# The Round-Up Annex Squared Circle Study Group Newsletter

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## **NEW REPORTS**

**Type I London East** - A rather astonishing report from Mike Woods of 2 examples of this marking dated in October 1897 on Map stamps. I don't know what to make of this; it's surprising that the stamps would be printed so far in advance of the issue date and in a denomination that was still controversial at the time. Perhaps a year error by the clerk in setting up the indicia? Your comments please!!

Mike's second astonishing report is a very clear but partial strike of **St. Hilarion** on 8c Victoria Numeral issue dated ?/DE/00, indicating a gap of 3 years in use of the hammer.

Type 2 Baie Verte - new member Derek Smith, whose specialties include New Brunswick towns and Manitoba towns, reports an inverted month on -/AU 5/08.

Derek also reports a 1900 strike for Milltown, filling an important gap, a receivers on 2c cover dated AM/FE28.

Derek also reports a missing digit in the year for **Shediac** on -/JA 9/9, on 3c small queen.

**Peterborough -** Cam Lindsay reports the first known example of inverted 3 TM on 3/AU 9/97, on 3c Jubilee.

Derek Smith also reports an 07 time mark for Winnipeg I hmr., on FE 2/97 (3 cent).

Macleod - late date -/DE14/98 on a 3c Victoria Numeral, in editor's collection.

### 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, 11 and 12 sent with the last 12 newsletters. Sheet #13 is enclosed; send completed sheets to the Editor, not to the Chairman

## THE ORBS

The latest installment (#15, Harvey Road) in Jim Miller's series of 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 six sets of draft sheets sent out to active members during July, September, October, December, February and March. Using updated and revised information, a set of writeups for 13 Type I and II towns was sent out for comments to the active members after mailing Annex #84

## **ILLUSTRATIONS**

Bruce Kalbfleisch sent the shot of the extremely rare Ottawa time mark 12, forwarding mark MY17/05 on a postcard; a tale of 3 countries.

Bill Wegman sent the pictures of the rare Hamilton TM's 3 and 5 described in the last (#84) issue.

St. Hyacinthe matched pairs AM & PM on JY27/94, JU20/98 and OC 5/98, in editor's collection.

A matched pair of Owen Sound, A & B/MY21/98 on 3c Leaves, in your editor's collection.

Early use of the PM time mark at Tilsonburg, AP13/96, on a 3c s.q., in your editor's collection.

We've invested in an Epson Stylus 1520 printer, a Linotype Hell Jade 2 scanner and a PowerMac G3 running Adobe Photoshop 4.0; the quality of the pictures ought to improve over time as we learn how to use this here thing

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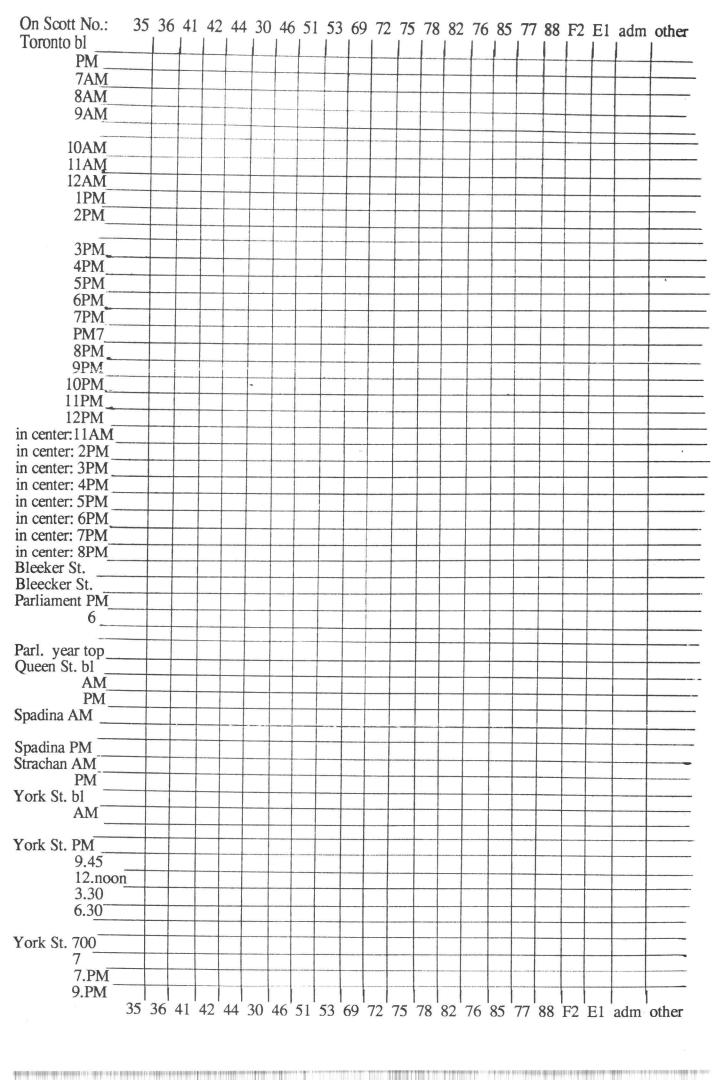




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## THE ORBS By Jim Miller

Discussion 15: HARVEY ROAD P.O./ST. JOHN'S NFLD.

This 2-ring orb is the oddity in the entire orb study. It is the last orb hammer to be proofed (PM/OC 30/43); and while not definitely confirmed, it appears to be a steel hammer. One must be careful, as a contemporary rubber 2-ring hammer of Harvey Road exists, but it is distinctly quite different.

It is also the only known Newfoundland orb cancel, and it has the smallest diameter orb dimensions.

The hammer had a long period of use, with known dates ranging from 1944 to 1976; yet the cancel is quite elusive. The known year dates are quite scattered: 1944, 1954, 1957, and 1976. I have five strikes on stamps, and others have reported two more on stamps and two on covers, for a total of nine known examples.

2-SJ1 HARVEY ROAD P.O./ST. JOHN'S NFLD. Reported: Jim's:

**Proof:** PM/OC 30/43 **ERD:** AM/4 AP/44~ AM/DE 7/44

LRD: 14/21 IX/76 AM/AU 25/54

Characteristics:

2 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 26.5 mm. Inner ring diameter: 23.5 mm.

Timemarks:

AM, PM, 14<sup>^</sup>

Reported Years of Use:

44, 54, 57, 76^

Errors:

Proof strike courtesy Robert A. Lee,
Proof Strikes of Canada, Vol. XI, pg 43

#### Comments:

A contemporary 2-ring rubber hammer also exists, be careful not to confuse with this steel hammer.

Long period of use (1944-1976), but surprisingly so few examples.

~ G. Palmer Moffatt

^ Frank Waite



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