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We have one new member to welcome to the Duplex Study Group -

67. Mike Braconnier, Box 196, Black Diamond, AB T0L 0H0

Duplex Study Group Finances:-

Balance on hand - August 1990 Per Newsletter #18	\$ 383.04	
Cost of photocopying Newsletter #18	25.68	357.36
Membership Dues received		5.00
Balance on Hand - December 1990		<u>\$ 362.36</u>

BNAPEX '90 - Galveston, October 18 - 20/90

Your Editor was unable to attend the Convention this year, but almost at the last minute your Chairman did manage to get there. Bob reports that the Texas Group hosted a super convention with great facilities. We are looking forward to BNAPEX '91 at Vancouver, August 28 to September 1, 1991. Anyone planning to attend, should make reservations well in advance, as we understand there are other major activities in Vancouver at the same time with a demand for hotel apace.

We have reports from Bob Lee, Bill Robinson, Jim Karr, of use of Duplex postmarks for the following Sask. towns for 1990, in addition to those listed in the last Newsletter:-

BIG RIVER	B11	DUNDURN	Q7	PLATO	B11
BLAINE LAKE	07	GOVAN	S7	PONTEIX	07
BORDEN	S7	GRONLID	N7	PUNNICHY	B11
BREDENBURY	S7	KELVINGTON	Q7	ROULEAU	N7
BUCHANAN	Q7	KENASTON	07	RUTHILDA	Q7
DENZIL	Q7	LEMBERG	07	SILTON	B11
DRAKE	B11	NEUDORF	N7	VONDA	07
		OSLER	R7	WINDTHORST	07

This total of 23, plus the 14 in the last newsletter is a total of 37 reported so far for 1990, versus 75 reported by Bill Barry for 1989. Can members report any further towns for 1990?

Bob Lee reports 1990 use of CARBON / ALBERTA S7 and JORDAN STATION / ONT. duplex Q7. Jim Karr reports a nice example of NEW NORWAY / ALBERTA R7 dated 90/ 4 VIII/ - with purple ink. Too bad the purple won't show when photocopied here.



In the last Newsletter No. 18, we showed two photos of the YARKER / ONT. Type II B11 Duplex hammer. As a result, we had a nice interesting letter and brochure from Study Group member, Frank R. Scheer of Alexandria, VA. Frank is the curator of the Railway Mail Service Library. The Library possesses a great many U.S. mail artifacts such as hammers, badges, locks, scales, street letterboxes, R.P.O. schedules etc, as well as a number of Canadian hammers. One of them is the YARKER ONT. duplex hammer. We neglected to credit Frank for the original photograph of this hammer. He forwarded the film to Bob Lee, who developed it and make a number of prints and provided the pair for the newsletter. We attach Frank's letter which will better advise you of services that he can provide relative to the R.M.S. Library. Thank you Frank, and we trust that members will contact you when in your area for a visit to what must be a very interesting library and associated artifacts.



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September 14, 1990

Mr. James S. Karr
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CANADA

Dear Mr. Karr:

I recently received the August, 1990 issue of the DUPLEX CANCELLATIONS OF B.N.A. While reading it, I noted the photo of the Yarker, Ontario duplex hammer, and thought I would ask you to include in the next newsletter that the photos were taken by me of the Yarker handstamp in the R.M.S. Library collection, and provided to Bob Lee. Bob paid for the film and developing, and they are his photographs. However, if any member of the duplex study group wishes to have similar pictures of this steel handstamp, or a Saskatchewan hammer with wavy bars that Bob Lee had on auction about two lists ago, I would be willing to photograph them on a similar basis. This is true for other artifacts in the R.M.S. Library collection that members may be interested in, such as hammers without killers, badges, locks, or scales.

If members are ever down this way and want to stop by, they are welcome to if they make arrangements for a visit a couple of weeks in advance. The reason for this is that I travel extensively for work, and to attend Railway Postal Clerk reunions in the U.S.A., and I want to be sure to be around when they will be, or let them know if I am already tied up the day of their visit.

That's about all for now. Best wishes to you for a nice Autumn!

Sincerely yours,

Frank R. Scheer

Enclosures (illustrated want lists showing samples of items in the R.M.S. Library collection)

AN OVERVIEW OF THE RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE LIBRARY - Frank Scheer

To assist research of route agent and railway post office history, a major collection of materials pertaining to these topics exists for your use. Appropriately named the "Railway Mail Service (RMS) Library", it is uniquely equipped to provide support for philatelic studies and provide reference answers for questions dealing with the transportation and distribution of mail between 1864 and 1977.

The RMS Library has grown out of the AmerPO ("American RPO") Society Library which was established circa 1950 by Bryant Alden Long, co-author of the superb book on the subject, *MAIL BY RAIL*. After a period of stagnation and change in ownership, the core collection was acquired by myself and is being expanded in scope and coverage. The first major additions to the collection were the acquisition of scheme and schedule collections owned by Hershel Rankin (Mem. Gen & NO RPO) and Edwin Bergman (Omaha TO). Significant book collections were added from the estate of Judson Germon (Atl. Way & Jack RPO) and from Lawrence Kruse (RMS/PTS Second Division office, New York). Many important contributions of historical materials have come from other clerks around the country that are too numerous to mention. The RMS Library is a member of the American Philatelic Research Library, as well as other philatelic societies that study postal markings and history.

As with most philatelic libraries, the principal efforts are being directed toward organizing and cataloging the collection, a task that will take years. Although computerized systems are presently beyond the reach of the RMS Library, the response to the user is generally as prompt as that associated with larger libraries. The refined focus of the collection combined with the personal knowledge of the field by myself permits a more useful response than can be secured within a similar time span from other organizations. The RMS Library participates in interlibrary loans with other institutions. For individual researchers, free copies of a reasonable number or answers to reference queries are provided upon request.

The RMS Library currently has every major title pertaining to the Railway Mail Service/Postal Transportation Service that has been written. The prime resource available, however, is the largest surviving collection of RMS Schedules of Mail Trains/Routes and State Schemes of distribution that exists in the United States. By relying upon these items plus other collateral documentation, the movement of mail from sender to receiver can be reconstructed. An example would be to provide the handling of Special Delivery mail by interpreting the backstamped markings shown on an envelope. The collection is particularly strong from the 1920s through 1971 and is well-adapted to this type of research, as well as answering inquiries about the changes of RPO/HPO/AMF schedules and services over time.

To expand the coverage and variety of materials available for the use of postal historians, I also seek to purchase or swap documents which pertain to Post Office operations. Items which are acquired are maintained in a climate-controlled environment to preserve their condition from deterioration. Rarer items or documents of significant historical interest are restored or treated to insure their existence for use by future researchers.

Inquiries pertaining to the holdings of the RMS Library, or persons seeking assistance in particular research projects are invited and should be directed to:

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WANTED: "Schedules of Mail Routes" and state "Schemes" of mail distribution issued between 1862 and 1972, by the U. S. Post Office Department, R.M.S. or P.T.S.

GENERAL SCHEMES

Average prices I pay if in good condition without corrections:
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1940s	5.00
1930s	8.00
1920s	12.00
1910s	17.00
1900s	25.00
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See 1924-25 1-10 12-13 24-25

Also, I collect large state "Post Route Maps" if in good condition without significant wear on folds and without markings, stains or other damage to them. "General Orders" issued by Railway Mail Service (R.M.S.) or Postal Transportation Service (P.T.S.) that are complete and not cut-up are also desired. For pre-1940 maps in good condition, I will pay about \$5 each, while General Orders are worth about 5c per issue if complete.

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WRITE TO:

DR. FRANK R. SCHEER, CURATOR

Catalogue Changes:-

Bob Lee advises that he has a confirming example of the Unconfirmed Duplex #71 SEA-GULL / ONT. and now moves it to the Unofficial Duplex section with the following catalogue description:-

DUN-92 SEA-GULL / ONT. I V2 22. mm. 1886(Smythies)
1886/02/20 Split Circle Dater with 18. mm.
2 Ring Target Killer at 3 o'clock

And a new fine:-

DUN-149 TORONTO, ONTARIO / CANADA
II B9 26.5 mm. 1948/07/05 8PM
Large Full Circle Dater with
very small lettering, 9 bar oval
killer. American made device.

This is a very nice item reported by Mike Sagar. Bob doesn't re-call seeing an American-made Duplex of this particular style used as a town dater/canceller at any other Canadian post office.

Bob also adds a new item to the Unconfirmed section:-

#54A ST. GEORGE BRANT / ONT I V2 21. mm. 1887/02/26
Split circle dater with 17 mm.
2-Ring target killer at 3 o'clock

Can anyone report a second example, in order to move it to the Unofficial Duplex section?

As a point of interest, the SEA-GULL / ONT on cover was in Bob's fall Sale, Catalogue No. 61, Lot 1162. I haven't received the Prices-Realized List yet, so can't tell you what it sold for.

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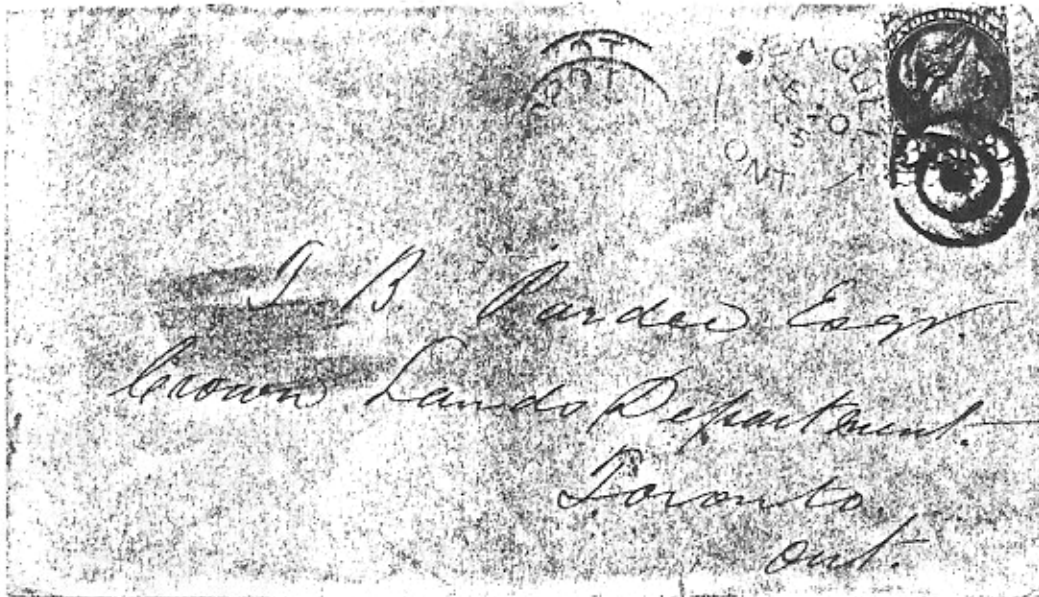
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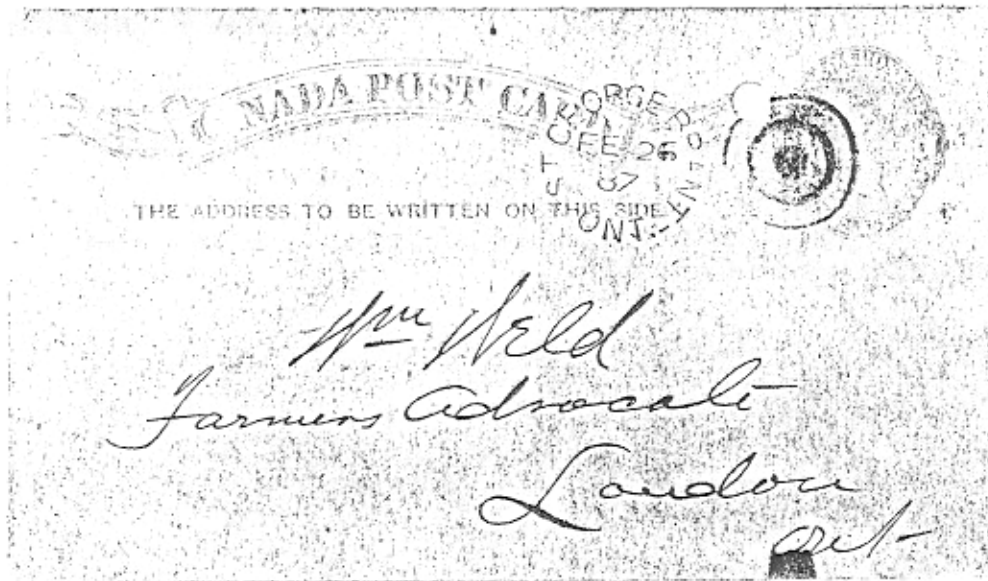
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A Special Note: - The Proof Strikes of Canada, Volume VI 'DUPLEX PROOF STRIKES OF ONTARIO' edited by Mr. J. Paul Hughes reveals the following:

DON-1525	SHELBURNE / ONT	Type II B11	(Correct Spelling)
DON-1526	SHELBURNE / ONT	Type II B11	(Incorrect Spelling)

Bob advises that he is cancelling all reports on DON-1526 and requests that members review their collection for the SHELBURNE / ONT B11 strikes and send him an updated report for each hammer.



A tip - courtesy of Bob Lee:-

In trying to determine which of several 'P', 'Q', 'R', or 'S' hammers of a town, try noting where the end of the curve of the killer relates to the letters of CANADA. For example on the two SASKATOON 'Q's, on the 1945 strike the top line points above the 'A'. On the 1947 strike the top line points to the right leg of the 'A'. Also compare the size of 'CANADA'.

An excellent example of using the above tip is the strike on the pair of Sc. #286 dated 18/AU 3/50. Without the Proof Book strikes, one would assume it to be the later 1947 hammer, but using the above tip, it is obviously the earlier 1945 hammer.



Proof Strike DSA-756



Proof Strike DSA-757



18/AU 3/50

And here is a bit of useful information on the MONTREAL / CANADA Type II A13 Duplexes with no year date. There are several of these proofed. One is easy to distinguish, it is DPQ-539 proofed (1888)/MY 23. It has a very definite period after CANADA, and large lettering. The space between 'M C' is very close compared to others.



DPQ-535



1880



DPQ-538



1882



DPQ-539



1888



DPQ-544



1888

Member John Burnett from Sidney, OH. has sent four reports over the past two months, with a quite a number of E.R.D.s and L.R.D.s discovered in a large accumulation of covers and cards that he is working through. John also says that he exhibited five frames of Berri and Victorian era Duplexes at INDYPEX '90 and received a Vermeil award. Congratulations John! We attach a photocopy of one page of his exhibit showing a DUNDAS / C.W. Berri Duplex, with write-up. Would other members care to send an example of their method of mounting and write-up?

The following is a summary of John's reports:-

Cat. No.	Town	Type	Earlier	Later	TM
DAB- 20	BANFF / ALTA.	II A9	1908/08/20		PM
DON-126	BELLEVILLE / ONT.	II A11			16 (New)
DON-139	BELLEVILLE / ONT.	II S7			24 (New)
DON-215	BROCKVILLE-ONT. / CANADA.	II A12		1894/08/07	Blank
DON-320	CHATHAM / ONT.	II A9	1901/08/02		PM
DON-345	CHESLEY / ONT.	II Q7		1974/11/30	AM
DON-436	CRYSTAL BEACH / ONT.	II B11	1919/06/30		Blank
DON-533	ELORA / ONT.	II B11	Year '77' top,	TM 'PM' bottom slot	
DON-726	HAMILTON / CANADA.	II B9			1 PM (New)
DON-1208	OTTAWA	II G19		(3rd.Period)	10 (New)
DON-1275	PENETANGUISHENE / ONT.	II B11	1911/03/31		PM
DON-1702	TORONTO/ONT	II A11	1878/09/13		AM
DPQ-320	HUNTINGDON / QUE.	II A9		1907/05/20	Blank
DPQ-629	MONTREAL / c CANADA c	II U7			8 (New)
DPQ-678	MONTREAL,CANADA / STATION-N.	II B9			16 (New)
DPQ-699	MONTREAL P.Q. / POSTAL				
	STATION LACHINE	II B10	1936/07/23		18 (New)
DPQ-708	MONTREAL- PLACE D'ARMES /	II 07		1942/01/ 2	19 (New)
	CANADA	II A9	1901/04/18		Blank
DNB-183	ST. STEPHEN / N.B.	II A9			
DNS- 77	CHESTER / N.S.	II B11		1939/08/22	AM
DNS- 82	COLDBROOK STATION / N.S.	II R7	Year '83' top,	'PM' bottom slot	
DNS-268	NORTH SYDNEY / N.S.	II A9		1908/03/04	PM

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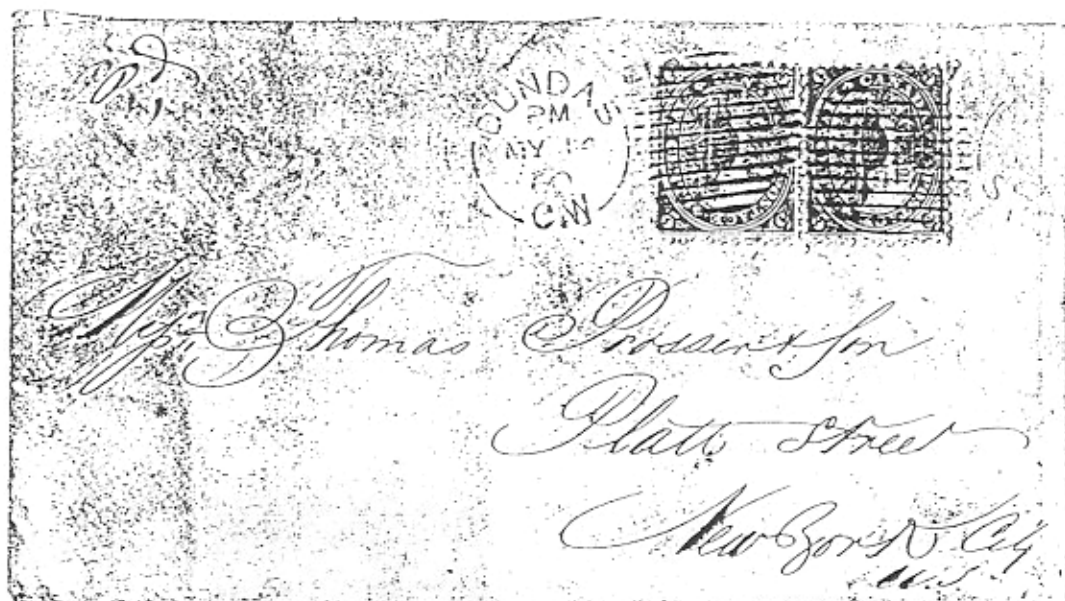
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Killer: Circular 13 Bar

Period Of Use: MY 14, 1860 - Jun 15, 1868

Number Of Known Copies: 8

Earliest Recorded Date

Example of an album page from
John Burnett's exhibit at INDYPEX '90
which won a vermeil award.