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A Happy New Year to all, let us hope 1985 brings every little philatelic treasure you desire, found tucked away in some long forgotten trunk hidden in an attic, which you acquired from a friend for the cost of hauling away. Dream on!

Welcome new members.

21. Jon C. Johnson, Box 6118, Station D, Calgary, Alta. T2P 2C7
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23. G. Palmer Moffat, 4542 East Camino De Oro, Tucson, AZ 85718

I was speaking with Jim Karr the other day and he advises he has received Maggie Toms information on her Berri duplexes, I am sending mine along to-day and would ask all other members to do the same, this will enable Jim to get on with his study. Jim's address once again is 536 - 49th Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alta. T2S 1G5.

I haven't had any feedback on Kevin O'Reilly's N.W.T. listing so I take it, it is quite complete.

Thanks to Ken Barlow, John Burnett, Jean-Guy Dalpe, Gray Scrimgeour, Maggie Toms and Jim Karr who have sent loads of updates and new listings as a result of the Ontario photocopies, I think this is the best way to do it but the costs would be quite high. For the moment, I am considering sending only those where there seems there may be several similar hammers.

Re the photocopy in last letter of my BRANTFORD/ONT. 23mm dater, with 9 thick bars B/DE 17/02, Jean-Guy sent photocopies of 4 1902/1903 similar duplexes which show there are at least 3 different hammers. The differences appear to be most obvious to me in the height of the 'T' of Brantford. I would welcome photocopies from other members so that I may pin these hammers down.

I am developing a theory that two obvious different type styles of 'R's, i.e. Curved right leg and straight right leg, may be the result of two different manufacturers. In other words much as a printer would have a standard type style he uses, so might companies who make these devices. Any comments!

Question - when did the duplex change from a hand struck instrument to a machine cancellation? Was it with the wavy line types?

Jeff Switt notes in one of Dick Lamb's old lists a Montreal Berri duplex with dater PM/AJ 9/67. Jeff had assumed the 2 letter month abbreviations were set type in pairs like the squared circles. Anyone else come across this before?

John Burnett quite correctly comments it is time we defined the criteria for thin, medium and thick killer bars. John suggests THIN UP TO 1/2mm; MEDIUM 1/2 - 1mm; THICK over 1mm. My first impression is favourable, you probably could nitpick a little but to define measurements any smaller might be a turn off for many. Comments please.

Several members have sent me photocopies of suspected unofficial duplexes, I also have a few which need confirmation. Does anyone have strikes of the following and if so please send me photocopies.

UPPER BEDFORD/QUE (1897) with screwed type target.

WELDFORD/N.B. (1894) 11 bar oval, lying sideways at 3 o'clock.

SUSSEX/N.B. (1905) 11 bar oval lying sideways at 5 o'clock.
NEW CARLISLE/QUE (1900) 8 circular thick bars, screwed type.
ABERCORN/QUE (1882) with 6 ring target.
HILLSBOROUGH/N.B. (1895) ? bar oval lying sideways at 5 o'clock.

Added to the unofficial duplexes listing:

RENFREW/ONT - 1891/1902, Dater I, circular 9 thin bar killer, screwed type. I have 5 confirmation strikes (photocopies).

ONTARIO UPDATED (U) & ADDITIONAL LISTINGS (A):

- (N) ACTON/ONT. II 22.5mm, A 9 THICK BARS, TIMEMARKS BLANK, AM, PM.
- (N) AMHERSTBURG/ONT. II 23mm, A 9 THICK BARS, TIMEMARKS BLANK, SEP 8/02 - MY 11/03.
- (N) AURORA/ONT. II 22mm, A 9 THICK BARS, TIMEMARKS BLANK, AM, PM. JUL 3/01 - MR 6/02
- (N) AYLMER (WEST)/ONT II 23mm, A 9 THICK BARS, TIMEMARKS AM, PM, DE 17/02 - MR 10/04.
- (U) BARRIE/ONT II 24mm, A 12 MEDIUM BARS, MR 22/88 - MR/91.
- (U) BELLEVILLE ONT. /CANADA. II 25mm (with side dots) A 13 new late SP 1/90 add time-mark 4.
- (U) BELLEVILLE/ONT. II 23.5mm, A 9, late date AU 7/99 add timemark 2.
- (N) BELLEVILLE/ONT. I 22mm A 13 THIN BARS, TIMEMARKS 3, OC/98.
- (N) BELLEVILLE ONT/CANADA II 23mm A 9 THICK BARS, TIMEMARKS 11, 1902.
- (N) BERLIN/ONT. II 23mm A 9 THICK BARS, TIMEMARKS AM, PM, 1900/1901 (wide flat letters)
- (N) BERLIN/ONT II 22mm, A 9 THICK BARS, TIMEMARKS AM, PM, 1902/1903 (narrower letters)
- (N) BRACERIDGE/ONT. II 22.5mm, A 9 THICK BARS, TIMEMARKS AM, PM, 1901.
- (U) BRANTFORD/ONT. /CANADA II 25mm, A 12 THIN, early SP /84, late AP 25/91.
- (U) BRANTFORD/ONT. II 21.5mm, A 9 THICK BARS, one with PM one with E combine now same hammer. TIMEMARKS PM, A, E. MY 1/01 - MR 17/02.
- (U) BRANTFORD ONT/ONTARIO II 24.5mm A 12 MEDIUM BARS, early NO 20/01 add timemark F.
- (U) BROCKVILLE ONT. /CANADA. II 25.5mm A 12 MED. BARS, late JA 7/93
- (N) BROCKVILLE ONT/CANADA similar to previous hammer but with timemark AM used 1897.
BROCKVILLE/ONT. there are apparently 4 diff. 9 BAR hammers 1900-1907 need photocopies please.
- (U) BRUSSELS/ONT. not 2 LINE but 3 LINE INDICIA, also add 3 line date 20/OC/83, this is also early date.
- (N) CAMPBELLFORD/ONT. II 22.5mm A 9 THICK BARS, TIMEMARKS AM, PM. 1901/1902.
- (N) CAYUGA/ONT II 24.5mm A 11 MEDIUM BARS, TIMEMARKS BLANK, 1898.
- (U) CHATHAM/ONT. I 21mm A 12 THIN BARS, early JU 2/82.
- (N) CHATHAM/ONT. II 22.5mm A 9 THICK BARS, TIMEMARKS BLANK, AM, 1902/1903
- (N) CLINTON/ONT. II 22.5mm, A 9 THICK BARS, TIMEMARKS BLANK, 1901.
- (U) COBOURG/ONT. 11 BARS late JY /92..
- (U) COBOURG/ONT. 26.5mm dater, late date FE 14/02.
- (U) COBOURG/ONT. 22.5mm dater late MY 8/04
- (N) COLLINGWOOD/ONT. II 22mm A 9 THICK, TIMEMARKS PM, 1902.
- (N) CORNWALL/ONT. II 22mm A 9 THICK BARS, TIMEMARKS BLANK, OC 30/01 - OCT /07.
- (U) DUNDAS/ONT. 9 bar, early NO 13/01.
- (U) ELORA/ONT early JUL 23/00.
FOREST/ONT JU 7/99 NOT A DUPLEX please delete.
- (U) FOREST/ONT 9 bar 3 line indicia, early DE 3/01 late FEB /09.
- (U) FORT WILLIAM/ONT. early AP 19/98 late MR 24/04.
- (N) GALT/ONT. II 23.5mm, A 9 THICK BARS, TIMEMARKS BLANK, 1889.
- (U) GODERICH/ONT. early AP 5/99.
- (U) GRIMSBY/ONT early AP 14/03.
- (U) GULEPH/ONT. 22.5mm early NO 26/02 late JU 20/06 add timemarks 8, 9, 15, 17.
- (U) GULEPH / ONT. II 24.5mm, 9 THICK BARS, add first use 1899 with timemarks A, B, C and D.

Before I go through the rest of the alphabet, is this useful?