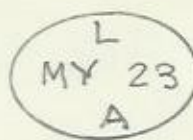


1860

MONTREAL OCEAN STEAM SHIP COMPANY

"The Allan Line"

S. S. Nova Scotian



21 CENTS

May 22, 1860. A letter posted at the Pillgwenly sub-office of Newport, Monmouthshire, Wales, backstamp. Letter was in transit the same day at the Newport office where the one shilling stamp was cancelled by the Newport duplex "561", being its British Post Office number. This stamp, Issue of 1856, paid the 1/- (24¢) U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 rate. Accordingly, the U.S. was credited with 16¢ sea (American Packet) + 5¢ U.S. Inland = 21¢.

May 23. Transit backstamp at Liverpool including the oval Liverpool Packet Letter Office stamp. S.S. Nova Scotian departed from Liverpool this date, touched at Queenstown the 24th.

June 4. Nova Scotian arrived at Quebec. Letters to the U.S. went by rail to Portland where they were processed June 6.

The Portland PAID mark is type IIIa, which exhibits a rather wide spacing of letters on each side of the "24" (16 mm.)



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Rhos y Caerwen

Mwyd fab

Rhag 21 1860

mi dderbynais eich
gareidig lythyr a mi roedde
dda iawn gofysu i gael
ac yn dda gyfanni i'f wad eich
bot chwiri yn iach rhyf. Strynyn.

dyma tipin o wadd
dau fachen Hugh
William a John

1860-61

MONTREAL OCEAN STEAM SHIP COMPANY

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December 24, 1860. Unpaid letter posted at Bangor, Carnarvonshire, North Wales. Enclosure is written in Welsh.

December 25. Christmas Day transit backstamp at London. This letter was put up in the London mails and sent to Londonderry, Ireland to meet the sailing of the Allan Line steamers.

December 27. S.S. Nova Scotian departed from Liverpool and picked up the English mails at Londonderry December 28.

January 9, 1861. Nova Scotian arrived at Portland on her winter route. Letter was processed at the Portland Exchange Office January 10. It was marked 24¢ due, the U.S.-British Treaty rate of 1848.

3¢ credit was made to the British for British Inland. U.S. retained 16¢ Sea (American Packet) + 5¢ U.S. Inland = 21¢.



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1861

MONTREAL OCEAN STEAM SHIP COMPANY

"The Allan Line"

S.S. Canadian (II) Penultimate Voyage of the Canadian

This voyage was the last the Canadian made from Portland and the last eastbound voyage she completed. On her next and last voyage she left Quebec on June 1, 1861, bound for Loch Foyle, and on June 4 collided with ice off the coast of Newfoundland in the straits of Belle Isle. Only a small portion of her mails were saved. 34 persons were lost including the mail officer, James Panton, who was drowned while trying to rescue the mails.



March 27, 1861. Unpaid letter, written in Welsh, posted at Bangor, Carnarvonshire, North Wales. It was in transit March 28 at London, backstamp, where the letter was forwarded to Londonderry to meet the Allan Line steamer.

March 28. Canadian left Liverpool and touched at Londonderry to pick up the westbound mails.

April 8. Canadian arrived at Portland where this letter was struck with the Exchange Office mark showing 24¢ due, the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 rate. 3¢ credit was due to Britain. U.S. retained 16¢ Sea (American Packet) + 5¢ U.S. Inland = 21¢.



3 CENTS

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