

Selected Small Queen Constant Plate Varieties

The Small Queen issue of Canada (1870-1897) is one of the most collected and studied issues in BNA philately. The following pages will focus on sixteen selected examples of the more significant Re-entries and Plate Flaws found on the issue. Highlights include Dated Examples and Multiples. Each page will illustrate a proper use of the Variety on Cover.

The Strand of Hair - Long Hurst's Type I



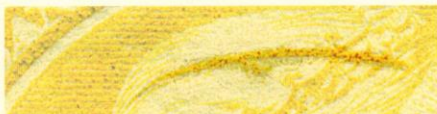
June 13, 1896



April 12, 1898



May 28, 1897



Registered Domestic letter showing the most significant of the four different Strands of Hair to be found on the One Cent. The "Long" Strand of Hair is present in the top stamp in the block of six (near the Two Cent.) The cover was mailed from Moncton, NB on Sept. 30, 1896 and was received in Montreal, PQ on Oct. 2.

Hurst reported four different "Strand of Hair" varieties - this one is the longest and most easily identified. It is thought to be the result of an improper application of the transfer roller to the plate and may be properly described as a "misplaced entry." Dated examples can be found from mid-1896 to the end of the issue in 1897.