

The Round-Up Annex  
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A CORRESPONDENCE FROM TERRIE WOODROW

New member Terrie Woodrow sent data which augment data published in the Fourth Edition Handbook:

Montreal Precursor Hmr.I - Usage of time mark P3 in a backstamp dated FE 24 P3/94.

Type I Dutton, Ont. - A 3 cent Small Queen with Lazy Zero on -/AU 10/??.

London State 2 - An inverted year on PM/OC 14/ 7 6

Type II Souris, Man. - 1895 usage on an 8 cent Small Queen dated -/?? 6/95.

THE CHARLOTTETOWN SAGA

This city is one of the most interesting and complex, timemarkwise. Data in the Fourth Edition Handbook are far from complete. The normal TM's are considered to be 1,2 and AM,PM; and matched pairs on a day are possible. The need for TM 3 has never been explained satisfactorily. Doug Murray, who specializes in PEI postal markings and history, wrote to share his data on multiple time-mark usage. He knows of several sets of three on the same day as follows: AM,2,3 on JY 24/97, AU 23/97 and MY 14/98; and 1,2,3 on JY 30/97. Readers knowing of any additional examples of this sort of thing should write Doug at Box 693, Charlottetown C1A 7L3. One theory is that changes in railway departure schedules made a more complex pattern of mail dispatches necessary.

THE ROSTER PROJECT

Responses are being received from members on Sheets #1 and #2 sent with the last 2 newsletters. Sheet #3 is enclosed. (We'll do St. John III and Charlottetown next time.) A word about Yarmouth: State I is the original state as shown in the Proof Book strike, and covers usage up to JY22/95. In State II, metal has been removed from the hammer face, coarsening the rim lettering and narrowing the gaps between the side bars. State II covers usage from SP12/95 to end of usage. For an example of this state, see the Third Edition Handbook Figure 22, page 28 (strike dated PM/OC 25/95). Why was this done? Who knows? Possibly to deliver more ink to the item being postmarked; possibly to make the date indicia print more heavily. Readers should submit details of strikes between JY22 and SP12 describing the appearance of the strike.

THE ORBS

Many Squared Circle collectors also save one or more types of contemporary markings, including the Orb cities. Jim Miller's orb articles were a feature of the Annex in 1994 and Release #8 was sent out with the last newsletter. Release #9 is attached.

CHECK LIST FOR SELECTED STAMPS

Appendix C on Pages 451 et seq. of the Fourth Edition Handbook provided a check list for special stamps for which several specialist collectors had formed collections. Enough responses are in for the current Roster project that an expansion and update of this check list can be undertaken, as enclosed. (Note: 2c p.n and 2c r.n are purple & red numerals.) Please let me have your corrections/additions/comments/ suggestions on this table.

## THE DUES ARE DUE

BNAPS requires that all Study Groups receive support from the group members in the form of dues. The group exists to conduct information interchange and expand Squared Circle knowledge for all the members; the intent is that members receive information of value to at least offset the dues contribution. Our principal expense is postage; for example a 1 oz. letter to Canada is franked (philatelically) at 52c. Also reproduction of the newsletter costs 4c/page at the commercial repro service I use. New members of BNAPS receive a chit good for one year's dues at the Study Group of their choice; I've received several of these. Older members are requested to send a check/cheque made out to me for \$5.00 U.S. funds or \$6.75 Canadian in order to continue receiving the newsletter. Additionally, I'd like your comments & suggestions as to how to enhance the value of the newsletter to you.

## ILLUSTRATIONS

Tony Shaman sent a picture of the unique Port Maitland 3 cent Jubilee cover; the strike is dated -/AU 10/97. The set of 4 Halifax time marks (dated JU 4/98) on Leaves is from the editor's collection. The normal indicia arrangement for Yarmouth is day follows month; day precedes month on ?/14 DE/98 on 3c Numeral (in the editor's collection).



*Bank Nova Scotia*

*Yarmouth*

*N.S.*



# THE ORBS

By Jim Miller

Discussion #9: OTTAWA/CANADA  
1917-1919 Hammers 3-06 to 3-08

In this group of OTTAWA orbs we have three different hammers; they are all moderately scarce. From their inception and heavy use in the Edward period, Ottawa orb cancels steadily declined in regular use functions into the 1920's. The low number of examples to work with certainly leaves room for much improvement to my data, and I hope you will forward any new information, even if it is only one small detail.

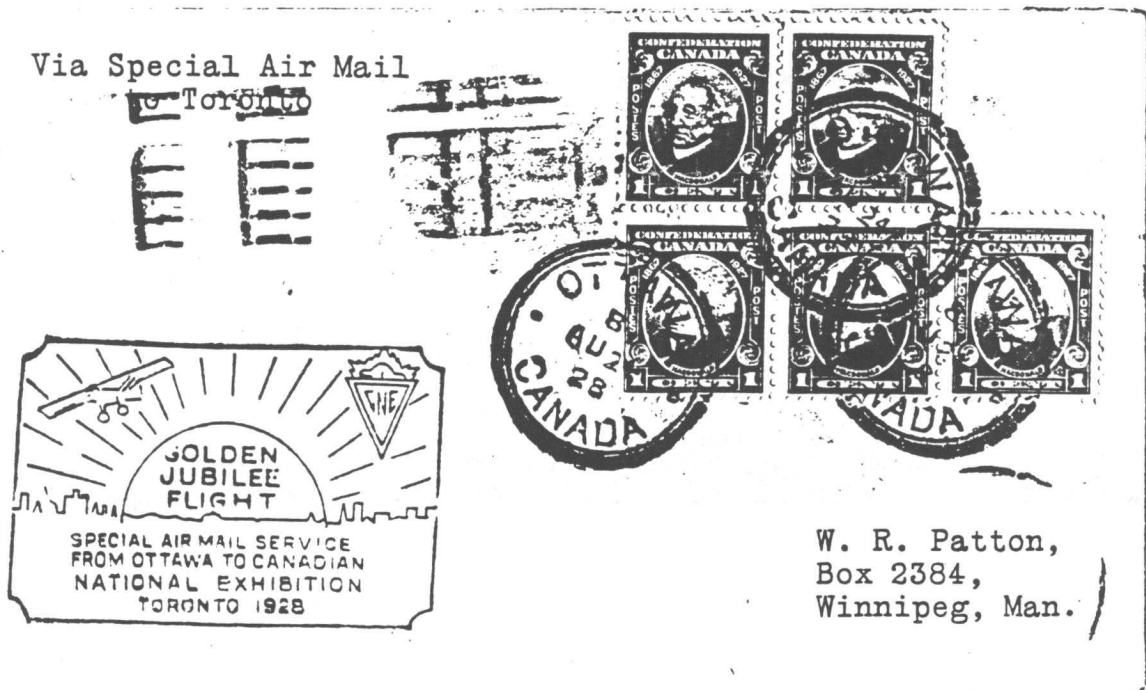
In most cases, 3-06 to 3-08 were relegated to special purpose use, including postmarking high value stamps-probably mail unsuitable for the machine cancellers; special delivery-both dispatching and receiving; forward mail transit cancels; covers where machine cancels missed the stamp; and philatelic use.

Clean, clear strikes are the exception. 3-07 and 3-08 both show considerable hammer wear, unusual for hammers that were not in common usage. Noteworthy too is the ERD for 3-07 being 3 years after the proof date. Perhaps these hammers had some other use? Well worn examples of 3-07 and 3-08 can be easily confused with the 2-ring Ottawa orb 2-01, which was also contemporary at this time. 3-07 is commonly found on first flight cover AAMC #215b.

All are illustrated in the Paul J. Hughes/Robert A. Lee *Proof Strikes of Canada*. 3-06 is illustrated on page 170, Vol. XVIII; and 3-07 and 3-08 are illustrated on page 157 of Vol. IX. 3-06 probably replaced 3-02 in its late revival use period (LRD 22/NO 5/17).

My working inventory of fully dated strikes is as follows:

3-06	8 stamps + 7 covers = 15 total strikes
3-07	18 stamps + 10 covers = 28 total strikes
3-08	11 stamps + 6 covers = 17 total strikes



W. R. Patton,  
Box 2384,  
Winnipeg, Man.

Jim's:

3/DE 10/17

23/JUN 2/22

Outside ring diameter: 30 mm. Inner ring diameter: 26 mm.  
Evenly spaced rings, even thickness.  
Round 'C', wide 'W'.

2 letter months except JUN. (I have not seen Jan or July dates)  
This hammer probably replaced 3-02 late revival use LRD 22/NO 5/17

Ontario.



Updated as of  
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3-07

OTTAWA / CANADA

Reported:

Jim's:

Proof: 20/AU 29/19

ERD: 18/AU 30/22

18/AU 30/22

LRD: 8/AU 24/28

8/AU 24/28

**Characteristics:**

3 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 29 mm. Inner ring diameter: 26 mm.

Very closely spaced rings unique to this hammer. See comments below.

**Timemarks:**

1\*, 8 to 11, 13 to 23

**Reported Years of Use:**

22 to 28

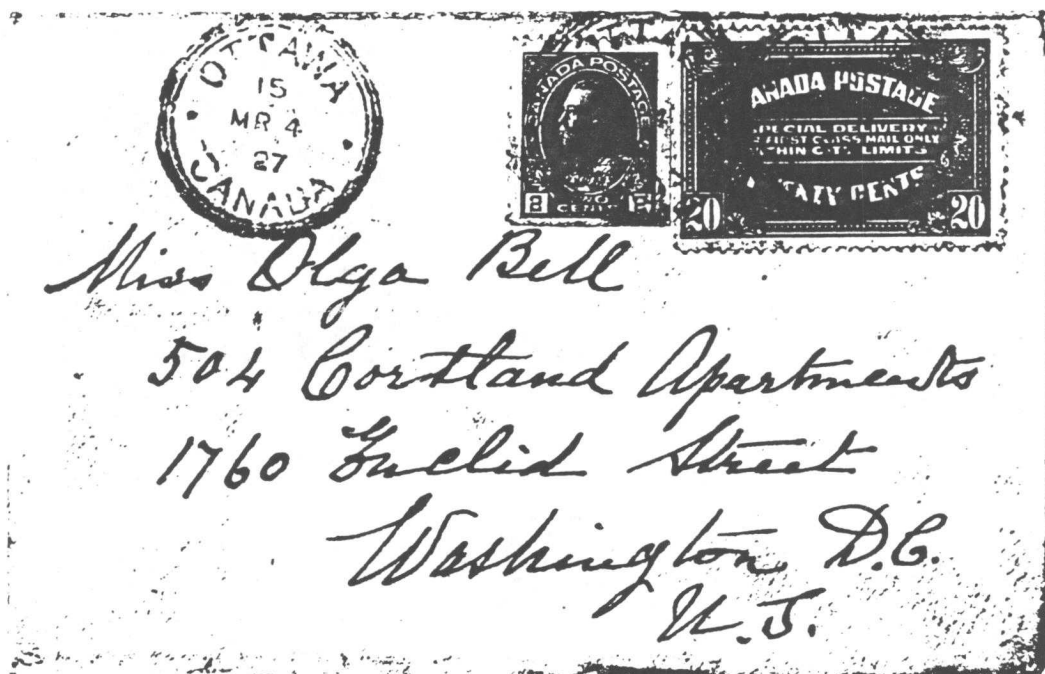
**Errors:**

**Comments:**

Why 3 years after proof date is the ERD reported? And, even 1922 and 1923 strikes show damaged outer ring. Heavily inked later strikes almost look like 2-ring Ottawa orb 2-01.

LRD is found on first flight covers AAMC #215b.

2 letter months except JAN, JUN, & JUL.



3-07 15/MR 4/27 worn hammer used on special delivery cover.

3-08 OTTAWA / CANADA

Reported:

Jim's:

Proof: 20/OC 16/19

ERD: 1/JAN 22/20

1/JAN 22/20

LRD: 19/JAN 8/25

19/JAN 8/25

**Characteristics:**

3 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 30 mm.

Inner ring diameter: 25 mm.

Round 'O', Tall 'C'.

**Timemarks:**

1, 9, 12, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23

**Reported Years of Use:**

20, 21, 22, 23, 25

**Errors:**

1/JAN 22/20 has day date inverted.

**Comments:**

1921 and later dates have much of the outer ring damaged, making it look almost like a 2-ring orb. Very worn hammer but with so few examples known, was it used extensively for some other P.O. business?

2 letter months except JAN, JUN, & JUL.



3-08 23/FE 23/20 used on philatelic cover.

Note outer ring shows numerous dents.

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## Appendix C

## Squared Circle Check List for Selected Stamps

on: 1c s.q 3c s.q 8c s.q 15c l.q 1c jub 3c jub 3c lea 8c lea 3c num 2c p.n 2c map 2c r.n 5c reg

## Squared Circle Cancels, Type I

Aldergrove, B.C.		x			x						x		
Beaverton, Ont.	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Beeton, Ont.						x	x		x				
Brockville, Ont.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Byng Inlet North, Ont.		x											x

Coleman, Ont.

Cumberland, Ont.

Dutton, Ont.

Grimsby, Ont.

London, Ont. St. 1

London East, Ont.	x	x	x		x	x	x		x	x		x	x
Mansonville, Que.		x				x	x	x	x		x		x
Mount Forest, Ont.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
New Germany, Ont.		x				x					x		

Ottawa, Canada

Point St.Charles, Que.

Rat Portage, Ont.

St. Ann's, Ont.

St. Hilarion, Que.

	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	
		x							x	x			
	x	x	x	x									x
					x	x							
	x	x			x	x							
	x	x			x	x			x	x	x	x	
	x	x			x	x			x	x	x	x	x

## Squared Circle Cancels, Type II, Maritimes

Annapolis, N.S.

Antigonishe, N.S.

Arichat, N.S.

Baddeck, N.S.

Canning, N.S.

	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	x	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	x		x
		x	x										
		x						x	x	x	x		
	x	x	x		x	x							

Canso, N.S.

Freeport, N.S.

Great Village, N.S.

Halifax, Can. Hmr.I

Hmr.II

	x	x			x	x					x		
		x											x
		x											
	x	x	x	x		x			x				
	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
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	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
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		x				x	x				x		



on Scott No.:	35	36	41	42	44	30	46	51	53	69	72	75	78	82	76	85	77	88	F2	E1	adm	other
Port Williams																						
Springhill																						
Stellarton																						
Sydney																						
Truro bl																						
am																						
pm																						
Whycocomagh bl																						
am																						
pm																						
Windsor bl																						
3 line																						
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pm																						
Wolfville																						
Yarmouth st. 1 bl																						
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Baie Verte																						
Butternut Ridge																						
Clifton																						
Fredericton am																						
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Milltown am																						
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