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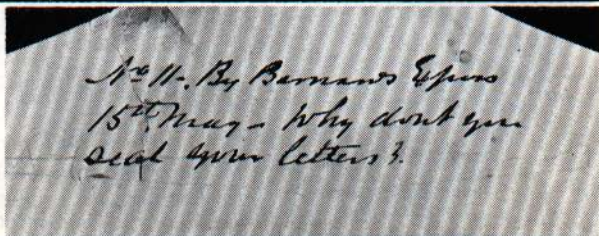
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Judge
O'Reilly:

A letter from Kootanie

BY AUSTIN V. MIFSUD

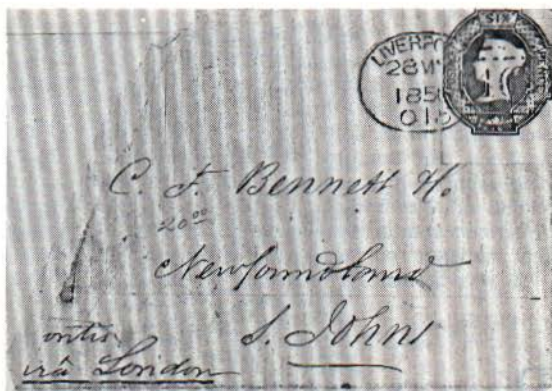
"There isn't the gold in British Columbia that would bribe Judge O'Reilly," was their emphatic endorsement of his dealings with the miners. They described him arriving as the representative of British law and order at Kootanie, immediately after thousands had flocked to the newly discovered gold-mines there. Assembling them, he said that order must and would be kept, and advised them not to display their revolvers unnecessarily, "for, boys, if there is shooting in Kootanie there will be hanging." Such a speech was after the miners' own hearts, and after it there were no more disturbances in Kootanie.

Thus wrote Hubert Bancroft, the Californian historian of Judge Peter O'Reilly.

He was evidently gold commissioner when the cover shown above was written, as it is dated May 15, 1866. The cover has several unique features: the two three penny blues tied by Dietz and Nelson Express; manuscript per Barnards Express; and large circular Barnards Express and oval paid cancel, and paid in manuscript. The most outstanding feature is "Big Bend" in large letters. This is the only one to my knowledge that exists and does not seem to be recorded in B.C. philately. An interesting note on the back flap indicates a slight domestic problem: Mr. O'Reilly admonishing Mrs. O'Reilly for not sealing her letters. He had quite a lengthy and illustrious career, finally settling in Victoria where he died in 1905.

A historic letter

BY ROBERT H. PRATT



The desire for direct steam from England to Newfoundland began about 1838. The conclusion of the long search was not reached until late 1856 and then only on a short-term basis. Prior to the visits of the Liverpool-Portland Line of steamers which called out and back at St. John's, only one ship is known to have carried a post-office bag of mail directly from London to St. John's. This was the *Propontis* and this is her story and the story of the only known remaining letter from this voyage. Unfortunately the wrapper for the letter is badly torn, the stamp is fair—but it is a unique remnant.

On May 28, 1856 a notice appeared in the *London Times*, which read:

Steam from London to St. John's Newfoundland, carrying a bag from the post-office, letters to be marked "Screw Steamer Propontis", General Screw Steam Shipping Company's well-known screw steamer Propontis, 550 tons, 100 horsepower, will positively sail on the 30th inst., has excellent accommodations for first class passengers.

The General Screw Steam Co., which was engaged in a losing venture to provide mail and steam service to North Africa and India, probably had chartered out the *Propontis* for this particular voyage. The *Royal Gazette* of June 24, 1856 stated that she arrived in St. John's on June 20 after a passage of 14 days (departing June 6) bringing 10 passengers and papers from June 5. Among the passengers was the well-known merchant George T. Brooking and also Messrs. Kent and Canning, well known in the government. More importantly the *Propontis* was carrying the cable for the underwater telegraph leg from Newfound-

land to Cape Breton and Cape Breton to Prince Edward Island.

On June 21 the *Propontis* left St. John's for Sydney and Port-aux-Basques where she joined forces with the *Victoria* (presently leased by the telegraph company but later the first coastal steam mail boat). The *Newfoundlander* of July 24 carried the following announcement:

SYDNEY C.B., 12 July, 1856—The submarine electric cable for the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company was successfully laid on the 10th instant, from the steam ship Propontis, Captain Goodwin, under the direction of Mr. Samuel Canning, across the Gulf of St. Lawrence, between Cape Ray Cove, Newfoundland, and Ashpec Bay, Cape Breton, a distance of 85 miles, in 15 hours. Messages are now being freely and instantaneously transmitted from shore to shore.

The *Propontis* returned to England on August 8 with 10 passengers. The balance of the line was completed and on November 14 the telegraph company announced that the "line connecting this island with Cape Breton is completed and open to the public. Messages will hereafter be promptly transmitted between this Colony and any place in the United States and British North America."

This new form of communication led to the establishment of a lighter service contacting ships from England to America off Cape Race to obtain the latest news and telegraph it ahead of the ship to New York. It also encouraged greater efforts to obtain direct steam to St. John's. Cunard and the Admiralty turned down this plea on rather specious grounds; the Liverpool-Portland Line faltered and died and it was not until

the Galway Line came into existence that continuous direct steam became a reality.

The *Propontis* established two firsts for Newfoundland: as far as can be determined, this was the first direct GPO-controlled steam mail to be delivered at St. John's in a closed bag; and this was the first operable connection of a telegraph between the island of Newfoundland and the North American continent. One could only wish that the letter remnant were more complete.

It was mailed from Liverpool on May

28, 1856, the day the notice appeared in the *Times*. It was marked, as can be partially seen—ONTIS 'via London' which would conform to the notice. It bears a curious St. John's receiving mark of July 24 (with the "4" upside down) which possibly could be a mistake for July 21. The stamp is G.B. Scott 60 and the mark along the torn edge is the 1d stg. from the 6d postage rate, due Newfoundland, which had been prepaid. C. F. Bennett & Co. was a well known merchant.

Pence Covers

to points outside Canada, the U.S. and Britain

BY W. E. LEA

Our organization* is currently attempting to discover how many Pence Issue covers of Canada are in existence.

At the present time we have some 750 recorded, and several interesting facts have emerged as a result of this study. Some of our findings will be revealed in due course, and it would be most helpful if collectors of Pence covers would send us the details.

Perhaps the first conclusion one can reach from this census is the amazing shortage of covers existing to countries outside Canada, U.S.A. and the United Kingdom. When one considers the close connection France had—and still has—with Canada, it is remarkable that apparently only two covers exist. Below are enumerated the covers already recorded by us. This is not the last word, but we hope will prove an incentive to others to search to see if they can find more. We look forward to hearing from you.

NORWAY

1. 1857: ½d imperf strip of three on circular to Laurvig, Norway, dated on reverse July 28 and 30, 1858 (1d underpaid) (fig. 1).
2. 1858/9: ½d perf. pair and two singles on cover to Christiane, Norway dated Quebec, May 30, 1859. (1 stamp missing).

GERMANY

1. 1852/7: 3d thin wove imperf pair on cover to Hamburg dated Montreal September 25, 1854. Stamps pay double-rate internal postage—envelope bears 25 in manuscript covering overseas postage. Ex De Volpi.
2. 1859: ½d perf pair + 17c on cover to Breslau, Germany, (Breslau now in Poland) paying the 19c rate to Germany. Unique mixed franking illustrated in Boggs, page 203. (fig. 2)
3. 1857: ½d strip of four and single on circular to Bremen dated Quebec, July 13, 1858. (fig. 3)
4. 1857: ½d strip of three on circular to Bremen (same address as above) dated September 6, 1858 (1c underpaid).

FRANCE

1. 1852/57: 6d imperf on medium paper, two copies together with 1858/9 ½d perforated to Chalon sur Rhone, France (note pence rate equivalent to 21 cents) dated Montreal, February 7, 1859.
2. 1858/9: ½d perfed with pair of 6d perfed used to Chalon sur Rhone, France. Dated Montreal, March 19, 1859 (similar rated cover to No. 1).

We would appreciate hearing of other covers for this survey.

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Varieties of the 1967 Centennial Issue

By Kenneth W. Pugh

In the last article of this series I commented upon a slight extension of the horizontal shading lines found in the 8c slate issued in 1971. The shading lines protruded slightly beyond the right vertical frame in two general areas; adjacent to the Queen's hair, and just above her shoulder. As well, the lower horizontal frame line protruded to the right.

The extensions were of the same width and sharpness as the normal shading lines, and at first glance appeared to be examples of sloppy reworking or retouching but as I believed they were not constant I ruled this possibility out.

Since that time, however, more information on this variety has been uncovered.

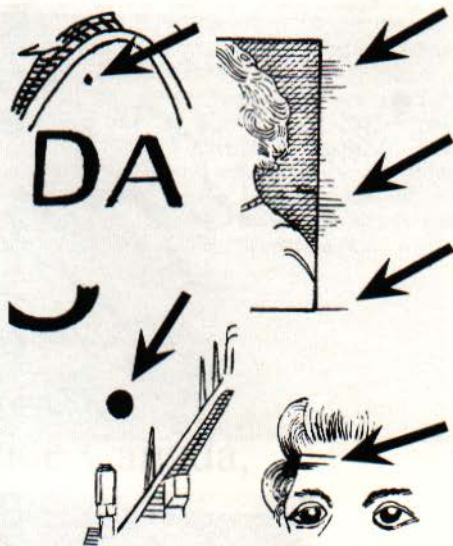
First of all, the variety discussed in my previous article has been found to be a great deal more prominent on some panes. The first variety consisting of slight protrusions of the horizontal shading and frame lines past the right vertical frame line I call Stage 1.

Copies found in Brandon, Manitoba, and Vancouver, B.C., early in January 1974, show the length of the extension increasing considerably. In some cases the protrusions extend right to the vertical perforations! The lower frame line extension is longer as well. These examples I call Stage 2.

Stage 2 copies also generally show a number of deep horizontal 'cracks' in the Queen's forehead just above her right eye. At the base of these cracks the Queen's hair is very dark (see diagram).

Noticeable in all the margins are very tiny lines resembling hairlines.

In my last article I stated that to my knowledge the extensions were not constant due to the fact that it did not appear consecutively down the post office pad. It is with this point that a further check re-



sulted in three significant discoveries. These are:

1) A small grey dot just above the -DA- of CANADA which I call 'The Queen's Vaccination Mark' (position R3/5).

2) A large grey-black dot between the figure "8" and the library termed the 'Black Moon over Library Variety' (position R5/6).

3) Upon close examination of each pane of 50 down the pad I noticed the following pattern occurring:

- Queen's Vaccination Mark on faint Stage 1
- Stage 1
- Black Moon over Library—Stage 2
- Queen's Vaccination Mark on faint Stage 1
- Stage 1
- Black Moon over Library—Stage 2
- Queen's Vaccination Mark on faint Stage 1

(and so on down the pad)

Thus it is apparent that all these varieties are constant including the horizontal shading-line extensions.

Further correspondence with other variety specialists concurred that the panes may be shuffled around before packing, but it is a coincidence that they ended up coming together with such a regular pattern! I have not been able to solve that problem yet—any suggestions?

Now the main problem—what is causing the extensions? It seems that there are three main possibilities; reworking, over-inking, and plate cracks or hairlines.

a) *Reworking* — This would account for the width and depth of the extensions being the same as the regular shading lines. But it does not seem feasible that an engraver would permit his tool to slip so far that the lines extend right to the perforations! Also it does not account for the forehead cracks, the small hairlines nor the dark area near her forehead.

b) *Over-inking* — This would account for the dark area near her forehead, but that is all. The extension lines are far too regular and the shading lines elsewhere are clear. If over-inking was

present it would seem possible that other areas of the design would become 'blotted' as well.

c) *Plate Cracking* — This would account for the forehead cracks, the tiny hairlines, and possibly the horizontal extensions. I am not entirely convinced, but so far it seems the most feasible.

Hans Reiche has reported to me that the Stage 1 and 2 stamps do not appear to be as wide as the earlier 1971 issues. This would support the reworking theory. Are there any other suggestions? If so please write to me at 134—20th St., Brandon, Manitoba, R7B 1L4.



Notes on Recent Issues

- The 6c Lester Pearson stamp in the current definitive series (Scott 630) now comes cancelled; the "warning texts" are written along the selvage on both sides (one side in English, the other in French).

- Halifax dealer Jacques Laroche claims the Pacific Coast Indians release of earlier this year comes on both dull and fluorescent paper, the last being found "on only a few sheets," without inscriptions.

- He also says the \$1 Vancouver (plate 1) exists on ribbed paper — on sheets both inscribed and non-inscribed.

- David Gronbeck-Jones, the astute *Linn's* columnist in Ottawa, offers some convincing arguments that the Postage Due stamps are now being printed for collectors only, and have no other purpose. Several weeks ago the whole range of values were reprinted on PVA-gummed paper.

These days postage due stamps are replaced by a rubber stamp with the figure written in, or/and a postage meter tape with the amount owing imprinted on it. Payment can be made in stamps or in cash to the postman. If no one is home, he leaves the letter, along with a postcard. The recipient is expected, on his honor, to apply stamps to the card to the amount of the shortage, and mail the card to the local postmaster.

Should one happen to go to the post office to settle the account in person, postage due stamps might be used by the clerk — but more likely, regular stamps will be applied.

There were some other, fairly rare, cases, where postage due stamps were once used also — but such uses have long been replaced by the use of regular stamps. Gronbeck-Jones has been told by postal clerks that "We don't use them any more" when he tried to buy them to pay short postage.

For the few offices that occasionally use postage due stamps for over-the-counter settlement of postage due, Gronbeck-Jones maintains that the quantity of postage due stamps needed is so trifling that it wouldn't be worth having such stamps printed at all.

That leaves the one obvious explanation: they're being printed for collectors as a revenue-making vehicle. The stamps don't exist *except* in sheets showing the printer's imprint, unlike the majority of stamps. "Is it because the majority are destined for collectors?" he asks.

He also notes that these impressions, once appearing once per sheet, now appear in all four corners; that large quantities of Postage Due stamps were withdrawn stock prior to the issuing of the new PVA type Postage Dues; and that a new 16c value has just appeared.

"The new release of Postage Dues is a major rip-off aimed at collectors," Gronbeck-Jones says, summing it up.



Rounding Up Squared Circles

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Column No. 127—Time-mark 'Nt' does exist for KINGSTON, Hammer II. The illustration for this column was provided by Nels Pelletier, and shows KINGSTON II, Nt/JU 13/?; SMITHS FALLS, 1/DE 18/95; and BRANDON, 1/JA 23/96. Each of these is apparently unique; no other examples have yet been reported. The fourth item shown, SYDNEY, OC 14/99, is a counter example to the Handbook note that '00' was used for 'OC' throughout the life of this hammer.

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Bill Robinson reports a new early date for SANDON, B.C.: SP 8/97. Dave Brown has sent me a photocopy of a new find: two postcards carrying the ALDERGROVE, B.C. squared circle with dates some four years later than the previously recorded late date. Each card carries a 1c Edward cancelled with circular-bar killer, and a free strike of the squared circle. Dates are MY 15/07 and JY 10/07.

A sixth known copy of MISSION CITY has been reported to me by Anonymus; this example is the first cover to be reported with the MISSION CITY squared circle, and is also a new late date: OC 31/93. The same collector reports a new early date for NORTHPORT: AU 19/93 and new late dates for SPRINGHILL (MR 21/03) and GODERICH (MR 28/06). He reports, in addition: RAT PORTAGE, NO 3/64; KENTVILLE, JU 1/10; and YARMOUTH, AU/AU 31/97. The RAT PORTAGE is a late date for the '64-for-94' error, previously known during the period AP 17 to JU 20, and may be an isolated recurrence of the error.

The KENTVILLE strike is a new early

example of the '10-for-01' error, previously recorded during the period JU 24 to the latest known date for this town, AU 25/10. All these strikes are on Numeral issues, and a number of covers in this period, carrying other markings, establish that the correct year was '01. The YARMOUTH error is represented by two strikes on a cover, and is undoubtedly an error for AM/AU 31/97.

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Dave Mayerovitch reports a new early date for RAT PORTAGE: MY 8/93. Jeffrey Switt reports new late dates for ROTHESAY (OC 1/09), and EASTMAN (FE 15/03). Both are receivers' marks on cover. Colin Banfield has sent me photos of two covers carrying 2c Admirals cancelled with the LONDON Type II squared circle, and of much earlier dates than previously reported on Admirals; the dates are 24/JAN 6/13 and 11/JAN 7/13. I think I have not yet listed several pieces of information reported a while back by Joe Szeker: VERNON, B.C., latest: JA 1/98; NIAGARA FALLS SOUTH, latest: SP 10/01 (previously reported in error as SP 1); and RODNEY, 2/ SP 13/98. Prior to the report of this example of RODNEY '2', only a single other had been recorded: 2/?P 14/98.

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Lew Ludlow's report on LONDON Type II squared circle on Admiral issues is quite interesting; he believes that the use of the hammer during this period is unusual in that it appears to have been used during five distinct brief periods between FE 10/17 and OC 15/20 (his earliest and latest dates). Because most all the other strikes known to me fit within these brief periods, I pre-

sent his tabulation exactly as reported:

FE 10-FE 22/17; JY 13-JY 20/17; OC 15-OC 31/17; AP 12-AP 22/18; and JU 23-OC 15/20.

The only modification I can make, on the basis of reports by other collectors, is NO 1/17 (making its period OC 15-NO 1/17) and NO 1/20 (changing the period to JU 23-NO 1/20). Earlier and later periods are known on Admirals, but the number of reported examples is too few to hazard a guess whether these periods were also brief. Other periods are represented by JAN 6 and JAN 7/13 covers mentioned earlier in this column; two 1914 covers, dates not known to me; one 1915 date (JY ?—a day not readable); and a FE 19/24 strike.

Lew presented a listing of time mark occurrence, which I have slightly modified to account for other information known to me, but there is no substantial change in the relative frequency; among a group of 83 strikes for which the time mark is readable, the distribution is:

11—4 strikes (4.8%)	18—21 strikes (25.3%)
12—4 strikes (4.8%)	19—10 strikes (12.0%)
13—2 strikes (2.4%)	20—6 strikes (7.2%)
14—3 strikes (3.6%)	21—none
15—10 strikes (12.0%)	22—none
16—3 strikes (3.6%)	23—none
17—4 strikes (4.8%)	24—16 strikes (19.3%)

As Lew points out, nearly half of the strikes are 18 (6 PM) and 24 (midnight).

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The use of the HAMILTON squared circle during the Admiral period seems to have been continuous from at least MR 11/13 to NO 18/15, with none of the gaps characteristic of the LONDON hammer. The time mark frequency during the Admiral period, based on 51 strikes with readable time-marks is

9—2 strikes (3.9%)	17—4 strikes (7.8%)
10—1 strike (2.0%)	18—14 strikes (27.5%)
11—2 strikes (3.9%)	19—3 strikes (5.9%)
12—1 strike (2.0%)	20—2 strikes (3.9%)
13—1 strike (2.0%)	21—none
14—3 strikes (5.9%)	22—4 strikes (7.8%)
15—4 strikes (7.8%)	23—9 strikes (17.6%)
16—none	24—1 strike (2.0%)

Here, the hours of heaviest use appear to have been 18 (6 PM) and 23 (11 PM).



Semi-Official Airmails

New study group formed

Trelle Morrow has launched a Semi-Official Airmail Study Group within BNAPS. (While the group has official blessing, it will never attain the status of being known as the Official Airmail Study Group—but that's another matter.) The group came into being at the last BNAPS convention in Calgary, now has nearly 30 members, and issues an excellent mimeographed bulletin to its members.

"Our program for this year," says Morrow, "will be to send out four to six bulletins which will contain stories and stamp information of interest to collectors. We hope to get feedback from the study-group members and may get a swap-sheet going with each bulletin. We are fortunate in having a lot of info prepared in past years by Ernest Smith, Haughton Sanguinetti and others, which we plan to mimeograph and send out."

For starters, the group has asked for a column in *Topics*—a logical request which was granted by the editor and which will commence very soon. (In fact, when this

editor took over, he prepared a batch of 15 column heads on various subjects in the expectation that such columns would materialize if they weren't already in force, and Semi-Official Airmails was among them.)

For details, write to chairman Morrow at 1370 7th Avenue, Prince George, B.C. Or if you want to jump right in, write the group's membership-treasurer Ray Simrak, at Schoolane, R.R. 1, Windsor, Ontario. Annual fees are a mere \$2. The *Topics* column will be written by Haughton Sanguinetti of Dunedin, Florida—a professional newspaperman and writer of long standing.

The group's first bulletin is four pages, and packed with ideas, proposals, and contains a thorough analysis of the Moose Jaw issue of 1928. While Morrow hasn't said so, it appears the group has, among its projects, the making up of a catalogue-type listing of all stamps in the Semi-Official family.



The RPO Cowcatcher

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Following a brief pause for the forced digestion of our relocation from Japan to California, an assimilation of the year-end holidays and an overburden of business, we now return to the philatelic front. Before continuing with our dissection and analysis of M-12, we offer the following comments:

The RPO Study Group formed in Calgary last fall is alive and kicking; we are now up to approximately 25 members and our second Newsletter will be put out this month. Those interested in joining who have not done so should send \$3 for annual dues to our secretary, James Lehr, 2918 Chesire Road, Devon, Wilmington, Delaware 19810, and he will be glad to sign you up. At the request of the Group, we made available our small stock of B. & K. Cancellation Gauges at a price of \$2 each and promptly sold the lot within a week. We have since been resupplied by air from England with a larger stock and offer these to our readers who cannot obtain same locally at this price, which is highly inflated to cover airmail charges.

We have had a couple of minor problems on receipt of mail, so we have taken a local post office box; please address all correspondence to the new address at the head of the column.

In recent issues we offered a series of new listings, additions and corrections from Shaw; unfortunately, there were a number of typesetting errors involved in publication. We'll revise this as soon as possible.

We now resume our analysis of M-12. During our column moratorium of the last two months we acquired new information which has brought to light new findings. In the September issue of *Topics* we reported 20 hammers of M-12; now we can advise that there are, in fact, 23 hammers of M-12. Fortunately, the three new hammers are all in Group C, which will be reported herewith; accordingly, nothing reported on for Group A and B hammers, including the approximate percentages, has been altered or changed.

M-12

CAMP. & LEVIS EXPRESS — R.P.O./.

All Group C hammers have a dot, square or dash after the last S of EXPRESS, and further have no punctuation period after the P of CAMP. Of the three groups of M-12, Group C is the least well-known — 12.5% (Group A—39.3%; Group B—48.2%), and is the most difficult to separate into its individual hammers. We believe that most Group C hammers were in use as supplemental or substitute hammers for those of Group A and B; generally speaking, usage is somewhat more narrowly confined, roughly within the 1910-19 period, with only Hammer XVII going into the 1920s.



XIV

XV

Hammer XIV

Proofed: June 29, 1910
Earliest: July 15, 1910
Latest: June 24, 1912

Indicia: E, W to May, 1912

199, 200—August/September, 1911; June 1912.

Usage: Continuous, but limited to two year period.
R.F.: 5 (2.7%)

Comments: "1" for "11" on July 31 on 2c Edward. As early as November, 1910 there is extensive rim damage over EXPRESS which continues to deteriorate; this may account for the relatively short life of this hammer. Except for the dash after the last S of EXPRESS, measurement characteristics are more similar to those of Group B than to the balance of Group C hammers; this, with the rim damage, assists in quick identification of this hammer when the dash is visible.

Hammer XV

Proofed: June 29, 1910
Earliest: August 2, 1910
Latest: November 10, 1913

Indicia: E, W to October, 1910; June, 1911

199, 200—July/October, 1911; September/November, 1912; September/November, 1913
33, 34—May, 1911; November, 1911/May, 1912; April, 1913

Usage: Apparently continuous through 1912, then sporadic for balance of period.

R.F.: 5 (2.9%)

Comments: There is considerable similarity between Hammers XV, XVI, XXII and XXIII, and care must be taken in distinguishing between these four hammers (see Separation of Group C Hammers that follows). A gap occurs between October, 1910 and May, 1911; two strikes of 33/May 26, 1911 may be abnormal early usage for this indicia. E and W/June 30, 1911 and 199 and 200/August 7, 1911 are known matched runs on the same day.



XVI

XVII

Hammer XVI

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: December 17, 1910

Latest: September 11, 1912

Indicia: E, W to July, 1911

33, 34—April/September, 1912

Usage: Sporadic—December, 1910; February and July, 1911; April, July, August and September, 1912. Total—11 strikes.

R.F.: 5 (0.9%)

Comments: The round dot after the last S of EX-PRESS is a vestige—faint to missing—on most strikes; however, all characteristics are more similar to Hammer XV than to any Group B hammer and experience will quickly bring recognition. A large rim break—over 2 mm—at 7:00 is confirmatory of Hammer XVI.

Hammer XVII

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: October 7, 1912

Latest: March 13, 1926

Indicia: 199, 200 to June, 1914; July, 1917/January, 1918; June/September, 1919

33, 34—April, 1914/November, 1915

W—March, 1915 (one only—abnormal)

3, 4—January, 1916/July, 1917; October, 1917;

February, 1918/May, 1919; December, 1919

1, 2—November, 1922/March, 1926

31—April 13, 1917 and November 21, ? on 3c

brown Admiral;

(Two copies only—abnormal for "3"?)

Usage: Sporadic until 1915, after which continuous until 1919; 1920s usage is spotty.

R.F.: 5 (4.5%)

Comments: This is the most well-known of the Group C hammers. Sometime after 1919, but before 1922, a major rim dent occurs at 5:00 over the O of RPO.



XVIII

XIX

Hammer XVIII

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: September 29, 1913

Latest: August 18, 1914

Indicia: 199, 200 only

Usage: Continuous, but limited—seven strikes

R.F.: 5 (0.4%)

Comments: Although strikes of this hammer are comparatively scarce, they are quite readily identifiable under measurement because of the more closely spaced letters of the hammer.



XX

XXI

Hammer XIX

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: September 9, 1912

Latest: October 15, 1914

Indicia: Blank—1912 (Two only)

199, 200—1913/14

34—February, 1914 (One only)

Usage: Sporadic; only eight strikes known throughout the two-year period.

R.F.: 5 (0.4%)

Comments: These two blank indicia were the only ones encountered on the Group C hammers; however, we feel that these are indicative, but not definitive, of Hammer XIX.

Hammer XX

Proofed: August 2, 1912

Earliest: October 12, 1913

Latest: June 28, 1914

Indicia: 199—earliest above

34—latest above

Usage: Rare; only two strikes known.

R.F.: 5 (0.1%)

Comments: Six impressions struck in the Proof Book on the above date are all from the same hammer. We feel that more strikes will be found, particularly earlier examples.

Hammer XXI

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: May 17, 1913

Latest: March 1, 1914

Indicia: 199—May/June, 1913

W—June, 1913

33—March, 1914

Usage: Rare; four strikes only within a ten month period.

R.F.: 5 (0.3%)

Comments: This hammer and Hammer XXIII are of equal rarity, both with less than a half dozen known strikes.

Hammer XXII

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: March 1, 1913

Latest: June 25, 1914

Indicia: 199 only

Usage: Rare; only three strikes known—two above plus April 29, 1914

R.F.: 5 (0.2%)

Comments: All three known strikes show total indicia completely inverted: In use for over a year, we expect additional examples to be reported.

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Canada Post Relents: a reduction in the number

On January 18, Postmaster General André Ouellet announced a revised 1974 stamp program for Canada Post. The revised program introduces a new 7c definitive stamp, a new 8c commemorative stamp, and important changes in the 1974 Olympic stamps series.

The new program reduces the number of commemorative stamps to 33 from 45 originally planned. The total cost to the collector of purchasing one of each commemorative stamp in 1974 will be reduced to \$2.99 from the \$5.42 it would have cost before the program was revised, Canada Post said.

"We have revised our program in response to the many expressions of concern which we received from philatelists in Canada and abroad that Canada planned to issue too many stamps in 1974," said Ouellet.

The Canada Post Office will introduce a 7c stamp to the low-value definitive series. It will feature the late Louis St-Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada from 1948 to 1957. St-Laurent was still alive when the choice of former Prime Ministers for this series issued last October was

made. For this reason, he was not included in this series. The new 7c stamp will be issued April 8.

This new stamp will meet a need. Two 7c stamps can be used for mail (1 to 2 ounces) at the first class rate of 14 cents and one 7 cent stamp combined with an 8 cent stamp is the postage rate for overseas first class mail (1 ounce or less) at 15 cents.

An 8c commemorative stamp to honour William Hamilton Merritt on the 150th anniversary of his founding of the Welland Canal will be issued on November 29, 1974.

Instead of issuing the 24 Olympic semi-postal (surcharged) stamps announced earlier, the Canada Post will be issuing only three semi-postals on April 17, 1974, together with two issues of four commemorative 8c stamps in March and September 1974.

The new Olympic commemorative stamps will introduce a world first in stamp design. A new patented engraving technique has been employed which provides a "latent" or "hidden image" of the 1976 Olympic Games symbol in the stamp.

... and here's a full statement of the revised print

On January 18, Postmaster General André Ouellet announced that, effective February 1, 1974, the following policies with respect to philatelic and retail product sales and services will be implemented:

- Stamps will be sold at all philatelic counters as sheets, plate block sets and combinations or sets of singles in a prepackaged format for customer convenience and to protect the product quality, without additional charge, for a period of 12 months only following their date of issue.

- All stamps, commencing January 1974, will bear the year of issue and a copyright mark.

- Customers will have until February 28, 1974 to purchase stamps issued prior to February 2, 1973.

- Semi-annual packs of single stamps and topicals or thematics, where appropriate, will be sold for a period of 12 months following the date of availability.

- "Annual Souvenir Collections" of definitive, commemorative, special issue sets and thematic or topical sets will be available for 24 months following date of issue. These are specially packaged with attractive presentation folders and bear a small surcharge over the face value of the stamps.

- Official FDCs will be sold at philatelic counters and by mail order in the following format: single stamp on FDC, combination of current issue, plate block (choice of four corners), plain block or pair of two stamps of same design and denomination. Official FDCs will be sold for six months following day of issue. Semi-annual convenience package of official FDCs will be available in the single combination format for a period of 12 months following the date of availability. The selling price of official FDCs will remain at 20c, plus the postage value purchased.

- A plate block, regardless of the stamp denomination, may be purchased as four stamps.

Number of stamps being issued this year

The image only becomes visible when the stamp is held obliquely towards a light source.

The Olympic commemorative stamp issued on March 22, 1974 will feature four designs on one sheet showing Canadians participating in typically Canadian sports or activities—hiking, bicycling, swimming, and jogging. The issue on September 23 will similarly feature four winter activities—skiing, snowshoeing, curling, and skating.

The semi-postals which will be issued April 17 will employ the very popular design used on the first Olympic commemoratives issued September 20, 1973, but will offer philatelists the unique opportunity of seeing these designs in three different interpretations, and in a different size.

The bronze colored 8c stamp will have a two-cent surcharge, the silver colored 10c stamp will have a five-cent surcharge, as will the gold-colored 15c stamp.

The 8c stamp commemorating the international championship of cycling will be issued August 7, seven days before the event which

will be held in Montreal. Its issue was originally planned for April 10.

The Postmaster General also said that Canada Post will continue in 1975 its series on the Olympic Games and that a commemorative stamp for Marguerite Bourgeoys, founder of the Order of Notre-Dame, will be issued on the 275th anniversary of her death.

Here is the revised list of the 1974 issues:

- January 16—Pacific Indians A (two 8 cent stamps)
- February 22—Pacific Indians B (two 8 cent stamps)
- March 22—Olympic commemorative, Summer scenes (four 8 cent stamps)
- April 8—Louis St-Laurent (one 7 cent stamp)
- April 17—Olympic semi-postals (one 8 cent plus 2 stamp, one 10 cent plus 5 stamp and one 15 cent plus 5 stamp)
- May 3—Winnipeg Centennial (one 8 cent stamp)
- June 7—Centenary of Letter Carrier Service (five 8 cent stamps)
- July 12—Agriculture in Canada (one 8 cent stamp)
- July 26—Invention of the telephone (one 8 cent stamp)
- August 7—World cycling championships (one 8 cent stamp)
- August 28—Multicultural Series (one 8 cent stamp)
- September 23—Olympic commemorative, Winter scenes (four 8 cent stamps)
- October 9—Universal Postal Union Centennial (8 cent and 15 cent stamps)
- November 1—Christmas stamps (6 cent, 8 cent, 10 cent and 15 cent stamps)
- November 29—William Hamilton Merritt (8 cent stamp)

Printing and sales policy:

Effective March 2, 1974, this policy will also apply to all past issues still on sale. It is no longer necessary to purchase more than four stamps to obtain a corner block for stamp denominations below 10c.

- Cash orders by mail must be paid in Canadian dollars and the total value of the order must be one dollar or more. There is, however, no minimum order limit for Collector's Subscription Service (formerly known as a Deposit Account) customers and payment to subscription accounts will be accepted in both Canadian and U.S. currency. Minimum deposit for Collector's Subscription Service is \$20 Canadian.

- First Day Cancellation will, from time to time, be elsewhere than Ottawa where the stamp issue has some outstanding association with a specific location (e.g. the centennial of a major city). The FDC site will be revealed with the announcement of the stamp issue.

- First Day cancellation and delivery will be available at the official "First Day Cancellation"

site for customers' own FDCs for a service charge of 15c if the Canada Post Office affixes the postage and if the postage purchased is less than 50c. The service charge will be 10c where the customer has purchased and affixed the postage in advance. The minimum order limitation of \$1 will not apply to this service.

- Mail order forms are available at all philatelic counters and at most regular Post Offices. Mail orders and payment for all philatelic products and services may be made through any local post office or by writing directly to Philatelic Service Philatélique, Poste Canada Post, Ottawa, Canada, K1A 0B5.

Those who wish to obtain a copy of the full statement of Public Policy on Philatelic and Retail Product Sales and Services please write to: Philatelic Service Philatélique, Postes Canada Post, Ottawa, Canada, K1A 0B5.

(for an organization chart of POD personnel, see "Newsfront", page 56)

TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

The Philatelic Section of Canada Post has undergone some major changes recently. It has sent us one of those organization charts so dear to the corporate world, but they are difficult to set up in type and instead we offer it, in a prose version, for those who may be interested:

The director of the section is H. A. Nightingale, who oversees five departments:

— Postage Stamp Design: Frank G. Flatters (in charge of stamp design, production, subject and history research, and such problems as types of material to be used in tagging of stamps. The advisory committee of stamp design works closely with him.)

— Philatelic and Retail Product Design: R. W. Eyre (covering such projects as packaging stamps for retail sales, publications such as the *Canada: Stamps and Stories* and the collectors' starter kit for youngsters, the annual souvenir cards, etc.)

— Philatelic and Retail Sales and Promotion: J. N. Levesque (domestic sales, export sales, mail order service, school programs, and advertising and promotion.)

— 1976 Olympic Stamp Program: J. D. Garmaise.

— Support Services: M. C. Walker.

The postal museum, which opens later next month, appears to be a separate entity; its manager is James E. Kraemer.

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In April and May, John Farthing, a director of Stanley Gibbons Ltd., of London, England, will tour Halifax, Saint John, St. John's, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria.

SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Canada & Newfoundland Postal Stationery Catalogue: 1974 edition, by J. F. Webb, published and printed by the author. 72 pages, soft cover, available from most dealers or BNAPS book department at \$4.

The first edition of this book two years ago sold out swiftly, and was enthusiastically accepted. This edition contains a few

changes in the listings and numbering systems, and has Money Order Cards and proofs and essays added — as well as many new varieties.

Webb, a Toronto-area dealer, has always maintained a good stock of postal stationery and kept up to date on these items in a way matched by only a few others. As a result his listings and numbering system are generally becoming regarded as the standard for postal stationery, and any serious collector of these items can't really do without this catalogue. In fact, it's the only current postal stationery catalogue available anyway — and it's a happy thing that Webb, without competition, makes such an excellent job of it.

— E.H.H.

Post Office Department NEW ISSUES



Canada Post issued two 8c stamps focusing on the ceremonial dress and the symbolism of Canada's Pacific Coast Indians.

The stamps were issued February 22, are part of the continuing four-year series begun in 1972 portraying the cultures of Canada's early Indian tribes. The first stamp, depicting a chief wearing a Chilkat blanket at a potlatch feast, was designed by Lewis Parker of Toronto. The second, depicting a thunderbird from a painting of a

Kwakiutl house-front and a Salish decorative pattern signifying clouds over mountains, was designed by George Beaupré of Montreal. Typography of both stamps was by Georges Beaupré.

The Pacific Coast Indians, provided with an abundance of commodities by a rich environment, were unique among Canadian Indians in the complexity of their culture.

Born as either a noble or commoner, each individual inherited a unique position in a graded scale from the highest noble to the lowest commoner. Certain privileges were inherited with the rank and a person's name and crest indicated his position in the social hierarchy.

Supernatural beings associated with the forest, water and sky greatly influenced the destiny of the people. The spirits of animals and fish, especially the salmon, were important deities.

Incorporated in the design of these stamps is the symbolic "c" indicating Canada Post registration of copyright, followed by a miniscule date, indicating the year of issue.

This "hidden date" inscription was reinstated in the first stamp issue of 1974.

The stamps measure 24 x 40 mm in a vertical format. A total of 26 million are being issued in two-color gravure and two-color steel by British American Bank Note Co., Ottawa. Marginal inscriptions, including the designers' names, appear on the four corners of each pane of 50 stamps available from the Philatelic Service. All bear general tagging.

Living on a narrow strip of land with an immense ocean to the west and towering mountains to the east, the Indians of the Pacific Coast developed a unique civilization.

The Pacific Coast Indians lived in villages whose inhabitants were usually closely related. Occasionally, several clans lived in one settlement. Each owned, in addition to material possessions, a section of land, fishing stations and certain privileges — the right to use certain names, to display certain heraldic crests and to perform songs, dances and other rituals.

TOPICS: THE BUSINESS SIDE

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- BATAILLE, G. V., 71 Charleston Square, Euclid, Ohio 44143 (C-cx) CAN—19th and 20th century mint postage and blocks. 1st Day covers. Plate Blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Precancels. Federal and Provincial Revenues. Mint and semi-official Airmails. Postal Stationery. Squared Circle cancellations. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- BENSON, Gordon W., 1231 Richmond St., London, Ont. N6A 3L9 (C-c) CAN, NFD, PROV—Mint and used postage. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
- BODWELL, G. L., 422 Hobson Crescent, Kelowna, B.C. V1W 1Y5 (C-cx) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint, used and complete booklets. Mint and used Airmails. Constant plate varieties. Proposed by D. Verity (2312). Seconded by D. Crane (1139).
- BOETTCHER, Ernest R., 1494 Dent Ave., Burnaby, B.C. V5C 5B8 (C) CAN, NFD, B.C., N.S., N.B., P.E.I.—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. 1st Day and 1st Flight covers. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes and complete. Mint, used and semi-official Airmails. Literature. "Locals". Territorial, Flag and 2-ring cancellations. SPECIALTY—2-ring cancels on 3c Large Queens. 1967 Centennial Issue. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- DAVIS, Robert R., 109 Sandra Ave., Dollard Des Ormeaux, Que. (DC-cx) CAN, NFD, B.C., N.S., N.B., P.E.I.—19th century mint postage. Stampless and 1st Flight covers. Plate Blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Complete Booklets. Semi-official Airmails on cover. Proofs and Essays. Squared Circle cancellations. 20th century imperf pairs. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- DOUTHOT, R. G., 131 Birchdale Ave., Winnipeg, Man. R2H 1S3 (C-x) CAN, NFD, MAN—19th century. Pre-stamp and stampless covers. Precancels. Seals, Federal, Provincial and Tax-Paid Revenues. Postal Stationery. R.P.O., Territorial, Flag, Slogan, 2 and 4-ring, Squared Circle and Duplex cancellations. SPECIALTY—Revenues and 19th century cancellations. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- HORNSBY, John C., 56 Highland Park Blvd., Thornhill, Ont. L3T 1B3 (C) CAN—Mint and used postage. Plate Blocks. Mint booklet panes and complete. Literature. Proposed by R. LoPatriello (3022).
- JANUZ, Lauren R., 1370 Longwood Road, Lake Forest, Ill. 60045 (C) Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
- LANE, David M., 5204 Varsity Drive N.W., Calgary, Alta. T3A 1A6 (C-c) CAN—1st Flight covers. Semi-official Airmails and on cover. RPO, Flag and Squared Circle cancellations. SPECIALTY—Map covers. Squared Circle cancellations. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- LAYCOCK, Peter, 140 Braniff Place, Calgary, Alta. (C-x) CAN, NFD, P.E.I., N.S., N.B.—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and used blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint and used Airmails. RPO, Territorial and Squared Circle cancellations. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
- MICHAUD, Jean-Claude, 6306 Cork St., No. 304, Halifax, N.S. B3L 1Z1 (C-cx) CAN—SPECIALTY—Admirals—mint, used, Blocks., Plates, Lathework, varieties, covers, etc. Proposed by G. Penchard (2672). Seconded by R. B. Mitchell (2414).
- MIESSLER, Rev. Herbert S., P.O. Box 397, Vegreville, Alta. (C-cx) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Plate Blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes and complete. Precancels. Mint and used Airmails. Literature. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).

- MILLER, Fred, 413 Esperanza, McAllen, Texas 78501 (C) CAN—Mint and used postage. OHMS-G. Federal, Provincial and Tax-Paid Revenues. Mint, used and semi-official Airmails. Proposed by L. W. Brandom (1357). Seconded by E. Richardson (168).
- PARTHUM, A. H. Jr., 7308 N. Manning Drive, Peoria, Ill. 61614 (C) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Federal Revenues. Mint Airmails. Postal Stationery. Major varieties. Proposed by D. Verity (2312).
- PETERSON, Donald L., 1114 Longfellow Ave., Campbell, Cal. 95008 (C) CAN—Mint postage 20th century. Mint booklet panes. SPECIALTY—Queen Elizabeth II. Proposed by C. L. Cole (1687).
- POTTER, John H., 402 Country Club Crescent, Mississauga, Ont. L5J 2P8 (C-c) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Precancels. Mint and used Airmails. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
- POTVIN, Andre, R.R. 1, Cardinal, Ont. K0E 1E0 (C-x) CAN, NFD—20th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. Pre-stamp, stampless and 1st Day covers. Plate Blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Complete Booklets. Precancels. Mint, used and semi-official Airmails. Postal Stationery. Flag, 2 and 4-ring, Squared Circle and Duplex cancellations. SPECIALTY—1967 Centennial Issue. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).

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Except for his military service in World War II, it's been Toronto from birth, education, and to the present in an active dental practice.

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ada" in the Royal's *The Canadian Philatelist* but his latest achievement is having been appointed editor of that excellent publication.

He also likes to talk on philately and its history — in 1970, he received the Herbert Dube Award for the best presentation to the Canadian Philatelic Specialists Society.

Fred was the organizer and chairman of the Toronto Centennial show in 1967, and co-chairman of the RPSC show in Toronto in 1969. Simultaneously, he was President of the North Toronto Stamp Club, the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club, and the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada. Right now he is a director of the RPSC and on the executive of CAPEX '78.

And there are other hobbies, too, such as woodworking, gardening, and photography.

Fred's wife Lillian is an accomplished weaver — and attends stamp shows with her husband (Halifax and up on the Cabot Trail, too — remember Fred?). They have four children.

—Dr. R. V. C. Carr

...and some doodles by The Editor

Canada Post's change of heart in deciding to reduce the number of stamps being issued this year is welcome news, all right. What impressed me wasn't so much that it *did* relent, but that it didn't resort to a mountain of public-relations baloney to account for the change — like saying that the reduction was due to the paper shortage, or to direct manpower towards an improvement in other areas of postal administration and operation, or something equally specious. Instead the postmaster admitted flatly that there were an overwhelming number of objections from collectors and dealers, and that it was bowing to their wishes. Good show!

Curiously, many of those publications that objected suggested, after the good news reached them, that the post office made the change as a result of *their* particular objection (actually, we have it on top authority that the editorials in *Topics* were what really turned the trick).

* * *

It's good to have our RPO Cowcatcher column back on a regular basis again; Lew had to move both his family and his end of the business back home again across the Pacific Ocean after several years in Japan, at that all just before Christmas. He's pretty pleased at having the 23 hammers on the M-12 RPO all categorized and if you'd like to know the parameters he used in making "chordal measurements used for identification of the total 23 Group A, B and C hammers," drop him a note.

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Latest: July 21, 1916
Indicia: 151—Earliest above—one only
33, 34—1915
199—1916—one only above

Usage: Sporadic and scarce; five known strikes. R.F.: 5 (0.3%)

Comments: Indicia of train number 151 reported above is the only known example on a Group C hammer; substitute clerk? This hammer is very similar to Hammers XV, XVI and XXII and care must be taken in identification.

Identification of Group C Hammers

Far more than the Group A and B hammers, those of Group C show closer similarities in their letters; diligence must be exercised in the identification of the Group C hammers to get an accurate result. This is particularly true if the strikes are not full or are over-inked. The following separation and identification procedure has been confirmed on 200 strikes of Group C hammers:

- Step 1. Measure exactly the chordal length from the bottom of the first E of EXPRESS to the bottom of the left leg of the R of RPO. If this measures 10½ mm, the strike is Hammer XVIII; if 12 mm, then the strike is Hammer XIV. All other hammers measure 11-11½ mm; proceed to Step 2.
- Step 2. After eliminating Hammers XIV and XVIII, measure exactly the chordal length from the bottom of the I of LEVIS to the bottom of the left leg of the R in EXPRESS. If this measures 8½ mm, the strike is Hammer XVI; all others measure 7¾-8 mm.

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In winter the remainder of these post offices receive mail by air stage from Goose Bay with the exception of the summer offices.

In summer the offices north of Battle Harbour are served approximately every ten days by the St. John's & Nain TPO route on board the Canadian National R.R. ship, "S.S. Cabot Strait", and the offices south of Battle Harbour are served by the St. Anthony & Corner Brook TPO on the "S.S. Springdale", or six alternate sister ships carrying cargo, mail and passengers.

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- Step 4. With four hammers identified, measure the chordal distance from the bottom of the **right** leg of A of CAMP to the period after the O of RPO (start with the A, not the period). If this length is 8½-8¾ mm, the strike is Hammer XIX; all others are 9½-10 mm.
- Step 5. The remaining five hammers to be identified are XV, XVII, XX, XXII and XXIII. Measure the chordal length from the bottom of the **right** leg of the A of CAMP to the bottom left corner of the L of LEVIS. If the distance is 7½ mm, the strike is Hammer XV; all others measure 6¾-7 mm.
- Step 6. With four hammers remaining, XVII, XX, XXII and XXIII, measure the chordal length from the bottom of the **left** leg of A to the bottom of the P, both of CAMP. If this distance is 3½ mm, the strike is Hammer XX; all others measure 4-4¼ mm.
- Step 7. We are now down to only Hammers XVII, XXII and XXIII. Measure the chordal length from the bottom of the P of CAMP to the bottom of the left leg of the X of EXPRESS. If this distance is 13 mm, then the strike is Hammer XXII; both remaining hammers, XVII and XXIII, are 12½ mm.
- Step 8. Finally, measure the chordal length from the bottom of the P of CAMP to the bottom of the P of EXPRESS. Hammer XVII will measure 13½ mm, while Hammer XXIII will be 13 mm.

The following are specific hammer characteristics that are also helpful in identification:

1. Three of the ten hammers, XIV, XV and XVI, have a break in the left leg of A of CAMP, just below the cross-bar connection. The other seven hammers do not have this break. With this A break, a weak or broken third leg in the M of CAMP, at the bottom, identifies Hammer XIV. With the A break, a second break in the same leg of the A of CAMP, above the cross-bar connection, identifies Hammer XVI. If neither of these additional breaks are present, the strike is probably Hammer XV.
2. Extensive rim damage over EXPRESS strongly indicates Hammer XIV, after November, 1910. Rim breaks over E and fore and aft over L of LEVIS identify Hammer XV; these three are present after May, 1911. Also, from June, 1911, rim breaks fore and aft over R of RPO together with one over first S of EXPRESS identifies Hammer XV. From 1911, a large 2 mm break at 7:00 identifies Hammer XVI. From July 1916, a

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3. On Hammers XV and XVI, the long diagonal of the ampersand appears broken and off-set; on all other hammers, this long diagonal appears more or less as a straight line.
 4. For LEVIS, a broken vertical in the E, below the middle bar, is indicative of Hammer XIV. If the top bar of the E is weak or broken at the juncture, Hammer XVII is indicated. If the I is weak or broken in the middle, the strike is probably Hammer XIV. A break in the upper left curve of S suggests Hammer XV, while a break in the lower right curve of S indicates Hammer XXII.
 5. In EXPRESS, a broken lower left leg of X at the joint indicates Hammer XV, while a short right lower leg of the X would suggest Hammer XIX.
 6. In RPO, a constant break in the vertical of the R, just below the connection with the loop, is indicative of Hammer XIV, while if this left leg of the R is short we would expect the strike to be Hammer XIX.
 7. For the punctuation after the last S of EXPRESS, a round dot signifies Hammer XV or Hammer XVI; a small square indicates Hammer XVIII, XIX or XXI; the remaining hammers, XIV, XVII, XX XXII and XXIII feature a small horizontal dash.
 8. Inverted indicia is suggestive of Hammer XXII.
 9. Close examination has determined no other distinguishing characteristics for Hammers XVIII and XX—no rim breaks, no broken letters, no singular features; accordingly, the absence of such would suggest either of these two hammers.

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