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Now that all the required inventory sheets are out in the hands of members, the Annex will probably appear less often, depending on how much new data you folks submit. Anyone needing additional copies of any of the roster sheets, please contact the editor. The transition to 2000 was uneventful, except that 1-01-00 is being stored as 1-04-80 according to the logic built into Windows 3.1

NEW REPORTS

Gary Arnold has reminded me that Handbook late dates for a couple towns are not actually the latest dates known: Newport Landing is JU28/16 (see BNA Topics, Jan. 1973), Baie Verte is AU14/12 (see Lee's #34 sale, Jan. 1985, Lot 820) and Wooler is AU12/12 (see Lee's #11 sale, Mar. 1980).

Precursor Montreal Hmr. V - in a dealer's box of covers was found a $1c + 3 \times 2c$ item with Montreal dispatch to Springfield MA, OC 15 2P/01, previously unreported time mark, one free strike on face and two more hits on the back. The return address is International Stamp Co.

Dick Lamb's #73 list offers the first report of Victoriaville on Map; bet this one went fast.

Picton - Bill Wegman sent an illustration of <u>2</u>/AU26/96 with inverted TM on 3c s.q. This variety is also known on <u>2</u>/JA18/97.

Calgary - another example of the 89 for 98 error, this one on a 1c Numeral dated DE13, received from a dealer in British Columbia. Other dates known are 5, 7, 17, 19, 23, 27 (all December).

Kaslo - a second example of DE 97 date with the rounded corners has turned up (see Annex #77, April 1977), this time on a 3c sm.q. Strikes in AU 97 have square corners, as issued by the supplier. It is now clear that a second (modified) state exists for this hammer. Will collectors owning strikes in the last 4 months of 97 please report to the editor, describing the appearance of the strike.

Victoria III - Bill Wegman reported a second example of the split date on NT/8 JU 2/98 on a 3c Leaf; the Handbook entry should have read ?/8 JU 2/98 since the time mark isn't clear.

THE ROSTER PROJECT

A working draft of Handbook V has existed for some months now and was available for members to examine at Vernon; it is being polished further pending receipt of copyright release from the executor of the Hansen estate. I urge those of you who have not submitted a full set of roster forms to do so as soon as possible so that your information can be included (several major collections known to have rare hammers and indicia varieties have not yet been heard from). If in doubt of your status, contact me and I'll tell you which of your roster sheets I hold

THE DUES

We asked for remittance of 1996-97 dues (annual 5.00 US, 6.75 Cdn.) 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

THE ORBS

Jim Miller continues the discussion of the Winnipeg hammers with Article No. 21, attached. Pictures of the very interesting Montreal Canada (Station C) 3-ring backstamp were received recently from "Anonymous" who sent them from Rudolph, Ohio. The two strikes in 1909 are dated -/MAR 8 and -/JUL 2 and are probably on registered covers although I haven't seen the fronts. This marking was discussed by Jim in Annex #83 (Mar. 98) and he advises me that the MAR 8/09 is the earliest recorded strike; it possibly replaced the barred circle hammers used by Montreal

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3-W2	WINNIPEG / · CANADA ·		Reported:	Jim's:
Proof:	24/AP 26/11	ERD:	-/MY 15/11*	-/OC 5/15
		LRD:	-/FE 11/20	-/FE 11/20

Characteristics:

3 rings. Outside ring diameter: 27 mm. Inner ring diameter: 22 mm. Even size rings, outside space slightly wider than inside space.

Timemarks: Blank

Reported Years of Use:

11*, 13, 15, 19, 20

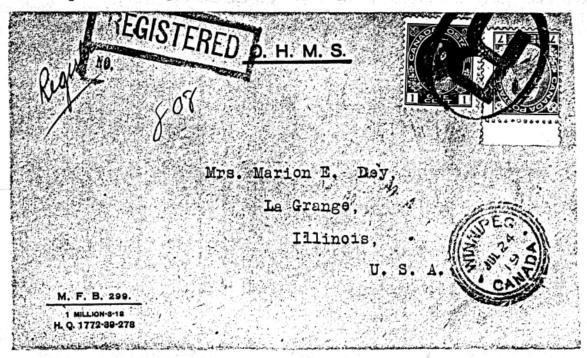
Errors:

-/FE 11/20 entire indicia inverted.

Comments:

Hammer is well worn in 1919 & 1920 examples, distinctive break in inner 2 rings below 'NA' of CANADA.

I have 9 examples on Reg'd. covers, mostly as b/s.



Joe Smith, on 1¢ Jubilee.

Updated as of: Sept. 1, 1999

3-W3	WINNIPEG / \cdot CANADA \cdot		Reported:	Jim's:
Proof:	Unknown	ERD:	-/SP 3/11	-/SP 3/11
		LRD:	-/JAN 25/12	-/JAN 25/12

Characteristics:

3 rings. Outside ring diameter: 27 mm. Inner ring diameter: 22 mm. Even size rings, inner space slightly wider than outer space. Tall, boxey "D". Round "C".

Timemarks: blank

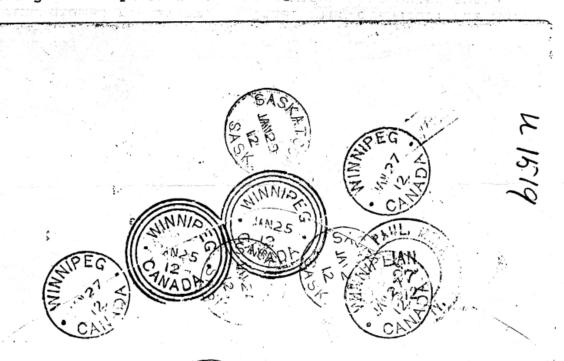
Reported Years of Use: 11, 12

Errors:

Comments:

This hammer is not in the proof book. Acetate overlay confirms this definately is a different hammer than 3-W2.

I have two good examples as b/s on Reg'd. covers.



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