

RECENT AUCTION RESULTS FOR SQUARED CIRCLE POSTMARKS – ROUND TWO

Since the March 2026 ANNEX's highlighting auction results from the first 3 months of 2026, there have been a number of scarce to rare squared circle items sold via auction and on eBay. Prices noted are in Canadian funds.

Garden City Philatelic Auction No. 5, March 28, 2026

Lot 218: GODERICH ONT on an 8c SQ Registered Cover, free strike dated -/FE 12/95 to Clinton (next day receiver on back) and franked with a single 8c Small Queen **Hammer price \$130**

eBay Online Auction June – August 2026

ST. HILARION QUE on 1 cent Jubilee stamp, dated 14/AU/97 RF 90; two strikes on 1 cent Jubilee's previously reported; 6 bidders **Hammer Price \$1,091.66**. (See below)

SUMMERSIDE PEI on 1 cent Jubilee stamp, dated -/SP 11/97; scarce on Jubilee issues, previously reported on 1c Jubilee, 3c Jubilee inventory 4 OC, 5 C; 5 bidders **Hammer Price \$151.00**.

PORT PERRY ONT on 1 cent Jubilee stamp, dated -/NO 17/97, inverted "7" in day date; scarce on Jubilee issues; previously reported on 1c Jubilee, 3c Jubilee inventory 10 OC, 0 C; 5 bidders **Hammer Price \$219.50**.

ASHCROFT STATION, BC on 1 cent Jubilee stamp, dated -/SP 37/97 RF 90; one strike on 1 cent Jubilee previously reported; 5 bidders **Hammer Price \$565.55**

RIPLEY ONT on 2 cent Jubilee stamp dated PM/U 01/00; third reported strike on this issue; 4 bidders **Hammer Price \$103.60**

WOLFVILLE, ONT first report on a 3 cent Government Envelope (EN7), dated -/OC 3/94, sold on a BUY NOW basis, **listing price \$110**. (See next page)

HALIFAX NS Hmr 1 on an uprated 2 cent Government Envelope (EN9) to Germany with three pairs of ½ cent Small Queens, addressed by Heney Hechler, with a Legation de Trinidad backstamp, **1 bidder \$175**

Garden City Philatelic Auction No. 8, July 4, 2026

Lot 186: PRESCOTT, ONT on registered cover with three 1 cent and one 5 cent Jubilee issues; strikes on cover front and back dated -/AU 26/97; **Hammer Price \$ \$350**

Lot 188: PICTON, ONT on registered cover with one 3 cent and one 5 cent Jubilee issues; strikes on cover front and back dated 1/JY 6/97 **Hammer Price \$ 180**

Lot 190: PRESCOTT, ONT on registered cover with 8 cent Jubilee issue; strikes on cover front and back dated -/AP 27/98 **Hammer Price \$ \$850**

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

St. Hilarion, QUE: Additional reported strike (34th) on 1 cent Jubilee issue, dated 14/AU/97 (Right); this report changes Rarity Factor from 90 to 80,

Windsor, NS: New late date of a 3 line date arrangement; strike on 3 cent Small Queen stamp dated MR/18/96.



NEW REPORTS AND FINDINGS – TYPE ONE, NOVA SCOTIA and QUEBEC (Continued)

Wolfville, NS First reported strike on a 3 cent Gov't envelope; strike dated -/OC 3/94 (Right)

Yarmouth, NS State 1: Strike on 3 cent Small Queen stamp dated -/JU 3/94; scarce blank TM slot; fifth reported and earliest date of a blank TM.

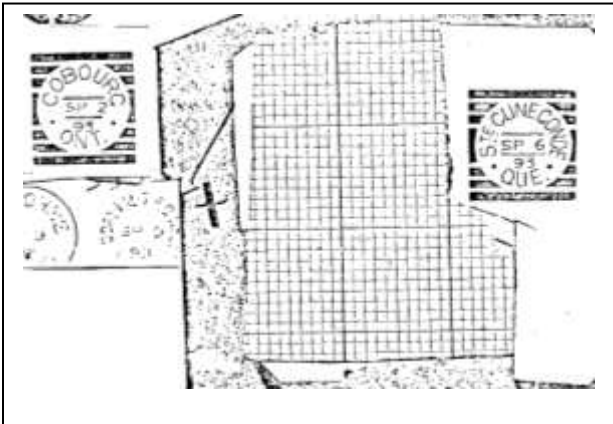
Montreal, QUE, Hmr 1: New earliest reported date for a numeral time mark, by one hour; two examples on 3 cent Small Queen stamps dated 5/AP 14/94.

Quebec, CANADA: First reported strike on a 1 cent Letter Card; transit backstamp dated 1/AU 13/97.

St. Anne De Beaupre, QUE : First reported strike on a 5 cent Small Queen issue; partial strike on stamp



CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI: THE MISSING PRITCHARD & ANDREWS PROOF STRIKE and THE EARLIEST REPORTED DATE OF USE



The Handbook notes “*Proofing date estimated as SP 6/93 since proof book mutilated on that date*” (see image left of missing area in P&A proof book).

The strike to the right is likely the basis for the current Handbook’s Earliest Reported Date, -/SP 8/93.



NEW REPORTS AND FINDINGS – ONTARIO



Bobcaygeon, ONT State 2: First reported strike on 7 cent Edward issue; strike dated -/JY 5/07 on registered cover (Left)

Brantford, ONT: First reported strike on a 10 cent QV Leaf issue; strike on stamp dated PM/MY 17/98.

Forest, ONT: Additional example (27th report), on 1 cent Small Queen stamp, dated -/DE 10/97.

Listowel, ONT: First report of a strike on 3 cent Gov't envelope, backstamp receiver dated JU/3/98.

Little Current, ONT: First reported strike for 5 cent Jubilee issue; backstamp dated -/JY 13/97 on a philatelic-franked cover w/ 3c SQ and 1c, 2c, 3c, and 5c Jubilee issues

Mount Brydges, ONT: Additional date for the inverted “OC” indicia; strike on 1c Government postcard dated -/OC 19/96

NEW REPORTS AND FINDINGS – ONTARIO (Continued)

Petrolea, ONT: First reported strike on a 20 cent Jubilee; very light strike on stamp, date not discernible.

Port Perry, ONT: Inverted day date indicia; inverted “7” in strike on 1 cent Jubilee stamp dated -(N)O 17/97



Powassan, ONT: First reported strike on a 3 cent Letter Card; dispatch strike dated -/OC 21/01 (Below, left)

Prescott, ONT: First reported strike on a 5 cent Jubilee; strike on cover dated -/AU 26/97 (Above, left)

Prescott, ONT: Second reported strike on an 8 cent Jubilee issue and first reported strike on cover; strike dated -/AP 27/98. (Above, right)

Sault Ste. Marie, ONT First reported strike on a 2 cent Jubilee issue; strike dated AM/JU 26/97 {Left}

Vienna, ONT: First reported strike on an 8 cent Small Queen cover; strikes dated -/DE 20/97 (Below, front and back images)

Wellington, ONT : First report of a strike on a 3 cent Letter Card; backstamp receiver dated 99/JU 19/-. Card has Picton ONT squared circle dispatch cancel on front.(dated 1/JU 19/99)

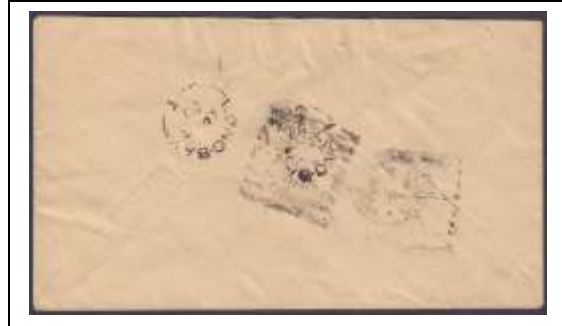


REPORTS AND FINDINGS – BRITISH COLUMBIA

Ashcroft Station, BC: 27th reported strike and second strike on a 1 cent Jubilee issue; light strike dated -/SP ?/97.

MAP COVER WITH GORE BAY BACKSTAMP (Rick Friesen)

Yes, the illustrated cover below has a Gore Bay squared circle transit postmark and that's why it's featured in this Squared Circle study group newsletter, but what caught my interest was the rate and the canceling postmarks.



Three (3) LONG BAY/ONT Type A1 split circles dated **AP 3/99** (below, left) cancel the two Map stamps (plating positions 3A92 and 3A93), a 1¢ QV Numeral & a 2¢ purple QV Numeral, and a LONG BAY/ONT. Type A1 split circle dated **AP 4/99** (below, right) cancels a third Map stamp (plating position 3A25) on a registered, pre-printed cover to Rennie in Toronto (CDS receiver dated PM/AP 7/99) via Gore Bay Squared Circle transit postmark dated -/AP 4/99). This is an uncommon rate cover in which the 9¢ postage paid the double weight domestic rate (4¢) with registration (5¢).



What is intriguing is that 2 of the Map stamps and the Numerals are canceled with three Long Bay split circles dated AP 3/99, while the third Map stamp is canceled the next day with a Long Bay split circle dated AP 4/99 - why? It is interesting to speculate on the circumstances that would lead to this postmarking.

Long Bay was a small settlement on Manitoulin Island (population of about 250), situated on the southwest shore of Lake Kagawong about 16 km from Gore Bay. An appealing explanation for the 2 dates is that the letter was brought to the post office and canceled on AP 3/99 (but after the post had left for the day) with the sender believing that 7¢ was sufficient to pay the single weight, registered postage. However, the postmaster in the small town likely knew the sender, realized the postage insufficiency prior to forwarding the double weight letter the next day, and added the third Map stamp to make up the correct postage of 9¢ and canceled it with an AP 4/99 strike.

Is there evidence to support this hypothesis? The fact that the two Map stamps on the far right of the cover were adjacent to each other on the sheet of Map stamps (plating positions 3A92 and 3A93) suggests that they were detached from the sheet at the same time and immediately attached to the cover. However, the third Map stamp canceled on AP 4 was from a distant part of the sheet, or a completely different sheet of stamps (plate position 3A25), suggesting that it was added at another time.

While not conclusive proof, if all the Map stamps had been attached to the cover at the same time, it seems likely that they all would have been adjacent to each other on the sheet. Does anybody have another possible explanation?

BNAPEX 2026 VALLEYFIELD STUDY GROUP MEETING

The Squared Circle Study Group meeting will be held on Sunday, September 20th beginning at 11:30 am. In the SHPQ Room. Bill Radcliffe has volunteered to chair the meeting as Rick will be in Ireland and I am not able to attend. Please plan on attending and bring an interesting show and tell item or two to share.