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NEW REPORTS

Rockton - Bob Lee's #93 (Mar. 20) sale includes the first 1906 report, -/DE10/06 on a 1c E7 card.

McGregor Station - Lee's sale also includes a new early date -/OC24/93, however all indicia are inverted reading 36/42CO/- (3c small queen).

Winnipeg II ham. - Don Fraser reports a 15c large queen, time mark 7.

Medicine Hat - Dave Kelly reports late 1899 usage on -/AU30/99 on a 2c on 3 Leaf overprint; other 99 reports are JA19, MR23, JU 6, JU20, JY 7, AU19, AU23.

Calgary hmr. 2 - Dave also reports late use of the AM time mark on AM/FE27/00 (2c red).

Donald - Bill Robinson reports -/JY 9/99, one day later than Handbook, on a Map.

Nanaimo State 1 - Bill also reports AM/OC 3/93 on a 1c small queen; the other AM report in the archive was AU15/93.

Nanaimo State 2 - Dave Kelly also reports 1951 usage on 7/MY10/51 (4c red KGVI) and late use of AM on NO29/99 (2 cent). Bob Lee's sale includes the first 1911 report, AM/JY28 on 1c Edward and the first 1936 report, AM/NO20 on a block of 4 3c KGV.

Que. & Camp. MC Local No. 20 State 2 - In a recently purchased collection of about 250 mostly 3 cent squared circles, Bill Radcliffe found a late date ?/AP 5/98 on a 3c Leaf

HANDBOOK UPDATES

The date error for Wolseley hmr. 2 has the first 2 in the day inverted; i.e., -/MR72/98. For the first hammer, the earliest report in the Moffatt archive is AP 6/94 (Anonymous).

The earliest report for Golden is misreported; it should be -/FE17/95 on a 5c RLS cover to London (see Lee Sale #56, Lot 1409).

According to the Moffatt Archive, the correct date for the earliest report of Que.& Camp. II State 3 was ?/JU17/98

THE ROSTER PROJECT

Responses are being received from members on Sheets #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 sent with the last 16 newsletters. Sheet #17 is enclosed; we'll finish up the railroads 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 nine sets of draft sheets sent out to active members during July 97, September, October, December, February (98) March, May, July and October. Using updated and revised information, a set of writeups for 23 Type I and Maritime towns was sent out for comments to the active members after mailing Annex #88. We've received written copyright release from Janet Moffatt

ORAPEX

As was done last year, we (that's the editor speaking) are planning to meet with as many of you as possible in Ottawa in late April; Doug Lingard informs that the likeliest date for meeting is Sunday, 4/25

THE ORBS

The latest installment (No. 17, Toronto F) of Jim Miller's orb articles is attached

CHECK LIST FOR SELECTED STAMPS

In Issues #75, 77, 79, 83, and again in Issue #87, 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 sixth sheet of the new checklist appears in this issue. Please let me have your comments/corrections on this table

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THE ORBS By Jim Miller Discussion 17: TORONTO CANADA/STATION F. Hammer 2-TF1

Toronto Station F had five 2-ring hammers, with usage beginning in 1907 and ending in 1929. Two of the hammers, 2-TF2 and 2-TF3 I believe were never placed in use. Hammers 2-TF1, 2-TF4, and 2-TF5 are easily distinguishable, but my analysis of 2-TF2, 2-TF3, and 2-TF4 is questionable, and I'll deal with that in my next discussion paper. The proof dates are as follows:

2-TF1 Unknown, earliest strike is 21/OCT 25/07

2-TF2 Proof date 9/DEC 3/09

2-TF3 Proof date 9/DEC 6/09

2-TF4 Proof date 9/DEC 6/09

2-TF5 Proof date 24/FE 26/15

2-TF2 to 2-TF5 are illustrated in the Lee/Hughes *Proof Strikes of Canada*, *Vol. IX*, page 154. 2-TF1 is not illustrated. 2-TF1 has some features which set it apart from the other hammers. Firstly, all dates prior to 2-TF2 (9/DEC 03/09) would have to be 2-TF1. A unique feature of 2-TF1 is the spread out spacing of 'STATION' compared to the other hammers. There are other distinguishing features, but the best way to identify the hammers is to use acetate overlays.

2-TF1 is not rare, but it is not overly common either. I have 14 covers/cards and 26 strikes on stamps, mostly SON on the Quebec Tercentenary issue. I am aware of more strikes in other collections. About 60% of the known 2-TF1 strikes are from 1908, with another 20% from 1907 and 1909. 1910 to 1915 strikes make up less than 20% of the known 2-TF1 examples. Hammer 2-TF4 apparently was the replacement with its heavy usage starting in 1910.

I am unaware of any indica errors for 2-TF1; and 3-letter months are the norm throughout, except for OC in 1915. My next discussion will deal with hammers 2-TF2 to 2-TF4, followed by 2-TF5.

CANADA POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE

Dr. McWhealey,



-15/FEB 23/09

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2-TF1 TORONTO CANADA/STATION F.

Reported:

Jim's:

Proof: Unknown

21/OCT 25/07 ERD:

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LRD:

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Characteristics:

2 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 29.5 mm. Inner ring diameter: 26.5 mm.

Even size rings

No dot after STATION

Dot after F.

No dash between TORONTO CANADA

Lettering of STATION quite spread out

Long tall 'D'

Timemarks:

1, 2, 9 to 13, 14*, 15 to 21

Reported Years of Use:

07, 08, 09, 11^, 12, 13, 15

Errors:

Comments:

3 letter months all years, except OC in 1915.



Gutzman