

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY POST OFFICE MARKINGS

"House of Assembly" in many forms appears in post marks from Toronto starting some time in the 1860's. A meter, No. 54042, and a registry mark inscribed the same way is also used.

The sub-station, or whatever it is correctly called, has not been listed in the Postal Guide during all the years it existed.

Enquiry at the office got the answer that it does not issue money orders, and not requiring a money order office number means there is no necessity of listing it in the Postal Guide.

The office is located just to the left of the entrance of the parliament

building, and employs six or seven people.

The Canadian National Exhibition post office is open only during a few weeks a year, but it having power to issued money orders, it is listed in the Guide with number 4771.

Each substation has a different money order number, the 4530 seen on precancels being the Adelaide street station.

A collection of all known marks of this House of Assembly type would be interesting.

Ontario province official mail does not have free postal privileges, as federal mail at Ottawa does.

—F. W. Campbell

The Paper of the First Cents Issue of Newfoundland

Reference books to the contrary I am exceedingly doubtful if the printings in the first cents issue can be determined by the thickness of the paper on which it was produced. My own opinion is that the paper color is the deciding factor, the first printing being on a creamy-colored paper and the second on a real snow white.

I have had access to many dozens of copies of this first issue and in measuring them have found the paper thickness to be both wide and varied. In the case of the 5¢ brown, 5¢ black and 13¢ orange which only come on the yellow paper I have found as much as 1.5 thousands variation in paper thickness.

In measuring the thickness of these stamps I used a precision micrometer, using only cancelled stamps with all the gum off and measuring well clear of the cancellation. In the case of the stamps in my own collection my findings were as follows:

	Yellow paper	White paper
2¢ Green, 2.333		3.5, 3, 3,
5¢ Brown, 2.333, 3.2		
10¢ Black, 2.666, 2, 3	3.75, 3.2, 2, 3, 3	
12¢ R. Brown, 2.333		3, 3
13¢ Orange, 3.25, 2, 2.333		
24¢ Blue, 1.75, 3.2		2, 2, 2.2
5¢ Black, 3, 3.5, 3		

All the above measurements are in one thousands of an inch and all have been double checked for accuracy.

—H. A. MacMaster (#484)

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