



THE ROUND UP ANEX



THE SQUARED CIRCLE NEWSLETTER

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Thanks, Nels:

The six pages of illustrations from the collection of Nels Pelletier will, I am sure, immediately catch your eye. On page 71 the specialized pages of Hamilton begin with everything from Hamilton 1 to 24, with the exception of just those 2 to 5 marks now known not to exist. Page 73 is a nice lot of the Kingston indicia markings on both the first and second hammers. Guelph, with the run of 99 year date error (for 96), is another very attractive page. Pages 75 and 76, with the nice range of railroad Squared Circles, is my own special interest group.

Last month we used pages from Jeffrey Switt and ~~these~~^{sets}, along with an excellent group of examples from Nels, will surely give some members ideas not only on how to mount their collections but just what to look for in interesting Squared Circles displays.

Nels has given me a few more pages from his collection and these will be shown in subsequent editions. If you have something you would like to show your fellow collectors why not make a photocopy and send it on?

Toronto, Bleecker Street:

Doctor Moffatt, on the basis of what I know has been some rather intensive study, has completely revised the listing for Bleecker Street. In the Fourth Edition, when it comes out, the revised listing will be as follows:

Toronto - Bleecker Street.

Hammer I (Bleecker St. Misspelling)

First State (as issued) Proofed; JA 9 / 95.

Earliest: JA 13 / 95.

Latest: MR 3 / 95.

Second State (all rim lettering removed)

Dates of use not known, but examples reasonably common on 1 Cent Numeral and 1 Cent Edward Issues.

Hammer II (Bleecker St. Correction.)

Proofed: FE 26 / 95. (estimate)

Earliest: MR 4 / 95.

Latest: MY 22 / 00.

Bill Moffatt would like your comments on this proposed change and/or any additional information you can give him. Bill believes that this complete nude is the only Squared Circle used as a pre-cancel. Bill knows of no copies on denominations other than the 1 Cent Numerals and Edwards. Does anyone have any others?

Write to Bill direct on this.

The Handbook - Fourth Edition:

Bill Moffatt is working on a fourth edition of the Handbook but has found that business pressures have made it impossible for him to devote as much time as he would like to it.

There is a potential problem in that the proposed format is 8½" x 11" reproduced directly from typewritten copy. At the San Francisco convention a few of us discussed this matter and Bill has since sounded out several collectors. Result so far is that not one of us is happy about the proposed format. The big hitch in sticking with the original format, the one used for the Third Edition and the earlier ones, is cost. It will be very expensive to use type set work and the limited printing of such a job will mean that costs per volume will be very high.

I wonder, personally, if there isn't some ^{area} ~~are~~ of compromise possible. My own second edition was produced by computer typesetting and the use of offset plates. I have seen other books produced by somewhat similar methods that were quite well done. We've got to resolve this issue soon if we want a fourth edition sometime in the next year or so.

Rounding Up Squared Circles in Topics.

Pressure of work and lost mail has caused the absence of our favorite column in Topics for the past several issues. Bill now expects to have the old column back in regularly scheduled issues of Topics, hopefully by the time you receive this.

This is good news to me as I had hoped that publicity in the column and in Topics would have helped bring our own group membership up to about the 90 to 100 level that I have expected. At present we are sitting at about 50 to 55 which is quite respectable but I know that there are probably around 100 of us who are really ardent Squared Circle collectors.

Lew Ludlow Moves Back to Japan:

Lew Ludlow has just informed me that his firm is transferring its Far East headquarters back to Tokyo, Japan. This will mean that we will be missing Lew at our conventions but Lew has assured me that he will not become a "drop-out". Mail will just take a little longer that's all. Lew let me know that his phone number in Tokyo will be 451 3579 and if you are ever over there just give Lew a call. Knowing Lew I know he'll be glad to talk and see you. From June 15th., then, Lew's new address will be:

Lewis M. Ludlow,
Gamlen Far East,
#6-17, Shibaura 4-chome,
Minato-ku, Tokyo 108 Japan.

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(I had to do that over, I had trouble the first time.) By the way, Lew has promised to keep up his popular column in Topics.

A Visitor From Overseas:

Member Stanley Cohen will be visiting Toronto June 10th to 12th and then will be visiting Quebec, Halifax, Montreal and Ottawa before returning to ~~Ottawa~~ ^{Toronto} around the 20th. He expects to stay in Ontario until close to the end of the month. Mr. Cohen, of course, is well known for his really outstanding collection/which includes the old Lew Ludlow collection and many outstanding items gathered together by Mr. Cohen.

Canadian Squared Circles

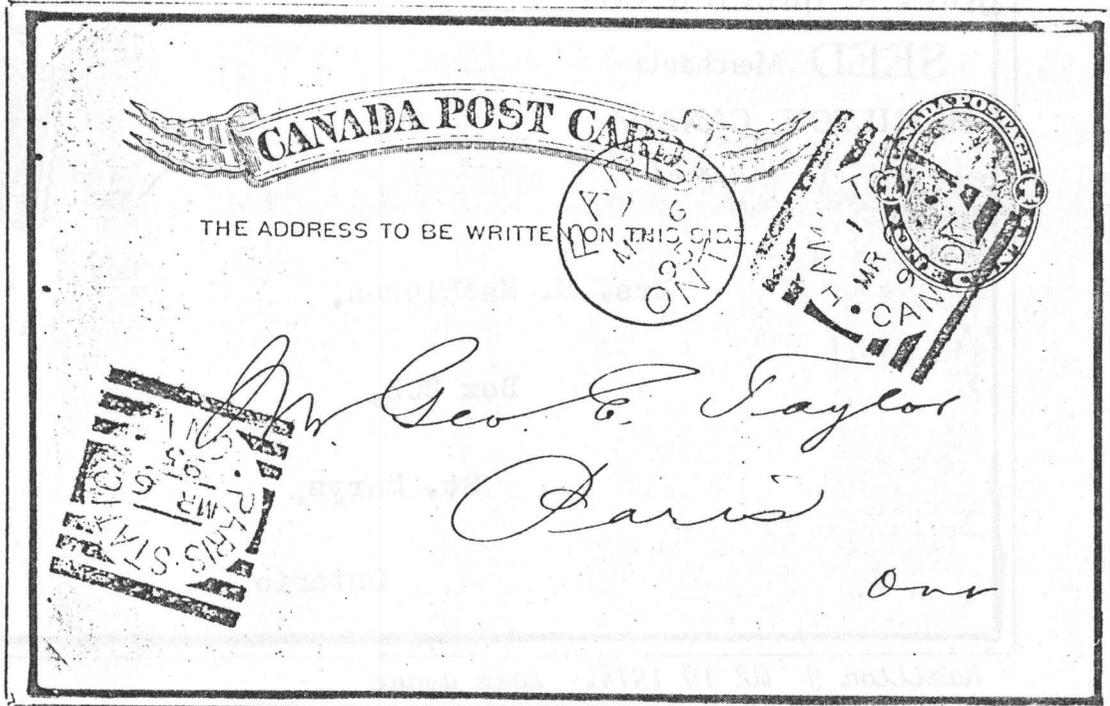
Hamilton Ontario



Hamilton 6



Hamilton 7



Hamilton 1 (1 AM) MR 6 95 Rarely seen

Ex Kemp.



Hamilton 8



Hamilton 9



Hamilton 10



Hamilton 11



Hamilton 12



Hamilton 13



Hamilton 14



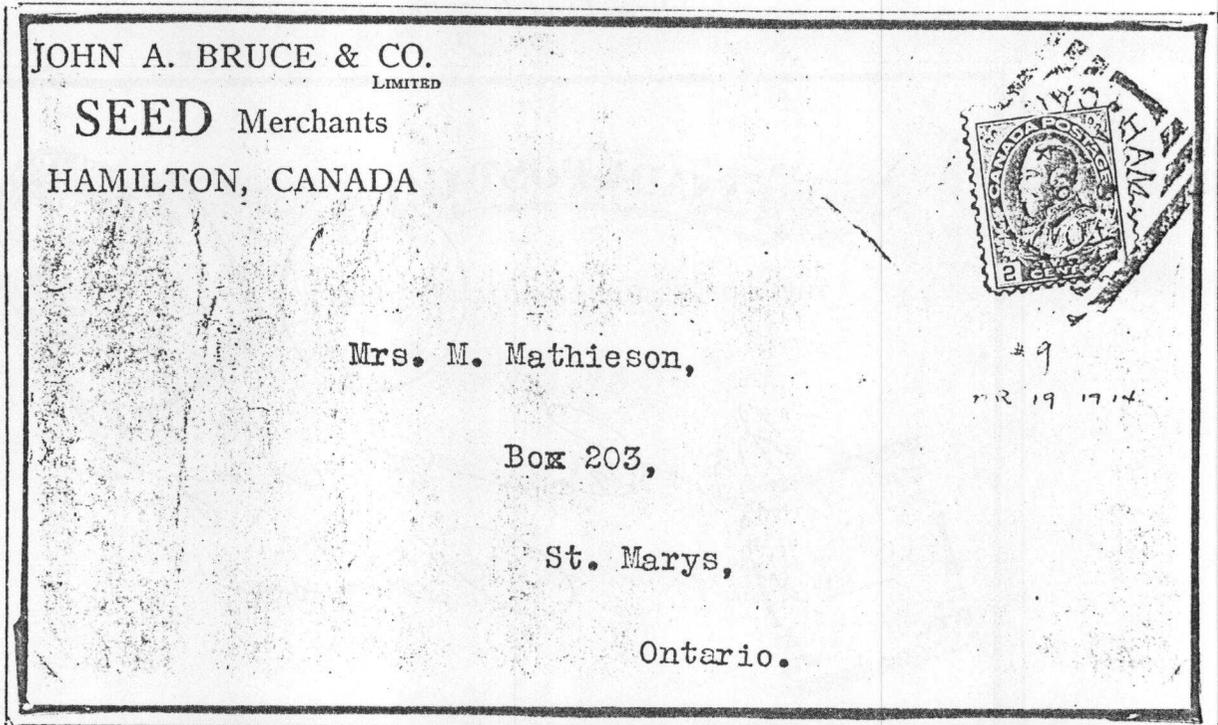
Hamilton 15



Hamilton 16



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Hamilton 9 MR 19 1914. Late usage



Hamilton 18



Hamilton 19



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Hamilton 22



Hamilton 23



Hamilton 24

Canadian Squared Circles
First Hammer:

Kingston Ontario



Kingston 1



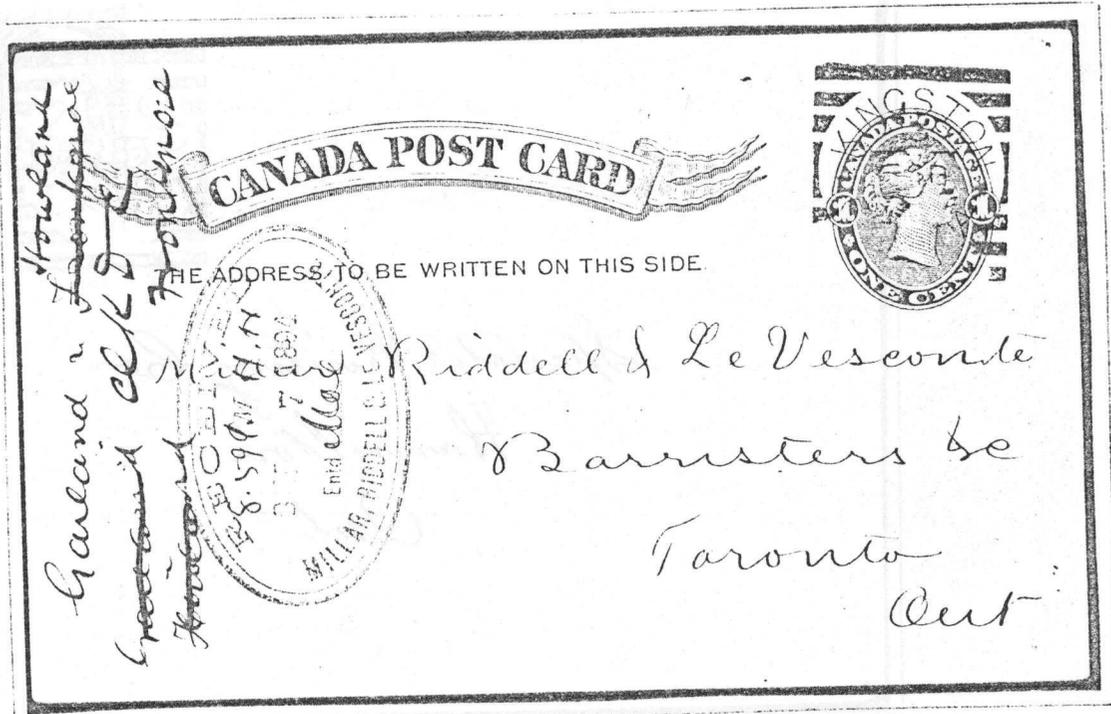
Kingston 2



Kingston 3



Kingston 4



Kingston 3 6 SP 1894

Second Hammer:



Kingston Blank



Kingston 1



Kingston 2



Kingston 3



Kingston 4



Kingston 04



Kingston 3
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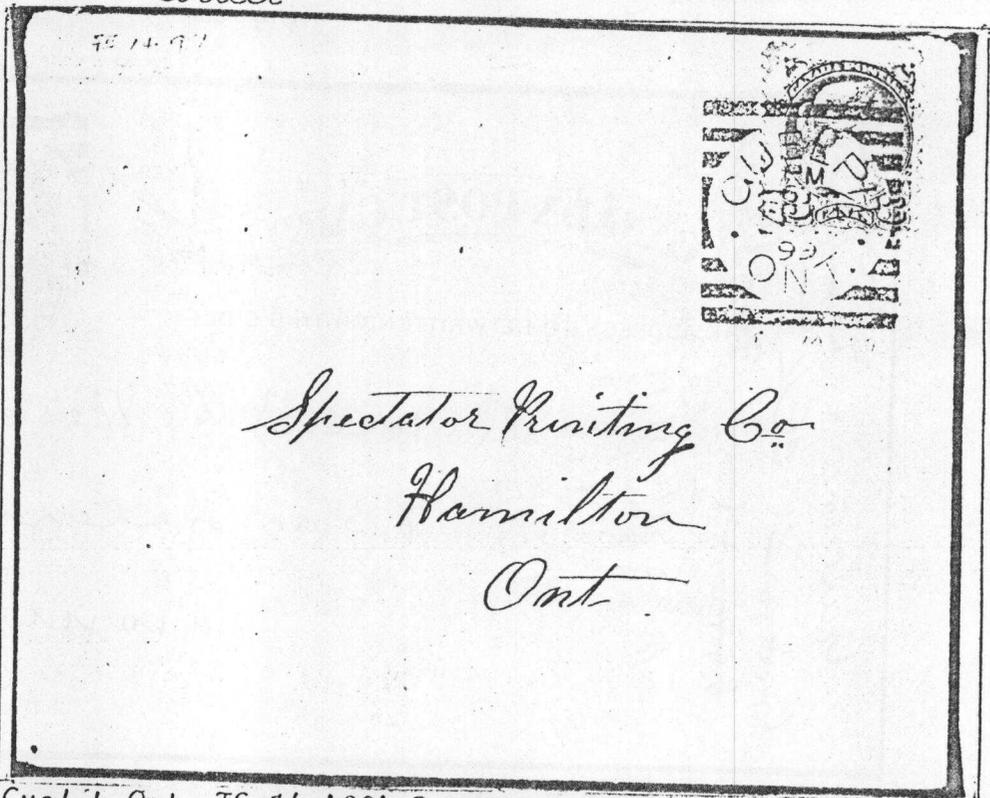


Kingston NT

Canadian Squared Circles A Guelph 'Year' error. Ontario
 On FE 13 96, the 'Year' became 99. No correction was made until FE 25 96.



Wed. FE 12 96 Thurs. FE 13 '99' Fri. Fe 14 '99'
 Correct



Guelph Ont. FE 14 '99' Received same day.



Sat. FE 15 '99' Mon. FE 17 '99' Tues. FE 18 '99' Wed. FE 19 '99' Thurs. FE 20 '99'



Fri. FE 21 '99' Sat. FE 22 '99' Mon. FE 24 '99' Tues. FE 25 '99' Tues. FE 25 96 corrected.

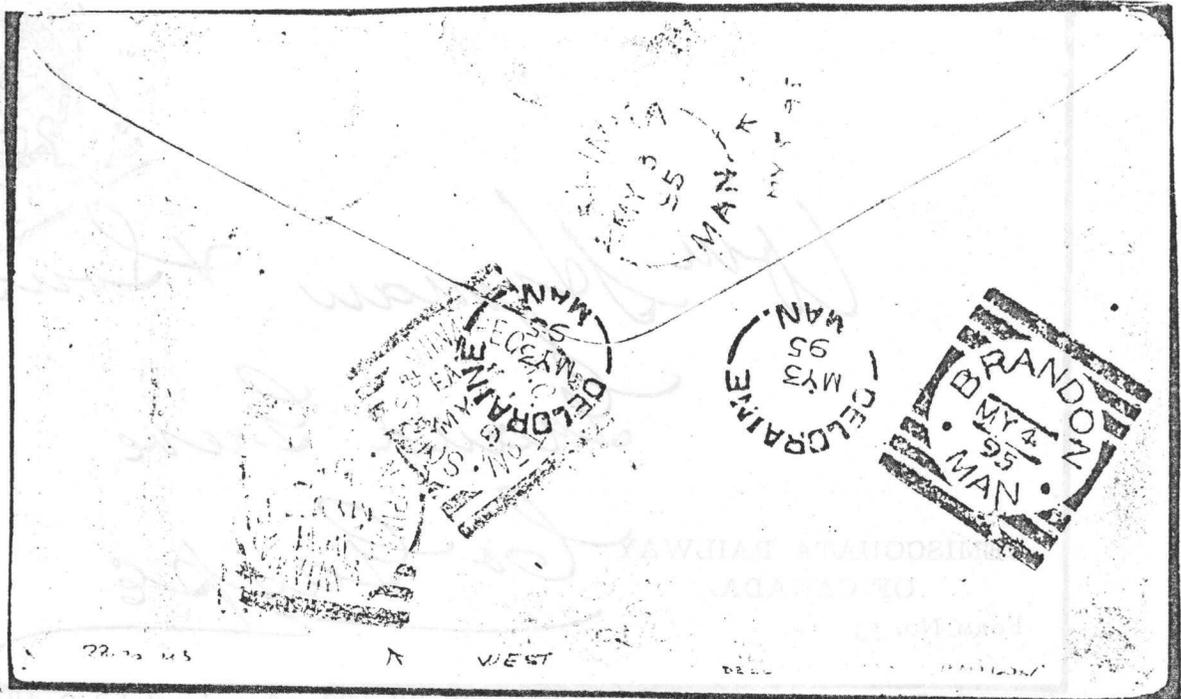
Canadian Squared Circles

Railroads

West.



Napinka & Win. No. 1 East Napinka & Win. No. 1 West Napinka & Win. No. 2 East.



Registered Deloraine to Brandon. It shows the rare Napinka & Winnipeg West squared circle. Mailed My 3 '95.



Souris & Win. No. 1 East Souris & Win. No. 2 East Souris & Win. No. 2 Earliest Souris & Win. No. 1 West



Souris & Winnipeg No. 2 Souris & Winnipeg No. 2

Canadian Squared Circles

Railroads

Quebec

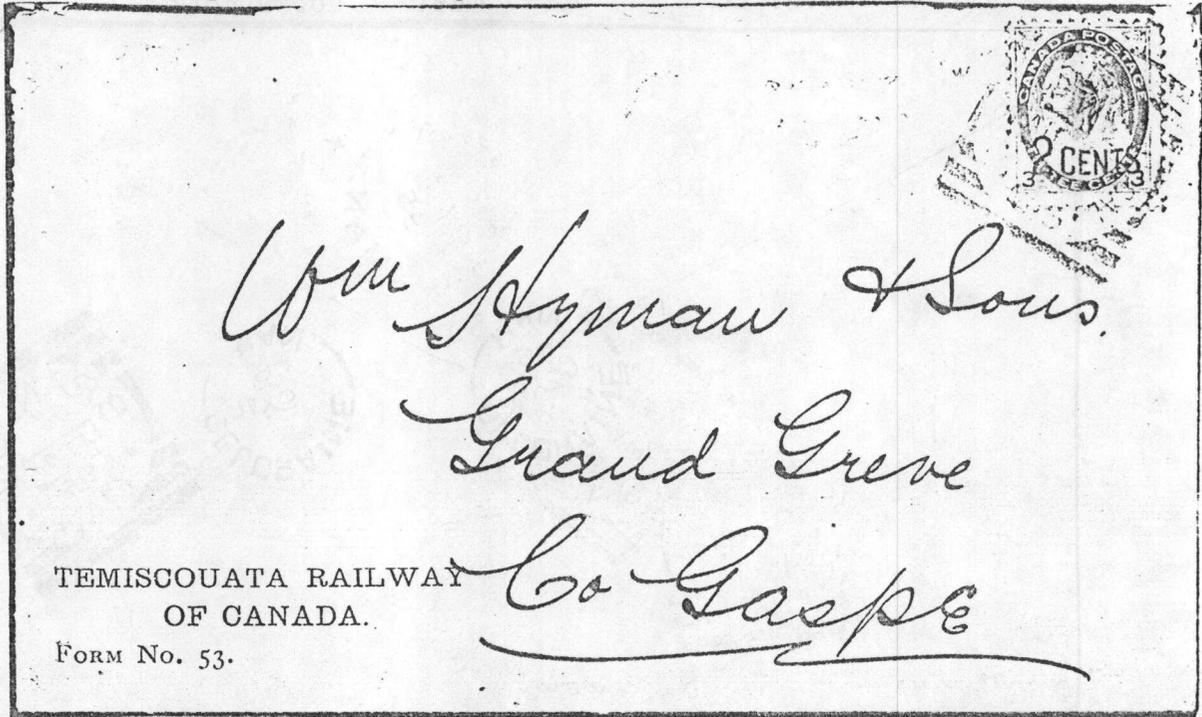


Que. & Camp.
No. 5 East

Que. & Camp.
No. 5 West

Que. & Camp.
No. 20 East

Que. & Camp.
No. 20 West



Que. & Camp. M.C. Local No. 5 W. All 30 '99. Received SP 2 1899



Que. & Camp.
No. 5 East
Second state



Que. & Camp.
No. 20 West
Second state



Que. & Camp.
No. 20 East
Third state



Que. & Camp.
'13' added
Fourth state



Que. & Camp.
'13' removed
Fifth state



Que. & Camp.
Middle section cut.
Sixth state

A New Book on The Squared Circles of Great Britain:

In the first issue of the Annex I displayed some examples of my own small holdings of Squared Circles from other countries around the world. While gathering that little lot together I quickly realized that the Squared Circles of Great Britain, in particular, would be a very interesting field of study, far more complicated than those of Canada. Stan Cohen is now in the process of writing a book on this subject and for this reason has not been doing too much with his Canadian Squared Circles with the possible exception of adding a unique copy of Clifton, NB on 3 Cent Jubilee. But just what can you do with a collection that is virtually complete? 304 towns, 290 on cover or card, most of the freak indicia, 231 Jubilee towns, 155 Map towns, 20 towns on registered letter stamps, Lambton Mills on cover, the Parliament Street Jubilee cover (error dated, 1896) and so on.

If you are interested in the Squared Circles of Great Britain at all the only book I know of that is presently available is entitled Squared Circle Postmarks, by W. G. Stitt Dibden. This is a second edition of the work originally published in 1964 and, while it is quite useful, it is not nearly as detailed as what has been produced on Canada's Squared Circles. It does have a few illustrations, to show types mainly, and is obviously a typewritten production produced by offset. There is a good listing of the various offices which used the Squared Circle device in one form or another. The book was obtained from Vera Trinder Ltd., 38 Bedford Street, Strand, London W. C. 2.

Perhaps Mr. Cohen will let us know when his book is available so that we may be the first to have copies of it on this side. Maybe we could even arrange to distribute copies to members.

Perfins, anyone?

A good friend of mine away up in Thompson, Manitoba has been trying to get me interested in a sideline collection of Perfins with Squared Circle cancellations. Have any of you seen any of these? It would appear that very likely only Montreal and perhaps Toronto would have Perfins in use in the Small Queens period around 1893 or so, but it is possible that these would show up on the later issues such as the Leafs, Numerals, Edwards and Admirals with Squared Circle cancellations.

While such a collection would not likely be very extensive it could be a very nice little sideline. Personally I have never seen such a combination but then I have done very little in Perfins since the days when I first began collecting and I considered all Perfin stamps as culls.

If you are interested in Perfins, either as a sideline to your own Squared Circles or as a field in itself, you can get more information on the international Perfins Club from A. N. "Butch" Pearson, 179 Deerwood Dr., Thompson, Manitoba R8N 1E4.

The Days of the Seven Day Week:

In these days we all talk about the five day week, the four day week and, in some cases, even the three day week. Back in the days of the Squared Circles, however, the six day week was the norm and some folks even put in an effective seven day week. The result is that many specialists

The Seven Day Week (cont'd.)

in Squared Circles have small sideline collections of Sunday dates. I am sure that most of you have means of determining Sunday dates, charts and tables of Sunday dates have been published in Topics and elsewhere, but if there is any real interest I could reproduce a few handy charts in later issues of the Annex.

Member B. C. Plain has made a study of his own collection for Sunday dates and is anxious to know just how many places actually did cancel mail on Sundays. To start the ball rolling here is his listing of 15 towns that did Sunday date Squared Circles:—

Belleville, Ont. Brandon, Man. Charlottetown, P.E.I. Cobourg, Ont. Halifax, N.S. Kingston, Ont. Ottawa, Ont. Owen Sound, Ont. Port Arthur, Ont. Peterborough, Ont. Rat Portage, Ont. Smiths Falls, Ont. St. John, N.B. Victoria, B.C. York St. Toronto.

There are others I know, anyone want to start extending the list?

Wolfville, N.S. Early Date:

Just the other day I received a Wolfville, N.S. strike dated OC 1 / 94. This hammer was proofed in Ottawa on SP 29 and couldn't possibly have arrived in Wolfville until the afternoon of SP 30 thus it is unlikely that the OC 1 / 94 date will be bettered. The interesting thing about this is that the eastern dealer who sold me this item, a member of our group, also sent along a letter from Bill Moffatt to the original owner pointing out just what I have said. A very nice piece of collateral material.

The Postal Museum:

Jim Kraemer, of the National Postal Museum, has become a member in his own name. I have been sending a copy of the Annex to the museum just as sort of an informational sort of thing but I have known that Jim Kraemer is a specialist in Squared Circles himself. Jim tells me that copies of the Annex are being put aside at the museum and will eventually be bound and kept on file for the information they contain. Be sure to visit the museum whenever you are in Ottawa; the exhibits are outstanding and the entire arrangement is impressive. Even this will be substantially improved when the museum moves to downtown Ottawa in 1978. At present the museum is out at Confederation Heights, just a short drive from town and accessible by bus if you happen to come out by plane and don't rent a U-drive. A number of squared circle hammers are part of the museum collection and when I was there at the opening a few years ago these were on display.

Jim tells me that arrangements are going along well for the housing of a full reproduction of the Pritchard & Andrews proofbook, now at the Philatelic Foundation in New York, at the museum. This will be a companion piece to other proofbooks from the same firm that the museum now has.

This, by the way, is an area of research for someone who has both the time and the necessary proximity to Ottawa to follow up. As I mentioned in an earlier issue it would be nice if we had photocopies of all proofs of Squared Circle hammers so that we could have undamaged original hammer strikes for our own purposes. These would make wonderful material for our own listings which we hope to start reproducing in the Annex by next fall.

Membership List:

Please fill in and return the blank form enclosed with this issue so that we can give all the members a full breakdown on membership interests, areas of study, etc., as quickly as possible.

GREMLINS DISCOVERED IN ENGLAND

COLIN BANFIELD OF ENGLAND WAS
THE ONLY READER TO REPORT A
GREMLIN IN THE ANNER OFFICE
HAD MISSED PAGES 61 + 62. HE
EVEN SENT ME A BEAUTIFUL
SILVER JUBILEE MAXIMUM CARD
TO LET ME KNOW. (THANKS COLIN, G.F.H.)

HERE THEY ARE WITH THIS ISSUE
ALONG WITH PAGES 67-78.

YOUR EDITOR, TYPIST, OFFICE
BOY, XEROXER, ETC. HUMBLY
APOLOGIZES - TIL NEXT
TIME!

P.S. WE'VE GOT A NEW XEROX 4500
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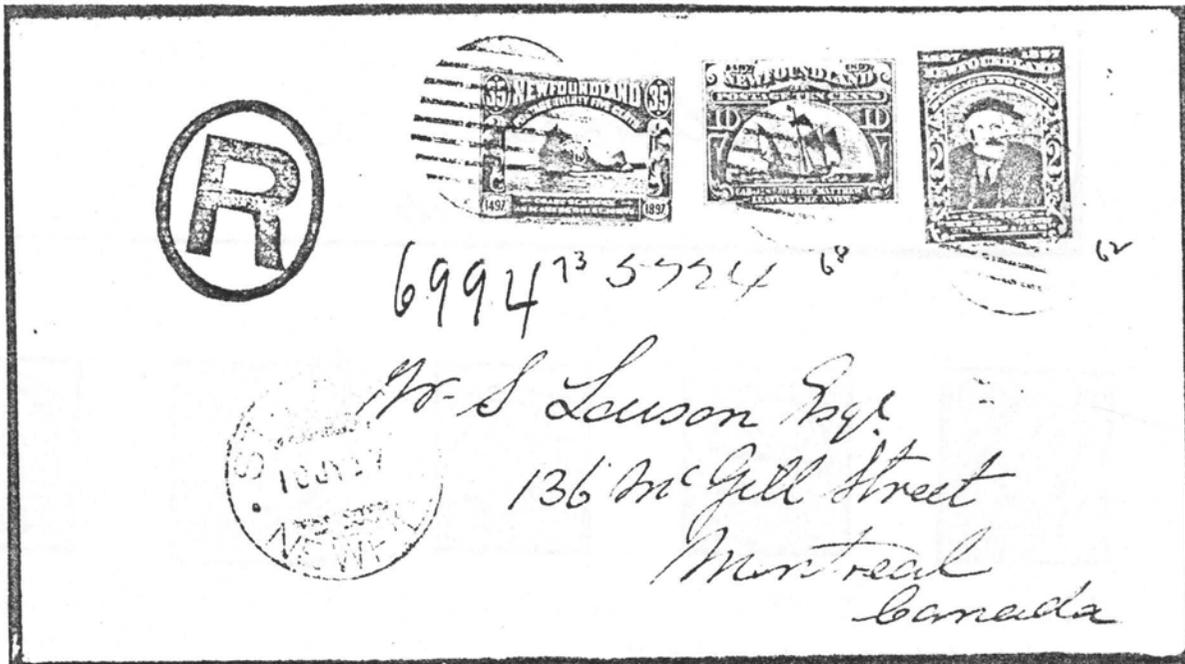
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ST JOHN'S NEWFOUNDLAND DATE 10 JULY 97 BAIN STAMPED WITH SIGNATURE POST MARK MONTREAL
JY 16 12 97. KNOWN FROM JULY 24 97 TO 24 97



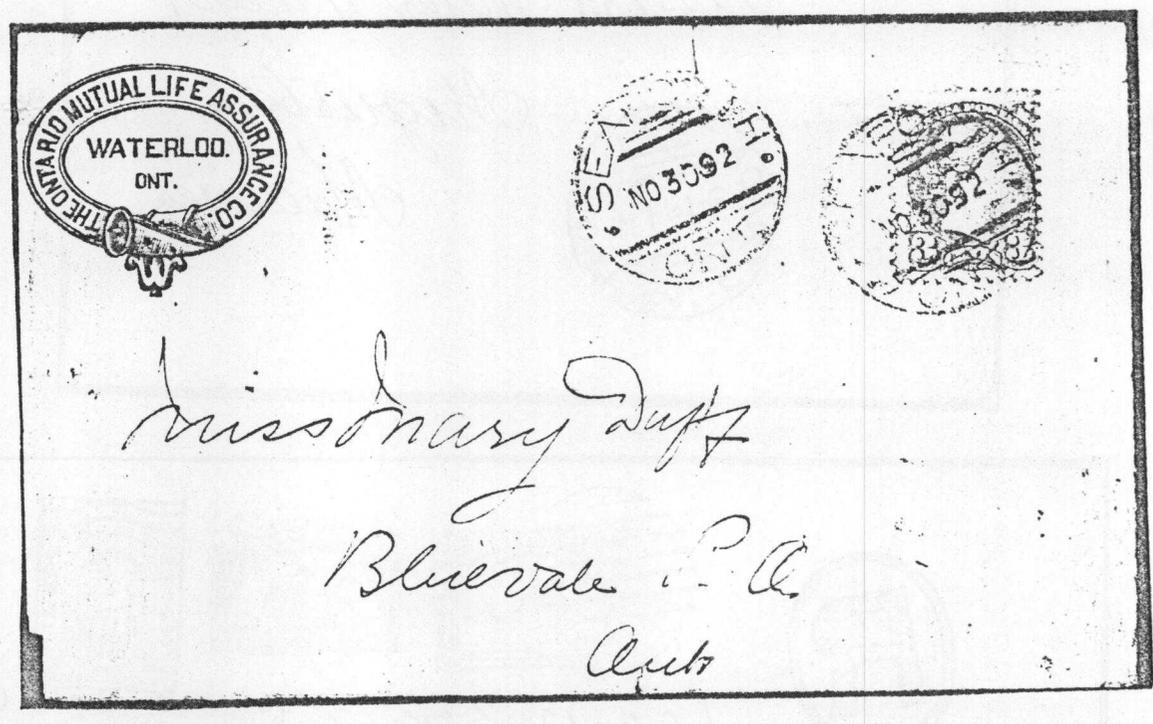
HAMILTON
JA 15 1872



HALIFAX
15 10 1872



LONDON
MR 15 1872



SEAFORTH



OTTAWA
JA 15 1872



ST JOHN'S
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FE 18 1872



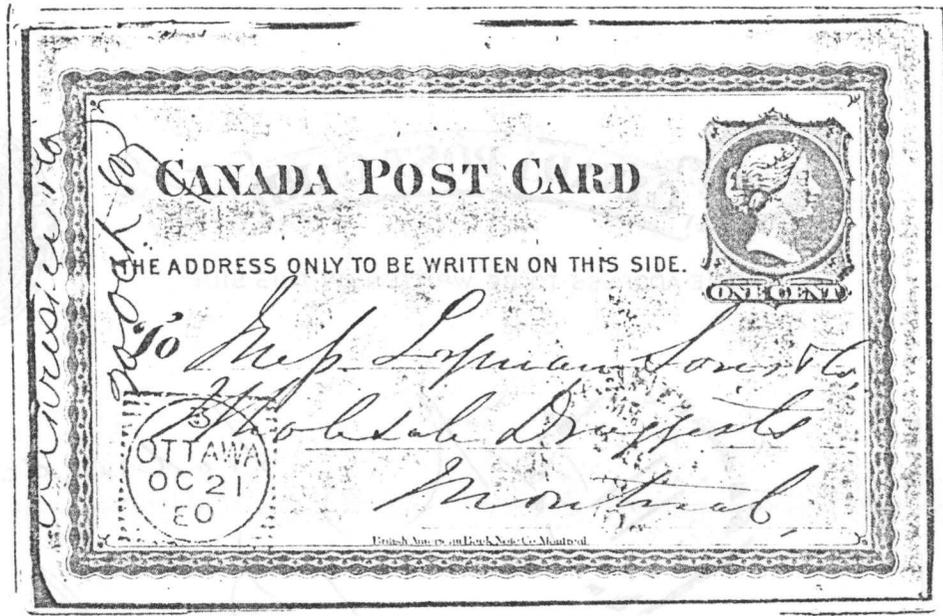
TORONTO
JA 15 1872



WINNIPEG
JA 15 1872

THE 1872 POSTMARKS USED IN THESE TOWNS, WE INCLUDE ST JOHN'S NEWFOUNDLAND, SEAFORTH AND LONDON ARE MARKS IN USE FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

Canadian squared circles



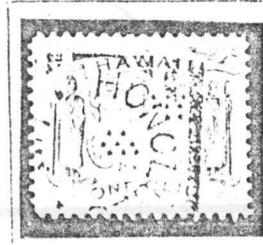
Ottawa 1880



Ottawa 1881

In 1880 and 1881 Ottawa used what could be called the precursor to the later squared circles of Canada. They are not common.

On June 15 1893, a larger hammer with thin bars came into use. Philatelists named it a 'squared circle'. On April 26 1893 another hammer with thick bars was issued. 310 post-offices received them. Some towns acquired more than one. Being hand-made, all cancelers can be easily identified.



As seen in the late Dr. Whitehead's book on the squared circles, Honolulu, in the Hawaiian Islands, used a similar hammer from 1894 to 1897.

CANADA POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



M. J. Andrews, Esq.

Burlington

Onto

Paris

Postcard Property of Graham Noble



G. S. Taylor, Esq.

Lawrence

Mass

Upton Ont