

XIII. The regional ship mail services

"Hurtigruta"

Trondheim - Vadsø - Kirkenes 1886 - 1914

Bergen - Trondheim - Vadsø - Kirkenes 1914 - 1934

In 1886, a Class 2 post office, named Nordlands postexpedition, was established on board the steamships sailing in the Nordland line. From now on the steamship service was spoken of as "Hurtigruta". In 1914 the starting point was moved from Trondheim to Bergen. The ships used a variety of 2-ring date-stamps with text "NORLANDS POSTEXP" or "NORDLAND" with litras from A to X. The post expedition was closed down in March 1934, but continued under the name of Trondheim - Kirkenes post expedition



Money letter (20 øre) with enclosure kr. 50.00, posted on board the steamship in route 2 and cancelled "NORLANDS POSTEXP. E 24-3-97"; re-transmitted at "NORLANDS POSTEKSP. G 25-3-97" (reverse) on board the steamer sailing to Grønø



Envelope with auxiliary date-stamp "NORD-LAND D 26-2-27" on envelope from Kirkenes to Oslo, cancelled "OSLO 4-3-27" on arrival (reverse)

This auxiliary date-stamp was in use for only 3 weeks [from February 18th to March 11th 1927]