

PRECANCELS CANADA

THE PERIODIC NEWSLETTER OF THE BNAPS PRECANCEL STUDY GROUP

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The Precancel Study Group now has almost 100 members. As with all new ventures, the success or failure of the newsletter depends on the inputs of the members. There are many philatelic aspects to discuss. Your thoughts, findings and opinions are of interest to others and I encourage you to drop the editor a note or an article for future editions. With your support, we will try to produce this newsletter twice a year. We are fortunate in that there were millions and millions of copies produced, giving the specialists hoards of material to study and find those illusive printing results. Unlike ordinary stamps, the printing variations are reasonably available, many with the naked eye. Further, the over-printing was often done by those whose skills and equipment were not of the same standards as that performed by regular printers. This generated many variations of printing results, only some of which have been identified and documented. All in all, while the study of precancels has been on-going for many years, there remains much to be discovered and recorded. For those of you who have already embarked on the precancel road, you are able to capitalize on accumulated knowledge and experience of others. Can I suggest that you continue in your collecting and knowledge of this entertaining area? The rewards will be worth the effort.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all Canadian Precancel enthusiasts from sunny British Columbia.

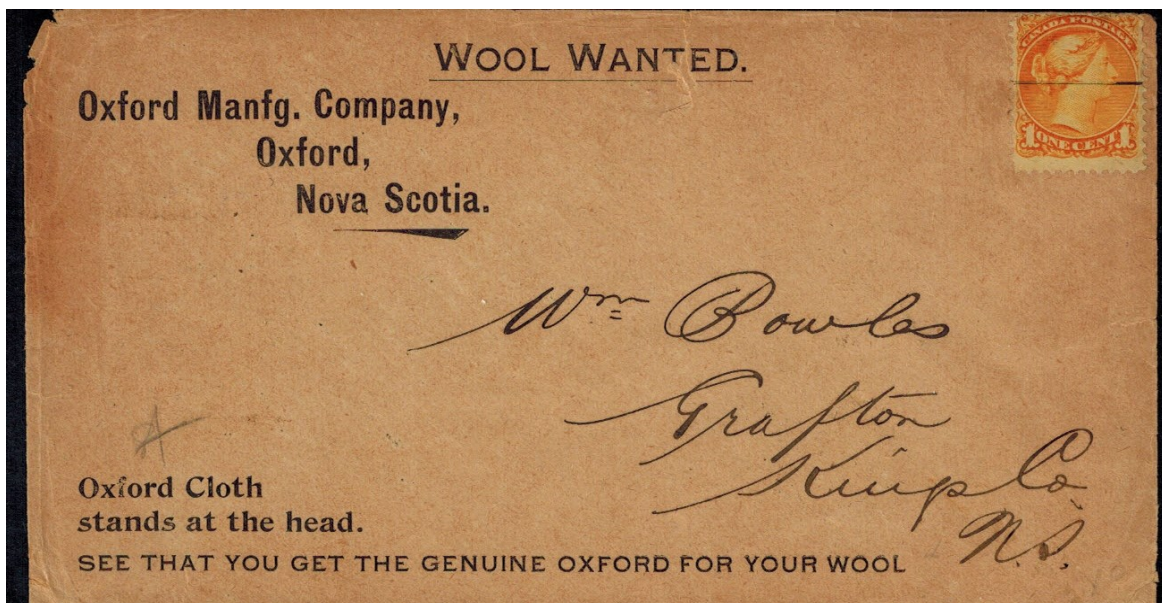
Winter will be soon coming to an end, or at least we hope it will. So, in order to encourage spring's arrival and to cheer you all, this newsletter will present a display of covers from the Bruce Field collection. As you may know, Bruce was a long time Precancel collector who recently passed away at the age of 86. He was also a co-editor of the Canadian Precancel Catalogue. His assistance and participation in philately will be missed by all those who knew him.

Postal history has become very popular amongst collectors in recent years but it seems that covers have not caught on amongst precancel collectors to the same extent as philatelists generally. So in order to encourage this aspect of the hobby this edition of the newsletter will present some interesting precancel covers. Perhaps you might like to devote more space in your collection to them in future?

I hope you all enjoy looking at these and don't forget that we need to have some contributions from our members in order to keep the newsletter going. Write an article, send some information, an image of some interesting item or whatever you think others might like to see and read about.

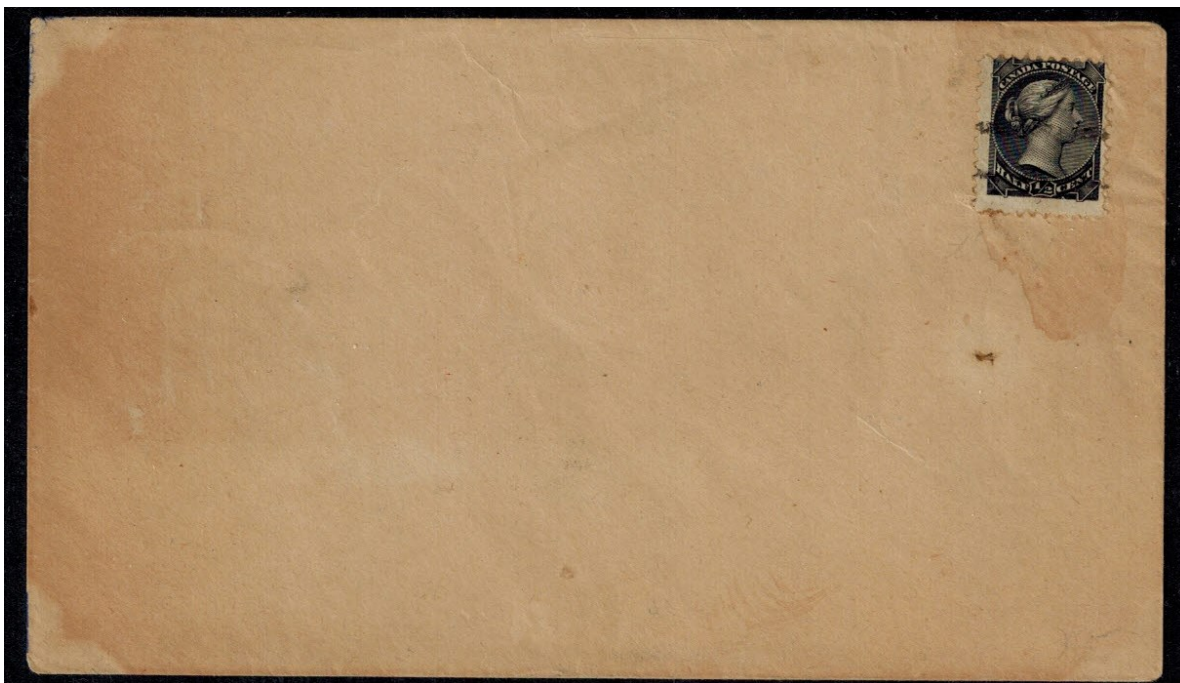
It's up to you!

Postmasters were using unofficially precancelled stamps on mail as early as 1875, but Postmasters improperly continued this practice even later when precancelled stamps were readily available. On this cover the 1 cent small queen was cancelled prior to being affixed to the envelope using pen and ink. There is a transit backstamp from Kentville N.S. / My7 / 95.

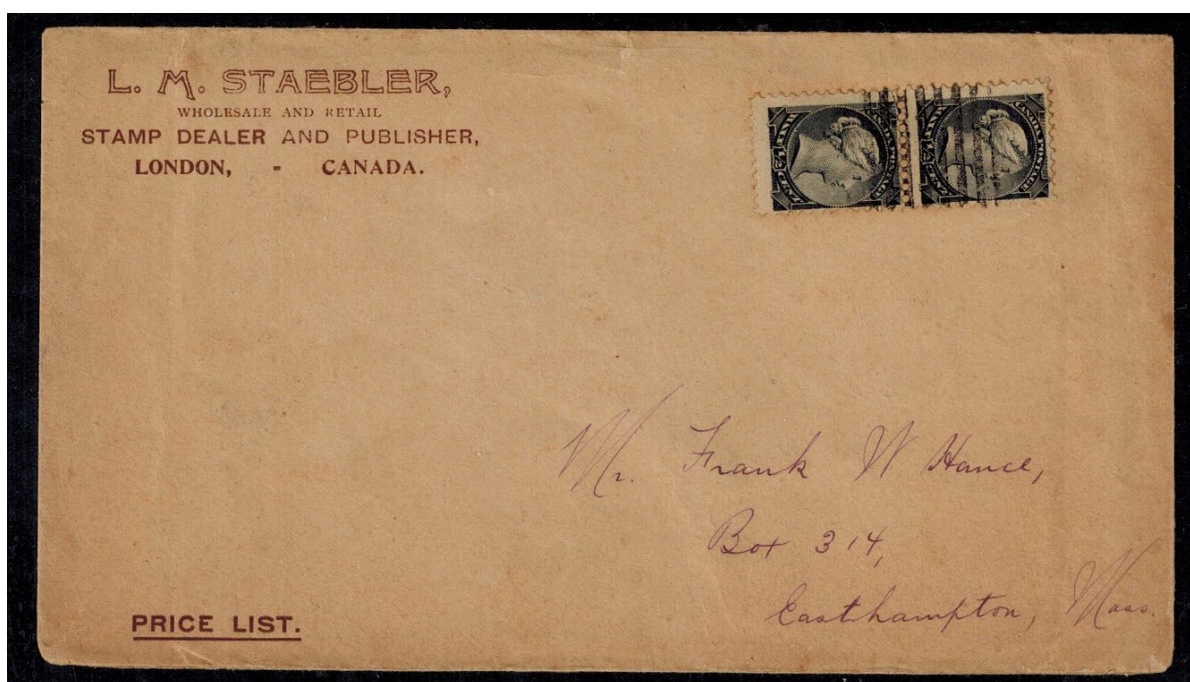


To Every Householder:

An unaddressed envelope posted for local delivery at a rate of $\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ each.

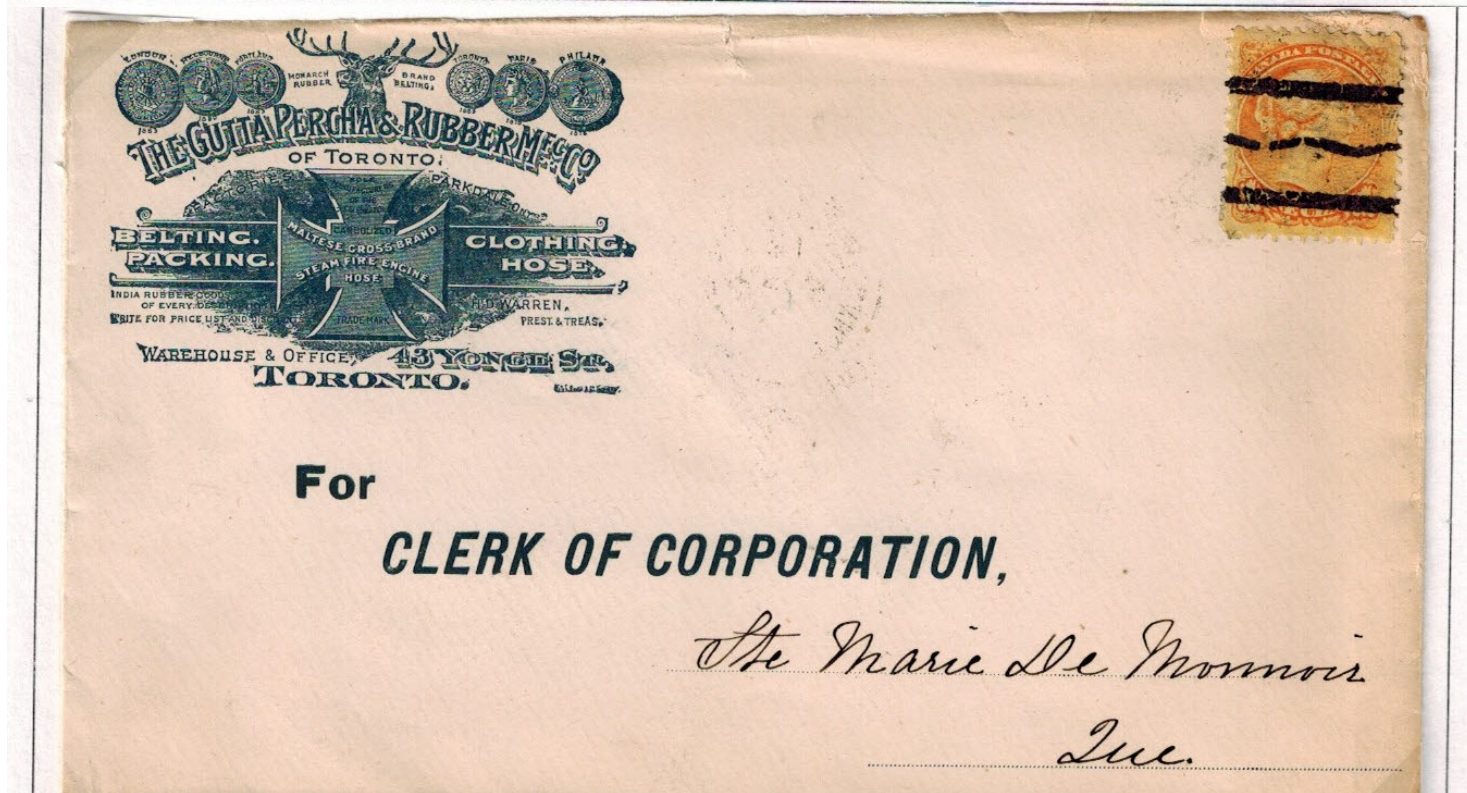


Type J roller precancelling pair of $\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ small queens on cover to Easthampton Mass, USA with 1896 backstamp.



Two early advertising covers.

These can spruce up a collection quite nicely!



Canada's Great Victorian-Era Exposition and Industrial Fair.
Held at Toronto Sept 11, 1897. The 1 cent Jubilee tied by Flag E.



Vertical



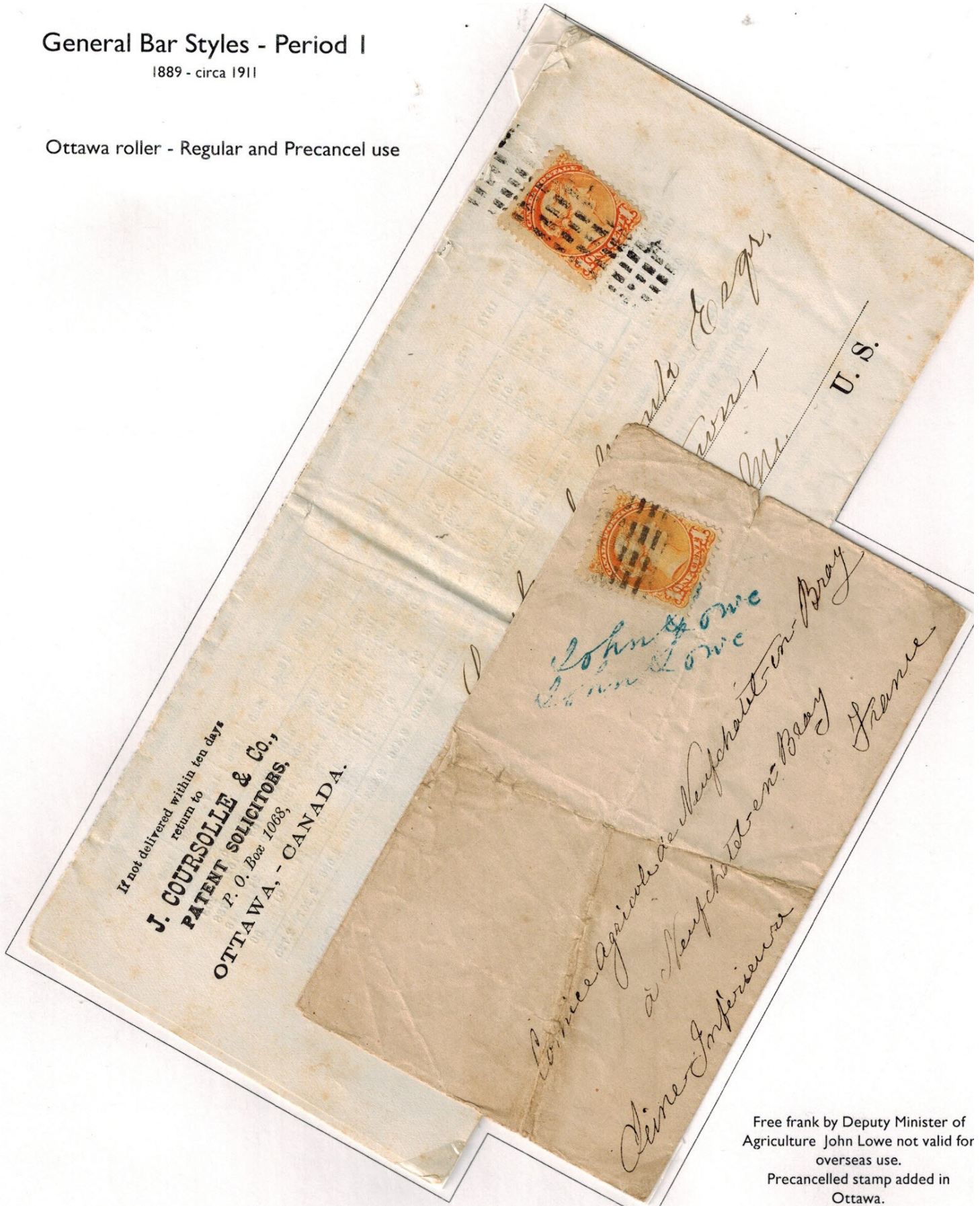
THE OTTAWA ROLLER

Was used as a postal cancel as well as a precancel.

General Bar Styles - Period I

1889 - circa 1911

Ottawa roller - Regular and Precancel use



Free frank by Deputy Minister of
Agriculture John Lowe not valid for
overseas use.

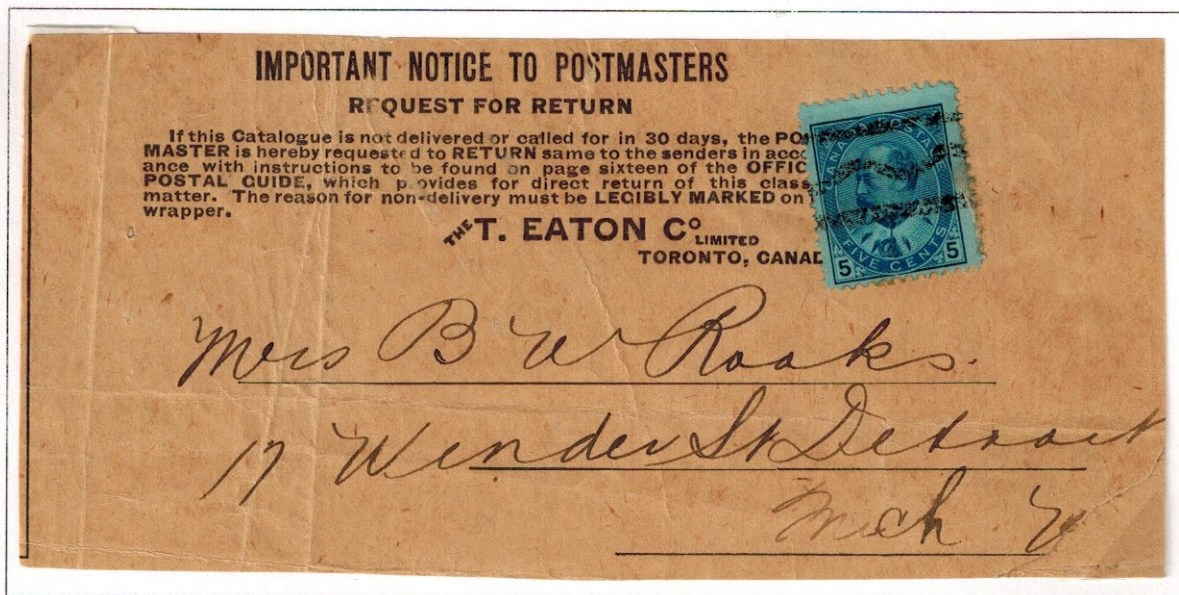
Precancelled stamp added in
Ottawa.

Higher denomination precancels are not often found on cover, the main reason being that they were primarily used on packages, catalogues and larger objects. The two examples below are from larger wrappers and packages.



20 cents Style T precancels from a package

The 15 cent large queen above is the only example I have seen of that precancel still affixed to its original wrapper.



Wrapper from Eatons catalogue requesting return if not delivered.

Contrary to Regulations!

Rollers were used by Postmasters to precancel sheets of stamps.

Rollers Used as Precancels - Contrary to Regulations

Return in 10 days to
THE WM. PATERSON & SON CO., LIMITED
BRANTFORD, CANADA



1913 Circular
to Postmasters

"... The only authorized cancelled stamps are those cancelled under Departmental instructions..."

"... Under no circumstances are postage stamps to be precancelled at a Post Office. Any person improperly precancelling stamps will be held responsible for the full value of such precancelled stamps."

IF NOT CALLED FOR IN TEN DAYS
RETURN TO
GORMAN, ECKERT & CO.
FOREST CITY SPICE MILLS
LONDON, - ONTARIO



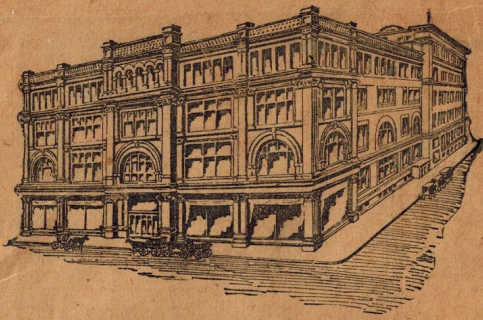
Rollers used as precancels contrary to regulations at Brantford (above) and London (right)

A 1924 instruction re-iterated:
"The only recognized and legitimately issued postage stamps by the Post Office which have been cancelled prior to sale, are the regular precancelled postage stamps. All others are not legitimate."

Part sheet of 40 with full original gum precancelled using the "Provost, Altall" roller.



Colonial House Mail order catalogue franked with a 5 cent Edward.



COLONIAL HOUSE CATALOGUE

MAIL ORDER DEPT.

HENRY MORGAN & CO., MONTREAL, QUE.

*Mrs. G. L. Mac Edward.
Box 485 Sarnia
Ont.*



40

Back of Colonial House Catalogue envelope.



\$1.25 to \$7.50
Tennis Goods of Every
Kind



SKIFFS at \$40, \$45, \$50, \$55, \$60, and \$65



CANOES at \$33, \$38, \$43, \$50 and \$60



35c., 50c. & 75c. doz.



10c. to \$1.00
Fishing Rods, Reels
Baits, Flies, Lines, Etc.

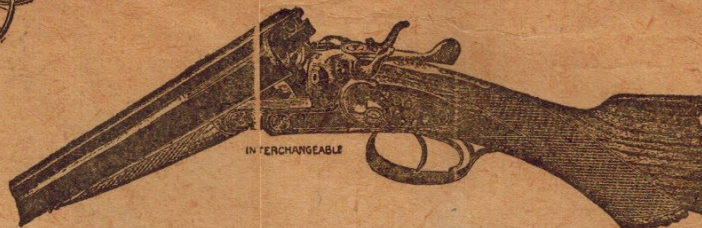


BABY CARRIAGES
Go-Carts, Carriers, Etc.
\$1.75 to \$30

WRITE
FOR SPECIAL CATALOGUE
... OF ...
**SPORTING
GOODS**
MAILED FREE OF CHARGE
TO ANY ADDRESS ON
APPLICATION
COLONIAL HOUSE
MONTREAL



REVOLVERS
\$2.50 to \$10



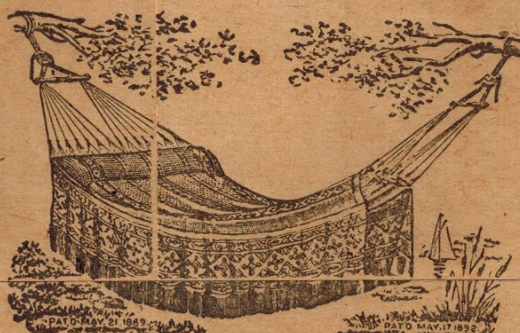
GUNS, RIFLES, AMMUNITION,
\$7 to \$150



25c. to \$5.00



\$1.25 to \$10.00
Expresses, Velocipedes,
Tricycles, Row Wagons
Wheel Barrows, Etc.



HAMMOCKS from 75c to \$10.00



25c. to \$5.00
Baseball Masks, Mitts, Bats
Gloves, Etc., Etc.

Bulk mailing for delivery of circulars to every householder in a specific area.
Kitchener Ontario, letter carriers walk #5. Robert Simpson Company, Toronto.

REGINA MAIL ORDER BUILDING

TORONTO MAIL ORDER BUILDING

TORONTO STORE

HALIFAX MAIL ORDER BUILDING

The Robert Simpson Eastern Limited

TORONTO

350 CIRCULARS for distribution to

Householders on Letter Carrier's walk No. 5

At KITCHENER

ONT

TO POSTMASTER: Will Postmaster kindly deliver

one copy of each of the enclosed items to every patron

on Letter Carrier's walk No. 5 in accordance

with the Postal Regulations.

7 P.-50,000-24-10-24.

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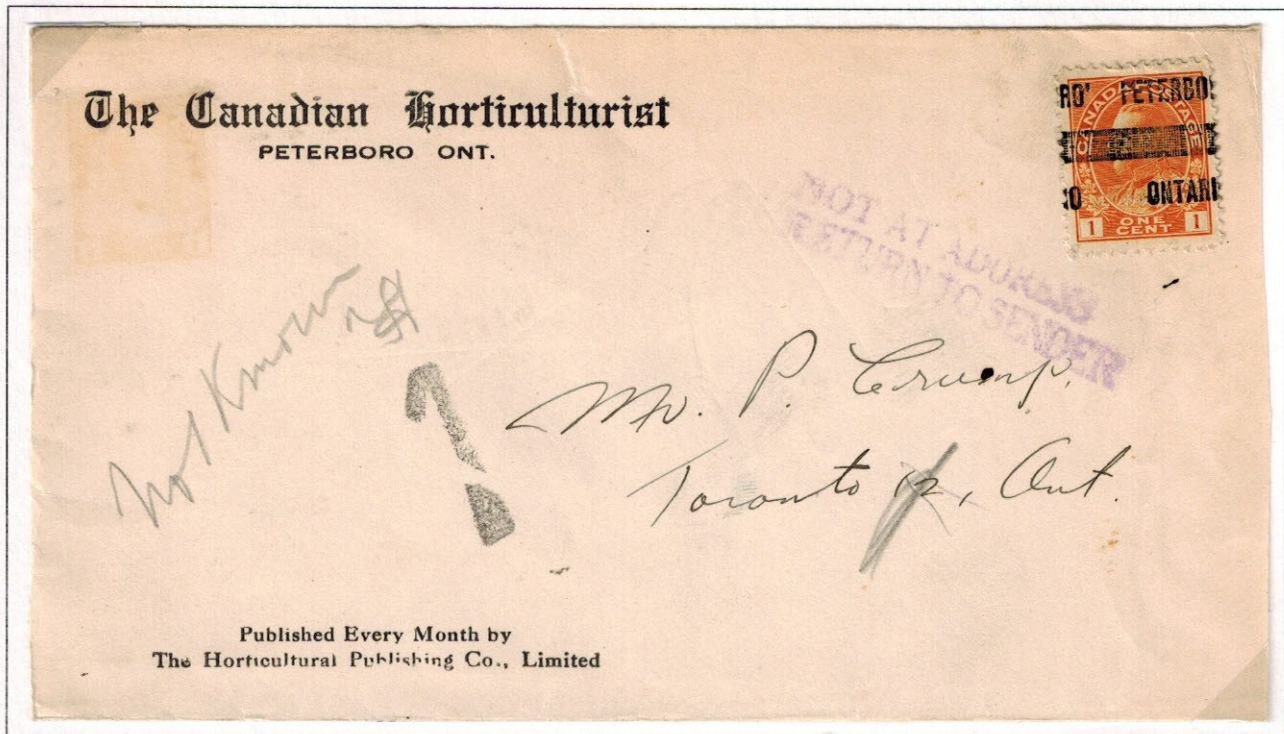
WW1 SERVICE MEDALS

were mailed to Veterans from Ottawa using precancelled stamps.



OFF THE BEATEN TRACK COVERS!

Sometimes additional markings can be found: Postage due stamps, city cancels, Handstamps.



28 cents parcel post to the USA.

Charged additional 5 cents, paid with Piqua precancelled postage due.



Now it is up to you folks! What do you have to share with your fellow pre-cancel enthusiasts? Send it along to David for inclusion in future newsletters.

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