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Publication Date Set!

At the BNAPS gathering at McAllen, Texas publication of the Handbook was approved. Date of publication has since been set as July 1st., 1981.

The book will be hard covered and will likely run to something close to 300 pages. The price will be \$30.00 and a pre-publication order form is enclosed with this annex for your convenience. Prepaid orders will likely be shipped direct from the publisher but will definitely be shipped before the stock is sent on to BNAPS' Handbook office in Toronto or to the Book Department in Hamilton. Prepaid copies, therefore, will likely reach you at least one or two months sooner than otherwise possible. I will be sure to look after the details of this aspect personally.

More Material From Bill:

This is being prepared right after being on the phone with Bill. He has prepared a final batch of material for the Annex on which he hopes he will have re-action from the group before the book is published. According to the printer we are looking at receiving galley proofs very early in the spring and we will then have to have all changes finalized so that the book can be locked into the presses and they can roll.

What About YOU?

We are now going into the new year and a new volume of the ANNEX. I have already begun to receive renewals and now invite all readers to renew at this time. The \$5.00 dues at present just cover costs.

Also needed is material for the Annex. Have you done anything lately with your collection such as getting together matched sets, a number of Sunday dates, a few new towns on particular stamps, etc? Write it up and send it in. Have you found a particularly nice way to mount your collection? Let us see it.

Has anyone come up with a new rationale on pricing Squared Circles on cover or off? Let's hear about it.

After this, what?

Commencing with the first issue in Volume Four we will be using the Annex to record corrections, changes, updates and new information on the information which will be found in the book. Even before the book is off the press there will be new information that should be incorporated or which you should know about. The ANNEX will serve as the definitive source of information for this sort of thing and, for the next four years or so, will help you keep your copy of the handbook up to date.. As required, sections of the ANNEX in future will be reserved for reporting NEW EARLY DATES, NEW LATE DATES, NEW INDICIA VARIETIES and NEW RARITY FINDS.

#### New members:

Since last reporting on membership in the group a few issues ago, we have had the following join us:

91. McKain, David Leonard, 5 Meadowcreat, Parkersburg, WV, 26101.
92. Moffat, G. Palmer, 4542 East Camino De Oro, Tucson, Ariz. 85718.
93. Unwin, Alexander M., 59-157th Ave., S.E., Bellevue, WA. 98008.
94. Willson, Victor L. 2818 Pierre Pl., College Station, TX. 77840.
95. Willson, K. E., 68 Scarboro Beach Road, Toronto, Ont. M4E 2X1.

#### Deceased Members:

I am sorry to have to report the deaths of Ivor Cross, a personal friend and fellow Winnipegger who was a charter member of this group. Norman C. Tunna, of Calgary, has also passed away. Norm., I understand, was quietly building up an outstanding collection and had purchased many remarkable collections in his efforts. We are all the poorer for the loss of these members.

#### Address changes:

Please note the following address changes:

9. Bosch, Dr. Warren L., 300 East Fifth St., Yankton, S.D., 57070.
37. Grimm, Paul H., Box 157, Berwick, N.S. B0P 1E0.

#### Future BNAPS Conventions:

BNAPS '81 will be held in Ottawa, Canada and should be one of the best yet! Jim Kraemer, former curator of the National Postal Museum, is convention chairman and C. R. McGuire, present acting curator of the museum, is BNAPS' director in charge of conventions. Between them I am sure we are going to have a marvelous affair closely tied to the postal museum which will be officially opening its Phase Two the day before BNAPS itself. This will be September 24, 25, 26, 1981. Try to be there. We will have another Squared Circle Study Group meeting and we will have a chance to discuss the Book and other matters fully.

In 1982 BNAPS will meet in Virginia Beach, ~~West~~ Virginia and in 1983 the meeting will be in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

#### A Matter of Ethics:

The other day I had a rather disturbing telephone call from a fellow Winnipegger and fellow Squared Circle collector. He had just received a letter from a dealer down East who wished to know the status of various Squared Circle collections here in the windy prairie city. How many had collections of around 300 strikes or so, who had what rarities, and so on. The dealer also made what my caller termed his second demand that this collector sell to him a particular gem from his collection. This was a second demand and was made, I presume, from the complete ignorance of the fact that the gem involved was an absolutely essential component of a rapidly developing and very specialized collection. Without this gem, a key item in the collection, the specialty would very definitely be incomplete. Well, perhaps you can't blame a fellow for trying but this business of nosing around to learn about who has what and so on is another story.

It so happens that I now have a fairly good collection, somewhat over 300 different strikes out of the 345 plus that are known to exist and if I want to tell anyone about it that is my business. If I wanted to keep the thing a secret to all but a few friends or someone like Bill Moffatt that would also be my business. I resent anyone trying to find out my holdings through a third party.

Enough said?

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"NO TOWN NAME" NUDE SQUARED CIRCLE.



John Frith has sent me two examples of the Nude Squared Circle which may help to answer some questions about it. The first is an example on piece, with the cancel not tying to the envelope, demonstrating that it was cancelled before applying to the envelope. Other examples are known suggesting that this cancel, if none of the other towns using their hammer without any indicia, was used as a precancel. But the second example sent by John is most interesting; it is so heavily struck that one can see remnants of lettering which was removed. This strike is shown to the left. A colored slide of a similar strike was sent to me by Bill MacDonald; it is a near duplicate of the strike shown here. There are two items of interest about this strike: (1) I think we can now eliminate the possibility, suggested by several correspondents from time to time, that it is not a previously used hammer with the

lettering removed, but a special hammer made with no lettering; the remnants of lettering make it clear that it is a modified hammer; and (2) the location of the letters suggest, for the first time, what the town was. Note the nearly complete final 'L' to the right of the upper indicia bar. A matching of this strike against all towns ending in 'L' leads me to the conclusion that this is none other than one of the two MONTREAL type II hammers, and probably Hammer II which is known in so few copies. This conclusion rang a bell and I have scanned through back issues of the Squared Circle column to find mention of the nude in Column No. 125 (November 1973 TOPICS). In that column, Max Rosenthal reported that he had gone through thousands of 1¢ Numerals and 1¢ Edwards, finding many nude cancels. What is of particular interest here is that Max said that both lots of stamps were strong in postmarks, both circular and roller, from Quebec Province and he wondered if perchance the nudes might have emanated from MONTREAL!

Unfortunately, the particular strike illustrated above does not exhibit any traces of the base lettering; perhaps some reader may have such a strike. It would not be necessary to definitely identify any particular letter. It would be sufficient to find traces of lettering extending beyond the normal space allocated for the province abbreviation, for the MONTREAL hammers have the wording (CANADA) at the base.

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KINGSTON HAMMER III.



Glenn recently forwarded to me a copy of a letter sent to him by Wally Gutzman enclosing a postcard mailed from Chester, England to Rochester, N.Y., readdressed to KINGSTON and bearing a KINGSTON squared circle receiver mark dated 12/ JUL 22/ 02. Wally had sent Glenn the card to substantiate the new report of time mark 12, not previously reported for KINGSTON. Glenn remarked to me that the lettering KIN did not line up with other frame lettering in the same way as in Hammers I and II, and furthermore, the upper long bar had a pronounced dish in it, not found in Hammers I

and II. Glenn thought it must be a previously unreported hammer, and indeed he is correct. I show above a Xerox copy of this strike, which I think will



reproduce well enough that the important features distinguishing it from Hammers I and II will be apparent. First I should point out that Hammer II does contain a slight dishing of the upper bar as will be apparent in clear strikes, although not as marked as in the new hammer. There is little likelihood of confusing strikes from Hammer III with those of Hammer I which has very small lettering. The lettering of Hammer III is about the same size as that of Hammer II. Major points of difference in the lettering placement of Hammers II and III are as follows:

- (a) Letter 'K': the upward-to-the-right stroke of K, if extended, points to the upper inside tip of the second left bar in both Hammers I and II, but in Hammer III, points to the lower inside tip of the second left bar.
- (b) Letter 'I': The letter 'I' points to the space between the first and second left bars in Hammers I and II, but points to the inner curved end of the second left bar in Hammer III.
- (c) First letter 'N': The left vertical of 'N', if extended, intercepts the inner curved end of the first left bar, near its mid-point, in Hammers I and II; it points to the lower inside corner of the first left bar in Hammer III.
- (d) Letter 'T': The vertical stem of 'T', if extended, cuts through the inner curved end of the first right bar in both Hammers I and II, but passes well to the left of the upper inside tip of the first right bar in Hammer III.
- (e) Final 'A' of CANADA: The right hand leg of 'A', if extended, cuts through the inner curved end of the third right bar in both Hammers I and II; in Hammer III, it points to the upper inside corner of the third right bar.

There are other features of the lettering placement which differ markedly but can only be found by use of a file card straight edge. Several of these are:

- (f) Cover lower right part of strike with a file card, lining its top edge along the vertical stroke of 'T'; in Hammers I and II, the first 'A' of CANADA will be hidden under the card but in Hammer III, the card edge cuts through the apex of A, exposing the left half of that letter.
- (g) cover lower part of strike with a file card, lining its top edge along the downward-to-the-right stroke of 'K'. In both Hammers I and II the card edge cuts through the 'O' of the town name, with half of the 'O' hidden under the card. In Hammer III, all of the 'O' is visible, lying well above the card edge, and the left vertical of the final 'N' is visible.

There are additional points of difference which I will not go into here, but suffice it to say: there were three KINGSTON hammers. This creates a little bit of a problem with regard to late dates. Until now, the late date for Hammer II has been listed as ?/ JY 30/ 02 (per the Third Edition Handbook). The next latest date for Hammer II in my records is ?/ JU 28/ 99 (which I have not seen, and cannot verify). The latest date known to me which I have seen and is undoubtedly Hammer II is 2/ NO 16/ 98. I wonder, then, if the Handbook III latest date of ?/ JY 30/ 02 is in fact Hammer III? Who has this? Please check against the above description of Hammer III to see if it is that hammer (and also, if it reads JUL 30, not JY 30).

In view of the ambiguity in the late dates for KINGSTON Hammer II, please check to see if you have any KINGSTON dates later than 2/ NO 16/ 98, and if so, whether they are Hammer II or III. Prompt attention to this detail will enable getting things straight in time for including in the new Fourth Edition Handbook.

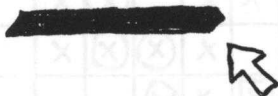
3c Num.  
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30e2  
4N028  
4N07  
4N06  
II

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Jerry Carr has called my attention to damage to the HALIFAX and HAMILTON Barred Circle hammers, which became prominent features of later strikes. I have discovered that yet a third Barred Circle hammer, OTTAWA, suffered damage to its circular rim, also a feature of later strikes.

With the assistance of several collectors, examination of strikes in my collection, and study of photos in Barry Shapiro's monograph on the Barred Circles and Jim Hennock's Private Treaty offerings, I have been able to determine the approximate dates of damage. Details of the damage, and the approximate dates of damage follows:

HALIFAX:



There is a large nick or break in the lower right hand corner of the upper heavy bar. The damage is quite visible - if you are looking for it. According to my present information, the hammer was undamaged as late as JY 23 P12 and damaged as early as JY 27 (time mark not known). I have no reports of intervening dates (see the following calendar listings), so you may be able to close the gap somewhat.

HAMILTON:



There is a break near the center of the upper heavy bar. This, too, is quite pronounced and easily visible. According to present information, the hammer was undamaged as late as MR 15 5P, and damaged as early as MR 18 2P. One correspondent wrote that he wasn't sure that the break was present in a strike later than MR 18. I think that because of the location of the break, there might be a tendency for it to fill with paper lint and dirt, which might then periodically dislodge to restore visibility to the break. However, all strikes later than MR 18 which I have seen do exhibit the break.

OTTAWA:



There is a break in the rim between the 0 and vertical of the first T in the town name. The time of damage is less well defined than in the case of HALIFAX and HAMILTON. The hammer was undamaged as late as SP 3 P2 and noticeably damaged as early as DE 3 P2. This break may have become progressively worse; a photo of a strike with date NO 1 7P appears to have the start of a break at this location. Please check your OTTAWA strikes.

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In the next several pages I show portions of my calendar records for the Barred Circle towns. There are several reasons for utilizing this much space on an apparently mundane subject: (1) Several late dates are, I think, erroneous and remain on the books without verification because various authors cite these dates on the assumption that they are correct.; (2) there are apparent gaps of as much as two months duration in the reported use of certain hammers; I hope that we can either establish that the gaps were real, or else obtain reports of specific dates of use in those periods.; (3) the calendars identify which dates are definitely known to exhibit hammer damage; but many dates of use were checked off before I was aware of the damage. If you have any of these dates please advise if damaged or not.

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△ PRIOR TO PROOF

◇ SUSPECT

⊠ UNDATED

⊗ DAMAGED

x DAMAGED/UNDATED ?

1892

1892

	HALIFAX (104)												HAMILTON (79)											
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31		⊗		⊗	⊗	x			⊗	x					x	⊗		⊗			⊗			

(X) MISSING '92

(X) SUSPECT

1892

1892

LONDON (34)													ST. JOHN, N.B. (48)												
JA FE MR AP MY JU JY AU SP OC NO DE													JA FE MR AP MY JU JY AU SP OC NO DE												
1				X		X									X										
2				X	(X)	X																			
3					(X)										X			X							
4															X				X	X					
5					(X)														X						
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30					X														X						
31			X		X																				



**X** SUSPECT

1892

1892

TORONTO													WINNIPEG												
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1		X		X		X	X	X	X					X							X	X			
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30				X	X	X														X					
31			X		X			X						X						X		X			



☒ UNDAMAGED

☒ DAMAGED

x DAMAGED/UNDAMAGED ?

1892

1893

OTTAWA														OTTAWA											
JA FE MR AP MY JU JY AU SP OC NO DE														JA FE MR AP MY JU JY AU SP OC NO DE											
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A review of the information contained in the calendars shows several suspect late dates:

- (a) HALIFAX: NO 22 (time mark not stated); this was reported years ago by Dr. Edna Walck, now deceased. I did not see this strike, nor can I verify it, or any date later than OC 31 P2. If you have any date later than OC 31 which you have not reported as a late date, thinking NO 22 to be correct, please report.
- (b) HAMILTON: SP 9 (time mark not stated); I also have not been able to verify this date, or any date later than JY 14 reported in the Handbook, or JY 13 P5 which I have seen.
- (c) ST. JOHN, N.B.: OC 23 (time mark not stated); this date listed in the Handbook. I have a photocopy of Dr. Whitehead's Handbook listings in which he attributes it to Dr. McKee. But I cannot verify such a late date, and the next latest I know of is AU 25 A10.
- (d) TORONTO: DE 13 (time mark not stated); this is also attributed to Dr. McKee by Dr. Whitehead, but similarly, I have not been able to verify such a late date. The latest, listed in Handbook II is SP16, but I also cannot verify this. The latest I know of and can verify is SP 15 6P.

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Review of the use patterns as indicated in the calendar exhibits some surprises, as follows:

- (a) HALIFAX: After early use, JA 22 to FE 9, I have no reports until that of AP 5. Was this a genuine period of disuse, or just a freak of the holdings of people who responded to requests for information? Incidentally, the prior-to-proof-date listing is correct: Barry Shapiro has JA 8 5P and I have JA 8 12P.
- (b) LONDON: After the early date of JA 21, I have no record of strikes until MR 26. Can you report strikes within this two-month gap?
- (c) ST. JOHN, N.B. There is a long gap between MR 17 and the next reported date of MY 21, a similar two-month period.
- (d) WINNIPEG: Reported dates are quite sparse between JA 25 and MR 11 and then none until AP 23
- (e) OTTAWA: Until recently, I had no reports of dates between MR 24 and MY 21 again, a two-month gap. But AP 7 was recently reported, so I presume other dates in this period may yet surface.

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The Wrap Up:

This issue is a bit late going to the printers as I was awaiting Bill's O.K. on the find of the third Kingston Hammer. This is a marvelous thing to have happen just as we are ready to start the printing facet of the new Handbook. It will not delay anything but there will, of necessity, be some changes made in certain parts of the text.

The enclosed order form may result in some saving to those who take advantage of it! The off-the-press price indicated may be somewhat less than the price we will have to charge when all the costs are in. One thing for sure it will mean that your copy of the SQUARED CIRCLE POSTMARKS OF CANADA, Fourth Edition will get to you at least four to six weeks ahead of any shipments that will be made out of Toronto.