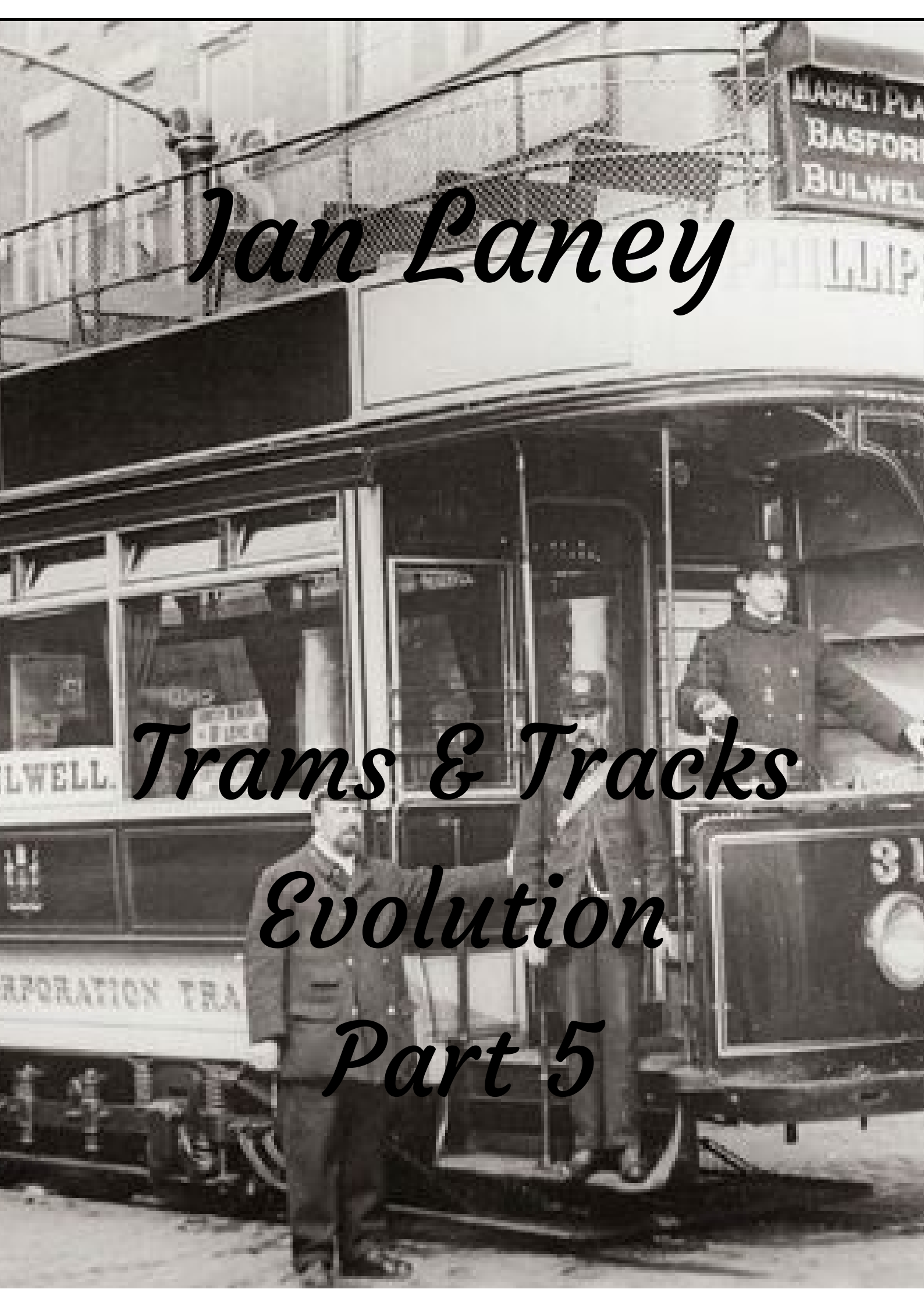

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Trams & Tracks Evolution Part 5

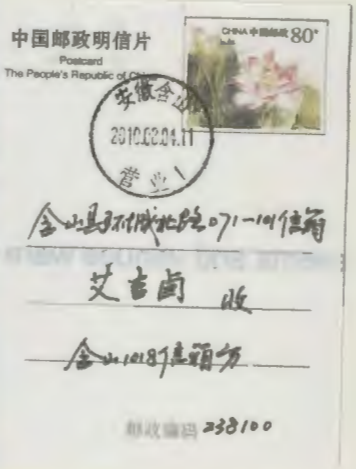
5 EVOLUTION - FROM MID 20TH CENTURY TO LATE 20TH CENTURY

5.a MODERNISATION

In the USA a completely new style of metal vehicle was built in the 1930s for a number of streetcar services as an alternative to the standard wooden bodied, enclosed or partly open vehicle used in most cities and towns.

'PCC' San Francisco

C al usage - *Showing the rear view of a 'PCC' streetcar*



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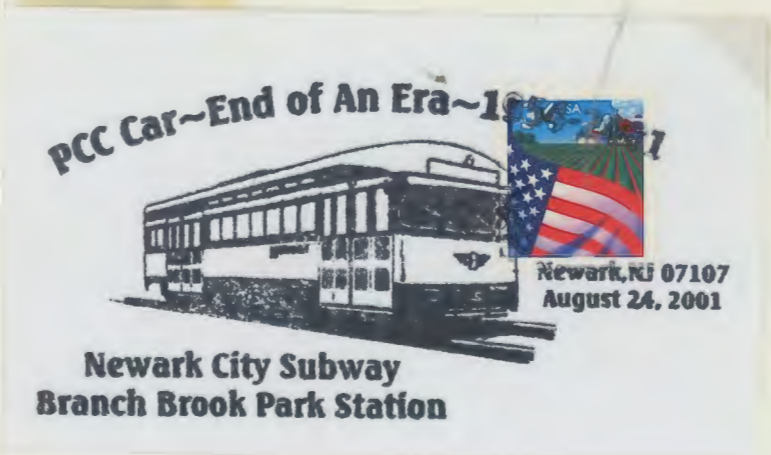

This type of streetcar became known as a President's Committee Car 'PCC' running successfully in many American and European cities.

5 EVOLUTION - FROM LATE 20TH CENTURY TO 21TH CENTURY

5.a MODERNISATION

However, in New Zealand and Australia modernisation consisted mainly of improvements to commuter comfort,

New Zealand: 1987 QEII Private Card - *STAMPEX 87 "Tramways"*.

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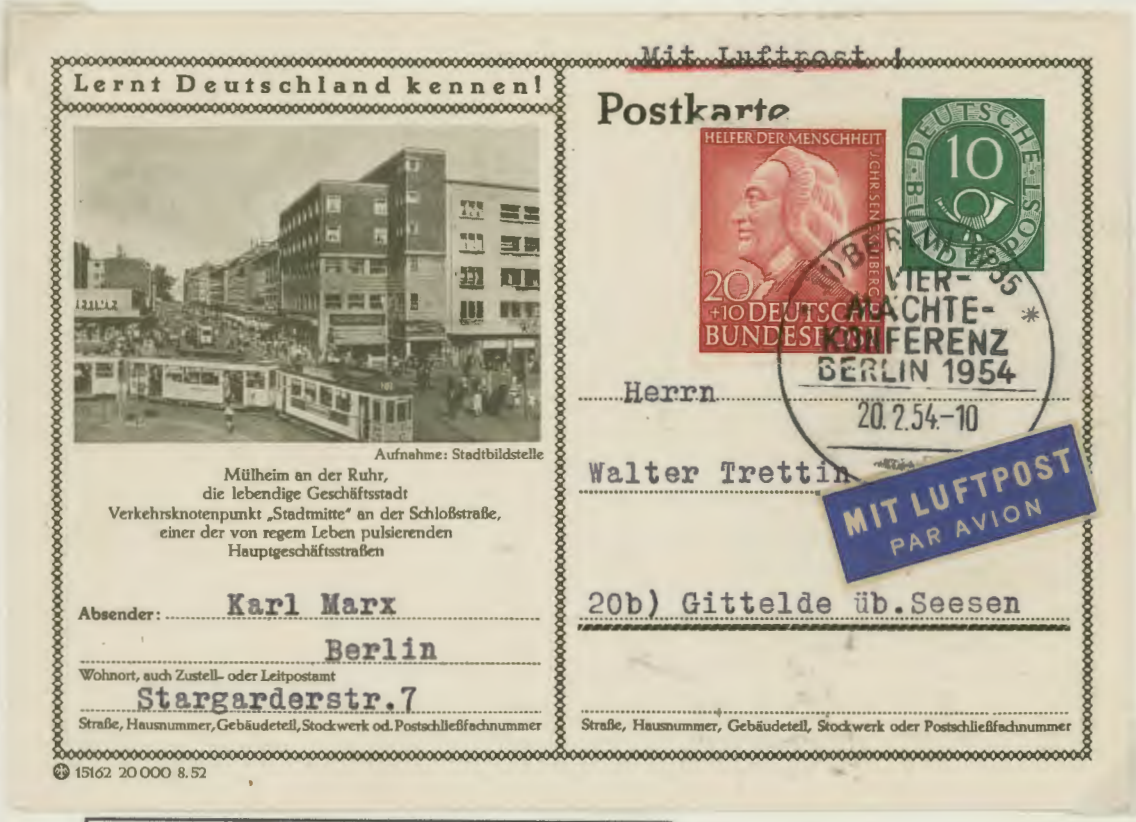
Showing "R" Class Trams on Elizabeth Street, Sydney

and other outward cosmetic changers.

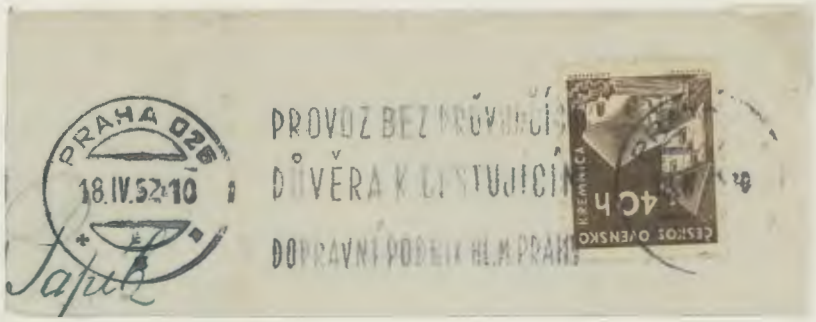
5 EVOLUTION - FROM LATE 20TH CENTURY TO 21TH CENTURY

5.a MODERNISATION



Germany: 1952 Card
uprated 20pf for Air Mail

Most modern tramway services are operated with driver only trams. Conductors or Conductresses are no longer used.



Translation; Operation without conductress; confidence of passengers; transport company.

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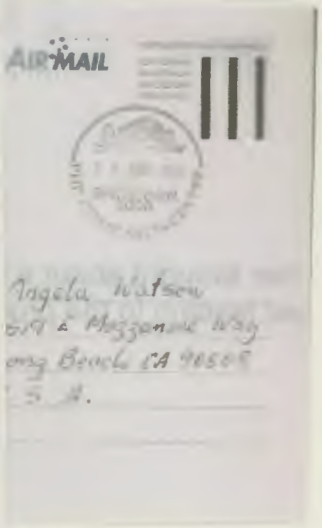
This type of arrangement proved to be a great cost saver.

5 EVOLUTION - FROM LATE 20TH CENTURY TO 21TH CENTURY
5.a MODERNISATION

The need for speed, comfort and cost saving has brought about a complete rethink in tramway design.

Australia: 2010 Card - *Showing a Melbourne "Z" Class Tram*



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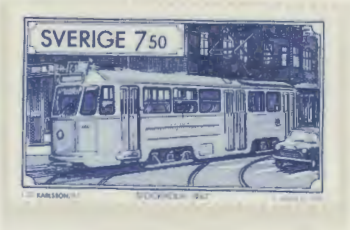
Streamlined metal bodies were introduced leading to to the production of the articulated tram.



[The T3 tram is entered in the Guinness Book of Records as the world's most numerous type of tram]

5 EVOLUTION - FROM LATE 20TH CENTURY TO 21TH CENTURY

5.a MODERNISATION

As well as upgrading their tramways many cities run older styled trams as either a tourist attraction and/or a free system. They include: Hong Kong in China; Bombay (Mumbai) in India; Lisbon in Portugal; Melbourne's CBD, and Glenelg to Adelaide in Australia; Christchurch in New Zealand.

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China: 2006 Card - Local usage - *Showing (before the 2011 earthquake) a Christchurch City Tour Tram*

5 EVOLUTION - FROM LATE 20TH CENTURY TO 21TH CENTURY
5.b LIGHT RAIL

Portugal: 1995 Folded Booklet

Worldwide, many new light rail lines have been opened. While in cities, that kept their tramways,

they have been upgraded to light rail ....

The description is incorrect - it should read "S350 ITALIE TRAMS"

Colour Error - Blue

5 EVOLUTION - FROM LATE 20TH CENTURY TO 21TH CENTURY

5.b LIGHT RAIL

.... with new light rail systems continually being introduced.

France: 2011 - Die Proof Pair (Negative and Positive) signed by the engraver Jumelet - one of 20.

As issued

5 EVOLUTION - FROM LATE 20TH CENTURY TO 21TH CENTURY
5.b LIGHT RAIL

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China: 2009 Card - Local usage - *Showing Sydney's Light Rail* [a Variotram]

In Australia, Sydney, New South Wales, introduced a light rail service in 1997.

Colour Error - Light Green

The vehicles for this new line are similar to those operating in Melbourne, Victoria, and other countries' cities.

5 EVOLUTION - FROM LATE 20TH CENTURY TO 21TH CENTURY
5.b LIGHT RAIL

While in other countries tramways are continually being improved

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and/or updated on a regular basis.

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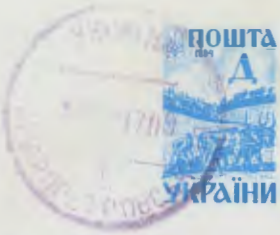

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Ukraine: 1997 Envelope ["A" interior postage up to 50g]

5 EVOLUTION - FROM LATE 20TH CENTURY TO 21TH CENTURY
5.b LIGHT RAIL

Basarab Overpass MS

[On the bridge is a tram stop with connection to railway, tram lines and Metro].

These included new highways, interchanges and bridges.

Light Rail Issue

Self-adhesive

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Meupostal Card

Just like the trams of yesteryear the light rail systems of today come in a diversity of styles.

Guernsey: 1979 Folded booklet with Black Prints

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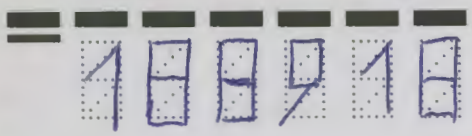

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Russia: 2007 'A' Envelope - Domestic Mail

5 EVOLUTION - FROM LATE 20TH CENTURY TO 21TH CENTURY
5.b LIGHT RAIL

Nowadays, tramway and light rail services are part of the fabric of mass transit

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Hungary: 2008 Card - Local usage *[40th Anniversary of the Budapest Transport PLC]*

with new lines designed and/or integrated with ferries, buses, trolley buses and heavy rail.

Joint issue showing the Chords Bridge [Built by the Spanish Architect Caltrava - the bridge is crossed by the 'Fast Tram of Jerusalem']

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6 EVOLUTION - FROM LATE 20TH CENTURY TO 21TH CENTURY
6.b LIGHT RAIL

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5.b LIGHT RAIL

So we now can commute in either state-of-the-art light rail and/or heavy rail vehicles -

with easy access.

Ilmestymispäivä 09.05.2007 Utgivningsdag
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Finland: 2007
Self-adhesive Booklet

Beautiful Netherlands MS - *[Shows Amsterdam Tramway Line No. 4]*

Showing a long time exposure of the traffic junction in Zürich - besides the letter 'I' the waiting box of the tram stop "Central" and below it a white tram train.

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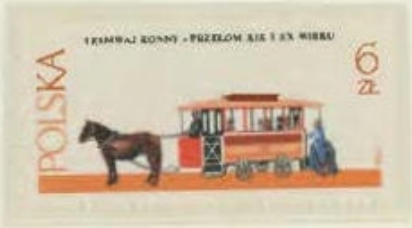
Romania: 1994 Card



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It has been a pleasure to show that Tramways have been part of whatever has been happening throughout three centuries.

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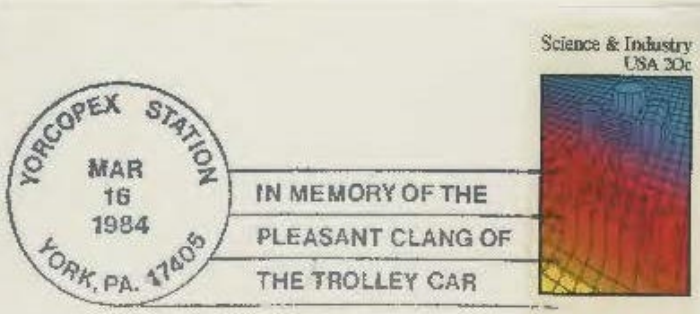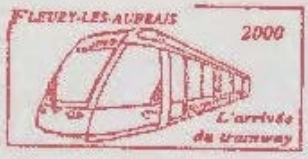
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