

NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES

Newport Landing, NS: Fourth reported off-cover example on a 3 Cent Jubilee; strike dated -/JY 5/97

Fredericton, NB: Strike on a 6 Cent Small Queen, dated PM/DE 23/95; previously unreported on this issue.

St. John, NB, Hammer II: Strike on 1/2 Large Queen stamp, dated PM/NO 16/96; previously unreported on this issue.

St. John, NB, Hammer III: Strike on 6 Cent Numeral stamp, dated PM/OC 21/98; previously unreported on this issue.

Acton Vale, QUE: Strike on 5 Cent Small Queen stamp, dated -/DE 18/97; previously unreported on this issue.

Sherbrooke, QUE, Hammer I: Strike on 1 Cent Small Queen, dated PM/AP 11/94; use of PM time mark in 1894, as noted in Handbook.

Flesherton, ONT: Strike on 10 Cent Small Queen stamp, dated -/FE 11/98; previously unreported on this issue.

Goderich, ONT; Two examples of the single digit "9" for year date 99 on Map stamps in January 1899; strikes are dated JA 22 and JA 29.



Sault Ste. Marie, ONT: A previously unreported error, inverted PM time mark; strike on 3 Cent Small Queen (at left) is dated *PM/AP 11/97*

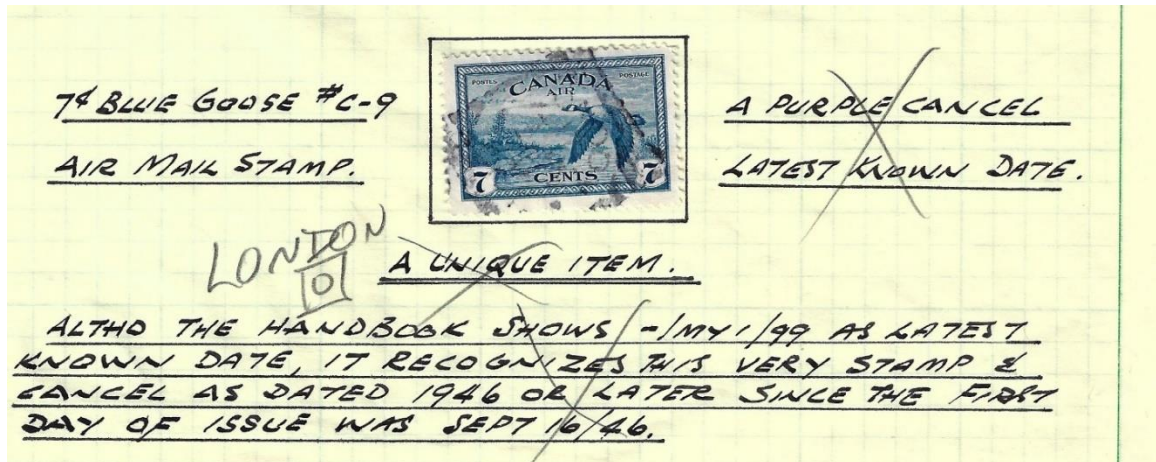
Wingham, ONT, State 2: A new report of the reversed year indicia "10" for 1901 dates. The strike is dated -/MY 18/10 on a 2 Cent Numeral. *Note that a corrected dated strike -/MY 18/01 is noted in the Handbook.*

Brandon, MAN: Strike on a Half Cent Jubilee issue; strike date is unclear; previously unreported on this issue.

Elkhorn, MAN: First reported strike on a 3 Cent Registration stamp; the strike is dated -/DE 16/93.

QUESTIONING THE EXISTENCE OF A MAGOG CANCEL ON THE C-9 GOOSE AIRMAIL STAMP
(Laurent Bélisle)

This item is mounted on a MAGOG page from a collection I acquired a few years back. The entry had already been corrected to LONDON instead of MAGOG. By wishful thinking the second O of London was originally mistaken for the O of MAGOG and the O of ONT for the Q of QUE; the positions being similar.



IS IT THE SAME STAMP REFERED TO FROM RA-66?

The following comments are from Tom Southey in Rounding Up Annex 66/October 1992

“Another unique item is a MAGOG squared circle on the C-9 airmail stamp. The strike is faint, but it appears that the month is April, the day looks like 5 but for the year, I can only identify a 4. The stamp was issued on my 28th birthday (September 16, 1946) so the date on the cancel must be 47 or later; in fact, it does look like 47.

The ink is purple so it may be the same cancel to which reference is made in the Handbook. I have had this stamp for ages, so it is possible that I reported it to Bill Moffatt before the Handbook was published.”

In RA-66 the sentence: “A UNIQUE ITEM “is used as in the page from the collection! As the item is supposed to be unique, the fact that it is clearly a LONDON cancel would negate the existence of a MAGOG cancel on C9. Unless a new copy is presented, the Handbook should be updated to reflect this.

CORRECTING REPORT ON WINDSOR, ONT MAP STAMP STRIKE
(Rick Friesen)

While no Windsor/ONT Squared Circle strikes were recorded on the Map stamp in the 2001 5th Edition Handbook, Jack Gordon reported the first strike, dated PM/MR 13/99, in *Roundup Annex*, Vol. 26, #2, Whole #109. This information on the late use of the Windsor hammer on a Map stamp came from “a CD-ROM of images from the (Jim) Hennok collection” supplied by Bill Longley. However, no image of the strike accompanied this report in the *Roundup Annex*.

CORRECTING REPORT ON WINDSOR, ONT MAP STAMP STRIKE (Continued)

I used the *Roundup Annex* information to update my database and as source material when writing my article for the *Roundup Annex* (Vol. 40, #1, Whole #136 (2019)) entitled "Unique Squared Circle Cancellations of Canada on the 2¢ Imperial Penny Postage Commemorative Issue of 1898 (The 'Map Stamp')". Surprisingly, this unique stamp/strike was not illustrated or sold individually in the December 2005 Matthew Bennett auction of the Jim Hennok collection (by comparison, the unique Kincardine ONT Map stamp strike was offered as an individual lot, Lot #2107). So, where did the information on the Windsor, ONT strike originate that was reported in the 2005 *Annex*?

It turns out that Hennok exhibited his collection of the Squared Circles of Canada in the late 1990's or early 2000's and had a book prepared illustrating his exhibit. I recently acquired a copy of this book from Bill Longley and presumably it was this book that was used to prepare the CD-ROM of images referred to above. In his exhibit, Hennok displays a Map stamp on the page dedicated to strikes from Windsor/ONT with the accompanying caption "Latest Date" (note that when he was preparing his exhibit, Hennok would have been working with either Handbook #4 or #5, both of which report PM/DE 5/98 as the Windsor/ONT hammer latest date of use). A closer perusal of the strike (see **Figure 1 below**) reveals that it was incorrectly assigned by Hennok and reported as such by Gordon - it is actually a PM/MR 13/99 LINDSAY/ONT strike! Therefore, no Windsor/ONT Squared Circle strikes are known on Map stamps.

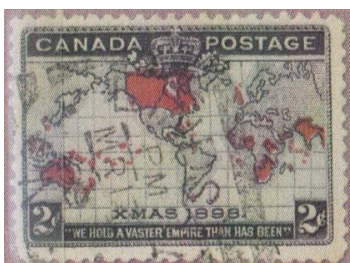


Figure 1. The WINDSOR/ONT page from the Hennok exhibit containing the Map stamp strike reported to be the "Latest Date" (PM/MR 13/99)

HIGH STREET – TORONTO SQUARED CIRCLE CANCEL **(Joe Smith)**

A recent auction lot from the Universal Philatelic Auction # 79 has a fake High Street – Toronto squared circle cancel on a fake five-dollar Jubilee stamp. This cancel can be found on most dollar Jubilee issues, all fake stamps. (Refer to the Fourth Edition Handbook discussions on page 398). Joe Smith offers the following additional comments regarding the High Street cancels.

This is a topic I have explored for many years. The fake HIGH STREET TORONTO is a subsection of the fake dollar Jubilees. Some have postulated that they are the work of Panelli but I am more inclined to say it was Oneglia, an Italian expatriate living in London UK during the late 1890's who used his engraving skills to reproduce scarce stamps and pawn them off on unsuspecting buyers. He spent time in jail and was fined for his activities.

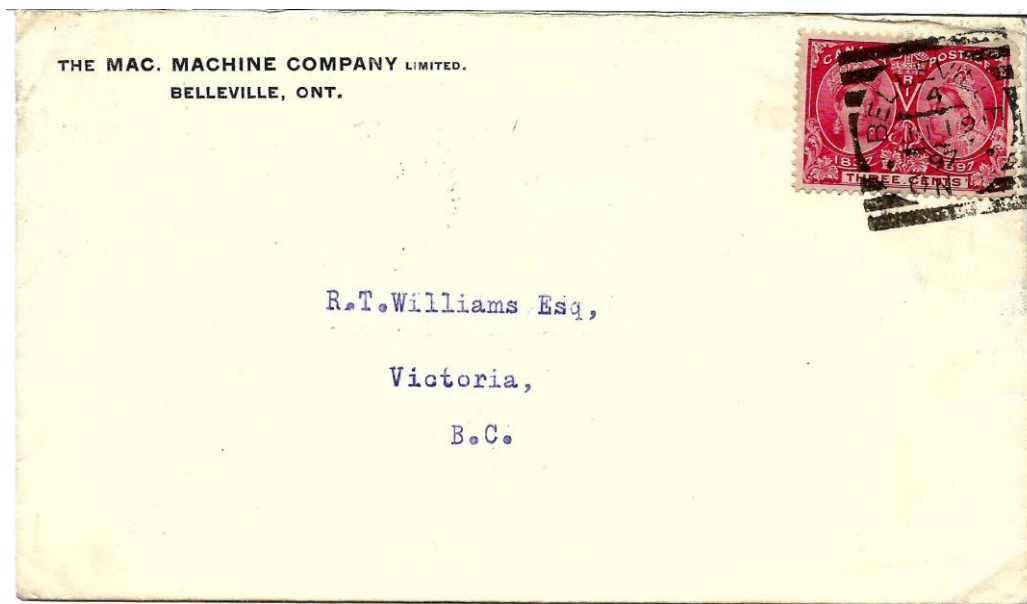
HIGH STREET - TORONTO SQUARED CIRCLE CANCEL (Continued)



It appears on all dollar values and has a fixed date of AM/OC 11/97, lacking indicia bars in the date. Most if not all were applied from right to left (see \$5 illustration above). The intention was to obscure the minor inconsistencies of the engraving, of which there are many; likewise, the use of roller cancels, which are more common, served the same purpose.

The strike on the 2 Cent SQ bisect is a nice example of the details of the rubber hammer, as much of it is on the paper piece; this is the first I have ever seen and is not noted in the Moffatt and Hansen Fourth Edition Handbook. This example recently sold on eBay for \$126 USD.

A caution to buyers; examples on dollar value Jubilees are only worth \$150-\$175 and many unknowledgeable (or perhaps well aware) dealers sell them as genuine stamps, fetching \$300-\$450. A prominent feature of the stamp is the paper, which is thicker and stiffer than a normal stamp and, when held to a strong light, there is no vertical mesh of the paper.



Belleville ONT Hammer III: First Day of Use of the 3 Cent Jubilee. Strike is dated 4/JU 19/97 (from Joe Smith)