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You may wonder at this Newsletter following so closely on the heels of the last one, but there are several reasons. First, after such a long silence there is much accumulated information to dispense. Secondly, your Editor had the benefit of a meeting with Chairman Lew on February 3, and thirdly - there is the distinct possibility of another strike of the inside workers of the Canada Post Corporation any time after March 8, 1985.

MEMBERSHIP

The response from the members following the last Newsletter has been phenomenal. To date 48 members have paid their dues for 1985. we have lost one member by death - Fred D. Seaman of Kentville, N.S., Member No.21, while three have found it necessary to resign for health or interest reasons - #22 - J. Paul Hughes of Sidney, B.C., #57 - Dr. Robert A. Chaplin of Toronto, and #102 - W.D. Roushohn of Waverly, N.S. We are sorry to lose them.

Your scribe must apologize for the number of address changes which were not caught in the initial mailing. Apparently the labels forwarded by David McKain hadn't been up-dated since the last mailing in February, 1984, and R.P.O.ers are notorious wanderers. I hope they are all correct now.

Those who have not paid their 1985 dues should note that this will be the last Newsletter you will receive. If there is a red mark in the box at the bottom of this page, please remit \$5 U.S. or \$6 Canadian payable to W.G. Robinson ( as we don't have the luxury of a separate bank account yet). The address is 5830 Cartier Street, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, V6M 3A7.

MEMBERS COMMENTS

John Aitken - "I wish to mention a book that I came across this summer that might be of some interest to the Group. It is called "Sternwheelers and Steam Tugs - An Illustrated History of the Canadian Pacific Railway's British Columbia Lake and River Service". The book was written by Robert D. Turner, Curator of the B.C. Provincial Museum in Victoria, and published by SONO NIS Press, also of Victoria. Mr. Turner has written two previous books on the C.P.R. Empresses and Princesses on the West Coast, and is currently working on a history of the C.P. Railway in B.C."

A. Hedley Stokes - "It will be interesting to see the new listings showing directions, train numbers, etc. I have done this for years, listing any I heard of but didn't have. Some seem impossible (dating from Shaw). Others where only a W, for example, is shown, an E should also normally be possible. Some I eventually get, others not."

John Hornsby - "I have a number of publications covering Railway history and I would be pleased to assist any member in researching articles if so desired." As a starter, how about brief notes on the history of the Companies whose letterheads are on the next page? Are they defunct, or part of another railway now?



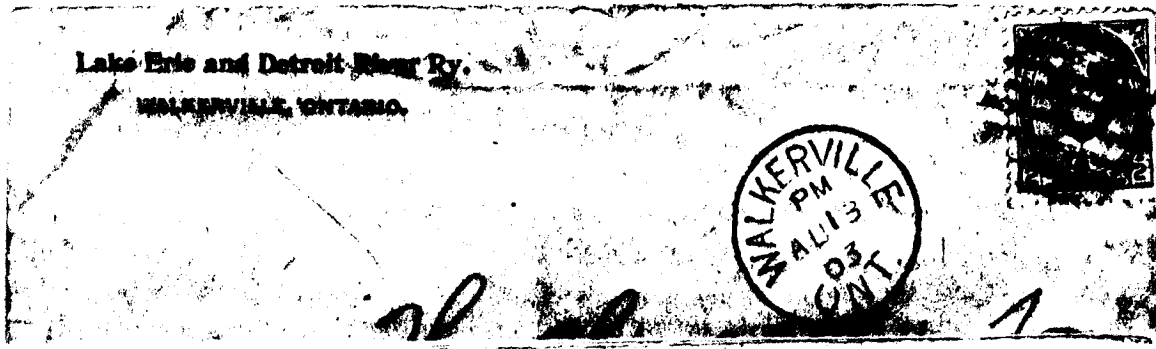
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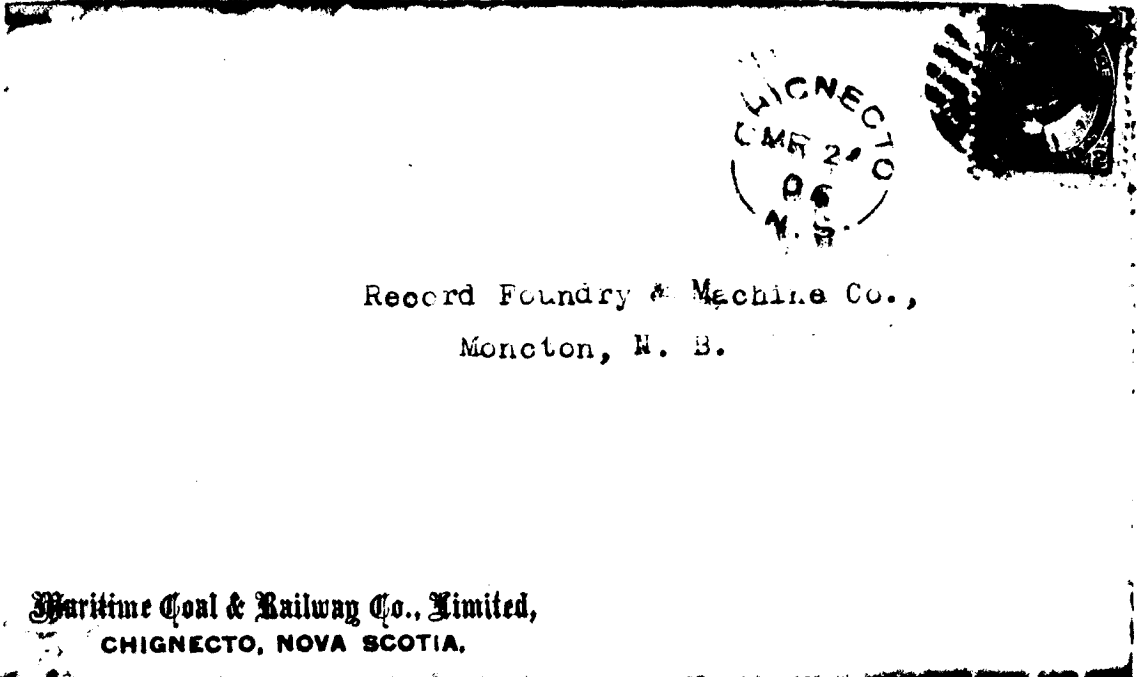
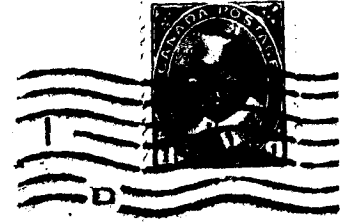
DEAD RAILWAYS

Here are some corner cards recently found by your Editor in a box of Edward material. The first one with three poor strikes of RR-92 is described on page 89 of Gilliam's excellent history, and became part of the Canadian National Railways in 1929. What about the others ?

**INVERNESS RAILWAY & COAL CO.**  
INVERNESS, C. B.  
THE CELEBRATED  
"INVERNESS IMPERIAL"  
COAL.



**The Peoples Railway**  
OFFICES:  
GUELPH BERLIN STRATFORD



**Maritime Coal & Railway Co., Limited,**  
CHIGNECTO, NOVA SCOTIA.

MEMBERS COMMENTS

Jim Miller - raises the issue of having an "odds & ends" section in the catalog for such things as stage services, steamboat and packet markings, and for travelling P.O.s which aren't readily recognized as such - eg. Gambier and Burrard Inlet, B.C. Jim also sends the form on the next page which has a marking from the Montreal Central Station at the top - but which is interesting history, showing destinations and origins of mail on board Train 332, December 9, 1955, en route to St. Albans, Vermont, and Boston.

Frank Waite and Warren Bosch - Have both sent variations of the second terminal listing mentioned in the last Newsletter. Frank's list shows the second terminal and any possible first terminal -

eg. CAMPBELLTON - Gaspé, Halifax, Halifax Bridgewater, Levis, Moncton, Quebec, Riviere du Loup

while Warren's shows the same information in terms of catalog Nos. -

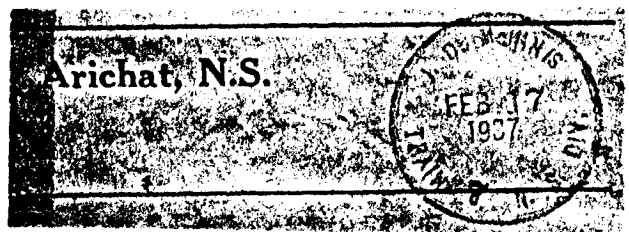
eg. C	MA	95-8
CAMP		80-6,81A,88-90,92-4,170-3,88A
CAMPBELLTON		71,73-8,87,91,158,160-9,77
CAMPBELTON		159
CAMPBLETTEON		72
CAMPELLTON		79
CAMP	Q	16B,40,40AB,187A,197-8,197AB,198A,260,260A
CAM		40C
CAMPBELLTON		36,186-90,195-6,195ABC,258-9
CAMP'B'TON		37-9,38A
CAMP'TON		16,16A

Which would be of more use to the members ? Should both be reproduced in full here ? Should they somehow be combined ? Please let us have your comments.

Frank waite - also used as a letterhead four most interesting clerk strikes on piece -



HALIFAX & SYDNEY DAY /  
H.A. TINKHAM  
6 / FEB 19 / 37



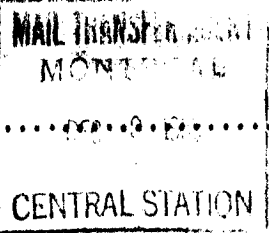
J.D. McINNIS /  
TRAIN 7 N.S. DIV.  
FEB 17 / 1937



CAL. & VAN. R.P.O. /  
J.A. McLEOD  
T 3 / DEC / 27



MED. HAT & NEL. R.P.O. /  
D. McLEOD  
11 / DEC / 27 / 1936



Timbre à date.....

--- Trin 332 ---

Route St Albans & Boston

R.P.O. Car No..... 7805 .....

Baggage Car No.....

R.P.O. Nombre de sacs.. 12 + 62 = 74

Baggage Nombre de sacs.....

Train dû à 9.25 a.m. Heure du départ 9.40 a.m.

Commis en charge du train... *Mr. St. John* .....

Agent en charge du train... *L. Lelievre* .....

Assisté par.....

--- Sacs scellés ---

Origine	Destination
Mont. & Toronto Tr. 18	St Albans & Boston
Mont. & N. Bay Tr. 2	do do
Toronto Tr. 18	do do
Qué. & Mont. Tr. 357	do do
Québec Tr. 357	do do
Rouses Pt & Albany	do do
Lévis & Mont. Tr. 3	do do
Hal. & Camp. Tr. 3	do do
Lévis & Mont. Tr. 1	do do
Mont. & Ft Cov, ington	do do
Rivière à Pierre	do do
Montréal	do do
Lévis & Montréal	Alburg & Boston
Lévis & Montréal Tr. 1	do do
Lévis & Montréal Tr. 1	.....
Hal. & Camp. Tr 1	Mass.....
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--- Sacs à Lettres ---

Origine	Destination
Montréal	Bedford
do	Frélighsburg
do	Pike River
do	Stanbridge East
do	Stanbridge Station
do	St Armand
do	St Jean
do	St Sebastien
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MEMBERS COMMENTS

Jim Felton - "If Shaw numbers are omitted from the next edition of the catalog, an important 'trail' will be destroyed - the connection to the hammer analyses in earlier Newsletters and 'Topics'. A collection of the hammer analyses would be a valuable asset. If 750 copies of the catalog have been sold there must be some market for further information. (Raising the question: why aren't more in the Study Group ?)" Ed.- I think Lew is in the process of writing a detailed study of the MA and N strikes, based on our Study Group findings. Other sections should follow.

BNAPEX 1985

Members should now be preparing exhibits for BNAPEX 1985, to be held in Calgary, Alberta, September 12 to 14, 1985. The R.P.O. Study Group has been tentatively allotted time for a seminar and slide presentation from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 12, 1985. The 1984 convention in San Francisco was a tremendous success - the only thing lacking was R.P.O. exhibits. Even your Editor showed Revenues instead! 1985 is the Centenary of the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway from coast to coast. Surely we can rise to the challenge of such an important anniversary.

PIPEX 1985

We should also put in a plug for PIPEX 1985, the annual show of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs. This organization comprises Clubs from Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Oregon, Saskatchewan, Montana, Washington and the Yukon. PIPEX is a National level show, one of the A.P.S. 'Champion of Champions' qualifying shows, and is held annually at some location in the Pacific Northwest. Last year it was at Portland, Oregon, chaired by BNAPS'er John White, this year will be at Vancouver, B.C. - chaired by your Editor, while next year will be at Victoria, B.C. One of this years themes is the centenary of the C.P.R. Last Spike at Craigellachie, B.C. in November, 1885, and the banquet speaker will be Study Group Charter Member Alex. Price - a long-time C.P.R. employee, and student of the Company's history. This show will feature seminars by several BNAPS Study Groups, including the Military Mail, Postal Stationery, and, of course, R.P.O. If you are interested in exhibiting, prospectuses are available from the Editor.

CURRENT RESEARCH

Robert Gagnon - is specializing in the Montréal & Mont Laurier line - known affectionately as 'Le Petit du Nord'. He is particularly interested in strikes of Q-107, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 132, 132A, 134, 135 and 136, and advises that his basic research was published in Bulletin #2 of last October's Canada '84 Exhibition in Montreal, Quebec.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Following the lead of several other Study Group Newsletters, we propose to offer members of the Group such a service - limited to 25 catalog numbers each issue. Please don't limit your lists to 500\* items - you know the result beforehand. Offers of your

The honour of the first Classified Ad goes to Chairman Lew -

Wanted on or off cover - legible strikes of -  
 N-3, 4B, 14b, 27b, 34, 38T, 46, 62A, 62B, 84, 70, 92  
 Lewis M. Ludlow, 5001 - 102 Lane N.E., Kirkland WA  
 98033, U.S.A.

### WHAT IS IT ?

Here is an interestin' collateral card recently obtained by your Editor.



KAKABEKA DIVISION, NO. 286.

W. J. MAXWELL, ESQ.,  
*Grand Secretary,*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—

Report of Division 286, for Week ending *Mar 13 4 25* 1905

NIL.

*J. A. Gillis*  
 R. McGREGOR, 1905  
 Secretary.

### CURRENT RESEARCH

Chairman Lew reports on-going research into dates of use and hammer analyses on the following runs - Q-195 to 198A, the Quebec and Campbellton runs; Q-165 and O-369 - the Montreal & Toronto G.T.Ry. and return series, and RR 28-30 - the C.P.R. West of Winnipeg series. If you have any holdings of such items, Lew will be glad to hear from you.

### NEWFOUNDLAND ARCHIVES

Our perennial sleuth Palmer Moffat has been digging again, and provides details of mail routes from the 1901 Year Book and Almanac, pages 70 to 73 - pages 7 & 8 of this Newsletter.

### NEW TRACK

To borrow a snappy heading from Lew's 'Topics' column, here are five new finds (page 9 & 10) from deep-digging Ross Gray. These should appear in Annex 3 to the catalog in due course.

### THE CABOOSE

My sincere thanks to the many members of the Study Group who have provided material for this Newsletter. You make an Editor's life bearable. Please keep it up. I hope to have one more issue

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AYRE & SONS, St. John's—Best place to buy Pianos and Organs.

**MAIL ROUTES.**

WINTER MAILS, commencing first January, will be despatched by railway and couriers every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday to Clarenville, Port Blankford, Benton, Glenwood, Shoal Harbor, Trinity, Catalina, Bonavista, King's Cove, Gambo, Norris Arm and Botwoodville; and on every Thursday afternoon for Long Harbor, Northern Bight, Goose Bay, Indian Arm, Alexander Bay, Salvage, Greenspond. On Saturday nights, mails close for Change Islands, Fogo, Herring Neck, Twillingate, Exploits, Leading Tickle, Pilley's Island, Little Bay Islands, Little Bay, Nipper's Harbor, Tilt Cove, Coachman's Cove and Western Cove, Englee, Conche, St. Anthony, Griquet and Flower's Cove, and all places along the line of Newfoundland Railway.

Two Mails will be forwarded via Quebec to Blanc Sablon, and thence to Battle Harbor, calling at places between, about 18th January and 15th February. The January Mail will be forwarded from Battle Harbor to Cartwright.

**South and West.**

Mails will be despatched from St. John's, South and West, to the following ports, by Coastal Mail Steamer, which leaves St. John's at intervals of ten days throughout the year:—

Cape Broyle and Ferrucuse, Ferryland and Renew's (alternately); Trepassey, St. Mary's, Placentia, Burin, St. Lawrence, Fortune, Grand Bank, St. Jacques and Belloram, Harbor Britton, Gaultois, Heritage Cove, Pushtrough, Burgeo, Ramea (during winter), La Poile, Rose Blanche, Channel.

**STEAMER MAIL SERVICE ON BAYS.**

PLACENTIA BAY—Steamer leaves Placentia every Monday afternoon for north of Bay. Mails close at G. P. O. Monday, 7.30 a. m., and steamer leaves Placentia Wednesday, for west of Bay. Mails close at G. P. O. Wednesday, 7.30 a. m.

TRINITY BAY—Steamer leaves Clarenville every Monday and Friday morning. Mails close at G. P. O. Saturdays, 9 p. m., and Thursdays, at 1 p. m. Same steamer also leaves Carbonear Tuesdays and Saturdays. Mails close at G. P. O. 7.30 a. m. on those days.

BONAVISTA BAY—Steamer leaves Cloche Sound every Monday and Friday morning. Mails close at G. P. O. Saturdays, 9 p. m., and Thursdays at 1 p. m.

NOTRE DAME BAY—Steamer leaves Burnt Bay every Monday morning for eastern ports to Fogo. Mails close at G. P. O. Saturdays, 9 p. m., and every Wednesday for Western ports to Tilt Cove. Mails close at G. P. O. on Wednesday, at 3 p. m.

AYRE & SONS, St. John's—Best place to buy Bicycles.

**BAY STEAM MAIL SERVICE.**

The s. s. *Argyle*, on Placentia Bay, leaves Placentia every Monday after the arrival of the train from St. John's for the following ports: Red River, Woody Island, Parson's Island, Burgeo, St. Leonard's, Isle-aux-Valen, Mousheen, and Placentia.

Mails are closed for the above ports every Monday morning at 7.30 o'clock.

Leaving Placentia every Wednesday afternoon, the *Argyle* will proceed to Presque, Paradise, Petit Fort, Olenin, Baine Harbor, Flat Islands, Marystown, Beau Bois, Durin, St. Lawrence, Lawn, Lamaline.

Mails close every Wednesday morning at 7.30 o'clock.

The s. s. *Ethie* on Trinity Bay, leaving Clarenville every Monday, will proceed to Hickman's Harbor, Ireland's Eye, Britannia Cove, Trinity, Heart's Content, Hant's Harbor, Old Perlican, Catalina, and back to Clarenville.

Mails close every Saturday night, at 9 o'clock.

Leaving Clarenville every Friday, the *Ethie* will proceed to the following places: Fox Harbor, British Harbor, Trinity, Catalina, Old Perlican, Hant's Harbor, Heart's Content, and back to Clarenville.

Mails close every Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mails for Carbonear are also sent by Train Tuesday and Saturday mornings, closing at 7.30.

The s. s. *Dunder*, on Bonavista Bay, leaves Cloche Sound every Monday and Friday for the following places: Charlottetown, Brooklyn or James' Cove, Open Hall, King's Cove, Keels, Bonavista, Salvage, Happy Adventure, Flat Islands, St. Brendan's, Gooseberry Islands, Fair Islands, Greenspond, Pools Island, Wesleyville and Newtown.

Mails close every Saturday night at 9 o'clock, and every Thursday afternoon at 3.

The s. s. *Clyde*, on Notre Dame Bay, leaves Burnt Bay for the South Side of the Bay every Monday, and will proceed to the following places: Kite Cove, Botwoodville, Exploits, Monton's Harbor, Tizzard's Harbor, Twillingate, Herring Neck, Beaver Cove, Change Islands and Fogo. The *Clyde* connects at Fogo with s. s. *Matilda*, which steamer calls at Joe Batt's Arm, Tilton Harbor, Oiler Wadhams, Peckford's, Musgrave Harbor, Ladle Cove, Western Arm, Rocky Bay, Fredericton, Gander Bay.

Mails for the above-named places will be closed every Saturday night at 9 o'clock.

Leaving Burnt Bay every Thursday, the *Clyde* will proceed to the following ports on the North Side of the Bay: Fortune Harbor, New Bay Head, Leading Tickle, Triton, Pilley's Island, Springdale, Boat Harbor, War's Harbor, Little Bay Islands, Little Bay, Three Arms, Jackson's Arm and Northwest Arm (alternately), Nipper's Harbor, Snook's Harbor, Tilt Cove and Shoe Cove.

Post Office Department.

Aeolian, which places the best music within reach of all.

**TRI-WEEKLY**—For Heart's Content and Little Placentia—Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. New Harbor, Dildo, Upper Gullies, Port-de-Grave, Island Cove—Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.  
**BI-WEEKLY**—St. Mary's and Salmonier—Mondays and Thursdays.  
**WEEKLY**—Armolt's Cove, Long Harbor, La Manche, Chance Cove, Par-tien, Collier's Bay, Tickle Harbor, Come-by-chance and Bay Bell's Arm, on Fridays. Fox Harbor, Placentia Bay, Saturdays. Tre-passey, via St. Mary's, Mondays.

By Waggon.

Ferryland District, Kilbride, Goulds and Petty Harbor, every Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m.  
 For Portugal Cove and Bell Isle, every day (Sundays excepted.)  
 For Broad Cove and Freshwater Valley, every Thursday at 10 a.m.  
 For Torbay, Pouch Cove and Cape St. Francis, Tuesdays and Fridays, at 10 a.m.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS TO THE PUBLIC.  
 Letters.

Register all valuable letters.  
 Always communicate to the Postmaster the loss or delay of letters, &c.  
 Letters for Canada should be addressed to the Province as well as the Post Office.

Address letters, &c., legibly, and be careful to discriminate between places of the same name.

A letter once posted becomes the property of the person to whom addressed, and must be forwarded according to its directions. On no application, however urgent, can it be delivered back to the writer or to any other person.

Letters containing gold or silver money, jewels, or anything liable to Customs' duties, cannot be forwarded by post beyond the Colony. In the Colony they must be registered. Always seal letters containing anything of value.

Letters addressed to mere initials will not be delivered unless addressed in care of a resident or to some box in the Post Office.

Letters bearing mutilated stamps, or stamps so soiled and defaced as to make it impossible for the sorting clerks to decide whether they have been used before or not, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office for adjudication.

Unpaid and insufficiently paid letters and mailable matter, both local and foreign, will be charged, on delivery, with double the amount of postage unpaid.

Re-directed Letters.

Letters re-directed to places in Newfoundland, Great Britain, Canada and the United States, without being taken out of the Post Office, are not liable to any additional postage.

Post Office Department.

AYRE & SONS, St. John's—Only place to buy the wonderful

Mails close every Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.  
 The s. *Glaces*, on the West Coast Service, will leave St. John's every eight or ten days, calling at the following places: Renewes and Fer-meuse (alternately), Cape Broyle and Ferryland (alternately), Trepassy, St. Mary's, Salmonier, Placentia, St. Pierre, Fortune, Grand Bank, Gar-nish, Belloram, St. Jacques, English Harbor West, Harbor Breton, Bru-nette, Pass Islands, Hermitage, Gaultois, McCallum Bay, Rencontre (Her-mitage Bay), Rameo, Burgeo, La Poile, Rose Blanche and Channel (Port-aux-Basques.)

LABRADOR SERVICE.

The Mail Steamer will leave St. John's for the following ports along the Labrador coast, commencing on or about Thursday, 22nd of June, and every alternate Thursday during the season: Harbor Grace, King's Cove, Twillingate, Battle Harbor, Spear Harbor, Francis Harbor, Fishing Ship's Harbor, Ship Harbor, Square Island, Dead Island, Snug Harbor, Venison Island, Hawk's Harbor, Bolster's Rock, Punch Bowl, Sandy Island, Bar-tenant, Domino, Black Island, Indian Tickle, Grady, Long Island, Cart-wright, Pack's Harbor, Rigoulette, Indian Harbor, Smoky Tickle, White Beas, Emily Harbor, Holton, Cape Harrison, Ragged Islands, Ironbound Islands, Long Tickle, Macouvic, Haac, Turnavick East, Turnavick West, Winsor Harbor, Hopetale, Double Island, Fanny's Harbor, Cape Harri-gan and Nain (alternate trips.)

STRAITS OF BELLE ISLE.

The s. *Pife* will perform the service between Battle Harbor and Bay of Islands, calling at the following ports: Bonne Bay, Cow Head, Port Saunders, Bay St. John, Salmon River, Bonne Esperance, Isle-au-Bois and Blanc Sablon (alternately); St. Barbe, Flower's Cove, Fotherau, Lance-au-Loup, Red Bay, Henley Harbor and Chateau (alternately); Chimney Tickle, Cape Charles and Battle Harbor.

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NORTH-EAST COAST.

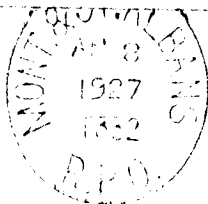
The Mail Steamer on the Northeast Coast between Tilt Cove and Grignat will call at La Scie, Coachman's Cove, Western Cove, Sopp's Arm, Jackson's Arm, Great Harbor, Deep, Englee, Conche, St. Anthony and Grignat, going and returning, making weekly trips.

Mails close every Wednesday afternoon (from commencement of Ser-vice) at 3 p.m., per train and Notre Dame Bay steamer, connecting with the steamer at Tilt Cove.

By Train.

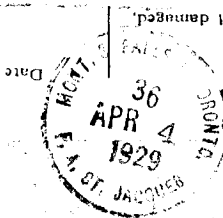
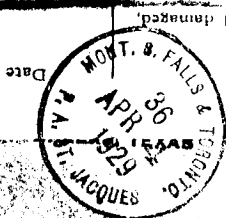
DAILY—For Topsail, Mannels, Kelligrews, Holyrood, Harbor Main, Avon-dale, Conception Harbor, Briggs, Clark's Beach, Whitbourne, Placen-tia, Bay Roberts, Spaniard's Bay, Harbor Grace, Carboneau, Fresh-water, Western Bay and Old Peritheau.





Mr E. J. S. Halverson  
Salem  
Mass

P.O. Box 216



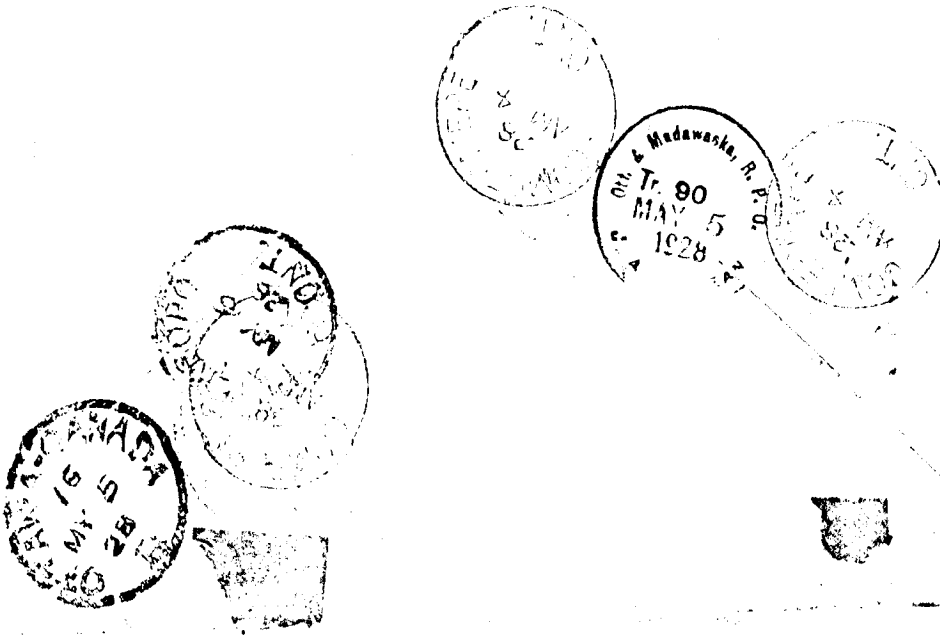
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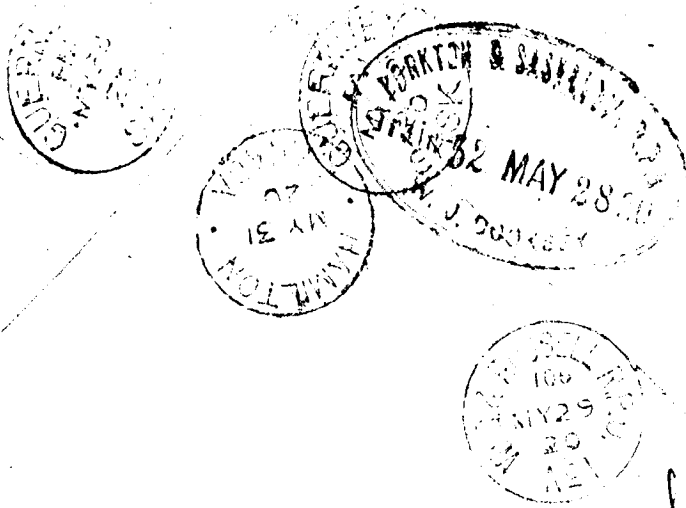


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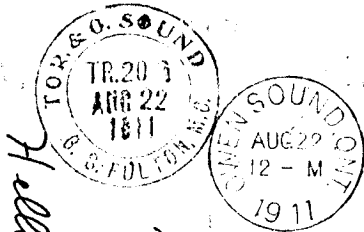


UNLISTED  
 Ott. & Madawaska, R.P.  
 J.A. ----EAN  
 Tr. 90, MAY 5, 1928  
 STRUCK IN RED



UNLISTED  
 YORKTON & SASKATCHEWAN R.P.  
 W.J. COURSEY  
 TRAIN 52 MAY 28 20  
 STRUCK IN VIOLET

How are you all getting  
 will. I hope I am so  
 at writing but don't you  
 why don't come if you  
 come up on the excursions  
 me + all friends



Hallo Jimmie  
 Convent

1739-3 Ave St

Miss Jimmie Reed  
 Harrisburg



UNLISTED  
 TOR. & O. SOUND /  
 G.S. FULTON, M.C.  
 TR. 20 S, AUG 22, 1911  
 STRUCK IN PURPLE