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NOTES ON THE DECEMBER, 1992 ANNEX ISSUE

Study Group member Ted Kerzner sent along the following comments, additional information and corrections on the information contained in the December Annex. My best efforts in checking for previous reports sometimes aren't good enough and Ted is always astute in providing corrections.

PRECURSORS - One has to be careful in distinguishing Hammer III from Hammer IV and it is easier to confuse the two than the simple diagrams in the Handbook would suggest. The latest confirmed date I have for Hammer III is DE 28 P5/00; the latest confirmed date I have for Hammer IV is MR 29 A9/03. If the Hammer III referred to in the December Annex is, in fact, Hammer IV, then it is certainly a late date of use, but not the latest date of use. mte.

In terms of JA 7/03 being a late date of use of any of the five Montreal hammers, that is no longer correct. The MY 17/04 date in Bill Moffat's notes for Hammer V is, in fact, noted in the Handbook but in the text on page 248, where updated information to February, 1981 is included.... I have recorded ten additional dates beyond DE 26/02, with the latest being JY 15 9A/04, which would be the latest confirmed date of any on the Montreal hammers.

WHYCOCOMAUGH - Just to complicate matters even further, I can add to the confusion -/AP 12/99. Life would be a lot simpler if the PM/NO 1/97 is a missread or misprinted NO 11/97, which would then be consistent with a brief experiment with AM/PM time marks during the theoretical period DE 4/97 to AP 11/99.

RIVER LOUISON - A third strike for 1901 is confirmed, -/AP 1/01.

MONTREAL (HAMMER I) - The earliest use of numerical time marks can be advanced further to 6/AP 14/94.

VICTORIAVILLE - A poorly struck /99 can look like /00. Either way, it is certainly a new latest date of use.

ALMONTE - The date AU 11/69 certainly advances the Handbook commencement date of this error, but my note on page 331 of the Annex (October, 1985) advances the commencement date to AU 1/96. ✓ 9-22-98

IROQUOIS - I have AP 6/00 which may indicate at least AP 6-MY 5 use of the configuration.

Revised
NOTES (CONTINUED)

LEAMINGTON - I can add DE 7 to what is now a list of four examples of the inverted year indicium. Do Moffat's notes indicate any normal /95 indicia? (ED. one is noted: -/OC 5/95) If so, can anyone suggest an explanation for the errors appearing over so widespread a period of time? I would have thought that once the indicium was changed at the beginning of the year, it would not likely be changed again until the following year (unless there were times during the course of the current year that the indicium was removed to be cleaned).

SARNIA - To add to the confusion, I can report -/DE 30/98 and PM/DE 31/98 as well as a -/JY 23/99.

SMITH'S FALLS - Depending on the inking and the deflection on the strike, it is too easy to read an overinked or deflected OC as the type of error that was reported (small "o" for the C in OC).

YORK STREET - I think it more correct to say to say that the Handbook reports the use of AM not on the two dates referred to, but during the period commencing MR 8/94 and ending MY 28/94. There are, however, all sorts of other AM usages, including AU 16/94. Virtually everything in the Handbook regarding York Street time marks needs revision.

I think that the AM/PM time marks were used contemporaneously. The morning clearance being significantly scarcer that the PM clearance. The reported or recorded dates for AM are fewer and give the erroneous impression of being distinct periods of use within 1894-96 rather than being continuous and contemporaneous with the use of the PM time mark.

DELORAINÉ - There are four other 1900 usages known: JA 2, JA 6, JA 8 and FE 19.

6-12-99 [NANAIMO - I am aware of a third error, AM 22 OC/04, with the day and month being inverted.

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BOB CORLESS

Study Group member Bob Corless of Phoenix, Arizona, passed away on February 15, 1993. Bob was an active stamp collector for more than sixty years and, in addition to his active membership in BNAPS, was affiliated with the Phoenix Philatelic Association, the Arizona Philatelic Hall of Fame, the Arizona Philatelic Rangers and the American Philatelic Society. Bob was a life member of APS, serving as a director and vice president for two terms, an accredited judge and a member of the APS Speakers Bureau.

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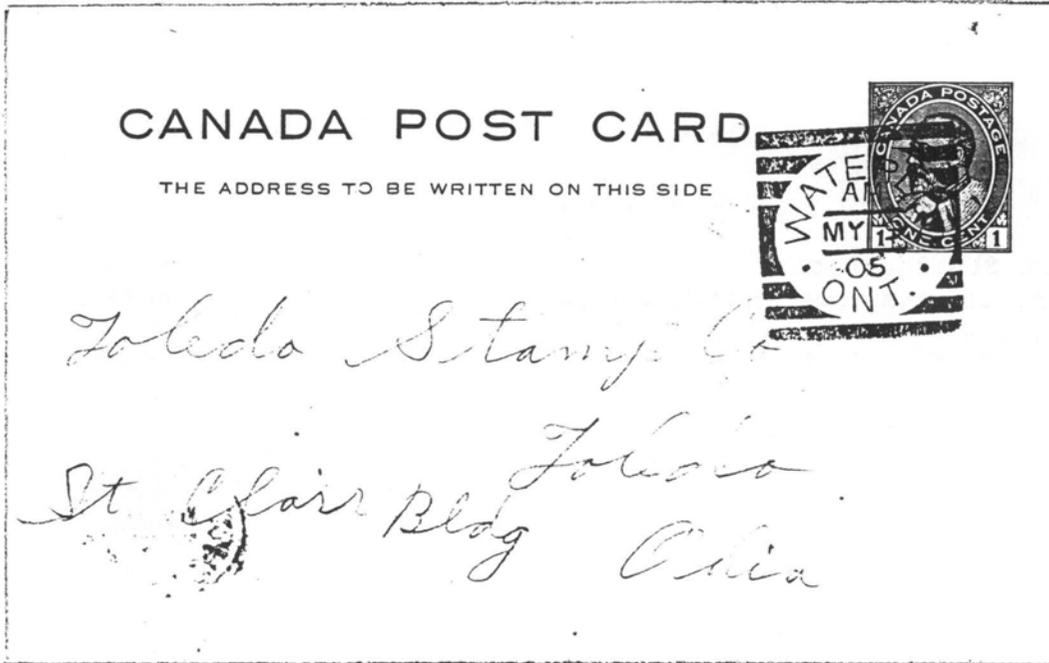
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GRIMSBY, ONT. PM/MR 27/99
(From Stanley Van Allen)

WATERLOO, ONTARIO

In addition to the comments on the December Annex, Ted Kerzner sent the photocopy of the WATERLOO, ONT. strike shown below and included the following comments:

" I recently acquired the enclosed WATERLOO, ONTARIO AM/MY 9/06. Because of the inking of the /06, it gives the impression of being /05. There is no doubt, however, that it is /06. This is apparent on a closer look under glass, but definitely confirmed by the clear /06 receiving backstamp in Toledo, Ohio. If the report in the Handbook is correct, this would be the third reported use in the 1905-06 resurrection of the hammer. It seems to me to be too much of a coincidence that the first clearly dated 1906 strike seems to be the same time mark and the same date as the only 1905 strike reported in the Handbook.



It is tempting to conclude that the Handbook strike reported for 1905 (if it was based on this card) is , in fact, a misread and that this revival of the hammer was in 1906 only.

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The next issue of the Annex will begin a short series on contemporary cancellers used during the Jubilee period. Joseph Smith has compiled a nine page listing from his "hoard of cancels on Jubilees". In upcoming issues, I hope to have additional articles from Jim Miller on the ORBS. I can also use additional material from members for future issues of the Annex.