

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE ST. ANNE DE BEAUPRE COVER

The June 2022 ANNEX issue featured a registered cover bearing strikes of the St. Anne De Beaupre, Quebec squared circle postmark. There is a circular backstamp with a "C" (right) which was thought to be a New York City mark. Dave Lacelle, the Fancy Cancel Study Group Chairman/Newsletter Editor provided the following information regarding this backstamp.

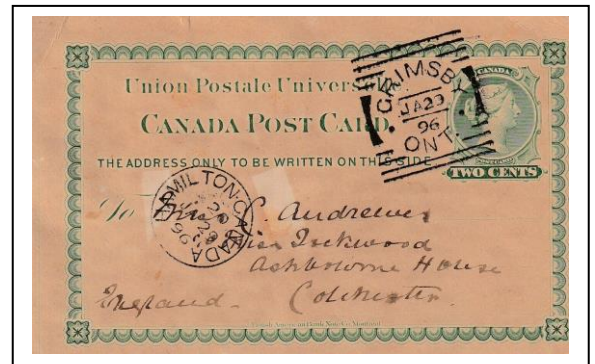


"The "C" backstamp is our Fancy Cancel D156a, a new listing in the 3rd Edition handbook, "D 156a Foreign". This is a New York City "C Depot" receiving mark (also see D371). There are other NYC depot marks listed in our handbook, usually as backstamps."

NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES: TYPE ONE, NOVA SCOTIA & QUEBEC

Brockville, ONT: First reported strike on a 1/2 Cent QV Leaf issue; strike dated PM/FE 22/98 (below, left).

Grimsby, ONT: First reported strike on a 2 Cent UPU Gov't postcard; strike dated -/JA 29/96 (below right).



Annapolis, NS First reported strike on a 2 Cent Jubilee; strike on stamp dated -/JY 3/97

North Sydney, NS: First reported strike on a 5 Cent QV Leaf issue; strike on registered cover dated -/JU 8/99.

St. Hyacinthe, QUE: First reported strike on an 8 Cent QV Numeral; partial strike on stamp dated -PM?E 22/?.

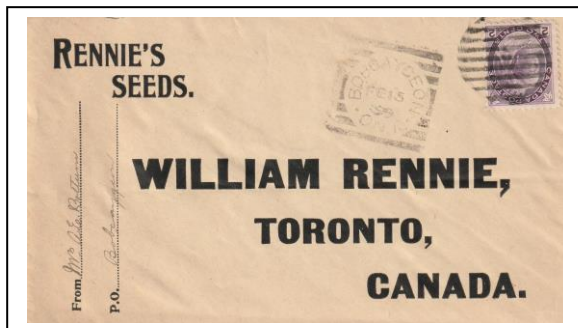
NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – ONTARIO

Almonte, ONT: An additional example of the year date error "69" for "96"; strike on 3 Cent Small Queen stamp dated -/AP 7/69.

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Bobcaygeon, ONT State 2: First reported strike on a 2 Cent QV purple Numeral issue; strike dated -/FE 15/99 (Below, left)

Bobcaygeon, ONT State 2: First reported strike on a 1 Cent QV Leaf issue; strike on drop rate cover dated -/JU 27/98 (Right)



Cardinal, ONT: First reported strike on a 8 Cent Jubilee; strike on stamp dated -/JU 22/97

Lucknow, ONT: First reported strike on a 2 Cent Letter Card; strike dated -/AP 6/00; backstamp/receiver Wingham State 2 squared circle dated -/AP 7/00.

Niagara Falls South, ONT: Second reported 3 Cent Jubilee cover, dated -/AU 6/97

Picton, ONT: Inverted year date indicia; strike on 3 Cent Small Queen dated 2/OC 22/95. (Below, left)

Port Arthur, ONT: First reported strike on a 2/3 Cent QV Leaf issue; multiple strikes on cover dated -/AU 30/09 (Below, right)



Schreiber, ONT. State 2: An uncommon/scarcely/rare strike on a 2 Cent Edward imperf issue; strike is dated -/OC 16/5; additional example of a missing "0" in year date.

Stouffville, ONT: First reported strike on a 1 Cent QV Leaf issue; free strike on cover dated */MR 9/99.

Sudbury, ONT: First reported strike on a Jubilee postcard; two light strikes dated -/AU 31/97.

Toronto, ONT: Day precedes month indicia; strike on 3 Cent Small Queen stamp dated 1PM/13 JA/94. HB 6 notes same day arrangement with a 7PM time mark. The 1PM time mark is rare.



Warkworth, ONT: First reported strike on a 5 Cent QV Numeral; strike dated -/SP 11/99. (Above))

The Woodstock Type II Squared Circle Hammer

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The Woodstock Type II squared circle hammer was proofed on March 9, 1894, and was in use until at least 1898. Page 155 of the 6th edition of the Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada states there are 566 off-cover and 74 on-cover strikes for a total of 640. These numbers are the same as in the 4th and 5th editions. The present study is based on 237 off-cover and 39 on-cover strikes for a total of 276. This includes lots 3575 and 3604 from Sparks Auctions auction #23 (Ted Kerzner's Squared Circle Cancellations of Canada). Three strikes from lot 3604 are shown in Figure 1. The 276 strikes are over 42% of the number reported and so should be a good representation of those known. The time mark is blank on all strikes.



Figure 1: Three strikes dated -/MR 26/94, -/AP 12/9 and -/OC 23/99.

Periods 1 and 2

The strikes reported here comprise two periods of use: Period 1 -/MR 13/94 to -/FE 27/95 and Period 2 -/AP 5/98 to -/AP 30/98. Earliest and latest strikes for Period 1 are shown in Figure 2a and for Period 2 in Figure 2b. Periods 1 and 2 in the 6th edition are -/MR 10/94 to -/OC 28/95 and -/AP 5/98 to -/AP 30/98, respectively. The 5th edition has the same dates except the latest date for Period 1 is -/FE 25/95. Thus, the period 2 dates are the same in all three cases.



(a) -/MR 13/94 and -/FE 27/95



(b) -/AP 5/98 and -/AP 30/98

Figure 2: Early and late strikes for Periods 1 and 2 in this study.

Period 3 and Map Stamps

Period 3 in both the 5th and 6th editions is -/AP 26/99 to -/OC 23/99. The strike for -/OC 23/99 is on a 2-cent red numeral and is illustrated on page 156 of the 6th edition. This is from lot 3604 mentioned above and is shown on the right in Figure 1. The last 4 letters in the town name are TOCK. Also shown on page 156 is a strike dated -/SP 6/99 on a 2/3 cent numeral and this is shown in Figure 3a on the following page. The last five letters in the town name are STOCK. Page 282 of the 4th edition provides a means of separating Type II hammers ending in "... CK."

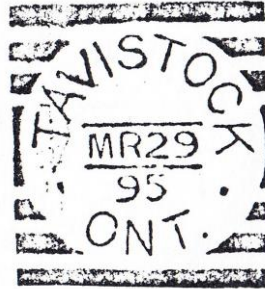
"If the left vertical of "K" is parallel to the upper indicia bar and just barely below it, and "C" lies well above the upper indicia bar, the town is TAVISTOCK. If a rightward extension of the upper indicia bar cuts through "C" the strike is from one of the WOODSTOCK hammers."

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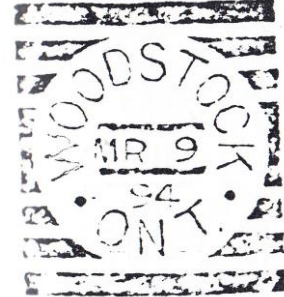
These differences can be seen in the proof strikes of TAVISTOCK and WOODSTOCK in Figure 3. The strikes dated -/OC 23/99 and -/SP 6/99 show the vertical of K pointing to the upper indicia bar and the C well above the upper indicia bar. In addition, the T of ONT points to the bottom bar, while the T of the Woodstock hammer points to the fourth right bar. This indicates that these strikes are TAVISTOCK and not WOODSTOCK.



(a) -/SP 6/99



(b) TAVISTOCK proof



(c) WOODSTOCK proof

Figure 3: The -/SP 6/99 strike on a 2/3 cent red numeral and proof strikes of TAVISTOCK and WOODSTOCK.

This brings into question the WOODSTOCK strikes after February 1895, and in particular the strikes on Map stamps. Note that all known time marks for TAVISTOCK and WOODSTOCK are blank. The 4th, 5th, and 6th editions of the handbook indicate 6 off-cover Woodstock strikes on map stamps, but only 3 strikes are given in the Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada on the 1898 Canadian 2¢ Imperial Penny Postage Issue (The 'Map Stamp'): A Census of Off-Cover Cancellations. Rick Friesen has generously provided scans of two of these strikes and these are shown in Figure 4. Figure 4a confirms that the Nels Pelletier WOODSTOCK strike dated -/? 21/99 is in fact TAVISTOCK.

The nude strike shown in Figure 4b is clearly WOODSTOCK. Rick has also determined from the owner that the third strike listed in the census as dated -/FE 19/99 is TAVISTOCK dated -/FE 1/99. Thus, there is only one confirmed WOODSTOCK strike on a map stamp and this is the only verified strike after -/AP 30/98. Based on this evidence, I suggest there is only one known Period 3 strike.



(a) -/? 21/99 (enhanced)



(b) nude

Figure 4: Strikes on Map stamp

Frequency by Month

Table 1 on the following page gives the frequency of off-cover and on-cover strikes in this study by month. Partial denotes that there is insufficient information to assign a month and year. These results show a peak in Period 1 usage in May and June 1894 with the fewest strikes in November 1894. The month with the greatest number of strikes is April 1898 which is not surprising considering the increase in mail volume from 1895 to 1898.

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| Date | 94 | | | | | | | | | | 95 | | 98 | Partial | Total |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------|-------|
| | MR | AP | MY | JU | JY | AU | SP | OC | NO | DE | JA | FE | AP | | |
| Off-cover | 14 | 18 | 26 | 27 | 15 | 19 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 31 | 27 | 237 |
| On cover | 0 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 0 | 39 |
| Total | 14 | 21 | 31 | 31 | 16 | 20 | 17 | 18 | 13 | 9 | 2 | 16 | 41 | 27 | 276 |

Table 1: Frequency of Strikes by Month

April 1898

Strikes in April 1898 are known to have a light or missing 8 in 98. Figures 5 and 6 illustrate strikes from -/AP 5/98 to -/AP 30/98 with 17 different dates. These show a clear 8 on April 5 and a missing 8 from April 8 to 12. The strike on April 14 is heavy but there is a light 8. The 8 in the April 15 to 20 strikes is light while it appears normal on April 21 and 22. The 8 is again light on April 23 to 30. Note the cover and cards in Figure 6 are from lot 3575.



(a) -/AP 5/98 to -/AP 15/98



(b) -/AP 16/98 to -/AP 22/98



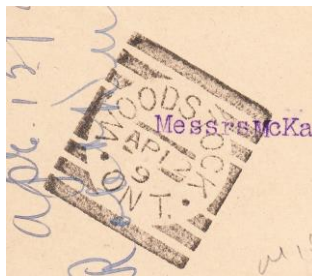
(c) -/AP 23/98 to -/AP 28/98

Figure 5: Sixteen April 1898 strikes.

The Woodstock Type II Squared Circle Hammer (Continued)



(a) -/AP 9/98



(b) -/AP 12/98



(c) -/AP 12/98

Figure 6: Three April 1898 strikes.

October 1894

A -/OO 10/94 strike is illustrated on page 156 of the 6th edition and a closeup of the date is shown in Figure 7a (from lot 3575 above). It appears that the writing on the card connects the gap in the C of OC to make it appear as OO. A closeup of a strike on cover dated -/OC 8/94 (also from lot 3575) and a strike dated -/OC 10/94 are shown in Figures 7b and 7c, respectively. Both indicate similar characteristics as in Figure 7a with the first letter of the month narrower than the second letter. None of the other October 1894 strikes in this study show the month as OO. These results suggest that the date in Figure 7a is actually -/OC 10/94.



(a) Closeup of -/OO 10/94 card



(b) Closeup of -/OC 8/94 cover



(c) -/OC 10/94

Figure 7: Three October 1894 strikes.

Conclusion

Figure 8 shows cancels on half cent and two cent small queens. Strikes on these stamps were not previously known. Note the month in the latter strike appears to be OO. Figure 9 shows two CDS cancels, one before Period 2 dated -/AP 4/98 and one after dated -/MY 3/98. These two CDS strikes are from different hammers and are the latest and earliest strikes, respectively, that I have. Thus, it may be that the squared circle hammer was used in the interim period. Information from readers regarding other strikes would be much appreciated, particularly squared circle strikes outside Periods 1 and 2 in this study.



Figure 8: -/MR 27/94 half cent small queen and -/OC ??/94 two cent Small Queen strikes



Figure 9: -/AP 4/98 and -/MY 3/98 CDS cancels