

Squared Circle Cancellations and the Quebec Tercentenary Issue of 1908

HISTORY

The squared circle cancellations, which came into use in nearly 300 towns in 1893, were in general use until the early years of the reign of King Edward VII. However, by the time the Quebec Tercentenary issue appeared on July 16, 1908, their use had diminished considerably, and only some 30 towns and four railway post offices were still using them. In fact, up to the present time, only 23 towns and four railway cancels have so far been reported used with this issue, and many are scarce to extremely rare.

The one exception was Brantford, Ontario, which used its squared circle canceller extensively in 1908 after having been lain dormant from 1904 to 1907.



Brantford, Ontario.

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Reference: The Squared Circle Cancellations of Canada (Sixth Edition January, 2020). A Handbook of the British North America Philatelic Society Ltd. by the Squared Circle Study Group.

Chart showing towns known to have used the squared circle cancel on the Quebec Tercentenary issue and other possible towns where the squared circle is already recorded on the KEVII definitives in 1908.

TOWN	1/2c	1c	2c	5c	7c	10c	15c	20c	Comments
Aldergrove, BC	x	●	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Ottawa (nude)	x	●	x	x	x	x	x	x	
St. Ann's, Ont	x	C	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Newport Landing, NS	x	C	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Baie-Verte, NB	x	C	C	x	x	x	x	x	
Indiantown, NB	x	C	x	x	x	x	x	x	
River Louison, NB									recorded used SP/o8 on Ed def
Rothsay, NB	x	C	●	x	x	x	x	x	
Danville, Que	x	C	●	x	x	●	x	x	
Iberville, Que									recorded used JU/o8 on Ed def
Laurentides, Que	x	●	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Levis, Que	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	●	
Melbourne, Que	x	x	●	x	x	x	x	x	
Alma, Ont	x	C	●	x	x	x	x	x	
Arnprior, Ont									recorded used JA/o9 on Ed def
Bobcaygeon, Ont	x	●C	●C	x	x	●	●	●	
Brantford, Ont	●	●C	●C	●	●	●	x	x	
Cheltenham, Ont									rec'd used 'o8 & 'o9 on Ed def
Formosa, Ont									recorded used MY/o8 on Ed def
Gore Bay, Ont	x	C	●	x	x	x	x	x	
Hamilton, Ont	●	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Mount Brydges, Ont	x	C	C	x	x	x	x	x	
Port Arthur, Ont	x	●	●	x	●	x	●	x	new discovery on 15c
Rockton, Ont	x	C	x	x	x	x	x	x	new discovery this town
Roseneath, Ont	x	C	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Thornhill, Ont	●	C	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Wooler, Ont	x	C	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Deloraine, Man									rec'd used JA/o8 on 2c Ed cover
Morden, Man									rec'd used 'o7 & 'o9 on Ed cards
Nanaimo, BC	x	●	●	x	x	x	x	●	
Que & Camp MC Local 5	x	●	●	x	x	x	x	x	
Que & Camp MC Local 20	x	x	●	x	x	x	x	x	
Souris & Winnipeg MC 1	x	●	●	●	x	x	x	x	
Souris & Winnipeg MC 2	x	C	●	x	x	x	x	x	

● = recorded in handbook.

● = on stamp in this exhibit.

C = on cover or postcard in this exhibit.

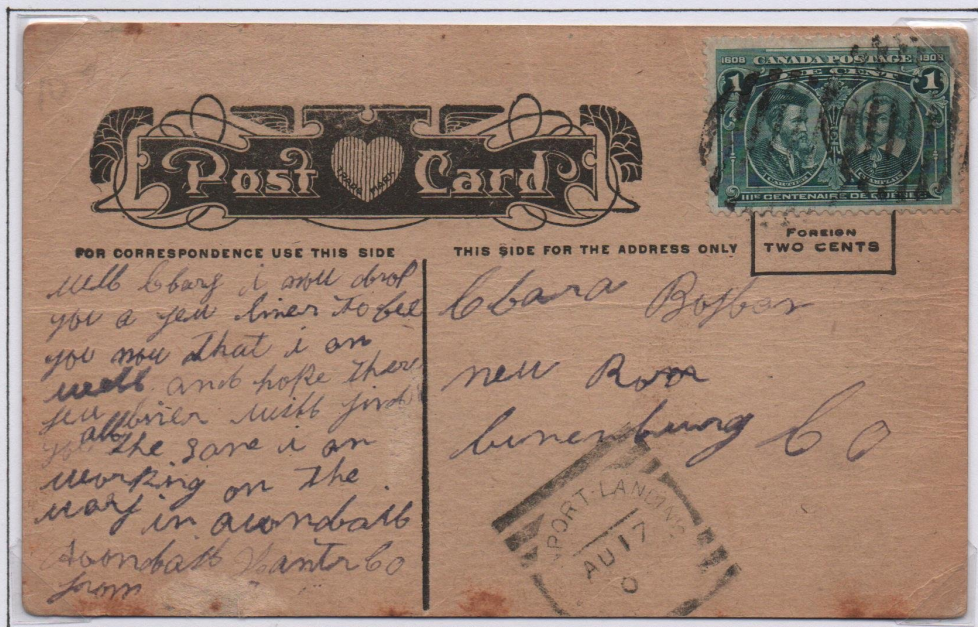
x = unrecorded in handbook and unlikely to exist.

ST. ANN'S, ONTARIO.



Post card bearing one cent Quebec Tercentenary stamp, sent from Attercliffe, Ontario, to Niagara Falls, New York, with St. Ann's squared circle transit mark for **August 1, 1908**.

NEWPORT LANDING, NOVA SCOTIA.



Telegraph post card addressed to New Ross, N.S. bearing one cent Quebec Tercentenary, tied by barred cancels, with free strike of the Newport Landing, N.S. squared circle for **August 17, 1908**.

BAIE-VERTE, NEW BRUNSWICK.



Post card addressed to Bayfield, New Brunswick, bearing one cent Quebec Tercentenary tied by a barred cancel with free strike of the Baie-Verte squared circle for **September 7, 1908**.



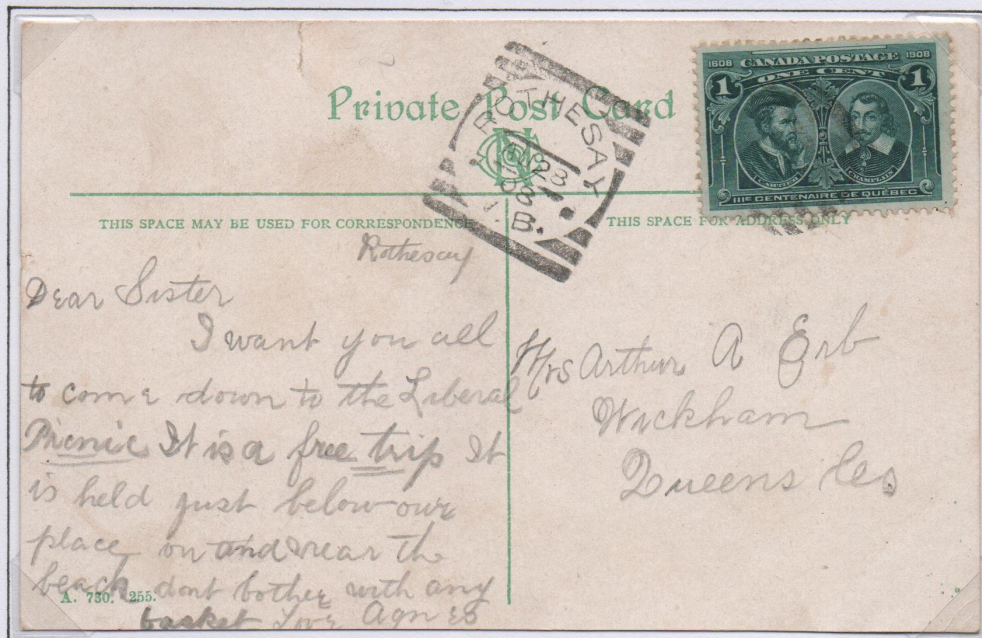
Cover addressed to Murray Harbour, Prince Edward Island, bearing 2 cents Quebec Tercentenary tied by a barred cancel with free strike of the Baie-Verte squared circle for **July 24, 1908**.

INDIANTOWN, NEW BRUNSWICK.



Post card addressed to Boston, Massachusetts, bearing one cent Quebec Tercentenary, with a very faint squared circle cancel and adjacent free strike of the Indiantown squared circle for August 24, 1908.

ROTHESAY, NEW BRUNSWICK.



Post card addressed to Wickham, Queens County, U.S.A. bearing one cent Quebec Tercentenary, tied by barred cancels, with adjacent free strike of the Rothesay squared circle for August 28, 1908.

ALMA, ONTARIO.



Post card bearing one cent Quebec Tercentenary, sent from South Westminister, B.C. and addressed to Alma, Ontario, with Alma squared circle receiver for **September 30, 1908.**

DANVILLE, QUEBEC.



September 14, 1908.

Post card addressed to Williston, Vermont, bearing 1 cent Quebec Tercentenary tied by the Danville squared circle **Sept 10, 1908.**

BRANTFORD, ONTARIO.

Time marks

Numbered indicia above the date

The following numbers have been recorded:

1-3, 8-13, 15-20, 22.

**1/AU 17/08****11/AU 12/08****12/NO 5/08****15/AU 24/80****16/AU 11/08****17/SP 25/08****18/SP 30/08****19/JUL 27/08**

(For time mark 9 see page 8)

BRANTFORD, ONTARIO.

Matched groups



Cover front addressed to Toronto bearing pair of one cent Quebec Tercentenary and ten cents special delivery stamps tied by the Brantford squared circle for 18/AU 3/08.



1/AU 3/08



12/AU 3/08

Matched group showing year date error "80" for 08.



1/SP 1/80



9/SP 1/80



15/SP 1/80

BRANTFORD, ONTARIO.**Error indicia****Year date error "80" for o8**

During 1908 the year shows as "80" on many, but not all, strikes in the period AU 11 to SP 21. A summary of the year markings reported in this period is shown in the following charts:

AUGUST 1908

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0				o8	o8				o8	
1	o8	80o8	o88o	8o	o8	o8	o8	o8		
2		8o	8o		8o	8o	8o	8o	8o	8o
3		8o								

SEPTEMBER 1908

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0		8o		8o	8o	8o	8o	8o	8o	8o
1	8o	8o			8o	8o		8o	8o	8o
2	o8	8o	o8	o8	o8	o8	o8		o8	
3	o8									

Examples**15/AU 24/80****17/AU 25/80****17/AU 29/80**

Further examples can be seen on pages 1, 7 & 8.

BRANTFORD, ONTARIO.

Error indicia – Inverted 4 in dater.



Post card addressed to Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A., with 1c Quebec Tercentenary stamp tied by the Brantford squared circle for 1/AU 4/08.



Borrowed indicia.
3-letter month.



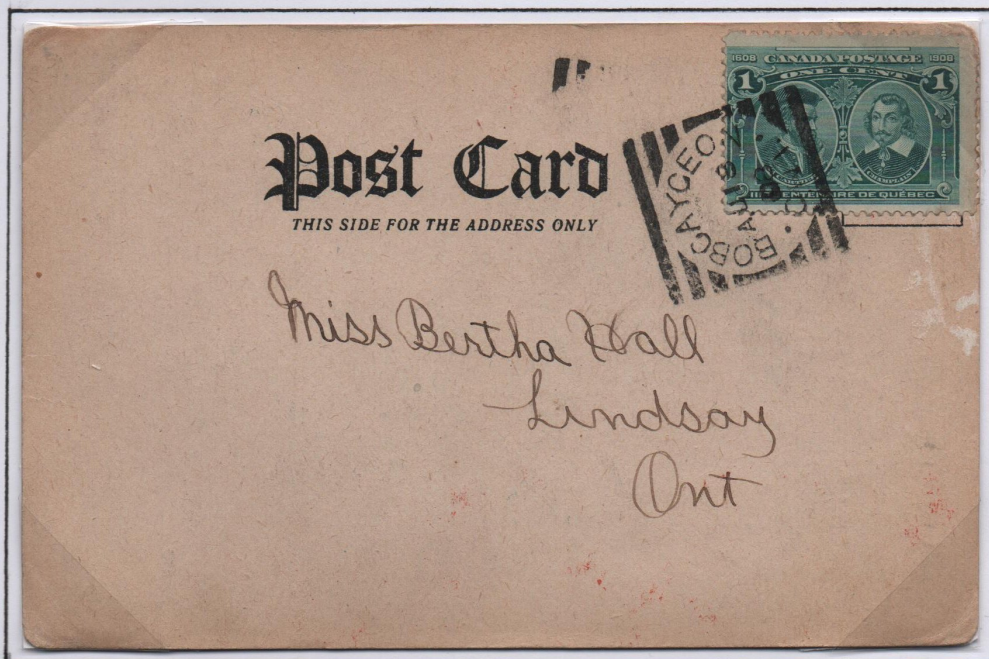
12/JUL 20/08.



17/JUL 27/08.

Part of large cover with 2c
tied by the squared circle of
17/JUL 28/08.

BOBCAYGEON, ONTARIO.



Post card addressed to Lindsay, Ontario, bearing one cent Quebec Tercentenary, tied by the Bobcaygeon, Ontario, squared circle for **August 18, 1908.**



September 16, 1908.

Post card addressed to Lindsay, Ontario, with 2 cents Quebec Tercentenary tied by Bobcaygeon squared circle **Aug 12, 1908.**

MOUNT BRYDGES, ONTARIO.



Post card bearing one cent Quebec Tercentenary, sent from London, Ontario, addressed to Mount Brydges, Ontario, with Mount Brydges squared circle receiver for **August 1, 1908.**

GORE BAY, ONTARIO.



Post card addressed to Simcoe, Ont. bearing 1c Quebec Tercentenary tied by Gore Bay squared circle for **October 9, 1908.** (Only known example on 1c card)



July 23, 1908.



August 14, 1908.

(The only two strikes known on the two cents stamp)

ROCKTON, ONTARIO.



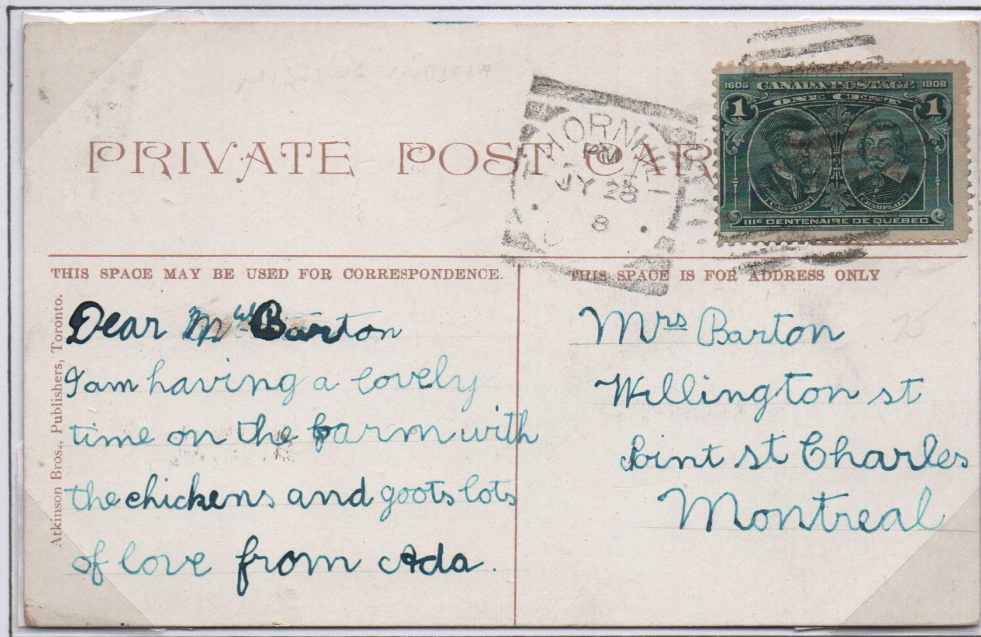
Post card addressed to London, Ontario, bearing one cent Quebec Tercentenary, tied by barred cancel, with adjacent free strike of the Rockton squared circle for **August 5, 1908**. (newly reported strike)

ROSENEATH, ONTARIO.



Post card bearing one cent Quebec Tercentenary, sent from Aderville, Ont. to Warkworth, Ontario, and with Roseneath squared circle transit mark for **November 13, 1908**. (only recorded strike)

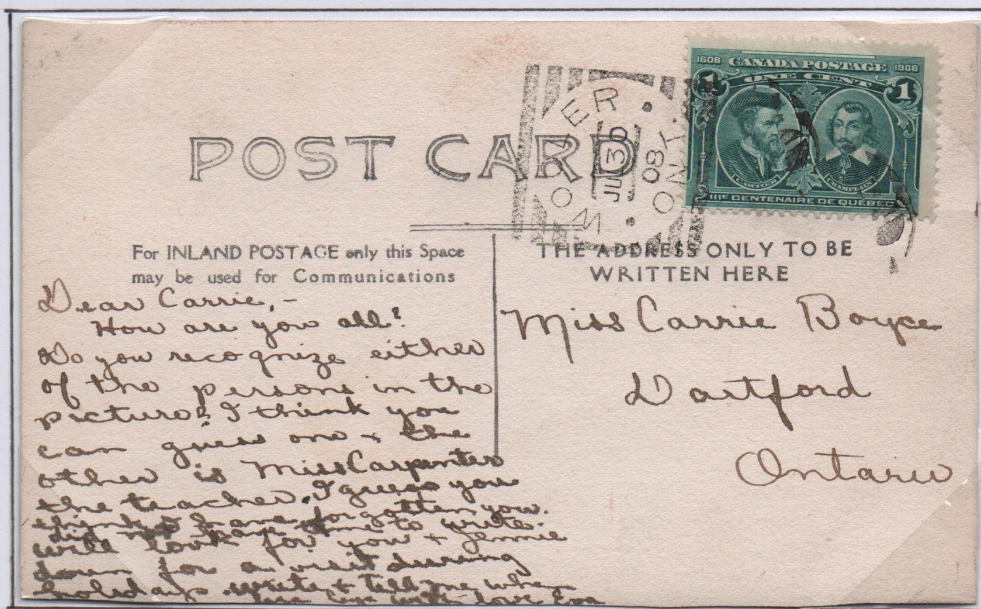
THORNHILL, ONTARIO.



Post card addressed to Point St. Charles, bearing one cent Quebec Tercentenary, tied by a barred cancel with adjacent full strike of the Thornhill squared circle for **July 28, 1908.**

(Only recorded example on 1c card)

WOOLER, ONTARIO.



Post card addressed to Dartford, Ontario, bearing one cent Quebec Tercentenary, tied by the Wooler, Ontario, squared circle for **July 30, 1908.** (Only recorded example on 1c card)

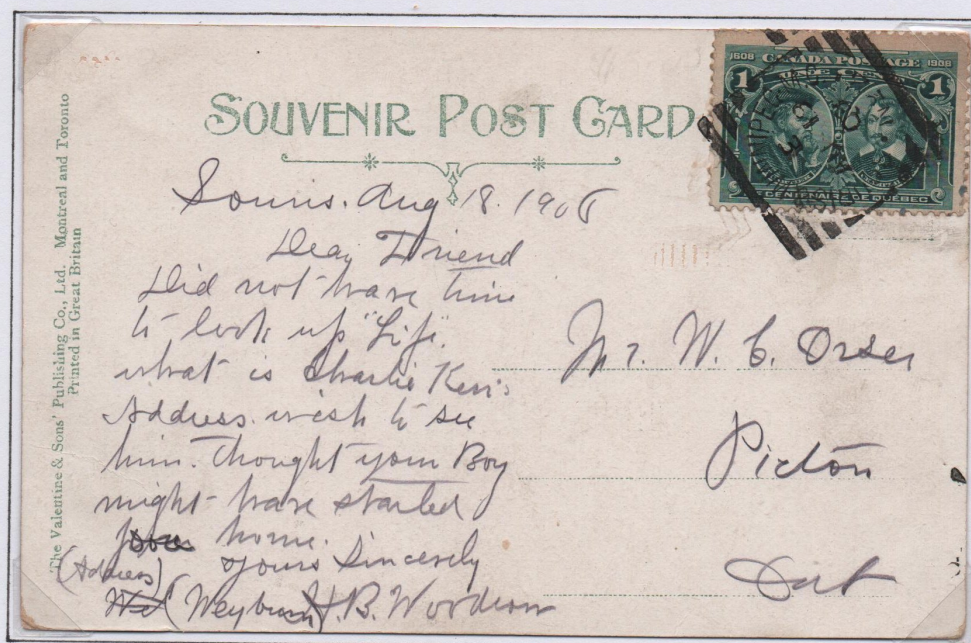
Railway Post Offices

QUE & CAMP. M.C. LOCAL, No.5

Direction marks: E & W

**W/SP 19/08****W/SP 12/08****SOURIS & WINNIPEG M.C., No.2**

Direction marks: E & W

**E/AU 19/08** (matched pair with cover below)

Post card addressed to Wickham, bearing one cent Quebec Tercentenary tied by the Souris & Winnipeg M.C., No.2 squared circle for **E/AU 19/08**. (newly discovered on one cent)

OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

Nude cancel – Used on printed matter.

HAMILTON, ONTARIO.

16 / AU 2 / ?

(This town discovered in 2018)

There is no record of the Hamilton canceler being used between 1897 & 1912 so this example may not have been struck in 1908 although the instrument was certainly in the post office at that time.

PORT ARTHUR, ONTARIO.

August 21, 1908.

(One of two recorded strikes)



December 23, 1908.

(Only known strike on 15c stamp)

NANAIMO, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

July 27, 1908.



November 2, 1908.

Hammer cut down to form a broken circle