

THE ROUND-UP ANNEX

squared circle study group newsletter

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It doesn't seem possible its mid-April already. My new year started out with my father undergoing an angioplasty (arterial balloon) in mid-January, followed by my 93 year old grandfather's stroke and subsequent death three weeks later and a second emergency angioplasty for my father two weeks ago. Add to this a heavy work load and family commitments, it hasn't provided a lot of free time. I apologize to you all for the tardiness of this first 1992 issue and hope you will understand.

A LOOK BACK TO THE EARLY DAYS OF SQUARED CIRCLE COLLECTING

I thought it would be interesting to include the following article by Dr. Alfred Whitehead, which appeared in the May, 1957 issue of TOPICS. It provides an interesting insight into the beginnings of squared circle collecting. This article was reprinted from the program for BYPEX, year unknown.

SQUARED CIRCLES

A New Cult in Canadian Philately

Squared circles, the newest phase in Canadian collecting, started for some of us far back in the distant past. I remember talking about these handsome markings with one of the most discerning philatelists Canada has ever known, Dr. A.V. Richardson of Lennoxville, P.Q. and that must have been 30 years ago. (At that time, I was giving all my attention to the stamps of Great Britain and was only mildly interested in Canada as a collecting field.) It was after that talk that I began to put aside all good strikes of squared circles that came my way. I didn't "go after them" - I just hung on to those I could acquire.

During a week of bad weather in the summer of 1950, I got them all together, mounted them in cheap loose leaf binders and wrote up the results for BNAPS (BNAPS TOPICS, Dec. 1951). To my great delight, I discovered that other collectors had been doing the very same thing and were eager to add their great store of information to mine. They taught me much. Among them were W.L. Jackson, Toronto; H.M. Dilworth, Vancouver; Charles deVolpi, Montreal; Dr. C.S. McKee, Abbotsford, B.C.; and Dr. Lorna Cooke, London England (unmarried then but Mrs. G. Stack, M.D. now. A real live husband and a baby do not seem to have lessened her interest in squared circles). Many others helped me in those early days. I got some fine things from Bowden Martin, who has since become one of the keenest hunters after the very markings he was then quite willing to part with. And what gems he has gathered in what is a very short time! I cannot begin to list the multitude of others who added to the store of information we now possess and which is being added to daily.

A New Cult in Canadian Philately (Continued)

For squared circle collectors are not just accumulators - they are keen and observant students, sensing the great range of interest to be found in this extraordinarily fascinating group of postal markings. These postmarks seem to have everything - a wide range of distribution, a range over several issues; extreme rarity in a few cases (visions of Coleman, Ont.; Great Village, N.S.; Clifton, N.B.; Point a Pic, Que.; Blue Vale, Blyth, Nassagaweya and several more in Ontario; Estevan, rarest of the Assa. group, and last but not least, Ashcroft Station, B.C.); towns using two, three and even four squared circle hammers, presenting a richness of field for study which still is largely ahead of us; an amazing variety of indicia and indicia arrangement; the discovery of new towns, new "states", and new hammers.

Since the handbook appeared, late in 1954, only five new towns have been reported, and it seems unlikely now that there will be any more. Wingham and Alma have been found in two "states", while additional hammers have been found for Montreal (by H.M. Dilworth of Vancouver) and Markdale, Ont. (by Dr. E.C. Banno of Kamloops, B.C.). Some of the very best collections are in B.C., by the way.

The latest recognition of squared circles come from BYPEX itself (the CPS show held in Ottawa, May 2-4) for it has happily adopted the familiar Ottawa squared circle as the design for its seal.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES/ADDITIONS

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1992 DUES REMINDER

☒ The last Annex issue requested payment of Study Group dues for 1992 (and beyond?); dues are \$5.00 US or \$6.00 CDN, payable by check or money order, payable to Gary Arnold. If there is a "X" in the box to the left, my records indicate that your dues have not been received; please forward payment to me at 10533 Countryside Drive, Grand Ledge, Mi 48837 at your earliest opportunity.

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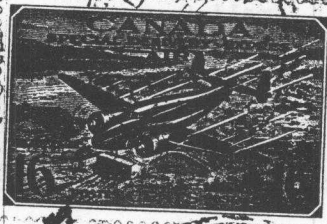
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AN UPDATE FROM THE BNAPS STUDY GROUP COORDINATOR

I received a correspondence from Jon Johnson in December, updating the status of the Study Groups and providing discussions on the development of a policy and procedures manual for BNAPS. The correspondence included a draft of the Study Group Policies and Guidelines, which addresses membership, formation of a study group, and maintenance of a study group in good standing. If any member is interested in this draft, please drop me a line and I will send a copy.

The following listing summarizes the status of the BNAPS Study Groups as of December 31, 1991, which I thought would be of interest.

<u>Study Group</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Newsletters</u>
BNA Perfins	50	5
Centennial Definitives	67	1
Duplex Cancellations	NA	1
Fancy Cancels	66	1
Flag Cancels	46	3
Klussendorf Cancels	NA	2
Literature	10	1
Map Stamp	NA	0
Military Mail	66	5
Newfoundland	86	4
Postal Stationery	98	6
RPO'S	108	6
Re-entries	63	5
Revenues	154	8
Semi-official Airmails	37	2
Slogan Cancels	24	4
Small Queens	79	2
Squared Circles	60	4
Transatlantic Mail	49	6

A LOOK AT THE NEXT ANNEX ISSUE

The next Annex issue will feature an update of several new reports, including several new early dates of scarce cancels. Also, an article by Ted Kerzner on the usage periods of the CHELTENHAM hammer and another series of comments from Tom Southey on a variety of hammers. In future issues, Jim Miller has sent another in the series on the ORBS.

Although there is material available for at least two more issues, I can always use more. Have you added a unique new cover or strike in the past few months? Have you had an urge to write a brief article on your favorite collecting interest? Any assistance you can give will be greatly appreciated by yours truly.