

NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES



St Hyacinthe, QUE. – Strike on a 20 Cent Queen Victoria stamp (left), dated AM/DE 5/95; the first reported strike of this hammer on this stamp.

Sherbrooke, QUE. Hammer I – First reported strike on a government post card (GPC), dated 1/MR 1/00.

Martintown, ONT – Two strikes with an Inverted day date “22” on a registered cover franked with a 3 Cent and 5 Cent Small Queen issue (below); the strike is dated -/22 OC/96. This is the first reported inverted indicia error for this hammer. The day preceding the month is a typical date arrangement for the Martintown hammer.



Port Perry, ONT – The first reported use of a three-letter month for this hammer; the dispatching strike on a private post card is dated -/JUL 25/06.

NEW REPORTS: QUEBEC PROVINCE SQUARED CIRCLES: PRECURSOR AND TYPE ONE/TYPE TWO

Study Group member Laurent Belisle is developing an exhibit of Quebec province squared circle cancels for BNAPEX 2018 and sent copies of selected exhibit pages featuring mostly covers/cards, many of which represent new reports of dates, indicia errors and indicia arrangements. The following reports were gleaned from Laurent's pages.

Montreal Precursor, Hammer I – New earliest reported date of use; strike (below left) is backstamp on cover is dated FE 26 1P/92.

Montreal Precursor, Hammer III – New latest reported date of use; strike is backstamp receiver on foreign cover to Montreal is dated MY 10 A10/01.

Montreal Precursor, Hammer IV – New latest reported date of use; strike is dispatching cancel on GPC dated OC 12 A9/03 (below, right).



Montreal Precursor, Hammer V – New reported year of use - 1903; strike is backstamp receiver on cover from Germany to Montreal, dated MR 29 7A/03.

Three Rivers, QUE – Earlier date for missing right leg on second “R” of Rivers; handbook states “By DE 4/97, the right leg of second R is absent”; new report has earlier date of -/OC 23/97.

Danville, QUE – Indicia error: missing “0” in year date for 1907; strike on 1 Cent Edward franked postcard is dated -/AU 12/ 7.

Eastman, QUE – Another example of a “0” spacer in the day date; strike on cover is dated -/OC 03/98.

Iberville, QUE – First report of a dash (–) as a spacer in the date slot; strike on illustrated cover is dated -/JU -7/95.

Iberville, QUE – Indicia error: reversed year date “01”; receiver on a 1910 dated Edward franked post card with strike dated -/SP 9/01.

QUEBEC PROVINCE SQUARED CIRCLES: (CONTINUED)

Iberville, QUE – Indicia error: inverted and backward “13” in year date on postcard with 1 Cent Admiral; strike is dated -/MY 31/31.

Laurentides, QUE – Indicia error: inverted “2” in strike on 1 Cent Admiral franked postcard; strike is dated -/AU 2/13.

Levis, QUE – First reported use of a * (star) in the month/day indicia slot; strike on 2 Cent Edward postcard dated -/*C 17/04.

Levis, QUE – Indicia error: Second reported example of missing year date indicia; strike on a 1906 dated 2 Cent Edward franked cover dated -/JA 16/0.

Melbourne, QUE – Indicia error: missing year indicia on registration receipt; strike dated -/JY 2/0.

Melbourne, QUE – Indicia error: missing year date indicia “1”; strike is backstamp on a 1901 2 Cent Numeral Queen cover, dated -/JY 2/0_; also borrowed “o” indicia in year date.

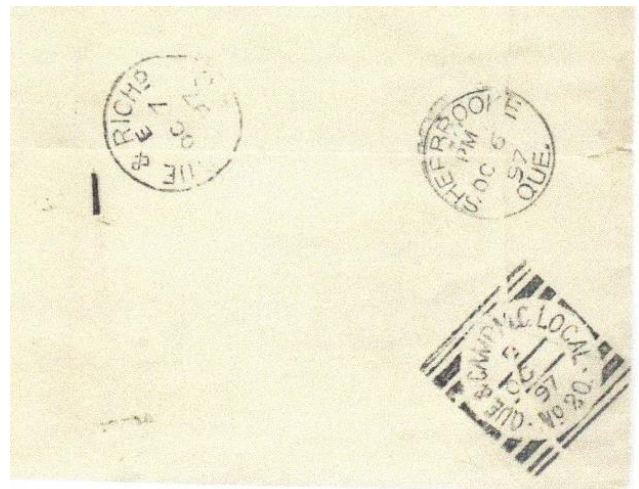
Melbourne, QUE – Indicia error: backwards month indicia “OC” and borrowed “0” year date indicia; dispatching dater/obliterator strike on 1 Cent Edward post card dated -/OC 15/1o.

Montreal, QUE Hammer I – An additional date arrangement example of day preceding the month indicia; strike dated 5/11 AP/98 on cover with 4x1/2 Cent Leaf and 2 Cent Leaf stamps.

Quebec, Canada – Indicia error: sideway (lazy) “4” time mark; strike on GPC is dated 4/JY 15/96.

St. Gregoire, QUE – Indicia error: inverted “96” year date in time mark slot; strike on GPC is dated 96/JA 21/- (below left).

Que. & Camp. M.C. Local No. 20, Hammer II, State 2 – Indicia error: missing day date indicia on backstamp strike on 1 Cent and 3 Cent Jubilee cover dated E/OC __/97 (below right).



QUEBEC PROVINCE SQUARED CIRCLES: (CONTINUED)

Que. & Camp. M.C. Local No. 20, Hammer II, State 2 – Indicia error: missing day date indicia on 3 Cent Numeral franked cover (below, right); dater/obliterator strike is dated W/AU ___ /98.

Que. & Camp. M.C. Local No. 20, Hammer II, State 2 – Dispatching cancels tying 1 and 2 Cent Jubilees to cover (below, left); strike is dated W/SP 27/97; first reported strike on 2 Cent Jubilee.



UPCOMING SPARKS AUCTION - SQUARED CIRCLES

In response to my contact regarding a rumored 2018 auction containing any remaining squared circle items from Ted Kerzner's estate, I received the following update from Stephane Cloutier, Director of Lotting & Consignments for Sparks Auctions:

"Yes, I will be including a little over 150 lots of Canadian Squared Circles in my May 29-30 sale. Material ranges from very rare strikes (Coleman, Blyth, Sherbrooke Hammer II, for example) to groups and everything in between, including lots of Ex. Hennok collections, early and late dates, errors, etc."

In regards to Ted's foreign squared circles, Stephane noted... *"Some of his foreign countries have already been sold overseas, but I have on hand his entire holdings of GB squared circles, just waiting to be lotted, described, etc. a very advanced collection."*

CANPEX 2018

Peter McCarthy sent information on CANPEX 2018, to be held October 13-14 at the Hellenic Centre, 133 Southdale Road, London, Ontario. The venue has free parking, free admission, and an excellent dealer bourse. The show qualifies as an American Philatelic Society World Series of Philately event. If there is sufficient interest, we can schedule a Study Group meeting. The show's website is www.canpex.ca; inquiries regarding the show should be directed to info@canpex.com.