

The Round-Up Annex
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NEW REPORTS

Type I Aldergrove - a cover with a 1900 strike, dated -/AU 1/00, from Mike Woods, with 2 backstamps the same date of Abbotsford and Vancouver.

Mike also reports the eleventh known example of **Byng Inlet North**, dated -/JU16/94. Nice going Mike!

Ottawa - a blank time mark in 1898 on FE14, reported by Stan van Allen; TM's 3, 5, 6, 7 are also known on that date (a Monday).

Type 2 Montreal - a previously unrecorded time mark 4, on a 3c small q., from Bob McCabe.

Arnprior - a zero spacer in the date on -/SP05/02 on 2c red num., from Barry Douglas.

Barry also reports a **blue** 93 strike on 3c sm.q. from **International Bridge**, date unclear.

Red Deer - an unusual DDMM date arrangement on -/8 FE/01 on 2c Numeral, from Joe Smith.

Joe also reports unusual (later or out of normal period) usage at **Nanaimo** of time mark 1 on SP16/03 and PM on JU11/06.

Joe also reports an unusual date arrangement for **Victoria III** on NT/?1 MY/98; the missing digit may be a 2 in which case it is probably an example of the inverted 12 date mentioned in the 4th Edition Handbook

THE ROSTER PROJECT

Responses are being received from members on Sheets #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 sent with the last 8 newsletters. Sheet #9 is enclosed

THE ORBS

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

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 two sets of draft sheets sent out to active members during July and September. Using updated and revised

information, a set of writeups for 14 Type I towns was sent out for comments to the active members after mailing Annex #80

ILLUSTRATIONS

An unusual pairing/combination for **Halifax**, Hammer I with 4/JA 2/97 and Hammer II later in the day with 1/JA 2/97 and 2/JA 2/97.

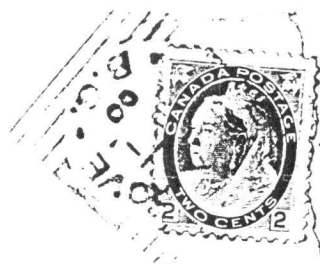
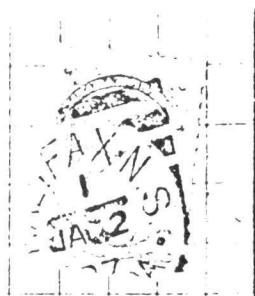
A London 3-ring **orb** on 3c Victoria Numeral issue with inverted 4 in the date, 24/DE 4/98

Further Clarifications Dept.: the **Milltown** cover illustrated in #79 (August) newsletter is dated PM/AU28/97. It is also depicted in Lee's sale #46, Nov. 87, Lot 727

Best Wishes of the season to the study group membership! Now that the postal strike has come unstruck we can settle down to some serious collecting

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THE ORBS
By Jim Miller
Discussion 12: OTTAWA 2-ring orbs

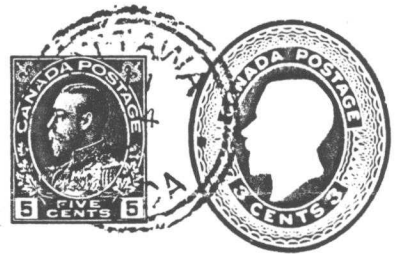
There are two hammers, 2-01 proofed 20/DE 15/23 and 2-02 proofed 20/FE 5/31. 2-01 has a usage period of about 8 years, from 1923 to 1930; and 2-02 was probably the replacement hammer for 2-01 in 1931. As of this writing, I do not have any strikes of 2-02, nor have I heard of any. Here's hoping someone out there will check their collections and let us know if 2-02 exists.

The difference between the two hammers is very obvious. 2-01 has an outside ring diameter of 29 mm, while 2-02 has a diameter of 26 mm, making the latter the smallest diameter of all the orb cancels. Both hammers are illustrated in the Hughes/Lee "Proof Strikes of Canada", Vol. IX, page 157. Since there is no data yet available for 2-02, I have not included a spreadsheet with this discussion.

There are possible identification problems with 2-01, since some of the 3-ring Ottawa orbs could look similar. In particular, 3-07 has very closely spaced rings, and overinked strikes from 1926 to 1928 appear like there are only 2 rings. 3-08 from 1921 onwards has a badly damaged outer ring, and in later examples of poor strikes, the outer ring doesn't even show. 2-01 itself was not cared for very well, as numerous ring breaks appear from 1925 onwards.

2-01 is not overly common; my collection has 7 covers or cards, and 24 stamps or pieces. 1924 to 1928 is the period of greatest usage, and timemarks 15 to 20 are the most common.

FROM.....



Herrn **Walter Beckhaus**

Berlin-Steglitz

Robert-Lück-Str. 1

11/SP 4/26. Note significant inner ring break above second T and the numerous breaks in the outer ring.

Proof: 20/DE 15/23

ERD: 20/DE 31/23* 23/MAR 27/24

LRD: 18/SP 26/30 18/SP 26/30

Characteristics:

2 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 29 mm.

Inner ring diameter: 26 mm.

Slightly oval 'O'.

Timemarks:

1, 3, 4, 11, 13 to 23

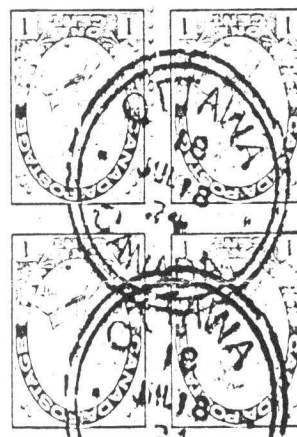
Reported Years of Use:

23*, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

Errors:

4/JUL 17/27 with inverted 4

7/13 OC/24 with inverted 13



18/JUL 18/24

Comments:

Be careful to distinguish from 3-07 and 3-08, both of which may appear like 2-ring orbs. 3-07 has 3 very closely spaced rings, and overinked strikes 1926 to 1928 appear as if two rings. 3-08 appears to have a filed-down outer ring 1921-1925.

Note considerable damage to the rings. Constant inner ring break above 2nd T of OTTAWA 16/OC 29/25 to end. Outer ring shows numerous breaks on all examples in my collection, most consistent are breaks beside left side dot, and above last A of OTTAWA.

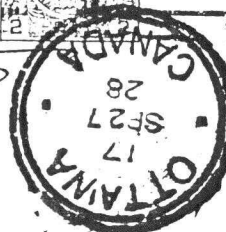
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TM/MO DAY/YR is normal, 3 letter months noted for JAN, MAR, JUL.

CANADA POST CARD ADD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE

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Heavily struck example with many of rim breaks filled in with ink.

17/SP 27/28