



# THE ROUND UP ANNEX



THE SQUARED CIRCLE NEWSLETTER

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Advertising in the Naanex:—

It doesn't seem that there is much interest, one way or another, about advertising in the Annex. There were two letters of reply to my query about a dealer who wished to advertise and there was a split opinion between these two letters. I guess I'll see if this further note engenders any further replies, if there are none I'll just make up my own mind on the matter by tossing a coin or something.

A Project For the Group:—

A major portion of this issue will be taken up by copies of some of the early work I have been doing on what may be a really ambitious undertaking that all of you can participate in. The three pages of lists show all the hammers I know that exist. There are, by my reckoning, 348 of these in all and they have been divided into units of five and ten. Five turns out to be a very good unit for a feature which could be built up around the idea shown on pages 59 and 60. What I would like all of us to undertake is our own listing of Squared Circles, arranged in the accepted pattern used in the handbooks and in Rounding Up Squared Circles. The outstanding feature of this listing, however, would be a good clear illustration of each hammer as an integral part of the listing.

From my first attempts at this it can easily be seen that what will be needed is good clear strikes, on piece or cover, clear of any stamp, writing or other form of obstruction so that a full sharp illustration will result. This means that if you have any hammer at all, even the most common, on cover with a full sharp strike I would like a Xerox copy of it. If the strike is an early or late date, illustrates an indicia variety, or is unique in any way, so much the better. But the main thing is that the strike is full, cleanly struck and free from anything that would detract from the clarity of the illustration of the main thing, the strike.

Don't worry about whether you are sending me an illustration of a rarity or not. In going over my own collection looking for good illustration material I find that it may not be all that easy to find really good strikes of even the most ordinary items. Naturally, a good strike of a real rarity would be most welcome and will form a highlight of the series.

This whole thing will form what I hope will be a regular feature of the Annex eventually taking possibly a year or two to complete. Make that two or three years, if we can do two pages an issue we will <sup>can</sup> thirty-five issues to cover all 348!

Has Anyone Got Photocopies of the Proof Book?—

In thinking this idea out I realize that there are going to be some really rare items we will need xerox copies of. The best illustrations of some of these will actually be photocopies of strikes found in the proofbook now in New York. The proofbook of Pritchard & Andrews, Ottawa, Ontario, manufacturers of the postmark

## Proof Book Copies, anyone? (cont'd.)

hammers for the government, for the period when most of the Squared Circle hammers were created, now rests in the archives of The Philatelic Foundation in New York City. Both Winthrop Boggs and Lew Ludlow were able to study these proof strikes at the Foundation and a number are illustrated in the Third Edition of the handbook on page 13. In reality I know that we are going to have to use proof strike illustrations for such towns as Coleman, St. Johns and others and I just wondered if anyone has been able to get either a complete photocopy of the proof book or of selected pages of it representing the Squared Circle hammers.

Jim Kraemer told me just last year that the National Postal Museum is now trying to repatriate the proof book to Canada, to the National Postal Museum, or if this is not possible to at least get a full photocopy of it. Jim also advised me that the Museum has other proof books from Pritchard & Andrews and I wonder if it is possible that some of the unknown proof dates of the late blooming S.C.'s are not to be found in one of these. The proof books at Ottawa at least are now available to anyone with the time to study them and I am sure that photocopies would also be obtainable of any interesting items.

Anyone living near either New York or Ottawa or who would be holidaying at either location could have a few hours of interesting work ahead which could prove to be very valuable to not only this group but all Squared Circle collectors.

## Forerunners, 1880 and 1892:—

It seems to me that we haven't been too serious about the forerunners of the Squared Circles. Perhaps these should be listed and illustrated in future issues of the Annex. I have a very small collection of the 1892 postmarks but lack an example of the Ottawa strike of 1880.

Dr. R. A. CHAPLIN, one of our charter members, wrote an article on these a number of years ago which, I think, appeared either in Maple Leaves or The Canadian Philatelist. I use a photocopy of the article to illustrate my own small collection and perhaps what I should do is ask Dr. Chaplin if there is anything to add to what he has already said. If not perhaps I should re-run the article for the benefit of those of you who may not have seen it. Very few of us would be aware, for instance, that there were actually five separate types of the Montreal forerunner and these are all clearly illustrated in the Chaplin article.

While the 1892 marks did not resemble Squared Circles but were simply a form of circular cancel with very distinctive bars in the inner portion of the circles the Ottawa marking of 1880 is very definitely a Squared Circle in that it is a circle enclosed within a square. This is illustrated on page 4 of the Third Edition of the Handbook. There is also a listing of the 1892 postmarks.

## New Members:—

We have six new members to report for February, amongst these are Lew Ludlow, who is getting interested in Squared Circles again, and Mike Squirrell, the man who could put Lively, Ontario on the map for all BNAPSers simply by existing and operating our library for us. We welcome all new members of course, so here they are:—

41. Michael H. Squirrell, 241 12 Avenue, Lively, Ontario, POM 2E0.
42. Lewis Ludlow, c/o Gamlen Chem., 33 Victory Ave., So. San Francisco, CA. 94
43. Wayne E. Curtis, 4640 Clanranald Ave. No. 3, Montreal, Que., H3X 2R9.
44. C. Jones, 15 Brierwood Crescent, Clayton Park, Halifax, N.S. B3M 1P2.
45. Claude Michaud, 6306 Cork Street, Halifax, N. S. B3L 1Z1.
46. J. J. MacDonald, 58 Hawthorne St., Antigonish, N. S. B2G 1A4.

Welcome to you all!





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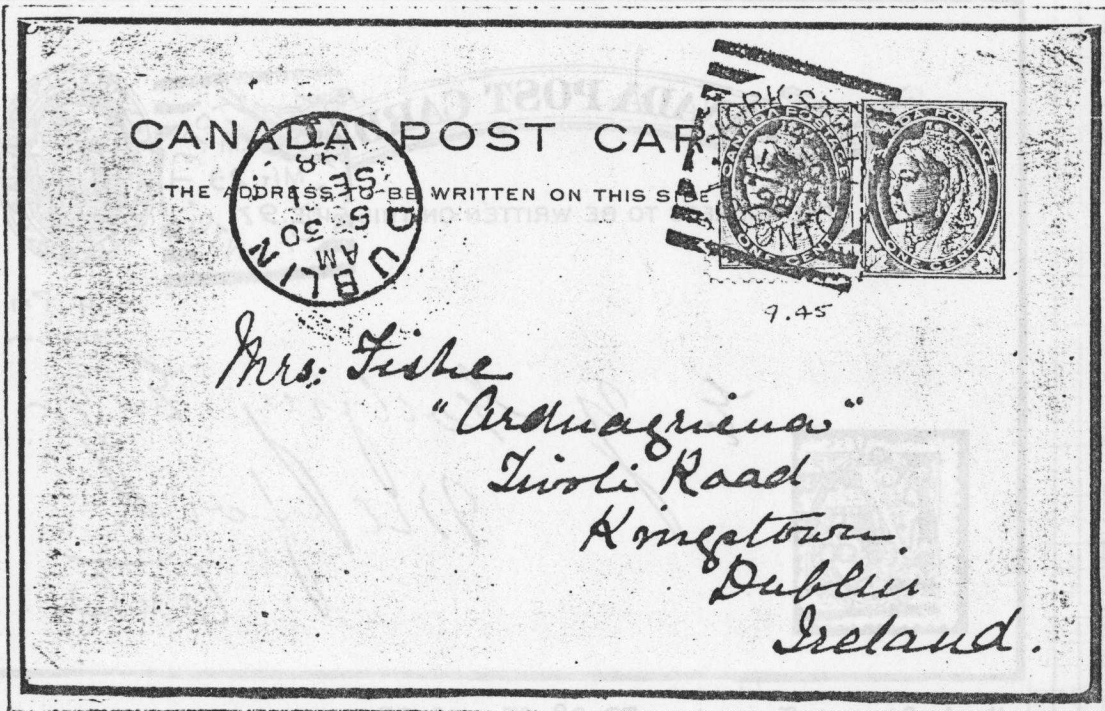
AM: Infrequently used in '94 and 1895.



AM



AM



York Street Toronto All 22 98. Received in Ireland SP 1 98.



PM



PM

PM: In common use from January 1894 to early in 1896.

9.45: Used in the morning. Known late in '96 to All. 1900.

12 noon: Known early in 1896 to August 1900.

Latest known date:  
York Street All 13'00



PM



PM



9.45



9.45



12 noon



12 noon



3.30

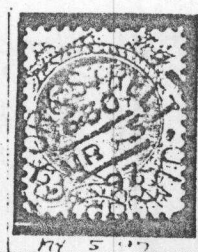


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3.30: In use late in '97 to the end of the squared circle period.

6.30: 1897 to February 9 1900.

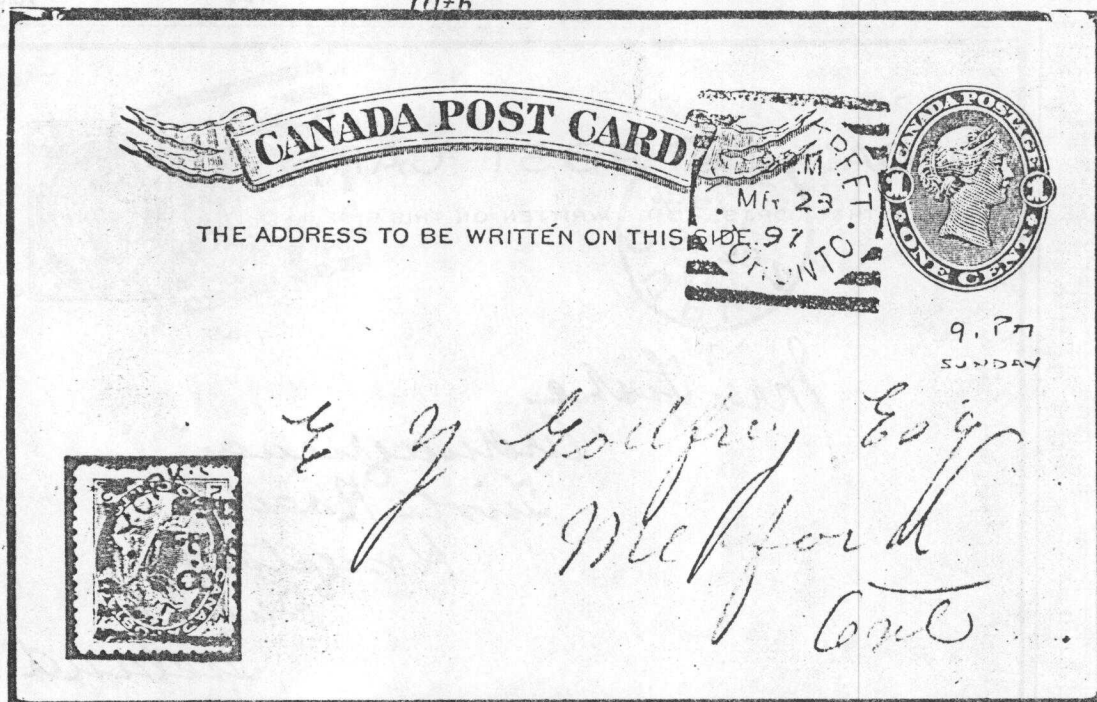
The 6.30 slug was also known for the 10+h



6.30



6.30



York Street Toronto. MR 28 97. 9.PM



7.00  
earliest



7.00

7.00: in use from FE 9 00 to FE 20 1900 only.

7: FE 21 and FE 22 only. Two days.



7



7



7.PM  
First day



7.PM

7.PM: In use from FE 23 1900 to the end of the York St. cancel.

9.PM: in use from 1896 throughout.



9 PM



9 PM



<p>1.</p> <p>ERGROYE, B.C. TYPE 1.</p> <p>BEAVERTON, ONT.</p> <p>BESTON, ONT.</p> <p>BROCKVILLE, ONT.</p> <p>BYNS INLET NORTH, ONT.</p> <p>COLEMAN, ONT.</p> <p>CUMBERLAND, ONT.</p> <p>DUTTON, ONT.</p> <p>GRIMSBY, ONT.</p> <p>LONDON, ONT. 1ST.</p>	<p>2.</p> <p>LONDON, ONT. 2ND TYPE 1.</p> <p>LONDON EAST, ONT.</p> <p>MANSONVILLE, QUE.</p> <p>MONTREAL, QUE.</p> <p>MONTREAL ST. CHARLES.</p> <p>MOUNT FOREST, ONT.</p> <p>NEW GERMANY, ONT.</p> <p>OTTAWA, ONT.</p> <p>RAT PORTAGE, ONT.</p> <p>ST ANN'S, ONT.</p>	<p>ST. HILARION, QUE. TYPE 1.</p> <p>SHANNONVILLE, ONT.</p> <p>SPRINGHILL, MINAS, ONT.</p> <p>TERRABONNO, QUE.</p> <p>THREE RIVERS, QUE.</p> <p>WESTVILLE, N.S.</p> <p>ANNAPOLIS, N.S. TYPE 2.</p> <p>ANTIQUANIGHE,</p> <p>ARISHAT,</p> <p>BADDEGIC,</p>
<p>4.</p> <p>CANNING, N.S. TYPE 2.</p> <p>CANSO</p> <p>FREEPORT</p> <p>GREAT VILLAGE</p> <p>HALIFAX 1ST</p> <p>HALIFAX 2ND</p> <p>KENTVILLE</p> <p>WHENBURG</p> <p>SECAN</p> <p>MAITLAND</p>	<p>5.</p> <p>NEWPORT, N.S. TYPE 2.</p> <p>NEWPORT LANDING</p> <p>NOEL</p> <p>NORTHPORT</p> <p>NORTH SYDNEY</p> <p>PICTOU</p> <p>PORT MAITLAND</p> <p>PORT WILLIAMS</p> <p>SPRINGHILL</p> <p>STELLARTON</p>	<p>SYDNEY, N.S. 1ST. TYPE 2.</p> <p>SYDNEY, 2ND</p> <p>TRURO</p> <p>WNYCOCOMAGH</p> <p>WINDSOR</p> <p>WOLFVILLE</p> <p>YARMOUTH</p> <p>BAIE VERTE, N.B.</p> <p>BUTTERNOT RIDGE</p> <p>CLIFTON</p>
<p>7.</p> <p>FREDERICTON, N.B. TYPE 2.</p> <p>INDIANTOWN</p> <p>MILLTOWN</p> <p>NEWCASTLE CREEK</p> <p>PETITCODIAC</p> <p>RYAN LOUISAN</p> <p>ROTHESAY</p> <p>SACKVILLE</p> <p>ST JOHN 1ST</p> <p>ST JOHN 2ND</p>	<p>8.</p> <p>ST JOHN, N.B. 3RD TYPE 2.</p> <p>SHARING</p> <p>WOODSTOCK</p> <p>CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.</p> <p>GEORGETOWN,</p> <p>SUMMERBIDE,</p> <p>ACTON VALE, QUE.</p> <p>AYLMER (EAST)</p> <p>CHARANCEVILLE</p> <p>DANVILLE</p>	<p>EASTMAN, QUE. TYPE 2.</p> <p>FRANKHAM,</p> <p>GRANDY</p> <p>HULL 1ST</p> <p>HULL 2ND</p> <p>IBERVILLE</p> <p>LAURENTIDES</p> <p>LEAMONVILLE</p> <p>LEVIS</p> <p>LOIDWIBERG</p>
<p>10.</p> <p>MASQU, QUE. TYPE 2.</p> <p>MATANE</p> <p>MELBOURNS</p> <p>MONTREAL 1ST</p> <p>MONTREAL 2ND</p> <p>MONTREAL - BELLA RIVE</p> <p>HOCHELAGA</p> <p>NOTRE DAME ST. W.</p> <p>STE CUNEGONDE</p> <p>ST GABRIEL</p>	<p>11.</p> <p>POINTE A PIC, QUE. TYPE 2.</p> <p>QUADAC</p> <p>RICHMOND</p> <p>RIVIERE DU LOUP STN.</p> <p>ST ANNE DE BEAUPRE</p> <p>ST GREGOIRE</p> <p>ST. HYACINTHE</p> <p>ST JOHN'S</p> <p>ST. POLYCARPE</p> <p>SHERBROOKE 1ST.</p>	<p>SHERBROOKE, QUE. 2ND TYPE 2.</p> <p>STANSTAD</p> <p>SUTTON</p> <p>VICTORIANVILLE</p> <p>WATERLOO</p> <p>WINDSOR MILLS</p> <p>ACTON, ONT. 1ST</p> <p>ACTON 2ND</p> <p>ALMA 1ST</p> <p>ALMA 2ND</p>

<p>13</p> <p>ANSONIA, ONT TYPE 2</p> <p>ARGUS</p> <p>ARNDORF</p> <p>ATHENS</p> <p>AURORA</p> <p>RYMER WEST</p> <p>BEANSVILLE</p> <p>BELLEVILLE 1ST</p> <p>BELLEVILLE 2ND</p> <p>BELLEVILLE 3RD</p>	<p>14</p> <p>BARLIN, ONT TYPE 2</p> <p>BLUG VALG</p> <p>BLUTH</p> <p>BOBCAYSEON 1ST</p> <p>BOBCAYSEON 2ND</p> <p>BOWMANVILLE</p> <p>BRACEBRIDGE</p> <p>BRAMPTON</p> <p>BRANTFORD</p> <p>BURGARD</p>	<p>15</p> <p>CACHE BAY, ONT</p> <p>CARDINAL</p> <p>CHELTENHAM</p> <p>CHASLEY</p> <p>CHASTERVILLE</p> <p>CARDEN</p> <p>CEBORG</p> <p>COMOCK</p> <p>CORNWALL</p> <p>DUNDAS</p>
<p>16</p> <p>DUNVILLE, ONT TYPE 2</p> <p>DURHAM</p> <p>FLASHARTON</p> <p>FONTHILL</p> <p>FOREST</p> <p>ERMOSA 1ST</p> <p>ERMOSA 2ND 1ST</p> <p>ERMOSA 2ND 2ND</p> <p>FORT WILLIAM WEST</p> <p>GALT</p>	<p>17</p> <p>GEORGETOWN, ONT TYPE 2</p> <p>GLAMORG</p> <p>GLASCOW</p> <p>GODERICH</p> <p>GORG BAY</p> <p>GRAFTON</p> <p>GRAVENHURST</p> <p>GUELPH</p> <p>HAGERSVILLE</p> <p>HAMILTON</p>	<p>18</p> <p>HARRISTON, ONT TYPE 2</p> <p>HAWKESBURY</p> <p>HUMBERSTONE</p> <p>HUNTSVILLE</p> <p>INGERSOLL</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE</p> <p>IRROQUOIS</p> <p>KINCARDINE</p> <p>KINGSTON 1ST</p> <p>KINGSTON 2ND</p>
<p>19</p> <p>KINGSVILLE, ONT TYPE 2</p> <p>LAKELAND</p> <p>LAMTON MILLS</p> <p>LANARK</p> <p>LEAMINGTON</p> <p>LINDSAY</p> <p>LISTAVAL</p> <p>LITTLE CURRENT</p> <p>LONDON</p> <p>L'ORIGNAL</p>	<p>20</p> <p>LUCKNOW, ONT TYPE 2</p> <p>MANITOWANING</p> <p>MARKDALE 1ST</p> <p>MARKDALE 2ND</p> <p>MARKDALE 3RD</p> <p>MARMORA</p> <p>MARTINTOWN</p> <p>MATTAWA</p> <p>MARRICKVILLE</p> <p>MERRITTON</p>	<p>21</p> <p>MILL BROOK, ONT TYPE 2</p> <p>MILTON WEST</p> <p>MITCHELL</p> <p>MOUNT BRIDGES</p> <p>NASSAGAWEGA</p> <p>NEW MARKET</p> <p>NIAGARA</p> <p>NIAGARA FALLS SOUTH</p> <p>NORTH BAY</p> <p>ORANGEVILLE</p>
<p>22</p> <p>ORILLIA, ONT TYPE 2</p> <p>OSHAWA,</p> <p>OWEN SOUND</p> <p>OXFORD MILLS</p> <p>PAISLEY</p> <p>PALMERSTON</p> <p>PARIS</p> <p>PARIS STATION</p> <p>PEMBROKE</p> <p>PERTH</p>	<p>23</p> <p>PETERBOROUGH, ONT TYPE 2</p> <p>PETROLCA</p> <p>PISTON</p> <p>PONTYPOOL</p> <p>PORT ARTHUR</p> <p>PORT DOVER</p> <p>PORT HOPE</p> <p>PORT PARRY</p> <p>POWASSAN</p> <p>PRASCOTT</p>	<p>24</p> <p>RIPLEY, ONT. TYPE 2</p> <p>ROCKTON</p> <p>RODNEY</p> <p>ROSEBATH</p> <p>ROSSAU</p> <p>ST THOMAS</p> <p>SARNIA</p> <p>SAULT STE MARIE</p> <p>SCHREIBER 1ST</p> <p>SCHREIBER 2ND</p>



25	26	27
ELLS BAY, ONT TYPE 2	TAVISTOCK, ONT TYPE 2	TORONTO - QUEEN ST. TYPE 2
SHALLOOSEBARK	TEESWATER	SPADINA AVE
SIMCOE	THAMESFORD	STRACHAN AVE
SMITHS FALLS	THORNBURY	YORK ST.
STIRLING	THORNHILL	VIENNA
SEDFORDVILLE	TILSONBURG	WALLACEBURG
STRATHROY	TORONTO	WARICKWORTH
SUDBURY	BLEEKER ST.	WATERDOWN
SUTTON WEST	BLEECKER ST	WATERFORD
TARA	PARLIAMENT ST.	WATERLOO
29	29	3
WATERFORD, ONT TYPE 2	WOODSTOCK, ONT TYPE 2	MANITOU, MAN. TYPE
WALLINGTON	WADDVILLE	MINNEPOSA, MAN
WESTON	WAGLER	MOROCN
WHITBY	BIRTLA, MAN	NEEPAWA
WILKARTON	BRANDON	PIPESTONE
WILLIAMSTOWN	DELORAINE	PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE
WINDSOR	ELKHORN	ST BONIFACE
WINGHAM 1ST	GREINA	SELKIRK
WINGHAM 2ND	HARTNEY	SOURIS
WINONA	MCGREGOR STATION	WINNIPEG 1ST
31	32	3
WINNIPEG, MAN. 2ND TYPE 2	WOLSELEY, ASSA 2ND TYPE 2	GOLDEN, B.C. TYPE
WINNIPEG 3RD	PRINCE ALBERT, SASIE	KAMLOOPS
WINNIPEG 4TH	CALGARY, ALTA	KASLO
ESTEVAN, ASSA	EDMONTON	MISSION CITY
GREENFELL	INNISFAIR	NANAIMO 1ST
MAPLE CREEK	LETHBRIDGE,	NANAIMO 2ND
MEDICINE HAT	MAGLOD	REVELSTOCK
MOOSE JAW	RED DEER	ROSSELAND
REGINA	ASHCROFT STATION, B.C.	SANDON
WOLSELEY 1ST	DONALD	UNION
34	35	
VANCOUVER, B.C. TYPE 2	QUEB CAMP LOCAL MC No 20 4TH	
VARNAN	" " " " 5TH	
VICTORIA 1ST	" " " " 6TH	
VICTORIA 2ND	NARINICA + WINNIPEG MC No 1.	
VICTORIA 3RD	" " " " No 2	
VICTORIA 4TH	SOURIS + WINNIPEG MC No 1	
QUEB + CAMP MC LOCAL No 5	" " " " No 2	
" " " " No 20 1ST	HONOLULU, H.W.	
" " " " 2ND		
" " " " 3RD		

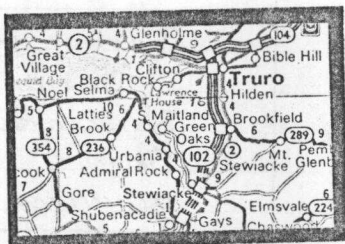
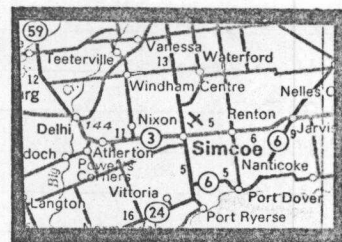
## The Facing Page:

On this side of the page, facing every group of five listings, I would like to have added illustrations of interesting strikes, covers, etc. and perhaps some information about the town or place of the strike. For instance, in my own collection I make use of a small map, as shown below, which is really a very small portion of a road map of the area. These can help the collector relate to the strike or the town involved. These give a modern day indication of the area and could serve to contrast with the current with the period of the strike information given in the handbooks.



This little map is one I have reserved for when I have a strike of Cache Bay but here you can also find North Bay and Powassan. It can be seen that both Cache Bay and North Bay are on Lake Nipissing and are on the Trans Canada Highway (17) near Callendar, the birthplace of the Dionne quintuplets.

Port Dover is located on the north shore of Lake Erie, near Simcoe and Waterford, another Squared Circle town, is close by.



Great Village, Noel, Truro and Maitland can all be found on this small map. The Maitland indicated here is, in all likelihood, the Maitland of the Squared Circle although there were actually five Maitlands in Nova Scotia at the time. This area is at the head of the Bay of Fundy and Truro is the largest community in the area.

St. Johns, Quebec, shown here in the French as St. Jean, is located near Iberville, St. Gregoire and Farnham on this wee bit of a map. Only the Farn on Farnham can be seen yet in this same area there are several other well known towns in the Squared Circles world.



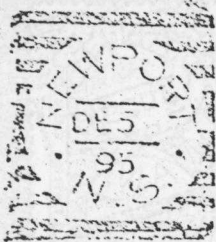
Mission City, British Columbia, and its close proximity to Vancouver, can be seen on this map.

If we break the page facing each listing into the five two inch high areas allotted we will soon find that even this space will only be enough to scratch the surface of this issue. There is so much material that we can build up on this that will help each of us know our collections better.

## Change of Address:—

After I had typed out the listing of new members I received a note from Wayne Curtis saying that his mailing address is P. O. Box 541, Station B, Montreal, Quebec, H3B 3K3.





Hammer \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Type Two Sub Type \_\_\_\_\_

Proofed No 13/94 Earliest DE 14/94 Latest JA 28/98

Time Marks, Etc. \_\_\_\_\_

NEWPORT,  
NOVA SCOTIA

Notes

R.F. 50 No. 261

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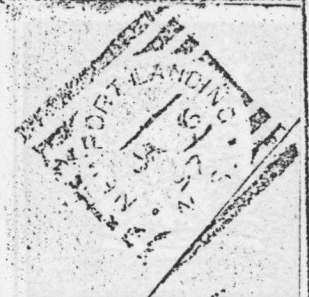
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Notes 3 PERIODS

DE 15/94 - <sup>6</sup>MR 14/99.  
DE 6/07 - MR 19/08  
MY 15/12 - JU 28/16.

R.F. 40 No. 232



NEWPORT LANDING,  
NOVA SCOTIA.



Hammer \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Type Two Sub Type \_\_\_\_\_

Proofed DE 16/93 Earliest NO 13/93 Latest MY 28/95

Time Marks, Etc. SOLID TRIANGLE.

NOEL,  
NOVA SCOTIA

Notes

R.F. 100 No. 315

Hammer \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Type Two Sub Type \_\_\_\_\_

Proofed JY 21/93 Earliest AU 19/93 Latest AU 10/05

Time Marks, Etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Notes INFORMATION NEEDED FOR 202, '04. R.F. 50 No. 271



NORTHPORT,  
NOVA SCOTIA



NORTH SYDNEY,  
NOVA SCOTIA

Hammer \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Type Two Sub Type \_\_\_\_\_

Proofed UNKNOWN Earliest NO 4/97 Latest FE 5/00

Time Marks, Etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Notes 66 FOR 99. 98 FOR 99 J48/98. R.F. 30 No. 161

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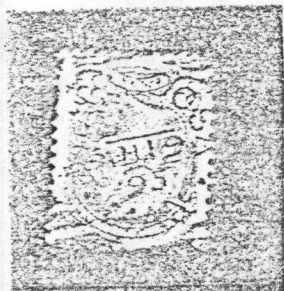
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Notes \_\_\_\_\_ R.F. 35 No. 194



MANITOU  
MANITOBA



Hammer \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Type Two Sub Type \_\_\_\_\_

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MINNEAPOLIS,  
MANITOBA

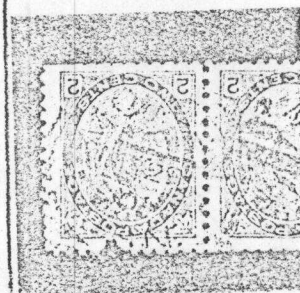
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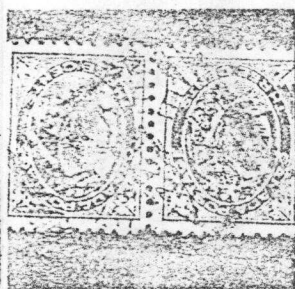
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Notes 97 DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR. R.F. 20 No. 93



MORRIS,  
MANITOBA



Hammer \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Type Two Sub Type \_\_\_\_\_

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NEBBAWA  
MANITOBA

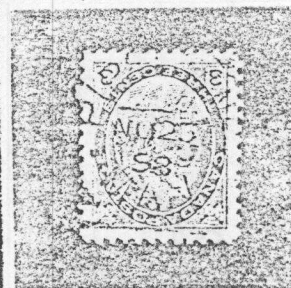
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Time Marks, Etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Notes 94 DATES IN VIOLET.  
INFORMATION ON '95 NEEDED. R.F. 60 No. 284



PIPESTONE  
MANITOBA



### Squared Circles on Map Stamps:—

Beverlie Clark, a noted specialist in the Map Stamp, has just reported the following items:—

Souris & Winnipeg, No. 2, on cover with Map Stamp, dated DE 27 / 00.  
Cornwall, Ontario, DE 23 / 98. — *lots in 99*  
Picton, Ontario, 1 / JA 3 / 00.

The Souris & Winnipeg R. P. O. has not previously been reported on cover with Map Stamp. Cornwall, Ontario has not been known on Map Stamp and the Picton, Ontario is a late date report for the use of 1 in the time mark spot.

Beverlie has promised me xerox copies of these interesting items and they will likely appear as illustrations in the next issue.

### A Small Study of Prescott, Ontario:—

Member B. C. Plain has sent me the results of a study he has made on the Squared Circle of Prescott, Ontario. This study is based on 137 strikes, mostly on 1 Cent Small Queens.

Period 1. BLANK AU 4 / 93 - AU 19/93, 5/137 or 3.64%  
Period 2. AM NO 14 / 93 - DE ? / 93, 2/137 or 1.46%  
Period 2, PM AU 28 / 93 - FE 15 / 94. 29/137 or 21.16%  
Period 3. BLANK MR 3 / 94 - JA 3 / 99. 101/137 or 73.72%

Note that the AU 28 / 93 date is an early date for the use of PM at Prescott.

Can anyone add anything to this rather interesting, but limited, study?

### Brandon, Manitoba, Something Different:—

B. C. Plain has also submitted an interesting item from Brandon, Manitoba. This is dated JY 16 / 98 and has the characteristic broken "8" in 98 but it also has what may be a smudged or sideways "4" in the time mark slot. I am going to illustrate this item here but I am not too hopeful that it will come up as well as we could hope. I am also going to photograph the stamp and see if I can get anything to come up in a slide. I now have a kind of good copy set up with an Olympus OM 2 Camera together with a macro lens capable of up to 1:1 reproduction on the slide.

### Hartney, Manitoba on 5 Cent Registry Stamp.

Don Fraser has given me a xerox of his Hartney, Manitoba on the 5 Cent Registry stamp. I hope this reproduces well as this appears to be an early date for Hartney....SP 11 / 93. The "3" is just barely visible at the bottom of the stamp (only the top tail of the 3) but it seems to be very definitely a 3.

### The Next Issue:—

The next issue should appear about on schedule although the editor will be out of town for about two weeks visiting San Antonio and Houston away down in Texas. In fact, I will see Ed. Richardson, Barry Shapiro and Jerry Switt and will give a short talk to the Prairie Beaver Chapter of the Texas Philatelic Society. I had to promote something other than Squared Circles, Ed. says that Barry and Jerry devote all their time at the chapter meetings driving the other members out of their minds just going on about Squared Circles. This issue, in fact, is a bit late as I am busy with my professional work, getting my school district budget in to the various taxing authorities and with the annual audit.

Members, they keep on coming:—

47. Clifford R. Guile, 61 Richview Road, Apt 1809, Islington, Ont. M9A 4M8.

48. Allan L. Steinhart, 80 Grand Ravine Drive, Apt 915, Downsview, Ont. M3J 1B2.

We'll be over 50 next issue!

This Space Reserved:—

This space was reserved for your illustrations, your comments and your short articles on Squared Circles. Send anything of interest in now so that there will be not blank space next issue. After all, this isn't the Time Mark space.

Since the entire issue is typed by the editor manuscripts all ready for the xerox would be appreciated. Leave a ten space margin on the left and type, if possible, on the one side only. Any topic as long as its about Squared Circles.

