

## Part VI — Government Auto, Bus and Truck Parcel Services

### Norwegian State and Main Railroads' Delivery Service



1900. Delivery stamps, used by both the Norwegian Main Railroad and the Norwegian State Railroads. Value within oval in center, above this the inscription "STATSBANERNE OG HOVEDBANEN" and below: "OMBRINGELSESAFGIFT FRA CHR:A. Ø. ELLER CHR:A. V." This is all framed by an unusual design of carrots and other vegetables. There is also an elaborate colored underprint. The 20 øre value was printed in sheets of 60 stamps (six vertical rows of ten stamps) with margin tabs around the sheet edges. The 30 øre value was printed in sheets of 30 stamps (six vertical rows of five stamps) with margin tabs around the sheet edges. These two stamps were apparently used to cover the extra delivery charge on packages picked up by a bus or truck from the railroad stations at Christiania Ø (East) and V (West) and delivered directly to the addressee at his home or place of business.

1. 20 øre black and light blue
  - a. with "PRØVE" (specimen) in large blue antique letters
  - b. with reverse print on back of stamp (abklatsch)
2. 30 øre black and pink
  - a. with "PRØVE" (specimen) in large blue antique letters

### Norwegian State Railways Auto/Bus Parcel Delivery Service

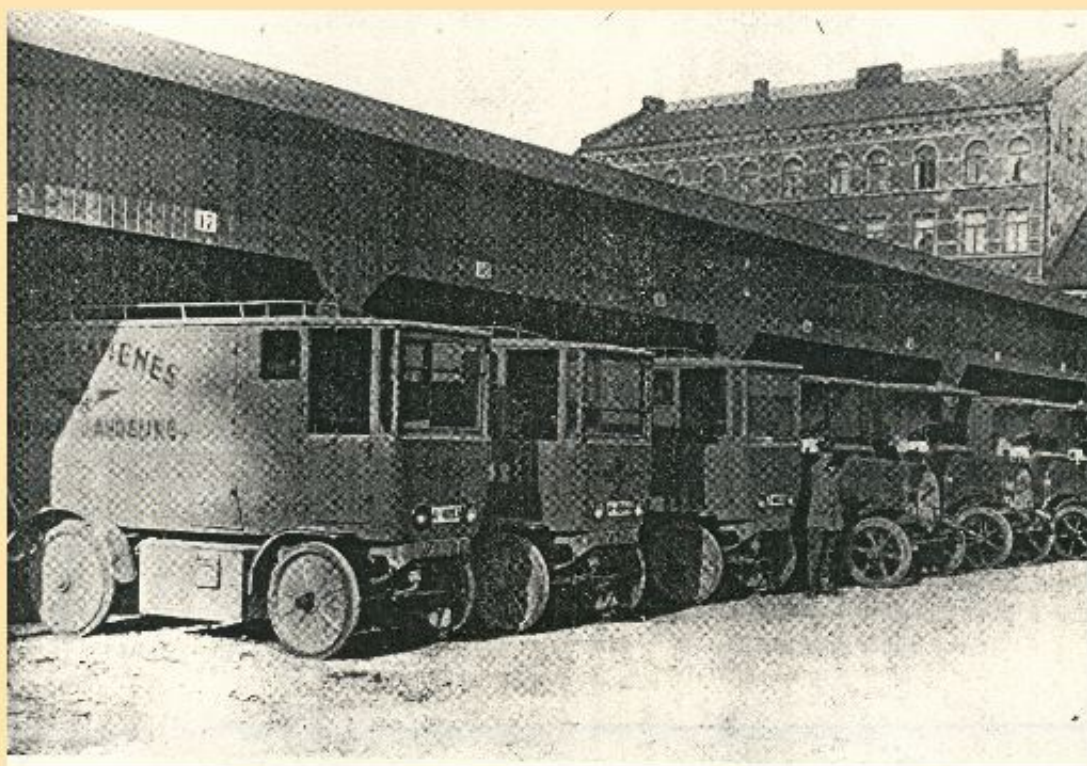
A parcel service has been operated by the Norwegian State Railways in connection with certain automobile or bus routes that they run to places without direct train connections. (Ås-Drobak, Ålesund-Åndalsnes and others). Date? (Seen cancelled 1947-50, but probably issued during World War II.) Same design as Norwegian State Railway regular issue of 1929, but printed in yellow instead of green and overprinted in black "BIL" (i.e. Auto). Thick, rough-surfaced paper. Poor quality, brownish, wartime gum. Narrow margin tabs around all four sheet edges. Perforated 10%.

1. 10 øre yellow (printed in sheets of 50)
  - a. error: imperforate at top
  - b. error: imperforate at bottom
  - c. broken tops on letters "IL" of overprint (no. 42 in sheet)
2. 20 øre yellow (printed in sheets of 100)
3. 70 øre yellow
  - a. error: imperforate at bottom
  - b. error: double perforation at bottom

Date? Same design and overprint as previously. Smooth-surfaced, white paper. Printed in sheets of 50 stamps with narrow margin tabs around all four edges. Perforated 11½.

4. 30 øre light orange
  - a. error: double perforation at top
  - b. error: imperforate on one vertical side



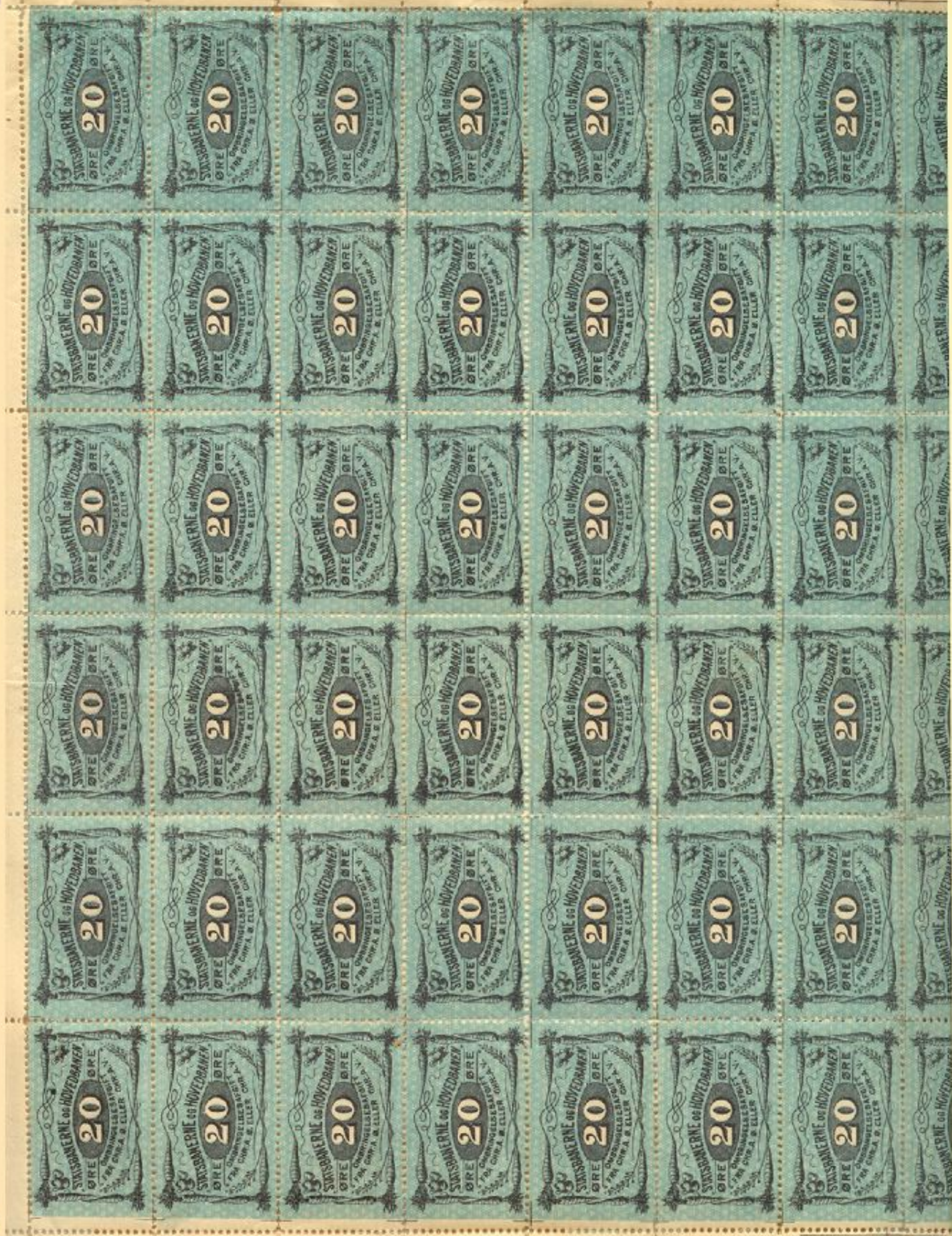






Printing transfer onto gum







5. 50 øre light orange
  - a. error: double perforation at top
  - b. error: imperforate at bottom
  - c. error: imperforate at top and bottom
6. 70 øre light orange



Date? Same design as previously, but overprint in a new type face (thicker serifs). Smooth-surfaced, white paper. Good, clear gum. Printed in sheets of 50 stamps, with narrow margin tabs around the edges on all four sides. Perforated 10%.

7. 10 øre lemon yellow
8. 20 øre lemon yellow

9. 40 øre lemon yellow
10. 100 øre lemon yellow

1948? Same general design as previously, but redrawn in somewhat smaller size (same as Norwegian State Railway regular issue of 1948). The value figures are now added in a second printing operation. Black overprint similar to the first and second issues (nos. 1-6), but letters are closer together. Smooth-surfaced white paper. Good, clear gum. Printed in sheets of 50 stamps, with large margin tabs around the sheet-edges. Perforated 13½.

11. 40 øre yellow

12. 100 øre yellow

These yellow and orange stamps now are apparently replaced by pink coil stamps. In regard to these latter, I had at first thought of separating them into a Bus and an Auto group. However, both types seem to be in use together on the same lines without distinction as to the type of vehicle used. Based on the "mixed frankings" I have seen, I have therefore listed them all together.

Date? (Current in 1948.) Simple typeset arrangement. "Statens Bussrute" horizontally across top. "Fraktmerke" and control number at center left. Value at center right. Printer's imprint at bottom. Printed in coils by Fabritius, Oslo. Imperforate at top and bottom, poorly perforated 10 at sides. Large, thick figures of value.

13. 10 øre black on mauve paper, black control numbers
  - a. black on pink paper, red control numbers
14. 40 øre black on mauve paper, black control numbers

Date? Same as before, but thinner figures of value.

15. 30 øre black on mauve paper, black control numbers
  - a. black on mauve paper, brownish control numbers
  - b. black on pink paper, red control numbers
16. 40 øre black on pink paper, black control numbers
17. 50 øre black on mauve paper, brownish control numbers
  - a. black on mauve paper, red control numbers
  - b. black on pink paper, red control numbers



Double perforated and part perforated varieties



← double perf. horiz.



imperf. at bottom



Double  
perforation  
horiz



Double  
perf.  
horiz





# NSB Bus



"Prøve" = Specimen or trial print





18. 100 øre black on pink paper, red control numbers  
 19. 200 øre black on pink paper, red control numbers

Date? (Current in 1958.) New, simple typeset arrangement. Vertical text "N.S.B. Bussrute" at left. "FRAKTMERKE" horizontally across top. Denomination in center above control numbers, all in black. Circular underprint in red, inscribed "NORGES STATSBAKER" and Norwegian coat of arms (often unclear). Pink paper. Printed in coils by Fabritius, Oslo. Imperforate at top and bottom. Perforated 10 at sides.

20. 10 øre black and red  
 21. 30 øre black and red  
 22. 40 øre black and red  
 23. 60 øre black and red  
 24. 100 øre black and red

Date? (Current in 1958.) Simple typeset arrangement like nos. 18-19, but "Statsbanenes Bilruter" horizontally across top. "Fraktmerke" and control number at center left. Value at center right. Printer's imprint at bottom. Red, circular underprint as on previous issue (nos. 20-24). Pink paper. Printed in coils by Fabritius, Oslo. Imperforate at top and bottom. Perforated 10½ at sides. I have so far only seen an imperforate pair of the 70 øre.

25. 20 øre black and red  
 26. 40 øre black and red  
 27. 70 øre black and red (imperf.)  
 28. 200 øre black and red  
 29. 500 øre black and red

Date? (Current in 1958.) New, simple typeset arrangement like nos. 20-24, but vertical text "N.S.B. Bilruter" at left. "FRAKTMERKE" horizontally across top. Denomination in center above control number, all in black. Circular, red underprint as previously. Pink paper. Printed in coils by Fabritius, Oslo. Imperforate at top and bottom. Perforated 10½ at sides.

30. 10 øre black and red  
 31. 30 øre black and red  
 32. 40 øre black and red  
 33. 60 øre black and red  
 34. 100 øre black and red



Date? (Current in 1958.) Similar to previous issue, but vertically at left "N.S.B." winged-wheel emblem and text "Bilrutene". "FRAKTMERKE" horizontally across top. Denomination in center, above control number, all in black. Circular, red underprint as previously. Pink paper. Printed in coils by Fabritius, Oslo. Imperforate at top and bottom. Perforated 10½ or rouletted 10 (?) at sides. Both methods may be found on the same coil, so that



some stamps have vertical perforation, some vertical rouletting, and others a combination of the two.

35. 10 øre black and red  
36. 20 øre black and red  
37. 30 øre black and red

38. 40 øre black and red  
39. 50 øre black and red

Date? (No. 42 current 1958, nos. 40, 41 current 1959.) Similar to previous issue. Same vertically at left, but now "FRANKERINGSMERKE" horizontally across top. Circular, red underprint as previously. Pink paper. Printed in coils by Fabritius, Oslo. Imperforate at top and bottom. Perforated 10½ at sides.

40. 10 øre black and red  
41. 50 øre black and red

42. 100 øre black and red

I have seen two special meters used (in red) instead of the N.S.B. bus/auto stamps. They are similar to the meter from Trondheim (illustrated in this booklet after the regular N. S. R. issues) with differences as follows:

- 1) N. S. B. meter no. 1052 in use at Spjelkavik (seen 1958) has the additional word "BIL" under the denomination.
- 2) N. S. B. meter no. 940 in use at Tresfjord (seen 1959) has the word "Bilfrakt" in the lower part of the date box. A 2-line ad slogan out to the left reads "N. S. B. Bilruter / Åndalenes-Ålesund".

These stamps are similar to the regular N.S.B. stamps, but with the word "BIL" or "Bilfrakt" added. The stamps are printed in red ink on pink paper. The word "BIL" is printed in a small box at the bottom of the stamp. The word "Bilfrakt" is printed in a small box at the bottom of the stamp. The stamps are similar to the regular N.S.B. stamps, but with the word "BIL" or "Bilfrakt" added.

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# State Bus Route



mauve paper t.1  
black cancel ms.



pink paper t.1  
red cancel ms.  
(Landsdelsskifte, ms.)



mauve 40 Ø type 1



black cancel ms.



mauve paper t.2  
brownish ms.



pink paper t.2



pink 40 Ø type 2



brownish cancel ms.



mauve paper t.2  
red ms.



pink paper t.2



pink t.2



pink t.2





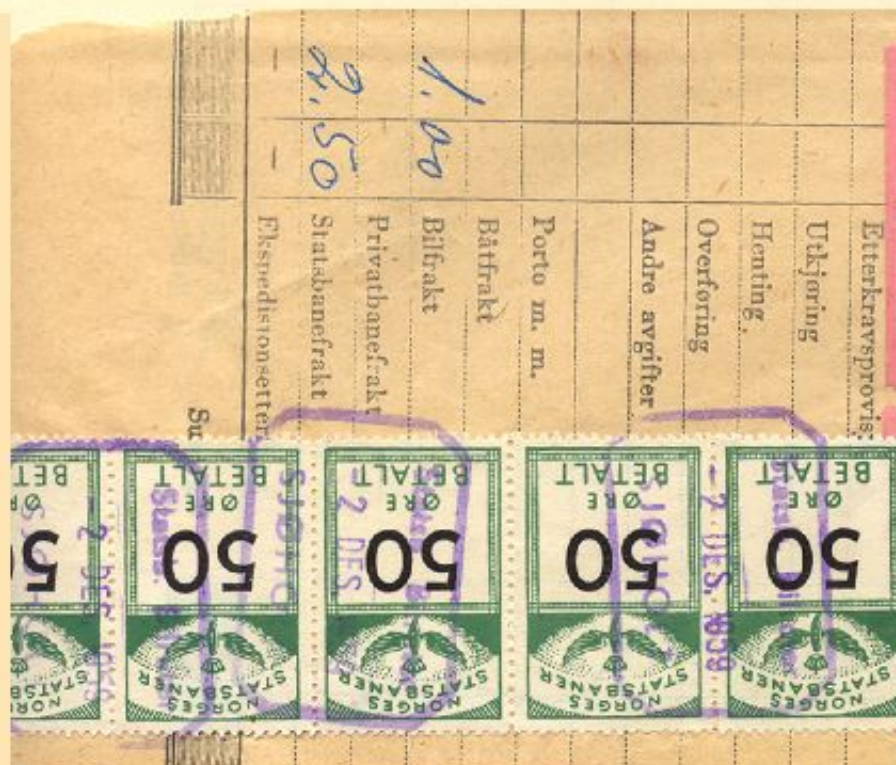
Three Norwegian postage stamps from 1945, each featuring a circular postmark and a rectangular label with the text "FRAKTMERKE" (Postage) and a large number. The stamps are 10 ØRE (01751), 40 ØRE (75363), and 60 ØRE (47733). The labels also include "N. S. B. Bussrute" and "Fabritius, Oslo".

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# State Railroad Bus Routes

Perf 10 1/2





N.S.B. Bilruter

Perf. 10½ or nonperf. 10 or combination

Perf

Perf

Perf

Perf

Perf



Perf

Perf

Perf

Perf

Perf



Perf

Perf

Perf

Perf



Perf

Perf

100

Perf



1939  
(no periods after NSB.)

NSB Bilrutene (9mm.)

Perf 10½





Sender *Gjennmalt, Landbuds kule.*  
 Adresse *Vikebukt i R.*  
 Sendersted

Senderens kunde nr. Postgiro nr. Bankgiro nr.

Mottaker *Norsk Svineavlslag*  
 Adresse *Tosketejor, Hillehuselva*  
 Utleveringssted *Hillehusen i Harejor.*

Over

Datum *20/4-80*

Sendes pr.

Marked

Betalingsforskrift o. s. forskrifter

Varespesifikasjon/underretninger til mottakeren



*1 Kasse gris 50*  
*m/2 levende griser*

Senderetterkrav nr.

Mott. kunde nr.

Betalt av sender

Jernbanefrakt

Å betale av mott.

Bilfrakt



*20/4-80*  
*14.30*  
*spedite*



↓ "Bilrutene" in smaller letters (9mm)



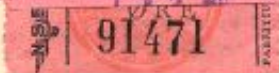
↑  
marked

↑  
with pen mark after 01

↓ "Bilrutene" in larger letters (11mm)



↑ lowercase letters



↑ uppercase letters

PROVISIONAL USE AS A 10 ØRE RAILROAD STAMP  
OF A 10 ØRE TICKET (?) AT NOTODDEN STATION  
28 SEPTEMBER 1958





### NSB Bus Route (and Østfold Bus Route)

Two red freight labels (Fraktmerke) from Østfold Biluter are shown, overlapping. Each label specifies a freight of 1,25 kr. The bottom label also features the number 24603 and the instruction 'Paklebes pakken' (stick to the package).

NSB

BILRUTENE

FRAKTMERKE  
45952

Frakt	Kr. 0,42
Merv.avg.	„ 0,08
Sum	<u>Kr. 0,50</u>

Påklebes sendingen

PARROTIL, DRUG 70.

Perf 10 1/2

**BILRUTENE**

**FRAKTMERKE**

**69278**

Frakt	Kr. 3.33
Merv.avg.	" 0.67
Sum	<u>Kr. 4.00</u>

**Påklebes sendingen**

FABRIKKE, OSLO, 72.

**Top Label (Fraktklasse 23608):**

N.S.B.  
BILRUTENE

FRAKTKLASSE  
23608

Frakt	Kr. 5.42
Merv.avg.	1.08
Sum	Kr. 6.50

Pakkebesending

PAKKEBESENDING 030. 34

**Bottom Label (Fraktklasse 10838):**

N.S.B.  
BILRUTENE

FRAKTKLASSE  
10838

Frakt	Kr. 1.67
Merv.avg.	0.33
Sum	Kr. 2.00

Pakkebesending

KORUMSAND



Norwegian State Railways Freight Stamps for transport of Skis (pre-WWII)

