

THE FLAG POLE



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EDITOR'S REMARKS

Best wishes to you all for 1992. May you find many exciting flags and send them to me to illustrate in Flag Pole. This issue contains material submitted by Colin Campbell (a non-member), John Robertson, Michael Russell and Jeff Switt.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

We are now just over 4 years away from the Centennial of Flag Cancels in Canada, and what better way than to have our own Flag produced for 1996. At BNAPEX in Chicago next September we will discuss plans for producing one. I prefer a freebie from the Post Office rather than paying for one. It could be part of philatelic advertising as done in the USA and UK to promote stamp collecting. If anyone has ideas or contacts, please let us know.

FOR TRADE

Jeff Switt has a NEW WESTMINSTER KGVI Coronation flag of May 13 on a philatelic "Hertzberg" card and a May 15 commercial cover. He needs May 10 and May 12 on cacheted covers. He also has a PORT ARTHUR May 14 commercial cover and he needs a May 12 cacheted cover. He will trade one-for-one.

NEW REPORTS IN THE CLASSIC PERIOD

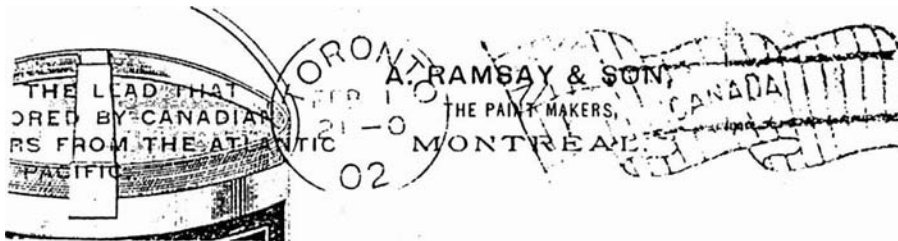
Fred Langford has owned an entire 8-23 for many years. Fred also owns a Hamilton 7-bar machine cancel (Sessions M4) used on March 15 1898, an extension to the reported use on March 14. He also owns an Ottawa 7-bar machine cancel (Sessions M4) used on November 14 1902, 3 days later than reported.

The masthead of Flag Pole features 5-1 used on the EKD, courtesy of John Robertson. The time mark is 14-0, is this the earliest, can anybody improve it?

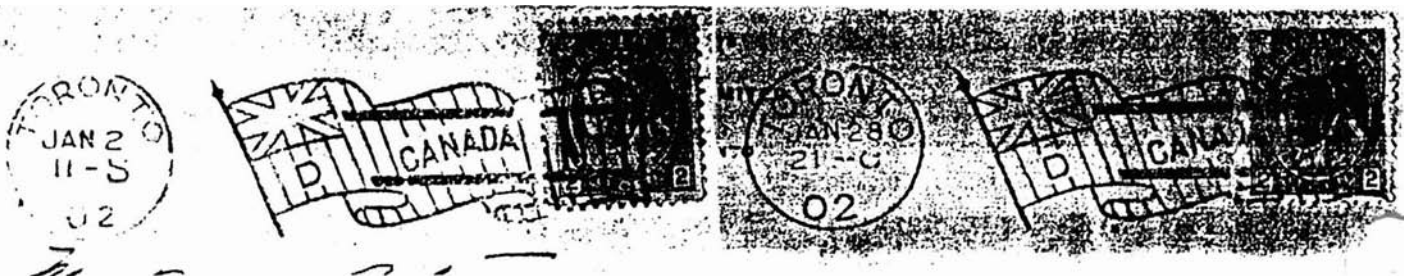
Michael Russell owns the cover below. It bears a strike of Richardson's 4-2 (new 4-3). Like the June 22 cover described on page 3 of Flag Pole 5/2, the cover has time mark 12-0 and it has no back stamp. However the address exists and there is no reason to assume it did not travel through the mails. Is it philatelic, what do we mean by philatelic in this context?



Michael also sent the strike of 8-22 on a beautiful, multicoloured postcard. February 1 1902 appears to be a new LKD.

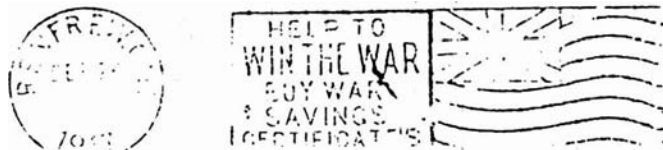


The two strikes below illustrate different dater dies used with 8-20. Can anybody narrow the gap by providing a report between January 2 and 28?

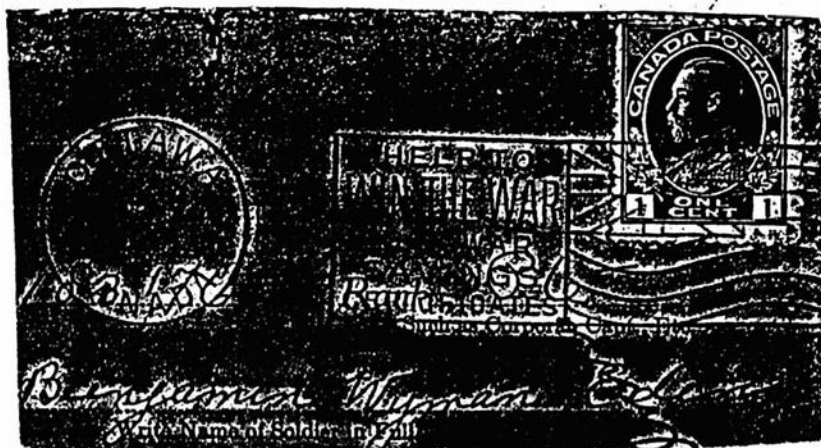
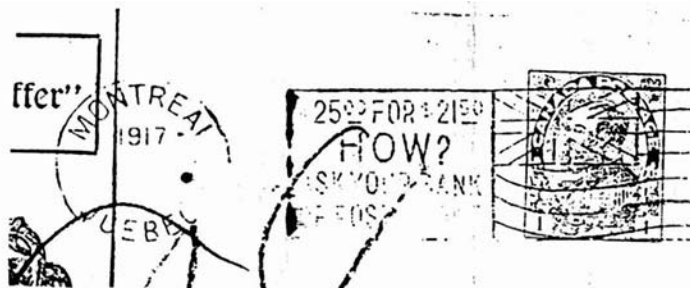


OTHER NEW REPORTS

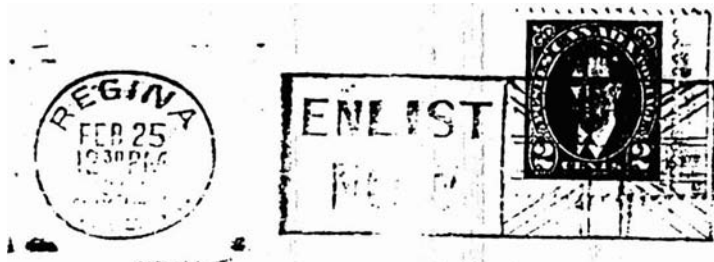
Michael Russell has sent a new LKD, September 24 1917, for Renfrew 24-02. While the transit mark is lightly inked, the date is confirmed by the posting CDS.



Michael Russell and Colin Campbell have sent examples of usage where the time is removed from the dater.



John Robertson has come up with an amazing find after all these years. The use of the Type G, "Enlist Now" flag was shared between Regina and Moose Jaw, thus raising the possibility of multiple dater use as occurred in Vancouver. However, this has never been reported. John Robertson has sent a strike of 53-17 with the "REGINA" dater rather than the "REGINA TERMINAL A" dater that had been reported in all cases for many years. The dater die seems to be the one that was used with the 1937 Coronation Flag.



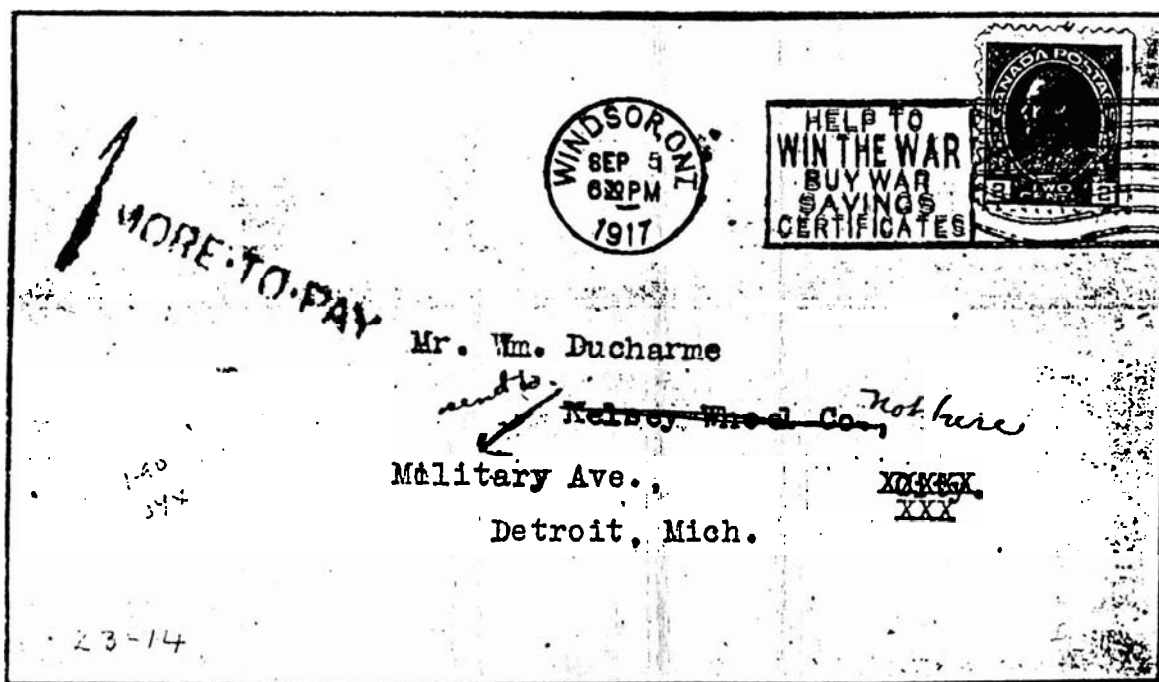
JEFF'S ARTICLE

HELP TO WIN THE WAR BUY WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

In Windsor, two strikes and you're out, or I gotta get new glasses

Jeffrey Switt

Pictured here is a cover front from Windsor addressed originally to a local address and forwarded to Detroit, stamped "1 MORE TO PAY" to account for the difference in the local letter rate of 2 cents and the 3 cent rate for forward letters.



My first thoughts about this piece were simply that it was a shame that a tidy rate cover had been butchered by the removal of the back, and from a flag collecting aspect, the blurry strike would definitely have to be upgraded with a better strike.

Some time later while comparing dates with the early and late listings I had to take a double-take on the day date. Most predominant was the number 1, but then I could also see a clear number 5. What the heck, eh?

Given the above forwarding scenario of this cover, it received two strikes, one at the time of original posting, and one at the time of forwarding, in a most remarkable juxtapositioning of the two strikes.

A major philatelic discovery? Nope. But it does prove that, no matter how philatelically alert one might think one is, oftentimes, he ain't.