

PORT ARTHUR, ONTARIO's USE OF NUMERICAL TIME MARKS (Gary Arnold)

ADMIRAL PERIOD

The current Handbook indicates that the use of numerical time marks of the Port Arthur squared circle postmark began in October 1916 and extended to mid-November 1918. The Handbook indicates time marks 8, 10, 12, 15-18 and 21 have been reported. One example of a strike with a blank time mark slot in this interval is noted, dated -/JA 29/18.



The Handbook notes that the reported strike 18/JY 17/15 was likely intended as 15/JY 17/18, recognizing that all reported 1915 strikes have blank time mark slots. For purposes of calculating the percentage of use, one example was assigned for time mark 15. The author's data base of Port Arthur Admiral period strikes is summarized in the table below

21/OC 16/16 (ERD)

TM	8	10	12	15	16	17	18	21
# Strikes	10	3	1	1	2	1	12	1
% Use	32.3	9.7	3.2	3.2	6.5	3.2	38.7	3.2

Although the sample size of 31 strikes for the 25-month period (including the single strike for TM 15) may not be statistically sufficient, there is a pattern reflected in the numbers. Recognizing that TM 8 represents 8:00 AM and TM 18 represents 6:00 PM, it appears that overnight mail was processed in the morning and intra-day and business mail (possibly dropped off at the end of the business day), was processed beginning at 6:00 PM. A portion of the mail dropped off during the day may have been processed as received, indicated by TM's 10 through 17 (10:00 AM to 5:00 PM).

LATE REVIVAL – NOVEMBER 1944

The Port Arthur squared circle postmark saw a short revival in November 1944, with several examples reported between November 4th and November 17th. Time marks 8 and 13 are reported in the Handbook; with less than six examples known, there are not sufficient counts to establish any patterns of use.



1?/NO 4/44

Note: If members have examples of numerical time marks for Port Arthur in either the Admiral period or the Late Revival period, please forward the information to the author for incorporation into the above article.

FROM THE WILLIAM RADCLIFFE COLLECTION – QV LEAF ISSUES

The following is the first of a series of article featuring squared circle items from the collection of Study Group member Bill Radcliffe. Earlier this year Rick Friesen visited Bill at his home and, over several days, they identified numerous new reports of strikes on Large Queen, Small Queen, Widow Weed, Jubilee, QV Leaf, 5 cent Registration, and 10 cent Special Delivery issues as well as 1 and 2 cent government postcards and Jubilee postcards. Rick also obtained scans of the new reports and scans of several Small Queen, Jubilee and QV Leaf covers. Bill graciously allowed the publication of the new reports and images of many items from his collection.

One-Half Cent Leaf (Off Cover)

Truro, NS: First report on this issue, a block of four dated AM/JA 27/98

Sherbrooke, QUE Hmr 1: First report on this issue dated 1/AP 4/97

Almonte, ONT: First report on this issue dated -/NO 2/97 (Right)



One Cent Leaf (Off Cover)

Northport, NS: First report on this issue, on pair dated -/JA 25/99.

Notre Dame St. West, QUE: First report of a time mark 15; strike dated 15/MY 3/98 (Left)

Toronto Strachan Avenue: First report on this issue dated AM/JU 23/98



Two Cent Leaf (Off Cover)

Annapolis, NS: First report on the 2-cent issue dated -/AP 6/98.

Five Cent Leaf (Off Cover)

Beaverton, ONT: First report on this issue dated PM/AU 15/98 (Near right)

Yarmouth, NS State 2: First report on this issue dated -/FE 22/98 (Far right)

Riviere Du Loup Station, QUE: First report on this issue dated -/27 AU/98

St. Cunegonde, QUE: First report on this issue dated -/JA 4/99

Belleville, ONT Hmr 2: Strike dated 2/SP 5/98; per Handbook rarely seen after June

Goderich, ONT: First report on this issue dated -/JA 12/9; single digit year date

Grafton, ONT: First report on this issue dated -/JA 14/98

Stouffville, ONT: First report on this issue dated -/NO 2/98 (Right)

Tilsonburg, ONT: First report on this issue dated PM/DE ?/98

Toronto Bleecker Street: First report on this issue dated -/MR 2/98

Toronto York Street: First report on this issue dated 6:30/DE 15/97 (Bottom right)

Wallaceburg, ONT: First report on this issue dated PM/AP 1/98

Innisfail, ALTA: First report on this issue dated PM/SP 7/98

Macleod, ALTA: First report on this issue dated PM/FE 14/98

Sandon, B.C.: First report on this issue dated PM/JA 3/99



FROM THE WILLIAM RADCLIFFE COLLECTION – QV LEAF ISSUES

Six Cent Leaf (Off Cover)



London ONT Type 1 State 2: First report on this issue dated 3/FE 16/98 (**Above, left**)

London East, ONT: First report on this issue dated -/DE 22/98

St. Hyacinthe, QUE: First report on this issue dated PM/JA 15/98 (**Above, second from left**)

Waterloo, QUE: First report on this issue dated -/MY 12/98 (**Above, second from right**)

Almonte, ONT: First report on this issue dated -/?E 2/98

Belleville, ONT Hmr 2: First report on this issue dated 2/SP 13/98

Brantford, ONT: First report on this issue dated PM/? 1/98

Cardinal, ONT: First report on this issue dated -/MY 18/98 (**Right**)

Goderich, ONT: First report on this issue dated -/JU 25/98 (**Above, far right**)

Harriston, ONT: First report on this issue dated -/AP 14/?

Picton, ONT: First report on this issue dated 2/JY 27/98

Port Arthur, ONT: First report on this issue, on pair dated -/MR 17/98

Windsor, ONT: First report on this issue dated PM/MY 28/98



Eight Cent Leaf (On Cover)

Baddeck, NS: First report on 8 cent issue dated -/SP 17/98 (**Right**)

Ten Cent Leaf (On Stamp)

Three Rivers, QUE: First report on 10 cent issue dated -/MR 4/98.

Belleville, ONT Hmr 2: First report on 10 cent issue dated 3/JY 16/98

Kingston, CANADA Hmr 2: First report on 10 cent issue dated -/?P 12/98



WINNIPEG THIRD HAMMER TIME MARK UPDATES (David Robinson)

David Robinson sent the following updates/information on several time marks for the Winnipeg hammers 2 and 3, including additional dates of use and dates extending the periods of known use. All examples are on a 3c Small Queen (Scott 41) unless noted otherwise.

WINNIPEG THIRD HAMMER TIME MARK UPDATES (Continued)

Winnipeg, MAN Hammer 3 Blank TM's: Additional dates -/FE 6/95; -/FE 14/95; -/MR 31/95 (36); and -/AP 18/95.

Winnipeg, MAN Hammer 3 TM 11:

JU 95 strike: 7 (Right)
DE 95 strikes: 20, 20 (42), 21, 23, 27, 30 (35), 31
JA 96 strikes: 13, 15, 17
FE 96 strikes: 3, 6, 20, 20, 24



Winnipeg, MAN Hammer 3 TM 12:

DE 95 strikes: 11 (36), 13 (35), 14, 16, 18 (36)
JA 96 strikes: 30, 31
FE 96 strike: 18
MR 96: 5, ***This extends the latest date by two days***

Winnipeg, MAN Hammer 3 TM 19:

JU 96 strike: 17
JY 96 strikes: 22, 27, 31 (35), 31
AU 96 strikes: 3, 4, 6
NO 96: Inverted "19" TM **61**/NO 9/96 (Right)
This is a new LRD for the 19 TM.



TWO DIFFERENT TIME MARKS ON THE SAME STRIP OF 5

"Of all known sets of matched time marks, this is perhaps the most extraordinary, for it shows two different time marks on the single strip of five 3c Small Queens. All three strikes are Third Hammer on September 28, 1897, but that on the right shows a time mark of '4', while the other two strikes have '5'.



Was it carelessness that required additional cancellation an hour after the first try? Rather perhaps the postal clerk looked at the clock and decided to change his time mark in the middle of the act of cancellation."

HAMMER 3: "41" TIME MARK OR MERELY A SMUDGE?

This strike seems to show a "41" time mark. For Hammer 2, the Handbook states "TM 41 on 41/DE 17/97 is either an error for TM 14 (no TM 14 reported) or failure to remove TM 1 or 4 when the hammer was set up for that day; also, it is possible that the '1' is just a smudge." For this Hammer 3 strike, does it look like a smudge?



AN UNUSUAL LONDON, ONTARIO COVER TO CHINA



The above cover was offered in a Cavendish auction earlier this year. Addressed to a William Crawford, Canadian Methodist Missions Hospital, West China, Province of Zhejaing, the London squared circle postmarks are dated 18/AP 15/18.

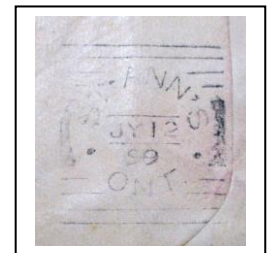


Upon arrival, the cover was either refused or the addressee was not found and was returned to London in an outer envelope (right), with postmarks of Shanghai (6/JUL/18) and Hankow a week later (13/JUL 18). No Canadian receiving postmarks were struck upon its travel back to London.

NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – TYPE ONE

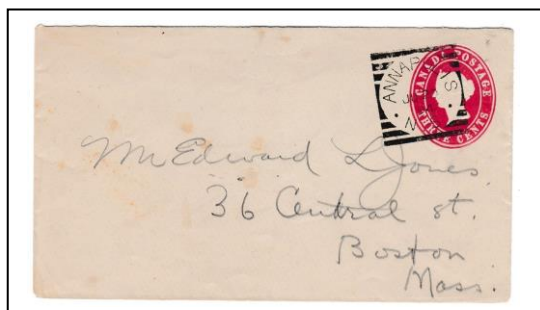
St. Ann's, ONT: A correspondence of nine (9) covers addressed to a Miss Lily Freas of St. Ann's, Ontario was listed on eBay in late February. The covers, all with backstamp receiving strikes of the St. Ann's squared circle, include two (2) franked with 3 cent Small Queen issues; four (4) with 3 cent QV (red) Numeral issues, two (2) with a Map stamp and one (1) franked with 1 cent and 2 cent Small Queen issues.

- First reports on the 3 Cent QV Numeral issue: -/DE 13/98; -/DE 17/98;
- -/JY 6/01; -/JY 15/01
- First report on the 1 cent and 2 cent Small Queen issues; -/AU 25/96
- Second and third reported strikes on Map covers: -/JY 12/99 (right) and a light strike dated -/JA 30/99. The -/JY 12/99 strike is a new LRD for Period 1.



NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – NOVA SCOTIA

Annapolis, NS: First reported strike on a 3 cent Gov't envelope; strike dated -/JU 20/94 (Below, left).



Truro, NS: First reported strikes on an 8 cent and 10 cent Jubilee issues (above); both strikes are dated PM/JU 19/97.

NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – ONTARIO

Alma, ONT State 2: Third reported 1906 dated strike; -/MY 9/06 on postcard (Vance Auctions Sale #362)

Belleville, ONT Hmr 3: First reported strike on a 5 cent QV Leaf issue; strike on stamp dated ?/MY ?/99.

Cobden, ONT: First reported strike on a 1 Cent Gov't envelope; strike on cutout dated -/NO 7/98 (Below, left)



Cornwall, ONT: First reported strike on a Jubilee Postcard; strike dated -/JY 7/97.

Gore Bay, ONT: An additional example of a small zero in the year date; backstamp strike dated -/OC 2/00; the latest reported date for the use of a small zero at Gore Bay.

Sutton West, ONT: First reported use of a "PM" time mark; partial strike on a 3 cent QV numeral (red) dated PM/? 17/?.

Toronto Queen Street East: First report on a 2 cent UPU postcard; strike dated -/OC 6/97. (Above, right)

Toronto Strachan Avenue: Fully dated strike on a 20 Cent Widow Weed, dated PM/DE 17/94; Handbook reports a partially dated strike on this issue (Above, middle)

Wingham, ONT State 2: First reported strike on a 3 cent Gov't envelope; backstamp strike dated -/DE 2/96

NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – MANITOBA, ALBERTA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA

Winnipeg, MAN Hmr 1: Additional examples of a "zero" day date indicia 1895 4/FE 0/95 and 7/MY 0/95 on 2 cent Small Queens; 1896 7/MR 0/96 on 2 cent Small Queen; 1897 1/SP 0/97 on 1 cent Jubilee; note same day strike with TM 2 listed in Handbook.

Winnipeg, MAN Hmr 1: First reported strike on a 3 cent Government envelope; strike dated 5/AU 27/94 (Right)

Lethbridge, ALTA: First reported strike on a ½ cent QV Leaf partial strike, no date information



Kamloops, BC: First reported strike on a 3 cent QV Leaf issue; strike dated -/JY 30/99.