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Of the correspondence received since the last issue of the Annex, I want to take this opportunity to recognize the efforts of two individuals who have contributed many hours of their time and expertise to BNAPS study groups.

Frank Waite will be "retiring" from his duties as the author of the Study Group Centerline column in TOPICS. I always look forward to this column and to learn of the activities of the various study groups. The column will continue as a regular feature of TOPICS with the solid foundation provided by Frank over the past several years; Peter McCarthy will be taking over for Frank effective the next TOPICS issue..

I received Whit Bradley's Map Stamp Study Group newsletter earlier this month and found it most interesting, as usual. After contacting most of the Study Group editors several years back, only Whit and Wilmer Rocket routinely exchange copies with me. Whit indicates that this will be the last issue under his pen, after eight years of producing this fine newsletter. I can appreciate his thoughts about moving on to other things and will miss his efforts on behalf of the Map group.

THE ORBS ARE HERE!

After discussions with Jim Miller and a letter from Wally Gutzman, I have decided to expand the limits of the Squared Circle Study Group to include the ORBS as a natural extension of our focus. I will be forwarding a note to Vic Willson in hopes of an announcement in TOPICS as soon as possible. I also solicit any information, articles, photocopies concerning ORBS (or Squared Circles for that matter) for inclusion in upcoming issues of the ANNEX. Hopefully, the addition of ORBS will rekindle some interest in the Group.

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THREE NEW LATE DATE STRIKES FOR THE MATTAWA, ONT. HAMMER
(From Stanley Van Allen)

REPORTS OF NEW FINDINGS

BROCKVILLE, ONT. (Jim Felton) - "New month slug for JA in 1899, 1900. My latest for "normal" slug is JA 17/98 - my next JA 7/99 has a small or damaged "A"..... I don't have any JA/01 so I can't say how long this situation persisted."

OK LONDON, ONT. TYPE ONE (Jim Felton) - An inverted "4" time mark on a strike dated 4/JY 22/98.

FREDRICKTON, NB (Michael Woods) - A strike dated PM/JA 22/94 which is earlier than reported in the Handbook but later than a report in Maple Leaves of AM/JA 20/94. *OK*

New HULL, QUE. HMR II (Michael Woods) - A new early date of use; -/JA 31/95.

OK BELLEVILLE, ONT. HMR II (Michael Woods) - The use of the time mark 4 on a 3 Cent Jubilee, dated 4/JU 27/97. Perhaps the rule of thumb in the Handbook holds true except for very early strikes.

new BELLEVILLE, ONT. HMR II (Stanley Van Allen) - A strike dated 2/OC4/94 with the "2" indicia lying upside down at a 45 degree angle to the first "L" in BELLEVILLE.

L'ORIGINAL, ONT. (Jim Felton) - A new early date of use: -/JA 29/94. *OK*

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT. (Michael Woods) - A strike dated -/OC 8/93, one day before proofing! The strike (see below) does not appear to be an "18" or a "28" (where the first number did not print). ANY IDEAS OR THOUGHTS? *OK*

THORNBURY, ONT. (Michael Woods) - A new early date of use: 1/OC 4/94. *OK*



HULL, QUE. HMR II
-/JA 31/95



SAULT STE. MARIE
-/OC 8/93



THORNBURY, ONT
1/OC 4/94

ADMIRAL PERIOD STRIKE - RIVER LOUISON, NEW BRUNSWICK

New I recently picked up a postcard with a light strike of the RIVER LOUISON, NB squared circle hammer, dated -/MR 12/12. This is the first on cover/card strike I have seen of this hammer in the Admiral period. It is a free strike on a card franked with a 1 Cent Edward. The strike could be darker and the card could be franked with an Admiral, but you can't have everything!