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This issue marks a change in both the ANNEX and the Study Group, as reflected below in the new byline. Due to personal and work related restraints, Bill Moffatt has not been able to actively participate in the ANNEX for the past six months or so, and likely cannot do so for the foreseeable future. Consequently, members are urged to send all new reports, correspondence, and other pertinent information to me at the address below. A copy should still be sent to Bill for his records.

NEW REPORTS AND FINDINGS

WOLFVILLE, NOVA SCOTIA - Paul Grimm reports a new late date for this hammer, a full strike dated -/MY 14/02 on a postal stationery card.

CLARENCEVILLE, QUEBEC - In Bob Lee's latest auction, a new late date is reported for this hammer; -/NO 8/00 on a 2 cent Numeral stamp.

LAURENTIDES, QUEBEC - Two new years of use have been reported for this hammer. Harry Dingenthal reports a strike dated -/JY 25/11. A strike for the year 1916 is also reported; the strike is on the picture side of a postcard with the strike dated -/SP 8/-; the CDS on the reverse is dated -/SP 7/16.

GORE BAY, ONTARIO - Jim Felton has reported four (4) examples of this hammer's use in 1909, including strikes dated -/MY 6/09, -/JUN 19/09 and -/FE 10/09. Apparently the hammer saw frequent use during the first half of the year and possibly throughout 1909.

PORT PERRY, ONTARIO - A Mr. D.H. Bates of Islington, Ontario sent a new late date for this hammer, a strike on a viewcard dated -/OC 29/06.

WHITBY, ONTARIO - Jerry Carr updates the Handbook discussions of this hammer's period of use with the report of a strike dated -/DE 22/99 tying a Numeral stamp to the cover; this is the first reported strike for this month/year.

DELORAIN, MANITOBA - Jim Felton also reports a strike of this hammer dated PM/MR 17/09, a new year of use for this hammer.

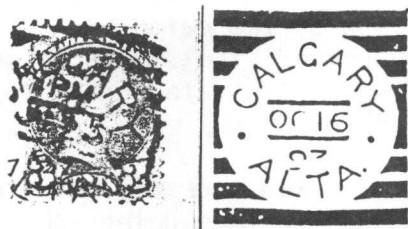
WINNIPEG, HAMMER II - An example of a "11" time mark is reported on a strike dated 11/JY 15/98; the strike is on a 1 cent Jubilee stamp.

A NEW HAMMER FIND - CALGARY, ALBERTA HAMMER TWO? ✓

A former Study Group member forwarded the following discussions on the CALGARY squared circle hammer which indicates that the hammer struck in the proof book may not be the same that was subsequently placed into use.

" A collector in Toronto, an Mr. S. Passaq, has just pointed out that late strikes from CALGARY, ALTA. are not from the hammer illustrated as being the Proof Strike in the Pritchard & Andrews Proofbook which was held in safekeeping by the COLLECTORS CLUB of New York. A close check quickly reveals several points of difference.

1. The lettering appears to be larger.
2. The "R" on the proof strike is squarely in the middle of the second right bar; on the strike illustrated below, it is between the second and first right bars.
3. The "A" on the proof strike is just above the center of the first right bar; on the illustrated strike, it is just over the top of the first right bar.
4. The "Y" on the proof strike has its foot level with the indicia upper cross bar.; on the illustrated strike, it is substantially below the upper cross bar.



All copies seen by the writer to date come from whatever hammer was used to produce the illustrated strike. No copies of strikes from the proof book hammer have been examined. Copies seen have all been dated after 1895 and the question still remains unanswered. Was the proof hammer ever placed into use?

A study of the Fourth Edition indicates that the hammer was proofed -/OC 16/93, yet the earliest known strike is dated PM/JA 10/94. This represents almost three months of delay and may be an indication that the first hammer was not used at all and, for some reason, was replaced by a second hammer, of which no proof strike has been found.

Collectors should check their copies of CALGARY, ALTA. Particular care should be taken in studying strikes dated 1894. This editor would appreciate clear photocopies of all full, clear and free strikes on piece or envelope that could be used for further clarification. So far all copies seen have been partials on stamp and have displayed only the right side fully."

AN UPDATE ON THE BROCKVILLE AND CACHE BAY HAMMERS

BROCKVILLE, ONTARIO

Jim Felton, one of the most frequent contributors of new reports and findings, has sent along the following new information on the BROCKVILLE hammer.

- A new early date for the " PM " time mark; the strike is on a 3 Cent Small Queen, dated PM/AU 5/93.
- The following examples of Sunday dates expand Brian Plain's early reports of Sunday dates for this hammer (Brian reported single examples for 1896-98 and 1901).
 - 1984 - PM/SP 2/94
 - 1896 - AU 9/96; SP 27/96
 - 1897 - JA 31/97; PM/JY 4/97; AU 29/97
 - 1899 - AP 2/99; AP 9/99

(The unlisted time-marks were not reported; presumably they are " PM ".)

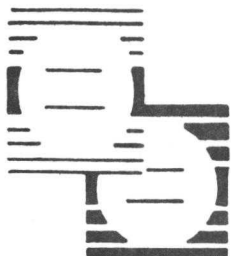
- Jim has also narrowed down the damaged "IL"; he reports an undamaged strike dated JA 31/97 and a damaged strike dated FE 4/97.

CACHE BAY, ONTARIO

Warren Bosch sent along the following note on the indicia "0" for this hammer, which provides additional insight to the Handbook discussions:

"This past week, while going through a lot of almost 200,000 Canadian stamps, I made a "find" which might be of interest. The item was a 2/3 strike of Cache Bay on #77 with the rare indicium "0" above the date. The handbook states that the "0" is thought to be a misplaced and split year date, the other digit being the correct space. My copy shows the indicium "0" quite clearly, but also shows the regular year date as "01" in the normal position. Thus the "0" qualifies as a true indicium, not merely part of a split year. As I was the first person to discover this indicium some dozen years ago, I have a special interest in getting it correct. I laid this stamp aside with several thousand other items to be worked on later.... so I cannot now find the exact date. It was, however, definitely a 1901 date in the format O/DATE/01."

The following page shows an example of squared circle album page presentation possibilities; the album pages are printed on 8-1/2 X 11, sixty pound paper.



SQUARED CIRCLE CANCELS OF CANADA



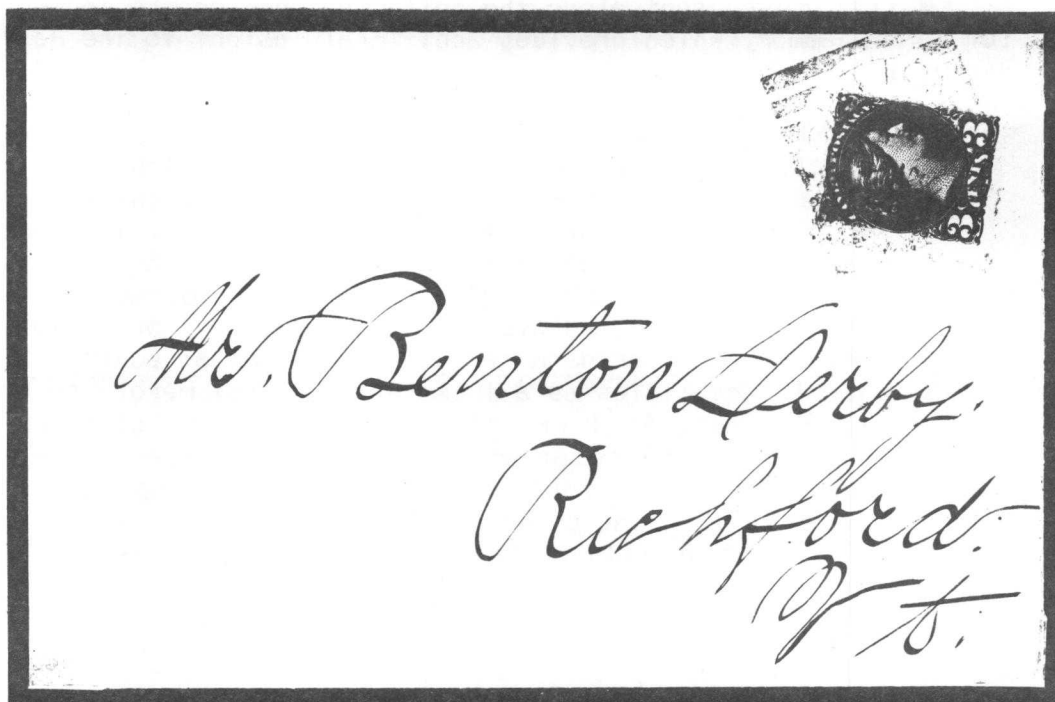
SUTTON, QUEBEC

BROME COUNTY, ON THE MISSI^SQUOI RIVER

TIME MARKS: BLANK

CONTINUITY OF USE:	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
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This cross-border cover traveled a distance of only twelve miles; it was mailed at SUTTON, which lies eight miles north of the US-Canada border, and its destination was Richford, Vermont, which lies four miles south of the border. Both towns were situated on the South Eastern Railway route, a subsidiary of the CPR.



This strike is dated October 25, 1894 which, in all probability is the first day of use of the SUTTON squared circle hammer. The hammer was proofed at Pritchard & Andrews on October 23, 1894, only two days before the date of this strike.

A MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Since the last ANNEX, a veritable flood of renewals has reached my mailbox; the membership now stands at 55 paid and 4 non-dues paying members. The membership list as of August 15, 1983 is presented below; (G) indicates copies sent gratis.

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WANTED: ADMIRAL PERIOD SQUARED CIRCLE ON STAMPS, POSTCARDS AND COVER.
HAVE BETTER MATERIAL FOR TRADE OR SEND A LIST OF AVAILABLE MATERIAL AND
ASKING PRICE. (GARY ARNOLD, 5509 E. ST. JOE HWY., GRAND LEDGE, MI 48837)

WANTED: KINGSTON, HAMMER II	HALIFAX, HAMMER II
TM 2 and 4 on #53 - SP 8/97	TM 1 and 3 on #85 - JA 2/99
TM 1 on #53 - OC 11/97	TM 3 and 4 on #86 - FE 7/99
TM 1 on #51 - OC 18/97	

HAVE BETTER DATES TO TRADE (JERRY CARR, 9243 WARWICK, DETROIT, MI 48228)

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