

PART 5. NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS

Introduction

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As a result of their having conveyed what today would be considered by many as “junk mail,” newspaper wrappers (NW) are the least common, extant, of the five types of Hong Kong postal stationery. Due to the low total number of Hong Kong NW types, the ERD / LRD and related information for the four reigns has been consolidated into a single table: NW-1. Although each reign begins on a separate page for convenience sake, the limited number of issues per reign does not warrant a set of section page numbers for each reign as in other parts of this monograph.

Table V.				
Postage Stamps, etc., issued for sale in Hongkong and at the British Post Offices in China during the years 1909 and 1910.				
	Denomination	1909.	1910.	Increase + Decrease—
Newspaper Wrappers,	2c	1,713	2,300	+
“	4c	700	600	-
				587 100

The information above is excerpted from the full table in the HK Postmaster’s Annual Report for 1910 (<http://sunzi1.lib.hku.hk/hkgro/view/a1910/114.pdf>). Besides the change in sales of newspaper wrappers from 1909 to 1910, which was the purpose of this table, it also clearly demonstrates the difference in sales between the 2c NW for use in the Far East and the 4c international NW. By 1910 the sale of 4c wrappers was down to only 600, less than 25 percent of the 2c NW sales. It is probably no coincidence that only KGV 2c NWs were produced and sold (but 14,875 in 1915).

Webb # Sch. #	Issue Date	Value	Early	Webb Early	Webb Late	Late	Notes
	QV			4.9.00	12.6.01		
Webb 1 Sch. 1	1900	2c green	9.4.00			16.9.08	ERD: Spink, 1.2008, lot1165 LRD: Bull, 12.2002, lot 979 - Western Br.
	KE			12.5.03	11.7.14		
2 2	1903	2c green	19.1.04			14.4.08 18.10.36	ERD: Proud - Ningpo LRD (normal range): LCS – to Burma LRD: LCS – philatelic usage; see text
3 3		4c carmine	15.6.03			13. - .09	ERD: D&O, 12.1993, lot 1665 LRD (Verified): C. Norton (month illegible). Likely 24.12.14 example: Figure NW-3b.
	KG V			28.5.13	- - -		Webb ERD: Bull, 2.2008, lot 2203
4 4	1912	2c green				24.12.14	ERD: Webb's date – 2 examples, see text. LRD: Bull, 6.2011, lot 4284; ex-Norton. Only 5 known used examples.
	CHINA			- - -	- - -		
5 5	1917	2c green					"CHINA" overprint on KGV 2c NW Not recorded or seen used

TABLE NW-1. Hong Kong newspaper wrappers, descriptions and usage



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