

Part VII — Municipal and Private Auto, Bus and Truck Parcel Services

Ekebergbanens Ilgodsbilrute (Østmarkruten)

(see also entry in Part II)

The suburban railroad Ekebergbanen (see under Part II) also issued stamps for an express-goods motor-car (or truck) route, which it operated (Oslo-Abildsø-Svaersvann) in order to bring parcels directly to the addressee.

Date? Upright rectangle, divided into three sections. At top: company name, control letters (A B) and value (10 øre). In middle: an orange colored ad for "Lilleborg" soap, I suppose to cut printing costs. At bottom: red serial number. A rubber handstamp is struck diagonally across the stamp in dark violet. This reads in two lines "OMBRINGELSE / 15 øre", within a box frame. Part of the adjoining stamp is attached to my copy and shows that it was handstamped too. There are traces of gum on the reverse. This unusual item appears to be from a roll of tickets converted into delivery stamps by overprinting. Rough, yellowish paper. Imperforate coil.

1. 15/10 øre black, orange and red

December 1, 1940(?) Large size. At top, in band, "EKEBERGBANENS" and beneath this "ILGODSBILRUTE". Value in circle in center. The company monogram "EB" is included once in the colored wavy underprint. Each stamp has a consecutive control number in black at the bottom. Above the number is a pair of control letters which apparently indicate the various printings. Letters seen: A A, A B, A D, A E, A F. Printed in coils, imperforate at the sides and perforated 10 at top and bottom.

2. 10 øre black and light green

3. 15 øre black and red

4. 20 øre black and ultramarine

5. 50 øre black and yellow

6. 100 øre black and mauve



The following stamps were apparently also used in connection with the aforementioned special delivery service.

Date? Large size stamp. Inscribed at top "EKEBERGBANENS ILGODSRUTE" and diagonally across center "OMBRINGELSESAVGIFT"—meaning "Ekeberg Railroad express-goods route. Delivery fee". Red serial numbers at bottom together with black control letter. Letters seen: A, B, C. These stamps appear first with good, clear gum, then with poor, brownish, war-time gum and finally without gum. Printed in coils, imperforate at sides and perforated 10 at top and bottom.

7. 20 øre black and red

8. 30 øre black and red

9. 50 øre black and red

Polarbil - Vadsø



"50" twice

"The World's northernmost and
longest auto-route traffic"

Snow landscape with moon and Northern lights.
Lapplander with sleigh drawn by a reindeer
watches as an old fashioned passenger car drives by.
Probably issued 1920-1930

Larsen's Omnibus Service, Drammen

Sometime around the turn of the century a certain Otto Larsen operated an omnibus service in Drammen. It ran between the district of Bragernaes on the north side of the Drammen river and Tangen on the south side.



Date? Lithographed. Perf. 11. Oval band design with the value in the four corners. Inscribed "PAKKEMÆRKE" at top. Apparently for use on parcels conveyed by the omnibus.

1. 10 øre red

Rex Bus (?) Company

Date? Viking head in front of tire wheel. At bottom "er betalt" (i.e. paid). Perforated 11.

1. 5 øre black and green
2. 10 øre black and red
3. 25 øre black and blue



Date? Similar, but at bottom "at efterbetale" (i.e. to be paid)

4. 5 øre black and yellow
5. 10 øre black and brown
6. 25 øre black and violet

Date? Provisionals. Nos. 4 and 6 overprinted in black.

7. "60 øre betalt"/5 øre black and yellow
8. "60 øre betalt"/25 øre black and violet

Date? Provisional. No. 4 overprinted in red.

9. "5 kr. betalt"/5 øre black and yellow

Date? New values.

10. 40 øre yellow
11. 50 øre black on pink paper

The stamps were cancelled by red or blue crayon lines.

Tønsberg and District Automobile Co. (Tønsberg og Omegns Automobil Kompani)



1911? Denomination in circle in the four corners. Company name at top center. Old-fashioned car with driver and two passengers passing tower on "Slottsfjellet", Tønsberg. "Ö" in "Öre" and "Tønsberg" in the Swedish spelling form (Stamps printed in Sweden?). Typographed on colored paper. Perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$. My stamp is imperforate on two sides and is probably from the bottom right corner of the sheet.

1. 5 öre black on yellow paper
2. 10 öre black on pink paper

Kongsvinger New Auto Co. (Kongsvinger nye Bilselskap A. S)



Date? Company name at top. "Fragtmerke" (i.e. Freight stamp) in center. Serial number in red. Value at bottom. Ornamental background underprint in blue. Typographed by Fabritius, Oslo. Printed in coils imperforate at top and bottom, rouletted at sides.

1. 25 øre black, blue and red

Quite a number of other bus companies (some County or Municipally owned) have issued simple typeset parcel stamps. I shall not attempt to catalog all the varieties here, as they would fill a separate booklet. The following is a list of firms from which I have seen stamps. Some companies no longer exist.

Fylkesbilene i Nord Trøndelag (28 varieties)
Aurland Kommunale Rutebiler (4 varieties)

Some Older Bus Parcel Stamps



Old Schøyen
bus



Largest firm in the line in Norway

Good tourist-cars and omnibusses to be hired. Chief place
for auto-routes with starting point in Oslo. Drivers
speak French, English, German, Spanish and Russian.

Engineer M. O. Schøyens Bilcentraler A/S
Chr. IV gt. 4, Oslo :: Telegr. addr. "Bilcentralen"

Country buses in North Trøndelag



"i" missing

with "i"

imperf. ↑
edge



↑
perf

↑
perf

↑
perf

↑
imperf (edge)

Edenmark - 1959



Perf. 11

imperf ↑
(edge)



imperf ↑
edge

Apparently printed in booklets containing horizontal strips of 4 stamps,
all rouletted except for set 3 which is perf. 11

New Type --->

Godsfrakt		Godsfrakt		Godsfrakt	
3 KR.	3 KR.	10 ØRE			
Fylkesbilene	Fylkesbilene	Fylkesbilene			
N-Trøndelag	N-Trøndelag	N-Trøndelag			

Ferjeruta: Ottersøy-Rørvik		Ferjeruta: Ottersøy-Rørvik		Ferjeruta: Ottersøy-Rørvik		Ferjeruta: Ottersøy-Rørvik	
Innehavar: Helge Fjær-Ottersøy		Innehavar: Helge Fjær-Ottersøy		Innehavar: Helge Fjær-Ottersøy		Innehavar: Helge Fjær-Ottersøy	
A	07499	Kr.	0,25	A	07498	Kr.	0,25
F	07503	Kr.	0,25	A	07502	Kr.	0,25
F	07501	Kr.	0,25	A	07500	Kr.	0,25

FRAKTMERKE		FRAKTMERKE	
Fabrilus, Oslo.		Fabrilus, Oslo.	
<p><i>Ref. F. Fj. Fjær-Ottersøy</i></p>			
Porto m. m.			
1,50	Båtfrakt	1,50	
6,10	Bilfrakt	6,10	
	Privatbanefrakt		
	Statsbanefrakt		
-	Ekspedisjonsetterkrav	-	
7,60	Sum kr.	10,80	

NORGES	ØRE	0960
STATSEANER	667	