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A CORRESPONDENCE FROM JOE SMITH

Long-time member Joe Smith sent data which augment data published in the Fourth Edition Handbook:

Type II Sherbrooke, Que. - new late date with a strike on 2c red numeral dated 1/JY 17/00

Angus, Ont. - new early date for the year error on a 3c numeral dated -/SP12/89; also the correct year on a strike dated -/DE16/98

Arnprior, Ont. - Inverted month and day on 00/L ^{9w}/-- (the year above position is normal in 1900 at Arnprior)

Grafton, Ont. - a strike dated --/NO 6/00, two years later than handbook. Handbook comments on probable last day of use will require revision; also the probability of finding on Map has increased

Smiths Falls, Ont. - second example reported of time mark 1, on 1/JY 17/00

Toronto, Canada - a strike dated 12PM/SP 3/20, in addition to the late date, the year appears as inverted OC month slug

Wellington, Ont. - 1899 usage with a partial strike on a 2c red numeral dated 99/DE??/-, previously not reported for 1899

and, from the editor's collection:

International Bridge, Ont. - a purple strike on 3c small queen, date too incomplete/indistinct to decipher

THE ROSTER PROJECT

Responses are being received from members on Sheets #1, 2 and 3 sent with the last 3 newsletters. Sheet #4 is enclosed.

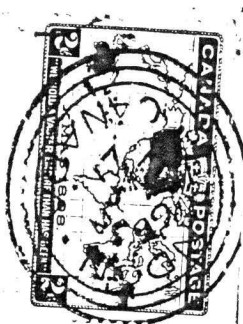
THE DUES

We asked for remittance last time. If your address label has a & after your name, you're paid up. Nuff said.

ILLUSTRATIONS

Tony Shaman sent a photo of the unique Petitcodiac 3 cent Jubilee, dated -/AU12/97. Terrie Woodrow sent a photo of Que.&Camp.No.5 dated W/MR 8/19 on 2c red numeral; I was skeptical about 1919 usage on #77 at first but just now received one in the mail postmarked 1997. This marking needs to be looked for on Admirals. I found a London orb with the time mark, month, day & year all right side up but the clerk printed the city and country upside down. For Yarmouth, a pair on SP12/95 with AM and bl.

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Dear Jack:

I don't think I'll have another orb article ready on time for the next squared circle newsletter, so I thought I'd drop you this little letter about the history of the orb articles, which could benefit those new to the study group. Also enclosed is my check for 10.00 for another year's dues. The bit extra will help cover your paper costs for my orb articles.

For the benefit of new and recent members to the squared circle study group, I thought I'd backtrack a bit and identify the history behind my orb discussion papers. It all began when I wrote an article for Topics, which appeared in the July/August 1989 issue Vol. 46, #4, pg. 9-12. In that article I described how I believe the orbs should be the true precursors to the squared circles, and that their invention pre-dates the barred circle precursors.

This was soon followed by a short note in The Round-up Annex, Dec. 1989, Vol. 12, #3-55 suggesting the possibility of adding the orbs to the squared circle study group. Two issues later, The Round-up Annex April 1990, Vol. 13, #2-57 contained my letter showing the orb's relationship to barred circles and squared circles. "The orbs are here" as a sub-titled paragraph appeared in The Round-up Annex December 1990, Vol. 13, #5-60, supporting the inclusion of orbs within the study group. From that point on I have been providing data on orb hammers ever since.

Up to the last issue of The Round-up Annex, 23 different hammers have been described, nearing the half-way mark of all orb hammers known. I have received a lot of feedback from the squared circle membership in the past seven years, for which I am most grateful. If this is the half-way mark, I hope it is a lot less than seven more years before I have all this research finished. When the job is done, I will publish my findings. Please keep your correspondence coming, even if it is only a question or two. I don't believe there are very many orb collectors yet, so there's lots of virgin stock out there in those dealer boxes, and at low prices still!

Finally, here's a challenge: How many different orb hammers can you find on Jubilees and Map stamps? Send me some info, and I'll put it together for an orb tidbit in a few issues from now. Have fun!

Sincerely,


Jim Miller

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