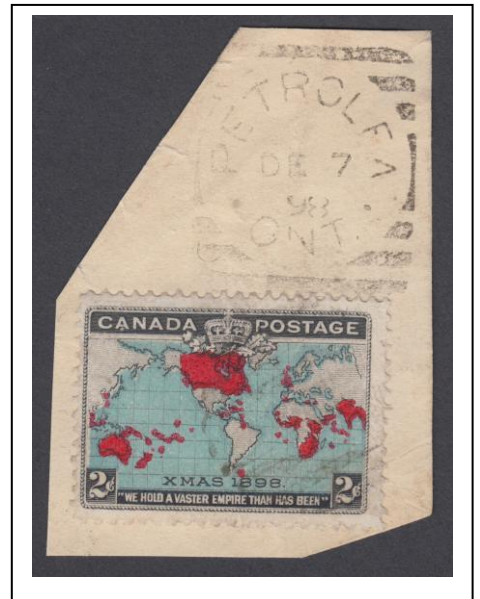


FAKE MAP STAMP PIECE WITH A -/DE 7/98 PETROLEA STRIKE (Rick Friesen)

I recently purchased an eBay lot of about 20 Map stamps with Squared Circle strikes. The piece illustrated in Figure 1 (right) was included in the lot and at first glance, I was quite happy since the Squared Circle Petrolea strike was dated DE 7/98. This date is typically considered the first day of use of the Map stamp and thus would make this item quite rare. In my census of Squared Circle strikes on Map stamps and covers, there are only 2 documented strikes on this date, both from Kingston on off-cover stamps.

There are no documented Squared Circle Map stamp pieces or covers with this date. However, upon closer inspection of the piece, I believe that this item is faked. First, the grid cancel on the Map stamp which should tie it to the piece on the right side of the stamp does not do so. Second, a blowup of the top of the Map stamp (Figure 2 below) shows that there is a thin black line that runs under the stamp top right and can be seen in the spaces between the 1st-5th perforations. This would suggest that the Map stamp was placed on top of this line (whatever it is) after the fact. And third, a 2¢ rate from Petrolea in 1898 would be very uncommon since the rate domestically and to the USA at this time was 3¢. Although it might have been trimmed out, there is no evidence of the residue of a 1¢ stamp (or any other denomination) or its cancel on the piece.



But most damning is the Map stamp itself. Map stamps were printed in sheets of 100 using 4 different plates and can be assigned (plated) to their position on the sheet based on the characteristics of the red “dots” and black “lines” on each stamp. This Map stamp is assigned to plate/position 2A14. Since plate 2 was not put into production until mid-December 1898, it is impossible for this Map stamp to have been canceled on the first day of use - only stamps produced from plate 1 would have been available on the first day. Also, the blue ocean colour was not documented to be used until mid-December.

It is clear that the faker was not aware of these Map stamp characteristics. All told, not a great fake!

NEW REPORTS AND FINDINGS – TYPE ONE

Beeton ONT: First reported strike on a 2 cent Gov't Envelope; strike dated -/JA 20/)?

Dutton, ONT: Year date indicia error; strike dated PM/FE 16 /60 for “06” (Right)

Dutton, ONT: New Earliest Reported Date for Period 2; strike on postcard dated -/JAN 14/11, (Far right)



NEW REPORTS AND FINDINGS – TYPE ONE (Continued)

Dutton, ONT: First reported strike on 5 cent Small Queen; strike on stamp dated -/MR 19/94

Grimsby, ONT: First report strike on an E1 Special delivery issue; strike dated PM/JA 17/99. (Below, left)

London East, ONT: First reported strike on a 1 cent Gov't envelope; strikes dated -/JY 7/94 (Right)

Mount Forest, ONT: First reported strike on a 5 cent QV Numeral; strike dated -/MR 1/01 (Below, middle)

Mount Forest, ONT: First reported strike on a Jubilee postcard; strike dated -/AU 20/97

New Germany, ONT: First reported strike on a QV 2 cent red QV Numeral and **New Latest Reported** strike for Period 2; light strike on stamp dated -/NO 9/99.



Ottawa, CANADA: First report of a time mark “2” for the reversed month/day indicia error 3 OC; strike on 1 cent Small Queen dated 2/3 OC/93.

Ottawa, CANADA: Unusual day indicia, likely a jumped strike, dated 5/AP 111/99 (Below, right)



Shannonville, ONT: New Latest Reported Date for a time mark; strike on 3 cent Small Queen dated 1/NO 28/93

Shannonville, ONT: First reported strike on 1 cent QV Numeral; on piece with 3 cent Numeral dated -/FE 20/99

Terrebonne, QUE: First reported strike on a 2 cent Small Queen; very partial strike on stamp ?/N(O) ?/?.

Three Rivers, QUE: First reported strike on a ½ cent Small Queen; :very partial strike on stamp -/?P 18/?.

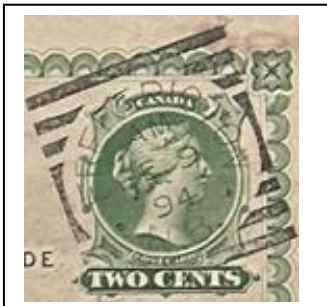
NEW REPORTS AND FINDINGS – NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK and PEI

Halifax, NS Hmr 2: First reported strike on a 1 cent Gov't envelope; blurred strike dated ?/FE ?/98.

Fredericton, NB: First reported strike on a 2 cent Gov't postcard; strike dated AM/FE 9/94 (Below, left)

St. John, NB Hmr 3: First reported strike on a 2 cent Gov't envelope; strike dated PM/JU 10/98 (Below, center)

Summerside, PEI: Fifth reported strike on a Map stamp; strike dated -/AP 13/99 (Below, right)



NEW REPORTS AND FINDINGS – ONTARIO and RPO's

Acton, ONT Hmr 2: First reported strike on 2 cent Gov't envelope and 2 cent QV Leaf issue; strike dated -/AU 4/99 (Below, left)

Cobourg, ONT: First reported strike on a 3 cent Gov't envelope; leap year strike dated -/FE 29/96

Goderich, ONT: First reported strike on a 2 cent Letter card; strike dated -/SP 23/96 (Below, right)



Niagara, ONT: First reported strike on a 2 cent UPU postcard; strike dated -/AP 17/94 (Below, right)

Vienna, ONT: First reported strike on a Letter Card and **New Latest Reported Date**; light strike dated -/AP 28/03 (Below, left)



Whitby, ONT: First reported strike for a 3 cent QV Leaf issue; also, first reported strike for any Leaf issue; backstamp receiver on cover dated -/MR 8/00, a late 1900 date of use.

Wooler, ONT: Additional example of the borrowed month indicia "JUL" in 1905; receiving strike on postcard dated -/JUL 5/05

Que. & Camp. M.C. LOCAL No. 20, State 6: Reversed day and month indicia and three letter month indicia, strike on a 2 cent Edward stamp; strike dated E/3 JUL/09. (Below, left)

Souris & Winnipeg MC No. 1: Additional example of a single year date indicia in 1907; dispatch strike on postcard dated E/AU 20/7. (Below right)



WINNIPEG, MAN HAMMER 2, PERIOD 2

As detailed in the Handbook, Period 2 of the Winnipeg hammer 2 was in a **six (6) day span** in May 1897. David Robinson sent a listing and images of his Period 2 strikes, which include earliest (below, left) and latest (below, center) reported uses. David also noted an unreported time mark "1" on a strike dated 1/MY 28/97. (Below, right)

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
2	5/MY 23/97	9/MY 29/97	• Rare usage • TM 4, 5, 7, 9 • ERD: on a 3c SQ RA-129 • LRD: on a pair of 3c SQ RA-129



A RARE LAMBTON MILLS, ONT COVER

The excerpt below left is from Dr. Whitehead's column the **June 1965 BNA TOPICS** which featured a note from Clarence Kemp regarding a cover bearing a strike of the Lambton Mills squared circle hammer. In the intervening sixty (60) years, there has been only one additional report of a Lambton Mills squared circle strike on cover. The current Handbook lists twelve off-cover strikes and two on cover, the second example being a strike on a 1 cent postcard (illustrated in the Handbook). The image of the -/JU 27/95 cover strike is shown below.

I recently saw two squared circle covers which would bring stars to the eyes of even the most advanced collector. They were two legal size covers, one of which was cancelled with a beautiful strike of Lambton Mills squared circle dated JU 27/95 tying the stamp to the cover, and it has as a receiving mark on the back of the cover Sudbury circular cancel dated JU 29/95. The second cover is just the reverse, being cancelled with the Lambton Mills circular hammer dated JA 29/96 and on the back as a receiving mark is the Sudbury squared circle dated JA 31/96. These two unusual covers were picked up by R. Maresch & Son (Toronto Dealers and Auctioneers) and are now in Stanley Cohen's collection in England.



UPDATES OF RICK FRIESEN'S CENSUSES OF SQUARED CIRCLE POSTMARKS ON 8 CENT SMALL QUEEN COVERS. MAP STAMP COVERS AND OFF-COVER MAP STAMPS

Rick Friesen is continuing his efforts to update the online census of the 8 cent Small Queen issue on cover and is currently working with Leo Beaudet to publish Rick's updated Map stamp censuses on the BNAPS website. If you have 8 cent SQ covers or Maps that are not included in the current online censuses, please forward a scan/description to Rick.