# The Round-Up Annex Squared Circle Study Group Newsletter

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# **NEW REPORTS**

From Dave Kelly, an Acton, Ont. Hammer II late date -/DE26/02 on 3c Numeral.

From Terrie Woodrow, a St. Gregoire, Que. partial strike with early use of "year above" on -5/--26/-. This has to be December; your editor has the normal date arrangement on DE13.

From Bill Radcliffe, a Picton, Ont. year error 1/JA30/\$9 on Map.

For Belle Rive, Montreal an unusual date arrangement 6/3 JU/95 on 8c small queen.

For Whitby, Ont. a -/JA24/00 date on a 2c red (second use period) (this and the BelleRive in your editor's collection)

Several more examples of the Toronto, Canada 1900 usage with the OC slug denoting the year have been reported (see Newsletter #76). Gerry Carr sent reproductions of 7PM/MR31/2O and 11PM/MR31/OC. Your editor has 8PM/MY14/OC,1PM/JU5/OC,2PM/AU18/2O, 8PM/AU24/2O and 8PM/AU28/2O. Wonder what they would have done during October?

## THE ROSTER PROJECT

Responses are being received from members on Sheets #1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 sent with the last 5 newsletters. Sheet #6 is enclosed. We'll do Brantford next time. Bobcaygeon in 1893 has the indicia bars; in 1896 and later they are missing (see note in the 4th Edition Handbook). With your help we can fill in the missing data

## THE DUES

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

# THE ORBS

The latest installment of Jim Miller's orb articles is attached

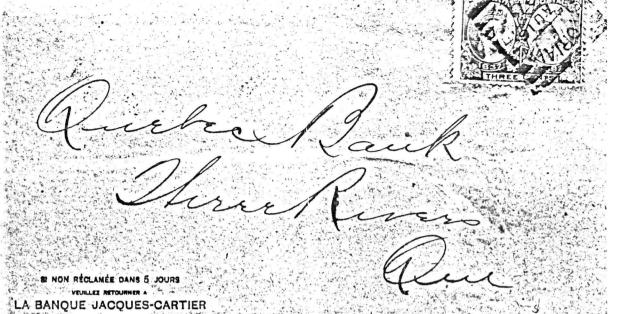
# BNAPEX 97

I'm not planning to travel to St. John's this year and the possibility of an informal squared circle get-together remains open. If any of you want to reserve a meeting room, feel free to contact Doug Lingard. BNAPS also welcomes a one-frame exhibit from each study group; contact Doug for details

## <u>ILLUSTRATIONS</u>

Tony Shaman sent the previously unreported Victoriaville, Que. 3c Jubilee cover dated -/AU16/97. Examples of this town on stamp are not rare, but covers are uncommon. Bill Radcliffe sent the previously unreported Weston, Ont. 3c Jubilee cover dated -/JY 7/97. From the editor's collection, a matched pair on SP14/97 of Sherbrooke 1 and PM, the latter the circular dater. Sherbrooke is one of the towns that used other types of contemporary cancelling devices

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#### THE ORBS

By Jim Miller
Discussion 10: OTTAWA/CANADA
The Last Period, Hammers 3-09 to 3-011

Yes, this is the last in the lengthy study of the 3-ring Ottawa orbs, totalling 11 different hammers. These last three hammers prove to be a real challenge for two reasons: First, I am lacking sufficient material to do a proper study; and secondly, much usage was for non-standard mail, thus the strikes are often poor quality. Here's what I have to work with in dated strikes:

3-09 20 stamps + 12 covers = 32 total strikes

3-010 14 stamps + 10 covers = 24 total strikes

3-011 14 stamps + 7 covers = 21 total strikes

3-09 to 3-011 are illustrated in the Lee/Hughes Proof Book Vol. IX, page 157. 3-010 and 3-011 were proofed the same day, thus a very close similarity adds to the identification problem. Fortunately, the two hammers are fairly easily sorted out by using acetate overlays if the strikes are reasonably clear.

Ottawa had only one squared circle hammer, in use from 1893 to ?/DE 21/05. The earliest known Ottawa orb, 3-01, is 5/DE 26/05. It is apparent the orb replaced the squared circle hammer, with 11 subsequent Ottawa orbs in somewhat overlapping use until 1938. However, Ottawa does not hold the record for the most orb hammers, as I have identified at least 13 and maybe 14 different 3-ring hammers for Winnipeg.

Further to my query in Newsletter #2-76 (Vol 19), here's the list of orbs I have found on Jubilees and Maps:

Jubilees:		Maps:
2-T1		2-T2
2-T2		3-H1
3-H1		3-L1
3-L1		3-T2
3-01*		3-T3
3-T2		3-T4
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\* Late usage, 22/MR 27/06 \*



Some other late usages should be out there somewhere!

3-09 OTTAWA / CANADA · Reported: Jim's:

Proof: 20/OC 6/28 ERD: 10/OC 8/28 10/OC 8/28

LRD: 22/SP 25/33 16/SP 23/33

#### Characteristics:

3 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 30 mm. Inner ring diameter: 24 mm.

Oval 'O', tall 'C'.

Straight of 'D' lines up directly with straight of first 'T'.

## Timemarks:

1, 5, 6, 9#, 10, 12 to 23

## Reported Years of Use:

28, 29, 31, 32, 33

#### Errors:

Reversed day/month order 6/28 JAN/29; 22/26 JUN/29

#### Comments:

Dent in outer ring above 'TT', earliest is 9/JAN 3/29# onwards. Usage mostly philatelic, special delivery, and cancelling stamps missed by machine cancellations. Common to FFC AAMC 226e as a receiving b/s.

Probably replaced 3-07.



3-010 OTTAWA / CANADA ·

Reported:

Jim's:

Proof: 20/JUN 2/30

ERD:

19/JUN 9/30

19/JUN 9/30

Two hammers proofed same date.

LRD: 18/JUN 27/32

18/JUN 27/32

## Characteristics:

3 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 30 mm. Inner ring diameter: 24 mm.

Oval 'O', tall oval 'C'.

Wider 'W' than 3-011.

Inner space slightly wider than outer space.

Recommend use of acetate overlay to differentiate 3-010 with 3-011.

#### Timemarks:

1, 3, 10, 11, 15 - 22

## Reported Years of Use:

30, 31, 32

Errors:

#### Comments:

Most strikes are on philatelic covers, special delivery covers or higher value stamps, and are often smudgy or weak strikes.







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OTTAWA / CANADA · Jim's: 3-011 Reported:

Proof: 20/JUN 2/30 21/FE 26/31 21/FE 26/31 ERD:

Two hammers proofed same date.

LRD: 3/DE 25/38 3/DE 25/38

## Characteristics:

3 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 30 mm. Inner ring diameter: 24 mm.

Oval 'O', tall oval 'C'.

Narrower 'W' than 3-010.

Ring spacing even.

Recommend use of acetate overlay to differentiate 3-011 from 3-010.

#### Timemarks:

1, 3, 10, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20 - 24

## Reported Years of Use:

31, 33, 35, 37, 38

#### Errors:

#### Comments:

1937-8 examples are receiving b/s on air mail or spec. del. covers to

10/MY 4/35 used on FDC of KG V Jubilee issue.

