. & Co."

IX. 1938. As Type VII but imprint "Gp 25 P 9675. Wt. 4505. 1,000,000 (80) 5/38. J. E. & Co."

X. 1952. Paper label about 48 x 75 mm. Bright green on white paper. "6d" in center space 31 x 28 mm. Inscriptions as before but within outer frame 31 x 49 mm. Imprint: "288/A.D. 167. 750,000. O'G Ltd (2) 7/52. G. 25B". Form No. is now O.E. 82.

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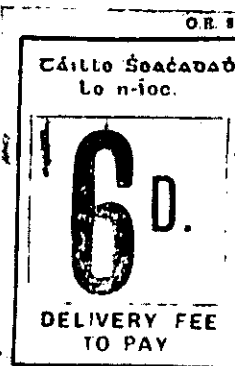
Post-Stamp



NA'OBANCAH' DON' EILEAM
HUAIR A' SAORACHAN
No Charge to be made on
Delivery.

(No Fee Label)

A few items were excepted from the fee for delivery provisions in the post office regulations. P.P. Label 38 shown at the left was used in such cases.



Type IX

CUSTOMS CLEARANCE LABELS SINCE 1953

I. 1953. TAILLE (Gaelic type) (illustrated). Printer's imprint: 3969/A/115./ 1,750,000. 5/53 E.P.C. Ltd. G 34.

II. 1959 TAILLE (Roman type) (illustrated). Printer's imprint: "C.24212A. 400,000. E.P.C. Ltd G.34C."

Rotation No.
Entry No.
Dckt. Letter & No.

Táille
Not Exceeding 10%.

CHARGES TO BE LEVIED ON DELIVERY	
Charges for Redirection, etc. (including any Foreign Customs Charge)	...
Compulsory Registration Fee	...
Trade Charge (C.O.D.)	...
Customs Duty	...
Post Office Fee for Customs Clearance	...
TOTAL	...

*To be quoted in any enquiry relating to this parcel.
3969/A./115./1,750,000.5/53 E.P.C.Ltd. G.34.

Rotation No. 69
Schedule No.
Entry No.
Dckt. Letter & No.

TÁILLE
Not Exceeding 10%

CHARGES TO BE LEVIED ON DELIVERY	
Charges for Redirection, etc. (including any Foreign Customs Charge)	...
Compulsory Registration Fee	...
Trade Charge (C.O.D.)	...
Customs Duty	2
Post Office Fee for Customs Clearance	2
TOTAL	4

*To be quoted in any enquiry relating to this parcel.
C.24212A.400 000 & 59 E.P.C.Ltd G.34C.

CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED Not Exceeding 10/-

Rotation No.
Schedule No.
Entry No.
Dkt. Ltr. and No.
Customs Charges ...
P.O. Customs Clearance Fee ...
Deficient Postage ...
Post Office Fine ...
Compulsory Registration Fee ...
Return Charges ...
Reissue/Redirection Fee ...

TOTAL

Date Stamp

£	s.	d.
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III. 1961-1962

86 x 98 mm.
Printed in red
on white paper.

This label must accompany any enquiry concerning this parcel

D. 30786.500,000. 5/61 E.P.C. Ltd. G34C. S.

O.E.84

F. 338931.500,000. 9/62 E.P.C. Ltd. G34C. S.