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Apologies for late delivery of this issue, the editor had the flu for 10 days
& then the computer containing the draft letter had to go in the repair shop for 15 days

BNAPEX 2002

There were some interesting things in dealer stocks. Our meeting on Friday included Fraser Radcliffe J. Smith Wagner. There was only the one entry in the literature competition so the 5th Edition was given a Vermeil

NEW REPORTS

Montreal Hammer V - the first Jubilee report, JU10 2P/01 transit on double rate cover from Smiths Falls to New York, cover is out of period and overpaid with 3x3c Jubilees and a 1c but what the hey (Lot 1092 in Ron Leith's September sale). Lee's October sale had the first 4P report, a cutout dated SP 26 / 02.

Type I Beaverton - Dave Robinson has -/FE 7/94, it appears 2 inv. and blank both exist on that day.

London - error in the day on PM/SP71/94, on pair of 1 ct. small queens, seen on eBay; the corrected version PM/SP17/94 is also known.

Mansonville - inverted 5 in day on JA 5/98, in Lee's October sale.

Ottawa - inverted 4 TM on 4/JA29/96 on 5 cents, seen on eBay.

Point St. Charles - early use in Period 2 on -/FE13/99, receiver on letter from Hong Kong (Bruce Kalbfleisch).

Type 2 Canning - the first report -/NO 8/93 on 5c green Register, seen on eBay.

Halifax II - 21 time mark on FE22/98 (3c Leaf).

Baie Verte - 3-letter month JAN on -/JAN15/06, seen on eBay.

River Louison - late use in Period 2 on -/SP15/10, card supplied by Bruce Kalbfleisch.

Riviere du Loup Station - inverted month and inverted day on -/UJ 4/00 (Bill Radcliffe).

St. Gregoire - late use on 00/?P 7/- (assumed April) on 2c red, received from Dave Eisenhower.

Bobcaygeon I - the first 1893 on 8 cents with bars report, in Lee's October sale.

Cache Bay - the first report on one cent Jubilee, clearly dated -/SP24/97, received from a dealer in British Columbia.

Glamis - the first Jubilee cover report -/JY27/97, registered, this one has 3c and 5c Jubilees (Brian Copeland).

Leamington - date error -/AP31/97, 3 ct. small queen, received from Steve Warcop.

Peterborough - inverted month on ?/ED14/93 (3 cts.), received from Peter Laycock.

Petrolea - digit missing on -/MR-0/94, believed 10th based on other markings on cover (Bruce K

Port Perry - year date error -/JY 1/97 on a 1 ct. Victoria Numeral not issued until 98, Bruce K.

Teeswater - another inverted MMDD line on -/01PA/96, Bruce K.

Wiaraton - Period 3 of use extended to -/MR 4/99 on 2c purple numeral, seen on eBay.

Gretna - 1896 usage on -/JA28 and -/JY 7 (Brian Copeland).

Morden - early use in Period 6 on -/JA19/16, receiving mark on soldier's free-franked (Field Office) cover with 2+1 wartax added at Winnipeg, received from Bryan Snow. It now appears that 1910 to 1918 usage was intermittent without any significant breaks.

Winnipeg - Don Fraser showed me an oddity. Hammer I dated 4/25SP/97 (one cent Jubilee) and Hammer 3 dated 7/SP25/97, matched with 8/SP25/97 (Hammer I again, 3c small queen).

Winnipeg III - 4/FE37/97 on a 10 cent, but the 3 is inverted (Bruce K.)

Estevan - Period 2 of use extended to -/MY16/99, free strike on 2c purple num. cover (eBay).

Regina - period of blank above date extended to -/JY 9/94 (Brian Copeland).

Nanaimo - inverted month on ?/ON27/08 (2c Quebec, Brian C., AM would be expected).

Rossland - inverted 7 in day on -/MR 7/96 (Brian C.).

Napinka & Winnipeg No.1 - late use on EAST/JY 9/07 (1c E7, Bruce K.).

Honolulu - late use on cover with receiving backstamp dated JA15/00 (reported by Norm Wild)

MORE SAD NEWS

Bruce Kalbfleisch and Bill Wegman reported that Stan vanAllen passed away in early July. Stan had been in poor health for several years. He was responsible for much of the Ottawa information in the recent handbook

QUESTION FOR READERS

I have Sunday dates for London I in 1897 on JU27 and SP26, both TM 1. Were any other time marks used on Sundays at this city?

ILLUSTRATION

A group of TM 2345 for London I on OC25/97, on small queens. Who can supply the missing TM 1 to complete the set?

THE ORBS

Jim Miller continues the discussion of the 2-ring hammers with Article No. 31, attached

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21/FE 22/98



20/FE 7/-



AP 31/97



2/FE 14/93



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OC 25 / 97



MR O / 94



EAST / JY 9 / 07

No. 1

THE ORBS
By Jim Miller
DEAD LETTER OFFICE/OTTAWA-CANADA
Hammers 2-DLO1 and 2-DLO2

Two steel hammer 2-ring orbs were proofed in 1913 for use in the Ottawa Dead Letter Office. The Lee/Hughes *'Proof Strikes of Canada Vol. XXIII'* page 15 shows two similar strikes dated AM/MR 10/13. I believe these are the same hammer. Brian Plain has researched the original proof microfilm and found another hammer dated -/MR --/13.

There are two distinguishing characteristics: 2-DLO1 has a dot between OTTAWA·CANADA while 2-DLO2 has a small dash between OTTAWA-CANADA. Also, 2-DLO1 has a 26.5 mm inner ring diameter while 2-DLO2 has a 27.5 mm inner ring diameter.

While one might think the Ottawa DLO orbs should be scarce, I would think the opposite may be true. Between three of us (Brian Plain, Wally Gutzman, and myself), we have 20 examples, 10 of 2-DLO1 and 10 of 2-DLO2. Given that most examples are on returned WWI mail addressed to soldiers in Europe, I would suspect there are probably a significant number of examples within the holdings of WWI military mail collectors.

Of the 20 examples between us three collectors, all are back stamps. A real challenge would be to find an Ottawa DLO orb on the front of a cover. Has anybody ever seen such?

My series of orb cancellation articles in *'The Round-Up Annex'* started way back in April, 1990 (Vol. 13, No. 2/57). It is now 12 years later, and I am still working away on the research project. It looks like there is only one more group to discuss--the Toronto 3-ring orbs, of which there were five hammers. This group has been a tough challenge, since four of the five hammers were commonly used, some contemporary with each other, and one hammer I have never seen an example! Look forward to the Toronto 3-ring orb discussion in upcoming issues of *'The Round-Up Annex'*.



2 DLO 2

Reported:

Jim's:

Proof: AM/MR 10/13

ERD: AM/MY 31/15*

AM/FE 14/16

LRD: AM/AU 3/19*

AM/OC 19/18

Characteristics:

2 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 29 mm. Inner ring diameter: 26.5 mm.

Most often found as a b/s on WWI returned military mail.

Distinguishing characteristics include a dot between OTTAWA·CANADA, and a narrower inner ring diameter.

Timemarks:

AM

Reported Years of Use:

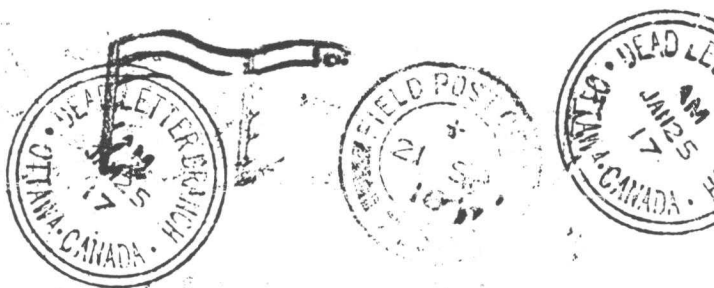
15*, 16, 17, 18, 19*

Errors:

'61' for '19' day date AM/SP 19/17*

Comments:

The Lee/Hughes 'Proof Strikes of Canada' shows two similar strikes dated AM/MR 10/13 on pg. 15, Vol. XXIII. I believe these are 2 examples of the same hammer. Brian Plain has researched the original microfilm proofs and found ??/MR ??/13 with a dash between OTTAWA-CANADA (Hmr. 2-DL02). He believes the day date is probably the same as 2-DL01.



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Updated as of:
FEB. 1, 2002

Reported:

Jim's:

Proof: ??/MR ??/13*

ERD: AM/JUL 22/13^

AM/FE 24/15

LRD: AM/JUL 15/21^

AM/MY 15/18

Characteristics:

2 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 29 mm. Inner ring diameter: 27.5 mm.

Most often found as b/s on WWI returned military mail.

Distinguishing characteristics include a small dash between OTTAWA-CANADA, and a slightly wider inner ring diameter.

Timemarks:

AM

Reported Years of Use:

13^, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21^

Errors:

AM/AU 17/16 has timemark, month, and day date inverted, year is normal.

Comments:

This hammer not shown in Lee/Hughes 'Proof Strikes of Canada'. Brian Plain has researched the original microfilm and found ??/MR ??/13, and believes the date to be the same as 2-DL01, AM/MR 10/13.

