

SUTTON WEST, ONTARIO EARLIEST REPORTED DATE QUESTIONED

In June, Rick Friesen received an email from Murray Smith (Joe's brother) regarding the strike of the Sutton West, Ontario hammer on a 3 cent SQ included in the current Handbook (right), noting correctly that the strike shown is actually Milton West, not Sutton West.



The current Handbook attributes the reported ERD of -/MY 2/95 to Ted Kerzner's/Sparks Auction in May 2018 (Lot 1178) and an early 2000's Eastern Auction of a squared circle collection of Michael Woods (Lot 366). Review of previous Handbook editions, including the Second (1959) through the Fifth (2001), all list the ERD for Sutton West as -/MY 2/95. The First Edition handbook, published in 1954, lists the ERD as -/FE 29/96.

The first reference to the -/MY 2/95 ERD is in a December 1957 Rounding Up Squared Circle column by Dr. Whitehead, which included a listing of new reports for multiple hammers.

The above begs the question whether the actual ERD for Sutton West is -/MY 2/95 or has this mistaken identification of the Milton West strike been passed on, handbook to handbook? In an effort to answer the question, please check your collections for early dates of the Sutton West hammer.

NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – TYPE ONE

Brockville, ONT: First reported strike on a 2 cent Letter card; strike dated PM/MR 27/00 (Right)

Dutton, ONT: Partial month indicia; strike dated PM/F_ 13/08. Weak impression of the FE month indicia slug; E missing, not printing. (Below, left)

London, ONT, State 2: First reported strike on a 2 cent Gov't envelope; strike dated PM/FE 26/97.



Three Rivers, QUE: First reported strike on an 8 cent Jubilee issue; strike on stamp dated -/JU 19/97.

Westville, ONT: Additional three letter month indicia; strike on a 1 cent Edward post card dated -/JUL 2/06

NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – NEW BRUNSWICK

Fredericton, NB: First reported strike on a 5 cent QV Leaf; strike on stamp dated AM/MR 9/98.

Fredericton, NB: Reversed month/day indicia; strike on 3 cent Small Queen dated PM/1 AU/94.

Indiantown, NB: First reported strike on a 2 cent Small Queen; strike on stamp dated PM/DE ?/97

Indiantown, NB: First reported strike on a 2c on 3c surcharged Gov't envelope; date unclear -/? ?/99.

Milltown, NB: New **Earliest Reported Date**; strike on 3 cent Small Queen dated PM/NO 1/93.

St. John, NB Hmr 3: First reported strike on a 2 cent Letter Card; strike dated PM/MY 30/98 (Below, right)

Woodstock, NB: First reported strike on a 3 cent Gov't envelope; strike dated -/JY 6/98 (Below, left)



NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax, NS Hmr 1: First reported strike on a 10 cent Jubilee issue; strike on stamp dated 1/MY 30/98.

Halifax, NS, Hmr 2: First reported strikes on a 3 cent Gov't envelope; strikes dated 2/JY 17/97; 2/JY 18/97; 1/SP 13/97; 4/AP 26/98 (from October 2024 Longley Auction)

North Sydney, NS: First reported strike on a 1 cent Gov't post card; strike dated -/OC 26/98.

Stellarton, NS: First reported strike on an 8 cent Jubilee issue; strike on stamp dated -/? 12/97

Truro, NS: Additional report of a missing month indicia; strike on 1 cent Small Queen dated PM/- 10/96. Missing month indicia likely OC.

NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – QUEBEC



Belle Rive, MONTREAL: Additional examples of the day preceding the month arrangement; strike on 2 cent Small Queen dated 8/20 JU/95 and 12/28 MY/95 on 1 cent Small Queen (left).

Sherbrooke, QUE, Hmr 1: First reported strike on a 5 cent QV Leaf; light strike on stamp dated 1/MY 27/98.

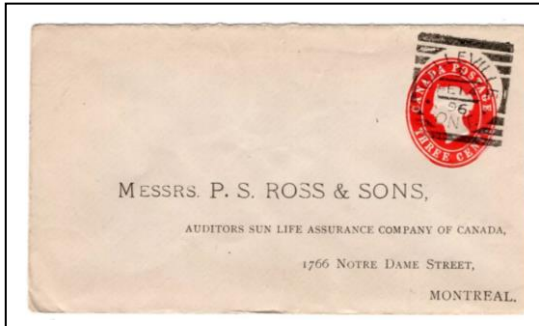
Sherbrooke QUE Hmr 1: Inverted month and day indicia and corrected strike; strikes on 1 cent Small Queen stamps; dated PM/AP 12/94. (Right)



Stanstead, QUE: Additional reported strike, partially dated -/? 23/94 on a 3 cent Small Queen.

NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – ONTARIO

Alma ONT State 2: *Inverted* three letter month indicia; strike on 1 cent Edward post card dated -/JUN 22/08
Belleville, ONT, Hmr 2: First reported strike on 3 cent Gov't envelope; strike dated 3/FE 14/96 (Below, left)
Dunnville, ONT: First reported strike on a 3 cent Letter Card; strike dated -/AP 4/99.(Below, right)



Forest, ONT: New reported strike (26th example) on a 1 cent Small Queen, dated -/JA 11/98 (Below, left)
Glencoe, ONT: First reported strike on a 5 cent Small Queen issue; light strike on stamp dated -/FE 18/95.
Goderich, ONT: First reported strike on a ½ cent Small Queen; strikes dated -/AP 10/96 (Below, center)
Kingston, ONT Hmr 1: First reported strike on a 10 cent Small Queen; strike dated 1/DE 11/93 (Below, right)



Leamington, ONT: First reported strike on a ½ cent QV Leaf issue; light strike on stamp dated -/DE 29/98.
Lucknow, ONT: First reported strike on a 3 cent Gov't envelope; light strike partially dated -/? ?/99.
Nassagaweya, ONT, State 2: Fifth reported strike, dated -/DE 30/95; "discovered" by Rick Friesen, being listed in Bob Lee's February 1999 auction #62, lot 2036. (Below, left). This report changes the RF to 170.
Oshawa, ONT: Missing day indicia; strike on 1 cent Small Queen stamp dated -/MY-/94; previously reported on 3 cent Small Queen.
Pembroke, ONT: Missing day date indicia; strike on 3 cent Small Queen stamp dated -/AU 0/94.
Pembroke, ONT: Partial month indicia/weak impression; strike on 3 cent QV Numeral dated -/A- 29/98.
Port Arthur, ONT: First reported strike on a 50 cent Widow Weed; strike on stamp pair dated AM/NO 25/01.



Seelys Bay, ONT: First reported strike on an 8 cent QV Numeral; partial strike dated AM/DE 23/? (Left)
Teeswater, ONT: New **second Earliest Reported Date**; strike on 1 cent Gov't postcard dated -/NO 28/93.
Toronto, CANADA: Additional report of a missing year indicia ; strike on 6 cent Small Queen dated 4PM/MY 7/-.
Toronto, CANADA: First reported strike on a 2 cent Gov't envelope, updated with 2x1/2 cent Small Queens; strike dated 7PM/MY 26/96.

NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES – ONTARIO (Continued)

Toronto York Street: Additional example of the 7 time mark, in use for only 3 days; strike on 2 cent QV (red) franked cover; strike dated 7/FE 21/00.

Waterloo, ONT: First reported strike on a 20 Cent Widow Weed issue dated -/AU 27/97.

Windsor, ONT: Inverted day indicia; light strike on 3 cent Jubilee stamp is dated PM/SP 12/97. Intended date was either SP 12 (inverted "2" indicia) or SP 21 (both indicia inverted).

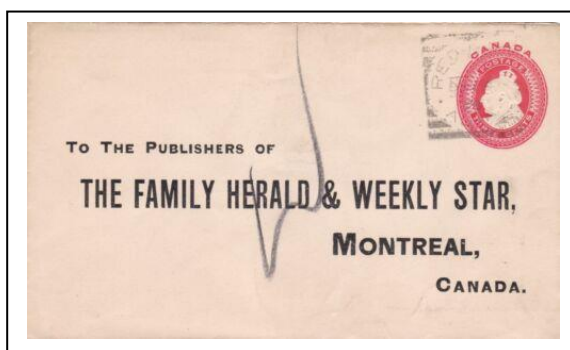
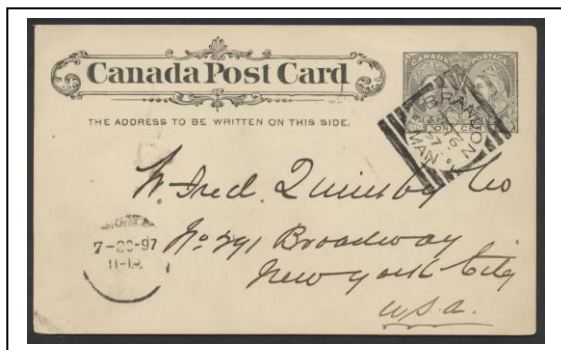
Woodville, ONT: Additional reported strike in Period 3; strike on registered cover with 2 and 5 cent QV Numeral issues; strike dated -/MR 30/01. (Above)



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

Brandon, MAN: First reported strike on a Jubilee post card; strike dated -/JY 16/97 (below left)

Red Deer, ALTA: First reported strike on a 3 cent Gov't envelope; strike dated -/DE 24/98 (Below, right)



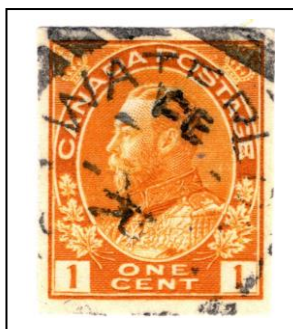
Victoria, BC Hmr 1: Lazy (sideways) "4" indicia; strike on 3 cent Small Queen stamp dated PM/FE 15 94.

Victoria, BC Hmr 2: First reported strike on a 3 cent Letter Card; strike dated NT/JY 26/96

Victoria, BC Hmr 2: Reversed "4" indicia in "94" year date; strike on 3 cent Small Queen dated PM/AP 21/94.

Napinka & Winnipeg MC No. 2: First reported strike of the 2 cent and 5 cent QV Leaf issues on cover (a Rennie cover); backstamp strike dated EAST/ MR 27/99.

WATERLOO, ONT MYSTERY STRIKE



David Robinson sent this scan on the Waterloo, ONT hammer on what appears to be a one cent Admiral imperforate (Scott No. 136) with "FE" in the time mark slot, blank month/day, and "20" in the year date space. David indicates there are no traces of perforations on the stamp. A year date "20" is clearly not correct as the stamp was issued on October 6, 1924 and other one cent issues (sheet, coils and booklets) were issued in 1922 and 1923. The "20" could also represent a day date "20" in the year slot.

Another possibility is this is a post-Admiral period "manufactured" strike using the Waterloo hammer, which was not "retired" until the 1960's. Note the position of TM indicia relative to the rim lettering as well as the over-inked indicia compared to the WATERLOO rim lettering. Thoughts?