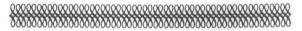
1851 and postmarked on the same day. It was rated 3 pence collect (marked in black), and written by B. Gordon to John Auld, merchant, of Montreal. It deals with supplies of various commodities such as potash. The cover is not backstamped. It is the only example of a letter using the new three-penny rate 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 inadvertant) 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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NAME	FORMER NAME	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	LATER	NAME	MOON	POCON
ANSE-AU-SAUMON (11)		1939 10 17	1947 08 30			70086	
BAIE-DES-ROCHERS (4)		1882 10 01	1963 07 23			0024	(70160)
BAIE-STE-CATHERINE (1)	St Catherine's Bay	1933 06 15	open			0053	180289
BAS-DE-L'ANSE (15)	ě	1886 06 01	1967 07 08			70244	
CAP-A-L'AIGLE (19)		1870 07 01	open			0159	180726
CAPS-ST-FIDELE (13)		1922 10 17	1958 04 09			70772	
CHUTE-NAIRN		1912 08 01	1936 07 16	Clermo	ont		
CLERMONT (21)	Chute-Nairn	1936 07 16	open			0242	181102

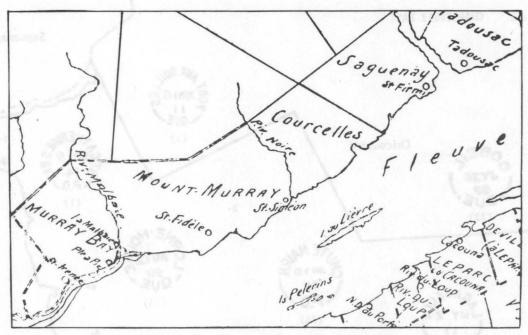
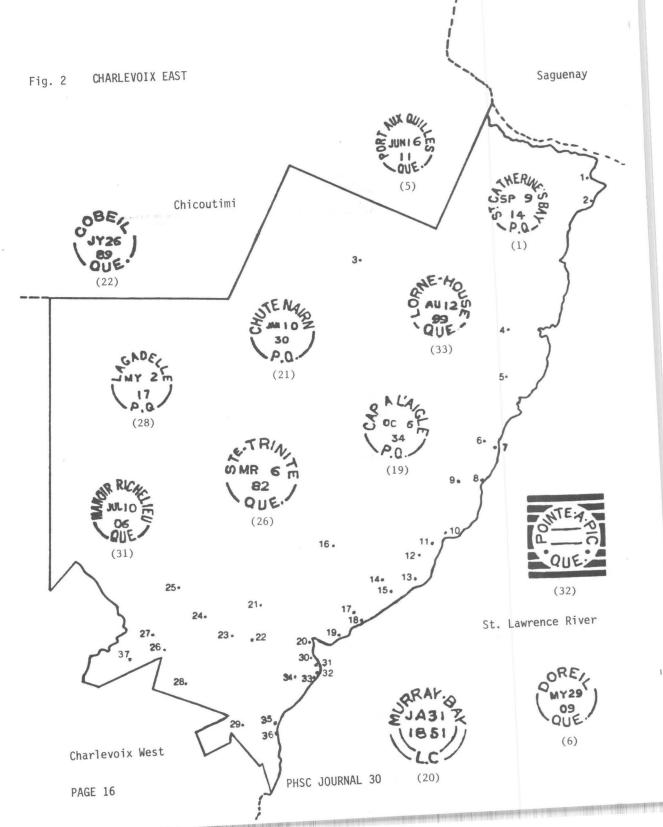


Fig. 1. Map taken from Le manuel des fiefs et seigneuries de la Province de Québec, prepared in 1923 by the Surveyor's Office.

COURCELETTE (14)		1917	05	01	1936	11	07		1	1
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	and the		
GOBEIL (22)		1889	07	01	1927	12	12	7 30	7	
GRAND-FONDS (16)		1894	07	01	1959	06	30	-3104	71780	
JEAN-NOEL (34)		1913	01	01	1937	01	31		1	
LAGADELLE (28)		1917	06	01	1937	01	18		1	No
LA MALBAIE (20)	Murray Bay	1914	03	01	op	en			0534	182338
LORNE HOUSE (33)		1894	08	01	1959	09	14	summer office	73154	6.0
MANOIR-RICHELIEU (31)	122	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	op	en			1120	184373
POINTE-AU-BOULEAU (2)	Rivière-aux- Canards	1869	07	01	1970	10	14	27	0769	(75024)
POINTE-AU-PIC (32)	1/1000	1870	07	01	op	en		1538.11	1012	183644



PORT-AU-PERSIL		1854	01	01	1882 07	01	St-Siméon	1	
PORT-AU-PERSIL (8)		1884	08	01	1969 07	22		75150	1
PORT-AU-SAUMON (10)		1912	05	01	1951 02	17		75156	
PORT-AUX-QUILLES (5)		1893 1911			1893 11 1958 03			75162	
RIVIERE-AUX-CANARDS		1851	12	06	1860 07	01	Pointe-au-Bouleau		17-56-1
RIVIERE-MAILLOUX (30)		1891	02	01	open	920	a Military Company to	1128	184446
ROCHETTE (29)		1927	08	02	1934 08	30	or to the opening of	170 ab	100,23
STE-AGNES (23)	0160 0160	1861	07	01	1876 12	01	Ste-Agnès-de- Charlevoix	06 .936 10 .036	g silit
STE-AGNES-DE-CHARLEVOIX	Ste-Agnès	1876	12	01	open	tena	pres of business door	1166	184632
ST-AIME-DES-LACS (24)	10 MBM	1955	05	02	open		of suprinu a set G1 20	1282	185248
ST CATHERINE'S BAY	WILL ASSESS	1901	09	01	1933 06	15	Baie-Ste-Catherine	ON YOU	GS 9117.
ST-CHRETIEN (9)	nivori	1923	07	03	1964 06	15	storm and return Li	76114	131130
ST-FIDELE (12)	SYOK WE	1857 1864			1861 07 open	01	T 1842	1395	185817
ST-IRENEE (35)	and the	1852	05	06	open	da i	M All more rooms	1473	186295
ST-IRENEE-LES-BAINS (36	mon detains to	1902	06	01	1970 01	27	* 548Z	15242	(76378)
STE-MATHILDE (17)	The published by	1927 1937		-	1934 12 1964 09		ore) Section	76534	
STE-TRINITE (26)	er 1824, messur	1882	01	01	1882 12	31	1811	189	-
ST-SIMEON (7)	Port-au-Persil	1882	07	01	open		rano	1715	187658
SAGARD (3)		1932	11	11	1963 07	02	los religants a significa	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 "homemade" 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.