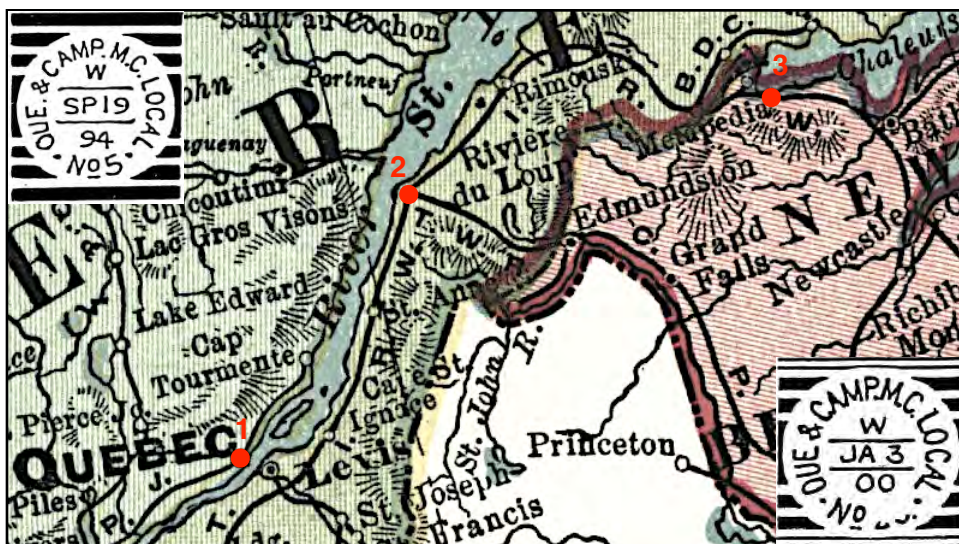


Type 2 RPO SQUARED CIRCLES

6 of the 11 Type 2 Squared Circle hammers from Railway Post Offices have been documented on Map stamps and covers.

	Hammer	Off-cover Census	Cover Census	ERD	Image	Comments	LRD	Image	Comments
1	Que. & Camp. M.C. Local (N ^o 5)	9	0	E/JA 23/99	N		E/JA 4/0	Y	year error presumably 00
2	Que. & Camp. M.C. Local (N ^o 20), State 1	0	0						
3	Que. & Camp. M.C. Local (N ^o 20), State 2	0	0						
4	Que. & Camp. M.C. Local (N ^o 20), State 3	26	0	W/JA 11/99	Y		W/JA 16/00	Y	
5	Que. & Camp. M.C. Local (N ^o 20), State 4	0	0						
6	Que. & Camp. M.C. Local (N ^o 20), State 5	0	0						
7	Que. & Camp. M.C. Local (N ^o 20), State 6	0	0						
8	Napinka & Winnipeg M.C. (N ^o 1)	19	2	WEST/DE 11/98	N		E/AU --/02	Y	
9	Napinka & Winnipeg M.C. (N ^o 2)	34	5	EAST/JA 3/99	Y		EAST/MR 26/00	Y	
10	Souris & Winnipeg M.C. (N ^o 1)	1	0	EAST/AP 16/99	N	unique strike			
11	Souris & Winnipeg M.C. (N ^o 2)	37	7	EAST/JA 3/99	Y		?/DE 27/00	N	

QUE. & CAMP. M.C. LOCAL / N^o 5 and QUE. & CAMP. M.C. LOCAL / N^o 20 (State 3)



The QUEBEC & CAMPBELLTON RPO Squared Circle hammers (No. 5 & No. 20 (State 3)) were used on the 305 mile run of the Intercolonial Railway in Quebec and New Brunswick, from Quebec City (1) to Campbellton, NB (3) via Rivière du Loup, QUE (2).

The **No. 5 version** of the hammer is listed in Gray's handbook of RPO strikes as QC-388.05. This Squared Circle hammer was used from ?/NO 2/94 to 150/OC 13/11. E and W direction marks were used during the Map stamp period. There are no documented strikes of the Quebec & Campbellton No. 5 hammer on Map stamp covers.

Off-cover strikes: 9

Description & Reference	Image
SC Hammer: QUE. & CAMP. M.C. LOCAL / N ^o 5 Date: E/JA 23/99 • ERD on a Map stamp/cover Reference: J.A. Hennok December 1983 auction, Lot #788	No Image Available
SC Hammer: QUE. & CAMP. M.C. LOCAL / N ^o 5 Date: E/FE 20/99 • ERD on a Map stamp/cover with an image Reference: Current owner	
SC Hammer: QUE. & CAMP. M.C. LOCAL / N ^o 5 Date: W/M? ?/99 Reference: eBay July 2023	

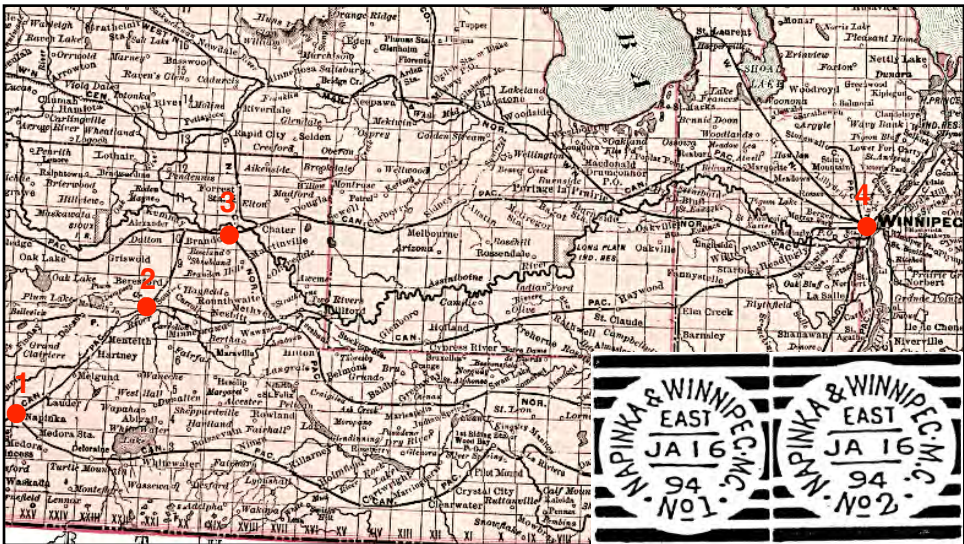
Description & Reference	Image
SC Hammer: QUE. & CAMP. M.C. LOCAL / N^o 5 Date: E/MY 3/99 References: 1. Robert A. Lee July 1984 auction #32 of the Ron Winmill collection, Lot #627: 60% light strike on #86, No. 5 just barely on the stamp. RF 40, only 3 recorded map stamp strikes 2. Current owner	
SC Hammer: QUE. & CAMP. M.C. LOCAL / N^o 5 Date: W/MY 20/99 Reference: Current owner	
SC Hammer: QUE. & CAMP. M.C. LOCAL / N^o 5 Date: W/OC 4/99 Reference: Current owner	
SC Hammer: QUE. & CAMP. M.C. LOCAL / N^o 5 Date: W/NO 17/99 References: 1. J.A. Hennok December 1983 auction, Lot #789 2. Robert A. Lee July 1984 auction #32 of the Ron Winmill collection, Lot #628: SON but light strike on #85. RF 40, 3 strikes 3. Current owner	
SC Hammer: QUE. & CAMP. M.C. LOCAL / N^o 5 Date: W/DE 28/99 Reference: Current owner	
SC Hammer: QUE. & CAMP. M.C. LOCAL / N^o 5 Date: E/JA 4/0 • year error: single digit 0, presumably for 00 • LRD on a Map stamp/cover Reference: Current owner	

The **No. 20 version**, 3rd state, of the hammer is listed in Gray's handbook of RPO strikes as QC-388.203. The original Squared Circle hammer was modified twice: first the original top and bottom bars were milled down, forming pairs of thin lines reminiscent of Type 1 hammers, but 'No 20' stays intact (State 2), and then the tops of '20' in 'No 20' were disfigured to form State 3 and this hammer was used from W/MY 20/98 to W/FE 2/00. Mostly W direction marks were used with some E. There are no documented strikes of the Quebec & Campbellton No. 20 hammer on Map stamp covers.

Off-cover strikes: 26

Description & Reference	Image
SC Hammer: QUE. & CAMP. M.C. LOCAL / N^o 20 Date: W/JA 11/99 • ERD on a Map stamp/cover Reference: eBay October 2022	
SC Hammer: QUE. & CAMP. M.C. LOCAL / N^o 20 Date: W/JA 16/00 • LRD on a Map stamp/cover References: 1. Charles G. Firby March 1987 Public Auction, Lot #802 2. Rob Lunn collection 3. Current owner (Image)	

NAPINKA & WINNIPEG-M.C. / N^o 1 and NAPINKA & WINNIPEG-M.C. / N^o 2



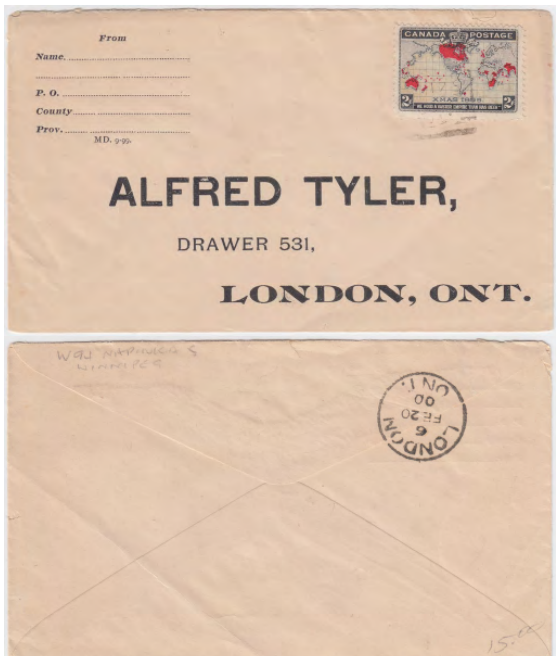
The NAPINKA & WINNIPEG RPO Squared Circle hammers (No. 1 & No. 2) were used on the 294 km run of the Canadian Pacific Railway (Brandon & Souris Branch) in Manitoba from Napinka (1) to Winnipeg (4) via Souris (2) and Brandon (3).

The **No. 1 version** of the hammer is listed in Gray's handbook of RPO strikes as WT-481.01. This Squared Circle hammer was used from ?/JA 26/94 to EAST/JY 9/07. The EAST direction mark was used during the Map stamp period with a few WEST and the occasional E.

Off-cover strikes: 19

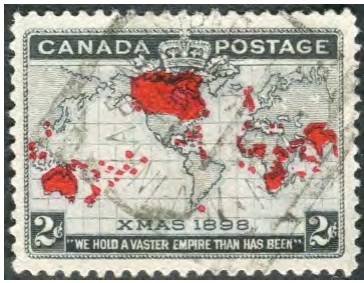
Description & Reference	Image
SC Hammer: NAPINKA & WINNIPEG-M.C. / N ^o 1 Date: E/JA 9/- • ERD on a Map stamp/cover with an image Reference: Current owner	
SC Hammer: NAPINKA & WINNIPEG-M.C. / N ^o 1 Date: E/AU -/02 • LRD on a Map stamp/cover Reference: eBay February 2018	

Covers: 2

Description & Reference	Image
SC Hammer: NAPINKA & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 1 (cancel) Date: EAST/FE 14/99 Franking: 2¢ Map stamp Cancel: NAPINKA & WINNIPEG•M.C./N^o 1 SC dated EAST/FE 14/99 Addressee/Destination: L.O. Lemieux Esq, 556 Alexander St., Winnipeg Postmarks on Front: Winnipeg Type I carrier postmark dated 1/FE 15/99 Backstamp: WINNIPEG/CANADA CDS receiver dated ?/FE 14/99 Reference: Current owner	
SC Hammer: NAPINKA & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 1 (cancel) Date: EAST/FE 17/00 Franking: 2¢ Map stamp Cancel: NAPINKA & WINNIPEG•M.C./N^o 1 SC dated EAST/FE 17/00 Addressee/Destination: Alfred Tyler, Drawer 531, London, Ont. (pre-printed) Backstamp: LONDON/ONT. CDS receiver dated 6/FE 20/00 Reference: Current owner	

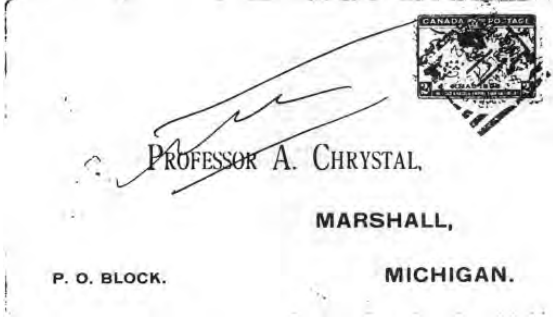
The **No. 2 version** of the Napinka & Winnipeg RPO Squared Circle hammer is listed in Gray's handbook of RPO strikes as WT-481.02. This Squared Circle hammer was proofed on EAST/JA 16/94 and used with EAST/WEST direction marks in Period 3 from EAST/DE 31/98 to WEST/DE 22/04.

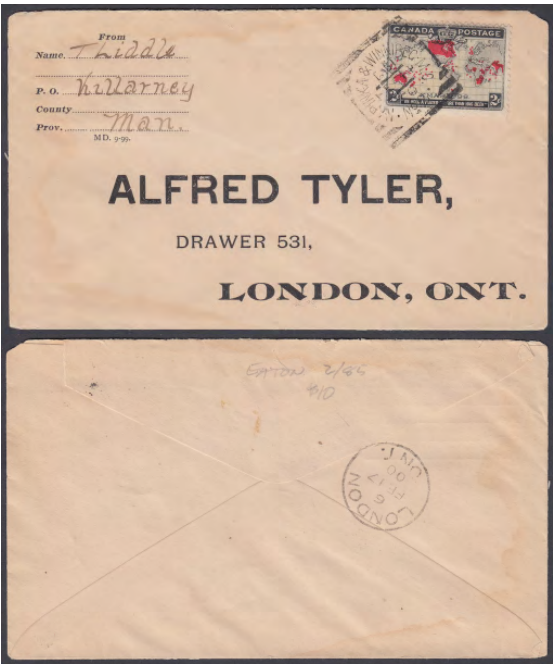
Off-cover strikes: 34

Description & Reference	Image
SC Hammer: NAPINKA & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 Date: EAST/JA 3/99 • ERD on a Map stamp/cover Reference: eBay May 2017	
SC Hammer: NAPINKA & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 Date: TSEW/? ?/? • inverted WEST direction mark Reference: <i>Roundup Annex</i>, Vol 30, #2, Whole #113, pg 1 (2007)	No Image Available
SC Hammer: NAPINKA & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 Date: EAST/_ 1/99 • month missing • 2 of the 3 known examples with this error are on Map stamps Reference: Current owner	
SC Hammer: NAPINKA & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 Date: EAST/_ 19/99 • month missing • 2 of the 3 known examples with this error are on Map stamps Reference: <i>Roundup Annex</i>, Vol 26, #1, Whole #108, pg 2 (2005)	No Image Available
SC Hammer: NAPINKA & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 Date: EAST/MR 26/00 • LRD on a Map stamp/cover Reference: Sparks Auctions September 2018 Sale #28, Lot #1217	

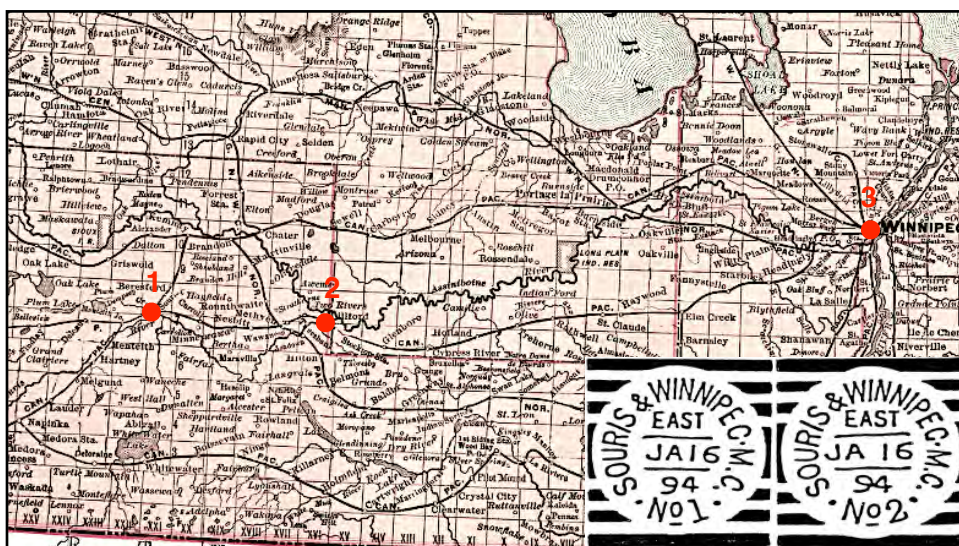
Covers: 5

Description & Reference	Image
SC Hammer: NAPINKA & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 (cancel) Date: EAST/MR 3/99 Franking: 2¢ Map stamp Cancel: NAPINKA & WINNIPEG•M.C./N^o 2 SC dated EAST/MR 3/99 Addressee/Destination: JC MacNab Eq, Box 373, Winnipeg, Man Reference: 1. R. Maresch & Son June 2015 auction #517, Lot #822 (lot of 160 Map stamp covers including about 75 squared circles) 2. eBay July 2015 (Image)	
SC Hammer: NAPINKA & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 (transit) Date: EAST/AP 17/99 Franking: 3x2¢ Map stamps (2 a horizontal pair) & 1¢ Numeral Cancel: 4 ALCESTER/MAN. Type A1 split circles dated AP 15/99 Advertising: 'Rennie's Seeds' corner card Addressee/Destination: William Rennie, Toronto, Canada. (pre-printed) Postmarks on Front: • ALCESTER/MAN. Type A1 split circle dispatch dated AP 15/99 • oval 'R' postmark Backstamps: • 2 ALCESTER/MAN. Type A1 split circle dispatch dated AP 15/99 • NAPINKA & WINNIPEG•M.C./N^o 2 SC transit dated EAST/AP 17/99 • BOISSEVAIN/MAN. CDS transit dated AP 15/99 • TORONTO/CANADA CDS receiver dated NT/AP 19/99 Notes: 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate Reference: 1. Robert A. Lee November 2005 auction #113, Lot #871: ALCESTER/MAN. AP 15/99 lt. split circle free strike + 3 additional strikes ties #75, 3 x 2¢ MAP stamps to reg'd cover to Toronto (1884-1907, RF D). Has NAPINKA & WINNIPEG M.C./No.2 EAST/AP 7/99 sq. circ. b/s. Bit of aging, wrinkles & creases. (note incorrect date for RPO strike) 2. Current owner (Image)	

Description & Reference	Image
SC Hammer: NAPINKA & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 (transit) Date: EAST/MY 15/99 Franking: 2¢ Map stamp & 5¢ Leaf Cancel: 9-bar circular grid Addressee/Destination: Wm. Rennie, Toronto Postmarks on Front: • WAKOPA/MAN. Type A1 split circle dispatch dated MY 13/99 • straightline 'REGISTERED' Backstamps: • 3 WAKOPA/MAN. Type A1 split circle dispatch dated MY 13/99 • NAPINKA & WINNIPEG•M.C./N^o 2 SC transit dated EAST/MY 15/99 • KILLARNEY/MAN. CDS transit dated MY 13/99 Notes: • 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate • wax seal on backflap Reference: 1. Bow City Philatelics May 2007 sale #73, Lot #304: 85 + 70 REGISTERED H/S, WAKOPA MY 13/99 MAN Spl cir. B/S Same x3, NAPINKA & WINNIPEG MC NO.2 EAST MY 15/99 SQ Cir (Super strike) KILLARNEY MAN to Toronto. VF 2. Current owner (Image)	
SC Hammer: NAPINKA & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 (cancel) Date: EAST/JU 18/99 Franking: 2¢ Map stamp Cancel: NAPINKA & WINNIPEG•M.C./N^o 2 SC dated EAST/JU 18/99 Addressee/Destination: Professor A. Chrystal, Marshall, Michigan. (pre-printed) Reference: <i>Roundup Annex</i>, Vol 5, #1, Whole #26, pg 246 (1982): A previously unreported Map cover...from the Bill Allen collection	

Description & Reference	Image
SC Hammer: NAPINKA & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 (cancel) Date: EAST/FE 14/00 Franking: 2¢ Map stamp Cancel: NAPINKA & WINNIPEG•M.C./N^o 2 SC dated EAST/FE 14/00 Addressee/Destination: Alfred Tyler, Drawer 531, London, Ont. (pre-printed) Backstamp: LONDON/ONT. CDS receiver dated 6/FE 17/00 Reference: Rick Friesen collection	 The image displays two views of a vintage Canadian postage stamp and envelope. The top view shows the front of the envelope, which is addressed to Alfred Tyler, Drawer 531, London, Ont. The envelope features a 2-cent map stamp and a circular postmark. The bottom view shows the back of the envelope, which has a circular postmark.

SOURIS & WINNIPEG·M.C. / N^o 1 and SOURIS & WINNIPEG·M.C. / N^o 2



The SOURIS & WINNIPEG RPO Squared Circle hammers (No. 1 & No. 2) were used on the 232 km run of the Canadian Pacific Railway (Souris Section) in Manitoba from Souris (1) to Winnipeg (3) via Milford (2).

The **No. 1 version** of the hammer is listed in Gray's handbook of RPO strikes as WT-778.01. This Squared Circle hammer was used in Period 1 from EAST/JA 26/94 to EAST/AP 5/00. The EAST direction mark was used during the Map stamp period with a few WEST and the occasional E. There are no documented strikes of the Souris & Winnipeg No. 1 hammer on Map stamp covers.

Off-cover strikes: 1

Description & Reference	Image
SC Hammer: SOURIS & WINNIPEG·M.C. / N^o 1 Date: EAST/AP 16/99 - the only reported date of hammer use in 1899 References: - Handbook #5, pg II-223 - Roundup Annex, Vol 40, #1, Whole #136 (2019)	No Image Available

The **No. 2 version** of the hammer is listed in Gray's handbook of RPO strikes as WT-778.02. This Squared Circle hammer was used from EAST/JU 21/95 to ?/SP 16/08. The EAST and WEST direction marks were used predominantly, with W used occasionally in 1898 and 1899.

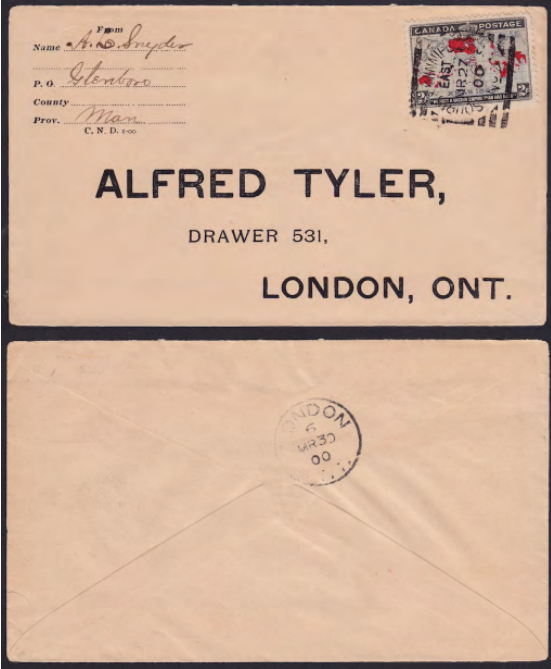
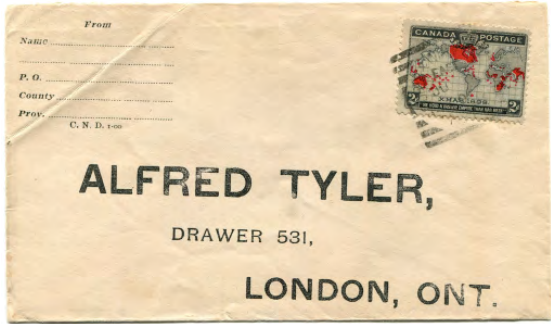
Off-cover strikes: 37

Description & Reference	Image
SC Hammer: SOURIS & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 Date: EAST/JA 3/99 • ERD on a Map stamp/cover Reference: 1. Longley Auctions May 2011 sale #20, Lot #1321 2. eBay January 2019 (Image)	
SC Hammer: SOURIS & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 Date: W/FE 1/99 • 1 of 2 documented uses of W direction mark on a Map stamp Reference: Current owner	
SC Hammer: SOURIS & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 Date: W/MR 24/99 • 1 of 2 documented uses of W direction mark on a Map stamp Reference: Current owner	
SC Hammer: SOURIS & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 Date: EAST/OC 21/? • inverted C in OC Reference: John H. Talman October 1991 auction #139/140, Lot #492	No Image Available

Covers: 7

Description & Reference	Image
SC Hammer: SOURIS & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 (transit) Date: EAST/FE 28/99 Franking: 2x2¢ Map stamps (horizontal pair, upside down) & 3¢ Numeral Cancel: 3 GLENBORO/MAN. CDS dated FE 28/99 Addressee/Destination: John Dougall & Son, "Witness" office, Montreal Postmarks on Front: oval 'R' postmark Backstamps: • 2 oval 'R' postmarks • 2 GLENBORO/MAN. CDS dispatch dated FE 28/99 • 3 SOURIS & WINNIPEG•M.C./N^o 2 SC transit dated EAST/FE 28/99 • MONTREAL•CANADA Hammer 3 barred circle receiver dated MR4 A10/99 Notes: 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate Reference: Current owner	
SC Hammer: SOURIS & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 (transit) Date: EAST/MR 9/99 Franking: 2¢ Map stamp, 2¢ Numeral & 3¢ Leaf Cancel: 3 circular grids Addressee/Destination: Mr. P.S. Launtenchleger, Berlin, Ontario Postmarks on Front: oval 'R' postmark Backstamps: • 2 NESBITT/MAN. Type A1 spit circle dispatch dated MR 9/99 • 2 SOURIS & WINNIPEG•M.C./N^o 2 SC transit dated EAST/MR 9/99 • C.P.R. Pⁱ ARTHUR & W'PEG. M.C. / 1. (ON-461.01) RPO dated E/MR 10/99 • 3 BERLIN/ONT. CDS receivers dated MR 13/99 Notes: 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate Reference: Current owner	

Description & Reference	Image
SC Hammer: SOURIS & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 (transit) Date: EAST/MR 14/99 Franking: 2¢ Map stamp & 5¢ Leaf Cancel: 2 GLENBORO/MAN. CDS dated MR 14/99 Addressee/Destination: Mr. Wm .Rennie, Cor Adelaide & Jarvis Stes, Toronto, Canada Postmarks on Front: 2 oval 'R' postmarks Backstamps: • 2 oval 'R' postmarks • 2 GLENBORO/MAN. CDS dispatch dated MR 14/99 • 2 SOURIS & WINNIPEG•M.C./N^o 2 SC transit dated EAST/MR 14/99 • TORONTO/CANADA CDS receiver dated ?/MR 1?/99 Notes: 7¢ postage paid the domestic registered letter rate Reference: Current owner	
SC Hammer: SOURIS & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 (cancel) Date: EAST/NO 14/99 Franking: 2¢ Map stamp Cancel: light SOURIS & WINNIPEG•M.C./N^o 2 SC dated EAST/NO 14/99 Addressee/Destination: Palmerston Carriage Co, Palmerston, Ont Backstamp: PALMERSTON/ONT. Type A1 split circle receiver dated NO 16/99 Reference: 1. N.A. Pelletier, <i>Squared Circles on the 1898 Canadian Map Stamps – CAPEX '78 Exhibit</i> 2. J.N. Sissons May 1982 auction of the Nels Pelletier collection, Lot #604: Type 2, VG, strike tying stamp to cover, to Palmerston 1899, 2 covers known, Fine 3. J.N. Sissons August 1985 auction #443 of the Max Rosenthal collection, Lot #1266: Type 2, a light but clear strike, No'99, 2 Map covers known, Fine 4. R. Maresch & Son June 2015 auction #517, Lot #822 (lot of 160 Map stamp covers including about 75 squared circles) 5. Current owner (Image)	

Description & Reference	Image
SC Hammer: SOURIS & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 (cancel) Date: EAST/MR 27/00 Franking: 2¢ Map stamp Cancel: SOURIS & WINNIPEG•M.C./N^o 2 SC dated EAST/MR 27/00 Addressee/Destination: Alfred Tyler, Drawer 531, London, Ont. (pre-printed) Backstamp: LONDON/ONT. CDS receiver dated 6/MR 30/00 Reference: Current owner	
SC Hammer: SOURIS & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 (cancel) Date: EAST/JU 5/00 Franking: 2¢ Map stamp Cancel: SOURIS & WINNIPEG•M.C./N^o 2 SC dated EAST/JU 5/00 Addressee/Destination: Alfred Tyler, Drawer 531, London, Ont. (pre-printed) Reference: 1. J.A. Hennok December 1983 auction, Lot #795: EAST JU ?'00 only a total of three SC RPO Map covers are recorded. (H-2) 2. Current owner (Image)	
SC Hammer: SOURIS & WINNIPEG•M.C. / N^o 2 (unknown) Date: ?/DE 27/00 Franking: 2¢ Map stamp Cancel: assumed SOURIS & WINNIPEG•M.C./N^o 2 SC dated ?/DE 27/00 Addressee/Destination: unknown Notes: LRD on a Map stamp/cover Reference: 1. <i>Roundup Annex</i>, Vol 1, #4, Whole #4, pg 51 (1977): Souris & Winnipeg, No. 2, on cover with Map Stamp, dated DE 27/00. The Souris & Winnipeg (No.2) R.P.O. has not previously been reported on cover with Map Stamp. 2. <i>BNA Topics</i>, Vol 34, #5, Whole #361, pg 32 (1977)	No Image Available