

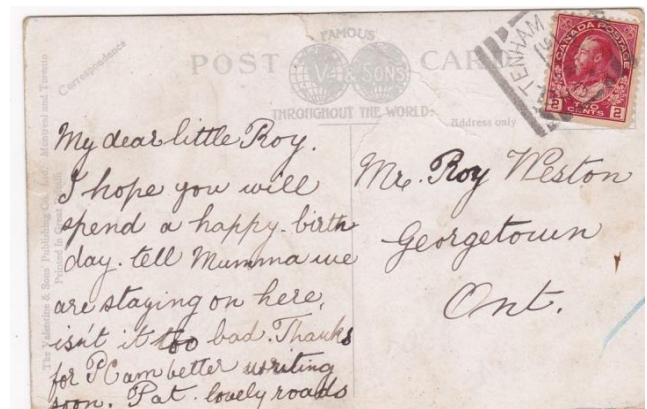
CHELTENHAM UPDATE: ADMIRAL PERIOD USE

The Fifth Edition Handbook defines five (5) distinct periods of the use for the Cheltenham hammer, with Period 3 through 5 occurring within the Admiral Period:

- Period 3: DE 22/13 through AU 4/15
- Period 4: Single strike dated JU 27/18
- Period 5: AP 2/20 through MR 10/26

A number of reports since the Handbook publication now indicate that the Cheltenham hammer was likely used, albeit sporadically, continuously through the 1913 to 1926 interval and that the three distinct periods identified in the Handbook are actually define a single period. The earliest and latest known Admiral Period dates reflected in the handbook are current. An inventory of known Admiral Period strikes of the hammer is presented below.

1913	2 strikes	1918	2 strikes	1923	3 strikes
1914	4 strikes	1919	1 strike	1924	3 strikes
1915	2 strikes	1920	3 strikes	1925	4 strikes
1916	No strikes	1921	3 strikes	1926	1 strike
1917	1 strike	1922	2 strikes		



The above postcards, mailed a year apart, extend birthday wishes to a child in Georgetown, Ontario. The strike on the postcard to the left is dated -/MR 17/21 and the strike on the card to the right is dated -/MR 16/20.

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ORAPEX 2015

Bruce Kalbfleisch provided a report on ORAPEX 2015. As part of the show, an impromptu Squared Circle Study Group meeting was held. One of the participants was Mattia Guida of Toronto who specializes in Italian squared circles as well as world-wide squares. Mattia has prepared an article on the Italian squared circles and is available for viewing at <http://thesquaredcirclepostmarksworldwide.ca/>.

NEW REPORTS AND UPDATES

PORT WILLIAMS, N.S. – Strike on 5 Cent Jubilee, ?/?/97; previously unreported on this stamp

HAGERSVILLE, ONT. – New **Latest Known Date** on 3 Cent Leaf; strike dated -/JU 9/98

LINDSAY, ONT. - Strike on 2 Cent Jubilee, 2/SP 1/97; previously unreported on this stamp

MATTAWA, ONT. - Strike on 5 Cent Jubilee, -/JY 29/97; previously unreported on this stamp

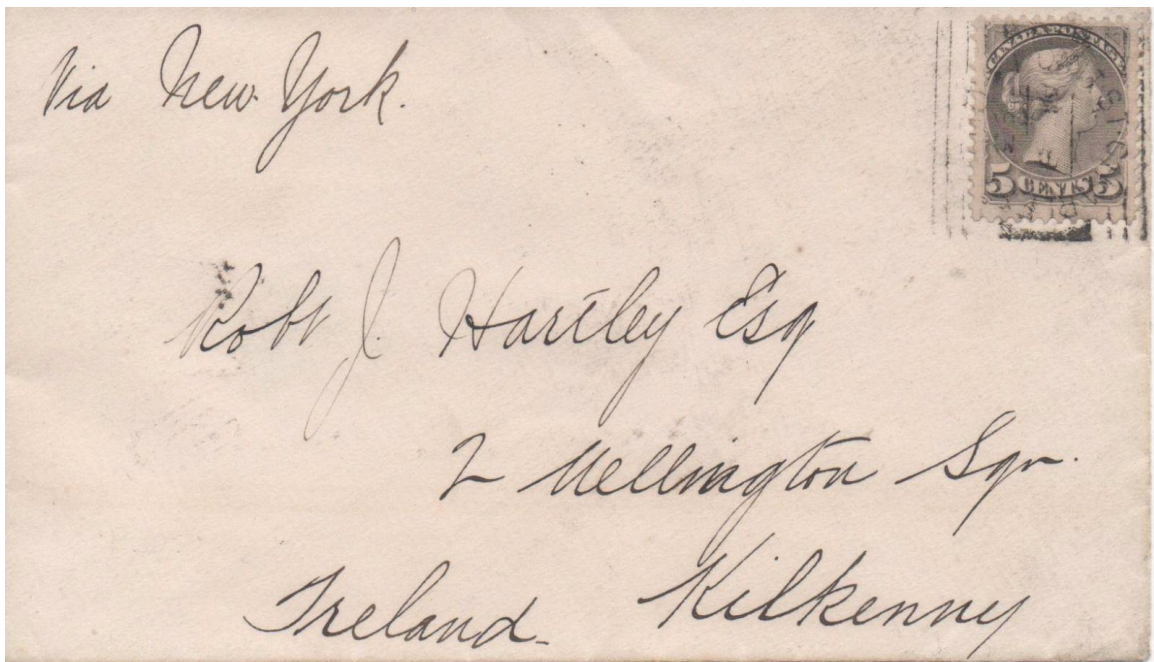
PETROLEA, ONT. - Strike on 10 Cent Jubilee, -/JY ?/97; previously unreported on this stamp

PRESCOTT, ONT. - Strike on 6 Cent Leaf, -/DE 9/97; previously unreported on this stamp

MAPLE CREEK, ASSA. – Strike on 8 Cent Numeral, -/NO 12/98; previously unreported on this stamp

HARTNEY, MAN. – New **Earliest Known Date** on 3 Cent Small Queen; strike dated -/AU 28/93; the previous earliest known date, -/SP 11/93 had stood for more than 35 years

WINNIPEG, MAN HMR II - Strike on 15 Cent Jubilee, 4/JA 29/98; previously unreported on this stamp



Pointe St. Charles, Que. dated -/AP 8/93 (inverted "8")

BACK ISSUES ANNEX NEWSLETTERS DIGITAL SCANS

Rick Friessen undertook the task of scanning the back issues of the Annex newsletters, beginning with the first edition. We are currently trying to address several anomalies such as incorrectly numbered issues and possibly one missing issue.

One of the objectives of creating a digital version was to make the newsletters available on the BNAPS web site. Rick indicated that there was some discussion among Study Group members regarding this idea at the 2015 ORAPEX show, with several members expressing the concern that information in the newsletters, particularly attributions of new finds and collecting interests, would then be available to anyone visiting the BNAPS site. (In the past, requests by members wishing to remain anonymous when reporting new finds have been honored and we will continue to do so.)

In lieu of posting on the BNAPS web site, distribution of digital versions could be limited only to Study Group members. Joe Smith and I would like to hear from members regarding the posting of the digital Annex on the BNAPS web site. In the meantime, Rick Friesen and I will sort out the discrepancies.

ATTENTION COLLECTORS OF MAP ISSUE SQUARED CIRCLES

I received the following request from Rick Friesen who collects squared circles on the Map Issue:

I am collecting data for a study of squared circle cancels on the 1898 Map Issue. In particular, I would like to make a survey of the earliest and latest dates for cancels for each town on the Map Issue. Therefore, I would appreciate assistance from the Study Group members, and anyone else that you know who has Map squared circle cancels. Please report to me (or Gary Arnold who will then pass them along anonymously if you wish), the following information.

- *Hammer (Town)*
- *Date and Time Mark indicia*
- *On cover/off cover strike; if on cover, indicate free strike or dater/obliterator.*
- *If possible (but not necessary), the plating position of the stamp*

*I know that for some of you who have extensive Map Issue holdings that this will be a fair bit of work so your cooperation is **greatly appreciated**. When complete (or near complete), the results of my study will be presented in a future Annex.*

Finally, for unique strikes, I am hoping to obtain scans that could be included in an article. By unique, I mean the strikes of towns with single reported examples on and/or off-cover. If you are willing to include a high resolution scan that could be included in an article, it would be very much appreciated. (rickfriesen5@hotmail.com).

BNAPEX 2015 NIAGARA FALLS

We hope to schedule a time slot for a Study Group meeting at BNAPEX 2015. At this point, I plan to attend at least two days. Joe Smith is considering rescheduling a few commitments and may be able to attend as well. There likely will be no set agenda for the meeting; feel free to bring items for discussion.

MANSONVILLE VS. SHANNONVILLE (submitted by Rick Friesen)

I recently came across an online offering of an off-cover squared circle cancellation on the Map Stamp from a well-known and respected Canadian stamp dealer that read as follows: "Quebec-Mansonville Type I squared circle (-/MR 6/99) – only two strikes reported on Map stamp, no cover known....ex Bradley". As a collector of squared circles on Map, needless to say I was interested.

Upon studying the scan of the stamp that was provided (see 2 scans below), although the strike was somewhat weak, it became clear to me that this was not a Mansonville, Quebec strike, but rather the more common Shannonville, Ontario cancel. After some back and forth with the dealer, we agreed on this assignment and an appropriately modified price was negotiated.



This then begs the question, what are the correct known quantities of the Mansonville and Shannonville cancels? In the 5th edition of the handbook, the off-cover quantities for Mansonville and Shannonville are reported as 2 and 10, respectively. Does this mean that when originally reported (presumably by Bradley), this stamp was assigned as Mansonville? If so, that would mean that in reality there is only 1 Mansonville off-cover squared circle cancellation on Map stamp and there are 11 Shannonville cancels. However, if it was originally reported as a Shannonville cancel and the dealer just mistakenly advertised it as Mansonville, then the handbook numbers are correct.

I believe that the former option is correct, and the stamp was originally erroneously reported as a Mansonville cancel. My reasoning? Firstly, the back of the stamp has "Mansonville" neatly penciled in. Secondly, in the 5th edition of the handbook, the "Latest date of use" for the Mansonville cancel (and only report for 1899) is listed as -/MR 6/99, the exact date found on the cancel of the stamp in question. Both of these points suggest that the owner did indeed assign and report the stamp as a Mansonville cancellation. Therefore, if this reasoning is correct, the current owner of the "other" Mansonville squared circle cancellation on Map stamp has a unique item!

The only way to unambiguously resolve this issue is for the current owner(s) of the Mansonville cancel(s) on Map stamp to report in. Please send the stamp information (time/date etc., with scans if possible) for the Mansonville Type I squared circle cancellations on Map to the newsletter editor, or myself, so that the handbook can be corrected (if required). Also, the handbook will need to be corrected since the latest date for the Mansonville cancel is no longer -/MR 6/99. The latest 1898 date of -/NO 25/98 (see handbook) would become the latest date.