

Small Queen Anatomical Research Tool

The Small Queens (SQs) Issue is one of the most complex in philatelic history. The stamps were issued over three decades (1870-1897) with no changes in design. As such, plate and margin varieties abound. Aside from general descriptive terms currently in use, the structural organization of each denomination's design has not been established. An anatomical research tool was created for this purpose.

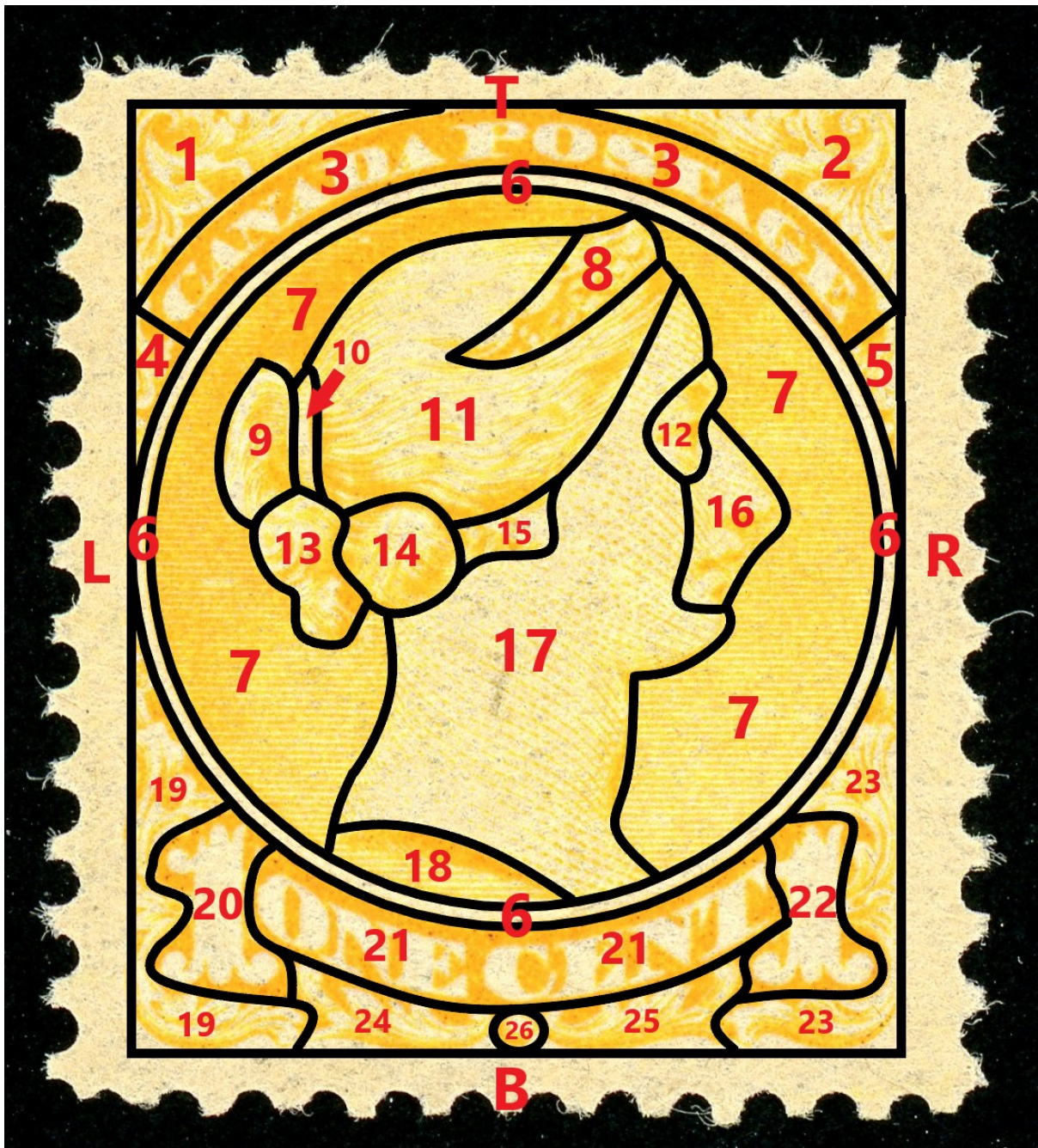
“Anatomy (Greek anatomē, ‘dissection’) is the branch of biology concerned with the study of the structure of organisms and their parts.”

The macroscopic anatomical features of the SQs are those that are identified with the naked eye with or without low magnification lenses. With the advent of digital scanning technologies, microscopic anatomical features of these stamps can now be easily identified and assist in the classification of existing and potentially yet to be discovered varieties. A standardized nomenclature is needed to assist in the identification of these features and to provide a means of effectively communicating these findings. An anatomical research tool has now been created for this purpose. Mapping plate varieties, errors and margin colour can now be done quickly, accurately and precisely.

This tool kit will be updated on a regular basis until all denominations have been entered.

Examples on how to use the tool will also be added.

One Cent Small Queen – Anatomical Research Tool



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EXAMPLE



3 – Markings

7 – Left Upper Plate Design markings clearly visible

19 – Markings

20 – Markings

22 – Markings

24 – Markings

25 – Markings

B2 – LL position dots (two present)*

*B=Bottom Margin 2=Dots Seen at Second Perf