# CANADIAN POSTAGE STAMPS DESIGNED TO COLLECT A WAR TAX FOR THE FIRST WORLD WAR, WITH EXAMPLES OF USAGE

Canada enacted the "Special War Revenue Act of 1915" on February 13, 1915 and effective April 15, 1915, requiring payment of an additional 1 cent, by War Tax stamp, on all mail and 2 cents on money orders and postal orders. From provisional overprints to the final engraved "1Tc" postage and tax combination, the Canadian public was annoyed, confused, and resistant to the attempts to implement the Special War Revenue Act.

This display utilizes both the War Tax stamps and examples of their usage to take the viewer through the attempts to implement the requirements of the Act. The era covered is from the provisional overprinted stamps of 1915 through the 1Tc browns and coil stamps issued during 1916, with covers and cards through 1918.


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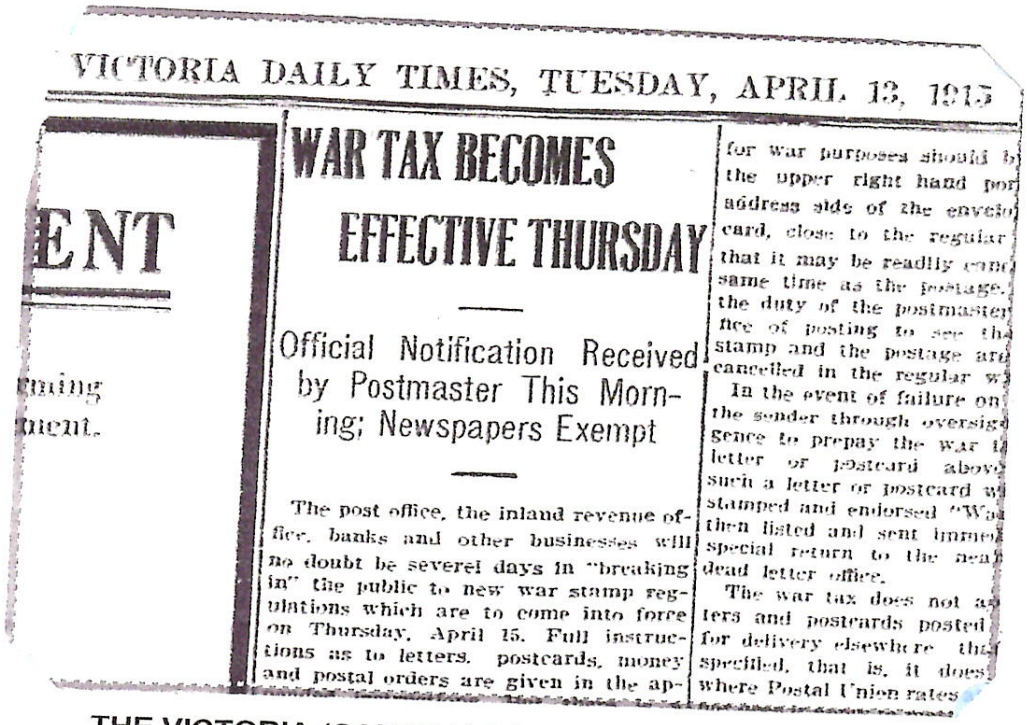

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WAR TAX BECOMES EFFECTIVE THURSDAY

Official Notification Received by Postmaster This Morning; Newspapers Exempt

The post office, the inland revenue office, banks and other businesses will no doubt be several days in "breaking in" the public to new war stamp regulations which are to come into force on Thursday, April 15. Full instructions as to letters, postcards, money and postal orders are given in the ap-

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