

4. TYPE 2 SQUARED CIRCLES

4.1 NOVA SCOTIA

ANNAPOLIS, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 718

Strikes On Cover: 174

Rarity Factor (RF): 15



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/JU 9/94		
1	-/JU 22/94	-/AU 29/00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: on 3c Small Queen RA-155 • ERD -/JU 22/94 reported in HB5 is actually a poorly struck Antigonishe RA-100 • LRD: on a 2c red Numeral RA-112

- All strikes lack indicia bars
- Later strikes show some rounding of the corners due to prolonged use

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement

- Single PM TM known dated PM/SP 3/99 on a 10c SD RA-49

Indicia Errors and Indicia of Interest:

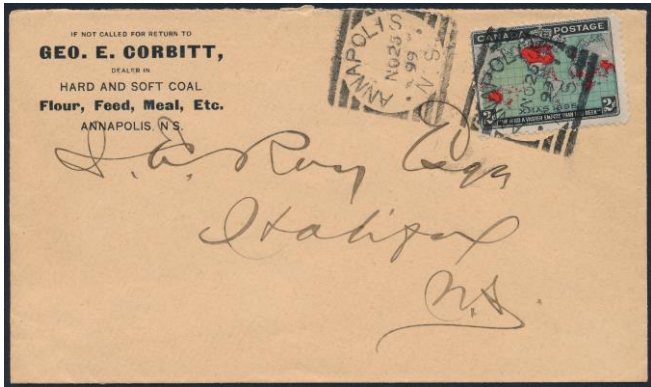
Date	Description	Comments/Reference
-/MY 8/00	Small zeroes in year	HB5
-/JY 18/00	Small zero in year	BNAT293-240

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1c,2c,3c,5c,8c	5c first reports dated -/JU 25/94 and -/JA 30/97 RA-159
Jubilee	1c,2c,3c,5c	3c: 56 OC, 9 C 2c first report dated -/JY 3/97 RA-154 5c first report dated -/AU 30/97 RA0-160
QV Leaf	1c,2c,3c,5c,8c	2c first report dated -/AP 6/98 RA-158
QV Numeral	1c,2cp,2cr,2/3c,3c,10c	2/3c first report dated -/AU 31/99 RA-153
1898 Map	Y	35 OC, 21 C
5¢ RLS	Y	First report on registered cover with 3c SQ dated -/AU 4/96 STK1-3087
10¢ SD	Y	First report dated PM/SP 3/99 RA-49
Envelope	3c	3c first report dated -/JU 20/94 RA-158
Gov't Postal Card	1c,2c	
Jubilee Postcard	Y	First report dated -/JY 30/97 RA-157
Letter Card	3c	Date not clear RA-149
Other		OHMS free franked Notice of Undelivered Publication dated -/FE 16/00 STK1-3086

-/AU 4/96



-/NO 25/99 (STK1-3088)



-/JY 9/97 (EB-2019)



ANTIGONISHE, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 546

Strikes On Cover: 167

Rarity Factor (RF): 20



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/JU 15/93		
1	-/JU 27/93	-/MY 16/00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: HB5; LRD: HB5; • Strikes after -/JY 16/99 are very scarce

- Note that the final 'E' in ANTIGONISHE is obsolete but was in use on postal markings until about 1900

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement

Indicia Errors and Indicia of Interest:

Date	Description	Comments/Reference
-/?P 1?/68	Year error, AP or SP 98	On a 3c Leaf cover BNAT323-132
-/SP DD/--	Year missing in SP 93	Known from SP 2-21 HB5

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1c,3c,5c,8c	
Jubilee	1c,2c,3c,8c	3c: 48 OC, 11 C
QV Leaf	1/2c, 1c,3c,8c	1/2c: first report dated -/JY 11/98 RA-145
QV Numeral	2cp,3c	
1898 Map	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 OC, 0 C • The reported strikes are from HB5, however, no strikes have been reported in the philatelic literature
5¢ RLS	Y	
Gov't Postal Card	1c	
Jubilee Post Card	Y	

-/OC 3/93



ARICHAT, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 181

Strikes On Cover: 27

Rarity Factor (RF): 35



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/OC 9/93		
1	-/OC 20/93	-/DE 9/96	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: BNAT314-173 • LRD: RA-39

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1c,2c,3c,6c,8c	
Gov't Postal Card	1c	

-/JU 4/95 (STK1-3090)



-/MR 19/94 (STK2-1108)



BADDECK, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 130

Strikes On Cover: 85

Rarity Factor (RF): 35



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/DE 20/93		
1	-/DE 28/93	-/MR 9/95	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: RA-7 • LRD: on a 1c SQ RA-119
2	-/AU 20/96		Isolated strike on a 3c Envelope STK1-3091
3	-/AU 27/97		Isolated strike on a 1c Jubilee RA-98
4	-/SP 15/98	-/AP 6/05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: RA-39 • LRD: on a 2c Edward cover STK1-3091, RA-7

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement

Indicia of Interest:

Date	Description	Comments/Reference
-/ <u>JUL</u> 9/03	Borrowed indicia, 3-letter month	On a 2c red Numeral cover HB5
-/ <u>JUL</u> 23/03	Borrowed indicia, 3-letter month	Backstamp on a cover STK1-3091
-/ <u>JAN</u> 9/04	Borrowed indicia, 3-letter month	On a 2c Edward cover STK1-3092
-/ <u>JAN</u> 22/05	Borrowed indicia, 3-letter month	On a 2c Edward cover RA-129

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	3c,5c,8c	5c first reports dated -/AP 27/94 (RA-159) and -/JA 30/97
Jubilee	1c,2c	3c: 0 OC, 0 C
QV Leaf	2/3c,3c,5c,8c	8c first report dated -/SP 17/98 RA-158
QV Numeral	1c,2cp,2cr,3c,8c	
1898 Map	Y	19 OC, 7 C
Edward	1c,2c,5c,7c	
Envelope	3c	
Gov't Postal Card	1c	
Other		Two unsevered post office registration receipts dated -/FE 7/05 STK1-3092

-/AU 20/96



-/AP 6/05



-/MR 29/00 (STK2-1109)



CANNING, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 282
Strikes On Cover: 38
Rarity Factor (RF): 30



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/SP 14/93		
1	*/SP 18/93	*/JA 6/99	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: HB5; LRD: HB5; • Strikes after */OC 11/97 are very scarce, with one */NO 5/98 reported

Time Marks/Arrangement: ornament * (large * in 94, small * in 95), normal date arrangement
 • Single AM TM known dated AM/? ?/? on a 3c SQ RA-18, HB5

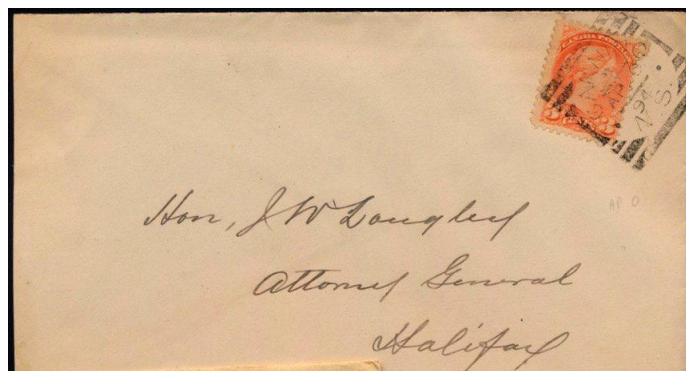
Indicia Errors and Indicia of Interest:

Date	Description	Comments/Reference
*/AP 0/94	Missing digit in year	On a 3c SQ cover STK2-1123

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1c,2c,3c,5c,8c	
Jubilee	1c,3c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3c: 15 OC, 3 C • Covers dated ?/? ?/97 (RLNB2-1769), */AU 3/97, and */AU 5/97 (backstamp on a cover VA337-5827)
QV Leaf	3c	3c first report on cover; dated */FE 2/98 RA-152
Gov't Postal Card	1c	1c first report dated */AU 10/94 RA-159
5c RLS	Y	Dated -/NO 8/93 RA-103 (is blank correct?)

*/FE 9/94 (STK1-3093)

*/AP 0/94



*/AU 28/97 (STK1-3093)



CANSO, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 107
Strikes On Cover: 45
Rarity Factor (RF): 40



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/AP 5/95		
1	-/AP 26/95	-/DE ?/99	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: on a 3c SQ mourning cover STK1-3095 • LRD: on Map stamp ML206-38

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1c,3c,8c	
Jubilee	1c,3c,50c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1c: backstamp receiver on cover with 3 x 1c Jubilees dated -/JY 29/97 EB-2021 • 3c: 10 OC, 2 C • 3c off-cover dated -/JY 1?/97 (EB-2019), -/JY 19/97, -/AU ?/97, -/AU 7/97, -/AU 9/97, -/AU 9/97, -/AU 27/97, -/SP 2/97, -/SP 16/97 (STK2-1119), -/NO 32/97 • 3c cover dated -/AU 12/97 EB-2020 • 50c: first report dated -/NO 23/97
QV Leaf	1/2c,3c	1/2c first report on cover with 2c Jubilee; dated -/SP 10/94 RA-147
QV Numeral	2cp,3c,8c	
1898 Map	Y	4 OC, 2 C <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off-cover strikes dated -/J? -/9-, -/JY ??/99, -/JY 19/99 and -/DE ?/99 • Cover cancelling strikes dated -/JU 9/99 and -/MY 10/99
Gov't Postal Card	1c	
Jubilee Post Card	Y	

-/AP 26/95



-/SP 16/97 (STK2-1119)



FREEPORT, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 49
Strikes On Cover: 6
Rarity Factor (RF): 70



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/OC 3/93		
1	-/NO 3/93	-/FE 1/97	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: on a 3c SQ MBJH-2011 • Second latest strike dated -/JA 14/96 on a 3c SQ • LRD: on a 8c SQ RA-83

• Reported Covers:

- **-/NO 30/93** on a 3c SQ cover
- Double cancelling strike dated **-/M? ??/??** tying an 8c SQ on a registered cover (STK1-3098) - the date is unreadable but the back shows a Digby transit CDS dated MR 5/94
- **-/MR 10/94** on a 3c SQ cover
- **-/JY 17/94** on a 3c SQ cover
- **-/FE 8/95** on an 8c SQ RA-93
- Weak, unreadable strike on a 1c SQ cover

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1c,3c,8c	
5¢ RLS	Y	

-/NO 3/93



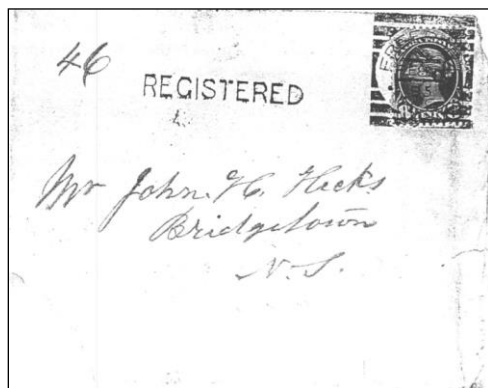
-/DE 4/94



-/JA 14/96



-/FE 8/95



-/NO 30/93



GREAT VILLAGE, NS
 Strikes Off-Cover: 42
 Strikes On Cover: 5
 Rarity Factor (RF): 70



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/AU 25/94		
1	-/SP 3/94	-/MY 24/95	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: on a 3c SQ MBJH-2012 • LRD: on a pair of 3c SQ, although 95 is not conclusive • Other 1894 strikes reported are -/? 4/94 on a 3c SQ, -/OC 16/94 on a 3c SQ, -/OC 19/94 on a 1c QV postal card, -/OC 20/94 on a 8c SQ EB-2019, -/OC 25/94 on a 1c QV postal card MBJH-2013, STK1-3099, -/NO 13/94 on a strip of 3X 1c SQ RLNB2-1771, -/NO 17/94 on a 3c SQ, -/NO 24/94 on a strip of 3X 1c SQ, and -/NO 24/94 transit strike on a 3c Letter Card • Other 1895 strikes reported are -/?? 2/95 on a 3c SQ, -/?? 8/95 on a 3cSQ, -/JA 15/95 on a 8c SQ RA-116, -/FE 23/95 on a 3c SQ pair, -/AP 2/?? on a 3c SQ, -/AP 3/95 on a 1c QV postal card, and -/AP 24/95 on a 3c SQ

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1c,3c,8c	3c: illustrated Ralph Smith corner card cover with a partial strike JSMR-1218
Gov't Postal Card	1c	
Letter Card	3c	Dated -/NO 24/94

-/SP 3/94



-/OC 25/94



-/JA 15/95



-/MY 24/95



JSMR-1218



-/NO 24/94



-/OC 20/94



HALIFAX.NS, CANADA, HAMMER 1

Strikes Off-Cover: 7671

Strikes On Cover: 928

Rarity Factor (RF): 5



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/JU 29/93		Second proofing on -/AU 23/93
1	?/JY 1/93		HB5, one strike only
2	1/AU 26/93	?/DE 19/96	ERD: HB5; LRD: HB5
3	21/DE 26/96		HB5, one strike only
4	4/JA 2/97	3/JY 25/97	5 reports in 1897 including 1/JA 23/97, 2/JA 30/97 (RA-160) and 4/MR 30/97 HB5
5	3/MY 18/98	2/SP 27/98	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: HB5 • LRD: on a 2c Jubilee EB-2019 • These 2 strikes only
6	2/OC 17/98	2/OC 20/98	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: on a 3c Numeral RA-86 • LRD: on a 5c Jubilee EB-2019 • Also 1/OC 20/98 on a 20c Jubilee RA-106
7	1/JY 22/99		RA-40, one strike only

- Later strikes show gradual progressive wear of the hammer
- Hammer 2 was also in use during Periods 4-7 (1897-99), and a set of strikes on JA 2/97 with TM 4 from Hammer 1 and TM 1&2 from Hammer 2 was reported in RA-81
- For an early article (1958) on the Halifax hammers, see Whitehead in BNAT157-116

Time Marks/Arrangement: 1-4 normal, normal date arrangement

TM	Date	Comments/Reference
blank	NO 93, JA 94, AP 94, MY 94, JU 95, SP 96, OC 21/96 (RA-99), DE 4/96 (STK2-1111), MY 4/98 (STK2-1111)	Reported in these months
11	11/MY 26/94 (RA-52, RA-84), 11/AU 20/96 (on a strip of 3X1c SQ RA-84), and 11/FE 27/97 (RA-99)	
19	in OC 96	
21	DE 93, MY 96, DE 96	Reported in these months
31	JU 96, AU 96, SP 96	Reported in these months

- Relative abundances of TM 1-4 from HB5: 1 = 25.2%, 2 = 47.1%, 3 = 18.2%, 4 = 9.2% (based on 2032 strikes)
- Whitehead reports a TM study in BNAT250-311
- A report in *Canadian Philatelist*, Vol 60, No. 1, Whole No. 350, pg 28 (2009) by Tony Shaman describes how the 4 time marks related to the post office's hours of work
- An earlier study on this topic by Doull can be found in BNAT258-225

Indicia Errors and Indicia of Interest:

Date	Description	Comments/Reference
<u>3</u> ?/E 24/?	Inverted 3 TM	On a SQ RA-98

4/NO 27/28	Year error	On a 1c SQ RA-118
2/00 14/93	Month shown as 00	HB5
1/FE 45/94	Day error	On a 15c LQ RA-114
2/OC 18/64	Inverted 6 in year for 94	On a 1c SQ RA-135
?/JA 23/95	Inverted 5 in year date	RA-160
2/MR 11/95	Inverted 2 TM, also corrected on this day	HB5
3/MY 8/95	Inverted year	On a 5c SQ RA-135
3/AP 1/96	Inverted 3 TM	HB5
3/OC 13/96	Missing rim lettering (city, province or country) on a postcard known mailed from Halifax	BNAT258-3/895217
3/OC 21/96	Inverted 3 TM	HB5
1/SP 27/87	Year date error "87" for "97"	RA-150
96/42 ON/3	All indicia inverted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BNAT296-328 • Also shown correctly NO 24/96 with TM 2 and 3

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Large Queen	1/2c, 15c	1/2c first report partial date -/OC -/- RA-147
Widow Weed	20c, 50c	
Small Queen	1/2c, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c	
Jubilee	2c, 3c, 5c, 20c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2c: dated 2/SP 27/98, and 2/OC 19/98 BNAT258-218 • 3c: single example off-cover dated 3/OC 18/98 • 5c: dated 2/OC 20/98
QV Numeral	1c, 3c	
Envelope	3c	
Gov't Postal Card	1c, 2c	
Letter Card	3c	
3c Envelope Newfoundland	Y	2 examples dated 1/SP 22/94 (uprated with a 3c SQ BNAT411-23) and 2/JY 31/95 (BNAT227-240)

Halifax Hammer Separation:

Descriptor	Hammer 1	Hammer 2
Lettering	Medium sized lettering	Tall lettering
Vertical of L	Points to base of first left bar	Points to top of second left bar
S	On same level with upper indicia bar	Below the level of the upper indicia bar
Period after Canada	Yes	No

2/SP 27/98



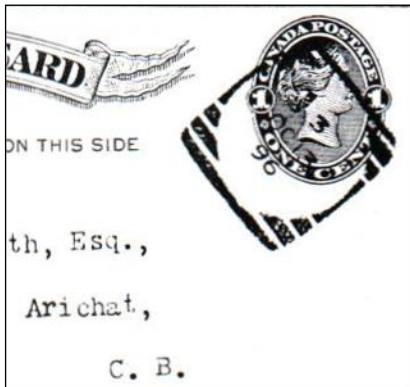
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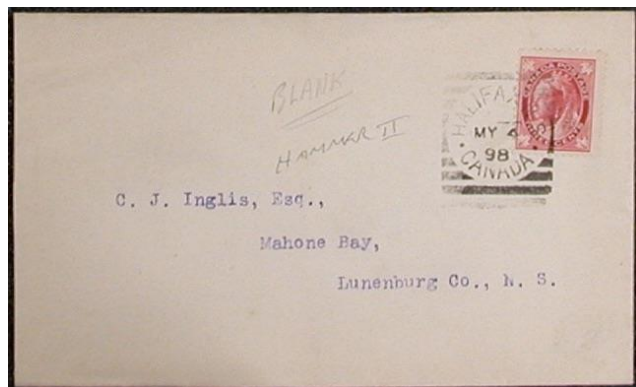
2/OC 20/98



3/OC 13/96



-/MY 4/98



HALIFAX.NS, CANADA, HAMMER 2

Strikes Off-Cover: 13698

Strikes On Cover: 2255

Rarity Factor (RF): 2.5



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/JA 12/94		The almost 3 years between proofing and initial use is curious
1	1/DE 21/96	4/JA 23/97	ERD: HB5; LRD: HB5
2	1/MR 30/97	3/JY 30/99	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: HB5; LRD: HB5 • Strikes after FE 9/99 are scarce
3	15/JAN 21/08	18/MR 30/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: on a 1c Edward piece STK2-1110 • TM 19 also exists on the ERD on a 5c Edward STK2-1110, RA-45 • LRD: on a 2c Edward BNAT301-155, RA-62

- Hammer 1 was also in use in 97 (JA 2, JA 23, MR 30, JY 25), 98 (MY 18, SP 27, OC 17, OC 20), 99 (JY 22)
- A set of strikes on JA 2/97 with TM 4 from Hammer 1 and TM 1&2 from Hammer 2 was reported in RA-81
- For an early article (1958) on the Halifax hammers, see Whitehead in BNAT157-116

Time Marks/Arrangement: 1-4 normal, normal date arrangement

TM	Date	Comments/Reference
blank	JU 97 (RA-117), JY 97, AU 97, NO 97, DE 97, JA 98, FE 98, MR 98, MY 98, FE 99	Reported in these months
21	21/FE 22/98	On a 3c Leaf RA-103
31	31/JU 17/97	HB5
15,18,19,23,24	In 1908; 15 & 19 both reported on JAN 21	BNAT328-260

- Relative abundances from HB5: 1 = 21%, 2 = 41.9%, 3 = 27.2%, 4 = 9.5%, others = 0.4% (based on 2460 strikes)
- Whitehead reports a TM study in BNAT250-311
- A report in *Canadian Philatelist*, Vol 60, #1, Whole #350, pg 28 (2009) by Tony Shaman describes how the 4 time marks related to the post office's hours of work (an earlier study on this topic by Doull can be found in BNAT258-225)
- Numerous examples of same day sets of TM 1-4 have been reported

Indicia Errors and Indicia of Interest:

Date	Description	Comments/Reference
<u>-/13</u> 29/97	Month error	Possibly intended as 1/MR 29/97 on a 3c SQ BNAT328-260
4/ <u>13</u> 29/97	Month error	On a 1c Jubilee card RA-114
<u>3</u> /JY 7/97	Inverted 3 in TM	RA-47
<u>3</u> /JU 13/97 to <u>3</u> /NO 30/97	A broken 3 used as a TM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used to show day on 2/JY 3/97, -/JY 3/97, 4/JY 3/97, 2/NO 3/97, and -/NO 3/97 (blank evidently representing TM 3 on those days due to a shortage of 3's) HB5 • See BNAT226-201 for a discussion of this 'Broken 3' variety by Whitehead
1/SP 27/87	Year error for 97	RA-150
DE <u>9</u> 97 and 98	Broken 'E' in DE	HB5
2/JY <u>59</u> /98	Day error	Possibly JY 29, although 3/JY 29/98 known BNAT305-264

4/AU <u>61/98</u>	Inverted 19 in day, or interchange for 16	BNAT309-42
3/SP <u>12/88</u>	Year error for 98	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On a 1c Numeral • Known correct on 1&3/SP 12/98 HB5
15/ <u>JAN</u> 21/08	Borrowed indicia, 3-letter month	On a 1c Edward piece STK2-1110

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Large Queen	15c	
Widow Weed	20c,50c	
Small Queen	1/2c,1c,2c,3c,5c,6c,8c,10c,	
Jubilee	1/2c,1c,2c,3c,5c,6c,8c,10c,15c,20c,50c,\$1, \$5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3c: 1890 OC, 238 C • Date matched sets of 3c Jubilees with TM1-4 dated JU 24/97 MBJH-2015, and JY 14/97 RLWM-957 • 6c first report dated 2/OC 8/97 RA-160
QV Leaf	1/2c,1c,2c,3c,5c,6c,8c,10c	
QV Numeral	1/2c,1c,2cp,2cr,3c,8c	
1898 Map	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 838 OC, 115 C • Unknown on Maps after FE 9/99 • For an article on Map stamp covers dated DE 25/98, see Friesen in BNAT560-44
Edward	1c,2c	
10¢ SD	Y	
Gov't Postal Card	2c	
Jubilee Post Card	Y	
Letter Card	1c,2c	• First report on 1c dated 2/DE 30/96 RA-151

2/FE 9/99 (STK1-3100)



15/JAN 21/08



-/13 29/97



1-4/JU 24/97



KENTVILLE, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 373

Strikes On Cover: 54

Rarity Factor (RF): 25



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/OC 2/93		
1	-/OC 6/93	-/AU 25/"10"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: RA-31 • LRD: year error '10' for '01' BNAT301-155 • Later strikes show rounding of the corners (see for example -/MY 7/99 on a 1c postal card STK1-3158)

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement

Indicia Errors and Indicia of Interest:

Date	Description	Comments/Reference
-/JU 1/10 to -/AU 25/10	Numerous examples of year reported as '10', all on Numerals, including cover backstamps showing the correct date as '01'	BNAT314-174, BNAT332-50

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1c,2c,3c,5c,6c,8c,10c	
Jubilee	1c,3c	3c: 22 OC, 7 C
QV Leaf	1c,2c,3c	
QV Numeral	1c,3c	
1898 Map	Y	8 OC, 0 C
Gov't Postal Card	1c	

-/MY 7/99



-/JA 25/99



LUNENBURG, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 391

Strikes On Cover: 81

Rarity Factor (RF): 25



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/SP 29/94		
1	-/OC 16/94	?/JU 3/99	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: on 3c SQ STK1-3111 • LRD: on a Map stamp RA-47
2	AM/JA 1/01		Only strike on a 1c Leaf postal card RA-114

Time Marks/Arrangement: normal date arrangement

TM	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
blank	-/OC 16/94	-/FE 20/96	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: on a 3c SQ STK1-3111 • LRD: on a 3c SQ STK1-3111
PM	PM/MR 19/96	PM/DE 8/96	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: RA-77 • Second earliest report dated PM/MR 26/96 on 1c postal card STK1-3111 • LRD: on a 3c Envelope RA-101 • Also on MY 26, JY 20, AU 4, AU 6, and OC 20 RA-83
AM	AM/JU 25/96	AM/JA 1/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: on a 3c SQ RA-83 • LRD: on a 1c Leaf postal card RA-114

Indicia Errors and Indicia of Interest:

Date	Description	Comments/Reference
AM/MR 1/ <u>56</u>	Inverted year for 95	On a 3c SQ RA-137
AM/MY 19/ <u>56</u>	Inverted year for 95	On a 3c SQ RA-161
PM/JY 20/ <u>56</u>	Inverted year for 95	On a 3c SQ RA-87
AM/DE <u>0</u> /96	Day error	HB5

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Large Queen	15c	
Small Queen	1c,3c,5c,6c,8c	
Jubilee	1c,3c,5c,10c	3c: 39 OC, 4 C
QV Leaf	1/2c,1c,3c	
QV Numeral	1c,2cp,3c	
1898 Map	Y	14 OC, 7 C
Gov't Postal Card	1c	
Jubilee Post Card	Y	
Envelope	3c	
Other		On a post office box receipt dated AM/JY 5/98 STK1-

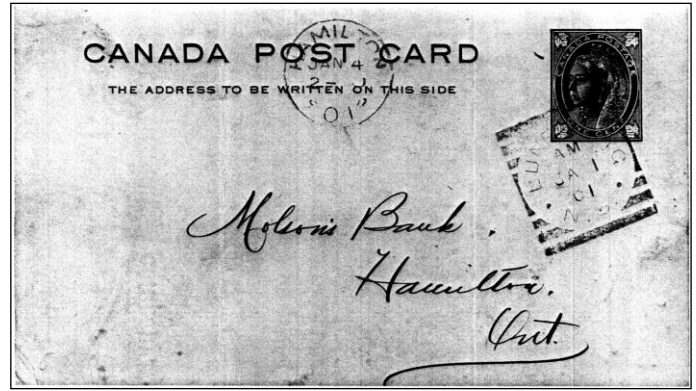
-/OC 16/94



-/FE 20/96



AM/JA 1/01



PM/MR 26/96



MACCAN, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 168
Strikes On Cover: 39
Rarity Factor (RF): 35



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/MY 26/94		
1	-/JU 6/94	-/NO 18/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: on a 3c SQ STK1-3115 • Second latest date -/SP 18/01 on a 2c red Numeral STK1-3115 • LRD: on 2c Numeral (red) RA-151

• In addition to black, strikes are known in various shades of green, blue-green, and grey-green

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1c,2c,3c,5c,6c,8c	2c: first report dated -/NO 29/97 in blue ink RA-135
Jubilee	1c,2c,3c	3c: 13 OC, 2 C
QV Leaf	1c,3c,8c	
QV Numeral	2cp,2cr,3c,5c,8c	
1898 Map	Y	8 OC, 1 C
Gov't Postal Card	1c	
Jubilee Post Card		First report dated -/AU 16/97 RA-155

Comments:

• The hammer, bearing indicia **-/OC 7/09**, was found by Dr. Whitehead in 1952 and he had favour strikes and philatelic covers bearing Jubilees (with a MacCAN CDS dated 17VI/58, see STK1-3114) and then-current stamps (with a MacCAN CDS dated 22VIII/58) prepared in 1958

-/JU 6/94



-/SP 23/01



-/NO 29/97



MAITLAND, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 5
Strikes On Cover: 3
Rarity Factor (RF): 150



Proof Date and Documented Strikes:

Strike	Strike Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/NO 9/93	
1	-/NO --/93	On a 3c SQ EAFE2009-120
2	-/NO 13/93	Backstamp on a cover postmarked with the squared circle of NOEL, NS BNAT301-155
3	-/NO 17/93	A canceling strike tying a 3c SQ on cover MBJH-2018, STK1-3116
4	-/NO 20/93	On a 3c SQ
5	-/JA ??/94	Backstamp receiver on a 3c SQ cover
6	-/JA 22/94	On a 3c SQ piece BNAT325-177, MBJH-2019
7	-/NO 25/95	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On a 3c SQ RA-95 • Strike is messy and could be 93
8	-/?P 11/96	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On a 3c SQ MBJH-2024 • Month assumed to be AP • 2 reports on ?P 11/96 may prove to be the same strike so only one counted in population

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement

-/NO 17/93



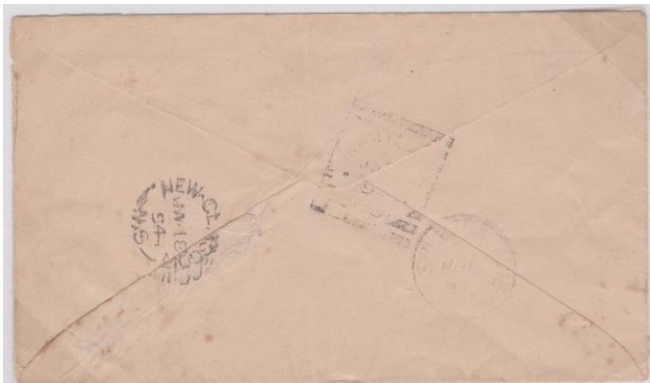
-/JA 22/94



-/NO --/93



-/JA ??/94



-/?P 11/96



NEWPORT, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 95
Strikes On Cover: 37
Rarity Factor (RF): 45



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/NO 13/94		
1	-/DE 4/94	-/FE 2/98	ERD: HB5; LRD: RA-7

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1c,3c,5c,8c	First report on 5c, partially dated -/? ?/97 RA-151
Jubilee	3c	3c: 12 OC, 3 C
QV Leaf	8c	
Gov't Postal Card	1c	-/JY 31/96 STK1-3121

-/JY 31/96



-/DE1/97 (STK1-3119)



NEWPORT LANDING, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 100
Strikes On Cover: 130
Rarity Factor (RF): 35



Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/NO 2/94		
1	-/DE 4/94	-/DE 15/99	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: on a 3c SQ STK2-1114 • Second latest report -/DE 1/99 on a 2c red Numeral cover RA-114 • LRD: on a 2c red Numeral cover STK2-1122
2	-/MR 21/01	-/JY 26/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: free strike on registered cover HB5 • LRD: dispatch free-strike on a 2c red Numeral + 5c Numeral registered cover STK1-3117 • Only 4 strikes including -/AP 21/01 HB5, and -/MY 16/01 on a 2c red Numeral + 5c Numeral registered cover STK2-1114, VA337-6010 (same correspondence as JY 26 cover)
3	-/AU 19/03		Single strike as transit backstamp free-strike on registered cover STK1-3118
4	-/OC 20/05	-/DE 6/05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: RA-97 • LRD: as transit backstamp free-strike on cover STK1-3118 • Only 4 strikes including -/OC 26/05 HB5, and -/MR 6/05 on a 2c Edward cover STK2-1122
5	-/JA 10/06	-/FE 14/06	These 2 strikes only as receiving strikes on USA originated covers RA-101
6	-/SP 16/07	-/JU 28/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: RA-52 • LRD: on an Admiral issue BNAT319-15, RA-7

- HB5 does not report any strikes in 1903 or 1906
- A write-up in STK1-3118 about the chronology of use suggests that there was in fact one long period of 23 years of regular use from 1894 to 1916 rather than the multiple periods listed above.
- It is postulated that the lack of reported use in 1900, 1902, and 1904 is likely the result of the relative paucity of surviving copies rather than actual periods of abandonment of the hammer's use.

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement

Indicia Errors and Indicia of Interest:

Date	Description	Comments/Reference
-/DE 24/0	Year missing a digit in '06'	On a 1c Edward post card STK2-1122

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1c,3c,8c	1c first report, strike partially dated -/AP ?? RA-161
Jubilee	3c,5c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3c: 3 OC, 2 C • Off-cover dated -/JY 5/97 EB-2019, -/JY 7/97, and -/AU 20/97 • Covers dated -/JY 14/97, and -/AU 6/97 • 5c First report dated -/NO 23/97 RA-160
QV Leaf	3c,8c	
QV Numeral	2cr,5c	

1898 Map	Y	7 OC, 1 C
Edward	1c,2c,7c	
QueTercentenary	1c	
Admiral	Y	
Gov't Post Card	1c Edward	

-/DE 4/94



-/JY 26/01



-/AU 9/03



-/DE 24/0



-/DE 15/99



-/JY 5/97



NOEL, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 20

Strikes On Cover: 4

Rarity Factor (RF): 100



Proof Date and Documented Strikes:

Strike	Strike Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/OC 16/93	
1	?/?? ?/??	Faint strike on a 3c SQ EAMW-361
2	▲/NO 13/93	On a cover along with a Maitland Squared Circle BNAT324-149, BNAT301-155
3	▲/MR 27/??	On a 3c SQ
4	▲/FE 3/94	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canceling strike on a cover tying a 3c SQ MBJH-2020, STK1-3122 • Blurry strike, could be FE 5?
5	▲/MR ?/94	On a 1c QV postal card
6	?/JU 15/94	On a 3c SQ
7	▲/JU 29/94	On a 3c SQ STK2-1115
8	?/JY 13/94	On a 3c SQ piece MBJH-2021
9	?/SP 5/9?	On a 3c SQ RA-155
10	1/SP 11/94	Note blurred TM 1 on a 3c SQ
11	▲/SP 26/94	On a 3c SQ
12	?/SP 28/94	On a 3c SQ MBJH-2022
13	▲/OC 3/94	On a 3c SQ RM557-194
14	▲/NO 2-/94	
15	▲/MR 4/95	On a 3c SQ
16	▲/MY 28/95	On a 3c SQ
17	?/JY 13/95	HB5
18	▲/JY 28/95	On a 3c SQ RLJS-254
19	4/DE ?/95	On a 3c SQ
20	?/JA 8/96	HB5

- Also documented on a 8c SQ
- Many strikes are blurred or poorly inked
- A few examples show a small solid triangular ornament in the TM slot which, in some cases, resembles a blurred 1 or a blurred 4

?/FE 5/94



?/JY 13/94



▲/JU 29/94



?/SP 28/94



4/DE ?/95



▲/OC 3/94



NORTHPORT, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 111

Strikes On Cover: 33

Rarity Factor (RF): 40



Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/JY 21/93		
1	-/AU 19/93	-/MY 4/03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: on a 3c SQ STK1-3153 • One report in 1901 (AP 17) • Second latest report was -/DE 8/02 on a 2c Numeral cover RA-34 • LRD: only 1903 strike on a 2c red Numeral cover STK2-1124, VA335-5462, VA337-6011, VA346-5106
2	-/JY 10/05	-/AU 10/05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: HB5 • LRD: on a 1c Edward cover STK1-3124 • Only the 2 strikes

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement

Indicia Errors and Indicia of Interest:

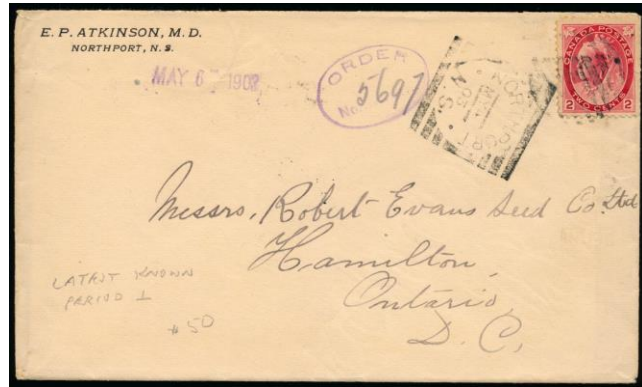
Date	Description	Comments/Reference
-/CO ??/??	Inverted month	Partial strike on a 1c SQ RA-102
1894	Purple strikes	Several reported in this year RA-18, including -/-- 20/-4 on a 3c SQ STK1-3153

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1c,3c,5c,8c	5c: first report -/NO 23/97 on a registered cover with a 3c SQ STK1-3123
Jubilee	1c,2c,3c,5c	3c: 9 OC, 0 C 5c first report dated -/NO 3/97 RA-156
QV Leaf	1c,3c,8c	1c first report dated -/JA 25/99 RA-158
QV Numeral	2cp,2cr,3c,8c	
1898 Map	Y	11 OC, 0 C
Edward	1c	
5¢ RLS	Y	
Gov't Postal Card	1c	
Jubilee Post Card	Y	Dated -/JU 30/97

-/AU 19/93



-/MY 4/03



-/AU 10/05



-/-- 20/-4



NORTH SYDNEY, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 293

Strikes On Cover: 100

Rarity Factor (RF): 25



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	Unknown		No proof strike
1	-/MR 14/97	-/FE 5/00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: on a 8c SQ RA-98 • LRD: on a 2c red Numeral STK1-3158
2	-/NO 1/02		Isolated strike on a 3c Numeral RA-104

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement

Indicia Errors and Indicia of Interest:

Date	Description	Comments/Reference
-/JA 9/98 to -/JA 13/98	Year error 98 for 99	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several Map stamp strikes are known with this error • However, -/JA 4/99, -/JA 5/99 & -/JA 6/99 on Maps are also known • Error was possibly made when changing from JA 8 to JA 9
-/SP 2/98	Year error 98 for 99	Receiving strike on a Map stamp cover
-/JY 23/66	Year error for 99	On a 2c purple Numeral BNAT315-204
-/MR 2/99	Inverted month and day	RA-64

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1/2c, 1c, 3c, 8c	1/2c: first report on cover with 1/2c Leaf, 1c Leaf, 1c Jubilee dated -/SP 26/98 RA-144 8c: first report dated -/MR 4/98
Jubilee	1c, 3c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3c: 3 OC, 2 C • Off-cover strikes dated -/NO 7/97, -/NO 15/97, on a pair dated -/DE 10/97
QV Leaf	1/2c, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 8c	5c report dated -/JU 8/99 RA-154
QV Numeral	1c, 2cp, 2cr, 3c, 2/3c, 5c	5c first report dated -/AU 8/99 RA-160
1898 Map	Y	45 OC, 12 C
Gov't Postal Card	UPU card	first report dated -/MY 11/99 RA-144
Other	3c Newfoundland 1897 issue	strike dated -/MY 10/98, posted on board HB5

-/FE 5/00



-/SP 26/98



-/FE 28/99



PICTOU, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 906
Strikes On Cover: 213
Rarity Factor (RF): 15



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/JU 16/94		
1	-/JU 23/94	-/OC 31/00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: on a 3c SQ STK2-1124 • Second earliest report is -/DE 5/94 HB5 • Second latest report is -/JU 22/00 HB5 • LRD: on a 2c red Numeral STK1-3158

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement

Indicia Errors and Indicia of Interest:

Date	Description	Comments/Reference
-/AP 16/00	Small zero in year	BNAT293-240

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1c,2c,3c,5c,8c	
Jubilee	1c,3c,5c,8c	3c: 60 OC, 28 C
QV Leaf	1c,3c,8c	
QV Numeral	1c,2cp,2cr,3c,5c,8c,10c,2/3c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5c: on a registered cover with a 2c Numeral dated -/MR 19/00 VA337-6014 • 10c: on a registered cover with a 1c Numeral dated -/DE 12/98 RA-144 (Vance Auctions Winter 2020 Sale #N2115)
1898 Map	Y	39 OC, 20 C
Gov't Post Card	1c	
Jubilee Post Card	Y	First report dated -/NO 9/97 RA-159
Letter Card	2c overprinted on 3c	-/AP 3/99 STK1-3158

-/JU 23/94



-/OC 31/00



-/AP 3/99



PORT MAITLAND, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 122

Strikes On Cover: 22

Rarity Factor (RF): 40

**Proof Date and Periods of Use:**

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/NO 9/94		
1	-/NO 19/94	-/DE 29/99	ERD: HB5; LRD: HB5

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement**Indicia Errors and Indicia of Interest:**

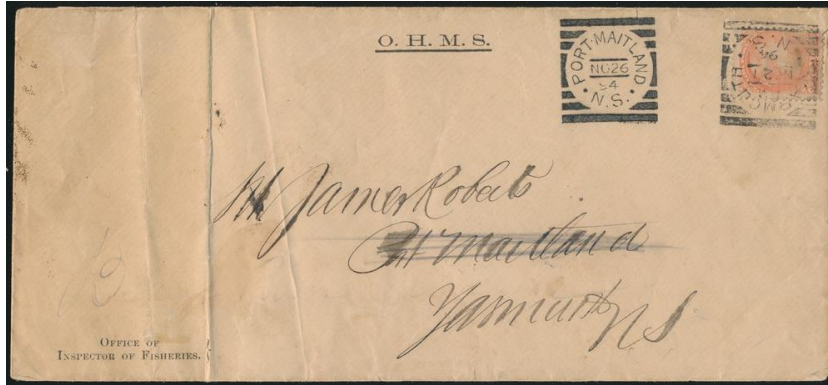
Date	Description	Comments/Reference
-/JY -/-	Partial Nude	On 3c SQ RA-160
-/JY 6/-	Year missing	On a 3c SQ STK1-3129
-/JY 24/-	Year missing	On a 8c SQ in what appears to be an 1895 shade RA-116
-/JY 30/-	Year missing	On a 3c SQ STK1-3129
-/AU 12/-	Year missing	On a 3c SQ RA-155
-/JA 30/98	Year error 98 for 99	On a Map stamp
-/FE 4/98	Year error 98 for 99	On 2 different Map stamp covers
-/FE 7/98	Year error 98 for 99	On a Map stamp RA-47, RA-119

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1/2c,1c,2c,3c,8c	1/2c: first report dated -/AP 4/?? RA-120
Jubilee	1c,3c,8c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3c: 7 OC, 2 C • Covers dated -/AU 10/97 RA-75, and -/SP 3/97
QV Leaf	3c	
QV Numeral	2cp,2/3c	
1898 Map	Y	15 OC, 7 C
Gov't Postal Card	1c	

Comments:

- The hammer bore indicia -/SP -/04 when found by Dr. Whitehead in 1952 and favour strikes were made, some in purple (see STK2-1121, STK2-1237 and SA28-1222 for examples)
- Favour covers exist with a CDS dating of -/JUN 19/52 (STK1-3128), using the contemporary 4c definitives
- Favour covers exist with a CDS dating of -/23VIII/58 (STK1-3128) and -/23III/60, using contemporary QEII definitives, and -/17XI/58 (SA28-1222) with a pair of 3c Jubilees
- The hammer was subsequently transferred to the Postal Museum in Ottawa

-/NO 26/94



-/JY 30/-



-/FE7/98



-/MY 21/95



PORT WILLIAMS, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 194

Strikes On Cover: 57

Rarity Factor (RF): 30



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/OC 26/93		
1	-/NO 3/93	-/SP 7/00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: 2 strikes (one partial) on a strip of 3X1c SQ STK1-3131 • Note that the date could also read NO 13/93 • LRD: HB5

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1c,3c,5c,6c,8c,10c	10c first report dated -/JA 26/96 RA-159
Jubilee	1c,3c,5c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3c: 23 OC, 4 C • 5c: first report dated ?/?/97 RA-122
QV Leaf	3c,8c	
QV Numeral	1c,2cp,2cr,3c	1c first report dated -/SP 1/99 RA-160
1898 Map	Y	14 OC, 3 C
Jubilee Post Card	Y	

-/NO 3/93



SPRINGHILL, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 331
Strikes On Cover: 78
Rarity Factor (RF): 25



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/AP 29/95		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The town of Spring Hill Mines was renamed Springhill in 1895 Prior to the Type 2 Springhill hammer, the Spring Hill Mines Type 1 hammer was in use
1	-/MY 6/95	-/MR 21/03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ERD: on a 1c SQ STK1-3157 Second earliest report dated -/OC 1/95 LRD: partial strike on a 2c purple Numeral STK1-3157

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1/2c,1c,3c,5c,8c	5c: first report dated -/JA 12/97 on a registered cover with 6X 1/2 SQ EB-2020
Jubilee	1c,3c,5c,8c	3c: 49 OC, 4 C 5c first report dated -/JY 8/97 RA-160 8c first report dated -/AU 8/97 RA-160
QV Leaf	1c,3c,8c	1c: first report dated -/MR 28/? RA-146
QV Numeral	1c,2cp,2cr,3c,5c,2/3c	
1898 Map	Y	21 OC, 6 C
Envelope	1c	
Gov't Postal Card	1c	
Jubilee Postal Card	Y	First report dated -/OC 9/97 EB-2019

-/MY 6/95



-/MR 21/03



-/OC 9/97



STELLARTON, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 501
Strikes On Cover: 109
Rarity Factor (RF): 20



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/JA 26/95		
1	-/FE 1/95	-/AU 11/00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: on a 3c SQ on piece EAMW-361, STK1-3133 • Second earliest report -/AP 27/95 HB5 • Second latest report -/AU 6/00 HB5 • LRD: HB5

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement

Indicia Errors and Indicia of Interest:

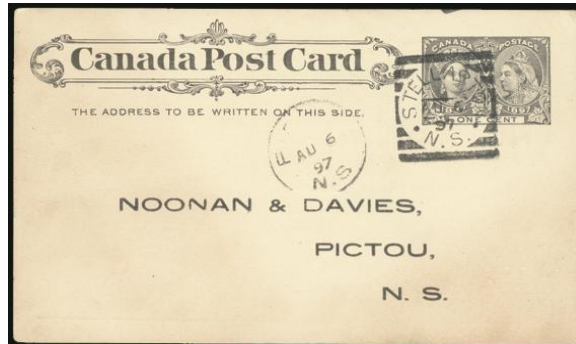
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-/AP 5/00	One small zero in year	HB5
-/JU 19/00	One small zero in year	On a 2c Numeral RA-135
-/JY 14/00	One small zero in year	On a 2c Numeral STK2-1118

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Large Queen	15c	
Small Queen	1c,2c,3c,5c,6c,8c,10c	2c: first report dated -/AU 9/95 RA-160 5c: first report dated -/JY 26/95 RA-152 10c first report dated -/MR 2/98 RA-159
Jubilee	1c,2c,3c	3c: 50 OC, 8 C 2c first report dated -/JY 7/97 RA-160
QV Leaf	1c,3c,8c	
QV Numeral	1c,2cp,2cr,3c	
1898 Map	Y	28 OC, 11 C
Gov't Postal Card	1c	
Jubilee Post Card	Y	Dated -/AU 6/97 STK2-1125, VA335-5471

-/FE 1/95



-/AU 6/97



-/JY 14/00



SYDNEY, NS, HAMMER 1

Strikes Off-Cover: 651
Strikes On Cover: 92
Rarity Factor (RF): 20



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/MY 19/94		Hammer 2 of Sydney was proofed -/JA 9/95 but no strikes have been reported
1	-/MY 23/94	-/JA 2/00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: HB5 • Second latest strike -/DE 15/99 on a Map stamp, and a 2c Numeral RA-141 • LRD: only 1900 strike HB5

H1

H2

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement

Indicia Errors and Indicia of Interest:

Date	Description	Comments/Reference
OC in 1894-97	OC represented by two zeroes '00'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples: -/00 11/94 backstamp on a 3c SQ cover (EB-2020); -/00 17/94 on a 3c SQ and 3c SQ cover (STK1-3134); -/00 20/96 on 3c Small Queen RA-155 • OC is known correct in 1899 (eg -/OC 14/99 on a 2c red Numeral BNAT332-50, STK1-3134)
-/11 ED/95	Month/day line inverted	RA-110

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1/2c,1c,2c,3c,5c,6c,8c,10c	5c first report dated -/AU 18/97 RA-159
Jubilee	1c,3c,5c	3c: 77 OC, 11 C 5c first report dated -/AU 23/97 RA-160
QV Leaf	1c,3c,5c	1c: first report dated -/MY 16/98 RA-120 5c first report backstamp -/SP 11/99 RA-149
QV Numeral	1c,2cp,2cr,3c,2/3c	
1898 Map	Y	21 OC, 10 C
Gov't Post Card	1c,2c	2c first report dated -/JY 2/94 RA-159
Envelope	3c	3c first report dated -/SP 4/96 RA-161

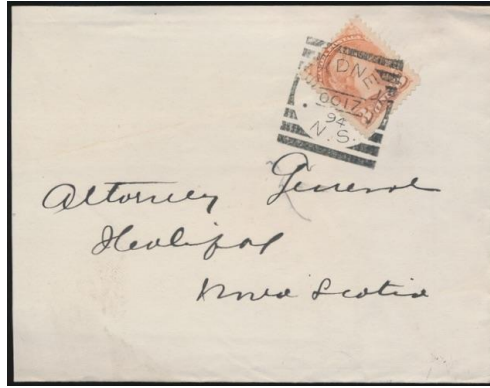
Sydney Hammer Separation:

Descriptor	Hammer 1	Hammer 2
Lettering	Neat block-square letters	Very wide letters, very spread
Right vertical of N	Points well to the left of tip of first right bar	Points to tip of first right bar
Top of E	Nearly centered on first right bar	In part, opposite second right bar
Three arms of Y	Of nearly equal length	Forks much longer than base
S's	Period after N.S.	Both are flat and wide, no period after N.S
Side pieces	Equally thick, right side piece 7.5mm tall	Left side piece abnormally thin; right side piece 9mm tall

-/00 17/94



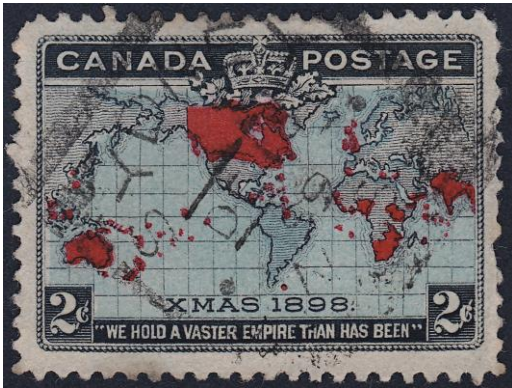
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-/OC 14/99



-/DE 15/99



TRURO, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 2809

Strikes On Cover: 476

Rarity Factor (RF): 7.5



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	Unknown		Proofing date estimated as ?/JY 26/93 since proof book mutilated on that date
1	PM/AU 1/93	PM/FE 13/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: on a strip of 4X3c SQ STK1-3136 • LRD: HB5

Time Marks/Arrangement: AM/PM, normal date arrangement

- Ratio of PM/AM is about 2.45:1 (based on 459 strikes)
- Matched AM/PM pairs known on AU 16/97 (Jubilees), JY 21/98, DE 3/98, FE 20/99, FE 9/00, and likely others
- A blank TM known dated -/AU 30/97 on a 3c Jubilee cover BNAT229-9 (likely that AM omitted, PM/AU 30/97 known)

Indicia Errors and Indicia of Interest:

Date	Description	Comments/Reference
OC/93 and OC/94	Weak impressions of OC, C missing, OC missing or not printing correctly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Known in 1893 on OC 2,4,11 and 26 BNAT229-9 • Known in 1894 on OC 2,4 BNAT229-9
OC/97-99	Weak impressions of OC, C missing, OC missing or not printing correctly	Likely that the OC slug was giving trouble throughout the life of the hammer RA-86
AM/OC <u>13</u> /96	Day inverted and reversed, probably for OC 31	BNAT229-9
AM/NO 4 /96	Inverted day	On a 3c SQ STK2-1118
AM/JA <u>1S</u> /97	S used in day, presumably for JA 15	BNAT229-9
PM/-- 11/97	Missing month, presumably OC	However, PM/O- 11/97 is known HB5
1900	Second '0' deformed, often appearing as a bent 1	HB5

- Many examples of bad alignment of the date are known, some quite striking (BNAT229-9)

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Large Queen	15c	
Widow Weed	20c,50c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20c: dated AM/NO 28/98 MBJH-2027 • 50c: on a bulk periodical mailing receipt dated AM/JU 17/96 SA35-720
Small Queen	1/2c,1c,2c,3c,5c,6c,8c,10c	2c: on a bulk periodical mailing receipt dated AM/JU 17/96 SA35-720 First report ½c on Gov't envelope dated AM/MR 10/97 RA-144 10c first report dated PM/SP 17/97 RA-159
Jubilee	1c,2c,3c,5c,8c,10c,50c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3c: 243 OC, 26 C • 50c dated AM/AU 11/99 EB-2020 • 8c first report dated PM/JU 19/97 RA-158 • 10c first report dated PM/JU 19/97 RA-158
QV Leaf	1/2c,1c,2c,3c,5c,8c	1/2c first report dated AM/JA 27/98 RA-158
QV Numeral	1c,2cp,2cr,3c,10c,2/3c	10c: dated PM/NO 28/98 MBJH-2027
1898 Map	Y	106 OC, 36 C
Gov't Postal Card	1c,2c	2c: first report UPU postcard backstamp dated -/MY 11/99

Jubilee Post Card	Y	First report dated PM/SP 23/97 RA-144
Envelope	2c,3c	
Other		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A strike dated ?/OC 3/98 on a Nova Scotia #10 5c blue was reported, probably a favour cancel RA-119 • Post office receipts for newspaper mailings listed in MBJH-2027

PM/AU 1/93



AM/DE 7/99 (STK1-3137)

AM/NO 4/96



AM/AU 11/99

AM/JU 17/96



WHYCOCOMAGH, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 167

Strikes On Cover: 58

Rarity Factor (RF): 35



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/NO 13/94		
1	-/NO 19/94	-/MY 3/99	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: HB5 • LRD: on a Map stamp cover RA-2

Time Marks/Arrangement: normal date arrangement

TM	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
blank	-/NO 19/94	-/NO 9/97	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRD: on a 3c SQ STK1-3155 • However, PM/NO 1/97 on a 3c SQ reported in RA-68 • Obviously, there was some overlap in the transition period
AM/PM	PM/NO 1/97	MY 3/99	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: on a 3c SQ RA-68 • LRD: HB5 • Blanks known in this period on -/FE 2/99 (also known with PM HB5), -/AP 12/99 (on a 1c postal card STK1-3142, RA-70), -/MY 2/99 (on a Map stamp cover), and -/MY 3/99 (on a Map stamp cover)

Indicia Errors and Indicia of Interest:

Date	Description	Comments/Reference
-/YM 22/95	Month and day inverted	HB5
-/NO 5/9 7	Inverted 7 in year	HB5
-/AU 24/96	Manuscript 4 in day, over a '2'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On a 8c SQ registered cover STK1-3141 • The 23rd was a Sunday and it is possible the hammer setup was not changed on Monday morning from the 22nd (Saturday) until after the letter was presented for mailing and it was important to document the exact date of mailing

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1c,2c,3c,8c	2c first report dated -/JU 21/95 RA-160
Jubilee	1c,3c,5c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3c: 11 OC, 4 C • 5c: first report on a registered cover with a 3c SQ dated -/AU 24/97 STK1-3139
QV Leaf	2c,3c,5c,8c	
QV Numeral	2cp,3c	
1898 Map	Y	5 OC, 8 C
Jubilee Post Card	Y	-/NO 9/97 STK1-3143
Gov't Post Card	1c	

-/NO 9/97



-/AP 12/99



-/AU 24/99



-/MY 2/99



WINDSOR, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 1238

Strikes On Cover: 105

Rarity Factor (RF): 15



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	Unknown		Proofing date estimated as SP 6/93, proof book mutilated on that date
1	-/SP 11/93	AM/?? ??/98	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: on a strip of 3X 1c SQ STK2-1118 • Second latest date -/NO 3/97 RA-52 • LRD: on a 3c Leaf HB5 (requires confirmation)

Time Marks/Arrangement:

TM	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Blank	-/SP 11/93	-/SP 15/93	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-line date (-/MM DD/YY) • ERD: on a strip of 3X 1c SQ STK2-1118 • LRD: HB5 • Also known on -/SP 12/93 on a 3c SQ STK1-3155
None	SP/16/93	FE/1/96	HB5, 3-line date (MM/DD/YY)
AM/PM	PM/AP 14/96	AM/?? ??/98	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-line date (TM/MM DD/YY) • ERD: on 3c SQ cover STK1-3144 • Blank TM in this period is also known -/NO 3/97

- Relative abundance: 3-line = 48%, PM = 30%, AM = 21%, blank = 1% (based on 159 strikes)
- AM/PM matched pair on MY 6/97 on 3c SQ

Indicia Errors and Indicia of Interest:

Date	Description	Comments/Reference
MR/ <u>12</u> /94	Inverted 12 in day	On a 3c SQ STK1-3155
NO/ <u>5</u> /94	Inverted 5 in day	HB5
MY/ <u>77</u> /94	Day error, possibly for 11 or	On a 5c RLS HB5
<u>PM</u> /JA 17/96	Inverted PM	RA-77
PM/JU <u>27</u> /96	Inverted 7 in day	RA-42, correct AM/JU 27/96 also known

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1c,2c,3c,5c,6c,8c,10c	
Jubilee	1c,3c	3c: 116 OC, 20 C
QV Leaf	3c?	
5¢ RLS	Y	
Envelope	3c	
Gov't Post Card	1c	
Jubilee Post Card	Y	

-/SP 11/93



PM/AP 14/96



WOLFVILLE, NS

Strikes Off-Cover: 62

Strikes On Cover: 28

Rarity Factor (RF): 55



Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	-/SP 29/94		
1	-/OC 1/94	-/JA 24/99	ERD: RA-6; LRD: HB5
2	-/-- --/01	-/JY 12/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 examples, one on an undated 1c Numeral STK2-1116, RA-131 • Second on a 2c red Numeral cover STK2-1122
3	-/MY 9/02	-/JA ??/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRD: on a Map stamp RA-118 • 4 examples, also MY 10/02, MY 14/02 (on postal card RA-33) • No 1903 strikes reported

Time Marks/Arrangement: blank, normal date arrangement

Indicia Errors and Indicia of Interest:

Date	Description	Reference
NUDE	On a 1c Government postcard with a 1c Leaf added, with SC used as killer and split circle as dater (MR 3/98)	RA-82
NUDE	On a 5c Leaf cover to India with SC used as killer and split circle as dater (MR 3/98)	RA-115
-/JA 4/99	Day error for '24' as a transit strike on a Map stamp cover with a Halifax SC canceling strike showing 1/JA 23/99	JH2000-542
-/UA 16/99	Reversed month	On a 2c purple Numeral STK2-1120
-/-- --/01	Semi-nude with blank month and day slots on a 1c Numeral	RA-131

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Small Queen	1c,3c,5c,8c	8c: first report dated -/OC 2/94 EB-2020
Jubilee	1c,2c,3c,5c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1c/2c: first report of 1c/2c on cover -/JY 2/97 STK1-3146 • 3c: 1 OC, 2 C • Off-cover strike dated -/JY 2/97 • Covers dated -/JU 19/97 BNAT225-186, -/JY 2/97
QV Leaf	1c,3c,5c	
QV Numeral	2cr,2cp,3c	2cp: first report dated -/UA 16/99 on piece STK2-1120 3c first report dated -/DE 28/9? RA-161
1898 Map	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 OC, 16 C • 14 of the covers are of the same correspondence to London, England on -/DE 25/98 STK1-3145 & STK1-3148 (see Friesen in BNAT561-13)
Gov't Postal Card	1c	

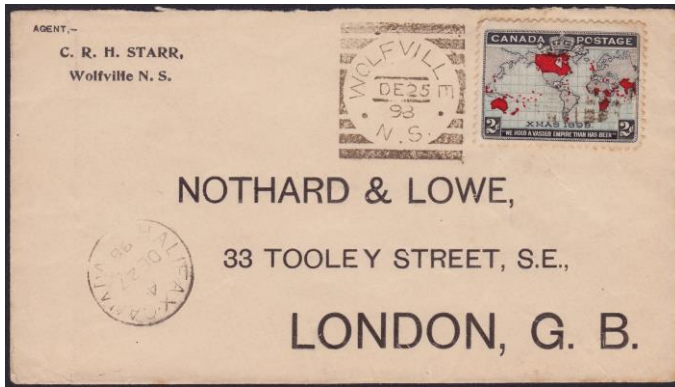
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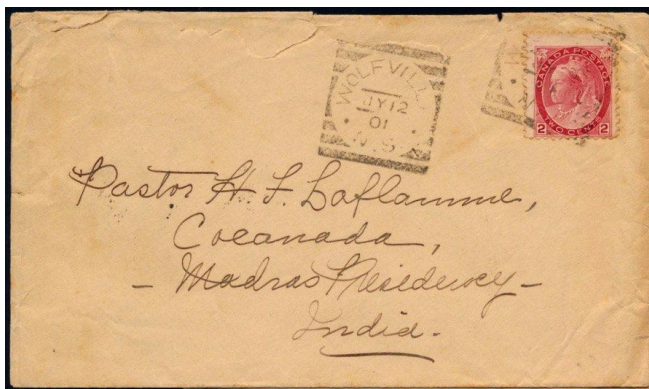
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-/OC 2/94



-/JA 4/99



YARMOUTH, NS, STATE 1

Strikes Off-Cover: 55

Strikes On Cover: 16 (based on a count from STK1-3149 to 3151, and STK2-1117)

Rarity Factor (RF): 60



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Proofed	AM/MY 26/94		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original state of the hammer prior to modifications made to the hammer face (see State 2 for a description) The two states of the Yarmouth hammer can be differentiated with certainty by the date of use
1	AM/MY 29/94	AM/AU 6/95	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ERD: on a 3c SQ STK1-3151 LRD: RA-101 (note same date as the ERD of State 2)

Time Marks/Arrangement: AM/PM (occasional blank), normal date arrangement

- Rare blank TM dated **-JY 31/94** on a 3c SQ cover STK1-3150, **-OC 10/94** on a 3c SQ cover RA-102, **-OC 17/94** on a 3X1c SQ cover STK2-1117, and on a 3c SQ **-NO 5/94** STK1-3149
- Matched set for blank/AM/PM on 3 cent Small Queens: JU 13/94 RA-161
- Fragmentary records give ratio of PM/AM/blank = 42:12:2

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Large Queen	15c	15c first report dated -DE 12/94 RA-159
Small Queen	1c,2c,3c,5c,8c,10c	5c: first report on a 3c + 5c SQ registered cover dated PM/FE 18/95 STK2-1117 10c first report dated PM/AU 22/94 RA-159
Gov't Postal Card	1c	STK2-1117 reports a strike on a 1c post card dated AM/JA 11/96 which should theoretically be a State 2 strike because of the date, but looks like a State 1

AM/MY 29/94

-JY 31/94

-NO 5/94



-OC 17/94

AM/JA 11/96



YARMOUTH, NS, STATE 2

Strikes Off-Cover: 927
Strikes On Cover: 138
Rarity Factor (RF): 15



Proof Date and Periods of Use:

Period	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Comments/Reference
Modified	-/AU 2/95		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometime after this date, metal was removed from the hammer face, coarsening the lettering and narrowing the gaps between the side bars which may have been done to force the movable indicia to print more clearly • However, strikes on PM/JU 21/95 (3c SQ), PM/JY 26/95 (1c SQ), and -/AU 2/95 (1c SQ) seem to show characteristics of State 1 and 2 (see RA-84) and, therefore, it is possible that the metal removal occurred in more than one stage • The coarse lettering became a permanent feature of the hammer through the end of use
1	AM/AU 6/95	AM/JA 27/99	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERD: on a 1c SQ RA-117 (note same date as LRD of State 1) • Second latest date either PM/14 DE/98, or ?/?0 DE/98 on Map stamp RA-49, RA-110 (could be either 10, 20 or 30 DE) • LRD: HB5

Time Marks/Arrangement: AM/PM (occasional blank), normal date arrangement

- Ratio of PM/AM/blank = 97:42:9 (based on 148 strikes)
- Matched pairs known for AM/blank: SP 12/95 on SQ, AU 17/97 on 3c Jubilees; AM/PM: AU 21/97 and SP 17/97 on Jubilees

Indicia Errors and Indicia of Interest:

Date	Description	Comments/Reference
PM/AU 27/--	Year absent	On a 3c SQ STK1-3151
<u>AU/AU 31/97</u>	Time mark error AU for AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two strikes on a cover BNAT332-50 • Second AU slug probably from a contemporary hammer
<u>XX DE/98</u>	Day precedes month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Known on on DE 1 (RA-98), DE 2, PM/3 DE/98 (on a 3c Numeral STK1-3151), PM/8 DE/98 (on a 3c Numeral STK1-3151), PM/9 DE/98 (on a 3c Numeral cover RA-129 and a 3c Numeral EB-2020), ?/?0 DE/98 (on a Map stamp RA-49, RA-110), AM/10 DE/98 (on a 3c Numeral RLNB2-1787), -/11 DE/98 (RA-102), DE 12, PM/13 DE/98 (on a 3c Numeral STK1-3151), ?/14 DE/98 (on a 3c Numeral RA-75), and AM/24 DE/98 (on a 8c Leaf RA-54) • This usage may have been general in December

Stamp Issues:	Denominations	Comments/Reference
Large Queen	15c	15c: first report dated PM/NO 4/97 RA-159
Small Queen	1/2c,1c,2c,3c,5c,6c,8c,10c	1/2c: first report on a pair dated PM/AP 29/96 RA-120
Jubilee	1c,2c,3c,5c	• 2c: first report dated PM/AU 18/97 RA-128
QV Leaf	1c,3c,5c,6c,8c	5c first report dated -/FE 22/98 RA-158
QV Numeral	3c	
1898 Map	Y	• 1 OC, 0 C
Envelope	1c	1c first report dated AM/FE 11/98 RA-160
Gov't Postal Card	1c	1c first report dated AM/NO 16/96 RA-159
Jubilee Post Card	Y	

PM/AU 27/--



?/20 DE/98



PM/9 DE/98

