

More uses of the 10¢ small queen

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RECENTLY, I had access to the 10¢ small queen covers in the Brigham Collection, and I thought it would be appropriate to use these to update George A Arfken's excellent article [A]. In his article, Arfken provides a survey of some 240 ten cent covers. The Brigham Collection contains another 52 unlisted 10¢ covers, including a second cover bearing the earliest date of use (Figure 1). As well, with the Brigham Collection holdings, I can update the information for 13 other covers in Arfken's survey.

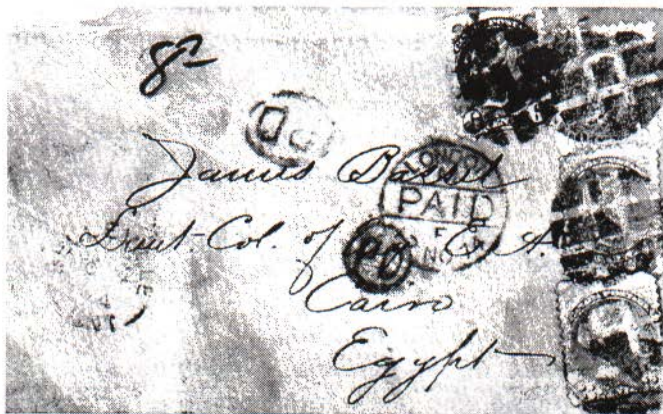


Figure 1. Belleville–Cairo (1874)

The earliest known date of use of the 10¢ small queen, 2 November 1874. The only reported pre-UPU small queen cover to Egypt. The stamp is pale lilac magenta perf $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$.

The listings for the new (Table 2) and updated (Table 3) covers will be in a format similar to that of [A]. As almost all of these covers are in the Brigham Collection, the “Ref” column will be replaced by a comments column.

The distributions by destination and registration in Arfken's Table 2 (op. cit.) are updated. There is no marked difference in the percentages. The only significant change is an increase in the number of covers to the United Kingdom, and the corresponding decrease in the number of covers to the rest of the world. This decrease should be expected, as the rest of the world figures are artificially inflated by the 71 covers to India, of which 54 come from the Baskerville correspondence.

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Table 1. 10¢ small queen covers by destination

Destination	not reg'd	reg'd	total	[A] %	new %
Domestic	(1) 26	10	36	13	12
United States	7	4	11	4	4
United Kingdom	55	20	75	21	25
rest of world	148	26	174	62	58
unidentified	3	0	3	1	1
Totals	239	60	299		

(1) At least two of these may be parcel post.

Percentages are rounded to the nearest integer; small differences are not significant.—ed

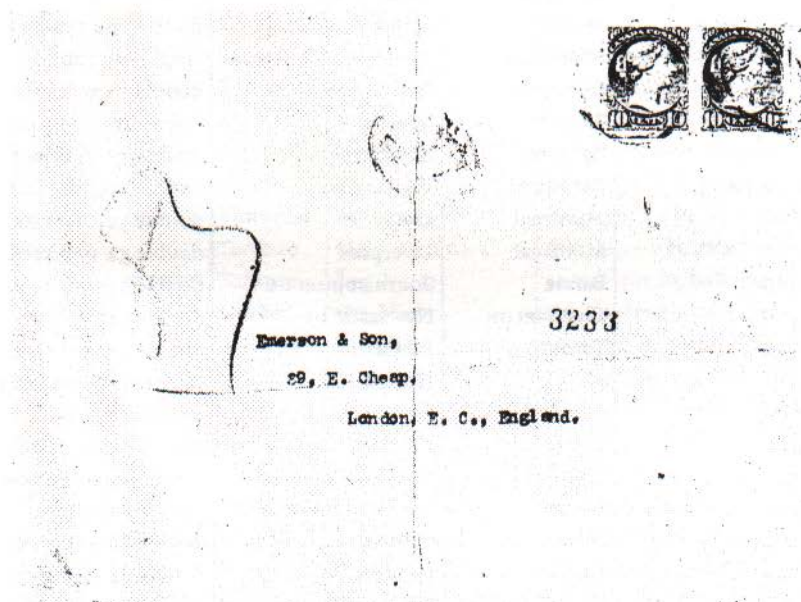


Figure 2. Imperforate pair (1900)

Ten cents pale lake brown paying the registered triple UPU rate to the British Isles. Posted at Montreal on 21 August 1900 and backstamped at London nine days later.

The few occurrences of "20" in the *stamps* column in Tables 2a & 2b refer to the widow weeds issue, and of course "RLS" refers to registered letter stamp. An unmodified city name (such as Paris, London, Cairo, etc), means the large city, not the place in southern Ontario. The notation SM, # refers to the SJ Menich collection with lot #, as given in the Firby auction of 22 June 2000, which are not part of the Brigham Collection's updates.

Table 2a. New 10¢ small queen covers to 1889

Date	stamps	from	to	comments
2 NO 74	10, 6, 3, 1	Belleville	Cairo	20¢ single rate (1)
29 JY 76	10	Quebec	Tönsberg, Norway	to Norway via London
28 AU 76	10	St Thomas ON	London	double 5¢ rate
14 FE 77	10	Ottawa	Gulleyhem, Belgium	10¢ pre-UPU rate
7 JU 77	10 (× 2)	Montreal	Marseilles	double 10¢ rate
5 SE 77	10	Gaspé Bassin QC	Paris	double 10¢
6 SE 77	10, 3	Toronto	Stratford UK?	5¢ preferential rate
20 SE 77	10	R du L QC (2)	Clitheroe UK	double 5¢ rate
22 OC 77	10, 3	Alliston ON	Tackingham UK	5¢ + 8¢ reg'n
23 DE 77	10 (× 2)	Montreal	Mons, Belgium	double 10¢ pre-UPU rate
23 JY 78	10	Stellarton	La Ville Dieu, France	single 10¢ rate
4 AU 78	10	Saint John	Edinburgh	double 5¢ UPU rate
28 DE 78	10	Toronto	Madras	10¢ 8/78-7/79 rate
26 MR 79	10	Toronto	Edinburgh	double 5¢ UPU rate
11 DE 79	10 (× 3)	Ottawa ON	Wellington NZ	double 15¢ rate
4 JU 80	10	Montreal	Liverpool	double 5¢ UPU rate
25 JU 80	10	Montreal	Liverpool	double 5¢ UPU rate
4 OC 80	10	Barrie	Southampton UK	double 5¢ UPU rate
23 JA 81	10	Chatham ON	Newcastle UK	double 5¢ UPU rate (3)
10 JU 81	10	Toronto	Bixton UK	double 5¢ UPU rate
c 82	10	?	Harold, Dakota Terr	patterns & samples rate
10 FE 82	10	Toronto	New Orleans	3×3¢; overpaid
7 JY 82	10	Halifax	London	double 5¢ UPU rate
2 JY 83	10, 2	Stanstead	Buctouche NB	parcel post, double 6¢/4oz
3 MR 84	var	(4) Guelph	Sydney, Australia	(SM, 88) see note
10 MR 84	10	Ottawa	Cannes	double 5¢ UPU rate
13 SE 84	10	Toronto	London	double 5¢ UPU rate
11 DE 84	10	Laurentides QC	Fribourg, Switzerland	double 5¢ UPU rate
16 DE 85	10	Toronto	Falmouth, Jamaica	10¢ rate via Halifax
3 NO 86	10	Halifax	London	double 5¢ UPU rate
10 AU 87	10 (× 2)	Halifax	Liverpool	quadruple 5¢ UPU rate
22 JY 87	10, 5 RLS	Granby QC	Birmingham	double 5¢ rate & 5¢ reg'n
2 MY 88	10	Charlottetown	Rio de Janeiro	double 5¢ UPU rate
? AU 89	10, 3 (× 2), 2 RLS	Shediac NB	Moncton	4×3¢ + 5¢ reg'n; overpaid
30 NO 89	10	Montreal	Buenos Aires	double 5¢ UPU rate
26 DE 89	10, 15 LQ	Montreal	Buenas Aires	(SM, 83) 4×5¢ UPU + reg'n

(1) Earliest known use of the 10¢ small queen.

(2) Rivière du Loup en Haut QC

- (3) Undeliverable and returned.
 (4) A small stamp collection: 2¢, 3¢, 5¢, 10¢ (2) small queens, 15¢ large queen, and a 5¢ RLS—plus a strip of three 2d NSW. The Canadian postage to the Australian States was 15¢ per rate plus 15¢ for registration, and the NSW stamps paid for redirection (required since the Australian states were not part of the UPU).

Table 2b. New 10¢ covers, 1890–1900

Date	stamps	from	to	comments
10 JY 90	10	Dundas	Cocanada, India	10¢ rate via Brindisi
13 AP 91	10, 5, 5 RLS	Halifax	Modena, Italy	(SM, 195) triple 5¢ UPU + reg'n
1 NO 92	10	Guelph	London	double 5¢ UPU rate
21 DE 92	10	Saint John	Moncton	triple 3¢ per 1/2 oz, overpaid 1¢
2 AP 93	10, 3, 2 (× 3)	Toronto	Lucknow ON	(ed) quintuple 3¢ + 5¢ reg'n
1 AU 93	var (1)	ship	Germany	(SM, 173) see note
29 SE 93	10, 1	Paris ON	Hamilton	11 × 1¢ per oz, fifth class
20 DE 93	10	Ottawa	Paris	double 5¢ UPU rate
? DE 94	10	Montreal	Stockport UK	(SM, 149) 2 × 5¢ UPU, train wreck
18 FE 95	10	Toronto	Skive, Denmark	double 5¢ UPU rate
23 MY 95	10, 20, 2 (× 2)	Toronto	?	34 × 1¢ per lb, bulk newspaper
17 JN 95	10 (2)	Quebec	Stockholm	(ed) quadruple 5¢ UPU rate
30 SE 95	10, 5	Montreal	Kingston, Jamaica	triple 5¢ UPU rate (2)
16 DE 95	10, 20	Cobourg	Congleton UK	sextuple 5¢ UPU rate
26 DE 95	10	Ottawa	Rathgar, Ireland	double 5¢ UPU rate
27 FE 96	10	Montreal	Glasgow	double 5¢ UPU rate
3 JY 96	10	Montreal	London	double 5¢ UPU rate
21 JY 96	10	Montreal	Glasgow	double 5¢ UPU rate
19 AU 96	10, 5 (× 2)	Toronto	Colchester, England	triple 5¢ UPU + 5¢ reg'n
25 AU 96	10	Montreal	Glasgow	double 5¢ UPU rate
4 DE 96	10	Montreal	Paris & Florence	double 5¢ UPU rate
15 JU 97	10	Ottawa	Mexico	(SM, 204) 5¢ UPU + reg'n
15 DE 97	10	Quebec LA	Paris	(SM, 165) 5¢ UPU + reg'n
29 AU 98	10	Ottawa	Portsmouth UK (3)	5¢ UPU + 5¢ reg'n
21 AU 00	10 (× 2)	Montreal	London	triple 5¢ UPU + 5¢ reg'n (4)

(1) 1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 5¢, 10¢ small queens, a 15¢ large queen and a 1¢ Columbian (US) on a 10¢ Columbian stationery. [Readers can decide for themselves if this is philatelic.—ed]

(2) Undeliverable and returned.

(3) Royal Yacht *Victoria & Albert*.

(4) Paid by pair of imperforate 10¢ stamps; likely philatelic.

Table 3 fills in missing information on some covers that were incompletely described in Arfken's survey [A]. New information is italicized.

Table 3. Updates on some 10¢ covers in [A]

date	stamps	from	to	comments
12 FE 75	10	Sherbrooke	Vézinet, France	via Courtrai
9 SP 75	10, 2	Paisley ON	Edinburgh	
10 JA 76	10	Québec	Glasgow	
10 NO 76	10	Québec	Vézinet, France	
24 NO 76	10	Québec	Vézinet, France	
15 DE 76	10, 6	Montréal	Vézinet, France	
17 JA 77	10	Ottawa	Guileyhem, Belgium	
6 NO 77	10	Chatham NB	Genoa, Italy	
9 MR 83	10	Halifax	London	
3 NO 88	10	Woodstock ON	Cocanada, India	
24 MR 90	10	Wolfville	Bobbili, India	
10 DE 90	10, 5(×6), 8RLS	Québec	British PO Constantinople	
7 AU 96	10	Montréal	Rothsay, Scotland	
				redirected from Glasgow

Figure 3 updates Arfken's chart of 10¢ small queen covers ([A, Figure 4]). It covers the period 1874–1900, taking into consideration the new covers listed in Tables 2a & b. This table shows a marked increase in 1877 and supports Arfken's theory of increased use until the advent of the UPU rates 1 August 1878. It also more or less renders uniform the usage 1879–1887 (with the exception of a low in 1880 and a high in 1885). For the period 1888–1898, Arfken's theories on the use of 10¢ small queens still hold. The late use shown in Figure 2 is in the Brigham Collection and is dated 21 August 1900. As it is franked by an imperforate pair, it is likely philatelic.

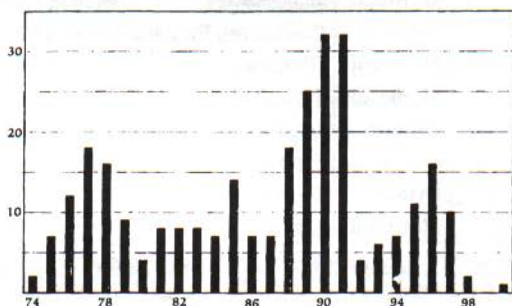
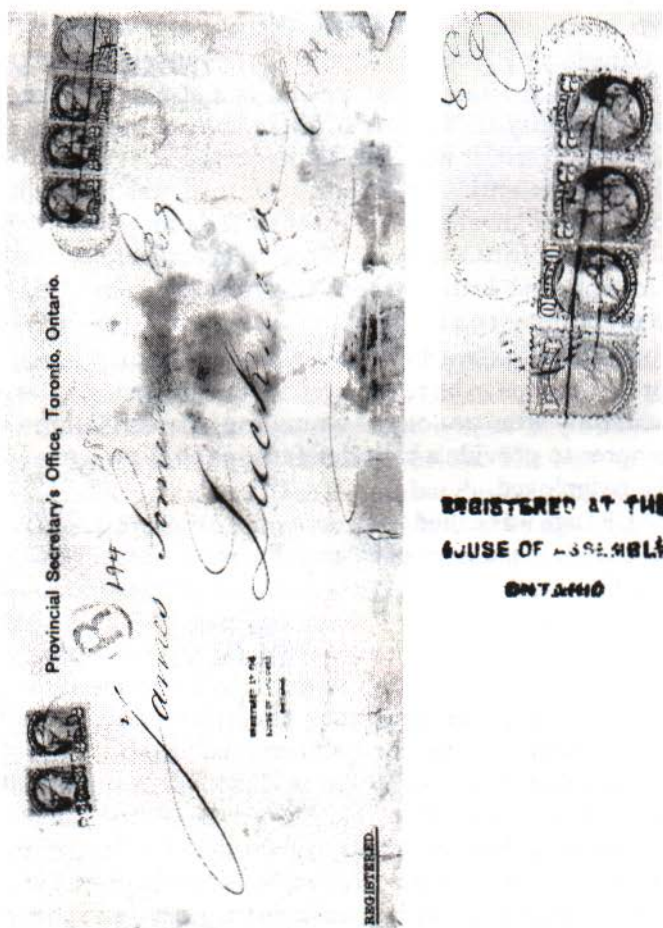


Figure 3. Yearly distribution of 10¢ small queens covers
 Number of covers are recorded vertically, the year horizontally.
 This is based on Arfken's survey, revised according to the Brigham collection updates.

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A BIG 10¢ small queen cover (1893)

Possibly the biggest intact one (34.4 × 15.4 cm), certainly one of the ugliest. There is chemical or bacterial staining occupying most of the upper right quadrant. Postage of 20¢, made up of 5¢ registration fee (lower left) and quintuple domestic rate. With the fairly scarce handstamp indicating registration at the House of Assembly in Toronto. Ex-Stulberg & Steinhart. —ed