

on the subject of unsecured bonds.

As if these reports from Griffin were not assurance enough, the Postmaster General again raised the question of Woodbury in submitting a list of post offices for which accounts were owing for the last quarter of 1856. On February 26, 1857 Griffin promised immediate action on the various deficient accounts, but noted with reference to Woodbury that it had "never been established ...".

The letter-book ends in May 1857, and while there could have been further discussions between Griffin and the Postmaster General concerning Woodbury, their communications in 1856 and 1857 give fairly conclusive evidence that Woodbury post office never did open. Indeed, the Postmaster General stated in his Annual Report that no accounts were received for Woodbury for the year ending September 30, 1857, and thereafter reported no closure of Woodbury, presumably because the office never actually opened.

Thomas Woods, the putative postmaster of Woodbury, in 1854 was the occupant of

lots 76 and 80, Lake Road East, Bosanquet Township (this location is about one mile northwest of Forest). Perhaps further complicating the question of Woodbury post office is the variable spelling of the name of its supposed postmaster, Thomas Woods. His name is spelled Woods in postal records and in early township tax records. This Thomas Woods is evidently the same person as the Thomas Wood who later lived in Forest village, where he was a merchant and sometime village clerk. Descriptions of him in such sources as census returns and the Lambton Historical Atlas match those of Thomas Woods, of Lake Road East, Bosanquet. Careful comparison of these sources shows that Thomas Woods of Woodbury was this Thomas Wood of Forest, a native of County Down, Ireland, who died at Forest, Ontario on January 28, 1910.

This evidence suggests that a "post office" for which there is no reported revenue may never have existed. One can conclude that Woodbury was never a post office, and for this reason should be

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The Nova Scotia Duplex Postmarks

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The pattern used in the presentation of the Province of Nova Scotia duplex postmarks is the same as the one used for New Brunswick¹. In all cases, the province is designated by N.S. at the base of the dater, and for this reason it has seemed unnecessary to repeat N.S. after each town name. There is however one exception, due to an error: Lawrence-town (Annapolis) appears in the proof impression books with P.Q. at the base of the



dater. This instrument seems to have been corrected, since a similar one with the same dimensions and with N.S. at the base has also been used.

Diameters in parentheses in the third column and the data in the last two columns

are taken from material in the authors' collections, all other information coming from the proof impression books. Information on types R and S after 1960 was extracted from a very poor microfilm, from which diameters could not be measured accurately.

We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks the cooperation of Dr. L. B. Macpherson in allowing us to use his excellent study on the type A hammers², and in providing timely comments on the present list.

Since Halifax has used a great number of duplex hammers with many variants, a separate study of the marks used in that city is justified, and will appear in an early issue of the PHSC Journal.

¹ PHSC Journal #31, pp. 42-46

² PHSC Journal #28, pp. 4-7

	type	# of bars	horizontal diameter	indicia	proof dates from impression books	period of use	indicia
ADVOCATE HARBOUR	B	11	23½	AM	1922 11 29		
AMHERST	A	9	(26½)			1900 1905	AM PM blank AM PM
	A	9	(23½)				
	B	11	23	AM	1911 01 26		
ANNAPOLIS	A	9	(22)			1900-01	AM PM
ANNAPOLIS ROYAL	A	9	(22)			1904 1907-10	AM PM blank
	A	9	23				
	B	11	23	PM	1917 02 26	1933-35 1938-40	AM AM
	B	11	23	AM	1927 01 02		
	B	9	23	AM	1929 03 08		
	O	7	23 3/4	PM	1938 02 19		
	Q	7	22 3/4	PM	1949 03 05		
	S	7	23½	PM	1952 09 29		
	R	7	23	PM	1959 01 20	1963-70	AM
	S	7	23	PM	1961 02 16		
ANTIGONISH	B	10	23½	AM	1927 03 23	1934-42	AM PM blank
	N	7	24½	PM	1932 06 18		
ANTIGONISHE	A	9	(23)			1901-04	AM PM
	A	9	24	AM	1908 05 28		
	B	11	23	AM	1916 04 03		
ARICHAT	B	11	22½	AM	1911 12 30	1961 1962-64	blank AM blank
	B	11	23	AM	1923 04 19		
	Q	7	23	PM	1949 10 29		
	R	7	23½	PM	1962 01 01		
ARMDALE	O	7	22½		1942 02 11		
AYLESFORD	B	11	24	PM	1915 07 03	1927 1938 1954-79	PM AM blank
	B	9	23	AM	1929 07 26		
	O	7	23½	PM	1941 08 11		
BADDECK	A	9	(22½)			1907 1916	AM PM blank blank
	B	11	24	AM	1915 07 23		
	Q	7	23	PM	1946 05 31		
	P	7	23	PM	1950 03 15		
	Q	7	23	PM	1951 02 06		
BARRINGTON	B	11	25	PM	1919 11 20		
BARRINGTON PASSAGE	B	11	23	AM	1914 07 16	1944	blank
BARSS CORNER	B	11	24	PM	1919 12 26		

BASS RIVER	B	11	23	AM	1923 08 15		
BEAR RIVER	B	11	22½	AM	1910 08 19		
	B	11	25	AM	1920 05 12	1947	AM
	S	7	23½	PM	1954 01 22	1955	PM
	R	7	(23)	PM	1962 01 17	1963	AM
BERWICK	B	11	22¼	AM	1911 01 25		
	B	11	22	PM	1919 02 09		
	B	11	23	AM	1923 07 06		
	O	7	23½	PM	1932 12 23	1941	AM
	O	7	22 3/4	PM	1944 10 21	1957-64	blank
BIBLE HILL	B	11	24	AM	1927 01 25		
BOYLSTON	Q	7	23	PM	1946 07 24		
BRIDGETOWN	A	9	(23½)			1907	blank
	B	11	23 3/4	AM	1910 07 23		
	B	11	23	PM	1922 01 20		
	O	7	24	PM	1935 04 30	1941-61	blank
	R	7	(24)	PM	1962 06 01	1963-64	PM
BRIDGEWATER	A	9	(22½)			1901	blank
	B	11	22	AM	1911 12 09		
	B	11	23 3/4	PM	1922 02 03		
	B	11	23½	AM	1924 05 06		
CALEDONIA(QUEEN'S COUNTY)	B	11	22	AM	1926 11 12	1940-61	blank
CANNING	B	11	22	AM	1911 12 02		
	B	11	24	PM	1921 08 06		
	O	7	23½	AM	1929 10 02		
	O	7	24	PM	1937 01 15		
	S	7	23 3/4	PM	1952 12 52	1961-63	PM
CANSO	B	11	23	AM	1913 08 06		
CHESTER	B	11	23½	AM	1923 12 03		
	O	7	24	PM	1939 09 08	1944-56	AM
	R	7	23½	PM	1957 03 27	1958-63	AM PM
CHESTER BASIN	R	7	24	PM	1957 03 12	1967-79	AM
CLARK'S HARBOUR	B	11	22	AM	1914 05 13		
COLDBROOK STATION	R	7	(23)	b1	1961 10 06	1962	blank
CONQUERALL BANK	Q	7	23	PM	1943 11 22		

CORNWALLIS	Q	7	23	PM	1946 02 18		
DARMOUTH	B	11	23 3/4	PM	1909 01 06	1909-10	AM PM
	B	11	22½	AM	1913 10 18		
	B	11	23 3/4	PM	1921 10 21		
	B	9	23	AM	1926 05 20		
DIGBY	A	9	(24)			1902	AM PM
	A	9	(24)			1908	blank
	B	11	23 3/4	AM	1911 02 02		
	B	11	23	AM	1916 06 20		
	B	9	23 3/4	AM	1929 03 23		
	O	7	24½	PM	1936 03 12	1952	AM
	S	7	23½	PM	1953 06 04	1954-55	PM
	S	7	23 3/4	PM	1958 10 14		
DOMINION	O	7	23	PM	1942 01 26		
EAST FERRY	Q	7	23	PM	1945 11 17		
EAST PICTOU	Q	7	23 3/4	PM	1945 08 25	1953	PM
EDWARDSVILLE	Q	7	23½	PM	1946 08 09		
ELDERBANK	Q	7	23	PM	1946 10 17	1967-069	blank
EUREKA	B	11	23	PM	1915 01 26		
	Q	7	23 3/4	PM	1951 04 24	1954	blank
	S	7	(23)	PM	1961 08 11	1962-63	blank
FRAMBOISE	Q	7	23	PM	1946 09 17	1949	AM
GLACE BAY	A	9	(23)			1901-05	AM PM
	A	9	23½	AM	1908 07 29	1908-09	AM PM
	B	11	21½	AM	1915 02 13		
	B	11	24	AM	1915 11 26		
GRAINVILLE FERRY	B	11	23 3/4	AM	1915 08 23		
GREAT VILLAGE	B	11	24	AM	1923 08 19	1954	PM
GUYSBOROUGH	B	11	23	AM	1916 06 05		
	B	11	23½	AM	1923 02 21		
HALFWAY BROOK	Q	7	23	PM	1945 11 22		
HALIFAX	to be treated separately						
HANTSPORT	B	11	23	AM	1911 02 17		
	B	11	24½	PM	1919 08 29	1930-63	blank

HATCHET LAKE	Q	7	23	PM	1946 02 12		
HAVRE-BOUCHER	Q	9	23	PM	1949 11 11	1957-63	AM PM
HEAD OF ST.MARGARET BAY	Q	7	23	PM	1946 03 06	1967-78	AM
HOPEWELL	Q	7	23½	PM	1947 02 22	1961	PM
HORTONVILLE	Q	7	23	PM	1946 08 02		
HUBBARDS	B Q	11 7	23 3/4 23	AM PM	1923 03 02 1951 01 11	1937	PM
INVERNESS	B B N	11 11 7	23 24 23	AM PM AM	1910 07 29 1921 04 23 1930 03 03	1935-64	blank
JOGGINS	O	7	25	PM	1936 12 16		
JOGGINS MINES	(2) B	11	23	AM	1916 09 02		
KENTVILLE	A B B B B O N O (2) O Q R	9 11 11 11 11 7 7 7 7 7 7	(22) 23 23½ 23½ 24 23½ 23½ 25 23 22 3/4 23½	 AM AM PM AM AM AM PM PM ? PM	 1910 10 22 1915 12 09 1921 01 02 1926 12 06 1929 10 12 1930 12 19 1936 02 18 1942 03 13 1950 10 18 1955 06 30	1901 1916-17 1921-26 1935 1936-38 1943	blank blank blank blank blank blank
KENTVILLE SANATORIUM	O	7	24	PM	1938 09 02		
NOVA SCOTIA SANATORIUM	P	7	23	PM	1950 02 09		
KENTVILLE	R	7	23½	PM	1960 07 12	1963-67	blank
KINGSTON	R Q	7 7	23 23½	PM PM	1949 12 09 1951 09 14		
LAWRENCETOWN (ANNAPOLIS)	B	11	24	AM	1908 11 28		
LAWRENCETOWN (ANNAPOLIS) /P.Q.	B	11	23½	AM	1923 01 10	Error: 1924-31	should be N.S.
	B	11	(23)				
LAWRENCETOWN	O	7	23	PM	1933 02 14		
LITTLE GLACE BAY	A	9	(22½)			1901	AM PM
LIVERPOOL	B O P R	11 7 7 7	22 3/4 23 3/4 23 23½	AM PM PM PM	1914 11 02 1933 10 11 1950 02 03 1957 04 05	1935-41	AM PM

LOCKEPORT	B Q S	11 7 7	22 3/4 23 1/2 23	AM PM PM	1914 04 30 1947 02 22 1960 04 26	1945-46 1947-59 1962-77	AM AM PM AM PM
LONDONDERRY	B B Q S S	11 11 7 7 7	23 1/4 23 23 23 ?	AM PM PM PM PM	1912 09 19 1921 09 16 1946 03 18 1960 11 07 1963 01 17	1951	AM
LOUISBURG	B B O Q	11 11 7 7	23 23 23 1/2 23	AM AM PM PM	1912 09 19 1923 08 29 1934 08 25 1951 03 29		
LUNENBURG	A B O	9 11 7	(21 1/2) 23 24	AM PM PM	1909 12 13 1936 04 24	1901 1967	AM PM blank PM
MAHONE BAY	B N	11 7	22 1/2 23	AM AM	1911 02 02 1929 12 21		
MAITLAND (HANTS)	B	11	23	AM	1915 08 15	1917	PM
MAITLAND	O	7	23	PM	1935 07 05	1967-82	PM
MALAGASH	B B	11 11	23 24	AM AM	1924 07 29 1925 09 19		
MARCONI	Q	7	23	PM	1946 07 24		
MARGAREE FORKS	Q	7	23	PM	1945 12 12	1963-70	blank
MARGAREE HARBOUR	R	7	(23 1/4)	PM	1964 01 10	1967-79	AM
MARRIOTT'S COVE	R	7	23 1/2	PM	1957 03 12		
MEADOWVILLE STATION	Q	7	23	PM	1946 09 23		
METEGHAN	Q	7	23	PM	1946 08 29	1961-79	blank
MIDDLETON (ANNAPOLIS) MIDDLETON-ANNAPOLIS	A B	9 11	(22 1/2) 22 1/2	PM	1911 03 21	1909	blank
MIDDLETON	O P R	7 7 7	25 23 23	PM PM PM	1935 12 11 1950 01 20 1957 10 19	1938-49 1955 1963	AM PM PM AM

MILTON	B B	11 11	24 23 3/4	AM AM	1915 03 15 1923 03 02		
MULGRAVE	B B	11 11	22½ 23	AM AM	1910 11 23 1922 03 29		
NEW ABERDEEN	B	11	23½	PM	1921 02 09	1937	blank
NEW GERMANY	B	11	23 3/4	AM	1923 11 20		
NEW GLASGOW	A A B B O	9 9 11 12 7	(23) (22½) 23 23 23	 AM PM PM	 1909 04 20 1919 07 26 1944 09 12	1899-05 1906 1909-11	blank AM PM AM PM
NEWPORT	R	7	23	PM	1955 08 26		
NEW WATERFORD	B B Q	11 11 7	23 23½ 23	PM AM PM	1912 04 27 1912 06 03 1949 02 26		
NORTH SYDNEY	A A B B B B B Q P	9 9 11 11 11 11 11 7 7	(23) (24½) 23½ 22 3/4 23 22 3/4 24 23½ 23½ 23	 AM AM AM PM AM AM PM PM PM	 1911 12 12 1913 11 08 1921 11 19 1921 12 03 1926 10 26 1929 02 23 1951 02 06 1951 03 29	1899-00 1906 1936 1947 1934 1951	blank AM PM PM PM PM PM
NOVA SCOTIA SANATORIUM KENTVILLE see Kentville							
OLD BRIDGEPORT	B	11	23 3/4	PM	1920 06 16		
OXFORD	A (2) B B Q	9 11 11 11 7	(23) 23½ 24 24½ 23	 AM AM AM PM	 1916 09 02 1924 11 29 1928 09 02 1950 09 12	1907-63 1947 1961	PM blank AM PM
PARADISE	B	9	23 3/4	AM	1927 08 19		
PARRSBORO	A B B Q	9 11 11 11 7	(22½) 23½ 23 23½ 23	 AM PM AM PM	 1910 04 13 1916 06 02 1923 01 20 1948 04 28	1901 1911	AM PM AM

PICTOU	A	9	(22)			1901-06	AM PM
	B	11	23	AM	1910 03 16	1916	blank
	B	11	23 3/4	AM	1917 04 05		
	B	11	23½	AM	1923 05 26		
	B	11	23	AM	1924 02 09		
	B	9	23	AM	1926 06 12	1930	AM
	B	10	23½	AM	1928 02 16		
	N	7	23½	AM	1930 05 06		
	O	7	23½	PM	1935 12 20		
	R	7	23½	PM	1950 02 01	1967	18
PLEASANT POINT	Q	7	23	PM	1945 11 16		
PORT GREVILLE	B	11	23 3/4	PM	1919 02 02		
PORT HAWKESBURY	B	11	23	AM	1911 02 10		
PORT HOOD	B	11	23	PM	1912 02 02		
	B	11	23 3/4	AM	1913 01 09		
	B	11	23 3/4	PM	1917 08 25		
	O	7	23½	PM	1933 09 07		
	R	7	(22)	PM	1962 01 01	1967	PM
PORT LORNE	Q	7	23	PM	1945 10 11	1947	PM
PORT MORIEN	B	11	23 3/4	AM	1911 04 26		
PORT WILLIAM PORT WILLIAMS	B	11	25	PM	1919 12 06	not issued	
	B	11	24 3/4	PM	1919 12 06		
	O	7	25	PM	1936 02 07	1937-79	blank
PUGWASH	B	11	25	PM	1919 09 26	1937-46	AM
	Q	7	23	PM	1946 10 04	1948	blank
RIVER HEBERT	B	11	22½	AM	1917 07 30	1959-61	blank
	N	7	23½	AM	1929 10 29	1943	blank
RIVER HEBERT WEST SIDE	B	11	23	AM	1914 03 12		
RIVER JOHN	B	11	24	PM	1920 03 29		
ST.PETER'S	B	11	23	PM	1921 05 19		
SHEARWATER	R	7	(23½)	PM	1963 10 21	1966-80	AM
SHEET HARBOUR	O	7	24	PM	1938 08 05	1947-54	blank
	R	7	23½	PM	1956 04 10	1964-79	AM
SHELBURNE	B	11	24	PM	1921 05 12		
	B	11	22 3/4		1927 06 13		

SHERBROOKE	N	7	23½	AM	1930 05 27	1947-70	PM
SHUBENACADIE	N Q	7 7	23½ 23	PM PM	1937 03 11 1949 08 17	1945-49 1962	AM PM AM PM
SMELT BROOK SONORA SOUTH OHIO	Q Q P	7 7 7	22 (23) 23½	PM PM PM	1945 10 16 1950 05 22	1952 1961	PM PM
SOUTH WEST PORT MOUTON	Q	7	23 3/4	PM	1946 02 18		
SPRINGHILL	A B B O O	9 11 11 7 7	(23) 23 24 23 3/4 23	AM AM AM PM PM	1916 11 03 1922 05 12 1937 06 03 1941 12 20	1903-05 1941 1945-54	AM PM blank PM PM
STELLARTON	A B	9 11	(22½) 22 3/4	PM	1917 02 23	1906	blank
STEWIACKE	O	7	24	20	1941 01 23		
STRATHLORNE	Q	7	23	PM	1946 07 24		
SYDNEY	A A	9 9	(22) 22 3/4	24	1903 11 26	1899-03 1904-05	1-24 blank 1-24
SYDNEY MINES	A B B O Q R R S	9 11 11 7 7 7 7 7	(24) 23 24 3/4 23 23½ 23½ 23½	PM PM PM PM PM PM PM	1916 11 1919 07 18 1940 03 12 1949 11 25 1956 10 12 1958 04 11 1960 09 13	1907 1946 1951-55	AM PM PM
TATAMAGOUCHE	B B O Q R	11 11 7 7 7	23 23 23 23 23½	AM AM PM PM PM	1913 09 19 1922 08 06 1942 02 20 1949 04 23 1955 12 28	1961-82	AM PM blank
THORBURN	B	11	23	AM	1922 12 06		
TIVERTON	Q R	7 7	22 3/4 23	PM PM	1945 11 03 1956 07 27	1967	AM
TRACADIE	P	7	23	PM	1950 02 22	1963	PM

TRENTON	B	11	23	AM	1914 01 26		
	B	11	24	AM	1922 05 26		
	B	10	23	PM	1928 05 19	1954	PM
	Q	7	23	PM	1951 02 23	1961-67	AM PM
	R	7			1958 12 31		
TRURO	A	9	(22)			1899-05	6,19 AM PM
	A	9	(24)			1900	1-24
	B	11	23		1913 11	1920	AM PM
UPPER VAUGHAN	Q	7	22 3/4	PM	1946 04 08		
WALLACE	B	11	24	PM	1921 12 19		
WATERVILLE	B	11	23 3/4	PM	1920 05 02	1967	AM
WEST ARCHAT	B	11	24	PM	1921 05 19		
WESTFIELD	Q	7	23	PM	1946 03 26		
WESTPORT	B	11	23	AM	1915 11 29	1922	AM
	Q	7	23	OM	1947 06 30		
WESTVILLE	A	9	(23)			1909	blank
	B	11	23 1/2	AM	1909 10 06		
	B	11	24	PM	1921 08 19		
	O	7	23	PM	1933 01 06	1938-55	AM
WHITNEY PIER	B	11	22 1/2	AM	1912 04 22		
WHYCOCOMACH	N	7	23 3/4	PM	1937 02 17		
WINDSOR	A	11	(21 1/2)			1888	blank
	A	9	(24 1/2)			1899	AM PM
	A	9	(22)			1907-10	AM PM
	B	11	22 3/4	AM	1911 05 12		
	B	11	23	AM	1911 05 11	1916-21	13 PM
	B	11	23	PM	1922 02 19	1925	PM
	N	7	24	PM	1936 11 06	1936-40	AM
	O	7	23	PM	1944 10 28		
WOLFVILLE	A	9	(23 3/4)			1907-13	AM PM
	B	11	24	PM	1919 03 22	1925-36	AM
	O	7	25	PM	1937 04 27	1937-49	AM PM
	S	7	23	PM	1960 08 03	1979	17
WYVERN	Q	7	23	PM	1946 01 25		
YARMOUTH	A	9	(24)			1899-09	AM PM blank
	B	11	23	AM	1911 05 03	1911	AM
	Q	7	23	PM	1946 11 06	1947-51	16 17
	R	7	23	PM	1954 11 11	1955	15 16
	R	7	(23)	PM	1962 02 15	1962-63	18 19
YARMOUTH NORTH	B	11	23	AM	1917 10 06	1927	PM
	B	10	23	AM	1927 12 30		
YARMOUTH SOUTH	B	11	23 3/4	AM	1922 08 25		