

3 May, 1928: Warsaw Philatelic Exhibition held from 3 - 13 May, contd.

The Mini Sheet:



Mini sheet of 50gr Piłsudski / Warszawa 1928 / Pres. Mościcki, sold with surcharge of zł 1.50. Early printing with "clean" cut perforations.

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Late printing → very poor perforations with many of the "holes" not cutting through the paper.

Quantity: 26,020 M/s.

Valid until 1.8.1928.

3 May, 1928: Warsaw Philatelic Exhibition held from 3 - 13 May. Designed by Z.Kamiński and engraved by F.Schirnböck these stamps show portraits of Marshal Józef Piłsudski and President Ignacy Mościcki, and were printed recess by P.Z.G., Warsaw, on smooth thick white paper. Clear gum. Perf $12\frac{1}{2}$.



50gr deep sepia:
Marsh. Piłsudski.
(1867 - 1935)



1zł deep sepia:
Pres. Mościcki.
(1867 - 1946)

These two stamps were printed in Mini-sheet format only (see next page).

Quantity: 26,020 M/S.

Valid until 1.8.1928.

10 May 1928: Gen. Józef Bem (1794-1850); Issue to commemorate the transfer of his remains to his home city of Tarnów. One stamp, designed and engraved in wood by E. Gasparini, and printed typo by PWPW, Warsaw, on medium, smooth white paper. Glittering white gum. No watermark. Perf. $12\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{3}{4}$. Single-pane sheets of 10 x 10 stamps.

Józef Bem, Polish army officer whose military feats in Transylvania and the region of Banat made him a hero of the Hungarian Revolution of 1848-49. Educated at Warsaw Military School, he distinguished himself with a Polish artillery regiment in Napoleon's Russian campaign (1812)

Quantity: 29,860,000.



25gr bright rose:
Gen. Józef Bem

and in the defense of Gdańsk (1813). He returned to Polish service in 1815 and fought with distinction against Russia (1830-31). In 1848 he defended Transylvania for the Hungarian leader Lajos Kossuth and in 1849 he performed prodigiously with a small force against a large Austrian force. After the collapse of the Hungarian rebellion he became governor of Aleppo for the Turks.

Valid until 30 April, 1933.

May, 1928 - 1930 - 30 Aug. 1937: Marshal Józef Piłsudski and President Ignacy Mościcki. Stamps of the 1928 Warsaw Philatelic Exhibition in different colours.



50gr bluish slate:
Marshal Piłsudski
(iss. -/5/28)
Perf. $13 \times 12\frac{3}{4}$



50gr blue-green:
Marshal Piłsudski
(iss. -/5/31)
Perf. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$



50gr slate-blue:
Marshal Piłsudski
(iss. 30/8/37)
Perf. $12\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{3}{4}$ (ex M/S).



50gr slate-blue:
Marshal Piłsudski,
ex M/S. (used)



1zł slate-black/cream
President Mościcki
(iss. -/5/28)
vert. laid paper
Perf. $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13$



1zł slate-black/cream
President Mościcki
(iss. 1930)
horiz. laid paper
Perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$.



1zł black:
President Mościcki
(iss. 1/9/37)
smooth paper, ex M/S
Perf. $12\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{3}{4}$

Quantities: 50gr (sheet) 105,000,000; 1zł (sheet) 20,200,000; 50gr & 1zł (M/S) 105,500 each.



Sienkiewicz stamp, internally used on a picture postcard sold in "Ruch" kiosks on railway stations, etc. This card shows a view of the mountains of the Tatra National Park as seen from Krynica, further east. Sent probably from Krynica June 19th, 1930, to Zawiercie; special postmark mentioning "SEZON CALOROCZNY" (= "Whole Year's Season"). Postage (internal usage) 15 gr.



15gr Sienkiewicz stamp, plus 10gr stamp of the 1925-27 Various Views issue, on a Printed in Switzerland showing Easter Bunny, Easter Eggs, and Spring Flowers with a legend (in German) "Happy Easter Greetings". Card sent from Bielsko (in S.W. Poland) on 29.3.29 to Karwina (in the nearby ethnically Polish part of Czechoslovakia, i.e. a foreign, but European, country. Postage 25gr.

15 Dec. 1928: General National Exhibition in Poznań. One stamp, designed by Z.Kamiński and printed typo by PZG, Warsaw, on medium, smooth white paper. Clear or yellowish gum. No watermark. Perf. 12 x 12½. Issued in single-pane sheets of 15 x 10 stamps. Two colour shades.



25gr red-brown:
The ancient Slav
God, Światowid.



25gr slightly darker and
greyer red-brown:
The Four-faced Slav God
Światowid.

Quantity: unknown.

Valid until 30/4/33.

Note: Kamiński's design was engraved on wood by E.Gasparini before printing.



Cover sent from Wejherowo (23 km north-west of the port city of Gdynia) to Hamburg in Germany, with both stamp shades of lighter and darker red-brown. Handstamped by the Hamburg Post Office saying that the letter was undeliverable, because correct address unknown. Finally, a handwritten notice that the addressee had moved to An der Alster 26 saved the situation.



Piece franked 3zł in total (in those days enough for a large parcel).

15 Dec. 1928: Polish White Eagle with Dark Background. Three stamps, designed by Z.Kamiński and printed typo by PZG, Warsaw, on medium, smooth white paper with yellowish gum, or on thick smooth white paper with clear gum. No watermark. Single-pane sheets with 15 x 10 stamps. Two colour shades each stamp. Perf. 12 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.



5gr violet: 5gr slate-blue:
Polish White Eagle.

10gr green: 10gr deep green:
Polish White Eagle.



25gr red-brown: grey red-brown: yellow-brown:
Polish White Eagle.

Quantities: 5gr 319,723,850; 10gr 162,254,700; 25gr 306,679,300.
Validities: 5gr and 10gr: until 31 May 1936; 25gr: until 3 Dec. 1931.



Cover sent 1-2-1932 from Lwów-2 (now in Ukraine) to Vienna, with the machine-postmark advertisement "Enter your name for membership of L.O.P.P." (= the Polish public subscription organisation for air defence).

15 Dec. 1928: Polish White Eagle with Dark Background, contd.

JAN MACIEJOWSKI
ADWOKAT
BIAŁA PODLASKA
ul. Zakościelna 2. Telefon 45.



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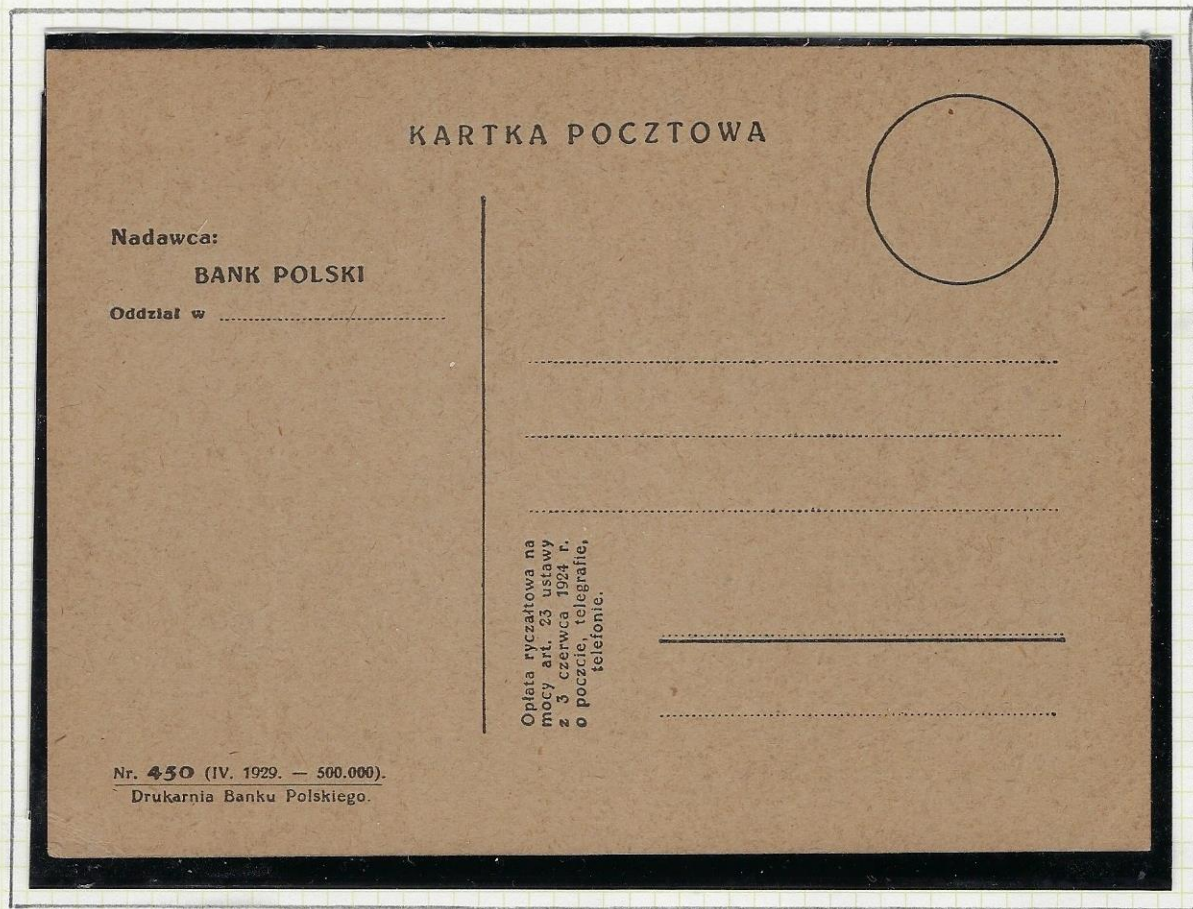


Do
Ładu Powiatowemu w. Białej Podlaski

Powiatu Białej Podlaski

Registered cover sent locally on 2.VI.30 in Białka Podlaska with 4 x Mi.263 (25gr red-brown) and Registration handstamp with hand-written registration number.

April 1929: Post Card, not issued by the Post but by the Bank Polski; although officially sanctioned by the Post. Printed by the Bank Polski printing works, on yellow-grey carton. Imprint (bottom left): Nr. 450 (IV. 1929. - 500.000).



The text of the vertically printed lines reads in English: "Total postage charges levied by authority of art. 23 of the law of 3rd June 1924 in respect of the postal, telegraph and telephone [services]."

Mint. Not (yet?) listed in the Specialist Catalogue of Stamps of the Polish Lands (1990).

1930: A Pre-War Window-Envelope with large yellow cellophane window, sent by Air Mail Mail from Sambor (now in Ukraine, 42 km S.E. from still-Polish Przemysl and 75 km S.W. from now-Ukrainian Lwów - Lviv in Ukrainian) to Britain via Berlin (where postmarked 31.Oct. 1930).



Stamps used: 5gr violet Eagle iss. 15.12.28; 3 x 15gr Sienkiewicz Plate I iss. 12.9.28; and 1zł slate-black Mościcki of 1928-30.

The special circular stamp (centre front, in red) "MIT LUFTPOST - ? ? / ZWEIGLUFTPOSTAMT 7 / BERLIN / ZENTRAL FLUGHAFEN"

is of interest. The stamps and the Berlin transit circular date stamp are on the reverse, as usual in those days.