

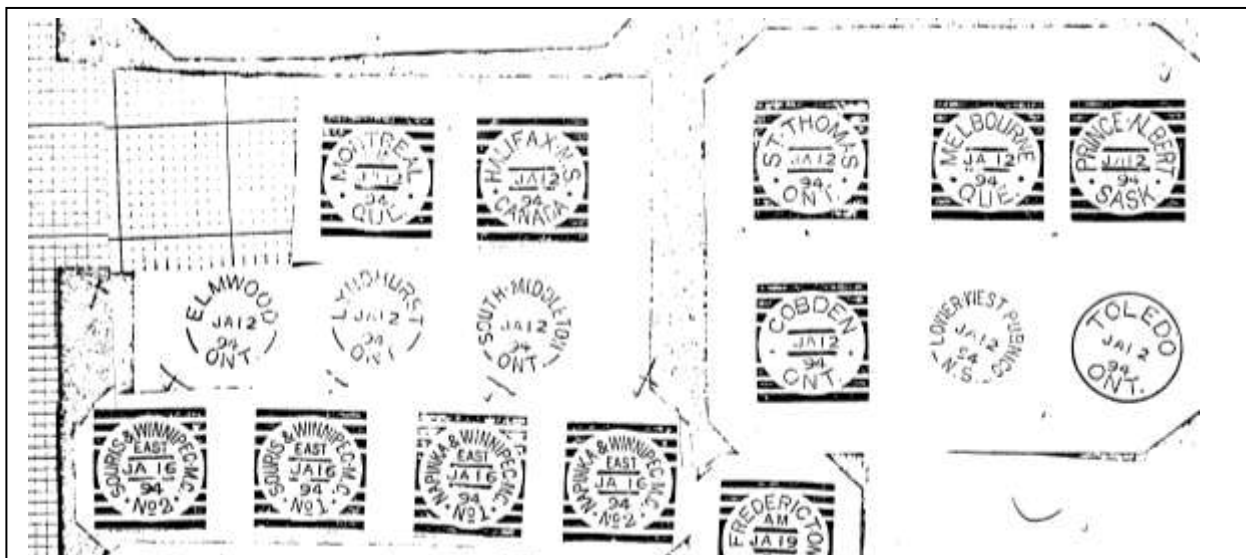
A NEW EARLIEST REPORTED DATE FOR YORK STREET, TORONTO



David Robinson sent a scan of the 2 cent Small Queen with a strike of the York Street Toronto squared circle, partially dated -/A 5/94 (left). The strike predates the current Earliest Reported Date listed in the Handbook of -/JA 13/94 by 8 days.

A proof strike of the York Street Toronto squared circle hammer does not appear in the Pritchard & Andrews proof book. The SC Handbook “estimates” a proof date of -/JA 12/94, reasoning that the proof strike may have been removed from the proof book page “since proof book (was) mutilated on that date”.

A portion of the P&A proof book page with hammers proof-dated JA 12 94 is shown below. Note strikes of six squared circle hammers, dated -/JA 12/94, are present on this page and the space to the left of the MONTREAL, QUEBEC proof strike. This likely explains the Handbook’s reference to the “mutilation” of the page.



A second area of the page (not illustrated), adjacent to a JA 25/94 proof strike of the L’ORIGINAL squared circle hammer, also appears to have been altered. However, the latter missing portion is too small to have been a squared circle image (likely a cds proof strike).

Based upon David Robinson’s strike, the Handbook’s “estimated” JA 12/94 proof date does not appear to be valid and the revised Earliest Reported Date for York Street is now -/JA 5/94.

NEW REPORTS AND FINDINGS – TYPE ONE, NOVA SCOTIA and NEW BRUNSWICK

Mount Forest, ONT: First reported strike on a 6 cent QV Numeral; partial strike on stamp.

Yarmouth, NS State 2: An additional example of reversed month/day indicia; on 3 cent QV Numeral stamp; strike dated PM/21 DE/98

NEW REPORTS AND FINDINGS – TYPE ONE, NOVA SCOTIA and NEW BRUNSWICK (Con't)

Indiantown, NB: First reported strike on a 5 cent Small Queen stamp; partially dated -/DE ?/9?

Rothsay, NB: First reported strike on an 8 cent QV Numeral; strike on stamp dated -/NO 2/98

NEW REPORTS AND FINDINGS – QUEBEC and ONTARIO

Melbourne, QUE: David Robinson sent a scan of a strike on a 2 cent Admiral, clearly dated -/MR 3/13, The “3” in “13” is blurred, which may have been mistakenly reported as a “7”; the Handbook notes the 1917 year date report (RA-56) as a possible 1912 date.

St. Cunegonde, QUE: Inverted month and day indicia; strike on 3c Small Queen stamp, dated -/JU 14/94

Arnprior, ONT: Inverted month indicia “JU”; strike on 3c Small Queen dated -/JU 21/?.



Belleville, ONT, Hmr 2: Indicia error for day date; strike on 3c Small Queen dated 4/MY 41/96

Belleville, ONT, Hmr 2: Frank Hoyles noticed strikes of this hammer on two 3 cent Jubilee issues, dated 2/OC 22/97, both examples used three different “2” indicia slugs (Left).

Belleville, ONT, Hmr 3: First reported example of an inverted “4” time mark in 1896; strike on 3 cent Small Queen dated 4/AU 12/96 (Below, left)

Belleville, ONT Hmr 3: First reported time mark “2” use 1n 1895; strike dated 2/NO 20/95 on 3 cent SQ

Belleville, ONT Hmr 3: First reports of a “2” time mark in February and March 1896; Handbook indicates this use only in May. Strikes on a 1c Small Queen dated 2/FE 10/96, 2/MR 14/96 (below, second from left) and on a 3c Small Queen dated 2/MR 20/96.

Georgetown, ONT: First reported strike on a 6 cent Small Queen; partial dated strike on stamp

Hamilton, CANADA: First reported strike on a 2 cent Letter Card; uprated with 1 cent Small Queen, dated /FE 17/96. (Below, second from right).



Iroquois, ONT: Additional example of the use of a small zero in the year date; strike on 2c QV Numeral cover dated -/MR 16/00. Based upon current reports, the use of the small zero was from January 5th through May 5th, 1900. (Above, right)

Leamington, ONT: An additional reported date with an inverted year indicia “95” strike on 8 cent Small Queen dated -/OC 7/95. (Left)

Little Current, ONT: First reported strike on a 1 cent QV Numeral issue; partial strike on stamp date -/JU 16/?.

Manitowaning, ONT: First reported strike on a 5 cent Jubilee issue; strike on stamp dated -/AU 23/97

NEW REPORTS AND FINDINGS – QUEBEC and ONTARIO (Continued)

North Bay, ONT: Second reported use of a “7” time mark; on 8 cent QV Leaf dated 7/JU 11/98 (Below, left)

Sudbury, ONT: Indicia error, missing day date indicia; strike on 3c Small Queen dated -/FE 0/96.

Sutton West, ONT: First reported strike on a 2 cent Letter Card; dispatch strike dated -/NO 28/01



Toronto, CANADA: First reported strike on \$2 Jubilee issue; strike dated PM/MR 26/98 (Above, middle)

Toronto, CANADA: David Robinson sent three strikes with a PM time mark; PM/MY 20/97 on a 3c SQ; PM/MY 17/97 on a 6c SQ (previously reported date) and PM/AP 24/66 on a Map Stamp (above, right). The “66” inverted year date for “99” on the 1898 Map stamp is the latest reported date for this error and “answers” the question posed in the Handbook: is the error for “96” or “99”?

Parliament Street, TORONTO: Strike on 3c Small Queen, dated 93/NO 4/PM; third report of this 1893 date.

WINNIPEG HAMMER 1 INDICIA ERROR INSIGHTS

The Handbook lists a large number of indicia errors for Winnipeg Hammer 1 with a single “0” day indicia, including strikes in August 1894, February, May and August 1895, March 1896, July, August and September 1897 and January 1898. For the August 1897 strikes, the Handbook notes “*In some cases, a partial “1’ for the day “10’ can be seen.*”



David Robinson recently sent an image of a dispatch strike on cover dated 6/DE 0/94 (left), which is an additional reported date with this apparent “indicia error”. Backstamps on the cover include a St. Thomas, ONT CDS transit strike dated DE 14/94 and Lynedoch, ONT split ring receiver dated DE 15/94. The backstamps support a conclusion that the dispatch date for the strike was PM/DE 10/94.

David also provided images of six December 10, 1894 strikes, time marks 4, 5, 8 and 9 (below), which clearly show a “10” day indicia. This may indicate that the “1” slug of the “10” was disturbed when changing the time mark indicia from “5” to “6”.



David sent an additional image of a Winnipeg Hammer I strike on a 1 cent Government Postcard dated 1/DE 0/95. The reverse of the postcard has a private/commercial handstamp, applied at the time of mailing, dated December 20, 1895 which confirms the Winnipeg dispatch strike is 1/DE 20/95.

From these examples, it appears that the day “0” errors may actually be attributable to indicia slugs “1” or “2” (and possibly “3”) failing to print rather than an error on the part of a post office clerk.

NEW REPORTS AND FINDINGS – MANITOBA, ALBERTA, ASSINIBOIA, and BC and RPO's

Manitou, MAN: Early date for a purple inked strike, strike on 3c Small Queen dated -/OC 4/95.

McGregor Station, MAN: First reported strike on a 5 cent QV Leaf issue; strike on stamp dated -/NO 8/98

Winnipeg, CANADA, Hmr 3: First reported strike on a 15 cent Jubilee; strike on stamp dated 7/JY 2?/97.

Winnipeg, MAN Hmr 4: Second example dated -/JU 1/95; on 3c Small Queen stamp. (Below, left)

Wolseley, ASSA Hmr 1: Twenty-fourth (24) reported strike, on 3c Small Queen stamp dated -/SP 4/94

Calgary, ALTA Hmr 2: First reported strike on a 6 cent Jubilee issue; strike dated -/SP 3?/97



Nanaimo, BC State 1: Month/day indicia error; strike dated PM/9SP2/94. Likely date is SP 29/94. This is the first reported State 1 hammer indicia error.(Above, second from left)

Nanaimo, BC State 2: First reported strike on a 3 cent Confederation issue; strike dated AM/DE 4/17.(Above, second from right)

Vancouver, BC: Additional example of the Earliest Reported Date; strike dated 4/OC 23/93. (Above, right)

Napinka & Winnipeg MC, No. 1: First reported strike on a 6 cent Leaf issue; strike on stamp dated EAST/AU ?/9?

WINNIPEG HAMMERS 1 and 2: USE OF A SMALL “3” DAY INDICIA



David Robinson recently received a Winnipeg Hammer 2 strike on a 5 cent Jubilee, dated 9/DE 13/97 and noticed the use of a borrowed small “3” indicia in the day date. Checking his extensive collection of Winnipeg strikes, he noted the following for December 1897 Hammer 1 and 2 dates with a “3” day indicia.

HAMMER 1: Usual “3” indicia for x/DE 3/97; no strikes in collection for x/DE 13/97; usual “3” for 3/DE 23/97; usual “3” for x/DE 30/97; no strikes in collection for x/DE 31/97

HAMMER 2: Usual “3” indicia for x/DE 3/97, including 3/DE 3/97; **small “3” indicia x/DE 13/97 for strikes with TM's 2, 4, 7 and 9; small “3” indicia for x/DE 23/97 for strikes with TM's 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7;** usual “3” indicia x/DE 30/97; usual “3” indicia for x/DE 31/97 including TM 3.

CORRECTIONS

RA-159: The strike on a 50 cent Widow Weed, identified as **Halifax, NS Hmr 1**, is actually **St. John, NB Hmr 1**; the noted date, ?M/JA 11/96, is correct.

RA-170: William Radcliffe Collection, 3 cent Envelope **IROQUOIS, ONT**; the correct date is -/AP 19/98.