

The Round-Up Annex  
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NEW REPORTS

**Precursor Winnipeg** - your editor recently received from a dealer a 5c small queen clearly dated MR149N/92. 9N??

**Type 2 Freeport** - a strike on 8c small queen from Mike Woods extending the usage by a whole year to -/FE 1/97.

Mike also reports a very early AM/JU25/96 strike on 3c small queen for **Lunenburg**; the latest blank TM report remains -/AU15/95. The 4th Edition Handbook is misleading in implying blank usage in JY 96. PM's are known in 96 on MY26, AU 4 and AU 6.

**Cheltenham** - Bob Lee's Feb. 21 sale had the first report of a borrowed 3-letter month, -/JUN 5/25, on a 2c green Admiral viewcard.

**Goderich** - one borrowed zero on -/JA 4/o0; oddly this is only the second 1900 strike reported.

**Iroquois** - the third and fourth examples with the borrowed small zero on -/FE23/0o, on 2c red Numeral, and -/AP13/0o, on 5c Numeral, were found in a job lot, however -/JU23/00 is normal (-/MY 5/0o is also known).

**Merrickville** - in addition to the four examples of zero spacer listed in the 4th Edition Handbook, there are PM/JU03/95, PM/JU08/95, AM/DE01/95, ?/JU04/96 and ?/OC01/97 (the last reported by Dave Kelly).

Dave also reports that the 93 for 98 error at **North Bay** also occurs on AP20.

Dave also reports a strike on 1c small queen extending the blank TM period at **Owen Sound** to MR22/97. The earliest ABC report is C/MY26/97 according to a strike in your editor's collection

Dave also reports a **Paris Station** strike on 3c Victoria Numeral which has to be a late record.

Dave also reports a **Pembroke** strike on 2c red Victoria Numeral which has to be a late record.

**Rockton** - Bob Lee's Feb. 21 sale had the first report of a 1907 strike, -/MY11/07 on a 1c Edw.

Gary Moore sent a picture of a second 1924 strike of **Schreiber State 2** dated -/AP 3/24; the first for this year had previously been reported by Allan Steinhart (-/OC 2/24). Gary's registered cover addressed to Port Coldwell originated in Romania (well upholstered front & back with Romanian postage) and bears transits of Montreal (12PM/ MR31/24 cds), North Bay & Fort William RPO (1/AP 2/24) and Tor. & Ft. Wm. RPO #2 (4/AP 3/24). I'm guessing that the express westbound didn't stop at small stations on the 2nd and the letter had to backtrack next day.

**Sou. & Win. No. 1** - Bob Lee's Feb. 21 sale had a blank DM and 3-letter month on -/JUN29/08 on a 2c Edward viewcard; other blanks in 1908 are on AU20 and SP 3, another 3-letter month occurs on E/JAN20/11

HANDBOOK UPDATES

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

For **Goderich** in 1902, the inverted OC is known on 8 days between the 4th and 28th, and was probably so positioned the entire month.

Omits mention of 1914 strikes of **Mount Brydges** when actually JA10, JA19, JU19, MR17 and NO 6 are known.

Early PM strikes for **Orillia** are PM/JU19/96 on 3c sm.q. (editor's collection), PM/JY21/96 (Lee sale), PM/OC 5/96 (Dave Kelly report), PM/SP17/97 on 3c Jubilee and PM/AP 6/98 on 1c Leaf (last 2 editor's collection).

On Page 152 the Rarity Factor for **Paris Station** is misstated; it should be 20. Same applies to **Grimsby** on Page 22, RF 15 applies

## THE ROSTER PROJECT

Responses are being received from members on Sheets #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 sent with the last 10 newsletters. Sheet #11 is enclosed; send completed sheets to the Editor, not to the Chairman. We'll do St. Thomas, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie 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 four sets of draft sheets sent out to active members during July, 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 #82.

## CHECK LIST FOR SELECTED STAMPS

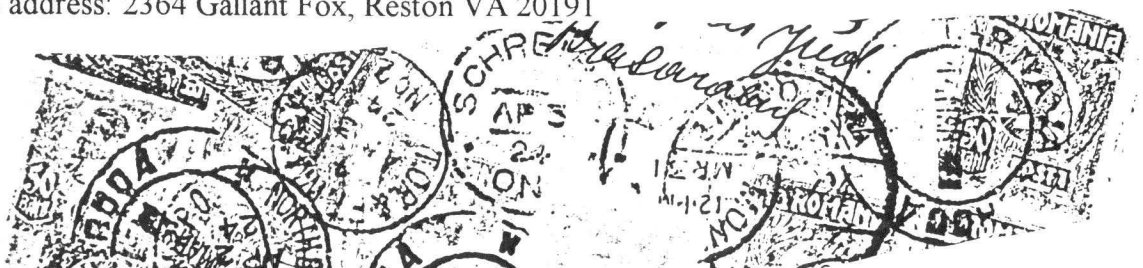
In Issues #75 and #77, and again in Issue #79, we started a revision/extension of Appendix C of the 4th Edition Handbook showing a check list for special stamps for which several specialist collectors had formed collections. Additional specialties, such as Admirals, postal stationery & government postal cards, 2c 5c and 6c small queens, 2c and 5c Jubilees, etc. will have to go on an additional page. The fourth sheet of the new checklist appears in this issue. Please let me have your comments/corrections/additions on this table

## 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

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Cornwall, Ont.	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
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Forest, Ont.		X	X			X							
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FortWilliamWest, Ont.		X											
Galt, Ont.	X	X											
Georgetown, Ont.	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Glammis, Ont.	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		X		
Glencoe, Ont.	X	X	X			X				X	X		X
Goderich, Ont.	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Gore Bay, Ont.	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Grafton, Ont.	X	X	X		X	X	X	X					
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Huntsville, Ont.	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X		
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Leamington, Ont.	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Lindsay, Ont.	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Listowel, Ont.	X	X				X	X		X	X	X	X	
Little Current, Ont.		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X		
London II, Ont.	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	
l'Orignal, Ont.	X	X	X			X	X	X			X	X	
Lucknow, Ont.		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Manitowaning, Ont.	X	X	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	
Markdale, Ont. I	X	X	X										
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THE ORBS  
By Jim Miller  
Discussion 14: MONTREAL STATION C

Montreal's Station C was the second and last of the Montreal area post offices to use an orb cancel. It is even scarcer than the Station B orb. I have two examples only, a partial but definite strike dated -/JAN 28/10 on a 1c. Edward #89, and several strikes on a registered cover dated -/NO 19/10. Joe Smith has a strike on a 1c. Jubilee stamp dated -/MAR 3/0?. Dr. Hollingsworth ("Maple Leaves" Vol. 14, No. 8, pg. 210) identifies one known example, dated June 28, 1909. Joe Smith's March 190? would have to be the earliest, but with the year being unclear, I am hesitant at this point to list it as the earliest known date. Hopefully a few more reports will come in that will give us a clearer picture of the usage period.

Bob Lee's "Catalogue of Canadian Duplex Cancellations" identifies a duplex hammer (DPQ-647) was commonly used from Station C with an earliest reported date of August 10, 1907. Anatole Walker's "Les Bureaux de Poste du Quebec" identifies Station C's opening date as September 10, 1908. Probably an error, the hand-drawn example shown in Dr. Hollingsworth's article is dated JUN 28/99 while in his text he speaks of JUN 28, 1909. Joe Smith's strike on the 1c. Jubilee just adds some nice mystery to determining the usage period.

One distinguishing feature is that this hammer is the only orb cancel with the postal station in brackets. This could help in working with partial strikes, especially separating it from Montreal Station B. With so little material to work with, we will have to put this hammer into the very rare category until more strikes turn up.

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With no illustration to place here, perhaps I could take a minute to identify that we are nearing the end of the first round of orb discussions. There's a couple more 'easy' ones coming--HARVEY ROAD P.O./ST. JOHN'S NFLD. and VANCOUVER CANADA/STATION A; then two difficult ones, DEAD LETTER BRANCH/OTTAWA CANADA and the several 2-ring TORONTO CANADA/STATION F hammers; and finally the greatest challenge of all--WINNIPEG. I could sure use some help on Winnipeg--I'm looking at 14 possible hammers for Winnipeg alone! Anybody want to correspond about Winnipeg orbs before the spread sheets appear--probably about a year from now.

I am most thankful for all the new information the Squared Circle Study Group has provided--it's too numerous to keep up-dates going in the Newsletter, so if anyone is interested in any updated spread sheets, please drop me a line (photocopy and postage costs would be appreciated).

3-MC1 MONTREAL CANADA/(STATION C)

Reported:

Jim's:

Proof: Unknown

ERD: -/JUN 28/09\*

-/JAN 28/10

LRD: -/NO 19/10

-/NO 19/10

**Characteristics:**

3 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 30 mm. Inner ring diameter: 26 mm.

Only orb using (brackets) enclosing postal station.

**Timemarks:**

Blank.

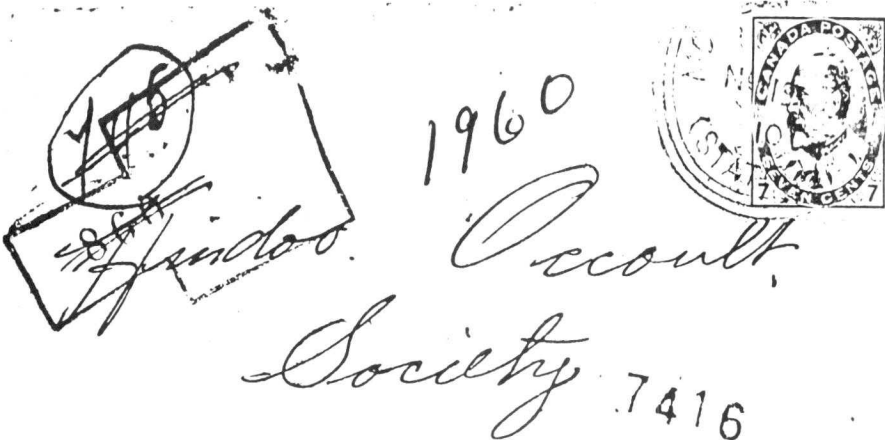
**Reported Years of Use:**

0?^, 09\*, 10

**Errors:**

**Comments:**

ONLY 3 REPORTED STRIKES: Joe Smith has partial strike on 1c. Jubilee  
-/MAR 3/0?^. I have partial strike -/JAN 28/10 on 1c. Edw. #89, and  
-/NO 19/10 Reg'd. cover. Obviously rare!



Rochester  
N.Y.

REGISTERED  
NOV 22 1910  
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

-/NO 19/10 on  
front and back of  
registered cover.

\* Hollingsworth article  
^ Joe Smith

