
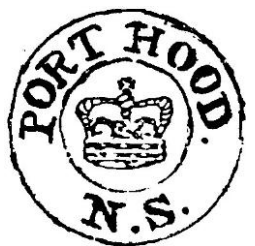

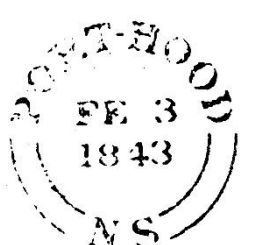







Two Part Circles and Crowns

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No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes
TPCS1841	 <p>Hughes (1990a)</p>	unknown	<p>EKD: 18 Jan. 1849 LKD: 15 Oct. 1854</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	 <p>MacDonald (1985)</p>	unknown	<p>ERD: 14 Mar 1842 LRD: 28 Dec 1842 (MacDonald 1985)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	 <p>Hughes (1990a)</p>	23 Jan. 1843 (Hughes 1990a)	<p>EPD: 23 Feb. 1843 LKD: 10 Feb. 1864 (GS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	 <p>Hughes (1990a)</p>	Possible impression made just before shipment to Halifax (MacDonald 1985,	<p>As above?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diameter = 31mm (measured from postmark) No dot after S in Nova Scotia


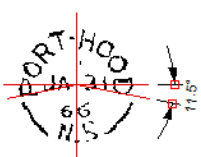





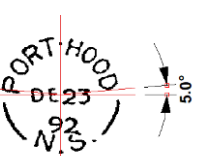
Numerical Handstamps

Date: 23 August 2025

No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes
H1856	 MacDonald (1985)	n/a	8 May 1856 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


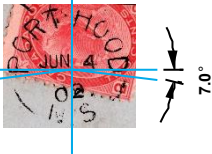
Partial Circles

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No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes	
OPC1866	 <p>MacDonald (1985)</p>	unknown	EKD: 12 Aug. 1864 (GS) LKD: ? May 1875 (GS)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	 <p>Hughes (1990a)</p>	23 Nov. 1876	EKD: 12 Nov. 1879 (GS) LKD: 17 Jan. 188 (GS)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	 <p>Hughes (1990a)</p>	9 Mar. 1883	EKD: 19 May 1884 (GS) LKD: 11 Feb. 1909 (GS)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	 <p>Hughes (1990a)</p>	23 Dec. 1892	EKD: 1? Dec. 1894 (GS) LKD: 9 Oct. 1903 (GS)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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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No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes	
OPC 1902 Possible unrecorded mark		unknown	EKD: 4 Jun. 1902 (GS) LKD: 27 Jul. 1903 (GS)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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

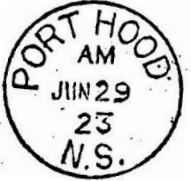



Fancy Corks

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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,


Full Circles

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No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Note
FC1923	 <p>Hughes (1991)</p>	29 Jun 1923	EKD: 28 Dec. 1927 (GS) LKD: 24 Feb 1932 (GS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diameter = 23.5mm Author has 6 examples of this mark and has not seen any marks with AM or PM in postmark.
FC1947	 <p>Hughes (1991)</p>	11 Oct. 1947	EKD: 8 Feb 1955 (Munden 1987) LKD: 25 Sep 1958 (GS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diameter = 23mm Despite proof strike showing AM, author has only seen examples with PM.
FC1962	 <p>Hughes (1991)</p>	1 Jan. 1962	EKD: 30 Mar. 1962 (GS) LKD: 25 Feb. 1965 (GS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diameter = 23
MOOD1928	 <p>Hughes (1992b)</p>	27 Jul. 1928	EKD: LKD:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diameter = 23.5 Comma after town name is usually an indicator of Money Order Office Datestamps (MOOD) marks, according to Narbonne (2003).

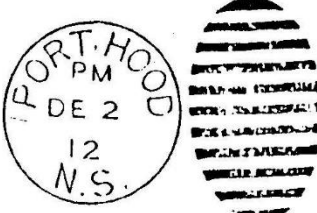
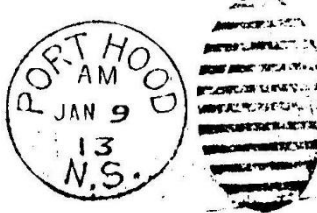

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MOOD1979	<div><p>Munden, Carl. (1993)</p></div>	? Nov. 1979	EKD: LKD:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diameter =25mm• Proof strike illustrated in Munden 1993.

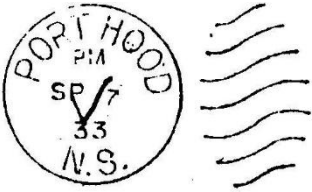
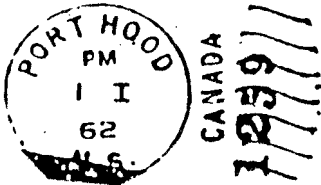

Duplexes

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No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes
D1912 (DNS-309)	 <p>Hughes (1990b)</p>	2 Dec. 1912	ERD: 17 Feb 1915 (GS) LRD: 26 Oct 1926 (GS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diameter = 23.0mm Month is designated with 2 letters Author has not seen mark with an AM or PM indicator.
D1913 (DNS-310)	 <p>Hughes (1990b)</p>	9 Jan. 1913	ERD: 6 Jan 1915 (GS) LRD: 7 Jul 1917 (GS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diameter = 23.5mm Month is designated with 3 letters Author has not seen mark with an AM or PM indicator.
D1917 (DNS-311)	 <p>Hughes (1990b)</p>	25 Aug 1917	ERD: 27 Aug. 1920 LRD: 20 Feb 1933 both from (PHSC 2024)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diameter = 22.5mm Letters 'O' and 'D' area narrower than 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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diameter = 23.5mm PHSC 2024 indicates that this and D1933b (DNS-313) could be the same mark PHSC 2024 reports this mark with AM timestamp only

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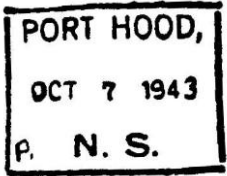

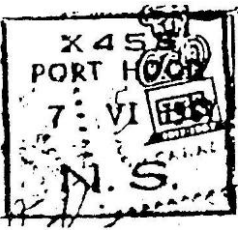
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No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes
D1933b (DNS-313)	 <p>Hughes (1990b)</p>	7 Sep 1933	EKD: 16 Dec. 1933 (GS) LRD: 7 Dec. 1961 (PHSC 2024)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diameter = 23.5mm Month has 2 letters PHSC 2024 indicates that the mark “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)	 <p>Hughes (1990b)</p>	1 Jan. 1962	ERD: 7 Mar. 1962 (PHSC 2024) LKD: 19 Feb. 1985 (GS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diameter = 22.0mm Proof strike in Hughes (1990b) is not very clean.
D1987	 <p>Munden (1987)</p>	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.


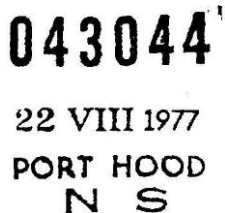
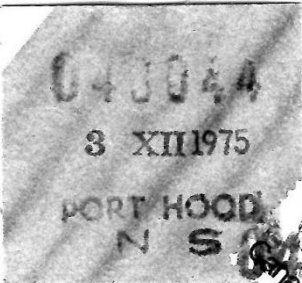
Rectangular Marks

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No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes
MOTO1943	 <p>Munden (1993)</p>	7 Oct. 1943		
MOON1950s	 <p>Munden (1993)</p>	Unknown	EKD: 20 Nov. 1962 (GS) LKD: 22 Jan. 1968 (Jack Forbes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unknown proof date, but Sagar 1999 shows most of the other marks in NS were proofed in the early 1950's
MOON1960s	 <p>Munden (1993)</p>	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.


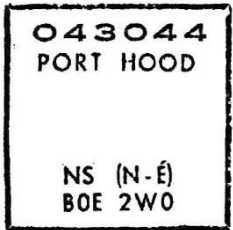
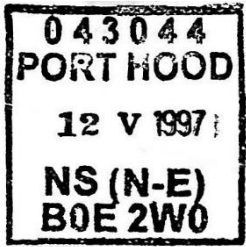
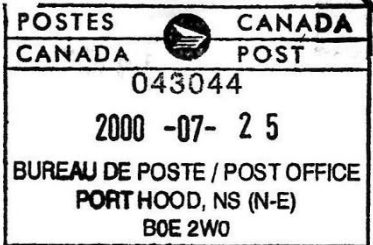
Rectangular Marks

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No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes
MOON1970s		Unknown	Only Known Date: 11 Jan. 1973	Note location of "X" over "R" rather than over "O" in previous example
POCON R1(a)	 Munden (1987)	13 March 1973 (Rathbun)	EKD: 28 Feb. 1974 LKD: 6 Nov. 1984 (Rathbun)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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)	 Rathbun (2020)	Unknown	EKD: ? Feb. 1975 LKD: 5 Dec. 1975 (Rathbun 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

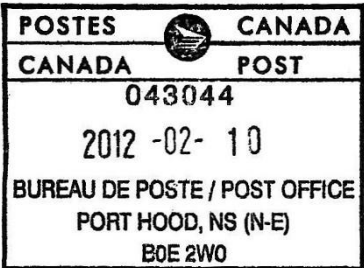
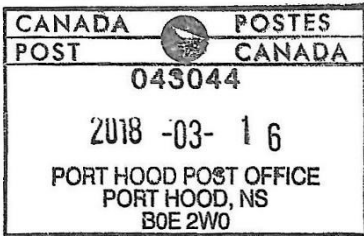
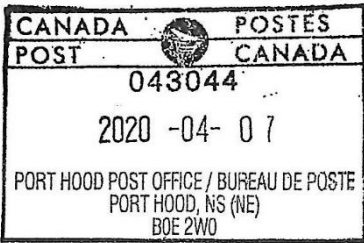

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POCON R2 (Rathbun)	 <p>Rathbun (2020)</p>	Unknown	EKD: 29 Mar. 1986 (Munden 1987) LKD: 3 Mar. 1989 (Rathbun 2020)	
POCON R3 (Rathbun)	 <p>Rathbun (2020)</p>	Issued: 11 Oct. 1989 (Rathbun 2020)	EKD: 11 Oct. 1989 LKD: 18 Jul. 1996 (Rathbun 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - black in 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 - red in 1995 - purple in 1996
POCON R4 (Rathbun)	 <p>Rathbun (2020)</p>	Unknown	EKD: 13 Sep. 1996 LKD: 19 Apr 2000 (Rathbun 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rathbun (2020) notes examples struck in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - black in 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 - red in 1996 - purple in 1997 and 1998
POCON R5 (Rathbun) 2000	 <p>Rathbun (2020)</p>	Unknown	EKD: 28 Apr. 2000 (Rathbun 2020) LKD: 6 Aug. 2010 (GS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dimensions: 32.0 mm tall x 48.0mm wide Struck in black in 2000 Struck in purple in 2000




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POCON R6 (Rathbun) 2012	 <p>Rathbun (2020)</p>	Unknown	EKD: 10 Feb. 2012 LKD: 15 Oct. 2015 (Rathbun 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dimensions: 35.0 mm tall x 48.0mm wide
POCON R7 (Rathbun) 2015	 <p>Rathbun (2020)</p>	Unknown	EKD: 15 May 2015 (GS) LKD: 4 Aug. 2020 (Rathbun 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	 <p>Rathbun (2020)</p>	Unknown	EKD: 19 Oct. 2019 (Rathbun 2023) LKD: ? Jan. 2024 (GS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dimensions: 31.0 mm tall x 48.0mm wide Similar to POCON R7, but includes post office description in French
Roller	 <p>Munden (1993)</p>			


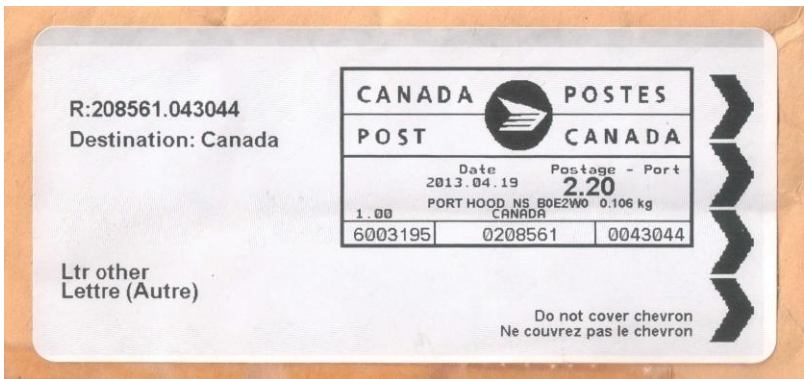
Commemoratives

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No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes
COMM2000a 33.5mm dia.	 <p>GS</p>	Web Proof: 31 Aug. 2003 (Rathbun 2018)	EKD: 29 Jul. 2003 (Rathbun 2018) LKD: 1 Sep. 2013 (GS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rathbun (2020) indicates that he recorded the EKD strike from Jerry Tucker's stock.
COMM2000b 35.5mm dia.	 <p>GS</p>		EKD: 8 Dec. 2003 (GS) LKD: 5 Mar. 2021 (GS)	
COMM2021		Web Proof: 22 April 2021 Retrieved 31 Dec. 2023 (Canada Post 2023)	EKD: 21 May 2021 (GS) LKD: ongoing as of Aug. 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 42mm dia.



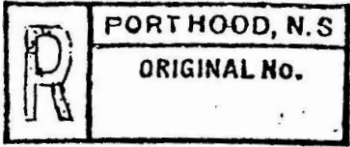
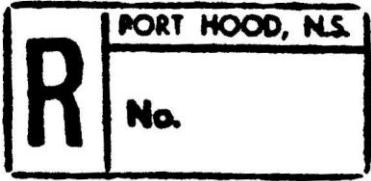
Port Hood Postal Label Types

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No.	Image	Source of Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes
PL1	 <p>From anywhere...to anyone De partout...jusqu'à vous</p> <p>CANADA POSTES POST CANADA</p> <p>Date: 2011.03.21 Postage - Port: 1.03 PORT HOOD NS B0E2W0 0.044 kg 1.00 CANADA</p> <p>6003195 0159443 0043044</p> <p>GS</p>		n/a	EKD: 8 Dec. 2010 (GS) LKD: 7 Feb. 2012 (GS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note that these postal labels use the POCN number of 0043044
PL2	 <p>R:208561.043044 Destination: Canada</p> <p>CANADA POSTES POST CANADA</p> <p>Date: 2013.04.19 Postage - Port: 2.20 PORT HOOD NS B0E2W0 0.106 kg 1.00 CANADA</p> <p>6003195 0208561 0043044</p> <p>Ltr other Lettre (Autre)</p> <p>Do not cover chevron Ne couvrez pas le chevron</p> <p>GS</p>		n/a	EKD: 18 Mar. 2013 (GS) LKD: 14 Jan. 2015 (GS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have seen examples come with "Ltr other" and Expresspost in lower left corner

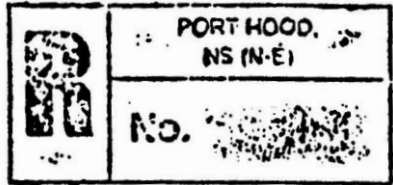
Port Hood Registration Mark Types

Date: 23 August 2025

No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes
1860's		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	 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	 Munden 1993	unknown	EKD: 25 Feb. 1965 (GS) LKD: 19 Oct. 1971 (GS)	

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No.	Image	Proof Date	Period of Use	Notes
1970's?	 <p>Munden 1993</p>	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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