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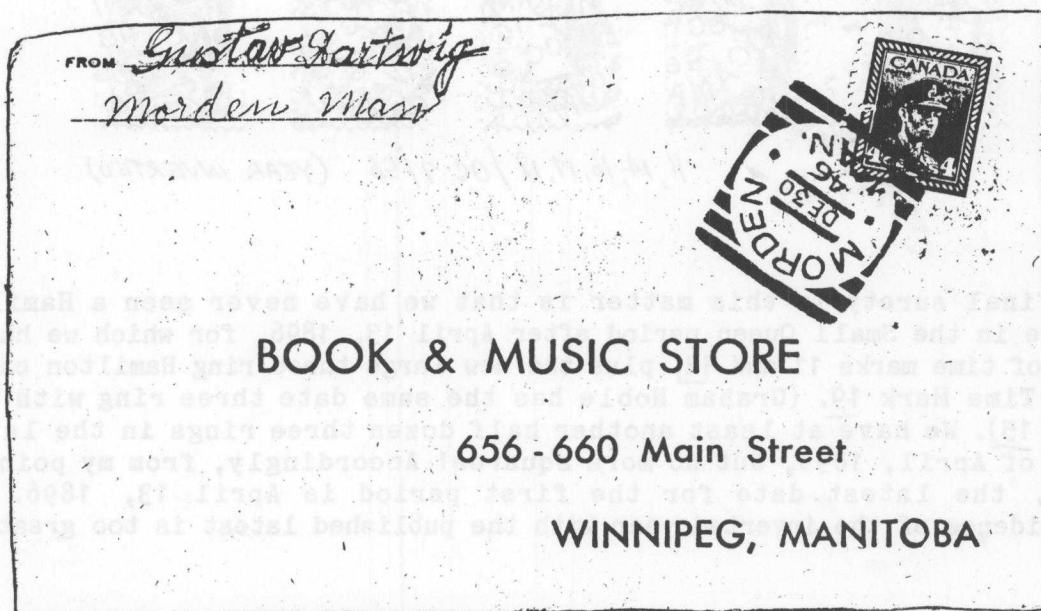
BNAPEX '86 AT THE DEARBORN INN

Now that BNAPEX '86 is over, I have finally found a bit of time to get at another issue of Annex. It was most rewarding to be on the host committee and trust that all who attended had an enjoyable visit. There were only about a half-dozen of us who organized the convention, so it was a lot of work. Most of the credit should go to Chuck and Ann Firby, who spent literally hundreds of hours putting everything in line.

The Squared Circle Study Group session was held on Saturday afternoon, with about 20 persons attending the session. Tony Shaman was kind enough to prepare and present a slide show of his 3 Cent Jubilee squared circle strikes. In addition, discussions on a variety of subjects more than filled our forty-five minute time slot.

A NEW LATE DATE FOR MORDEN, MANITOBA

Bill Robinson gave me the photocopy below of a new late date for MORDEN, MANITOBA. My search of the past Annex issues confirms that this is a new late date for this hammer. Also note that the use is not on an OHMS envelope as was common for the late MORDEN strikes.



RANDOM COMMENTS - HAMILTON SQUARED CIRCLE

Lewis M. Ludlow

Since the publishing of the Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada, Moffatt and Hansen, 1981, it has been my thought to challenge some of the data given for the Hamilton Squared Circle. At BNAPEX '84, Gary Arnold kindly offered me the Annex as a forum, and we now accept.

Our first problem is with the earliest date, 20/December 15, 1894, which seems improbable, although not impossible. The proof strike shows 19/DE 15/94, which is 7:00 PM on a Saturday; the 16th was a Sunday, which saw only rare use of the squared circle. My own earliest date for the Hamilton Square is 18, 19/DE 17/94, a Monday. I would like to see confirmation of the December 15th earliest (date).

My next concern is of more major import. The latest (date) for the 1st period is given as October 9, 1896. I beleive this is totally fallacious and comes from misreading an error made in the indicia on October 9, 1895. Referring to the illustrations below, we show a group of five different time marks - 11, 14, 16, 17, 18/OC 9, 95, wherein the year '95 is inverted to give the appearance, at first glance, of '96; however, close inspection confirms the inverted '95 in all five strikes. Our position on this is further supported by the fact that we have no non-inverted (normal) strikes on this date and further, strikes on October 8 and 10 all have regular '95.



11, 14, 16, 17, 18 / OC 9/95 (YEAR INVERTED)

Our final surety in this matter is that we have never seen a Hamilton Square in the Small Queen period after April 13, 1896, for which we have a pair of time marks 11 and 12, plus the new large three ring Hamilton cancel with Time Mark 19. (Graham Noble has the same date three ring with Time Mark 15). We have at least another half dozen three rings in the latter half of April, 1896, but no more squares! Accordingly, from my point of view, the latest date for the first period is April 13, 1896. The coincidence of the inverted year with the published latest is too great!

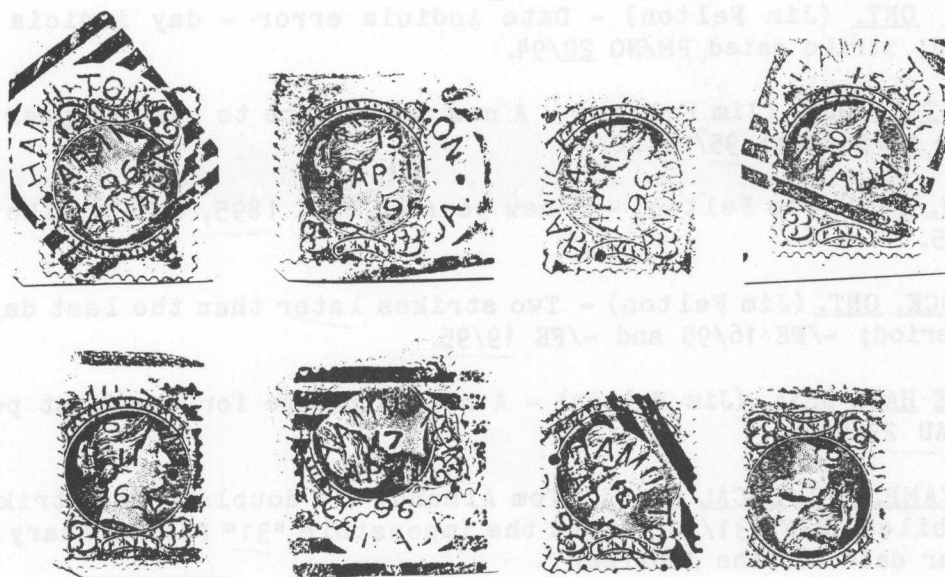
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RANDOM COMMENTS - HAMILTON SQUARED CIRCLE
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Our next minor concern is with the Handbook's handling of the Admiral era, where two periods have been made from a relatively short time interval; author's opinion - no big deal! However, the arbitrary decision to make 15/NO 18/91 to be 1915 escapes me. The 91 is an error for 16 (the same experience as above, October 9, 1895). My conclusion is that the latest (date) for the Admiral Era is November 18, 1916, and I would still carry on one late period. Perhaps others can fill in the interim Admiral strikes to bridge the present gap.

Those represent my concerns with the published data on Hamilton. There are some other interesting details that might have been added to that report. In the 500 day Small Queen Period, December 17, 1894 through April 13, 1896, we either have or have recorded 18 out of a possible 68 Sunday strikes. Also, we do have a strike for Christmas, 1895 but none for New Years for 1895 or 1896.

Our great fascination with Hamilton Squares has been to build major sets of different time marks on the same day; so far, our maximum number has been eight (8) and we illustrate below one such grouping. (Another set, February 15, 1896, has a ninth strike, but this is a cds, Time Mark 2.) Has any collector yet made a set on nine time marks? I would be very pleased to hear from any other collectors of Hamilton Squares - first to record their dates and second to engage in trading that would be mutually beneficial in building time mark sets. Even if you just wish to exchange data, please write.



12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 / AP 11 / 96

REPORTS OF NEW FINDINGS

HALIFAX, N.S. HAMMER II (Jerry Carr) - Another strike with the earliest date for the last period of use; 19/JAN 21/08. Note that the Handbook strike has the same date but a "15" time mark.

MONTREAL, QUE. HAMMER I (Whit Bradley) - A single digit year date on a Map stamp strike dated 5/JA 23/9.

BRANTFORD, ONT. (Jim Felton) - A new early strike with an AM or PM time mark; PM/AU 11/93.

DURHAM, ONT. (Jeff Switt) - A new early date, -/MY 26/94, which is the PROOF DATE for this hammer.

MARMORA, ONT. (Jim Felton) - Additional strikes employing time marks, including AM/JA 22/97 and AM/NO 16/??.

MILTON WEST, ONT. (Jim Felton) - A possible latest strike with a blank time mark slot; -/JA 17/96.

OWEN SOUND, ONT. (Jim Felton) - Two strikes using letter time marks earlier than the Handbook date; C/MY 30/97 and C/JU 1/97.

PEMBROKE, ONT. (Jim Felton) - Two additional strikes with the "4" indicia in the year date placed sideways; -/JY 8/94 and -/JY 31/94

PORT PERRY, ONT. (Jim Felton) - Inverted date indicia "OC 2" on a strike dated -/OC 2/06.

RIPLEY, ONT. (Jim Felton) - Date indicia error - day indicia "20" is inverted; strike dated PM/NO 20/94.

WELLINGTON, ONT. (Jim Felton) - A new early date to use the year date in the time mark slot; 95/MR 20/--.

WIARTON, ONT. (Jim Felton) - A new year of use, 1895, on a strike dated -/AU 6/95.

WOODSTOCK, ONT. (Jim Felton) - Two strikes later than the last day of the first period; -/FE 16/95 and -/FE 19/95.

MEDICINE HAT, ASSA. (Jim Felton) - A new late date for the first period of use; -/AU 23/99.

QUE. & CAMP. M.C. LOCAL No. 5 (Tom Almond) - A double error strike on a 3 Cent Jubilee; W/FE 31/97 - both the impossible "31" for February and the 1897 year date for the Jubilee!

1986 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

The 1986-87 study group membership roster is presented below. Dues for 1987 will be delayed slightly as sufficient funds remain to publish one and perhaps two newsletters for 1987.

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UPCOMING ANNEX ISSUES

There are a number of excellent articles and features on-hand which will be included in the upcoming issues of the ANNEX; among these include:

From JIM FELTON - "Hammers with Interrupted Usages" and listing of unanswered Handbook questions on numerous hammers.

From WHIT BRADLEY - An article from the April, 1977 Scott Monthly Stamp Journal entitled "The Nassagaweya Squared Circle Caper"; also several reports on Map squared circle strikes.

From ROGER GRIGSON - A checklist of possible hammers for the Maple Leaf and Numeral issues.

From FRANK HOYLES - An article on squared circle strikes on the 8 cent Leaf and Numeral issues.