



## THE ROUND-UP ANNEX

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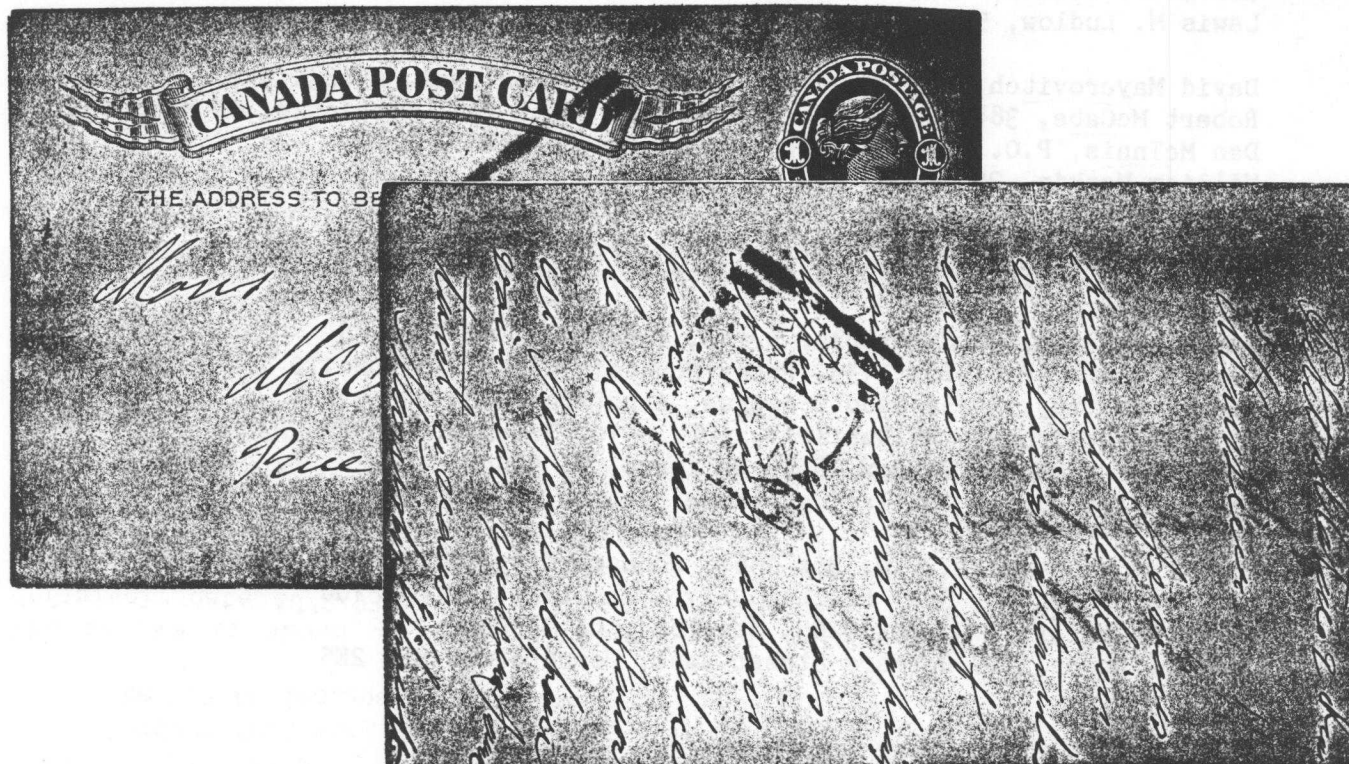
#### A NEW MATANE, QUEBEC DISCOVERY

Earlier this year, I received from BNAPS member Bruce Kalbfleisch which detailed the procurement of a MATANE,QUE squared circle strike on a postal stationery card. The letter states:

"The postcard was sent from Petit Matane and is backstamped with a light, but legibile, MATANE squared circle cancel.".....

" Upon close inspection, it may be seen that the date is AU/2/93. While the day appears well to the right on the second line, I beleive the day date to be the second rather than the twelfth or twenty-second. This is because there is no sign of any other numeral preceding the 2 and, I think, confirmed by the script at the top of the message side which clearly has a "2" following the Petit Matane manuscript. I beleive the letters following the "2" are the French abbreviation "ieme" used with the "2" to designate "deuxieme" or "second" in English."

The strike is shown in below; although not very clear, the strike is definitely date AU/2/93, which represents a new early date of use for this strike by five days. Bill Moffat's listing of strikes has all eleven reported strikes of the MATANE hammer; all but one of the nine fully dated strikes are from the month of August, 1893.



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## THE ORBS

By Jim Miller

### Discussion #5: TORONTO CANADA/STATION B.

According to Max Rosenthal's article in Topics Dec. 1970:318-321, STATION B was to become the new name for the YORK STREET post office in the Fall of 1900. According to Moffat & Hansen's Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada, the latest reported date for the YORK STREET/TORONTO squared circle is 7 PM/AU 13/00 (has a later date been reported?). Robert Smith's Ontario Post Offices shows STATION B opening date to be Nov. 1, 1900. My earliest date for the 3-ring STATION B orb cancel is 19/NOV 2/00. All of these dates are consistent, however Smith lists March 1, 1901 as the closing date for YORK STREET. Is there a Toronto Post Office expert out there who can offer some help on the switch from named stations to lettered stations?

YORK STREET is a very common squared circle, and likewise the STATION B orb is very common. I have 439 STATION B examples. There was regular usage from NOV 2/00 to DEC 19/02, and very sporadic use after that date to 1908. My collection has only one example for 1903, 4 for 1904, 1 for 1905, 4 for 1906, 2 for 1907, and one for 1908. There is a year date error '10' for '01' reported in May and December.

C.W. Hollingsworth (Maple Leaves, Vol. 14, No. 8, Feb. 1973) did a timemark analysis on 313 examples, finding timemarks from 10 to 23. Timemarks 18 & 19 are very common, with the others reporting percentages of 7% or less. I haven't conducted a timemark study on my collection, but I would expect similar results. The only addition I have is one clear example of timemark 7. The orb timemark pattern is simple and straight-forward compared to the complex pattern for the YORK STREET squared circle. Any ideas as to why this difference?

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TORONTO, - CANADA.



*Misses T. Coates & Son*

*Prescott*

*Ant*

3-TB1 TORONTO-CANADA/STATION-B.

Jim's:

Proof: Unknown

ERD: 18/NOV 1/00

18/NOV 1/00

LRD: 20/JUN 25/08

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Characteristics:

3 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 30 mm. Inner ring diameter: 25 mm.

Outer ring slightly thicker than inner rings.

Unevenly spaced rings.

No side dots.

Timemarks:

7, 10-23. (7 and 23 very scarce)



Reported years of use:

00, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08

Errors:

'10' for '01': 19/MAY 31/10, 22/MAY 31/10, I have 18/MAY 29/01 and 15/JUN 1/01 as normal.

?/DEC 31/10 reported by Hollingsworth, I have 16/DEC 31/01 & 19/DEC 31/01 as normal.

19/81 JUN/01

19/JUL 91/01

Comments:

3 letter months normal, Hollingsworth reports 2-letter used in 1903, I have only one 1903 example dated 14/MAY 30/03.

Also have 17/AP 30/04, 13/AP 2/06.

Only one hammer in regular use to 19/DEC 19/02, very sporadic after.



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