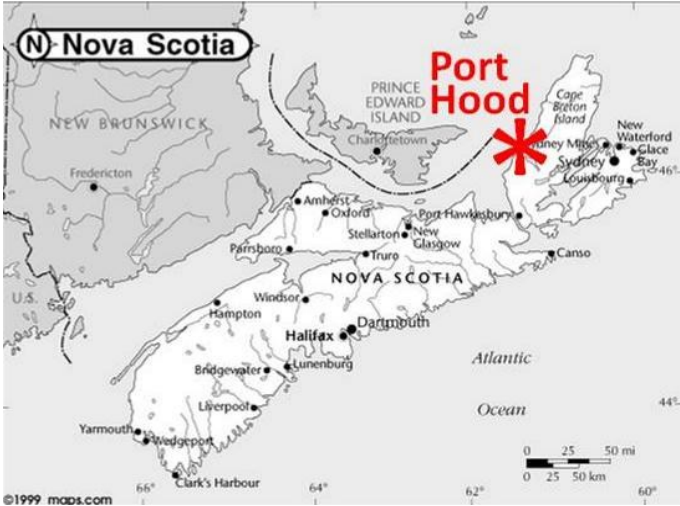


# The Postmarks of Port Hood

Port Hood is located on the western side of Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia (see Figure 1). It is the shire-town for Inverness County, and a way office was opened in 1829, but no hammer was provided until a post office was established in 1841.



While it is a small community, it has had many postmarks since the first hammer was sent from London England on 12 November 1841. The first broken circle mark was provided before confederation although research has not provided a proof date. The first post-Confederation mark was a broken circle proofed on 23 November 1876. Various other marks including MOONs (Money Order Office Numbers) and POCONs (Post Office Computer Organization Number) have used up to the current round commemorative marks and rectangular "winged" markings (POCONS). This exhibit shows how even a small community could have many marks throughout its history, right up to modern times.

The term "Recorded Date" denotes references provided in texts. "Known Date" denotes items that the exhibitor has seen or owns.

This exhibit is the result of over 30 years of collecting and detailed research into these marks. The exhibit contains many new discoveries and unique items. These items have been marked with a red dot. Rarer material has been denoted with a blue dot.

## Exhibit Layout

Frame 1

Title Page	Pre-Confederation Double Circles	Pre-Confed. Numerals
Split Ring Cancellations		
Fancy Cancels	Duplex Cancellations	
Duplex Cancellations	Full Circle Cancellations	

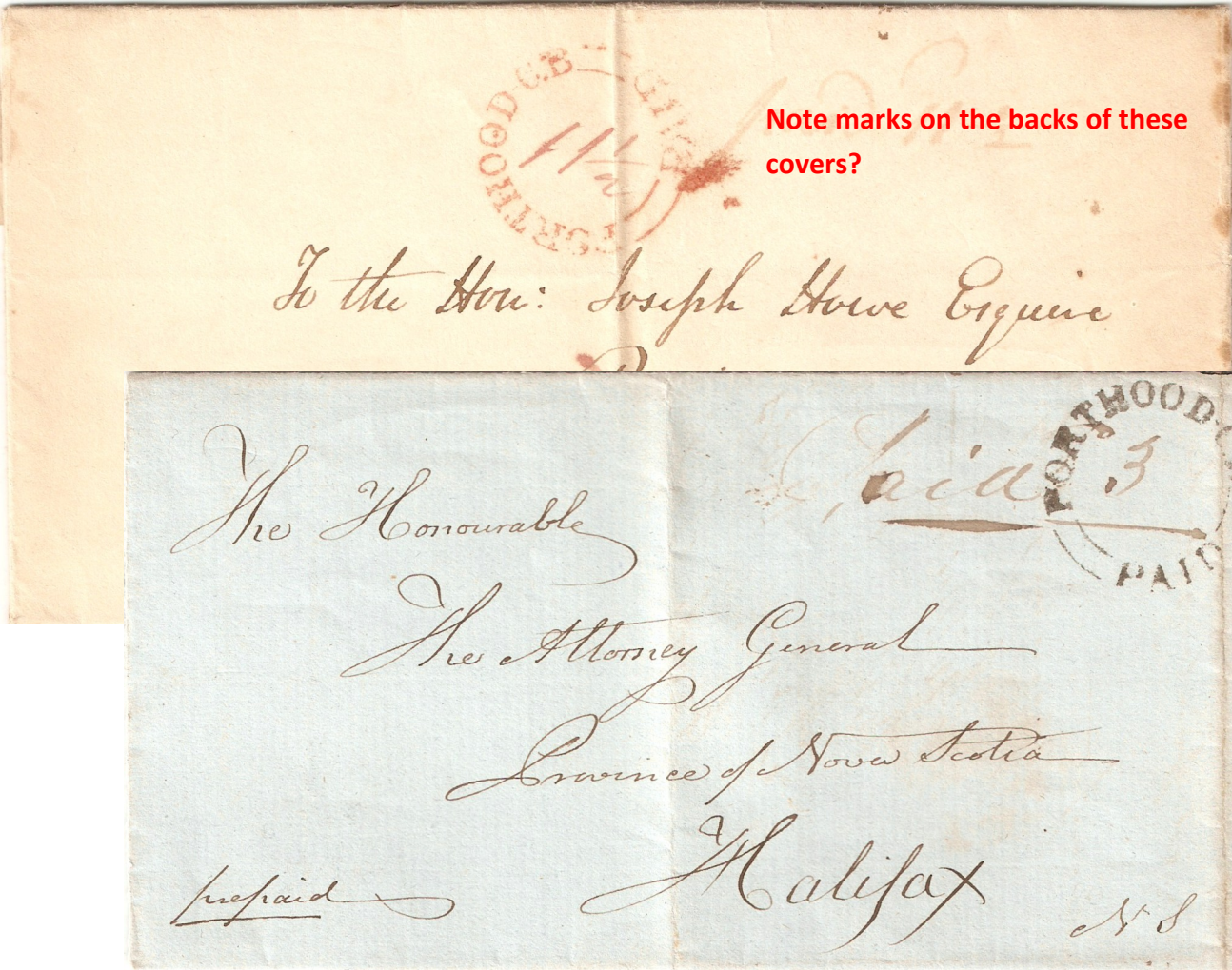
Frame 2

MOONs	POCONs	
POCONs		
Commemorative Markings	Combined Marks	
Registration Handstamps	Postage Labels	Refer- ences

## Pre-Confederation Double Circle Cancellations

Double Broken Circle Paid		Proof strike illustrated in Munden, 1987 (illustration reduced to 90%) diameter = 29mm	This instrument was sent to the Secretary, General Post Office for Dispatch from London to Halifax on 12 Nov. 1841. When the instrument was received is unknown, but was unlikely to be, before January 1842 (MacDonald 1985). Robson Lowe (1973) reports use of this mark to 1867.
Double Circle Crown		diameter = 31mm (illustration reduced to 90%) Postmark illustrated in MacDonald, 1985.	Recorded period of use: 14 Mar. 1842 to 28 Dec. 1842 (MacDonald, 1985)
Broken Double Circle		diameter = 29mm (measured from postmark) (illustration reduced to 90%) Proof strike illustrated in Munden, 1987. Also in MacDonald, 1985, without denotation as proof strike.	Munden (1987) illustrates 2 similar proofs of this mark. When overlaid, they are virtually similar, with the exception of the dot after the "S" in the earlier mark. In reviewing a half a dozen copies of this relatively rare mark, the exhibitor has not seen any with the dot following the "S". Earliest Possible Use: 23 Feb. 1843 (MacDonald, 1985) Latest Known Date: 10 Feb. 1864 (collection of exhibitor)

## Double Broken Circle Paid Mark - 1841



Mark in red, posted 18 Jan. 1849.

Manuscript "Paid 11½" to right of mark represents properly paid amount for a half oz. inland letter.

**MacDonald, 1985 notes only 10 or less known copies of this mark. This is the only mark in red of which the exhibitor is aware.**

Mark in black, posted 15 Oct. 1854, paying 3d. cy. for a half oz. letter addressed within the colony.

**This is an unusual piece, because at the time, postal regulations stated that prepaid letters were to be struck in red.** The manuscript "prepaid" in the lower left appears to be in the hand of the writer who may have inscribed this before taking it to the post office. The postmaster likely inscribed the "Paid 3" in the upper right and then applied the postmark. It is possible that the postmaster ran out of red ink and applied the postmark in black. In any case the 2 manuscripts and the postmarks should have made it clear that this piece was prepaid!



Pre-Confederation Double Circular Marks con't

Double Circle Crown 1842 ●

This mark, as one of only 5 crown markings issued in Nova Scotia, is unusual as crowns were generally saved for office seals and not for postmarks.



Posted 14 Sep. 1842, from Port Hood to Plaister Cove (today Port Hastings).

At the time, way offices were known locally as two-penny offices, because the keepers charged twopence on every letter passing through their hands. This could be the case with this cover, where 2d. was charged in Port Hood and a further 2d. was charged for passing through a way of- fice, likely Judique.

MacDonald, 1985 notes 5 or less known copies of this mark for Port Hood.

Broken Double Circle 1843

The exhibitor has only seen these marks as backstamps / arrival marks.

Posted to Port Hood at the rate of 4 ½d. for a distance up to 60 miles. arriving 21 Dec. 1850 with transit mark from Plaister Cove.

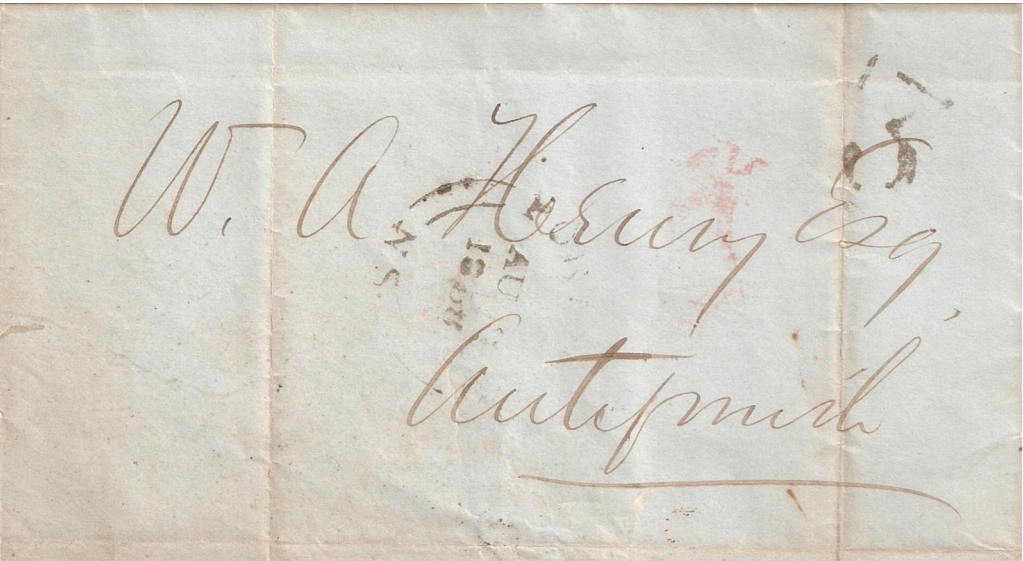


Posted 26 Feb. 1853 from Halifax to Port Hood at the correct rate of 3d. for a ½ oz. letter to be delivered within the colony.

Pre-Confederation Numerical Rate Marks

These marks were used where there were many letters to mark and doing so by hand would be time consuming. These marks are not likely officially distributed and may have been locally made.

3p Rate Handstamp ●



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Illustration from MacDonald, 1985.

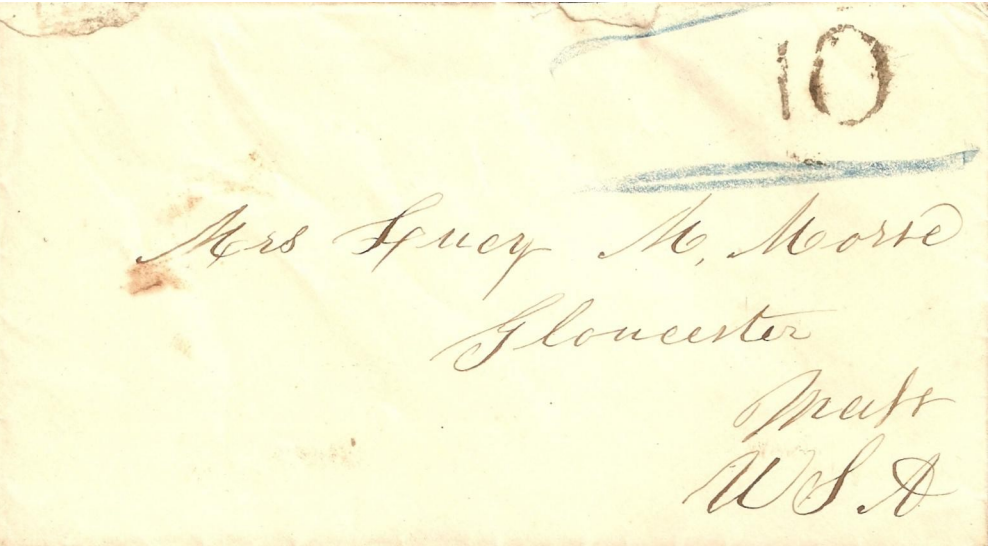
In use from 2 Aug. 1857 to 9 Aug. 1858 (MacDonald, 1985)

Posted 9 Aug. 1858 at the cor- rect rate for a ½ oz. letter to be delivered within the colony.

Cover is also frontstamped with a Port Hood Broken Double Circle Mark.

MacDonald, 1985 notes 5 or less copies in private hands.

10¢ Rate Handstamp ●



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Illustration from MacDonald, 1985.

Posted 2 Aug. 1865 at the correct rate for a First Class Single letter prepaid from Port Hood to the United States.

While MacDonald lists this as a unique item, this is a second known example to the same ad- dress in the United States and is the earliest known date.

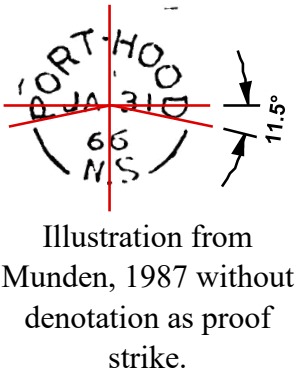
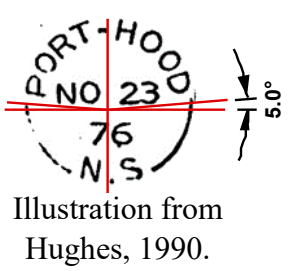
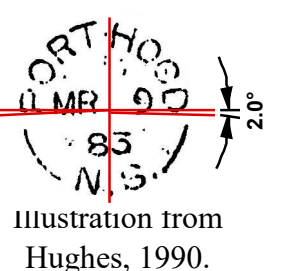
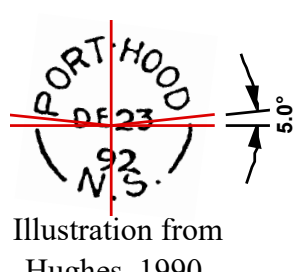
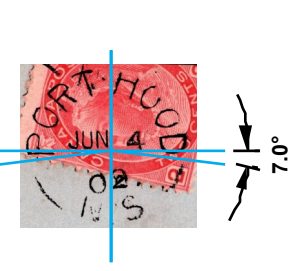
Earliest Known Date of Use: 26 Aug. 1865 Latest Recorded Date of Use: 25 Sep. 1865



This cover is backstamped with the earliest known date, 26 Aug. 1865. of the Pre-Confederation Split Ring Mark shown on the next page.



Split Ring Cancellations

	Mark	Notes	Period of Use
Pre-Confederation Split Ring	 <p>Illustration from Munden, 1987 without denotation as proof strike.</p>	<p>Diameter = 20.5mm</p> <p>P" and "D" in Port Hood extend below horizontal line through middle of postmark</p> <p>No period after "S" in Nova Scotia</p> <p>Dash between "PORT" and "HOOD"</p> <p>All examples used with "provincial grid" as defacing mark on stamp.</p>	<p>Earliest Known Date: 12 Aug. 1864</p> <p>Latest Known Date: ? May 1875</p> <p>(both in collection of exhibitor)</p>
Split Ring 1876	 <p>Illustration from Hughes, 1990.</p>	<p>Diameter = 22mm</p> <p>"P" and "D" in Port Hood are above horizontal line through middle of postmark</p> <p>No period after "S" in Nova Scotia</p> <p>Dash between "PORT" and "HOOD"</p>	<p>Earliest Known Date: 12 Nov. 1879</p> <p>Latest Known Date: 17 Jan. 1882</p> <p>(both in collection of exhibitor)</p>
Split Ring 1883	 <p>Illustration from Hughes, 1990.</p>	<p>Diameter = 22mm</p> <p>"P" and "D" in Port Hood extend below horizontal line through middle of postmark</p> <p>Period after "S" in Nova Scotia</p> <p>Dot between "PORT" and "HOOD"</p>	<p>Earliest Known Date: 19 May 1884</p> <p>Latest Known Date: 11 Feb. 1909</p> <p>(both in collection of exhibitor)</p>
Split Ring 1892	 <p>Illustration from Hughes, 1990.</p>	<p>Diameter = 21mm</p> <p>"P" and "D" in Port Hood are above horizontal line through middle of postmark</p> <p>Period after "S" in Nova Scotia</p> <p>Dot between "PORT" and "HOOD"</p>	<p>Earliest Known Date: 7 Jun. 1895</p> <p>Latest Known Date: 9 Oct. 1903</p> <p>(both in collection of exhibitor)</p>
Split Ring 1902 (New Discovery)		<p>Diameter = 21mm</p> <p>P" and "D" in Port Hood extend below horizontal line through middle of postmark</p> <p>"D" is thinner than in Pre-Confederation Split Ring</p> <p>No period after "S" in Nova Scotia</p> <p>Month designated with 3 letters</p>	<p>Earliest Known Date: 4 Jun. 1902</p> <p>Latest Known date: 27 Jul. 1903</p> <p>(both in collection of exhibitor)</p>



Pre Confederation Split Ring

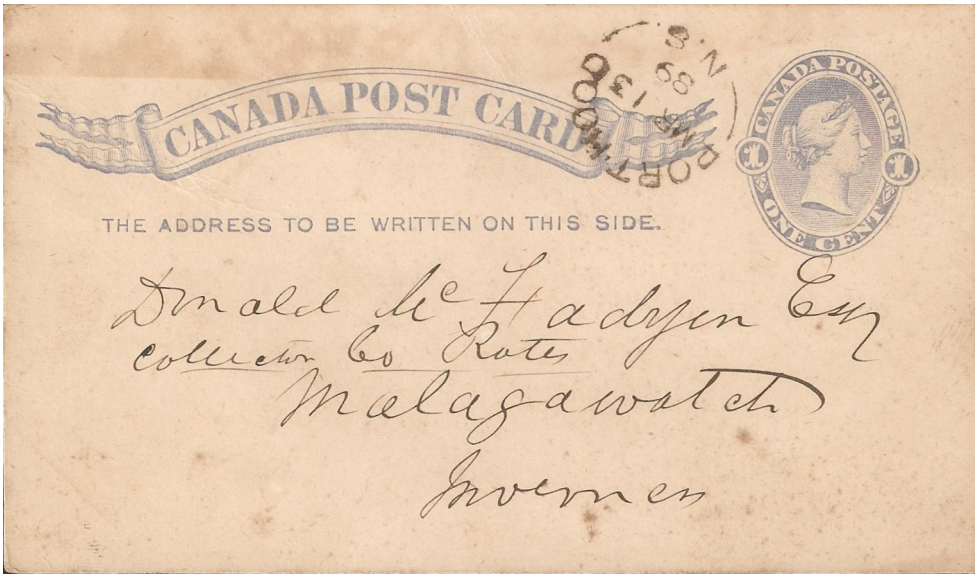
Posted 27 Jul. 1871, paying the rate of three cents per one-half ounce for prepaid letters passing between any two places in the Dominion of Canada.



Split Ring 1876

Posted 12 Nov. 1879, paying the drop letter rate of one cent per half-ounce.

This is one of two examples of this mark (both in the collection of the exhibitor).



Split Ring 1883

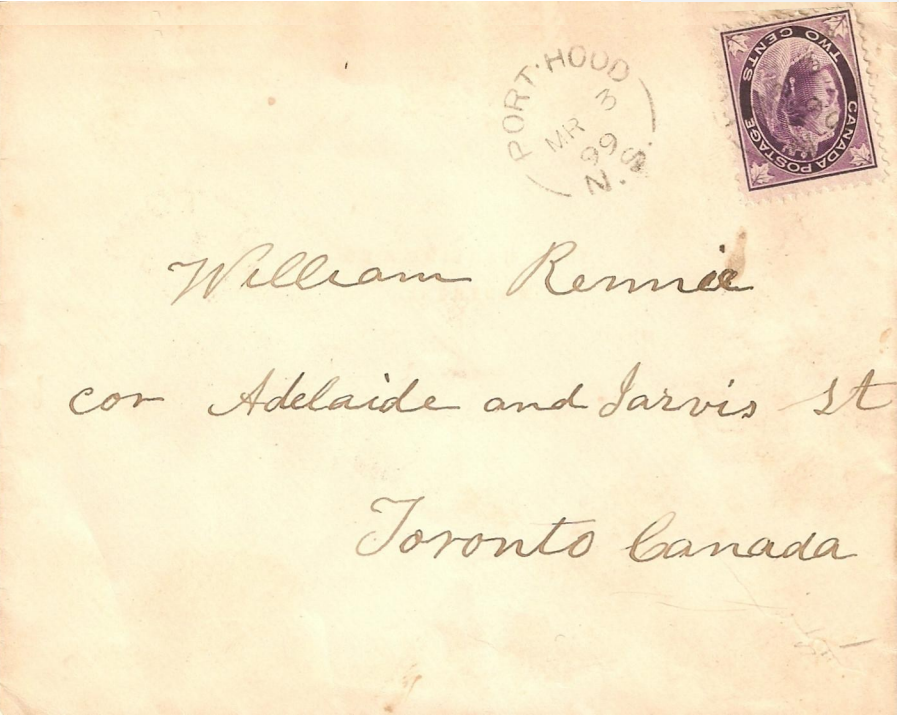
Official postcard mailed on 13 Mar. 1889 at the postcard rate of one cent.

At this time, the Post Office Department only allowed the use of the official "Canada Post Card" issued by the Department.



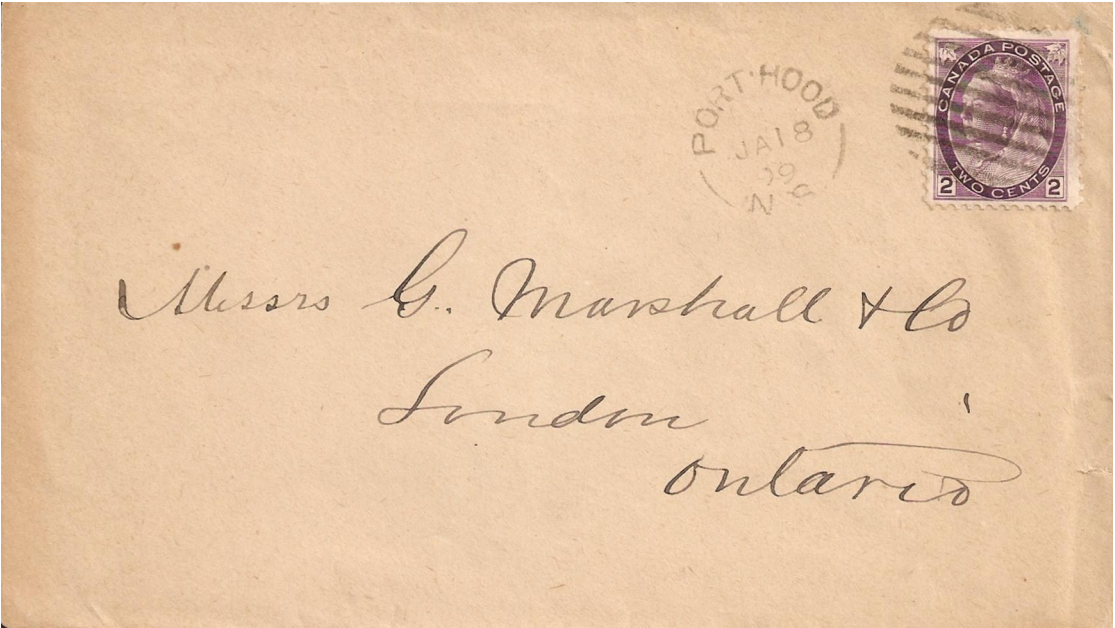
Split Ring Cancellations con't

Split Ring 1892



Posted 3 Mar. 1889, paying the forward letter rate of two cents per ounce.

1892 Split Ring Mark with additional barred cancel

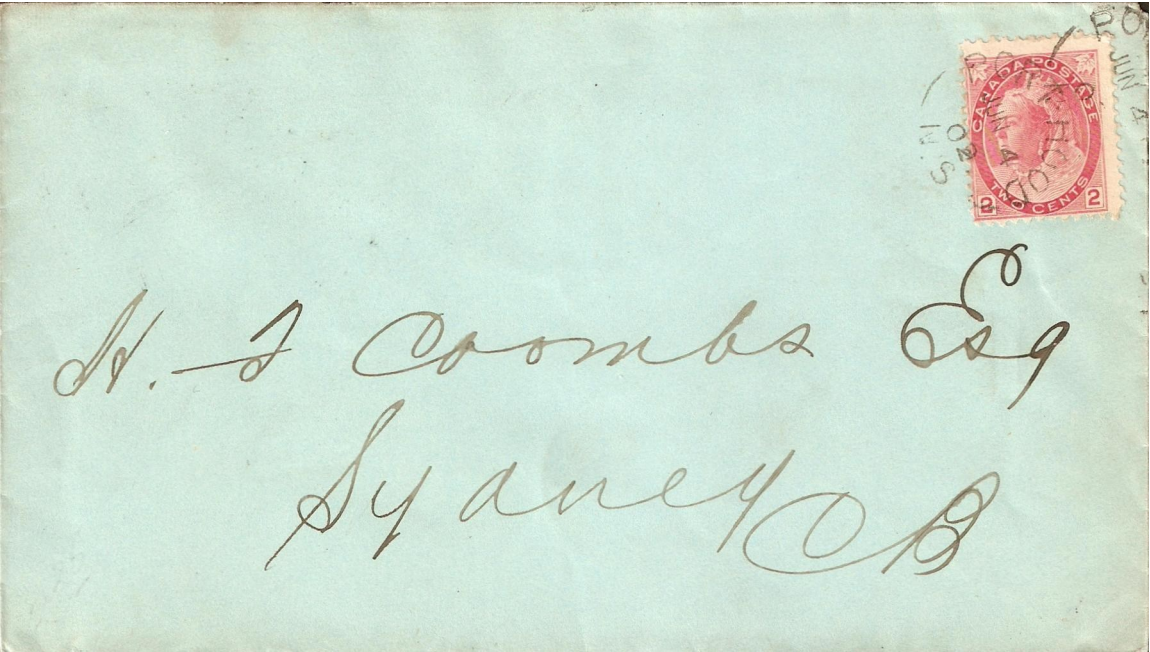


Posted 18 Jan. 1889, paying forward letter rate of two cents per ounce.



Split Ring 1902

This is a mark that has not been identified in the literature and is a new discovery by the exhibitor. Proof books from 1884 to 1886 and from 1896 (estimated) to 1907 have not been found, meaning that there are possibly more marks to be discovered.



Posted 4 Jun. 1902, paying the forward letter rate of two cents per ounce.

Note that the colour of the two cent stamp was changed from purple to red in August 1899 to align with the Universal Postal Union's designation of red as the correct colour of stamps used to pay the domestic letter rate.



# Fancy Cancels

## Double Ring Bullseye Cork Cancel with 1883 Split Ring Mark

Posted 16 Jan. 1885, paying forward letter rate of three cents per half ounce.



These three covers were all posted in 1885. The corks or fancy cancels are used to obliterate the stamps, while the postmarks are found on a clear portion of the cover allowing them to be easily read.

These items are unlisted in any records and are unique in the exhibitors experience.

## Leaf Cork Cancel with 1883 Split Ring Mark



Posted 18 May 1885, paying the forward letter rate of three cents per half ounce.



## Single Ring Bullseye Cork Cancels with 1883 Split Ring Mark

Posted 23 Oct. 1885, paying the forward letter rate of three cents per half ounce.

Posted 16 Jul. 1901, paying letter rate of 2 cents per ounce.

The exhibitor is suspicious of the genuineness of this cover for a variety of reasons:

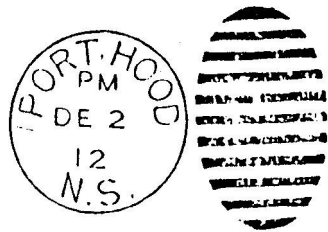
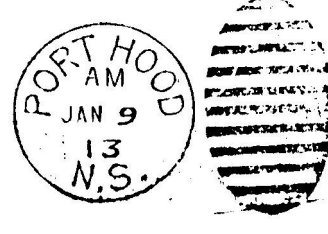
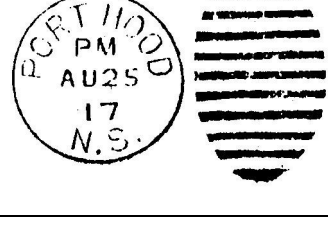

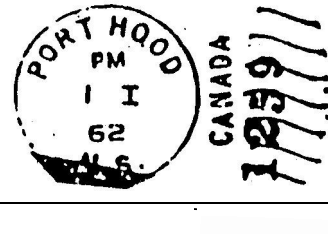

1. The cork cancel covers the postmark on the stamp whereas the other fancy cancels are used to obliterate the stamp while the postmark is cleanly struck elsewhere on the cover.
2. This cover is from 6 years later than the other covers.
3. The ink used on the fancy cancel appears to be different than the ink used on the postmark.

## Apple Cork Cancel with 1883 Split Ring Mark





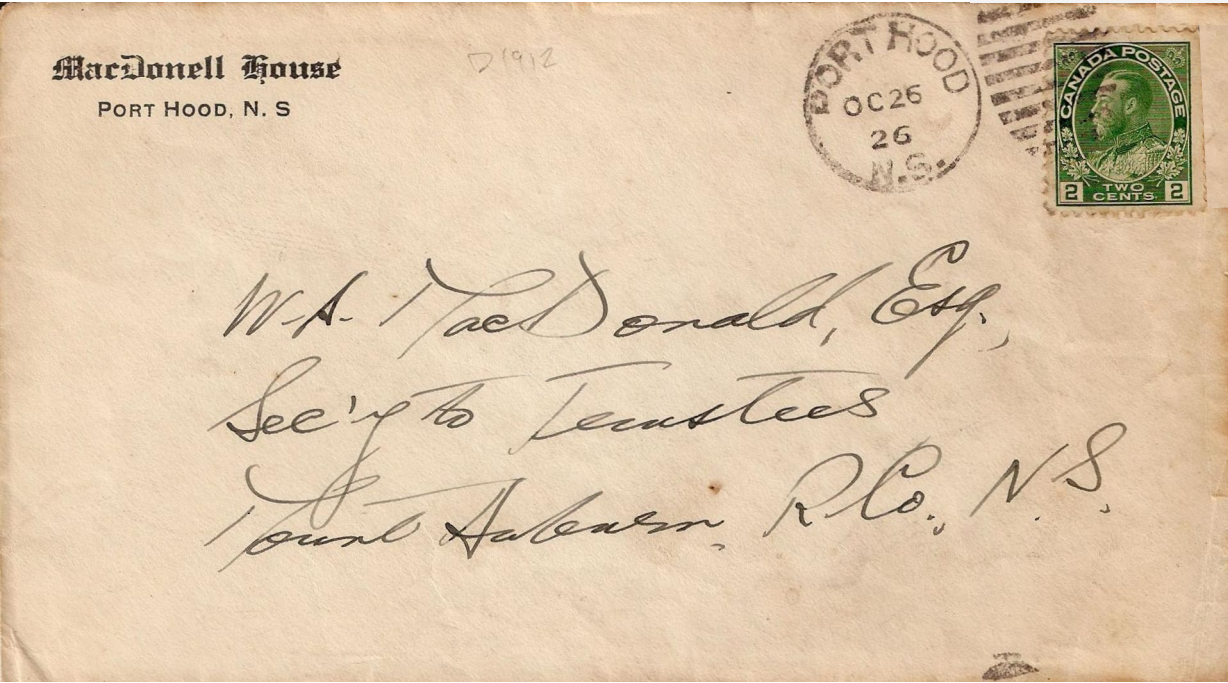
Duplex Cancellations

	Mark	Notes	Period of Use
Duplex 1912 (DNS 309)		Diameter = 23.0mm Month is designated with 2 letters Exhibitor has not seen any mark with an AM or PM indicator Proof strike illustrated in Hughes, 1990b.	Earliest Known Date: 6 Oct. 1913 Latest Known Date: : 26 Oct. 1926  Both in collection of exhibitor, who has provided information to PHSC, 2024 which does not provide period of use information for this mark.
Duplex 1913 (DNS 310)		Diameter = 23.5mm Month is designated with 3 letters Exhibitor has not seen mark with an AM or PM indicator. Proof strike illustrated in Hughes, 1990b.	Earliest Reported Date: 9 Jul. 1913 (PHSC, 2024) Latest Known Date: 17 Jul. 1917 (in collection of exhibitor) (LRD reported to PHSC by exhibitor)
Duplex 1917 (DNS 311)		Diameter = 22.5mm Letters 'O' and 'D' area narrower than in 1912 mark. Exhibitor has not seen any mark with an AM or PM indicator. Proof strike illustrated in Hughes, 1990b.	Earliest Reported Date: 27 Aug. 1920 Latest Reported Date: 20 Feb. 1933 (PHSC, 2024)
Duplex 1933 (DNS 312 / 313)		Diameter = 23.5mm  The exhibitor agrees with PHSC 2024 that DNS 312 and 313 could be the same mark, since the marks are identical and there are covers that have circulated with dates that are earlier than the proof strike. The month of the proof impression may be wrong.  Exhibitor has only seen marks with AM indicator up to 22 Jun. 1939. All subsequent marks have a PM indicator. Proof strike illustrated in Hughes, 1990b.	Earliest Reported Date: 11 Aug. 1933 Latest Reported Date: 7 Dec. 1961 (PHSC, 2024)
Duplex 1962 (DNS 314)		Diameter = 22mm Proof strike illustrated in Hughes, 1990b.	Earliest Reported Date: 7 Mar. 1962 Latest Reported Date: 19 Feb. 1985 (PHSC, 2024) (LRD reported to PHSC by exhibitor)
Duplex 1987			Earliest Reported Date: 20 Mar. 1987 (Munden, 1987) Latest Known Date: 24 Jun. 1991 (In collection of exhibitor)

\* DNS numbers are from PHSC 2024 / Cloutier 2005.

Since the exhibitor has not seen either of these marks with an AM or PM indicator, it would imply that the community only had one outgoing pick up of the mails per day at this time.

Duplex 1912 (DNS 309)



Posted 26 Oct. 1926, paying the forward letter rate of two cents.  
**This is the latest reported date for this mark.**

Duplex 1913 (DNS 310)



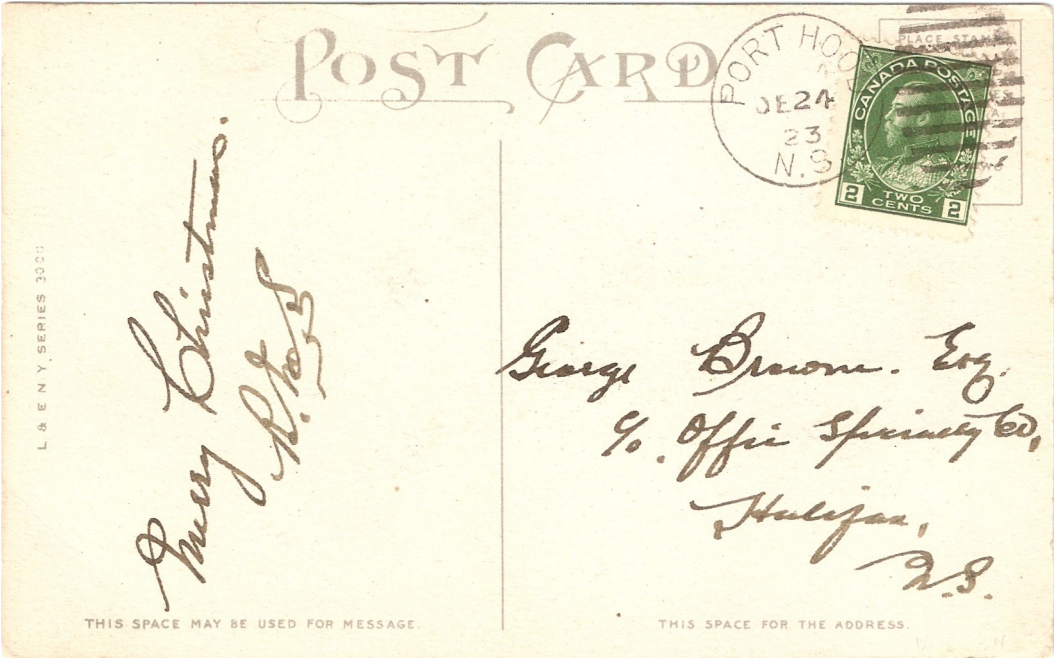
Posted 15 Jan. 1915, paying the forward letter rate of two cents.



Duplex Cancellations can't

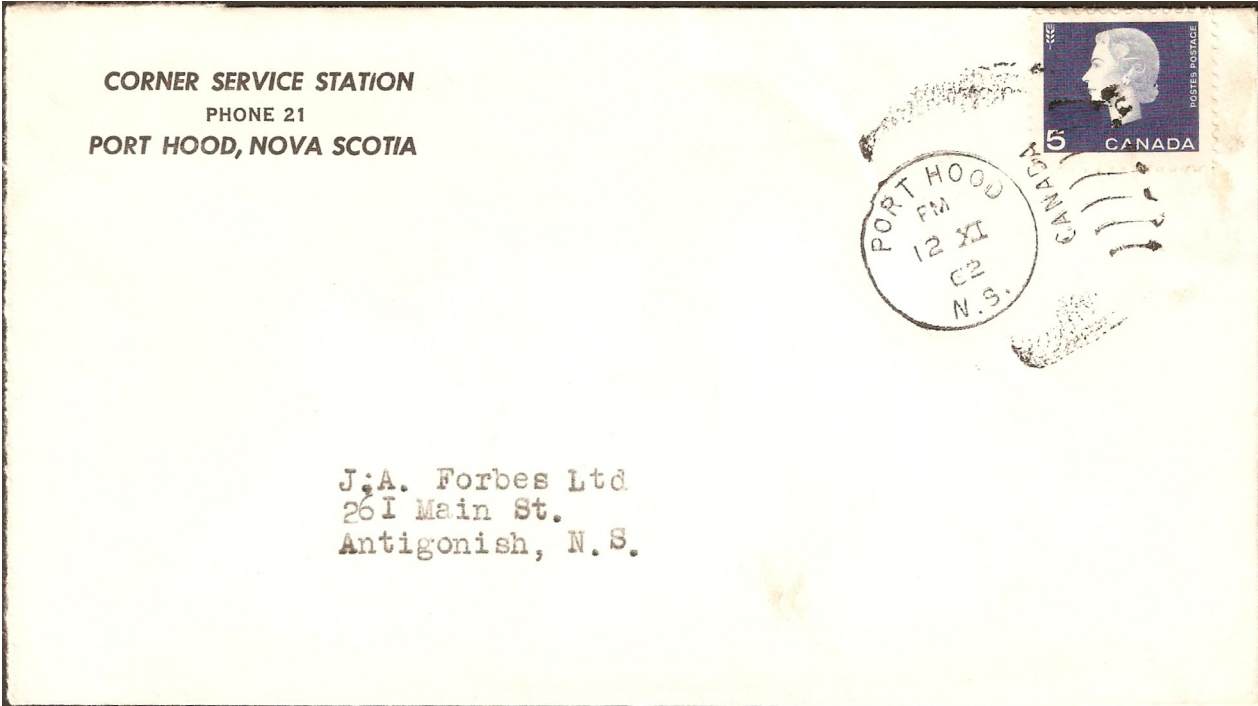
Duplex 1917  
(DNS 311)

Posted 24 Dec. Jan.  
1923, paying the one  
cent postcard rate plus  
one cent War Tax rate.



Duplex 1962 (DNS 314)

Posted 12 Nov. 1962, paying the forward  
letter rate of five cents for the first oz.

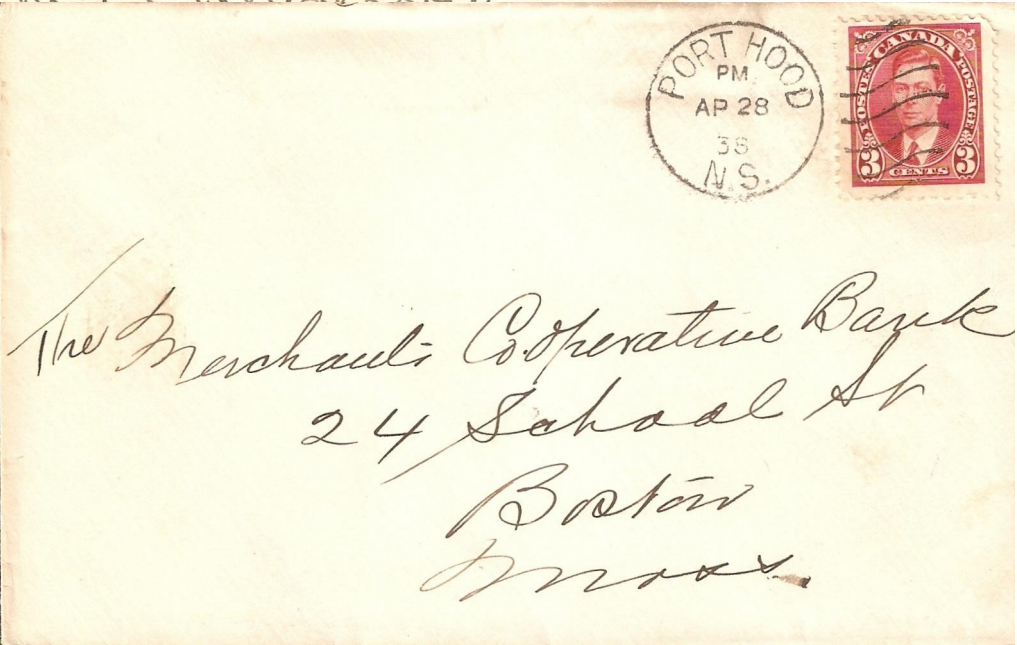


Duplex 1933 (DNS 312 / 313) ●



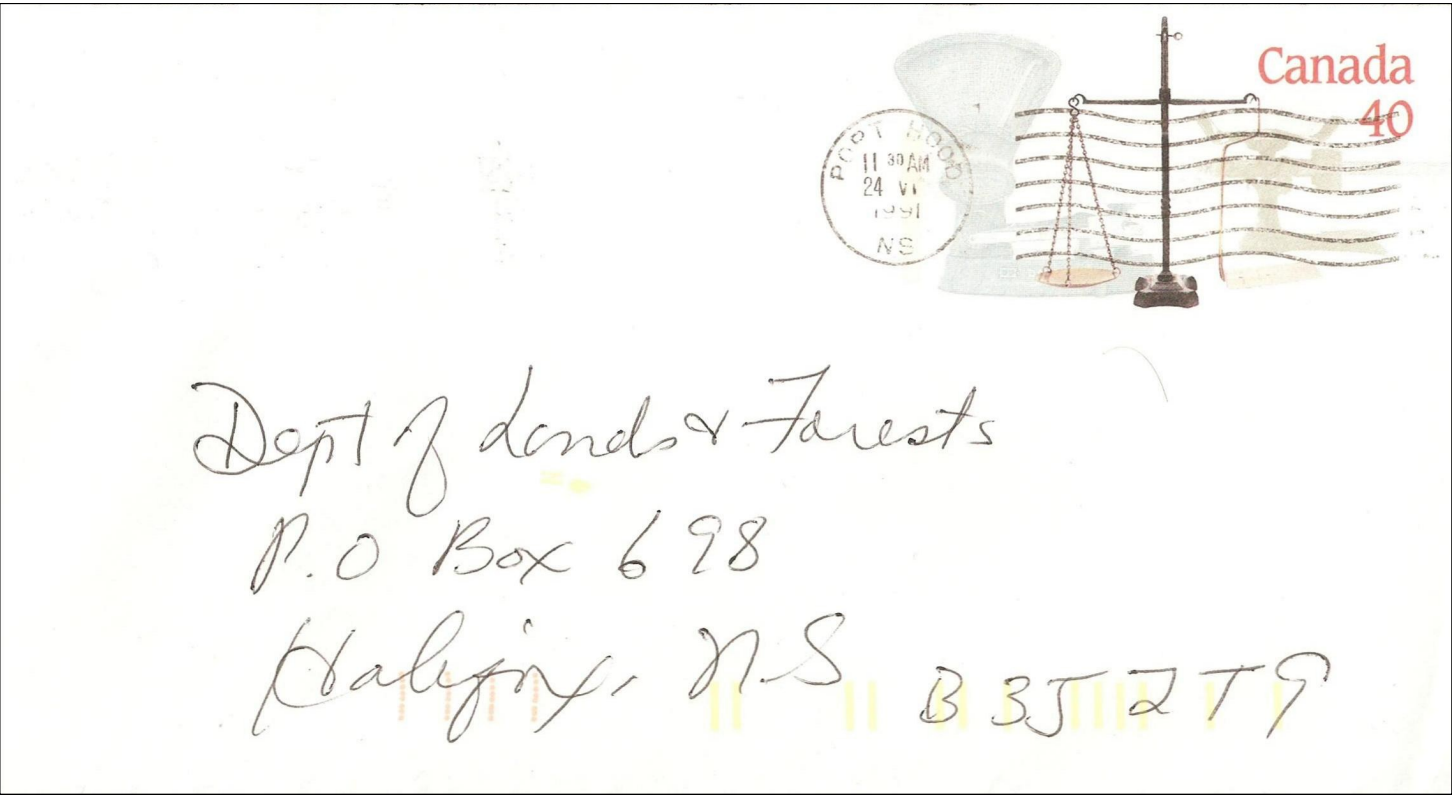
This is the cover that causes the  
PHSC 2024 to question the date  
on the proof strike. It is dated 11  
Aug. 1933, 27 days before the  
date of the proof strike. It pays  
the drop letter rate of two cents for  
a one oz. letter.

Posted 28 Apr. 1938,  
paying the three cent  
rate for a one oz. letter  
to the United States.



Duplex 1987 ●


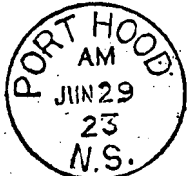


This cover is Latest Reported Date for this mark.



Posted 24 Jun. 1991, paying the domestic letter rate of 40 cents.



Full Circle Cancellations

	Mark	Notes	Period of Use
Money Order Office Datestamp (MOOD)		Diameter = 23.5mm  Struck in red and black  Illustration from Hughes, 1992b	Earliest Known Date: 21 Feb. 1933  Latest Known Date: 2 Mar. 1936  (in collection of exhibitor)
Full Circle 1923		Diameter = 23.5mm  Only seen as back-stamp  Illustration from Hughes, 1991	Earliest Known Date: 28 Dec. 1927  Latest Known Date: 25 Feb. 1931  (in collection of exhibitor)
Full Circle 1947		Diameter = 23.0mm  Illustration from Hughes, 1991	Earliest Known Date: 16 Jun. 1958  Latest Known Date: 25 Sep. 1958  (in collection of exhibitor)
Full Circle 1962		Diameter = 23.5mm  Illustration from Hughes, 1991	Earliest Known Date: 30 Mar. 1962  Latest Known Date: 25 Feb. 1965  (in collection of exhibitor. LKD in this exhibit on Registration Handstamp 1965)

Money Order Office Datestamp (MOOD)



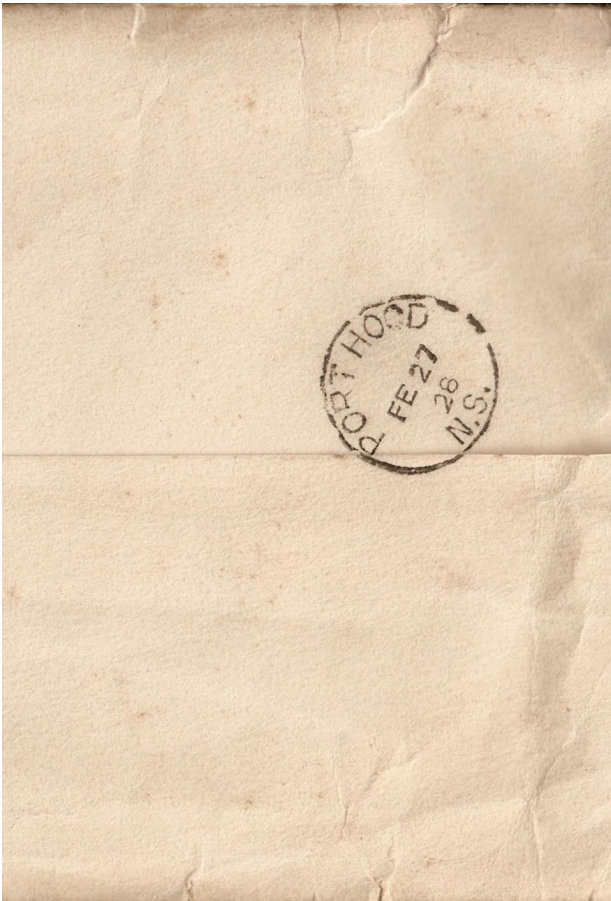
20 cent *Harvesting Wheat* stamp dated 2 Feb. 1933.  
  
Struck in violet



10 cent *RCMP* stamp dated 2 Mar. 1936.  
  
Struck in black

According to Narbonne, 1989, MOODS were issued to post offices to datestamp money orders and registration receipts, as well as official mail. On occasion, the MOOD was unofficially used to cancel postage on routine and registered mail in red, purple, and blue ink. It is rarely seen in black.

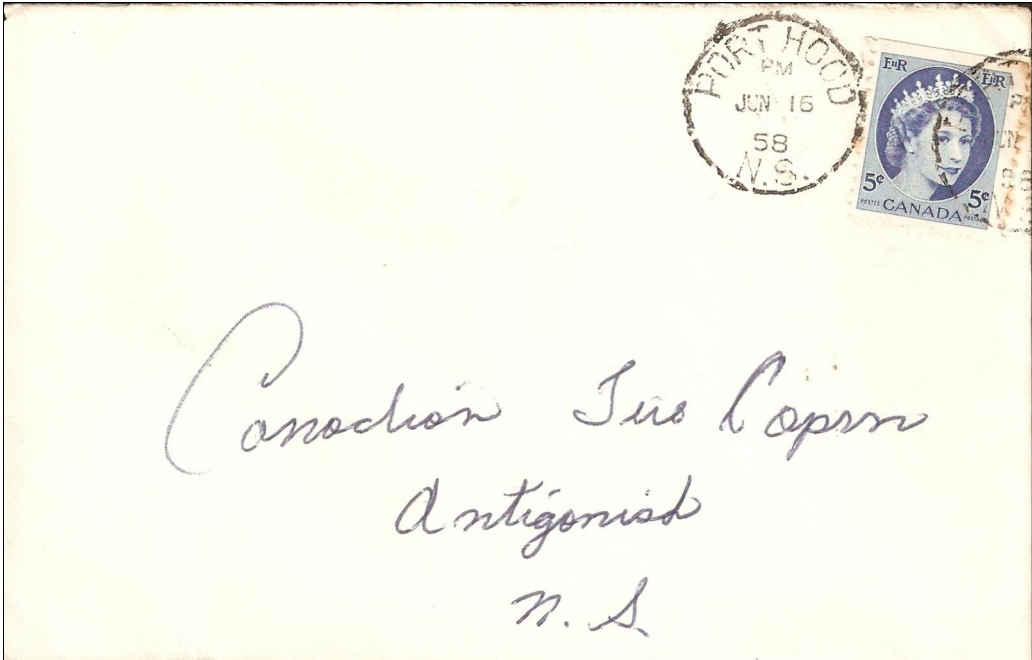
Full Circle 1923



Backstamp on large registered envelope posted on 24 Feb. 1926, official free On His Majesty's Service from the federal Department of Public Works.

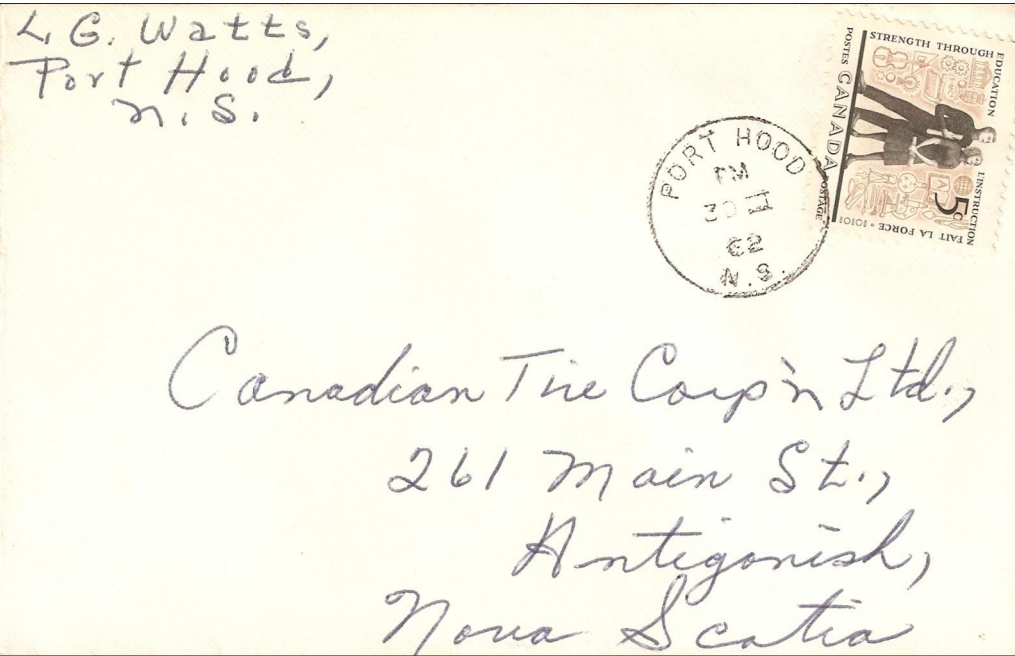
Full Circle 1947

Posted 15 Jun. 1958, paying the forward letter rate of five cents for the first oz.



Despite proof strike showing AM, exhibitor has only seen examples with PM.


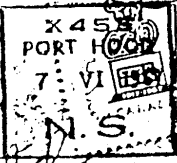

Full Circle 1962



Posted 30 Mar. 1962, paying the forward letter rate of five cents for the first oz.

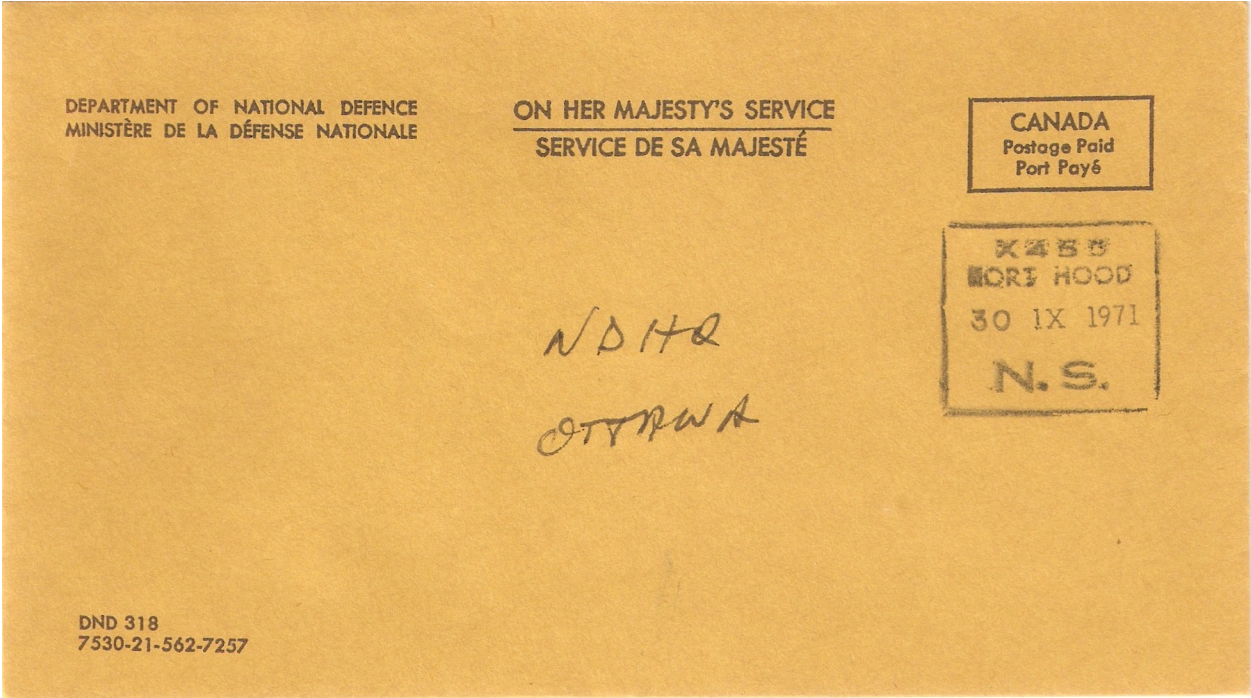


# Money Order Office Number (MOON) Cancellations

	Mark	Notes	Period of Use
MOON 1950's		Similar to Sagar: Type 4. Sagar 1999 provides no proof date, but other marks in NS were proofed in the early 1950's. Illustration from Munden, 1993.	Earliest Known Date: 20 Nov. 1962 (in collection of exhibitor) Latest Recorded Date of Use: 9 Oct. 1965 (only listing in Sagar, 1999)
MOON 1960's		Similar to Sagar: Type 10, but not listed in that reference. Illustration from Munden, 1993.	Earliest Reported Date: 7 Jun. 1967 (Munden, 1993) Latest Known Date of Use: 30 Sep. 1971 (in this exhibit)
MOON 1970's		Similar to Sagar: Type 13, note location of "X" over "R" rather than over "O" in previous example.	Only known example: 11 Jan. 1973 (in this exhibit) Discovery of exhibitor

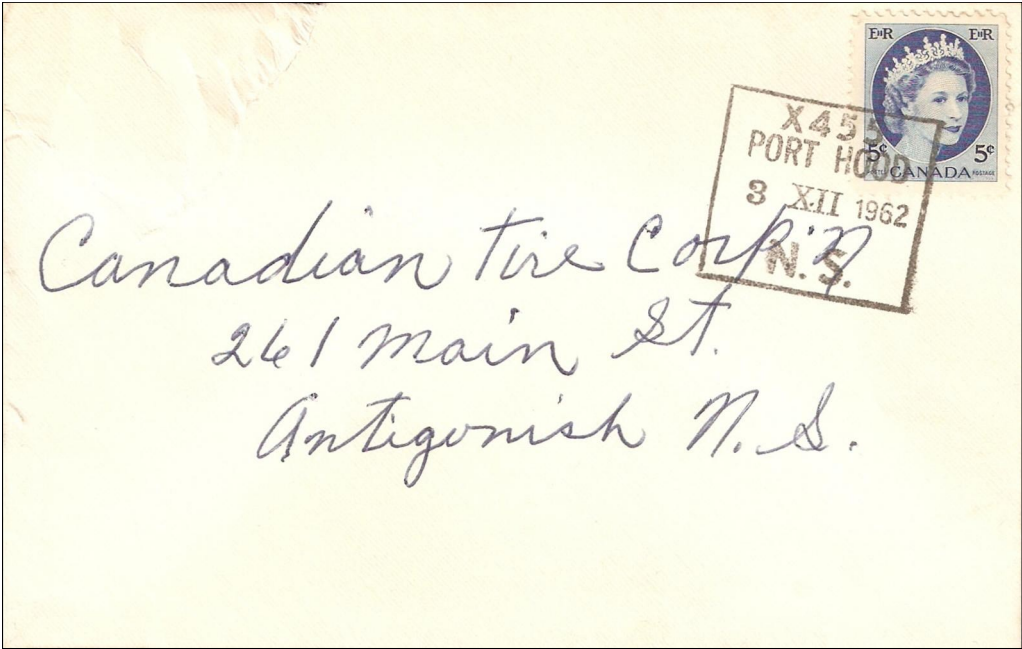
## MOON 1960's

● Latest Known Date of Use



Posted 30 Sep. 1971, official On Her Majesty's Service,  
Postage Paid by Department of National Defence.

## MOON 1950's



Posted 3 Dec. 1962,  
paying the forward  
letter rate of five cents  
for the first oz.

## MOON 1970's

● Discovery of exhibitor

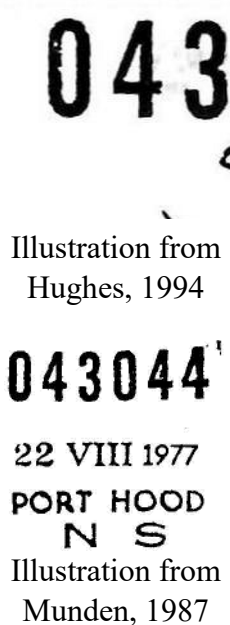
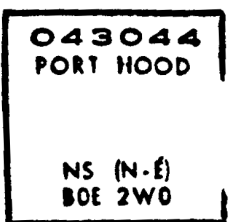
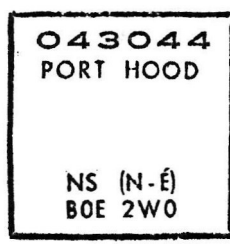
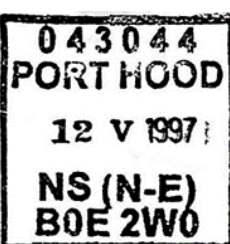


Postmarked 11 Jan. 1973. Used singly,  
this stamp would pay postage to the  
United States for a letter up to one oz.

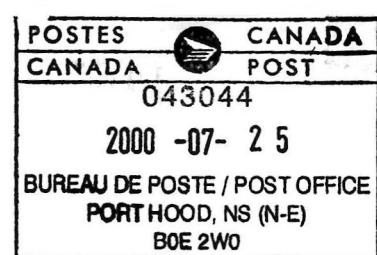
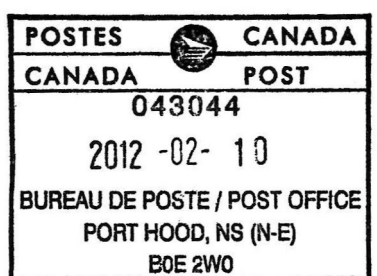
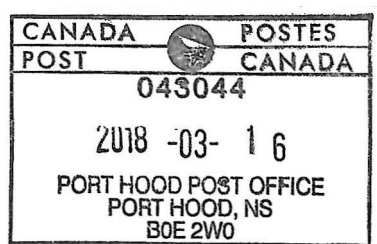
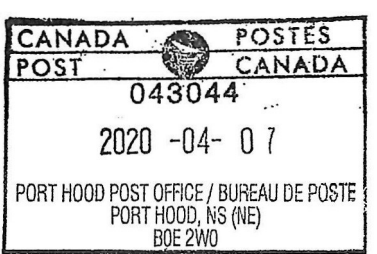


Post Office Computer Organization Number Cancellations (POCONs)

Pre-2000 Squares

	Mark	Notes	Dates of Use
POCON 1973		Proof date: March 17, 1973 (Hughes, 1994). Hughes notes that “dates are not needed because on the proof impression pages [from Pritchard and Andrews Limited] all of the daters ... are dated March 17, 1973.”  Size of POCON (043044) varies from 25.5mm to 27.5mm long, Size of “Port Hood” text varies from 24.5mm to 26.5 mm long.  While font for day and month are serified, font for the year is non-serif and varies from smaller than the day and month text to the same height.  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.	Earliest Known Date: 28 Feb. 1974  Latest Known Date: 6 Nov. 1984  (Rathbun, 2020)
		Only marks with the break in the right hand frame have been seen.	Earliest Reported Date: 29 Mar. 1986 (Munden 1987)  Latest Reported Date: 3 Mar. 1989 (Rathbun, 2020)
		Issue date of 11 Oct. 1989 was obtained by Ken MacDonald who visited the Port Office and made proof strikes before the daters were distributed to local offices (Rathbun, 2024).  Rathbun (2020) notes examples struck in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>black in 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993</li><li>red in 1995</li><li>purple in 1996</li></ul>	Issued: 11 Oct. 1989  Latest Reported Date: 18 Jul. 1996 (Rathbun, 2020)
		Rathbun (2020) notes examples struck in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>black in 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000</li><li>red in 1996</li><li>purple in 1997 and 1998.</li></ul> <b>The exhibitor has examples in brown from 1996.</b>  The datestamp is found in different locations within the mark and the size of the year stamp can vary. As with POCON 1973, old rubber faces may have been removed and replaced with new faces or new hammer(s) of the same type may have been sent to Port Hood.	Earliest Known Date: 27 Sep. 1996 (in collection of the exhibitor)  Latest Reported Date: 19 Apr. 2000 (Rathbun, 2020)

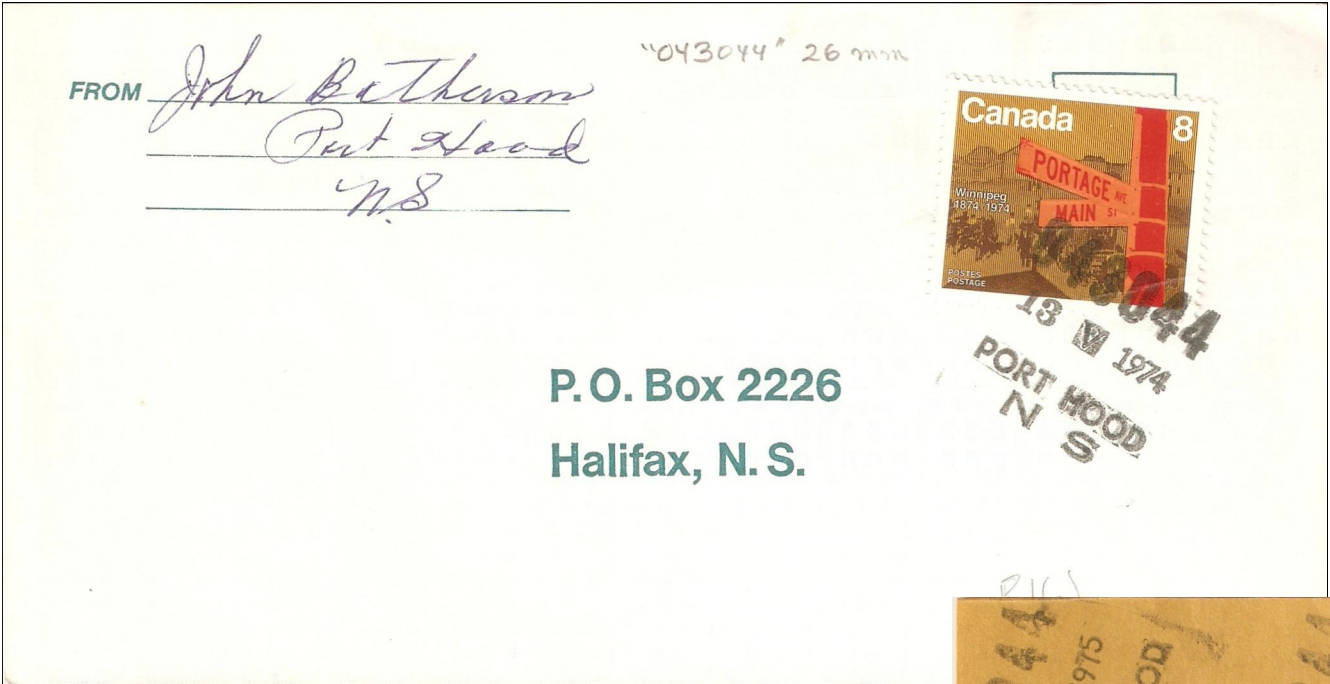
Post-2000 Rectangles

	Mark	Notes	Period of Use
POCON 2000		Dimensions: 32.0 mm tall x 48.0mm wide  Struck in black in 2000  Struck in purple in 2000	Earliest Known Date: 28 Apr. 2000 (Rathbun 2020)  Latest Known Date: 6 Aug. 2010  (in the collection of the exhibitor)
POCON 2012		Dimensions: 35.0 mm tall x 48.0mm wide	Earliest Known Date: 10 Feb. 2012  Latest Known Date: 15 Oct. 2015  (Rathbun 2020)
POCON 2015		Dimensions: 30.5 mm tall x 48.0mm wide  ‘Canada Post’ on left rather than “Postes Canada”. Also, first line of post office descriptions in “Port Hood Post Office” rather than “Bureau de Poste / Post Office”	Earliest Known Date: 15 May 2015 (in the collection of the exhibitor)  Latest Known Date: 4 Aug. 2020 (Rathbun 2020)
POCON 2019		Similar to POCON 2015, but includes post office description in French  Dimensions: 31.0 mm tall x 48.0mm wide	Earliest Known Date: 19 Oct. 2019 (Rathbun 2023)  Latest Known Date: 10 Nov. 2023 (in the collection of the exhibitor)



Post Office Computer Organization Number Cancellations (POCONs) Pre-2000 Squares

POCON 1973



'043044' is 27.0 mm wide, 'Port Hood' is 25.0 mm wide.

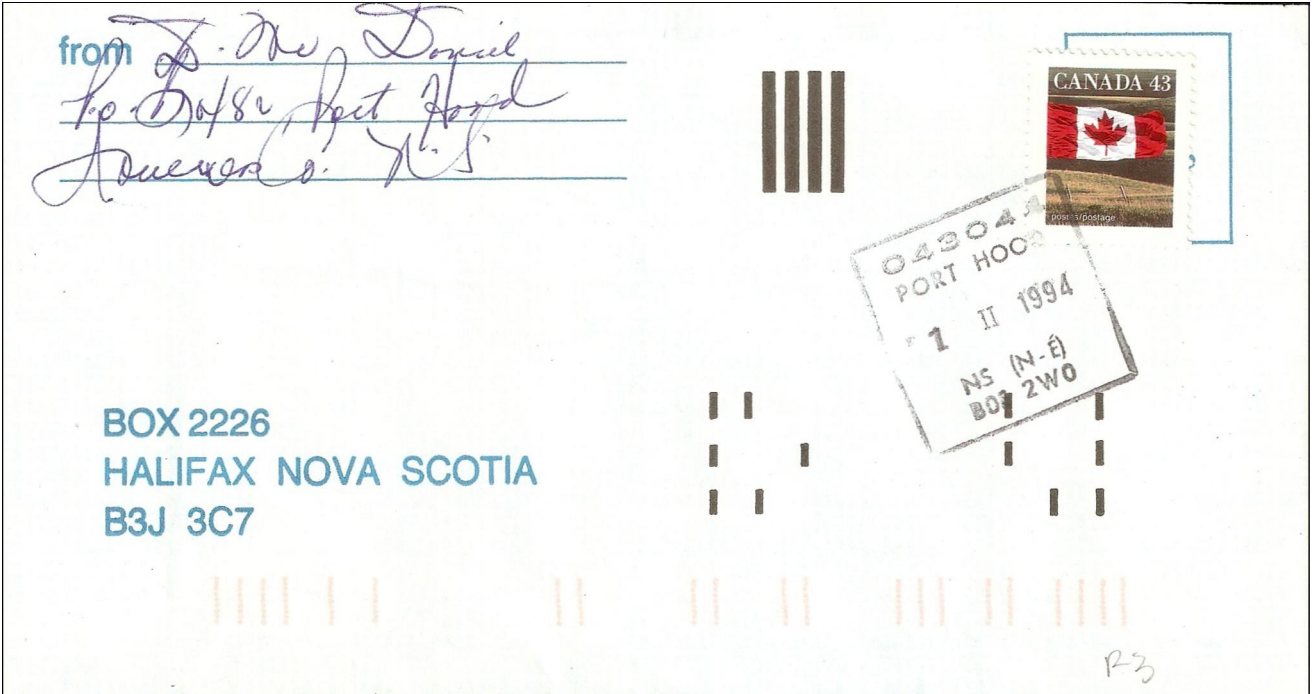
Letter posted on 13 May 1974 pays eight cents for a domestic first class letter up to one oz.

'043044' is 27.5 mm wide, 'Port Hood' is 25.5 mm wide.

Letter posted on 5 Dec. 1975 pays 14 cents for a domestic first class letter of one to two oz.

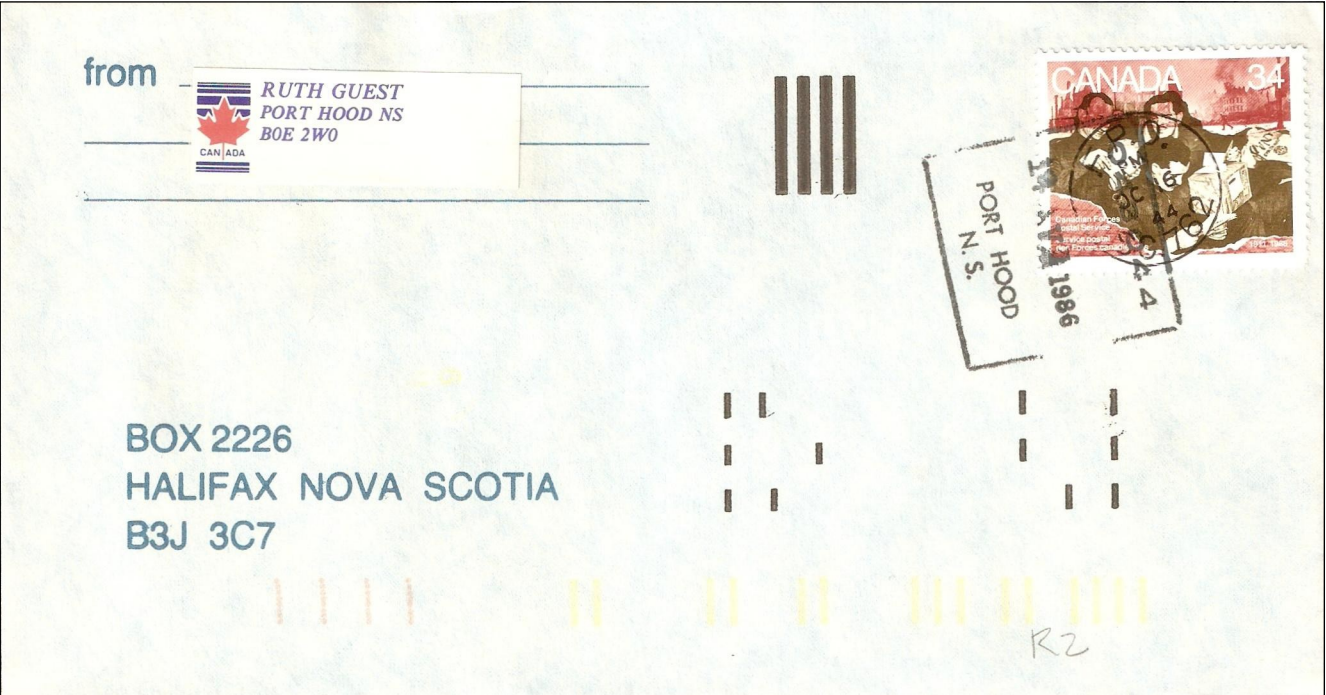


POCON 1989



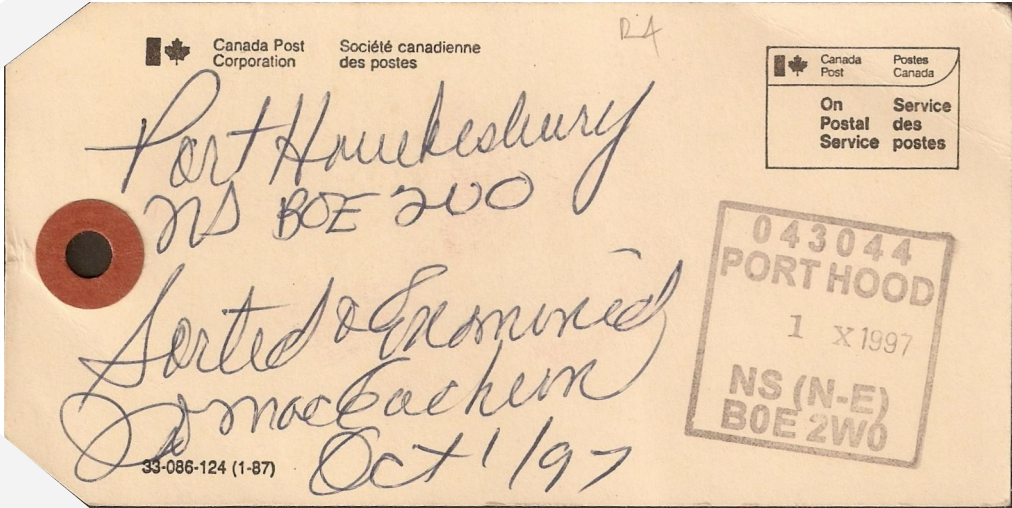
Posted 1 Feb. 1994, paying 43 cents for domestic "Lettermail™" up to 30g.

POCON 1980's



Posted 14 May 1986, paying 34 cents for domestic first class letter up to 30g.

POCON 1990's

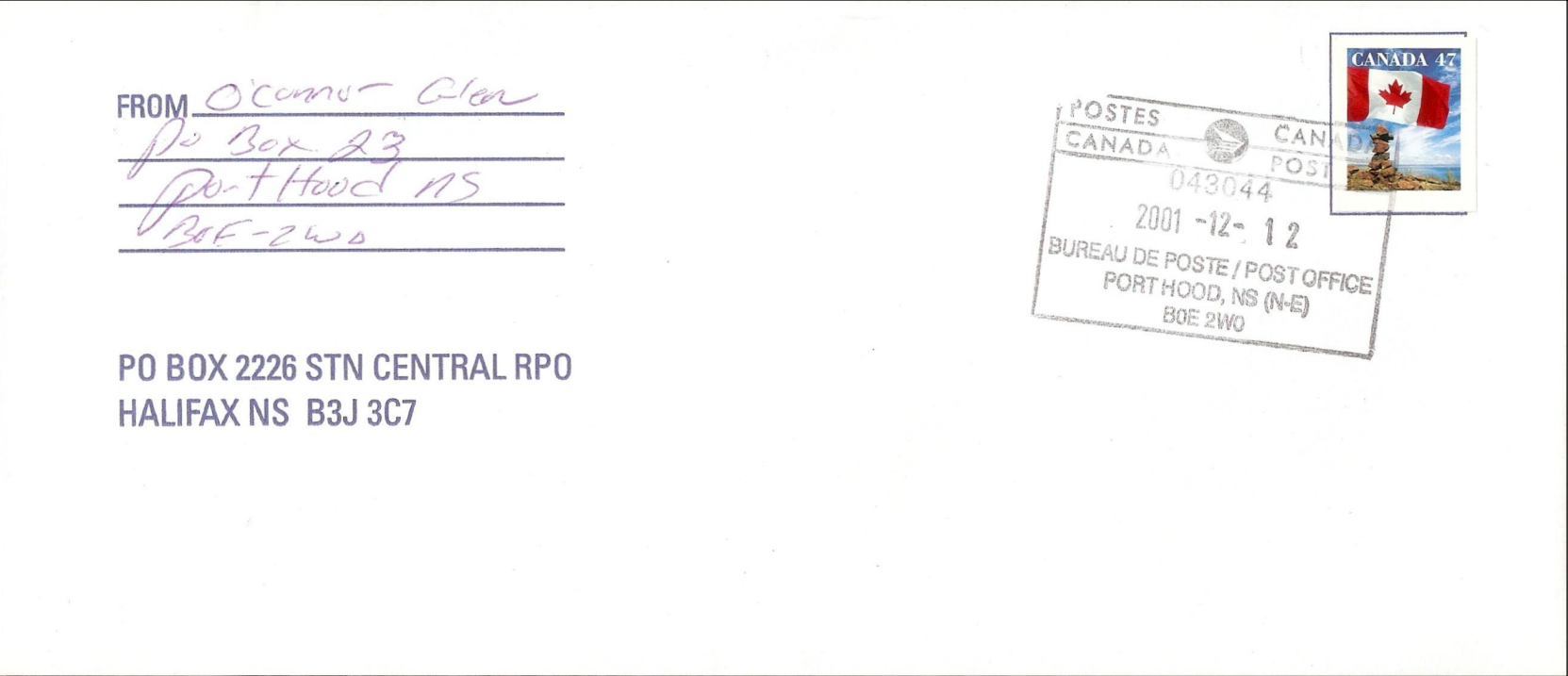


Mail tag marked 1 Oct. 1997. Would have been attached to a bundle or bag of mail that was sent to Port Hawkesbury for onward delivery.



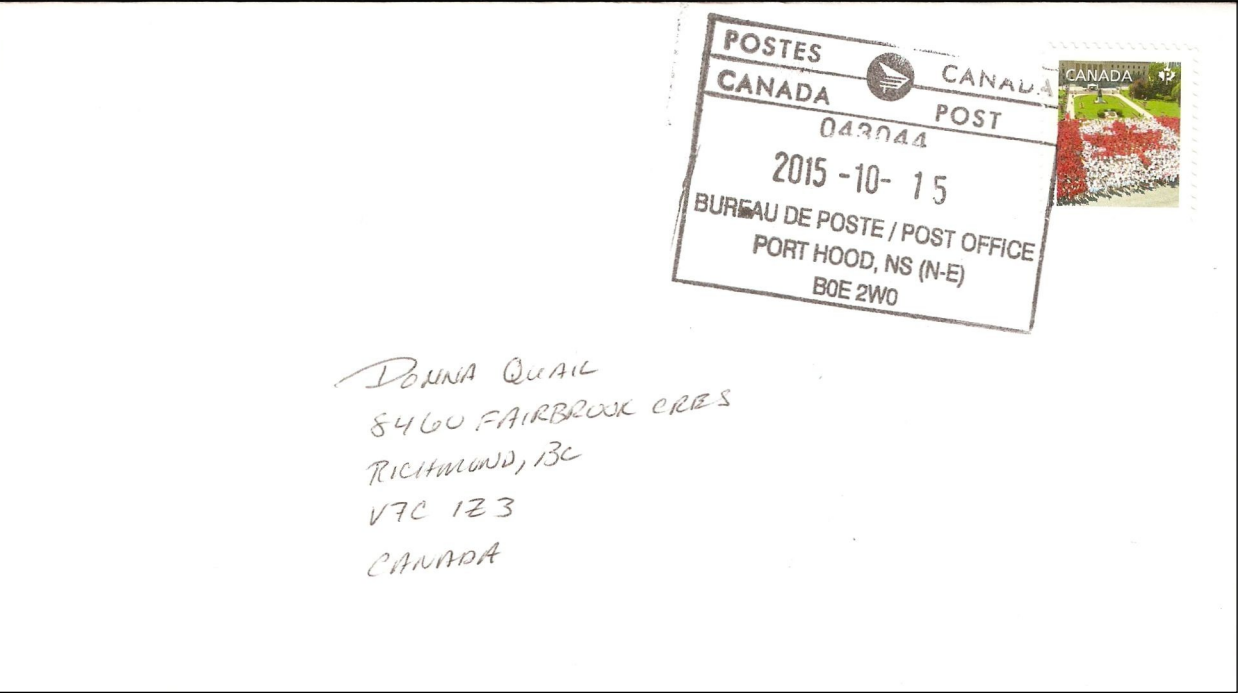
Post Office Computer Organization Number Cancellations - Post-2000 Rectangles

POCON 2000



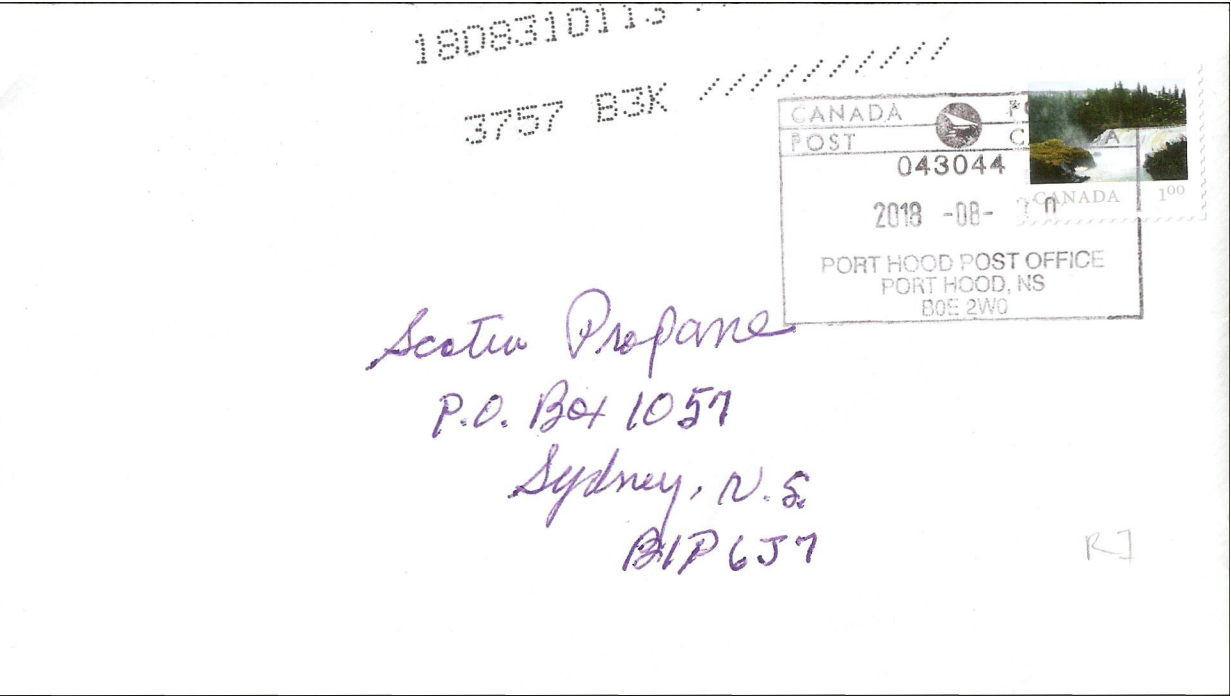
Posted 12 Dec. 2001, paying 47 cents for domestic “Lettermail™” up to 30g.

POCON 2012



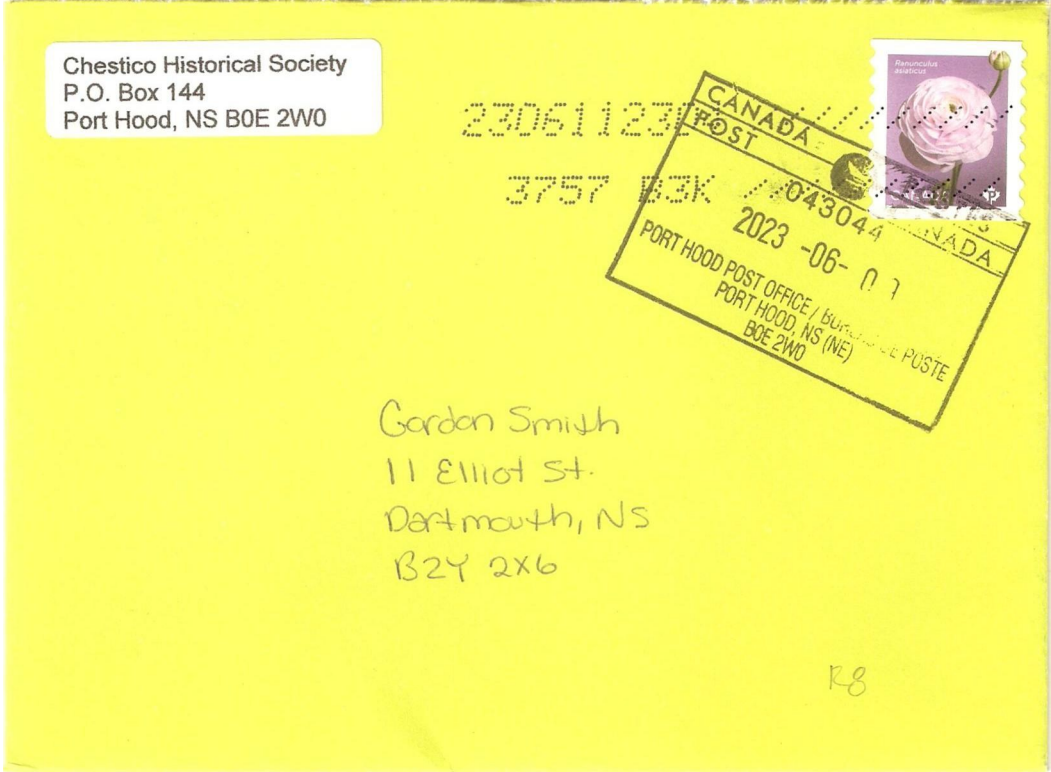
Posted 15 Oct. 2015, using a “P” or Permanent™ stamp paying the rate of 85 cents for domestic “Lettermail™” up to 30g.

POCON 2015



Beginning in 2014, determining rates gets complicated. Canada Post introduced a 15 cent 'premium' for the purchase at a post office counter of a single stamp to mail a domestic 0-30g letter. This 'premium' is waived if a booklet or coil is purchased. Therefore, this letter mailed on 20 August 2018, pays \$1.00 for a domestic single stamp mailing despite the official rate being 85 cents.

POCON 2019



The use of Permanent™ stamps with the variable rate described in POCN 2015 complicates determining the amount that was paid to send this item. Posted 9 Jun. 2023, using a “P” or Permanent™ stamp, it pays the rate of 92 cents for domestic “Lettermail™” up to 30g. if the sender has purchased a booklet or coil of stamps, or \$1.07 if a single stamp was purchased.



Commemorative Markings

Al MacInnis Commemorative



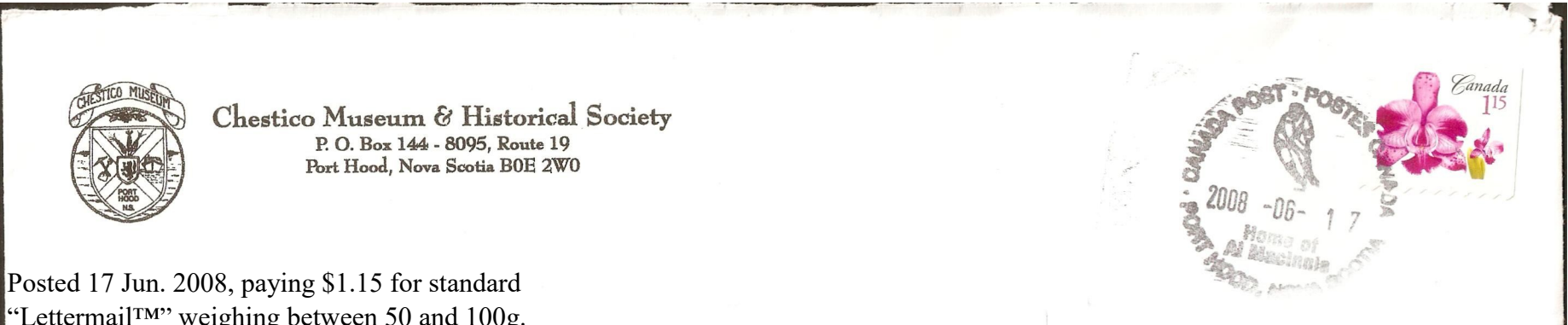
Proof strike illustrated in Canada Post, 2010

Rathbun 2018 indicates that there are two post-marks which are identical except for their size.

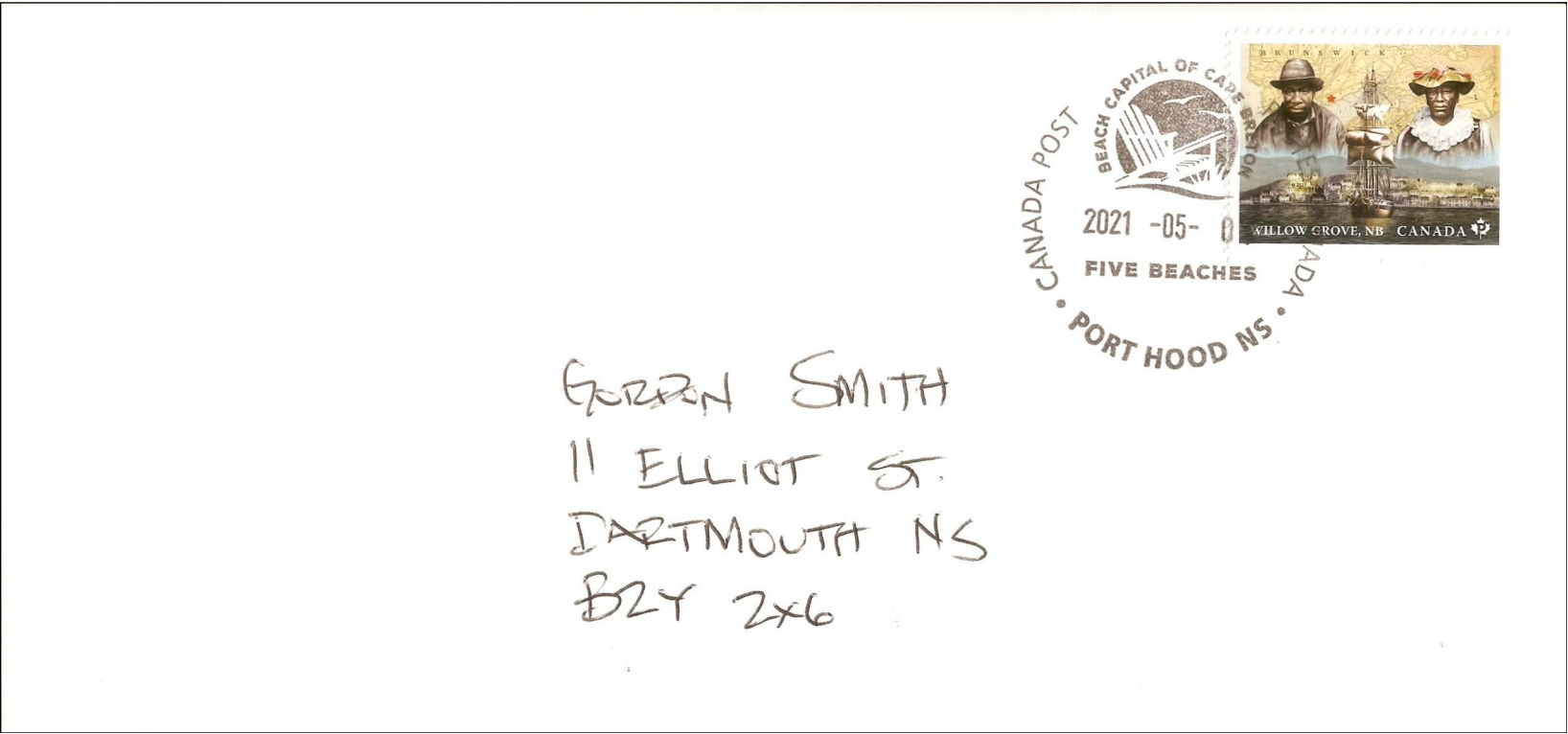
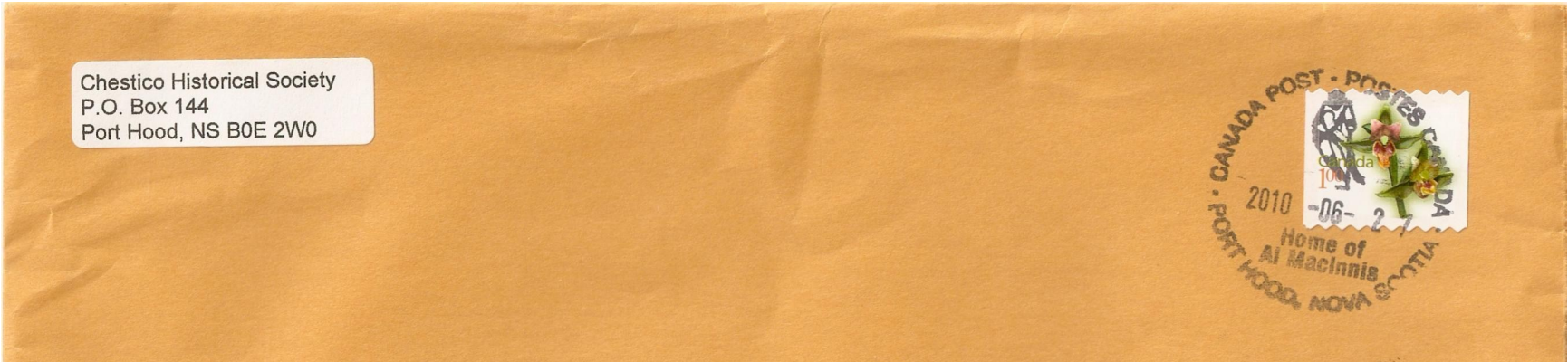
Diameter	Period of Use
33.5mm	Earliest Recoded Date: 29 Jul . 2003 (Rathbun 2018) Rathbun 2018 records earliest known date as prior to the proof date. Rathbun confirmed this in 2020 with the exhibitor.  Latest Known Date: 1 Sep. 2013 (in collection of exhibitor)
35.5mm	Earliest Known Date: 8 Dec. 2003 Latest Known Date: 5 Mar. 2021 (both in collection of exhibitor)

Posted 27 Jun. 2010, paying the rate of \$1.00 cents for domestic “Lettermail™” of 30 to 50g.

Al MacInnis Commemorative - 33.5mm dia.

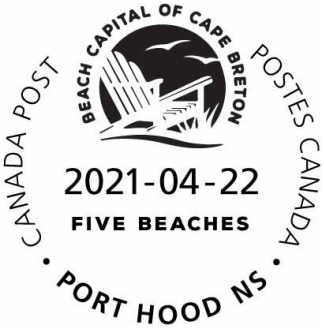


Al MacInnis Commemorative - 35.5mm dia.



Five Beaches Commemorative

42.0mm diameter
Period of Use:  Earliest Known Date: 28 May 2021  Latest Known Date: 8 Feb. 2024  (both in collection of exhibitor)



Proof strike illustrated in Canada Post, 2023

Posted 7 May 2021, using a Permanent™ stamp, it pays the rate of 92 cents for domestic “Lettermail™” up to 30g. if the sender has purchased a booklet or coil of stamps, or \$1.07 if a single stamp was purchased.



Combined Marks

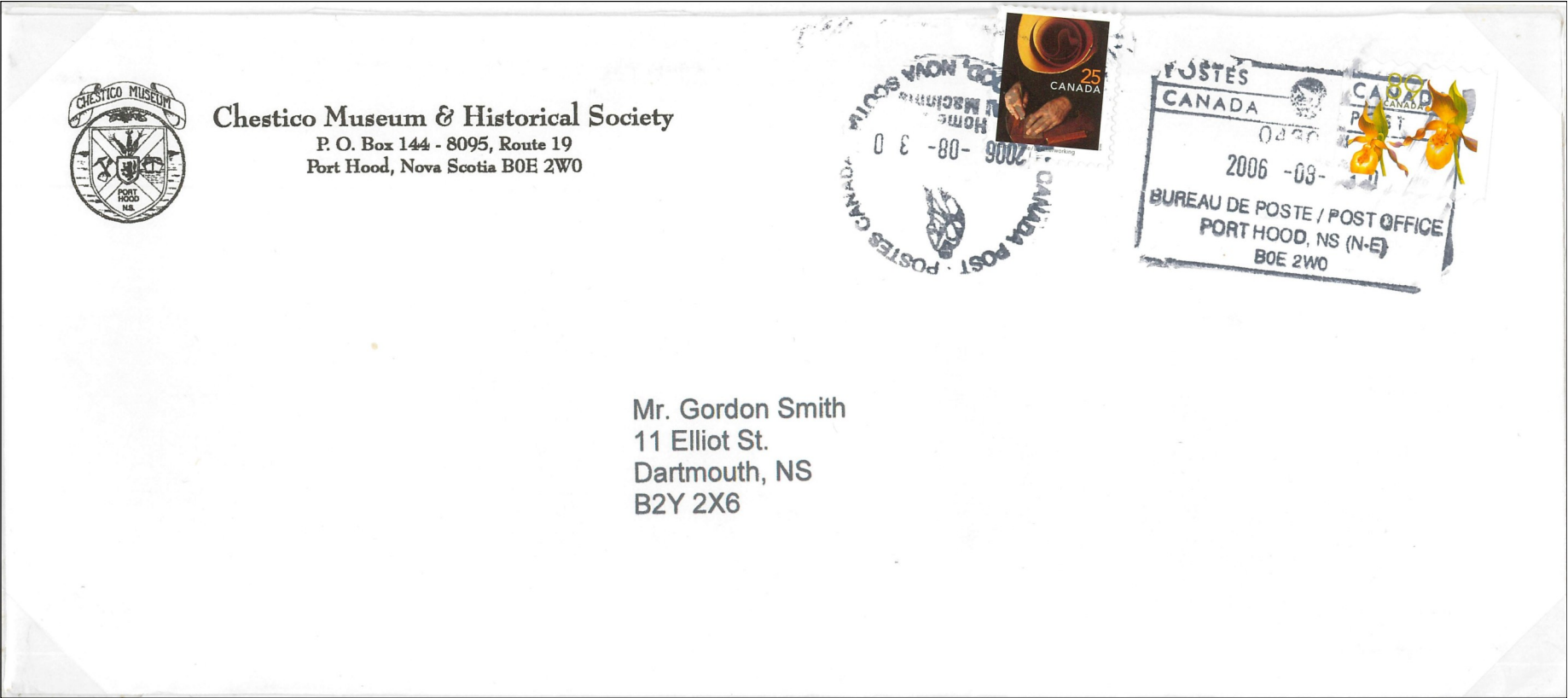
Combination of Postal Label and Al MacInnis Commemorative - 35.5mm dia.



The postal label pays the rate of \$1.03 for domestic medium size “Lettermail™” up to 20g. The 15 cents of stamps takes the rate to \$1.18 for medium size “Lettermail™” between 20 and 50g. The date on the postal label is 21 Mar. 2011. The postmark on the stamps is dated 22 Mar. 2011.

It seems likely that the Chestico Historical Society, dropped off a bundle of these envelopes containing newsletters and it was assumed by the post of- fice staff that the mailings could be conveyed at the lower rate as “Lettermail™” up to 20g. However, upon weighing the envelopes, it was realized that they weighed more that 20g. Therefore, additional postage was applied the next day to cover “Lettermail™” between 20 and 50g.

Combination of POCN 2000 and Al MacInnis Commemorative - 33.5mm dia.



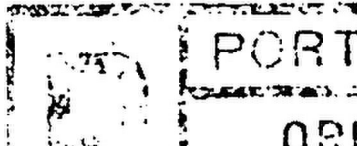
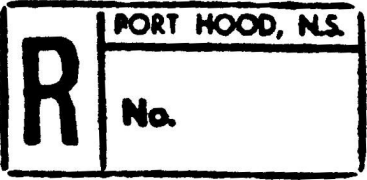


Posted 30 Aug. 2006. The 89 cent stamp pays the rate for domestic standard size “Lettermail™” between 30 and 50g. The 25 cent stamp, which appears to have been added later because the commemorative handstamp cancelling it is applied in the opposite direction of the POCN cancelling the 89 cent stamp, overpays the \$1.05 rate or medium size “Lettermail™” up to 100g. by 9 cents.

It seems likely that the Chestico Historical Society assumed that this envelope could be conveyed at the lower rate as “Lettermail™” between 30 and 50g. However, upon weighing the envelopes, it was realized that they weighed over 50g. Therefore, additional postage was applied to cover “Lettermail™” between 50 and 100g. Perhaps the overpayment was due to the fact that making up the 16 cent difference would have required the application of at least 3 stamps, and it was decided that for the difference in the cost of postage, it was easier just to apply one stamp.



Registration Handstamps

	Mark	Notes	Period of Use
1860's		This example is the only known instance of this registration mark.	Only Known Instance: 7 Aug. 1885
R in Oval		No references provide information on this registration marks for Port Hood.	Earliest Known Date: 13 Aug. 1892  Latest Known Date: 11 Feb. 1909  (both in collection of exhibitor)
1924		Seen by the exhibitor struck in purple (1931), black (1935), and green (1942).  Proof strike illustrated in Hughes, 1992.	Earliest Known Date: 21 Feb. 1931  Latest Known Date: 21 Jan 1942  (both in collection of exhibitor)
1965		Proof strike illustrated in Munden, 1993.	Earliest Known Date: 5 Feb. 1965  Latest Known Date: 19 Oct. 1971  (both in collection of exhibitor)

1860's Unlisted Mark



**Discovery of the exhibitor.** This is the only known instance of this registration mark for Port Hood. This letter, dated 7 Aug. 1885, pays the proper rate of 3 cents per half ounce and the registration fee of 2 cents.



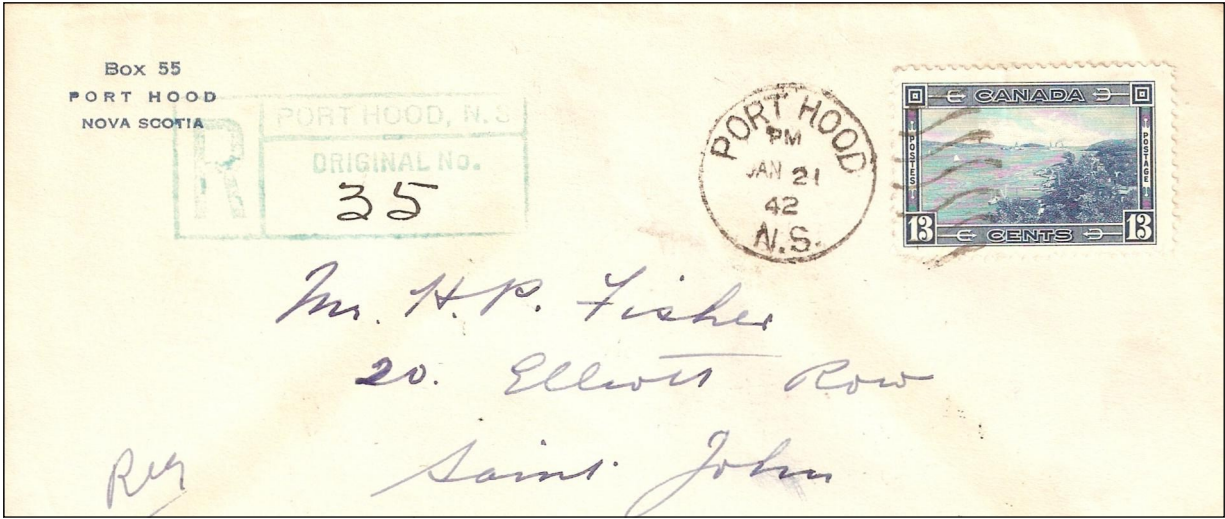
R in Oval

Posted 7 Jun. 1895, paying the rate of 3 cents per ounce and the registration fee.

1924

Posted 21 Jan. 1942, paying the forward letter rate of 3 cents for the first ounce and a registration fee of 10 cents for an indemnity of \$25.

● Latest Known Date for this registration mark



1965

Posted 25 Feb. 1965, paying 5 cents forward letter rate plus 35 cents registration fee for a total of 40 cents.

● Latest Known Date for Full Circle 1962 postmark





Postage Labels

While not postmarks in the traditional sense of a hammer, these marks provide the same function of denoting the location from which an item was mailed and the date of posting.

Port Hood Postage Label 2010's



Posted 18 Oct. 2010, paying the “Other Lettermail™” (Non-standard and Oversize) rate of \$2.00 for a package weighing between 100 and 200g.

Note that the indicia, in the lower right, contains Port Hood’s Post Office Computer Organization Number of ‘0043044’.

Note the words to the left of the indicia, which was Canada Post’s slogan at the time.

Port Hood Postage Label 2010's-Chevron



Posted 19 Apr. 2013, paying the “Other Lettermail™” (Non-standard and Oversize) rate of \$2.20 for a package weighing between 100 and 200g, as indicated by the text “Ltr other / Lettre (Autre)” in the lower left and the weight located just below the value .

Note that the indicia, in the lower right, as well as in the sequence of numbers in the upper left contains Port Hood’s Post Office Computer Organization Number of ‘0043044’ .

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