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In September I attended the BNAPS convention in Vernon, B.C. and had a most enjoyable time. The weather was great, and one of the highlights was the dinner cruise on Lake Okanagan on board an old ferry-turned-sternwheeler. The exhibits were plentiful and first-rate (there were no bronze awards), and I was able to garner a gold for my Steamboat Mail in Eastern Canada. I met a few of the members of this Study group for the first time, and was thus able to put faces to people I have talked to on the phone. One new member, Christopher Anstead, is also a member of the RPO Study group, and he is presently working on a new version of the Transportation Handbook. This includes a much needed reorganization of the Steamer section. More on this in future issues.

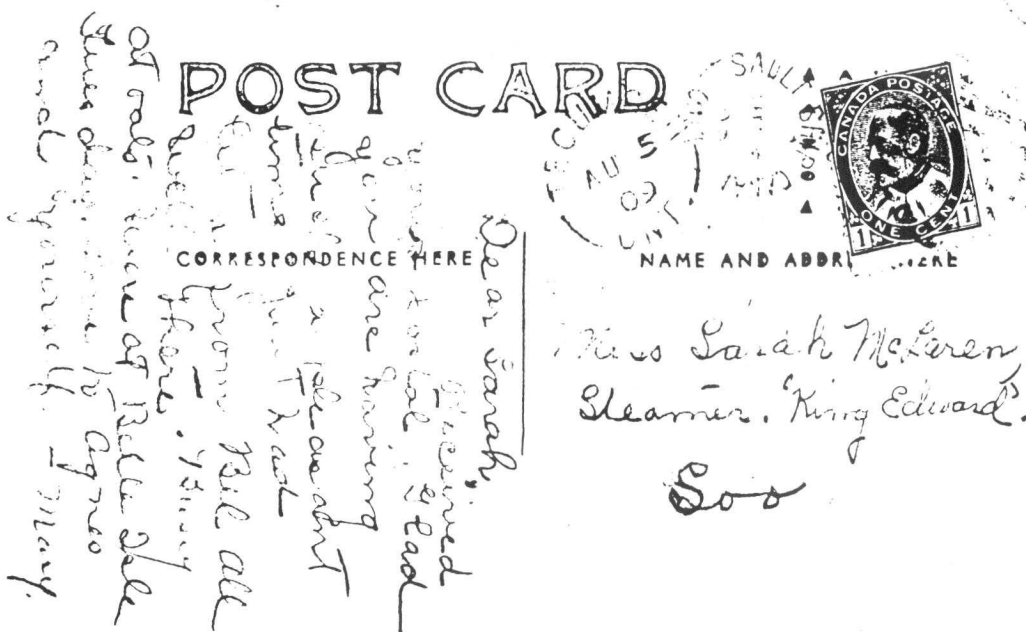
One of those little computer "bugs" crept into the last issue, namely two Item 12's. Please renumber the second Item 12 through Item 15. This issue will begin with Item 17. As mentioned in the June newsletter, this present issue would be more, or less, devoted to the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company, thanks to Bill Walton. Other members have sent in different material, and I currently have the makings of a good showing of Lake Erie mail for the next issue.

Member List

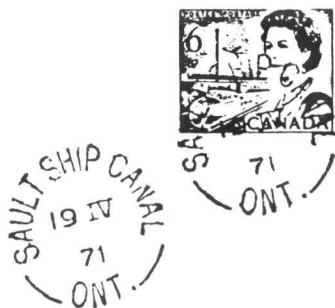
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Item 17. Response to Item 12 Early Sault Ship Canal Handstamp

Seeing Doug Lingard's SAULT SHIP CANAL / ONT. postcard in the last issue prompted Bob Smith to send in the following card, showing the earlier SAULT SHIP CANAL / ONT. broken circle postmark (18½ mm diameter). Bob's card shows a real photo of the Tecumseh, Ontario post office. It was mailed on August 5, 1909, addressed to a woman on the Steamer *King Edward*, at the Soo. The *King Edward* was a vessel of the Algoma Central Steamship Line. The Sault Ship Canal receiving mark is dated August 6, 1909, just a few months after this post office opened. Bob notes that this marking is known only up to July 20, 1910 in Bruce Graham's *Ontario Broken Circle Postmarks* book. I don't ever recall seeing an "outgoing" Sault Ship Canal card or letter. Bob also writes that the May 28, 1910 c.d.s. date on Doug's card is the earliest he has seen for that device.



Bob continues with his observations on the second broken circle hammer. "diameter 21 mm, was proofed on January 21, 1928, but I do not have any early strikes of this one. In fact, Bruce (Graham) records early and late dates of observed usage as January 12, 1971 to December 29, 1983 - dates upon which some of your readers can surely improve. A photocopy of a piece dated April 19, 1971 is enclosed".

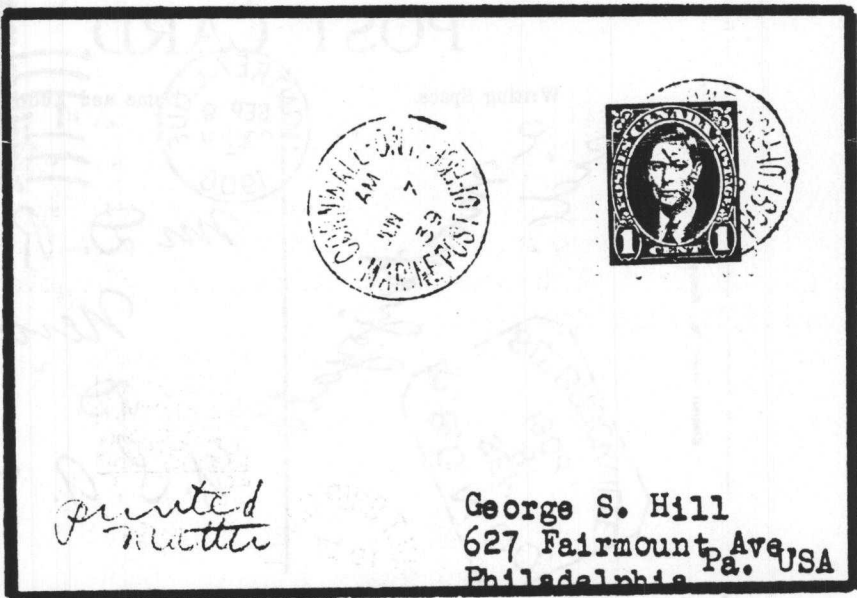


Below is the one and only example I have of the second Sault Ship Canal broken circle dater. Was it used only occasionally, with the c.d.s. doing most of the work? I am aware of two other Sault Ship Canal handstamps from the proof books. One, a c.d.s., was proofed on May 11, 1940. The other is a boxed marking, proofed on February 10, 1942. I do not have photocopies of either.



Item 18. Cornwall Marine Post Office

Bob Smith sent in the following item showing an early date of the Cornwall Marine Post Office c.d.s. Bob writes, "The Cornwall Marine post office was opened on April 24, 1939, and according to Robert Kitchener, a collector of Stormont County postal history, was situated in the Canal Office between Locks 15 and 17. It was closed permanently on June 30, 1962. A circular datestamp reading CORNWALL•ONT. / •MARINE POST OFFICE• was proofed on April 15, 1939." Bob's example is dated June 7, 1939. Bob notes his cover is a complete cover - the typing suffering from the THINK AHEAD syndrome. Other Ontario marine post offices were located at Iroquois, Port Colborne, and Thorold. Can readers show examples from any of them?



Item 19. Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company handstamps.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

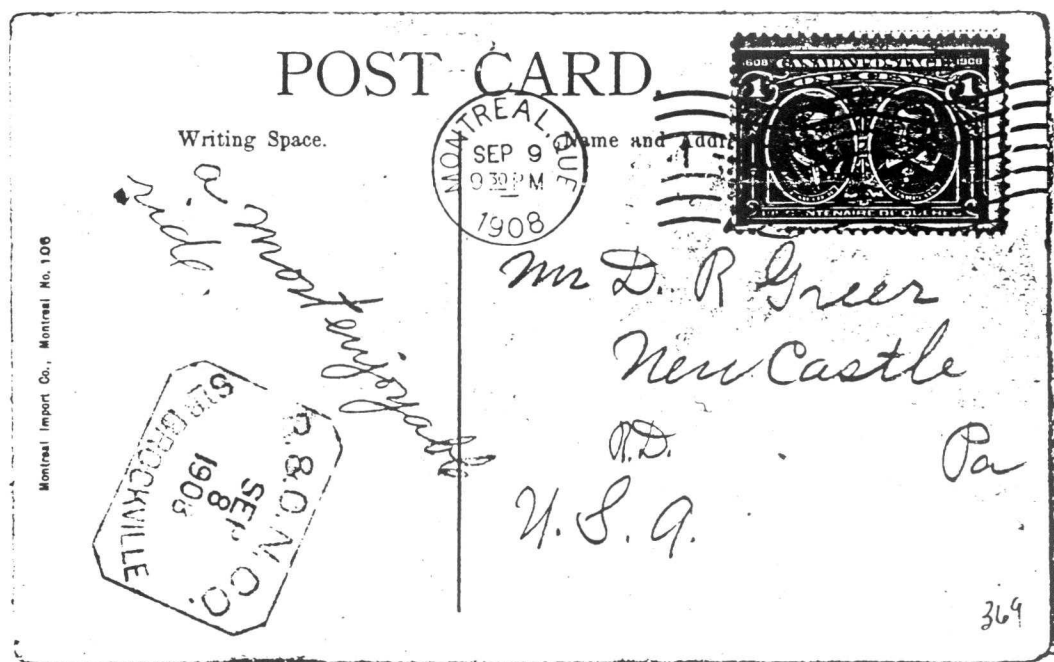


Fig. 3

We start out with some early R & O N handstamps that I have never seen on cover. Figure 1 is copied from the Jarrett *Stamps of British North America* book. Figure 2 is the reporting copy of the steamer **CAROLINA**, while figure 3 is one I acquired from Alan Steinhart, which confirmed it was the Richelieu Company. Bob Lee's most recent sale had an example of the **CAROLINA** dated SEP/20/1896. Unfortunately, this too was a partial strike. So we dont know what the whole thing looks like yet.

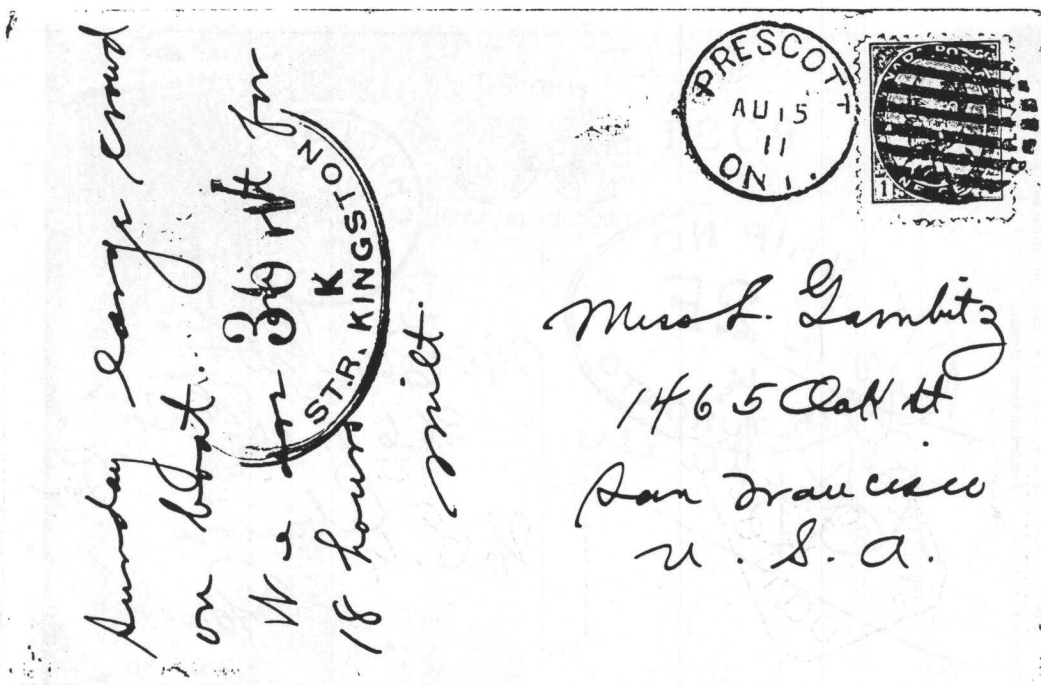
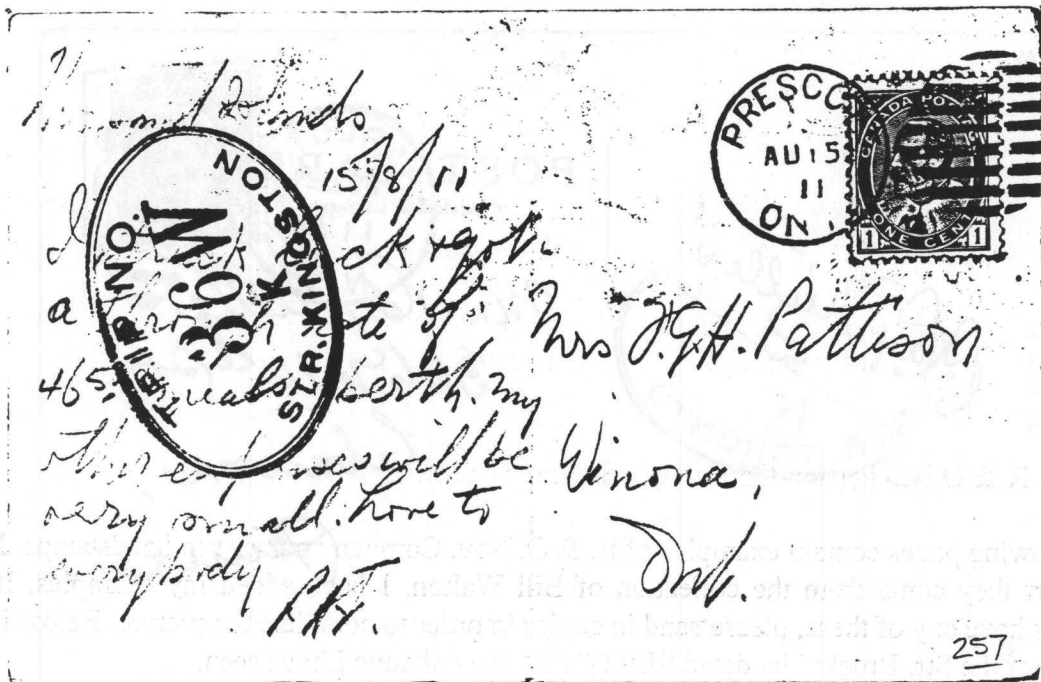
Item 20. R & O Navigation Company - Steamer Brockville

The following pages contain examples of R. & O. Nav. Company purser/trip handstamps. For the most part they come from the collection of Bill Walton. I have added my examples. If other members have any of these, please send in copies in order to complete the picture. Below is Bill's example of the Str. Brockville, dated SEP/8/1908, the only one I have seen.



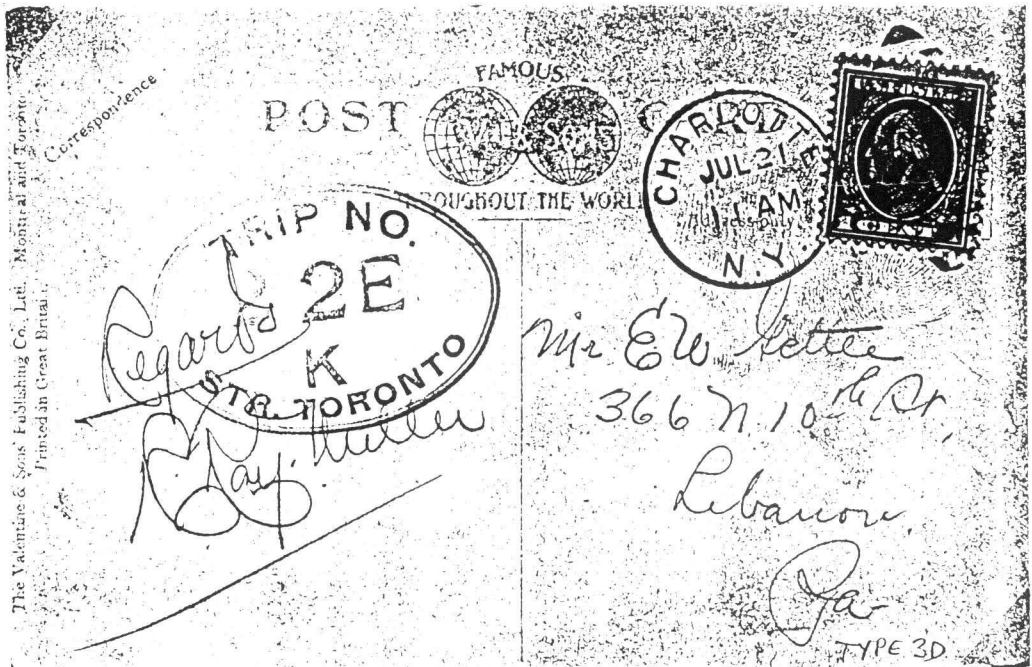
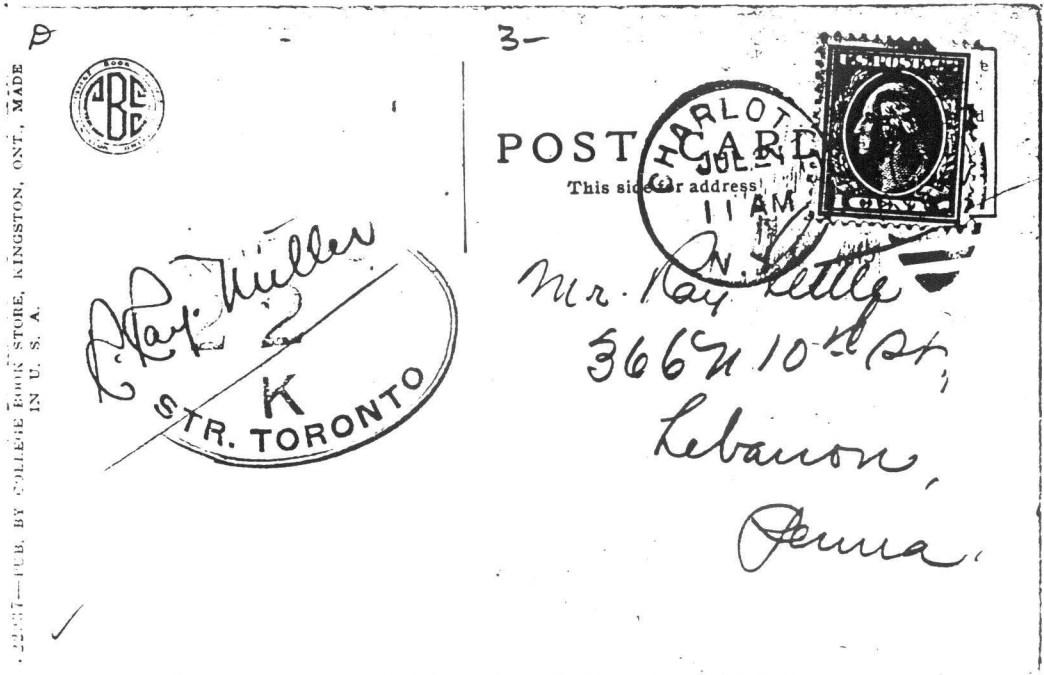
Item 21. R & O Navigation Company - Steamer Kingston

The paddlewheeler *Kingston* was built by the Bertram Engine Works at Toronto for the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company. She and the steamer *Toronto* sailed from Toronto to Rochester, Kingston, Alexandria Bay, Brockville and Prescott. Both cards below were on the same trip (36W), handed in at Prescott on AU 15, 1911. The card immediately below is Bill's and is headed "Thousand Islands". The one at the bottom is from my collection.

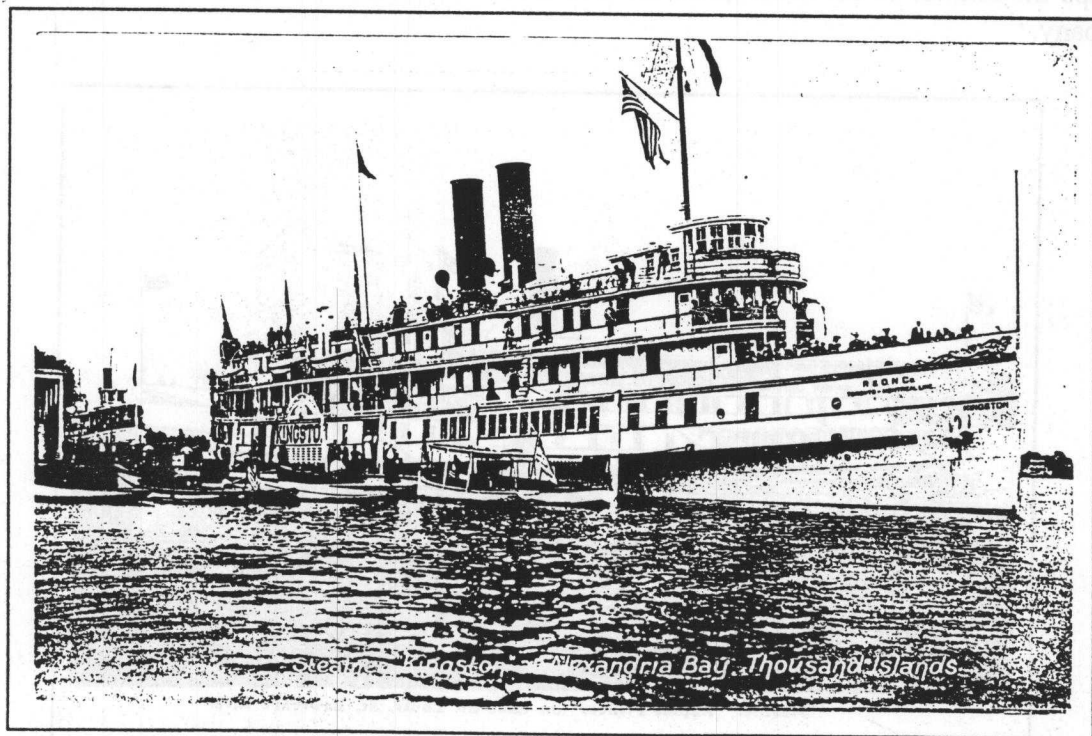
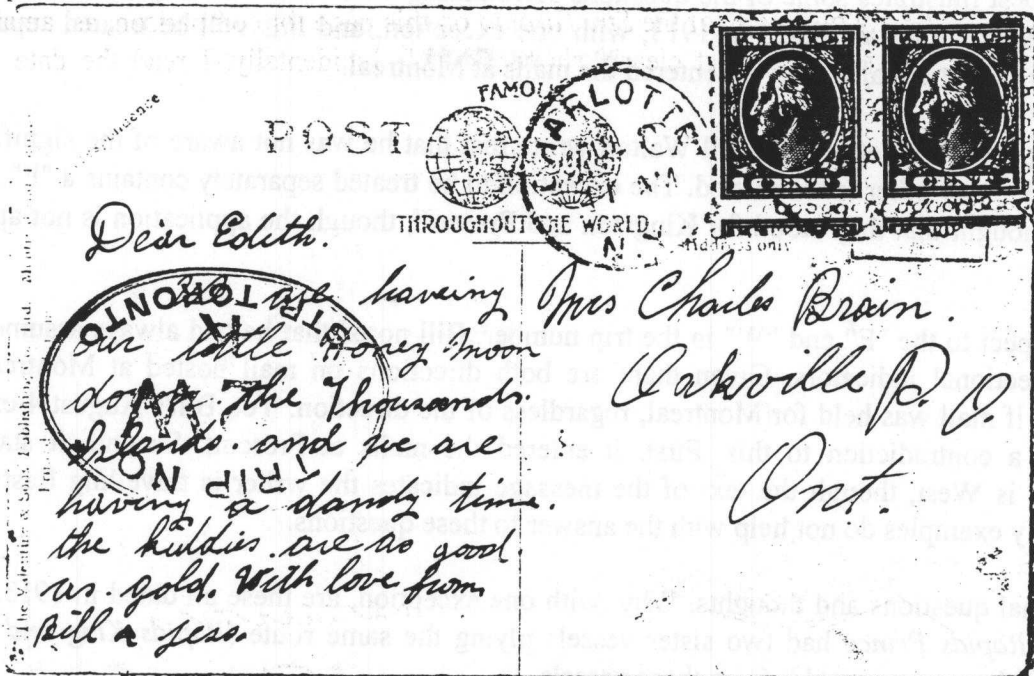


Item 22. R & O Navigation Company - Steamer Toronto

Directly below is one of the *Str. Toronto* cancels that Bill sent in. Bill noted the date at Charlotte, New York as July 21, 1915, and further noted there was no trace of a direction character after the 22. I have included my own copy of the *Str. Toronto* on this page for comparison, as, amazingly, it is the same correspondence, yet clearly shows an "E". Incidentally, I read the date on my example as July 21, 1910.



Here is Bill's second example of the *Str. Toronto*. Again, it was posted at Charlotte, New York, the port of entry for Rochester. Bill believes the date is July 2, 1915, but could be 1913. He also believes there is a faint trace of a character before the 2W.



Steamer Kingston at Alexandria Bay, Thousand Islands

Item 23. R & O Navigation Company - Steamer Rapids Prince

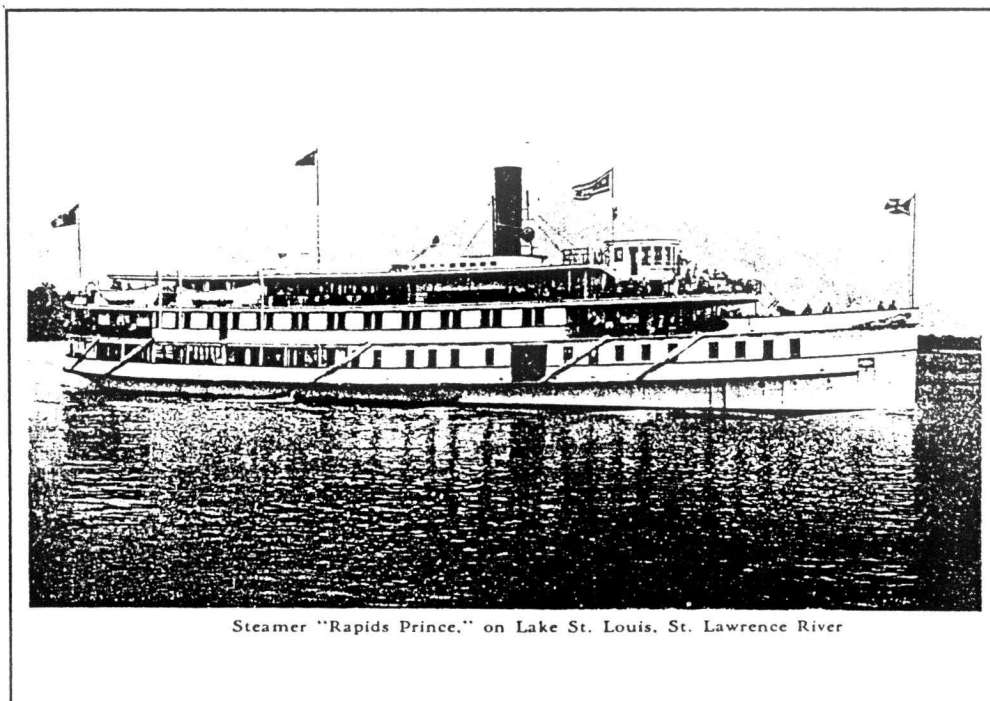
This next series of cards from the *Str. Rapids Prince* represents the most common marking, by far, and best illustrates some of the questions surrounding the R & O N Company's handstamps. All of the examples are dated in 1913, with one exception, and this will be treated separately. With one exception, also, they all entered the mails at Montreal.

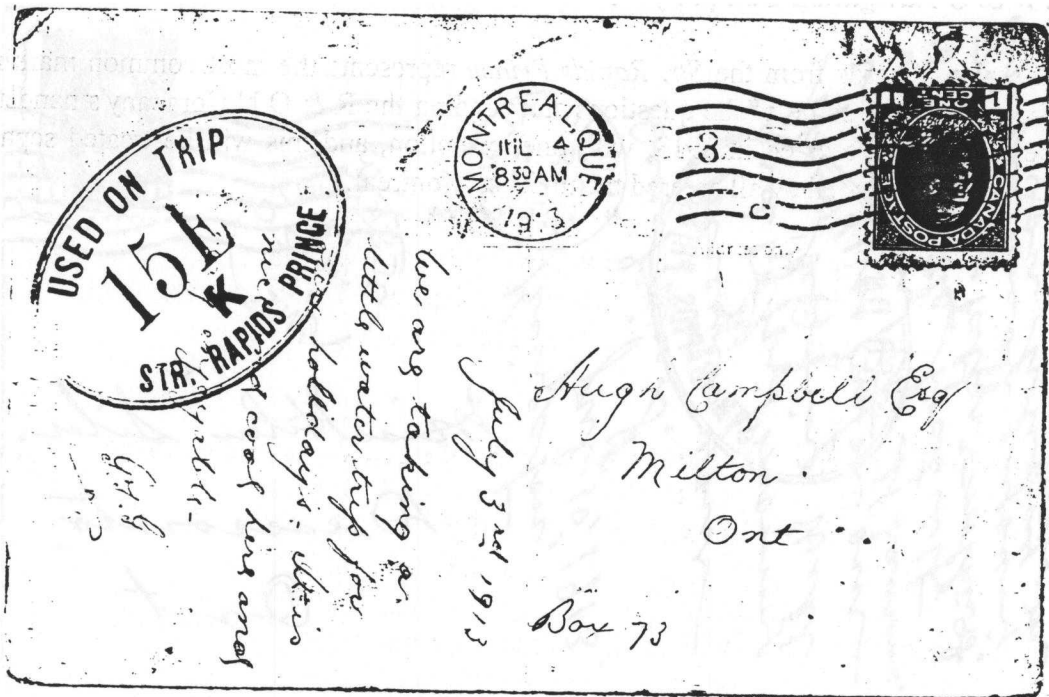
With respect to the letter "K", Bill Walton wrote that that he was not aware of the significance, nor whether any other letter existed. The exception to be treated separately contains a "P". I have always thought that they stood for **K**ingston and **P**rescott, though the application is not apparent to me.

With respect to the "E" and "W" in the trip number, Bill noted that he had always assumed they were directional indicators. Given there are both directions on mail posted at Montreal, Bill wonders if mail was held for Montreal, regardless of the direction. Yet, Bill's August 4 example presents a contradiction to this. First, it entered the mails at Prescott. Second, it states the direction is **W**est, though the text of the message indicates the writer is travelling East on the River. My examples do not help with the answer to these questions.

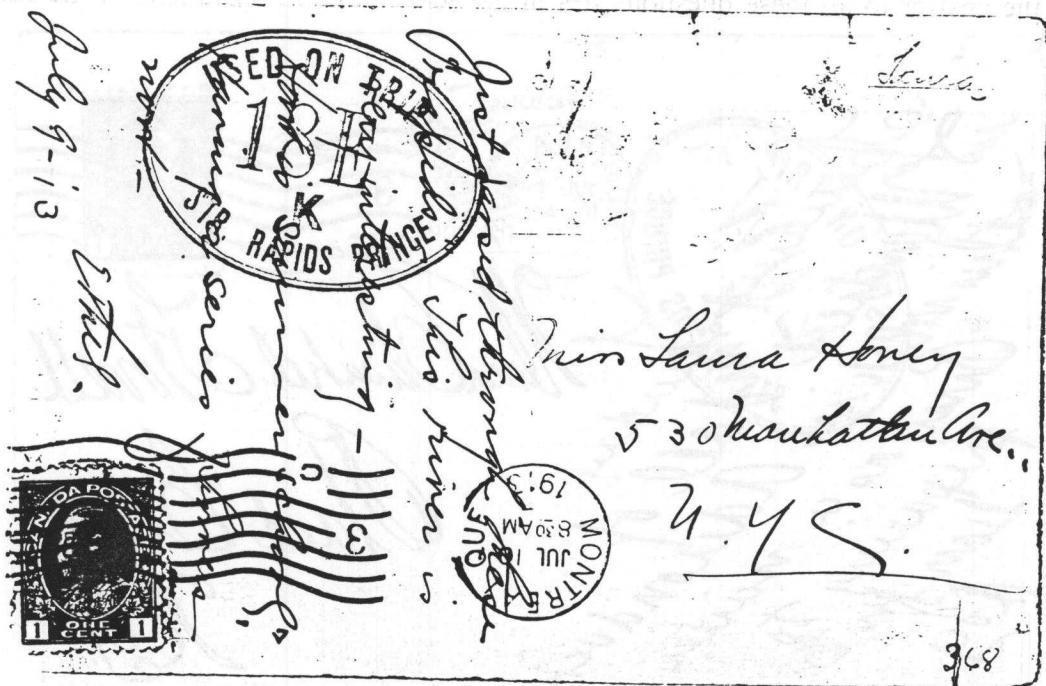
Some final questions and thoughts. Why, with one exception, are these all dated in 1913. Given that the *Rapids Prince* had two sister vessels plying the same route (*Rapids King* and *Rapids Queen*), where are examples from these vessels.

Perhaps the answer to all these questions lies in the schedules and operations of the R.&O.N. Company.

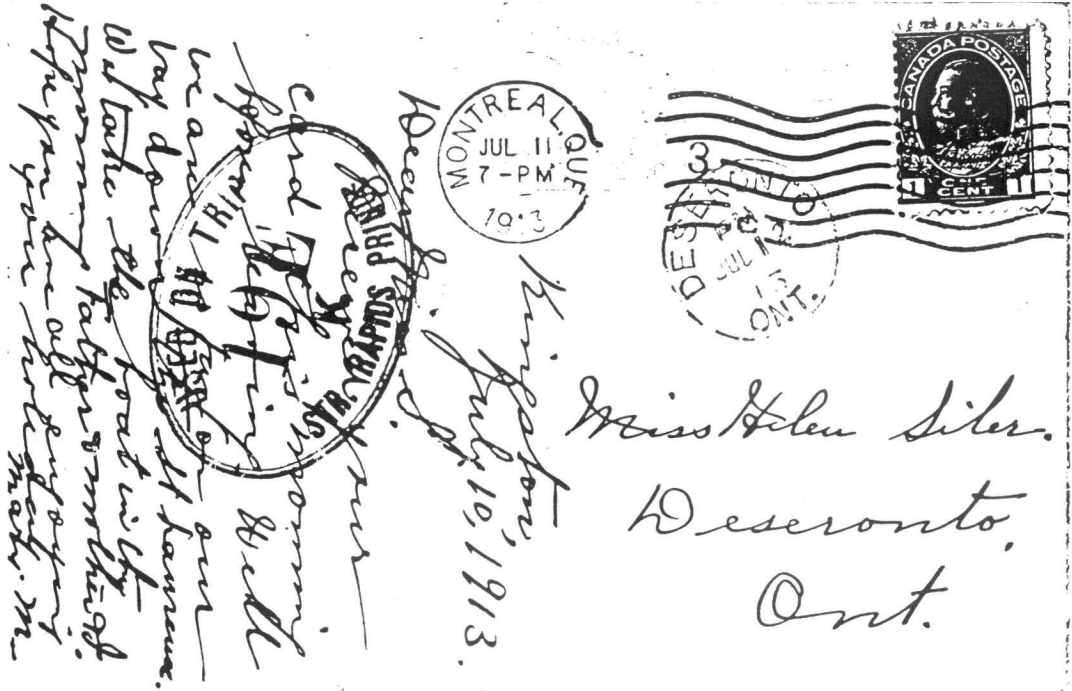




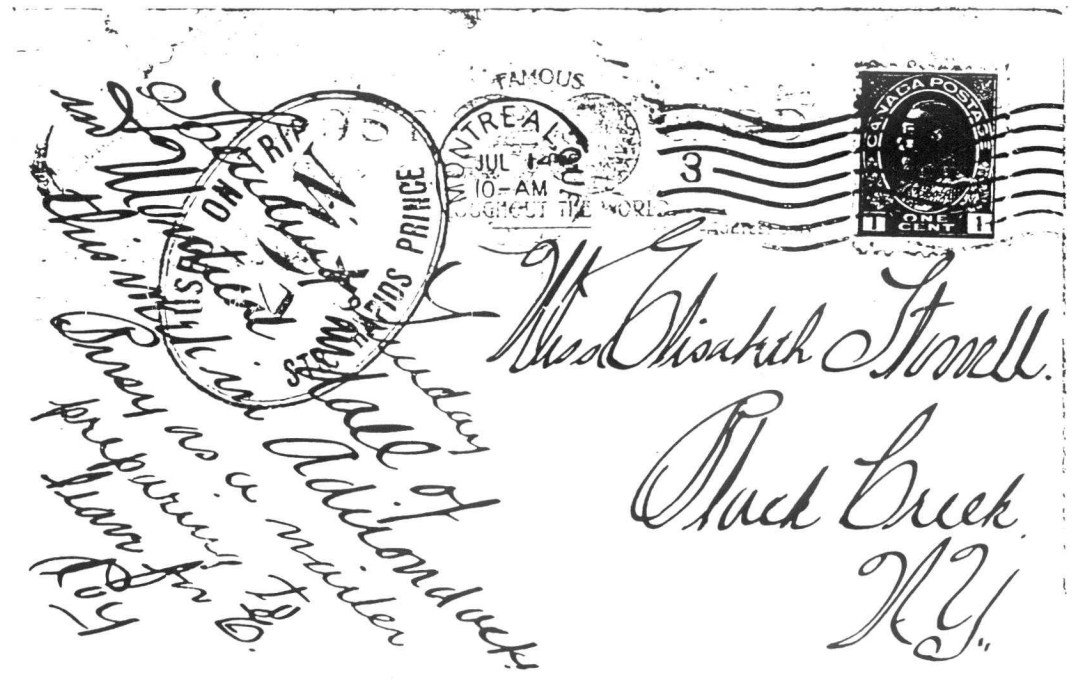
Bill's earliest example - Trip 15E dated July 4, 1913



Bill's second example - Trip 18E dated July 10, 1913



My earliest example - Trip 19E dated July 11, 1913



Bill's next example - Trip 20W dated July 14, 1913

Nov. 5: 30 P.M. 403
 Dear Sr. Vincent
 Having a lovely trip
 Minneapolis for
 for last a meal
 do justice to all
 the table me
 all up about 5:15 P.M.
 and have been very
 busy all day. I am
 afraid I will be re-
 turning alone as my
 relatives on board
 seem to be religiously
 inclined to go to see
 you before you depart
 again from Paris.

POST CARD

ADDRESS ONLY



Sr. Vincent
 St. Josephs Academy
 Jackport
 N.Y.

Bill's next example - Trip 24W dated July 21, 1913

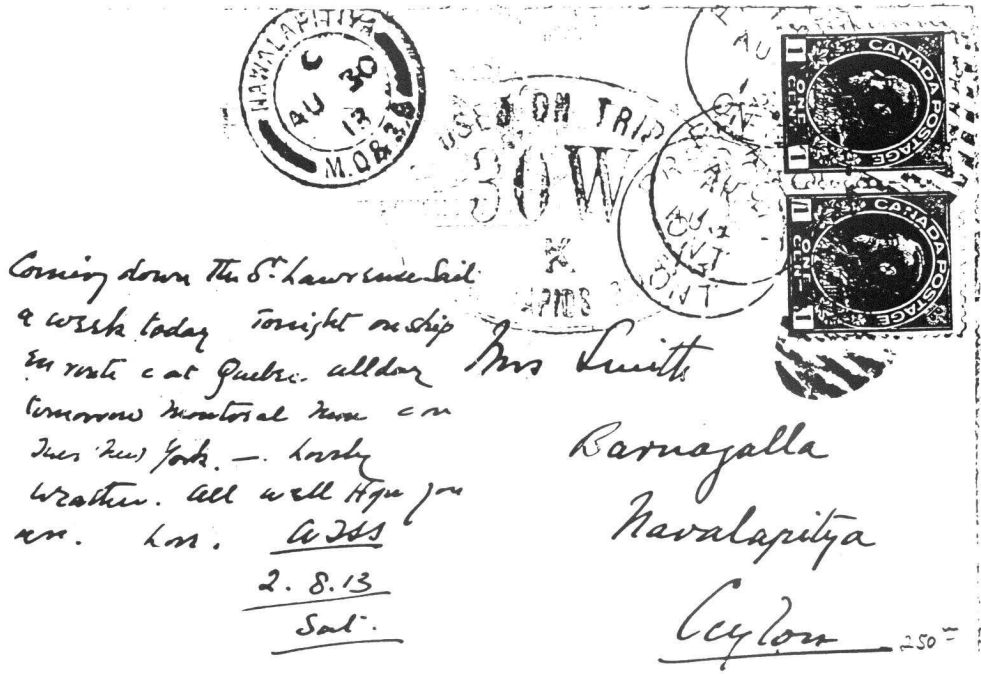
Dear Sr. Vincent
 I am writing you
 to let you know
 that I am all well
 and hope you are
 the same. I am
 very glad to hear
 from you and
 hope you are
 enjoying your
 trip.



Mrs. Elizabeth Contraction
 College Hill
 Cincinnati
 Ohio
 Box 4
 U.S.A.

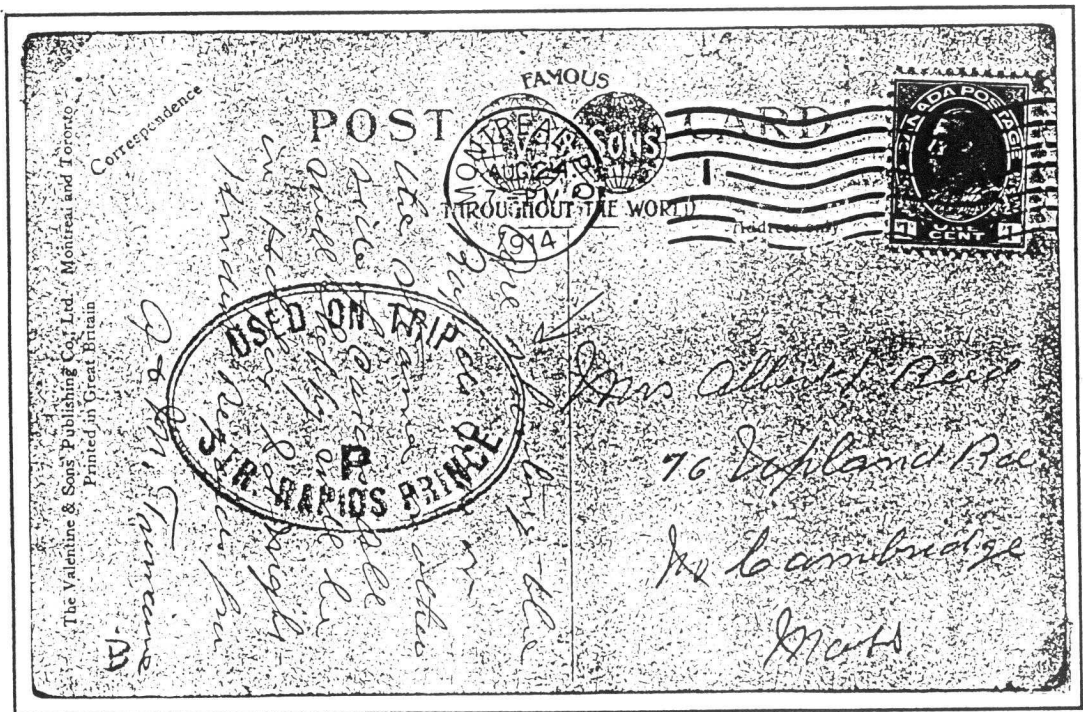
My second example - Trip 25W dated July 23, 1913

This is Bill's latest example - Trip 30W dated August 4, 1913. This one is dated at Prescott and is bound for an exotic and unusual destination, Ceylon.



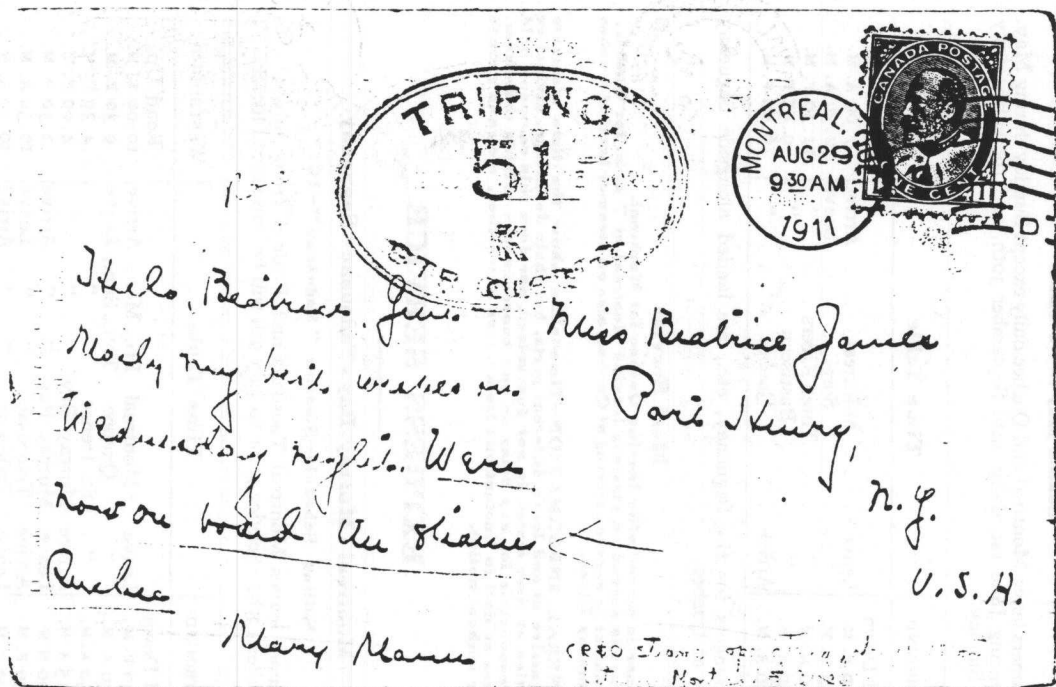
Item 24. R & O Navigation Company - Steamer Rapids Prince (Second hammer)

This example is dated at Montreal on August 24, 1914. A number of differences are readily apparent. First, it is a different hammer, the words *Str. Rapids Prince* being spread out more. Second, it shows absolutely no sign of a trip number. Last, but not least, it shows the letter "P".



Item 25. R & O Navigation Company - Steamer Quebec

Bill's lone example of the *Str. Quebec* - Trip 51, and dated at Montreal on August 29, 1911.



Item 26. R & O Navigation Company - Steamer Saguenay

My lone example of the *Str. Saguenay* - Trip 28E. This steamer was on the lower St. Lawrence river and is dated at Manoir Richelieu on the 16th of ??, 1913. Note also the designation "P". I don't believe this steamer went up river to Prescott.



SAILING SCHEDULE—1912

Toronto—Rochester—Montreal Line

Season June to September

Steamers leave Toronto and Montreal from June 1st daily except Sunday from June 30th until September 7th, daily from Toronto (Sundays excepted from Montre J). September 9th to 21st, daily except Sunday, September 23rd to 28th, Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. From Kingston, Thousand Island points and Prescott there is no Monday service until July 1st or after September 2nd. After September 24th, steamers leave these last-named points Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

EASTBOUND		Time Table		WESTBOUND	
Read Down		Toronto	Arrive	Read Up	
2.30 P. M.		(a) Charlotte	Leave	7.00 A. M.	
8.45 P. M.		(a) Charlotte	Arrive	11.45 P. M.	
11.00 P. M.		(b) Kingston	Leave	10.15 P. M.	
5.15 A. M.		(b) Kingston	Arrive	5.00 P. M.	
7.00 A. M.		(c) Clayton	Leave	4.30 P. M.	
7.20 A. M.		(c) Clayton	Arrive	2.55 P. M.	
		(d) Thousand Island Park			
		Alexandria Bay (h)		2.10 P. M.	
		(e) Brockville		12.45 P. M.	
		(f) Prescott(g)	Leave	11.55 A. M.	
		(f) Prescott	Arrive	7.00 A. M.	
		Cornwall		11.00 P. M.	
		(*) Montreal (o)	Leave	12.30 P. M.	

- (*) Passengers for Quebec are landed at Montreal alongside Quebec steamer.
- (a) Connecting with N. Y. C. R. R. for all points east and west at Rochester where connection is also made with Lehigh Valley R. R. and B. R. & P. R. R.
- (b) Connecting with Grand Trunk R. R. trains at Kingston wharf.
- (c) Connecting with N. Y. C. R. R. trains at Clayton wharf.
- (d) Reached by connecting steamer from Clayton or Alexandria Bay.
- (e) If stop at Brockville cannot be made with safety the company reserves right to cancel stop.
- (f) East-bound passengers change at Prescott from lake steamer to observation steamer to run rapids, and westbound passengers from observation to lake steamer.
- (g) Connecting with C. P. R. to and from Ottawa, and with Grand Trunk International Limited train from Montreal.
- (h) Westminster Park is reached by ferry from Alexandria Bay. Close connection with all steamers.
- (i) Commencing August 16th steamers leave Kingston and points east 30 minutes earlier than scheduled eastbound.
- (o) Grand Trunk International Limited train leaving Montreal at 0.00 a. m. connects at Prescott with lake steamer, west-bound. Passengers reaching Rochester same evening and Buffalo and Toronto following morning.

Montreal and Quebec Line

Season May to November

Steamers leave Montreal and Quebec daily except Sunday during May. Commencing June 1st, daily until September 30th, and thereafter daily except Sunday.

EASTBOUND		Time Table		WESTBOUND	
Read Down		Montreal	Arrive	Read Up	
7.00 P. M.		Sorel	Leave	7.00 A. M.	
9.45 P. M.		Three Rivers	"	2.30 A. M.	
1.00 A. M.		Bastiscan	"	11.30 P. M.	
2.30 A. M.		Quebec	"	9.45 P. M.	
6.30 A. M.		Quebec	Arrive	6.00 P. M.	

Passengers for the Saguenay, etc., are landed alongside Saguenay steamer at Quebec.

Meal Service

Dinner is served after leaving Quebec for Montreal. Dinner is served on steamer leaving Montreal at 7 p. m. for Quebec. Breakfast is served arriving at Quebec, also on steamer leaving Quebec for Saguenay River.

GENERAL INFORMATION—Time-tables show the time steamers should arrive at and leave different ports, but their departure, arrival or connection at time stated is not guaranteed, nor does this company hold itself responsible for any delay or any consequences arising therefrom. All times subject to fluctuations from stress of weather, etc., and change with or without notice.

EXPRESS SERVICE

Montreal - Murray Bay - Tadousac - Saguenay

Sailing Schedule—Steamer "Saguenay"—1912

Steamer leaves Montreal Tuesdays and Fridays from July 9th to September 13th, Service prior to July 9th will be announced locally.

EASTBOUND		Time Table		WESTBOUND	
Read Down		*Montreal	Fri., Mon., Arrive	Read Up	
6.30 P. M.		Quebec	Thu., Sun., Leave	10.00 A. M.	
5.30 A. M.		St. Irence	" " " "	9.30 P. M.	
10.30 A. M.		Murray Bay	" " " "	4.30 P. M.	
11.15 A. M.		Murray Bay	" " " "	4.00 P. M.	
12.00 N'N		Tadousac	" " " "	2.30 P. M.	
4.30 P. M.		Tadousac	" " " "	10.30 A. M.	
6.00 P. M.		Ha Ha Bay	" " " "	10.00 A. M.	
10.30 P. M.		Ha Ha Bay	Thu., Sun., Leave	6.30 A. M.	

*Time of arrival at Montreal varies from 9.00 to 10.00 a. m., according to tide at Quebec.

Saguenay Line

Season May to November

Steamers leave Quebec for the Saguenay as follows:—Until July 3rd on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. July 5th to September 7th, daily. September 10th to Oct. 30th, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. November 2nd to 16th, Tuesdays and Saturdays.

EASTBOUND	Time Table		WESTBOUND
8.00 A. M.	Leave	Quebec	Arrive 6.00 A. M.
11.30 A. M.	"	(j) Baie St. Paul (j)	Leave 11.20 P. M.
12.15 P. M.	"	Eboulements	" 11.30 P. M.
1.30 P. M.	"	St. Irene	" 1.20 P. M.
1.50 P. M.	Arrive	Murray Bay	Leave 1.00 P. M.
2.30 P. M.	Leave	Murray Bay	Arrive 7.15 P. M.
2.50 P. M.	"	(k) Cap-à-L'Aigle	Leave
4.30 P. M.	"	St. Simeon	" 1.5.15 P. M.
7.00 P. M.	"	Tadousac	" 1.3.00 P. M.
According to tide	"	L'Anse St. Jean	" According to tide
According to tide	"	Ha Ha Bay	" According to tide
According to tide	Arrive	Chicoutimi	Leave According to tide

(j) Call at Baie St. Paul will be subject to conditions of weather and tide.

(k) Call at Cap à L'Aigle during daylight only from June 1st to September 30th.

(l) Until June 15th and after Sept. 16th steamers may leave Tadousac and points west thereof two hours earlier than schedule on westbound trip. On Saturdays during July and August steamers will leave Murray Bay at 10.30 p. m., westbound.

NOTE—Right to cancel any stop without notice is reserved by the Company.

New American Line—Steamer "Rochester"

EASTBOUND	Lv. Youngstown	Time	Lv. Ogdensburg	WESTBOUND
Read Down	Mon., Wed., Sat., June 22 until Aug. 31	Table	Sun., Tues., Fri., June 23 until Sep. 1	Read Up
2.00 P. M.	Leave	Youngstown	Arrive	1.15 P. M.
8.00 P. M.	Arrive	Charlotte	Leave	7.15 A. M.
8.15 P. M.	Leave	Charlotte	Arrive	4.00 A. M.
11.55 P. M.	Arrive	Oswego	Leave	11.30 P. M.
12.30 P. M.	Leave	Oswego	Arrive	11.00 P. M.
6.15 A. M.	Leave	Clayton	Leave	6.45 P. M.
		a Thousand Island Park		
7.00 A. M.	Leave	Alexandria Bay	Leave	6.00 P. M.
		Brockville		3.45 P. M.
9.30 A. M.	Transfer at Prescott to steamer for Montreal			
9.45 A. M.	Arrive	Ogdensburg	Leave	3.00 P. M.

*The Niagara Gorge Railroad special train will leave Niagara Falls, N. Y., at 12.30 p. m., to connect with steamer "Rochester" at Youngstown wharf on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. a. Reached by connecting steamer from Clayton or Alexandria Bay.

Rates of Fare

BETWEEN YOUNGSTOWN, N. Y.			BETWEEN CHARLOTTE, N. Y.		
AND	One Way	Round Trip	AND	One Way	Round Trip
Oswego	\$3.25	\$ 5.50	Oswego	\$2.00	\$3.25
Clayton	5.15	9.55	Clayton	4.25	7.45
Thousand Island P'k	5.60	10.30	Thousand Island P'k	4.75	8.20
Alexandria Bay	5.85	10.80	Alexandria Bay	5.00	8.70
Ogdensburg	6.60	11.00	Ogdensburg	5.35	9.00

Tickets between Toronto and Thousand Islands, on Canadian Line, will be accepted on steamer "Rochester" between Youngstown and Thousand Islands and vice versa.

