

Exhibit Synopsis

Title of Exhibit

Squared Circle Cancellations and the Quebec Tercentenary Issue of 1908.

Purpose of Exhibit

To show by examples on stamps, postcards, and covers the squared circle postmarks that were still in use at the time the Quebec Tercentenary stamps were issued on July 16, 1908.

Plan of Exhibit

Page 1	History and plan of exhibit.
Page 2	Chart showing the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Squared circles recorded on stamp in the handbook for the year of 1908.• Squared circles on stamps, covers, and postcards in this exhibit.• Towns where squared circles are known used on KEVII definitives in 1908 and therefore might possibly be found on the Quebec Tercentenary issue.
Pages 3	Baie-Verte, New Brunswick.
Pages 4	Rothsay, New Brunswick, and Danville, Quebec.
Pages 5 & 6	Bobcaygeon, Ontario.
Pages 7-12	Brantford, Ontario.
Page 13	Gore Bay, Ontario (unrecorded)
Page 14	Thornhill, Ontario, and Wooler, Ontario (unrecorded)
Page 15	Railway post offices.
Page 16	Various other towns on single stamps.

Observations

- The stamps were popular with the public and most of the lower values were sold out by the end of September 1908, just 2½ months after issue.
- Almost all of the stamps, covers, and postcards in this exhibit are dated before the end of September 1908.
- In many of the towns the stamps were cancelled with bars and the squared circle placed adjacent to the stamp; a further reason for the difficulty in finding examples.
- The one town which used the squared circle exclusively to cancel the stamps was Brantford as can be seen by the number of examples in this exhibit. Even so, examples are not that readily found.
- The fifth edition of the “Squared Circle Cancellations of Canada” handbook prepared by the Squared Circle Study Group, **records only 17 towns and 4 railway post offices** using the squared circle postmark on this issue.
- Consequently, forming an exhibit of squared circle cancels on the Quebec Tercentenary issue has been challenging to say the least.

Items of Impact in the Exhibit

- Gore Bay, Ontario, is unrecorded on stamp or cover/postcard in the handbook.
- Wooler, Ontario, is unrecorded on stamp or cover/postcard in the handbook.
- Port Arthur, Ontario, is unrecorded on any stamp in 1908 in the handbook.
- Brantford, Ontario, is unrecorded with inverted 4 in the date.
- Large part cover front of Brantford bearing pair of 1 cent and the 10 cents special delivery stamp tied by the squared circle is likely unique.

Philatelic References

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