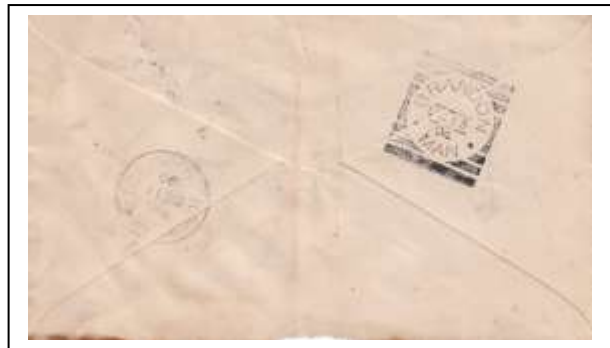


AN INTERESTING BRANDON, MANITOBA COVER

Paul Grimm sent scans of a cover featuring **three, different dated strikes** of the Brandon, Manitoba squared circle hammer. Evaluating the Brandon squared circle postmarks and CDS postmarks of Rounthwaite, Manitoba (about 34km (21 miles) south of Brandon), the cover's "story" is described below.



BRANDON, MAN SC -/NO 21/94 - Initial dispatch postmark on a single 1c Small Queen; initially posted at the drop letter rate.

"NOT CALLED FOR" - Partially visible behind the pair of 1c Small Queens; presumably, the cover was returned to the sender. Also note on the enlarged image below that the pair of SQ's partially overlays the initial Brandon SC postmark.

BRANDON, MAN SC -/DE 10/94 – Re-posted at BRANDON with a pair of 1 cent Small Queens added to the cover and forwarded to **ROUNTHWAITE, MAN** for possible delivery; the pair of Small Queens pays the 2 cent letter rate. Note the manuscript "Rounthwaite" in blue on the cover front.

ROUNTHWAITE, MAN CDS -/DE 11/94 – Receiving postmark/backstamp

ROUNTHWAITE, MAN CDS -/DE 13/94 – Apparently the cover was not called for or the addressee was not found at ROUNTHWAITE and was returned to BRANDON, as evidenced by this CDS on the cover front.



BRANDON MAN SC -/DE 13/94 – Backstamp/receiving postmark, the cover was again returned to the sender.

RECENT AUCTIONS FEATURING SIGNIFICANT SQUARED CIRCLE COLLECTIONS

The February 25th to 27th **Eastern Auction Public Auction/General Sale** included the following lots:

Lot 1027: COLLECTION OF SQUARED CIRCLE POSTMARKS: On pages, in two binders; over 1,000 stamps, Small Queens to Map stamps; ex. Eldon Godfrey collection. **Realized \$450 CDN (hammer price).**

Lot 1028: ADVANCED COLLECTION OF JUBILEE STAMPS WITH TYPE 1 SQUARED CIRCLE POSTMARKS: Nicely mounted on pages, 14 different towns, over 100 stamps and 10 covers; quality of strikes very fine to superb. **Realized \$2,000 CDN**

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RECENT AUCTIONS FEATURING SIGNIFICANT SQUARED CIRCLE COLLECTIONS (Continued)

Lot 1029: BRANTFORD AND GORE BAY ONTARIO SQUARED CIRCLES: 31 Brantford strikes on stamps and 30 assorted Gore Bay strikes on covers/cards, **Realized \$120 CDN.**

Lot 1082: COLIN BANFIELD'S GOLD MEDAL LETTER CARD EXHIBIT: Nearly 100 letter cards including 17 with squared circle postmarks, 5 of which were previously unreported (included in the New Reports in this issue). **Realized \$1,800 CDN.**

The March 11th and 12th Maresch Auction's Sale No. 589 featured the 3 cent Jubilee squared circle collection of the late Tony Shaman, including the following lots:

Lot 169: Consisting of 290 Jubilee stamps and 50 covers/fronts; **Realized \$7,000 CDN.**

Lot 170: Winnipeg calendar collection (448 stamps); **Realized \$475 CDN.**

Lot 175: Ontario 3 cent Jubilee collection, 181 stamps and 42 covers; **Realized \$4,250 CDN.**

Lot 180: Ottawa Calendar collection (1,171 stamps); **Realized \$825 CDN.**

Lots 171-174 (Nova Scotia), Lots 176-179 and Lots 181-184 (Ontario) and Lots 185 and 186 (Quebec): Each lot includes a 3 cent Jubilee cover with only 1 or 2 reported on-cover examples. **Individual lots realized between \$95 and \$230 CDN, with most in the \$120-\$180 range.**

NEW REPORTS AND FINDINGS – TYPE ONE

Beaverton, ONT: First reported strike on a 10 cent Jubilee issue; strike dated PM/OC 1/99 (Right)

London, ONT State 2: First reported strike on a 2 cent Letter Card; strike dated PM/DE 28/95



NEW REPORTS AND FINDINGS – NOVA SCOTIA and QUEBEC

Halifax, NS Hmr 1: First report of a "01" time mark; strike dated 01/NO 29/95 (Below, left)

Halifax, NS Hmr 2: First reported strike on 3 cent Letter Card, strike dated 2/DE 22/97 Below, center)

Windsor, NS: First reported strikes on ½ cent Small Queen issues; strikes on off-cover stamps dated -/? 26/95 and PM/DE 27/96



Wolfville, NS: Third reported 3 cent Jubilee cover; strike dated on first day of Jubilee issue, -/JU 19/97 (Above, right)

Aylmer East, QUE: First reported strike on a 1 cent QV Leaf issue; strike dated -/JU 23/98

NEW REPORTS AND FINDINGS – ONTARIO

Aurora, ONT: First reported strike on a 3 cent Gov't envelope; partial strike on cutout dated -/?Y 9/95.

Formosa, ONT, Hmr 2 State 2: Third reported 1902 dated strike, on 2 cent QV 2 cent cover dated NO/8/02

Gore Bay, ONT: First reported strike on a Jubilee postcard; receiving strike dated -/MY 20/00.

Hagersville, ONT: First reported strike on a Jubilee postcard; strike dated -/OC 8/97, with inverted "8" day indicia.(Right)



Lucknow, ONT: First reported strike on a Jubilee postcard, strike dated -/MR 11/98 (Above, far right)

Mt. Brydges, ONT: Third reported 1907 dated strike, dispatch cancel on postcard dated -/AP 2/07

Niagara Falls South, ONT: First reported strike on 2 cent Jubilee issue, on cover to Germany with 3 cent SQ, dated -/AU 11/97

Strathroy, ONT: First reported strike on a 2 cent Letter Card; receiving backstamp dated -/JA 11/00.

Sudbury, ONT: First reported strike on a 2 cent over 3 cent Gov't envelope; strike on a cutout dated -/AP 6/9?

Toronto CANADA: Reversed time mark "PM7"; strike on 3c Small Queen stamp dated PM7/JU 7/94.

Toronto, CANADA: First reported strike on a 1 cent Letter Card; strikes on uprated card to England are dated 1PM/SP 9/97 (Below left)

Queen Street East, TORONTO: First reported strike on 1 cent Letter Card; strikes on uprated card are dated -/JU 30/98 (Below, right).



MORDEN, MANITOBA COVER WITH BOTH MORDEN SC DISPATCH AND RECEIVING POSTMARKS

This 1 cent Government envelope (also noted in the New Reports) is perhaps unique in that it has both a dispatch postmark and what is likely a receiving postmark on the back of the cover, both dated -/OC 18/20. The cover, posted at Morden, is addressed to Thornhill, a town 10 km (6 miles) east of Morden. Note the original address was crossed out and "Morden" added, presumably at the Thornhill post office, redirecting the cover back to Morden, where it received a Morden squared circle receiving postmark/backstamp.



REPORTS AND FINDINGS – MANITOBA, ALBERTA, ASSINIBOIA and BRITISH COLUMBIA

Morden, MAN: First reported strike on a 1 cent Gov't envelope; dispatch strike and backstamp both dated -/OC 18/20 (Right and writeup on previous page)

Morden, MAN: First reported strike on a 1 cent QV Leaf issue; partial strike dated - /?Y 16/?.

Winnipeg, MAN Hmr 1: First reported strike on an 8 cent Jubilee issue; strike on stamp dated ?/JU 29/97.

Winnipeg, CANADA Hmr 3: New early date for the use of the 11 time mark; strike dated 11/JU 7/95



Regina, ASSA: First reported strike on an 1898 Map stamp; strike dated -/SP 24/99; sold on eBay this past December for \$1,025 CDN.

Lethbridge, ALTA: First reported strike on a 3 cent Letter Card; strikes on uprated card to Belgium; strikes dated -/AU 11/99 (Left)

Victoria, BC Hmr 2: First reported strike on a 1 cent Gov't envelope cutout; strike cutout dated AM/JU 29/96

ANOTHER HIGH VALUE JUBILEE FORGERY?



A recent Maresch Auction included a \$3 Jubilee issue with a partial strike of a Halifax, NS hammer 2 (left). On first glance, the strike appears to be genuine. However, when looking more closely at this strike, and comparing the strike with the Handbook and examples (including the Jubilee strike to the right), several anomalies/differences were noted.



- The first and second side bars on the left side of the \$3 Jubilee strike do not appear to be parallel with each other.
- Note the width of the base of the first "A" of the \$3 Jubilee; the proof strike and Jubilee strike are narrower than the "A" on the \$3 Jubilee.
- There is no dot between HALIFAX and N.S. on the \$3 Jubilee
- The size and shape of the TM 2 is different than the Jubilee strike; although it could be a borrowed "2" indicia on the \$3 Jubilee



We forwarded a draft of this article to Maresch and, upon receiving our email, they immediately withdrew the item from the auction.

Regarding other dollar-value Jubilee strikes, the Handbook includes a report of a strike of the Halifax NS Hammer 2 on a \$5 Jubilee issue; however, no image is available. A strike on a cover with a \$4 Jubilee issue (above) is known and is likely a forgery, as the orientation/alignment of the "HALIFAX NS" lettering does not match either Hammer 1 or Hammer 2.

CORRECTION

RA-169 APRIL 2025: St. Hyacinthe, QUE indicia error; the strike is dated **AM**/JY 37/95, not blank as reported.