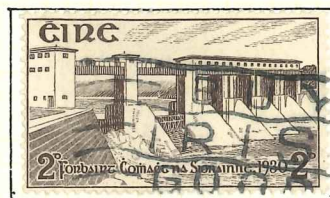


SHANNON HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEME

1930



Slogan "BUY IRISH GOODS"



LOUGH GLYNN, CASTLEREA
Co. ROSCOMMON
29. OCT 1930



Stamp issued in 1996 to mark the birth centenary of Dr. T.A. McLaughlin the mastermind the building of Ardnactusha, the first hydro-electric generating station in Ireland.

Issued 15 October 1930

This stamp was issued to celebrate the completion of the Shannon Hydro-electric Power Scheme.

The design representing the Shannon Barrage at O'Brien's Bridge, Co Limerick was by E. L. Lawerson.

Inscription "Shannon River Development"

Typographed by the Government Printers, Dublin Castle.

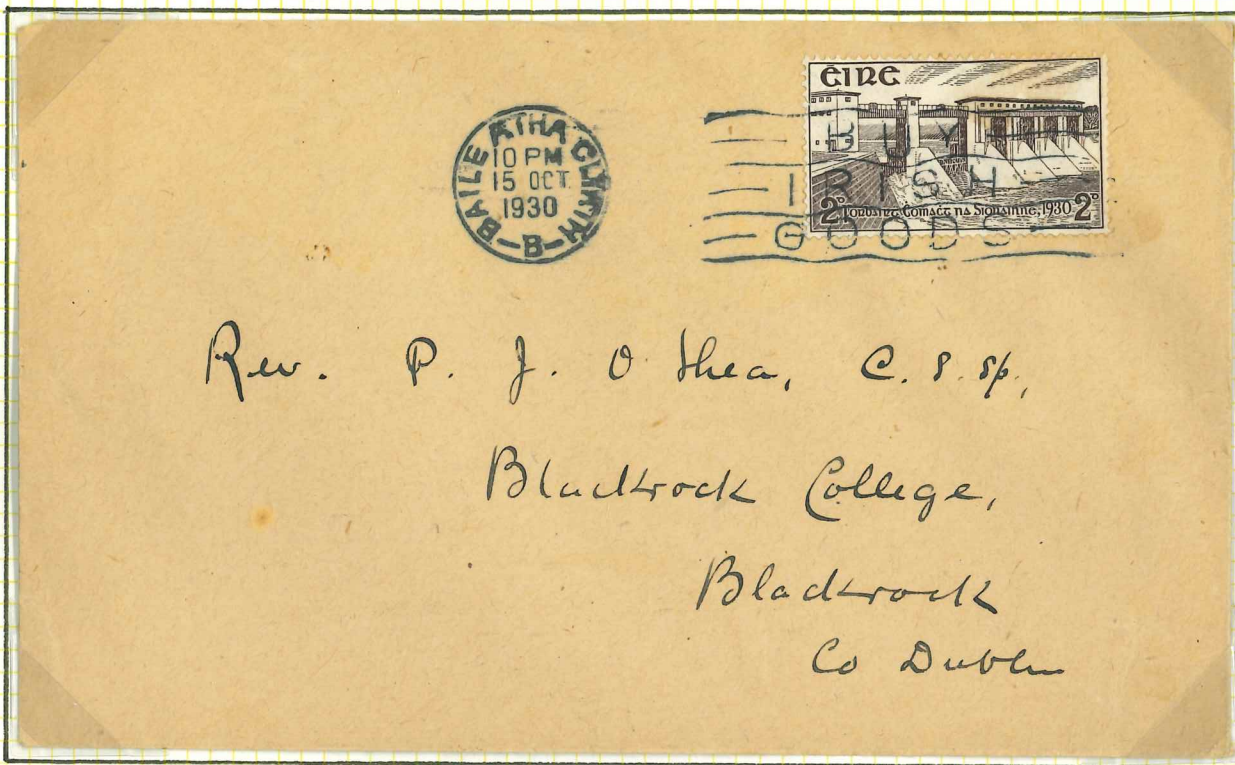
Perf. - 15x14.

Wmk. "se"

Shading in this issue was probably due to an off-white paper used for later printings

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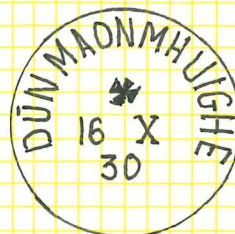
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1930

DAY OF ISSUE



DUNMANWAY
Co. CORK.

Miss N. K. Wright.
Dunmanway,
Co; Cork.
I. F. S.

Cover addressed to Miss Nora Wright, a former prominent member of the Irish Philatelic Circle, now deceased.



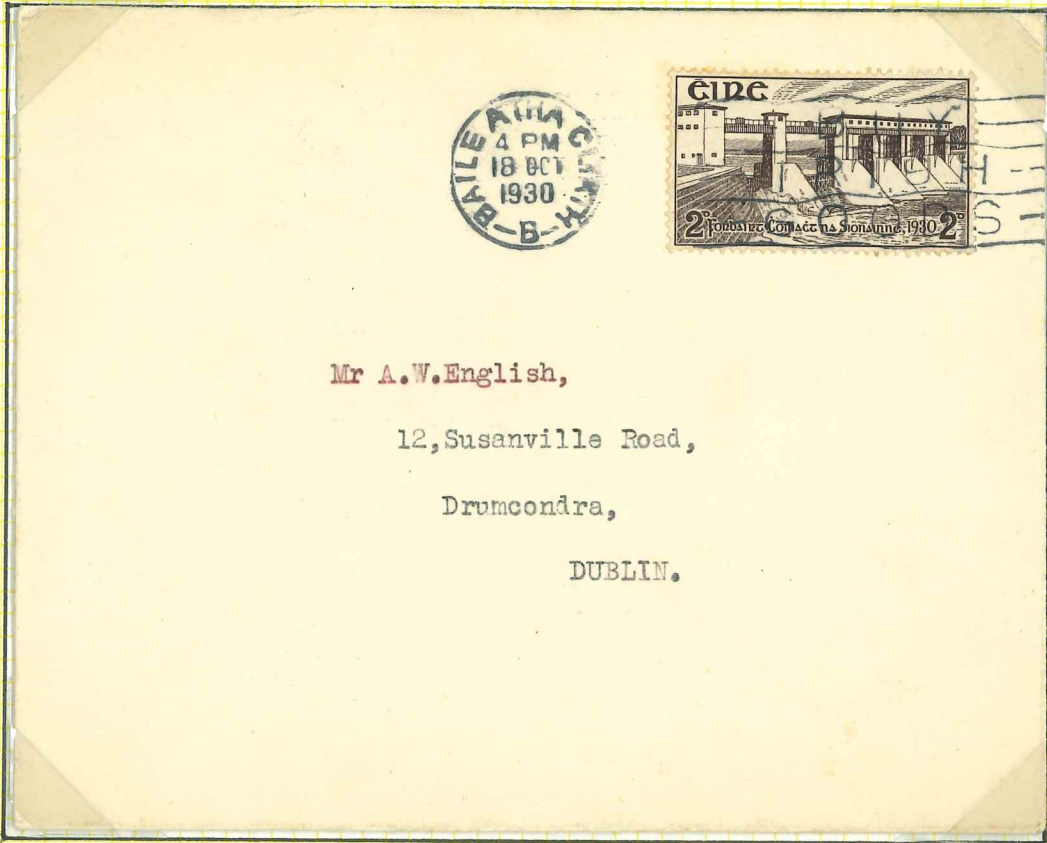
Mr R C KING
35 ALGIERA Rd
LEWISHAM SE 13
ENGLAND

16 October 1930 was to be the first day of issue officially but some stamps were released on 15 October, mainly in the Dublin area.

€175.00

Shannon Hydro-electric Scheme.

1930.



Mr A.W.English,
12, Susanville Road,
Drumcondra,
DUBLIN.



Rev. Robert Sweet,
Beragh
Co. Tyrone

Issued 15 October 1930

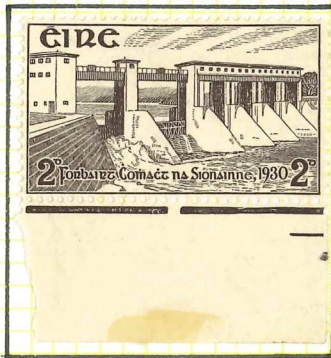
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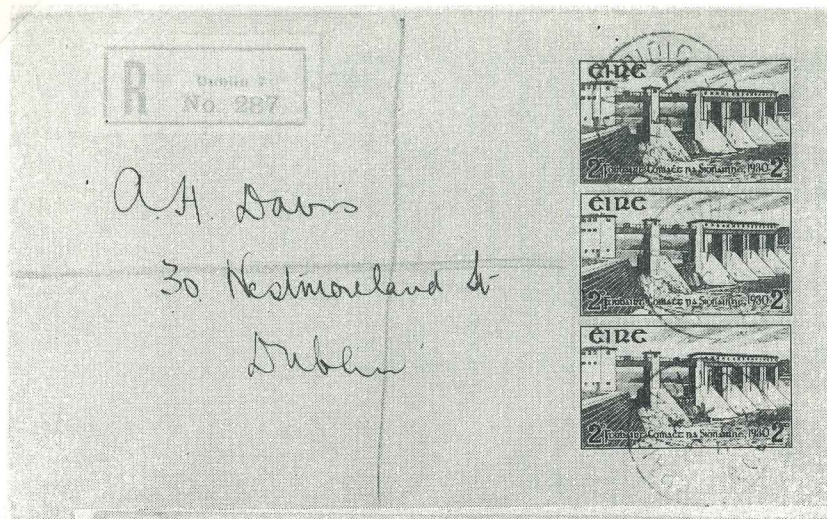
Sea Post.



Mr E. B. Wilson
3977. Beacousfield
Detroit, Michigan.
U.S. America.

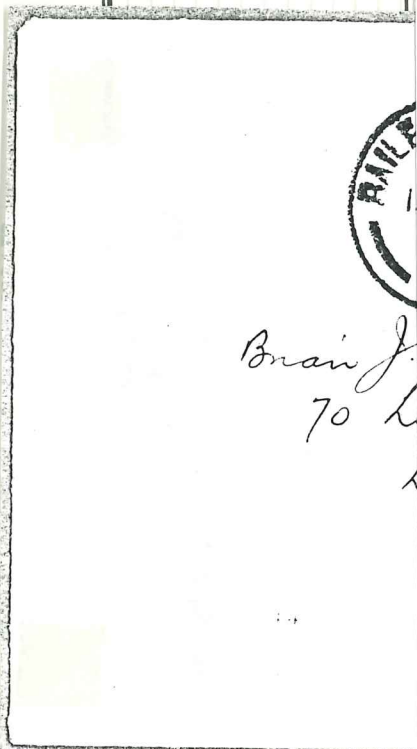


— SHANNON HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEME 1930 —



ITEM IN IAN
Whyte's Postal
Auction held
on August 4
1978.

ESTIMATE £750



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A Unique TRIO OF FIRST DAY COVERS. The stamp issue to commemorate the Shannon Hydro-electric scheme had been Scheduled for release on October 16, 1930. However some post offices in Dublin started selling them on October 15. At first the major stamp catalogues, including Gibbons, listed October 16 as the date of issue but later changed it to October 15. It is believed that less than 100 first day covers exist with the October 15 Postmark.

This lot includes a registered cover bearing a strip of three of the Shannon 2d stamps cancelled by 'SRAID AN DIUIC/A CLIATH' (Duke Street sub p.o., Dublin) Very few registered covers of this issue exist and this is one of the finest examples.

Also included is a cover bearing the stamp postmarked October 16, a lot commoner than October 15 but nonetheless essential to the story.

The third cover is the most fascinating. It bears a Shannon 2d cancelled by a Circular postmark reading:

'PAQUEBOT POSTED AT SEA : RECEIVED 15 OCT 30: 11.30 PM: HOLYHEAD'. It had evidently been posted on board the Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead mail-boat on the evening of October 15. This is the only known Shannon first day cover with a Paquebot postmark and as such it must be Ireland's RAREST FIRST DAY COVER.