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# The Empress of Ireland

A thousand years ago Ireland was an empire and had leaders known as emperors. My



search of history did not show any women who were monarchs of the Irish empire, but it may be that the wife of an emperor was designated an “empress.” In the very beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century a Canadian ocean liner was christened *Empress of Ireland*. It travelled between Canada and Liverpool and could accommodate over 1,500 passengers. On its 96<sup>th</sup> voyage, May 29, 1914, while still in Canadian waters on the St. Lawrence River, at 1:56 a.m. in heavy fog it was the victim of a collision and it sank. 1,477



people were on board, and 1,012 died, making it the worst peacetime maritime disaster

in the history of Canada. 100 years later Canada issued several postal items to



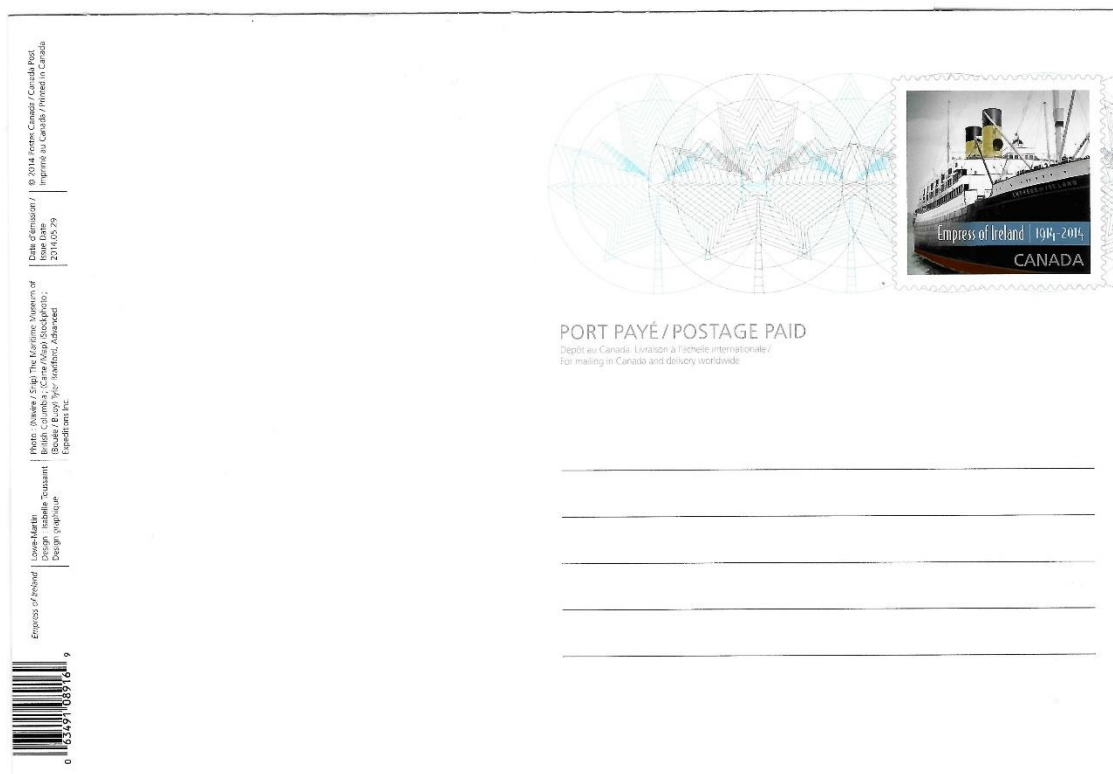
commemorate the disaster. Water activated stamps in pane format (not self- adhesive) were issued as well as a single stamp small souvenir sheet, a booklet with self-

adhesive stamps, and two different postal cards with postage pre-printed. This is one of the two postal cards. It depicts the view of the port side, while at sea.

This is the second style of postal card. It depicts the view of the starboard side.



This is the address sides of the above postal cards, with imprinted postage. Note the imprinted postage is the same picture as on the other (picture) side.



The Empress of Ireland was launched on January 29, 1906.

The ship was 570 feet long.

Of the 465 survivors, only 4 were children. The other 134 children aboard died.

Compared to the Titanic, which sank in 3-mile deep Atlantic Ocean two years earlier, the Empress of Ireland sank in 130 feet of river water. The Empress of Ireland also had more than enough lifeboats for all passengers, which the Titanic did not. The ship that collided with the Empress of Ireland did not sink, and immediately assisted in rescuing survivors. Because the Titanic collided with an iceberg, there was not another ship close by to assist with any rescuing. The Titanic took over 2 hours to sink. The Empress of Ireland took only 14 minutes to sink.

Titanic had 2,224 people on board and over 1,500 died.



**Empress of Ireland**

1914-2014

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A : Glenbow Archives NA-4274-11  
B, C, D : Peabody Essex Museum

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