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Bad lighting made it difficult to look at the exhibits but there were plenty of goodies to wallow in at Bill Longley's table. Our study group meeting had a small turnout; apparently the local London media did not give much publicity to this convention

NEW REPORTS (come on you reporters, REPORT!)

Precursor Ottawa - day error (?) on JU71P7/92 (3 cents).

Brockville - early use of PM on JY29/93, reported by Dick Lamb.

London East - timemark 1 on MY20/00 (2c red), received from a dealer in British Columbia.

New Germany - first report of a 5c RLS dated AU 3/93, from Dick Lamb.

Rat Portage - another inverted December on -/ED 1/94, reported by Henry Delesalle.

Aylmer (East) - late use on -/AU27/03, Wayne Walton.

Ste. Cunegonde - Wayne also reports late dated use on PM/JY29/99 (Map).

St. Gregoire - I have received a late 00/AU15 strike on 1c, an 00/-P 7 strike on 2c was reported in an earlier newsletter, it is possible but not provable that the 2c strike was SP 7.

Leamington - nude strike on 3c small queen, reported by Wayne Walton.

Marmora - inverted year on -/JA31/56 (for 95) on card, reported by Larry Grossman.

Martintown - Bill Wegman reports -/Z MR/95 (inverted 7) on 3 cents.

Paris - inverted B on B/AU28/97, on 2c Jubilee, in Frank Hoyles' stock.

Thamesford - zero spacer on -/FE05/06, 1 ct. E7 on picture card, reported by John Reed.

Pipestone - a 3c Jubilee strike on -/AU 2/97, reported by David Nicol.

✓ **Prince Albert** - early use on -/JA24/94 and borrowed month on -/JUL 5/16, both reported by Henry Delesalle.

Que. & Camp. MC Local No.5 - digit missing in year on W/FE 1/0 (2c Leaf overprint, Bill Wegman).

Souris & Winnipeg 1 - a borrowed month in 09 on E/JUN21, reported by Bob Lane.

Souris & Winnipeg 2 - Bob also reports a borrowed month in 03 on E/JUL 2

OBSERVATION ON ST. HYACINTHE

It has come to my attention that for all 1899 strikes the decade 9 is weak or partially printing (looks like an inverted 5); the slug may be damaged or simply be shorter than its neighbor which prints more heavily. Check your holdings for confirmation

THE ORBS

Jim Miller continues the discussion of the Toronto 3-ring hammers with Article No. 33, attached

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ILLUSTRATIONS - some material from Newsletter No. 104



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(2 more strikes on back)

3-T2 TORONTO/CANADA.

Reported:

Jim's:

Proof: 3 AM/MAY 5/93

ERD: MAY 6/2 PM/93

MAY 6/2 PM/93

LRD: 6 PM/AUG 9/97

6 PM/AUG 9/97

2nd Period of Use:

ERD: 12 PM/DEC 26/99

12 PM/DEC 26/99

LRD: DEC 3/11 PM/03

DEC 3/11 PM/03

Characteristics:

3 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 33 mm. Inner ring diameter: 27 mm.

Outer spacing slightly wider than inner spacing.

'O' is slightly oval.

Straight of 'D' lines up with tail of 'R'.

Most strikes require acetate overlay for definite ID, if date before proof date, see 3-T1. Example shown in Hughes/Lee Proof Book is distorted.

Timemarks:

7AM, 9 AM to 12 AM, 1 PM to 12 PM

Reported Years of Use:

93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 99, 00, 01, 02, 03

Common on Jubilees. Only 1 Map stamp reported,

JUL 10/12 PM/00



Errors:

AP 0/2 PM/94 on 3c. sm. qn.

MAR 22/8 PM/10 year date error for '01'~

'10' for '01' year date: DE 19/9 PM/10; DE 26/7 PM/10

Comments:

Rosenthal article does not distinguish the 3-ring Toronto orbs!

Hollingsworth article does not distinguish the first two Toronto orbs!

Month day/tm./year is normal throughout, however many cases of tm./

month day/year scattered throughout use, especially late 1895 & early 1896.

Reversed order 6 FEB/11 AM/00.

Damaged 'E' in 'DEC' for 1895 and 1896, looks like an 'L'.

3 letter months through 1st period, except AP 94, 95, 96. 3 letter months in 2nd period through SEP 00. 2 letter months from OC 00 to SP 03 except JAN 01, MAR 01, JUN 01, APL 03, OCT 03, & DEC 03.

No constant ring faults like 3-T1, other than small dent in outer ring below middle 'A' of CANADA MAR 18/4 PM/94 through 1897, not noted in 1899-1903 use. Sometimes middle ring faint or absent in 1894.

Small break in top of 'C' 11 AM/AUG 27/95 to end.

Two use gaps, MAY 3/8 PM/94 to JAN 12/2 PM/95; 6 PM/AUG 9/97 to 12 PM/DEC 26/99.

Bickerdike flag machine put into use AUG 10/97.

3-T3 ended use OCT 30/7 PM/99; 3-T2 2nd period started 12 PM/

DEC 26/99; and 3-T4 started use DEC 22/1 PM/99. Perhaps there is a relationship here?

2nd period of use is often poorly inked or smudgy, and hammer appears to be well worn.

Contemporary with squared circle.

3-T3 TORONTO/CANADA.

Reported:

Jim's:

Proof: Unknown

ERD: OCT 3/? ??/96+

OCT 5/7 PM/96

LRD: OCT 30/7 PM/99

OCT 30/7 PM/99

Characteristics:

3 rings.

Outside ring diameter: 32 mm. Inner ring diameter: 27 mm.

Almost evenly spaced rings.

'O' is round.

Letters are smaller than 3-T1 or 3-T2.

Straight of 'D' lines up between 'O' and 'R'.

Timemarks:

7 AM, 9 AM*, 10 AM to 12 AM, 1 PM to 4 PM, 6 PM to 12 PM

Reported Years of Use:

96, 97, 98, 99

Common on Jubilees, moderately scarce on Map Stamps.

Errors:

Comments:

Handelman reports AUG ?/96^ as ERD. I believe this may have been a hammer misidentification based on a partial strike. Apparently 3-T3 replaced 3-T1 (LRD SEP 24/7 PM/96), no regular use period overlap with 3-T1. 3-T1 strikes are common leading up to LRD of 3-T1, and 3-T3 is common following ERD of 3-T3. 9 day gap will probably get shortened.

Handelman reports MAR ?/02^ as LRD. Again I believe there is a good chance for hammer misidentification. 3-T4 (ERD DEC 22/1 PM/99) probably replaced 3-T3. Also Handelman reports reversed date order 7 APL/7 PM/00^, which I believe is 3-T4, I have several 3-T4 examples in April 1900 with this reversed date order.

Short but regular heavy use for bit less than one year to AUG 13/7 PM/97, very sporadic use after. Bickerdike flag machine put into use AUG 10/97.

Reversed order 1 MAY/7 PM/97.

Month day/tm./year exclusively.

Three letter months only.

Contemporary with squared circle.



- ^ Handelman article
- * Joe Smith
- + Hollingsworth article

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