

**LONDON ONTARIO TYPE 2 SQUARED CIRCLE POSTMARK IN THE ADMIRAL PERIOD**

**PERIODS OF USE**

A Rounding Up Squared Circle column in the March 1974 TOPICS included a report from Lew Ludlow on the use of the London Type 2 squared circle postmark during the Admiral period. The article indicates that the hammer's use was concentrated in 5 distinct, brief periods between February 1917 and November 1920 (outlined below). The article noted that there were reported strikes earlier and later than the above noted interval "but the number of reported examples is too few to hazard a guess whether these periods were also brief". The earlier/later periods noted in the article were two January 1913 strikes, two 1914 covers, and one each for 1915 and 1924.

1917: FE 10 to FE 22; JY 13 to JY 20; OC 15 to NO 1  
 1918: AP 12 to AP 22  
 1920: JU 23 to OC 15

Based upon a census/data base of Admiral Period strikes the author has developed over the past 30+ years, the 1974 reports noted above can be updated as shown below:

1917: FE 10 to **FE 27**; JY 8 to JY 20; **OC 12 to DE 27** (51 strikes)  
 1918: **JA 18 to AU 22** (6 strikes)  
 1920: **JU 18 to NO 24** (13 strikes)

Updated reports of strikes outside the above periods include 3 strikes in 1912 (JUL 10, DE 30 and DE 31); 4 strikes in 1913 (JA 3, JAN 6 and two JAN 7); 2 strikes in 1914 (JU 7 and JU 9); 1 strike in 1915 (JY ?); 1 strike in 1922 (JY 10); and 1 strike in 1924 (FE 19).

**TIME MARKS**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Handbook notes time marks 7 through 24 have been reported in Period 6 (FE 19/00 through FE 19/24); an "abnormal" use of a "1" time mark on a strike dated 1/JU 7/14 (right) is also noted.

Based upon the census/data base, the tabulation below provides the reported number of fully dated strikes and the corresponding percentage of use of Admiral Period (1912-1927) time marks. Note more than 50 percent have time marks 18 or greater, indicating mail processing from 8:00 pm to midnight.



TM	1	3	7	8	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	23	24
#	1	1	1	2	1	2	6	3	2	9	3	2	17	8	7	1	8
%	1.4	1.4	1.4	2.8	1.4	2.8	8.1	4.1	2.8	12.2	4.1	2.8	<b>23.0</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>10.9</b>

## **NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – TYPE ONE, NOVA SCOTIA and PEI**

**Three Rivers, QUE:** First reported strike on E1 Special Delivery; partial strike on stamp dated -/MR 17/99.

**Northport, NS:** First reported strike on 5 cent Jubilee issue; strike on stamp dated -/NO 3/97.

**Charlottetown, PEI:** First report of a strike on a 2 cent government postcard; backstamp/receiver strike on Newfoundland UPU postcard dated 2/JA 26/95.

## **NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – ONTARIO**



**Acton, ONT Hammer 1:** David Robinson sent this strike of the Acton Ontario Hammer 1, partially dated ?/?E 11/?. The current Handbook lists a total of 4 strikes, 3 off-cover and 1 on cover. David's strike is listed in the Handbook as the number 2 example. A second off-cover report is indicated in the Handbook (example number 3), a fully dated strike, -/DE 11/94. The Handbook includes a statement "*it is unknown whether this strike (#2) is the same strike as the one below (#3)*". David offers the following thoughts on the whether these are the same strike:

*"I believe they are different strikes as the first was reported in 1971 (Rounding Up Squared Circles article in the December 1971 TOPICS) and the one I found was in the late 80's/early90's in a junk lot of Small Queens. It would surprise me if a previously discovered, rare strike ended up in a large lot of unsorted stamps...but anything is possible"*

**Acton, ONT Hammer 2:** First reported strike on a Jubilee postcard; strike dated -/JY 20/97 (Bottom, left)

*The following five (5) reports for Almonte, Arnprior and Aurora were provided by David Robinson*

**Almonte, ONT:** First reported strike on a 15 cent Large Queen; strike dated -/MR 17/96. (Right)



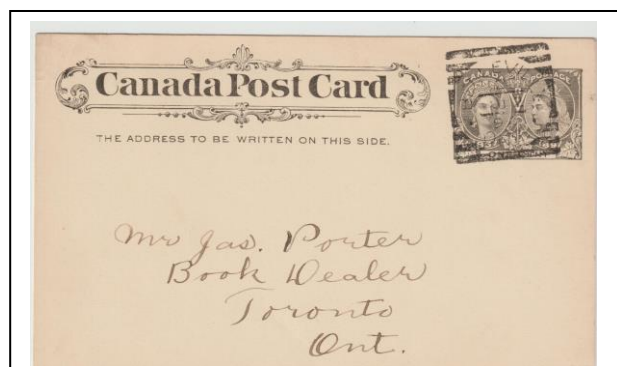
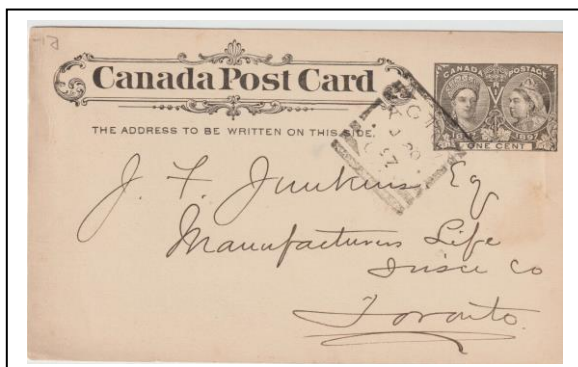
**Almonte, ONT:** First report of a single digit year indicia; strike dated -/SP 28/3 for "93". (Far right).

**Arnprior, ONT:** First reported strike on a 5 cent Edward issue; strike dated MY/15/06.

**Arnprior, ONT:** Inverted month/day indicia strike on 3 cent Small Queen dated -/JU 20/9(4).

**Aurora, ONT:** First reported strike on a 5 cent QV Numeral issue; strike on stamp dated -/JU ?/9(4).

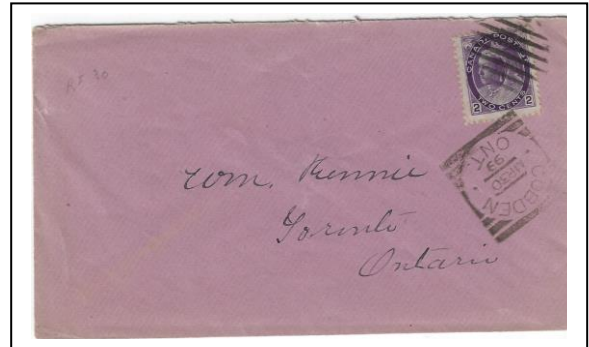
**Belleville, ONT Hmr 2:** First reported strike on a Jubilee postcard; strike dated 2/AU 2/97 (Below, right).



## NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – ONTARIO (continued)

**Bobcaygeon, ONT State 2:** First reported strike on 1 cent Gov't envelope; dated -/JA 17/01. (Below, left).

**Cobden, ONT:** First reported strike on a 2 cent QV Numeral (purple); strike dated -/MR 30/99. (Below, right).



**Goderich, ONT:** Rick Friesen sent the following new report for Goderich:

*"I just acquired this item on eBay.... It's a Map stamp cover with a Goderich SC transit backstamp (below, left) with the date -/JA 16/96! This year error is **unreported in the Handbook** on any stamp. Interestingly, I also have another Map cover with a Goderich SC cancel dated JA 16 but, in this case, it has the well-documented single digit '9' for the year (the strike is not great.....) It would be interesting to know which strike came first, the '96' or the single digit '9' and why? Obviously, there was a plug around that could have been used as the second 9 in '99'. So, an interesting pair of covers! "*



**Merrickville, ONT:** An additional example of a zero spacer in the day date; strike on a pair of 3 cent Small Queen stamps dated PM/JU 02/96 (Above, center), Note the Handbook lists the same zero spacer for June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Rosseau, ONT:** First reported strike on a government postcard; strikes on 2 cent UPU card dated -/OC 21/94.

**Shakespeare, ONT:** First reported strike on a 2/3 cent QV Numeral issue; strike on Alfred Tyler cover dated -/SP 13/99.

**Toronto York Street:** Indicia error, missing letter in month; strike on 1 cent Gov't postcard dated PM/N\_ 17/94.

## NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – ALBERTA and BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Innisfail, ALTA:** First reported strike on a 5 cent Jubilee; strike on stamp dated -/JU 2?/97. (Above right)

**Sandon, BC:** First reported strike on a 10 cent Jubilee; strike on stamp dated -/SP 18/99.



## **NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – ALBERTA and BRITISH COLUMBIA (Continued)**

*The reports below are from the Don Fraser collection included in the Sparks fall 2022 auction.*

**Victoria, BC Hammer 2:** Additional example of an inverted time mark NT; strike on 3 cent Small Queen dated **NT/SP 6/?**

**Victoria, BC Hammer 2:** Lazy “4” day date; strike on 3 cent Small Queen dated **?/OC 4/96**.

**Victoria, BC Hammer 3:** Additional report of the inverted time mark NT; strike dated **NT/NO 8/97** (Right); the Handbook notes this error on a 3 cent Jubilee.

**Victoria, BC Hammer 3:** Inverted NT time mark and “2” day date, with day date preceding the month indicia; strike dated **NT/2 MY/98**. (Far right)



## **A FEW GEMS FROM THE COLLECTION OF BILL PAWLUK**

Bill Pawluk, long time Study Group member and frequent contributor to the ANNEX, sent along scans of eleven of his better squared circle strikes (RF 50 and above). I have included eight of these below; the three not shown include Byng Inlet North, Orangeville and Watford.



ANGUS, ONT  
-/JA 15/96



BLUE VALE, ONT  
-/OC 1/94



FORT WILLIAM WEST  
-/JA 30/97



FOREST, ONT  
-/AP 13/98



MATANE, QUE  
PM/2 ?/93



ST. HILARON, QUE  
11/OC/94



FREEPORT, NS  
-/FE 19/95



NOTRE DAME ST. WEST  
18/JY 4/95