

The Round-Up Annex  
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NEW REPORTS

**Type I Grimsby** - a strike on 3c small queen from Mike Woods extending the blank TM period right up to -/AP25/96.

Mike also reports an inverted year error for **London State 2** on PM/JY 8/95 on 2c small queen.

**London East** - in a recent job lot your editor found a borrowed small zero on -/OC25/00, on 2c red Victoria Numeral. There must be more of these indicia varieties besides this and the two listed in Handbook IV; examine your holdings (a case of plenitude breeds disrespect).

The same lot had **Cornwall** with a small zero on -/AP26/00, on a 2c red Victoria Numeral; the same comment applies for this common town.

The same lot had two errors of **Macleod** in 1898 on 3c Victoria Numerals, one -/AU 1 with the AU 1 line inverted, the other -/AU20 with inverted 2.

The same lot had a 1904 usage on 2c Edward for **Napinka & Winnipeg MC No.1** dated EAST/MR11/04.

**Ottawa** - a lazy zero time mark 0/OC26/95 clear strike on postcard was reported by Bruce Kalbfleisch; on this date TM 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 are also known. It is possible that the zero slug was borrowed from some other hammer.

Bruce also reports a nude strike for **Wolfville** on 1c government postcard with 1c Leaf added to make the 2c rate to England, with the split circle dater reading MR 3/98, and correspondence confirming the date. This is reminiscent of the Petitcodiac usage described in the Handbook.

**Type II London** - an inverted year error on PM/MR14/86 on 3c small queen, 98 was intended. (from Cam Lindsay)

Joe Smith reports an error for **Listowel** dated ?/2/99 with all inverted.

HANDBOOK UPDATES

The 4th Edition Handbook is incomplete or misleading in several areas, including:

**Listowel** - several strikes are known for 1900 including JA 18, FE 26; MR 8, 19, 29; AP 2, 10, 11, 15, 18 and also an isolated report on JA/19/04 (most of these from Bill Moffatt's archive). In the AP 99 - DE 99 period, about 11 strikes are listed.

**Marmora** - the non-blank time marks include PM/JU06/95, PM/OC12/96, PM/OC21/96, AM/DE 6/96, AM/JA 9/97, AM/JA22/97, PM/FE12/97, PM/AP 5/97, PM/AP26/97, PM/NO 2/00 and PM/AP22/?? (the last reported by Dave Kelly)

## THE ROSTER PROJECT

Responses are being received from members on Sheets #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 sent with the last 9 newsletters. Sheet #10 is enclosed; send completed sheets to the Editor, not to the Chairman. We'll do Peterboro next time

## THE ORBS

The latest installment of Jim 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 three sets of draft sheets sent out to active members during September, October and December. Using updated and revised information, a set of writeups for 14 Type I and II towns was sent out for comments to the active members after mailing Annex #81. In regard to the quantities of strikes and RF's shown for each hammer, the old quantities from Handbook IV are being retained on the draft sheets until enough update information comes in (see sheets for Byng and Coleman)

## ORAPEX

We (that's the editor speaking) are planning to meet with as many of you as possible in Ottawa in late April; this will atone for my non-travel to St. John's

## ILLUSTRATIONS

The unique Terrebonne Map cover with inverted digit in the date was submitted by Bruce Kalbfleisch; we are indeed fortunate that the stamp didn't become bundle stock.

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AP 26/00

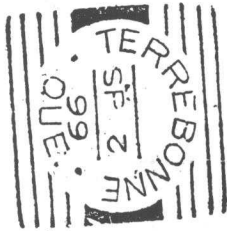


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EAST/MR 11/04

INVERTED DATE



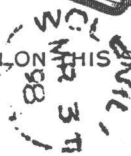
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*Montreal*



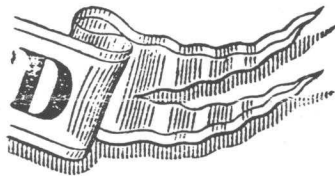
THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



*Miss Edith Hooper -*

*Elmleigh - Mayne Road.*

*Beckenham - Kent  
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THE ORBS  
By Jim Miller  
Discussion 13: MONTREAL STATION B

Montreal's main post office never had an orb hammer, but two orbs are known for the postal stations, namely Station B and Station C. Both are quite rare. As noted by Moffatt and Hansen in "The Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada", page 295, the Montreal squared circles are not as plentiful as might be expected given the high volume of mail handled there. The use of the barred circles from 1892 to 1904 might help explain the non-existence of Montreal main post office orbs; but remember, the barred circles were used primarily as backstamps on registered mail. Further, with Montreal's numerous CDS's, duplexes, and early flag machines, there probably was no need for an orb hammer.

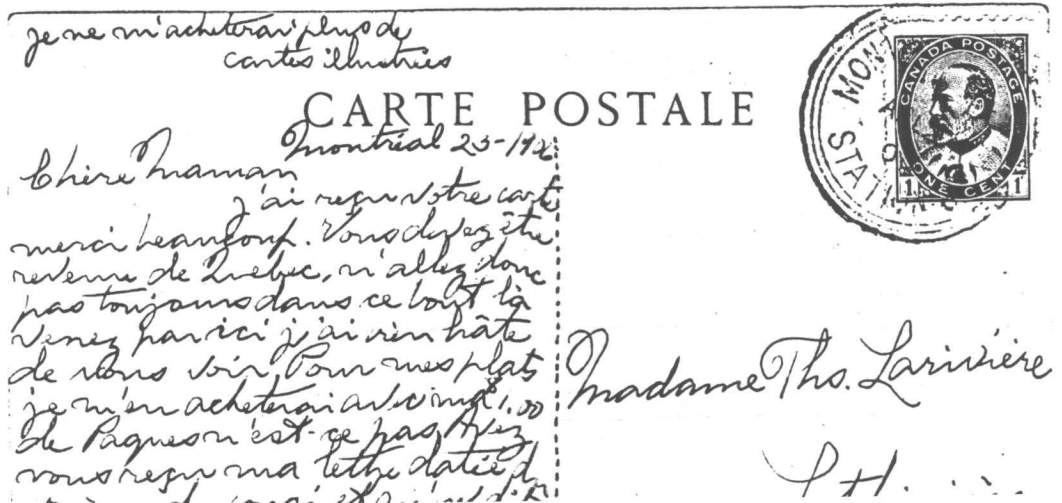
The non-acceptance of orbs in Montreal continued into the postal stations, where, unlike the Toronto postal stations, use of orbs was not the norm. The two known Montreal postal station orbs were not long-lived, and usage was minimal and sporadic.

Anatole Walker in "Les Bureaux de Poste du Quebec" identifies Station B as opening in 1903 (pg. 129). Max Rosenthal identifies 1904 as the opening year ("PHSC Journal" Vol. 25, pg. 7 and "The Canadian Philatelist" Vol 23, pg. 195). The earliest duplex cancel identified in Lee's "Catalogue of Canadian Duplex Cancellations" is June 3, 1904 (DPQ-636). The earliest known Station B orb is dated Feb. 28, 1905.

There is only a three year use period to April 20, 1908, but no doubt additional reports will extend the date range. I have four examples on covers or cards, and I know of one in another collection. The original article by Dr. Hollingsworth ("Maple Leaves", Vol. 14, No. 8, pg. 207-214) did not identify an orb hammer for Postal Station B. Presently, with only 5 reported examples, this hammer would fit into the 'rare' category (at least for now).

Of the four in my collection, three are forwarding markings (10/FEB 28/05, 08/APL 17/10, and 08/APL 20/7), and one is a dispatching cancel dated 10/APL 24/06. Note the reversed year and timemark for the April 1908 dates. The 1908 strikes also show considerable wear to the outer ring, especially from 3 o'clock to 6 o'clock.

10/APL 24/06  
used as  
dispatching  
cancel on  
viewcard.



3-MB1 MONTREAL CANADA/STATION B.

Reported:

Jim's:

Proof: Unknown

ERD: 10/FEB 28/05 10/FEB 28/05

LRD: 08/APL 20/7 08/APL 20/7  
(year date 1908, tm. is 7)

**Characteristics:**

3 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 31 mm.

Inner ring diameter: 26.5 mm.

Even size rings, even spaced.

**Timemarks:**

7, 10

**Reported Years of Use:**

05, 06, 08

**Errors:**

Note reversed YR/TM in April 1908:

08/APL 17/10 '08' is year, '10' is tm.

08/APL 17/7\* '08' is year, '7' is tm.

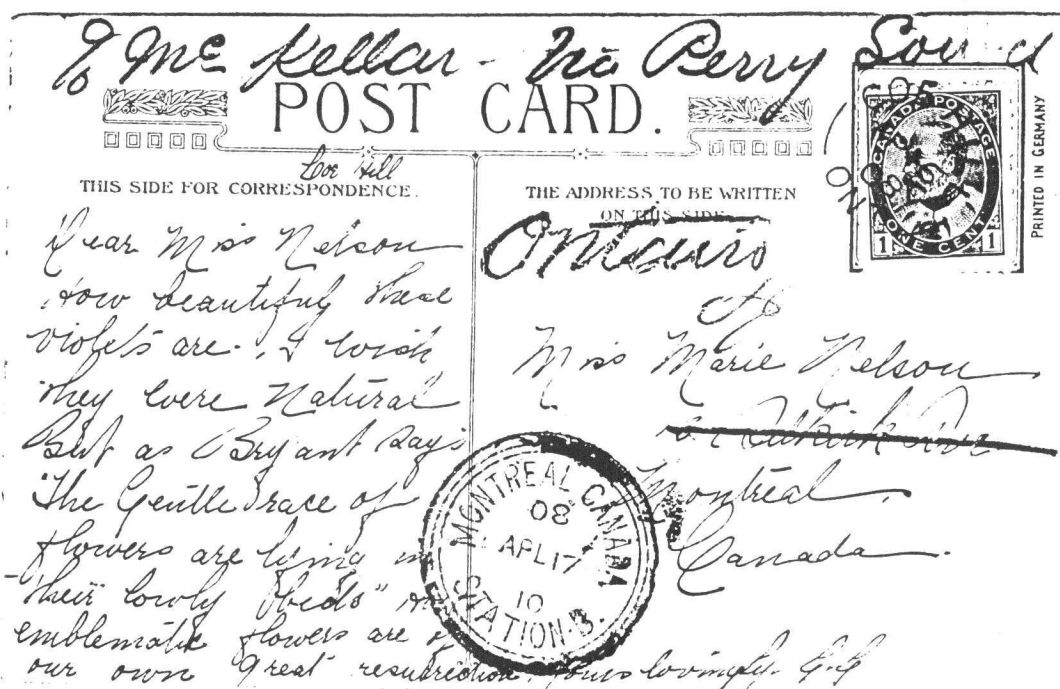
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**Comments:**

Not mentioned by Hollingsworth.

Rare, only 5 examples reported so far.

1908 strikes show considerable outer rim damage 3 o'clock to 6 o'clock.



08/APL 17/10 used as forwarding cancel. Note reversed YR/TM