1 CENT YELLOW LARGE QUEEN STAMP OF CANADA – 1869

This one-frame exhibit shows the philately of the 1 cent yellow stamp of Canada issued in 1869. This stamp was a replacement color for the original 1 cent stamp issued in brown in 1868. Confusion between the 1c and the 3c stamp, red but with many shade variations, caused confusion and led to the color change.

![Stamps](image)

The stamp was replaced in less than a year with a new issue in a smaller size. Shown are aspects of production of the 1c on which the stamp was based, mint and used examples, shades based on dated copies, cancels in use during the stamp’s brief period of use, and various usages on cover.

PREPRODUCTION

PLATE PROOFS

![Plate proofs](image)

Plate proofs were not made separately for the 1c yellow, which used the same die as for the 1c brown.
PRODUCTION

Hardened die to transfer roll to flat plate, rocked in column by column, left to right

Two types of imprints

TYPE A – used with ½, 6, 12½, 15c: BRITISH AMERICA BANK NOTE CO. MONTREAL & OTTAWA
TYPE B – used with 1, 2, 3, 6c: British America BANK NOTE CO. Montreal & Ottawa

Plate dots

Dots used to lay in transfer images vertically

1" column stamp (no dot)

Type B imprint

Only 1 mint full imprint known for 1c yellow, partials are rare

Plate layout - 10 x 10

Imprints

Type A imprint

Type B imprint

Perforations

All stamps of this issue were perforated 12 x 12

Unreported misperforation
Papers

very thin
wove paper
Pack 9b

medium
wove
Pack 10

Multiples

There are only five recorded mint multiples beyond pairs: a block of 6, two strips of 5, a block of 4 with imprint, & two blocks of 4 from adjacent positions. Used multiples are known in two strips of 6 (one on cover), and strips of three; one is shown in this exhibit. Pairs are uncommon.

First class domestic letter, 3c per ½ oz

Montreal OCT 25, 1869 to Pembroke, ONT., OCT 28 receiver
COLOR SHADES & DATES OF USE

Color variation occurred with printings from deep orange to light yellow over time

ERD: January 22, 1869    Late usage: late 1870

Duckworth & Duckworth reported 90% of usage between March 1869 and March 1870, when the 1c Small Queen was issued

1869

February 20, 1869 usage – drop letter

March  April  mint og  April  May

June  mint og  July  July

October  November  December  December
October 4, 1870 usage - circular

Printed listing October 4, 1870
CANCELLATIONS
Types in use 1869

7 ring
purple  blue  black

Berri Duplex

4 Ring Numeral  New Brunswick grid  Railway Post Office

516 - Montreal  22 - Oromocto

13 - Fredericton
CANCELLATIONS
Split double circle cancel

Way Office
NUMERAL CANCELS

2-Ring Numbers

In 1869 a series of number cancels from 1 to 60 were introduced with 1 going to the 60 largest post offices by revenue (Montreal), 60 to the smallest (Newmarket)

1- Montreal  2- Toronto  3- Quebec  4- Halifax
5- Hamilton  6- London  7- St. John, NB  9- Kingston
11- Farnborough  13- Brantford  29- Cobourg  39- Whitby

1- Circular to London, SEP 6, 1869 receiver
FANCY CANCELS

The 1868-1872 period was the apex of fancy cancels. Several hundred were produced by postmasters. These are organized around geometrics, letters, and numbers.

Geometrics

Leaf

Letters

Oshawa B
FANCY CANCELS

Toronto 2

Toronto postmasters used the number 2, which had been given in the 2 ring cancel devices, for the most varied designs in Canada.

Upwards of 70 different designs have been recorded, 30 validated with covers.

January 12, 1870
FANCY CANCELS

Ottawa 8

Kingston 9

10 – not yet identified
POSTAL USAGES

Printed Matter, 1c per oz.

Photographs

very early usage

Brockville February 25, 1869 to Greenbush, Ont.

Illustrated envelope for prices current

St. John, NB to Butternut Ridge, NB
PETROLIA LODGE,
NO. 194, A. F. & A. M.

Festival of St. John, the Evangelist.

PETROLIA, Dec. 27th, A. D. 1869.

DEAR SIR & BROTHER,

By command of the Worshipful Master, I have the pleasure of transmitting herewith a list of the Officers of this Lodge, installed to serve during the coming year.

I am also directed to offer to the Members of your Lodge the compliments of the season, as also our best wishes for your happiness and prosperity.

Our Regular Communications are held on the Second Wednesday of the month, when we shall be happy to give a cordial and Brotherly welcome to all Members of your Lodge, who may favor us with a visit.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

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POSTAL USAGES

Domestic printed matter rate, 1c per oz

Petrolia, Ont., Dec. 27, 1869 to Cayuga
POSTAL USAGES

Circular 1c per oz

To the United States

St. John, NB dated Sep. 3, 1870 to Portland, Maine.
POSTAL USAGES

Circular and printed matter rate, 5c per oz, to France

Paying part of double rate

Unique franking: 6c + 3c + 1c Large Queens
(other is pair of 5c Large Queens)
one of two recorded examples with Large Queens

Montreal May 1869 to Chatillon sur Marne

London May 27 transit

Calais 27 May transit