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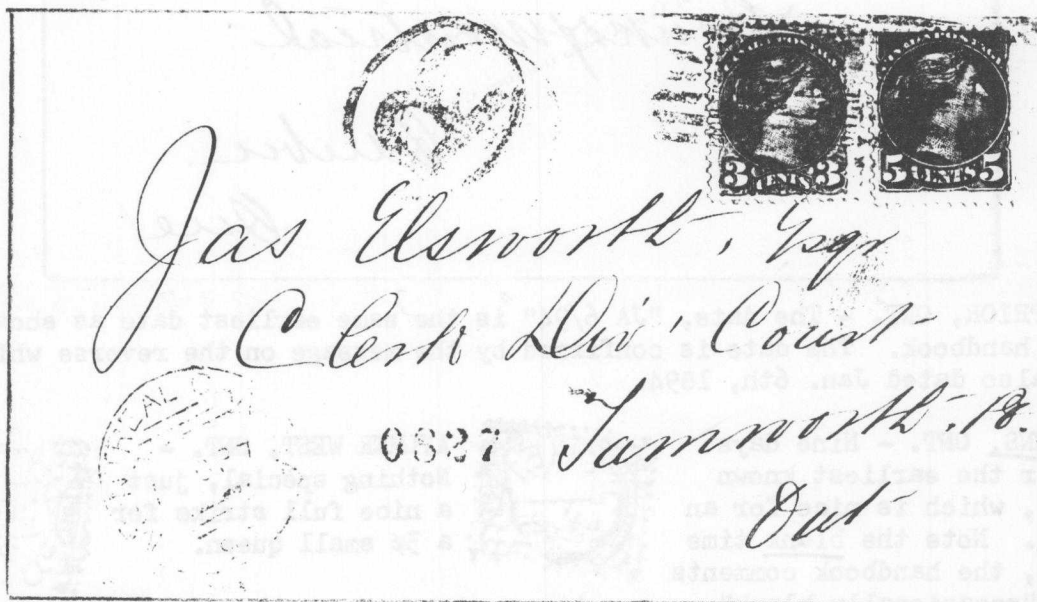
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HAPPY NEW YEAR !!! - It doesn't seem possible that my schedule could be any busier than what it was this past summer, with the planning for BNAPEX '86 on top of my other activities. Boy, was I wrong! I was named corporate treasurer of our company in early September; this brings my total "treasurer" positions to five among the various groups and ventures to which I belong. As a final straw, we sold our house last week and will be moving down the road a few miles in late February.

The bottom line to all of this is that available time to devote to the Annex will be somewhat scarce in the next few months. Therefore, I wanted to get this first issue for 1987 in the mails and trust you all will be patient until I can get at the next issue in April or May. To Jim Felton, Frank Hoyles, Whit Bradley, Gray Scrimgeour and others who have contributed material over the past months, please be assured that I will get to your articles in the next two issues.

This issue features several attractive pages of strikes put together by Geoff Newman. I think you will enjoy his presentation of scarce and not so scarce strikes from his collection.



A NICE MONTREAL BARRED CIRCLE STRIKE
HAMMER II - AP 20 P7/96
(from Bill Allen)

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SOME REPORTS

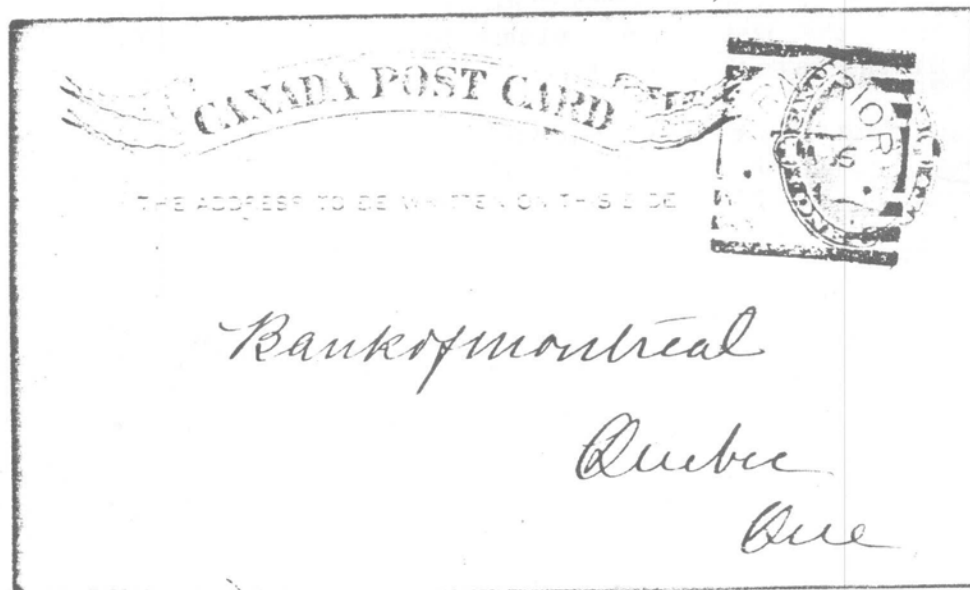
by Geoff Newman

Back in 1982, shortly after the new handbook was published, my name got inadvertantly dropped from the study group. It was probably my fault but of course I blamed our study group leader. Now that everything seems to be straightened out and by way of apology, I intend to submit a series of reports on my collection which I hope will prove interesting. All my comments are based on the handbook, as I am not certain what has been reported since.

A NUDE - Nothing special, but I've seen very few of these.



ALMONTE, ONT. - It is probably an inking problem but note the "C" of October is missing. Also have "OC 16/93", but in that case the "C" is very clear.



ARNPRIOR, ONT. - The date, "JA 6/94" is the same earliest date as shown in the handbook. The date is confirmed by the message on the reverse which is also dated Jan. 6th, 1894.

ATHENS, ONT. - Nine days after the earliest known date, which is nice for an RF30. Note the blank time mark, the handbook comments is, "occasionally blank".



AYLMER WEST, ONT. - Nothing special, just a nice full strike for a 3¢ small queen.



BEAVERTON, ONT. - The handbook comments on time marks for this Type 1 hammer, say in part "Blank, MY/93 - JA 94. 1, 2, 1, Feb. 9/94 to FE 27/94 (possibly earlier/later)." The illustration thus provides an improvement for time mark 2 with its FE 7 date.



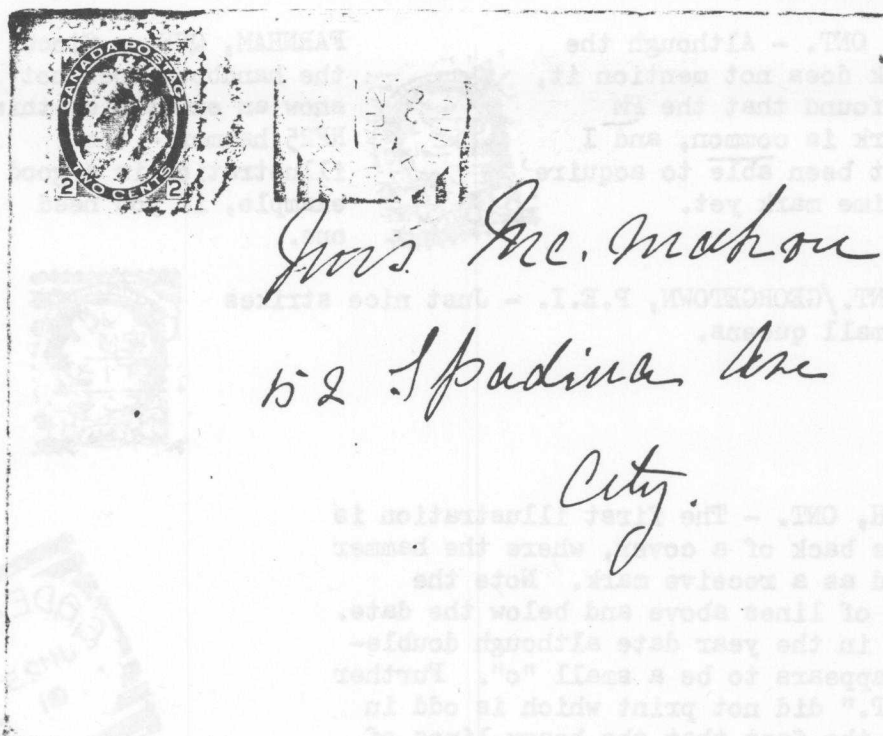
BELLEVILLE, ONT. HAMMER 1 - The handbook records that all 1895 dates have the "5" inverted, still these can't be that common since the hammer was withdrawn from service by Jan. 31, 1895.



BELLEVILLE, ONT.
HAMMER 11 - Okay
the date says "JU
31", what should it
be?



BELLEVILLE, ONT.
HAMMER 111 - Just a
nice example on a 1¢
Jubilee.



BLEECKER ST., TORONTO - A new late date for this hammer, which is a month and five days later than shown in the handbook. The date is confirmed by a "Toronto 20/JUN 27/00/Canada" broken circle receive mark on the back.

BOWMANVILLE, ONT. -
Nothing special, just a
nice example of this
RF40 hammer.



BRAMPTON, ONT. - Again
nothing special, except
that I've noticed all the
Brampton cancels are nice
and clean.



BRACEBRIDGE, ONT. - This is a new early date,
"FE 13/94", versus the handbook report of "MR 3/
94", however with a proof date of "JA 30/94",
even earlier dates should be found.



BURFORD, ONT. - Since only 15 strikes of this town have been reported on 3¢ Jubilee, thought you would like to see another one.



CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I. - The handbook comments on 1894 time marks are "mostly 1, 2 but others are known. The first stamp illustrated has something in the time mark position, but it is impossible to decipher. The other stamp has a PM time mark.



DUNDAS, ONT. - Although the handbook does not mention it, I have found that the PM time mark is common, and I have not been able to acquire an AM time mark yet.



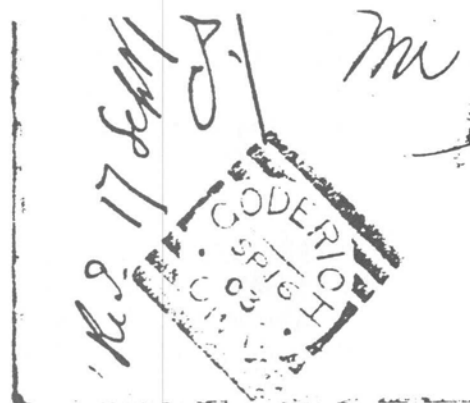
FARNHAM, QUE. - Since the handbook does not show an example of this RF25 hammer - the illustration is a good example, if you need one.



GALT, ONT./GEORGETOWN, P.E.I. - Just nice strikes on 3¢ small queens.



GODERICH, ONT. - The first illustration is from the back of a cover, where the hammer was used as a receive mark. Note the absence of lines above and below the date. The "O" in the year date although double-struck appears to be a small "o". Further the "ONT." did not print which is odd in view of the fact that the heavy-lines of the border seem to have been stuck cleanly. In the second illustration also from a cover and dated more than two years later, both the line above the date, and the "ONT." can be seen, and this strike is more lightly struck than the 1901 one above.



GRIMSBY, ONT. -

Although, not significant the 8 in the date looks upside down to me.

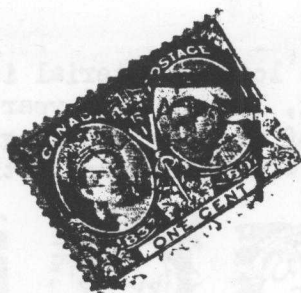
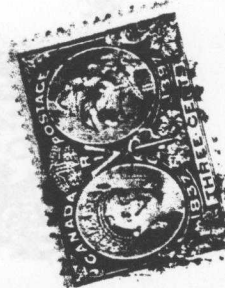


KINGSTON, ONT. HAMMER

II - Again not significant but the "8" looks upside down to me.



HAWKESBURY, ONT. - Now here is something significant. The handbook lists the latest date for this RF35 town as "/MR 22/97". To find a new late date of "AU 2/97" is rewarding, but to find it on a 3¢ Jubilee, well that makes all the looking worthwhile. Sorry it's not a better strike, but you can't have everything.

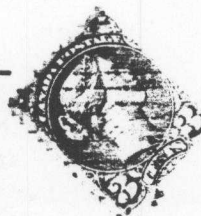


HALIFAX, N.S. HAMMER II - If you are going to collect a common hammer like this one on Jubilees, you have to do something a little different. So how about, time mark 1 on the 1¢ and time mark 2 on the 2¢, etc. Has anybody got a time mark 4 on the 4¢?

MAGOG, QUE. - A discouraging hammer to collect as nearly all the strikes are messy. The illustrated copy -/AU 27/97 is one of the few interesting ones seen because it is struck in purple ink.



MANSONVILLE, QUE. - Another strike in purple, however, in this case purple strikes are reported in the handbook.



MARKDALE, ONT.
HAMMER I - A seldom seen cancellation (RF55), of -/3 NO/93.



MATTAWA, ONT. - A new early date? The strike shows "AP 13" which is 3 days better than the handbook, but still 7 days after the proof date.



ORANGEVILLE, ONT. - One of the more difficult hammers to find (RF50), but like Magog somewhat discouraging because the strikes are usually messy.



OSHAWA, ONT. - Also not an easy cancel to find (RF30), but the strikes seen are nice and clean. Note, however, the day of the month in this one appears to be blank.





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OTTAWA, ONT. - Is a lot of fun to collect, because lots of material is available, however, trying to get one of each time mark, 1-8 for each year '93 to '98 (or later), presents a real challenge. Some of the more challenging ones are shown; time mark 1 for '93; a strike on a 50¢ widow weeds and a time mark 8 for "JA 10/98" on cover.

PARIS, ONT. - Nice clean easy to read strikes. The time marks A to D were used from JY 31/93 to SP 12/00.



I did a small survey of the time marks which gave the following results:

YEAR	A	B	C	D	TOTALS
1893	-	1 3	-	-	3
1894	1 -	2 12	2 7	1 -	19 6
1895	1 -	7 2	2 -	3 4	6 13
1896	2 1	6 -	2 -	3 2	3 13
97 Unknown	2 -	6 3	3 1	4 -	4 15
98	7 -	9 -	8 -	5 -	29
99 Totals	13 1	2 38 20	2 19 8	18 6	35 4 83
Percent	3%	57%	23%	17%	100%

Although this is too small a survey to be reliable, does anyone want to trade an "A" for a "B"?

PEMBROKE, ONT. - For those looking for Error Indicia, here's two of them. First the "4" in "94 is reversed, and the "9" of "96 is missing.



PONTYPOOL, ONT. -
Now here is a
really difficult
one (RF130). My
guess of the date
is, OC 25/93.



POWASSAN, ONT. - The hand-
book mentions that there
is a borrowed indicia of
-/FE 22/00, but the
receive mark shown here
has both year date the
same size.



ST. HYACINTHE, QUE. - The
missing "FE" of 1895. I have
a "FE 19/95" on a postcard,
but as the handbook states it
is fragmented.



SMITHS FALLS, ONT. -
That's about as
close as you can get
to a perfect strike
on a 3¢ small queen.



SHERBROOKE, QUE.
HAMMER 1 - Two
examples of this
hammer showing the
time mark. One is
dated AP 12/94 and
other may be AP 13/94.



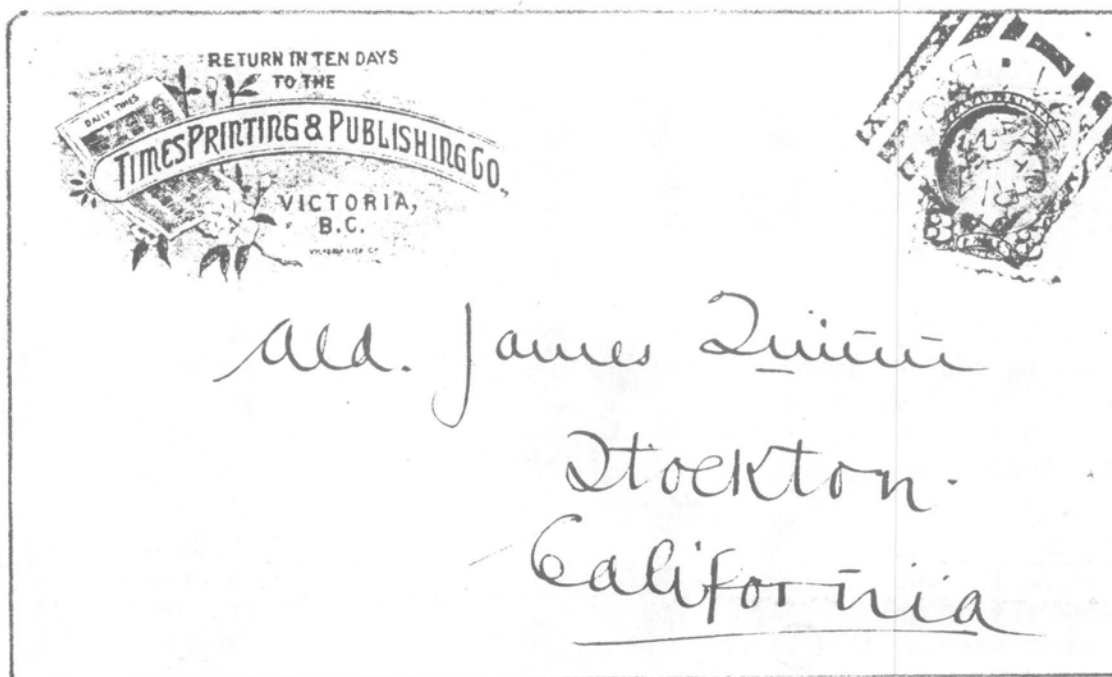
SUTTON, QUE. -
A light strike of
this difficult
hammer (RF80),
it's /NO 27/94.



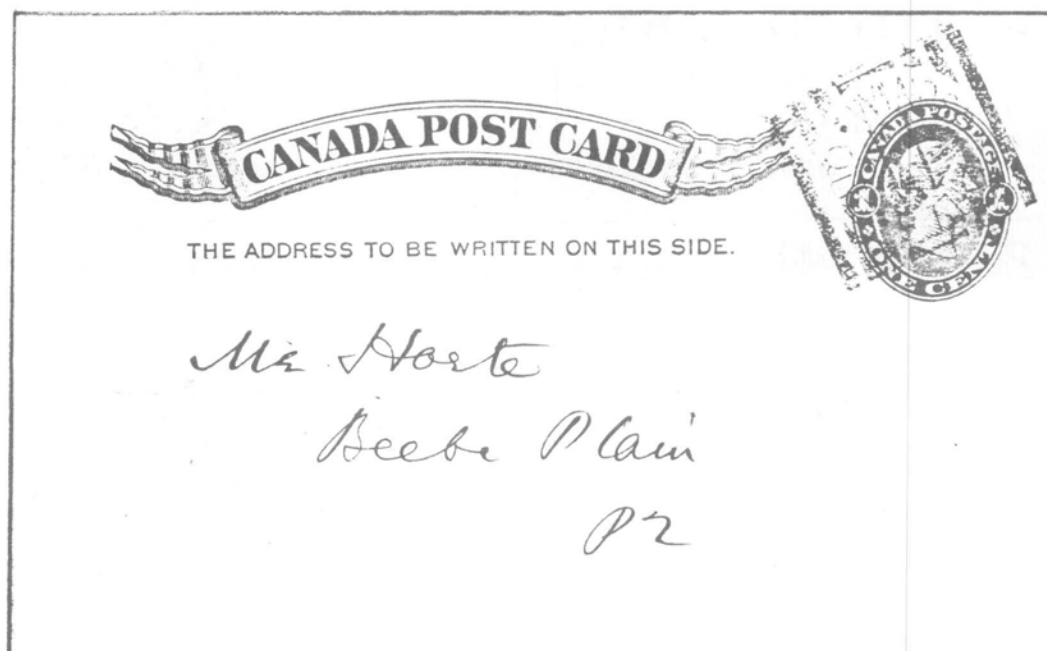
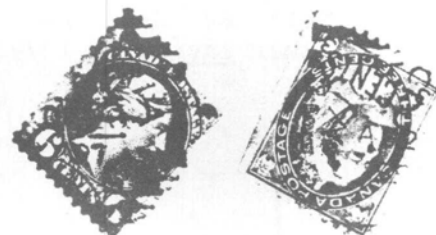
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<p>THREE RIVERS BRANCH</p> <p>Interest allowed at Current Rates on De- posits in Savings De- partment. — Collections promptly made and a general Banking busi- ness transacted.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">THE SPACE BELOW IS RESERVED FOR ADDRESS ONLY.</p> <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: large;"> Bank of Montreal Sherbrooke Que. </div>	

THREE RIVERS, QUE. - Just a nice example of the hammer on a nice piece of
postal stationery.



VICTORIA, B.C. HAMMER II and HAMMER III - Some reports that may be helpful - the cover is hammer II; NT/JY 25/95; the 6¢ small queen is hammer III; PM/DE 20/97; and the 2¢ provisional is hammer III; NT/AU 27/99.



WINDSOR MILLS, QUE. - This is a hard one (RF50), as only four have been reported on cover. It is a double-kiss but the date can still be read as -/AP 9/95.

I hope that puts me back in the study group's good graces. Maybe it will encourage some others to share the highlights of their collections.