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Study Group turnout wasn't too impressive at Orlando but Bill Radcliffe, Hank Narbonne and your editor were there, and there was a good stock of covers with several of the dealers present so some significant holes got filled. I expect we'll do better at Vernon

NEW REPORTS

**Precursor London** - a 12P timemark on MR31 92, 3c small q., from Jim Felton.

Jim also reports an **Ottawa** barred circle with MR 3 A-, not a trace of a numeral after A, year (unknown) is off the stamp; however the right hand portion of the strike is weak.

**Type I St. Ann's** - At Orlando, Bill Longley sold your editor a 2c Map cover dated -/MY19/99, the usual receiving strike originating at Jordan Station with a Grimsby PM circular date stamp transit marking. This is the first legibly dated 1899 report, and the first Map report.

Jim Felton also reports a **Type 2 Lunenburg** with PM/JY20/56 with the 5 inverted; we believe the year is intended as 96. This is one of the rare PM indicia.

**Shediac** - At Orlando, Chuck Firby's stock contained the first reported Map cover, which has been sold (noted to save unnecessary correspondence).

**Laurentides** - Bob Lee's October sale has the first 1905 report, -/M? 3, on a 1c Edward.

**Montreal Hmr. II** - Jim Miller reports a partial undated strike on 1c small q., appearing to be a nude, possibly precancel use, although the indicia bars do not show either. The shape of the R is consistent with Hammer II. - hold pending further confirmation.

**Alma State I** - at Orlando Bill Radcliffe showed me a nice pair of 3c small queens dated -/FE 4/94, a new late date for the rare as-issued state. Congratulations, Bill!

**London II** - At Orlando, Chuck Firby sold your editor the first reported Map cover, dated PM/JA10/99 (oddly I have the same TM/date on another stamp, illustrating infrequent use of the hammer during the early part of 99 when 3-ring orbs are common).

**Millbrook** - Bob Lee's October sale has -/JU10/95, one day earlier than Handbook on a 3c s.q.

**Ripley** - in the same sale is the first 1903 report, -/NO 5, on a 2c Edward.

**Morden** - Bill Robinson has -/DE30/46 which is later than shown in the 4th Edition Handbook. For the DE 1946 revival, dates of 19, 20, 23, 24, 28 are also known.

**Portage la Prairie** - a dealer recently sent your editor a 3c dated 2/JA52/95. Do you suppose there was a shortage of 2's?

**Nanaimo II** - Bob Lee's October sale has a new time mark 12, on JUL20/39, on 3c Royal Visit.

Jim Felton also sent a **Victoria III** on 2c red with NT/NO25/69, at least it looks like 69 but could be 89 with a misshapen 8. Can anyone else confirm this variety?

## THE ORBS

Jim Miller's latest orb report (#16, Vancouver Sta. A) is attached

## THE ROSTER PROJECT

Responses are being received from members on Sheets #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 sent with the last 14 newsletters. Sheet #15 is enclosed; we'll finish up Winnipeg next time. Send completed sheets to the Editor, not to the Chairman

## 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. Make checks payable to me, personally, otherwise the new owners of my bank refuse to honor them

## PROGRESS ON A POSSIBLE 5th EDITION HANDBOOK

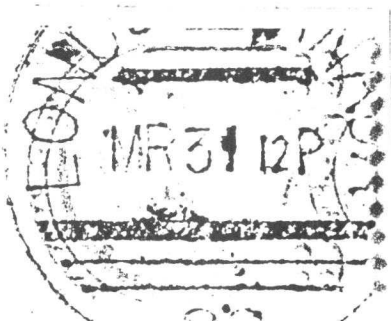
Some corrections and some favorable responses were received from members to the eight sets of draft sheets sent out to active members during July 97, September, October, December, February (98), March, May and July. Using updated and revised information, a set of writeups for 22 Type I and II towns was sent out for comments to the active members after mailing Annex #86. At Orlando, we discussed the Handbook possibility with Ken Ellison and feasibility looks positive

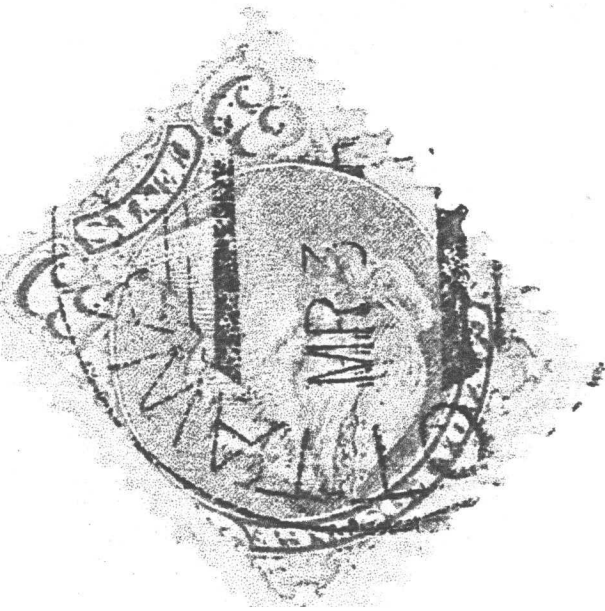
## CHECK LIST FOR SELECTED STAMPS

In Issues #75, 77 and 79, and again in Issue #83, 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 fifth sheet of the new checklist appears in this issue. Please let me have your comments/corrections on this table

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on:	1c s.q	3c s.q	8c s.q	15c l.q	1c jub	3c jub	3c lea	8c lea	3c num	2c p.n.	2c map	2c r.n.	5c RLS
Markdale, Ont. III	x	x	x			x							
Marmora, Ont.	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x			x	x
Martintown, Ont.		x	x			x	x	x	x			x	
Mattawa, Ont.	x	x	x			x	x		x	x		x	x
Merrickville, Ont.		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Merritton, Ont.	x	x			x	x	x		x			x	x
Mill.Brook, Ont.	x	x											
Milton West, Ont.	x	x	x			x	x		x			x	
Mitchell, Ont.	x	x				x	x					x	
MountBrydges, Ont.	x	x				x	x		x			x	
Nassagaweya, Ont.		x											
Newmarket, Ont.	x	x	x			x							
Niagara, Ont.	x	x			x	x						x	
NiagaraFallsSouth	x	x	x		x	x	x			x		x	x
North Bay, Ont.	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Orangeville, Ont.	x	x											x
Orillia, Ont.	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	
Oshawa, Ont.	x	x	x										
Owen Sound, Ont.	x	x		x	x	x	x		x			x	
Oxford Mills, Ont.		x	x		x	x	x		x			x	x
Paisley, Ont.	x	x	x		x	x	x		x			x	x
Palmerston, Ont.		x											
Paris, Ont.	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x
Paris Station, Ont.	x	x											x
Pembroke, Ont.	x	x	x			x	x	x	x				
Perth, Ont.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	
Peterborough, Ont.	x	x	x		x	x	x						
Petrolea, Ont.	x	x	x		x	x	x		x	x		x	
Picton, Ont.	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	
Pontypool, Ont.		x											
Port Arthur, Ont.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	
Port Dover, Ont.	x	x								x			
Port Hope, Ont.	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	
Port Perry, Ont.	x	x			x	x	x		x			x	
Powassan, Ont.	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	
Prescott, Ont.	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Ripley, Ont.	x	x					x			x		x	
Rockton, Ont.	x	x			x	x	x					x	
Rodney, Ont.	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	
Roseneath, Ont.		x	x			x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Rosseau, Ont.	x	x	x										
St. Thomas, Ont.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	
Sarnia, Ont.		x			x	x		x	x	x		x	
SaultSte.Marie, Ont.	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	
Schreiber, Ont. I	x	x											
Schreiber, Ont. II	x	x				x	x		x	x		x	
Seelys Bay, Ont.		x	x			x	x	x	x	x		x	
Shakespeare, Ont.	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x			
Simcoe, Ont.	x	x											
	35	41	44	30	51	53	69	72	78	76	85	77	F2

On Scott No.:	35	36	41	42	44	30	46	51	53	69	72	75	78	82	76	85	77	88	F2	E1	adm	other
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# THE ORBS

By Jim Miller

## Discussion 16: VANCOUVER CANADA/STATION-A.

VANCOUVER CANADA/STATION-A. is one of the very few orb hammers proofed that has no strikes reported. It is illustrated in Lee/Hughes *Proof Strikes of Canada*, Vol. VIII, page 101, showing a proof date of 19/JUL 13/14.

In October of 1993 I wrote to Bill Topping, Editor of the *British Columbia Postal History Research Group Newsletter*, asking if he would ask the study group for an inventory of any known strikes. That request was published in their newsletter in December, 1993, Vol. 2, No. 4, Page 58. No responses came forward.

Bill's research shows that Station A opened July 26, 1915, about a year after the proof date for the orb hammer. There could be a remote possibility that the 1914 year date is an error for 1915, but that idea is complicated by the proof date of an oval cancel VANCOUVER, B.C./AUG 24 1914/STATION A. shown the Lee/Hughes *Proof Strikes of Canada*, Vol. XVIII, page 24.

With no more information available, there is not much reason for photocopying the spreadsheet here. On the other hand, this is a great incentive to get out and hunt for a Vancouver Station A orb!



Proof strike courtesy Robert A. Lee,  
*Proof Strikes of Canada*, Vol. VIII, pg 101