The Round-Up Annex Squared Circle Study Group Newsletter

ORAPEX was a fun event and your editor filled some significant gaps in the collection with the help of the BNAPS sales department and several of the dealers in attendance; there weren't enough days in the weekend as I wanted to dig through stocks of several more dealers. We had a mini-study-group session on Friday with several members in attendance, Kalbfleisch, vanAllen, Wegman, Hoyles, Narbonne. The organizers put on a good show -- congratulations!

NEW REPORTS

Type I Byng Inlet North - the count now goes to 13 known strikes with a lightly inked example on a 3c small queen showing NG.INLET.NOR dated -/JA27/94 provided your editor by a prominent Ontario dealer; the date is actually off the stamp but there is a full strike of a Parry Sound transit marking; trophy of ORAPEX.

Type 2 Halifax hmr. I - a second example of time mark 11 (2 strikes) on a strip of 3 1c small queens dated AU20/96, trophy of ORAPEX. The other example of TM 11 is on MY26/94; neither of these is mentioned in the 3rd Edition Handbook.

Yarmouth State 2 (see Annex #75, January 1997) - the earliest known modified state is PM/AU16/95 on a 3c small queen cover, shown to your editor by Bill Wegman. Strikes on PM/JU21/95 (3 cent), PM/JY26/95 (1 cent) and -/AU 2/95 (1 cent) seem to show characteristics of State 1; it is possible that the metal removal occurred in more than one stage.

Granby - a 3c small queen cover with inverted 5 in the date on "-/OC15/97" tying the stamp but the clerk realized his error and applied the free strike of the circular date stamp reading OC12; the Montreal receivers (Oct.13 10am) confirms; trophy of ORAPEX.

Levis - a receiving strike on postcard dated -/MY 1/3 with the 0 of 03 printing extremely weakly or absent entirely; prints normally on another postcard dated -/AU29/03; trophies of ORAPEX.

Montreal - the period of blank above date extends to -/MR19/94, on a 3c s.q. in editor's collection.

Hamilton - the "missing" time marks 3/MY27/95 (3 cent) and 5/MR 2/95 (1 cent) are in Bill Wegman's collection. The TM 3 is actually an overstrike on 2/MY27/95 (corrected indicia) however there is no doubling of the month, day, year or the rest of the hammer.

iroquois - the fifth example with the borrowed small zero on -/AP 6/00, on 2c red Numeral.

London - a 3-letter month on 17/JAN 6/47 (4 strikes) on a piece with 1c and 3c purple KGVI War issue (trophy of ORAPEX); the archive lists 3-letter months on 20(inv.)/JUL10/12, 11/JAN 7/13, 19/JAN 7/13, 16/JUL13/17 and 11/JUL16/17.

Merrickville - small zeroes in the year occur on PM/JA15/00 and PM/JA31/00 (trophies of ORAPEX); there must be more examples of this variety not mentioned in the 4th Edition Handbook; check your holdings.

Correcting last issue, Paris Station does not exist on 3c Victoria Numeral.

Correcting last issue, Pembroke exists on 3c Numeral but not on 2c red Victoria Numeral.

The **Nude** Hammer - this is discussed on Page 394-5 of the 4th Edition Handbook; significant quantities of this variety on 1c Victoria Numeral seem to exist in dealers' stocks. In Ottawa I was shown a semi-nude on 1c Numeral with partial date -/SP -/98. Any more of these around?

BNAPEX 1998

We've requested a slot for a study group meeting at Orlando, October 8-9-10. Hope to see you all there

THE ROSTER PROJECT

Responses are being received from members on Sheets #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 sent with the last 11 newsletters. Sheet #12 is enclosed; send completed sheets to the Editor, not to the Chairman. We'll do Toronto and the streets 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 five sets of draft sheets sent out to active members during July, September, October, December and February. 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 #83

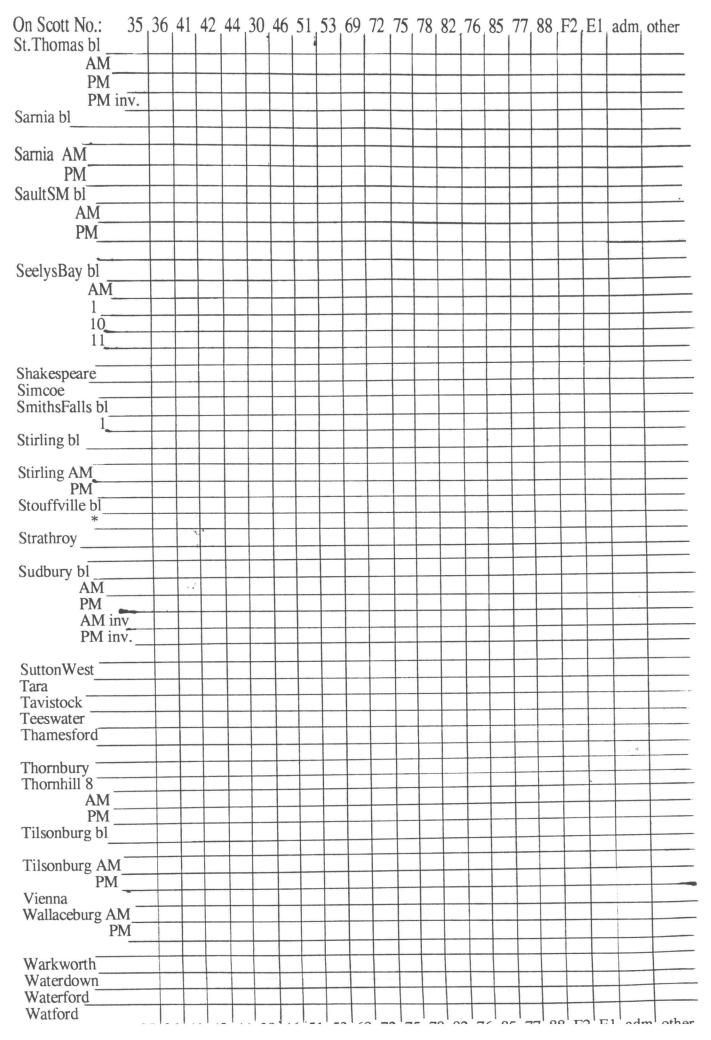
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