

United States of America

Telegraph Stamp Collection

Postal Telegraph - Cable Company

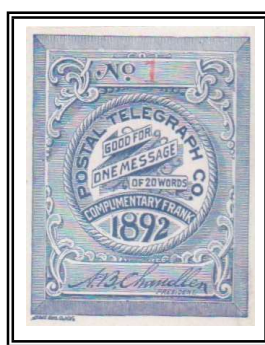
An inclusive Album. Includes Spaces for stamps Scott Forgot



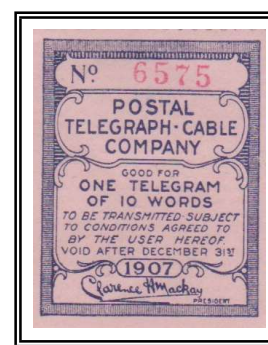
Type I 1885 Perf. 14 and 16



Type II One Telegraph of 20 Words
Special Printing 1894 - 1898 Perf. 4 Sides



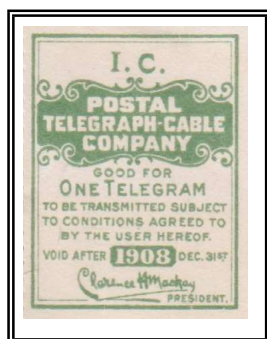
Type III One Telegraph of 20 Words
1882 - 1906



Type IV One Telegraph of 10 Words
1907



Type Va One Telegram
1908 - 1920



Type Vb One Telegram
Company initials added to Top
1908 - 1914



Type VI 1907



Type VII 1931 & 1932



Type IX 1942



Type X "Supts." No Date
1908 - 1914

Collect the entire Series



Postal Telegraph Company

An Alternate Study of the First 4 Stamps 10c, 15c, 25c, and 50c

By: Everett Ramsey

The Company was organized in New York State on June 21, 1881, as the "Postal Telegraph Company."
The Stamps were produced by the HAMILTON BANK NOTE CO. NEW YORK

The accepted time line of the stamps is as follows:

The 1947 book "United States Telegraph Issues" by Joseph S. and Stephen G. Rich is the source of what is thought to be an accurate account of the how and when the stamps came into existence. Per the book: The date of Feb. 12, 1885 is ascribed to the four prepayment stamps, apparently on the basis of contemporary reports of their appearance. They were imprinted as products of the Hamilton Bank Note Co. New York, issued in sheets of 100 Perforated 14 on all 4 sides. The 10c is listed as Green and Deep Green; 15c Orange Red; 25c Blue and Deep Blue and 50c Brown.

A note is made that a 10c Green, 25c Ultramarine, and 50c Black Perforated 16 on all four sides with a Magenta handstamp of the HAMILTON BANK NOTE CO. In large capitols are known. Then the Rich's claim that is proof these are an earlier printing. They go on to say these stamps were never put into use, and in fact not even known until after 1900.

It is further noted that large numbers of remainders were sold, we understand in the middle 1890's, to a New York stamp dealer. These so called remainders are marked with a 5 pointed shaded star in purple. They are noted and priced as separate items by Scott. These are very plentiful. They exist thus, not only as singles, pairs and blocks, but as full sheets with gum.

My time line of the stamps is fully explained as follows:

I agree with the entire first paragraph. The stamps are very well produced not only in their quality of engraving and printing as well as clear and clean paper down to the fine detailed imprint. Not anything like the Perf. 16 stamps later discovered. I believe these are the first printing and where produced to showcase the ability of the Hamilton Bank Note Co.

As to the perforated 16 stamps, I have a few examples of all three. Each denomination is printed on blotchy paper with what some describe as possible mold caused by improper storage. The engraving is weak and incomplete in some areas. These are not the work of a first class company. Even the imprint is cheap and looks rushed. I have a hard time believing Hamilton would use these as a first example of their work to a new client. I believe these are the last printing and where produced for sale to stamp collectors. I am guessing late 1898 or early 1899. The Rich's note that these stamps were never put into use, and in fact not even known until after 1900.

Collectors have insisted that some 15c Perf.16 stamps must have been produced. I say no 15c Perf.16 were ever produced. If my assumptions are true the plates for the first issue were well worn after making the remainders and put in storage. They remained in storage for another four or five years. When the decision was made to produce even more Postal Telegraph stamps for collectors the 15c plate was missing or damaged beyond repair. So go with three values, that is better than none. They were produced with well-worn plates that had been kicked around the storage vault on what ever paper they had

Mr. Nicholas Seebeck the main person in charge at Hamilton at that time, was well known for producing stamps to sell to collectors. Ref. book: *Seebeck Hero or Villan By: Danilo A. Mueses 2nd Edition Oct. 31st, 2018* Detailed information not previously available. Through several contracts with Latin American Countries Hamilton provided the postage stamps free. The catch was he named the denominations to be printed, new stamps would be provided annually and the unsold stamps would be returned to him. He provided many denominations that had no relation to actual postal rates and naturally went unsold. Scott and other catalogs added the new stamps to their listing annually. Mr. Seebeck had ownership of these newly listed stamps. He was able to sell them to stamp collectors for inflated prices. Many times he would print large amounts of the new stamps and not send them to the country, but hoard them. That way he had early access to the new stamps and start selling them faster.

Mr. Nicholas Seebeck died on June 23, 1899 age 42. The production of the Perf.16 stamps may have been his final venture.

I further believe the large amount of remainders were produced by Mr. Seebeck without the knowledge of Postal Telegraph Co. And sold to the stamp dealer by Mr. Seebeck. That would help to explain how the star marked stamps came into being, but many went unmarked. Hamilton did deliver the first printing to Postal Telegraph and they held them in storage. Since none were ever used it became a problem keeping them so they liquidated the entire amount without any markings.

Perforated 16



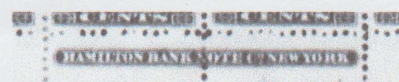
Moled dirty paper - poor engraving - cheap rubber handstamp



Perforated 14



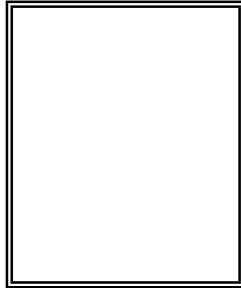
Bright clear paper - crisp engraving - engraved imprint



Postal Telegraph Company
1885

Special Printing by: Hamilton Bank Note Company
Please read the paper "An Alternate Study of the First 4 Stamps"

New Colors and Perf. 15.75



10c Deep Green

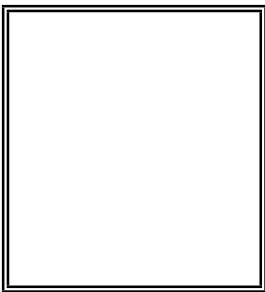


25c Ultramarine

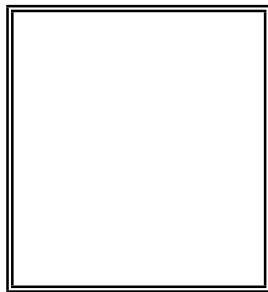


50c Black

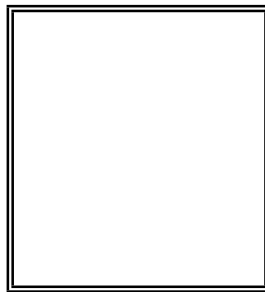
1st Printing by: Hamilton Bank Note Co. Perf. 14.2



10c Green



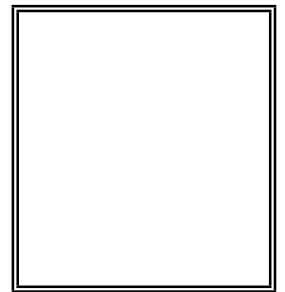
10c Deep Green



15c Orange Red

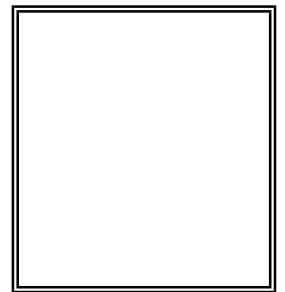
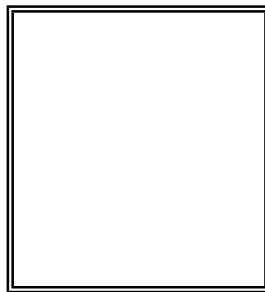
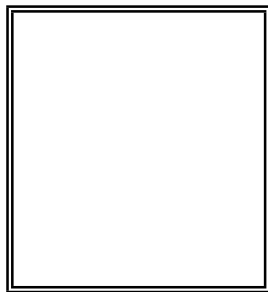
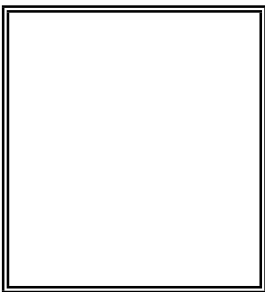


25c Blue

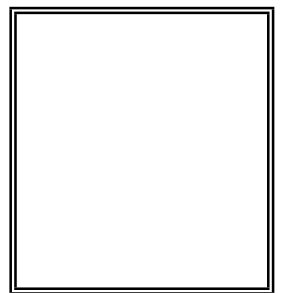
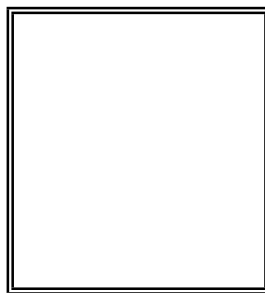
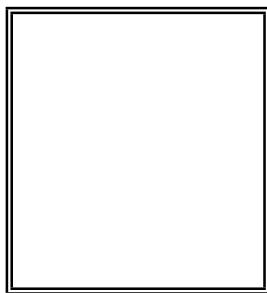
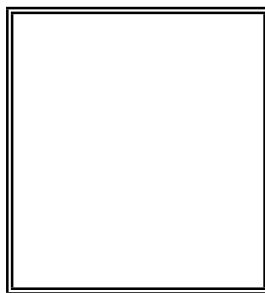


50c Brown

2nd Printing by: Hamilton Bank Note Co. Perf. 14



Remainders: Purple Star Designation

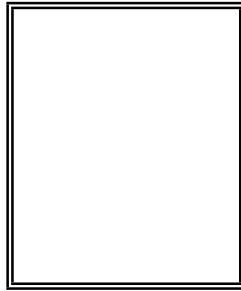


Postal Telegraph Company
1885 - 1920

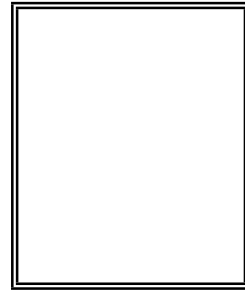
----- Essay or Special Printing -----



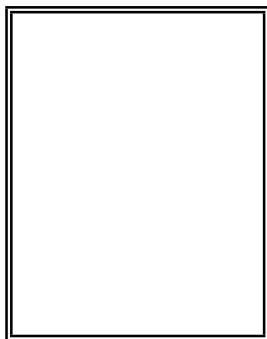
1894 Gray Green
Perf. 4 Sides



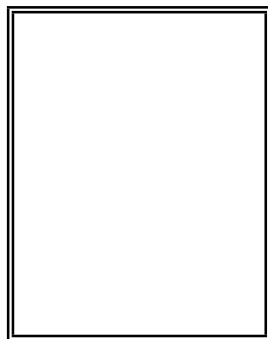
1894 No Control
Perf. 4 Sides



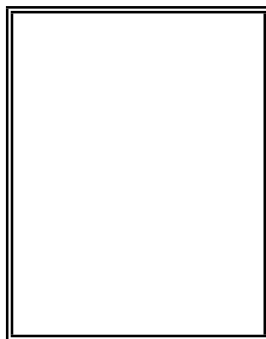
1894 Imperf.



1895 Rose
Perf. 4 Sides



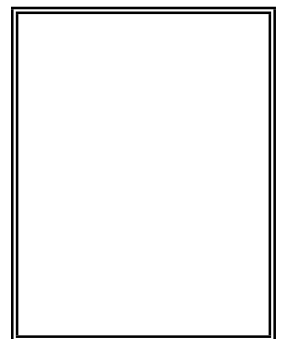
1895 No Control
Perf. 4 Sides



1896 Brown
Perf. 4 Sides



1897 Orange
Perf. 4 Sides

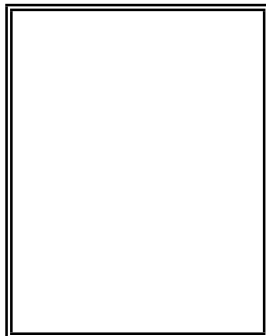


1898 Rose
Perf. 4 Sides

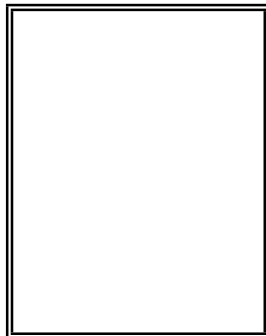
----- One Telegram 20 Words -----



1892 Blue Gray Perf. 14 1/2



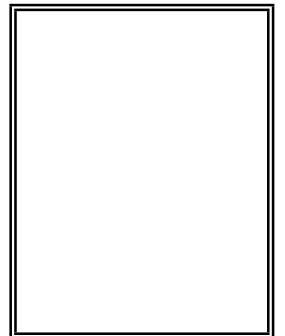
1892 Blue Gray Perf. 13 1/2



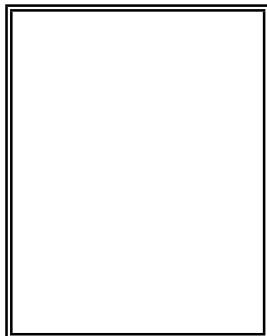
1892 Blue Gray Perf. 13 1/2 x 14



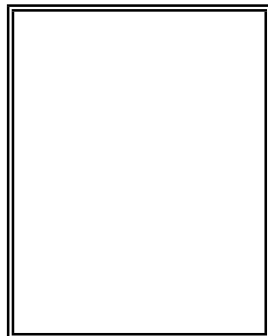
1892 Blue Gray Perf. 14



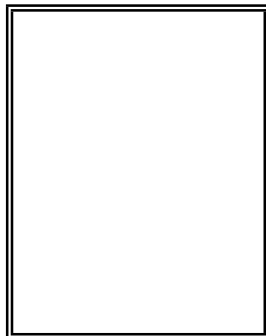
1893 Brn. Lake Perf 14 1/2



1893 Brn. Lake Perf. 13 1/2



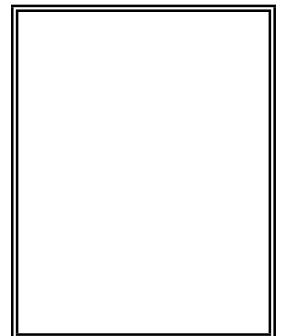
1893 Brn. Lake Perf. 14



1893 Brn. Lake Perf. 14 x 14 1/2



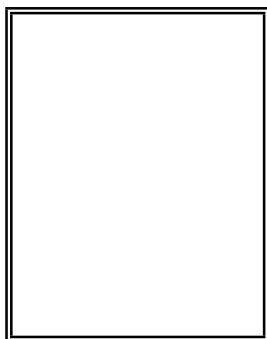
1893 Rose Red Perf 14 1/2



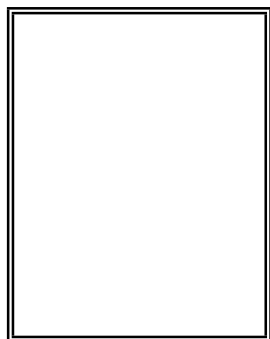
1893 Rose Red Perf. 14 x 14 1/2

Postal Telegraph Company
1885 - 1920

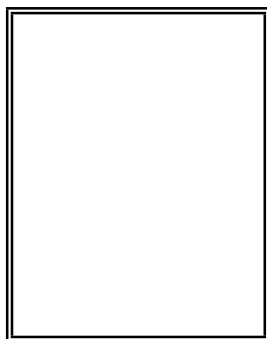
----- One Telegram 20 Words -----



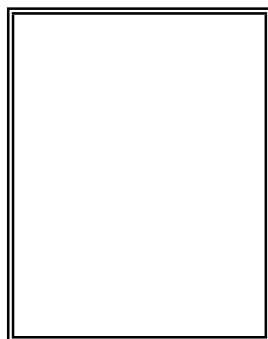
1893 Rose Red Perf. 14 1/2 x 14



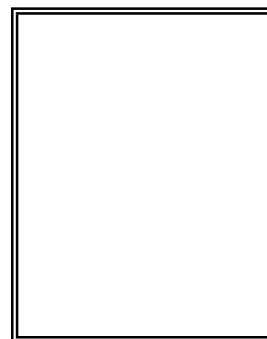
1894 Violet Brn. Red Control



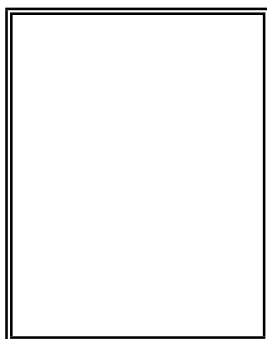
1894 Violet Brn. Purple Control



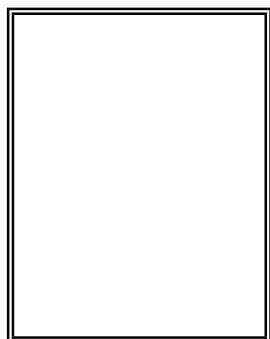
1895 Blue



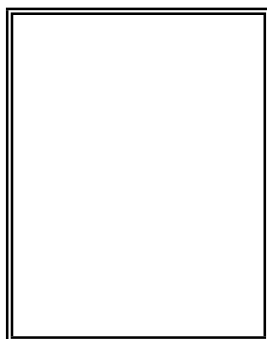
1896 Slate Green



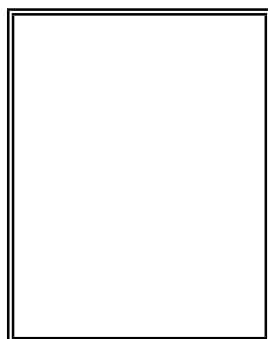
1897 Brown



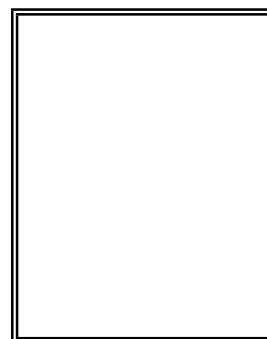
1898 Pale Blue



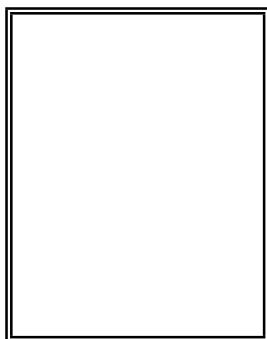
1899 Orange Brown



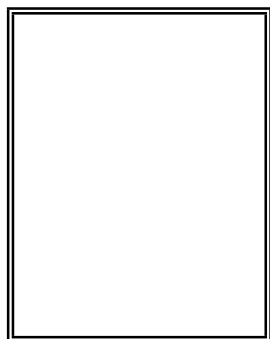
1900 Blue Type I
with "I" in Complimentary



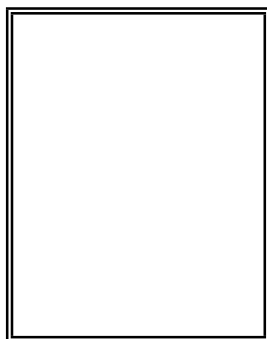
1900 Blue Type II
No "I" in Complimentary



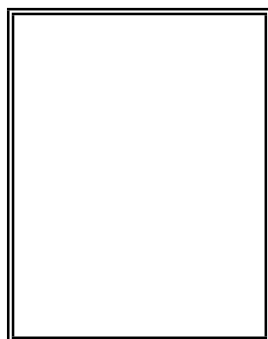
1901 Green Blue Control



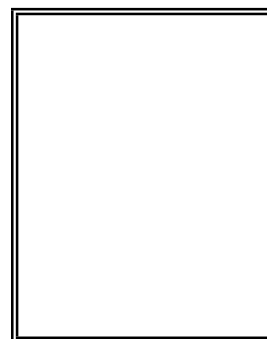
1901 Green Red Control



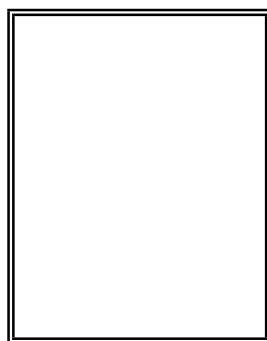
1902 Brown



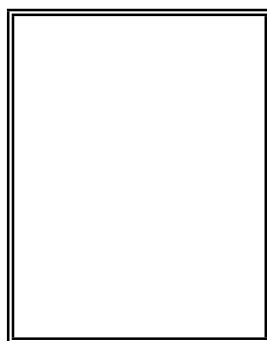
1903 Blue



1904 Blue on Blue



1904 Blue on Blue
Double Strike #9825 over 6180



1905 Blue on Yellow

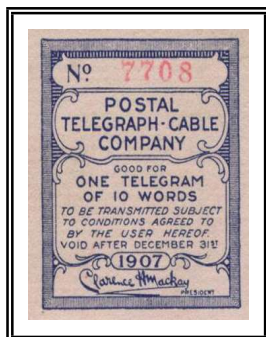


1906 Blue on Light Blue

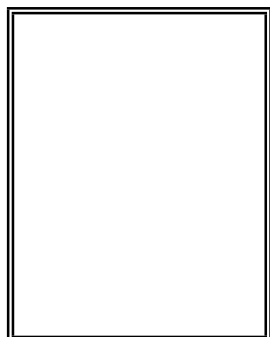
Postal Telegraph – Cable Company

1885 – 1920

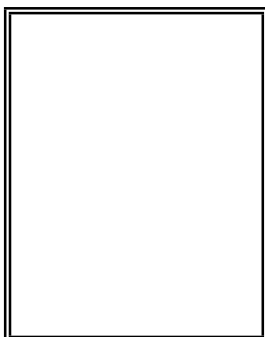
----- One Telegram 10 Words -----



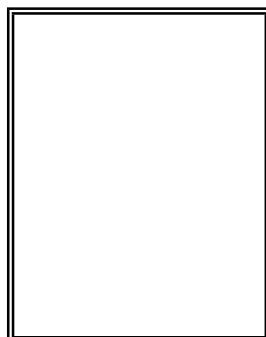
1907 Black on Yellow



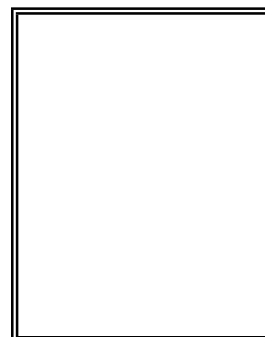
1907 Black on Yellow No Control



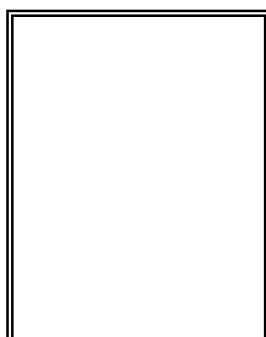
1907 Blue on Pink



1907 Blue on Pink No Control



1908 Blue



1908 Black



1908 Yellow



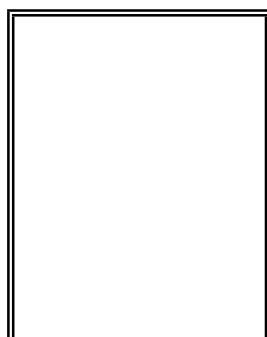
1909 Brown
Frame Break under "Y"



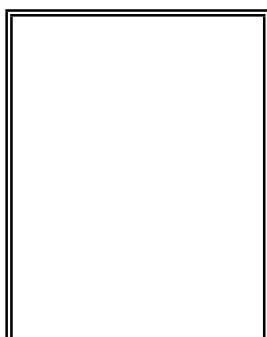
1909 Yellow Brown
No Frame Break under "Y"



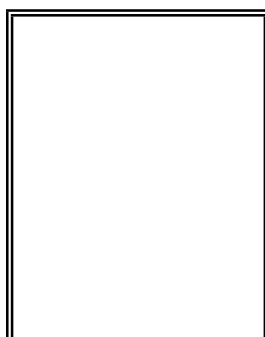
1909 Brown Date reads 1908



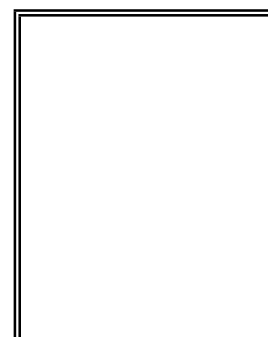
1909 Olive Green



1910 Blue



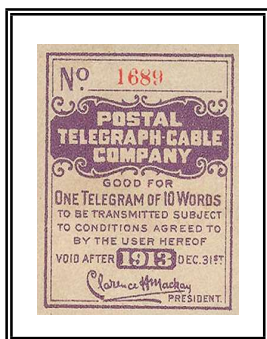
1910 Brown



1911 Violet



1912 Blue



1913 Violet



1914 Violet

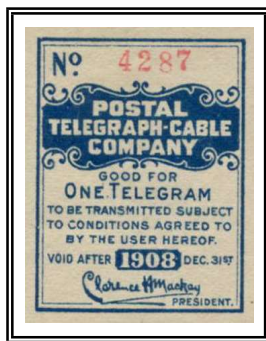


1916 Violet

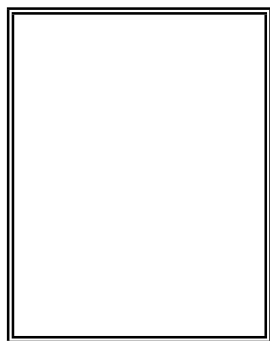
Postal Telegraph - Cable Company

1885 - 1920

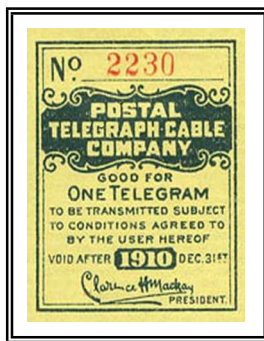
----- One Telegram -----



1908 Blue



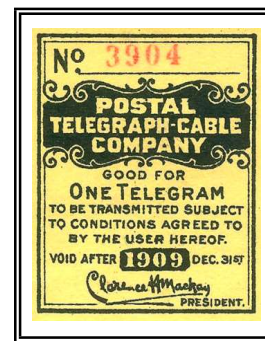
1909 Lilac



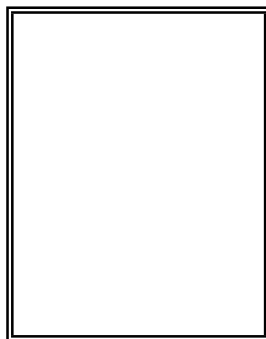
1910 Black on Yellow



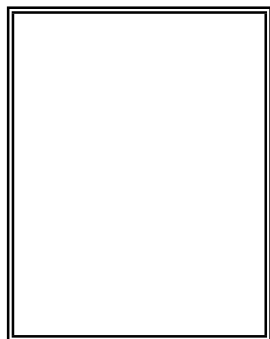
1910 Black on Yellow Perf 4 Sides



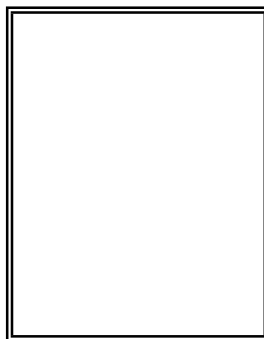
Dated 1909 Black on Yellow



1910 Violet



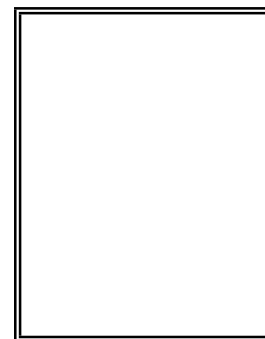
1910 Violet Perf. 4 Sides



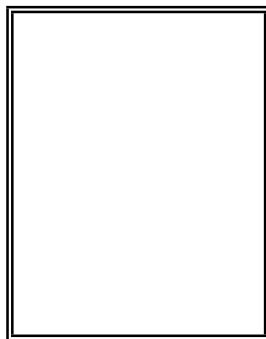
1911 Blue



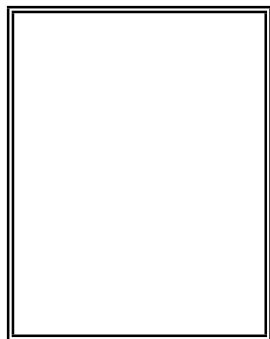
1911 Blue No Control



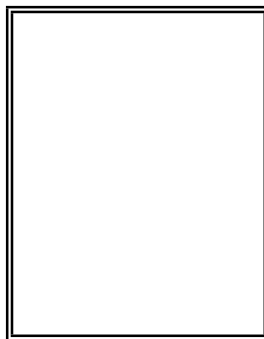
1912 Light Violet No Spur



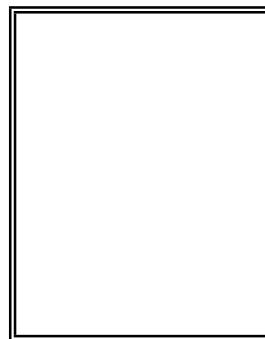
1912 Light Violet With Spur



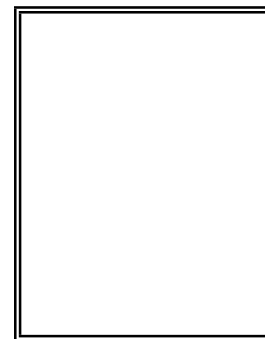
1912 Light. Violet No Control



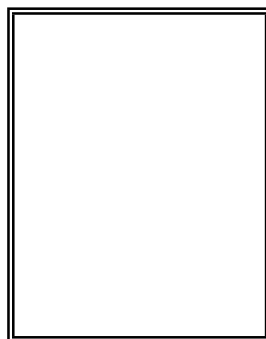
1913 Blue Perf. 14



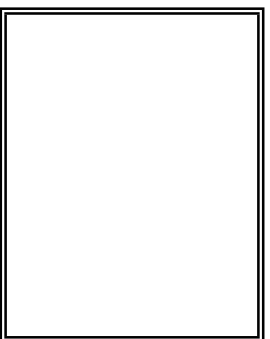
1913 Blue Perf. 14- 4 Sides



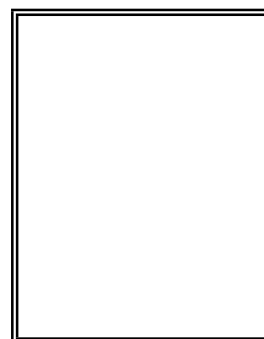
1913 Perf. 12



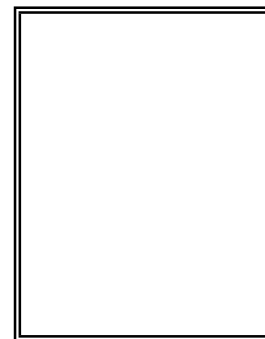
1914 Blue No Spur



1914 No Spur Perf. 4 Sides



1914 No Spur



1914 With Spur

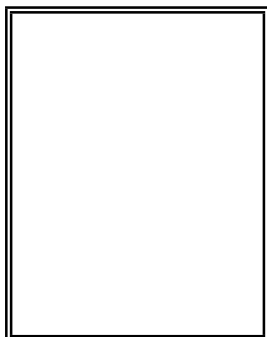


1914 Milky Blue

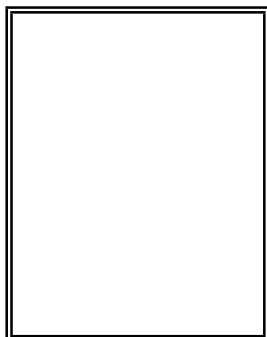
Postal Telegraph – Cable Company

1885 – 1920

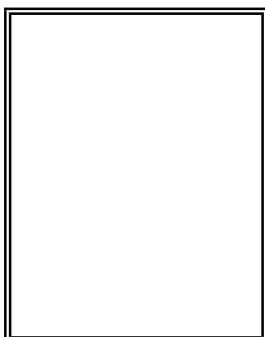
----- One Telegram -----



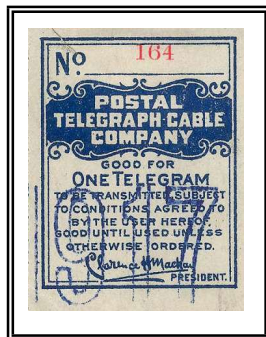
1914 No Control



1914 Perf. 4 Sides



1916



1917



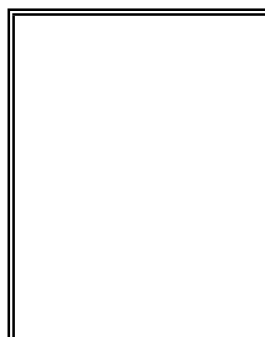
1918



1919

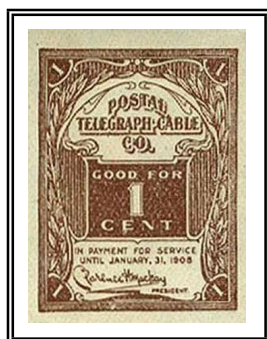


1920 Blue



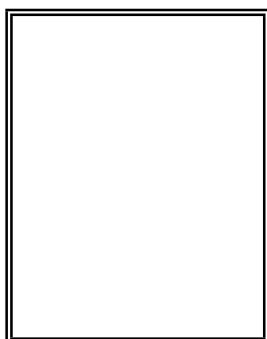
1920 Perf. 4 Sides

----- 1907 -----



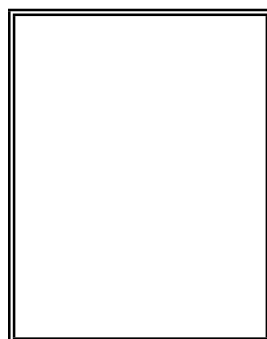
1c Dark Brown

1931

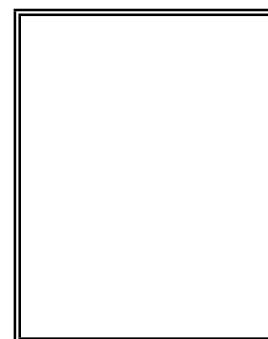


2c Dull Violet

1932 Over Stamp

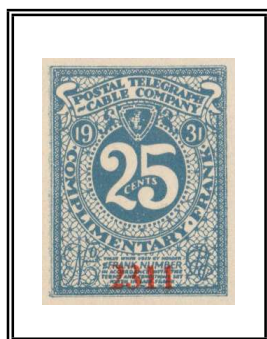


5c Green



25c Light Red

----- 1942 -----



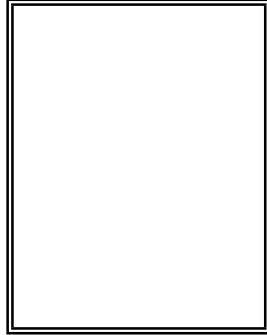
Postal Telegraph – Cable Company
1885 – 1920

----- Official Stamps -----

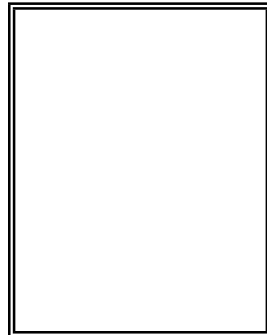
----- Superintendent No Date – Black on Magenta -----



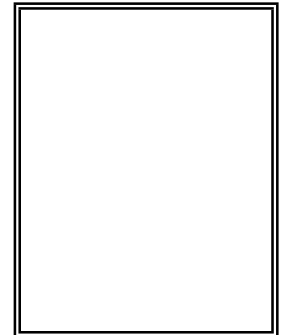
Perf. 11



Perf. 11 4 Sides



Perf. 12

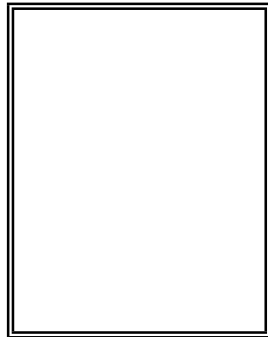


Perf. 12 4 Sides

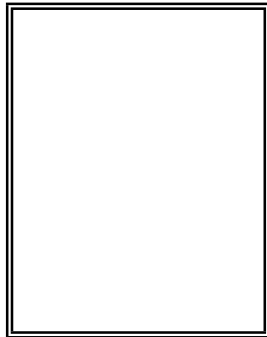
----- C.G.W. - Chicago Great Western -----



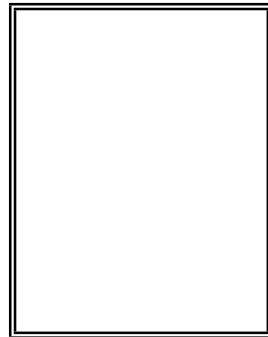
1908



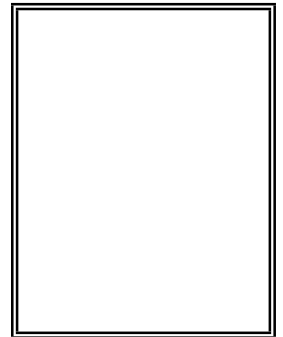
1909



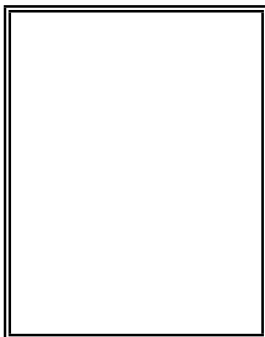
1910



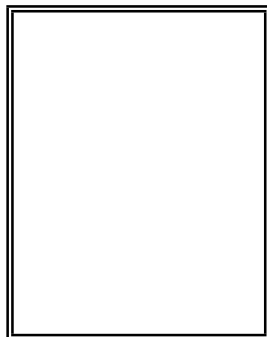
1911



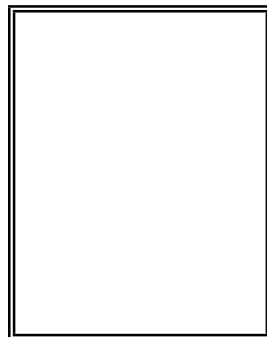
1912



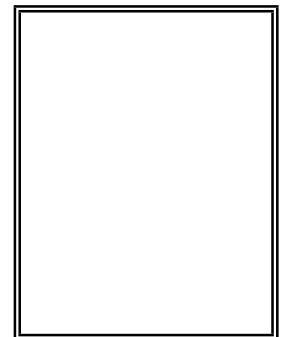
1913 Perf. 14



1913 Perf. 12



1914



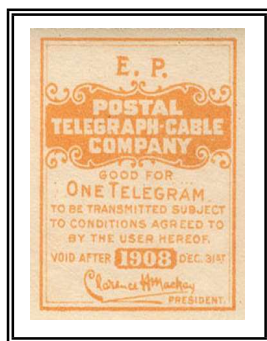
1914 perf. 4 Sides

Postal Telegraph - Cable Company

1885 - 1920

E. P. - El Paso

O. D. - Old Dominion



1908 Orange

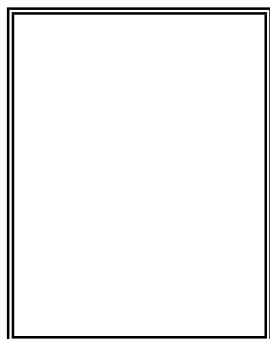


1908 Violet

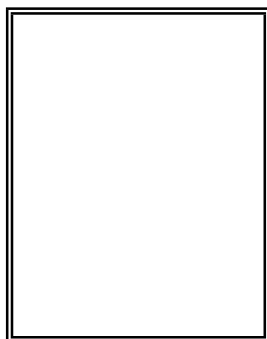
-----I. C. - Illinois Central -----



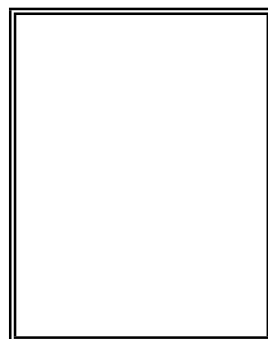
1908



1908 Perf 4 Sides



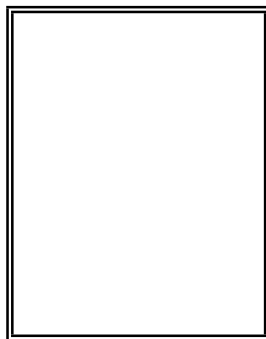
1909



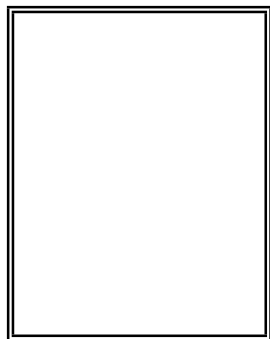
1909 Perf. 4 Sides



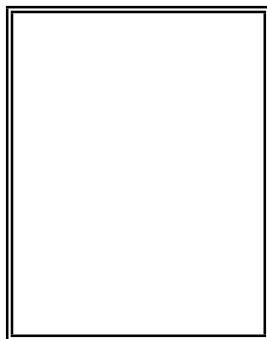
1910



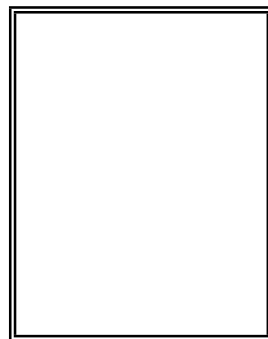
1910 Perf. 4 Sides



1911



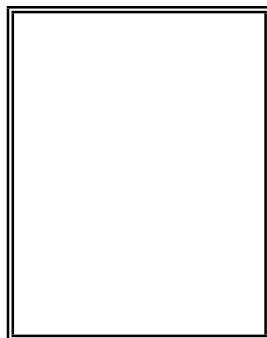
1911 Perf 4 Sides



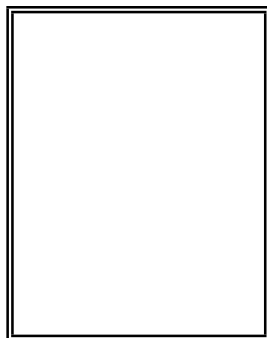
1912



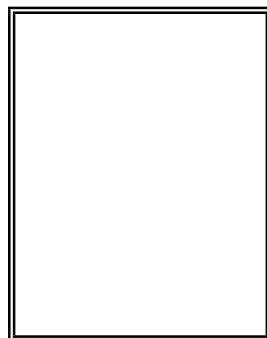
1912 Perf. 4 Sides



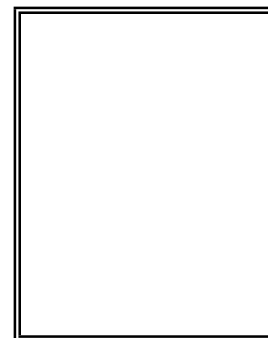
1913



1913 Perf 4 Sides



1914 With Spur

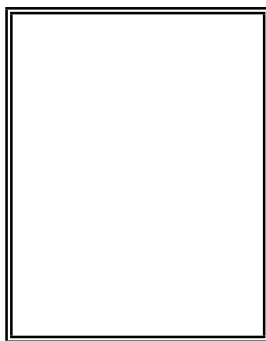


1914 No Spur

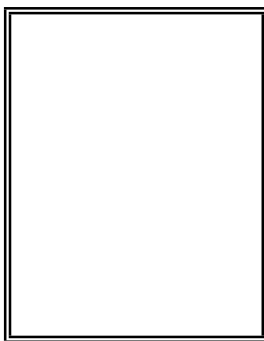
Postal Telegraph - Cable Company

1885 - 1920

I. C. - Illinois Central



1914 No Spur Perf. 4 sides



1914 President

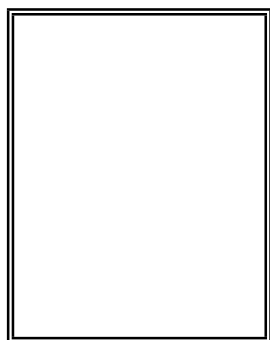


1914 President Perf, 4 Sides

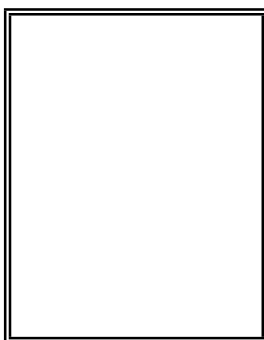
----- P.R. - Pennsylvania Railroad -----



1908 With 6 mm
Control Letter and Number



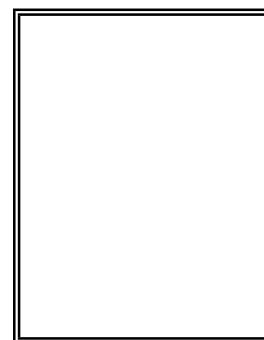
1908 With 6 mm
Control Number



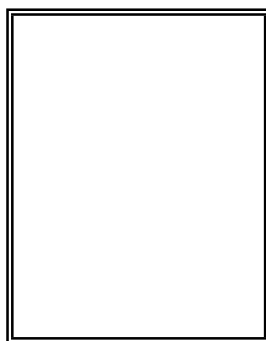
1908 With 4.5 mm
Control Number



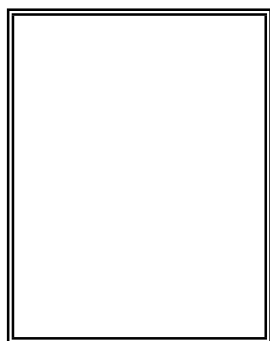
1908 With 3.5
Control Letter and Number



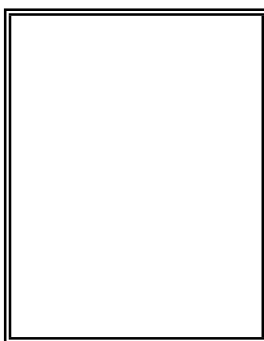
1908 No Control



1908 perf. 4 Sides



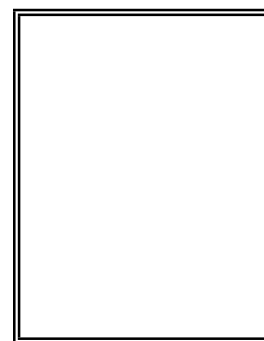
1909 With 6 mm
Control Number



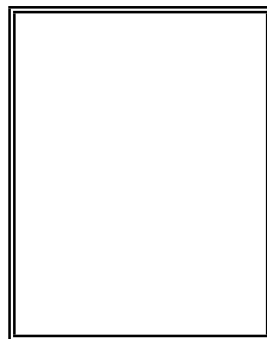
1909 Perf. 4 Sides



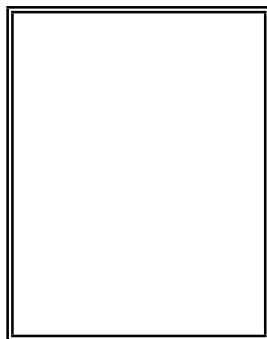
1910 With 6 mm
Control Number



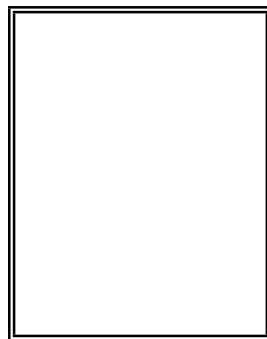
1910 With 4.5 mm
Control Number



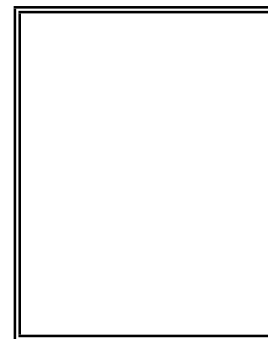
1910 Perf. 4 Sides



1910 No Control



1911 With Control Number

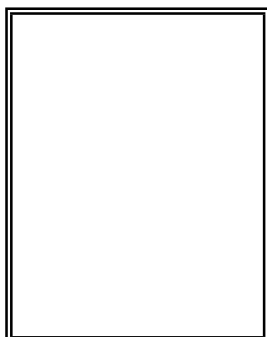


1911 Perf. 4 Sides

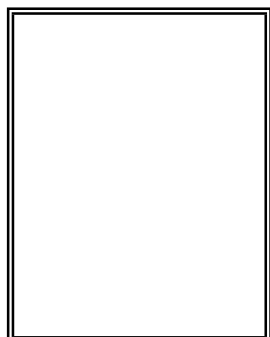
Postal Telegraph - Cable Company

1885 - 1920

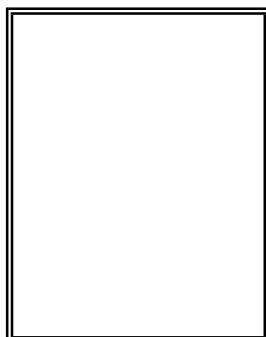
----- P.R. - Pennsylvania Railroad -----



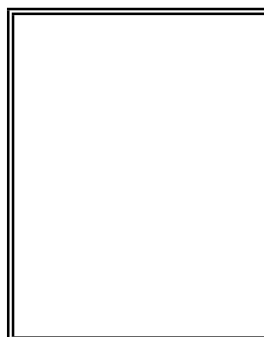
1912 With Control Number



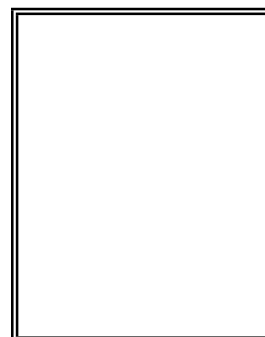
1912 No Control



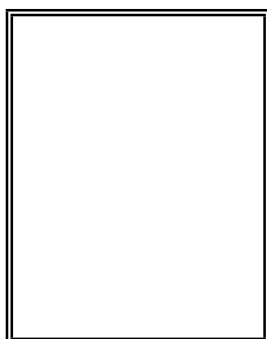
1913 Perf. 14 With Control



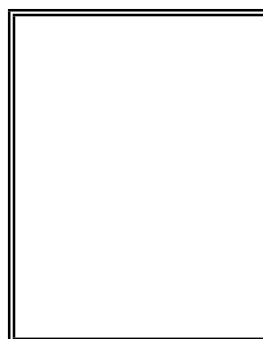
1913 perf. 14 4 Sides



1913 perf. 12 With Control

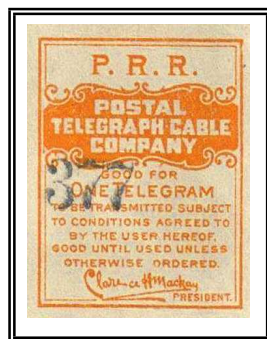


1913 No Control

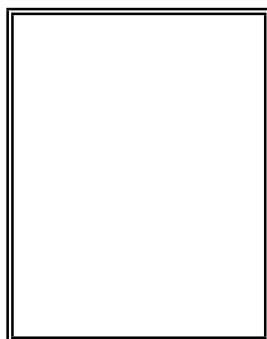


1913 No Control Perf. 4 Sides

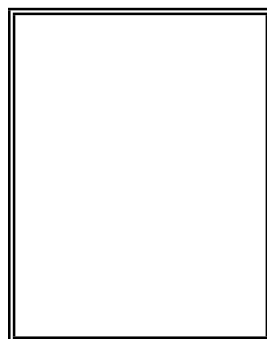
-----P.R.R. Pennsylvania Rail Road -----



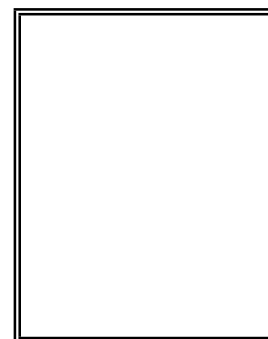
1914 With Control



1914 With Control Perf. 4 Sides



1914 No Control



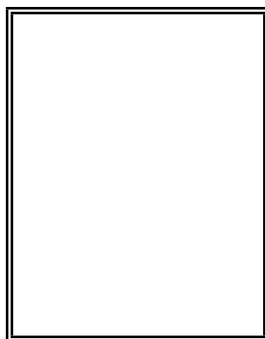
1914 No Control Perf. 4 Sides

Postal Telegraph - Cable Company
1885 - 1920

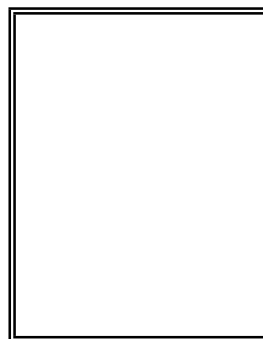
-----S. W. - El Paso Southwest Railroad -----



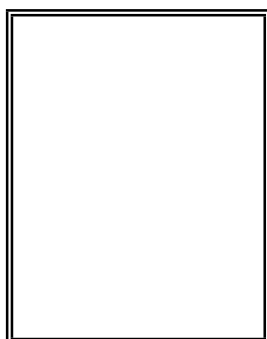
1909



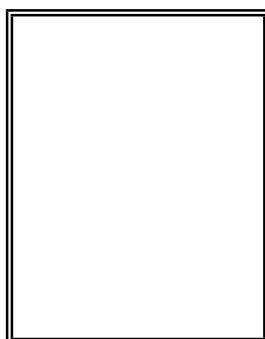
1910



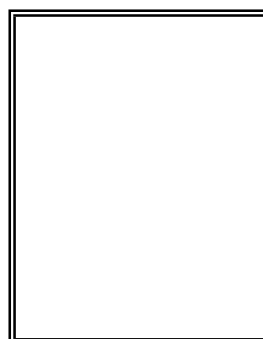
1911



1911 Perf. 4 Sides



1912



1912 Perf. 4 Sides