

**UPDATE ON JUBILEE POSTCARD INVENTORY**

The August 2023 ANNEX issue included an updated list of squared circle hammers found on Jubilee postcards. In response to the original list, published in the February 2022 ANNEX, Brian Copeland sent a list of additional Western province hammers found on these postcards. Unfortunately, the information provided by Brian in 2022 was not included in the August 2023 update; the following additional hammers should be added to the recent listing.



Brandon, MAN	-/JU 30/97	Dispatch postmark
Selkirk, MAN	AM/DE 5/98	Receiver postmark
Napinka & Winnipeg MC No. 1	?/AP ?/98	Dispatch postmark
Nanaimo BC State 2	PM/JY 20/97 & PM/JY 7/98	Dispatch postmarks

**LONGLEY AUCTION OF THE SOUGHTON SQUARED CIRCLE COLLECTION**

The September 30<sup>th</sup> Longley Auction featured an extensive collection of squared circle postmarks. Bill Longley provided the following description:

“The Soughton collection was formed from the 1960s (and likely late 1950s) predating most current squared circle collectors. He was offered Lew Ludlow’s squared circle collection in 1967 when Lew was about to begin his RPO collection..... There are numerous ERD and LRD, time mark errors etc. recorded in the Squared Circle handbook that reside in this collection..... Please bear in mind that this collection was started perhaps 60 to 70 years ago and is finally coming to market.”

In addition to the ERD’s and LRD’s reflected in the current online Handbook, there were a number of new reports/finds in the collection. The images of many current Handbook ERD and LRD’s in this collection will be added to the upcoming Handbook update.

**SQUARED CIRCLE MAP COVERS – 1898 DROP LETTERS IN CITIES WITH CARRIER SERVICE**  
**(Rick Friesen)**

Letter delivery service (carrier service) in Canada was available in only 14 cities in 1898 (see table on the following page).<sup>1,2</sup> The drop letter rate in these cities was 2¢ per oz. while the domestic rate for a first class letter was 3¢ per oz. When the domestic rate was reduced to 2¢ per oz. on January 1, 1899, it eliminated the ‘bargain’ of the 2¢ drop letter.

The 2¢ Map stamp was issued in early December 1898 and, therefore, during the first few weeks of its availability, a single Map stamp fully paid the drop letter rate in those cities with delivery service. This was one of the few rates in December 1898 for which a single Map stamp was sufficient to pay the rate (others included (1) the UPU post card rate, (2) the double weight 1¢ printers copy rate, and (3) the double weight 1¢ drop letter rate in cities without carrier service). Although all of the 14 cities with letter carrier service had been issued Squared Circle hammers for postmarking purposes, in December 1898, only 9 of these cities were still using a Squared Circle hammer (the 5 cities not using the Squared Circle are greyed out in the table)

### December 1898 Drop Letter Map Stamp Covers in Cities with Carrier Service

	Cities with Carrier Service	Date of Initiation of Carrier Service	Squared Circle Hammer	# Documented Covers
1	Brantford	January 5, 1896	BRANTFORD / ONT.	-
2	Fredericton	?, 1898	FREDERICTON / N.B.	-
3	Halifax	July 1, 1875	HALIFAX•N.S./ CANADA (Hammer 2)	5
4	Hamilton	May 1, 1875	HAMITON / ONT.	-
5	Kingston	July 1, 1882	KINGSTON / CANADA (Hammer 2)	0
6a	London	April 24, 1876	LONDON / ONT. (Type 1)	0
6b			LONDON / ONT. (Type 2)	0
6c			LONDON•EAST / ONT.	0
7a	Montreal	October 1, 1874	MONTREAL / QUE. (Type 2, Hammer 1)	0
7b			POINT•ST•CHARLES /	0
7c			STE•CUNEGONDE / QUE.	0
8	Ottawa	May 1, 1875	OTTAWA / CANADA.	0
9	Quebec	April 1, 1875	QUEBEC / CANADA.	0
10	St. John	June 1, 1875	S•JOHN•N.B/ CANADA (Hammer 3)	3
11a	Toronto	March 1, 1875	TORONTO / CANADA.	0
11b			BLEECKER S <sub>r</sub> / TORONTO	0
11c			QUEEN•SEAST/ TORONTO	1
11d			SPADINA-AVE/ TORONTO.	0
11e			STRACHAN•AVENUE/TOR	0
11f			YORK•STREET/TORONTO	3
12	Vancouver	February 1, 1895	VANCOUVER / B.C.	-
13	Victoria	July 3, 1888	VICTORIA / B.C. (Hammer 3 3)	0
14	Winnipeg	April 1, 1882	WINNIPEG / MAN.	-

Because of the relative rarity of December 1898 Map stamp covers in general, it was of interest to identify the subset of drop letters that were canceled with a Squared Circle hammer in the 9 “carrier service” cities. It should be noted that drop letters in London, Montreal and Toronto could be canceled with more than one Squared Circle hammer: 3 in London (LONDON/ONT. (Type 1 and Type 2) and LONDON•EAST/ONT.), 3 in Montreal (MONTREAL/QUE., POINT•ST•CHARLES/QUE. and STE•CUNEGONDE/QUE., the latter 2 of which were Montreal neighborhoods) and 6 in Toronto (TORONTO/ONT. and 5 Toronto sub-stations).<sup>3</sup>

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**(Continued)**

Therefore, it is theoretically possible to identify December 1898 2¢ drop letter Map stamp covers with 18 different Squared Circles cancels. However, the Squared Circle Map stamp cover census<sup>4</sup> documents only 12 December 1898 drop letter covers (see table) that are canceled with 4 different hammers from only 3 cities (Halifax, St. John, and Toronto (Queen St. East and York Street)). Four of these covers from my collection are shown below.

The drop letter shown in **Figure 1** was sent from the City Assessor's Office in Halifax on December 31, 1898, the last day of the 2¢ local rate. The recipient, J. (James) E. Roy & Co., located in the Roy building on Barrington St. sold sewing machines and manufactured pianos and organs.

**Figure 2** shows a corner card drop letter, illustrated with an oak barrel, sent from the Imperial Oil Co. in St. John on December 12, 1898. The St. John Squared Circle Hammer 3 was used for only a short time during the Map stamp period, until PM/DE 28/98, and this is the only drop letter out of the 10 documented St. John Squared Circle Map stamp covers. Interestingly, Imperial became so well known for their sturdy oak barrels that, although offering a \$1.25 refund for each, most homesteaders chose to keep them and convert them into washtubs, rain barrels and armchairs!

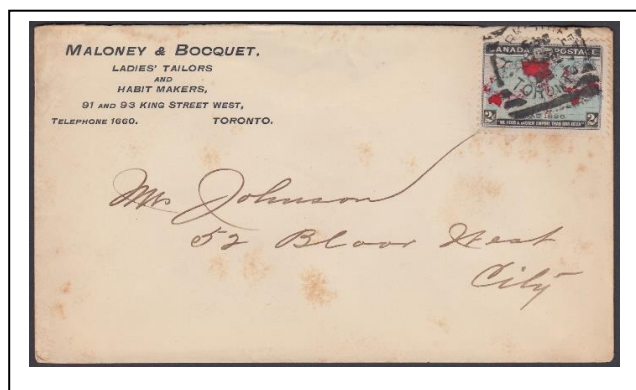


**Figure 1.** Halifax drop letter dated 1/DE 31/98



**Figure 2.** St. John drop letter dated AM/DE 12/98

The two drop letter covers shown in **Figure 3** (below) are canceled with the York Street Squared circle hammer on December 31, the last day of the 2¢ local rate. They were sent from 'His and Hers' Toronto tailors, located next door to each other on King St. in Toronto, to the Dr. Arthur Jukes Johnson residence on Bloor Street. Maybe Dr. Johnson and his wife were being billed for their New Year's Eve outfits



**Figure 3.** York Street drop letters dated 6-30/DE 31/98

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### References

1. G.B. Arfken, 'Drop Letters and Free Delivery, 1859-1897', in *PHSC Journal*, Whole No. 50, pg 154 (1987). There appears to have been a local delivery service in Barrie during the Map stamp period as evidenced by the existence of Barrie carrier/sorting marks, but this service was not officially recognized by the Post Office (see L. Bélisle, 'Barrie carrier marks: Official or not?', in *BNA Topics*, Vol. 79, No. 2, Whole No. 571, pg 21 (2022)). Regardless, Barrie was not issued a squared circle hammer.
2. 'The 2¢ Rate for Local Delivery', in *Postal Stationery Notes*, Vol. 8, No. 5, pg 37 (1989)
3. Note the Montreal hammers BELLE RIVE/MONTREAL and NOTRE-DAME-S<sup>T</sup>-WEST/MONTREAL, and the Toronto hammer PARLIAMENT-STREET/TORONTO, were not in use during the Map stamp period. Also, drop letters were accepted between Hull, QUE, and Ottawa, and between Levis, QUE, and Quebec City, but the HULL/QUE. and LEVI/QUE. hammers were not in use during the Map stamp period.
4. R. Friesen, *Census of Squared Circle Map Stamp Covers*, BNAPS website (an updated edition of this 2020 census is in preparation)

New Reports and Updates listed below in *italics* were gleaned from the September 30<sup>th</sup> Longley

### NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – TYPE ONE

**London, ONT State 2:** Additional example of an Inverted “4” time mark, strike on Jubilee postcard dated 4/MR 3/98

**Rat Portage, ONT:** First reported strike on a 10 cent Small Queen; weak strike on stamp dated -/? 29/?

### NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – NOVA SCOTIA and NEW BRUNSWICK

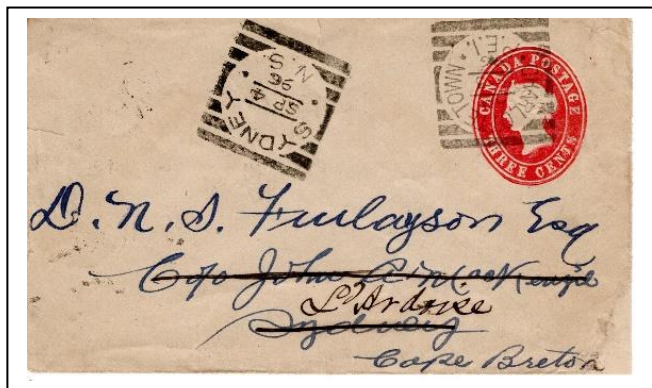
**Lunenburg, NS:** Additional example of an Inverted year indicia “95”; strike on 3 cent Small Queen dated AM/MY 19/95.

**Newport Landing, NS:** First reported strike on a 1 cent Small Queen; strike on stamp partially dated -/AP ??/?

**Sydney, NS Hmr 1:** First reported strike on a 3 cent Gov't Envelope; strike dated -/SP 4/96. (Right)

**Wolfville, NS:** First reported strike on a 3 cent QV Numeral issue: strike dated -/DE 28/9?

**Yarmouth, NS State 1:** Matched set of time marks, blank, 1 and 2 on 3 cent Small Queen stamps, dated JU 13/94.



### NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – QUEBEC

**Eastman, QUE:** Borrowed indicia three letter month “JAN”; receiver b/s strike dated -/JAN 24/03

**Eastman, QUE:** Borrowed indicia three letter month “JUN”; on Edward post card -/JUN 15/03

**Lennoxville, QUE:** First reported strike on a 3 cent Gov't envelope; strike on cut-square dated -/MR 15/94

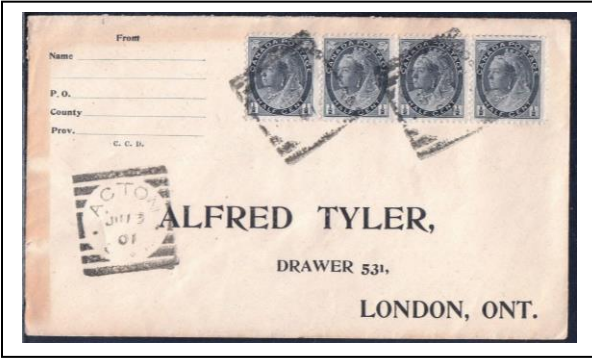
### NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – ONTARIO

**Acton, ONT Hmr 2:** First report on a ½ cent QV Numeral issue; strike on cover dated -/JU 13/01 (Top of next page, left)

**Acton, ONT: Hmr 2:** First reported Strike on 7 cent QV Numeral issue; strike dated -/JA 19/03 (Top of next page, right)



**NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – ONTARIO (Continued)**



**Alma, ONT State 2:** Third reported 1906 dated strike; -/MY 9/06 on postcard.

**Belleville, ONT Hmr 2:** First report on a 5 cent Jubilee issue; strike on stamp dated ?/AU 9/97

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

**Berlin, ONT:** First reported strike on a 15 cent Large Queen issue; strike on stamp dated -/SP 23/?

**Cobourg, ONT:** First reported strike on a 2 cent Jubilee issue; strike on stamp dated -/AU 9/97.

**Cornwall, ONT:** First report on a 10 cent QV Leaf issue; strike on stamp dated -/JA 15/00

**Durham, ONT:** First reported strike on 1 cent Gov't postal card; strike dated -/AU 21/94

**Formosa, ONT Hmr 2 State 2:** Additional 1901 strike, on QV 2 cent Numeral (red) cover dated -/MY 13/01

**Goderich, ONT:** Multiple new reports for Goderich from David Robinson

- First reported strike on 1 cent Gov't envelope dated -/AP 16/95
- Additional date for single year indicia "9" for "96"; dated -/AP 4/9
- First report on a 3 cent Letter Card; strike dated -/AP 16/96
- Additional date for inverted "OC" month indicia in 1902; strike dated -/OC 15/02
- First reported strikes on 2 cent Edward issues; all receivers -/MR 13/05; -/MR 21/05; -/MR 28/06

**Gore Bay, ONT:** Multiple new reports for Gore Bay from David Robinson

- Additional three letter month indicia on Edward postal cards: -/JUL 27/06 and -/JUL 7/09
- Third reported 1907 strike, dispatch strike on Edward postal card dated -/NO 15/07
- Second reported 1911 strike, dispatch strike on Edward postal card dated -/SP 13/11

**Hamilton, ONT:** New **Earliest Reported Date** for Period 3, strike on 1 cent Admiral dated 11/AP 16/15

**Harriston, ONT:** First report on a 1/2 cent QV Leaf issue; strike on stamp dated -/AP 8/98

**Iroquois, ONT:** First report on a 1/2 cent QV Numeral issue; strike on stamp dated -/MY 23/98

**Leamington, ONT:** First reported strike on 2/3 cent QV Numeral; strike dated -/AU 15/99

**Martintown, ONT:** First report on a 1 cent QV Leaf issue; partial strike on stamp dated -/? 7/98

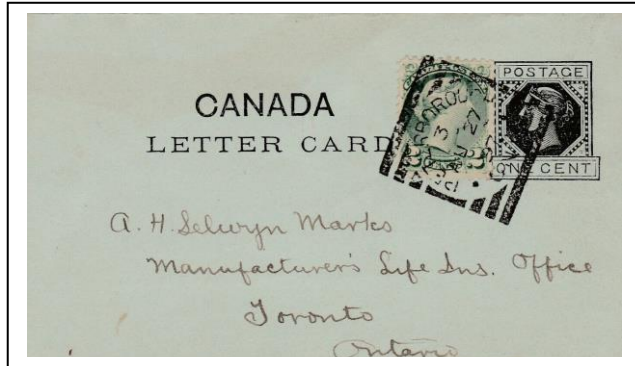
**Merrickville, ONT:** Additional date for a day date zero spacer; strike on 3 cent SQ dated AM/NO 02/94.

**Mount Brydges, ONT:** First reported strikes in 1907; strikes dated -/MY 6/07 and -/AU 7/07

**Mount Brydges, ONT:** First reported strike for 1/2 cent and 1 cent QV Leaf issues; strike on private post card dated -/JU 23/98 (Right)



**NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – ONTARIO (Continued)**



**Peterborough, ONT:** First report on a 1 cent Letter Card; strike dated 3/AU 27/97 (Left)

**Petrolea, ONT:** New **Latest Reported Date**; strike on 1 cent Gov't postcard dated -/AU 22/99; year date indicia "6" inverted; additional postmarks confirm year 1899.

**Petrolea, ONT:** Inverted "4": indicia in year date; strike on 3 cent Small Queen dated -/NO 26/94

**Port Arthur, ONT:** First reported strike on a 7 cent QV Numeral issue; strike dated -/AP 27/03.

**Port Arthur, ONT:** First reported strike on an 8 cent Jubilee issue; strike on stamp, partial date -/? 23/97.

**Port Arthur, ONT:** Borrowed three letter month indicia: -/JUN 10/07; -/JUN 25/07; -/JUN 26/07; -/JUL 27/07



**Port Hope, ONT:** First reported strike on a 1 cent Gov't envelope; strike dated -/JU 21/97. (Left)

**Rodney, ONT:** New **Earliest Reported Date** on 3 cent Small Queen dated -/DE 11/93.

**St. Thomas, ONT:** Additional date for inverted time mark "PM"; strike on 3 cent SQ dated PM/OC 8/95

**Schreiber, ONT State 2:** Dispatch strike on post card, strike dated -/DE 18/18 (right). First reported strike between Period 1 (NO 1906 LRD) and Period 2 (MR 1923 ERD).

Based upon current reported strikes, a revised Period 2 is reflected by this strike and a **new Period 3** will be established in the Handbook update reflecting the current Period 2 ERD and LRD dates (-/MR 17/23 and -/OC 2/24).



**Smiths Falls, ONT:** Inverted year date indicia "93"; strike on 1 cent Gov't postcard dated -/NO 7/93

**Thamesford, ONT:** First reported strike on an 8 cent QV Numeral issue, partially dated -/? 2/?

**Tilsonburg, ONT:** Additional matched AM and PM Strikes, AM & PM/DE 3/98 (Right)

**Wellington, ONT:** First reported strike on a 5 cent Small Queen issue; strike on cover, date not provided.



**Whitby, ONT:** First report of an April 1894 strike; dispatch postmark dated -/AP 6/94.

**Warton, ONT:** Additional date for reversed year date "94"; strike on Gov't postal card dated -/JU 2/49

**Wingham, ONT State 2:** Inverted month indicia ":DE", strike on gov't postal card dated -/DE 1/95



**NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – ALBERTA, MANITOBA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, and RPO's**

**Calgary, ALTA Hmr 2:** First reported strikes on a ½ cent Small Queen; strikes on cover dated ?/MR 11/97 (Below, left)

**Lethbridge, ALTA:** First reported strike on a 1 cent QV Leaf issue; strike dated -/MR 25/98 (Below, right)



**Brandon, MAN:** First reported strike on a 2 cent Small Queen issue; strike on stamp dated -/MY 28/95

**Elkhorn, MAN:** First reported strike on an 8 cent QV Numeral issue; strike on stamp dated -/DE 3/98 (Right)

**Morden, MAN:** First reported strike on a 1 cent Quebec Tercentenary; strike on post card dated -/SP 1/08



**Morden, MAN:** Third reported 1919 strike; dispatch postmark on private post card, dated -/FE 5/19

**Souris, MAN:** First reported strike on a 5 cent QV Numeral, strike on pair dated -/NO 20/99 (Above, left)



**Winnipeg, MAN Hmr 1:** First reported strike on 1cent Gov't envelope, dated 6/AU 20/94 (Above, left)

**Winnipeg, MAN Hmr 2:** Inverted "4" time mark indicia; strike on 2 cent Small Queen stamp dated 4 /OC 5/97,

**Vancouver, BC:** Inverted day indicia "3"; strike on 2 cent UPU postcard dated -/MY 3/94 (Above, right)

**Vancouver, BC:** First report on a ½ cent Small Queen issue, strike dated 1/JY 30/94

**Que & Camp MC Local No. 5:** Additional date for the "19" for "00" year date; strike on 2 cent QV Numeral dated W/MY 28/19

**Napinka & Winnipeg MC No. 1:** First reported strike on a 5 cent Edward issue; backstamp on registered cover dated EAST/MR 16/01.

**Napinka & Winnipeg MC No. 2:** First report of a WEST direction time mark in Period 4; strike dated WEST/AP 19/06.

## AN INTERESTING KINGSTON TO BELLEVILLE COVER, REDIRECTED TO OTTAWA

David Robinson sent scans of the cover below which was posted at Kingston, Ontario on July 14, 1894 as evidenced by the Kingston hammer 2 squared circle postmark dated 4/JY 14/94. It was received at its initial destination, Belleville, Ontario on July 16<sup>th</sup> (cds backstamp dated 1/JY 16/94).



The following day at Belleville, the cover was redirected to the Union Bank in Ottawa. The cover received two Belleville hammer X dispatch postmarks, one dated 2/JY 17/94 and a second dated 3/JY 17/94. David noted that perhaps the cover may have missed the train after receiving the "2" time mark strike, receiving a second, later squared circle postmark. The cover arrived in Ottawa on July 18, receiving a backstamp CDS postmark dated A/JY 18/94.

## UNUSUAL PATTERN OF ALMA, ONT STATE 2 POSTMARKS

This post card was recently included in a price list from Bill Longley. The card was posted at Toronto, addressed to Winfield (Junction) Ontario. The postcard was received at Winfield on October 19, 1905.

The postcard received three (3) strikes of the Alma, ONT State 2 squared circle hammer, dated OC 17, OC 18 and OC 19. Alma is only 10 miles northeast of Winfield; why the postcard was apparently retained at Alma for 3 days is not clear. Any thoughts?



## CORRECTIONS

- **August 2023 ANNEX:** Brian Copeland noted that the report of a Nanaimo BC State 2 strike on a ½ cent Small Queen issue is incorrect; based upon the date of the strike, it is a State 1 hammer.
- **October 2023 ANNEX:** The second to last sentence in the text under **A WOLSELEY, ASSA REGISTERED COVER** should read: "Bill notes that all undelivered registered request letters had to be sent to the DLO before being returned to the sender." A corrected version of the October ANNEX has been posted on the BNAPS web page,