

1¢ Quebec Tercentenary

This is a traditional single stamp exhibit; with emphasis on the inclusion of previously unrecorded constant plate retouch varieties, organized with a proposed original classification scheme.

PLAN

- Proofs: including the die proof which is the most elusive one of the issue.
- Stamps: including plate pieces from all six possible plate positions.
- Catalogued and recorded varieties: hairlines, paper types, misperforation, major re-entry.
- Unrecorded retouch varieties: introducing a new classification scheme.
- Usages: local, domestic, cross-border, paquebot, and 3rd class mail including overseas.

TWO CENTS POSTCARD INTERNATIONAL RATE TO FRANCE

UNRECORDED MAJOR VARIETY

URm7 on left stamp



Postmarked: MONTREAL QUE SEP 4 1908; France Receiver: FRASNES DOULES 13 SEPT 08

Using Original Classification Scheme:

1. the quadrant where the retouch is found: 'UL' for 'Upper Left', to 'LR' for 'Lower Right'
- 2a. the strength of the retouch: 'm' for 'major', 's' for 'strong'
 - 'm' is very visible to the naked eye
 - 's' is more easily seen with a loupe
- 2b. for the accidental type of retouch: 'f' for very visible "flaw" (a.k.a. misplaced entry)
3. the number assigned to the particular retouch.
 - thus, for the above: URm7 defines the 7th major retouch closest to the Upper Right corner.

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DIE PROOF



**Die number: "F-191"
AMERICAN BANKNOTE CO.
OTTAWA**

IMPERFORATES

OF PLATE PROOF STATUS (R. LOWE)



Deep green on ungummed paper



LATER PRINTING



On gummed wove paper

Only 25 pairs of imperforates recorded of each type

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MINT STAMPS



THE MAJOR RE-ENTRY

on TONED PAPER



*Re-entry in "1908" right "1",
and "BEC"*

on WHITE PAPER



MAJOR MISPERFORATION



HAIRLINES on TONED PAPER



In upper right and left margins

HAIRLINES on WHITE PAPER



In right and lower left margins

22,530,000 / Recess-printed by American Bank Note Co., Ottawa

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THE SIX POSSIBLE PLATE INSCRIPTIONS

PLATES 1 & 2 printed in sheets of 100
divided into two P.O. panes of 50

PLATES 3 & 4 printed in sheets of 200
divided into four P.O. panes of 50



As PLATES 3 & 4 were printed in sheets of 200, they also had lower plate inscriptions.



Each P.O. pane of 50 has only one stamp with inscription



Only four plates were used to print the 1¢ Tercentenary.

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THE LOWER RIGHT PANE FROM A POST OFFICE GUILLOTINED SHEET OF 200



URs3: Redrawn top line above *Q*

[Rs]: 3 lines extend

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UNRECORDED PLATE VARIETIES

The SEVEN MAJOR PLATE RETOUCHES of the UPPER RIGHT corner (URm#).



*URm1: Redrawn top 3 lines
(7 mm)*



*URm4: Redrawn 3 lines above
"A" of 'Postage'.*



*URm2: Redrawn top 2 lines
(7 mm)*



*URm3: Redrawn top 3 lines
above "E" (3 mm)*



*URm5: Redrawn top 5 lines
(5.5-7 mm)*



*URm6: Redrawn top 3 lines
(4-5 mm)*



*URm7: Redrawn top 5 lines
(2 mm)*

(from own original research and classification, where 'm' means '')

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UNRECORDED PLATE VARIETIES

SEVEN MAJOR PLATE RETOUCHES at the corners (UL,UR,LRm#).



**ULm1: Redrawn 4th line
(5 mm)**



**ULm4: Redrawn top 6 lines
(1-5 mm) & vert. line (1 mm)**



**ULm3: Redrawn top 4 lines
(1 mm) & vert. line (5 mm)**



LRm1: Short 7th (white) line



URm2: Redrawn top 2 lines (7 mm)



**URm1: Redrawn top 3 lines
(6.5-7 mm)**



**LRm2: Bottom 3 lines merge
(2.5 mm)**

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UNRECORDED PLATE VARIETIES

SEVEN MAJOR PLATE RETOUCHES at the corners (UL,LRm#).



ULm2: Redrawn top 4 lines (4-7 mm) & vert. line



ULm3: Redrawn top 4 lines (1 mm) & vert. line (5 mm)



ULm4: Redrawn top 6 lines (1-5 mm) & vert. line (1 mm)



LRm1: Short 7th (white) line



LRm2: Bottom 3 lines merge (2.5 mm)



LRm3: Bottom 2 lines merge (7.5 mm)



LRm4: Bottom 2 lines pinched below "BE" of 'Quebec'

(from own original research and classification, where 'm' means 'major')

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UNRECORDED PLATE VARIETIES

MAJOR PLATE FLAWS

SIX STRONG RETOUCHES at the corners (UL,UR,LRs#).

"NA-FLAW"



ULf1: In "NA" of 'Canada'.



ULs2: Redrawn 4th & 6th line
(2 mm)



ULs3: Broken vertical line
+ dots in margin



URs3: Redrawn top line
above "9"

"T-FLAW"



URf1: In "T" of 'Postage'.



LRs3: Extended 3rd line



LRs2: White space below
"C" of 'Quebec'.



LRs1: 3 extended lines

(from own original research and classification, where 's' means 'strong')

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ONE CENT POSTCARD RATE

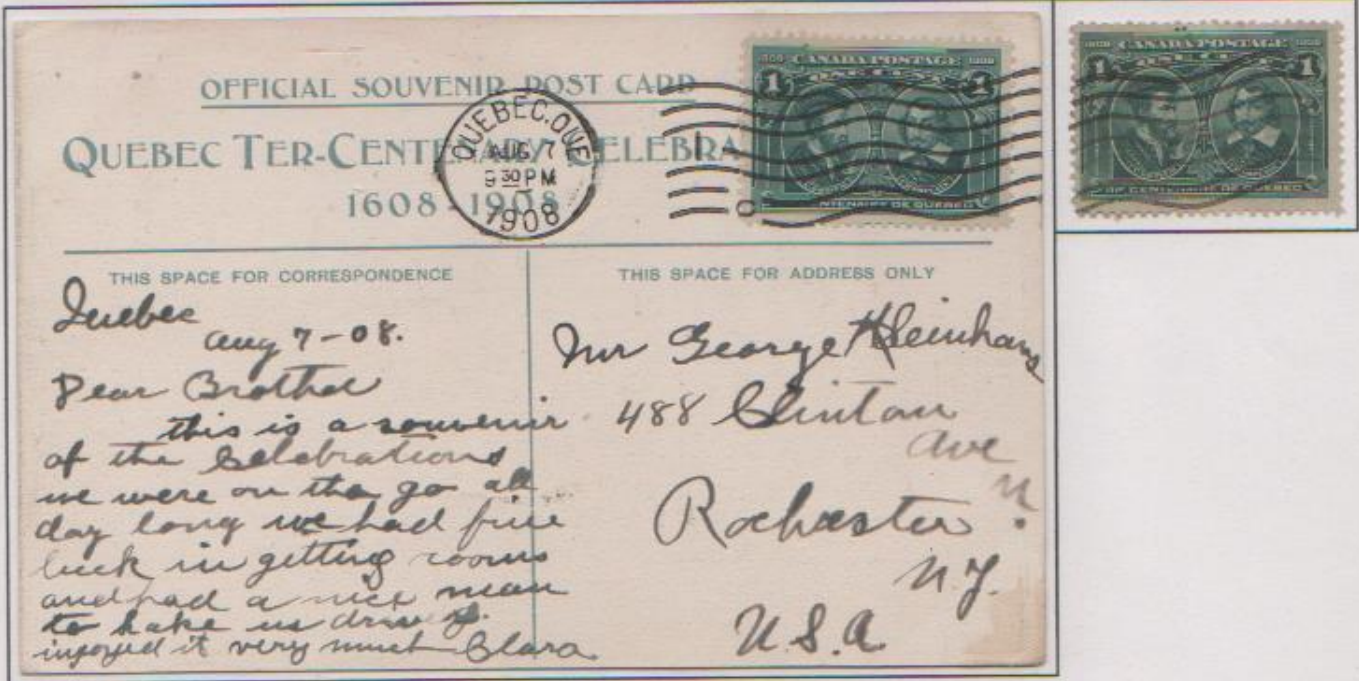
UNRECORDED MAJOR VARIETY URm1 TOP THREE LINES REDRAWN: for 5 mm in the UR corner.



Split Circle Cancel: BROMPTONVILLE QUE. SP 12 08

UNRECORDED MAJOR VARIETY URm3

RETOUCHED THREE LINES above 'E' of 'POSTAGE'



Postmarked: QUEBEC, QUE. AUG 7 930 PM 1908

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DOMESTIC POSTCARD RATE

UNRECORDED MAJOR VARIETY ULm1

REDRAWN-4th horiz. line in UL corner of stamp.



Split Circle Postmark: INKERMAN ONT AU 10 08; CDS receiver: OTTAWA ONT CANADA 3 AU 11 08

UNRECORDED STRONG VARIETY ULs2

REDRAWN 4th line above 'E' of 'POSTAGE'.



CDS postmark PLATTSVILLE, ONT. SP 17 08; Split Circle Transit : AYR, ONT. SP 18 08 and Receiver: ROSEVILLE, ONT. SP 19 08

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CROSS-BORDER POSTCARD RATE

UNRECORDED MAJOR VARIETY LLm1

REDRAWN three horiz. lines in LL corner of stamp.



HALIFAX & YARMOUTH R.P.O. / AU 2 08

UNRECORDED STRONG VARIETY ULs1

2nd & 3rd lines are "pinched together" UL corner of stamp.



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FOLDED LETTER
LOCAL RATE

IF NOT CALLED FOR IN TEN DAYS
RETURN TO
THE OTTAWA GAS COMPANY
OTTAWA

THE HOLLA L. PATRY



Mr. D. H. Keeley

No. 200 Cartier

Street

Ottawa, Ont.

F. No. 47 7-08-54r.

To **THE OTTAWA GAS CO.,** Dr.

OFFICE: 35 SPARKS ST.

PHONES: Acct. Dept. 1193. Gas Stove and Coke Dept. 1188

INTEREST AT 6% WILL BE CHARGED ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS.

2nd Justice.
Kindly give this your attention.
27 1900

OTTAWA,

STATEMENT.

		To amount of Acct. as rendered for	
May	18	Balance on Stove	10 50
Aug	28	Gasfitting	7 65
Nov	16	By Cash	18 15
			<u>5 —</u>
			13 15

CDS postmark: OTTAWA ONT. CANADA 19 OC 27 08

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ONE CENT LOCAL LETTER RATE



Double-struck postmark: LONDON, ONTARIO SEP 2 2 PM 1908

REDIRECTED

addressed to ST JEAN, Ville (city) then readdressed to LACOLLE, Que.



CDS postmark: ST JEAN QUE AU 20 08 split circle backstamp: LACOLLE QUE AU 20 08

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ONE CENT PRINTED MATTER 3rd CLASS DOMESTIC LETTER RATE



Postmarked: TORONTO ONT. 9:30PM JUL 21 1908 ; GLENCAIRN ONT. JY 22 08 B/S

ONE CENT PRINTED MATTER 3rd CLASS INTERNATIONAL CARD RATE

"PRIVATE POST CARD" scratched out and replaced (m/s) with "Printed Matter"



Postmarked: COBOURG ONT. PM SEP 3 08 ; South Africa Receiver: LOWER PAARL 1PM SP 29 08

"Printed Matter" Does Not Allow Any Written Message.