

CATALOG of PRIVATE EXPRESS COVERS, LABELS and STAMPS

**UNITED STATES
1839 – 1918**

**CANADA
1841 – 1926**

**MEXICO
1860 – 1918**

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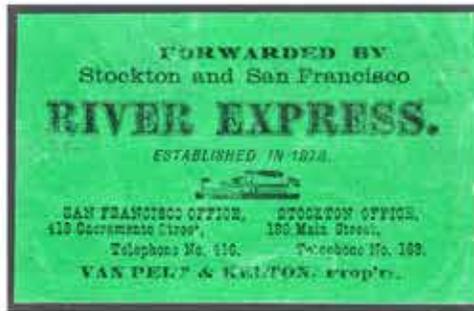
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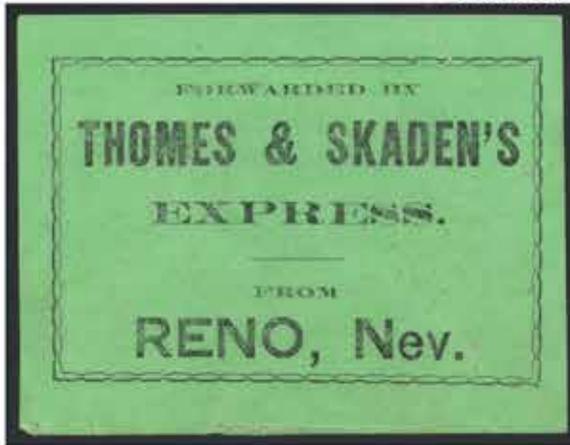
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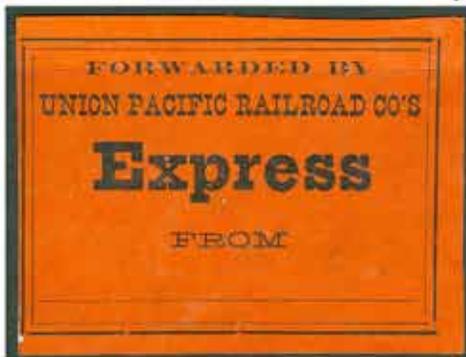
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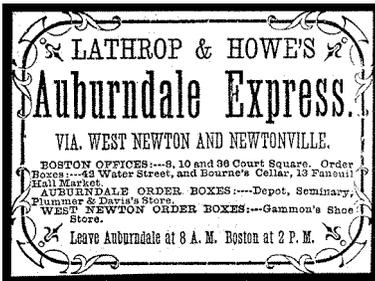
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LATHROP & HOWE'S EXPRESS (Unkn.)
Regional parcel express company that operated between Boston, Auburndale and West Newton, Mass.

LABEL



Year Unkn. Imperf. 69x50 mm
L&HX-L1 Black/Aqua25.00



LATHROP'S ALBANY BANK EXPRESS (Bogus?)

A presumed bogus label created by S. Allen Taylor. Augustus B. Lathrop did conduct a Bank Express in Albany between 1863 and 1877 (maybe longer), but no express labels that were used in his business have been reported.

BOGUS? LABELS



Bogus? Imperf. 43?x32? mm
LABX-L1 Black/Buff25.00
a. Black/Flesh25.00
b. Black/Green*25.00
c. Black/Magenta25.00
d. Black/Pinkish-orange25.00
e. Black/Red25.00
f. Black/Red Orange*25.00
g. Black/Tan25.00
h. Black/White25.00
*i. Black/Brown25.00
*j. Black/Peach25.00

***NOTE**

*These three labels are cited in Reference 1 with this explanation: "This is for delivery of money parcels only, in the cities of Albany, Troy, Utica, &c., &c., the value is 25c." However, George B. Sloane, Elliott Perry and Sherwood Springer classify these labels as Taylor fantasies.

Ref. 1: Taylor, S. A., "New Locals and Others," *Lathrop's Albany Bank Express, The Stamp Collector's Record*, No. 4, April 3, 1865.

Ref. 2: Lyons, L., "Lathrop's Albany Bank Express," *The Identifier for Carriers, Locals, Fakes, Forgeries and Bogus Posts of the United States*, Vol. II, 1998, p. 749.



***LAWRENCE'S EXPRESS (1875^B-76^B)**
Regional private mail(?) and parcel(?) express company that operated between Boston, Mass., and Farmington, Rochester and Wolfeboro', New Hampshire.

LABEL

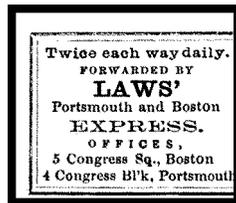


Year Unkn. Imperf. 32x24 mm
*LARX-L1 Black/Light Orange35.00



LAW'S EXPRESS (1840^B-71^B)
Regional private mail express company that operated between Boston and Portsmouth, Mass.

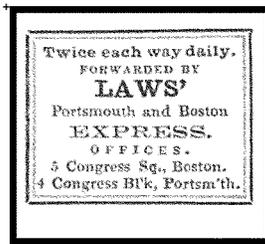
LABELS



Depicted label is truncated at right. "Portsmouth" is printed at LR.

ca. 1864 Imperf. 28x22 mm
LAWX-L1 Black/Green*20.00

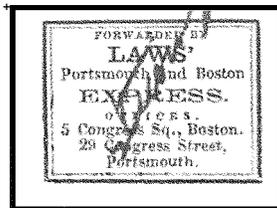
[Known used on cover with November 1864 enclosure; on July 1865 letter]
* Complete label.



"Portsm'th" is printed at LR.

ca. 1864? Imperf. 28x23 mm
*LAWX-L2 Black/Green20.00

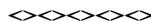
[Known used on November 1864 annotated cover]



Clear illustration is not available.

ca. 1861? Imperf. 29x22 mm
*LAWX-L5 Black/Orange20.00

[Known used on January 1861 annotated cover]

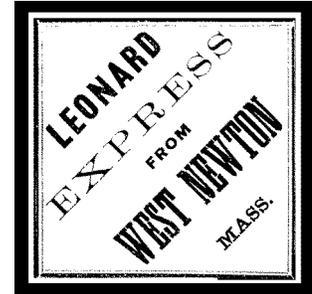


LEONARD EXPRESS (1840^B-72^B)
Regional private mail express company that operated between Boston, Aston and West Newton, Mass. Also known as Leonard & Co.

LABELS



Year Unkn. Imperf. 33x21 mm
LENX-L5 Black/Lavender25.00



Known with other town names.

Year Unkn. Imperf. 46.5x46.5 mm
LENX-L10 Black/Violet25.00



Probably issued with other town names.

Year Unkn. Imperf. 47x47 mm
*LENX-L12 Black/Violet25.00



***LEVY BROTHERS EXPRESS (Late 1880s^{R1})**
Regional private mail and parcel express company that operated in San Mateo County, Calif., via stage coaches managed by the Levy Brothers' Stageline.

LABEL



ca. 1888 Imperf. 54x37 mm
*LVBX-L1 Black/Orange150.00



OVERLAND MAIL & EXPRESS CO. (ca. 1875-88^U)

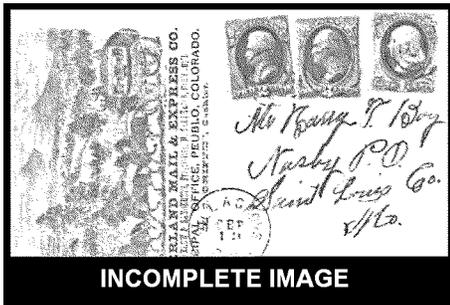
Regional private mail, parcel express and stage line company that operated in Colorado. Barlow & Sanderson Co., or J. L. Sanderson & Co., was the proprietor.

CORNER CARDS & COVERS



"PEUBLO" is an incorrect spelling. Depicted corner card is rotated 90° CCW as printed on cover.

ca. 1888 Printed Size Unkn.
OVMX-CC1 Black Unkn.
[Known on cover containing 1888 letter]



INCOMPLETE IMAGE

ca. 1888 (Thomas OVM-402)
OVMX-C1 White envelope *1,000.00
* Entire legible cover.



Image constructed from Thomas OVM-401 description. Missing text: "J. L. SANDERSON & CO. Propts., H. SANDERSON, Gen'l Sup't, H.C. Griffin, Cashier." Depicted corner card might be rotated 90° CCW as printed on cover.

ca. 1888 Printed Size Unkn.
OVMX-CC2 Black Unkn.
[Known on September 1888 postmarked cover]

Cover illustration is not available.

ca. 1888 (Thomas OVM-401)
OVMX-C2 White envelope *1,000.00
* Entire legible cover.

Ref. 1: Thomas, Oscar M., "Barlow, Sanderson, & CO., etc.," *The Western Express Companies, etc.*, Volume 1, The United Postal Stationary Society, Inc., 2013, pp 161-64.



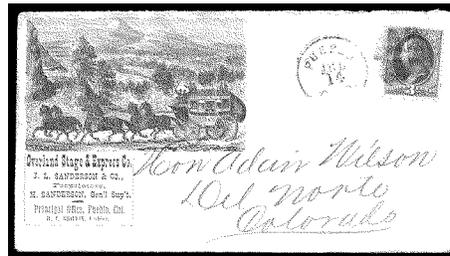
OVERLAND STAGE & EXPRESS CO. (1878-80's)

Regional private mail, parcel express and stage line company that operated between the Missouri River and the Pacific Coast. J. L. Sanderson & Co., was the proprietor.

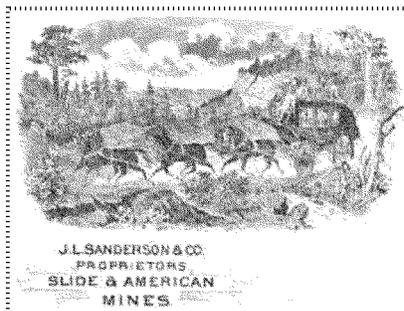
CORNER CARDS & COVERS



Year Unkn. Printed Size Unkn.
OSTX-CC1 Black Unkn.

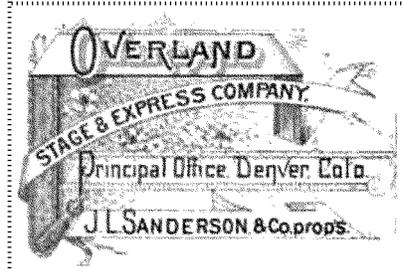


Year Unkn.
OSTX-C1 White envelope 600.00

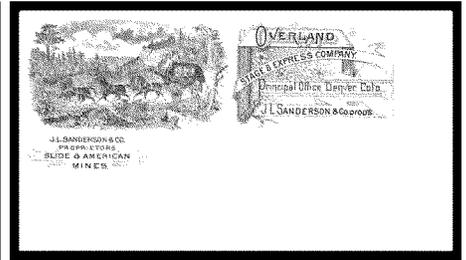


"Slide and American Mines" were located in Cripple Creek, Colo., according to the 1896 *Colorado Mining Index*.

Year Unkn. Printed Size Unkn.
OSTX-CC2 Black Unkn.



Year Unkn. Printed Size Unkn.
OSTX-CI-2 Black Unkn.



Depicted cover is unused. Used cover is known.

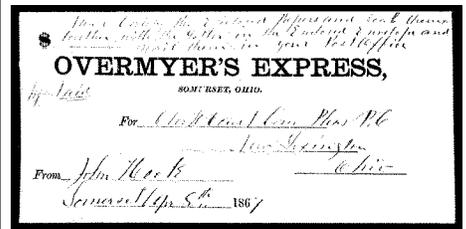
Year Unkn.
OSTX-C2 Tan envelope 600.00



OVERMYER'S EXPRESS (Unkn.)

Regional private mail(?) and parcel delivery company that operated in the Somerset, Ohio area.

CORNER CARD & COVER

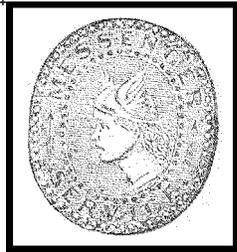


1867 Docket Black Printing Legal Size
OVYX-C1 Tan envelope 50.00



***MESSENGER SERVICE (Unkn.)**
Local expedited letter delivery service that operated in New York City.

CUT SQUARES



"MESSENGER/SERVICE" is printed within the surrounding border.

Year Unkn. Imperf. 31x35.5 mm
*MGSM-CS1 Red/Buff50.00

Image is similar to MGSM-CS1, EXCEPT printing is in white relief.

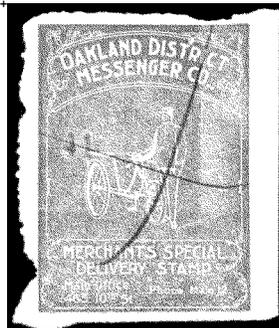
Illustration is not available.

Year Unkn. Imperf. 31x35.5 mm
*MGSM-CS2 Red/Buff75.00

***OAKLAND DISTRICT MESSENGER CO. (Unkn.)**

Local expedited private mail delivery company that operated in the Oakland, Calif.(?), area.

LABELS



Red control number "41" is printed near left center. "Stamp" value is unknown.

Year Unkn. L. Roul. 10? 33.5x53 mm
*OKDM-L1 Purple/Pink20.00



Red control number "9" is printed above bicycle seat. "SPECIAL" (reading down) is overprinted at right. "Stamp" value is unknown.

Year Unkn. Roul. 12 33.5x53 mm
*OKDM-L2 Red-black/Rose20.00

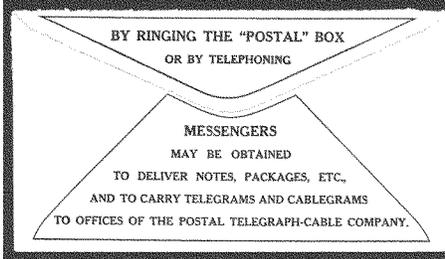
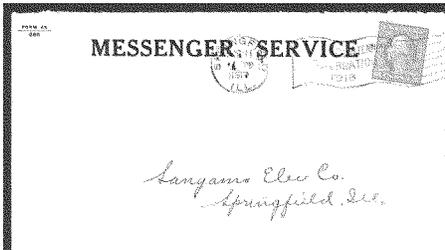
[The] PARCEL EXPRESS and MESSENGER COMPANY

See listing in Section II.

***POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE CO. (1887^{AE}-19??)**

Franchised(?) local expedited mail and parcel delivery service. This telegraph company is known to have operated nationwide and employed messengers in many cities.

COVER



"FORM 43 \586" is printed at UL on front cover.

1917 Postmark Printed
*PTCM-C1 Black/Brown 10.00
[August 1917 Springfield, Ill., postmarked cover]

***RED BOY MESSENGER SERVICE (1909?-16?)**

Local expedited parcel delivery company that operated in the Cleveland, Ohio area. Known to have been in business 1909-16.

LABEL



"©1914 BROWN & BIGELOW 100" is printed at bottom below design. Design is printed in black, brown, green, purple, and red colors.

1914 Perf. 12.75 50.5x41 mm
*RBYM-L1 Multicolors/White35.00

ST. LOUIS EXPRESS and MESSENGER CO.

See listing in Section III.

***SPECIAL ERRAND SERVICE (Unkn.)**

Local expedited private mail and parcel delivery company that operated in the Miami, Florida area. May have been a post-1918 company..

LABEL

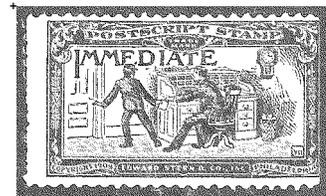


Year Unkn. Imperf. Size Unkn.
*SESM-L1 Black/Buff7.50

***[EDWARD] STERN & CO., INC. (1871^{R1}-1945^{R1})**

Edward Stern & Co., was a well known and respected printing and publishing establishment with facilities in Philadelphia, Penna. They are known to have issued Postscript Stamps early in the 20th Century that depicted various scenes and proverbs.

LABEL



"STAMP" value is unknown. A messenger about to leave an office is depicted. "VII" is printed in box near LR corner. "COPY-RIGHT 1909" is printed in scroll at LL. "EDWARD STERN & CO., INC" appears in relief at bottom-center. "PHILADELPHIA" is printed in scroll at LR.

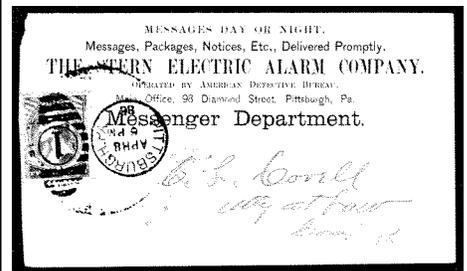
1909 Perf. 12 36x21 mm
*STNM-L1 Black, Brown, Red, Yellow/White20.00

Ref. 1: "Edward Stern & Co. - Complex Object." URL: http://icpdams.librarycompany.org:8881/R/?func=dbin-jump-full&object_id=79128&local_base=GEN01. Accessed July 2017.

***[THE] STERN ELECTRIC ALARM COMPANY (Unkn.)**

Messenger Department. Local expedited private mail and parcel delivery company that operated in the Pittsburgh, Penna., area.

COVER



April 1886 Pittsburgh, PA postmark.
1886 Postmark Printed
*SEAM-C1 Magenta/Tan10.00

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CANADIAN EXPRESS CO. (1865–1921)

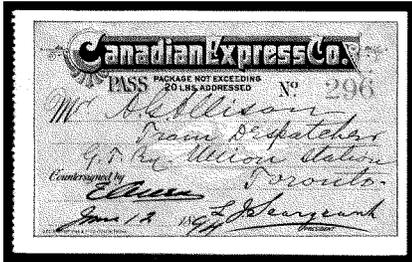
Regional private mail(?) and parcel express company that operated throughout Eastern Canada. This company operated mainly over the lines of the Grand Trunk Railway. Succeeded by the *Canadian National Express Co.*

Only the labels known used in Canada are listed here. Additional Canadian Express Company items are listed in **Section II (U.S. Express Labels & Stamps)**, **Section III (N. A. Express Covers)** and **Section VII (Overseas Expresses)**.

FREE SHIPMENT

COMPLIMENTARY PASS

Given mostly to express, railroad and government officials to be used for free transportation of the recipient's personal packages over Canadian Express lines.



Red control number 296 is printed near UR corner. Facsimile signature of President 'L. J. Seargeant' is printed at LR.

ca. 1894 Left V. Perf. 11 90.5x54 mm
CDNX-F10 Black o/ Light Peach/White80.00
[Known with June 1894 m/s date]

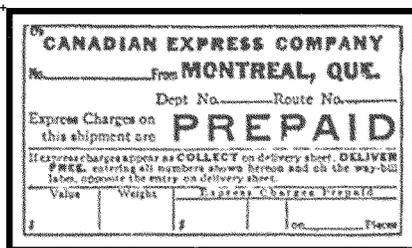
LABELS

Many of these labels are known with other Canadian town city/names on them, some in different font styles.



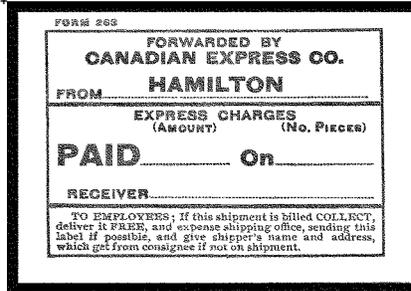
"U10" is printed at UL. Undefined printing on back.

1912 Imperf. Size Unkn.
*CDNX-L10-C Black/White newsprint20.00
[Label image was published in the *Montreal Gazette*, December 25, 1912. No actual white labels have been reported.]



"U9" is printed at UL. Undefined printing on back.

1912 Imperf. Size Unkn.
*CDNX-L12-C Black/White newsprint20.00
[Label image was published in the *Montreal Gazette*, December 25, 1912. No actual yellow labels have been reported.]



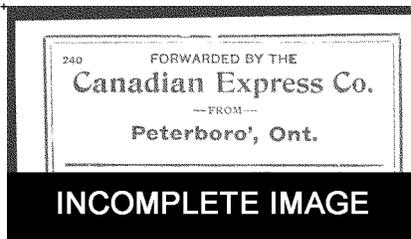
"FORM 263" is printed at UL above frame line.
ca. 1906 Imperf. 72x48* mm
*CDNX-L15-C Burgundy/Buff50.00
[Known used on May 1906 postmarked cover]
* Excluding FORM 263 inscription.



Year Unkn. Imperf. 39x36 mm*
*CDNX-L20-C Black/Orange40.00
* Thin rectangular frame.



ca. 1893 Perf. 11x11.5 41x27 mm
CDNX-L30 White/Dark Blue25.00
[Known used on March 1893 docketed cover]



"240" is printed near UL corner.
Year Unkn. Imperf. 78.5x31+ mm
*CDNX-L35-C Black/Dark Red*50.00
* Complete legible label.



Year Unkn. Imperf. 128x81 mm
*CDNX-L40 Black/Light Green50.00



Year Unkn. Imperf. 62x42 mm
*CDNX-L55-C Black/Orange70.00

IDENTIFIER

CDNX-	CENTRAL ORNAMENT DESIGN
L55-C	Company. Mark all Goods by Canadian Express Company. Goods forwarded by Rail on Express Passenger Trains.
L60-C	Company. Mark all Goods by Canadian Express Company. Goods forwarded by Rail on Express Passenger Trains.



Year Unkn. Imperf. 62x42 mm
CDNX-L60-C Black/Orange70.00



Year Unkn. Imperf. 61x43 mm
*CDNX-L61-C Black/Orange70.00



Vertical frame lines are crooked on the original label.
Year Unkn. Imperf. 59x42 mm
*CDNX-L65-C Black/Orange70.00

**SECTION VI
REPUBLIC OF MEXICO
EXPRESS LABELS**

This Section presents the labels issued by private express companies operating in Mexico up to 1918. The same catalog acronyms are used for companies already introduced in the UNITED STATES Sections. The same catalog numbers are used for identical label/stamp designs that appear in both **Section II (U. S. Express Labels & Stamps)** and this Section (NOTE: a "-M" suffix is added in this Section to previously used catalog numbers when appropriate for Mexican identification).

Mexican express covers issued by Wells, Fargo & Co., are listed in **Section III (N. A. Express Covers)**.

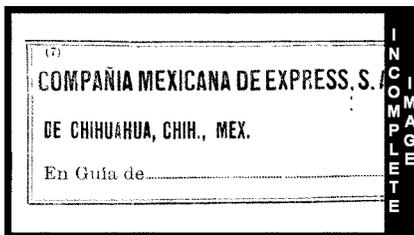
All valuations are in U.S. dollars.

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COMPANIA MEXICANA DE EXPRESS, S. A. (1909^{R1}-13?)

Private mail express company that operated over the Mexican railroads as a Wells Fargo subsidiary.

LABEL



Form number "(7)" is printed at UL.

ca. 1911 Imperf. 88x38.5 mm
CMDX-L1 Black/Red*250.00
[Known used on August 1911 cover]
* Complete legible label.

Ref. 1: Chandler, Dr. R. J., "Greening" Franks: Wells Fargo's Mexican Venture, 1859 to 1885," *Western Express*, June 2010, p. 91.

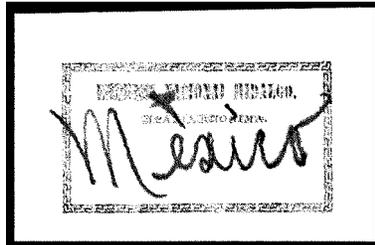


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EXPRESS NACIONAL HIDALGO (1891^{R1}-1900^{R3})

Private mail express company that operated over the railroads between Mexico City and Vera Cruz plus a southward extension to Puebla. Absorbed by *Express Interoceanico* in June 1900.

LABEL



Clear illustration is not available. "EXPRESS NACIONAL HIDALGO" is printed on top line.

ca. 1892 Imperf. Size Unkn.
XHID-L1 Black/Red*125.00
[Known used on back of 1892 Hidalgo Express cover]
* Clear legible label.

Ref. 1: *Express Gazette*, January 10, 1892, p. 8.

Ref. 2: Dougan, S. W. "The Hidalgo Express Company," *The Heliograph*, #17 Winter 1991, pp 12-17.

Ref. 3: "Mexico/Prosperous Express Companies," *Monthly Bulletin of the Bureau of the American Republics*, June 1900, pp 1000-01.



EXPRESS INTEROCEANICO (1897^{R1}-19??)

Private mail and parcel express company owned by the Interoceanico Railway. Its express service extended over railroad lines that extended across six states of the Mexican Republic.

The listed labels were probably also issued with other Mexican city/town names on them, some names possibly printed in different font styles.

LABELS



Year Unkn. Imperf. 43x30 mm
XINT-L1 Black/Green150.00



Year Unkn. Imperf. 68x52 mm
XINT-L3 Black/Green200.00

Ref. 1: "Compania del Ferro-Carril Interoceanico," *El Estado De Puebla*, December 1901, p. 66.



EXPRESS NACIONAL MEXICANO (189?-190?)

Private mail express company that operated via railroads over much of Southern Mexico. This company was formed as a partnership between Wells Fargo and the Mexican Government.

LABEL



"x 62" is printed at top.

Year Unkn. Imperf. 35x30 mm
XNCM-L1 Black/Yellow150.00

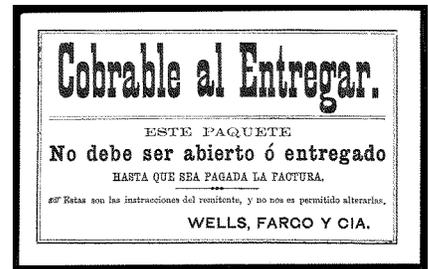


EXPRESS WELLS, FARGO Y CIA. (1885^{R1}-1910^{R1})

Private mail express company that was operated throughout Mexico by Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express (later Wells Fargo & Co.) from offices within Mexico. The official business name of this company was changed to Express Wells Fargo y Cia., (a.k.a. Wells Fargo & Co. Express) on August 1, 1898 (note the comma after 'Wells' is gone). See pg 344 for covers.

LABELS

COLLECT ON DELIVERY



Year Unkn. Imperf. 108x74 mm
XWFC-L10 Black/Yellow150.00



Clear illustration is not available.

Year Unkn. Imperf. Size Unkn.
XWFC-L15 Black/Yellow*125.00
* Legible label.

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PITT & SCOTT, INC./LTD. (1876-1918^{AE})
Overseas foreign freight brokers and express carriers to all parts of the world from New York City and Boston.

CORNER CARDS & COVERS

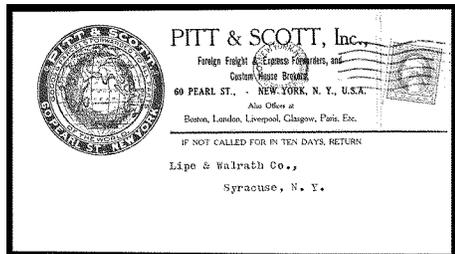


Year Unkn. Printed 48.5x49.5 mm
PSLX-CC1 Dark Blue 7.50

PITT & SCOTT, Inc.,
Foreign Freight & Express Forwarders, and
Custom House Brokers,
60 PEARL ST., - NEW YORK, N. Y., U.S.A.
Also Offices at
Boston, London, Liverpool, Glasgow, Paris, Etc.
IF NOT CALLED FOR IN TEN DAYS, RETURN

Note "Inc." in company name.

Year Unkn. Printed
PSLX-CI-1 Dark Blue Unkn.



Year Unkn.
PSLX-C1 White envelope 35.00

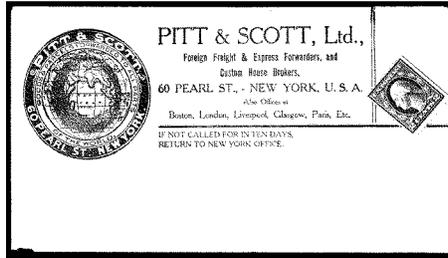
Same image as PSLX-CC1.

ca. 1912 Printed 48.5x50 mm
PSLX-CC2 Dark Blue 7.50
[Known on September 1912 postmarked cover]

PITT & SCOTT, Ltd.,
Foreign Freight & Express Forwarders, and
Custom House Brokers,
60 PEARL ST., - NEW YORK, U. S. A.
Also Offices at
Boston, London, Liverpool, Glasgow, Paris, Etc.
IF NOT CALLED FOR IN TEN DAYS,
RETURN TO NEW YORK OFFICE.

Note "Ltd." in company name. Second and third lines are printed in Gothic font.

ca. 1912 Printed
PSLX-CI-2 Dark Blue Unkn.
[Known on September 1912 postmarked cover].



1912 Postmark
PSLX-C2 Light Blue envelope 25.00

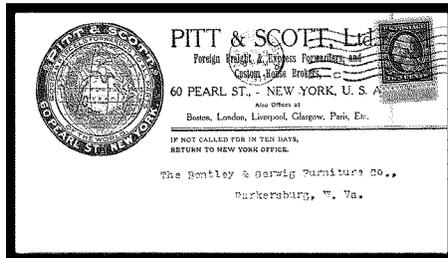
Same image as PSLX-CC1.

ca. 1911 Printed 48.5x50 mm
PSLX-CC3 Dark Blue 7.50
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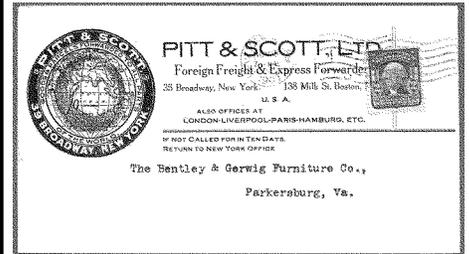
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ca. 1907 Printed 48 mm dia.
PSLX-CC5 Dark Blue 7.50
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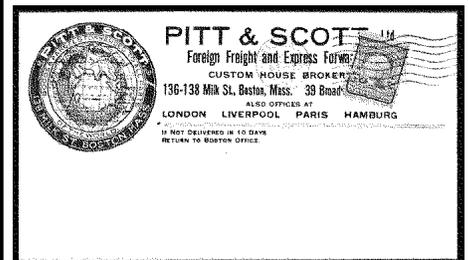


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ca. 1907 Printed Size Unkn.
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PSLX-C8 Blue envelope 25.00
