

RECENT AUCTION RESULTS – SPARKS AUCTIONS

Auction No. 44 (October 27th-29th) offered six of lots of squared circle collections, including large accumulations of Charlottetown (500 strikes), Kingston (1550 strikes), Peterborough (1150 strikes), St. Thomas (800 strikes) and York Street (525 strikes).

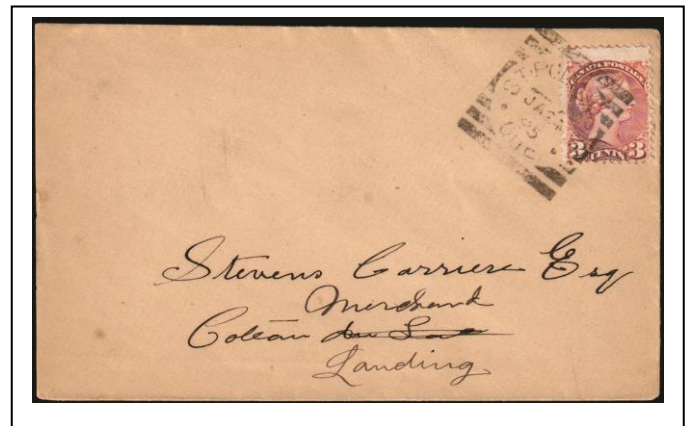
Lot 1063 featured the squared circle collection of the late Study Group member Don Fraser, consisting of 700 strikes on stamps and 10 covers, neatly mounted on album pages. Rick Friesen reviewed scans of all 56 pages in the collection and noted at least 58 items that were either current or new ERD's or LRD's, indicia errors and rare strikes. Lot 1063 brought a winning bid of \$6,200 CDN, not including buyer's premium and taxes.

New reports from the Fraser collection are included in this ANNEX issue; they can be identified by the town/hammer name in *italics*.

RECENT AUCTION RESULTS – LONGLEY AUCTIONS



Bill Longley's Auction NO. 27 (October 22nd) featured six squared circle lots including a number of scarce to rare strikes. A **Clifton NB** strike on cover realized \$475; a **Blyth ONT** strike on an advertising cover (below left) brought \$3,000; the only recorded dated **Coleman ONT** strike, on stamp (left), realized \$1,800; on-cover strikes of **St. Polycarpe QUE** (below right) and **Sutton ONT** brought \$900 and \$800 respectively; a **Grafton ONT** strike on a 3 Cent Small Queen cover realized \$100. All prices are CDN and do not include buyer's premium and taxes.



NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – TYPE ONE

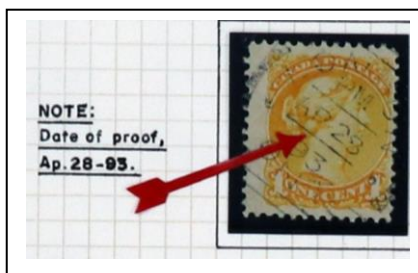
Brockville ONT: First report of a single year indicia error “9”; strike on 1 Cent Small Queen stamp dated PM/JA 6/9 (below, far left)

Cumberland, ONT: First reported strike on a 6 Cent Small Queen issue; strike on registered cover is dated -/MY 1/94 (Right)

Dutton, ONT: New **Earliest Reported Date**; strike on 3 Cent Small Queen stamp dated -/MY 1/93 (below, second from left)



London, ONT. State 1: A third example of the **Earliest Reported Date**; a strike on a 1 Cent Small Queen, dated PM/AP 28/93, which is the proof date of the hammer (below, second from right)



NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – NOVA SCOTIA and NEW BRUNSWICK

Annapolis, NS: New **Earliest Reported Date**; strike on 3 Cent Small Queen dated -/JU 22/94 (Above, far right)

Maccan, NS: First reported strike on a Jubilee postcard; light strike dated -/AU 16/97.

Noel, NS: An additional reported strike, partially dated -/S? 5/9? on a 3 Cent Small Queen stamp.

Port Maitland, NS: Additional report of a missing year date; strike on 3 Cent Small Queen dated -/AU 12/- (Right)



Sydney, NS Hammer 1: Additional example of the “00” indicia for “OC”; strike dated -/00 20/96.

Clifton, NB: An additional reported strike, dated -/NO 18/97 on a 3 Cent Small Queen. This report brings the total number of reported strikes to 34 (26 off cover, 8 on cover) and changes the RF from 90 to 80.

St. John, NB Hammer 1: An additional reported date with a “1” time mark; strike on 2 Cent Small Queen stamp dated 1/JU 30/96

NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – QUEBEC

Riviere Du Loup Station, QUE: Additional example of the day indicia preceding the month; strike on 3 Cent Small Queen stamp dated -/20 DE/97

NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – QUEBEC (Continued)

St. Hyacinthe, QUE: Additional 1895 strike with missing month indicia; strike on 3 Cent Small Queen stamp dated AM/- 19/95.

NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – ONTARIO



Almonte, ONT: Additional date/example of the “36” indicia error for “93”; strike on 3 Cent Small Queen dated -/SP 16/36.

Almonte, ONT: Additional date/example of the “69” indicia error for “96”; strike on 3 Cent Small Queen dated -/AU 7/69. (Left)

Aylmer West, ONT: Additional example of matched dated time marks; strikes on 3 Cent Small Queen stamps dated AM & PM/JA 26/94.

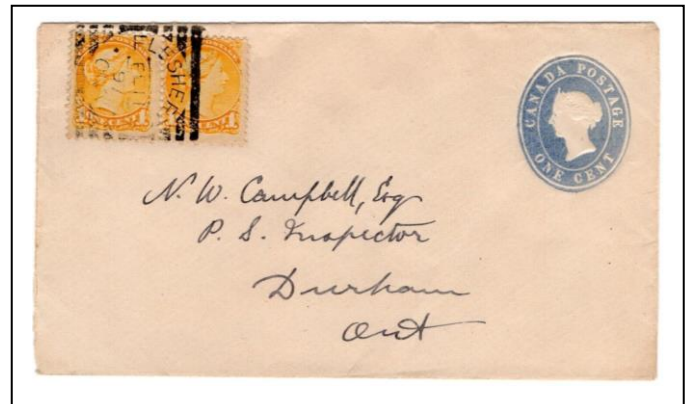
Belleville, ONT Hammer 2: Inverted “5” indicia in the year date “95”; strike on 3 Cent Small Queen dated ?JA 2/95.

Brampton, ONT: First report of an indicia arrangement of day preceding the month; strike on a pair of 1 Cent Small Queens dated -/2 MR/94.

Flesherton, ONT: First reported strike on a 1 Cent Government envelope; strike dated -/FE 11/97. (Right)

Gravenhurst, ONT: Additional date with an “AM” time mark; strike on 3 Cent Small Queen dated AM/AU 6/95.

Guelph, ONT: Additional example of matched dated time marks; strikes on 3 Cent Small Queen stamps dated AM & PM/AU 6/95.



Guelph, ONT: Earlier example of the year date indicia error “99” for “96”; strike on 3 Cent Small Queen dated PM/FE 12/99. Note that the Handbook lists a strike with the corrected year indicia PM/FE 12/96.



Markdale ONT Hammer 1: Additional example of the indicia arrangement of day preceding the month; strike on 3 Cent Small Queen dated -/7 NO/93.

Merrickville, ONT: Additional example of a day date “0” spacer; on 3 Cent Small Queen dated AM/OC 02/94. (Far left)

Mill Brook, ONT: An additional 1896 strike, dated -/FE 24/96 on a 1 Cent Small Queen. (Near left)

Nassagaweya ONT State 1: A second reported strike for JU 8; partial strike on 3 Cent Small Queen stamp; a JU 8 strike on a pair of 3 Cent Small Queens was previously reported.

Orillia, ONT: New latest date for the “1” time mark; strike dated 1/AU 6/94 on 3 Cent Small Queen.

NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – ONTARIO (continued)

Orillia, ONT: Scarce “AM” time mark; backstamp strike on registered cover dated AM/MY 18/00.

Orillia, ONT: First reported strike on a 5 Cent Small Queen issue; strikes on registered cover with pair 5 Cent SQ’s dated PM/JY 17/97.



Owen Sound, ONT: Inverted time mark “C”; strike on a 1 Cent QV Numeral dated C/MR ?/98

Paris, ONT: Two indicia error examples on partial strikes on 3 Cent Small Queen stamps; lazy “3” in year date “93” ?/? 25/93 and inverted time mark “C” on strike dated C/OC 2?/?.

Port Hope, ONT: First reported strike on a 1 Cent Letter Card; strike dated -/AP 8/95. (Left)

St. Thomas, ONT: An additional example of an inverted “PM” time mark dated PM/DE 4/94 on a 3 Cent Small Queen; Handbook lists this date on a 1 Cent Small Queen.

Thornbury, ONT: Day precedes month arrangement and inverted day indicia “4”; strike on pair of 3 Cent Small Queens dated -/4 SP/95. (Below, left)

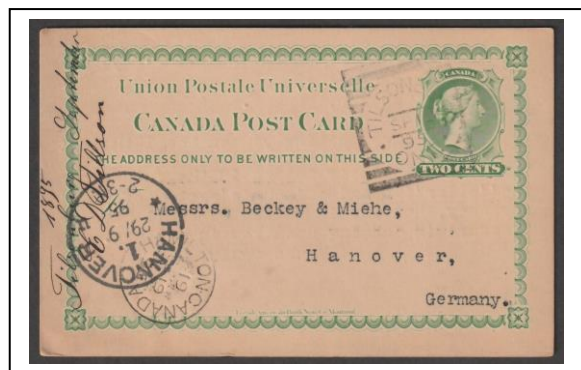


Tilsonburg, ONT: First reported strike on a 2 Cent UPU postcard; strike dated -/SP 19/95. (Below)

Toronto, Canada: An additional example of the date over time mark; strike on 3 Cent Small Queen dated MR 11/6 PM/95

Toronto, Canada: Reversed time indicia in time mark slot; strike on 3 Cent Small Queen dated PM 7/JU 7/?

Toronto, Canada: Missing “PM” indicia on strike on pair of 1 Cent QV Numerals; strike dated 4_/MY 1/99. (Above, center)



Toronto-Parliament Street: Additional 1893 dated strike, on 3 Cent Small Queen; strike dated 93/NO 2/PM (Above, right)

NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – ONTARIO (continued)



Wingham, ONT State 2: First reported strike on a 1 Cent Letter Card; strike date is not discernable but a postmark on back of letter is dated November 19, 1896.

Wingham, ONT State 2: An additional example of a single year date indicia; backstamp dated -/AU 11/9. (Left)

NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – BRITISH COLUMBIA

Ashcroft Station, BC: Report of an additional strike, on 3 cent Small Queen dated -/JA 25/97. With this report, the Rarity Factor for Ashcroft Station changes from 100 to 90.

Nanaimo, BC State 1: An additional strike with an AM time mark; strike on 3 cent Small Queen dated AM/SP 19/93.

NUDE SQUARED CIRCLE STRIKES DURING THE ADMIRAL PERIOD

There are currently 28 towns/hammers reported to have been used during the 1912-1927 Admiral Period. Of these, three (3) are known to have been used as “nude” obliterators: Ottawa, Canada; Farnham, Quebec; and Waterloo, Ontario.

OTTAWA, CANADA

Admiral Period strikes of the Type One Ottawa squared circle hammer are the most common of the three, with more than 100 reported examples. The vast majority of the reported strikes are on off-cover stamps or on piece with stamps. Only two (2) on-cover examples are reported during the Admiral period. The hammer was used exclusively as a nude postmark during the Admiral Period.

One of the two known on cover strikes is on a large, commercial envelope from Ketchum & Co. Limited of Ottawa (below) addressed to Greenwich, Nova Scotia. The one cent Admiral franking reflects a third-class mailing, which did not require a dated postmark.



The second cover, addressed to William Vogelsang of Grand Rapids Michigan, (following page) apparently qualified as third-class mail, given the one cent Admiral franking. Mr. Vogelsang was a prominent Grand Rapids businessman, the vice-president and general manager of the Grand Rapids-based Weidman-Vogelsang Lumber Company.

NUDE SQUARED CIRCLE STRIKES DURING THE ADMIRAL PERIOD (continued)

There are several examples of the Ottawa hammer cancelling stamps on pieces/cut squares of OHMS envelopes (below, right). These examples indicate that the postmark may have been used, at least for a time during the Admiral Period, to process House of Commons mail.



FARNHAM, QUEBEC

Nude strikes of the Farnham, Quebec hammer on the Admiral issues are scarce, if not rare. The existence of a Farnham nude strike on an Admiral issue was first reported in the December 1973 ROUNDING UP SQUARED CIRCLES column in BNA TOPICS. Robert A. Lee Auctions (RAL) in 1980, 1985, 1990 and 2004 included auction lots of strikes on off-cover stamps; at least one of these was a lot from a previous RAL auction.

It is believed that there are only four (4) known examples of the Farnham hammer during the Admiral Period. All strikes are on off-cover 1 cent Admiral stamps, and all lightly struck.

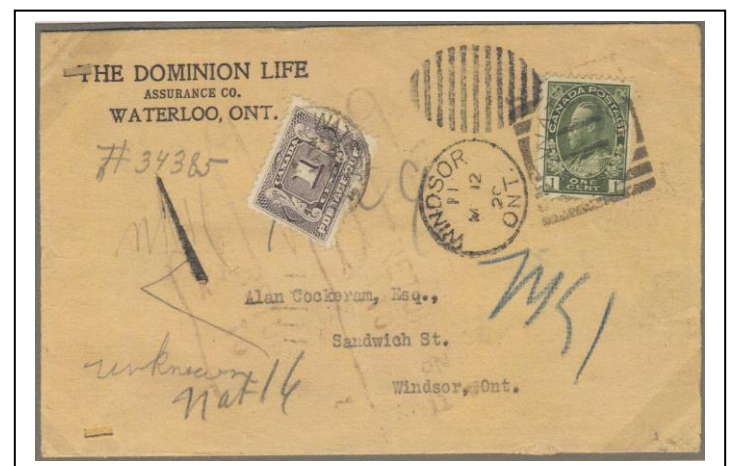


Nude strikes of the hammer are known beyond the end of the Admiral Period, with examples reported on the 1928, 1930, and 1935 King George Vth issues.

WATERLOO, ONTARIO

Dated strikes of the Waterloo squared circle hammer are among the most common Admiral Period squared circle postmarks. However, only ten (10) "nude" strikes of the hammer are known, including three (3) on cover. Two *examples of partially nude strikes* are also reported, both dated -/AP -/.

One cover has a Windsor, Ontario duplex postmark dated 11/MY 12/20 (right), providing some insight into the period of use of the Waterloo hammer as a nude postmark.



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