

POSTAL STATIONARY OF SERBIA TYPES AND USAGE 1873 – 1916

HISTORIC BACKGROUND:

Postal stationary was introduced in Serbia in 1873.

The currency was 1 Grosh = 40 para and since 1881, 1 Dinar = 100 para.

Post cards were issued in 1873 followed by letter cards in 1892. Money order form 1893. Parcel form 1895. Official Money order form 1900. Telegram form 1891. telegram Receipt form 1888.

International Reply coupon 1905.

No envelopes or wrappers were ever printed.

The rates were not changed for the whole period, until 1915. The stationary of Serbia are rich in varieties, printing flaws, color and paper quality, printing imperfections presenting the wide possibilities for research and specialization.

The exhibit is arranged chronologically according to period.

PLAN OF EXIBIT:

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| 1. The Principality 1873. – 1882. | Pages 2 – 28. |
| 2. Kingdom under Obrenovic dynasty 1882. – 1903. | Pages 29 – 94. |
| 3. Serbia under Karadjordjevic dynasty 1903. – 1914. | Pages 95 – 128. |

1st FRAME Represents the only known essays for the first issue. In letter presentation the emphasis is on used stationary if possible on rarely seen additional franking (2 – 16)

2nd FRAME Contains only known Essays for card No 4 some unique combinations of Prince Milan issue (pages 17 – 24, 26 and 32)

3rd FRAME Kingdom of Serbia 1883 – 1888 shows change of design of Prince Milan issue, money order and telegram receipt (pages 33, 34, 35, 39 and 40)

4th FRAME Kingdom of Serbia 1887 – 1892 King Milan issue and King Alexandar issue from 1890, showing post cards telegram and money order (pages 49, 51, 56 and 58)

5th FRAME Kingdom of Serbia 1893 – 1898 showing letter cards, reply paid cards, telegram form with unusual franking (pages 68, 70, 74 and 75)

6th FRAME Kingdom of Serbia 1898 – 1904 shown telegrams, reg. cards, letter cards, postage dues and some nice errors (pages 83, 85, 87, 88 and 89)

7th FRAME Kingdom of Serbia 1903 – 1911 under Karadjordjevic dynasty shows provincial issues 1903 -1909, postcards and letter cards official money order telegrams (pages 97, 99, 104 and 112)

8th FRAME Kingdom of Serbia 1911 – 1916/1918 shows misdirected card, 1915 postcard used in occupied Albania. Postcard printed in Corfu for Serbian Army, card marked trough 4 countries (pages 113, 116, 123, 126, 127 and 128)

The exhibit as a whole contains all known rarities of this collecting category, but other aspects of specialization had to be restricted due to limited space.

Literature

Dr Velizar Kardos: The Principality of Serbia

Miodrag Vukovic: Katalog Celina Jugoslovenskih Zemalja