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squared circle study group newsletter

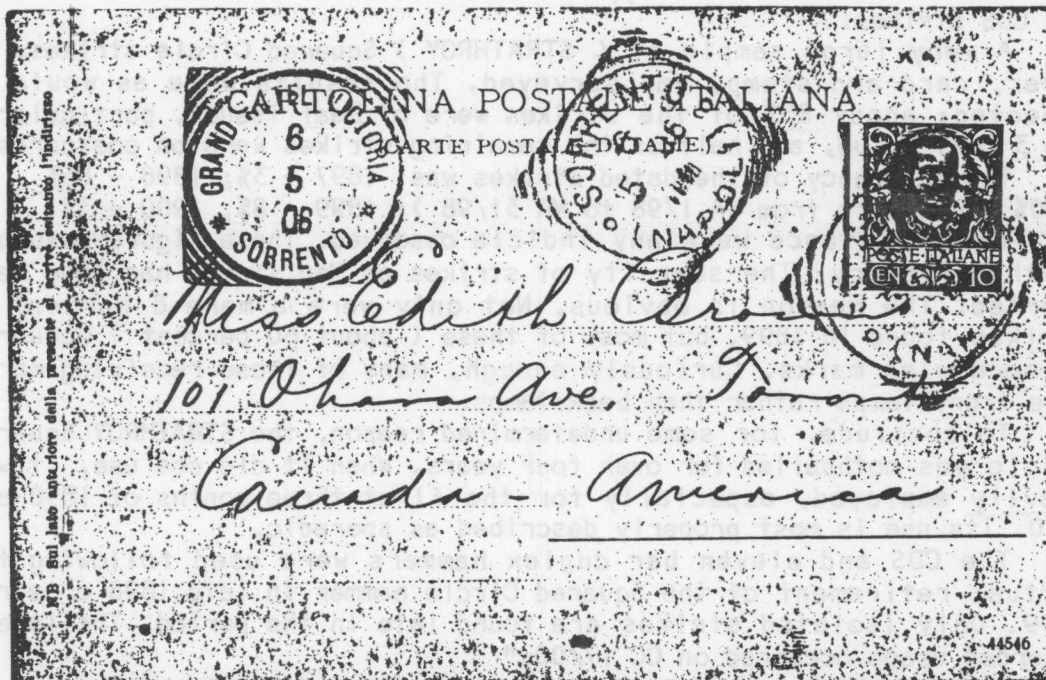
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This issue of Annex includes a potpourri of articles and information as well as the usual listing of newly reported findings. Before leaving on vacation, Bill wrote to say that he was taking with him "a large collection of new reports" which he will analyze for the next of Annex. Also, beginning with the next issue, Bill's articles on the squared circle hammers at the Postal Museum will be featured.

For future issues, we plan to present album page layouts and writeup ideas of Study Group members. There are probably many collectors who are really looking around for the "ideal" way to mount their collections. Members wishing to share their ideas, please send me (Gary) a good quality photocopy of one or more album pages. They will then be reduced so that two can be included on one Annex page.

A NEW FIRST FOR THE SQUARED CIRCLE?

Many Study Group members over the years have adapted the squared circle format as a logo for their names and addresses. John Talman sent a photocopy of the cover below which shows both an Italian postal squared circle cancel and an adaptation by a local hotel, the Grand Victoria, both cancels showing the same date indicia. This has to be one of the earliest private uses of the squared circle format.



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STRATHROY ONTARIO SQUARED CIRCLE HAMMER

The article below first appeared in the GRAND NEWS a few years ago and with the kind permission of its author, Ron Winmill of London, Ontario, is reproduced below.

SOME NOTES ON THE STRATHROY SQUARED CIRCLE

"By the late 1890's, this little community near Sarnia had a population of almost 3000 souls. It had grown from 400 in 1857 and while no longer quite as populous in the 1890's as sources indicate it had been fifteen to twenty years earlier, it had matured. The Post Office was working on its fifth Postmaster (death, dismissal and resignation had accounted for the predecessors), the current one, a Mr. Hugh McColl, having served since the first of November, 1876.

This is the setting into which we find the Squared Circle hammer introduced. It was proofed on OC/9/93. However, curiously enough, it seems to have seen no service until NO 27/97! Perhaps this was because the hammer was discarded or lost. Perhaps, since these hammers were awkward to use, it was found expedient to use the CDS or duplex hammers. In any event, for four years the hammer lay untouched. This led to some curious situations.

How many Small Queens have you observed of later bearing this cancel? Very few. This is because by this late date the Small Queens had been largely superseded by the Jubilees. Moreover, during the period NO 9/97 to JA 15/98, the Maple Leaf issues appeared. This became the new definitive set. Since the Jubilees were released on JU 19/97 and were superseded by the next definitive series about the time the Squared Circle hammer was introduced, it is not surprising that few Jubilees exist with this type of strike. Most Jubilees observed have had CDS strikes.

A very large sample of (STRATHROY) Squared Circle strikes, on cover, card and stamp, was surveyed. The results were as would be expected: about 85% of the strikes were of Leaf issues, particularly the 3 Cent value, and half of the remaining strikes were on postcards.

The frequency of the dated strikes was: 1897 - 3%; 1898 - 86% (50% alone were from JA 1/98 to MR 31/98); 1899 - 8%; 1900 - 3%.

In no instance were any indicia observed. These figures explain another mystery. The scarcity of strikes on Map stamps has long been queried. The reason is obvious. Not only were a mere 8 percent of strikes found in 1899, but most of these (about 60 percent) occurred as receiving marks. Curiously enough, many of these receiving marks were frontstamps rather than backstamps.

To conclude, for some undetermined reason, the STRATHROY Squared Circle was mothballed for over four years. When it did see use, it was heavily employed, especially for the first three months of 1898 and 1900. Its use is most properly described as sporadic.

The CDS and eleven bar duplex hammers were used following the virtual retirement of the Squared Circle hammer in late 1898 or early 1899. Only isolated strikes are found late in the period. The latest recorded usage occurred on OC 17/00."

NEW REPORTS AND FINDINGS

When reporting new early and late dates, errors, etc., if, for any reason at all you do not wish to have your name used as having reported a new item, simply sign your name (so that Bill or I know who to get in touch with should additional information be required) and state "Anonymous". It is important that this type of information be reported and made available to fellow Study Group Members.

To enter the new reports in the Handbook, Bill suggests the following procedure. In the case of new early/late dates, which may be subject to later change, write them in pencil in the Handbook in the blank space provided under the presently listed early/late date. Other information can be written in in ink; an example is a report of a strike for a year presently listed as unreported. In this case, the entry is simply placing an X in the box under the year date.

The following reports are a compilation of those received by Bill and myself over the past few months.

WOLSELEY, HAMMER I - Bill has received a photocopy of a new early date, -/AP 6/94 (Anonymous).

THORNHILL, ONT - Ted Kerzner reports a new late date for THORNHILL, PM/AP 12/02; note that this late date is also an indicia error, which should be noted along with the other indicia errors.

LISTOWEL, ONT - Ted Kerzner also reports a new late date for LISTOWEL, MR/ 29/00. With regard to LISTOWEL, the printed late date is in error and should have been MR/ 20/00 (evidently a typesetters error); the bar chart at Continuity of Use already indicates strikes reported for 1900. But Ted's MR/ 29/00 is still a new late.

SELKIRK, MANITOBA - Don Fraser reports a new late date and year of use for the SELKIRK hammer. The strike is a backstamp receiver on a 2 Cent Admiral cover, dated -/AU 4/26.

WINNIPEG, HAMMER III - Jack Benningen reports a new early date for this hammer, a clear strike on a 3 Cent Small Queen; the strike is dated 7/JA 17/95. This beats the previous early date by 10 days.

MERRITTON, ONT. - A new late date appears in John Talman's auction catalog; the new date is -/NO 14/02

VICTORIA, HAMMER II - Also from John Talman's auction, a new late date of NT/OC 11/97. This is the same late date shown in the new handbook, but at the time the Handbook was ready for the printers, the time mark was not known. Substitute NT for ? in the time mark location of the listed late date.

THREE RIVERS, QUE. - Jim Felton reports the existence of damaged indicia for the THREE RIVERS hammer; the "0" of "NO" is always broken. The earliest he has is NO 10/93 and by NO 17/93 the 0 has taken the appearance of "()".

NEW REPORTS AND FINDINGS (CONTINUED)

SOURIS & WINNIPEG NO. 2 - Phillip Wolf reports a strike of this hammer with a "WEST" direction. This is the first such report of this direction! The strike, on a #90, is dated WEST/FE 6/05.

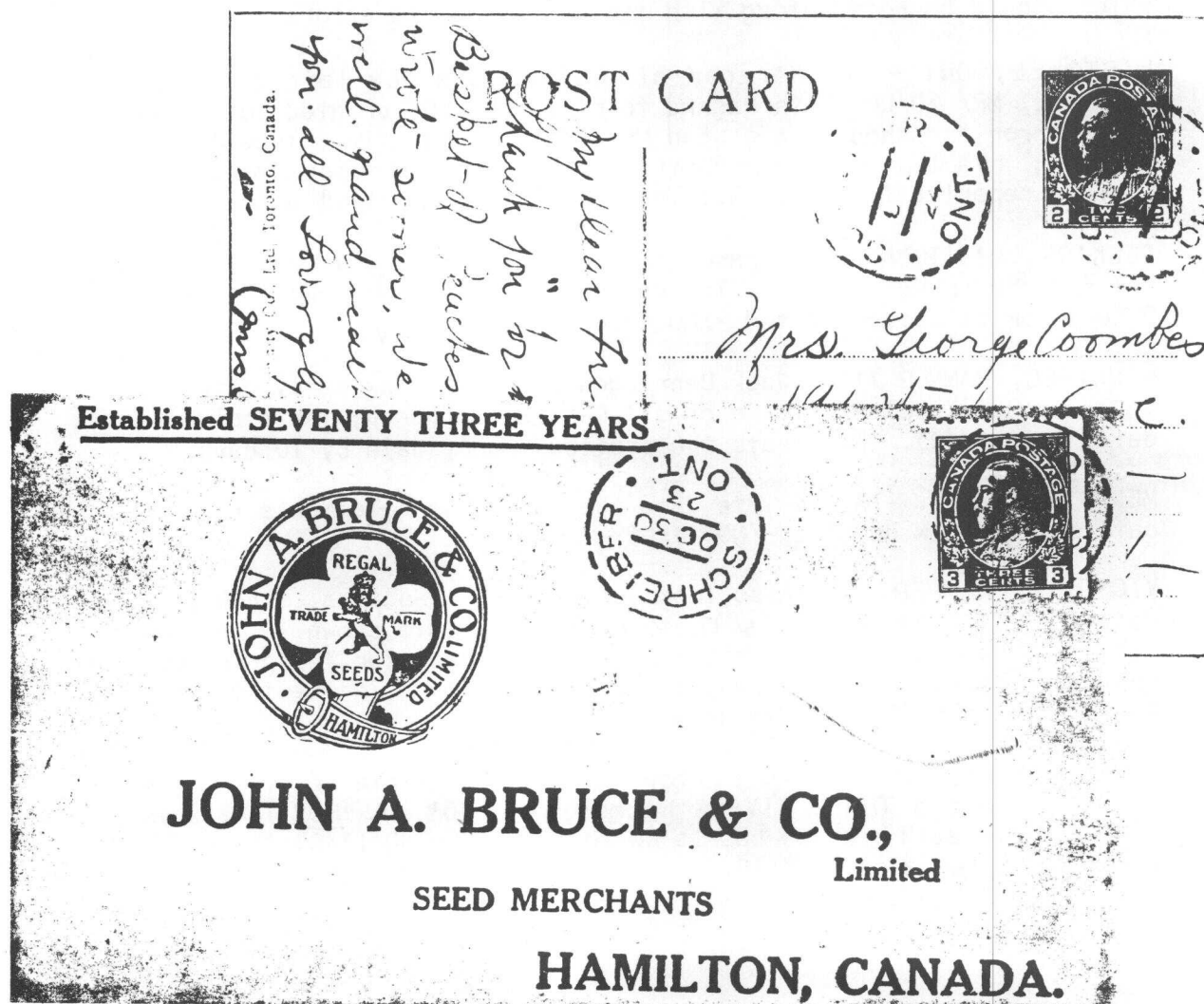
WELLINGTON, ONT. - Ted Kerzner reports that a strike for the year 1899 has surfaced, the date is 99/MR 14/-, so an "X" can now be placed in the Continuity of Use bar chart at 99.

MOUNT BRYDGES, ONT. - Two strikes of this hammer for the year 1914 have been reported; one a dater on a private postcard, -/FE 14/14 and the other a receiver on a view card with the date -/SP 28/14.

ST. ANN'S, ONT. - Jeff Switt reports strikes for the years 1899 and 1901, an "X" should be placed in the year spaces in the Handbook.

THE SCHREIBER STATE TWO ADMIRAL STRIKES

The two reported Admiral covers with the SCHREIBER STATE TWO hammer are shown below. The postcard covers the new late date reported in the last Annex, -/OC 2/24. The other cover is the earliest reported Admiral period strike of the hammer, -/OC 30/23. The only other known Admiral strike of this hammer is an off-cover 1 Cent Admiral dated -/DE 24/23.



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