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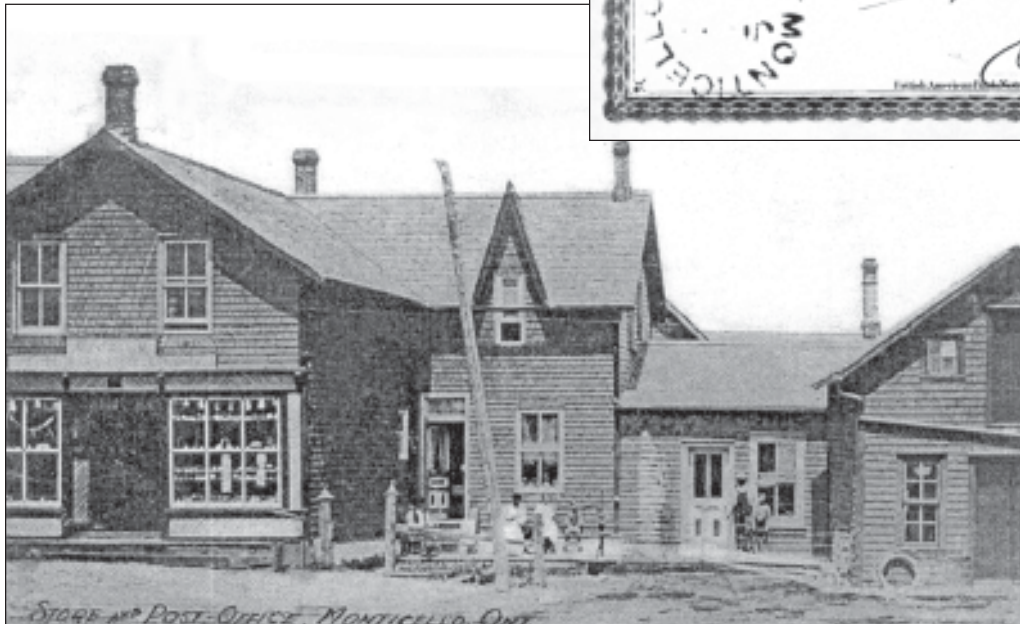
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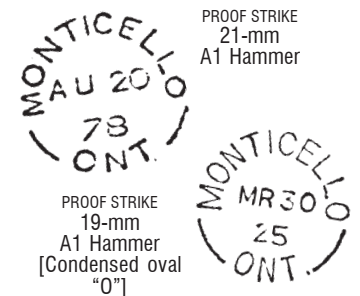
by Robert C. Smith

[REF. 083]

This unused, coloured postcard is labelled "Store and Post Office, Monticello, Ont." It shows a store with attached residence, and a barely-legible sign over the door of the store reads "Monticello / Post Office, Telephone." The post office at Monticello was opened on July 1, 1878 in East Luther Township, Dufferin County, with Frank L. Holmes as its first postmaster. George Cann, the fifth postmaster was in office from 1903 to 1911, when this image might well



been the last postmarking device used at this post office. For further information on this Dufferin County office see page 114, *Monticello Addendum*.



have been recorded. Joseph and Alexander Smeltzer, the sixth and seventh postmasters, followed him during the periods 1911–18 and 1918–23 respectively. The office was closed permanently on November 30, 1967.

Bruce Graham lists three different broken circles used at Monticello. The first of these, a 21-mm MONTICELLO / ONT device proofed on August 20, 1878, he lists as having been seen used on June 11, 1879 only. A similar

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The Post Office at
MAR
 ALBEMARLE TOWNSHIP

[REF. 084]

Gus Knierim

One of eight post offices in this township, it is the only one that has seen the year 2000 offering services to Mar and the surrounding area. Over the past number of years the Bruce Peninsula has seen quite a restructuring with all of the seasonal offices being closed and the rural routes being extended. This was possible because of a much improved road system. The post office at Mar was a benefactor in that a rural route was established prior to WW II which serves the western side of the peninsula.

The current large route consists of 364 households.

The township's second post office opened at Mar on April 1, 1870 in Edward White's log home on Lot 18,



First Mar Post Office



This post card originated in Stokes Bay DE 14 1909, received a transit mark at Mar DE 16 1909 (proofed NO 30, 1909) and arrived at Red Bay DE 18 1909.

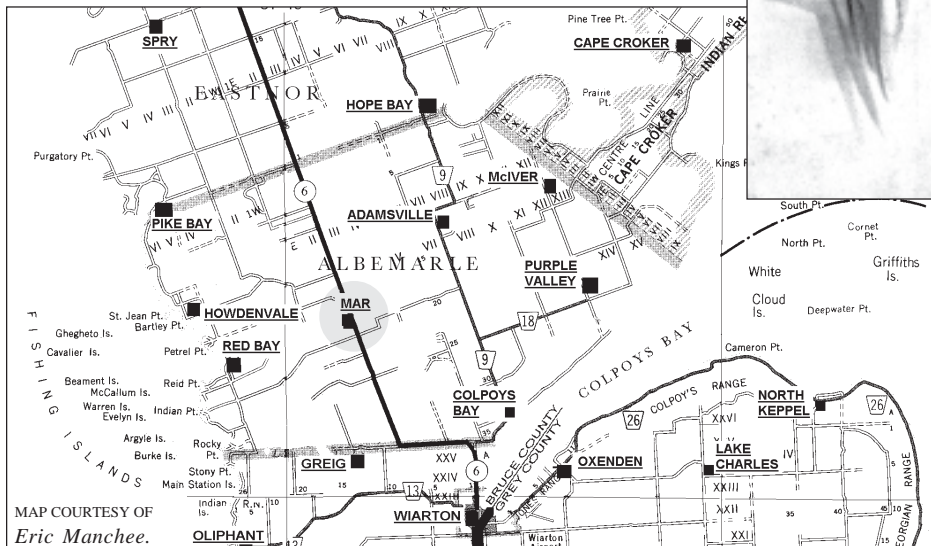
With that feeling, *The Warton Echo*, April 10, 1885, stated that "Mar has trouble getting a postmaster. Two or three could be in-duced if the salary could be raised to \$20."

On October 1, 1887, Nathaniel

Given Jr. acquired part Lot 18, Concession 2 EBR, and put up a building with room for a post office, store, living quarters and storage. Following his death his wife assumed the postmaster position (November 1, 1889) until she sold the store and post office to George Hicks. She resigned March 10, 1894.

George Hicks was appointed postmaster May 1, 1894 and held the position until his death August 6, 1896.

Mrs. Rosina Hicks became the next postmaster (November 20, 1896) and kept the store and post office until June 12, 1908 when she sold the enterprise to Mr. and Mrs. James Bartley of Howdenville. James Bartley became the postmaster September 1, 1908. James Bartley remained postmaster until a fire destroyed the building



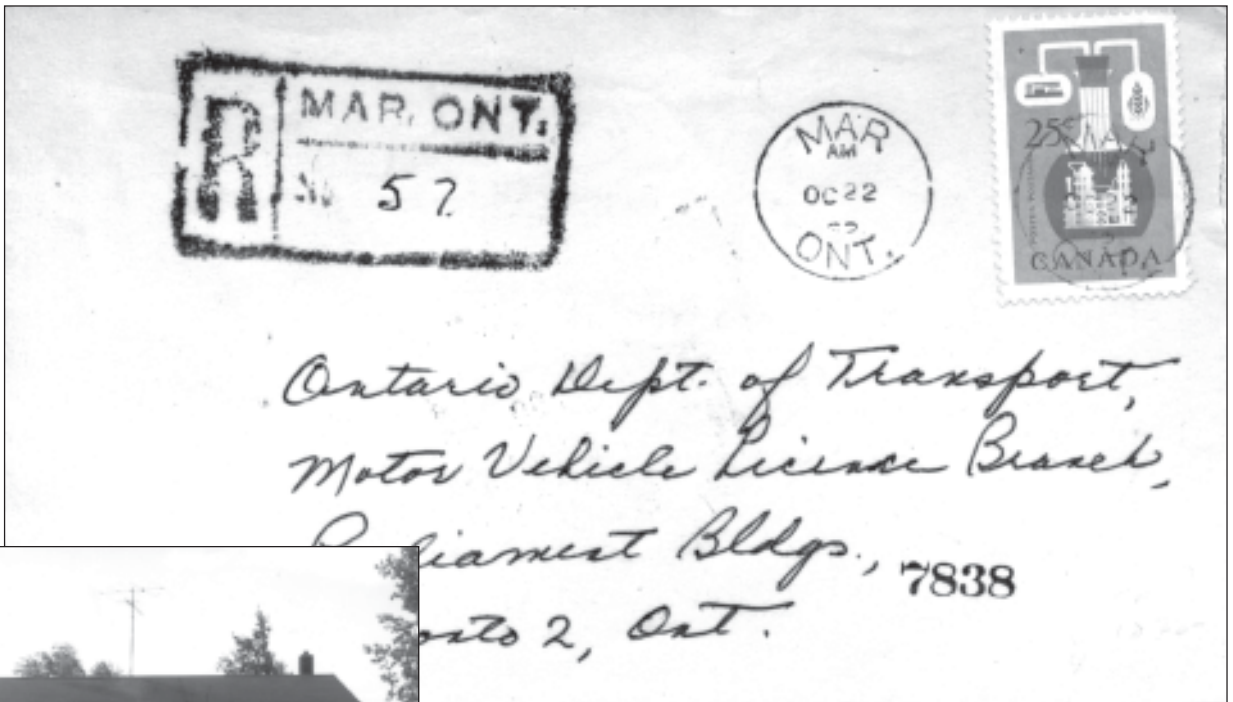
Concession 3 EBR. Edward White served from April 1, 1870 until his resignation in 1873. He was followed by Thomas H. Lee on April 1, 1873. Lee resigned on September 30, 1876. Edward White once again took the job (January 1, 1877) until April 6, 1882.

The respect for the post office in these early years was not high in the area. In 1882 a Mar correspondent wrote that "our present mail system is worse than a fraud. The mail arrives one week and leaves the next. If the world should come to an end we would not hear of it until two weeks after the date."

William Heasman took over 1½ years later on January 1, 1884 but kept the position for a mere 10 months resigning November 3 of that year.

A 23-mm CDS
steel hammer
proofed
JUN 18 1947

Mar Post Office
(June 4, 1990)
located in the
home of Aylmer
and June Moore
on the Red Bay
Rd. west of Hwy.
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Mar Post Office
(June 25, 1999)
at the corner of
Hwy. 6 and the
Red Bay Road.



housing the store and post office. He was able to save the postal records. He resigned January 29, 1925.

A temporary post office was established in the home James Caldwell (March 20 until September 3, 1925).

Wilfred D. Macdonald purchased the former Bartley site and rebuilt thereon. He was postmaster from September 15, 1925 until his resignation April 24, 1937. During his tenure RR1 Mar was established with George Bartley as the first rural route carrier.

Subsequent store owners and postmasters were David Murvin White (July 24, 1937 until March 12, 1947; George Percival Steip ((May 29, 1947 until his death January 16, 1963); followed by his widow Mrs. Helen E. Steip (January 15, 1963 until her retirement September 15, 1975).

On August 28, 1963, Mar became an accounting office and therefore relinquished its non-accounting number **80707**. Thereafter its MOON number was **3579**.

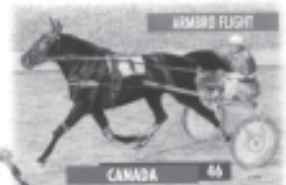


A 26-mm CDS
handstamp with
postal code


The 1973 List of Post Offices with Revenue indicates that Mar had grown to be a group 6 office with revenue of \$3,948. Its subsequent POCN NUMBER is **393401**.

Bill and Colleen Johnston bought the business and Colleen became postmaster September 16, 1975, until December 1984 when the post office was closed.

In January 1986, the Mar post office re-opened in the home of Aylmer and June Moore. Between 1984 and 1986 customers were served from green boxes outside the former post office. Mrs. June Moore was appointed postmaster on January 20, 1986 and served until June 1999 at which time Ms Rene Stewart became the current postmaster.



A 23-mm CDS
steel hammer with
postal code

In June 1999 the post office once again relocated to the Esso Gas Station and store at the corner of Hwy. 6 and the Red Bay Rd.  CONT'D ON PAGE 113

Neustadt

**NORMANBY TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF GREY**

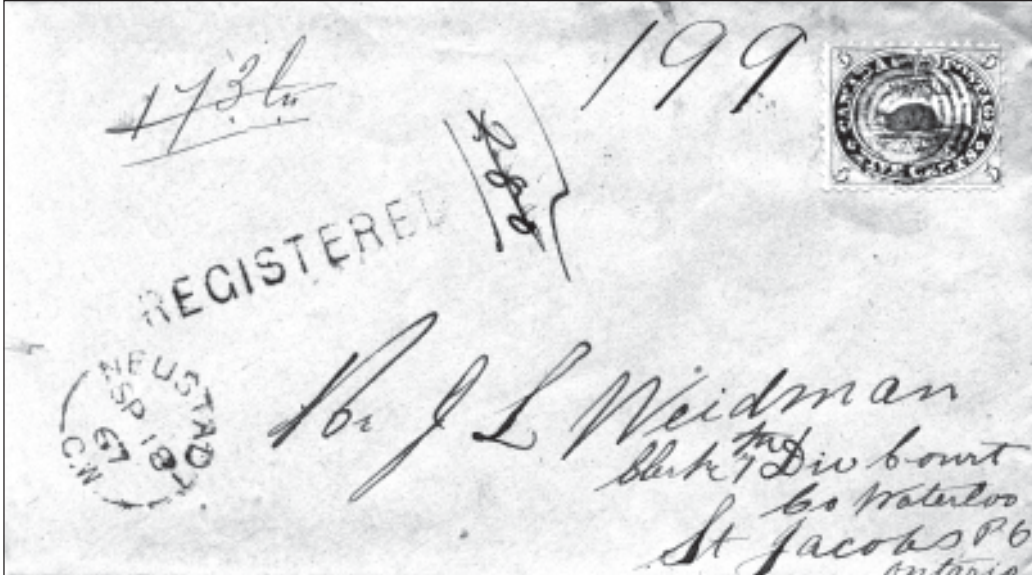


David Winkler, founder and first postmaster of Neustadt.

lished in 1857 and Mr. David Winkler was appointed as the first postmaster. Following David Winkler we have a long list of postmasters, many of which came out of one family, serving the post office in Neustadt.

Lew Metzger & Gus Knierim

[ref. 086]



Four broken circle cancels, all C.W., trace the route of this registered cover from Neustadt to Guelph to Berlin and its final destination of St. Jacobs. A two-day trip September 18-19, 1867.

NEUSTADT / C.W / SP 18 1867 – a previously unrecorded broken circle hammer.



Neustadt in Grey County saw its beginning with the arrival of David Winkler who came to Canada from Germany in 1855. At the government's land sale in 1856, Mr. Winkler purchased 400 acres, much of which he laid out in village lots.

The new community was called Neustadt (new town).

The community grew rapidly with David Winkler establishing a sawmill in 1855 and a flour and grist mill in 1857. John Weinert built a tannery in 1859 and a boot and shoe factory in 1861. Also in 1858 Henry Huether erected a brewery which was destroyed by fire and rebuilt in 1869 in the form of a fine stone building.

The economic growth of this prosperous Grey County community can be well documented by the various covers and their corner cards. Most of the prominent names within the community are reflected in the business names. The Commercial Hotel, founded by Andrew Zettler, was operated by John Himmler in 1898. Joseph Weber operated a hardware, furniture and harness business that went through many stages [note article on page 40, vol. 2, No. 1]. John Badertscher operated the local butcher shop, while John Derbecker was a general merchant just to name a few.

To serve the new community a post office was estab-

Neustadt, Normanby Township, is located in the southwest corner of the County of Grey. MAP COURTESY OF Eric Manchee.



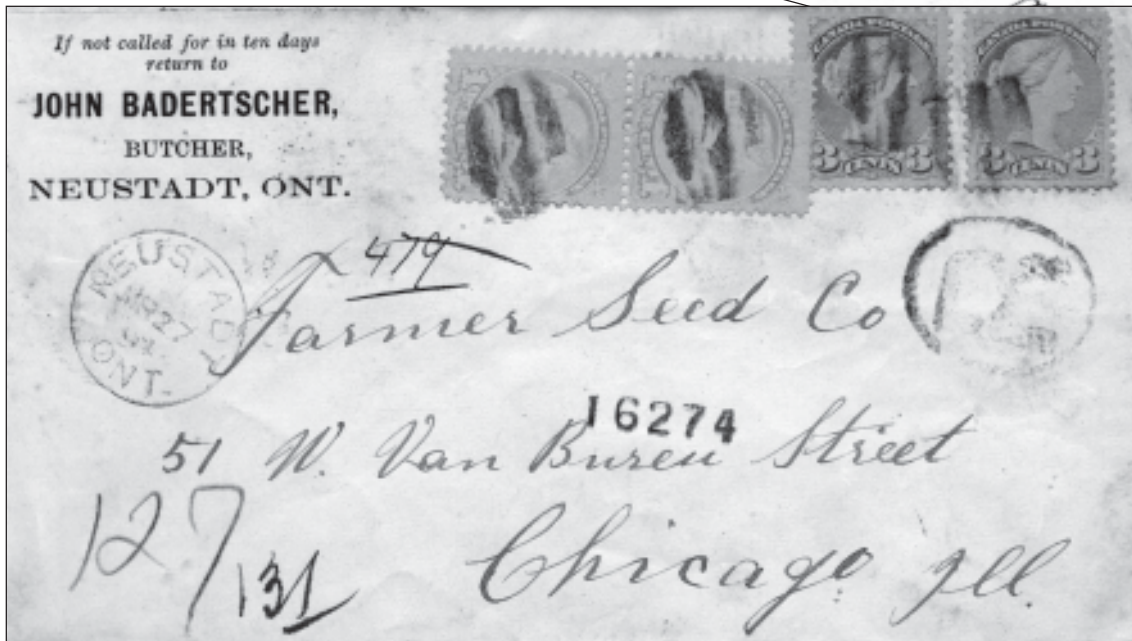
The following people served as postmasters in Neustadt:

- David Winkler (Jan. 1, 1857 until May 15, 1878)
- A.L. McEdwards (Oct. 1, 1878 until 1881)
- John Weinert (August 1, 1881 until March 20, 1895)
- Jacob Weinert (May 1, 1895 until March 5, 1918)
- Mrs. Charlotte Weinert (April 15, 1918 until June 30, 1947)
- Miss Reta Weinert (July 8, 1947 until Aug. 1, 1967)
- Mrs. Rose Marie Nichol (October 13, 1968 until March, 1988)
- Ms Sue Emeny (March 1988 until July 1989)
- Ms Shirley O'Connell
- Ms Glenna Hibbert
- Ms Betty Pohlman

David Winkler, Jacob Weinert, and Mrs. Charlotte Weinert all died while holding the office of postmaster. John Weinert resigned



The above cover is struck with the 1880 22.0 -mm A1 hammer.



The "Badertscher" registered cover is struck with the 1886 23.5-mm cds hammer.

his position, while Miss Reta Weinert retired in 1967, and Mrs. Rose Marie Nichol retired in 1988. The Weinert family certainly controlled the Neustadt post office from 1881 until 1967, a span of 86 years. Beginning with Ms Sue Emeny and all people that followed her we see a period in which the post office was operated with acting postmasters from neighbouring post offices. The Neustadt post office closed on January 22, 1990. It was replaced by a franchise. This new retail outlet was operated out of "Granny's General Store" with Ms Betty Pohlman working at that location. She had been the Assistant postmaster at the Neustadt post office since June 1969 and had received a 20-year *Perfect Attendance* reward in January 1990.

The village grew rapidly and by 1865 had a popula-

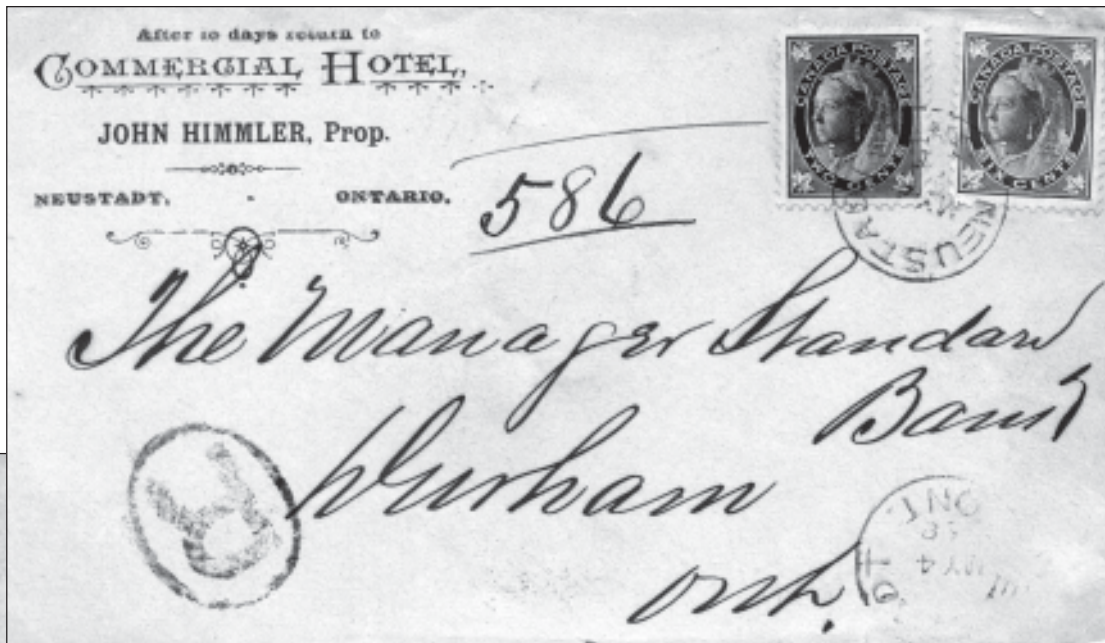
tion of three hundred, reaching 419 in the 1946. Since World War II and with the rapid urbanization of Ontario, Neustadt's population has levelled out and is holding at just above 500.

The railway came to the town in 1878 and thus connected Neustadt to the surrounding world. Alas the railway is gone and Neustadt finds itself located on a county. Even the King's highway system has passed the village by.

Back to postal matters. Although the post office was

Andrew Zettler's
Commercial Hotel was
 operated by John Himmler
 at the time of this cover
 - 1898.

The industrious **Joseph
 Weber & Sons** enterprise
 has been the focus of a
 previous article [see N° 5,
 page 40].



The 19.0-mm A1 hammer
 16 JAN 1914

opened in 1857, the earliest strike recorded is shown on the opening page of this article.

No proof strike is recorded for the NEUSTADT / C.W 20.5-mm A1 hammer shown used September 18, 1867. Bruce Graham in his research then lists three A1 hammers. His first one for NEUSTADT / ONT. has been seen used as early as February 6, 1874. It was followed by a 22.0-mm A1 hammer proofed March 23, 1880. A third 19.0-mm A1 hammer was proofed May 8, 1909.

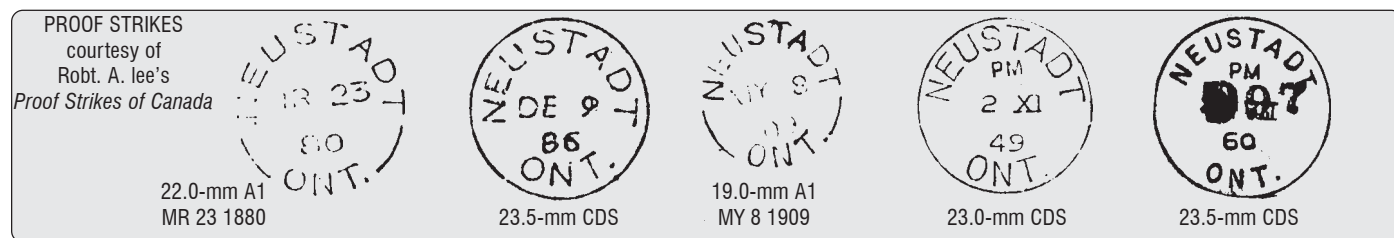
However, a full circle 23.5-mm CDS hammer was proofed December 9, 1886. Again a second 23.0-mm CDS was proofed November 2, 1949, a modern condensed letter 23.5-mm CDS was proofed in August, 1960, and finally sometime around 1980 a 23.5-mm CDS which includes the *postal code* is included in this article.

A special full circle 29.0-mm hammer was also in use as a special FDC cancel for the 17¢ Diefenbaker stamp of June 20, 1980.

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23.0-mm CDS hammer with postal code



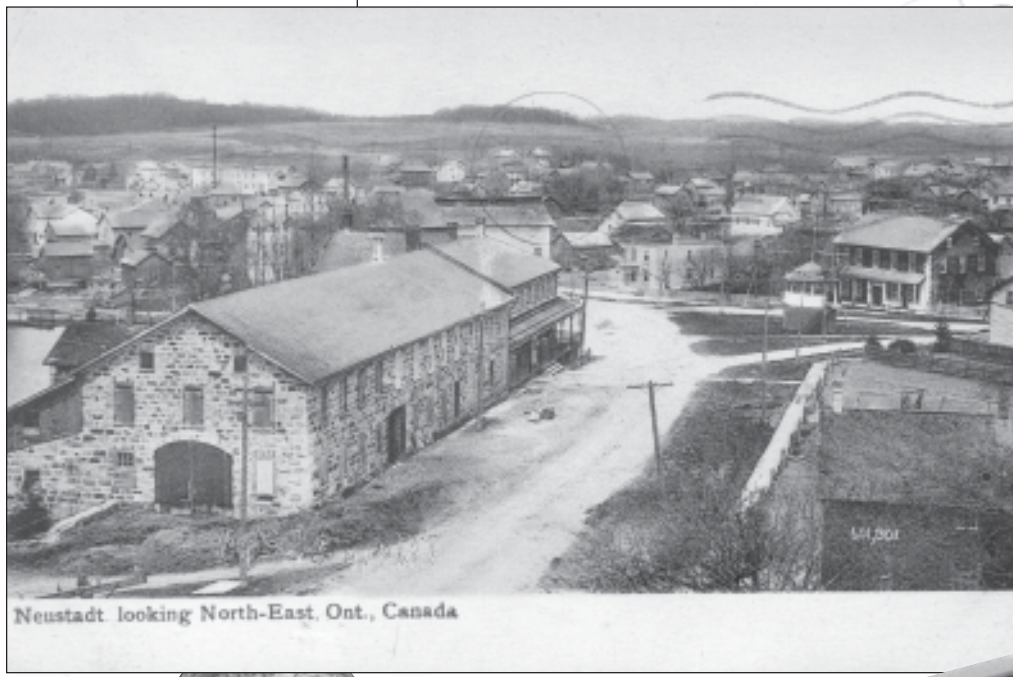
NEUSTADT'S Wheels of Industry

Two post cards
showing Neustadt's
Crystal Springs Brewery –
Wm Huether, proprietor

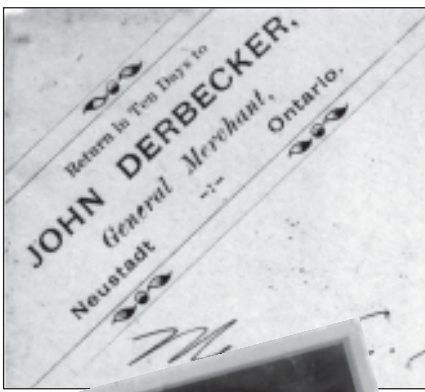


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Neustadt looking North-East, Ont., Canada



**A. DERBECKER,
NEUSTADT, ONT.**



Two advertising envelopes
for Derbecker's General
Store. The angled corner
card (above right) dates
back to 1898, whereas the
"Redpath" envelope is of
1935 vintage.

5¢, 10¢, 25¢ and 50¢ brass
tokens used by the Derbeckers
in the late 1800s-early 1900s.





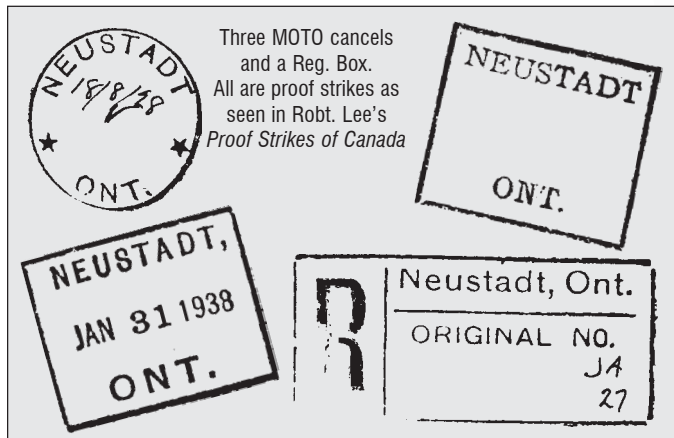
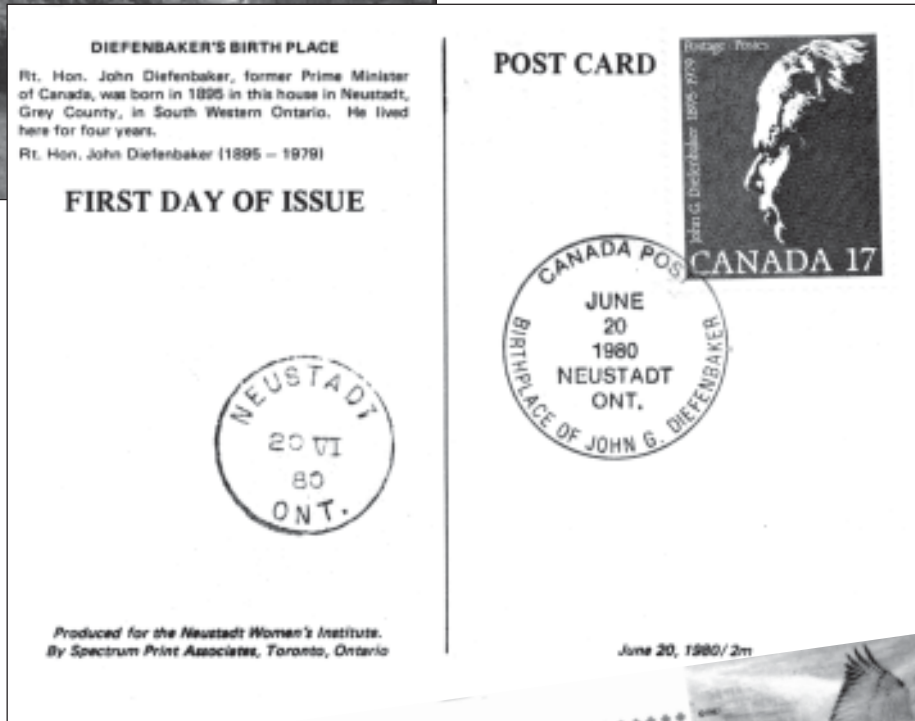
29.0 x 25.0-mm
MOON cancel
3766



The Neustadt Women's Institute produced 2000 commemorative post cards to publicize Neustadt's role in the life of former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker.

***The Neustadt Post Office and its Money Order
Cancelling Handstamps***

Like every other office of the Canada Post Office Department, Neustadt received its share of number changes and the appropriate cancels. The assigned MOON number was 3766 which was replaced by the POCON 393789. This latter operation was located at 425 Mill Street with a postal code N0G 2M0. Officially the post office closed July 16, 1991, after a retail outlet (POCON 010243) had been established November 11, 1989 at Granny's, located at 401 Mill Street in Neustadt. An attempt was made in January 1990 to reorganize the franchise as Neustadt/Hanover RPO 3 (POCON 010456). This attempt did not come about and the Neustadt RO at Granny's with its one rural route remains the post office's sole presence in Neustadt today.



Three MOTO cancels and a Reg. Box. All are proof strikes as seen in Robt. Lee's *Proof Strikes of Canada*



Two different POCON's from the Neustadt RO franchise at Granny's on Mill Street. The CDS steel hammer is a flashback to the days when Neustadt had a regular post office. Normally "franchises" do not have a steel hammer.



THE POSTAL HISTORY

Camp Borden

by Dave Hanes

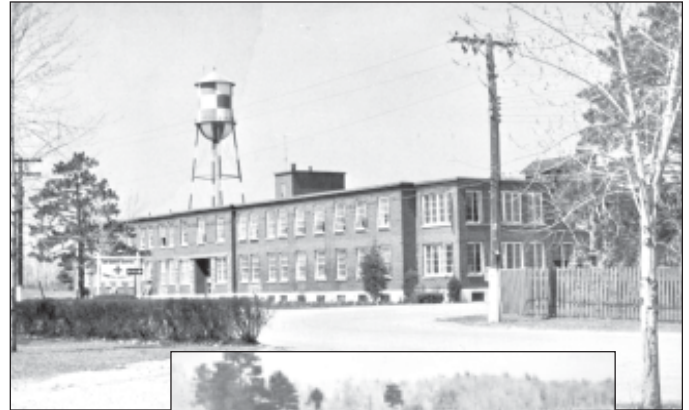
PART X

[REF. 085]

THIS IS THE CONTINUING POSTAL HISTORY OF CAMP BORDEN BEGUN IN ISSUE N° 3

Here are some photos and cards that were sent home to mom.

The "new" Hospital at Camp Borden.
(Photo by Frank Little)



ON LEAVE



CNR Station, Camp Borden, Ontario. (Post card 3 by the Photogelatine Engraving Co.)



American Light WWI Tanks (patterned after the French Renault) arriving at Camp Borden 1940. (Post card publisher unknown)

Dear Mom,
In unloading those tanks I was run over, ended up in the above hospital, but will be shipped out shortly from the CNR station at Camp Borden. All is well,
Love, John

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The Post Office at

MAR

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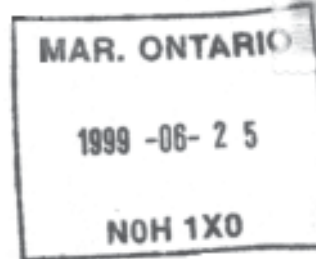
Considering the large number of postmasters that have held the position at Mar, the time period that the office has been open, it is rather unusual that so few cancelling instruments are known. This is an office that presents great opportunities to discover new instruments. A challenge to our membership is to discover these.

Although the post office opened in 1870, the first recorded broken circle hammer was proofed NO 30 1909. Bruce Graham lists no other broken circle hammers. The earliest known date is shown in this article; latest recorded usage is MR 13 1944.

Only one 23-mm CDS hammer has been seen. It was proofed on JUN 18 1947. A strike dated OC 22 1962 is illustrated on page 107. This article also shows two other CDS hammers that came into use much later (see p. 107).

Although Mar was a non-accounting office, that status changed August 28, 1963. Therefore MOON and

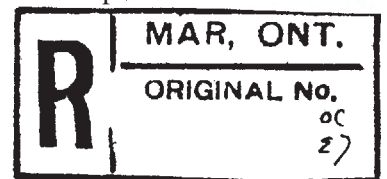
POCON's should be available and yet in June 1999 the current boxed cancel showed no POCAN number. Earlier in this article we list the numbers to look out for.



Only one registration box was proofed and that was in October, 1927.

The 1962 strike on registered cover on page 107 is a different box.

Obviously there is much for the cancel collector to explore and I leave the challenge to the membership to find other instruments. Please report to this newsletter.



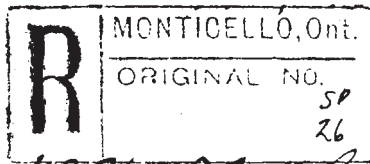
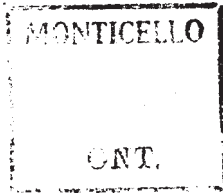
MONTICELLO Addendum

[REF. 000]

The East Luther community of Monticello located on County Road 15 Dufferin County (Lot 22, Concession 11) had a population of 23 in 1973. The General Store and Post office still existed in the 1970s as the accompanying photo from the 1975 published book *Into the High County: the story of Dufferin* shows. The community is now served as part of RR#2 Grand Valley. Aside from the three broken circle cancels used at this post office the proof books also indicate a MOTO cancel and a registration box as show below.



The General Store & Post Office at Monticello in the 1970s



The office was assigned the number 3694 in the Money Order Numbering system of the 1950s.

The following postmasters served in Monticello:

Frank L. Holmes	July 1, 1878 until June 25, 1886
Edmund Switzer	January 1, 1887 until July 28, 1893
Jonathan Maben	November 9, 1893 until June 17, 1897
Miss Mary Billings	April 1, 1898 until December 23, 1902
George Cann	February 1, 1903 until September 19, 1911
Joseph A. Smeltzer	December 31, 1911 until March 1, 1918
Alexander Smeltzer	May 16, 1918 until July 20, 1923
Leonard C. Jacob	August 21, 1923 until November 27, 1927
Robert Miller	January 22, 1928 until November 29, 1930
Albert N. Barber	May 12, 1931 until closing in 1970?*

NOTE: The National Archives Records simply show the date of appointment for Albert Barber. It is possible that he served until the office closed in 1970 at which time he would have been 69 years of age having been born April 15, 1901.

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