

**Barred Circle Postmarks of Canada on the  
1898 Canadian 2¢ Imperial Penny Postage Issue (The ‘Map Stamp’):  
A Cover Census**

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## 1. Introduction

This publication provides a census of covers franked with the Canadian 2¢ Imperial Penny Postage Issue of 1898, the ‘Map stamp’, and postmarked with Barred Circle hammer strikes. The Barred Circle postmarks are often referred to as the forerunners or precursors of the Squared Circle postmarks,<sup>1,2</sup> although the appropriateness of this classification can be debated. Both the Barred Circle and Squared Circle postmarks combined the objectives of (1) canceling or obliterating the stamp, and (2) naming the post office and dating the strike. Barred Circle hammers were issued to 9 towns in Canada (Halifax, Hamilton, London, Montreal, Ottawa, St. John, Seaforth, Toronto, and Winnipeg) and St. John’s, Newfoundland. They were introduced in 1892 and most were used for only a few months before being abandoned or replaced by the Squared Circle. However, the Montreal hammers (of which there are 5)<sup>3</sup> and the St. John’s hammer continued to be used during and after the Map stamp period, typically considered to be the 14 month period from early December 1898 to the end of January 1900. In this time period, the Montreal and St. John’s Barred Circles were used primarily, but not exclusively, as transit or receiving backstamps on registered mail.<sup>2</sup> Rarely were they used to cancel stamps. Map stamp covers with Barred Circle strikes from all 5 Montreal hammers and the St. John’s hammer are documented in the census.

No census of Barred Circle postmarked Map stamp covers has been published. In the chapter dedicated to Squared Circles in his book on Map stamp postal history,<sup>4</sup> Winmill only mentions that 1-10 examples of “all five barred circle types (of Montreal) are known on Map cover”. I started documenting Barred Circle postmarked Map stamp covers several years ago during the preparation of my census of Squared Circle postmarked Map stamp covers.<sup>5</sup> The Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation’s Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library has a substantial BNA philatelic reference collection, and I carried out what I hope is a fairly comprehensive survey of the auction catalogues available at the library for their listings of Barred Circle postmarked Map stamp covers. Also included as source material were internet auctions (such as eBay, Stamp Auction Network), philatelic literature (including books and journals), exhibits, dealer stocks, personal communications from fellow collectors, Jack Gordon’s study notes,<sup>6</sup> and my own personal collection. Special thanks are given to Laurent Bélisle, Manny Brautigam, Brian Copeland, Paul Grimm, Ron Majors and David Robinson for their contributions to the database, including the generous provision of images of the covers in their collections. It is likely that many other Map stamp covers that reside in various Map stamp postal history collections have not been identified or reported as Barred Circle covers since the postmark is a backstamp. Therefore, this census can only

be considered a preliminary work in progress and it is my hope that this publication will encourage collectors who have Barred Circle postmarked Map stamp material to advise me of their holdings so that updates to the database can be made.

The census currently documents 73 Barred Circle postmarked Map stamp covers, all of them registered covers. 72 have Montreal hammer strikes and 1 has a St. John's (Newfoundland) strike. Each of these covers are listed in **Section 2**.<sup>7</sup> All of the available information about the cover is listed, including franking, postmarks, advertising, addressee/destination, and for the Montreal hammers, the hammer #. Where possible, this information has been extracted from an image of the cover. For the majority of the covers, an image or a partial image is available from the published literature or was supplied to me by the current owner. Ideally, every entry in the census should be accompanied by an image since this is the only sure way to eliminate duplicate listings and to capture the wealth of postal history information contained therein. For those covers with no accompanying image, the cover details were obtained from the descriptions in the auction listings or as supplied by the current owners. In these cases, I have had to rely on the reporters for accuracy in the identification of the Montreal hammer # and/or indicia. Unfortunately, the hammer # of the Montreal strike was not identified in the auction catalogue listing for several covers and therefore the hammer # is designated as being unknown. Even when an image is available, the Montreal Barred Circle postmark is sometimes blurry and difficult to decipher and therefore the hammer # assignment in these cases is subject to individual interpretation. While every effort has been made to verify the claims of hammer #, dates and time mark, it is possible that errors inadvertently appear in the census. As collectors review and use the census, it is hoped that these errors can be corrected over time and that cover images can be submitted for those entries lacking images. You can contact the author for submissions/corrections by email at: rickfriesen5@gmail.com.

Finally, in the **Appendix**, one can find 2 tables that list Map stamp cover population reports of the Montreal Barred Circle hammers according to (1) month of use, and (2) type of postmark.

## 2. Census of Map Stamp Covers with Barred Circle Postmarks




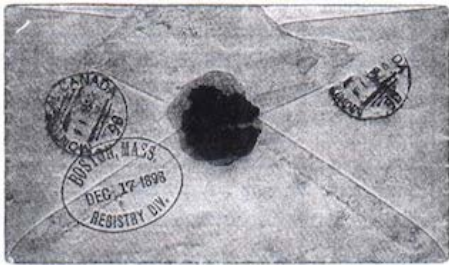
### 2.1 How to Read the Census Tables



The census is organized according to the date of the Barred Circle postmark, starting with the earliest known strike date of DE 6/98. For covers with the same Barred Circle postmark date, the listings are then ordered by time mark, and then alphabetically by destination town. Covers in which all or part of the Barred Circle postmark indicia is unreadable are inserted into the listings based on ancillary date information found on other postmarks, if available. The database tables comprise several columns as follows.

1. **Strike Date:** standard listing of indicia for the Montreal hammers (typically MM DD TM/YY; MM = month, DD = day, TM = time mark (A, P, or N followed by a # for hammers 1-4, and a # followed by the letter for hammer 5), YY = year). A '?' in an indicia listing represents an unreadable entry. A '-' notation means that the letter/number is off-cover. A '\_' notation means that the letter/number is absent (an indicia error). Covers that have Barred Circle postmarks with interesting indicia or indicia errors are highlighted in yellow.
2. **Description & Comments:** detailed descriptions of the covers appear under the following sub-headings:
  - **Hammer:** Montreal Hammer 1-5, or '?' if unknown
  - **Postmark Type:** the type of Barred Circle postmark found on the Map stamp cover; cancel, dispatch (a free-strike(s) on cover front, may also include a dispatch backstamp(s)), transit (typically a backstamp, but indicated as 'transit (front)' if on the front. This latter postmark type often occurs on registered drop letter covers in which a different Montreal post office postmark cancels the stamps.), receiver (typically a backstamp)
  - **Image:** refers to the availability of an image of the cover: N = no; F = image of the front; B = image of the back; F/B = image of both the front and back; FP or BP = partial image of the cover front or back, respectively (typical in early auction catalogues, which tend to have poor pictures of covers due to overlap of images and low resolution, and present only the portion of the cover containing the Map stamp and postmark)
  - **Cover type:** descriptor based on destination (domestic, covers to the USA, Empire, non-Empire), and, if applicable, registered, pre-addressed envelope, front only, or a description of the envelope if other than standard (such as legal sized)
  - **Advertising:** descriptions of the corner cards and/or cover/backflap advertisements, illustrations, and pre-addressed envelopes

- **Franking & Cancel:** a description of the stamps making up the franking and the type of canceling postmark (CDS, duplex, flag, split circle, squared circle, etc)
  - **Postage:** the postage amount on the cover (usually in ¢) and the rate it paid
  - **Origin:** post office of origin if known
  - **Addressee/Destination:** the addressee & address (as written on the cover if available) or the destination city/country. A lack of manuscript legibility, or incorrect interpretation, may lead to errors in the reporting of names.
  - **Postmarks on Obverse:** postmarks, other than the canceling strike(s), on the front of the cover
  - **Backstamp(s):** described where available
  - **Reference(s):** the source(s) of the census entry is listed, such as auction, literature, exhibit reference, website or a 'Current owner personal communication'. The full auction catalogue listing for the cover is provided if available and if it contains information other than just the indicia of the Barred Circle postmark. If the cover has been offered in several different auctions, each lot description is included if the information is not redundant. The full description given by Jack Gordon in his notes<sup>6</sup> is listed - in many cases it is very minimal. If there is more than one reference, the reference which is the source of the image is noted as **(Image)**.
  - **Notes:** other interesting information is noted, such as an incorrect auction catalogue listing or an indicia error
3. **Image:** an image of the cover is shown if available


## 2.2 Montreal Barred Circle Postmarks (MONTREAL • CANADA)



Strike Date	Description & Reference	Image
DE 6 P11/98	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 4  <b>Postmark type:</b> receiver  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered, philatelic  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 5 ST. HYACINTHE/QUE. squared circles dated AM/DE 6/98 and 2 oval 'R' strikes cancel the Map stamp, 1/2¢ Jubilee, 1¢ Jubilee, 2¢ Jubilee, 1/2¢ Leaf, 1/2¢ Numeral &amp; 1/2¢ Small Queen on 1¢ postal stationary (EN3 or 5)  <b>Postage:</b> 8¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> St. Hyacinthe, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mrs. H.M. Meyer, c/o J. Goldstein Esq, 52 Fort Str, Montreal, Q  <b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ST-HYACINTHE/QUE. squared circle dispatch dated AM/DE 6/98</li> <li>• RPO transit CDS dated DE 6/98</li> <li>• MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 4 barred circle receiver dated DE 6 P11/98</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b>  C.R. McGuire, "There Are First-day Covers, and Then There Are <u>FIRST-DAY COVERS!</u>", in <i>Postal History Society of Canada Journal</i>, No. 88, pg 2 (1996): "The one partial and five full strikes of the ST. HYACINTHE / QUE. squared circle (including one free strike on the reverse) are supported by two other backstamps - a very under-inked, almost blind strike of what may be an R.P.O. transit c.d.s. dated DE 6, and a MONTREAL•CANADA barred circle with the date DE-6-PM / 98."</p> <p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the earliest known barred circle and squared circle Map stamp covers</li> <li>• likely a philatelic cover rather than a commercial cover</li> </ul>	 
DE 15 P6/98	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 2  <b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> cross-border registered cover to the USA  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MONTREAL•QUE roller cancels the Map stamps (4, 1 upside down)</li> <li>• oval 'R' also ties 1 Map stamp</li> </ul> <p><b>Postage:</b> 8¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mr H Griffin, 1 Milton Street, Boston, Mass, U.S.A.  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle dispatch dated DE 15 P6/98  <b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle dispatch dated DE 15 P6/98</li> <li>• BOSTON, MASS./REGISTRY DIV. purple oval receiver dated DEC 17 1898</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b> F. Fawn, "Canada's Imperial Penny Post. The Map Stamp Turns 100", in <i>Canadian Philatelist</i>, Vol. 49, #2, Whole #285, pg 132 (1998)  <b>Notes:</b> wax seal on backflap</p>	 


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DE 17 A?/98	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 2  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> N  <b>Cover type:</b> cross-border registered cover to the USA  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> unknown strikes cancel Map stamps (4)  <b>Postage:</b> 8¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA  <b>Origin:</b> Richmond, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Medford, NY? or MA?  <b>Backstamp:</b> MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle transit dated DE 17 A?/98  <b>Reference:</b>  Jack Gordon notes: "Hammer 2 DE 17 A? 98 4 maps transit Richmond to Medford"  <b>Notes:</b> assuming transit strike is on the back</p>	
DE 17 P8/98	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch  <b>Image:</b> F  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 4 oval 'R' strikes cancel Map stamps (4, 2 horizontal pairs?)  <b>Postage:</b> 8¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Edward G. Parker Esq, 157 Euclid Avenue, Toronto  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b>  • oval 'R' postmark  • MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle dispatch dated DE 17 P8/98  <b>Reference:</b>  R. Maresch &amp; Son October 1998 auction of the Beverlie Clark collection, Lot #748: "-tied by R in oval to REGISTERED letter from MONTREAL 17 DE to TORONTO paying the 3¢ POSTAGE and 5¢ REGISTRATION, unusual and very fine."</p>	
DE 18 A10/98	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> B  <b>Cover type:</b> cross-border registered cover to the USA  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b>  • on front, unknown strikes cancel Map stamps (2, horizontal pair)  • on reverse, 2 fancy cork strikes and an oval 'R' cancel Map stamps (2, horizontal pair)  <b>Postage:</b> 8¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA  <b>Origin:</b> Peterboro, ONT  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Lowell, MA  <b>Backstamps:</b>  • 2 PETERBORO/ONT. CDS dispatch dated 4/DE 17/98  • MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle transit dated DE 18 A10/98  • BOSTON, MASS. double oval transit in purple dated DEC 20 1898  • LOWELL, MASS./REGISTERED. double oval receiver in red dated DEC 20 1898  <b>Reference:</b>  Eastern Auctions June 2006 auction of the Michael Woods collection, Lot #358 (lot of 5 covers with Montreal barred circle postmarks):  "Hammer III 2c Map two pairs (DE 18 A10 / 98) transit, registered to USA"</p>	





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DE 23 A11/98	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 2</p> <p><b>Postmark type:</b> transit</p> <p><b>Image:</b> F/B</p> <p><b>Cover type:</b> cross-border, registered cover to the USA</p> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 3 GODERICH/ONT. squared circles dated -/DE 21/98 cancel Map stamps (block of 4)</p> <p><b>Postage:</b> 8¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Goderich, ONT</p> <p><b>Addressee/Destination:</b> A.C. Merser, 30 South St., New Bedford, Mass, U.S.A.</p> <p><b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GODERICH/ONT. squared circle strike barely ties Map stamp so essentially a dispatch free strike</li> <li>oval 'R' postmark</li> </ul> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'HUGO MEYER' handstamp (sender?)</li> <li>oval 'R' postmark</li> <li>2 GODERICH/ONT. squared circle dispatch dated -/DE 21/98</li> <li>BRANTFORD &amp; GODERICH RYP.O (ON-37) RPO transit dated E/ DE 22/98</li> <li>HAMILTON/CANADA CDS transit dated ?/DE 22/98</li> <li>MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle transit dated DE 23 A11/98</li> <li>BOSTON, MASS./REGISTRY DIV. oval transit dated DEC 24 1898 in purple</li> <li>RECEIVED/DEC 24 1898/NEW BEDFORD, MASS. 3-line straight line receiver in purple</li> </ul> <p><b>References:</b> Current owner personal communication</p>	

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DE 23 P4/98	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 2  <b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> cross-border registered cover to the USA  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> MONTREAL•QUE roller cancel ties Map stamps (4 singles, 1 upside down)  <b>Postage:</b> 8¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Chas. H. Stone Esq., Box 718, Concord N.H., U.S.A.  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• oval 'R'</li> <li>• MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle dispatch dated DE 23 P4/98</li> </ul> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle dispatch dated DE 23 P4/98</li> <li>• BOSTON, MASS./REGISTRY DIV. oval receiver in purple dated DEC 25 1898</li> </ul> <p><b>References:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. R.B. Winmill, <i>The Evolution of Imperial Penny Postage and the Postal History of the Canadian 1898 Map Stamp</i>, Toronto: Mission Press, pg 12 (1982): "Montreal DE 23 P4 '98. The single weight registered rate to DE 31/98 to the U.S. Note the barred circle on the face of the cover and the unusual use of a roller on registered mail."</li> <li>2. J.A. Hennok March 1994 auction #91 of the Alan Selby collection, Lot #799: "Early Registered Map stamp cover to USA, 2¢ Map (4-strip of 3 + sgl) tied by Montreal "R1" roller on reg'd Montreal De 23 P4 '98 type 2 barred circle cover to Concord NH (Dec 25 Boston Mass b/s), Very Fine"</li> <li>3. F. Fawn, "Canada's Imperial Penny Post. The Map Stamp Turns 100", in <i>Canadian Philatelist</i>, Vol. 49, #2, Whole #285, pg 132 (1998) <b>(Image 2)</b></li> <li>4. Spinks Shreves November 2007 sale #96 of the Fred Fawn collection, Lot #1507: "four singles tied to very rare registered cover to the United States by roller cancel of Montreal (unusual usage on a registered cover) with "Montreal Canada/DE 23 98" c.d.s. at bottom left, to Concord N.H. with Boston registry transit, very fine and handsome cover; this 8c rate with sole 2c Map franking is very rare since this rate only existed for about three weeks while the 2c Map stamps were available; ex-Winmill and illustrated on page 12 of his book" <b>(Image 1)</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Notes:</b> same sender as cover below</p>	



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DE 23 P4/98	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 2  <b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch  <b>Image:</b> F  <b>Cover type:</b> cross-border registered cover to the USA  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b>  • MONTREAL•QUE roller cancel ties Map stamps (4, horizontal strip of 3 upside down + single)  • oval 'R' also cancels one Map stamp  <b>Postage:</b> 8¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Rufus H. Baker Esq., Rooms 18 and 19 ? Block ??, Concord N.H., U.S.A.  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle dispatch dated DE 23 P4/98  <b>Backstamps:</b>  • MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle dispatch dated DE 23 P4/98  • Boston oval registry transit in blue dated DE 25/98  <b>References:</b>  1. R. Maresch &amp; Son September 1995 auction, Lot #711  2. Eastern Auctions October 2009 Public Auction of the Roger Boisclair collection, Lot #367: "Registered envelope from Montreal to Boston, franked with four 2c Map singles, tied by light roller cancellation "R-11" or oval "R" handstamp, Montreal precursor squared circle at lower left and reverse, neat oval Boston (DE 25) registry in blue backstamp. A very scarce usage of the roller cancellation on a Map issue, F-VF" (Image)  <b>Notes:</b> same sender as cover above</p>	
-- 8 _3/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 4, off-cover  <b>Image:</b> Y  <b>Other:</b>  • missing time mark letter  • plating position: 2A49  <b>References:</b> Current owner personal communication</p>	
? ? ?/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> ?  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit (front)  <b>Image:</b> N  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> unknown strikes cancel Map stamp &amp; 5¢ Leaf  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> St. Isidore Lapraririe, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Toronto, ONT  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer ? barred circle transit dated ? ? ?/99  <b>Backstamps:</b>  • MONTREAL &amp; DUNDEE / M.C. (QC-154) RPO transit dated ?/? ?/99  • MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer ? barred circle transit dated ? ? ?/99  • Toronto, ONT receiver  <b>Reference:</b>  J.A. Hennok September 1981 Private Treaty Sale, Lot #4348: "Q76 MONTREAL &amp; DUNDEE (1899) Drn. N. as b/s 7c. (2c. map + 5c. leaf) St. Isidore Lapraririe. Reg'd to Toronto. Montreal sq. circle precursor. Also as b/s. Pretty combination cover."</p>	

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JA ? ?7/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 4  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> cross-border registered cover to the USA  <b>Advertising:</b> Union Jewelry Company pre-addressed label  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 6 MAC•LENNAN/ONT. Type A1 split circles dated DE 31/98 cancel Map stamps (5 singles) &amp; 1¢ Numeral  <b>Postage:</b> 11¢ postage paid the double weight (2x3¢) registered letter rate to the USA  <b>Origin:</b> MacLennan, ONT  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Union Jewelry Company, Providence, Box 1323, R.I.  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> oval 'R'  <b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• oval 'R'</li> <li>• N. BAY &amp; S.STE.MARIE • M.C. / N<sup>o</sup> ? (ON-338.0?) RPO transit dated W/DE 31/98</li> <li>• SAULT•STE•MARIE/ONT. CDS transit dated DE 31/98</li> <li>• N. BAY &amp; S.STE.MARIE • M.C. / N<sup>o</sup> 2 (ON-338.02) RPO transit dated E/JY 2/99 (error JY for JA)</li> <li>• MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 4 barred circle transit dated JA ? ? 7/99</li> <li>• BOSTON, MASS./REGISTRY DIV. purple oval transit dated JAN 5 1899</li> <li>• Registry Division/JAN 6 1899/Providence, R.I. multiple straight line receiver</li> </ul> <p><b>References:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. R. Maresch &amp; Son October 1998 auction #334 of the Beverlie Clark collection, Lot #770 "1898: Five copies and 1¢ NUMERAL tied by MAC. LENNAN ONT 31 DEC c.d.s. to REGISTERED DOUBLE WEIGHT cover (5¢ registration, 6¢ postage) to PROVIDENCE, R.I., the <b>LAST DAY OF THE 3¢ RATE</b> to the U.S.A., a choice rate cover."</li> <li>2. Sparks Auctions June 2021 auction #37, Lot #517 "<b>Group of 4 Interesting 2c Map 1898 Covers</b>, ...and four 2c Maps plus a 1c Numeral (paying 5c registration and double the 3c cross border rate) on a registered cover mailed DEC.31.1898 MacLennan ON to Providence, Rhode Island (many backstamps). This was mailed on the last day of the 3c cross border rate."</li> <li>3. Current owner personal communication (<b>Image</b>)</li> </ol>	

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JA 10 P5/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 2  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered  <b>Advertising:</b> corner card  • Ranson's Pharmacy, Lachine, P.Q.  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 3 circular corks cancel Map stamps (2, horizontal pair) &amp; 3¢ Numeral  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> Lachine, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> W.W. Walsh Esq, Roy Bldg, Halifax, N.S.  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b>  • oval 'R'  • LACHINE/QUE. Type A1 split circle dispatch dated JA 10/99  <b>Backstamps:</b>  • 3 LACHINE/QUE. Type A1 split circle dispatch dated JA 10/99  • MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle transit dated JA 10 P5/99  • HALIFAX-N.S./CANADA CDS receiver dated JA 12/99  <b>Reference:</b>  Hugo Deshayé July 2021 sale #443, Item #443-19: "Lachine Que registered - 1899, 2¢ Map (2), 3¢ Numeral tied by cork cancel on pharmacy cover from Lachine Que paying 7¢ registered letter rate to Halifax (b/s) via Montreal (b/s). Odd franking a 3¢ and two Maps."</p>	
JA 18 A6/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> cancel  <b>Image:</b> F  <b>Cover type:</b> registered drop letter  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b>  • 2 MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 3 barred circles dated JA 18 A6/99 cancel Map stamps (4 singles, all sideways)  • oval 'R' cancels 1/2¢ Leaf &amp; 1/2¢ Numeral (both sideways)  <b>Postage:</b> 9¢ postage paid the domestic double weight registered letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mr. Numa Huguenin, c/o Sun Life of Canada, Montreal  <b>Reference:</b>  R. Maresch &amp; Son October 2004 auction, Lot #1154: "Double weight registered cover with 3 DIFFERENT SHADES OF THE MAP STAMP (4 map stamps in all, plus 1/2¢ Leaf and Numeral), all tied by MONTREAL 18 JA '99 squared circle fore-runners and oval R, most interesting."</p>	





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JA 18 P7/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 4  <b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered  <b>Advertising:</b> corner card  • Alex Desmarteau, Liquidateur de Faillites, Agent de la Succession de Feu L'Hon. J. Ferrier, 1598, Rue Notre-Dame, Montreal  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> MONTREAL•QUE roller cancels Map stamp (upside down) &amp; 5¢ Leaf  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mr David Gibeau, Napierville, Que  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b>  • oval 'R'  • MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 4 barred circle dispatch dated JA 18 P7/99  <b>Backstamps:</b> 2 MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 4 barred circle dispatch dated JA 18 P7/99  <b>References:</b> Current owner personal communication</p>	
JA 20 A9/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 4  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> cross-border registered cover to the USA  <b>Advertising:</b> corner card  • The Great Granite, Mining and Development Co., Limited, Offices, 812 Guaranty Building, Buffalo, N.Y.  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> ST•CATHARINES/ONT. CDS dated 7/JA 13/99 cancels the Map stamp &amp; 5¢ Leaf  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA  <b>Origin:</b> St. Catharines, ONT  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mr. Olin H. Clark, Box 488, Hartford, Conn.  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> oval 'R'  <b>Backstamps:</b>  • 2 ST•CATHARINES/ONT. CDS dispatch dated 7/JA 13/99  • MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 4 barred circle transit dated JA 20 A9/99  • purple oval BOSTON, MASS./REGISTRY•DIV. dated JAN 21 1899  • REGISTERED/HARTFORD; CONN. dated JAN 22 1899 straight 3-line receiver in purple  <b>Reference:</b> Current owner personal communication</p>	
JA 21 A11/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 4  <b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch  <b>Image:</b> F  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> MONTREAL•QUE R1 roller cancels Map stamp &amp; 5¢ Leaf  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> L. Phillips Esqre., 55-Beverly-Street, 29 Grange Rd, Toronto, ONT  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b>  • oval 'R'  • MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 4 barred circle dispatch dated JA 21 A11/99  <b>References:</b>  1. Jack Gordon notes: "Hammer 4 JA 21 ? 99 Lunn dispatch to Toronto 85 + 70"  2. Current owner personal communication (<b>Image</b>)  <b>Notes:</b> an unusual use of the Montreal R1 roller postmark which was typically used on parcels and not envelopes</p>	




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JA 24 A11/	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 4  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> trans-Atlantic, registered cover to England  <b>Advertising:</b> fancy corner card</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Jubilee Stamp Co., Smiths Falls, Ont., Can., Dealers in, Canadian and Foreign Postage, Stamps for Collections (corner card in red ink)</li> <li>advertising on reverse: Stamps on Approval. We have all kinds of stamps at from nett to 60% discount. Try a selection. Price List Free. (red ink)</li> </ul> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 3 SMITHS-FALLS/ONT. squared circles dated -/JA 23/99 cancel Map stamps (2 singles) &amp; 5¢ Leaf (upside down)  <b>Postage:</b> 9¢ postage paid the Empire double weight registered letter rate to England  <b>Origin:</b> Smiths Falls, ONT  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mr. Albert E. Evans, Church Road, Aston Manor, England, Gt. Brit.  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SMITHS-FALLS/ONT. CDS dispatch dated JA 23/99</li> <li>oval 'R' postmark</li> </ul> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 SMITHS-FALLS/ONT. CDS dispatch dated JA 23/99</li> <li>MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 4 barred circle transit dated JA 24 A11/</li> <li>oval REGISTERED/C/2 E99/WINGHAM receiver</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jack Gordon notes: "Hammer 4 JA 24 A11 99 Rix 2x2c map 5 lea Smiths Falls sq.c transit to England"</li> <li>Squared Circle Cancellations website</li> <li>Sparks Auctions January 2018 Sale #26, Lot #257: "mailed from The Jubilee Stamp Co. in Smiths Falls on JAN.23.1899 (three squared circle datestamps tie three stamps) and addressed to Aston Manor in England. Backstamps are Smiths Falls c.d.s., Montreal squared circle precursor (illegible date) and Wingham oval registration datestamp (DEC.2.1899). Franked with two 2¢ Map stamps (slightly muddy waters) and a 5¢ QV Leaf paying the double UPU registered rate. Slightly reduced at left, with minor edge or corner wear, crease at upper right (not affecting stamp), still a nice combination franking on a two-sided advertizing cover."</li> <li>Current owner personal communication (<b>Image</b>)</li> </ol> <p><b>Notes:</b> year '99' missing</p>	
JA 24 P3/	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 4  <b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch  <b>Image:</b> F  <b>Cover type:</b> cross-border, pre-addressed registered cover to the USA  <b>Advertising:</b> Rumford Stamp Co. pre-addressed envelope  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> MONTREAL-QUE roller cancels Map stamps (2, vertical pair), 1¢ Numeral &amp; 2¢ purple Numeral  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Rumford Stamp Co., 3 Capitol St., Concord, N.H.  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>oval 'R' postmark</li> <li>MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 4 barred circle dispatch dated JA 24 P3/</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b></p> <p>Sparks Auctions January 2017 Sale #23 of the Ted Kerzner collection, Lot #3778 (lot of 10 Montreal Hammer 4 barred circle covers)</p> <p><b>Notes:</b> year missing, probably 99</p>	


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FE 9 P1/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> trans-Atlantic registered cover to Cape of Good Hope (non-participating Empire country)  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 6 oval 'R' strikes cancel Map stamps (2 singles), 1/2¢ Numerals (2, pair), &amp; 2¢ purple Numeral on 3¢ postal stationery (EN10)  <b>Postage:</b> 10¢ postage paid the UPU registered letter rate to the Cape of Good Hope  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mr. Thomas Harper, c/o H. Knorr Esq., P.O. Box 3H, East London, Cape of Good Hope, Africa  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle dispatch dated FE 9 P1/99</li> <li>• partial LONDON registry transit in red ink</li> </ul> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle dispatch dated FE 9 P1/99</li> <li>• EAST LONDON, C.G.H. (indistinct date)</li> </ul> <p><b>References:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. R.B. Winmill, <i>The Evolution of Imperial Penny Postage and the Postal History of the Canadian 1898 Map Stamp</i>, Toronto: Mission Press, pg 15 (1982): "This cover, from Montreal, a registered single UPU rate to a non participating colony (Cape of Good Hope), after DE 24 '99, is a great rarity of Map postal history."</li> <li>2. F. Fawn, <i>Imperial Penny Postage of 1898 – BNAPS Exhibit #32</i>, pg 122 (2004): "As Cape of Good Hope was not a member of the Imperial Penny Postage scheme at the time of the posting of the above letter, the postage to the "Cape" remained at 5¢ per 1/2 oz." <b>(Image 2)</b></li> <li>3. Spinks Shreves November 2007 sale #96 of the Fred Fawn collection, Lot #1478: "attractively franked registered cover with a single in the deep blue color combination plus another example that probably was lavender that has now oxidized to a pale grey brown, plus horizontal pair of 1/2c Black and 2c Purple "Numerals" (Unitrade #74, 76), all tied to 3c Red postal entire (Unitrade #U8) by "R" in oval handstamps, "Montreal, Canada/FE 8 99" c.d.s. on front and back, an extremely rare registered posting to Cape of Good Hope, portion of red London registry transit on the front, backstamped East London, C.G.H., stamps have minor perf. stains, otherwise a very fine and attractive cover; Cape of Good Hope was one of the few nations in the British Empire that did not immediately join the Imperial Penny Postage scheme on December 25, 1898, so this cover had to pay the 5c U.P.U. rate plus 5c registry fee; the Cape did eventually join with the other nations on September 1, 1899, but no covers are known to the Cape of Good Hope paying the Imperial Penny Postage rate; this is the only recorded cover to this colony with the Two Cent Map issue; illustrated on page 15 of Winmill where he describes this as "...a great rarity of Map postal history." " <b>(Image 1)</b></li> </ol>	




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FE 9 P6/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch  <b>Image:</b> F  <b>Cover type:</b> trans-Atlantic registered cover to England  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> MONTREAL•QUE roller cancels Map stamps (4 singles) &amp; 1¢ Numeral  <b>Postage:</b> 9¢ postage paid the Empire double weight registered letter rate to England  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> G.A. Saatweber Esq, 38 Seymons Grone, Old Trafford, Manchester, England  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• oval 'R' postmark</li> <li>• MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle dispatch dated FE 9 P6/99</li> </ul> <p><b>References:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Eastern Auctions October 2011 auction of the Hugh Westgate collection, Lot #339 (lot of 21 Map stamp covers and postal cards with foreign destinations)</li> <li>2. Sparks Auctions September 2018 Sale #28 of the Rob Lunn collection, Lot #395 (lot of 10 Map stamp covers): "...Best item is an 1899 registered cover franked with four Map stamps and a 1c Numeral addressed to England (from Montreal with precursor Squared Circle)..." <b>(Image)</b></li> </ol>	
FE ? ?/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> ?  <b>Postmark type:</b> receiver  <b>Image:</b> F  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered  <b>Advertising:</b> fancy corner card</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A.J. Gendreau, General Merchant, Mawcook, Que.</li> </ul> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 2 oval 'R' cancel Map stamps (2, horizontal pair), 2¢ purple Numeral &amp; 1¢ Numeral  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> Mawcook, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Messrs R.N. Scott &amp; Co, 198 McGill St., Montreal  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> MAWCOOK/QUE. Type A1 split circle dispatch dated FE 11/99  <b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 MAWCOOK/QUE. Type A1 split circle dated FE 11/99</li> <li>• MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer ? barred circle dispatch dated FE ? ?/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b>  Bow City April 2016 Postal Bid Sale #89, Lot #212: "85pair+76+75 A.J. GENDREAU GENERAL MERCHANT advert. MAWCOOK FE11/99 QUE. spl. cir R in cir, B/S same x3, Montreal Precursor, F-VF Super sweet cvr"</p>	
FE 12 A10/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> N  <b>Cover type:</b> cross-border registered cover to the USA  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> unknown strikes cancel Map stamp &amp; 1/2¢ Small Queens (10)  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA  <b>Origin:</b> Toronto, ONT  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Massachusetts, USA  <b>Backstamp:</b> MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle transit dated FE 12 A10/99  <b>Reference:</b>  Jack Gordon notes: "Hammer 3 FE 12 A10 99 wildrose 34(x10) + map transit hotel Toronto to Mass."</p>	



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MR ? ?/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> ?</p> <p><b>Postmark type:</b> receiver</p> <p><b>Image:</b> F</p> <p><b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered</p> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 RIVER•DESERT/QUE. Type A1 split circles dated MR 1/99 cancel</li> <li>• Map stamp (upside down) &amp; 5¢ Leaf</li> <li>• an unidentified .../CANADA CDS also cancels the stamps</li> </ul> <p><b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> River Desert, QUE</p> <p><b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Messrs R.N. Scott &amp; Co, 196 &amp; 198 McGill St., Montreal, Que</p> <p><b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• oval 'R'</li> <li>• RIVER•DESERT/QUE. Type A1 split circle dispatch dated MR 1/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 RIVER•DESERT/QUE. Type A1 split circle dispatch dated MR 1/99</li> <li>• Ottawa R</li> <li>• MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer ? barred circle transit dated MR ? ?/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b></p> <p>Bow City Philatelics sale #70, Lot #234: "86b + 70 R in cir RIVER DESERT MR 1/99 QUE Spl cir's in violet. B/S Same x 2, OTTAWA R, MONTREAL Precursor. Beautiful cvr. VF-SUP"</p>	
MR 3 P2/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 2</p> <p><b>Postmark type:</b> receiver</p> <p><b>Image:</b> F/B</p> <p><b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered</p> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 2 SHEFFIELD/ONT. Type A1 split circles dated 2 MR/99 cancel Map stamp, 1¢ Numerals (2, horizontal pair), &amp; 3¢ Numeral</p> <p><b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Sheffield, ONT</p> <p><b>Addressee/Destination:</b> The Montreal Witness, John Dougall &amp; Son, Montreal, Quebec</p> <p><b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• oval 'R'</li> <li>• SHEFFIELD/ONT. Type A1 split circle dispatch dated 2 MR/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 SHEFFIELD/ONT. Type A1 split circle dispatch dated 2 MR/99</li> <li>• TOR. &amp; LON. M.C. / N<sup>o</sup> 2 (ON-634.02) RPO transit dated E/MR 2/99</li> <li>• GALT/ONT. CDS transit dated PM/MR 2/99</li> <li>• MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle receiver dated MR 3 P2/99</li> </ul> <p><b>References:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. J.A. Hennok July 1989 auction #44 of the Stewart Kenyon collection, Lot #584: "2¢ Map + 1¢ pr &amp; 3¢ Numerals on reg'd 2 Mr '99 Sheffield Ont split ring cover to Moncton (type II barred circle b/s + RPO b/s). F+VF" (note destination error)</li> <li>2. Current owner personal communication (<b>Image</b>)</li> </ol>	



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MR 3 P2/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> F/BP  <b>Cover type:</b> cross-border registered cover to the USA  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 2 SOUTH BOLTON/QUE. Type A1 split circles dated MR 2/99 &amp; fancy corks cancel Map stamp, 1¢ Leaf &amp; 2¢ purple Numerals (2, vertical pair)  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA  <b>Origin:</b> South Bolton, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> M.Brown Esq, Wendell Depot., Mass.  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> oval 'R'  <b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BOLTON CENTRE/QUE. transit dated MR 3/99</li> <li>• MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle transit dated MR 3 P2/99</li> <li>• Boston registered oval dated MR 4/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b>  Ron Leith Auctions March 2018 Sale #50, Lot #138: "1899 SOUTH-BOLTON-QUE 7¢ REGISTERED to USA, great franking #67,76(x2) and #86b pays the 2¢ USA letter rate + 5¢ registration fee on cover dated MAR2-1899, addressed to Wendell-Depot-Mass with routing via Bolton-Centre-Que the same day + Montreal on MAR 3rd with a scarce Montreal precursor square circle type-1 + Boston registered oval transit h/s on MAR 4th, VF" (mistakenly identified as Hammer 1 in auction listing)</p>	
MR 4 A10/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> receiver  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 3 GLENBORO/MAN. CDS dated FE 28/99 cancel Map stamps (2, horizontal pair upside down) &amp; 3¢ Numeral  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> Glenboro, MAN  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> John Dougall &amp; Son, "Witness" office, Montreal  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> oval 'R' postmark  <b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 oval 'R' postmarks</li> <li>• 2 GLENBORO/MAN. CDS dispatch dated FE 28/99</li> <li>• 3 SOURIS &amp; WINNIPEG M.C. / N° 2 (WT-778.02) RPO squared circle transit dated EAST/FE 28/99</li> <li>• MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle receiver dated MR 4 A10/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b> Current owner personal communication</p>	 
MR 8 A9/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> ?  <b>Image:</b> N  <b>Reference:</b>  Jack Gordon notes (Hanes collection): "Hammer 3 MR 8 A9 99 Hanes Map"</p>	



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MR 11 A11/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch  <b>Image:</b> F  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 4 oval 'R' cancel the Map stamps (2) &amp; 2¢ Jubilees (2)  <b>Postage:</b> 8¢ postage overpaid the domestic registered letter rate by 1¢  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> W.I. McBride, Jno Macdonald &amp; Co, Toronto, Ont  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• oval 'R' postmark</li> <li>• MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle dispatch dated MR 11 A11/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle dispatch dated MR 11 A11/99</li> <li>• Toronto, ONT, receiver</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b>  Bow City Philatelics sale #69, Lot #260: "85 (2) + 52 Pr Lovely 8c Reg rate cvr, R in cir, MONTREAL Precursor MR 11/A11/99 CANADA. B/S Same, TORONTO arrival. Very scarce. VF"</p>	

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MR 16 P7/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 2  <b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> registered cover to Hawaii  <b>Advertising:</b> Stewart M. Munn. handstamp corner card in purple  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MONTREAL•QUE roller cancel ties Map stamps (2, horizontal pair), 1/2¢ Numerals (2, horizontal pair) &amp; 3¢ Numeral on 2¢ postal stationery (EN13)</li> <li>• oval 'R' also cancels one Map stamp</li> </ul> <p><b>Postage:</b> 10¢ postage paid the UPU registered letter rate to Hawaii (not a USA territory until 1900)  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mr Chas. H. Atherton, c/o Messrs Castle &amp; Cooke Ltd, Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle dated MR 16 P7/99 that barely ties 3¢ Numeral obviously meant as a dispatch free strike</li> <li>• HONOLULU/HAWAII double circle CDS receiver dated APR/4/1899 in red</li> </ul> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle dispatch dated MR 16 P7/99</li> <li>• REGISTERED/MAR 23 1899/SEATTLE, WASH. multiple straight line receiver in blue</li> </ul> <p><b>References:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. F. Fawn, <i>Imperial Penny Postage of 1898 – BNAPS Exhibit #32</i> (2004)</li> <li>2. Spinks Shreves November 2007 sale #96 of the Fred Fawn collection, Lot #1518: "horizontal pair on 2c Red postal entire (Unitrade #U11) in combination with 1/2c Black horizontal pair and 3c Carmine "Numerals" (Unitrade #74, 78), all tied by Montreal roller cancels and posted to Honolulu, Hawaii, "Montreal, Canada/MR 16 99" c.d.s. on front and reverse, routed through Seattle with that city's registry transit on the reverse, large red Honolulu double-circle receiving c.d.s. on the front, damaged perfs. at top of the left 2c Map stamp and perf. toning to stamps, cover largely opened out on three sides, fine and rare destination; this franking pays the 5c registry fee and single 5c U.P.U. rate (while the United States annexed Hawaii in 1898, it did not become a territory until 1900 and was treated by Canada as a foreign country); <b>the only known registered cover to Hawaii</b>, and with the card in the previous lot"</li> <li>3. Sparks Auctions June 2021 auction #37, Lot #588: "<b>1899 Registered Map Cover to Hawaii</b>, mailed from Montréal on MAR. 16.1899 (squared circle precursor free strike on front plus two more on back) to Honolulu Hawaii, with APR.4 receiver on front through Seattle Wash (MAR.23 transit on back). The 2c stationery cover is uprated with two ½c and one 3c Numerals plus a pair of 2c Maps (all stamps have perf toning) making up the required 10c UPU registration rate. A scarce destination, very fine." (Image)</li> </ol> <p><b>Notes:</b> red wax seal on backflap</p>	





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MR 17 A7/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 2</p> <p><b>Postmark type:</b> transit</p> <p><b>Image:</b> F/B</p> <p><b>Cover type:</b> trans-Atlantic registered cover to Germany</p> <p><b>Advertising:</b> fancy corner card</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Riddell, P.O. Box 66, Arnprior, Ontario</li> </ul> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 2 ARNPRIOR/ONT. squared circles dated -/MR 16/99 cancel Map stamp, 1¢ Numeral, 2¢ purple Numeral, and 5¢ Leaf (torn)</p> <p><b>Postage:</b> 10¢ postage paid the UPU registered letter rate to Germany</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Arnprior, ONT</p> <p><b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mr. J. Alex Riddell, Schletter Strasse 2R, Leipzig, Germany (via New York)</p> <p><b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARNPRIOR/ONT. CDS dispatch dated MR 16/99</li> <li>• oval 'R' postmark</li> </ul> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 ARNPRIOR/ONT. CDS dispatch dated MR 16/99</li> <li>• MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle transit dated MR 17 A7/99</li> <li>• OTT. &amp; PARRY.SOUND/M.C. (ON-403) RPO transit dated E/MR 16/99</li> </ul> <p><b>References:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Robert A. Lee May 2003 auction #107, Lot #2099: "two lt. strikes tie 2¢ Map stamp, flty. #70, flty. #75 &amp; #76 (10¢) to reg'd Arnprior c.c. cover to GERMANY, indistinct receiving b/s, corner tear UL, some aging but only 1 Map stamp cover has been reported!"</li> <li>2. Current owner personal communication (<b>Image</b>)</li> </ol> <p><b>Notes:</b> red wax seal on backflap</p>	
MR ? ?/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> ?</p> <p><b>Postmark type:</b> transit</p> <p><b>Image:</b> F</p> <p><b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered</p> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 5 circular grids cancel Map stamps (3), 1/2¢ Jubilee, 1/2¢ Leaf, 1/2¢ Numeral, 2¢ Jubilee, 2¢ Numeral, 2/3¢ postal stationery (EN15)</p> <p><b>Postage:</b> 13 1/2¢ postage overpaid (by an unknown amount) the domestic registered letter rate</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Sutton, QUE</p> <p><b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mrs. A.D. Hurlbut, Wiarton, Ont.</p> <p><b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• oval 'R'</li> <li>• SUTTON/QUE. CDS dispatch dated MR 18/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Backstamp:</b> MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer ? barred circle transit dated MR ? ?/99</p> <p><b>Reference:</b> J.A. Hennok December 1987 auction #25-26, Lot #637: "1/2¢ + 2¢ Jubilee in combination with 2¢ Map (3), 1/2¢ Leaf, 1/2¢ + 2¢ Numeral on 2¢ surcharged STATIONERY envelope reg'd. from Sutton Que. MR 18/99 to Wiarton Ont. Various R.P.O. B/S's and Montreal barred circle. Overpaid but attractive."</p>	




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MR 25 A11/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> N  <b>Cover type:</b> cross-border registered cover to the USA  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> unknown strike cancels Map stamps (2), 1¢ ? &amp; 2¢ postal stationery  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA  <b>Origin:</b> Hamilton, ONT  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Massachusetts  <b>Reference:</b>  Jack Gordon notes: "Hammer 3 MR 25 A11 99 2 map + env + 1c Hamilton to Mass."  <b>Notes:</b> unknown whether the strike is on the front or back</p>	
MR 29 N12/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 1  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 5 ST. CATHARINES/ONT. CDS dispatch dated MR 27/99 cancel Map stamps (2, vertical pair sideways), 1/2¢ Leaf (2, horizontal pair sideways) &amp; 2¢ postal stationery (EN13)  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> St. Catharines, ONT  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> E.F. Fluhmann M.D., Roberval, P.Q., Canada  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> oval 'R' postmark  <b>Backstamps:</b>  • 2 ST. CATHARINES/ONT. CDS dispatch dated MR 27/99  • MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 1 barred circle transit dated MR 29 N12/99  • ROBERVAL/QUE. Type A1 split circle receiver dated AP 2/99  <b>References:</b>  1. Jack Gordon notes (Hanes collection): "Hammer 1 MR 29 N12 99 Hanes Map + 2c env + .5 lea"  2. Sparks Auctions January 2107 Sale #23 of the Ted Kerzner collection, Lot #3763 (lot of 4 Hammer 1 Montreal barred circle registered covers)  3. Current owner personal communication (<b>Image</b>)</p>	
AP 6 P5/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> ?  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> F  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 3 7-ring targets cancel the Map stamps (3) &amp; 1¢ Leaf  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> St. Stanislas de Champlain, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Monsieur WM. Rennie, Toronto, Ont.  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b>  • straight line 'REGISTERED'  • ST-STANISLAS-DE-CHAMPLAIN/QUE. Type A1 split circle dispatch dated AP 6/99  <b>Backstamps:</b>  • ST-STANISLAS-DE-CHAMPLAIN/QUE. split circle dispatch dated AP 6/99  • ST-GENEVIEVE-DE-BATISCAN transit  • MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer ? barred circle transit dated AP 6 P5/99  • Toronto receiver  <b>Reference:</b> Bow City Philatelics December 2000 Postal Bids Sale #56, Lot #592: "85i (3) + 67 very scarce REGISTERED H/S, St. Stanislaus De Champlain Ap 6/99 &amp; 7 ring. B/S St. Genevieve De Batiscan, St. Stanislaus, Montreal Ap 6P5/99, Toronto. Very attractive &amp; scarce. VF"</p>	


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AP 12 A11/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered  <b>Advertising:</b> corner card  • 'W. Kelsey Hall, Stamp Broker..., Peterborough, Ont' in brown ink  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b>  • 3 8-bar circular grids cancel Map stamps (2 singles) &amp; 2¢ purple Numeral on front  • fancy cork cancels 1¢ Numeral on reverse  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> Peterborough, ONT  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> J.H. Craig Esq., Druggist, &amp;c., Yarmouth, N.S.  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b>  • oval 'R' postmark  • PETERBORO/ONT. CDS dispatch dated 4/AP 11/99  <b>Backstamps:</b>  • oval 'R' postmark  • 2 PETERBORO/ONT. CDS dispatch dated 4/AP 11/99  • MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle transit dated AP 12 A11/99  • HALIFAX &amp; ST JOHN / M.C. (MT-164) RPO transit dated E/AP 13/99  • YARMOUTH/N.S. CDS receiver dated PM/14 AP/99  <b>Reference:</b> Current owner personal communication</p>	
MY ? ?/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> FP  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered  <b>Advertising:</b> corner card  • Kelsey Hall, Stamp Broker, Peterborough, Ont  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 8-bar circular grids cancel Map stamp, 2¢ Numeral &amp; 6 x 1/2¢ Numeral (horizontal pair on front &amp; 4 on back)  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> Peterborough, ONT  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Kevin Jos. Toupiu, Valleyfield, Que  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> PETERBORO/ONT. CDS dispatch dated MY 4/99  <b>Backstamps:</b>  • MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle transit dated MY ? ?/99  • RPO transit  • VALLEYFIELD/QUE. receiver  <b>Reference:</b> J.A. Hennok July 1989 auction #44 of the Stewart Kenyon collection, Lot #630: "REGISTERED "STAMP BROKER" COVER, 2¢ Map + 2¢ (#76) &amp; 1/2¢ (4 on back) Numerals tied on My 4, '99 Kelsey Hall reg'd cover to Valleyfield Que (b/s + type III Montreal barred circle, RPO, etc). Cover reduced at left"</p>	





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MY 14 A7/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered  <b>Advertising:</b> back cover illustrated, handstamped  • W.H. Kelly, Manuf. of Staple Leathers &amp;c, Riverside Tannery, North Sydney, C.B. (ornate illustration featuring an eagle with a banner in its' beak, all in blue ink)  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 4 NORTH•SYDNEY/N.S. squared circles dated -/MY 11/99 tie Map stamps (3 singles, 1 sideways) &amp; 1¢ Numeral (sideways)  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> North Sydney, NS  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Webster Brothers, Seedsmen, Hamilton, Ont  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b>  • oval "R" postmark  • NORTH•SYDNEY/N.S. squared circle dispatch dated -/MY 11/99  <b>Backstamps:</b>  • 2 NORTH•SYDNEY/N.S. squared circle dispatch dated -/MY 11/99  • MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle transit dated MY 14 A7/99  • 2 MONT. &amp; TOR. G.T.RY/12 (QC-294.12) RPO transit dated NW/MY 14/99  • HAMILTON/CANADA CDS receiver dated MY 15/99  • postmaster CDS hand stamp dated H/MY 15/4  <b>References:</b>  1. Squared Circles on the 1898 Canadian Map Stamps – N.A. Pelletier CAPEX '78 Exhibit  2. J.N. Sissons May 1982 auction of the Nels Pelletier collection, Lot #549: "5 strikes tying 2¢ (3) + 1¢ Numeral to reg'd cover to Hamilton, dated My 11'99, Fine"  3. Jack Gordon notes: "MY 14 A7 99 Hennok Map x 3 + 1c transit North Sydney to Hamilton"  4. Matthew Bennett December 2005 auction of the Jim Hennok collection, Lot #2023: "Fine strikes tie three 2¢ Maps and a 1¢ Numeral on commercial registered cover to Hamilton, five strikes on front and two on back, ornate handstamped ad for the Riverside Tannery on reverse minor faults, Fine. A most unusual usage."  5. Current owner personal communication <b>(Image)</b></p>	



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MY 18 P1/--	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 2 8-bar circular grids cancel the Map stamp &amp; 5¢ Leaf  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> St. Leonard d'Aston, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mr. Wm. Rennie, Seedman, Toronto, Ont.  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• straight line 'REGISTERED'</li> <li>• S<sup>I</sup>•LEONARD•D'ASTON/QUE. Type A1 split circle dispatch dated MY 17/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• partial MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle dispatch dated MY 18 P1/--</li> <li>• NICOLET &amp; S<sup>I</sup>•HYACINTHE / M.C. (QC-372.01) RPO transit dated 99/MY 18/W</li> <li>• TORONTO/CANADA CDS receiver dated ?/MY 19/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b> Current owner personal communication</p>	
MY 30 P5/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> ?  <b>Image:</b> N  <b>Cover type:</b> trans-Atlantic registered cover to England  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> unknown strike cancels Map stamp &amp; 5¢ Leaf  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the Empire registered letter rate to England  <b>Origin:</b> unknown  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Liverpool, England  <b>Reference:</b>  Jack Gordon notes: "Hammer 3 MY 30 P5 99 Belle to Liverpool Map + 5 lea"  <b>Notes:</b> unknown whether the strike is a dispatch or transit strike on the front or back</p>	



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JU 12 P1/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch  <b>Image:</b> F  <b>Cover type:</b> cross-border registered cover to the USA  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 2 oval 'R' strikes cancel Map stamp &amp; 5¢ Leaf  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Aug. Dietz, 800 W. Clay St., Sta A, Richmond VA  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• oval 'R' postmark</li> <li>• MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle dispatch dated JU 12 P1/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. R.B. Winmill, <i>The Evolution of Imperial Penny Postage and the Postal History of the Canadian 1898 Map Stamp</i>, Toronto: Mission Press, pg 25 (1982): "This strike is normally only found as a backstamp on registered mail. All five barred circle types are known on map cover." <b>(Image)</b></li> <li>2. J.A. Hennok April 1989 auction #41-42, Lot #719: "1899, 5¢ Leaf + 2¢ Map (Green water var.) tied on reg'd Montreal barred circle (type III) cover to US. 7¢ rate for 1 oz. after 1 Jan 1899. VF"</li> </ol>	
JU 13 A8 or A9/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 2 CALGARY/ALTA. squared circles dated PM/JU 7/99 cancel Map stamp &amp; 5¢ Leaf  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> Calgary, ALTA  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mr H L Hart, 71 Gottingen St, Halifax, NS  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CALGARY/ALTA. squared circle dispatch dated PM/JU 7/99</li> <li>• oval 'R' postmark</li> </ul> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 CALGARY/ALTA. squared circle dispatch dated PM/JU 7/99</li> <li>• oval 'R' postmark</li> <li>• MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle transit dated JU 13 A8 or A9/99</li> <li>• C.P.R. WEST OF WINNIPEG/C. (RY-30.21 or RY-30.22) RPO transit dated EAST/JU 9/99</li> <li>• HALIFAX•N.S./CANADA CDS receiver dated JU 14/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b> Current owner personal communication</p>	 




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JU 29 P1/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3</p> <p><b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch</p> <p><b>Image:</b> F/B</p> <p><b>Cover type:</b> trans-Atlantic registered special delivery cover to Germany</p> <p><b>Advertising:</b> backflap advertising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ed. Leysieffer &amp; Co., P.O.Box 622, Montreal, Can.</li> </ul> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> MONTREAL•QUE roller cancels Map stamp, 1/2¢ Numeral, 1¢ Numeral, 2¢ Numeral, 3¢ Numeral, 8¢ Numeral, 10¢ Special Delivery (E1)</p> <p><b>Postage:</b> 26 1/2¢ postage overpaid by 1 1/2¢ the 15¢ UPU double weight (10¢) registered (5¢) letter rate to Germany + special handling (10¢) in one of the designated Canadian cities with "special delivery" options (see Notes)</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE</p> <p><b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Berlin, Germany</p> <p><b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>oval 'R' postmark</li> <li>MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle dated JU 29 P1/99 ties Map stamp but likely meant as a dispatch free strike since rollers cancel the stamps</li> </ul> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CDS receiver "Bestellt von Charlottenburg 4/10 7.99/* 7-8 3/4 V. *"</li> </ul> <p><b>References:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John T. Anders, <i>Imperial Penny Postage 1898 – ORAPEX 2002 Exhibit</i></li> <li>R. Maresch &amp; Son June 1995 auction, Lot #604: "GRAY, and 5 diff Numeral values plus 10¢ Special Delivery, paying postage only, overpayment of 1 1/2¢ paying 4 times the UPU rate plus REGISTRATION on colourful cover, all tied by roller cancel from MONTREAL with SQUARED CIRCLE 29 JU '99 to BERLIN, GERMANY, small cover tear UL. A most attractive philatelic franking, very fine."</li> <li>Sparks Auctions June 2021 auction #37, Lot #591: "1899 Multi-Franked Registered Cover to Germany, mailed from Montréal on JUN.29.1899 (squared circle precursor) to Berlin Germany, with a JUL.10 receiver on back. Endorsed "via New York via S.S. Lucania" and franked with a variety of QV Numerals to the 8c, a 2c Map and a 10c Special Delivery, for a total of 26 1/2c. Small piece of backflap missing, still a spectacular and colourful franking."</li> <li>Current owner personal communication (<b>Image</b>)</li> </ol> <p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>it is not clear what purpose the E1 stamp served since these Special Delivery stamps were only to be used for special delivery service within the cities of Halifax, St. John, N.B., Fredericton, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Brantford, Hamilton, London, Winnipeg, Victoria and Vancouver</li> <li>the "stamps intended for Special Delivery are not available for any other purpose, and the article upon which one is affixed must have, besides, the ordinary postage prepaid by postage stamps. Under no circumstances will Special-Delivery stamps be recognized in payment of postage or of registration fee, nor can any other stamp be used to secure Special Delivery, except the Special-Delivery stamp." (from the circular to Postmasters from the DPMG on June 7, 1898 - see <i>BNA Topics</i>, Vol 35, #3, Whole #365, pg 40 (1978))</li> <li>if the E1 stamp was used to obtain special handling in Montreal, or one of the other designated cities, then the remaining 16 1/2¢ postage overpaid, by 1 1/2¢, the 15¢ UPU double weight (2x5¢) registered (5¢) letter rate</li> </ul>	

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AU ? ??/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> ?</p> <p><b>Postmark type:</b> receiver</p> <p><b>Image:</b> F</p> <p><b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered</p> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 KINGSTON/CANADA CDS dated AU 3/99 cancel the Map stamp &amp; 5¢ Leaf</li> <li>• oval 'R' also ties Map stamp</li> </ul> <p><b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Kingston, ONT</p> <p><b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Wm. Patterson Esq, Box 937, Montreal</p> <p><b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KINGSTON/CANADA CDS dispatch dated AU 3/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 KINGSTON/CANADA CDS dispatch dated AU 3/99</li> <li>• MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer ? barred circle receiver dated AU ? ??/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b> Bow City Philatelics sale #70, Lot #203: "85 (Tan Oceans) + 70 R in cir. KINGSTON AU 3/99 CANADA (3 strikes) R in cir. B/S Same x 2, Stunning strike of MONTREAL Precursor (Proof Quality) VF"</p>	
SP ? ??/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> ?</p> <p><b>Postmark type:</b> transit</p> <p><b>Image:</b> F</p> <p><b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered</p> <p><b>Advertising:</b> Emily King pre-addressed envelope</p> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 MONTE•CREEK/B.C. Type A1 split circles dated AU 30/99 cancel the Map stamp &amp; 5¢ Leaf</li> <li>• C. &amp; V. R.P.O. / + B.C. + (WT-91.116) RPO also cancels stamps</li> </ul> <p><b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Monte Creek, BC</p> <p><b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Emily King, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada</p> <p><b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> oval 'R'</p> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer ? barred circle transit dated SP ? ??/99</li> <li>• Halifax receiver</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b> Bow City Philatelics March 2004 sale #66, Lot #988: "86 + 70 R in cir, MONTE CREEK AU30/99 B.C. spl. cir., W-30 RPO Ornaments, MONTREAL Precursor, HALIFAX NS arrival. Full wax seal. Lovely REGISTEREED cvr. F-VF"</p>	







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SP 12 P2/99 SP 12 P3/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 2 (for both strikes)</p> <p><b>Postmark type:</b> cancel/dispatch (P2), receiver (P3)</p> <p><b>Image:</b> F/BP</p> <p><b>Cover type:</b> registered drop letter</p> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 2 barred circles dated SP 12 P2/99 cancel Map stamp, 2¢ red Numeral, 1/2¢ Small Queen, 1/2¢ Numeral, 1/2¢ Leaf (2) &amp; 1/2¢ Jubilees (2)</li> <li>• oval 'R' also cancels one 1/2¢ Leaf</li> </ul> <p><b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE</p> <p><b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Hen R. Wood Esq., 51 Belmont Park, Montreal, P.Q.</p> <p><b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle dispatch dated SP 12 P2/99</p> <p><b>Backstamp:</b> MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle receiver dated SP 12 P3/99</p> <p><b>Reference:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Eastern Auctions October 2011 auction of the Hugh Westgate collection, Lot #275 (lot of 32 SC Map stamp covers (26 covers &amp; 6 fronts))</li> <li>2. Current owner personal communication (<b>Image</b>)</li> </ol> <p><b>Notes:</b> note two different time stamps with Hammer 2, one as dispatch and the other as receiver</p>	
SP 15 P7/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 4</p> <p><b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch</p> <p><b>Image:</b> F</p> <p><b>Cover type:</b> trans-Atlantic registered cover to England</p> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MONTREAL-QUE roller cancels Map stamps (3 singles) &amp; 1¢ Leaf</li> <li>• MONTREAL HARBOUR COMMISSIONER oval dated SP15 1899 also cancels one Map stamp</li> </ul> <p><b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the Empire registered letter rate to England</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE</p> <p><b>Addressee/Destination:</b> James H Scott Esq, General Manager, Secretary, Gresham Life Assurance Society, London, Eng</p> <p><b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• oval 'R' postmark</li> <li>• MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 4 barred circle dispatch dated SP 15 P7/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Backstamp:</b> London, England, receiver dated SP 27/99</p> <p><b>References:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ron Leith Auctions March 2017 Sale #49, Lot #86: "1899 REGISTERED to ENGLAND, fabulous Map franking #85 (x3) and #70 pays the 2¢ Empire letter rate + 5¢ registration fee, on a MONTREAL HARBOUR COMMISSIONER cover dated SP15'1899 and addressed to LONDON with receiver b/s SEP27'1899, stamps tied with a Montreal roller cancel, light stains and left Map stamp with a LL corner fault, a scarce registered Map cover and F-VF" (note error: #70 should be #67)</li> <li>2. Ron Leith Auctions June 2020 Sale #52, Lot #115: "1899 MONTREAL REGISTERED RATE to ENGLAND, #67 and #85 (x3) Golden Ocean varieties pays the 2¢ Empire letter rate + 5¢ registration fee, on Montreal Harbor Commission cover dated SEP1, 1899 addressed to LONDON with receiver b/s SEP 27th, F-VF" (<b>Image</b>)</li> </ol>	


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SP 29 A11/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 4  <b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch  <b>Image:</b> F  <b>Cover type:</b> cross-border registered cover to the USA  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 6 oval 'R' strikes cancel Map stamps (2, horizontal pair) &amp; 3¢ Small Queen  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> E.T. Parker, Esq., Stamp Dealer, Bethlehem, Pa., U.S.  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 4 barred circle dispatch dated SP 29 A11/99  <b>References:</b>  1. F. Fawn, <i>Imperial Penny Postage of 1898 – BNAPS Exhibit #32</i> (2004)  2. R. Maresch &amp; Son February 2019 auction #547, Lot #452: "41,86var: 3¢ Small Queen and horizontal pair of MUDDY WATERS tied to Registered cover from Montreal 26 SP 99 to the US, clean and fine." (note incorrect day)  3. eBay February 2018 (<b>Image</b>)</p>	
SP 30 P5/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 1  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered  <b>Advertising:</b> backflap  • Savoy Hotel, Montreal, Victoria St. in blue ink  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 2 SI•CATHERINE•SI•CENTRE / •MONTREAL• duplex (DPQ-711) dated PM/SP 30/99 cancel Map stamp &amp; 5¢ Numeral  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> F.W. Frith Esq, Bishops College School, Lennoxville, Que  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> straight-line 'REGISTERED'  <b>Backstamps:</b>  • SI•CATHERINE•SI•CENTRE / •MONTREAL• duplex (DPQ-711) dispatch dated PM/SP 30/99  • MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 1 barred circle transit dated SP 30 P5/99  • ISL<sup>D</sup> • POND &amp; MONTREAL • R.P.O. / 1 (QC-35.01) RPO transit dated DE/OC 2/99  • LENNOXVILLE/QUE. Type A1 split circle receiver dated OC 2/99  <b>References:</b> Current owner personal communication</p>	


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OC 2 P5/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 1  <b>Postmark type:</b> cancel  <b>Image:</b> F  <b>Cover type:</b> trans-Atlantic registered cover to France  <b>Advertising:</b> corner card  • 'Henri Lionais, Boite de Poste 917, Montreal Can.' in circular seal  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 6 MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 1 barred circles dated OC 2 P5/99 cancel Map stamp, 2¢ Leaf (2), 2¢ purple Numeral (2) &amp; 5¢ RLS  <b>Postage:</b> 15¢ postage paid the UPU double weight registered letter rate to France  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Jean Faisaiet, 23 rue Brisou, Roanne, France  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> oval 'R'  <b>References:</b>  1. R. Maresch &amp; Son October 1998 auction #334 of the Beverlie Clark collection, Lot #786: "PALE BLUE and two LEAFS and two NUMERALS and 5¢ R.L.S. (trifle faulty) tied by MONTREAL 2 OC squared circle forerunner to advertising cover to ROANNE, FRANCE paying the double U.P.U. rate plus REGISTRATION, rare." (Image)  2. R. Maresch &amp; Son June 1999 auction, Lot #1407  3. Eastern Auctions October 2011 auction of the Hugh Westgate collection, Lot #339 (lot of 21 Map stamp covers and postal cards with foreign destinations)</p>	
OC 2 P7/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch  <b>Image:</b> F  <b>Cover type:</b> cross-border registered cover to the USA  <b>Advertising:</b> handstamp on left side of cover  • International Stamp Co., Montreal, Canada.  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> MONTREAL-QUE roller cancelS Map stamp &amp; 5¢ Leaf  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mr. Herman Afflerbach, c/o Great Falls Meat Co... (Great Falls, Montana, USA?)  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b>  • oval 'R' postmark  • straight line 'REGISTERED'  • MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle dispatch dated OC 2 P7/99  <b>Backstamp:</b> MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle dispatch dated OC 2 P7/99  <b>References:</b>  1. J.A. Hennok July 1989 auction #44 of the Stewart Kenyon collection, Lot #593: "5¢ Leaf + 2¢ Map tied by Montreal roller on reg'd 'International Stamp Co' cover to US (b/s). Montreal type 3 barred circle on front &amp; back, F+-VF" (Image 1)  2. J.A. Hennok April 2000 auction #138-139, Lot #427: "MONTREAL Hammer 3: two (RF80) covers to US incl Oc 2 'P7'/99 strike on front of reg'd cover with 2¢ Map + 5¢ Leaf..." (Image 2)  3. Jack Gordon notes: "Hammer 3 OC 2 P7 99 Hennok Map + 5 lea"  <b>Notes:</b> the Great Falls Meat Company located in Great Falls, MO, helped make the city the largest meat packing center in the western USA</p>	 





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<b>OC 3 P3/</b> OC 3 P5/99 OC 3 P12/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 2 (P12), 3 (P5), 4 (P3)  <b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch (H4, P3); transit (front) (H3, P5); receiver (H2, P12)  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> registered drop letter  <b>Advertising:</b> corner card  • Alex. Desmarteau, Montreal.  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 4 oval 'R' strikes cancel Map stamp &amp; 5¢ Numeral  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the registered drop letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Messrs Leonard &amp; Sons, 169 Common St., City  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b>  • oval 'R' postmark  • MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 4 barred circle dispatch dated <b>OC 3 P3/</b> (no year)  • MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle transit dated OC 3 P5/99  <b>Backstamp:</b> MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle receiver dated OC 3 P12/99  <b>References:</b>  1. Jack Gordon notes: "Hammer 2 OC 3 P12 99 bs 5 num + map local w/H3 H4", and "Hammer 3 OC 3 P5 99 5 num + map local attempted delivery w/H2 H4", and "Hammer 4 OC 3 P3 ? <b>no year</b> 5 num + map local dispatch w/H2 H3"  2. Current owner personal communication  <b>Notes:</b> 3 different barred circle hammers on one cover</p>	
OC 6 ?/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 2  <b>Postmark type:</b> receiver  <b>Image:</b> FP  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> ST. VICTOR DE TRING/QUE. Type A1 split circle dated OC 6/99 cancels Map stamps (3, vertical strip of 3 sideways) &amp; 1¢ Numeral  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> St. Victor de Tring, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Backstamp:</b>  • LAKE MEGANTIC &amp; TRING / M.C. (QC-55) RPO transit  • MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle receiver dated OC 6 ?/99  <b>References:</b>  1. J.A. Hennok July 1989 auction #44 of the Stewart Kenyon collection, Lot #579: "1899, 7¢ REGISTERED LETTER RATE, 2¢ Map vertical strip of 3 + 1¢ Numeral tied by St Victor de Tring Que split ring on reg'd cover to Montreal (various b/s's incl type 2 barred circle, RPO, etc), large repaired tear, otherwise F+." (<b>Image</b>)  2. Don Slaughter website (<a href="http://www.donslau.com">http://www.donslau.com</a>): "1c Numeral+2c(strip of 3)Map registered –St Victor De Tring,Que single broken circle-Oc 6 1899-B/S Lake Megantic &amp; Tring/MC [QC 65 RF E]-Montreal Canada Precursor Hammer II-Oc 6 1899-vertical repair just left of the map stamps"</p>	



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OC 17 P3/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> cancel  <b>Image:</b> F  <b>Cover type:</b> trans-Atlantic registered parcel post piece to Belgium  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 3 MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 3 barred circles dated OC 17 P3/99 and several indecipherable CDS cancel  Map stamp, 10¢ Special Delivery (E1), 10¢ Numeral, 15¢ Large Queen, 20¢ Widow Weeds &amp; 50¢ Widow Weeds  <b>Postage:</b> \$1.07 postage paid the UPU registered (5¢) parcel post (42¢ for first pound, 10¢ for each additional pound x 5 = \$0.92) rate to Belgium + special handling (10¢) in one of the designated Canadian cities with "special delivery" options (see Notes)  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Belgium  <b>Reference:</b>  Brigham Auctions June 2014 Sale 2, Lot #836: "Six-stamp and five-issue MIXED FRANKING, all tied by Montreal 1 OC '99 squared circle forerunners to registered PARCEL POST PIECE to BELGIUM, \$1.07 total including credit for the 10¢ Special Delivery stamp (paying for 5¢ registration, plus 42¢ for the first pound and 10¢ for each additional pound times six = \$1.07), a MONSTER FRANKING with tremendous eye-appeal. <i>Ex - Brigham</i>"  <b>Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• it is not clear what the E1 stamp was used for since these Special Delivery stamps were only to be used for special delivery service within the cities of Halifax, St. John, N.B., Fredericton, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Brantford, Hamilton, London, Winnipeg, Victoria and Vancouver</li> <li>• the "stamps intended for Special Delivery are not available for any other purpose, and the article upon which one is affixed must have, besides, the ordinary postage prepaid by postage stamps. Under no circumstances will Special-Delivery stamps be recognized in payment of postage or of registration fee, nor can any other stamp be used to secure Special Delivery, except the Special-Delivery stamp." (from the circular to Postmasters from the DPMG on June 7, 1898 - see <i>BNA Topics</i>, Vol 35, #3, Whole #365, pg 40 (1978))</li> </ul>	
OC 21 P7/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> registered drop letter  <b>Advertising:</b> corner card  • Kent &amp; Turcotte, Montreal  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> MONTREAL-QUE roller cancels Map stamp &amp; 5¢ Numeral  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the registered drop letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mssrs. R.N. Scott &amp; Co., McGill St., City  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• oval 'R'</li> <li>• MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle dispatch dated OC 21 P7/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Backstamp:</b> none  <b>Reference:</b> Dealer stock</p>	



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OC 30 A11/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> ?</p> <p><b>Postmark type:</b> receiver</p> <p><b>Image:</b> F</p> <p><b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered</p> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 2 LACOLE/QUE. CDS dated 30/OC/99 cancel the Map stamp &amp; 5¢ Numeral</p> <p><b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Lacole, QUE</p> <p><b>Addressee/Destination:</b> R.N. Scott &amp; Co, McGill Street, Montreal</p> <p><b>Backstamp:</b> MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer ? barred circle receiver dated OC 30 A11/99</p> <p><b>Reference:</b> Bow City Philatelics March 2003 Postal Bids Sale #63, Lot #496: "85 (True Lavender) + 79 Registered cvr, LACOLE 30/OC/99 (vertical alignment) B/S MONTREAL Precursor OC 30 A11/99 (Nice variety in LL'2' of Map stamp) VF"</p>	


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OC 30 P4/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch  <b>Image:</b> F  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered legal size envelope  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 10 oval 'R' strikes cancel Map stamps (9; 3 vertical pairs, one vertical strip of 3) &amp; 1c Numeral  <b>Postage:</b> 19¢ postage paid the domestic 7 times weight letter rate (7 X 2¢) plus registration (5¢)  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Huntington, QUE  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• oval 'R' postmark</li> <li>• MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle dispatch dated OC 30 P4/99</li> <li>• 2 straight line 'Too Late' handstamps</li> </ul> <p><b>Backstamp:</b> HUNTINGTON/QUE. receiver dated OC 31/99  <b>References:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. J.A. Hennok March 1994 auction of the Alan Selby collection, Lot #812: "<b>19¢ Inland Registered letter rate for 6 to 7 oz, 1c Numeral + 2¢ Map (9) = 19¢ for 5¢ registration fee + 14¢ postage on large Oc 30 P4 '99 Montreal type 3 barred circle to Huntington, Que (b/s), with two S/L's "Too Late", F+</b>"</li> <li>2. Spinks Shreves November 2007 sale #96 of the Fred Fawn collection, Lot #1529: "legal-size registered cover to Huntington, Quebec with three vertical pairs and a vertical strip of three (three stamps show the single line re-touch of the lower cable from the bottom row of plate 5), plus a 1c Green, all tied by "R" in oval registry handstamp with "Montreal, Canada/OC 30/99" c.d.s. at bottom left, marked "Too Late" by two handstamps as the cover was not posted in time for the departure of the mail, backstamped Huntington the next day, this large franking pays the seven times domestic rate of 14c plus 5c registry fee, edge wear to the cover with light mending of the corners, one stamp of the strip is damaged plus some staining, still a fine and very rare usage with this being <b>the only cover with the largest number of nine 2c Map stamps on one cover</b>" (Image)</li> <li>3. Eastern Auctions October 2011 auction of the Hugh Westgate collection, Lot #326: "1899 (October 30) Large envelope mailed registered from Montreal to Huntington, Que. bearing three pairs and one strip of three of the 2c Map along with a 1c Numeral, all cancelled by oval "R" registry handstamp, Montreal precursor "squared circle" (OC 30 P4 99) datestamp, instructional "Too Late" (italic) markings, receiver (OC 31) backstamp; cover with usual edge wear and one stamp faulty, some light staining, a very rare septuple domestic letter rate plus registration (14c + 5c = 19c postage). To the best of our knowledge this is <b>the largest known franking of the Map stamp on cover</b>, Fine and an extremely rare showpiece. <i>ex. Dr. Alan Selby (1994) and Fred Fawn (2007)</i>"</li> </ol>	

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NO 2 A8/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> ?</p> <p><b>Postmark type:</b> receiver</p> <p><b>Image:</b> F</p> <p><b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered</p> <p><b>Advertising:</b> corner card</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Central Hotel, First-Class Accommodation, Livery in Connection, T.J. Gormley, Proprietor, South Finch, - - Ont.</li> </ul> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> grid cancels the Map stamp &amp; 5¢ Numeral</p> <p><b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Finch, ONT</p> <p><b>Addressee/Destination:</b> R.N. Scott &amp; Co., Montreal</p> <p><b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>oval 'R'</li> <li>FINCH/ONT. Type A1 split circle dispatch dated NO 1/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wales, ONT, transit</li> <li>MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer ? barred circle receiver dated NO 2 A8/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b> Bow City Philatelics February 2000 Postal Bids Sale #53, Lot #398: "85i + 79 'R' cvr Central Hotel crn card with backside Finch info &amp; map Finch Ont No 1/99 spl cir &amp; grid. B/S Wales Ont, Montreal precursor No 2 A8 99. F"</p> <p><b>Notes:</b> information &amp; map of Finch, ONT, on the back on envelope</p>	
NO 13 ?/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3</p> <p><b>Postmark type:</b> transit</p> <p><b>Image:</b> B</p> <p><b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered greeting size envelope</p> <p><b>Advertising:</b> corner card</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unknown Stamp company</li> </ul> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> Map stamp is on the back cover along with a 5¢ Leaf and a Spanish stamp, all of which are canceled by 7 SHERBROOKE/N.S. CDS dispatch strikes dated NO 10/99</p> <p><b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Sherbrooke, NS</p> <p><b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Cobden, ONT</p> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle transit dated NO 13 ?/99</li> <li>TRURO &amp; POINT-TUPPER (MT-350) RPO transit dated W/NO ?/99</li> <li>2 COBDEN/ONT. squared circle receivers dated -/NO 14/99</li> </ul> <p><b>References:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>J.A. Hennok December 1983 auction, Lot #658: "Map and 5¢ Leaf are on back with Cobden strikes. A cover with real character! (H-4)"</li> <li>Robert A. Lee 1984 auction #32 of the Ron Winmill collection, Lot #499: "COBDEN, ONT NO 14/99 (squared circle) as receiving b/s on REG'D greeting size cover from SHERBROOKE, N.S. NO 10/99 CDS ties #85 + 5¢ Leaf + Spanish stamp, all to back of cover. Stamp Co. c.c. Centre fold, tear at top. RF 30, only 4 recorded map covers. Unusual item."</li> <li>Charles G. Firby September 1999 auction, Lot #1074: "#70,85. Tied to reverse of Registered cover, file fold, from Sherbrooke, NS, Nov 10, 1899 to Cobden, Ont &amp; with 2 VF strikes of sq circle. Small opening tear at T o/w VF" (Image)</li> </ol>	





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NO 16 A9/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> ?</p> <p><b>Postmark type:</b> receiver</p> <p><b>Image:</b> F</p> <p><b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered</p> <p><b>Advertising:</b> corner card</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campbell &amp; Deschamps, Advocates, Sherbrooke, - P.Q.</li> </ul> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 2 SHERBROOKE/QUE. CDS dated PM/NO 15/99 cancel the Map stamp &amp; 5c Numeral</p> <p><b>Postage:</b> 7c postage paid the domestic registered letter rate</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Sherbrooke, QUE</p> <p><b>Addressee/Destination:</b> MM R.N. Scott &amp; Co., Montreal, Qu</p> <p><b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• oval 'R'</li> <li>• SHERBROOKE/QUE. CDS dispatch dated PM/NO 15/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer ? barred circle receiver dated NO 16 A9/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bow City Philatelics March 2003 Postal Bids Sale #63, Lot #506: "85 + 79 CAMPBELL &amp; DESCHAMPS ADVOCATES crn card, 'R' in cir. SHERBROOKE NO 15/99. B/S MONTREAL NO 16/A9/99 Precursor. F"</li> <li>2. Bow City Philatelics March 2004 sale #66, Lot #503: same listing as above (<b>Image</b>)</li> <li>3. Bow City Philatelics sale #70, Lot #213: same listing as above</li> </ol>	
DE ? ?/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> ?</p> <p><b>Postmark type:</b> receiver</p> <p><b>Image:</b> F</p> <p><b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered</p> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 circular grids cancel Map stamps (3 singles, overlapped) &amp; 1c Numeral</li> <li>• ISLE•BIZARD/QUE. Type A1 split circle dispatch dated DE 4/99 (DE rotated 180°) also cancels one Map stamp</li> </ul> <p><b>Postage:</b> 7c postage paid the domestic registered letter rate</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Isle Bizard, QUE</p> <p><b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mr. J.L. Vincent, Office de la Douane, Montreal, PQ</p> <p><b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> oval 'R' postmark</p> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ST. GENEVIEVE/QUE. transit dated DE 4/99</li> <li>• MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer ? barred circle receiver dated DE ? ?/99</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b></p> <p>Eastern Auctions October 2009 Public Auction of the Roger Boisclair collection, Lot #391: "1899 (December 4) Registered envelope mailed from Isle Bizard, Quebec to Montreal, bearing three single 2c Maps (overlapped due to limited space) plus 1c Numeral, cancelled by grids and neat Isle Bizard split ring dispatch (inverted "DE" month indicia error), St. Genevieve transit (DE 4) and Montreal precursor squared circle receiver backstamps. An attractive registered cover originating from a small town, VF"</p>	



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DE 15 P12/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 2  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> F  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 3 GOTTINGEN-STREET/HALIFAX CDS strikes dated DE 14/99 cancel Map stamp, 3¢ Jubilee &amp; 2/3¢ Numeral on 2¢ postal stationery (EN13)  <b>Postage:</b> 9¢ postage paid the domestic double weight registered letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> Halifax, NS  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mr. W. Willson, Box 12, Longueuil, Que.  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> oval 'R'  <b>Backstamp:</b> MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle transit dated DE 15 P12/99  <b>References:</b>  1. Jack Gordon notes: "Hammer 2 DE 15 P12 99 map 53 88 2c env transit Gottingen hfx to Longueuil double rate"  2. <i>Roundup Annex</i>, Vol 24, #2, Whole #102, pg. 1 (2002): "Montreal Hammer 2 - the first Map report, a backstamp DE15P12/99 on cover originating at Gottingen Street Halifax on DE14/99 addressed to Longueuil, pretty fast mail service 102 years ago. The 2 cent envelope from a stamp dealer also bears a 3c Jubilee and a 2/3 Numeral overprint." <b>(Image)</b></p>	
DE 23 N12/99	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 2  <b>Postmark type:</b> receiver  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered  <b>Advertising:</b> corner card  • A. Smith, General Merchant, Campbellcroft, Ont.  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 8-bar circular grid cancels Map stamp &amp; 5¢ Numeral  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> Campbellcroft, ONT  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> R.N. Scott &amp; Co., 196 &amp; 198 McGill St., Montreal  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b>  • straight-line 'REGISTERED'  • CAMPBELLCROFT/ONT. Type A1 split circle dispatch dated DE 22/99  <b>Backstamps:</b>  • PORT-HOPE/ONT. squared circle transit dated ?/DE 22/99  • MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle receiver dated DE 23 N12/99  <b>References:</b>  1. Jack Gordon notes: "Hammer 2 DE 23 N12 99 Map + 79 receiver from Campbellcroft"  2. Bow City Philatelics March 2003 Sale #63, Lot #507: "85 (True Lavender) + 79, A.SMITH MERCHANT crn card, REGISTERED H/S CAMPBELLCROFT DE 22/99 ONT Spl. cir. B/S Super PORT HOPE SQ. cir, MONTREAL Precursor DE 23/N12/99. F-VF"  3. Current owner personal communication <b>(Image)</b>  <b>Notes:</b>  • appears to be the remnants of a wax seal on the back flap  • some sort of 'ornament' appears in the time mark slot of the Port Hope Squared Circle which typically is blank</p>	


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?? P1/00	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 4  <b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch  <b>Image:</b> F  <b>Cover type:</b> unknown destination, registered reduced cover at right  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 3 oval 'R' strikes cancel Map stamp &amp; 1¢ Numerals (2)  <b>Postage:</b> 4¢ postage paid a portion of the 7¢ registered letter rate  <b>Origin:</b> assumed Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mr. Jacob Beilst..., c/o High School ..., Maus...  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 4 barred circle dispatch dated ?? P1/00  <b>Reference:</b>  Sparks Auctions January 2017 Sale #23 of the Ted Kerzner collection, Lot #3778 (lot of 10 Montreal barred circle Hammer 4 covers)  <b>Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the cover is significantly reduced at right</li> <li>it is likely that an additional 3¢ stamp was removed when the cover was reduced at right</li> </ul>	
FE 24 P1/00	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 4  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> N  <b>Cover type:</b> cross-border registered cover to the USA  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> unknown strikes cancel Map stamp, 3¢ Jubilee &amp; 2/3¢ Numeral  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA  <b>Origin:</b> unknown  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Lowell, MA  <b>Backstamp:</b> MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 4 barred circle transit dated FE 24 P1/00  <b>Reference:</b>  Jack Gordon notes: "Hammer 4 FE 24 P1 00 Belle transit to Lowell Map + 3 jub + 2/3c num"  <b>Notes:</b> assuming the transit strike is on the back</p>	




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MY ?? ??/00	<p><b>Hammer:</b> ?</p> <p><b>Postmark type:</b> transit</p> <p><b>Image:</b> F</p> <p><b>Cover type:</b> domestic, registered</p> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 4 8-bar circular grids cancel Map stamps (2; vertical pair), 1¢ Numeral &amp; 2¢ Numeral</p> <p><b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Dauphin, MAN</p> <p><b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Star Card Co., Knowlton, P.Q.</p> <p><b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• oval 'R'</li> <li>• DAUPHIN/MAN. CDS dispatch dated MY 29/00</li> </ul> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 DAUPHIN/MAN. CDS dispatch dated MY 29/00</li> <li>• LAKE • MAN. RY &amp; C. CQ • M.C. / NQ 1 (RY-104) RPO transit</li> <li>• C.P.RY OTT. &amp; PI ARTHUR • M.C. / ?. (ON-415.??) RPO transit</li> <li>• MANSONVILLE &amp; MONTREAL - R.P.O. / . (QC-120) RPO transit</li> <li>• MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer ? barred circle transit dated MY ?? ??/00</li> <li>• KNOWLTON/QUE. receiver</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. J.A. Hennok April 1989 auction #41-42, Lot #715: "1899.1900 ...MANITOBA 2¢ MAP/NUMERAL REG'D COMBINATION COVER....7¢ rate...Dauphin with #75 + 77 +82 (2) to Quebec (various b/s's incl RPO's)."</li> <li>2. Bow City Philatelics March 2003 sale #63, Lot #510: "85 Vert Pair of Gold Oceans + 75 + 77 'R' in cir. DAUPHIN MY 29/00 MAN B/S Same x 2, RPO (O256, RR97, Q55), MONTREAL Precursor, KNOWLTON QUE. arrival. Lovely cvr. F-VF" (Image)</li> </ol>	
SP 28 P12/00	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 2</p> <p><b>Postmark type:</b> transit</p> <p><b>Image:</b> F/B</p> <p><b>Cover type:</b> cross-border registered cover to the USA</p> <p><b>Advertising:</b> corner card</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beaver Stamp Co., P.O. Box 1025, Montreal, Can.</li> </ul> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 3 SI-CATHERINE-SI-CENTRE/MONTREAL duplexes (DPQ-711) dated 6 PM/SP 28/00 cancel Map stamp, 3¢ Numeral &amp; 2¢ red Numeral</p> <p><b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE</p> <p><b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Edwin G. Ward, Esq., Supt. Truant School, Springfield, Mass., U.S.A.</p> <p><b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> straight line 'REGISTERED'</p> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SI-CATHERINE-SI-CENTRE/MONTREAL duplex (DPQ-711) dispatch dated 6 PM/SP 28/00</li> <li>• MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle transit dated SP 28 P12/00</li> <li>• BOSTON, MASS./REGISTRY DIV. oval transit dated SEP 30 1900 in purple</li> <li>• REG. DIV./Springfield, Mass. oval receiver dated OCT 1 1900</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b> Current owner personal communication</p>	

Strike Date	Description & Reference	Image
JY 4 A11/00	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 3  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> cross-border registered cover to the USA  <b>Advertising:</b> corner card  • W. Kelsey Hall, Stamp Broker ..., Peterborough, Ont.  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b>  • 3 fancy cork strikes cancel Map stamps (2 singles) &amp; 2¢ Leaf on front  • 2 fancy cork strikes and oval 'R' cancel 1/2¢ Numerals (2, vertical pair) on reverse  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA  <b>Origin:</b> Peterborough, ONT  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mr. William C. Stone, No. 384, Union St., Springfield, Mass.  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b>  • oval 'R' postmark  • PETERBORO/ONT. CDS dispatch dated 4/JY 3/00  <b>Backstamps:</b>  • 2 PETERBORO/ONT. CDS dispatch dated 4/JY 3/00  • MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle transit dated JY 4 A11/00  • BOSTON,MASS./REGISTRY DIV. purple oval dated JUL 5 1900  • REG. DIV./Springfield, Mass. oval receiver dated JUL 6 1900  <b>Reference:</b> Current owner personal communication</p>	
SP 6 P1/00	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 4  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> cross-border registered cover to the USA  <b>Advertising:</b> corner card  • A.C. Roussel, Postage Stamps, 2104 St. Catherine Street, Montreal, Can.  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 2 oval 'R' cancel Map stamps (2) &amp; 3¢ Small Queen  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mr. Frank P. Brown, 333 Washington Street, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> ST-LAWRENCE-STREET/MONTREAL split circle dispatch dated SP 6/99  <b>Backstamps:</b>  • MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 4 barred circle transit dated SP 6 P1/00  • purple oval BOSTON,MASS./REGISTRY DIV. dated SEP 7 1900  <b>Reference:</b> Current owner personal communication</p>	

Strike Date	Description & Reference	Image
JA ? ?/01	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 4  <b>Postmark type:</b> transit  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> cross-border registered cover to the USA  <b>Advertising:</b> illustrated corner card  • The Clarendon, Quebec  • illustrated with a beaver over a crown, all in red  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 2 oval 'R' cancel the Map stamp &amp; 5¢ Numeral  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA  <b>Origin:</b> Bergerville, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> C.M. Brewster Esqr., Box 203, Oberlin, Ohio, United States of America  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b>  • oval 'R'  • BERGERVILLE/QUE. Type A1 split circle dispatch dated JA 11/01  <b>Backstamps:</b>  • QUEBEC/CANADA CDS transit dated JA 11/01  • MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 4 barred circle transit dated JA ? ?/01  • TORONTO/CANADA CDS transit dated NT/JA 13/01  • BUFFALO, N.Y./JAN 14 1901 straight line transit in purple  <b>Reference:</b> Dealer stock</p>	
FE 15 P1/01	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 2  <b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch  <b>Image:</b> F  <b>Cover type:</b> cross-border registered cover to the USA  <b>Advertising:</b> Stewart M. Munn. handstamp corner card in purple  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 5 oval 'R' strikes cancel Map stamp, 2/3¢ Numerals (3) &amp; 1¢ Numeral  <b>Postage:</b> 9¢ postage paid the double weight registered letter rate to the USA  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mr. H.A. Herzog, Austin, Texas  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b>  • oval 'R' postmark  • MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 2 barred circle dispatch dated FE 15 P?/01  <b>Reference:</b>  1. Robert A. Lee June 1980 Auction #12: "MONTREAL CANADA FE 15 PM/01, barred circle on cvr. front, reg'd to USA, w'2¢ map + #75 + 3 x #88 stamps tied w/oval "R". Rarely seen on cover front."  2. Sparks Auctions May 2018 Sale #237 of the Ted Kerzner collection, Lot #1217 (lot of 15 Montreal barred circle registered covers)  <b>(Image)</b>  <b>Notes:</b> date is indistinct so could be incorrect</p>	

Strike Date	Description & Reference	Image
JY 22 11A/01	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 5  <b>Postmark type:</b> dispatch  <b>Image:</b> F/B  <b>Cover type:</b> registered cover to the USA Marine Hospital in the Philippines  <b>Advertising:</b> handstamped corner card  • 'Stewart Munn &amp; Co., 41 St. Frs. Xavier St., Montreal, P.Q.' in blue ink, sideways on upper left of cover  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> MONTREAL•QUE roller cancels Map stamps (2 singles, sideways) &amp; 1/2¢ Numerals (6, block of 6)  <b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA  <b>Origin:</b> Montreal, QUE  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Dr. J.C. Perry, U.S. Marine Hospital, Manili, Philippine Island  <b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b>  • oval 'R' postmark  • MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 5 barred circle dispatch dated JY 22 11A/01  <b>Backstamps:</b>  • 2 MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 5 barred circle dispatch dated JY 22 11A/01  • VANCOUVER/B.C. CDS transit dated JY 23/01  • indecipherable Philippines double circle CDS receiver in purple dated AUG/25/1901  <b>References:</b>  1. Jack Gordon notes (Shapiro collection): "Hammer 5 JY 22 11A 01 Shapiro free + 2 bs Map + .5 num"  2. Sparks Auctions September 2018 Sale #28 of the Rob Lunn collection, Lot #387: "1901 Registered Cover Montreal to the Philippines, mailed Montreal on JUL.22.1901 (Type V precursor squared circle free strike) and addressed to the U.S. Marine Hospital in Manili [sic] Philippines. Two additional Montreal precursors on back, alongside a JUL.25 Vancouver c.d.s. transit and an AUG.25 Philippines registered receiver in purple. The cover is franked with two lavender 2c Map stamps plus a block of six of the ½c black Queen Victoria Numeral, all tied by Montreal roller cancels and paying the 7c registration rate. Very slightly trimmed at left, still a very fine and clean Map stamp destination cover." (Image)  <b>Notes:</b> red wax seal on backflap</p>	
FE 14 11A/02	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 5  <b>Postmark type:</b> ?  <b>Image:</b> N  <b>Cover type:</b> unknown  <b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> unknown strikes cancel Map stamp &amp; ??  <b>Postage:</b> ?¢ postage  <b>Origin:</b> unknown  <b>Addressee/Destination:</b> unknown  <b>Reference:</b>  Jack Gordon notes (Hanes collection): "Hammer 5 FE 14 11A/02 Hanes Map"  <b>Notes:</b> unknown whether the barred circle is a dispatch or transit strike on the front or back</p>	

Strike Date	Description & Reference	Image
MY 7 P12/02	<p><b>Hammer:</b> 4</p> <p><b>Postmark type:</b> transit</p> <p><b>Image:</b> F/B</p> <p><b>Cover type:</b> cross-border registered cover to the USA</p> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VANCOUVER/B.C. CDS dated 5/MY 1/02 cancels Map stamp</li> <li>• 3 oval 'R' cancel 1¢ Numeral &amp; 2¢ red Numeral (2, horizontal pair in bottom left corner)</li> </ul> <p><b>Postage:</b> 7¢ postage paid the registered letter rate to the USA</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Vancouver, BC</p> <p><b>Addressee/Destination:</b> Mr. Geo. R. Tuttle, 116 Nassau Str, New York City, NY, U.S.A.</p> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VANCOUVER/B.C. CDS dispatch dated 5/MY 1/02</li> <li>• MONTREAL-CANADA Hammer 4 barred circle transit dated MY 7 P12/02</li> <li>• NEW YORK N.Y./REC'D. (9) REG'Y double oval dated 5-9/1902 in red</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference:</b> Current owner personal communication</p> <p><b>Notes:</b> red wax seal on backflap</p>	



## 2.3 St. John's Barred Circle Postmarks (ST-JOHNS / NEWF'D)

Strike Date	Description & Reference	Image
27 JY 99	<p><b>Postmark type:</b> receiver</p> <p><b>Image:</b> F/B</p> <p><b>Cover type:</b> registered cover to Newfoundland</p> <p><b>Franking &amp; Cancel:</b> 4 GOTTINGEN-STREET/HALIFAX CDS dated JY 22/99 cancels Map stamps (4 singles) &amp; 1¢ Numeral</p> <p><b>Postage:</b> 9¢ postage paid the Empire double weight registered letter rate to Newfoundland</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Halifax, NS</p> <p><b>Addressee/Destination:</b> E.R. Krippner Esq, c/o M Reichardt, P.O. Boxe 481, St. John's, N.F.</p> <p><b>Postmarks on Obverse:</b> oval 'R'</p> <p><b>Backstamps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 GOTTINGEN-STREET/HALIFAX CDS dispatch dated JY 22/99</li> <li>• HALIFAX-NS/CANADA CDS transit dated JY 24/99</li> <li>• ST-JOHNS / NEWF'D barred circle receiver dated 27 JY 99</li> </ul> <p><b>References:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Roundup Annex</i>, Vol 31, #2, Whole #115, pg 1,2 (2008): "...latest known strike...receiver on a double rate cover from Halifax with 4 Maps &amp; a 75."</li> <li>2. Current owner personal communication (<b>Image</b>)</li> </ol>	

### 3. Appendix - Population Reports of Montreal Barred Circles on Map Stamp Covers

#### 3.1 Month of Use of Montreal Barred Circles on Map Stamp Covers

Month Year	Hammer 1	Hammer 2	Hammer 3	Hammer 4	Hammer 5	Hammer ?	TOTAL
DE 98		5	2	1			8
JA 99		1	1	6			8
FE 99			3			1	4
MR 99	1	3	5			2	11
AP 99			1			1	2
MY 99			4				4
JU 99			3				3
JY 99							0
AU 99						1	1
SP 99	1	2 [1]		2		1	6
OC 99	1	2	5	1		1	10 [2]
NO 99			1			2	3
DE 99		2				1	3
?? 99						1	1
1900		1	1	3		1	6
1901		1		1	1		3
1902				1	1		2
TOTAL	3	17	26	15	2	12	75 [3]

[1] A single registered drop letter cover is counted as two covers; it bears two Hammer 2 barred circle postmarks, each with a different time mark on the same day (see SP 12/99 listing), one as a cancel/dispatch free strike and one as a receiver.

[2] One cover bears three barred circle strikes, one from each of Hammers 2, 3, and 4 (see OC 3/99 listing).

[3] There are 72 physically distinct covers, but two covers contain multiple barred circle strikes (see ref [1] and [2]).

The sample size in the Census is too small to confidently compare to the documented monthly pattern of use of the Map stamp (all cancel types) in Canada during the Map stamp period.<sup>8</sup>

### 3.2 Type of Montreal Barred Circle Postmark on Map Stamp Covers

According to Chaplin, “The barred circle postmarks of Montreal are commonly found on the back of registered mail where it was applied as a receiving or transit postmark. It was very rarely used to cancel stamps.”<sup>2a</sup> The table below shows the Montreal Barred Circle hammer use according to postmark type.

Type of Postmark	Hammer 1	Hammer 2	Hammer 3	Hammer 4	Hammer 5	Hammer ?	TOTAL
Cancel	1	1 [1]	2				4
Dispatch Free Strike Front [2]		5 [3]	9 [3]	7 [4]	1		22
Transit Front			1 [4]			1	2
Transit Backstamp	2	7	11	7		4	31
Receiver Backstamp		4 [1,4]	1	1		7	16
Unknown			2		1		3
TOTAL	3	17	26	15	2	12	75 [5]

[1] One registered drop letter cover bears two Hammer 2 barred circle postmarks, each with a different time mark on the same day (see SP 12/99 listing), one as a cancel/dispatch free strike (counted as a cancel) and one as a receiver.

[2] In addition to a barred circle dispatch free strike on the front, the cover may have one or more dispatch strikes on the back.

[3] On one cover, the barred circle barely ties the stamps but the strike was likely intended as a dispatch free strike since roller postmarks cancel the stamps.

[4] One registered drop letter cover bears three different types of barred circle postmarks, one from each of Hammers 2, 3, and 4, on the same day (see OC 3/99 listing).

[5] There are 72 physically distinct covers, but two covers contain multiple different barred circle strikes (see [1] and [4]).

Montreal Barred Circle canceling strikes on Map stamp covers are rare (~5% of covers recorded in the census), supporting the fact that only a single off-cover Map stamp strike is documented. However, almost a third of the covers have dispatch Barred Circle postmarks on the front. Taken together, these observations, albeit in a small sample set, challenge the conventional thinking that the Montreal Barred Circles were used primarily as transit or receiving postmarks on the backs of the covers of registered mail.<sup>2</sup> Perhaps the census results are skewed toward postmarks on cover fronts which, rather than reflecting the actual use of the barred circle hammers in the main Montreal post office, reflect the practice of the postal historian to preferentially collect and report strikes on the front of covers. It is likely that many more Map stamp covers exist with Montreal Barred Circle backstamps, but these covers have not been recognized or reported as such.

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