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Back Issues, Now Completely Sold Out:

When the study group was first organized back in 1976 and I was made an editor of our newsletter it was thought that there would be somewhere around 100 active Squared Circle enthusiasts who would join the group. For this reason each printing of the Annex was limited to 100 copies. Over the years there have been about 80 to 90 members of the group and, once in a while, a member or two would ask for an additional copy of a particular issue for some reason or another. The extra copies were kept, and as new members joined, they were sent all back issues so that all members would have complete sets of the Annex.

There are now no more back issues available. When the last issue which contained those pages of improved strikes from Gary Arnold went out they caused a bit of a flurry and a run on the back issues which has resulted in the end of the lot. The last sets sent out went over to England, the result of member Jack Benningen picking up several interested readers overseas while he was at the annual CPSGB convention in Hove. From now on new members will be able to obtain only a current issue and, perhaps, if they join after we have commenced Volume Three, a copy of this issue and any subsequent ones as they come out.

Dues Are Due:

The foregoing has reminded me that this is, indeed, the last issue for Volume Two and that most of you will have to send along membership renewals if it is your wish to continue to receive the Annex. For Volume Three, the next six issues, the fee will be \$5.00. Some of you have already remitted for the new lot and I am sure you know who you are. Make cheques payable to me at 375 Jefferson Avenue.

BNAPS 1979:

BNAPS 1979 was held in Quebec City this past fall and was most enjoyable. We were able to hold a Squared Circle Study Group meeting at which the main topic was the future release of the fourth edition of the Squared Circle Handbook. The fact that Bill Moffatt was unable to attend, he was in Brazil on business for his company, meant that the writer was given the task of contacting him to find out if and when the manuscript for the fourth edition would be ready for publication. In talking to Bill on his return from Brazil I was promised a copy of the manuscript, already prepared in Bill's own writing, so that I could either get it typed or else forward it to Mike Dicketts, Chairman of BNAPS handbook committee, for preparation for printing. I'm still waiting, Bill.

Next year BNAPS will be held in McAllen, Texas and, from all reports we have received from Lee Brandom and Barry Shapiro this should be a very interesting meeting. Barry is one of our more enthusiastic members and is listed as Co-Chairman of the event. There will likely be a very definite Squared Circles flavor to this gathering I hope. The move from Houston to McAllen was dictated by the high cost of hotel accommodations in Houston and the knowledge that McAllen would likely cost no more than about one half Houston for accommodations and meals. . . BNAPS, like many other recreational groups, is feeling the pinch somewhat of the changed economical climate and is trying to attract members to its conventions by offering them at a reasonable cost.

Innocent Hanki-Panky, What Is It Worth To You?

A few years ago the Postal Museum opened at Ottawa and one of the most interesting displays was a collection of hammers used in bygone days to cancel the mails. Prominent in this display were several Squared Circle hammers. When I was at the museum I took note of these and later wrote back for copies of strikes from these hammers. These were sent to me and I put them aside as curios. If I remember rightly the hammers were from Nassageweya, Palmerston, Grafton, Gore Bay, Waterloo and, I think, one other town that escapes my memory right now.

When I was at BNAPS in Quebec City I noted more than one dealer selling sets of these proof strikes from the postal museum at what may or may not be fair prices, depending on where you sit on the matter. There is a problem with this, tho, and that is that these strikes will get scattered about in various collections and many will not know the true story behind them.

Several years ago Mike Squirrell, a member of our group, found the Gore Bay hammer and made a number of strikes from the hammer on card which he gave away quite freely to a number of collectors. I saw these at Quebec City, too, priced in more than one dealer's stock and, in one instance at least, thought to be quite genuine material for serious collecting.

Many years ago, in the early 1950's, Dr. Alfred Whitehead found the old Baie Verte hammer in circumstances not unsimilar to those surrounding Mike's find. I have in my collection a nude strike on cover from Dr. Whitehead to H. M. Dilworth, at one time a very well known Squared Circle collector; this cover bears a JUN 23, 53 strike of BAIE VERTE.

In 1963 the old Waterloo, Ontario hammer was found and, before it was turned in to the Postal Museum, the hammer was used again to cancel a number of First Day Covers of the Mail Land Route stamp of that year on SE 25/63.

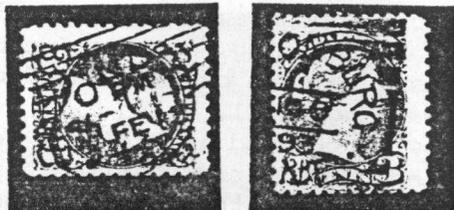
Victoria, B.C. is known with a fake hammer which has been found on only two stamps, neither of which are Canadian. Victoria, Hammer IV is still listed on many want lists I receive from fellow collectors even though it has been exposed as a fake. Is it an oddity or a very scarce item most of us would give considerable cash to possess?

There are other fake Squared Circle cancels known, notably HIGH STREET Toronto, Ontario known on a fake high value Jubilee.

Some collectors have not been averse to improving their own strikes of some Squared Circles. The London and Tilsonburg examples shown here are rather crude and obvious examples of this. Peterborough, Ontario showed up several years ago as Peterborough, Canada when a neophyte collector improved his strike but did not know that it was Ontario not Canada.

This year Red Deer, Alberta held a stamp show and used a rubber stamp to produce a clever version of the Squared Circle hammer used in that town. What do you think of the cover illustrated here? If this strike were removed from cover and offered to you as a 79 error for 97 would you be fooled?

In the broadest sense all of this is hanky-panky of the most innocent sort but when it appears on the market what is it worth to you?



Do you know of more of this type of material? Shouldn't we ask the Postal Museum to somehow identify the strikes they send out to those interested so so that these items will not be accepted for anything more than what they are? Are we to congratulate Red Deer on a job well done or censure them for producing what may be a dangerous fake? Are you as worried as I am, about the efforts made by a few collectors to "improve" their own cancellations? These last aren't dangerous, they are obvious, but these efforts can ruin some really good material.

PROOF STRIKE UPDATE

The six " Group A " proof strikes listed in the August, 1979 ANNEX have now been accounted for. The following illustrations and discussions pertain to these hammers.

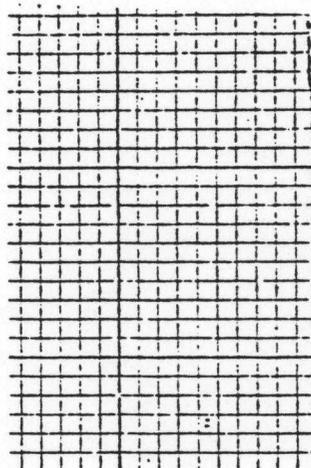
1. The HALIFAX SECOND HAMMER was in the proof book copies but was overlooked in the compilation of the hammers. The proof strike is shown to the right.



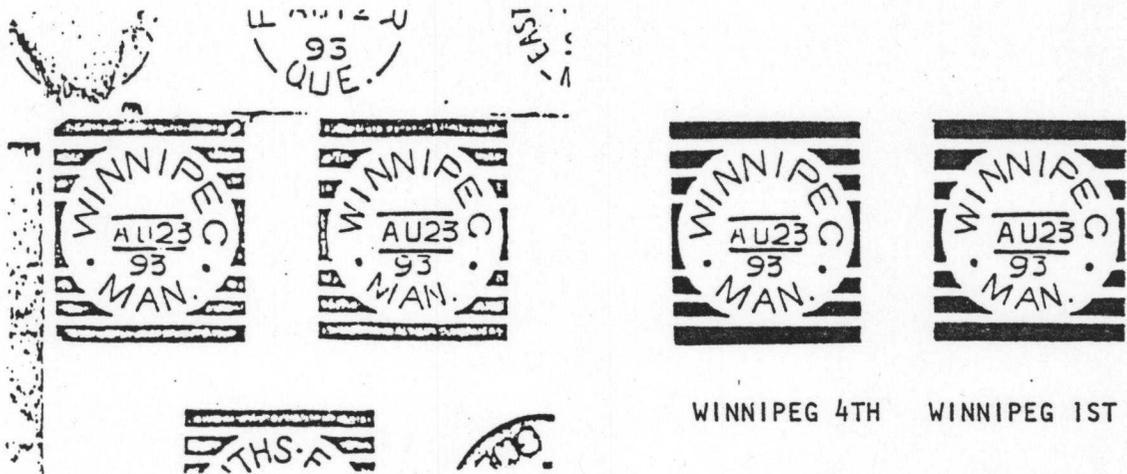
2. The PORT HOPE and GRETNA hammers are in the proof book but were not included in the copy obtained from Mr. Campbell. He graciously rechecked his "original" copy and forwarded the missing sheet. The original and retouched strikes are below.



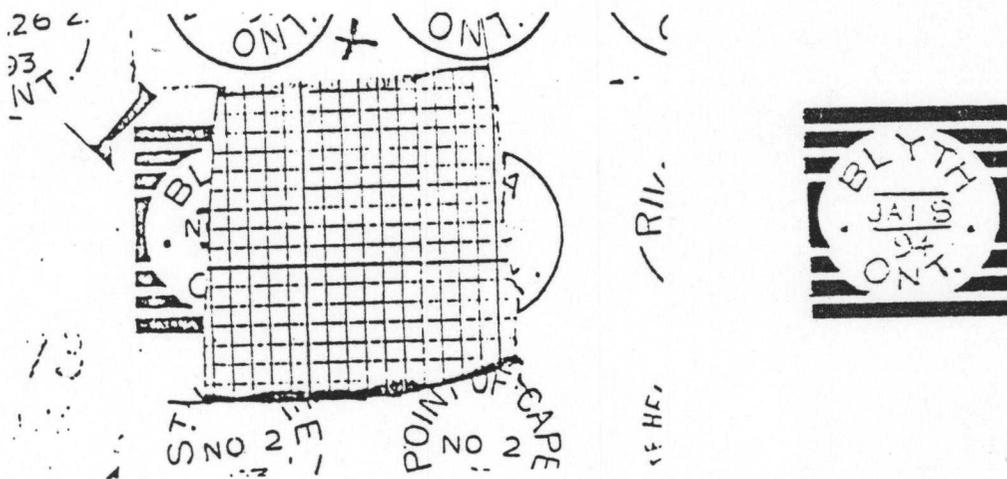
3. The WINDSOR, ONTARIO strike evidently was removed from the proof book after viewing by Mr. Boggs and before the photocopy was made for Mr. Campbell. The illustration to the right shows the likely area where the strike was placed, next to the ST. CUNEGONDE strike, which was proofed the same day as the WINDSOR, ONTARIO hammer



4. The WINNIPEG FOURTH HAMMER was proofed on the same day as the first hammer, August 23, 1893 and not on August 28, 1893 as noted in the Handbook. The original and retouched strikes are shown below.



5. The partial strike of the BLYTH, ONTARIO strike from the proof book is shown below. Mr. Campbell has sent a photocopy of a later strike traced off a cover, which is also included below.



TYPE 2 SQUARED CIRCLES

SUB-TYPES 2,3, AND 4

The following is a brief study of the sub-types 2, 3, and 4, based upon a photocopy of the P&A proofbook strikes. The proofbook copy is a "third generation" photocopy, and coupled with the fact that the new hammers did not take ink well, the strikes noted on the next few pages as "very slight" may or may not be the sub-types noted. Hopefully, collectors with complete strikes of these hammers can provide additional insight and information.

SUB-TYPE 2 - TOP BAR CONCAVE ON ITS LOWER EDGE

According to the text in the Squared Circle Handbook (page 7), there are eight (8) hammers of this sub-type; however, from the handbook listings there are eleven (11) hammers designated as sub-type 2.

FARNHAM, QUEBEC
ARNPRIOR, ONTARIO
CORNWALL, ONTARIO
VANCOUVER, B.C.

DUNNVILLE, ONTARIO
GLAMMIS, ONTARIO
PRESCOTT, ONTARIO
NAPINKA & WINNIPEG (2ND)

THAMESFORD, ONTARIO
NANAIMO, B.C.
MORDEN, MANITOBA

Analysis of the proofbook strikes indicates that the following hammers may also be sub-type 2

PORT WILLIAMS, N.S. (1)
HAGERSVILLE, ONT. (1)
REVELSTOKE, B.C. (2) (Proof strike not included below)

ST. GREGOIRE, QUE. (2)
ESTEVAN, ASSA. (2)

SUTTON, QUE. (2)
SHERBROOKE, QUE. (2ND) (2)



(1) VERY SLIGHT - MAY BE A SUB-TYPE 2

(2) CLEARLY A SUB-TYPE 2

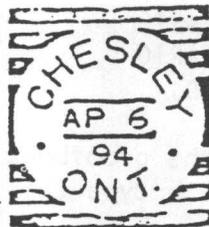
SUB-TYPE 3 - BOTTOM BAR CONCAVE ON ITS UPPER EDGE

The Squared Circle Handbook text indicates that there are twelve (12) examples of this sub-type, including the following:

MONTREAL, QUE. (2ND)	GORE BAY, ONTARIO	WOOLER, ONTARIO
BOBCAYGEON, ONTARIO	LAKEFIELD, ONTARIO	MEDICINE HAT, ASSA.
BRANTFORD, ONTARIO	ROSSEAU, ONTARIO	TORONTO-BLEECKER ST.
WINNIPEG, MAN (3RD)	GEORGETOWN, ONTARIO	NAPINKA & WINNIPEG (1ST)

Analysis of the proofbook strikes shows that the hammers listed below may also be sub-type 3.

HALIFAX, N.S. (1ST) (1)	RIVIERE DU LOUP STA. (1)	HAMILTON, ONTARIO (1)
BUFORD, ONTARIO (1)	PORT PERRY, ONTARIO (1)	LONDON, ONTARIO (2)
CHESLEY, ONTARIO (2)	WATERFORD, ONTARIO (1)	KINGSVILLE, ONT. (2)
WINNIPEG, MAN. (2ND) (1)	ST. JOHN, N.B. (1ST) (2)	



- (1) VERY SLIGHT - MAY BE A SUB-TYPE 3
- (2) CLEARLY A SUB-TYPE 3

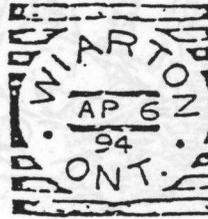
SUB-TYPE 4 - BOTH TOP AND BOTTOM BARS CONCAVE RESPECTIVELY AS IN
SUB-TYPES 2 AND 3

The Handbook text indicates that three (3) hammers are of the sub-type 4 variety while the listings denote six (6)

COBDEN, ONTARIO	SOURIS & WINNIPEG, M.C. (1ST HAMMER)
PORT HOPE, ONTARIO	SOURIS & WINNIPEG, M.C. (2ND HAMMER)
ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO	QUE. & CAMP. M.C. LOCAL (2ND HAMMER)

The proofbook strikes indicate that the following hammers are also likely sub-type 4

MELBOURNE, QUEBEC (2)	WIATRON, ONTARIO (3)
KINGSTON, ONTARIO (2ND) (3)	PRINCE ALBERT, SASK. (2)



- (2) CLEARLY A SUB-TYPE 4
- (3) CLEARLY CONCAVE AT TOP BAR, VERY SLIGHT AT BOTTOM BAR
- (4) CLEARLY CONCAVE AT BOTTOM BAR, VERY SLIGHT AT TOP BAR

The Red Deer Cachetted Cover:

Here are the back and front views of the Red Deer, Alberta souvenir cover produced for their Stamp Sale 2 held in the latter part of October, 1979. This is truly well done with just enough points of difference to make it quite obvious to a knowledgeable collector.

There is no "." between the D's of RED . Deer.

The strike is quite coarse and appears to be from a rubber stamp.

The ink used is wrong.



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Do you see other differences?

The Rest of the Proof Strikes:

Gary Arnold has found those missing proof strikes we discussed in the previous issue. These strikes are one sided in this issue. Gary has also