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The Fifteen Cents Large Queen – Census Of Known Covers

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Over a period of about ten years I have attempted to record each cover¹ bearing at least one Canada 15¢ of the Large Queen 1868 issue seen at auction, in person, in dealers' stocks, in publications, or otherwise. That census appears separately. It identifies a total of 187 such covers for the period of 1868-1906.

The census is no doubt far from complete. As with any census, the true number of covers extant may never be known. The actual number existing is likely in the 200-300 range, probably closer to 200 than 300. Also, this database is not necessarily representative of all uses of this stamp. For example, the number of covers to New Zealand is unusually high due to the find of 12 or 13 covers to New Zealand from the World/Oceanic Publishing Co. correspondence to W.A. Fargo in about 1974.²

Survival rate

Duckworth³ states that the total number of the 15¢ Large Queens issued was 2,374,850. The census identifies 187 covers as having survived, or about 0.008% of the total issue. In contrast, the United States 5¢ and 10¢ of 1847 were issued in quantities of 3,564,026 and 845,169, with 9,429 and 3,483 covers, respectively, known to survive. Their on-cover survival rates are 0.27% and 0.41% respectively.⁴ Thus, statistically, covers bearing the Canada 15¢ Large Queen have survived at a far lower rate than those bearing the United States 1847 issue, by a factor of between one and two orders of magnitude.

Usage by year:

The total number surviving used in the 1868-1869 period to pay the 15¢ Cunard line rate to the UK, including Ireland, through New York (the intent for which it was issued) is 32, or only about 17% of known covers.

1868	28	1879	3	1890	2	1900	0
1869	17	1880	1	1891	4	1901	0
1870	6	1881	0	1892	2	1902	0
1871	8	1882	2	1893	1	1903	0
1872	8	1883	2	1894	4	1904	1
1873	4	1884	6	1895	10	1905	1
1874	3	1885	5	1896	5	1906	1
1875	6	1886	2	1897	6	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>6</u>
1876	4	1887	10	1898	4		
1877	6	1888	9	1899	3	<i>Total</i>	187
1878	4	1889	3				

I wish to add to this list, and information pertaining to new documented covers or corrections to this list are welcomed to my email address as listed above (vfognh@aol.com).

¹ A "cover" is either a full cover, a front, or a large piece bearing a postmark with at least an origin, or a destination. Over 90% of the "covers" in the census are full covers.

² Henhoeffler, George A., "Canada's Queens to Australasia," *American Philatelist*, vol. 89, no. 2, February 1975, p. 140

³ Duckworth, H.E. and H.W., *The Large Queen Stamps of Canada and Their Use, 1868-1872*, p. 124 (1986)

⁴ Alexander, Thomas J., *The United States 1847 Issue: A Cover Census*, p. xv (2001)

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Destinations

UK (England and Scotland)	59	Austria	2
Canada	44	India	2
New Zealand	19	Sweden	2
Australia (NSW and Victoria)	17	Hungary	1
Germany (including states)	10	Ceylon	1
France	9	South Africa	1
Ireland	5	Bahamas	1
Argentina	5	Portugal	1
USA	3	Shanghai	1
Switzerland	3	Brazil	1
		Newfoundland	1

Of the above covers with destinations, 44, or 24%, were used domestically, while 143, or 76%, were used to foreign destinations.

Other points of interest

Of the 187 covers, only 3 bear a block of 4 or larger. Those covers bear blocks of 4, 5, and 10. The largest, a block of 10, appears on the cover with the largest total franking, \$2.55, listed first among those of unknown year date but probably early 1890's. Only 29 of the 187 covers are registered, or 16%; of these, 17 bear registered letter stamps, some 2¢, some 5¢, but only one 8¢. Only one also bears a stamp from the first cents issue. Fifteen also bear at least one other Large Queen stamp, while 55 bear at least one Small Queen stamp. Two covers also bear at least one Large Queen and one Small Queen. Three covers also bear one or more Widow Weeds. Aside from those covers with vast philatelic frankings, only one cover also bears a Numeral issue stamp. Two covers posted shortly after the period of use bear imperforate pairs, surely philatelic in origin and purpose. A single mourning cover is present, and none in combination use with a Jubilee, a Leaf issue, or an Edward.

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William Longley auction	M
R. Maresch auction	N
Private purchase by or offering to author	O
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Spink auction	R
Spink private treaty	S

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1868	March 23	15¢ pair, Toronto to Edinburgh, UK	N, 1101, 12-1-82
	March 23	15¢ pair, Toronto to Edinburgh, UK	K, 218, 6-22-00
	March 28	15¢, Fonthill, ON to Newcastle-on-Tyne, UK	B, p. 226 E, p. 25 K, 919, 5-15-97
	April 2	15¢ pair, Hamilton, ON to Chatham, ON	Q, 466, 2-3-60 L, p. 27 K, 48, 6-22-00
	April 11	15¢, to UK	D
	April 25	15¢, Montreal to Andover, UK	N, 1142, 3-5-97
	April 27	15¢, Hamilton, ON to Kent, UK	N, 608, 5-14-96
	April 30	15¢ + 2¢ LQ + 6¢ LQ, to Melbourne, Victoria	L, p. 26
	May 1	15¢, Montreal to Liverpool, UK	S, 291, 12-99
	May 2	15¢, NB or NS to California, USA	L, p. 15
	May 4	15¢, Hamilton, ON to Bath, UK	M, 377, 10-4-03
	May ?	15¢, pair to UK	D
	May 18	15¢, Hamilton, ON to Surrey, UK	N, 399, 1-12-89 N, 387, 11-1-89
	June 10	15¢ + 1¢ LQ + 6¢ LQ, Hamilton, ON to Melbourne, Victoria	L, p. 26 H, p. 415
	June 28	15¢, Niagara, ON to Brighton, UK	Q, 465, 2-3-60 L, p. 16 R, 2141, 6-7-07
	June 29	15¢, Quebec to Liverpool, UK	N, 223, 11-21-95
	July 17	15¢, Quebec to Liverpool, UK	K, 118, 6-22-00
	July 27	15¢, Toronto to London, UK	M, 143, 4-21-06
	August 3	15¢ pair, Lennonville, CE to Bowford, UK	K, 122, 6-22-00
	September 8	15¢, Montreal to London, UK	K, 121, 6-22-00
October 12	15¢, Guelph, ON to Carlisle, UK	H, p. 372 P, 2-22-05	
October 12	15¢, Montreal to Portsmouth, UK	R, 2142, 6-7-07	
November 2	15¢, Quebec to London, UK	H, p. 375	
November 2	15¢, Toronto to Longford, Ireland	N, 882, 5-11-89 K, 1701, 3-10-07	
November 9	15¢ + 10¢ Consort + 3¢ LQ, St. Catherines, ON to Bombay, India	H, p. 411	
November 9	15¢, Kingston, ON to Devon, UK	K, 918, 5-15-97	
November 16	15¢, London, ON to London, UK	S, 312, 12-99	
November 18	15¢ + 6¢ LQ + 2¢ LQ, Brantford, ON to Woodstock, Victoria	N, 884, 5-18-89	
1869	January 4	15¢, Toronto to Liverpool, UK	N, 1001, 10-27-83 N, 1143, 3-5-97
	January 11	15¢ + 12½¢ LQ x 3, Montreal to Paris, France	K, 151, 6-22-00
	January 29	15¢ + 6¢ LQ + 2¢ LQ, Montreal to Hamburg	L, p. 16a H, p. 400 N, 166, 6-22-00
	February 5	15¢ + 2¢ LQ, Quebec to (small town), France	H, p. 393
	March 3	15¢ + 6¢ LQ + 2¢ LQ, Brantford, ON to Melbourne, Victoria	K, 993, 5-15-97
	March 15	15¢ + 6¢ LQ + 1¢ LQ x 2, registered, Toronto to London, UK	B, p. 252 C, 136, 2-5-03
	March 27	15¢ + 6¢ LQ + 1¢ LQ x 2, to London, UK, registered	K, 930, 5-15-97
	April 17	15¢, Quebec to London, UK	N, 635, 9-4-86 N, 277, 3-4-97
	May 14	15¢, Fonthill, CW to Fort Erie, ON	M, 220, 3-24-01

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	June 28	15¢, Toronto to London, UK	I, 364, 6-18-05
	July 5	15¢, Barrie, ON to Meynathy, Ireland	K, 948, 5-15-97
	July 16	15¢ x 2 + 3¢ LQ x 3 + 2¢ LQ + 1¢ LQ + ½¢ LQ, parcel post, Perce-Gaspé, PQ to Quebec	C, 129, 2-5-03
	August 2	15¢, Montreal to London, UK	N, 350, 4-3-01
	August 14	15¢, Quebec to London, UK	N, 872, 4-9-87 K, 120, 6-22-00
	November 1	15¢, to Aldershot, UK	M, 374, 6-24-00
	November 19	15¢ + 6¢ LQ + 2¢ LQ, Hamilton, ON to Melbourne, Victoria	K, 84, 6-22-00
	December 11	15¢, Quebec to London, UK	K, 1702, 3-10-07
1870	April 22	15¢ x 2 + 2¢ LQ x 2, Kingston, ON to Switzerland	K, 236, 6-22-00
	May 26	15¢ pair, Cobourg, ON to India	B, p. 362 E, p. 26 H, p. 409 K, 180, 6-22-00
	June 14	15¢ + 6¢ LQ + 3¢ SQ, Quebec to St. Joseph Beauce, PQ	N, 493, 9-12-95
	June 18	15¢ + 3¢ SQ + 1¢ SQ x 2, registered, St. Catherines, ON to Edinburgh	E, p. 25 B, p. 253 K, 223, 6-22-00
	June 28	15¢ block of 4, + 6¢ LQ + 3¢ SQ + 1¢ SQ, Ottawa to London, UK	K, 938, 5-15-97
	November 17	15¢ pair, Fredericton, NB to Gagetown, NB	N, 636, 9-4-86 N, 493, 2-28-90
1871	March 20	15¢ + 3¢ SQ, Barrie, ON to Goderich ON	C, 132, 2-5-03
	March 22	15¢, Aylmer, PQ to Papineauville, ON	N, 1034, 10-27-83 N, 460, 10-2-85 N, 494, 9-12-95 N, 1565, 9-11-02
	May 8	15¢, Fredericton, NB to Gagetown, NB	N, 492, 9-12-95
	May 22	15¢ Wolfville, NS to Terrakina, New Zealand	K, 1190, 5-15-97
	June 8	15¢, Toronto to Edinburgh, UK	K, 972, 5-15-97
	December 8	15¢ + 1¢ SQ, Montreal to Munich, Bavaria	N, 224, 11-22-95
	December 22	15¢ + 1¢ SQ, Montreal to Munich, Bavaria	N, 495, 9-12-95 K, 1018, 5-15-97
	December 29	15¢ + 1¢ SQ, Montreal to Munich, Bavaria	N, 225, 11-21-95 S, 311, 12-99 D
1872	January 5	15¢ (replaced) + 1¢ SQ, Montreal to Munich, Bavaria	K, 1703, 3-10-07
	January 12	15¢ + 1¢ SQ, Montreal to Munich, Bavaria	N, 496, 9-12-95 K, 167, 6-22-00 K, 524, 10-11-03
	August 8	15¢ + 6¢ SQ, PEI (?) to Argentina	N, 400, 1-12-89 K, 988, 5-15-97
	August 8	15¢ + 12½¢ LQ + ½¢ LQ, Charlottetown, PEI to Argentina	K, 989, 5-15-97
	October 7	15¢ + 1¢ SQ, Halifax, NS to Paris, France	K, 152, 6-22-00
	October 21	15¢ x 2, Newcastle, NB to Devon, UK	L, p. 19 R, 2143, 6-7-07
	October 22	15¢ + 3¢ SQ + 2¢ SQ, registered front, Truro, NS to Halifax, NS	K, 1020, 9-8-99
	December 6	15¢ + 3¢ SQ + 2¢ SQ, Ottawa to Switzerland	H, p. 401
1873	June 13	15¢ + 1¢ SQ, Quebec to Sweden	E, p. 27 B, pp. 4a and 322 K, 1224, 5-15-97
	July 15	15¢ + 2¢ SQ, Normanton, ON to Berlin, ON	N, 575, 6-27-06
	August 27	15¢ + 1¢ SQ, Newcastle, NB to Melbourne, Victoria	K, 994, 5-15-97

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	October 18	15¢ + 12½¢ LQ + ½¢ LQ, Charlottetown, PEI to Argentina	E, p. 27 B, p. 344
1874	May 15	15¢ + 1¢ SQ, Quebec to Paris, France	D
	September 25	15¢ + 1¢ SQ, Quebec to Bordeaux, France	E, p. 26 B, p. 303 H, p. 395 K, 1070, 5-15-97
	October 30	15¢ + 1¢ SQ, Quebec to Bordeaux, France	N, 156, 6-16-87
1875	March 17	15¢ + 3¢ SQ, Dunnville, ON to Dublin, Ireland	N, 1558, 9-11-02 D
	July 24	15¢, Montreal to Christeville, PQ	M, 144, 4-22-06
	September 22	15¢ x 2 + 3¢ SQ x 3 + 1¢ SQ, registered, Thunder Bay, ON to Toronto	C, 123, 2-5-03
	November 26	15¢, NS to Edinburgh	K, 976, 5-15-97
	December 2	15¢ + 3¢ SQ x 3, St. Catherines, ON to Nassau, Bahamas	B, p. 287
	December 4	15¢ + 2¢ SQ, Liverpool, NS to Port Medway, NS	N, 492, 2-28-90
1876	July 31	15¢ + 3¢ SQ, Georgina, ON to Toronto	N, 226, 11-21-95
	September 4	15¢, Halifax, NS to Harbour Grace, NF	L, p. 11 Q, 472, 2-3-60 N, 492, 2-28-90
	October 21	15¢, Toronto to County of Sligo, Ireland	O, 1-30-95
	November 10	15¢ + 3¢ SQ strip of 3, registered, Windsor, ON to Sandwich, ON (front)	N, 497, 9-12-95
1877	May 6	15¢ + 6¢ SQ + 3¢ SQ, Toronto to Brazil	E, p. 28 B, pp. 331a and 345 K, 1033, 5-15-97
	July 3	15¢ pair + 6¢ SQ, Bruce Mines, ON to Toronto	N, 227, 11-21-95
	September 8	15¢, Toronto to Wallbridge, ON (wrapper)	Q, 468, 2-3-60 N, 1121, 12-1-82 K, 1021, 9-8-99
	October 1	15¢, Toronto to Melbourne, Victoria	B, p. 374 K, 997, 5-15-97
	October 26	15¢, Toronto to Barrie, ON	O
	November 24	15¢ + 1¢ SQ, Hamilton, ON to Shanghai	Q, 473, 2-3-60 E, p. 28 B, p. 383 K, 1044, 5-15-97
1878	April 2	15¢ + 2¢ RLS, Quebec to Mascouche Rapids, PQ (wrapper)	N, 529, 2-25-87 N, 228, 11-21-95
	May 27	15¢, Toronto to Wallbridge, ON (wrapper)	O, 9-04
	June 12	15¢, Toronto to Madoc, ON	Q, 467, 2-3-60 L, p. 12
	December 11	15¢ pair + 2¢ RLS, Bracebridge, ON to Lindsay, ON	N, 873, 4-9-87
1879	March 8	15¢, Ottawa (House of Commons) to Nottingham, UK	N, 380, 10-25-00
	November 7	15¢, Lennonville, PQ to South Africa	R, 2166, 6-7-07
	November 29	15¢ + 5¢ SQ + 1¢ SQ + 2¢ RLS, St. Marys, ON to Woodstock, ON	N, 482, 2-24-83 O, 2004
1880	February 11	15¢, Montreal to Edinburgh, UK	O, 2-05
1881		No Covers Recorded	
1882	January 21	15¢ x 4 + 5¢ SQ x 2 + 5¢ RLS, registered, Halifax, NS to London, UK	O, 12-04
	May 8	15¢, Toronto to Manchester, UK	R, 2149, 6-7-07

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1883	?	15¢ + 10¢ SQ + 2¢ SQ + 2¢ RLS, registered, ON to Toronto (front)	Q, 475, 2-3-60 J, 2166, 6-17-95
	October 23	15¢, St. John, NB to Noel, NS	N, 475, 2-24-83
1884	March 3	15¢ + many others, registered, Guelph, ON to Sidney, NSW	K, 88, 6-22-00
	May 9	15¢ + 5¢ RLS, Montreal to Birmingham, UK, registered	N, 874, 4-9-87 K, 144, 6-22-00
	May 22	15¢ pair + 3¢ SQ + 2¢ RLS, Toronto to Winnipeg, MN	M, 145, 4-11-06
	October 16	15¢, Guelph, ON to Sidney, NSW	O, 1997
	October 28	15¢, Montreal to London, UK	M, 90, 9-10-05
	December 11	15¢, Guelph, ON to Sidney, NSW	N, 229, 11-21-95 D
	1885	March 17	15¢, Ottawa (House of Commons) to London, UK
March 30		15¢ pair + 5¢ SQ, Charlottetown, PEI to London, UK	N, 1122, 12-1-82
June 5		15¢ + 10¢ SQ, Ottawa to London, UK	N, 217, 5-27-87 J, 2167, 6-17-95
June 18		15¢, Ottawa to Auckland, New Zealand	K, 210, 6-22-00
August 20		15¢ + 3¢ SQ + 1¢ SQ, Guelph, ON to Auckland, New Zealand via UK	K, 209, 6-22-00
1886		April 28	15¢, Toronto to Melbourne, Victoria
	July 6	15¢ + 5¢ RLS, Walpella, Assiniboia to Lincolnshire, UK	E, p. 29 B, p. 262 K, 929, 5-15-97 K, 944, 1-30-98 D
1887	February 2	15¢, Port Hope, NS to Dunedin, New Zealand	B, p. 375 K, 1193, 5-15-97 K, 945, 1-30-98
	March 28	15¢, Brantford, ON to Melbourne, Victoria	N, 638, 9-4-86 D
	March 30	15¢ pair, Guelph, ON to Auckland, New Zealand	N, 1004, 10-27-83
	May 26	15¢ strip of 3, Guelph, ON to Auckland, New Zealand	N, 637, 9-4-86
	July 21	15¢, Guelph, ON to Auckland, New Zealand	E, p. 31 N, 639, 9-4-86 K, 1192, 5-15-97
	August 18	15¢ strip of 4, Guelph, ON to Auckland, New Zealand	K, 1194, 5-15-97 K, 946, 1-30-98
	September 15	15¢ strip of 3 x 2 and single, Guelph, ON to Auckland, New Zealand	A, p. 140
	October 19	15¢, Renfrew, ON to Toronto	N, 640, 9-4-86 N, 230, 11-21-95
	December 8	15¢, Guelph, ON to Auckland, New Zealand	K, 1706, 3-10-07
	December 9	15¢ pair + 2c RLS, registered, Sarnia, ON to Toronto	K, 1022, 9-8-99 D
	1888	January 5	15¢ x 4, Guelph, ON to Auckland, New Zealand
January 6		15¢ pair, Guelph, ON to Auckland, New Zealand	K, 1705, 3-10-07
February 29		15¢ x 2, Guelph, ON to New Zealand	D
March 28		15¢ block of 5, Guelph, ON to Auckland, New Zealand	N, 1005, 10-27-83 O, 9-12-07
May 16		15¢, Newmarket, ON to Sidney, NSW	N, 703, 5-30-84 N, 875, 4-9-87 D

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	May 23	15¢ strip of 6, Guelph, ON to Auckland, New Zealand	A, p. 141 R, 2167, 6-7-07
	June 20	15¢, Guelph, ON to Auckland, New Zealand	N, 692, 5-1-86
	September 11	15¢, Guelph, ON to Auckland, New Zealand	I, 329, 12-1-06
	November 6	15¢ pair, Guelph, ON to Auckland, New Zealand	K, 1705, 3-10-07
1889	May 6	15¢ x 2 + 10¢ SQ x 4 + 3¢ SQ x 2 + 1¢ SQ + 2¢ RLS, Guelph, on piece	J, 2168, 6-17-05
	June 17	15¢ + 5¢ RLS, Montreal to London, UK	K, 1704, 3-10-07
	December 26	15¢ + 10¢ SQ, registered, Montreal to Argentina	K, 83, 6-22-00 J, 2169, 6-17-95
1890	February 8	15¢ pair + 10¢ SQ + 8¢ RLS, registered, Halifax, NS to Lisbon, Portugal	J, 2170, 6-17-95
	April 25	15¢ pair (2 nd pair (?) missing) + 10¢ SQ + 5¢ SQ, Halifax, NS to Ceylon	N, 381, 10-25-00
1891	March 22	15¢ + 10¢ SQ on parcel post front, Quebec to St. Joseph Beauce, PQ	N, 1033, 10-27-83
	August 8	15¢, Moncton, NB to local	O, 2-4-05
	November 2	15¢, St. John, NB to Paris, France	N, 1586, 9-11-02
	November 11	15¢ + 3¢ SQ, Parry Sound, ON to Toronto (front)	N, 498, 9-12-95
1892	January 30	15¢ + 5¢ RLS, Halifax, NS to Paris, France	Q, 474, 2-3-60 N, 1002, 10-27-83
	August 12	15¢ + 5¢ SQ + 5¢ RLS, Victoria, BC to London, UK	N, 1585, 9-11-02
1893	August 1	15¢ + many others, registered, to Germany	K, 173, 6-22-00
1894	March 12	15¢ + 20¢ WW + 50¢ WW + 10¢ SQ + ½¢ SQ + 5¢ RLS, Hamilton, ON to Argentina	J, 2171, 6-17-95
	June 9	15¢ + 5¢ SQ, St. John, NB to Chester, UK	Q, 471, 2-3-60
	July 3	15¢, Ottawa to Colchester, UK, registered	N, 401, 1-12-89
	July 7	15¢, Ottawa to Trenton, NJ, USA, registered	N, 231, 11-21-95
1895	January 5	15¢ + 5¢ SQ, Toronto to Dublin, Ireland	K, 190, 6-22-00
	February 11	15¢ + many others, Thedford, ON to Berlin, ON	J, 2172, 6-17-95 I, 484, 2-22-03
	March 30	15¢ pair + 5¢ SQ, Charlottetown, PEI to London, UK	D
	April 8	15¢, Ottawa (House of Commons) to UK	N, 485, 2-24-83
	April 9	15¢ x 2 + 3¢ SQ, Toronto, on newspaper tag	E, p. 30
	May 29	15¢, Vancouver, BC to Switzerland	G, 1181, 5-24-01
	October 15	15¢, Quebec to Stockholm, Sweden (front)	I, 1704, 3-9-05
	October 22	15¢, Port Arthur, ON to Toronto	N, 314, 9-27-89 K, 609, 1-12-02
	November 1	15¢, Montreal to Budapest, Hungary	K, 178, 6-22-00
	November 23	15¢ + 10¢ SQ + 2¢ SQ, Toronto to Berlin, ON (15¢ + 6¢ SQ on reverse)	J, 2173, 6-17-95
1896	January 13	15¢, Berlin, ON to London, UK	R, 2168, 6-7-07
	June 18	15¢, Toronto to Colchester, UK, registered	Q, 470, 2-3-60 N, 749, 2-5-98
	July 14	15¢ + many others, Berlin, ON to Australia to Austria to Canada, registered	N, 577, 10-23-07
	November 7	15¢, Halifax, NS to Montreal, registered	N, 494, 2-28-90 N, 1126, 1-20-00
	November 20	15¢, Woodstock, NB to Montreal	K, 590, 6-18-05
1897	January 16	15¢ + ½¢ to 10¢ SQ + 20¢ WW + 50¢ WW + 5¢ RLS + 2¢ RLS, New Glasgow, NS to Halifax, NS	J, 2174, 6-17-95
	February 20	15¢ + 5¢ SQ, St. John, NB to Gagetown, NS	N, 876, 4-9-87
	March 1	15¢, Montreal to London, UK	N, 232, 11-21-95

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	April 28	15¢, Brantford, ON to Sidney, NSW	K, 1188, 5-15-97
	July 15	15¢, Vancouver, BC to France	F, 199, 6-22-05
	October 7	15¢ pair + 5¢ SQ, Toronto, on mailing receipt	N, 233, 1-22-93
1898	January 17	15¢, Ottawa to Colchester, UK, registered	O
	March 10	15¢, Vancouver, BC to Lancashire, UK	N, 313, 9-27-89 K, 477, 5-15-97
	September 6	15¢ + 2¢ SQ, registered parcel post, Chatsworth, ON to Owen Sound, ON	N, 877, 4-9-87
	October 13	15¢, Ottawa to Gotha, Germany	N, 878, 4-9-87
1899	April 26	15¢, Montreal to Munich, Germany	M, 572, 11-25-06
	June 14 (?)	15¢ + 1c Numeral, local to Penetanguishene, ON (5 th class)	O, 4-20-03
	May 18	15¢, Berlin, ON to Vienna, Austria, registered	I, 945, 1-23-03
1900 to 1903 inci.		No Covers Recorded	
1904	November 2	15¢, Toronto to Potsdam, Germany	N, 1003, 10-27-83
1905	March 17	15¢ imperf. pair, Montreal to Providence, RI, USA	N, 1540, 9-11-02
1906	August 21	15¢ imperf. pair, Montreal to London, UK	L, p. 30 N, 1115, 12-1-82
Covers With Unconfirmed / Illegible / Unrecorded Dates:			
1894(?)		15¢ block of 10 (5 x 2) + 15¢ LQ strip of 3 x 2 + 10¢ SQ + 5¢ RLS, to London, UK, registered	J, 2175, 6-17-95
1894(?)	July 5	15¢ + 6¢ SQ + 3¢ SQ, Montreal to Quebec	O
1894(?)		15¢ x 2 + 50¢ WW + 1¢ SQ, on parcel wrapper, Ottawa to Austria	O, 8-03
?	June 25	15¢, Hamilton, ON to Sidney, NSW	Q, 469, 2-3-60
?		15¢ + 2¢ SQ + 1¢ SQ, parcel post, Quebec to St. Joseph Beauce, PQ	N, 1032, 10-22-83
1888(?)	October 13	15¢ strip of 5, Guelph, ON to Auckland, New Zealand	A, p. 142

Editor's Column

Glenn Archer

Bill Radcliffe and I agreed after some discussion to make an entire edition from this extensive study of the fifteen-cent Large Queen. I like to share newsletter space with as many contributors as possible (half-page to two-page articles work best) but there is excellent study information here - and the article is better published in its entirety than split in pieces. We are especially thankful to Art Bunce for his generosity in sharing this research. Art will of course continue his census, and he would appreciate receiving documentation of more existing covers. As new covers surface, we will coordinate with Art to update the list. We intend to maintain an appended list and make it available in electronic form on request.

I was personally surprised that known covers number probably in the low hundreds - the stamp was used for over thirty years, and singles are fairly easy to find. On reviewing the list, there is obviously a fascinating and exotic area of study here waiting to be further explored. The possibilities are many - legal documents, parcel post, wrappers, unusual destinations, "premium" carriage rates (e.g. Cunard Line) to name only a few.

We have a few articles in preparation for the next newsletter; our goal is late January but we all have busy lives so I hesitate to promise an exact date. We always appreciate having a surplus of articles as it allows us to "balance" the newsletter and provide interesting reading for as many as possible. If you have spare time in the next few months after US Thanksgiving, holiday shopping, end-of-year holidays etc. to put some of your interests into article form and share with like-minded collectors... many thanks in advance, and best wishes for 2008.