

The Round-Up Annex
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We're short on news this time (the wooly members seem to still be hibernating) but I want to get this out before heading north to Ottawa

NEW REPORTS

Sudbury - period of 1896 PM usage extended to NO30 on a 3c small queen in editor's collection.

Bleecker St./Toronto - Bob McCabe reported a month/day line inverted on -/5 EF/98, on 3c Leaf, to go with the 4 EF report in the 4th Edition Handbook.

Calgary hmr. 2 - Tony Grinevicius reports the first example on a 15c Large Queen.

Macleod - Tony also reports the first example on a 2c Map.

Nanaimo State 2 - an abnormal AM/FE 8/02 on 2c Victoria during the period of TM 1, in editor's collection.

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, 16 and 17 sent with the last 17 newsletters. Sheet #18 is enclosed; we'll proceed further on the barred rascals next time. Send completed sheets to the Editor, not to the Chairman

MEMBERSHIP LIST

We gave a list in Issue #84 back in May 1998; the updated list 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. Make checks payable to me, personally, otherwise the new owners of my bank refuse to honor them

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 but no definite time has been set

THE ORBS

The latest installment (No. 18, Toronto F) of Jim Miller's orb articles is attached

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THE ORBS
By Jim Miller
Discussion 18: TORONTO CANADA/STATION. F.
Hammers 2-TF2 to 2-TF4

Three different hammers are under discussion this time, although I believe only one ever saw usage. I've toiled with understanding these three hammers for years; thus the following is my opinion, which may not necessarily be accurate. Of these three hammers, I believe only 2-TF4 was put into use.

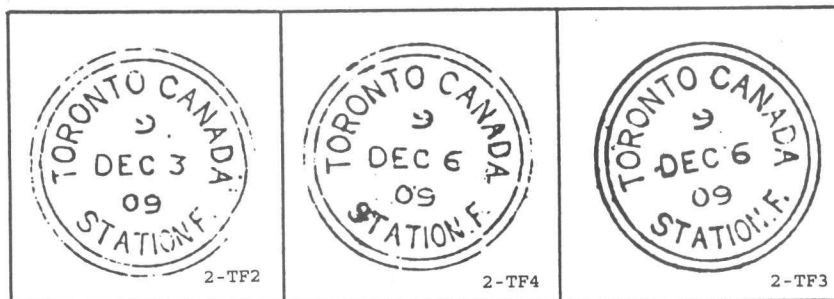
2-TF2 was proofed 9/DEC 3/09, and the other two followed three days later, 9/DEC 6/09. Three hammers seem a lot for a postal station that didn't see a large amount of mail, as evidenced by the relatively low number of Station F cancels.

When one looks closely at 2-TF2, you become aware of the closeness of "STATION" to "F". There is no dot or dash separation. I would suggest this hammer was rejected; with a new hammer, 2-TF4, being proofed 3 days later. Note 2-TF4 has a dot separating "STATION" from "F". At the same time, I believe 2-TF2 was retooled to move the "F" slightly to the right plus inserting a dot. An acetate overlay of 2-TF2 placed upon 2-TF3 shows an identical match, except for the "F".

The two 9/DEC 6/09 proofed hammers look similar, but an acetate overlay of one onto the other shows the letters do not line up. Furthermore, placing the 2-TF2 overlay onto 2-TF4 does not give a good match.

I feel that 2-TF3 was never sent to Toronto, rather it was rejected, possibly for damage to the "N" of "STATION" in the retooling process. Note the proof strike shows what looks like a faulty "N". If the above is indeed the case, then 2-TF4 was the only hammer sent to Toronto.

While 2-TF4 was in use 1910 to 1915, it is not overly common. I have 27 covers and cards + 7 strikes on stamps, to total 34 strikes. 2-TF1 was also contemporary 1910 to 1915. 2-TF4 has quite a range of timemarks, with no clear dominance. Very slight dents in the outer ring under the two dots of "STATION.F." can be used to help identify this hammer for 1910 and 1911, but these dents disappear with hammer wear 1912-1915. All but one of the strikes I have are dispatching cancels on ordinary mail, the one loner being a receiving backstamp.



2-TF2 TORONTO CANADA/STATION F. Reported: Jim's:

Proof: 9/DEC 3/09 ERD:
Only proof known. LRD:

Characteristics:

2 rings.
Outside ring diameter: 29 mm Inner ring diameter: 26.5 mm
Above measurements through long shaft of first T through the D
No dot after STATION
Dot after F.
No dash between TORONTO CANADA
Lettering of STATION quite close together
Shorter, fat 'D'

Timemarks:

Reported Years of Use:

Errors:

Comments:

Only proof known, hammer probably never placed in use. 'F' appears too close to end of STATION, and there is no dot separation. Hammer probably rejected, or possibly retooled to 2-TF3, as all letters line up with acetate overlay, except for the 'F'. 2-TF3 and 2-TF4 were proofed 3 days later, 9/DEC 6/09.

2-TF3 TORONTO CANADA/STATION.F. Reported: Jim's:

Proof: 9/DEC 6/09 ERD:
Only proof known. LRD:

Characteristics:

2 rings.
Outside ring diameter: 29 mm. Inner ring diameter: 26 mm.
Above measurements through long shaft of first T through the D
Dot after STATION.
Dot after F.
No dash between TORONTO CANADA
Lettering of STATION quite close together
Shorter, Fat 'D'

Timemarks:

Reported Years of Use:

Errors:

Comments:

Only proof known. Appears to be similar to 2-TF2, proofed 3 days earlier. Maybe 2-TF2 retooled to change the close 'F' to STATION; done by adding a dot, and moving the 'F' slightly. Using an acetate overlay, the letters line up with 2-TF2 except for the 'F'.

Note 2-TF4 proofed same day as 2-TF3; 2-TF4 saw regular use while 2-TF3 is unreported. This hammer may have been rejected; note damaged 'N' in STATION on proof strike. Slight differences with 2-TF4, requires acetate overlay for positive identification.

2-TF4 TORONTO CANADA/STATION.F.

Reported:

Jim's:

Proof: 9/DEC 6/09

ERD: 21/JAN 14/10

21/JAN 14/10

LRD: 3/FE 28/15

3/FE 28/15

Characteristics:

2 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 29.5 mm. Inner ring diameter: 26.75 mm.

Above measurements through long shaft of first T through the D

Dot after STATION.

Dot after F.

No dash between TORONTO CANADA

Lettering of STATION quite close together

Shorter, Fat 'D'

Timemarks:

1, 3, 9 to 13, 14^, 15, 16, 17, 18^, 19, 20, 21

Reported Years of Use:

10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Errors:

Comments:

Proofed same date as 2-TF3; apparently 2-TF3 never placed in use.

Requires acetate overlay to separate 2-TF3 and 2-TF4.

3-letter months through 1912, 2-letter months 1913-1915 except JAN 1915.

Slight dents in outer ring under the two dots of 'STATION.F.' will help in identification. These dents are constant in 1910 & 1911, and disappear 1912-1915.



Note slight dents
under dots



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3/FE 28/15 (LRD)

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