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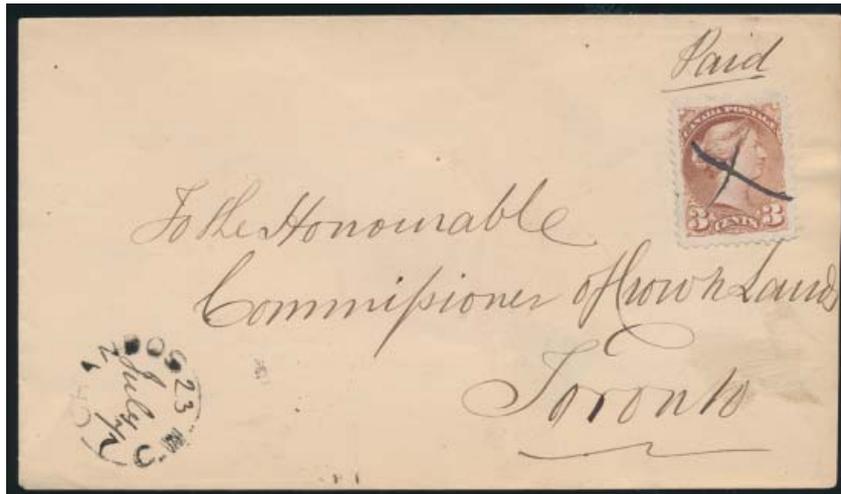
POSTAL HISTORY
RATES WITHIN CANADA

Lots #268-304

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Rates Within Canada

Letter Rates



- 268** **1872 3c domestic rate cover**, franked with a 3c deep rose single (cancelled by manuscript but not tied) paying the domestic rate. Mailed from Chandos C.W (earliest recorded date of the manuscript broken circle dated JUL.23.72) to Toronto (receiver on back). Back also shows the earliest recorded date of the Peterboro Ont. broken circle (dated JUL.25.1872). Very fine. (Unitrade 37a)

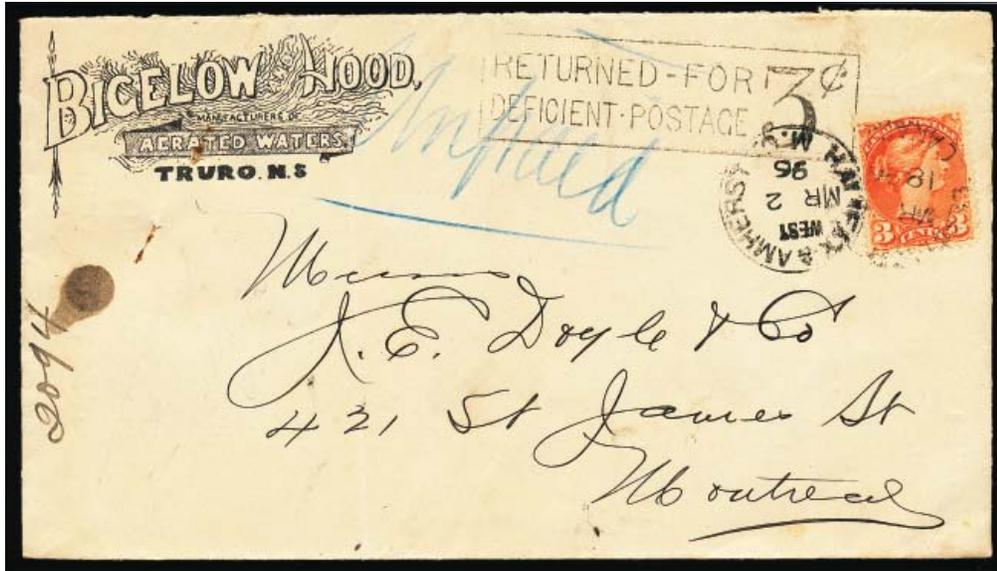
.....**Est. \$200**



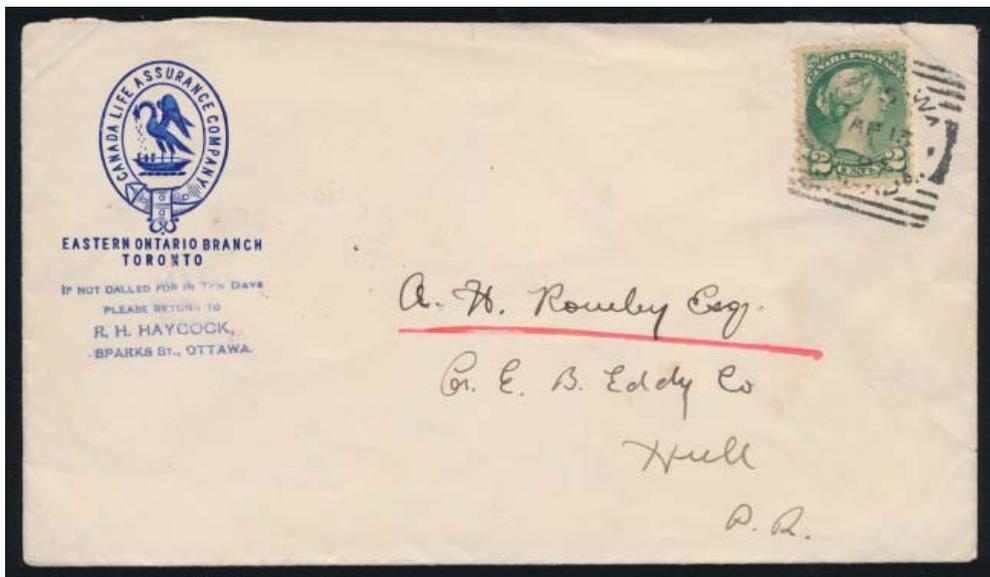
- 269** **1878 15c quintuple weight domestic cover**, franked with fifteen 1c yellow (two strips and a pair), tied by indistinct cork cancels, paying the 2 to 2½ oz. domestic rate. Mailed from St. Georges-de-Beauce, Qué. (MAR 1878) to St. Joseph de Beauce, Qué. Opened on two sides, with small tear on back and a light horizontal crease, still a scarce rate, especially franked solely using the 1c value resulting in a very impressive franking. Very fine. (Unitrade 35i)

Provenance: Charles de Volpi (1966).

.....**Est. \$200**



- 270  **1896 3c domestic letter rate advertising cover**, originally mailed unfranked at Truro, NS (postmarked with RPO c.d.s. dated MAR.2.1896), then boxed “RETURNED-FOR / DEFICIENT-POSTAGE / 3c” directional marking applied plus “unpaid” in blue crayon, sent to Dead Letter Office where 3c vermilion stamp was applied, tied by a Dead Letter Office broken circle (MAR.4.1896 - also second strike on back). Illustrated advertising for “Bigelow Hood, Manufacturers of Aerated Waters” Back also shows advertising in red, such as “Best Ginger Ale in Canada”, etc. Two light vertical creases and a tiny rust stain where a pin was left, else very fine. (Unitrade 41)
**Est. \$200**



- 271  **1897 2c adjacent post office rate cover**, franked with 2c green, tied by squared circle, paying the adjacent post office rate. Mailed from Ottawa (APR.13.1897) to Hull, Qué. (same day receiver on back). Lovely Canada Life Assurance corner card advertising in blue, and a great way to show this special rate. Very fine. (Unitrade 36)

Illustrated in **Canada's Small Queen Era Postal History, 1870 to 1897** , by George Arfken, p. 84.

.....**Est. \$250**



- 272** **1885 2c Militia Concession rate cover**, franked with a 2c green, cancelled by a target cancel, paying the very scarce **soldier's letter rate**. Mailed at Sharon, Ont. (broken circle dated MAY.4.1885) to Major Wayling at Qu'Appelle N.W.T. Newmarket and Qu'Appelle Station, Assa. transit datestamps on back. Major Wayling was in command of Newmarket and Sharon, and was detailed for active service in the North West in a place christened Fort Wayling, about 28 miles from Qu'Appelle. Slightly reduced at left, still a lovely and rare use of the 2c value, fine-very fine. (Unitrade 36)

2c soldier's concessionary rate covers are rare, with Arfken reporting only 24 examples (a few additional covers have since been found), one which is from the same correspondence (Sharon to Winnipeg, illustrated in **BNA Topics v.42**, Nov.-Dec. 1985 p.26). This cover is very much the better of the two.

Provenance: Ted Nixon (2012).

..... **Est. \$1,000**

Non-Letter Rates



- 273** **1874 2c double weight printed matter rate**, folded letter franked with a 2c green (small fault), perforated 11½x12, cancelled by a target cancel, paying the double weight, printed matter rate for a statistical report (only wrapper remains). Mailed from St. Christophe L.C (JAN.20.1874) to Québec City (next day receiver on back), fine (Unitrade 36e)

..... **Est. \$150**



274 ✉ **1882-1897 ½c black**, well centered stamp tied by a grid cancel to pristine cover, paying the local drop letter rate for unsealed envelopes or circulars. Mailed to and from Halifax, NS (undated). Very fine and a lovely solo use of the ½c value. (Unitrade 34)

..... **Unitrade \$300**



275 ✉ **1882 17c fourth class parcel rate wrapper**, franked with 1c yellow (vertical pair), 3c orange red (two singles) and a 10c magenta, all tied by duplex cancels, paying the 4 to 8 oz. parcel post rate. Mailed from Québec (JUN.25.1882) to St. Joseph de Beauce. Endorsed "Parcel Post", with two file folds away from stamps, very fine. (Unitrade 35i, 37, 40a)

Provenance: Victor Willson (2013).

..... **Est. \$400**

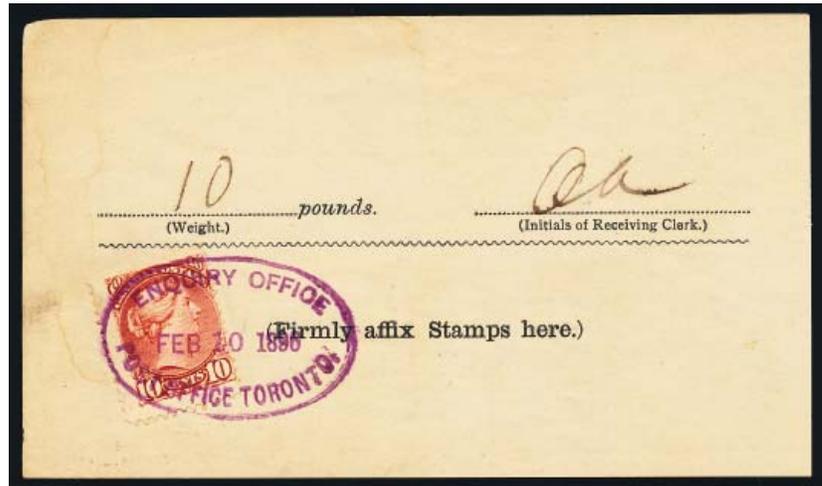


- 276** **1884 12c third class parcel post rate wrapper**, franked with 1c yellow (vertical pair) and 10c magenta, all tied by segmented cork cancels, paying the 4 to 8 oz. parcel post rate. Mailed from Clinton, Ont. (JUN.10.1884) to Goderich, Ont. Endorsed "Parcel Post", with file fold going through stamps, still very fine and scarce. (Unitrade 35, 40a)**Est. \$350**



xLot 277

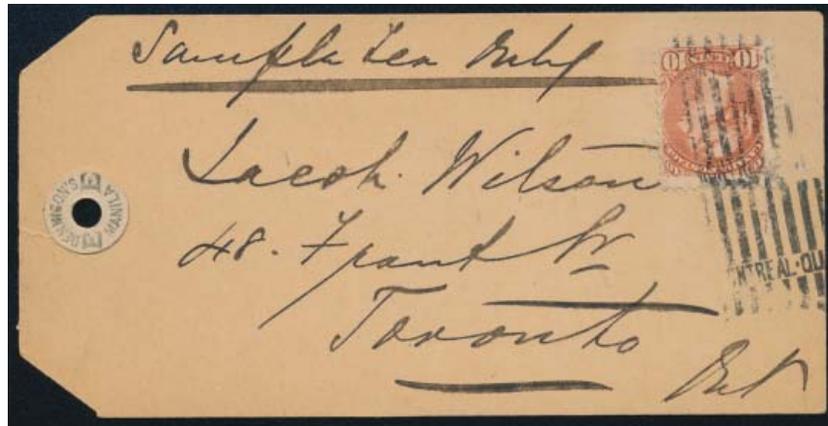
- 277** **1890s group of five bulk newspaper receipts**, with London c.d.s.: (1c on front/3c on reverse), (2 x 1c/2c), Québec duplex: (3c/1c), Toronto broken circle: (5c/1c) and Brantford squared circle (3c bright vermilion block of 8), each paying the 1c per pound second class mail rate for bulk newspapers mailed by publishers, and can be mounted to show solo uses of the 1c, 2c, 3c and 5c values. A very fine and fresh group. (Unitrade 35, 36i, 41, 42)
Provenance: Victor Willson (2013); except receipt with 3c block.**Est. \$400**



- 278** **1896 10c bulk newspaper receipt**, franked with a 10c rose carmine, tied by purple oval Enquiry Office / Post Office Toronto datestamp (FEB.10.1896) paying the 1c per pound second class mail rate for bulk newspapers mailed by publishers. Very fine. (Unitrade 45a)

Provenance: Victor Willson (2013).

.....**Est. \$300**



- 279** **1890s 10c fifth class rate mailing tag**, endorsed "Sample tea only", franked with a 10c dull rose, with trivial perf flaws, tied by a roller cancel, paying the 1c per oz. fifth class rate (mail opened for inspection) for up to 10 oz. Mailed from Montreal (undated) to Toronto. The back of this mailing tag is stamped Forwarded By / S.B. Heward / Montreal. A scarce usage, very fine. (Unitrade 45a)

Provenance: Victor Willson (2013).

.....**Est. \$350**



- 280** **1890s 20c fifth class rate mailing tag**, from the Royal Oil Company, franked with a nicely centered horizontal pair of the 10c brown red, tied by a roller cancel, paying the 1c per oz. fifth class rate (endorsed "Sample Post") for up to 20 oz. Mailed from Toronto (undated) to Kingston. Tiny corner crease on one stamp from overlapping the tag and corner crease caused by the sender folding it over to punch a hole through for attaching the tag to the item being mailed. A scarce usage, very fine. (Unitrade 45)

Provenance: Victor Willson (2013).

.....**Est. \$400**



- 281** **1876 1c private post card**, franked with 1c yellow perforated 11½x12, tied by a broken circle datestamp, paying the 1c post card rate. Mailed from Meaford, Ont. (OCT.27.1876) to Eugenia. An extremely early private post card, from the Meaford Monitor, illustrated in bright red and green, with hand written note on message side. Very rare and lovely three colour card, very fine. (Unitrade 35vii)

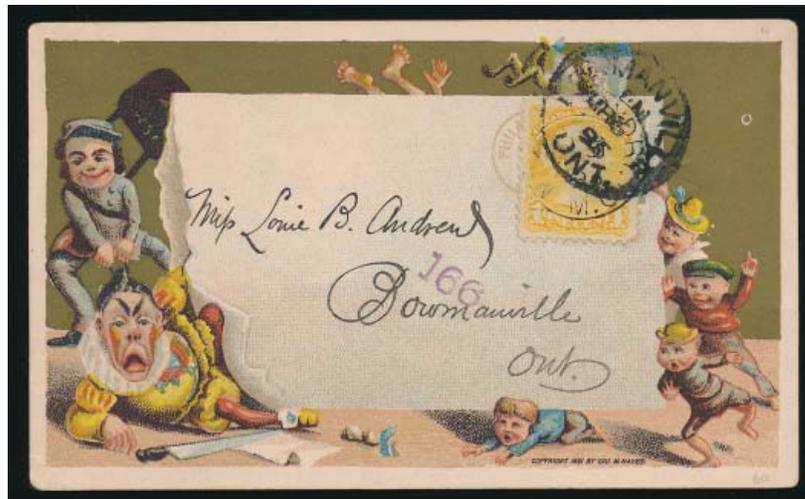
It took 19 years after the use of this post card before private post cards were formally authorized by the Post Office Department. Private postcards used in the 1870s are exceptionally rare, with the example offered being particularly attractive.

.....**Est. \$1,000**



282 ✉ **1896 1c remailed post card**, 1c black “rosette” postcard originally mailed at Montreal, with Ste. Catherine St. West, Montreal c.d.s. (JUL.1.1896). The card recipient sent it back to the sender (Ancient Order of United Workingmen Assessment Notice) along with dues paid, and the sender sent it back to the same recipient (Sep 9 machine dater), with a 1c yellow added to pay the post card rate, in order to confirm receipt of funds. Vertical crease (from being sent back in a separate envelope) and tiny spindle hole; an unusual **twice-used** domestic post card, very fine. (Unitrade 35, UX13)

..... **Est. \$150**



283 ✉ **1895 1c private post card**, franked with 1c yellow, tied by two different c.d.s., paying the 1c post card rate. Mailed from Sherbrooke, Qué. (MAR.6.1895) to Bowmanville, Ont. A lavishly illustrated card, with goblins, etc., in full multi-colour, very fine and scarce. (Unitrade 35)

Provenance: Vincent Graves Greene (handstamp on back).

..... **Est. \$500**



- 284** **1897 1c private post card**, franked with 1c yellow, tied by a lovely strike of the “A” Bickerdike machine flag cancel, paying the 1c post card rate. Mailed from Toronto (OCT.16.1897) to Halifax. A lovely card, illustrated in several colours including silver, from the Standard Silver Co. Ltd. Tiny bit of edge wear and two corner creases, still very fine and scarce. (Unitrade 35)

Provenance: Ted Nixon (2012).

..... **Est. \$150**

Registered Rates



- 285** **1870 5c domestic registered cover**, franked with a 3c copper red (deep, rich colour), tied by a 2-ring #21, paying the 3c domestic letter rate plus 2c registration fee (paid in cash). Mailed from Goderich, Ont. (inner broken circle dated OCT.10.1870) to Clinton, Ont. (next day receiver on back). Small opening tear at lower left, still a very fine first year usage. (Unitrade 37b)

..... **Est. \$200**



286 ✉ **1871 5c domestic registered cover**, franked with five 1c red orange (two pairs and a single), tied by fancy cork cancels, paying the 3c domestic letter rate plus 2c registration fee. Mailed at Ottawa (JAN.23.1871 broken circle) to Caledonia, Ont. Toronto, Seneca and Hamilton backstamps. A lovely cover, with an unusual franking and quite desirable. Very fine. (Unitrade 35iv)

Provenance: John Siverts (1989), Ted Nixon (2012).

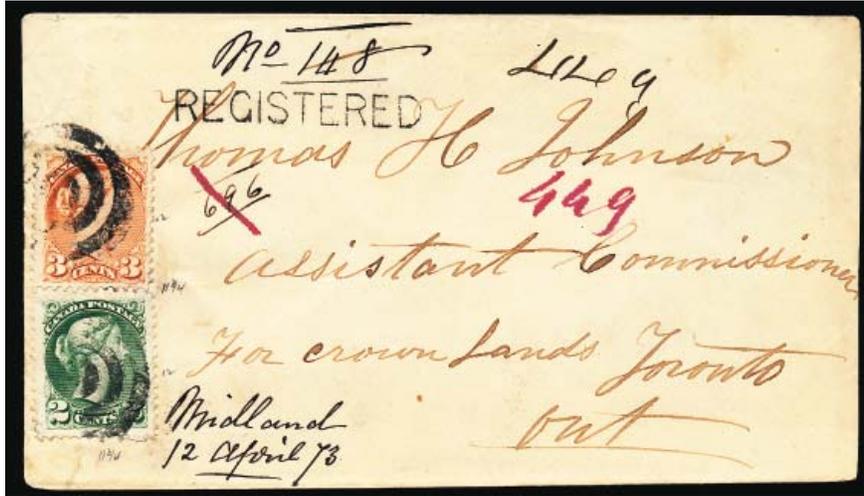
.....**Est. \$400**



287 ✉ **1872 11c triple weight domestic registered cover**, franked with a vertical pair and a single 3c rose red, plus a 2c emerald green, all tied by fancy cork cancels, paying the 9c triple weight domestic letter rate plus 2c registration fee. Mailed from Stayner Ont. (1872 broken circle) to Toronto. Very fine and scarce rate. (Unitrade 36, 37a)

Provenance: Ted Nixon (2012).

.....**Est. \$300**



- 288** **1873 5c domestic registered cover**, franked with 2c green and 3c red, both tied by bull's eye cancels, paying the 3c domestic letter rate plus 2c registration fee. Mailed from Midland, Ont. (only known example of a manuscript postmark, dated APR.12.1873) to Toronto via Barrie. The Midland post office opened on NOV.1.1872 and had not yet been supplied with its own datestamp. Manuscript postmarks are rare on stamped covers. Small tear on back, still very fine. (Unitrade 36, 37)
 **Est. \$150**



- 289** **1874 4c registered double weight drop cover**, franked with 1c orange and 3c red, both perforated 11½x12 and tied by a REGISTERED handstamp, paying the 2c double weight drop letter rate plus 2c registration fee. Mailed at Toronto (OCT.27.1874 broken circle dispatch and same day receiver on back). Small piece of backflap missing, still very fine. A colourful and unusual domestic rate. (Unitrade 35d, 37ii)
 Provenance: Dr. Richard Moulton.
 **Est. \$750**



- 290** ✉ **1876 5c domestic registered cover**, franked with a 2c (perforated 11½x12) plus a horizontal pair of the ½c Large Queen (perforated 11½x12) and a 2c Registration stamp, all tied by bull's eye cancels, paying the 3c domestic letter rate plus 2c registration fee. Mailed from Maxwell Ont. (broken circle dated APR.13.1876) to Eugenia, Ont. A lovely combination franking cover, in all likelihood a unique combination with great eye appeal. Very fine. (Unitrade 21a, 36e, F1)

Provenance: Ted Nixon (2012).

..... **Est. \$1,000**



- 291** ✉ **1880 3c registered drop letter**, folded printed letter franked with 1c yellow and 2c orange red RLS, both tied by two lovely strikes of a crossroads fancy cancel, paying the 1c drop letter rate plus 2c registration fee. Mailed in Toronto (OCT.21.1880 c.d.s.). Back shows three different Toronto carrier datestamps (Oct 8, 10 and 22). Vertical crease affecting 2c RLS, still very fine and scarce. (Unitrade 35i, F1)

..... **Est. \$200**



- 292** **1882 3c registered drop post card**, franked with 1c yellow and 2c orange RLS, both tied by neat c.d.s., paying the 1c drop letter rate (despite being a post card) plus 2c registration fee. Mailed in London, Ont. (OCT.30.1882). Harrison et al state that private post cards were banned in July 1877 and not permitted to pass through the post again until January 1895. To get around this regulation W. J. McIntosh, clerk of the First Division Court at London, had legal notices printed on post card-sized card stock. Those addressed locally (such as this example) were treated as drop letters at the 1c rate, and could be registered for an additional fee of 2c. Rated as "RR - very rare, no more than half a dozen known" by Harrison et al. A pristine example of this special accommodation rate (most recorded examples have faults to varying degree), very fine (Unitrade 35, F1)
**Est. \$300**



- 293** **1884 29c quadruple weight registered parcel post wrapper**, franked with 2c green (pair), 10c magenta (pair) and 5c green RLS, all tied by duplex cancels and REGISTERED handstamps, paying the 24c quadruple weight parcel post rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed at St. John's, Qué. (April 1884) to Montreal. Horizontal file fold not affecting stamps, still a scarce rate and very fine. (Unitrade 36, 40a, F2)

At the time of use of this cover, the 5c registration fee was only applicable to parcel post items, with the registration fee on letter being only 2c. This represents an elusive domestic use of the 5c RLS prior to the general increase of the registration fee to 5c several years later.

Provenance: Ted Nixon (2012).

.....**Est. \$600**



294  **1885 8c double weight registered rate cover**, franked with a 2c green and a 6c deep yellow brown, cancelled by indistinct cancels, paying the 6c double weight rate plus 2c registration fee in stamps, in a period where it was necessary to use a 2c RLS. Mailed from Cedar Dale, Ont. (OCT.2.1885 - earliest recorded date for broken circle - light strike) to Henry Hechler in Halifax (Oct. 6 receiver on back). Illustrated advertising depicts a large factory with smoke stacks from the "A.S. Whiting Manfg Co, Scythes, Forks, Hoes, Rakes". Bit of aging, fine and an interesting illegal franking. (Unitrade 36, 39)

.....Est. \$200



295  **1887 5c domestic registered cover**, franked with a 3c orange red (tied by purple duplex) plus 2c orange red RLS, tied by purple REGISTERED handstamp, paying the 3c domestic letter rate plus 2c registration fee. Mailed from the House of Assembly (crown duplex dated APR.12.1887) to Sarnia (next day receiver on back). There is also a scarce "Registered at the / House of Assembly / Ontario" handstamp in purple on front. Very fine and colourful cover. (Unitrade 37, F1)

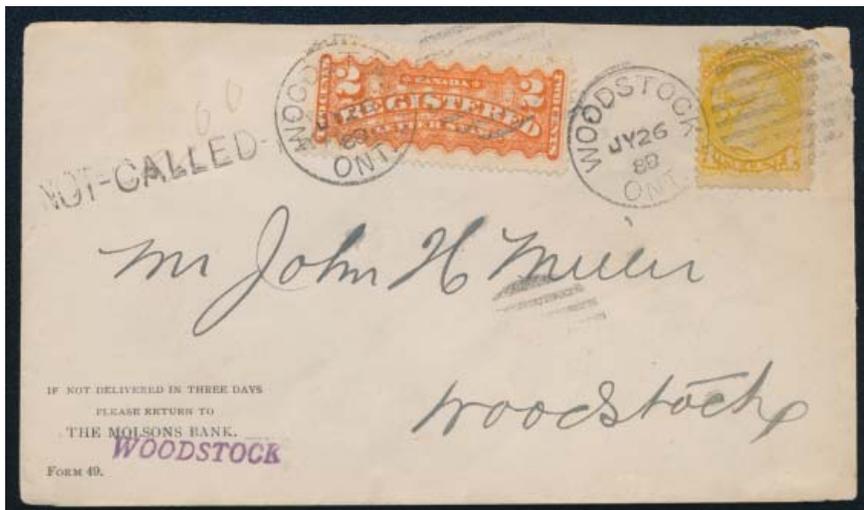
Provenance: "Jura" (2007), "Libra" (2012).

.....Est. \$500



296 ☒ **1887 11c triple weight domestic registered cover**, franked with three 3c orange red plus 2c orange red RLS, all tied by broken circles, paying the 9c triple weight domestic letter rate plus 2c registration fee. Mailed from Saurin, Ont. (broken circles dated APR.15.1887) to Craighurst, Ont.(next day receiver on back). Back also shows a few RPO datestamps and a blue Barrie transit c.d.s. Reduced at left, still a lovely cover and scarce rate. Very fine. (Unitrade 37, F1)

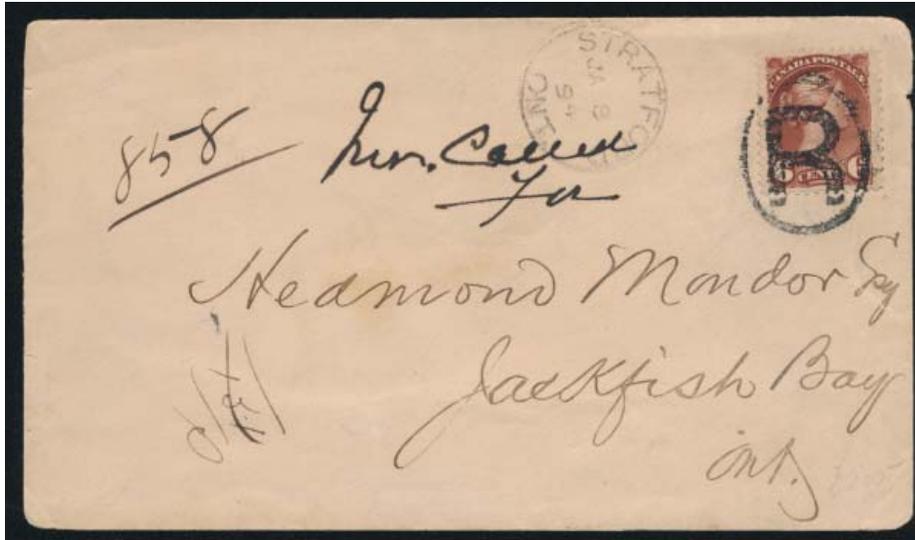
.....**Est. \$100**



297 ☒ **1888 3c registered drop cover**, franked with 1c yellow and 2c red orange RLS, both tied by duplex, paying the 1c drop letter rate plus 2c registration fee. Mailed at Woodstock, Ont. (JUL.26.1888 duplex). With a "Not-Called-For" instructional handstamp on front and back shows two different Dead Letter Office datestamps (Sep. 7, Sep. 13). Small corner tear at top right, still a very clean and scarce rate. Very fine. (Unitrade 35i, F1)

Provenance: Ted Nixon (2012).

.....**Est. \$250**



298 ✉ **1894 6c registered printed matter cover** franked with a lovely 6c red brown, tied by R in oval cancel, paying the 1c printed matter rate (backflap unsealed) plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Stratford, Ont. (JAN.8.1894 c.d.s.) to Jackfish Bay, Ont. (partial receiver on back, one of two recorded strikes of the broken circle, dated in manuscript JAN.11.1894). Back also has Toronto and RPO datestamps, as well as two different Dead Letter Office datestamps. "Not Called For" notation on front. A very interesting cover and scarce solo use of the 6c red brown. Very fine. (Unitrade 43)

.....**Est. \$300**



299 ✉ **1895 7c registered drop letter cover**, franked with 1/2c (block of ten) plus 2c green, all tied by c.d.s. cancels, paying the 2c drop letter rate for cities with local delivery service plus 5c registration fee. Mailed in London, Ont. (NOV.5.1895), with next day carrier datestamp. Pristine and very fine. (Unitrade 34, 36)

.....**Est. \$200**



- 300** **1896 7c registered drop letter rate**, 2c green stationery envelope uprated with 5c gray, tied by c.d.s. cancels, paying the 2c drop letter rate for cities with local delivery service plus 5c registration fee. Mailed at London, Ont. (FEB.13.1896), with partial next day carrier datestamp. Pristine and very fine. (Unitrade 42, U7)
**Est. \$250**



- 301** **1896 7c registered drop letter cover**, franked with 1c yellow and 3c vermilion (horizontal pair), all tied by c.d.s. cancels, paying the 2c drop letter rate for cities with local delivery service plus 5c registration fee. Mailed in Halifax, NS (AUG.4.1896), with lovely embossed Works & Mines Nova Scotia logo in blue on backflap. Very fine. (Unitrade 35, 41)
**Est. \$200**



- 302** ✉ **1897 17c fourth class registered parcel rate**, franked with 1c yellow and horizontal pair of 8c violet black, all tied by squared circles, paying the 4 to 8 oz. 12c parcel rate plus 5c registration. Mailed from Flesherton, Ont. (DEC.20.1896) to Durham. This is a piece which was part of a large parcel, very fine. An unusual and rare usage of a multiple of the 8c value for a registered parcel post rate. (Unitrade 35, 44)

Provenance: John Siverts (1989).

.....**Est. \$500**



- 303** ✉ **1896 17c fourth class parcel rate cover**, franked with 2c green and 15c Large Queen, both tied by c.d.s. cancels, likely paying the 4 to 8 oz parcel rate plus registration (but without indication of it having been registered). Mailed from Owen Sound, Ont. (DEC.8.1896) to Durham. Opened on three sides, having been affixed to a large parcel, scarce and very fine. (Unitrade 30, 36)

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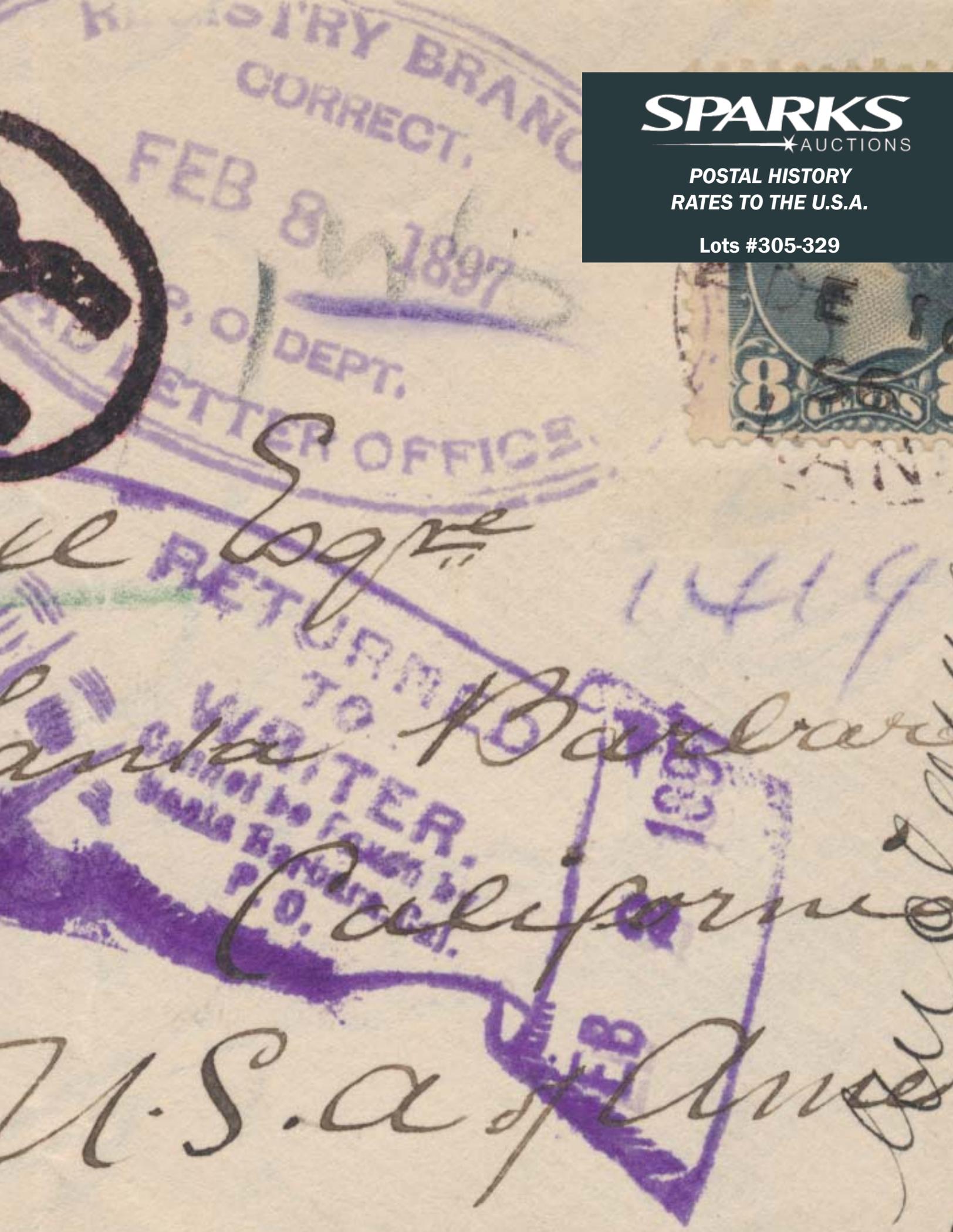
xLot 304

- 304** **Balance of the domestic registered covers**, with twelve covers from 1878 to 1897, two with 8c singles, one with 3c (2)+1c (2), one with 2c strip of four, one with 3c+5c, three with 3c+5c RLS (two domestic and one to the United States), one with 3c (2)+2c RLS and three with 3c+2c RLS. We note better cancels (1878 Kagawong, Manitowaning, Kingston Station unofficial duplex), etc. A few faults, still mostly fine or better and useful group.**Est. \$300**

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POSTAL HISTORY
RATES TO THE U.S.A.

Lots #305-329



Rates to the USA

Letter Rates



- 305** **1872 6c US letter rate cover**, franked with a 6c yellow brown, tied by a target cancel, paying the 6c per ½ oz. letter rate to the United States. Mailed from Orwell, Ont. (JUN.18.1872 double broken circle) to Wells, Vermont. The cover is illustrated in black pen to depict a lovely fancy leaf, or floral arrangement. A lovely cover with great eye appeal, and mailed in the first few months of the 6c issuance, very fine. (Unitrade 39)

.....**Est. \$400**



- 306** **1873 6c US letter rate cover**, franked with 6c yellow brown, tied by a grid cancel, paying the 6c per ½ oz. letter rate to the United States. Mailed from Ottawa (MAR.5.1873 broken circle) to Vermont. Signed by a member of Parliament and date stamped in blue on the same day at the House of Commons, but as free franking privileges did not extent to mail outside of Canada regular postage was required and applied. A lovely clean cover, very fine. (Unitrade 39)

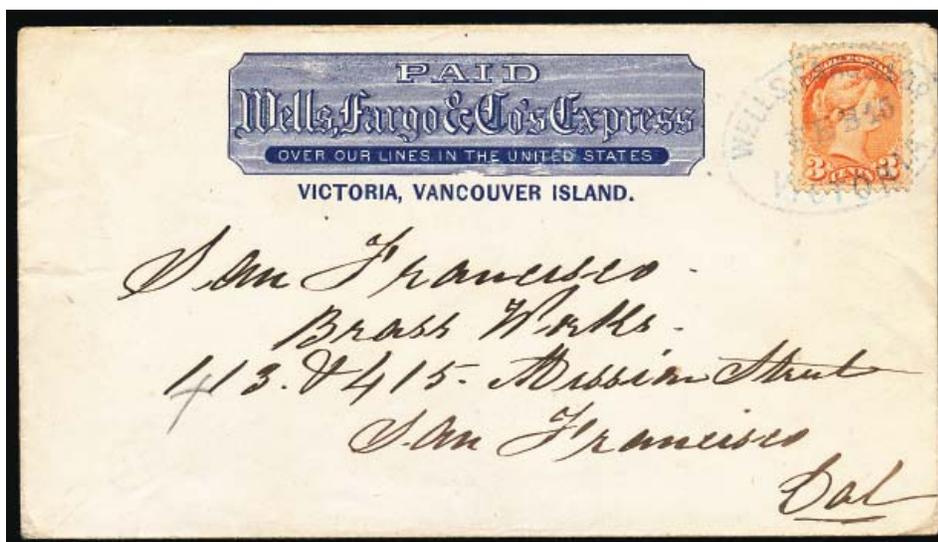
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307 ✉ **1880 California to British Columbia Wells Fargo Express cover**, likely mailed in San Francisco, California using a 3c green stationery envelope, sent to New Westminster, BC with 3c orange red adhesive (probably applied in Victoria) tied by Barnard's Caribou Express oval datestamp plus an oval COLLECT handstamp on front, as well as several Chinese characters, pencil docketing on reverse "returned 1880 - 8 July". The back was detached and is reattached, still very attractive and scarce dual country franking. Fine. (Unitrade 37)

The sender paid a fee of 25c to Wells Fargo to send the letter using the company's express delivery services, but it was also required to pay the postage that it would otherwise pay to the government, in this case the 3c letter rate from United States to Canada. As the letter was transferred to Barnard's Caribou Express, a second express company, it was liable to further postage for carrying the letter from Victoria to New Westminster, resulting in the addition of the 3c Small Queen.

.....Est. \$500



308 ✉ **1885 Wells Fargo Express cover to California**, franked with 3c orange red, tied by an oval c.d.s. paying the 3c domestic letter rate to the United States. Mailed at Victoria, BC (Wells Fargo Victoria FEB.15.1885 blue oval datestamp) to San Francisco (lovely blue oval Wells Fargo San Francisco receiver on back dated MAR.5.1885). A lovely Wells Fargo pre-printed cover with blue advertising on front and scarce with both dispatch and arrival dates. Very fine and desirable. (Unitrade 37)

The sender paid a fee of 25c to Wells Fargo to send the letter using the company's express delivery services, but it was also required to pay the postage that it would otherwise pay to the government, in this case the 3c letter rate from Canada to the United States.

.....Est. \$500



- 309** **1897 9c US triple weight cover**, franked with eighteen ½c (three blocks of six), all tied by squared circle cancels, paying the 9c triple weight letter rate to the United States. Mailed from Winnipeg (MAR.4.1897) to Warsaw, New York. Reduced at left, very fine. (Unitrade 34)

..... Est. \$150

Registered Letter Rates



- 310** **1873 11c cross border registration rate cover**, franked with 2c green and three 3c red (single and pair), all tied by fancy segmented cork cancels, paying the 6c cross border letter rate plus the 5c registration fee. Mailed from Toronto (APR.14.1873 inner broken circle) to Vermillion, Ohio. A pristine cover, very fine. (Unitrade 36, 37c)

Provenance: Bill Simpson (1996)

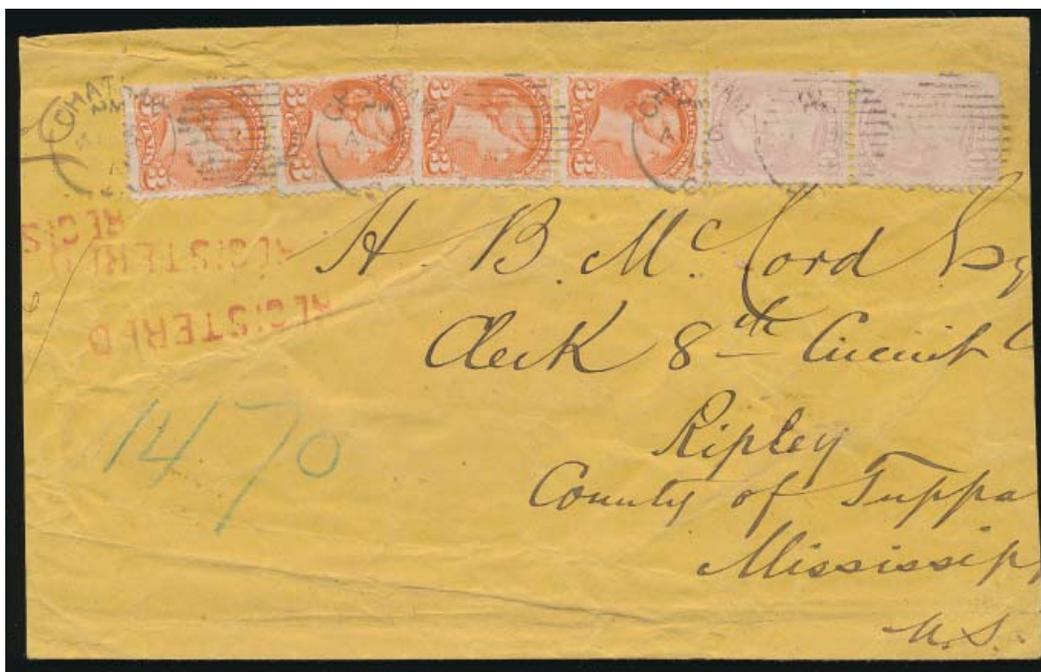
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- 311**  **1873 11c US registered rate cover**, franked with a 2c green, 3c orange red and a 6c yellow brown, all perforated 11½x12 and tied by fancy segmented cork cancels, paying the 6c letter rate to the United States plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Paisley, Ont. (NOV.7.1873 broken circle) to Alfred, Maine. A colourful small cover, with fresh stamps, very fine. (Unitrade 36e, 37e, 39b)

Provenance: Ted Nixon (2012).

.....Est. \$350



- 312**  **1875 32c US registered rate cover**, franked with vertical pair of 10c pale milky rose lilac, perforated 11½x12, plus four 3c red (two singles and a pair), perforated 11½x12, all tied by Berri duplex cancels, paying the 9 times letter rates to the United States (27c) plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Chatham, C.W. (AUG.6.1875) to Ripley, Mississippi, with light G.W.R. datestamp on back. Cover wrinkling, as to be expected from such a large and heavy cover, reduced at both ends, but still an unusual rate, and more importantly a rare use of the first printing of the 10c value. Very few multiples of the 10c pale milky rose lilac have been recorded, on or off cover. Fine. (Unitrade 37e, 40e)

Provenance: Ted Nixon (2012).

.....Est. \$750



- 313** **1877 8c US registered letter rate cover**, franked with 3c red and 5c green RLS, both cancelled by neat target cancels, paying the 3c letter rate to the United States plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Heckston U.C. (latest recorded date for the double broken circle, dated FEB.27.1877) to Lisbon Center, New York, via Prescott and Kemptville. The dispatch date has been strengthened, but is confirmed by both backstamps. Light horizontal cover fold at bottom mentioned for the record, still rare and very fine. (Unitrade 37, F2)

After 40 years of searching, Harrison, Lussey and Arfken had only recorded sixteen covers with the 5c RLS used during the 1876-77 period.

.....**Est. \$500**



- 314** **1879 8c US registered letter rate**, mourning cover franked with 3c red and 5c deep olive green, both cancelled by segmented cork cancels, paying the 3c letter rate to the United States plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from an unknown location to Boston (MAY.8.1879 oval registration receiver). From 1876 and 1885 the registration fee was supposed to be paid with a 5c RLS, which was overlooked in this case. A lovely mourning cover, very fine and fresh. (Unitrade 37, 38i)

.....**Est. \$250**



- 315** ✉ **1879 8c US registered letter rate cover**, 3c red stationery cover uprated with 5c green RLS, tied by a REGISTERED handstamp, paying the 3c letter rate to the United States plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Tioga, Ont. (earliest recorded use of the broken circle by 13 years, dated NOV.13.1879) to New York City. Back-stamped Collingwood Branch c.d.s. and NY receiver. Opening tears on back, still very fine. (Unitrade F2, U4)
**Est. \$100**



- 316** ✉ **1880 8c US registered letter rate cover**, franked with 3c orange red and 5c deep green RLS, both tied by fancy crossroads cork cancels, paying the 3c letter rate to the United States plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from St. Catharines West, Ont. (MAY.4.1880 inner broken circle) to Rochester, New York (May 6 receiver). Back shows blue Suspension Bridge c.d.s., boxed REGISTERED / G.W.R handstamp plus a G.W.R. c.d.s. Lovely Collinson, Burch & Co. illustrated advertising, clean and very fine. (Unitrade 37, F2)
**Est. \$500**



- 317** **1888 5c anomalous registered US letter rate cover**, franked with a 3c orange red, plus 2c orange red RLS, both tied by an R in oval cancel, paying the 3c letter rate to the United States plus 2c registration fee. Mailed from Montreal (APR.24.1888 broken circle) to Buffalo, New York. This anomalous registration fee of 2c, the result of an error in the Postal Guide, was only in effect for two months (from March 1 to April 30, 1888) after which it was restored to 5c. A lovely and rare cover, very fine. (Unitrade 37, F1)

The specific cover offered here is believed to be the only recorded advertising cover with the 2c anomalous registration fee, and is certainly the most attractive of the fourteen such covers recorded by Harrison et al.

Provenance: Larry Paige.

Illustrated in: **Canada's Registered Mail 1802-1909** by Harrison et al p.284.

..... **Est. \$3,000**



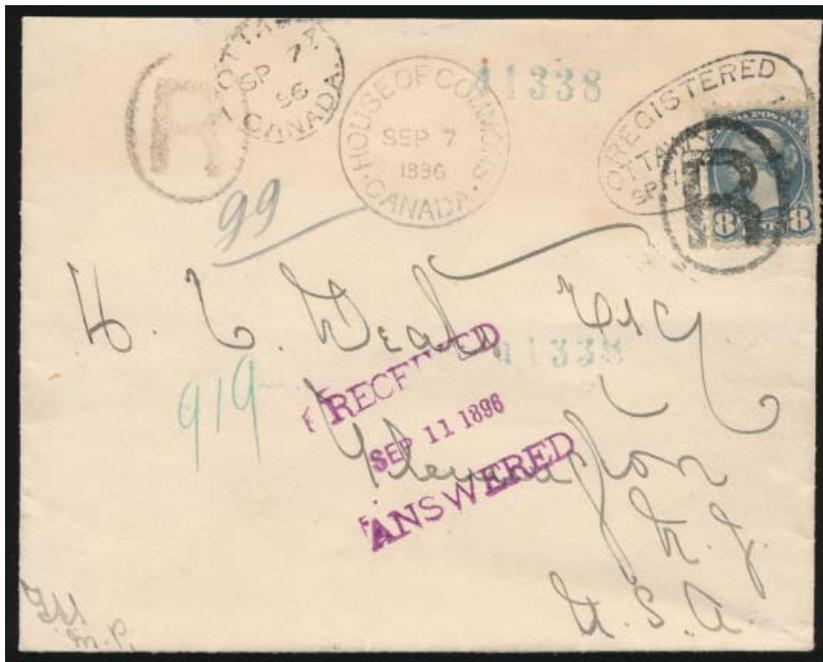
318 ✉ **1889 8c US registered letter rate advertising cover**, franked with two 3c vermilion and 2c rose carmine RLS, all tied by cork grid cancels, paying the 3c letter rate to the United States plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Toronto (JUN.12.1889) to Rochester, New York (Jun. 14 receiver), via Buffalo. Lovely blue and yellow illustrated advertising for Steele Bros. Co. Seeds with cover still containing a lengthy letter, written on fully illustrated stationery paper from the same company. Very fine, and a scarce usage of the 2c rose carmine RLS to help pay the cross-border rate. (Unitrade 41, F1b)

.....**Est. \$400**



319 ✉ **1893 8c US registered letter rate cover**, franked with 1c yellow (strip of three) and 5c green RLS, all cancelled by broken circle datestamps in blue ink, paying the 3c letter rate to the United States plus 5c registration fee, which at this time could be paid with either regular stamps or RLS. Mailed from Milltown Cross, PEI (JUN.3.1893) to St. Louis, Montana (Jun. 10 receiver), via Charlottetown and St. John, NB. Clean and very fine. (Unitrade 35, F2)

.....**Est. \$100**



- 320** **1896 8c US registered letter rate cover**, franked with 8c slate, tied by an R in oval cancel, paying the 3c letter rate to the United States plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Ottawa (SEP.7.1896 c.d.s.) to Flemington, New Jersey (receiver on back). The cover was originally franked FREE with three oval datestamps plus a same day House of Commons c.d.s. and signed by a member of Parliament. Since it was addressed to the US, free franking privileges did not apply and an 8c stamp was affixed to pay the postage and registration. Scarce, clean and very fine. (Unitrade 44b)

Provenance: "Jura" collection (2007).

.....Est. \$750



- 321** **1896 8c US registered letter rate cover**, franked with 8c deep slate, tied by a c.d.s., paying the 3c letter rate to the United States plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Minnedosa, Man. (DEC.16.1896) to Santa Barbara, California (FEB.2.1897 receiver on front), via Victoria, BC. The cover was stamped with "return to writer" pointing finger, and sent to the Dead Letter Office (two different datestamps on back Feb. 8 and Feb. 23). Very fine and a visually striking solo use of the 8c value. (Unitrade 44b)

Provenance: S.J. Menich (2000).

.....Est. \$500



- 322** ✉ **1897 11c US double weight registered letter rate**, 2c green postal stationery envelope uprated with ½c black vertical pair, 2c green and 6c brown red, all tied by Ottawa RD (Registration Division) roller cancels, paying the 6c double weight letter rate to the United States plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Ottawa (JUN.9.1897 boxed registration datestamp) to San Francisco, via Windsor (squared circle backstamp). A colourful and lovely cover with an unusual combination of stamps, very fine. (Unitrade U7, 34, 36, 43)
Est. \$250

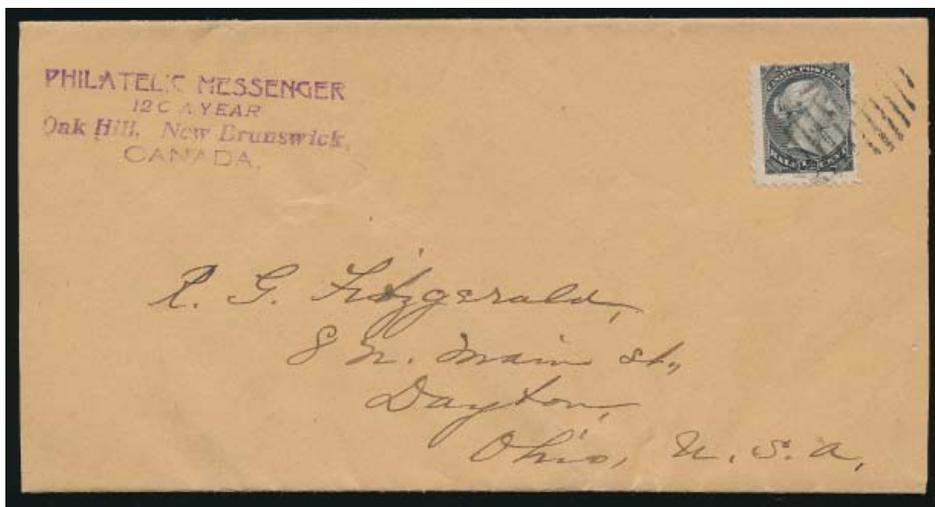
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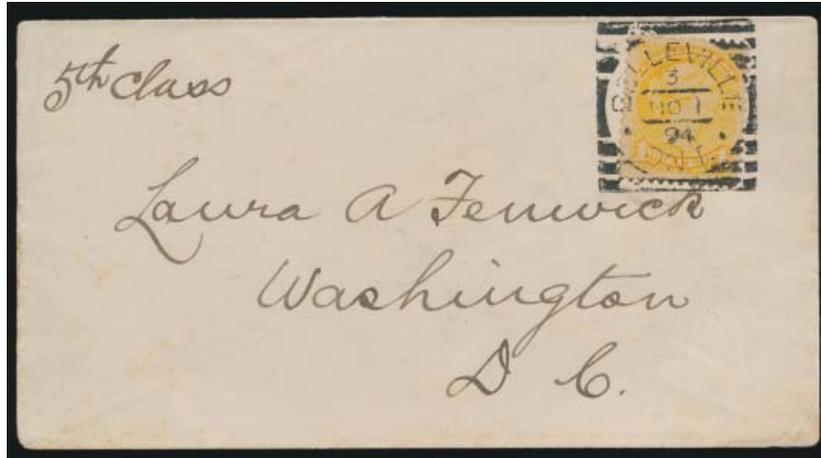
- 323** ✉ **1870 2c US double weight third class rate cover**, franked with a lovely horizontal pair of the 1c red orange, tied by two duplex cancels, paying the 2c double weight third class rate to the United States. Mailed at Montreal (MAY.25.1870) to Warner, New Hampshire. A nice early printing usage, slightly reduced at left, with small pen notation at top left, still fine-very fine. (35iv)
 Provenance: Victor Willson (2013).
Est. \$200



- 324** ☒ **1897 1c US printed matter rate cover**, franked with a vertical pair of 1/2c black, tied by a squared circle cancel, paying the 1c unsealed printed matter rate to the United States. Mailed from Brockville (JUN.6.1897) to Greencastle, Indiana (Jun. 6 receiver on back). The cover, which is still unsealed, contains a lengthy printed copy of a hand written letter giving prices, quantities that will be issued and lengthy discussion about ordering some "Diamond Jubilee Postage Stamps, to be issued June 19th, 1897". Very fine and scarce. (Unitrade 34)
 **Est. \$150**



- 325** ☒ **1880s 1/2c US transient newspaper rate**, wrapper from the Philatelic Messenger franked with a 1/2c black, tied by a grid cancel, paying the 1/2c per oz. second class mail rate. Mailed from Oak Hill, NB to Dayton, Ohio. Very fine. (Unitrade 34)
 **Est. \$200**



326 ✉ **1894 1c US fifth class rate cover**, franked with 1c yellow, tied by a squared circle cancel, paying the 1c per oz. fifth class rate to the United States. Mailed from Belleville, Ont. (NOV.1.1894) to Washington, DC (Nov. 3 receiver on back). A lovely and clean cover, with its backflap remaining unsealed (to enable inspection of contents), scarce rate and very fine. (Unitrade 35)

Provenance: George Arfken (2014).

.....Est. \$200



327 ✉ **1894 1c US fifth class rate cover**, franked with horizontal margin pair of the 1/2c, tied by a squared circle cancel, paying the 1c per oz. fifth class rate to the United States. Mailed from Belleville, Ont. (NOV.3.1894) to Lexington, Massachusetts (Nov. 5 receiver on back). A lovely and pristine cover, with its backflap remaining unsealed (to enable inspection of contents), scarce rate and extremely fine. (Unitrade 34)

Provenance: Ted Nixon (2012).

.....Est. \$250



- 328 **1896 1c third class cross border rate**, being a US pre-printed post card franked-over with a 1c yellow, tied by a squared circle cancel, paying the 1c "partially printed, partially written" rate. Mailed from London, Ont. (NOV.4.1896) to Chicago. The 1c stamp had to be used as US postal cards were not accepted in Canada, and could generally not be mailed for 1c except when they qualified as printed matter as was the case here. Very fine. (Unitrade 35)

Illustrated in: **Canada's Small Queen Era 1870-1897** by Arfken, p.108.

.....Est. \$250



- 329 **Balance of domestic and US covers**, with 15 covers (1871 to 1896), includes different frankings (½c to 3c values), shades (e.g. deep rose carmine), rates (e.g. registered, drop letter, local delivery, cross border, etc.), instructional markings, handstamps and postmarks (returned to, not called for, returned for better direction, dead letter office, Barrie M.O. broken circle, etc.). A nice group, with a few small faults on some, still useful and mostly fine or better. (Unitrade 34, 35, 35a, 36, 37, 41, 41a)

.....Est. \$500