Two Part Circles and Crowns

No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes
TPCS1841	Hughes (1990a)	unknown	EKD: 18 Jan. 1849 LKD: 15 Oct. 1854	 Diameter = 29mm This instrument was sent to the Secretary, General Post Office for Dispatch from London to Halifax on 12 November 1841. When the instrument was received at the post office is unknown but was unlikely to be before January 1842. (MacDonald 1985, p. 125) 1841 to 1867 (Lowe. 1973, MacDonald,1985, generally for marks of type TCPS 1841) Hughes 1990a contains two proofs of this mark with the second one appearing after TCPS1843a and b Author has only copy of mark known to be struck in red, 18 Jan 1849.
DCC1842	MacDonald (1985)	unknown	ERD: 14 Mar 1842 LRD: 28 Dec 1842 (MacDonald 1985)	 Diameter = 31mm When successor postmark (TPCS 1843) was issued in December 1842, Deputy PM requested that these cancels be returned, making possible period of use 18 months. (MacDonald 1985, p. 95) I own latest reported date recorded by MacDonald, 1985
TCPS1843a	JA 53 1 13 43 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	23 Jan. 1843 (Hughes 1990a)	EPD: 23 Feb. 1843 LKD: 10 Feb. 1864 (GS)	 Diameter = 29mm (measured from illustration in Munden, 1987) MacDonald 1985, p. 122, 125 records that this cancel was sent out from Halifax by H.M. Watson, the Acting Deputy Postmaster General on 22 February 1843 making the first date of possible use 23 February 1843. Dot after S in Nova Scotia When overlaid, TCPS1843a and b are virtually identical, except for the dot after the "S" in type a. In reviewing half a dozen copies of TCPS1843 type marks, the author has not seen any with the dot following the "S".
TCPS1843b	18 43 N S Hughes (1990a)	Possible impression made just before shipment to Halifax (MacDonald 1985,	As above?	 Diameter = 31mm (measured from postmark) No dot after S in Nova Scotia

Numerical Handstamps

No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes
H1856	MacDonald (1985)	n/a	8 May1856 to 5 Aug. 1857	Effective 6 July 1851, 3 pence was the rate per 1/2 ounce for a letter within the colony and via the land route to other BNA provinces.
H1857	MacDonald (1985)	n/a	2 Aug. 1857 to 9 Aug. 1858	Effective 6 July 1851, 3 pence was the rate per 1/2 ounce for a letter within the colony and via the land route to other BNA provinces.
H1853	MacDonald (1985)	n/a	18 Aug. 1853	Regular postage rate of 3d and registration fee of 6d.
H1858	MacDonald (1985)	n/a	1858	Regular postage rate of 3d and registration fee of 6d.
H1865	MacDonald (1985)	n/a	EKD: 2 Aug 1865 (GS) LKD: 20 Sep. 1865	 a) first class single rate to United States, except to the Western Territories, b) domestic double-weight rate, c) packet rate for paid letters to Cape Breton, Sr. Pierre-Miquelon, Bermuda, and Newfoundland after 1 May 1862

Partial Circles

No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes	
OPC1866	MacDonald (1985)	unknown	EKD: 12 Aug. 1864 (GS) LKD: ? May 1875 (GS)	0 1 2 10 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	 diameter = 20.5mm "P" and "D" in Port Hood extend below horizontal line through middle of postmark no period after "S" in Nova Scotia dash between "PORT" and "HOOD" month designated with 2 letters all examples used with "provincial grid" as defacing mark on stamp.
OPC1876	7-Ho 0 NO 23 76 N.S Hughes (1990a)	23 Nov. 1876	EKD: 12 Nov. 1879 (GS) LKD: 17 Jan. 188 (GS)	0 NO 230 1 8	 diameter = 22mm note that "P" and "D" in Port Hood are above horizontal line through middle of postmark no period after "S" in Nova Scotia month designated with 2 letters dash between "PORT" and "HOOD"
OPC1883	1 MR 90 1 83 / N 3 Hughes (1990a)	9 Mar.1883	EKD: 19 May 1884 (GS) LKD: 11 Feb. 1909 (GS)	CAT HOS LOS	 diameter = 22mm "P" and "D" in Port Hood extend below horizontal line through middle of postmark month designated with 2 letters period after "S" in Nova Scotia dot between "PORT" and "HOOD"
OPC1892	DE 23 N.3. Hughes (1990a)	23 Dec. 1892	EKD: 1? Dec. 1894 (GS) LKD: 9 Oct. 1903 (GS)	01 HOO 1:00 1:00 1:00 1:00 1:00 1:00 1:00 1:	 diameter = 21mm "P" and "D" in Port Hood are above horizontal line through middle of postmark period after "S" in Nova Scotia month designated with 2 letters dot between "PORT" and "HOOD"

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OPC 1902 Possible unrecorded mark	A CO	unknown	EKD: 4 Jun. 1902 (GS) LKD: 27 Jul. 1903 (GS)	 diameter = 21mm Similar to OPC1866 but month is denoted with 3 letters while "P" and "D" in Port Hood are below horizontal line through middle of postmark, lettering is larger dot rather than dash between "PORT" and "HOOD" possibly no period after "S" in Nova Scotia Month designated with 3 letters 	

Fancy Corks

No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes
C1885a	GS	n/a		Date determined by OPC1883 cancel dated 16 Jan 1885.
C1885b	GS	n/a		Date determined by OPC1883 cancel dated 18 May 1885.
C1885c	GS	n/a		Date determined by OPC1883 cancel dated 23 Oct 1885.
C1901	GS	n/a		This fancy cancel is somewhat suspicious as it covers a faint Port Hood cancel while the other covers are all postmarked in 1885 and the datestamp is separate from the stamp while the cork covers the stamp. Date determined by backstamps dated July 16, 1901,

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No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Note
FC1923	Hughes (1991)	29 Jun 1923	EKD: 28 Dec. 1927 (GS) LKD: 24 Feb 1932 (GS)	 Diameter = 23.5mm Author has 6 examples of this mark and has not seen any marks with AM or PM in postmark.
FC1947	Hughes (1991)	11 Oct. 1947	EKD: 8 Feb 1955 (Munden 1987) LKD: 25 Sep 1958 (GS)	 Diameter = 23mm Despite proof strike showing AM, author has only seen examples with PM.
FC1962	Hughes (1991)	1 Jan. 1962	EKD:30 Mar. 1962(GS) LKD: 25 Feb. 1965 (GS)	• Diameter =23
MOOD1928	Hughes (1992b)	27 Jul. 1928	EKD: LKD:	 Diameter = 23.5 Comma after town name is usually an indicator of Money Order Office Datestamps (MOOD) marks, according to Narbonne (2003).

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MOOD1979	Nov 79 N.S. Munden, Carl. (1993)	? Nov. 1979	EKD: LKD:	 Diameter =25mm Proof strike illustrated in Munden 1993.

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D1912 (DNS-309)	DE 2 CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERT	2 Dec. 1912	ERD: 17 Feb 1915 (GS) LRD: 26 Oct 1926 (GS)	 Diameter = 23.0mm Month is designated with 2 letters Author has not seen mark with an AM or PM indicator. 	
D1913 (DNS-310)	AMO Q JAN 9 Hughes (1990b)	9 Jan. 1913	ERD: 6 Jan 1915 (GS) LRD: 7 Jul 1917 (GS)	 Diameter = 23.5mm Month is designated with 3 letters Author has not seen mark with an AM or PM indicator. 	
D1917 (DNS-311)	Hughes (1990b)	25 Aug 1917	ERD: 27 Aug. 1920 LRD: 20 Feb 1933 both from (PHSC 2024)	 Diameter = 22.5mm Letters 'O' and 'D' area narrower that in 1912 mark. Author has not seen mark with an AM or PM indicator. 	
D1933a (DNS-312)	No proof mark or examples seen.		ERD: 11 Aug. 1933 LRD:2 Sep. 1933 (PHSC 2024)	 Diameter = 23.5mm PHSC 2024 indicates that this and D1933b (DNS-313) could be the s mark PHSC 2024 reports this mark with AM timestamp only 	same

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D1933b (DNS-313)	SP/7 33 N.S. Hughes (1990b)	7 Sep 1933	EKD: 16 Dec. 1933 (GS) LRD: 7 Dec. 1961 (PHSC 2024)	•	Diameter = 23.5mm Month has 2 letters PHSC 2024 indicates that the mark "could be same as DNS-312 for month of proof impression may be wrong". PHSC 2024 reports this mark with AM and PM timestamp
D1962 (DNS-314)	Hughes (1990b)	1 Jan. 1962	ERD: 7 Mar. 1962 (PHSC 2024) LKD: 19 Feb. 1985 (GS)	•	Diameter = 22.0mm Proof strike in Hughes (1990b) is not very clean.
D1987 QT HOO Q 130FM OO 20 111 1987 NS	Munden (1987)	Unknown	ERD: 20 Mar. 1987 (Munden 1987) LKD: 26 Jun. 1991 (GS)		

Note: DNS numbers and periods of use come from Postal History Society of Canada duplex postmark database retrieved on 19 Oct. 2020 at postalhistory.net/php/Duplex/. Images come from Hughes, 1990b.

No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes
MOTO1943	PORT HOOD, OCT 7 1943 P. N. S. Munden (1993)	7 Oct. 1943		
MOON1950s	X 4 5 PORT HO 2 V. 1963 Munden (1993)	Unknown	EKD: 20 Nov. 1962 (GS) LKD: 22 Jan. 1968 (Jack Forbes)	Unknown proof date, but Sagar 1999 shows most of the other marks in NS were proofed in the early 1950's
MOON1960s	7 VI 193	Unknown	ERD: 7 Jun. 1967 (Munden) LKD: 7 Dec. 1970	Unknown proof date, but Sagar 1999 shows most of the other marks in NS were proofed in the mid-1960's to early 1970's.

No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes
MOON1970s	POSTES POSTAGE 10	Unknown	Only Known Date: 11 Jan. 1973	Note location of "X" over "R" rather than over "O" in previous example
POCON R1(a)	043044 22 VIII 1977 PORT HOOD N S Munden (1987)	13 March 1973 (Rathbun)	EKD: 28 Feb. 1974 LKD: 6 Nov. 1984 (Rathbun)	 Image of proof strike without date is available in Hughes, 1994. Hughes notes that "dates are not needed because on the proof impression pages [from Pritchard and Andrews Limited] all of the daters except those from British Columbia are dated March 17, 1973." 043044 is 25.5mm long, Port Hood is 24.5mm long Font for year is non-serif and is smaller than other year text
POCON R1(b) (Rathbun)	3 XII 1975 ORT HOOD S Rathbun (2020)	Unknown	EKD: ? Feb. 1975 LKD: 5 Dec. 1975 (Rathbun 2020)	 043044 is 27.5mm long, Port Hood is 26.5mm long in 1975 and 25.5mm long in 1974. Date is located higher than on type R1(a). Font for year is non-serif and is about same size as other year text Rubber used in the creation of these daters was susceptible to deterioration by the ink being used. Old rubber faces may have been removed and replaced with new faces sent out by Post Office headquarters. Also, records of new hammers were not well maintained and new hammer(s) of this type may have been sent to Port Hood. May have been one 1973 stamp R1(a) expanding up to and during 1975 Strikes 77-85 are similar in size to 1973 proof

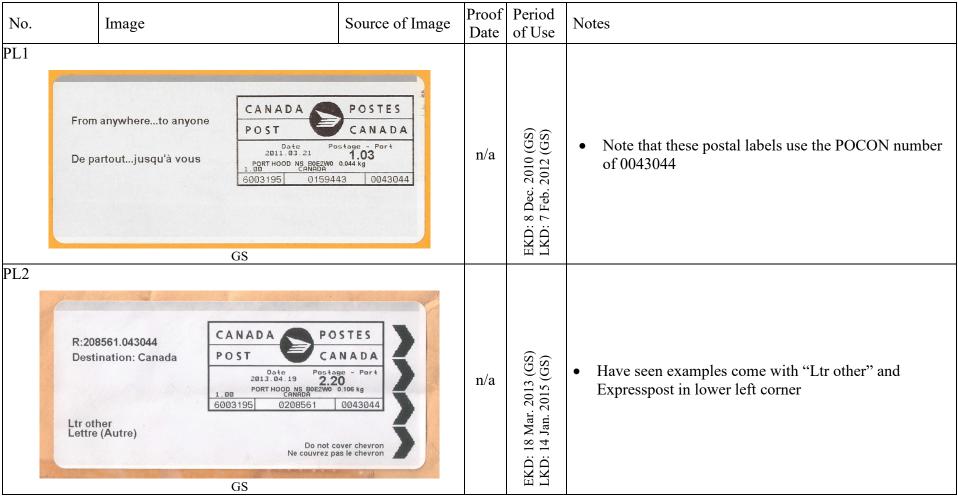
No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes
POCON R2 (Rathbun)	10 X) 1986 PORT HOOD N. S. Rathbun (2020)	Unknown	EKD: 29 Mar. 1986 (Munden 1987) LKD: 3 Mar. 1989 (Rathbun 2020)	
POCON R3 (Rathbun)	O43044 PORT HOOD NS (N-É) BOE 2W0 Rathbun (2020)	Issued: 11 Oct. 1989 (Rathbun 2020)	EKD: 11 Oct. 1989 LKD: 18 Jul. 1996 (Rathbun 2020)	 Issue date was obtained by Ken MacDonald who visited the Port Office and made proof strikes before the daters were distributed to local offices Rathbun (2020) notes examples struck in: black in 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 red in 1995 purple in 1996
POCON R4 (Rathbun)	043044 PORT HOOD 12 V 1997; NS (N-E) BOE 2W0	Unknown	EKD: 13 Sep. 1996 LKD: 19 Apr 2000 (Rathbun 2020)	 Rathbun (2020) notes examples struck in: black in 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 red in 1996 purple in 1997 and 1998
POCON R5 (Rathbun) 2000	POSTES CANADA CANADA POST 043044 2000 -07- 2 5 BUREAU DE POSTE / POST OFFICE PORT HOOD, NS (N-E) BOE 2WO Rathbun (2020)	Unknown	EKD: 28 Apr. 2000 (Rathbun 2020) LKD: 6 Aug. 2010 (GS)	 Dimensions: 32.0 mm tall x 48.0mm wide Struck in black in 2000 Struck in purple in 2000

No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes
POCON R6 (Rathbun) 2012	POSTES CANADA CANADA POST 043044 2012 -02- 1 0 BUREAU DE POSTE / POST OFFICE PORT HOOD, NS (N-E) BOE 2W0 Rathbun (2020)	Unknown	EKD: 10 Feb. 2012 LKD: 15 Oct. 2015 (Rathbun 2020)	• Dimensions: 35.0 mm tall x 48.0mm wide
POCON R7 (Rathbun) 2015	CANADA POSTES POST CANADA 043044 2018 -03- 1 6 PORT HOOD POST OFFICE PORT HOOD, NS BOE 2WO Rathbun (2020)	Unknown	EKD: 15 May 2015 (GS) LKD: 4 Aug. 2020 (Rathbun 2020)	 Upper right is "Canada Post" rather than "Postes Canada". Also, first line of post office descriptions in "Port Hood Post Office" rather than "Bureau de Poste / Post Office" Dimensions: 30.5 mm tall x 48.0mm wide
POCON R8 (Rathbun) 2019	POSTES POST CANADA 043044 2020 -04- 0 7 PORT HOOD POST OFFICE / BUREAU DE POSTE PORT HOOD, NS (NE) B0E 2W0 Rathbun (2020)	Unknown	EKD: 19 Oct. 2019 (Rathbun 2023) LKD: ? Jan. 2024 (GS)	 Dimensions: 31.0 mm tall x 48.0mm wide Similar to POCON R7, but includes post office description in French
Roller	Munden (1993)			

Commemoratives

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No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes	
COMM2000a 33.5mm dia.	2003 -09- 2 0 · Home of Al MacInnis GS	Web Proof: 31 Aug. 2003 (Rathbun 2018)	EKD: 29 Jul. 2003 (Rathbun 2018) LKD: 1 Sep. 2013 (GS)	Rathbun (2020) indicates that he recorded the EKD strike from Jerry Tucker's stock.	
COMM2000b 35.5mm dia.	2010 -06- 2 Home of Al Macinnia GS		EKD: 8 Dec. 2003 (GS) LKD: 5 Mar. 2021 (GS)		
COMM2021	ADAL OF CARE SOUTH OF CANADA S	Web Proof: 22 April 2021 Retrieved 31 Dec. 2023 (Canada Post 2023)	EKD: 21 May 2021 (GS) LKD: ongoing as of Feb. 2024	• 42mm dia.	

Port Hood Postal Label Types



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No.	Image	Proof Date		Notes
1860's	TO THE THE	unknown	Only Known Instance: 7 Aug. 1885	
R in Oval		unknown	EKD: 13 Aug. 1892 (GS) LKD: 11 Feb. 1909 (GS)	No references provide information on this registration marks for Port Hood.
1924	PORTHOOD, N.S ORIGINAL No. Munden 1993	? Nov. 1924 (Hughes. 1992a	EKD: 21 Feb. 1931 (GS) LKD: 21 Jan 1942 (GS)	Seen by the exhibitor struck in purple (1931), black (1935), and green (1942).
1965	R No. Munden 1993	unknown	EKD: 25 Feb. 1965 (GS) LKD: 19 Oct. 1971 (GS)	

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No.	Image	Proof Period Date of Use	Notes
1970's?	PORT HOOD. NS (N-É) No. Munden 1993	unknown unknown	No instances of use known

Notes:

DNS: numbering system provided by Cloutier 2005, stands for Duplex Nova Scotia

EKD: Earliest Known Date EPD: Earliest Possible Date ERD: Earliest Recorded Date LKD: Latest Known Date LRD: Latest Recorded Date

MOON: Money Order Office Number MOTO: Money Order Transfer Office

POCON: Post Office Computer Organization Number

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