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Webb # Sch. #	KE Issued	Value & Format	Early	Webb Early	Webb Late	Late	Notes
	1903			28.5.07	28.5.13		
P23 15		1c green	22.7.03			29.1.13	ERD: C.H. Chan; stamps added LRD: Norton; Tientsin - Germany
P24 17		1c + 1c green intact reply (17) Front (17x) "REPLY" (17y)	25.6.04 1.7.04			26.3.12 10.12.13	17 (intact) ERD: Spink/Philachina, 8.2012, lot 161. 17 LRD: LCS, 17x ERD: C.H. Chan; local use. 17x LRD: LCS; Chefoo, "T": due 17y Not seen used
NEW		"REPLY" deleted	18.7.06				Unrecorded "REPLY" deleted: Only known example: C.H. Chan
				9.9.03	6.10.11		
P25 16		4c carmine	10.10.03			23.10.16	ERD: Chan; to Tacoma, Wash. LRD: Chan; Shanghai to Italy
P26 18		4c + 4c carmine intact reply (18) Front (18x) "REPLY" (18y)				20.2.11 2.5.13 10.2.09	18 (intact) LRD: Philachina, 1.2004, lot 2217. 18x LRD: IA 2.2011, lot 1184. 18y: from France to Penang. Very few known used.
	1909?						
P27 19		1c brown	28.1.10	9.4.10	16.8.13	28.7.16	ERD: Chan; Club Germania: 24.1 LRD: Philachina, 2.2005, lot 1001

Table PC-3. King Edward post cards, description and usage dates

The following information concerning the number of post cards issued in 1909 and 1910 was obtained from the HK PMG's report for 1910 found in the Hong Kong University database of government documents at: <http://sunzi1.lib.hku.hk/hkgro/view/a1910/114.pdf>. Note the extremely small number of 2c (1c + 1c) and 8c (4c + 4c) reply paid cards that were issued for sale.

Table V.				
Postage Stamps, etc., issued for sale in Hongkong and at the British Post Offices in China during the years 1909 and 1910.				
	Deno- mination.	1909.	1910.	Increase + Decrease -
Post Cards,	1 cent.	26,042	29,580 +	3,538
"	2 cents	506	260 -	246
"	4 "	14,736	14,900 +	164
"	8 "	308	60 -	248

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Figure PC-6a. 24.7.03 - Earliest known Far East usage of KE 1c post card

The King Edward 1c and 4c post cards were issued in 1903, but Colonel Webb did not record use of the 1c green until 1907. The 24.7.03 earliest known use of the KE 1c green post card for the intended 1c local and China rate is illustrated in Figure PC-6a. Another KE 1c card, used locally within HK, is dated one day later. My sincere thanks to Mr. Chi Ho Chan, who provided a scan of a 1c KE post card, which was used even earlier than that shown in Figure PC-6a, and scans of several other cards illustrated herein. Chan's 1c KE PC was sent on 22.7.03 to Germany, but the additional two stamps to make up the 4c UPU rate were, unfortunately, since removed. Because use of these three KE 1c PCs was in the same month that the KE 2c green adhesive stamp was issued (Gibbons 63), it seems likely that they will remain the earliest known for quite some time.

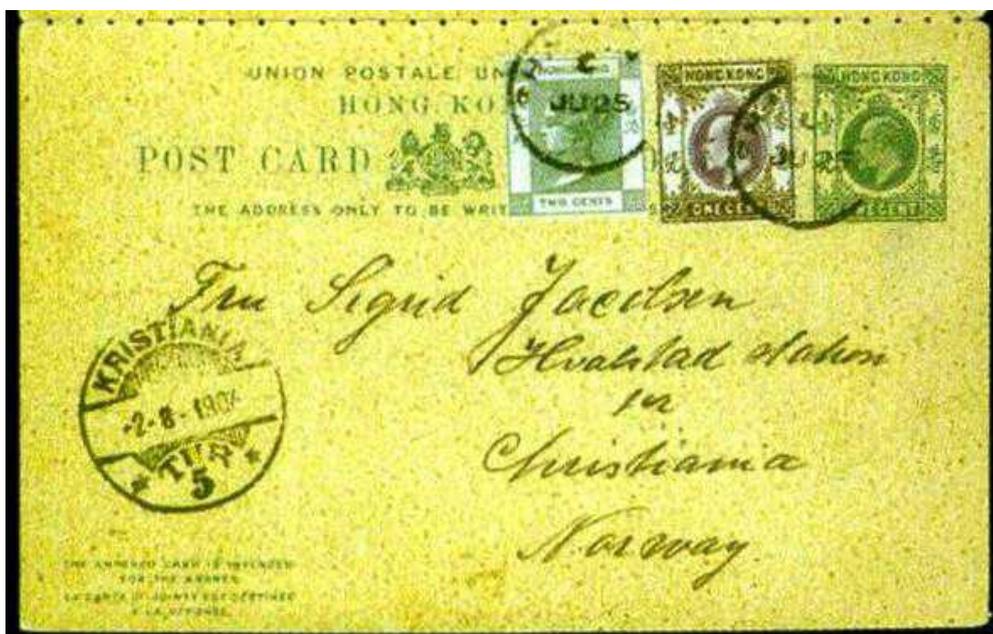


Figure PC-6b. 25.6.04 - Earliest known use of KE 1c green reply paid post card

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Although the KE 1c reply card is recorded as also issued in 1903, it has not been seen used until mid-1904, as represented by the 25.6.04 ERD of the intact card illustrated in Figure PC-6b. This card was sent from Shanghai to Norway, a seldom seen destination from the Orient.

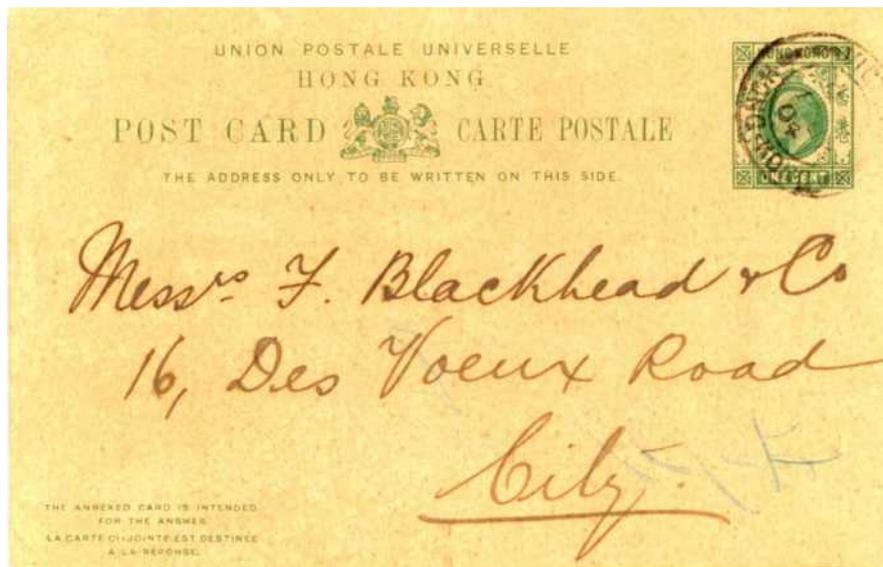


Figure PC-6c. 1.7.04 - KE 1c green reply paid post card front half ERD; local use

The KE 1c reply card front half shown in Figure PC-6c is addressed merely “City”, meaning that it was to be delivered within the environs of Hong Kong, from which it originated. Michel Houde notes (HKSC Jn. 350/8) that, after a disastrous fire in 1905, the addressee, F. Blackhead & Co. was forced to move their offices (presumably from the “16, Des Voeux Road” location that is stated on this card) to the St. George’s Building across from the Star Ferry.

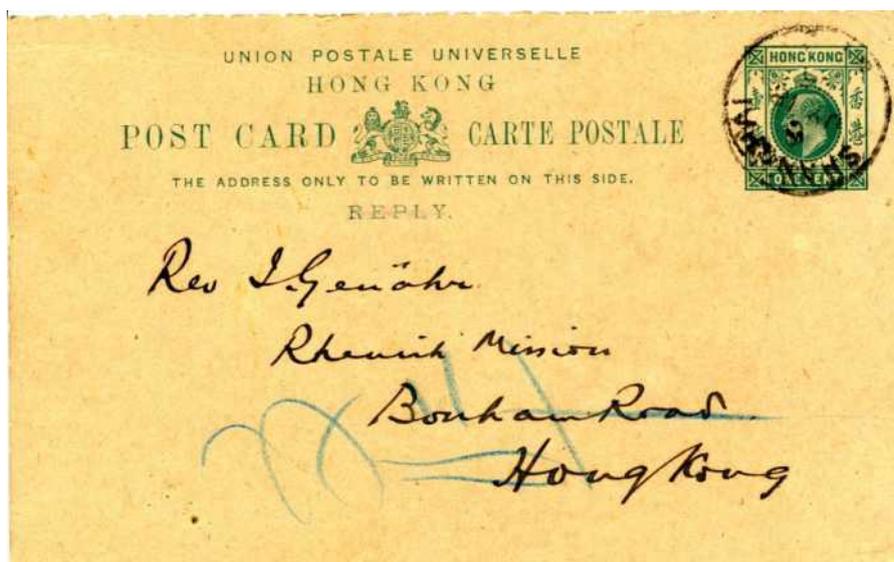


Figure PC-6d. 18.7.06 - Only known use of KE 1c green card with “REPLY” deleted

Figure PC-6d exhibits the previously unrecorded and only known reply half of the KE 1c + 1c reply paid card, with the “REPLY” inscription deleted, although the deletion is very faint in this illustration. No example has been seen of this post card with the “REPLY” not having been deleted. My intact KE 1c + 1c green LRD card was a seldom seen interport usage from HK to Shanghai, whereas the Figure PC-6d example was sent in the opposite direction.

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Col. Webb's 9.9.03 ERD for the KE 4c card (Sch. 16) and the 4c + 4c reply card (Sch. 18) has not yet been superseded. Very few used examples of the reply paid card have been seen, and no early examples are known. Given the numerous uses seen of QV 4c cards for quite a number of years after her death, it seems possible that the KE 4c reply paid card may not have been placed on sale until the QV remainders were mostly exhausted.

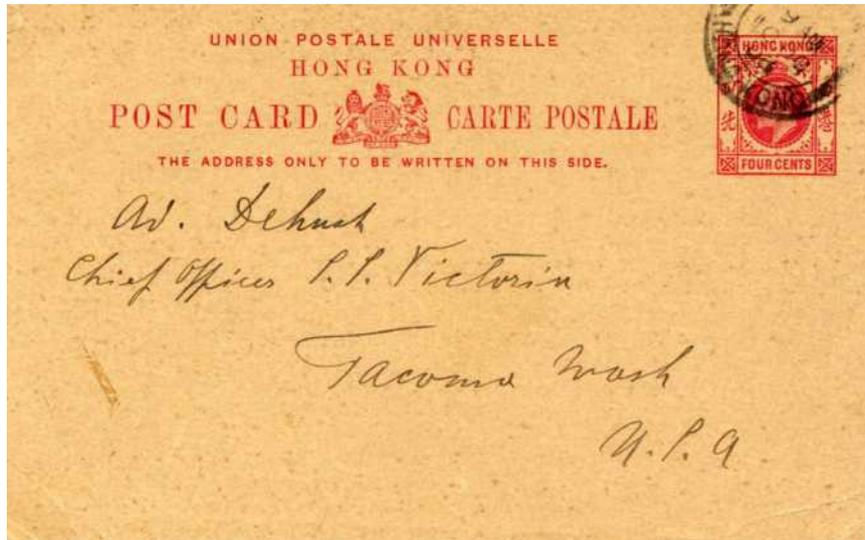


Figure PC-6e. 10.10.03 - Earliest known KE 4c post card usage

The 10.10.03 earliest known use of the KE 4c post card is illustrated in Figure PC-6e. Mr. Chan's card demonstrates payment of the four cents rate to UPU member countries (and most non-member countries), which was in effect from 1894 to 1931. This card is addressed to the Chief Officer of the steam ship *Victoria* at Tacoma, Washington state, USA.

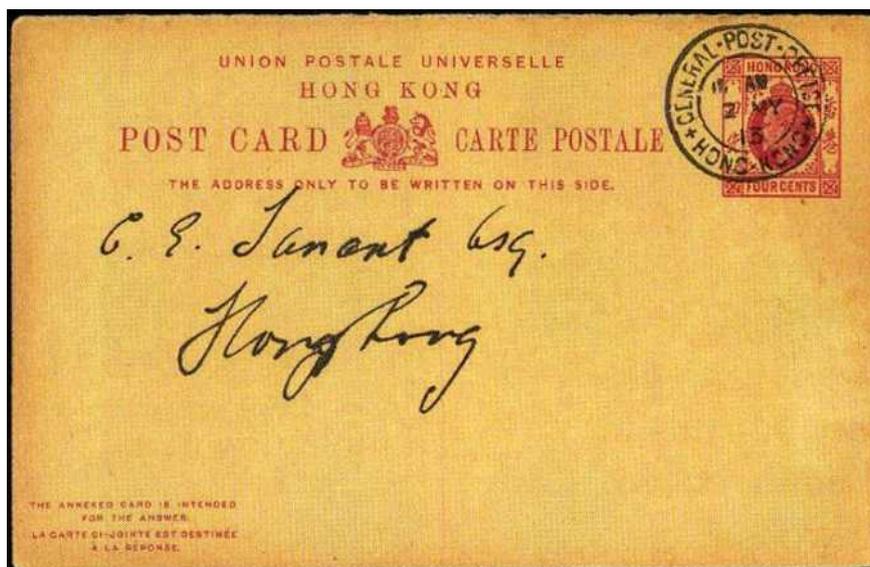


Figure PC-6f. 2.5.13 - Latest known KE 4c reply card front; "General Post Office"

The 2.5.13 KE 4c + 4c reply paid card (message half) shown in Figure PC-6f is the latest known use of the Schoenfeld Type 18 KE PC and its subtypes. Although the "General Post Office / Hong Kong" c.d.s. is not a common date stamp (Proud D85: dots between words), it was often used on CTO post cards, as on this example. Nonetheless, these KE 4c + 4c cards are seldom seen used.

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The “REPLY” half of the KE 4c + 4c reply paid post cards has rarely been seen used, particularly returned by the addressee, as intended; i.e., with “REPLY” not deleted. No example of this card has been seen with “REPLY” deleted. The PC exhibited in Figure PC-6g is the only example of any HK reply card that I recall seeing that was sent from France. Even more unusual, this reply card was “returned” to Penang, although it had originated from HK. This very interesting post card was submitted by “Charlie” (Carlos Pulgarin), and his description of it follows:

‘Hong Kong 4c Reply Section sent to the German Consulate in Penang / Straits Settlements on the 20th (sic: 10th) of Feb 1909 from Orleans/France, franked with a French 25 centimes paying the Registration fee and also additionally franked by HK Edward 6c and 5c, making a total HK franking of 15c. The HK stamps are cancelled by Hong Kong Registration CDS for 13th Jan 1909 and Orleans/France 20th (sic: 10th) Feb CDS.’

“This Hong Kong Reply section was received in Orleans/France on the 20th (sic: 10th) Feb 1909 together with the first part of a prepaid/reply UPU card, the reply section was then detached and sent Registered from Orleans to Penang, on the same day it arrived, Via Brindisi where it was received Too Late and so received the “DOPO LA PARTENZA” Italian chop. This reply section seems to have been initially addressed partially by the sender from Hong Kong, in blue ink to himself in Penang, one can assume having prior knowledge that he would be in Penang by the time the card was to be returned to him.”

‘The sender endorsed the card “Via Genoa”, subsequently this was amended by the receiver in France to “Via Genes” and then again correctly by a third hand presumably a Post Office Clerk in France to “Via Brindisi”. The receiver also added the full destination name of the “Straits Settlements” as Penang was in fact still part of the Settlements under British colonial rule.’

‘We can be sure this card was a complete reply card and not used as a single outward usage for three reasons, 1) the reply does not have the “reply” words crossed out as is typical of reply sections used as a single outward card, 2) the message on the back states that this is a reply card, one of 6 received so far and 3) there is no address in the writing of the original sender in HK suggesting this reply section was posted directly as a single card to Mr Gratet in France.’

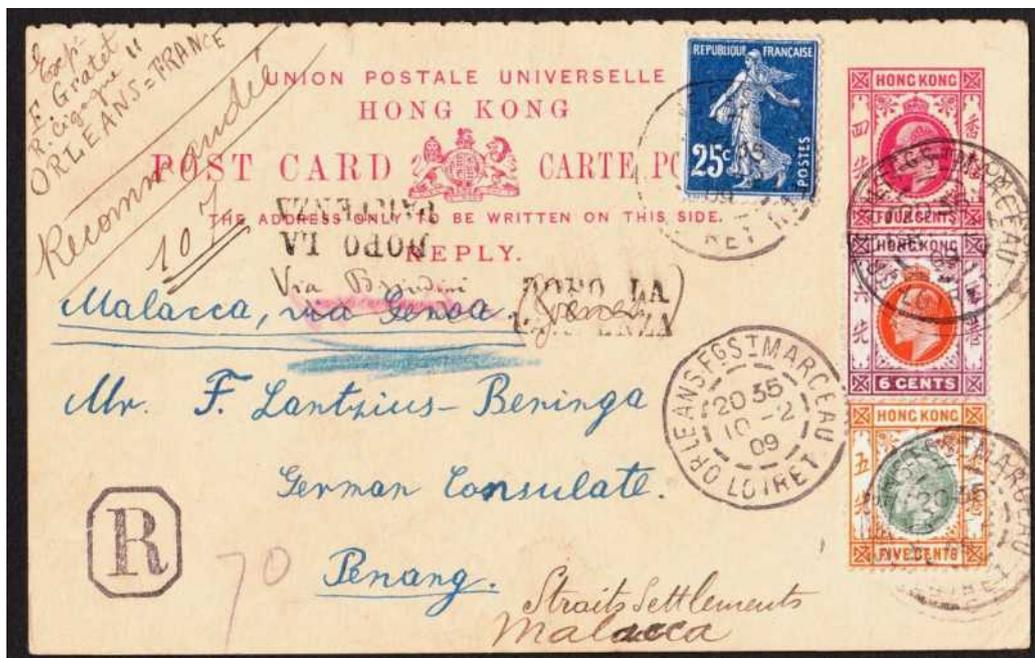


Figure PC-6g. Rare use of KE 4c “REPLY” half; sent from France to Penang

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Webb and the other catalogs show the KE 1c card as having been reissued in brown (Sch. 19) in 1909, to comply with the British colonial stamp color scheme. Chris Norton supplied a scan of a 23.2.10 KE 1c brown PC (Kowloon origination). Mr. Chan provided a scan of the 28.1.10 card, which is illustrated in Figure PC-6e as the new ERD for this card. However, lack of advancement of the 1c brown ERD earlier than 9.4.10 in over 40 years since it was recorded by Webb, and now two earlier examples having come to light, but still in 1910, brings a 1909 issue date for this card into question. The fact that the corresponding 1c postage stamp was not reissued in brown until 1910 raises further doubt that the KE 1c brown post card was issued in 1909.

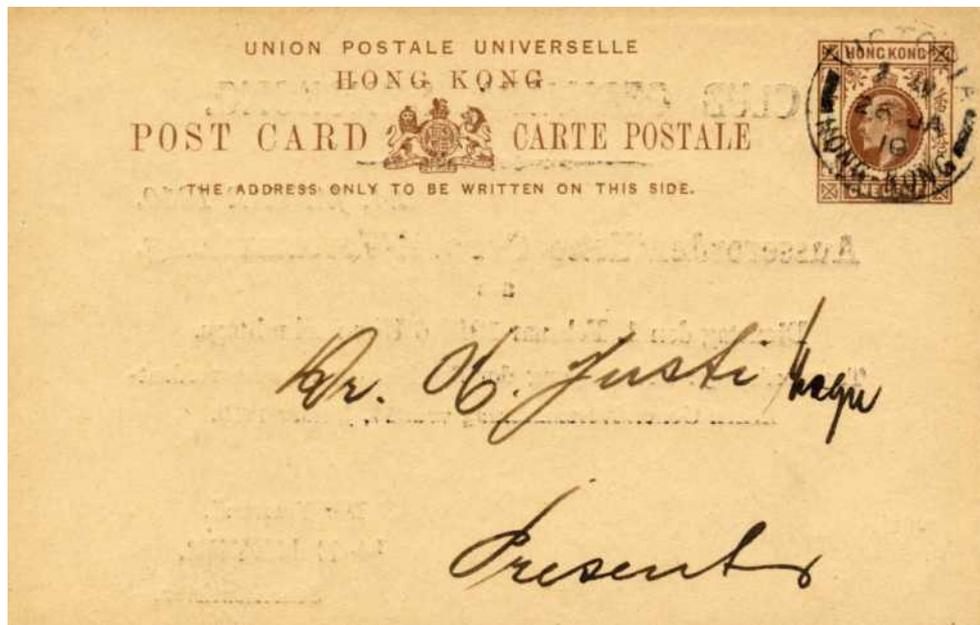


Figure PC-6h-1. 28.1.10 – Earliest known use of KE 1c brown post card

The datestamp on the Figure PC-6h-1 card is Proud Type D89 (1907 – 11), which is the seldom seen “Victoria / Hong Kong” c.d.s. without the inner circle. The use of “Present” in the location part of the address is what is now an archaic alternative to “Local” or “City”. The 24.1.10 Club Germania notice on the back of this card is shown in Figure PC-6h-2.



Figure PC-6h-2. 24.1.10 Club Germania notice on back of KE 1c brown PC ERD

For reference purposes, “Specimen” overprints (Type 4a) of the KE 1c green and 4c carmine standard and reply paid post cards can be viewed in the 3.2006 Philachina auction catalog, lots 998 – 1001. Packages of five unused KE and KGV standard and reply cards in their original wrappers can be seen in the 5.2005 Philachina catalog, lots 970 – 972 (KE) and 988 – 989 (KGV).

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