



THE ROUND UP ANNEX



THE SQUARED CIRCLE NEWSLETTER

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First Some Apologies:

The last edition of the Annex was issued just about this time last year and I must apologize for the fact that this is coming out so much later. Pressure of work, acting as Chairman of a governmental advisory committee for Education financing in Manitoba, and some pressing personal concerns have all combined to make it impossible for me to look after the Annex lately. Now it may be possible to get back on stream and produce the Annex with some sort of regularity.

During the past year I have received a number of letters from the members of this group, and their friends, either renewing their fees or joining us. I hope in this mailing I haven't missed any new members and I hope I have taken care of all requests for back issues. If any member knows of anyone who has joined in the past year will you make sure that they receive their Annex copies. It seems to me that just about all of you have renewed your memberships for another year and I am going to go on the assumption that you all have. There are, as well, a number who have paid for several years ahead and I hope I have a note of all of you.

This is the third time that I have typed this apology. Perhaps this time I will finish the job of producing an Annex.

An Important Sale:

Early in the new year I am sure that many of you received the mailing from Jim Hennok on a Private Treaty Sale. (I see that this was actually quite late in the old year) This Private Treaty material was all Squared Circle items and some were quite unique. The total value, according to my adding machine tape, was over \$87,000.00 which may be a record for Squared Circle material. A Mission City cover, hitherto unknown, was offered for sale for \$1200. and was not only sold at that price but has since changed hands at least once. The final figure I have on that cover was \$2000. after several sales. There were several other unique items in the sale and what I think we are all interested in now is just what was in the sale and the collection it came from.

While some of us may have some idea of just who the owner was he is known not to have reported on very much of his material to either Dr. Whitehead or Bill Moffatt. It is hoped that a major part of the collection will have found its way into the hands of those who are more willing to share information with other collectors. If you were fortunate enough to have been successful in getting any of the items from this sale please pass any significant information on to Bill Moffatt. It is known that there were several early and late dates in the lot and there were some very interesting indicia varieties as well.

What follows on the next few pages, with the exception of some of the illustrations and the advertising, is going to be my solo effort. I have

nothing in the way of contributed articles and some material that Bill has promised has not yet been received. Bill has been extremely busy with his work and, finally, I understand a bit of what his problem has been.

Greetings From Canada:

When the Annex first appeared I had been fortunate in obtaining a number of mint postcards showing the post office at Aylmer East as it must have appeared at about the time of the Squared Circle cancel there. I sent copies along to all members at that time. It started me looking for postcards showing scenes, most particularly post offices, from the other Squared Circle towns and I have added a few to my collection. As many of you may know the hobby of deltiology, postcard collecting, is extremely popular just now and there has been a wonderful book on the subject released here. It is called "Greetings From Canada" and many of you may be interested in procuring a copy. My own copy is soft covered and cost \$14.95. There is a hard cover version that is a bit more expensive. Publishers were The Macmillan Company of Canada, 70 Bond Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5B 1x3. This book runs to about 188 pages and is most profusely illustrated with postcards from around the latter 1800's to around the end of the first World War.

Some Rarities Acquired:

Don Fraser has obtained a Winnipeg 1V on a 2 Cent Edward which is illustrated here. It appears to be dated NO 27 / 04 which puts it into the last period of use of this hammer. Latest date known is NO 30/04.

Paul Grimes was fortunate in making a find of a number of old postcards of the type used around 1890 to 1900 by business firms writing to suppliers. His find involved a furniture firm in Bass River, Nova Scotia which is fairly close to Great River, Nova Scotia. Amongst other items in the lot Paul did find three Great Village, Nova Scotia Squared Circles used as transit markings. This is rather remarkable as almost all of the postcards found by Paul, and there were literally hundreds, had the Great Village transit mark but in all but those three instances the cancel used was the standard circular town date canceller. Paul kept the best example for his own collection and I was lucky enough to procure the second best.

A personal treasure is a BLUEVALE cover that I have succeeded in procuring through a friend. This is dated JU 28/ 94 and is on an attractive cover addressed to I. Pitblado, The Registrar, University of Manitoba, here in Winnipeg.

There was a Bluevale in a recent Talman auction that was listed as an extremely fine strike. I bid on it intending to match it with my cover but I was far too low. I understand the item went for well over \$150. and I wonder who got it.

Nels Pelletier has obtained Kincardine, Ont. dated OC 6/ 99 which he says is probably unique and a late date. Nels has over 170 Squared Circles on Map stamps and is still growing, he says.

Anyone Want a Mint, Never Hinged Squared Circle?

Ever since Lyman's put those crazy premiums on Mint Never Hinged material some collectors around here have been going crazy. There are now a great number of them willing to pay full Lyman's, plus full premium, for any Mint never hinged material and it seems to me the good buys right now are the Very Fine copies available with just light hinging. I noted in an auction

catalogue not too long ago the description of a Bluenose as Mint, Never Hinged but re-gummed so now I'm going to insist that all my Squared Circle items also be Mint, never hinged. Anybody out there got a gum factory?

What About the Fourth Edition of the Handbook Bill?

As I have mentioned Bill Moffatt has been extremely busy with business. Bill is an engineer with a well known electrical manufacturer involved in a number of court cases over products right now. Bill, of course, has been involved as an expert witness for the company in its lawsuits and has had to travel very extensively. As well there has been at least one marriage in the family. As a result the Handbook, fourth edition, has been extensively delayed. Are we ready to go yet Bill?

Another Multiple Hammer Town in the Wings?

Several months ago I received a letter from one of our members over in England who mentioned that he was just about ready to announce that another town had been found with more than one hammer. He promised me to let the Annex share in the release of the announcement of this important find. Haven't heard anything further and am left wondering. Which one is it?

Clarence Kemp:

Last year Clarence Kemp passed away. Clarence at one time was one of the most active collectors of Squared Circles and contributed chapters to the handbooks produced by Dr. Moffatt. A number of us participated in the auction of the bulk of his Squared Circle material a few years ago and so his collection is now scattered extensively. In the past few years Clarence suffered from failing eyesight but retained an interest in PARIS Ontario and still retained that portion of his holdings. He liked the town because the strikes appeared uniformly well struck and easy to read. Clarence Kemp left his mark on our hobby that will be long remembered and sometimes when we look at Kemp items in our own collections we will remember him well.

Has Anyone a Spare Copy of the 2nd. Edition of my Handbook?

Lew Ludlow, our member from Japan, is seeking a copy of the 2nd. Edition of my handbook, The Guidebook and Catalogue of Canadian Stamps which was produced in 1974. I was almost sure that I sent Lew a copy of the book when it was released because he had done some favors for me but, if I did, he certainly doesn't appear to have it now. If anyone has a spare copy let me know and I will procure it for Lew.

At the moment I am getting organized for the third edition but I certainly don't look forward to the massive job of sorting out the last two definitive issues of Canada. These are both at least as complex as the 1967-1973 Centennial Issue and there just doesn't seem to be any end to the new items coming out in the current definitives.

Hailing Cook's Books:

A major area of Canadian stamp collecting that has been sadly ignored is the Booklets of Canada. I am currently trying to get information compiled on all booklets issued and perhaps Alf Cook, our genial appleknocker, will drop me a line. Also any others of you who have devoted any time to these fascinating items. What I want to do is get together a listing of booklets extending the one I prepared for my Guidebook on the Centennial Issue.

Andre Frodel:

and British Columbia a few years ago. He did some masterly work and generally signed his material and sold it for what it was, artistic forgery, fakery and so on. I keep getting hints that Andre did some work on a Squared Circle but that is all I get. Does anyone know of a Frodel Squared Circle? Ken Pugh, in his work on British North America Fakes and Forgeries has illustrated a number of the known Squared Circle fakes and forgeries. These illustrations appear to have been taken from B N A Topics as all have been illustrated in Rounding Up Squared Circles or other articles in Topics over the years. I haven't the illustrations used by Ken Pugh in front of me, I haven't decided whether I want the reference material enough to buy it, but if memory serves me right Ken had illustrations of that Peterborough, Canada item and the Victoria Hammer 1V attempt.

There is also High Street Toronto which appears on forged Jubilees. Are there any others? Has anyone a collection of these?

VOTING PAPER

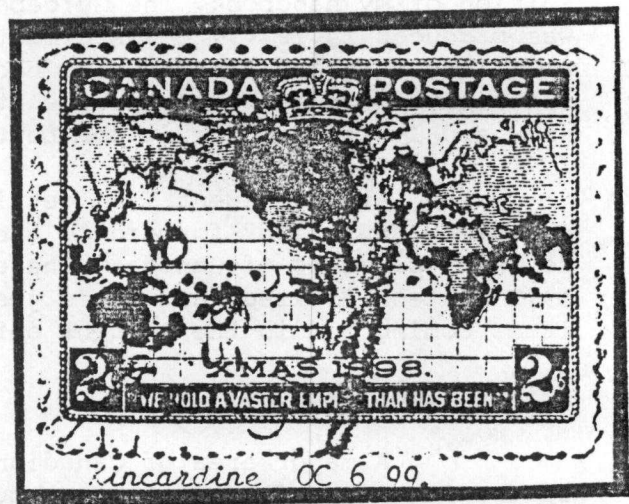
Frank J. P. H. L. S.
THE REGISTRAR,
University of Manitoba,
WINNIPEG.

BLUEVALE, Ontario. JU 28 / 94.

Backstamped with WINNIPEG circle date cancel, JY 2 ? 94.



DON FRASER'S
 WINNIPEG 1V.
 NO 2? / 04.



NELS PELLETIER'S Enlargement.

Have you any interesting illustrations?

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AM/01 SP/95
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AM/SP 10/95

PM/MY 19/97

<p>Glenn F. Hansen, 375 Jefferson Avenue, Winnipeg, Man. R2V 0N4.</p> <p>Looking for the hard-to-come-bys. Markdale 2nd Hammer, Winnipeg 4th., Fort William West, Will Buy or Trade if possible.</p>	<p>DETAILED WANTLIST AVAILABLE</p> <p>Have you any British Squared Circles? Drop a line to:-- Stan Cohen, 51 Westfield Rpad. Birmingham, England,</p> <p>Information needed for book in process. Still looking for some of the rarities.</p>
<p>Colin G. Banfield, 32, Coolgardie Avenue, Chigwell, Essex, IG7 5AY.</p> <p>PETERBOROUGH 2/JY 14/97 required for matched set of four. Also all indicia for Ottawa 1, SP 28/97 and HALIFAX JU 19 - JU 30/97. All on 1 Cent and 3 Cent Jubilees only. Buy or trade.</p>	<p>John Frith, Box 286, Copper Cliff, Ontario, POM 1N0.</p> <p>Specializing in SUDBURY. Information sought from anyone with special interest in SUDBURY Squared Circle, Time Marks, usage, etc.,</p>
<p>Jim A. Hennok, P. O. Box 250, (Adelaide St. Station.) Toronto, Ontario, Canada. M5C 2J4.</p> <p>WILL WELCOME ALL SQUARED CIRCLE WANT LISTS. COVERS. STAMPS. POSTCARDS. ON PIECE. COVERS.</p>	<p>Hank Narbonne, Greenwood Stamp Company, 216 Mailey Street, Carleton Place, Ontario. K7C 3X9.</p> <p>Squared Circles, on and off cover, all periods, no minimum orders, Approvals, Wantlists welcomed.</p>
<p>B. C. Plain, M. D. Box 2190, Stn. R., Kelowna, B. C. V1x 4K6.</p> <p>Sunday dates, anyone? Also Victoria, B. C. for study. Willing to trade or buy.</p>	<p>Don Fraser, 1183 Warsaw Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba. R3M 3A7.</p> <p>Manitoba Squared Circles on Cover wanted. GRETN..PIPESTONE..MCGREGOR STATION.. Also other Western Canada material.</p>
<p>Jeff. Switt, 3962 Belford, Fort Worth, Tx. 76103.</p> <p>Type One Squared Circles..also Type Two on 1 Cent stamps. Looking for the rarities but I like anything of interest.</p>	<p>Rae Thompson, 384 E. Ralston Ave., San Bernardino, CA. 92904.</p> <p>KINGSTON, Ontario specialist. Blank on 1 Cent and 3 Cent Small Queens. and 1 on on 1 Cent Small Queen.</p>
<p>Nels Pelletier, 34 Blandford Street, Toronto, Ontario. M6E 3A7.</p> <p>Squared Circles on Map Stamps. Still Looking. Willing to buy or trade.</p>	<p>Barry Shapiro, P. O. Box 9865, College Station, Tx. 77840.</p> <p>Covers. BELLEVILLE, Ontario. Willing to buy or trade.</p>