

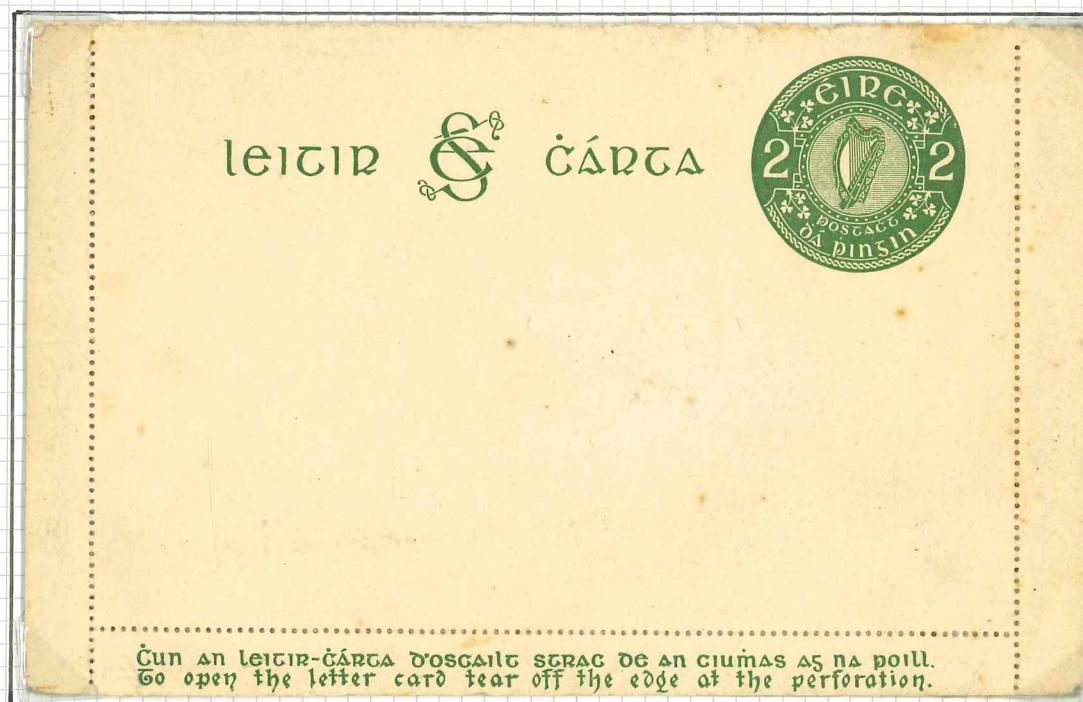
IRELANDTRANSITIONAL PERIODPOSTAL STATIONERY

On 17th February, 1922, after negotiations with the G.P.O. in London and the British Government Ireland issued its first stamps albeit G.B. George V definitives overprinted "Rialtas Sealadac na hÉireann 1922" (Government Provisional of Ireland 1922).

The George V unoverprinted stamps could be used quite legally up until 31st March 1922 when the running of the Post Office was officially handed over to the newly established Irish Post Office.

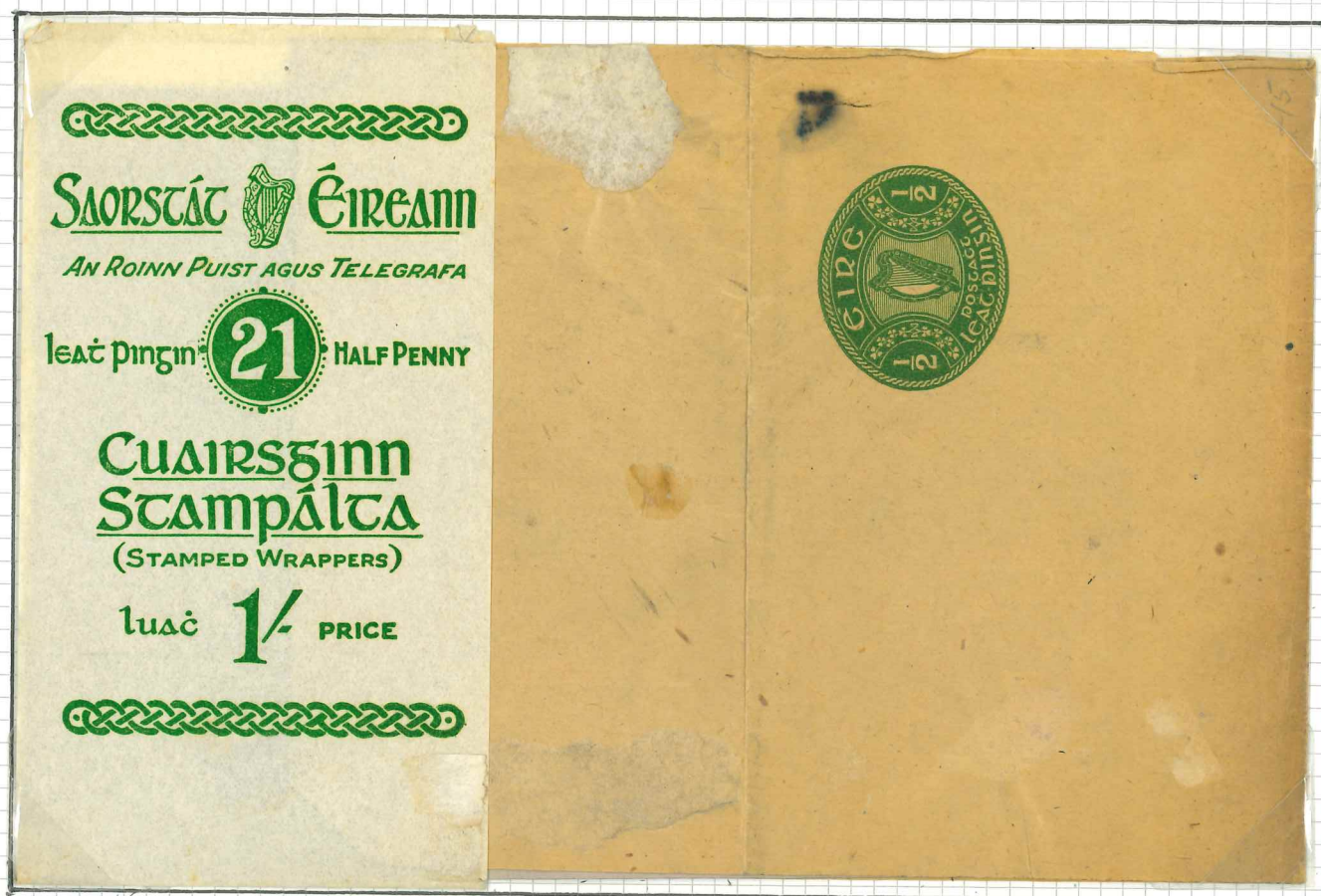


Postal Stationery was a different proposition altogether. It was decided at this stage not to overprint any postal stationery and that all such items be allowed to pass through the system without any surcharge until such times as the Irish Post Office produced its own postal stationery which eventually took place starting in July 1924 with the introduction of among other items, a letter-card followed in September of the same year by the postcard.

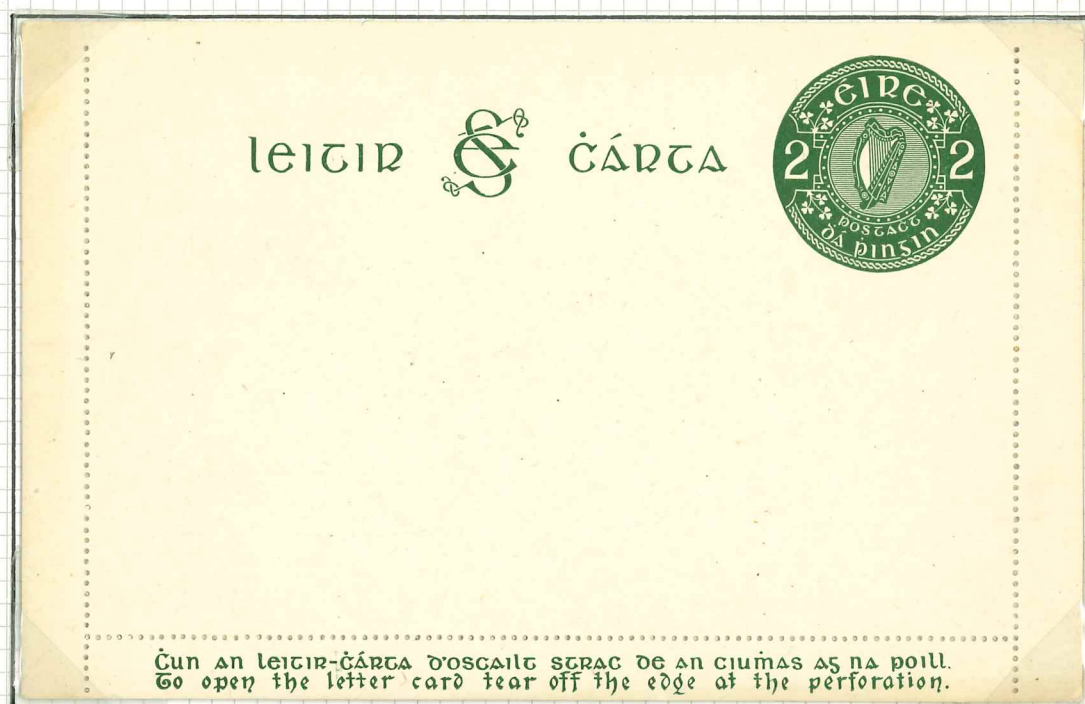


So until the second half of 1924 when the Irish Post Office finally introduced its own postal stationery the G.P.O. in London supplied all the postal stationery required. It has to be noted that as early as December 1922 the British Post Office was urging the Irish Post Office to print their own postal stationery. In reply the Irish Post Office stated that the delay was caused by the Government Stamp printing machinery having been fully occupied on other work.

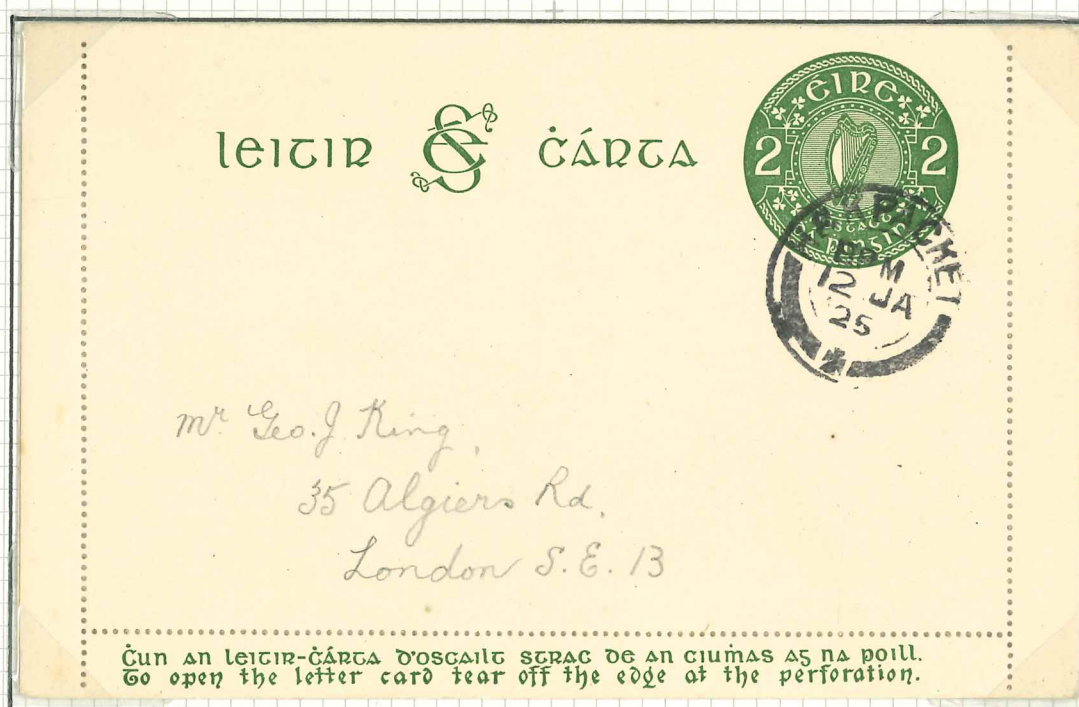
What follows is a selection of G.B. Postal Stationery used in Ireland during the transitional period 1922 onwards.

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In mid 1924 the Irish Postal Authorities were finally in a position to issue their own postal stationery in place of the British types. The first announcement of the new stationery was given on July 23, 1924, the 1/2d and 1d wrappers being amongst the first items to be made available.

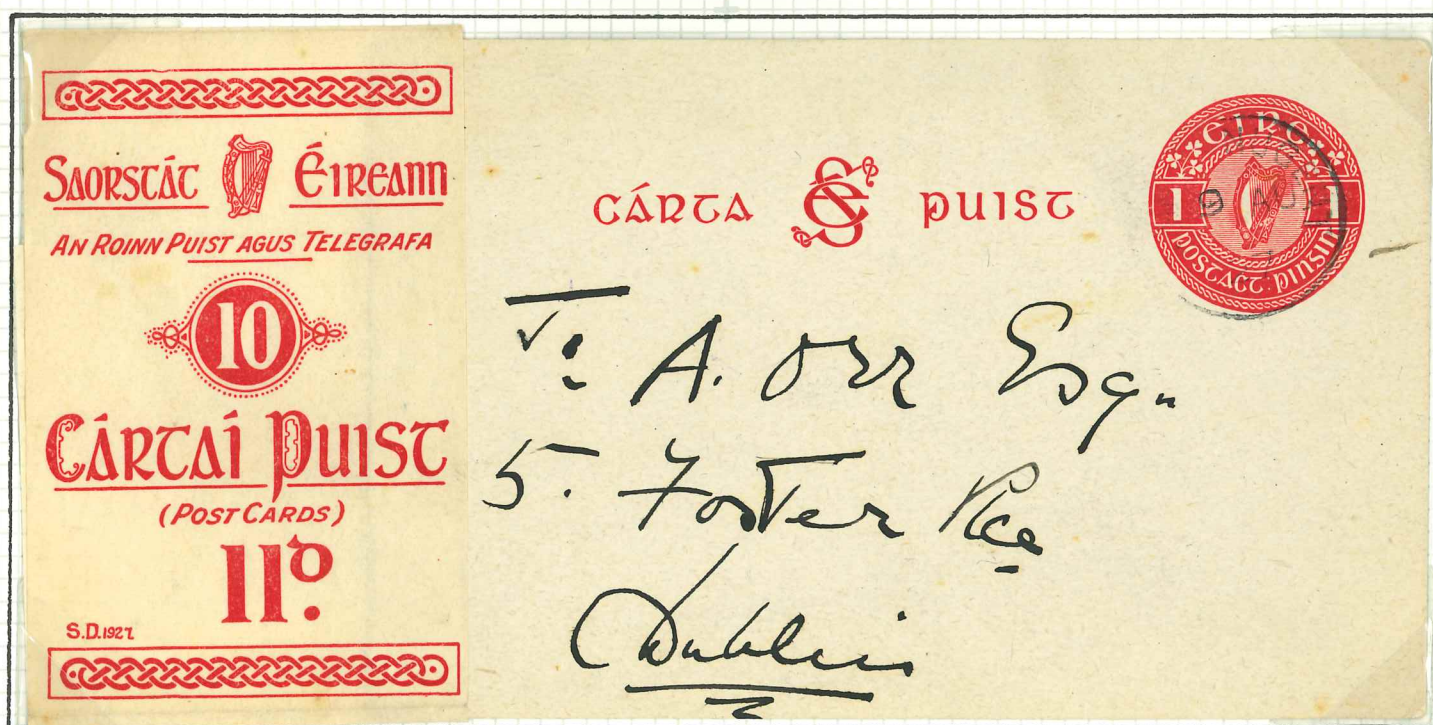
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Thin cream card.

The First Irish Letter-Card.

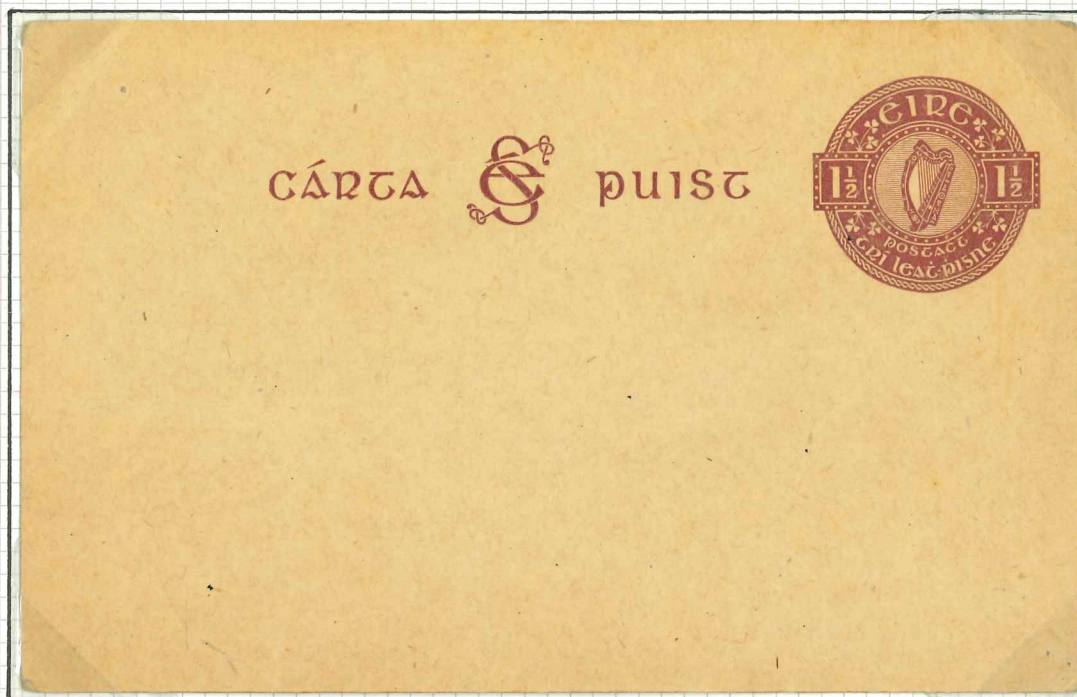
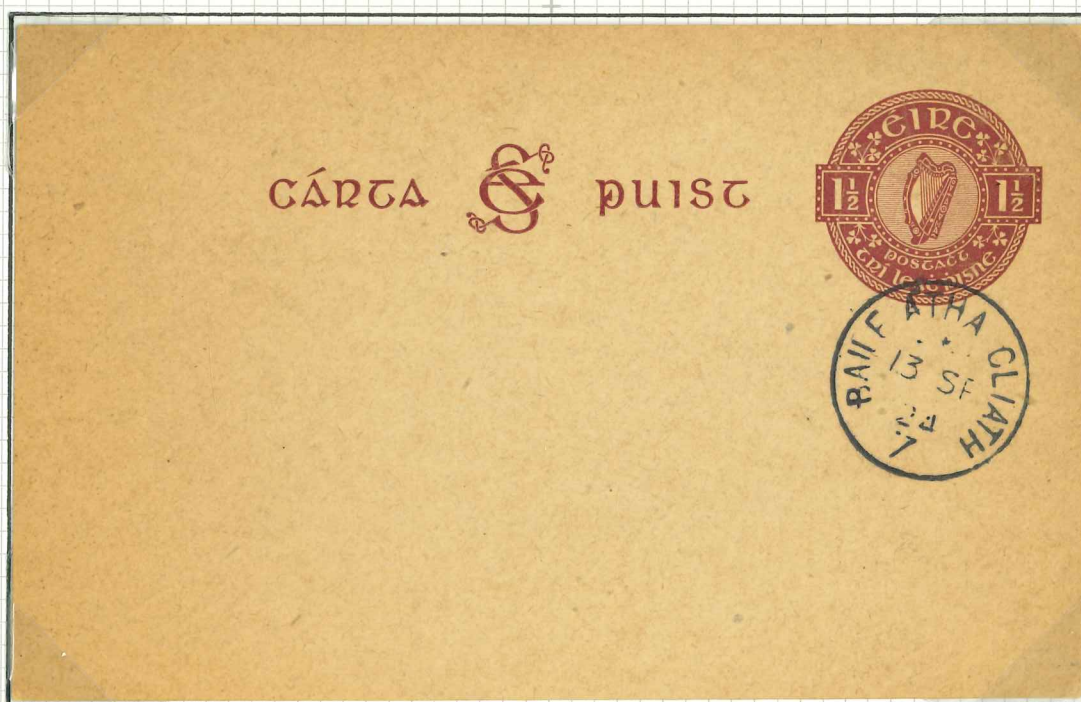
1924 S.E. 2d, green letter-card used to London cancelled
H&K PACKET ed.s. for 8PM 12 JA 25.

This the first Irish letter-card was introduced on
July 23, 1924. The manufacture is thought to be very
likely of British origin (Mc. Corquodale) on the basis
of perforation pattern.

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Following the reduction of the inland postcard rate from 1½d. to 1d. on May 1st 1925 the 1d. postcard made its appearance shortly after May 20 1925. The foreign postcard rate was kept at 1½d until August 1949.

The new postcard was of the same size and colour (Buff) as the former 1½d post card but with the stamp and text typographically printed in red.

IRELANDPOSTAL STATIONERYThe First Irish Postal Stationery Card.

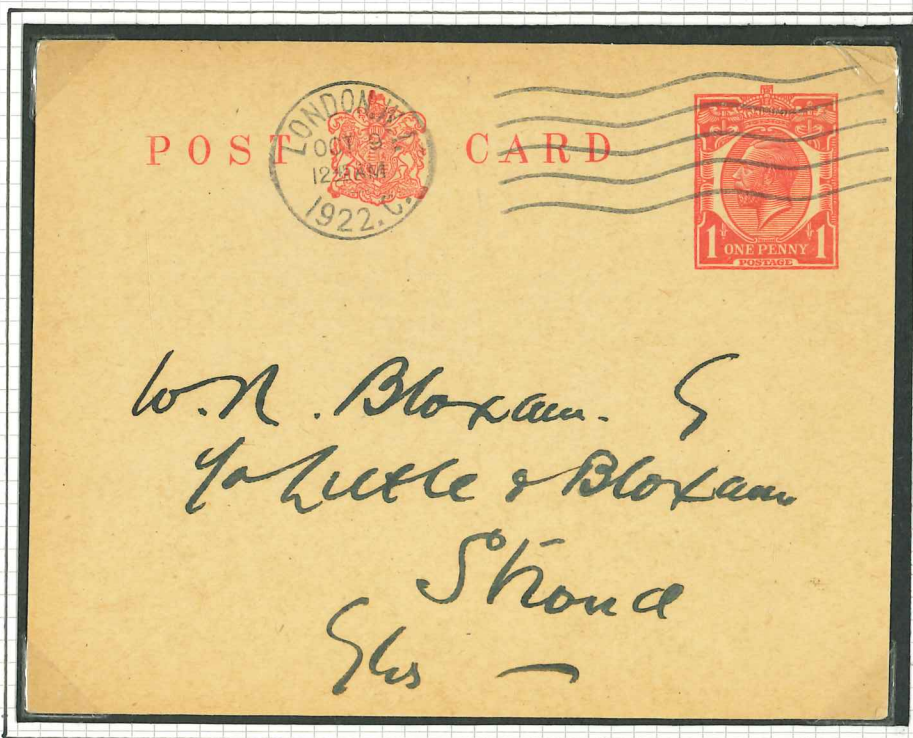
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This, the first Irish postcard issued on 13 September 1924 was of thin buff coloured cardboard, typographed with a 1 1/2d malton stamp, circular in design and having two value tablets imposed upon it.

It is not known who produced the cards, but it is thought they were likely to have been of local manufacture.

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Treaty Year 1921. G.B. Geo V ps. card, 1d red, used from NAVAN to CARDIFF tied by single ring c.d.s. dated 10 AU 21 with 1d postage due h.s. in black and 1d postage due label tied by Cardiff c.d.s. 12. AU. 21. The post card rate was to 1½d in June, 1921



G.B. Geo V 1d red postal stationery card cancelled LONDON, W.I. machine cancel dated OCT 9 1922.

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CARD



Miss Butler.

Ballyadam

Ballylunan

Inverness Co.

BRITISH
MANUFACTURE

POST CARD

This space may be used for Communication Address to be written here



Johnson, Belfast

Having a good
time. Working
hard. I hope you
are all well.
J. H.

Miss Mary Gillam,
Martinstown,
Co. Antrim.

TRANSITIONAL PERIODIRELANDPOSTAL STATIONERY

1924 G.B 1d red newspaper wrapper with se 1d and 1/2d
used Dublin 23.JY.24 to Donnybrook (Dublin)

On the above date, 23rd July 1924, the Irish Postal Authorities finally announced the introduction of their own postal stationery, in place of the British types. Rather disappointedly the issue did not include all types of postal stationery. Only four types were made available at this time, namely:-

- Registered Envelopes Sizes, G, H, & K
- Letter cards.
- Wrappers @ 1/2d and 1d.
- Telegraph Forms in books.