

1851 and postmarked on the same day. It was rated 3 pence collect (marked in black), and written by B. Gordon to John Auld, merchant, of Montreal. It deals with supplies of various commodities such as potash. The cover is not backstamped. It is the only example of a letter using the new three-penny rate and dated on the day on which the new Post Office Act went into effect that has come to the author's attention.

In recent years the collecting of so-

called "first-day cover", i.e., covers bearing a new stamp or set and cancelled on the first day of issue, has become of some importance throughout the stamp-collecting world. The present cover, although not carrying an adhesive stamp, can fairly be rated as a "first day" (albeit inadvertent) one since it was postmarked on the first day of the operation of the Post Office Department of the Province of Canada, surely a unique occasion of great interest to students of Canada's postal history.



The County of Charlevoix East

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The County of Charlevoix East, situated to the south of the Counties of Chicoutimi and Saguenay, bounded on the west by Charlevoix West and on the east by the St. Lawrence River, became a municipal county in 1858. It was formed from the entire seigniory of Mount Murray and from a part of the seigniory of Malbaie (fig. 1). The former had been granted to Malcolm Fraser, a lieutenant in the Royal

78th Infantry Regiment, on April 27, 1762, while the latter had been granted to Jean Bourdon on December 21, 1653.

The numbers shown on the map of the County of Charlevoix East (fig. 2) indicate the locations of the post offices there; these numbers appear in parentheses following the name of each office in the list below.

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National Postal Museum research files (post office record cards)

NAME	FORMER NAME	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	LATER NAME	MOON	POCON
ANSE-AU-SAUMON (11)	St Catherine's Bay	1939 10 17	1947 08 30		70086	
BAIE-DES-ROCHERS (4)		1882 10 01	1963 07 23		0024	(70160)
BAIE-STE-CATHERINE (1)		1933 06 15	open		0053	180289
BAS-DE-L'ANSE (15)		1886 06 01	1967 07 08		70244	
CAP-A-L'AIGLE (19)		1870 07 01	open		0159	180726
CAPS-ST-FIDELE (13)	Chute-Nairn	1922 10 17	1958 04 09	Clermont	70772	
CHUTE-NAIRN		1912 08 01	1936 07 16			
CLERMONT (21)		1936 07 16	open		0242	181102



Fig. 1. Map taken from *Le manuel des fiefs et seigneuries de la Province de Québec*, prepared in 1923 by the Surveyor's Office.

COURCELETTE (14)		1917 05 01	1936 11 07		
DE SALLES (25)		1937 01 18	1960 04 23		71238
DOREIL (6)		1909 05 15	1938 04 27	merged - St-Siméon	0285
GIGUERE (37)		1929 09 10	1930 07 31		
GOBEIL (22)		1889 07 01	1927 12 12		
GRAND-FONDS (16)		1894 07 01	1959 06 30		71780
JEAN-NOEL (34)		1913 01 01	1937 01 31		
LAGADELLE (28)		1917 06 01	1937 01 18		
LA MALBAIE (20)	Murray Bay	1914 03 01	open		0534 182338
LORNE HOUSE (33)		1894 08 01	1959 09 14	summer office	73154
MANOIR-RICHELIEU (31)		1902 07 01	1969 09 02	summer office	73268
MOUNT MURRAY (18)		1899 06 15	1970 08 19	summer office until 1905 03 01	15092 (74556)
MURRAY BAY		1832 04 06	1914 03 01	la Malbaie	
NOTRE-DAME-DES-MONTS (27)		1958 09 16	open		1120 184373
POINTE-AU-BOULEAU (2)	Rivière-aux-Canards	1869 07 01	1970 10 14		0769 (75024)
POINTE-AU-PIC (32)		1870 07 01	open		1012 183644

Fig. 2

CHARLEVOIX EAST

Saguenay



COBEIL
JY26
89
QUE.
(22)

PORT AUX QUILLES
JUN 16
11
QUE.
(5)

ST. CATHERINE'S BAY
SP 9
14
P.Q.
(1)

CHUTE NAIRN
JUN 10
30
P.O.
(21)

LORNE-HOUSE
AU 12
99
QUE.
(33)

LAGADELL
JMY 2m
17
P.Q
(28)

CAP A L'ANGLE
 OC 6
 34
 P.Q.
 (19)

STE. TRINITE
6 MR 6
82
QUE.
(26)

MAIRIE RICHELIEU
JUL 10
06
QUE
(31)

POINTE-A-PIC
QUE

(32)

MURRAY-BAL
JA31
1851
L.C.
(20)

DOREIL
MY29
09
QUE.

(6)

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PORT-AU-PERSIL		1854 01 01	1882 07 01	St-Siméon		
PORT-AU-PERSIL (8)		1884 08 01	1969 07 22		75150	
PORT-AU-SAUMON (10)		1912 05 01	1951 02 17		75156	
PORT-AUX-QUILLES (5)		1893 06 01	1893 11 01			
		1911 06 01	1958 03 22		75162	
RIVIERE-AUX-CANARDS		1851 12 06	1860 07 01	Pointe-au-Bouveau		
RIVIERE-MAILLOUX (30)		1891 02 01	open		1128	184446
ROCHETTE (29)		1927 08 02	1934 08 30			
STE-AGNES (23)		1861 07 01	1876 12 01	Ste-Agnès-de-Charlevoix		
STE-AGNES-DE-CHARLEVOIX	Ste-Agnès	1876 12 01	open		1166	184632
ST-AIME-DES-LACS (24)		1955 05 02	open		1282	185248
ST CATHERINE'S BAY		1901 09 01	1933 06 15	Baie-Ste-Catherine		
ST-CHRETIEN (9)		1923 07 03	1964 06 15		76114	
ST-FIDELE (12)		1857 06 01	1861 07 01			
		1864 10 01	open		1395	185817
ST-IRENEE (35)		1852 05 06	open		1473	186295
ST-IRENEE-LES-BAINS (36)		1902 06 01	1970 01 27		15242	(76378)
STE-MATHILDE (17)		1927 04 02	1934 12 08			
		1937 08 14	1964 09 19		76534	
STE-TRINITE (26)		1882 01 01	1882 12 31			
ST-SIMEON (7)	Port-au-Persil	1882 07 01	open		1715	187658
SAGARD (3)		1932 11 11	1963 07 02		76798	

Nova Scotian Postmark Oddities

by L. B. Macpherson

Nova Scotia, both before and after Confederation, had perhaps more than its share of apparently unofficial or "home-made" postmark daters. Some of those in the author's collection, used after Confederation, are shown below, together with any additional usage dates that have been found. All of these marks (except the New Glasgow one illustrated) seem to be very scarce indeed and it would be informative and useful to collectors and postal historians alike to know just how many strikes of each are known. Thus, the object in writing these notes is to solicit correspondence with those who have additional knowledge of these marks, particularly usage dates.



AVONPORT STATION

Since the office opened on June 1, 1872, it is quite unlikely that this was its first hammer. The illustration in Campbell (Canada Post Offices, 1755-1895) has the same date as this

one. Two different surviving strikes of the same date is a pretty unlikely situation; more probably the specimen from which Campbell took the illustration is the same one recently acquired by the writer. This mark bears a striking resemblance to a series of circular "rubber daters" not issued until 1928.