## THE SQUARED CIRCLE POSTMARKS OF NEW BRUNSWICK

## Introduction: "Squared Circle Precursor" St. John – 1892

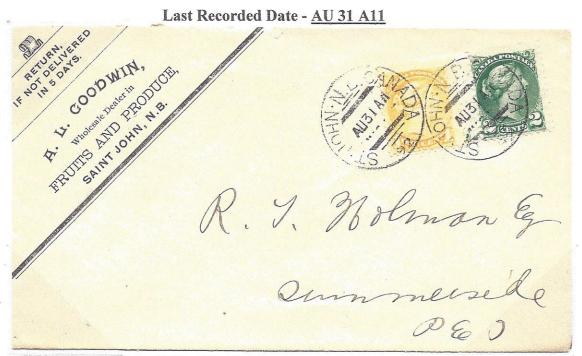
In 1892, nine Canadian post offices, including St. John, were issued with a combination canceller-dater hammer. Its format was an enclosed circle within which was the "City, Province, Canada", and below between two sets of lines with the mailing data — MM DD TM, and under the lower lines, the year "92". They were used only in 1892.

Time Mark order: <u>from introduction on January 21, 1892 until May, "hour & A or P"</u>. <u>Thereafter until the end of the hammer's use on August 31, "A or P & hour".</u>



Proof Date JA 13 / 92





## THE SQUARED CIRCLES Introduced 1893-1895

Fourteen New Brunswick post offices received a square circle hammer from 1893 to 1895. Usage of some squared circles lasted beyond 1910.

1893 Clifton, Rothesay – the initial proof strikes dated <u>JU15 / 92</u>

Baie Verte, Butternut Ridge, Newcastle Creek, Milltown,

River Louison, Petitcodiac

1894 Fredericton, Sackville, Woodstock, Indiantown, Shediac

**1895-1897** St. John (3 hammers)



The hammer name is derived from its design – an outer square formed by horizontal lines, cut to create a circle which held the **Post Office**, **N.B.** / **Canada** around the rim and the "indicia" in 3 lines – time mark, month and date, and year organized as **TM** / **MM DD** / **YY**. Manufacture was by Pritchard & Andrews.

EXHIBIT ORGANIZATION: This display shows: an illustration of the proof strikes (scanned directly from "The Squared Circle Cancellations of Canada – 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, BNAPS, 2001); examples on cover; the usage dates; time marks; and quantities for less common markings. The hammers of each post office are presented in order of proof date. <u>SIGNIFICANT STRIKES are "boxed" in black</u>.