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NEW REPORTS

Precursor Hamilton - Dave Robinson has a new timemark JU 25 A10/92.

Montreal Hammer IV - late transit usage on DE 12 ? /03, from Peel St. to Boston franked with 5c Jubilee and two 1c Jubilees, reported by Bill Radcliffe.

Type I Beaverton - late use of the rare timemark 2 on MR 1/94, seen on ebay.

London - an amusing error 1/AU78/97 on Jubilee, the 7 is the baby variety mentioned in this screed a few issues back; presumably AU28 intended (received from a dealer in B.C.)

London East - year error on -/JA 1/78 (small queen), probably 98 intended, Dave Robinson.

Type 2 Lunenburg - late use of the PM timemark on DE 8/96 on a 3c envelope, reported by Bill Wegman.

Newport Landing - in 1906 Dave Robinson has receiving strikes of JA10 and FE14 on two U.S.-originated covers.

Yarmouth - Norm Wagner reports PM/AU15/95 (early) for State 2 and AM/AU 6/95 (late) for State I confirmed by PM/AU 3/95.

Petitcodiac - period of nude strikes extended to MY 16/96, cover supplied by Bill Burden.

Hull I - early use on -/DE 1/93, reported by Dave Robinson.

Quebec - Dave also has 00 for the month on 4/00 21/98 (3c Numeral) and 1/MR15/09, believed to be error for 99.

St. Anne de Beaupre - Dave also has an inverted month on -/??YM/96 (probably the whole MMDD line was inverted).

Ste. Cunegonde - early use of the inverted MMDD line on -/MY18/94 (2 cts.), received from Allen Reuille.

St. Gregoire - lazy 4 in the day on -/SP14/?, probably 1895 use, Dave Robinson.

St. Hyacinthe - Dave also has a lazy 4 in the day on PM/JA14/97.

Victoriaville - Dave also has an inverted month on -/CO 3/95, and a partially printing month on -/E10/94

Acton - late usage on -/JA19/03, 7c Numeral cover note quite a first day of issue, Lee #103 sale.

Bracebridge - PM/JA 9/97 (the regular PM type slug) on 3 cts., Dave R.

Brantford - I'm afraid the book went to press last June with a mistake, the earliest strike I have is PM/AU 3/93 confirmed by AU 7. Cover with early 1908 use on 12/JUN15/08 (1 ct. E7), Dave R.

Cardinal - another inverted MMDD line on -/2 PS/97, received from Peter Laycock.

Formosa II - 1900 usage on AU/15/00, cutout (free strike) received from Rob Armstrong.

Georgetown - late use on -/JU20/03 on 2c red, Dave Robinson.

Mount Brydges - inverted 4 in the day on -/MR14/95, Dave R.

Paisley - late use on -/OC 1/00 on 2c red, Dave R.

Peterborough - inverted month on 4/ED14/93 on 3 cents, Dave R.

Port Perry - backstamp date error 95/JA 6/- (should be JA 7) on cover leaving Toronto on JAN 6/11PM (orb), supplied by Larry Grossman.

Thornhill - 1906 usage on PM/NO20, 1c E7 on postcard, free strike; an inverted PM on MP/JY19/?? (2c red Victoria); first period extended to PM/AP 1/03 (2c red), all Dave Robinson.

Toronto - Dave R. has pointed out that on DE12/94 (timemarks in center slot) the day uses the 12 slug with narrow numerals (this is normally used for the timemark) rather than the larger 1&2 individual slugs. He also has these varieties: inverted month on 7PM/PS15/96; inverted 5 in the timemark on 5PM/MR 5/94; 6PM/12OC/93; 1PM/18OC/93.

Strachan Avenue - inverted MD line on AM/8 AJ/96, 3c small q., Dave R.

Weston - year absent on -/MY19/-- (3c sm.q.), Dave R.

Wingham II - inverted month on -/ED 1/93, Dave R.

Winona - late use on -/FE15/01, 2c red, Dave R.

Wooler - a borrowed month in 1907 on JUL24, Dave R. Dave has reminded me that zero spacers are known in 1912 on JU01, JUL05, JUL08.

Brandon - inverted MMDD line on -/72ON/?, illustrated in Jim Hennok's February sale.

Manitou - early use on -/C 2/94 (3c sm.q., month assumed to be OC), Dave Robinson.

Morden - 1916 usage as backstamp on redirected soldier's mail, -/OC14/16, seen on eBay.

Estevan - Norm Wagner reports 1896 usage on -/FE27.

Maple Creek - no month showing on -/ 4/97, 1c Jubilee, reported by our Chairman.

Kaslo - late use on cover, -/DE21/97, with rounded corners, received from Bryan Snow.

Mission City - Jim Hennok's February sale had an early date, -/AU 5/93 on postcard, confirmed by arrival on AU 7.

Victoria I - another prone 4 in the year on NT/-P23/-4, presumably AP23, received from a dealer in British Columbia.

ORAPEX 2002

We will try to have an informal study group meeting at the RA Centre early in May, contact Doug Lingard for latest information

THE ORBS

xJim Miller continues the discussion of the Winnipeg hammers with Article No. 29, attached

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THE ORBS
By Jim Miller
WINNIPEG ORB DISCUSSION
HAMMERS 3W-11 to 3W-14

Winnipeg orb hammers 3W-1 to 3W-10 have had their spread sheets printed in *The Round-Up Annex* over the past two years. Still to go are four more hammers, 3W-11 to 3W-14. In these four hammers, there's a set of three which offer a very interesting challenge:

3W-11	WINNPEG/·CANADA·	proofed PM/JAN 9/34
3W-12	WINNIPEG/·CANADA·	proofed with nude date
3W-13	WINNIPEG/·CANADA·	proofed PM/JAN 9/34

The first thing you should notice is the mis-spelling on 3W-11, with the second 'I' missing. On the same proof date for 3W-11, there were also two identical hammers proofed with the correct spelling. The mis-spelled 3W-11 is illustrated in the Lee/Hughes *Proof Strikes of Canada, Vol. VIII*, page 145, but the two correct spellings are not shown. What is shown in the Lee/Hughes book, same page, is 3W-12, a nude date hammer which I believe is the spelling error retooled to correct the error. An acetate overlay of 3W-12 upon 3W-11 shows an exact match, except for the letters 'NIP'. The error hammer 3W-11 has no known strikes, but the repaired hammer 3W-12 is in common usage from 1935 to 1954.

The other two strikes proofed the same day as 3W-11 are identical to each other, so I have identified them as one hammer, 3W-13. Further research into rim breaks or other constant flaws may indeed allow for separation into two separate hammers.

What is puzzling is that both the retooled hammer 3W-12 and the normal hammer 3W-13 do not appear in use until -/MY 4/35 (FDC's for #216), yet their proof dates are PM/JAN 9/34. Why the lag of over one year? Perhaps the error hammer was spotted before use began, and all the hammers proofed PM/JAN 9/34 were held up until the WINNPEG error was resolved. Only further research into ERD's for 3W-12 and 3W-13 may reveal the answer.

Lastly comes 3W-14, proofed 20/JUN 16/39, which has a long and common use from 1939 to 1972. This is the most recent orb hammer used, and it is easily distinguishable from all the other Winnipeg orbs by the lettering which is much taller than the other Winnipeg orbs.

Sorting the 14 Winnipeg hammers is quite a challenge, requiring good acetate overlays. There were overlapping hammer usages, in fact I have several covers with two different hammers on the same cover! Winnipeg's orbs offer a great challenge and no doubt many new discoveries are yet to be made.

3-W11 WINNPEG / CANADA

Reported:

Jim's:

Proof: PM/JAN 9/34

ERD:

LRD:

Characteristics:

3 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 28.5 mm. Inner ring diameter: 23 mm.

Even size, even spaced rings.

Note spelling error 'WINNPEG'.

Large side dots.

Timemarks:

Reported Years of Use:

Errors:

Comments:

Only proof known, spelling error apparently repaired and appears corrected as 3-W12. Acetate overlay of 3-W12 on 3-W11 matches perfectly except for letters 'NIP'.

Note 3-W13 was also proofed the same day, PM/JAN 9/34, with two correct spelling strikes shown in the Pritchard and Andrews Proof Book, but these are not shown in the Lee/Hughes Proof Book.



3-W12 WINNIPEG / CANADA

Reported:

Jim's:

Proof: Undated, see below

ERD: -/MY 4/35

-/MY 4/35

LRD: 10/4 AU/54

10/4 AU/54

Characteristics:

3 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 28.5 mm.

Inner ring diameter: 23 mm.

Even size, even spaced rings.

Large side dots.

Timemarks:

Blank, AM, 1, 10, 14, 15, 17, 18, 81 is inverted 18.

Reported Years of Use:

35 - 39, 46, 48 - 54

Errors:

18/14 DE/48 with inverted year date.

81/4 OC/51 with inverted timemark for 18.

Comments:

Probably is 3-W11 repaired to fix spelling error, proof strike is undated. Acetate overlay matches perfectly with 3-W11 except for letters 'NIP'.

Use gap: -/JUL 25/39 to 18/1 NO/46 (lone 1946 example) to 18/14 DE/48.

Common as registered commercial usage, some philatelic use.

MO DAY/YR normal to -/JUL 25/39, mixed MO DAY/YR or DAY MO/YR 18/1 NO/46 to 18/23 JUN/50; DAY MO/YR to end.

Note ERD I have is -/MY 4/35, same date as my ERD for 3-W13, both ERD are on diff. FDC of #216.



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