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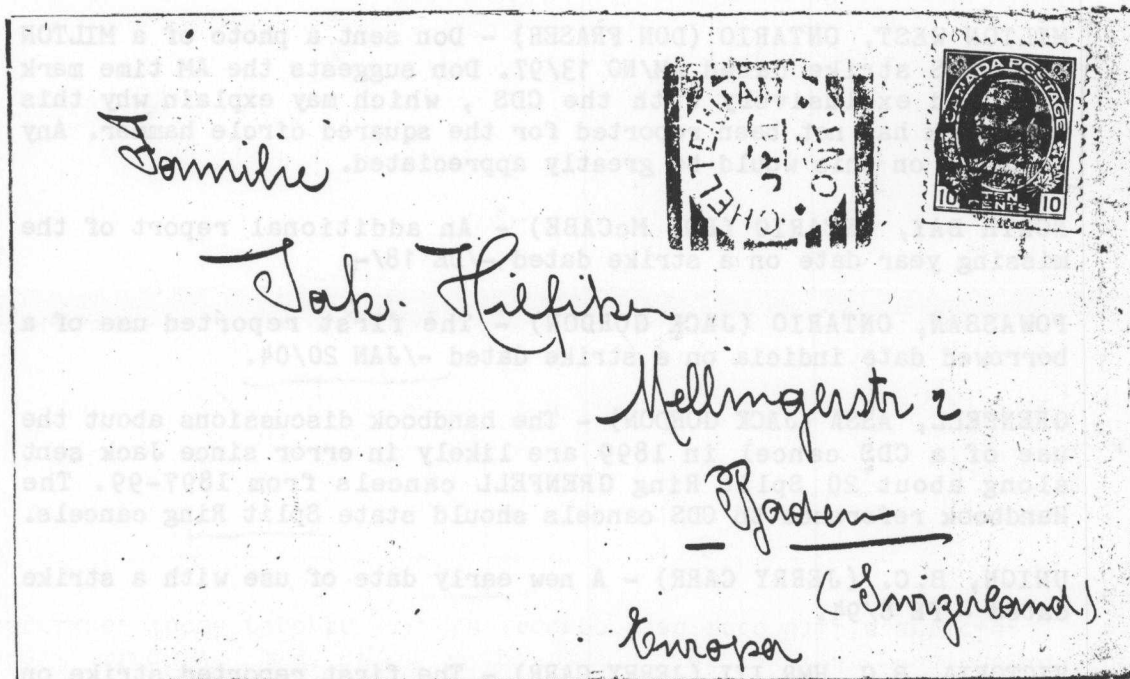
This ANNEX issue features an update of the 1880 OTTAWA forerunner article in the October, 1984 ANNEX, including a detailed comparison of four similar OTTAWA hammers. Other subjects in this issue include the 1985 Membership List and new finds reported since the January issue.

Note that we have added two new members as well as "former" study group members Roger Grigson and Geoffrey Newman; the latter two were somehow dropped from the list during the transition from Glenn to myself.

Finally, for those members who responded to the Collecting Interests questionnaire included in the November, 1984 ANNEX, the results of this survey are included with their issue of this ANNEX.

MORE ON THE CALGARY HAMMERS

Bill Wegman has sent a study of the two CALGARY hammers, which will be featured in the next ANNEX. In the interim, please report to me all strikes of the CALGARY hammer for 1893 and the first three months of 1894 which you may have; if possible, send a clear photocopy of the strikes. These reports will be incorporated into Bill's article.



SCARCE FOREIGN USEAGE FOR ADMIRAL PERIOD SQUARED CIRCLES
(From the collection of Allan Steinhart)

REPORTS OF NEW FINDINGS

Reports of new finds have been reaching me on a somewhat regular basis over the past few months - THANKS! I would like to remind members that time and postage does not always permit acknowledgment of each report. However, please be assured that the reports will appear in the ANNEX as soon as possible.

BAIE VERTE, NEW BRUNSWICK (BOB McCABE) - A new year of use with a strike dated -/AP 24/01.

RIVER LOUISON, NEW BRUNSWICK (BOB McCABE) - A new year of use with a strike dated -/AP 17/01.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, HMR I (JERRY CARR) - A new late date with a strike dated 1/JY 22/99.

FARNHAM, QUEBEC (BOB McCABE) - A dated strike for 1907, -/? 25/07; all other strikes after 1901 have been nude strikes.

ST. HYACINTHE, QUEBEC (BOB McCABE) - Another example of the missing FE indicia; strike is dated AM/-- 16/95. The cover has a St. John, Quebec CDS dated AM/FE 16/95.

BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO, HMR I (BOB McCABE) - A new late date for this hammer, the strike is dated 2/FE 5/95.

GLENCOE, ONTARIO (JERRY CARR) - An indicia year error on a strike dated -/JA 6/87.

MILTON WEST, ONTARIO (DON FRASER) - Don sent a photo of a MILTON WEST CDS strike dated AM/NO 13/97. Don suggests the AM time mark was used exclusively with the CDS, which may explain why this time mark has not been reported for the squared circle hammer. Any thoughts on this would be greatly appreciated.

NORTH BAY, ONTARIO (BOB McCABE) - An additional report of the missing year date on a strike dated -/DE 18/-.

POWASSAN, ONTARIO (JACK GORDON) - The first reported use of a borrowed date indicia on a strike dated -/JAN 20/04.

GRENFELL, ASSA (JACK GORDON) - The handbook discussions about the use of a CDS cancel in 1899 are likely in error since Jack sent along about 20 Split Ring GRENFELL cancels from 1897-99. The Handbook reference to CDS cancels should state Split Ring cancels.

UNION, B.C. (JERRY CARR) - A new early date of use with a strike dated -/FE 8/94.

VICTORIA, B.C. HMR III (JERRY CARR) - The first reported strike on a 15 Cent Large Queen; the strike is dated PM/NO 19/97.

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UPDATE ON THE 1880 OTTAWA SQUARED CIRCLE

In response to the article in the October, 1984 ANNEX, members Jim Felton and Gerald Carr sent strikes of an OTTAWA CDS dated 3/AU 11/81 and an OTTAWA duplex cancel dated 2/AP 4/88. (The obliterator portion of a duplex hammer was generally an attachment to a dater and therefore a CDS cancel could have been used as a duplex instrument.)

With these in hand, there were now two examples of the OTTAWA CDS, one duplex cancel and one of the squared circle precursor available for comparison. Figure 1 below illustrates the methodology used in securing measurements of the lettering size and spacing and other cancel dimensions; the results of the comparisons are presented in Table 1.



FIGURE 1

TABLE 1 - HAMMER MEASUREMENTS
(Values expressed in mm)

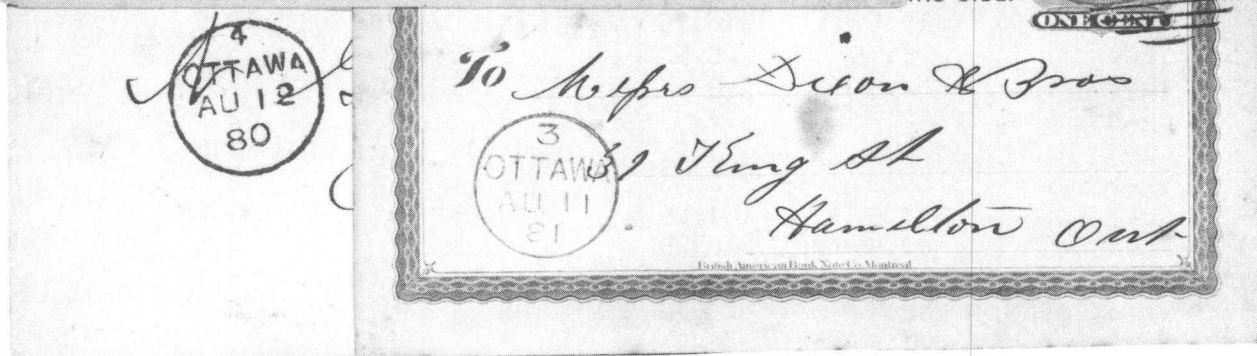
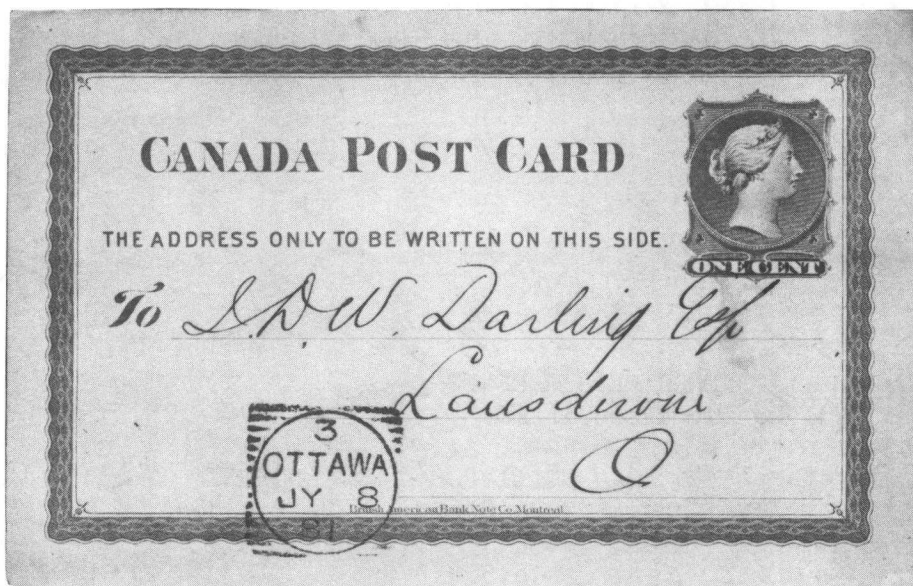
REFERENCE POINTS	CDS 4/AU 12/80	CDS 3/AU 11/81	SQ. CIRCLE 3/JY 8/81	DUPLEX 2/AP 4/88
a-c	18	17	16.5	18
b-d	19.5	18.75	18.5	19.5
b-e	5.75	5.5	5.25	5.5
e-f	2.5	3	2.75	3
g-h	2	2	2	2
i-j	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
k-l	2	2	2	2
d-l	1.5	1.25	1.25	1.25
a-m	10.5	10.25	10.5	10.5
m-p	5.75	5.5	5.5	5.75
n-o	2.5	2.75	2.75	2.75
c-p	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
e-l	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.75
letter height	3	3	3	3
diameter	19.75	18.75	18.75	20

UPDATE ON THE 1880 OTTAWA SQUARED CIRCLE (CONTINUED)

While the lettering spacing and diameter of the the instruments vary slightly, it is significant to note that the spread of the bottom legs of the letter "A" (measurement k-l and g-h) as well as the width of the base of the "W" (measurement i-j) are identical in each instance. Also, the height of the lettering is the same.

From the above comparisons, it is this writer's opinion that the 1880 OTTAWA squared Circle Precursor was indeed manufactured by Pritchard and Andrews, most likely as a circular date instrument and subsequently modified by adding horizontal bars to form the squared circle hammer. The only unanswered question is whether P & A performed the modification or perhaps another machine shop or even the Post Office Department itself made the changes.

Comments regarding the above are most welcome; perhaps those having strikes of the CDS or 1880 Squared Circle hammers could check the measurements using the basis set forth herein and forward the results to this writer for compilation.



1985 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

The Study Group members who have renewed their membership for 1985 are listed below. The list includes all membership dues renewals received through March 31, 1985. Those with an asterik(*) preceeding the name are new members for 1985. Please check for the accuracy of the names and addresses and report any discrepancies.

William C. Allen, MI
T.E. Almond, ENGLAND
APS Research Library, PA
Gary D. Arnold, MI
Robert Asselstine, ON

Colin Banfield, ENGLAND
Colin Bayley, ON
Dr. Warren Bosch, IL
Charles F. Boubelik, CO
Paul Burega, ON
John Butters, ON

Gerald C. Carr, MI
Beverlie Clark, MB
Emerson A. Clark, CA
Robert Corless, AZ
Alexander Csucs, ON
Wayne R. Curtis, ON

Harry F. Dingenthal, TX
George B. Dresser, TX
Pierre Dussault, QC

Raymond J. Falla, ON
James W. Felton, AR
Don Fraser, MB
John E. Frith, ON

Robert Gagnon, QC
John S. Gordon, VA
*Roger Grigson, ENGLAND
Paul Grimm, NS
Clifford R. Guile, ON

Arthur Hanes, ON
James Hennok, ON
Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth, ENGLAND
Frank Hoyles, ON

James S. Karr, AB
David Kelly, NS
Theodor Kerzner, ON

1985 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER (CONTINUED)

Richard M. Lamb, ON
Robert A. Lee, BC
Garvin F. Lohman, CA
Steven Luciuk, SK
Lewis Ludlow, WA

David Mayerovitch, QC
*Robert McCabe, ON
Wm. J. Meakin, ENGLAND
James E. Miller, BC
G. Palmer Moffat, AZ
Dr. Wm. G. Moffatt, NY

R. F. Narbonne, ON
*Geoffrey Newman, QC
Graham J. Noble, NY

Rick Parama, AB
Clinton A. Phillips, TX
Dr. Brian C. Plain, BC

John Richards, MB
*George Riddle, CA
William G. Robinson, BC

Gray Scrimgeour, ON
Anthony Shaman, ON
Bernard Shapiro, TX
Thomas Southey, BC
Allan L. Steinhart, ON

John W. Talman, ON

Alexander M. Unwin, WA

William G. Wegman, ON
Phillip Wolf, AB
Allan W. Wolff, CA
Ted Woodward, CA

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BREAKING UP SMALL QUEEN SQUARED-CIRCLE COLLECTION OF STAMPS AND COVERS, INCLUDES MILLBROOK COVER, WATERDOWN, PONTYPOOL & ETC. DETAILED LIST ON REQUEST. WISH TO CONCENTRATE ON JUBILEE, LEAF AND NUMERAL ISSUES WITH SQUARED CIRCLES. WILLING TO EXCHANGE FROM SMALL QUEEN COLLECTION. CONTACT ROGER GRIGSON.

FOR SALE: SQUARED CIRCLE COLLECTION OF STAMPS AND COVERS, INCLUDING FIRST DAY STRIKE OF SUTTON (QUE) ON COVER, FOREST (ONT) SON ON SMALL QUEEN, MANY OTHER ITEMS (OVER 200 INDIVIDUALLY PRICED ITEMS). CONTACT GARY ARNOLD FOR LISTING.

QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE SUMMARY

Twenty-five (25) responses to the collecting interests questionnaire sent with the November, 1984 ANNEX have been received, a 40 percent return rate. The results of the questionnaire are included below and are being provided only to the responding members

1880 OTTAWA - Barry Shapiro, Raymond Falla, Ted Kerzner, Jim Felton

1892 BARRED CIRCLES - Barry Shapiro, Raymond Falla, Tom Almond, Bill Robinson, Gerald Carr, Ted Kerzner, Don Fraser, Jim Felton, JG

NUDE STRIKES - Jim Hennok, Brian Plain, Bill Wegman, Tom Southey, Don Fraser, Ted Kerzner

INDICIA ERRORS - Bill Wegman, Jim Hennok, Gerald Carr, Tom Southey, Don Fraser, Ted Kerzner

MARITIMES - John Butters, Clinton Phillips, Gerald Carr, Brian Plain, Ted Kerzner, Jim Felton

QUEBEC - Ted Kerzner, Pierre Dussault, Gerald Carr, John Butters, Brian Plain, Jim Felton

WESTERN - Gray Scrimgeour, Bill Robinson, Gerald Carr, Jim Miller (KAMLOOPS ONLY), Don Fraser (MANITOBA), Ted Kerzner, Brian Plain

RPO'S - Don Fraser, Jim Hennok, Bill Robinson, John Butters, Gerald Carr, Bill Wegman, Ted Kerzner, Brian Plain

SMALL QUEENS - John Butters, Garvin Lohman, Brian Plain, Don Fraser, JG

JUBILEES (1 AND 3 CENT) - Don Fraser, Anthony Shaman, Gary Arnold, JG, Colin Banfield, Tom Almond, Bill Robinson

NUMERAL ISSUE - Gray Scrimgeour, John Butters, Frank Hoyles (8 CENT), JG, Don Fraser

→ LEAF ISSUE - Frank Hoyles (8 CENT), John Butters, Don Fraser, JG

EDWARD ISSUE - Don Fraser, John Butters

ADMIRAL ISSUE - Tom Almond, Gary Arnold, John Butters, Jack Gordon ✓

MAP ISSUE - Whit Bradley, Bill Robinson, Don Fraser, Tom Almond, JG

REGISTRY ISSUE - Jim Hennok, John Butters

QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE SUMMARY (CONTINUED)

TIME MARK COLLECTIONS

OTTAWA - Tom Almond, Jack Gordon, Tom Southey, Colin Bayley, ✓
Bill Wegman
WINNIPEG - Don Fraser, Tom Southey, Bill Wegman, Jack Gordon ✓
TORONTO - Brian Plain, Bill Wegman, Jack Gordon ✓
HALIFAX - Tom Southey, Jack Gordon ✓
ST. JOHN - Jim Karr, JG
HAMILTON - Brian Plain, Jack Gordon ✓

CALENDAR COLLECTIONS

Halifax JG Toronto JG
BELLEVILLE - Barry Shapiro, Jack Gordon ✓
VICTORIA - Brian Plain, Jack Gordon ✓
OTTAWA - Tom Southey, Jack Gordon, Jim Felton ✓
WINNIPEG - Don Fraser, Jack Gordon ✓
LONDON, TYPE ONE - Jim Felton, JG
BROCKVILLE - Jim Felton
ST. THOMAS - Jim Felton, Jack Gordon ✓

TOWN HAMMERS *St John JG Hamilton JG*

TORONTO - Ted Kedrzner, Jack Gordon ✓
HALIFAX - Ted Kerzner, Jack Gordon, Tom Southey ✓
CHARLOTTETOWN - Ted Kerzner, Jack Gordon, Tom Southey, Frank ✓
Hoyles
WINNIPEG - Ted Kerzner, Don Fraser, Jack Gordon, Tom Southey ✓
ST. JOHN - Ted Kerzner, Jack Gordon ✓
PORT ARTHUR - Ted Kerzner, Jack Gordon
NANAIMO - Ted Kerzner, Jack Gordon
MORDEN - Ted Kerzner, Jack Gordon
HAWAII - Jerry Carr

GENERAL RESPONSE INDICATING MOST OR ALL TOPICS - Bill Allen, Garvin
Lohman, Tom Southey, Jack Gordon, Jerry Carr