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BNAPEX '85 - CALGARY

We have received a time slot at Calgary for the Study Group meeting - it's from 2:30PM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, September 14th. I will not be able to attend Calgary; consequently, if there is to be a formal get-together, we will need a volunteer to chair the meeting.

In addition, if anyone has a short program which they wish to present, please contact me at soon as possible. If I do not receive any response for chairing the meeting, I will advise the Calgary group that no formal meeting will be held. This should not preclude an informal get together by group members.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The following membership additions and changes of address have been reported since the April, 1985 ANNEX.

Floyd McNey, P.O. Box 177, Stony Plain, ALTA T0E 2G0 (New Member)
David Oatman, 315 St. John Street, Bathurst, NB E2A 1E8 (New Member)
John Butters, P.O. Box 123, Maitland, Hants County, NS BON 1T0 (Change)
Warren Bosch, 1528 Meyer Street, ELGIN, IL 60120 (Change from Roster)



Manager of Hamilton Spectator

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REPORTS OF NEW FINDINGS

WHYCOCOMAGH, N.S. (WHIT BRADLEY) - The first off-cover strike on a Map stamp; dated PM/MR 3/99.

ST. ANNE DE BEAUPRE, QUE. (WHIT BRADLEY) - The first reported Map strike for the hammer; partially dated -/MR 14/?.



WHYCOCOMAGH N.S.
P.M. MR 3 '99



ST. ANNE DE BEAUPRE
MR 14 -

SUMMERSIDE, PEI (BOB LEE) - An unreported year date error; -/NO 27/86.

CHESTERVILLE, ONT (JIM FELTON) - A new early date; -/AP 10/94.

PRESCOTT, ONT (RON WINMILL VIA JIM FELTON) - A new late date; ?/FE 23/01

THORNHILL, ONT (BOB LEE) - A new year of use on a Numeral issue; strike dated AM/MR 19/03.

TILSONBURG, ONT (JIM FELTON) - A new early date for the time mark usage; PM/AP 28/96.

WINNIPEG, HMR I (JACK GORDON) - A first report of this hammer on a 15 Cent Large Queen, dated 5/JA 26/95. Also, Jack reports a new time mark for the hammer, a "17" on a strike dated 17/MR 1/98.

WINNIPEG, HMR III (JACK GORDON) - A new early date for the "11" time mark, on a strike dated 11/MY 4/98.

QUE & CAMP MC, HMR II, STATE 4 (BOB LEE) - A strike with a blank time markslot; all previous strikes have a direction in the time slot.

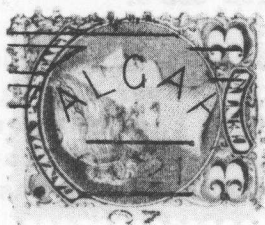
A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE.....

I have been collecting data for a study of the squared circles in the Admiral period. In conjunction with this, I would appreciate assistance from the Study Group members. Please report to me (anonymously if you wish) the following information for each Admiral strike in your collection: HAMMER; DATE AND TIME MARK INDICIA; WHETHER STRIKE IS ON OR OFF COVER; IF ON COVER, IS IT A FREE STRIKE OR DATER/OBLITERATOR. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated; the results of my study will be presented in a future ANNEX.

THE CALGARY HAMMERS - AN UPDATE FROM BILL WEGMAN

As a followup to the CALGARY hammer article in the August, 1983 ANNEX, Bill Wegman sent along the following information on the two CALGARY hammers:

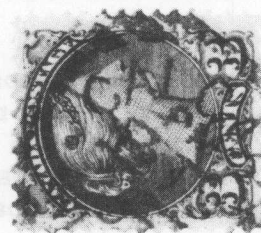
"I can confirm use of the CALGARY proof strike hammer, which must now be called Hammer I. I recently purchased a strike dated PM/OC 21/93, which is identical to the proof strike.



HAMMER I
PM/OC 21/93



P & A PROOF
STRIKE



HAMMER II

This strike shows the town name in full and detailed examination indicates the lettering to be identical to the proof strike in all respects. The lower part of ALTA cannot, of course, be confirmed; however, this should not matter. Also, I can confirm the positioning of the "R" with respect to the right side bars with the aid of a 10X magnifier. It is double struck there, filling in the space between the 2nd and 3rd bars; however, the magnifier clearly separates this.

I measure the letters to be 3 mm high as opposed to 3.5 mm for the second hammer. I can confirm the four points of difference mentioned in the August, 1983 ROUNDUP ANNEX, on page 290. In addition, I would add that the shape of the A's, particularly the second A, is quite noticeably different. It is squat or wide based compared to the Second Hammer, where it is noticeably tall and narrow.

I have also checked my 1894 strikes of which I have four. They are all Hammer II, with the earliest being -/JA 25/94 or possibly -/JA 26/94 as the last number is indistinct."

Bill's strike is the second reported example of the first CALGARY hammer; the other strike is dated PM/OC 25/93 as reported in the August, 1983 ANNEX issue. Please check your CALGARY strikes and report to me or Bill Wegman any other 1893 or early 1894 strikes.

A CORRESPONDENCE FROM BRIAN PLAIN

I received the following correspondence from Brian Plain which I'm sure you will find quite interesting. The items he refers to are illustrated on the opposite page.

" ITEM NO. 1 - While rooting through an old dealers stock on Vancouver Island a while ago, I ran across three pages from a old bulk mailing book, all used in the 1899-1900 era. It appears as though the book was used in one direction first as all the stamps were cancelled with the VICTORIA HAMMER III SC - these all being dated in 1899. It appears that the book was then used up in one direction and was then reused from back to front, as they were all struck on the reverse with CDS's.

ITEM NO. 2 - I recently had the opportunity to go through 300,000 unsorted stamps on piece; they were amassed in Calgary over the past 60 years. It was not until about the 299,500th stamp that the ONLY squared circle in the lot turned up - the PETERBOROUGH nude. Listed of course, but must be scarce. It is a totally sound stamp - even though it has been sitting in a basement for over 60 years!

ITEM NO. 3 - Plenty of room for theories here. The cancellation is VICTORIA, HAMMER I, of that there is no question. The stamp is Fiji #57 (1891-96), so it is cancelled in period. Victoria could quite easily have been the first port of call for a ship from Fiji, and as such, mail would be struck with a port of arrival cancellation.

ITEM NO. 4 - Recently acquired from Dick Lamb. Lovely in all respects and, in my experience, a hard item to find, especially on cover."

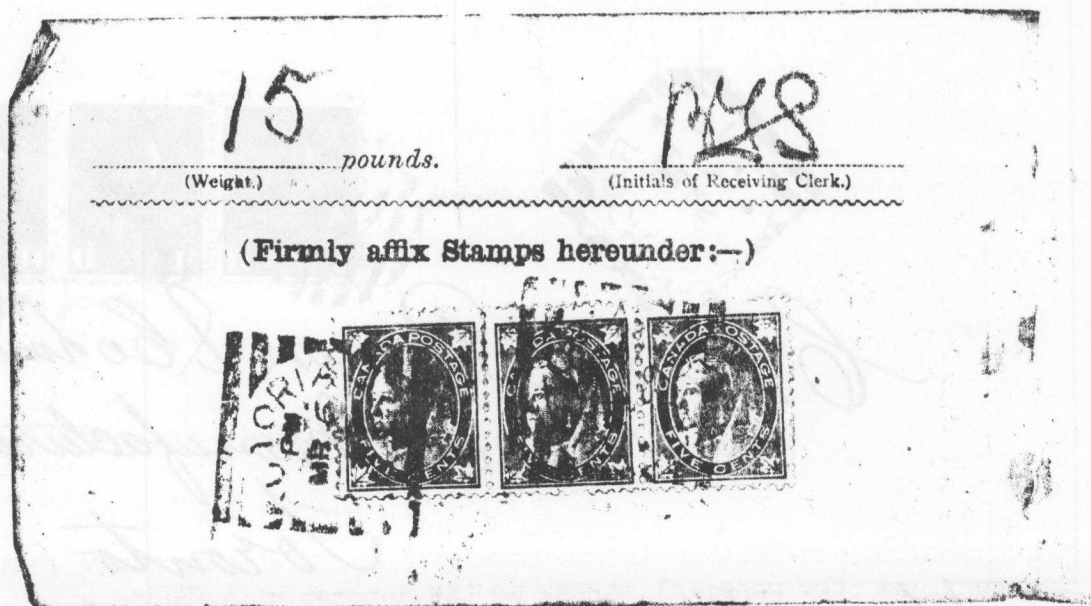
AND NOTES FROM JACK GORDON

" MILTON WEST AM time mark is definitely a CDS. A similar thing occurs at GRAVENHURST, where an AM SC occurs in 1893 but PM only in later years; "1" time mark (for GRAVENHURST) is a CDS. Likewise at SHERBROOKE where "1" is normal for the SC and PM for the CDS. And at QUEBEC in the Jubilee and 3 Cent Leaf periods, time mark "1" is the SC and 2,3 and 4 are duplex. Where this kind of use occurs, one can collect matched pairs of the same date, if one lives long enough!

LONDON TYPE II presents a problem and I think the Handbook is in error. I have a calendar collection of this hammer and there is nothing between October, 1896 and October, 1898. Therefore, could you please have collectors report all strikes complete indicia time mark and dates for the period November, 1896 through September 30, 1898."

pm/DA 10/98 (51) marsh Lot 722

Shewen



VICTORIA HAMMER 3 used to cancel stamps in a bulk mailing book. Dated PM/MR 6/99



A PETERBOROUGH nude



VICTORIA HAMMER 1
on Fiji #57
? Way Mail Cancel
Dated MY 7(?) /94

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UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE

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ST. BONIFACE /MAN.1900



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Biscuit Manufacturers
Toronto
Ont.

King St
East

ROCKTON, ONTARIO - Scarce Admiral period use
of this hammer - note the Christmas Day strike

WANT ADS.....

RECENTLY ACQUIRED SOME DUPLICATION IN STRIKES ON 1 AND 3 CENT JUBILEE, INCLUDING AYLMER EAST, POWASSAN, DONALD, GREYNA, ETC. WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE FOR SIMILAR JUBILEE MATERIAL. CONTACT TONY SHAMAN.

WANTED: TOP QUALITY NOVA SCOTIA SC MATERIAL. NEEDED TO COMPLETE MY NS COLLECTION - NOEL, MAITLAND; ON MAPS - ANTIGONISHE, BADDECK, KENTVILLE, NORTHPORT, PORT MAITLAND, PORT WILLIAMS, SPRINGHILL, SYDNEY, WHYCOCOMAUGH AND WOLFVILLE. ON JUBILEE - BADDECK, CANSO, NEWPORT LANDING, PORT MAITLAND AND WOLFVILLE; ON COVER - FREEPORT. HAVE NICE MARITIME MATERIAL TO TRADE OR WILL PAY CASH. CONTACT PAUL GRIMM.

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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 STAMP AND COVERS, OVER 200 INDIVIDUALLY PRICED ITEMS INCLUDING FOREST AND OTHER BETTER HAMMERS. DETAILED OFFERING LIST MAILED ON REQUEST. CONTACT GARY ARNOLD.