

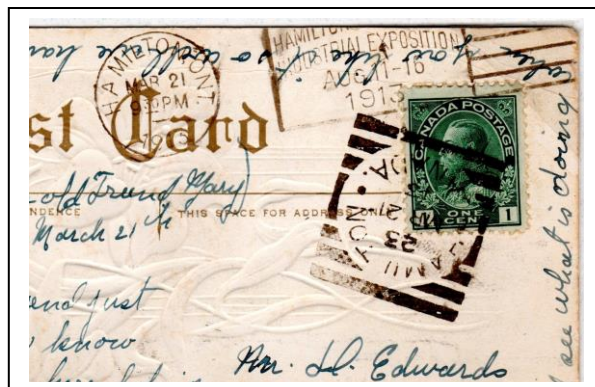
SECOND CHANCE CANCELS: AN INTERESTING USE OF THE HAMILTON SQUARED CIRCLE HAMMER

In the course of preparing an exhibit on the use of squared circle cancels during the Admiral Period, I noticed that strikes on two of the postcards mailed at Hamilton had both squared circle and rapid machine/slogan cancels applied to the cards.

Upon closer examination of the postcards, it was apparent that, in both cases, the machine cancels mostly or entirely missed the stamps and that the postal clerk(s) used the squared circle hammer to cancel the stamps. In the first example (top), the slogan cancel is dated MAR 21/9:30 PM/1913 and the squared circle cancel was applied an hour or so later, reflected by the 23/MR 21/13 (the 23 time mark represents 11PM).

The second example (middle), shows the partial machine cancel hub date line "AP" and the time "1". The Hamilton squared circle strike is dated 1/AP 10/14. The "1" time mark, representing 1 AM, is the scarcest of the Hamilton squared circle time marks.

A third example of this use was included in the Ted Kerzner/Sparks Auction in February 2017. The postcard at the bottom was placed incorrectly in the rapid cancelling machine and, once the missed postmark was noted, the squared circle was applied to cancel the stamp. The date on the slogan cancel is MAR 30/11:30 PM/1913 and the squared circle strike is dated a few hours later (at 1:00 AM the next day), 1/MR 31/13.



NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES

Grimsby, ONT: First reported strike 5 Cent Small Queen; strike on stamp is dated -/?U 29/98.

London East, ONT: First reported strike on a 1 Cent Government postcard; strike dated -/AU 7/98.

North Sydney, NS: First reported strike on a UPU Government postcard; transit strike mailed from Robinson's Head Bay of St. George, Newfoundland to Toronto. Backstamp strike dated -/MY 11/99.

NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES (Continued)

North Sydney, NS: First reported strike on the ½ Cent Small Queen issue; strike on cover with a ½ Cent SQ and Leaf, a 1 Cent Leaf and 1 Cent Jubilee, dated -/SP 26/98 (cover, below left)

Pictou, NS: First reported strike on the 10 Cent Numeral; strike dated -/DE 12/98 (below, right)

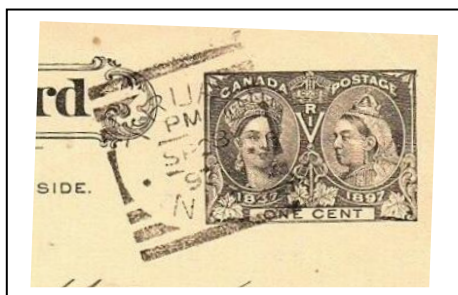


Truro, NS: First reported strike on the ½ Cent Small Queen issue; on a 2 Cent Government envelope with pair of ½ stamps; strikes dated AM/MR 10/97 (below, left)

Truro, NS: First reported strike on a Jubilee postcard; strike dated PM/SP 23/97 (below, center).

Milltown, NB: First reported strike on 1 Cent Numeral; on cover light 1899 strike partially

Melbourne, QUE: The first reported time mark use for this hammer: backstamp on cover is dated 2/FE 27/95 (below, right)



St. Hyacinthe, QUE: An additional report of an inverted month on a 3 Cent Small Queen stamp; strike is dated PM/OC 5/96. The 6th Edition Handbook lists a strike dated AM/OC 5/96.

Arnprior, ONT: First reported strike on a 10 Cent Small Queen; strike on pair of stamps partially dated -/DE ?/9?.

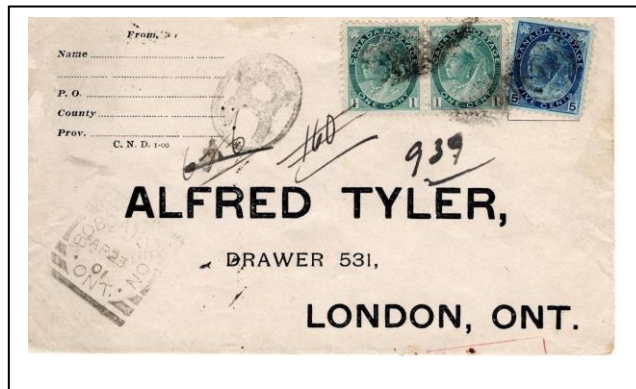
Arnprior, ONT: First reported strike on a 1 Cent Postage Due (J1); strike is dated -/NO 8/07. Strikes on the 2 Cent Postage Due are reported in the 6th Edition Handbook.

Belleville, ONT, Hammer III: First reported strike on a ½ Cent Small Queen; strike on cover (right) dated 3/AP 13/97.

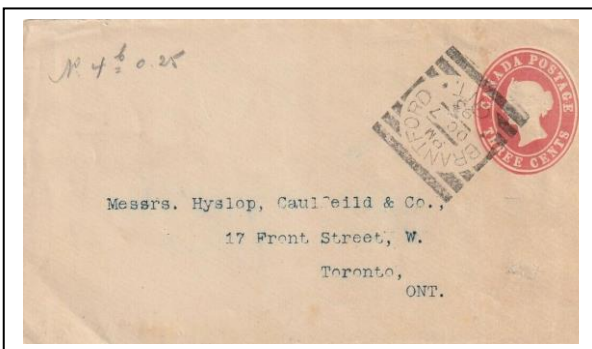


NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES (Continued)

Bobcaygeon, ONT State II & Lindsay, ONT: The first reported strikes for these hammers on a 5 Cent Numeral issue, both on the same registered cover. The dispatching Bobcaygeon strike is dated -/AP 23/01 and the Lindsay backstamp transit cancel is also dated PM/AP 23/01 (below)



Brantford, ONT: First reported strike on 3 Cent Government envelope, strike is dated PM/ OC 7/93 (below, left).



Dunnville, ONT: First reported strike on a 3 Cent Government envelope, the strike is dated -/JU 24/95 (above, right)

Georgetown, ONT: First reported strike on a Jubilee postcard; the strike is dated -/AU 12/97 (below, left).

Goderich, ONT: First reported strike on a 5 Cent Small Queen issue; strike on registered cover dated -/SP 12/95. (below, right)

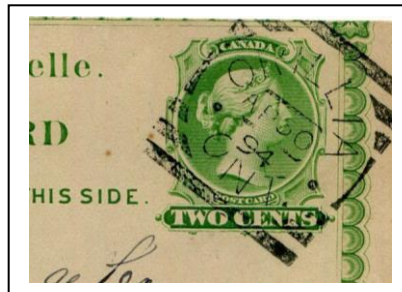


NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES (Continued)

Lindsay, ONT: The first reported strike on a 20 Cent Widow Weed; strike is dated -/DE 24/95 (below, left).

Orillia, ONT: First reported strike on 2 Cent Government UPU postcard, strike is dated -/ AP 30/94 (below, center).

St. Thomas, ONT: First reported strike on ½ Cent Small Queen issue; strike on off-cover stamp is dated ?M/?U 25/94 (below right).



St. Thomas, ONT: The first reported strikes on a 2 Cent Jubilee issue; matched set of time marks, dated AM/NO 2/98 (right) and PM/NO 2/98 (far right)



Toronto, CANADA: First reported strikes on 10 Cent QV Numeral issue, on off-cover stamps; one is partially dated; a second is dated 5PM/OC 12/99.

Woodstock, ONT: First reported strike on a 2/3 Cent QV Numeral; strike on stamp is dated -/SP 6/99 (right).

Birtle, MAN: A new **Latest Reported Date;** strike on a 5 Cent Numeral is dated -/AU 5/02 (far right).



REVISIONS TO PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

Annex (Vol. 41, No. 4): The CANSO, NS strike on a 20 Cent Willow Weed, reported In the September 2020 Annex is actually a TRURO, NS strike which was previously reported on a 20 Cent Willow Weed in the 6th Edition Handbook.