

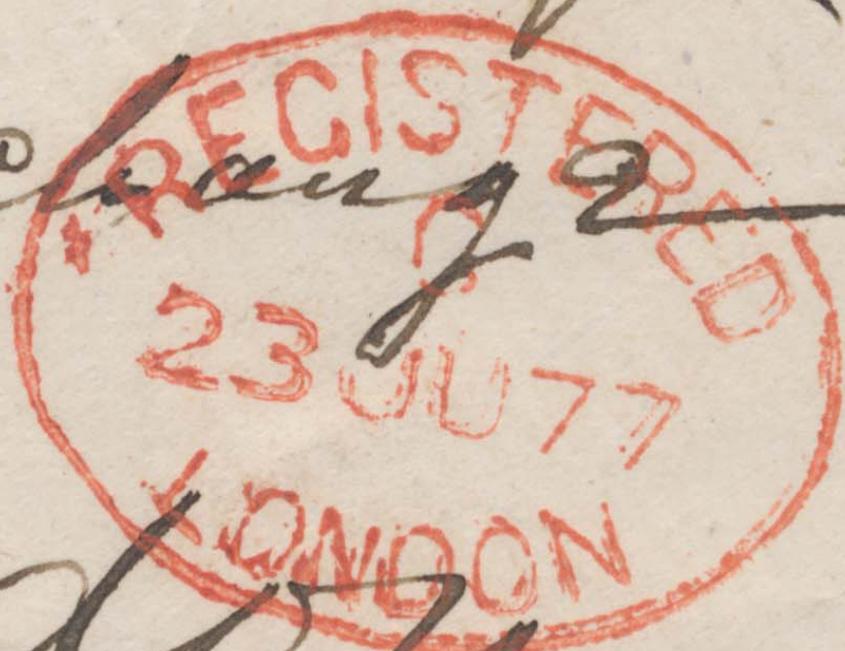


SPARKS
★ AUCTIONS

POSTAL HISTORY
RATES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

Lots #330-355

Edgson Esq
Royal Exchange
London
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Rates to the United Kingdom

Letter Rates



- 330 **1870 6c pre-UPU letter rate cover to Ireland**, franked with a pair of the 3c deep rose, tied by two segmented fancy cork cancels paying the 6c pre-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Toronto (NOV.5.1870) to **Dublin, Ireland** (partial receiver on back). A lovely early cover, backflap missing, still very fine and attractive. (Unitrade 37a)

Provenance: Vincent Graves Greene (with his handstamp on back), Ted Nixon (2012).

.....Est. \$300



- 331 **1873 6c pre-UPU rate cover to England**, franked with a 6c yellow brown, first Ottawa printing, tied by a duplex cancel, paying the 6c pre-UPU rate to England via Canadian packet. Mailed from Montreal (JAN.31.1873) to Emsworth, England (Feb. 13 receiver), and forwarded to Southsea. Cover was inscribed "Pressing" by sender and was sent via New York under the first Packet principle. There was a 2c fee for mail sent New York, which was not prepaid. Thus the cover was handstamped 1d (for the 2c underpayment), which was crossed off as the short payment to be collected from the recipient was doubled to 2d as indicated by the manuscript notation. Bit of edge wear, but a lovely example of the First packet principle. (Unitrade 39)

.....Est. \$500



- 332** ✉ **1873 12c double weight pre-UPU rate cover to Scotland**, franked with four 3c red (two pairs, slightly discoloured), all tied by duplex cancels, paying the 12c pre-UPU double letter rate. Mailed at Halifax (MAY.5.1873) to Edinburgh, Scotland (May 17 receiver), via London, England. Opening tear at top, else very fine. (Unitrade 37)
**Est. \$250**



- 333** ✉ **1873 6c pre-UPU rate cover to England**, franked with 6c yellow brown, tied by a cork cancel, paying the 6c pre-UPU letter rate to England via Canadian packet. Mailed from Toronto (JUN.12.1873) to London, England (Jun. 26 receiver) and redirected to Euston Terrace, with manuscript 1d re-direction fee. Scarce and very fine. (Unitrade 39)
**Est. \$250**



- 334** **1873 8c pre-UPU cover to Guernsey**, mourning cover franked with 2c green perforated 11½x12 and 6c yellow brown perforated 11.85, both tied by bull's eye cancels, paying the 6c pre-UPU letter rate plus 2c fee for service via United States Packet. Mailed at Woodstock, Ont. (JUL.28.1873 inner broken circle) to **Guernsey, Channel Islands** (Aug 2 receiver) via Hamilton. Very fine, rare and an early letter to this scarce destination. (Unitrade 36e, 39)

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



- 335** **1877 10c pre-UPU double weight cover to Scotland**, mourning cover franked with 1c (two pairs) and 3c (two singles), perforated 11½x12, tied by duplex cancels, paying the 10c double weight pre-UPU preferred rate. Mailed at Québec (AUG.10.1877) to Glasgow, Scotland (Aug 23 receiver). Faults, including missing backflap, small tears and aging, still a scarce franking for this rate. Fine. (Unitrade 35d, 37e)

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



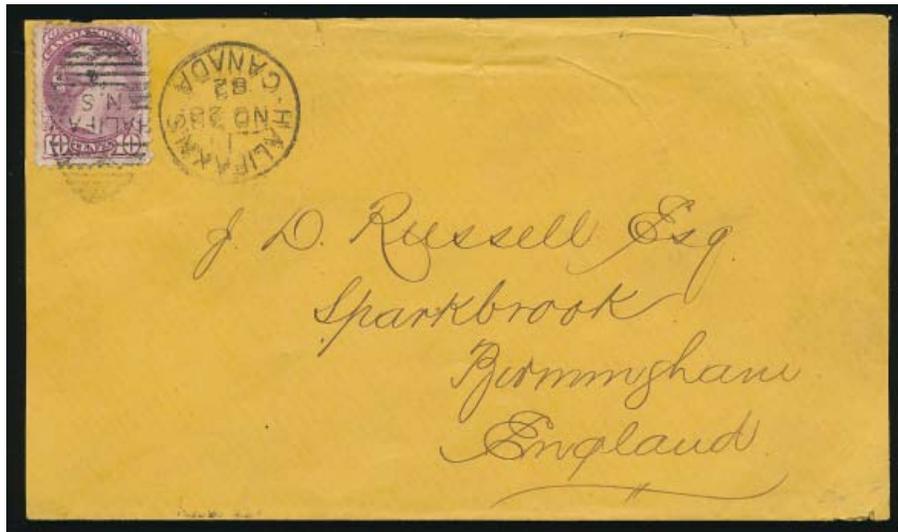
- 336  **1879 5c UPU cover to England**, franked with a 5c slate green, tied by a blue cork cancel cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate to England. Mailed from Waterloo, Qué. (JUL.17.1879 c.d.s. in blue) to Surrey, England (London Jul. 28 receiver), forwarded to another address in London on July 30 with a 1d red Queen Victoria stamp added to pay for the redirection fee. Endorsed "per Canadian Mail Ship". Very fine and scarce. Accompanied by a 2012 Greene Foundation certificate. (Unitrade 38)
Est. \$500



- 337  **1886 5c UPU cover to Jersey**, franked with a 5c olive green, tied by a fancy segmented cork, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed at Paspebiac, Qué. (FEB.6.1886) to the **Island of Jersey** (Mar 3 receiver). Small tear at top, still a scarce destination and very fine. (Unitrade 38)
Est. \$200



- 338** **1881 10c UPU double weight cover to England**, franked with a 10c dull rose lilac (large margins), tied by a duplex cancel, paying the 10c UPU double weight letter rate to England. Mailed from Ottawa (NOV.4.1881) to Liverpool, England (Nov. 14 receiver). Public Works crown handstamp and embossed logo on backflap, signed by a Member of Parliament. Very fine and attractive. (Unitrade 40)
**Est. \$750**



- 339** **1882 10c double weight UPU cover to England**, franked with a 10c deep rose lilac, tied by a duplex cancel, paying the double weight 5c per ounce UPU letter rate to England. Mailed from Halifax (NOV.28.1882) to Sparkbrook, Birmingham, England (Dec 13 receiver). Few wrinkles, small tears and missing backflap, still a nice solo use of the 10c. Fine-very fine. (Unitrade 40b)

Provenance: Ted Nixon (2012).

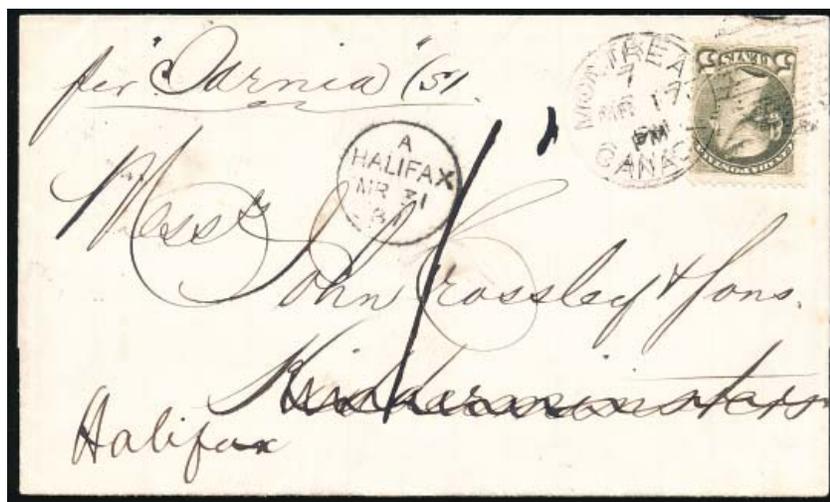
.....**Est. \$500**



- 340  **1885 15c UPU triple weight cover to England**, franked with three 5c deep olive greens (small faults), cancelled by indistinct cork cancels, paying the 15c UPU triple weight letter rate to England. Mailed from Pictou, NS (OCT.19.1885 c.d.s.) to Colchester, England (Nov. 2 receiver), via St. John, NB (transit on back). Small faults including a few tears, due to the weight the cover once contained, still a scarce rate and fine. (Unitrade 38i)
Est. \$200



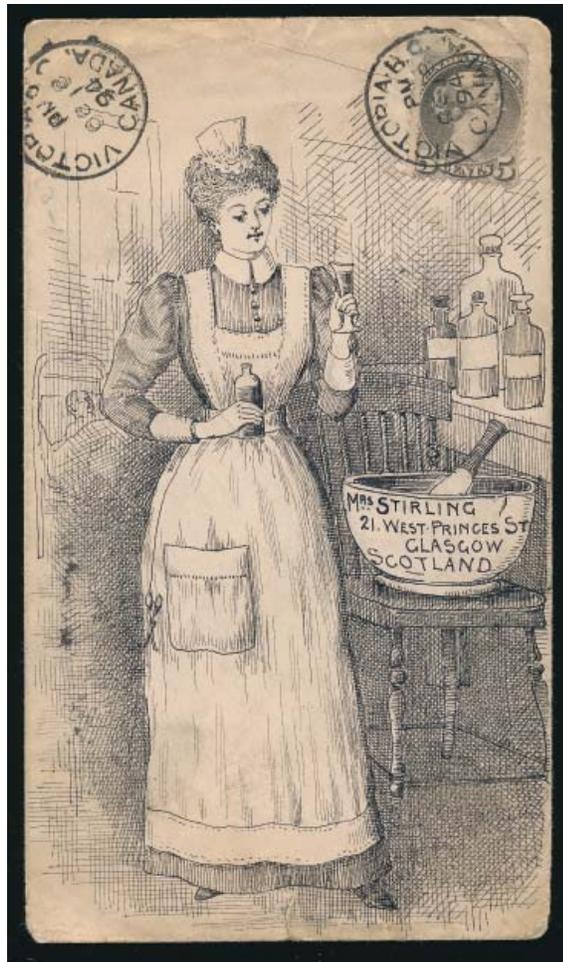
- 341  **1886 5c UPU cover to Isle of Man**, franked with a 5c olive green, tied by a grid cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Yorkville, Ont. (DEC.2.1886) to the **Isle of Man** via Toronto and Liverpool (Dec 12). Slightly uneven opening at top, still very fine. (Unitrade 38)
Est. \$200



- 342** ✉ **1887 5c UPU cover to England**, folded letter franked with 5c deep olive green, tied by a duplex cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate to England. Mailed from Montreal (MAR.17.1887) to Kidderminster, England (Mar. 30 receiver), forwarded to Halifax, England (Mar. 31 receiver). Endorsed “per Sarnia” and with manuscript 1d re-direction fee. Very fine. (Unitrade 38i)
 **Est. \$150**



- 343** ✉ **1893 5c UPU cover to England**, franked with 5c gray, tied by a squared circle, paying the 5c UPU letter rate to England. Mailed at Ottawa (NOV.16.1893) to London, England (partial receiver on back). The OHMS cover, which was mailed from the Geological Survey Department, was endorsed by Alfred Selwyn, after whom the Selwyn Range of mountains was named. Since government free-franking privileges did not extend to letter mailed outside of Canada, a 5c stamp was added to prepay the required postage. Pristine and extremely fine. (Unitrade 42)
 **Est. \$150**



- 344** ✉ **1894 5c UPU illustrated cover to Scotland**, franked with a 5c gray (faults), tied by a c.d.s. paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Victoria BC (OCT.18.1894) to Glasgow, Scotland. The cover front is lavishly illustrated with an ink drawing of a nurse preparing a drug mixture for her patient, lying in a bed behind her. The address is neatly written on the mixing bowl in which she is working. Light overall aging and two small tears, still rare and desirable. Very fine. (Unitrade 42)

Provenance: Gerald Wellburn.

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



- 345 **1897 20c UPU quadruple weight cover to England**, franked with a horizontal pair of the 10c deep salmon on pink, tied by c.d.s., paying the 20c UPU quadruple weight letter rate to England. Mailed from Montreal (DEC.10.1897 blurry c.d.s.) to Woodford, England. Very fine and a scarce franking. (Unitrade 45b)
**Est. \$750**

Registered Rates



- 346 **1872 14c pre-UPU registered cover front to England**, franked with 2c green and two 6c yellow brown, all stamps from first Ottawa printing, overlapping and tied by #3 2-ring numeral cancels, paying the 6c pre-UPU letter rate plus 8c registration fee. Mailed from Québec (JUN.28.1872 broken circle) to London, England (Jul. 10 receivers, one is strengthened in pencil). Front only, but a scarce registered rate, colourful and fine. (Unitrade 36, 39)
**Est. \$100**



347 ✉ **1876 18c pre-UPU double weight registered cover to England**, franked with 3c red, 5c olive green and 10c dull rose lilac, all perforated 11½x12 and tied by cork cancels, paying the 10c double weight pre-UPU preferred rate plus 8c registration fee. Mailed from Montreal C.E (SEP.25.1876 broken circle) to London, England (Oct 7 receiver). Crown and curved REGISTERED handstamp in red. Reduced at right, still a fresh and lovely cover, with a scarce franking in a period when the 8c RLS was not officially required (it became required shortly after, on October 1, 1876). Very fine. (Unitrade 37e, 38a, 40c)

A charming and rare example of the 8c registration rate on a stunning and unique three-colour combination. A fantastic cover.

..... **Est. \$4,000**



- 348 **1874 14c pre-UPU registered cover to Scotland**, franked with 2c green and two 6c yellow brown, all tied by fancy cork cancels, paying the 6c pre-UPU letter rate plus 8c registration fee. Mailed from Montreal (NOV.19.1874) to Edinburgh, Scotland (Dec. 1 receiver on back) via Glasgow. Little scruffy with small faults, but still a good rate. (Unitrade 36, 39)
Est. \$300



- 349 **1874 14c pre-UPU registered letter rate cover to Ireland**, franked with a 2c green and two 6c yellow brown, perforated 11½x12, tied by fancy cork cancels, paying the pre-UPU 6c letter rate plus 8c registration rate. Mailed from McKellar, Ont. (SEP.8.1874) to Dublin, Ireland, via Parry Sound and Toronto. Small piece of backflap missing, still very clean and very fine. (Unitrade 36e, 39b)
Est. \$600



- 350** ✉ **1877 13c pre-UPU registered letter rate cover to England**, franked with a 5c olive green and an 8c blue RLS, both tied by straightline REGISTRATION handstamps, paying the pre-UPU 5c preferred rate plus 8c registration fee. Mailed from Goderich, Ont. (neat JUN.8.1877 inner broken circle) to London, England (June 23 receiver) through Toronto and Lothbury. Also a red crown Registered cancel on front. A very clean cover, with clear postmarks and one of only 16 known franked with an 8c RLS. Rare and very fine. (Unitrade 38, F3)

Eight cent registered letter stamp covers are rarities of the highest calibre, with only 16 covers having been recorded with the 8c RLS used for its intended purpose. Of these 16 covers, many have faults or are otherwise unattractive. The cover offered here is in absolute pristine condition, unlike any other 8c RLS covers and graced the collections of multiple illustrious collectors. One of the key items from the Cantor collection and one of the most important Small Queen covers to England.

Provenance: Bill Simpson (1980), "November" collection (1994), S.J. Menich (2000), William H. Gross (2009).
**Est. \$15,000**



- 351** ☒ **1877 18c pre-UPU double weight registration letter rate cover to England**, franked with six 3c orange red (single plus strip with edge faults), tied by cork grid cancels, paying the 10c double weight pre-UPU preferred rate plus 8c registration fee. Mailed from Victoria, BC (JUN.4.1877 broken circle) to Nottingham, England through Windsor, Ont (Jun 16 transit) and Liverpool (Jun 30 transit). Bit of overall aging, still a scarce franking in a period when the 8c RLS was not officially required. Fine. (Unitrade 37, 38, 40)

Registered covers from British Columbia prior to 1880 are quite rare; we do not recall seeing another example of the 8c registration fee to England originating from British Columbia.

.....**Est. \$750**



- 352** ☒ **1880 10c UPU registered cover to England**, franked with two 5c olive green and 1c yellow pair, all tied by bull's eye cancels, overpaying the 5c UPU letter rate plus 5c registration fee. This overpayment was probably due to the one time existence of an additional fee of 2c for transit via New York, which had been discontinued. Mailed from Montreal (NOV.25.1880) to Liverpool, England (Dec. 10 receiver). Very fine. (Unitrade 35i, 38)

Provenance: Harry Lussey (1999), S.J. Menich (2000).

Illustrated in **Canada's Registered Mail 1802-1909** by Harrison, Arfken and Lussey, p.342.

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



- 353** ✉ **1881 15c UPU registered cover to England**, franked with 10c deep rose lilac (tiny bit of soiling) plus 5c green RLS, both tied by indistinct cancels, paying the 10c UPU double weight letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Toronto (c.d.s. dated MR.23.1881) to Scarborough, England (APR.5.1881 receiver on back), carried across the Atlantic on the *Sardinian*. A lovely cover, very fine. (Unitrade 40b, F2)

Provenance: Bill Simpson (1980), Horace Harrison (2003).

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



- 354** ✉ **1895 20c UPU triple weight registered cover to England**, franked with 2c green pair and two 8c blue gray, tied by a duplex cancels and an R in oval, paying the 15c UPU triple weight letter rate plus 5c registration fee to England. Mailed from Bathurst St. Toronto (SEP.3.1895) to Norwich, England (Sep. 13 receiver) via Toronto and London, England. A lovely and attractive cover and a highly unusual use of the 8c value, very fine. (Unitrade 36, 44a)

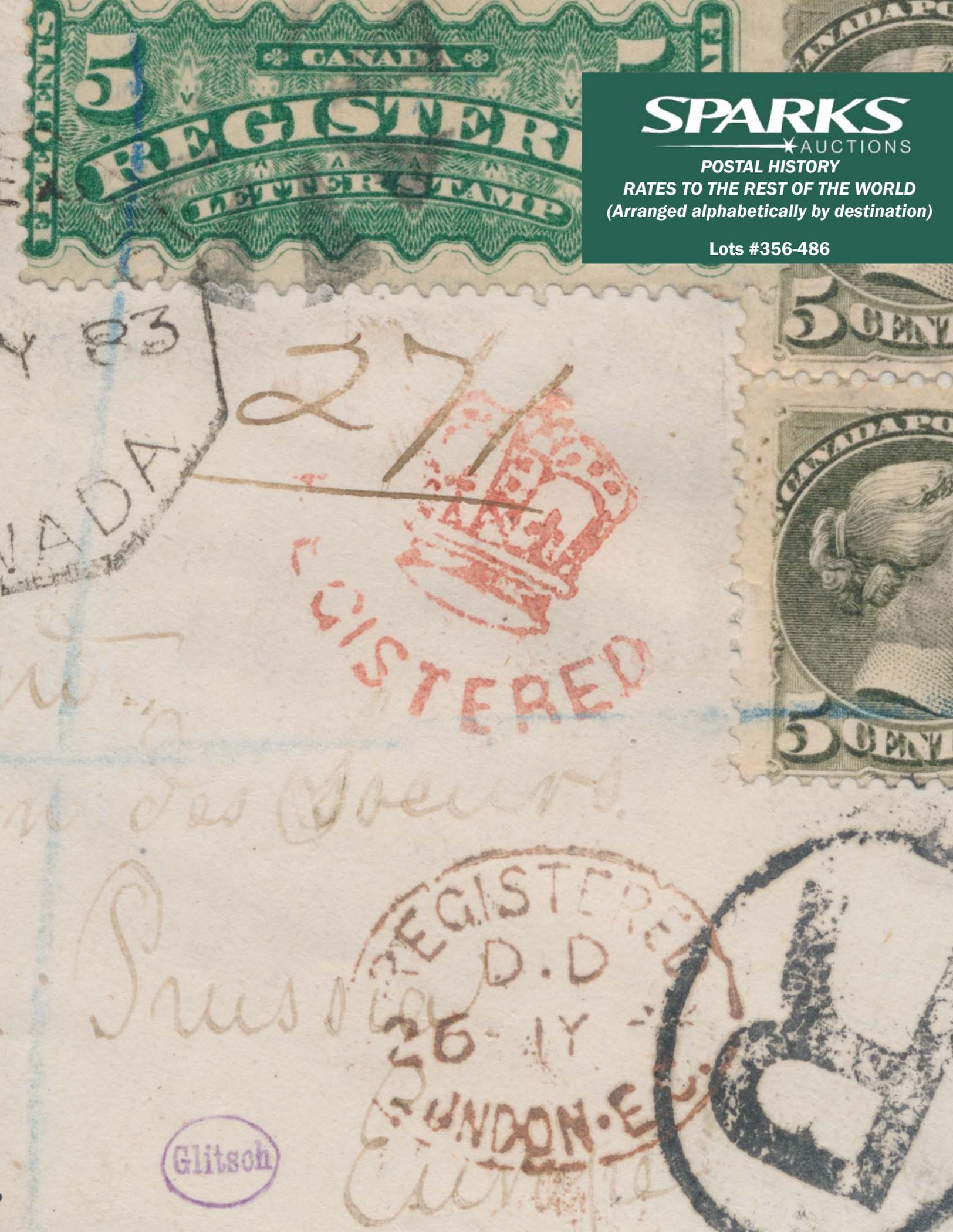
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xLot 355

355 ✉ **Balance of the covers to the United Kingdom**, with six covers, 1876 to England (3 x 3c + 1c), 1881 to Scotland (5c), 1882 to Scotland (5c), 1884 1c wrapper uprated with a 1c to England, 1887 registered to Scotland (5 x 3c) and 1897 to England (5c). Overall fine or better. (35, 37, 38)

.....Est. \$300



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RATES TO THE REST OF THE WORLD
(Arranged alphabetically by destination)

Lots #356-486

Rates to the Rest of the World



356  **1880 10c UPU surtax cover to Afghanistan**, franked with 5c deep olive green pair, tied by segmented cork cancels, paying the 5c UPU letter rate plus 5c surtax for remote destinations. Mailed from Kingston, Ont. (JAN.9.1880) to the Landi Kotal in Afghanistan via London, England (Jan. 26) and Brindisi (Jan. 30) and with Sea Post Office c.d.s. (Feb. 5). A lovely cover addressed to Captain Martin Sandbach of the the Hazara Mountain Battery (Frontier Force), which provided support to the British Forces during the Siege of Sharper Cantonment and the resulting battles during the **second Anglo-Afghan War** . One of four covers known to Afghanistan during the second Anglo-Afghan War paying the 10c UPU surtax rate. Very fine (Unitrade 38i)

Provenance: "November" collection (1994), S.J. Menich (2000).

Illustrated in: Maple Leaves (June 1993, p.75-77); Canada and the Universal Postal Union by George Arfken, p.62.

..... **Est. \$5,000**



- 357** ✉ **1879 10c UPU double weight cover to Algeria**, franked with 10c reddish purple, tied by a duplex cancel, paying the 10c UPU double weight letter rate. Mailed from Montreal (NOV.14.1879) to Paris, France (Nov. 26 receivers) via London, England, then redirected to Alger, Algeria (weak receiver on back). A few light wrinkles, still scarce and very fine. (Unitrade 40b)

Covers to Algeria, North Africa are quite scarce, and most of the known covers are from the mid- to late-1890s. Usages from the 1870s to Algeria, such as the cover offered here, are exceptionally rare.

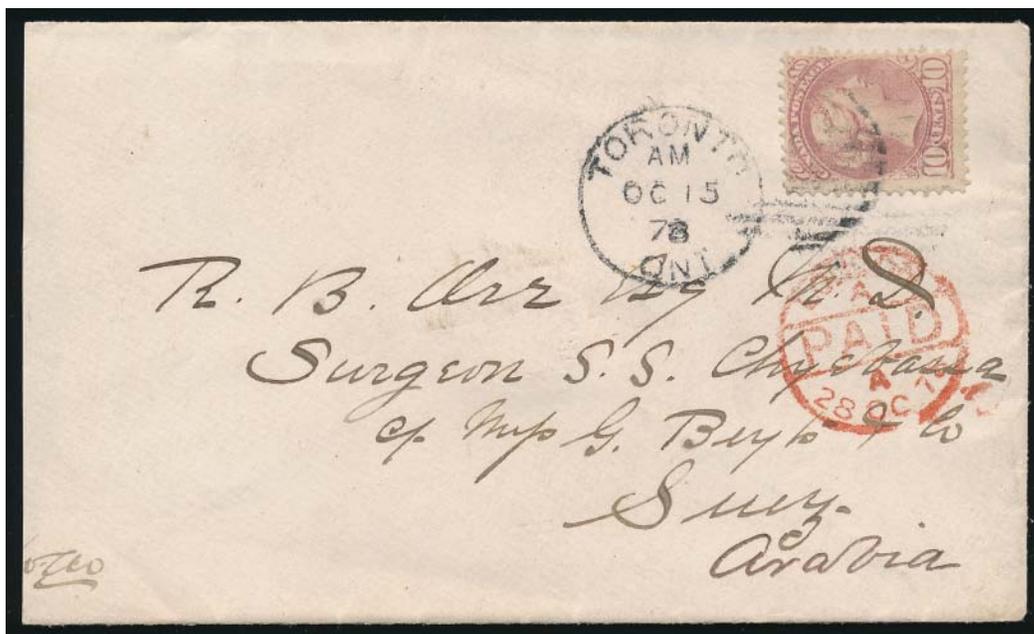
Provenance: "Midland" collection (2004).

..... **Est. \$2,000**



- 358** ✉ **1895 5c UPU cover to Algeria**, franked with 5c gray, tied by a duplex cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Montreal (FEB.8.1895) to Alger, Algeria (Feb. 25 receiver). Light cover toning, still very fine and a scarce African destination. (Unitrade 42)

..... **Est. \$750**



- 359** **1878 10c UPU letter rate cover to Arabia**, franked with a 10c dull lilac rose, tied by a duplex cancel, paying the 10c double weight UPU letter rate. Mailed from Toronto (OCT.15.1878) to Suez, Arabia (receiver on back) via London (Oct. 28 transit in red), Alexandria, Egypt (transit on back). A lovely and fresh cover, slightly reduced at left, very fine. (Unitrade 40)

An exceptional cover in all aspects, from the light cancel on the stamp, the overall fresh “bloom”, to the exotic destination where it was sent. The only recorded solo use of the 10c value to Arabia (Egypt) and arguably amongst the finest and most important usages of the 10c value on UPU covers. Based on an unpublished census of 10c covers, this is also the earliest UPU rate cover bearing a 10c stamp.

Provenance: *Unknown collector, Sissons auction (1976).*

..... **Est. \$5,000**



- 360** ✉ **1894 10c UPU registered cover to Argentina**, Harton Walker envelope franked with two 2c green and 6c red brown, faintly cancelled, paying the 5c UPU letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Toronto (OCT.5.1894) to Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic (Nov 8 receiver) via New York. Fine-very fine. (Unitrade 36i, 43)

Provenance: Charles de Volpi (1966), Harry Lussey (1983), Ted Nixon (2012).

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



- 361** ✉ **1886 15c UPU double weight registered cover to Austria**, Halifax 63rd Rifles envelope franked with 10c deep magenta and 5c green RLS, both tied by fancy cork cancels, paying the 10c double weight UPU letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Captain Hechler in Halifax (JAN.9.1886) to Nikolsburg, Austria (Jan. 21 receiver on back) via London, England. A very clean and rare cover. Very fine. Harrison, Arfken and Lussey have only recorded two examples of 10c+5c RLS covers to Austria, this being the earliest of the two. An impressive use of the 10c value. (Unitrade 40a, F2)

Provenance: Charles de Volpi (1966), Vincent Greene (1975), John Ayre (1982).

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



- 362** ✉ **1891 15c UPU double weight registered cover to Austria**, 3c red stationery envelope uprated with 1c yellow, 6c chocolate brown and 5c green RLS, all tied by bull's eye cancels, paying the 10c double weight UPU letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Halifax (FEB.6.1891) to Brunn, Austria (receiver on back) via London, England. With H.L. Hart stamp dealer corner advertising in bright pink, a few rounded corners, else very fine and colourful. (Unitrade 35, 43a, F2, U6)

.....**Est. \$750**



- 363** ✉ **1890s 1c wrapper to Austria**, franked with 1c yellow, tied by a fancy rosette cork cancel paying the 1c UPU printed matter rate. Mailed to Vienna Austria. Scarce, with a few tiny stains, still very fine. (Unitrade 35)

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



364 ✉ **1876 6c pre-UPU cover to Bahamas**, franked with vertical pair of 3c orange red, perforated 11½x12, tied by two strikes of fancy segmented cork cancel, paying the 6c pre-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Toronto, Ont. (JAN.20.1876) with readable House of Assembly c.d.s. to Nassau, Bahamas Island. Toronto (Jan. 20) and New York (Jan. 27) transit cancels and with U.S. 3c claim marking in red crayon. Fresh and attractive cover, fine stamps on a very fine cover. (Unitrade 37iii)

A rare rate with fewer than ten examples recorded to the Bahamas.

Provenance: Ted Nixon (2012).

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



365 ✉ **1899 10c UPU registered rate to Bavaria**, 2c red stationery envelope uprated with an 8c gray, tied by c.d.s. cancels, paying the 5c UPU letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Rimouski, Qué. (JUL.15.1899) to Augsburg, Bavaria (Jul. 23 receiver on back) via London and Liverpool (datestamps on front). An unusual use of the 8c value, very fine and rare. (Unitrade 44c, U11)

.....**Est. \$750**



- 366 **1878 24c pre-UPU double weight cover to Belgium**, franked with 2c green, two pairs of 3c orange red and 10c reddish purple, all tied by duplex cancels, paying the double weight pre-UPU letter rate plus 2c per ½ oz. for service via New York. Mailed from Montreal (JAN.7.1878) to Mons, Belgium (two different receivers on back), via London, England (Jan. 21) with 6d British claim in red crayon. A rare rate and franking, with only two examples recorded of the 24c pre-UPU rate to Belgium. A few small tears, still fine-very fine. (Unitrade 36, 37, 40)

Provenance: Dr. Clare Jephcott (private sale), Bill Simpson (1996).

Illustrated in: **Canada's Small Queen Era 1870-1897** by George Arfken, p.324.

..... Est. \$4,000



- 367 **1893 5c UPU cover to Belgium**, franked with 1c yellow, 2c green and 3c vermilion, all cancelled by cork cancels, overpaying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed at Niagara Falls, Ont. (SEP.25.1893) to Liège, Belgium (receiver on back) via Hamilton, Ont. and London, England. Lovely The Cataract House illustrated advertising in blue, with backflap missing, still colourful and very fine. (Unitrade 35, 36i, 41)

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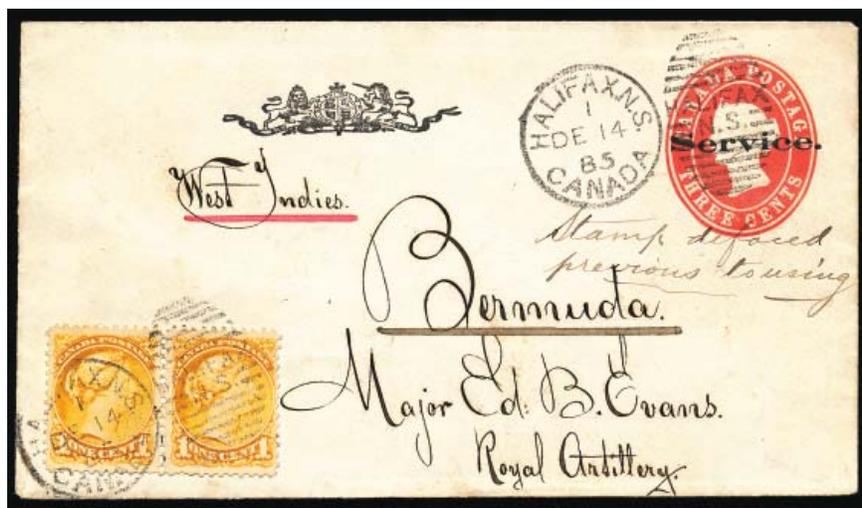
368 ✉ **1895 30c UPU quintuple weight registered cover to Belgium**, franked with 1c yellow, 3c vermilion, 6c brown red strip of three and 8c gray (missing corner), all tied by "R" in oval cancels, paying the 25c quintuple weight letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Montreal (APR.30.1895) to Vise, Belgium (May 10 receiver on back) via London, England and Liège. Few small creases and tears, still a scarce multiple weight rate and franking, fine-very fine. (Unitrade 35, 41, 43, 44c)

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



369 ✉ **1897 10c UPU registered cover to Belgium**, 3c red stationery envelope uprated with 1c yellow and two 3c vermilion, all tied by "R" in oval cancels, paying the 5c UPU letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Berthier (en Haut), Qué. (FEB.19.1897) to Seraing, Belgium (Mar. 4 receiver on back) via Montreal and London, England. Bit of toning on the stamps and tiny tears, still a nice cover, fine-very fine. (Unitrade 35, 41, U6)

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- 370** **1885 5c UPU cover to Bermuda**, 3c red stationery envelope (overprinted "Service") uprated with 1c yellow orange pair, tied by duplex cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Halifax (DEC.14.1885) to Major Ed. B. Evans, Royal Artillery, Bermuda, West Indies (Hamilton Jan. 11, 1886 receiver on back), with notation "stamp defaced previous to using" likely referring to the Service overprint, but the cover still passed through to its destination with no additional fee. Fresh and very fine. (Unitrade 35i, U4)

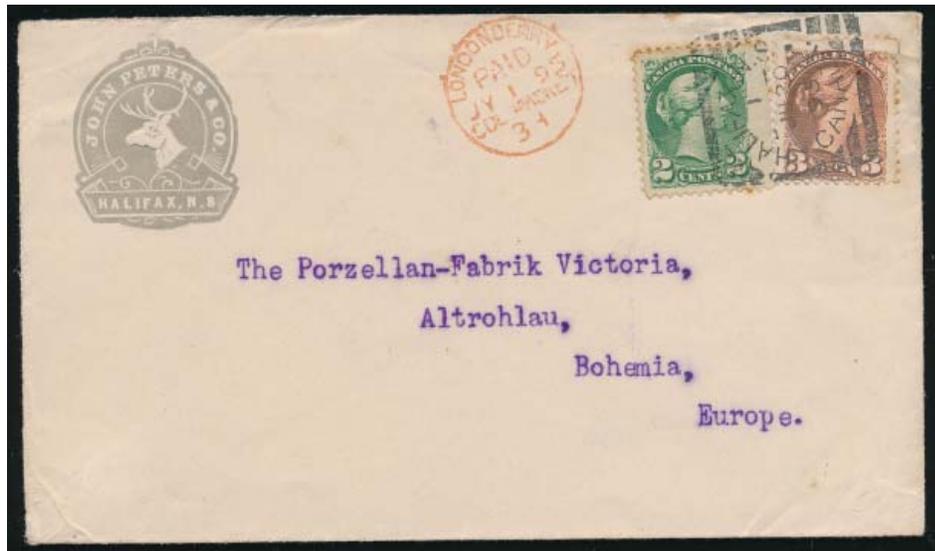
Provenance: Dr. Clare Jephcott (private sale), Bill Simpson (1997), George Arfken (2014).

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- 371** **1892-1894 5c UPU rate covers to Bermuda**, two covers; 1892 mailed from Sackville, NB and franked with 2c green and 3c vermilion, with partial Hamilton receiver on back (endorsed "per Alpha, via Halifax"), and 1894 mailed from North Sydney, NS and franked with 5c gray, with partial Hamilton transit on back. A nice pair of covers, fine-very fine. (Unitrade 36, 41, 42)

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



- 372** ✉ **1895 5c UPU cover to Bohemia**, franked with 2c green and 3c vermilion, tied by a squared circle cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Halifax (JUN.20.1895) to Bohemia (Jul. 5 receiver on back) via London, with John Peters & Co. illustrated advertising depicting an embossed deer. Stamps have a bit of toning, still very fine overall. (Unitrade 36, 41)

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- 373** ✉ **1892 10c non-UPU cover to Bosnia**, franked with 1c yellow and 3c vermilion strip of three, tied by orb datestamps, paying the 10c non-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Toronto (APR.29.1892) to Sarajevo, Bosnia (May 15 receiver on back) via London, England and redirected to Budapest, Hungary and sent back to Canada with "Retour Canada" inscription in red. The back shows five Canadian Dead Letter Office datestamps plus a June 6 boxed DLO in purple. Envelope has an embossed Department of the Attorney general, Ontario logo on the backflap, very fine. Believed to be the unique example of a non-UPU letter rate to Bosnia. (Unitrade 35, 41)

.....**Est. \$1,500**



374 ☒ **1886 15c UPU registered cover to Brazil**, 3c red stationery envelope uprated with 1c yellow, 3c orange red pair and 5c green RLS, all tied by bull's eye cancels, paying the 10c UPU double weight letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Halifax (AUG.11.1886) to Campinas, Brazil (Sep. 17 receiver) via Boston (Aug. 13) and Rio de Janeiro (Sep. 14), with US registration label applied at upper left. Opened on three sides for display, slightly reduced at top (cutting through top of three stamps), fine-very fine. A colourful franking and a rare destination, being the only recorded cover to Brazil with a 5c RLS according to Harrison, Arfken and Lussey. (Unitrade 35i, 37, F2, U4)

Provenance: Harry Lussey (1999).

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



- 375  **1896 5c UPU rate to England, redirected to Brazil**, 3c red stationery cover uprated with 2c green, tied by a squared circle cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate to England. Mailed from Yarmouth, NS (MAY.2.1896) to Liverpool, England, via St. John, NB (May 4 squared circle on reverse). Arrived in Liverpool (May 13), forwarded to Cardiff (May 16) and then redirected to Bahia, Brazil (light backstamp) then back to London, England (FEB.18.1898) and finally Liverpool (FEB.18.1898). A very busy and colourful cover, having crossed the Atlantic ocean on three separate occasions. Opened on three sides for display, very fine and rare. (Unitrade U4, 36)
Est. \$750



- 376  **1897 5c UPU rate cover to Brazil**, 3c red stationery cover uprated with a 1c plus a horizontal pair of the 1/2c, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed at Montreal ("E" machine flag cancel dated FEB.9.1897) to Brazil. The left 1/2c stamp shows the **re-entry** identified by Reiche and Sendbuehler as being from position 88 of the right pane. Two different Rio de Janeiro receivers on back, both dated MAR.13.1897. A lovely three-colour franking cover, with light vertical file folds not affecting stamps, very fine (Unitrade 34, 35, U6)
Est. \$350



377 ✉ **1877 16c pre-UPU cover to British Guiana**, franked with 1c yellow (damaged) and 5c olive green strip of three (corner crease on right stamp), cancelled by oval grids, paying the 16c pre-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Shelburne, NS (FEB.10.1877) to Demerara, British Guiana (Georgetown, Mar. 22), via Yarmouth (Feb. 12), Halifax, New York (Feb. 28) and St Thomas (Mar. 15), with “13” claim mark in red crayon. Slightly reduced at left and fine. This cover represents the only recorded pre-UPU Small Queen cover to British Guiana, paying a short-lived rate valid only from October 1875 to July 1877. (Unitrade 35i, 38)

Provenance: Dr. John Robertson (2004)

..... **Est. \$6,000**



378 ✉ **1893 5c UPU letter rate to British Honduras**, 3c red letter card uprated with a 2c green, cancelled by orb cancels paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Toronto (MAY.12.1893) to Belize, British Honduras, with New Orleans (May 16) and Belize (May 21) transit and arrival cancels on reverse. Very fine. (Unitrade 36i, UL3)

An attractive use to British Honduras, an exotic destination, of which only a handful number of covers have been recorded franked with Small Queens.

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



379 ✉ **1888 10c UPU surtax cover to Burma**, 3c red stationery envelope uprated with 1c yellow pair and a 5c olive green, all tied by duplex cancels, paying the 5c UPU letter rate plus 5c surtax. Mailed from Montreal (DEC.20.1888) to Rangoon, Burma (Jan. 22, 1889 receivers on back) with Sea Post Office transit backstamp (Jan. 6). Very fine and rare destination, being the only recorded UPU surtax cover to Burma. (Unitrade 35i, 38, U6)

Provenance: George Arfken (1997).

Illustrated in: **Canada's Small Queen Era 1870-1897** by George Arfken, p.367; **Canada and the Universal Postal Union** by George Arfken, p.57.

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



- 380** **1879 15c non-UPU cover to Cape of Good Hope**, franked with 1c yellow (pair and single), perforated 11½x12, plus two 6c dull brown, perforated 12 (small faults), all cancelled by light cork cancels, paying the 15c non-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Noel, NS (OCT.18.1879) to Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope (Nov. 28 receiver). With "50" (50 centimes) British claim in red, equivalent to 5d, or 10c. The cover has staining at upper right, fine. Cape of Good Hope is a very rare destination and this is the only known cover prepaying the 15c non-UPU rate, and is also the earliest recorded Small Queen cover to Cape of Good Hope. (Unitrade 35vii, 39d)

Provenance: Charles de Volpi (1966), Harry Lussey (1983), George Arfken (1997), Ted Nixon (2012).

*Illustrated in: **Canada's Small Queen Era 1870-1897** by George Arfken, p.352.*

..... **Est. \$3,500**



- 381  **1896 5c UPU to Cape of Good Hope**, 3c red letter card uprated with 3c vermilion, tied by a squared circle, overpaying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Charlottetown, PEI (OCT.26.1896) to Fort Beauport, Cape of Good Hope (Dec. 4 receiver on back) via St. John, NB and Capetown (squared circle). Very fine. (Unitrade 41, UL3)

Provenance: Horace Harrison (2000)

.....Est. \$300



- 382  **1897 5c UPU cover to Cape Colony**, 2c green stationery envelope uprated with 3c vermilion, tied by a squared circle, paying the 5c UPU rate. Mailed from Kingston, Ont. (DEC.30.1896) to Grahamstown, Cape Colony, Africa (Grahams Town Feb. 7 receiver) via London, England. Small surface scuff on front, still a rare destination and very fine. (Unitrade 41, U7)

.....Est. \$400



383 ✉ **1877 22c pre-UPU rate cover to Ceylon**, 2c green and 5c olive-green strip of four cancelled by target cancels paying the 20c pre-UPU letter rate plus 2c via New York surcharge, sent from South Zorra, Ont. (NOV.16.1877 broken circle) to Kandy, Ceylon, with Woodstock (partial) and Hamilton (Nov. 17) transit backstamps, London (Dec. 3) paid transit in red and Kandy (Jan. 13) arrival backstamp, red 6½d British claim in red crayon. Opening faults at top, including missing backflap and portion of envelope at top (behind stamps) resulting in some stamp faults. Despite the faults this is still an attractive pre-UPU cover to an exotic and far away destination. (Unitrade 36, 38)

..... Est. \$2,500



384 ✉ **1896 5c UPU cover to Chile**, franked with 5c gray, tied by a lovely strike of a complete machine flag cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Ottawa (APR.6.1896) to Tocopilla, Chile (May 16 receiver) via New York (Apr. 8) and Antofagasta (May 13), and endorsed "via Panama". A lovely cover to a rare destination, extremely fine. (Unitrade 42)

..... Est. \$750



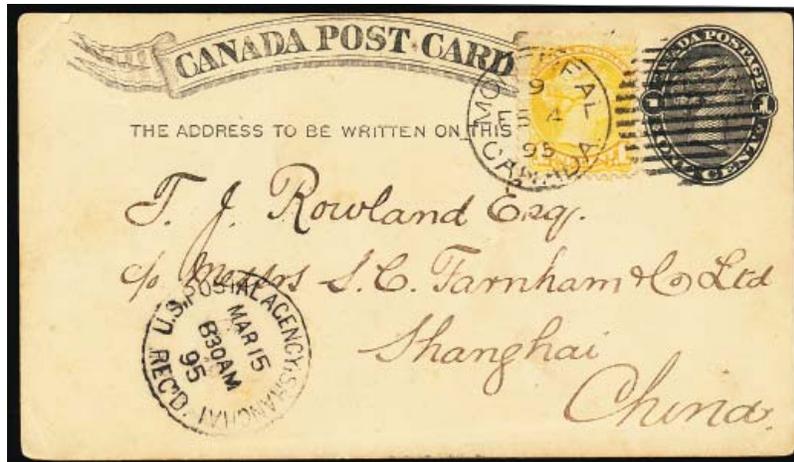
385 ✉ **1888 15c non-UPU registered letter rate to China**, franked with 10c rose lilac plus 5c green RLS, paying the 10c non-UPU letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Niagara Falls South (APR.10.1888) to Manking, Chinese Empire, Asia (US Consulate May 21 receiver) via Hamilton, Windsor, San Francisco. Sent back to Canada through Dead Letter Office. Few minor edge tears, still a very rare and desirable cover. (Unitrade 40, F2)

An outstanding registered cover to China with a unique franking. We are aware of only three registered Small Queen covers to China, only two of which have a 5c RLS.

Provenance: Dr. Clare Jephcott (private sale), Bill Simpson (1996), S.J. Menich (2000).

*Illustrated in: **Canada's Small Queen Era 1870-1897** by George Arfken, p.386; **Canada and the Universal Postal Union** by George Arfken, p.74; CAPEX 1996 **Gems of Canadian Philately**, p.65.*

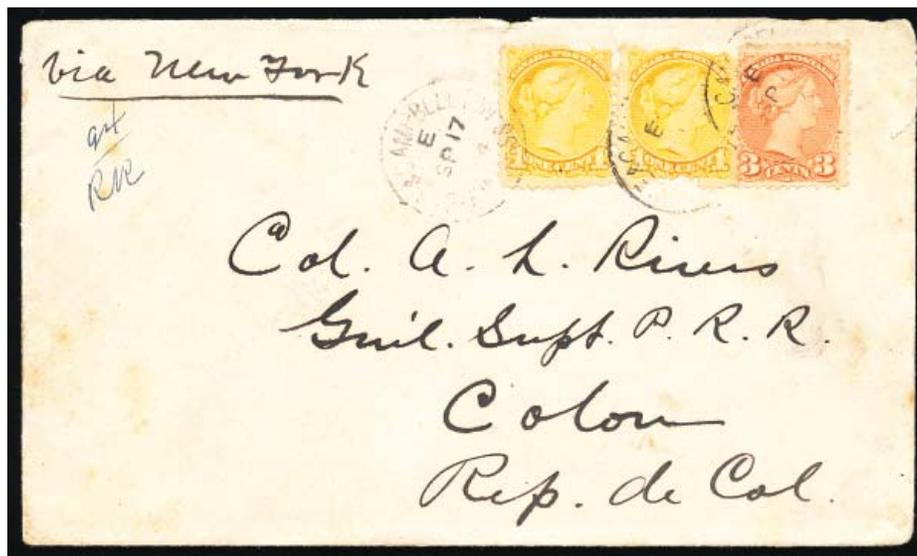
..... Est. \$5,000



- 386** **1895 2c UPU postcard rate to China**, 1c black rosette postcard (127x76 mm) uprated with a 1c yellow, tied by duplex cancel paying the 2c UPU post card rate. Mailed from Montreal (FEB.4.1895) to Shanghai, China with lovely strike of U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai datestamp (March 15) on front and same day Shanghai Local Post backstamp in blue ink. Minor bends, still very fine, attractive and unusually nice card for this destination. (Unitrade 35, UX11)

Provenance: Ted Nixon (2012).

.....Est. \$500



- 387** **1894 5c UPU cover to Panama**, franked with 1c yellow pair (damaged at bottom) and 3c vermilion, tied by c.d.s. cancels, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed on board train Gaspé & Campbellton RPO (SEP.17.1894) to Colon Rep. de Colombia (Panama) (Sep. 27 receiver) via New York (Sep. 20). Part of backflap missing, fine and a rare Latin America destination (Unitrade 35, 41)

.....Est. \$300



- 388** ✉ **1897 5c non-UPU letter rate to Cook Islands**, 2c green stationery envelope uprated with ½c black strip of six, tied by c.d.s. cancels, paying the 5c non-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Montreal (JAN.20.1897) to Raratonga, Cook Islands, Oceania (Mar. 24 receiver on front) via Vancouver (Jan. 30), San Francisco (Feb. 2) and Auckland (Feb. 26). Rare and very fine. (Unitrade 34, U7)

A rare and exotic destination, with only two Small Queen covers recorded, being the one offered here and a registered cover which recently sold for \$9,500+15%.

Provenance: George Arfken.

Illustrated in: **Canada and the Universal Postal Union** by George Arfken, p.23.

..... Est. \$1,500



- 389** ✉ **1876 3c pre-UPU printed matter to Cuba**, wrapper franked with 2c deep green pair, perforated 11½x12, tied by two fancy cork cancels, overpaying the 3c per two oz. pre-UPU printed matter rate in effect from 1875 to 1878. Mailed from St. John, NB (OCT.21.1876) to Havana, Cuba, with NA1 handstamp applied in Cuba, endorsed "Stmr via NY" and with 2 US claim in red crayon. Lovely condition, a very fine item with great provenance. Exceptionally rare, as printed matter was the "junk mail" of its days and was rarely kept, with only two pre-UPU Small Queen printed matter items to Cuba, recorded. (Unitrade 36e)

Provenance: Frank Laycock (1980), John Ayre (1982), S.J. Menich (2000), Dr. John Robertson (2004).

Illustrated in: **Canada's Small Queen Era 1870-1897** by George Arfken, p.349.

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



- 390** ✉ **1877 16c pre-UPU cover to Cuba**, franked with 1c yellow and five 3c red (strip and pair, left stamp faulty), all perforated 11½x12 and tied by fancy crossroads cork cancels, paying the 16c double weight pre-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Guysborough, NS (DEC.20.1877) to Trinidad, Cuba, via Halifax (Dec. 21). Expertly restored portion of backflap and at lower left, attractive and fine-very fine. A rare and desirable rate and destination as we do not remember seeing another example of this rate to Cuba. (Unitrade 35d, 37ii)

Provenance: George Arfken (1997), S.J. Menich (2000).

*Illustrated in: **Canada's Small Queen Era 1870-1897** by George Arfken, p.335.*

..... **Est. \$3,500**



- 391** ✉ **1883 5c UPU cover to Cuba**, franked with a 5c olive green (hinged to cover), tied by a segmented cork cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Carleton, NB (JAN.3.1883) to Havana, Cuba via St. John, NB. Bottom corners lightly worn, slightly reduced at right, still fine-very fine and a very scarce destination, especially in the 1880s. (Unitrade 38)

Provenance: Bill Simpson (1980), Ted Nixon (2012).

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



- 392** ✉ **1894 5c UPU letter to Denmark**, franked with ten ½c blacks, all tied by orb datestamps, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Toronto (MAY.15.1894) to Skive, Denmark (May 27 receiver on back). The cover was overweight and marked as shortpaid 25 centimes (5c), as evidenced by a T25 in circle on front, which would have been doubled and collected from the recipient. Very fine (Unitrade 34)
 **Est. \$150**



- 393** ✉ **1883 20c UPU registered cover to Dominican Republic**, franked with five 3c orange red (vertical strip of three and two singles) plus 5c green RLS, all tied by bull's eye cancels, paying the 15c triple weight UPU letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Halifax (APR.3.1883) to Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo, West Indies (May 25 receiver), endorsed "via New York" (Apr. 26 backstamp) where US registration label was applied. Some covers creases and edge tears and reduced at bottom, fine. A striking cover to a rare destination, being the only known cover to Dominican Republic with a 5c RLS. (Unitrade 37, F2)

Provenance: Harry Lussey (1999).

*Illustrated in: **Canada's Registered Mail 1802-1909** by Harisson, Arfken and Lussey, p.322, where it is given a rarity factor of RRR (exceedingly rare).*

..... **Est. \$1,500**



- 394** ✉ **1884 5c UPU Nile Voyageurs cover to Egypt**, franked with 5c olive green, tied by a duplex cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Kingston (DEC.4.1884) to Wadi Halfa, Egypt, via London and Cairo (Dec. 24 transit) with purple “Rec’d ... 6-1-85” docketing by recipient. The cover is addressed to Surgeon Major Neilson, who was a member of the Canadian Voyageurs, and still contains the original enclosure, a very long letter from “your sincere friend, Katie”. This cover was described by Bailey and Toop in *The Canadian Military Posts - Colonial Period to 1919* as among the rarest of Canadian Military campaign covers. Very fine and rare, with only a dozen covers or so being recorded, most of which are in much inferior quality than the cover offered here. (Unitrade 38)

The Canadian Voyageurs travelled from Canada to Egypt to provide support to General Charles Gordon who was under siege at Khartoum. The military reached Khartoum on Jan. 28, 1885, two days after the siege ended and General Gordon had been killed.

Provenance: Ted Nixon (2012).

*Illustrated in: **Canada’s Small Queen Era 1870-1897** by George Arfken, p.356; **Canada and the Universal Postal Union** by George Arfken, p.31; **Canada’s Postage Stamps of the Small Queen Era, 1870-1897** by John Hillson and Ted Nixon, p.139.*

..... **Est. \$3,500**



- 395** ✉ **1879 5c UPU cover to Egypt** 1c blue stationery envelope uprated with two pairs of 1c lemon yellow, perforated 11½x12 (one pair clipped perfs at foot), all tied by duplex cancels, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Halifax (NOV.10.1897) to Alexandria, Egypt (receiver on back) via London, England. The cover has a Henry Hechler corner imprint in purple, as well as a large purple handstamp on back depicting people smoking, with advertising for tobacco, cigars, etc in his Halifax shop on the reverse. Attractive and fine-very fine. (Unitrade 35iii, U3)

We are aware of only four Small Queen covers sent to Egypt prior to 1880, with the cover offered here being the only (and thus the earliest) 5c UPU letter rate.

..... **Est. \$1,250**



- 396** ✉ **1898 10c double UPU letter rate cover to Fiji**, R. P. Rithet & Co. envelope franked with 3c vermilion pair and 5c blue Victoria Leaf, tied by squared circle cancels, overpaying the 10c double weight UPU letter rate. Mailed from Victoria, BC (MAR.11.1898) to Suva, Fiji (Mar. 29 receiver on back). Tear on backflap mentioned for strict accuracy, fresh, very fine and an exceptionally rare destination. (Unitrade 41, 70)

In a **BNA Topics** article published in 2000 by Brian Murphy, only two covers to Fiji franked with Small Queen stamps were listed; a 5c rate cover and the 10c double weight combination cover offered in this sale.

Provenance: John Ayre (1982).

..... **Est. \$2,500**



397 **1893 5c UPU cover to Finland**, 3c red stationery envelope uprated with 2c green, tied by a duplex cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Montreal to Helsinki, Finland (JAN.1.1893 receiver on back) via London, England. A clean cover, very fine. (Unitrade 36, U4)
**Est. \$350**



398 **1872 16c pre-UPU double weight cover to France**, franked with a 1c orange plus five 3c rose (strip of three and two singles), all cancelled by manuscript pen, paying the double weight pre-UPU letter rate (for letter weighing between ¼ oz. and ½ oz.). Mailed at St. Fidèle (pre-postal instrument manuscript postmark dated MAY.24.1872) to Coutances, France via Murray Bay, Qué., Québec, London, England, Calais, Paris and Brèhal, France. A fine and early cover to France. (Unitrade 35ii, 37a)
**Est. \$750**



399 ✉ **1874 4c pre-UPU third class circular to France**, franked with a horizontal pair 2c green, perforated 11½x12, tied by a duplex cancel, paying the 4c pre-UPU circular, or printed matter rate. Mailed from Québec (Feb. 13) to Bordeaux, France via Calais (Feb. 26). Light vertical fold and a few corner faults, still fine-very fine. A very rare and desirable pre-UPU non-letter mail usage. (Unitrade 36e)

Provenance: Victor Willson (2013).

.....Est. \$500



400 ✉ **1873 18c pre-UPU letter rate cover to France**, franked with a 2c and a strip of three of the 6c yellow brown, all perforated 11½x12 and tied by duplex cancels, overpaying the 16c pre-UPU letter rate plus 2c surtax for service via New York. Mailed from Montreal (JUL.14.1873) to Nantes, France (partial receiver on back) via London and Calais. The middle stamp of the strip of 6c shows a noticeable semi-major re-entry at the bottom, from plate position 48. Opening tears, still fine-very fine. A scarce rate which illustrates the difficulty that existed in paying the correct rates to France due to confusing weight levels and surtaxes. (Unitrade 36e, 39b, 39iii)

Provenance: Bill Simpson (1996).

.....Est. \$1,500



- 401** **1875 underpaid 16c pre-UPU letter rate cover to France**, franked with 6c yellow brown and 2c green pair, perforated 11½x12, cancelled with broken circle date stamps, attempting to pay the 10c pre-UPU letter rate (for the first ¼ ounce). Mailed from La Patrie, Qué. (OCT.20.1875) to Castelsarrasin, France (Nov 5 receiver on back) through Cookshire, Qué, Montreal, London, England and Paris to Toulouse railway, with “GB/2F” British accountancy marking. The cover weighed over ¼ ounce and was thus liable to the 16c rate for a cover weighing between ¼ ounce and ½ ounce. Being prepaid only 10c, it was marked “Insufficiently Paid” and treated as fully unpaid by France and thus marked “12” to indicate the 12 decimes in postage to be collected from the recipient. A very fine cover. (Unitrade 36e, 39)

Prior to the adoption of UPU rates between Canada and France, the postal rates were confusing, due to France using 10 grams per “weight” as opposed to the ½ ounce normally used in Canada. This resulted in a number of covers being treated as unpaid by France, giving no credit whatsoever for the stamps applied on the envelopes. This specific cover is a particularly attractive example of this situation.

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

..... **Est. \$1,250**



- 402** **1877 10c pre-UPU cover to France**, franked with a 10c rose lilac, tied by a duplex cancel, paying the 10c pre-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Brantford, Ont. to Le Havre, France (receiver on back) via Hamilton, Ont. and London, England, with 2½d British claim marking in red. The cover was returned to Canada, ending up at the Canadian Dead Letter Office (May 23 backstamp). Fine-very fine. (Unitrade 40)

Provenance: Bill Simpson (1980), Ted Nixon (2012).

..... **Est. \$1,500**



403 ✉ **1877 10c pre-UPU cover to France**, franked with 10c bright rose lilac, tied by a duplex cancel, paying the 10c pre-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Montreal (FEB.23.1877) to Bordeaux, France (Mar. 8 receiver on back) via London, England, with a 2½d British claim in red crayon. Few small toning spots, still a lovely 10c solo use cover, very fine (Unitrade 40)

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



404 ✉ **1878 12c pre-UPU letter rate cover to France**, franked with 6c yellow brown vertical pair, perforated 11½x12, tied by duplex cancels, paying the 10c pre-UPU letter rate plus 2c per ½ oz. for service via New York. Mailed from Montreal (FEB.8.1878) to Saint Péray, France (Feb. 21 receiver on back) via London, England and Calais, France. A scarce rate, very fine. (Unitrade 39b)

..... **Est. \$1,250**



- 405 **1878 10c pre-UPU rate cover to France**, franked with 10c dull rose lilac, tied by a duplex cancel, paying the 10c pre-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Montreal (APR.4.1878) to Montpellier, France (receiver on back) and Calais transit on front. Fancy corner card advertises Bronzes, Orfèveries, Statues. Roughly opened and piece added at top to enhance appearance, still a useful single franking cover. Fine-very fine. (Unitrade 40)
 **Est. \$1,000**



- 406 **1878 5c UPU cover to France**, franked with a 5c olive green, tied by a blue cork cancel, paying the UPU letter rate. Mailed at Sydney NS. (AUG.26.1878 blue c.d.s.) to Florensac, France (receiver on back) via Halifax, London and Paris. A lovely cover, mailed within the first month of the new UPU rate. Very fine. (Unitrade 38)
 Provenance: Ted Nixon (2012).
 **Est. \$500**



- 407  **1883 5c UPU rate cover to England, redirected to France**, franked with 5c olive green, tied by duplex, paying the 5c UPU letter rate to England. Mailed from Montreal (JUN.18.1883) to London, England (three different receivers, duplex, broken circle and c.d.s. Jun 28), then redirected free of charge to Paris, France (Jun 29 receiver on back). Very slightly reduced at right, still very fine. (Unitrade 38)
Est. \$200



- 408  **1887 5c UPU cover to England, redirected to France**, franked with 5c deep olive green, tied by duplex, paying the 5c UPU letter rate to England. Mailed from Québec (MAR.24.1887) to London, England (Apr. 13 receiver), then redirected free of charge to Paris, France (receiver on back) using a large address label. Lovely St. Louis Hotel illustrated advertising depicting a large building with horse and carriage, etc. Small corner crease, still very fine and lovely solo use of the 5c value. (Unitrade 38i)
Est. \$500



- 409** **1888 10c UPU registered cover to France**, franked with 5c pale olive green plus 5c green RLS, both tied, paying the 5c UPU letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Halifax (AUG.22.1888) to Montpellier, France (Sep. 1 receiver on back) via London, England, then redirected to Narbonne, France (receiver on back). Very fine and a nice cover with a scarce printing of the 5c pale olive green. (Unitrade 38var, F2)

.....**Est. \$750**



- 410** **1888 5c UPU cover to France**, franked with 5c olive green, tied by a duplex cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Hamilton, Ont. (AUG.21.1888) to Paris, France (Sep. 1 receiver on back) via Calais. With all-over advertising from Robert Evans Seeds on front, with a detailed illustration of their headquarters on reverse, showing horse drawn carriages, etc. Very light toning on parts of the stamp, and back has opening faults (easily repairable), still very fine and with great eye appeal. (Unitrade 38)

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



- 411** ✉ **1889 15c UPU registered cover to France**, franked with 10c rose from the short-lived temporary **Montreal Gazette printing** plus 5c green RLS, both tied by R in oval cancels, paying the 10c UPU double weight letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Québec (c.d.s. dated MAR.5.1889), to Paris, France, via London (oval transit dated MAR.19.1889). An elusive printing of the 10c, especially so on cover, small corner edge wear. Very fine. (Unitrade 45a unlisted printing, F2)

Provenance: Bowen "Ten" collection (1994), Harry Lussey (1999).

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



- 412** ✉ **1890 10c UPU registered cover to France**, franked with 6c cold brown, plus two 2c orange red RLS, all tied by "R" in oval cancels, paying the 5c UPU letter rate plus the 5c registration fee. Mailed from Ottawa (JUL.2.1890 boxed registration datestamp) to Paris, France (Jul. 5 receiver on back) **via Dublin, Ireland** and Calais. Originally free franked by the Crown Public Works Canada handstamp in blue (Baillargeon) but postage was required as government free franking privilege did not extent to mail sent outside of Canada. Opened on three sides, with a repair at left and fold touching RLD, still a fine cover with a scarce franking and unusual routing via Ireland. (Unitrade 39d, F1)

..... Est. \$500



- 413** **1893 10c UPU registered cover to France**, franked with 1c yellow pair and 8c gray, tied by c.d.s. cancels, paying the 5c UPU letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Québec (SEP.27.1893) to Paris, France (two different receivers on back) via London, England. Cover is opened on three sides with wax seal excised, still very fine and a scarce franking. (Unitrade 35, 44c)

Examples of the 8c used prior to November 1893 are surprisingly rare. In addition, the 8c value was infrequently used on overseas covers, making this cover a lovely and particularly rare early use of the 8c value in September to a foreign country.

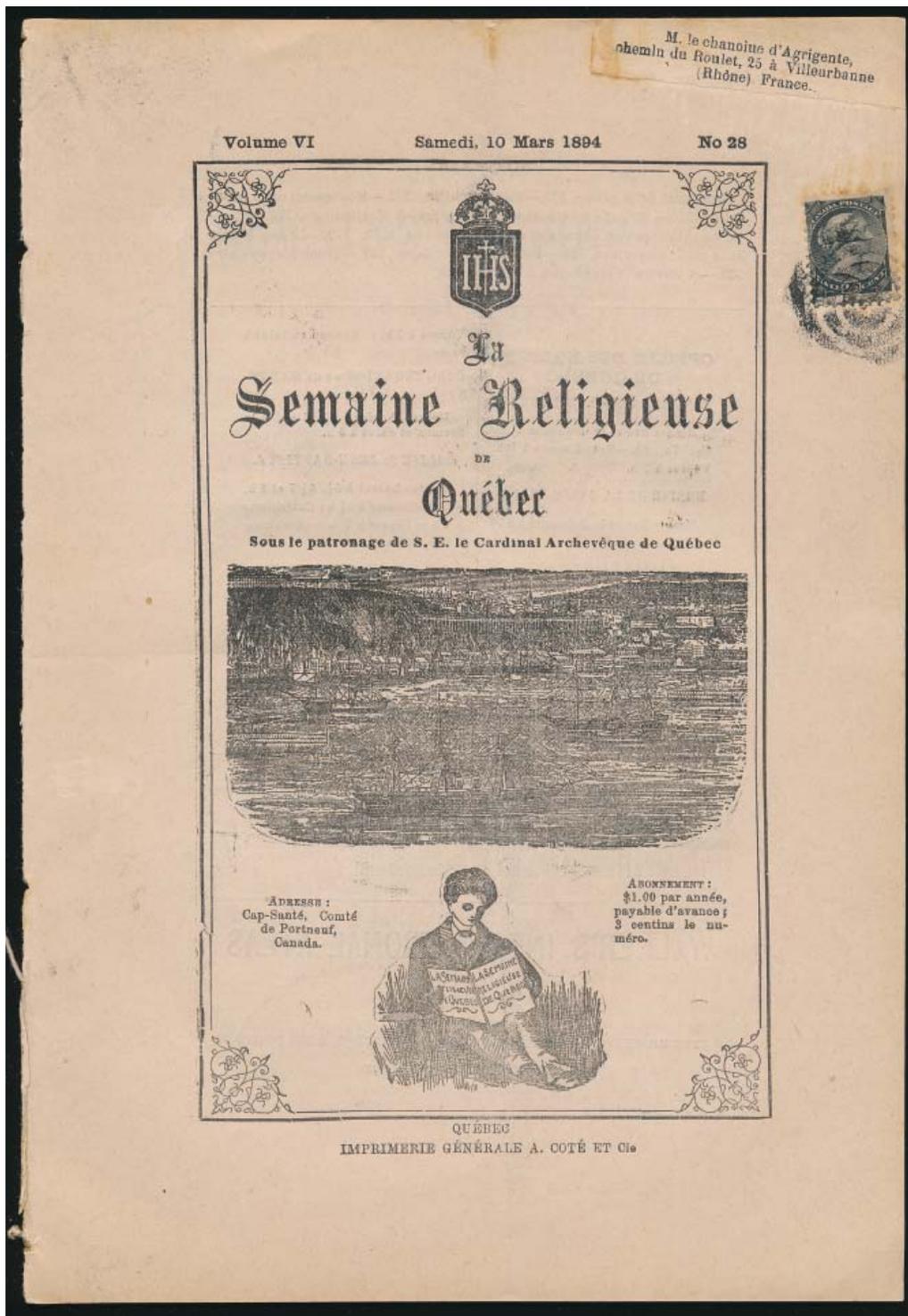
Provenance: George Arfken (1997).

.....**Est. \$750**



- 414** **1893 1c UPU circular to France**, franked with 1c yellow, tied by a duplex cancel, paying the 1c UPU circular, or printed matter rate. Mailed from St. Hyacinthe, Qué. (OCT.29.1893 latest recorded date for this duplex) to Villeurbanne, France (Oct. 31 receiver on back). Backflap still unsealed and very fine. (Unitrade 35)

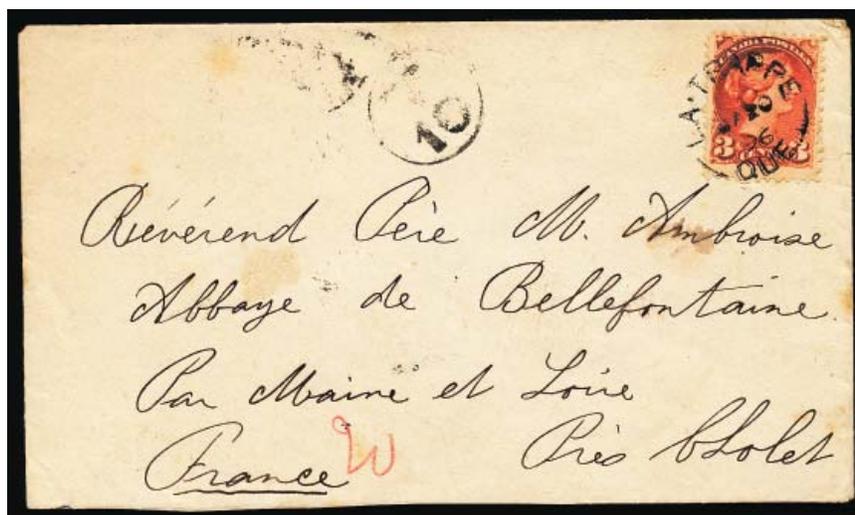
.....**Est. \$200**



415  **1894 1c UPU newspaper rate to France**, *La Semaine Religieuse* periodical, MAR.10.1894 issue, franked with single ½c black, tied by a bull's eye cancel, underpaying the 1c UPU newspaper rate to France by ½c. Mailed from Quebec and addressed with a label to France. These were probably franked and mailed in bulk with other examples mailed within Canada at the prevailing ½c rate, with this example to France escaping unnoticed by the postal authorities. Periodical is stitch bound, with slight page separation, still fresh and very fine. An unusual underpaid solo use of the ½c value to a foreign destination. (Unitrade 34)

Provenance: Stan Lum collection (private sale).

.....Est. \$300



416 **1896 5c UPU cover to France**, franked with 3c vermillion, tied by a broken circle datestamp, underpaying the 5c UPU letter rate by 2c. Mailed at La Trappe, Qué. (JAN.20.1896) to (near) Cholet, France (Jan. 31 receiver on back) via Oka, Qué. There is a T10 (centimes) in circle tax handstamp on front, equal to the 2c underpayment, which would have been doubled and collected from the recipient. Small part of backflap missing, still very fine. (Unitrade 41)
**Est. \$250**



417 **1896 25c UPU quadruple weight registered cover to France**, European sized cover from La Compagnie d'Approvisionnement Alimentaires de Montreal, franked with five 5c gray (pair and three singles), all tied by "R" in oval cancels, paying the 20c quadruple UPU rate plus 5c registration rate. Mailed at Montreal (AUG.18.1896) to Sèvres, France (Aug. 27 receiver on back) via Paris. A very clean cover, few insignificant opening tears and slightly reduced at top, fine-very fine. An unusual multiple weight registered cover. (Unitrade 42)
**Est. \$500**



- 418** ✉ **1896 10c double weight UPU cover to France**, franked with two 5c gray, tied by a Bickerdike flag machine cancel, paying the 10c double weight UPU letter rate. Mailed at Montreal (SEP.5.1896) to Paris, France (small part receiver on back), redirected to “Poste restante / Aix les Bains” by the application of an address label (Sep. 17 receiver). Tear on backflap, still very fine. (Unitrade 42)

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



- 419** ✉ **1897 10c UPU registered cover to France**, franked with 10c brown red, tied by a c.d.s. cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Québec (DEC.15.1897) to Paris, France (Dec. 29 receiver on back) via London, England. Cover has an Accountants Office Legislative Assembly Québec Dec 13 clock-like handstamp, plus “Registered at the / Legislature, Québec” and “Too Late” handstamps struck in purple. Small piece of backflap missing and small edge tear at left, still very fine and a very colourful single use of the 10c value. (Unitrade 45)

Provenance: Bill Simpson (1997), S.J. Menich (2000), “Libra” collection (2012).

.....**Est. \$1,250**



- 420** ✉ **1875 20c pre-UPU double weight cover Germany**, franked with a 1c (vertical pair) and six 3c orange red (strip of 4 and pair), perforated 11½x12, tied by fancy cork cancels, paying the 20c double weight pre-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Ellerhausen, NS (NOV.15.1875 broken circle on back) to Baden Baden, Germany through Halifax and London (Nov 25). Pre-UPU double weight covers to Germany are rare, this being a unique franking. Very fine. (Unitrade 35d, 37iii)

Provenance: Charles de Volpi (1966), George Arfken (1997), S.J. Menich Collection (2000)

..... **Est. \$5,000**



- 421** ✉ **1876 24c pre-UPU double weight cover to Germany**, franked with 10c dull rose lilac horizontal pair (perforated 11½x12) plus two 2c green, all tied by duplex cancels, paying the pre-UPU double weight letter rate plus 2c per ½ oz. surtax for service via New York. Mailed from Québec (AUG.14.1876) to Leipzig, Germany (Aug 29 receiver on back) via London, with 6d British claim in red crayon. Believed to be the only known 24c pre-UPU rate cover to Germany, very fine and rare. Accompanied by 1985 Greene Foundation certificate. (Unitrade 36, 40c)

Arguably the most important cover to Germany franked solely by Small Queen stamps, and a lovely early use of the 10c value.

Provenance: George Arfken (1997), S.J. Menich (2000).

..... **Est. \$5,000**



- 422** ✉ **1876 10c pre-UPU cover to Germany**, franked with a 10c deep rose lilac, tied by a duplex cancel, paying the 10c pre-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Montreal (DEC.13.1876) to Hamburg, Germany (Dec 29 receivers) via London. There is also a 2½d British accountability claim in red pen on front. Fine stamp on very fine cover, and a rare solo use of the 10c value on a pre-UPU cover to Germany. (Unitrade 40)
 **Est. \$2,000**



- 423** ✉ **1878 10c pre-UPU double weight preferred rate cover to Germany**, franked with two 5c olive green, both tied by duplex cancels, paying the 10c double weight pre-UPU preferred letter rate. Mailed from Montreal (FEB.8.1878) to Sachsen, Germany (receiver on back). Opened on two sides, still very fine and one of only four known pre-UPU preferred rate covers to Germany from the short period of April 1, 1877 to July 31, 1878. (Unitrade 38)

Provenance: John Ayre (1982), George Arfken (1997), Ted Nixon (2012).

Illustrated in: **Canada's Small Queen Era 1870-1897** by George Arfken, p.317; **Canada and the Universal Postal Union** by George Arfken, p.17.

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



- 424** ☒ **1883 15c UPU registered double weight cover to Prussia**, franked with 5c olive green vertical pair plus 5c green RLS, cancelled by light cork cancels, paying the 10c UPU double weight letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Eden, Ont. (MAY.11.1883 broken circle) to Niesky, Prussia (May 28 receiver on back), via Tillsonburg (May 11 c.d.s.), Hamilton (May 11 oval registration datestamp on back), Halifax (May 14 octagonal registration datestamp on front) and London (May 26 oval registration datestamp). There is also a lovely REGISTERED crown handstamp in red on front. A lovely cover, very fine. (Unitrade 38, F2)

5c RLS covers to foreign destinations prior to 1888 are quite scarce, with only six being recorded to Germany by Harrison, Arfken and Lussey.

Provenance: Vincent Graves Greene (handstamp on back), Harry Lussey (1999).

*Illustrated in: **Canada and the Universal Postal Union** by George Arfken, p.78.*

.....**Est. \$1,500**



- 425** ☒ **1892 10c UPU registered cover to Germany**, franked with 5c gray and 5c green RLS, both tied by a cork cancel and French transit cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Montreal (DEC.24.1892 c.d.s.) to Dresden, Germany (ideal Jan. 6 receiver on back) via Paris (red Paris Etranger/Charge-ments transit on front). Nice illustrated backflap, showing the St. Lawrence Hall building in Montreal. Small red pen dates written on front, still very fine. (Unitrade 42, F2)

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



- 426  **1893 5c UPU rate to Germany**, 3c red letter card uprated with 2c green, tied by a c.d.s. cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Sherbrooke, Qué. (JUL.5.1893) to Leipzig, Germany (part receiver on back). The card still retains both its side wings and has a light vertical bend, still very fine. (Unitrade 36, UL3) **Est. \$100**



- 427  **1891-1892 5c UPU rate covers to Germany**, two covers mailed from Toronto, one is franked with ten ½c blacks and the other (illustrated advertising, with small corner crease) is franked with 1c yellow (pair) and 3c vermilion. A lovely pair, showing two different frankings, very fine. (Unitrade 34, 35, 41) **Est. \$250**



- 428 **1892 5c UPU cover to Guatemala**, franked with a pair of 3c vermilion (lightly sulphurated), tied by squared circle precursors, overpaying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Ottawa (FEB.3.1892) to Guatemala. Reverse shows New Orleans transit c.d.s. and Guatemala receiver (Feb. 23) plus an illustration of St. Lawrence Hall in Montreal on the backflap, Fine-very fine. A scarce Latin America destination. (Unitrade 41)

..... Est. \$500



- 429 **1892 15c UPU registered cover to Guatemala**, franked with two 5c gray and 5c green RLS, tied by c.d.s. cancels, paying the 10c UPU double weight letter rate plus registration fee. Mailed from Saint John, NB (FEB.10.1892) to Guatemala (Feb. 23 partial receiver), via New York (Feb. 13) where US registration label was applied, and New Orleans (Feb. 16), Very light aging around edges and near stamps, fine. A scarce destination and one of only two known covers to Guatemala franked with a 5c RLS. Very fine. (Unitrade 42, F2)

Provenance: Harry Lussey (1999).

Illustrated in: **Canada's Small Queen Era 1870-1897** by George Arfken, p.339.

..... Est. \$1,250



430 ✉ **1896 5c UPU rate to Guatemala**, 2c green letter card uprated with 1c yellow and 2c green, both tied by duplex cancels, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Berlin, Ont. (JAN.20.1896) to Guatemala City, Guatemala (Feb. 10 receiver on back), via New Orleans, Louisiana. Very fine and rare Latin America destination. (Unitrade 35, 36, UL2a)

..... Est. \$600



431 ✉ **1871 22c pre-UPU cover to India**, franked with 1c orange and seven 3c dark rose, all tied by duplex cancels, paying the 22c pre-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Montreal (NOV.13.1871) to Bombay, India via London (Nov. 27) and with oval Sea Post Office backstamp (Dec. 10). In a lovely overall state of preservation with the stamps retaining the deep rich colour of the early printings, very fine. (Unitrade 35a, 37a)

A very impressive pre-UPU cover to India and, despite the 2014 discovery of ten covers from the Dickson correspondence (see lots 433 and 434), this cover is still likely the finest cover to India franked solely by Small Queen stamps, and one of only three sound covers with this particular franking.

Provenance: George Arfken (1997).

Illustrated in: Canada's Small Queen Era 1870-1897 by George Arfken, p.330, 364.

..... Est. \$4,500



432 ☒ **1871 22c pre-UPU rate cover to India**, franked with a 1c orange and seven 3c rose (one stamp replaced), all tied by duplex cancels, paying the 22c pre-UPU rate. Mailed from Montreal (NOV.10.1871) to Bombay, India, via London, England (Nov. 25) and with oval Sea Post Office backstamp (Dec. 10). Front markings include a 1d handstamp in red, plus a second claim in red crayon. Opened roughly at top, lightly affecting two stamps and faults on backflap. Fine and rare. (Unitrade 35a, 37a)

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



433 ☒ **1872 22c pre-UPU rate cover to India**, from the Dickson correspondence, franked with 2c green pair and three 6c yellow brown, all stamps from first Ottawa printing and cancelled by fancy hollowed-out 4-point star cancels (Lacelle #936, reported use from Jul. 1872 to Apr. 1875), paying the 22c pre-UPU rate. Mailed from Kingston (SEP.6.1872 inner broken circle) to Bengal, India, via London, England (Sep. 18). Markings on front include “Dead” manuscript notation, 1d handstamp in red and UNCLAIMED handstamp in red. Backstamps include two Sea Post Office datestamps (Oct. 4), Allalabad receiver (Oct. 29), Dead Letter Office datestamps from Bombay (Feb. 28) and from Canada (May 10). An impressive pre-UPU cover, very fine. (Unitrade 36, 39)

In 2014 a correspondence of ten 22c pre-UPU rate covers to Dr. J.R. Dickson was found. Dr. Dickson died shortly after reporting for duty in Allalabad, India. His death was reported in November 1872 issue of the *Canada Medical and Surgical Journal* reporting that “It is with regret and deep sympathy for the friends that we announce the death, by cholera, of Dr. John Dickson, son of Dr. J.R. Dickson, of Kingston, C.W. ... While on duty at Allalabad, India, Staff Assistant Surgeon Dr. Dickson was attacked, on the 11th ult., and for some hours was doing well, but a relapse set in and he expired on the morning of 13th, and was buried the same evening.” This cover was sent one week prior to Dr. Dickson’s death. Of the ten covers in this correspondence, only five are sound, of which three have this 2c and 6c franking.

.....**Est. \$4,000**



434 ✉ **1872 22c pre-UPU rate cover to India**, from the Dickson correspondence, franked with 1c yellow orange, 3c rose and three 6c yellow brown, all stamps from first Ottawa printing and cancelled by fancy hollowed-out 4-point star cancels (Lacelle #936, reported use from Jul. 1872 to Apr. 1875), paying the 22c pre-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Kingston (SEP.27.1872 inner broken circle) to Bengal, India, via London, England (Oct. 8). Marking on front include “Dead” manuscript notation, 1d handstamp in red and UNCLAIMED handstamp in red. Backstamps include Sea Post Office datestamp (Oct. 25), Allahabad receiver (Nov. 10), Dead Letter Office datestamp from Bombay (Feb. 28) and from Canada (May 10). An impressive pre-UPU cover, very fine. (Uni-trade 35a, 37a, 39)

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..... **Est. \$4,000**



- 435** **1889 10c UPU surtax and 1897 5c UPU covers to India**, first cover is franked with a 10c rose carmine, tied by a c.d.s., paying the 5c UPU letter rate plus 5c surtax, mailed from Dundas, Ont. (SEP.11.1889) to Cocanada via Hamilton and endorsed "via Brindisi". Very light aging, still fine-very fine (Provenance: Ted Nixon, 2012). Second cover is franked with a 5c gray, cancelled by broken circle datestamp, paying the 5c UPU letter rate, mailed from Wolfville, NS (OCT.21.1897) to Cocanada (receiver on back) with Sea Post Office transit backstamp, small tear, still very fine. (Unitrade 42, 45a)

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

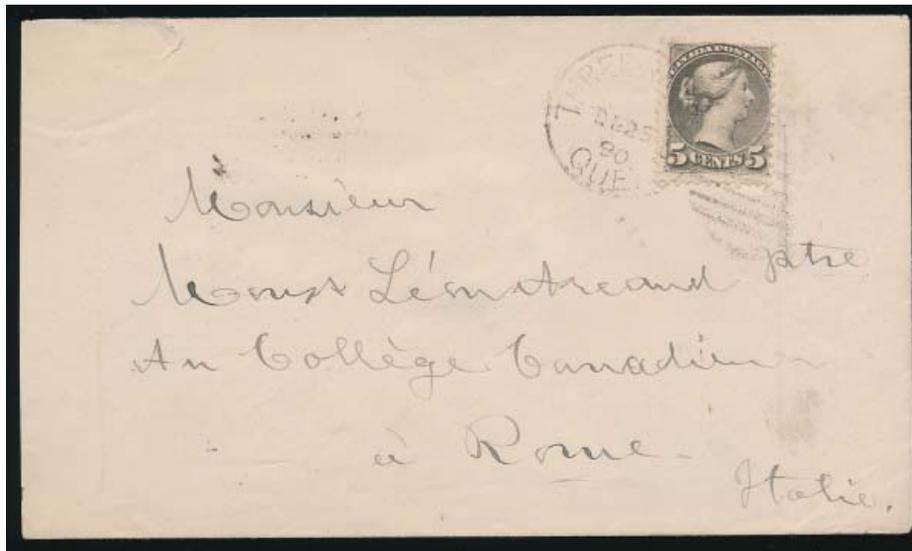


- 436** **1876 24c pre-UPU double weight cover to Italy**, franked with 1c yellow (3), 2c green (4), 3c and 5c olive green (pair), all perforated 11½x12, some with small faults, tied to each other and to cover by duplex cancels, paying the double weight pre-UPU letter rate plus 2c per ½ oz. for service via New York. Mailed from Québec (DEC.11.1876) to Modena, Italy (light receiver on back) through London (Dec 25), with 6d British claim in red crayon. A lovely and colourful cover and the only known example of this rate to Italy. Very fine. (Unitrade 35d, 36e, 37iii, 38a)

This is undoubtedly the most colourful pre-UPU Small Queen cover to Italy.

Provenance: George Arfken (1997).

.....**Est. \$5,000**



437 ✉ **1890 5c UPU cover to Italy**, franked with 5c gray, tied by a duplex cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed at Three Rivers, Qué. (DEC.25.1890) to Rome, Italy (ideal Jan. 1 squared circle receiver on back). Small tear at top left, still very fine. (Unitrade 42)

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



438 ✉ **1894 10c UPU registered cover to Italy**, franked with ½c black strip of four, 3c vermilion and 5c green RLS, tied by c.d.s. and "R" in oval cancels, paying the 5c UPU letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from St. Sauveur de Québec (MAY.21.1894) to Pisa, Italy (receivers on back) via Québec and London, England. A very clean and rare franking, as only four 5c RLS covers to Italy have been recorded by Harrison, Arfken and Lussey, this being the latest recorded example. Very fine. (Unitrade 34, 41, F2) Provenance: Harry Lussey (1999).

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



- 439 **1896 10c UPU double weight cover to Italy**, franked with 5c gray horizontal pair, tied by c.d.s. cancels, paying the 10c UPU double weight letter rate. Mailed from Montreal (MAY.27.1896) to Genoa, Italy (nice Jun. 6 squared circle receiver on back). Open on two sides and reduced at top, still very fine. Multiple weight covers to Italy are quite elusive. (Unitrade 42)
Est. \$500



- 440 **1882 10c UPU cover to Jamaica**, franked with 10c deep rose lilac, tied by a fancy propeller cork cancel, paying the 10c UPU double weight letter rate. Mailed from Wallaceburg, Ont. (AUG.17.1882) to Kingston, Island of Jamaica, West Indies (Sep. 1 receiver) via New York, redirected within Jamaica to Spanish Town (Sep. 1 receiver). Open on three sides, with vertical creases, piece of backflap missing and overall aging, still a nice franking. Fine. (Unitrade 40b)

Based on an unpublished census of 10c covers, there are only four recorded solo use of the 10c value to Jamaica.

Provenance: George Arfken (1997).

Illustrated in: **Canada and the Universal Postal Union** by George Arfken, p.26.

.....Est. \$1,250



- 441** ✉ **1888 5c UPU cover to Jamaica**, franked with 2c green and 3c orange red (sulphurated), tied by duplex cancels, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Toronto (JUN.5.1888) to Browns Town, Jamaica, West Indies (Jun. 15 receiver squared circle), via Kingston and St Anne's Bay, and redirected to Claremont (light receiver). Endorsed "via New York". Missing backflap, fine-very fine. (Unitrade 36, 37)

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



- 442** ✉ **1886 5c UPU cover to Japan**, franked with 5c slate green, tied by duplex, paying the 5c UPU rate. Mailed from Hamilton (MAY.25.1886) to Tokyo, Japan, endorsed "via San Francisco". Japanese receivers on front and back (Yokohama, Jun. 19). Small part backflap missing, still very fine and an early cover to this exotic destination; very few exist prior to 1890. (Unitrade 38)

Provenance: George Arfken (1997), S.J. Menich (2000), Ted Nixon (2012).

*Illustrated in: **Canada and the Universal Postal Union** by George Arfken.*

.....**Est. \$750**



- 443** **1887 10c UPU double weight cover to Japan**, Canadian Pacific Railway Company envelope franked with 5c olive green pair, tied by duplex cancels, paying the 10c UPU double weight letter rate. Mailed from Montreal (JUN.27.1887) to Tokyo, Japan via Windsor and San Francisco, with translation of address in Japanese on front in red crayon. Stain on back and a few small closed tears, still fine-very fine and scarce double weight cover to Japan. (Unitrade 38)

Provenance: John Ayre (1982).

.....Est. \$750



- 444** **1888 5c UPU cover to Japan**, franked with 5c olive green, tied by a duplex cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate to Japan. Mailed from St. Catharines (NOV.10.1888) to Tokyo, Japan via Hamilton, Windsor and San Francisco (all backstamps). The front has four small scrolls affixed, being directional markings or translations of the address, all neatly written in Japanese, each with a datestamp. The reverse also shows Japanese chops. A few faults, still a desirable cover, fine. (Unitrade 38)

Provenance: Bill Simpson (1996), S.J. Menich (2000).

.....Est. \$500



- 445** ✉ **1897 5c UPU cover to Mexico**, franked with 1c yellow pair and 3c vermilion, tied by a complete Bickerdike “D” machine flag cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Toronto (DEC.25.1897) to San Geronimo, Oaxaca State, Mexico (three different Mexican receivers, one is dated Dec. 31). Pristine cover to an scarce destination, very fine. Rarely, if ever, seen this nice. (Unitrade 35, 41)

Provenance: John Siverts (1989).

.....Est. \$500



- 446** ✉ **1874 1c pre-UPU post card to Newfoundland**, 1c blue post card uprated with 1c orange, perforated 11½x12, tied by a duplex cancel, overpaying the pre-UPU 1c post card rate by 1c as the sender believed an additional stamp was required. Mailed at Montreal (MAY.11.1874) to Newfoundland, endorsed “per Nova Scotian via Portland”. Adhesions on reverse (message cannot be read), but still very fine and a rare pre-UPU post card to Newfoundland. (Unitrade 35d, UX1)

Provenance: George Arfken (2014).

.....Est. \$300



- 447** **1880 5c UPU cover to Newfoundland**, franked with 2c green and 3c orange red, both tied by fancy cork cancels, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from St. John, NB (JUL.19.1880) to St. John's, Newfoundland (Jul. 23 receiver), via Halifax (Jul. 20). Very fine early example of the 5c UPU rate, an unassuming but quite scarce rate. (Unitrade 36, 37)

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



- 448** **1892 10c UPU registered cover to Newfoundland**, franked with 2c green, 3c vermilion (sulphurated) and 5c green RLS, all tied by fancy cork cancels, paying the 5c UPU letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Commanda, Ont. (AUG.25.1892 broken circle) to Heart's Content, Newfoundland (Sep. 6 receiver broken circle) via Toronto, Halifax and St. John's. Overall toning, small tears and scissor cut next to the 2c (not affecting stamp), fine. This is the latest of the two recorded covers to Newfoundland bearing a 5c RLS. (Unitrade 36i, 41, F2)

Provenance: Harry Lussey (1999).

Illustrated in: **Canada's Small Queen Era 1870-1897** by George Arfken, p.281.

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



- 449  **1877 22c pre-UPU cover to New South Wales**, franked with 5c olive green and 10c deep rose lilac pair, all tied by duplex cancels, overpaying the 20c pre-UPU letter rate (via Detroit, New York and Brindisi) plus 2c fee for service via New York. Mailed from Montreal (AUG.20.1877) to Goulburn, New South Wales, Australia (Oct. 12 receiver) via Sydney (Oct. 12 transit). There is a “10” US claim in red, manually altered to “12” in red crayon (changed to reflect the proper US claim amount). Rates to the Australian States often changed in the 1870s and postal clerks and patrons would sometimes purposely over-frank covers to ensure full prepayment and proper delivery, and reduce the likelihood of fees and penalties having to be levied from the recipient. Very fine, rare and one of the finest known 10c frankings to Australia. (Unitrade 38, 40b)

Provenance: Don Bowen “Ten” collection (1995).

..... Est. \$5,000



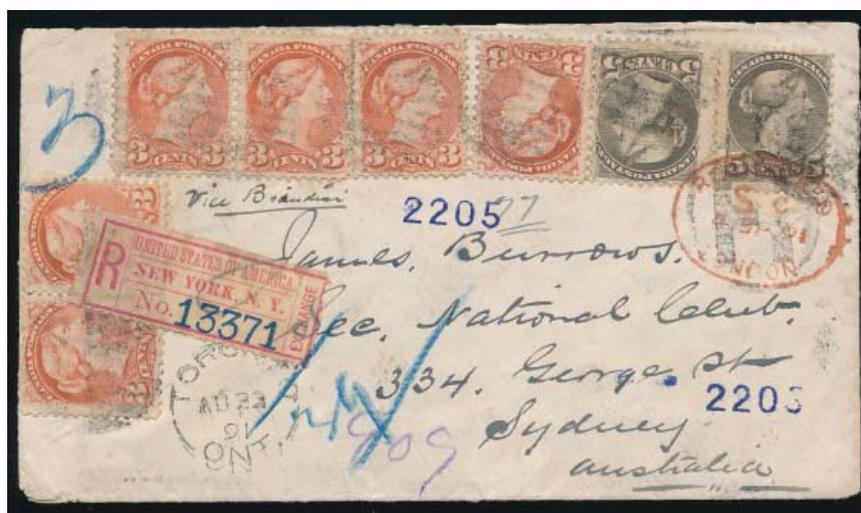
- 450  **1887 15c pre-UPU cover to New South Wales**, franked with a (faulty) strip of three 5c olive green, tied by target cancels, paying the 15c pre-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Bloomfield, Ont. (FEB.3.1887 broken circle) to Sydney, New South Wales, Australia (Mar 14 receiver) through Windsor and San Francisco. With “45c” claim in red crayon on front. Slight edge wear and a crease at top, still a scarce rate and fine. (Unitrade 38)

..... Est. \$600



- 451** **1887 15c pre-UPU cover to New South Wales**, franked with 3c red (two pairs and a single), tied by duplex cancels, paying the 15c pre-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Montreal (NOV.25.1887) to Sydney, New South Wales (JAN.11.1888 receiver on back) via Windsor (Nov. 26) and San Francisco (Dec. 4), with San Francisco Steam Ship c.d.s. (Dec. 15), then redirected to Suez. There is a cut out piece on back and opened a bit roughly at top, still fine and a scarce destination. (Unitrade 37)

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



- 452** **1891 25c non-UPU registered letter rate cover to New South Wales**, franked with 3c vermilion (two pairs and two singles) plus two 5c gray, all tied by grid cancels, overpaying the 15c non-UPU letter rate for service via Southampton, England, plus 10c registration fee. Mailed from Toronto (AUG.23.1891) to Sydney, New South Wales, Australia (Oct. 9 receiver) via Windsor (Aug. 24), Chicago (Aug. 25), New York (Aug. 27) and London (Sep. 4) and endorsed "via Brindisi". Fine-very fine and believed to be a unique rate and routing. (Unitrade 41, 42)

Letters to New South Wales were normally sent at the 12c non-UPU rate using the trans-Pacific route via San Francisco. This cover was sent to New South Wales using the more expensive 15c rate using the slower trans-Atlantic route via Southampton and Brindisi route, and is believed to be the only such recorded cover. In addition, it is also believed to be the only cover to an Australian State at the 10c registration fee.

..... Est. \$2,500



453 ✉ **1896 10c UPU registered cover to New South Wales**, 1c blue stationery envelope franked with ½c black (block of 4 plus block of 15 on reverse), cancelled by c.d.s. cancels, paying the 5c UPU letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Halifax (FEB.18.1896) to Sydney, New South Wales, Australia (Mar. 30 receiver) via Montreal (Mar. 20) and Vancouver. The cover is opened on all four sides for better display and is otherwise very fine. (Unitrade 34, U5)

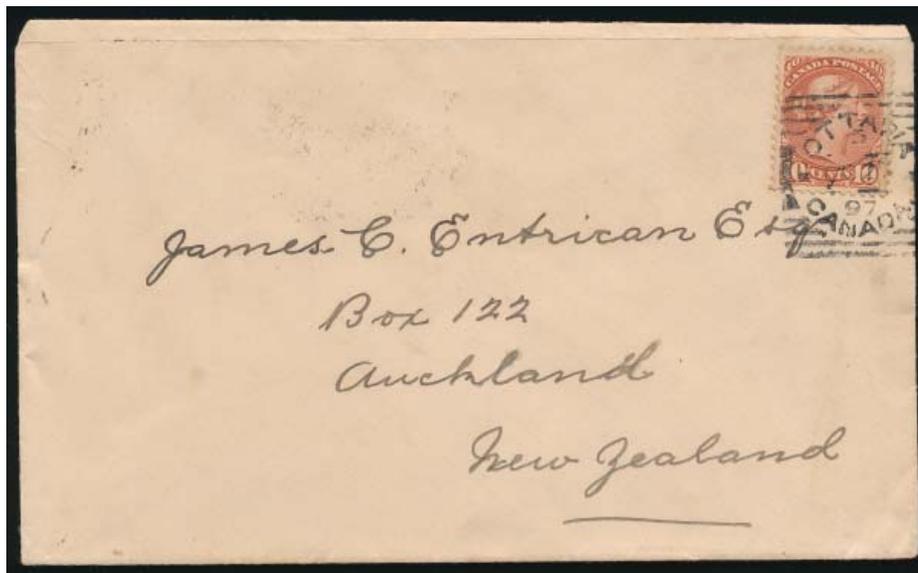
Provenance: George Arfken (1997).

Illustrated in: **Canada's Small Queen Era 1870-1897** by George Arfken, p.378.

.....Est. \$250



- 454 **1890 12c non-UPU cover to New Zealand**, franked 6c yellow brown pair, tied by fancy cork cancels, paying the 12c non-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Guelph to Auckland, New Zealand (Oct. 11 receiver) via Windsor and San Francisco. Opened roughly at right and small tear at top, still a scarce rate and fine-very fine. (Unitrade 39)
Est. \$750



- 455 **1897 10c double weight UPU cover to New Zealand**, franked with a well centered 10c brown red, tied by a squared circle, paying the 10c double weight UPU letter rate. Mailed from Ottawa (OCT.23.1897) to Auckland, New Zealand (Dec. 1 receiver) via Vancouver, BC (Nov. 2) and San Francisco (Nov. 7). Some paper adhesion on reverse, but still very attractive and very fine. A rare rate and franking as there are only two recorded 10c single franking covers to New Zealand. (Unitrade 45)
Est. \$750



456 ✉ **1876 12c pre-UPU letter rate cover to Norway**, franked with 2c green and 5c olive green pair, all perforated 11½x12 and tied by duplex cancels, paying the 10c pre-UPU letter rate plus 2c per ½ oz. for service via New York. Mailed at Québec (AUG.7.1876) to Tonsberg, Norway, via London, with 2d British claim in red crayon. A rare pre-UPU rate and destination. Cover is in pristine condition, very fine and has a stellar provenance, having graced many of the most advanced Small Queen postal history collections. (Unitrade 36e, 38a)

Provenance: Charles de Volpi (1966), Vincent Greene (1975), John Ayre (1982), George Arfken (1997), S.J. Menich (2000).

*Illustrated in: **Canada's Small Queen Era 1870-1897** by George Arfken, p.323.*

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



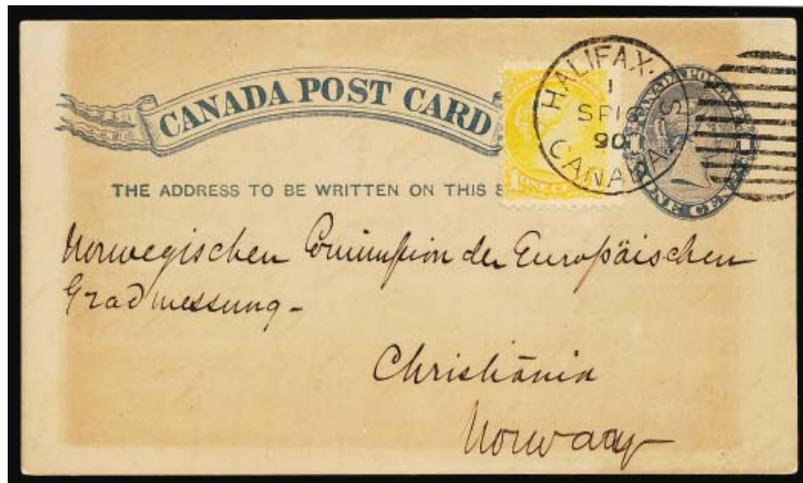
457 ✉ **1886 5c UPU cover to Norway**, franked with 5c olive green, tied by duplex cancels, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Halifax (JUN.7.1886) to Langesund, Norway. Small opening tears at top, still a scarce destination, fine-very fine. (Unitrade 38)

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



458 ✉ **1887 2c double weight UPU printed circular to Norway**, Meteorological Office report franked with 2c green, tied by a duplex cancel, paying the 2c double weight printed matter rate. Mailed from Toronto (FEB.8.1887) to Trondheim, Norway via London (Feb. 21 transit on back). Pristine condition, fresh and extremely fine. In all likelihood the finest quality printed matter rate cover to Norway. (Unitrade 36)

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



- 459  **1890 2c UPU post card Norway**, 1c slate blue post card uprated with 1c yellow, tied by a duplex cancel, paying the 2c UPU post card rate. Mailed from Halifax (SEP.16.1890) to Christiania, Norway (now Oslo). Bit of discoloration on front, but still a scarce post card destination. Very fine. (Unitrade 35, UX7b)
Est. \$200



- 460  **1890s 10c UPU cover to the Philippines**, 3c red stationery envelope uprated with 1/2c black pair and 3c pair, all tied by duplex cancels, paying the 10c double weight UPU letter rate. Mailed from Montreal (Dec. 31, no year date) to Iloilo, Philippines (partial receiver on back). Toning, including on stamps, but a rare destination for Small Queen covers with only two covers recorded. Fine. (Unitrade 34, 41, U4)
Est. \$500



- 461** ✉ **1877 16c pre-UPU cover to Portugal**, franked with 1c yellow orange, perforated 11½x12, and 5c olive green strip of three, all cancelled with neat target cancels, paying the old 16c pre-UPU letter rate. Mailed at Gaspé Basin, Qué. (FEB.28.1877) to Lisbon, Portugal (Mar. 27 receiver on back) via Québec (Mar. 7) and London, England (Mar. 21), and with FRANCA paid handstamp applied upon arrival in Portugal. For a period of three months (Oct. 1875 to Jan. 1876) the letter rate to Portugal was reduced from 28c to 16c, prior to being further reduced to 10c. This cover was mailed in the 10c rate period, but franked at the old 16c rate, probably due to the postmaster not being aware of the change, or the sender wanting to ensure that the cover was sent fully prepaid. A lovely and clean cover, with illustrated advertising from John LeBouthillier & Co. depicting drying cod fish, pristine and extremely fine. (Unitrade 35d, 38)

This much-heralded cover has always been considered to be one of the most important and desirable Small Queen covers in existence due to the combination of a rare destination and rate, the rarity of illustrated pre-UPU covers, and the overall quality and attractiveness of the stamps and envelope. One of the highlights of the Cantor collection and a rare opportunity for a collector to become the next custodian of this fantastic cover which has graced several important Small Queen collections.

Provenance: Charles de Volpi (1966), "November" collection (1994), S.J. Menich (2000).

*Illustrated in: **Canada's Small Queen Era 1870-1897** by George Arfken, p.321.*

..... **Est. \$6,000**



462 ✉ **1882 27c non-UPU cover to Saint Helena**, franked with 1c yellow pair and 5c olive green (block of five) tied by fancy crossroads cork cancels and a duplex, paying the 27c non-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Halifax, NS (APR.8.1882) to Saint Helena via London (Apr. 18) with red London Ship Letter datestamp applied on the same day). A wonderfully rare cover to a most distant destination. The cover has been sensibly stiffened (due to the frail nature of the envelope), and has a some aging at top, fine-very fine. A very rare destination. (Unitrade 35i, 38)

Small Queen covers to Saint Helena are exceptionally rare, with only three having been recorded (two are in the Cantor collection). This particular cover is the earliest recorded cover from Canada to the island of Saint. Helena and is one of two recorded paying the 27c non-UPU rate. Saint Helena was likely the most remote destination during the Small Queen era, being situated approximately 2,000 kilometers off the coast of Africa, in the Southwest Atlantic Ocean. This represents a rare opportunity as this is the first time that one of the 27c non-UPU covers to Saint Helena is offered at public auction. In our opinion, this is one of the most important Small Queen covers, and a highlight of the Cantor collection.

..... **Est. \$7,500**



- 463 **1897 5c UPU rate cover to St. Helena**, 2c green stationery cover uprated with three ½c, 1c yellow and 2c green, tied by smudge cancel and machine flag cancel, overpaying the 5c UPU rate to St. Helena. Mailed from Montreal (JAN.27.1897) to St. Helena Island off Coast Africa (Mar 7 receiver on front). Overall creases and bends, no backstamps, fine. A rare and remote destination in this era and the only recorded UPU rate Small Queen cover to St. Helena. (Unitrade 34, 35, 36i, U7)
Est. \$400



- 464 **1892 2c postcard rate from St. Kitts**, 1c slate green "scroll" post card reply portion uprated with ½c black pair, an improvised reply post card, tied by A12 numeral grid, paying the 2c UPU post card rate. Mailed from St. Kitts (JAN.14.1892) to Montreal (Feb. 2 receiver) via Halifax (Jan 31). Very fine. Rare, being one of only four known examples of an improvised international reply post card (the others being from St. Lucia and Tortola, from the same correspondence as the post card offered here, and also an example from Danish East Indies uprated with foreign stamps). (Unitrade 34, UX7)

Provenance: George Arfken (1997).

Illustrated in: **Canada's Small Queen Era 1870-1897** by George Arfken; **Canada and the Universal Postal Union** by George Arfken, p.99.

.....Est. \$1,500



465 ✉ **1877 12c pre-UPU cover to St. Thomas**, with some (invisible) professional restoration, franked with 1c yellow orange and four 3c red orange (single and strip of three), all perforated 11½x12 and tied by broken circle datestamps, overpaying the 12c pre-UPU letter rate, having mistaken the old 13c rate via New York. Mailed from Nova Scotia, with Amherst & Halifax Intercolonial RR (East) railway Post Office cancel (JUN.18.1877) to St. Thomas, West Indies (Jul. 17 receiver on back), via Halifax (Jun. 18). A fresh and very fine cover with great eye appeal. A rare rate and destination, with only three 12c pre-UPU rate covers to St. Thomas having been recorded, and unique with this franking. (Unitrade 35d, 37iii)

Provenance: George Arfken (1997), S.J. Menich (2000).

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



466 ✉ **1894 5c UPU cover to Sandwich Islands (Hawaii)**, franked with ten ½c black (one has missing piece), tied by duplex cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Spadina Ave. Toronto (MAY.17.1894) to Honolulu, Sandwich Islands (Jun. 5 receiver duplex on back) via Windsor (May 18) and San Francisco (May 23). Opened on two sides, with light stains, still an attractive cover to this exotic destination. Fine-very fine. (Unitrade 34)

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



- 467 **1895 5c UPU cover to Seychelles Islands**, 1c blue stationery envelope uprated with 1/2c black pair and 3c vermilion, all tied with squared circles, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Winnipeg, Man. (JUL.19.1895) to Mahe, Seychelles Islands (Aug. 16 receiver) via London, England, then **redirected to Mauritius** (Oct. 26 receiver on back) and finally sent to the Dead Letter Office in Canada (three backstamps, Feb. 11, Feb. 14, 1896), with ADVERTISED / UNCLAIMED handstamp. Very fine and two very rare destinations on one cover. (Unitrade 34, 41, U5)

This cover ranks amongst the most desirable 5c UPU rate covers, as only two Small Queen covers have been recorded to Seychelles, and only a handful to Mauritius (other than the cover offered, none of the Mauritius covers are at the "simple" 5c UPU rate). It could also arguably be considered as one of the most desirable squared circle covers extant.

..... Est. \$2,500



- 468 **1896 10c UPU cover to Siam**, franked with a pair of 5c gray (minor perf faults), tied by squared circles, paying the 10c double weight UPU letter rate. Mailed from St. John, NB (MAR.18.1896) to Bangkok, Siam (May 3 receiver) sent the long way around via London, England (Mar. 28). Roughly opened at top plus a few small creases, still fine-very fine and rare. (Unitrade 42)

Only four Small Queen covers are recorded to Siam, all addressed to John Barrett, one of which has had a stamp replaced, thus leaving only three collectible covers to this exotic destination.

Provenance: George Arfken (1997), Ted Nixon (2012).

Illustrated in: **Canada's Small Queen Era 1870-1897** by George Arfken, p.387; **Canada and the Universal Postal Union** by George Arfken, p.29.

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



- 469  **1896 5c UPU cover to Somaliland**, franked with 2c green and 3c vermilion, tied by squared circles, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Ottawa (NOV.3.1896) to Berbera, Somaliland (Nov. 26 receiver) via Aden (Nov. 23 transit). A lovely cover, expertly restored at edges, fine-very fine. (Unitrade 36i, 41)

This is the only recorded Small Queen cover to Somaliland, an African British Protectorate. In 1888, after the signature of treaties, the British established a protectorate referred to as British Somaliland. The British garrisoned the protectorate from Aden and administered it from British India until 1898.

..... Est. \$2,000



- 470  **1896 2c UPU post card to South Africa**, 1c black "rosette" post card uprated with 1c yellow, tied by a squared circle, paying the 2c UPU post card rate. Mailed from Halifax (OCT.27.1896) to Johannesburg, South Africa Republic (Dec. 4 receiver). A few creases, still a very fine card. (Unitrade 35, UX11)

..... Est. \$200



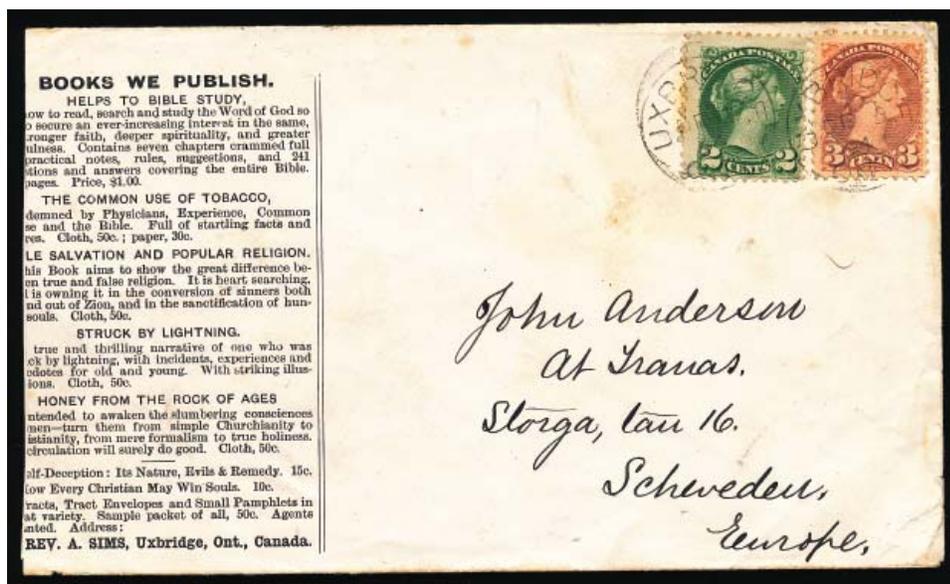
- 471** ✉ **1877 8c pre-UPU cover to South Australia**, franked with 1c yellow, 2c green and two 6c yellow brown, all perforated 11½x12 and tied by duplex cancels, overpaying the 8c pre-UPU letter rate. Mailed from London, Ont. (JAN.5.1877) to Adelaide, South Australia (Mar. 3 receiver) via Detroit (and endorsed "via California") with a "5" US claim handstamp. While the rate to South Australia at that time was 8c, the rate to the other Australian States was 15c, which probably explains the confusion as to why this cover was overpaid. A very attractive cover with lovely overall quality, with each stamp having fresh colour and the cover being crisp and pristine. An extremely fine cover, and likely the finest pre-UPU Small Queen cover to Australia. Rare, as this is one of only two known covers sent to South Australia at the 15c "rate". (Unitrade 35vii, 36e, 39b)

..... **Est. \$4,500**



472 ✉ **1891 5c UPU cover to Sweden**, franked with a 5c gray, tied by a duplex cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Winnipeg, Man. (NOV.24.1891) to Stockhol, Sweden (Dec 10 receiver on back), redirected within the city (three different Dec 18 receivers). Couple of very light wrinkles, but a scarce destination and very fine.(Unitrade 42)

.....Est. \$250



473 ✉ **1894 5c UPU cover to Sweden**, franked with 2c green and 3c vermilion, both tied by a c.d.s. cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Uxbridge, Ont. (DEC.5.1894) to Sweden (Dec. 17 receiver on back). Content is book publishing advertising, which lists some popular titles of this publisher. Reduced at left, still very fine and a scarce destination. (Unitrade 36, 41)

.....Est. \$250



- 474 ☒ **1873 10c pre-UPU cover to Switzerland**, blue-green envelope franked with 2c green horizontal pair and 6c yellow brown, all tied by three fancy segmented cork cancels, paying the 10c pre-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Ottawa, Ont. (JUN.13.1873) to Chur, Switzerland (Jun. 27 receiver on back) via London and Belgium. From Feb. 1, 1870 to Jul. 31, 1878 the rate was only 10c rate if routed via Belgium, as opposed to the regular 24c rate applicable if routed via France. A rare early pre-UPU rate from the Colonel Christ correspondence, tiny cover nick at upper left, still very fine. (Unitrade 36, 39)

Provenance: Ted Nixon (2012).

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



- 475 ☒ **1890 15c UPU double weight registered cover to Switzerland**, 3c red stationery cover uprated with ½c (pair), 1c yellow, 3c vermilion, 5c grey and 2c orange RLS, all tied by grid cancels, paying the 10c UPU double weight letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Halifax, NS (DEC.10.1890) to Geneva, Switzerland (Dec 21 receiver on back) via London, England. A very colourful cover and scarce rate, Very fine. (Unitrade 34, 35, 41, 42, F1, U6)

Provenance: Harry Lussey (1999).

.....Est. \$750



- 476  **1893 5c UPU cover to Switzerland**, franked with 2c green and 3c vermilion, both tied by grid cancels, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Yorkville, Ont. (FEB.18.1893) to Lausanne, Switzerland (Mar 3 receivers on back). Clean and very fine. (Unitrade 36, 41)
Est. \$100



- 477  **1893 15c double weight UPU registered cover to Switzerland**, 3c red stationery envelope uprated with a 2c green, 5c gray and 5c green RLS, tied by various cancels, paying the 10c double weight UPU letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Notre-Dame-de-Lévis, Qué. (AUG.21.1893) to Yverdon, Switzerland (Sep. 21 receivers on back), via indistinct RPO, Montreal and London. A colourful cover with a few light creases, still a scarce rate and franking. Very fine. (Unitrade 36, 42, F2, U6)

Only six covers bearing a 5c RLS were recorded in Canada's Registered Mail by Harrison, Arfken and Lussey, with this cover not being part of this list.

.....Est. \$500



- 478** **1895 10c UPU registered cover to Switzerland**, franked with 10c rose carmine, tied by two c.d.s. cancels, paying the 5c UPU letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Yorkville (FEB.16.1895) to Lausanne, Switzerland (Mar. 1 receiver on back) via Toronto and London, England. Scarce solo use of the 10c value, minor edge tears, very fine. (Unitrade 45a)

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



- 479** **1896 1c UPU third class printed matter rate cover to Switzerland**, franked with a 1c yellow, tied by a c.d.s., paying the UPU printed matter rate. Mailed from Québec (DEC.29.1896) to Geneva, Switzerland. A lovely small cover (84x52 mm), with its backflap still unsealed, fresh and very fine. (Unitrade 35)

Provenance: Victor Willson (2013).

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



- 480** ✉ **1889 12c non-UPU cover to Tasmania**, franked with 5c olive green and 10c magenta, both tied by grid cancels, overpaying the 12c non-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Regina, ASSA (MAR.4.1889) to New Town, Tasmania (May 6 receiver) via Victoria, BC (Mar. 7), San Francisco (Apr. 7) and Hobart (May 6). The rate to Tasmania had long been 15c, and had recently (Jan 1, 1889) been changed to 12c but the postal clerk was probably not aware of this change. Small pieces of backflap missing, still a very fine cover to a rare destination. (Unitrade 38, 40a)

Provenance: George Arfken (1997).

Illustrated in: Canada's Small Queen Era 1870-1897 by George Arfken, p.376.

.....**Est. \$1,500**



- 481** ✉ **1888 5c UPU cover to Turkey**, 1c blue stationery envelope uprated with 1c yellow and a 3c orange red, tied by duplex cancels, paying the 5c UPU letter rate. Mailed from Quebec (JAN.2.1888) to Constantinople, Turkey (British Post Office receiver Jan. 23). An immaculate and extremely fine cover. (Unitrade 35i, 37, U5)

Provenance: John Siverts (1989).

.....**Est. \$750**



- 482** **1889 10c UPU registered cover to Turkey**, 1c blue stationery envelope uprated with two pairs of ½c black, 2c green and 5c green RLS, all tied by “R” in oval cancels, paying the 5c UPU letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Forest, Ont. (MAR.12.1889) to Constantinople, Turkey (British Post Office Mar. 31 receiver) via Sarnia & Stratford RPO and London, England. Some stamp toning, but still very attractive and important cover as there are only two covers recorded to Turkey franked with a 5c RLS. Fine-very fine. (Unitrade 34, 36, F2, U5)

Provenance: John Ayre (1982), George Arfken (1997), S.J. Menich (2000).

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

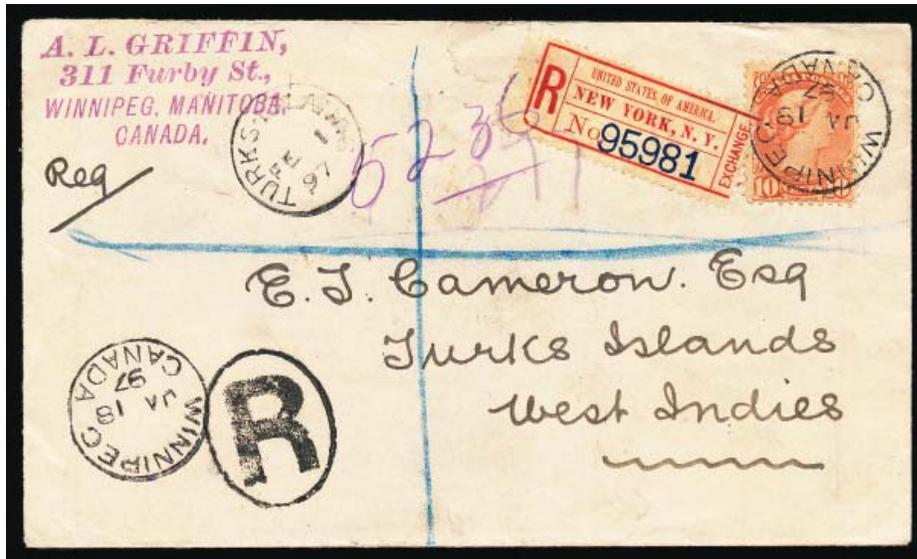


- 483** **1895 10c UPU registered cover to the Turks Islands**, franked with 2c green (strip of three and pair), tied by duplex cancels, paying the 5c UPU letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Bathurst St., Toronto (DEC 28.1895) to Turks Island, West Indies, via New York (Dec. 31). Attractive and fresh, very fine. A rare destination, as we record only three registered covers to the Turks Islands, unique with this franking. (Unitrade 36i)

Provenance: George Arfken (1997).

*Illustrated in: **Canada’s Small Queen Era 1870-1897** by George Arfken, p.294; **Canada and the Universal Postal Union** by George Arfken, p.72.*

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



484 ✉ **1897 10c UPU registered cover to the Turks Islands**, franked with 10c salmon pink, tied by a c.d.s. cancel, paying the 5c UPU letter rate plus 5c registration fee. Mailed from Winnipeg, Man. (JAN.18.1897) to Turks Islands, West Indies (Feb. 1 receiver on front) via Montreal (Jan. 21) and New York (Jan. 24) where US registration label was applied. A lovely cover, very fine. A rare destination and use of the 10c value, with only two covers recorded to Turks Islands bearing only a 10c stamp. (Unitrade 45b)

Provenance: Bill Simpson (1996).

..... Est. \$2,500



485 ✉ **1879 15c non-UPU cover to Victoria**, franked with 3c orange red (strip of three plus two singles), all tied by duplex cancels, paying the 15c non-UPU letter rate. Mailed from Hamilton (DEC.24.1879) to Ballaarat, Victoria, Australia (Feb. 18 receiver) via Windsor, San Francisco and Melbourne. Cover was stamped on front with boxed "UNCLAIMED AT / BALLAARAT", and returned to Canada via the Dead Letter Branch/Office with D.L.B (Australian) and D.L.O. (US and Canadian) datestamps on reverse. Minor edge wrinkling, fine-very fine. A scarce rate and destination, but rarely seen in this lovely quality. (Unitrade 37)

Provenance: Bill Simpson (1996).

..... Est. \$2,000



- 486 **Group of seven 1c uprated overseas post cards**, with 1888 Montreal to Switzerland (via Paris), 1896 Long Point to Paris, 1894 Niagara Falls (with picture on message side) to Germany via Hamilton (crease), 1894 Toronto to Holland (bit of aging), 1897 Toronto to England, 1897 Windsor to Germany redirected, overpaid by ½c (corner crease) and 1892 Montreal to Holland (this one is uprated with a pair ½c). A nice group, mostly very fine. (Unitrade 34, 35)
**Est. \$250**