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NEW REPORTS

For Ste. Cunegonde, Bill Radcliffe reports a partial strike on 2c red numeral showing PM/? ?/ ?? (the month/day/year are off the stamp). Since the stamp was not available until AU20/99, this has to be a new late date for this hammer. It should be looked for on 2c/3c overprints as well.

For Goderich, the "9" year date for 99 is well known. Along comes Bob McCabe with a lc small queen cover from Stratford (duplex AP 1/96) with Goderich receivers -/AP 1/9. The 9 is centered in the year slot; it is not a question of the 6 being present but printing weakly. Anyone else have this variety on small queens?

Bob also reports a previously unknown time mark 2/JA 1/95 for Hamilton on 3c small queen.

A Toronto precursor, partial impression, on 15c Large Queen, found by your editor

GOOD NEWS

As you know, we have been functioning (sort of) without a Study Group Chairperson for a while. Joe Smith, of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, has agreed to take on this position. Hopefully the Group can now provide better service to its members. Joe's specialty (or one of them) is 5 cent Jubilees; those of you wanting to get rid of your pesky surplus Squared Circles on 5c Jub should contact Joe. We look forward to seeing you all in Orlando next year.

THE ROSTER PROJECT

Responses are being received from members on Sheets #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 sent with the last 7 newsletters. Sheet #8 is enclosed. We'll do Lakefield next time

THE DUES

We asked for remittance of 1996-97 dues last time. If your address label has a & after your name, you're paid up. Some members are sending in 1997-98 dues; these are welcome

PROGRESS ON A POSSIBLE 5th EDITION HANDBOOK

Some corrections and some favorable responses were received from members to the set of draft sheets sent out to active members during July. Also, several volumes of Bill Moffatt's archive upon which the 4th Edition was based were received from Gary Arnold. These working files answered many questions which arise when reading portions of the 4th Edition. In many instances, because of time limitations, data in Bill's file didn't make it into the 4th Edition. Using updated information, a set of writeups for 14 Type I towns was sent out for comments to the active members after mailing Annex #79

ILLUSTRATIONS

Having had this Picton Map front in my collection for some time (forget how many years), I took another look at it. It says 5 inverted/MR21/99, intended as TM 2. According to the 4th Edition Handbook, this should only be found on the 22d of the month, but here is an exception. Many (but not all) Picton strikes in 1899 show a damaged 9 as the first 9, appearing as 59. One strike evidently using the damaged 9 on DE 2/98 was reported in one of Bob Lee's sales (I forget which one); there may be more examples of this sort of thing. Having a limited supply of 9's, the clerk was evidently careful to use the damaged one where it would do the least damage

Montreal precursors are not supposed to exist on loose Map stamps; however... This one has 2 impressions and is clearly dated NO17P5/99. Unfortunately the shape and location of the lettering and bars does not match any of the 5 hammers in the 4th Edition Handbook. It is clearly **not** Hmr. 1 or 5. The odd shape of the R may help in identification. Your opinions, please?

A Toronto Station E orb, 9/DE 10/13 on Map, with dent in the outer ring bottom under AT of Station, from the editor's collection

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