

THE FLAG POLE

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Type 8 Toronto die D used with Canada's first Special Delivery Stamp. The 10¢ Special Delivery stamp, issued June 28, 1898, paid "for immediate delivery". Dated September 23, 1898 this may be the earliest use of a flag cancel on a Special Delivery cover. A Hamilton flagless dater hub (backstamp) shows 4 hour delivery!
Larry Paige

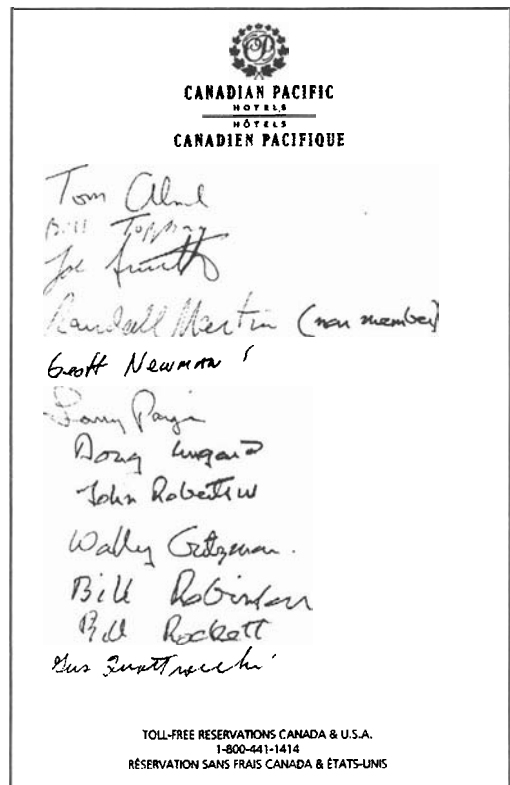
A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

First I would like to thank those of you responded to my appeal for material to publish in our newsletter - particularly Larry Paige and John Robertson - whose material can be found throughout this issue. I understand that the BNAPS meeting in St. Johns was a huge success and that a great time was had by all. A list of attendees is reproduced at right.

As you may have read in BNAPortraitS, a mini convention is planned in conjunction with Orapex '98 in Ottawa this spring. Is there any interest in holding a study group meeting? Perhaps we could have a "Show and Tell" session, where members bring some of their favorite flags along to share with the group. At our local club we hold this type of meeting once a month and it is one of the highlights of our philatelic calendar. If you are interested please let me know ASAP and we will try to set something up.

Michael Rixon

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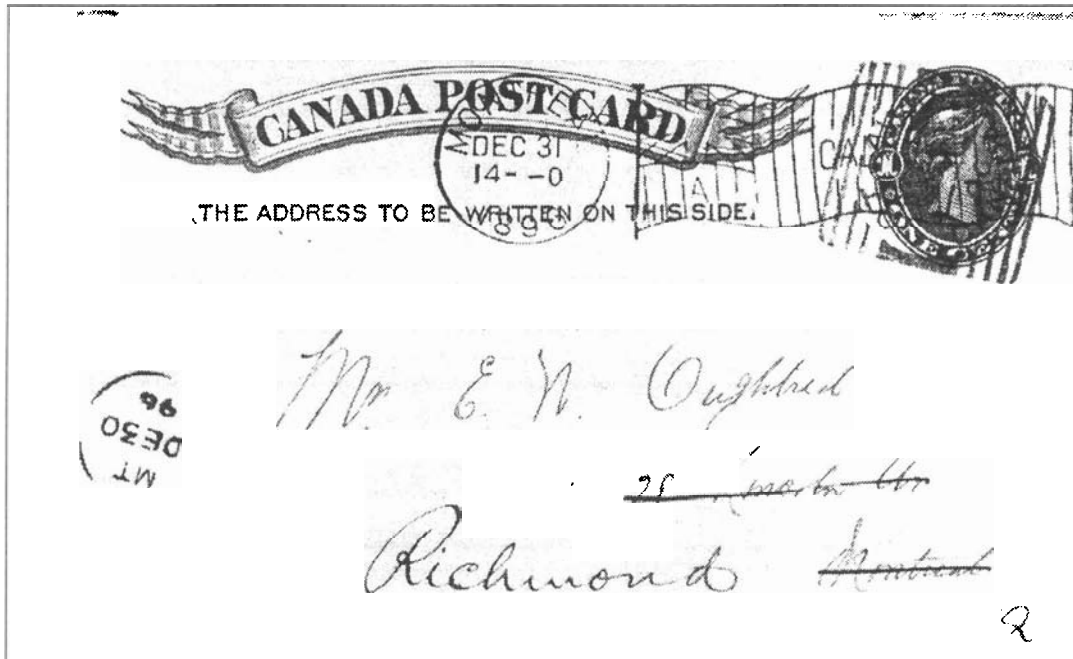


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MONTREAL TYPE 1 NO YEAR DATE

by Larry Paige

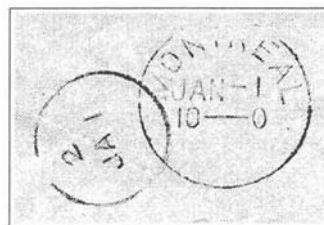
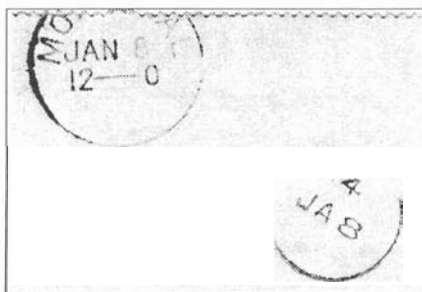
Late in the day on December 31, 1896, the year date was removed from all six dies - lettered A to F - of the Type 1 flag cancel used in Montreal. The hubs continued to be used without year date until January 9, 1897 when the new 1897 year date arrived.



Die A showing late use of 1896 year date. DEC 31 14-0

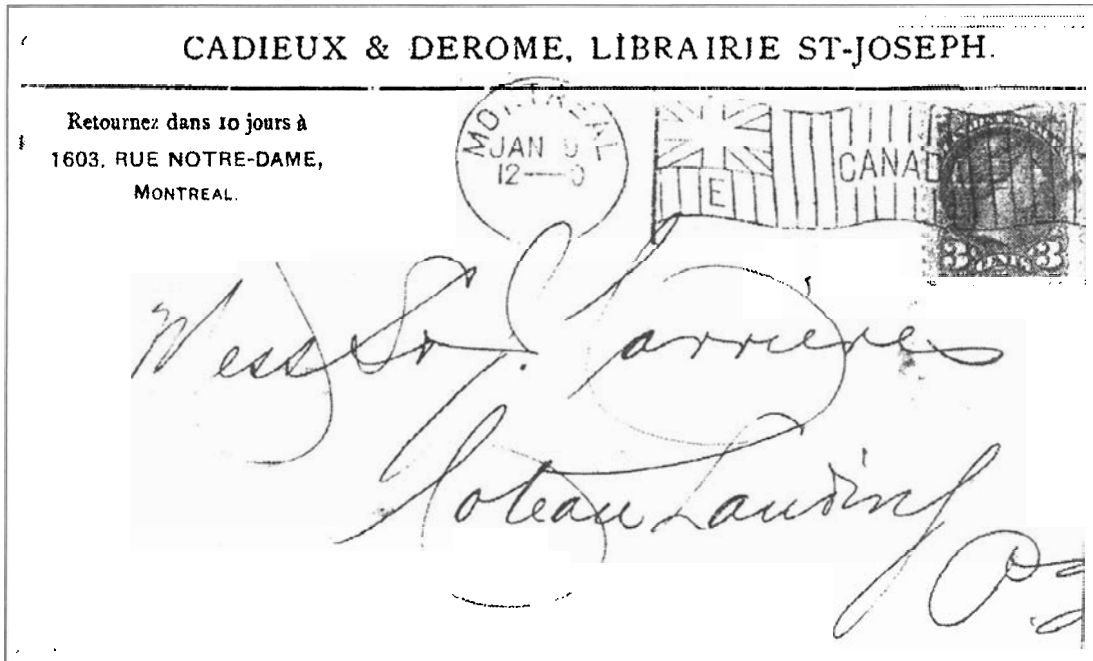


Earliest Known use of no year date hub. Die C DEC 31 18-0 (Lingard collection)

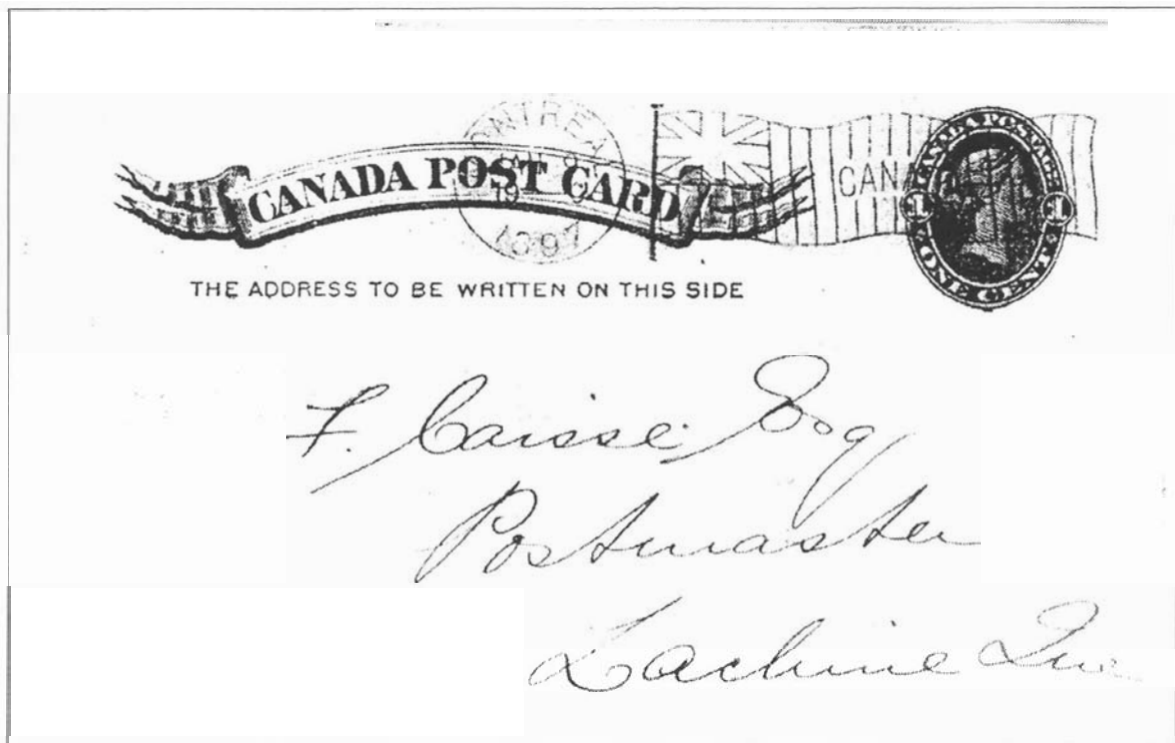


An interesting aside to the Type 1 No Year Date story is that Montreal Carrier Marks were also "yearless" from Jan. 1 to at least March 9 and possibly as late as April 9 (the earliest I have seen with year date). These twin yearless strikes make an interesting addition to either a flag or carrier collection! - Michael Rixon

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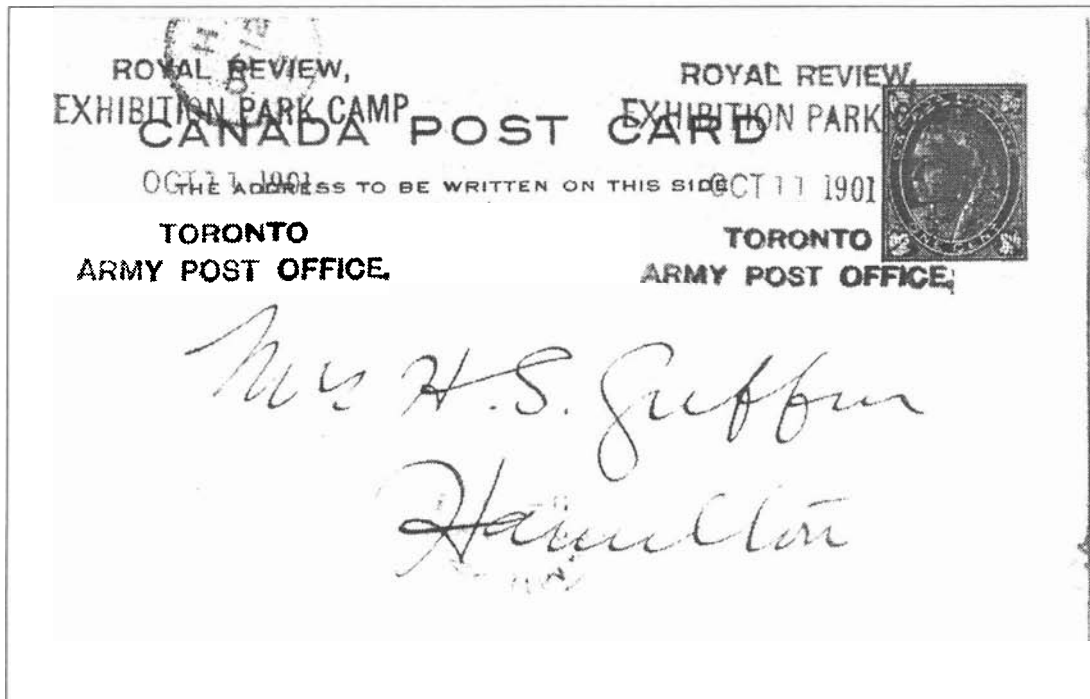


Montreal Type 1 Die E used with no year date on Jan. 9, 1897 at 12-0.



Die E showing the new year date in use by 19-0 of the same day.

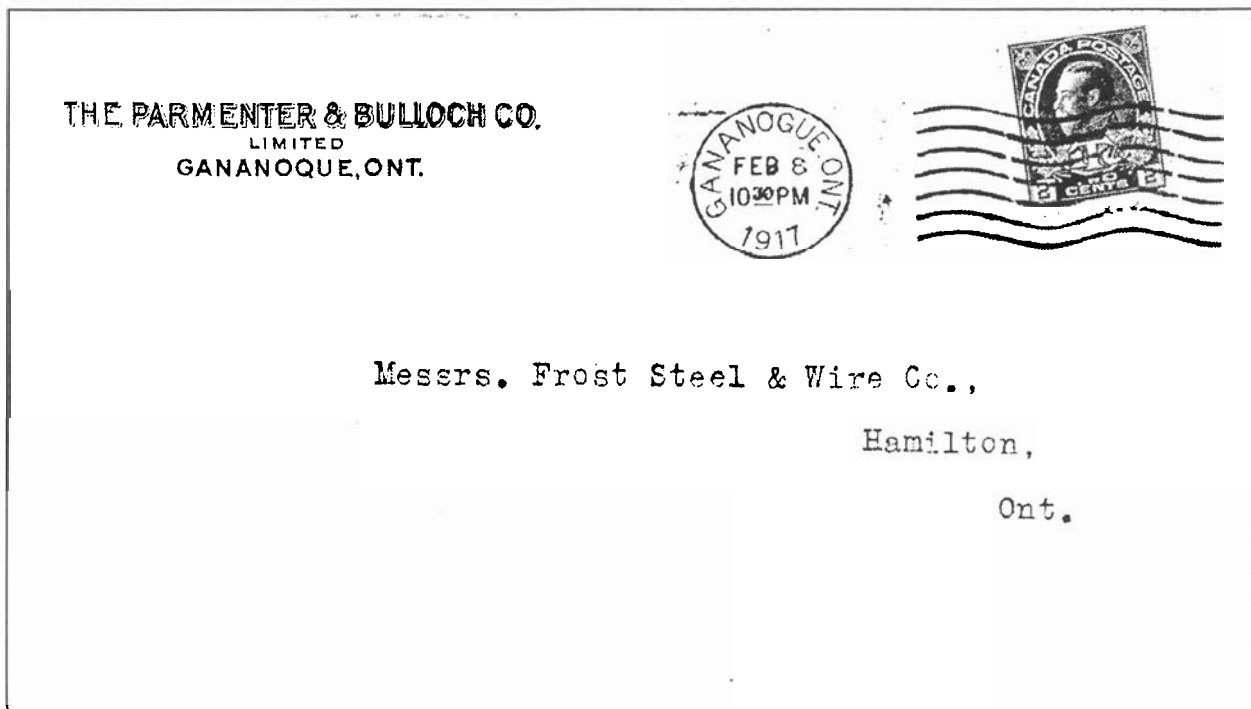
TYPE 8 HAMILTON DATER - ROYAL REVIEW



Special A.P.O. cancellation used at the Duke and Dutchess of York's Royal Review in Toronto on October 11, 1901 only. This cancel is generally a souvenir and is not often found postally used. This card is one of the few that actually went through the mails as evidenced by the Hamilton flagless dater, used as a receiving mark on Oct 12, 1901 and Hamilton carrier mark used the same day.

Larry Paige

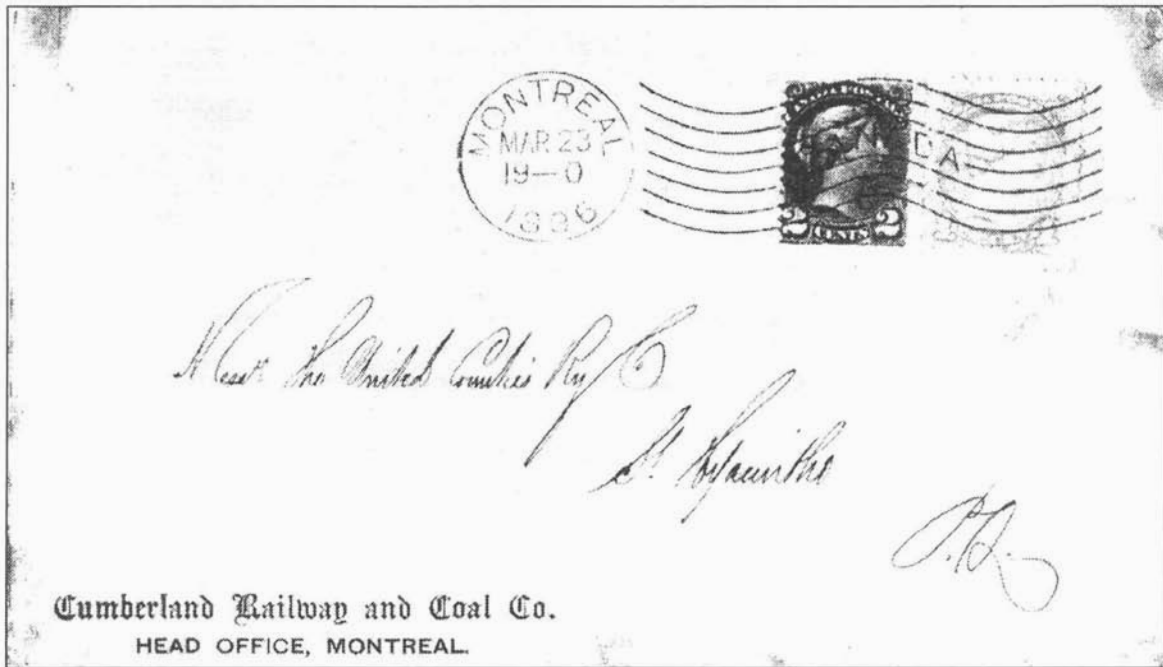
GANANOQUE HUB SPELLING ERROR



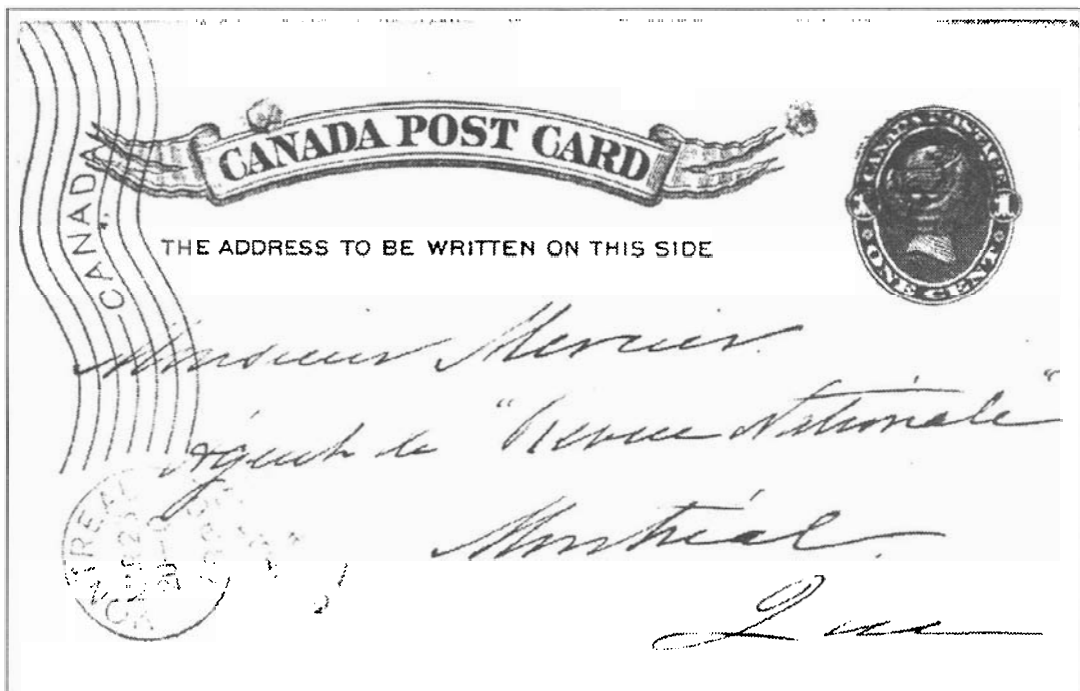
The Gananogue Type 29-2 Flag was issued Feb. 15th and is only known used Feb. 23rd. This is the same hub used one week before the flag was issued. It is possible that the error was in use from January 1st, 1917, and I would like photostats of earlier and later dates to confirm periods of use.

John Robertson

AN UNUSUAL PAIR OF MONTREAL MACHINE CANCEL M-2 COVERS



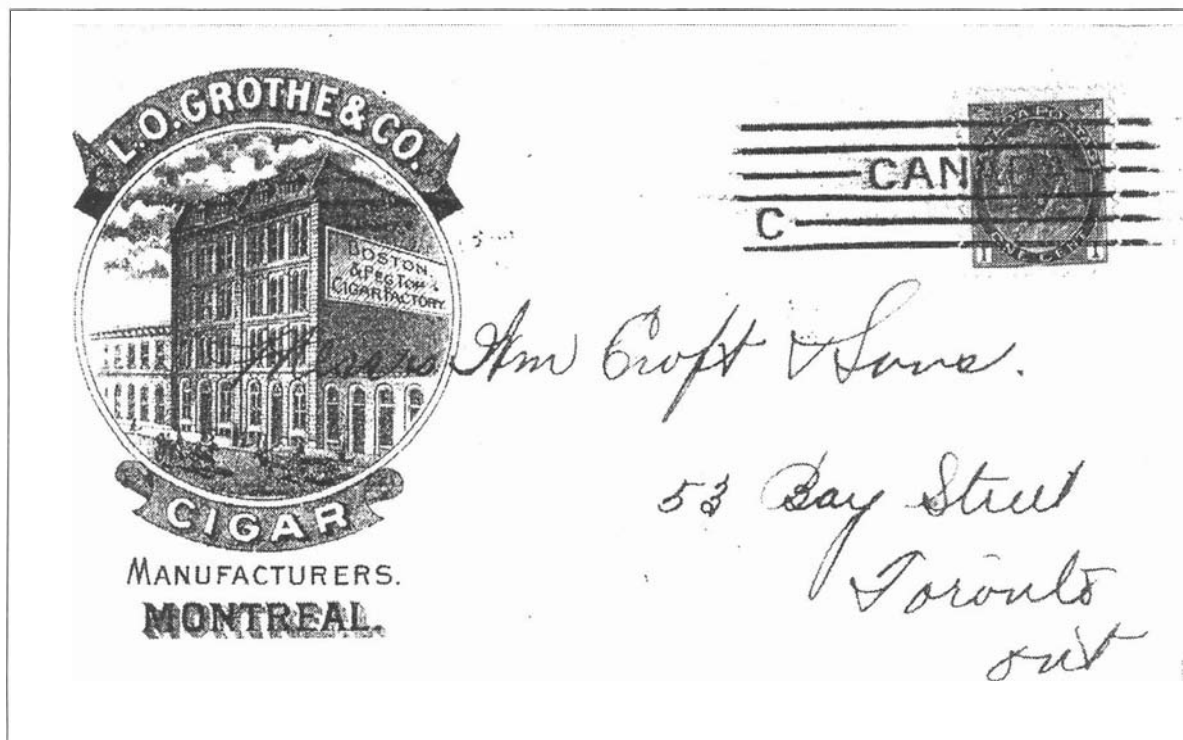
Cover showing Montreal M-2 with the Earliest Date - March 23, 1896 (7 PM).



Postcard showing use one hour later as a receiving mark - March 23, 20-0 (8 PM)

Larry Paige

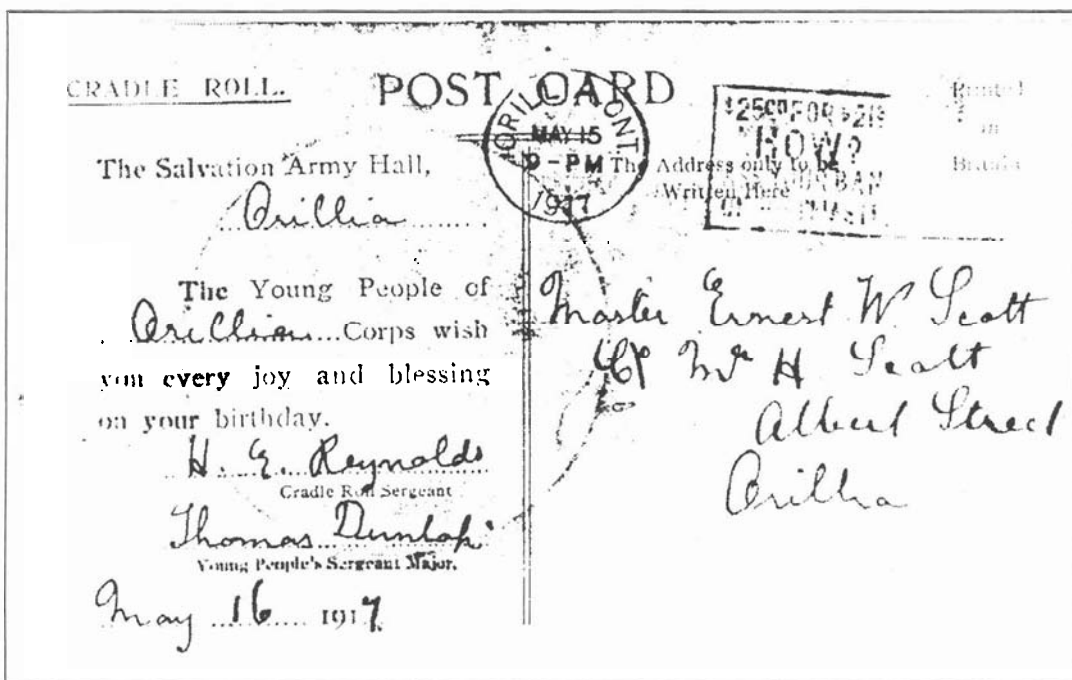
MONTREAL HUBLESS MACHINE CANCEL M-6



M-6 saw service at Montreal for about 8 months from March 11 to October 31, 1902. It was used with the Bickerdike machines and dies are known lettered A through F. This example shows a hubless strike of die C used on third class mail. Machine strikes on this type of mail are generally found with the dater hub removed as regulations did not require dating. Another interesting feature of this strike is that there are only 6 bars - the top bar of this normally 7 bar cancel is missing!! Perhaps this is the reason the M-6 cancel was withdrawn from service... Of course it is also possible that the top bar was just under inked.

Larry Paige

A PHILATELIC TRAGEDY!



At a recent Collingwood Flea Market I found this beautiful Salvation Army Postcard - rare when used in Canada - with the stamp removed fairly recently. This is only the 6th recorded example of the Orillia Flag Cancel.

John Robertson