# The Round-Up Annex Squared Circle Study Group Newsletter

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# SPECIAL DELIVERY

Effective 4/21/02, 3 am, born to Heather Gordon and Brian Nester, Ralph Henry Nester, 6 lbs 12 ozs, 22 inches, your editor is now a proud grandparent

# ORAPEX 2002

As usual the show was a vast turnout of dealers with vast stocks to be looked at in only 2 days, I could have used another day, as usual Herb McNaught's Jubilees were the star attraction. Our meeting on Saturday included Hoyles Kalbfleisch Kerzner Radcliffe Shaman Wegman

#### **NEW REPORTS**

Montreal Hammer 2 - the first Map report, a backstamp DE15P12/99 on cover originating at Gottingen Street Halifax on DE14/99 addressed to Longueuil, pretty fast mail service 102 years ago. The 2 cent envelope from a stamp dealer also bears a 3c Jubilee and a 2/3 Numeral overprint. The first 5c RLS report on a Montreal DE26P3/94 dispatch to Afton NY, in Frank Hoyles' stock.

**Montreal Hammer 3 -** late dispatching usage on OC 26 P1/00 to France, franked with two 5c Numerals, Lot 1129 in Ron Leith's Feb. 9 sale.

**London** - normal indicia on PM/AP 6, 7, 8/96, contrary to Handbook information, in a large lot in Ron Leith's February sale. The inverted PM/4PA/96 is confirmed. The AP9 strike reads PA 9, Finding an AP 5 (Sunday) strike could be more difficult, although an AP12 strike exists. Inverted 3 on 3/JY 4/98, inverted 4 on 4/MR 1/98 (these latter from Bruce Kalbfleisch).

**Newport Landing -** Period I extended to -/JU29/99, 3 strikes on a registered cover to St.John in Maresch' May sale franked with 5c Leaf, 2c purple Numeral bearing backstamps of Newport (cds), Newport Station (splitring), Halifax & Yarmouth MC E.

Northport - an inverted month on a partial 1c sm.q., -/CO ?/? (Bruce Kalbfleisch).

**Yarmouth** - an additional date arrangement variety on -/11DE/98 (Bruce K.). This usage may have been general in December.

St.John III - the second reported 2c Map cover, PM/DE10/98, in Bill Longley's stock.

Ste. Cunegonde - an additional example of the inverted MMDD line on -/MY26/94 (Bruce K.)

Victoriaville - inverted MMDD line on -/4 SP/95 (Bruce K., note day precedes month).

Beamsville - inverted PM on JU19/97 (Jubilee first day), reported by Larry Grossman.

Gravenhurst - early use PM/SP21/93 on a 3c envelope cutsquare, reported by Dave Eisenhauer.

Marmora - inverted digit in day on -/AP23/02 bkstp on a 5c Numeral registered cover (Bruce K.)

Oxford Mills - 1905 use on a MO receipt, -/JY 4/05 (Bruce K.)

**Paris** - Laurent Belisle reports late use of timemark 2 on JY27/93 and early use of timemark C on JY31/93. Joe Smith has a matched set ABCD/AU 4/97 on Jubilees.

Pontypool - early use, Ted Kerzner reports seeing -/SP25/93 in another person's collection.

Port Hope - timemark 1 and MMDD line inverted on 1/02YM/95, Bruce K.

Sault Ste. Marie - inverted year on AM/NO 6/56 (Bruce K.)

**Schreiber II** - another single-digit year on -/NO 4/5 on a 1c E7 picture postcard in Frank Hoyles' stock.

**Sudbury -** Period I of use extended to -/JU29/99 on 2c Map, Joe Smith.

Thamesford - another zero spacer on -/JU06/05, Bruce K.

Waterloo - a partial nude on 1c green Admiral, -/AP -/- (Bruce K.)

**Morden** - early use in Period 6 on -/JU28/16, receivers on a POW letter from Cellelager in Germany (Bruce K.)

Winnipeg II - nude unexpectedly on 3c small queen, Bruce K.

Medicine Hat - late use in Period 2 on -/OC21/99, 2c red, reported by Dave Robinson.

Prince Albert - early use in Period 8 on PM/FE29/55 on 5c postal stationery env. (Bruce K.)

Victoria I - extraneous month in the TM slot on MY/DE26/94 on 15 cents (Bruce K.)

Victoria II - MMDD line inverted on PM/51YM/95, Dave Robinson.

Q&C 20 State I - late use on W/AU18/95, Dave Robinson.

Q&C 20 State 3 - early use on W/MY30/98, 3c Leaf, reported by Dave Eisenhauer.

N&W No.2 - inverted digit on EAST/NO12/99; 1905 use on EAST/MR21, Dave Robinson

## **ILLUSTRATIONS**

The 5th Edition does not list any 3c Jubilee covers for the 3rd Hammer of St. John because none were reported to me during the data collection process and none are listed in the archive prepared by Dr. Moffatt. The data in the 4th Edition for this hammer are believed to be flawed. The present example was supplied by Norm Macneall; there are probably others, please report them to me. Also from Norm, blank time marks on the first state of Yarmouth are hardly ever seen and this one is a beauty, dated OC10/94.

#### BNAPEX 2002

A study group meeting will be held @ Spokane, keep watching the BNAPS website or contact Doug Lingard for latest information

# SAD NEWS

Joe Smith called to say that long-time Study Group member Jim Karr had passed away on June 23d. Jim joined soon after the Group was formed in 1976 and was Member No.65.

#### THE ORBS

Jim Miller continues the discussion of the Winnipeg hammers with Article No. 30, attached

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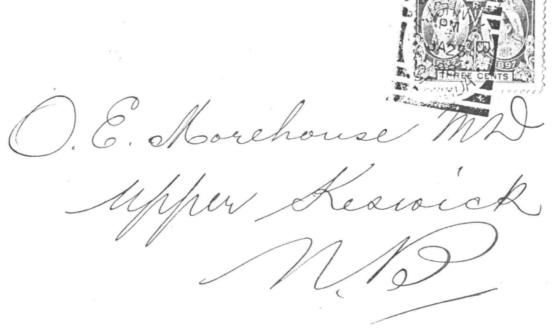
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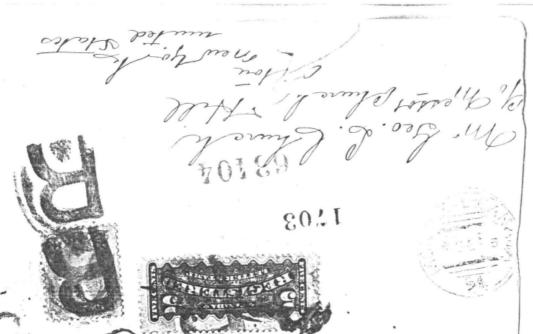
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# THE ORBS By Jim Miller WINNIPEG ORB DISCUSSION HAMMERS 3W-11 to 3W-14

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

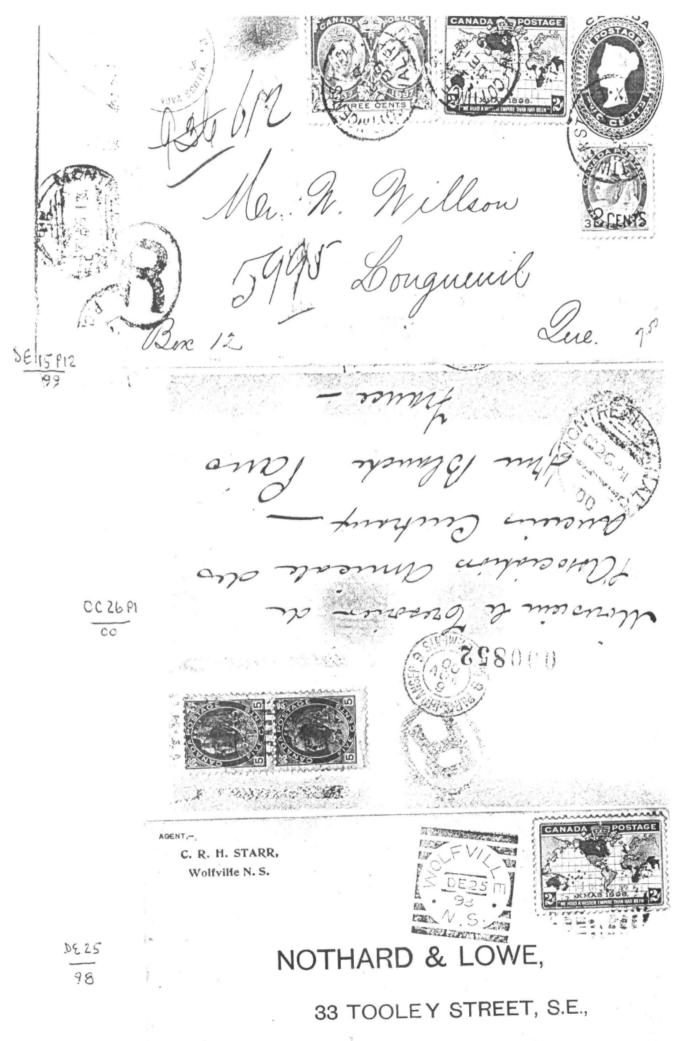
The first thing you should notice is the mis-spelling on 3W-11, with the second 'I' missing. On the same proof date for 3W-11, there were also two identical hammers proofed with the correct spelling. The mis-spelled 3W-11 is illustrated in the Lee/Hughes Proof Strikes of Canada, Vol. VIII, page 145, 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.



LONDON, G. B.

3-W13 WINNIPEG / · CANADA ·

Reported:

Jim's:

Proof: PM/JAN 9/34

-/MY 4/35 -/MY 4/35ERD:

LRD: -/JUL 12/39 -/JUL 12/39

## Characteristics:

3 rings.

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

Even size, even spaced rings.

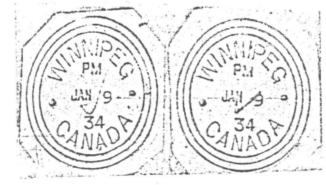
Large side dots.

## Timemarks:

blank

Reported Years of Use:

35, 37, 38, 39



From the microfilm of the original proof books

#### Errors:

-/NO 19/35 should be -/NO 19/37 as determined by several other 1937 dates on A-R card.

#### Comments:

This hammer was spelled properly to begin with. Acetate overlay of 3-W11 on 3-W13 shows CANADA and side dots line up perfectly, but WINNIPEG is entirely off. Also, 3-W12 and 3-W13 both line up CANADA & side dots perfectly, but WINNIPEG is off.

Not in the Lee-Hughes Proof Book, yet two identical strikes are on microfilm copy of Pritchard & Andrews Proof Book. Need to study later usage to compare rim breaks, etc. to determine if two separate hammers exist.

Note ERD I have is -/MY 4/35, same dates as ERD for 3-W12. Both ERD's are on different FDC of #216.

Common as registered commerical usage, some philatelic use.

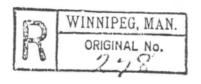
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VICTORIA, B. C.



Abner Nelson Garland. Post Office Box 98. Victoria. B.C.

(First day cover)



3-W14 WINNIPEG / · CANADA · Reported: Jim's:

Proof: 20/JUN 16/39 -/27 JUL/39 ERD: -/27 JUL/39

> LRD: 17/28 V/72 17/28 V/72

#### Characteristics:

3 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 28 mm. Inner ring diameter: 24 mm.

Even size, even spaced, but very closely spaced rings.

Square side dots.

Tallest letters of all WINNIPEG orbs.

#### Timemarks:

Blank, 2-8, 10-22

# Reported Years of Use:

39-46, 48, 55, 59-72

#### Errors:

31/SP 17/46 with inverted timemark for 13. -/JUL 25/no year date b/s on Req'd. cover from Pakistan 1955.

#### Comments:

This hammer is very common on Reg'd. commercial mail through 1963; and 1964 to 1972 common as dispatching cancel on regular first class

Use gaps: 18/14 SP/48 to 14/8 JAN/55 -/JUL 25/(55) to -/JAN 14/59

Roman numeral months start 6/25 VII/71, probably earlier. Latest

spelled date we have is 20/4 JUN/71.

MO DAY/YR normal to 18/MY 17/48 except -/28 JUL/39 (our ERD), 15/2 OC/ 46; then reversed DAY MO/YR 18/2 SP/48 to 18/27 MY/55, then inconsistent use of both to end.

Blank TM to -/JUL 25/45; use of TM's from 17/AU 24/45 to end, except 1959-1962.

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