

# THE ROUND-UP ANNEX

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### THE ORBS

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Discussion #6: TORONTO CANADA/STATION C.

TORONTO STATION C appears to have no relationship to squared circle cancels, since STATION C was opened as a new postal station in 1903, and had no previous Toronto street-named postmarking device. According to Max Rosenthal (BNA Topics, Dec. 1970, pg. 319) "Parkdale, on Queen Street west of Dufferin Street, was an important branch of Toronto until 1903, when Station "C" was opened east of Dufferin. Parkdale then became a sub-post office." Robert Smith (Ontario Post Offices, 1988) identifies STATION C as having opened on Feb. 2, 1903, and is still an open post office.

I have identified seven different STATION C orb hammers, which have distinctive characteristics, so with a bit of patient work it is possible to identify each. To separate your STATION C orbs, I would suggest you start with the dates, then confirm with the characteristics given on the spreadsheets. Dates alone should not be the criteria for hammer separation, as in some cases there is overlapping use, and two hammers have several use periods. Due to the scarcity of some hammers, the date usages given no doubt can be extended considerably. Here is a summary of date usages I know of, along with the quantities I have in my collection:

| <u>Hammer:</u>    | <u>Proof Date:</u> | <u>Earliest Known:</u> | <u>Latest Known:</u> | <u>Quantity:</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 3-TC1             | Unknown            | 20/JUN 30/03           | 20/DEC 9/04          | 34               |
| 2nd Period of use |                    | 20/JUL 29/08           | 20/NOV 12/08         | 6                |
| 3-TC2             | Unknown            | 20/OCT 24/04           | 12/DEC 18/05         | 20               |
| 2nd Period of use |                    | 10/NO 3/36             | 9/MAY 11/37          | 1                |
| 3-TC3             | Unknown            | 20/SEP 30/05           | 11/SEP 4/06          | 15               |
| 3-TC4             | Unknown            | 11/SEP 11/06           | 10/JUN 7/10          | 86               |
| 3-TC5             | 24/FEB 17/09       | 17/MAR 27/09           | 20/SEP 4/11          | 34               |
| 3-TC6             | 15/JUN 22/12       | ?1/DEC 24/12           | 19/AUG 7/15          | 5                |
| 3-TC7             | 16/DEC 20/19       | 6/JUL 23/20            | 8/SEP 5/36           | 8                |

I am reluctant to say my information is accurate about STATION C, and I would welcome correspondence so that we may firm up periods of usage as well as verify the hammer separation.

#### SOME UPDATES OF PREVIOUS LISTINGS:

- 2-T1 TORONTO/CANADA NOV 6/11 PM/91 Inverted NOV (Jim Miller)
- 2-T3 TORONTO/CANADA New LRD 7/DEC 10/03 (Jim Miller)
- 3-H1 HAMILTON/CANADA New LRD 11/NO 3/00 (Jim Miller)
- 3-L1 LONDON/CANADA 1?/DE 30/97 entire indicia inverted (Joe Smith)
- 3-L1 LONDON/CANADA 12/FE 6/13 new year + inverted '13' year date (Jim Miller)
- 3-L1 LONDON/CANADA 24/MR 28/98 with MR inverted (Jim Miller)
- 3-TA1 TORONTO CANADA/STATION A New ERD 23/MAR 31/06 (Wally Gutzman)

3-TC1 TORONTO CANADA/·STATION-C·

Jim's:

Proof: Unknown

ERD: 20/JUN 30/03

20/JUN 30/03

LRD: 20/NOV 12/08\*

15/SEP 12/08

Characteristics:

3 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 30 mm. Inner ring diameter: 26 mm.

Side dots.

No dot between TORONTO CANADA unique to this Stn. C orb.

Dash between STATION-C.

Even size rings, even spaced, closely spaced rings.

Note distinctive break in outer ring below C. 20/SEP 4/03 to end.

Timemarks:

9, 10, 12, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21

Reported years of use: 03, 04, 08

Two periods of use: 20/JUN 30/03 to 20/DEC 9/04  
20/JUL 29/08 to 20/NOV 12/08\*

Errors:

Comments:

3 letter months.



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3-TC2 TORONTO.CANADA/+STATION.C.+ Jim's:

Proof: Unknown ERD: 20/OCT 24/04 20/OCT 24/04

LRD: 12/DEC 18/05 12/DEC 18/05

Late Revival: 10/NO 3/36^ 9/MAY 11/37

Characteristics:

3 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 31 mm. Inner ring diameter: 26 mm.

Maltese +crosses+ unique to this stn. C orb. Heavily inked strikes may look like large dots.

Dot after TORONTO. Starts out early as a comma, but most strikes look like a small weak dot.

Small dot 3/4 way down between STATION.C.

Even size, even spaced rings.

Timemarks:

9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 20

Reported years of use:

04, 05, 36^, 37

Late revivals are b/s on Registered FDC.

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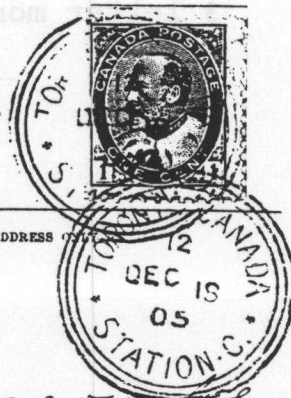
CANADIAN  
PRIVATE POST CARD.

Comments:

3 letter months,  
except 10/NO 3/36^

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3-TC3 TORONTO-CANADA/-STATION.C.

Jim's:

Proof: Unknown

ERD: 20/SEP 30/05\*

15/MR 16/06

LRD: 11/SEP 4/06

11/SEP 4/06

Characteristics:

3 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 31 mm. Inner ring diameter: 27 mm.

Side dots.

Middle dot between TORONTO-CANADA

Small dot 3/4 way down between STATION.C.

Even size, even spaced, closely spaced rings.

Timemarks:

10, 11, 14, 15, 18, 20

Reported years of use:

05\*, 06

Errors:

Comments:

3 letter months.

CANADA POST CARD

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3-TC4 TORONTO·CANADA/·STATION C.·

Jim's:

Proof: Unknown

ERD: 11/SEP 11/06

11/SEP 11/06

LRD: 19/JUN 7/10

19/JUN 7/10

Characteristics:

3 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 32 mm. Inner ring diameter: 24.5 mm.

Side dots.

Middle dot between TORONTO CANADA

No dot or dash between STATION C. Unique to this Stn. C orb.

Very widely spaced rings is unique to this stn. C. hammer.

Timemarks:

5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15\*, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23

Reported years of use:

06, 07, 08, 09, 10

Errors:

?7/MAY 30/80 (inverted 08)

Comments:

Often poorly struck making date hard to read.

3 letter months.

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3-TC5 TORONTO-CANADA/STATION-C.

Jim's:

Proof: 24/FEB 17/09

ERD: 17/MAR 27/09

17/MAR 27/09

LRD: 20/SEP 4/11

20/SEP 4/11

Characteristics:

3 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 30.5 mm. Inner ring diameter: 26.5 mm.

No side dots unique to this Stn. C orb.

Small dash between TORONTO-CANADA

Small dash between STATION-C.

Even size, even spaced, closely spaced rings.

Timemarks:

11, 13, 14, 15^, 16^, 17, 19, 20

Reported years of use:

09, 10, 11

Errors:

13/23 DEC/10 has '23' inverted, and day & month reversed.

Comments:

3 letter months.

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N. Y., U. S. A.



3-TC6 TORONTO-CANADA/ STATION-C.

Jim's:

Proof: 15/JUN 22/12

ERD: ?1/DEC 24/12

?1/DEC 24/12

LRD: 19/AUG 7/15

19/AUG 7/15

Characteristics:

3 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 30.5 mm. Inner ring diameter: 25.5 mm.

Side dots.

Small dash between TORONTO-CANADA

Small dash between STATION-C.

Even size, space between inside & middle ring slightly wider than space between outside & middle ring.

Crossbar of "N" in STATION goes through middle of first "O".

Straight of "D" goes to straight of "T".

Timemarks:

9^, 13, 19, 20, 21^, 22

Reported years of use:

12, 13, 14, 15

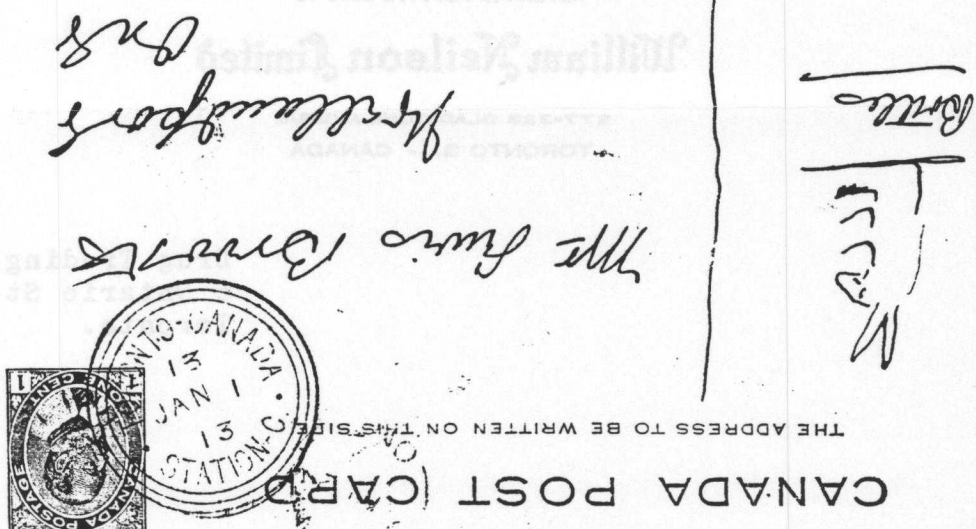
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?1/DEC 24/12 has all indicia inverted.

Comments:

3 letter months.

Hollingsworth article identifies the LRD of ?/OCT 15/24. Since he did not identify a 7th hammer, I suspect his 1924 Stn. C example is probably 3-TC7.



^ Wally Gutzman  
\* Hollingsworth article

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3-TC7 TORONTO-CANADA/- STATION-C.

Jim's:

Proof: 16/DEC 20/19

ERD: 6/JUL 23/20\*

7/JAN 23/24

LRD: 8/SEP 5/36

8/SEP 5/36

Characteristics:

3 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 30 mm. Inner ring diameter: 26 mm.

Side dots.

Dash between TORONTO-CANADA

Dash between STATION-C.

Even size, even spaced, closely spaced rings.

'ON' of STATION very close together.

Crossbar of 'N' of STATION goes through 'R'.

Straight of 'D' goes to opposite side dot.

Timemarks:

6\*, 7, 8, 12

Reported years of use:

20\*, 24, 28, 32, 35, 36

Errors:

12/APR 16/35 all indicia inverted.

Comments:

This hammer not reported by Hollingsworth article.

3 letter months.

Looks like this hammer was around for a long time, but was scarcely used!

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