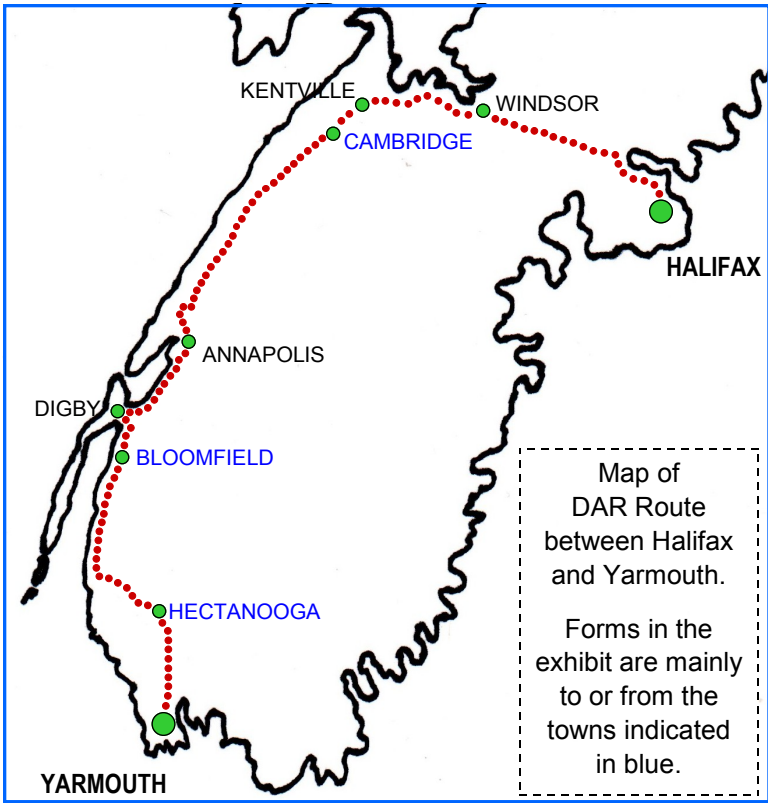


Halifax - Yarmouth Railway Post Office Clerk Cancels and Related Paperwork

This exhibit will show RPO cancels and personalized RPO clerk cancels on various forms used on the mail car of the Dominion Atlantic Railway operating between Halifax and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

Following the clerk cancels is a study of Acknowledgement Receipts, all from July 1914 and signed or initialized by clerks found in the first part of the exhibit.

Exhibit features include earliest and latest recorded dates, only known copies, and newly discovered unrecorded clerk cancels.



Real Photo Post Card, circa 1905 shows a Canadian railway post office clerk posing in the cramped quarters of a mail car. The padlocked box on the table contains everything needed by the clerk including receipts, forms, various paperwork, hammer, rubber cancel, inkpads, etc.

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RARITY - All of this material is extremely rare. Many clerks cancels were only in use for a brief period, and made with a rubber stamp which deteriorated rapidly. Significant items such as only known copies will be outlined in a red box. Earliest and latest recorded dates will be noted in red: **ERD** or **LRD**. Discoveries made by the exhibitor will be noted with a magnifying glass...



CLERK CANCELS

Clerk cancels are among the scarcest of all RPO cancels. They are readily identifiable by three features: 1) nearly all of the cancels are somewhat larger rubber hand stamps; 2) the train route terminus and termini appear across the top of the cancel; 3) a name (the clerk's) appears at the bottom of the cancel.. Clerk cancels came into being in the early 20th century throughout Canada, with the intention of being able to trace mail, primarily registered mail, with a clerk's cancellation on postal forms such Letter Bills and Registered Letter Bills.

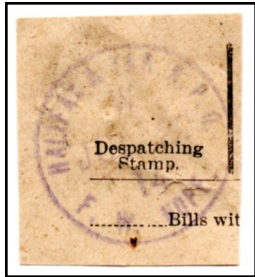
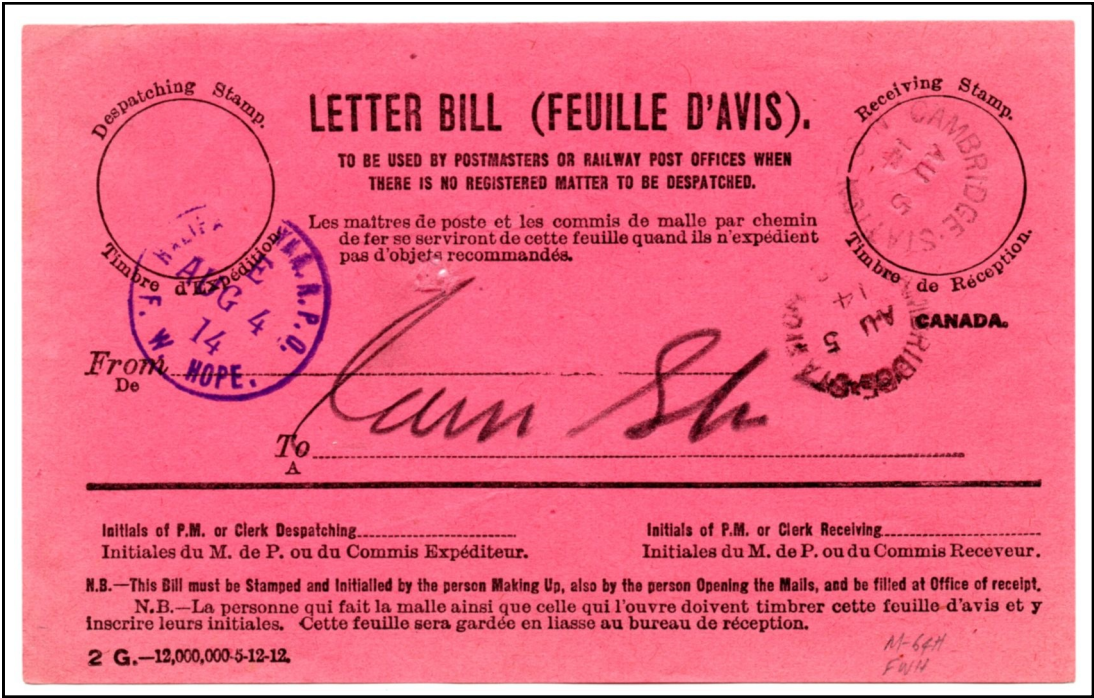
Most clerk cancels are known used over very brief periods of time from a few days to a few months. This is due in the most part to the deterioration of the rubber hand stamp. A few managed to survive a two to six years. Another factor in their rarity is the scarcity of the forms they were used on. Many are known by just a single copy (OKC).

HALIFAX - YARMOUTH ROUTE CLERK CANCELS

On the Halifax - Yarmouth route there are some 25 discovered clerk cancels, all found between 1911 and 1919. The direction line of the indicia may be EAST, WEST, E or W. The clerk cancels on the following pages are all identified in bold text first by the Gray Catalogue number, then the route and the clerk's name as they appear in the cancel.

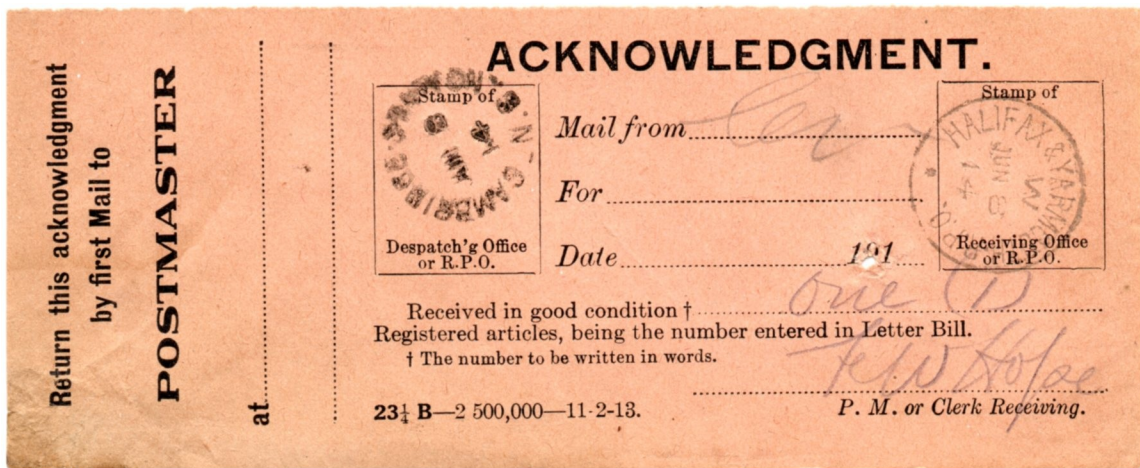
MT-203
Known usage Jan. 2, 1911
to Sept. 24, 1914.
Direction may be E or W
HALIFAX & YAR. R.P.O.
F. W. HOPE
E / AUG 4 / 14

Right - Letter Bill indicating no
registered items dispatched
from the Halifax - Yarmouth
RPO and received at
Cambridge Station, N.S..



Above: Piece from a
Registered Letter Bill

MT-203
HALIFAX & YAR. R.P.O.
F. W. HOPE
W / JUN 27 / 14



F. W. Hope's signature appears on this Acknowledge Receipt dated June 8, 1914, receiving registered mail from Cambridge Station, N.S., with the Halifax-Yarmouth RPO cancel MT-198.

HALIFAX - YARMOUTH CLERK CANCELS

MT-204 Known usage
January 2, 1911 until
November 25, 1918.
Direction may be
EAST or WEST

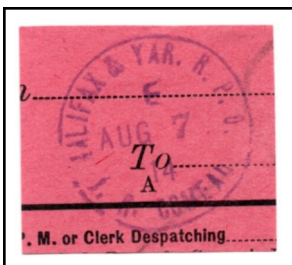
Right- Letter Bill indicating no
registered items dispatched
from the Halifax - Yarmouth
RPO and received at
Bloomfield

MT-204
HALIFAX &
YARMOUTH R.P.O.
R. H. ROSS
WEST / MAR 21 / 16

Left - R.H. Ross's
signature appears on
acknowledgment receipt
dated June 22, 1914
receiving Registered mail
from Cambridge Station,
N.S. with the eastbound
Halifax Yarmouth RPO
Cancel MT-198.

MT-205 Known usage
March 15, 1911 until
October 28, 1916.
Direction may be E or W

Below: J.R Comeau's signature appears
on acknowledgment receipt dated Sept 14, 1917 receiving registered mail from
Cambridge Station, N.S. with the eastbound Halifax Yarmouth RPO cancel MT-198



Above- Piece of Letter Bill
MT-205
HALIFAX & YAR. R.P.O.
J. R. COMEAU
E / AUG 7 / 14

HALIFAX - YARMOUTH CLERK CANCELS

MT-206 Known usage January 17, 1912 until September 2, 1914. Direction may be E or W
HALIFAX & YAR. R.P.O. / I. V. DEXTER
W / FEB 14 / 11

REGISTERED LETTER BILL.

No. _____ Date _____

Despatching Stamp. From _____ for _____ Receiving Stamp.

.....Bills with a total Number of Registered Articles. For further entries see Bill No.

.....P.M. or Clerk Des. P.M. or Clerk Rec.

ADDRESSES OF REGISTERED ARTICLES.

No.	P. Parcel, M. P. Money Pkt	NAME.	PLACE.	Where Sent.
610	1 *	Cambridge		

Above - Registered Letter Bill indicating one registered item dispatched by I.V. Dexter from the westbound Halifax - Yarmouth RPO and received at Cambridge Station, N.S.

Below - Letter Bill indicating no registered items dispatched from the eastbound Halifax - Yarmouth RPO and received at Bloomfield, N.S.

MT-206
HALIFAX & YAR. R.P.O. / I. V. DEXTER
E / SEP 2 / 14

LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS).

TO BE USED BY POSTMASTERS OR RAILWAY POST OFFICES WHEN THERE IS NO REGISTERED MATTER TO BE DESPATCHED.

Les maîtres de poste et les commis de malle par chemin de fer se serviront de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.

Despatching Stamp. Receiving Stamp.

From De _____ To A _____

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Despatching..... Initials of P.M. or Clerk Receiving.....

Initiales du M. de P. ou du Commis Expéditeur. Initiales du M. de P. ou du Commis Receveur.

N.B.—This Bill must be Stamped and Initialed by the person Making Up, also by the person Opening the Mails, and be filled at Office of receipt.
N.B.—La personne qui fait la malle ainsi que celle qui l'ouvre doivent timbrer cette feuille d'avis et y inscrire leurs initiales. Cette feuille sera gardée en liasse au bureau de réception.

2 G.—12,000,000-5-12-12.

LRD
Latest
recorded date
of use

REGISTERED LETTER BILL.

No. _____ Date _____
 Despatching Stamp. *From* _____ for *Cambridge Station* Receiving Stamp.

Bills with a total Number of _____ Registered Articles. For further entries see Bill No. _____
 P.M. or Clerk Des. _____ P.M. or Clerk Rec. _____

ADDRESSES OF REGISTERED ARTICLES.

No.	Parcel, Money Pkt.	NAME.	PLACE.	Where Sent.
34	1 *	H. Bligh	Woodville	
	2			
	3			
	4			
	5			
	6			
	7			
	8			
	9			
	10			
	11		1457	
	12			
	13			
	14			
	15			
	16			
	17			
	18			
	19			
	20			

BILL No. _____ SEE FURTHER ENTRIES ON BILL No. _____

*P ("Parcel") indicate in this column by letter "P" all registered articles other than Letters.
 M. P. ("Money Packet") the entry, despatch and receipt of Money Packets should be initialled by two clerks when possible.

MT-207

Known usage

LESS THAN

THREE MONTHS

February 28, 1912

until May 17, 1912.

Only W known for direction.

MT-207

HALIFAX & YAR. R.P.O.

W. H. FAHIE

W / MAY 17 / 12

LRD

Registered Letter Bill indicating one registered item dispatched by W. H. Fahie from the westbound Halifax - Yarmouth RPO and received at Cambridge Station, N.S.

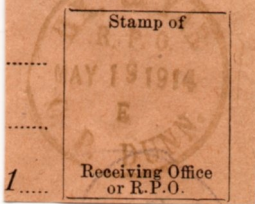
HALIFAX - YARMOUTH CLERK CANCELS

MT-210 Known usage May 9, 1913 to May 19, 1914. Direction may be E or W. Note that "RPO" is shown in the indicia and not the top outer ring.

MT-210
HX & YAR. R.P.O.
W. H. FAHIE
OCT 21 1913 / E

MT-210
HX & YAR. R.P.O.
W. H. FAHIE
SEP 12 1914 / W

ENT.



MT-210
HX & YAR. R.P.O.
W. H. FAHIE
MAY 19 1914 / E

LRD

Bills with a total Number of _____ Registered Articles. For further entries see Bill No. _____

_____ P.M. or Clerk Des. _____ M-AM _____ P.M. or Clerk Rec.

ADDRESSES OF REGISTERED ARTICLES.

No.	P. Parcel, M. P. Money Pkt	NAME.	PLACE.	Where Sent.
1	*	C. P. Dunn	Cambridge	Cambridge Station

Two Registered Letter Bill indicating one registered item each, dispatched by C. P. Dunn from the eastbound and westbound Halifax - Yarmouth RPO and both received at Cambridge Station

MT-210
HX & YAR. R.P.O.
W. H. FAHIE
MAY 9 - 13 / W **ERD**

Letter Bill dispatched by C. P. Dunn from the westbound Halifax - Yarmouth RPO and received at Cambridge Station May 9, 1913.

Possible New Hammer
 The central indicia is a larger type compared to those above. A scan will be forwarded to the RPO study group for further analysis.

HALIFAX - YARMOUTH CLERK CANCELS

MT-211 Known usage March 21, 1914 until October 1, 1919.

Direction may be EAST or WEST

Right

MT-211

HALIFAX & YAR. R.P.O.

R. D. DREW

WEST / NOV 20 / 1915

Letter Bill dispatched by
R.D. Drew using his clerk's
cancel, indicating no
registered items from the
westbound Halifax -
Yarmouth RPO and
received at Bloomfield, N.S.

LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS).
TO BE USED BY POSTMASTERS OR RAILWAY POST OFFICES WHEN
THERE IS NO REGISTERED MATTER TO BE DESPATCHED.
Les maîtres de poste et les commis de malle par chemin
de fer se serviront de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient
pas d'objets recommandés.
CANADA

From De _____
To A Bloomfield

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Despatching _____
Initiales du M. de P. ou du Commis Expéditeur.

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Receiving _____
Initiales du M. de P. ou du Commis Receveur.

N.B.—This Bill must be Stamped and Initialed by the person Making Up, also by the person Opening the Mails, and be filled at Office of receipt
N.B.—La personne qui fait la malle ainsi que celle qui l'ouvre doivent timbrer cette feuille d'avis et y
inscrire leurs initiales. Cette feuille sera gardée en liasse au bureau de réception.

2 G. -12,000,000-5-12-12



MT-211

HALIFAX & YAR. R.P.O.

R. D. DREW

WEST / JUL 25 / 1914

Early cancel from July 1914
shows much less wear.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Stamp of _____
Mail from _____
For _____
Date JUL 27 1917

Despatching Office or R.P.O. _____
Received in good condition + _____
Registered articles, being the number entered in Letter Bill.
† The number to be written in words. _____
P. M. or Clerk Receiving. _____

Return this acknowledgment by first Mail to
POSTMASTER
at _____

23 1/2 B. - 2,000,000-10-5-16

Above: R. D. Drew's signature appears
on acknowledgment receipt dated July 27, 1917 receiving registered mail from
Cambridge Station, N.S. with the eastbound Halifax Yarmouth RPO cancel MT-198

HALIFAX - YARMOUTH CLERK CANCELS

LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS).

TO BE USED BY POSTMASTERS OR RAILWAY POST OFFICES WHEN THERE IS NO REGISTERED MATTER TO BE DESPATCHED.

Les maîtres de poste et les commis de malle par chemin de fer se serviront de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.

Despatching Stamp. **WEST** FEB 9 1916 **Timbre d'Expédition**

Receiving Stamp. **Timbre de Réception**

From De Bloomfield

To A Bloomfield

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Despatching. Initials du M. de P. ou du Commis Expéditeur.

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Receiving. Initials du M. de P. ou du Commis Receveur.

N.B.—This Bill must be Stamped and Initialed by the person Making Up, also by the person Opening the Mails, and be filled at Office of receipt.

N.B.—La personne qui fait la malle ainsi que celle qui l'ouvre doivent timbrer cette feuille d'avis et y inscrire leurs initiales. Cette feuille sera gardée en liasse au bureau de réception.

2 G.—12,000,000-5-12-12.

MT-213 Known usage
June 13, 1914 until
October 20, 2016.
Direction may be EAST,
WEST or left blank.

MT-213
Halifax &
Yarmouth R.P.O.
*** A. R. BUCKLER. ***
WEST / FEB 9, 1916
Letter Bill dispatched by A.R. Buckler using his clerk's cancel, indicating no registered items from the westbound Halifax - Yarmouth RPO and received at Bloomfield, N.S.

MT-213
Halifax &
Yarmouth R.P.O.
*** A. R. BUCKLER. ***
WEST / MAR 23, 1916

Letter Bill dispatched by A.R. Buckler using his clerk's cancel, indicating no registered items from the westbound Halifax - Yarmouth RPO and received at Bloomfield, N.S.

LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS).

TO BE USED BY POSTMASTERS OR RAILWAY POST OFFICES WHEN THERE IS NO REGISTERED MATTER TO BE DESPATCHED.

Les maîtres de poste et les commis de malle par chemin de fer se serviront de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.

Despatching Stamp. **WEST** MAR 23 1916 **Timbre d'Expédition**

Receiving Stamp. **Timbre de Réception**

From De Bloomfield

To A Bloomfield

Initials of P. M. or Clerk Despatching. Initials du M. de P. ou du Commis Expéditeur.

Initials of P. M. or Clerk Receiving. Initials du M. de P. ou du Commis Receveur.

N. B.—This Bill must be Stamped and Initialed by the person Making Up, also by the person Opening the Mails, and be filled at Office of receipt.

N. B.—La personne qui fait la malle et celle qui l'ouvre doivent timbrer cette feuille d'avis et y inscrire leurs initiales. Cette feuille sera gardée en liasse au bureau de réception.

2 G.— 12,000,000—21-3-14

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Stamp of **Despatching Office or R.P.O.**

Mail from _____

For _____

Date _____ 191 _____

Received in good condition † _____

Registered articles, being the number entered in Letter Bill.

† The number to be written in words.

Stamp of **Receiving Office or R.P.O.**

234 E.— 2,500,000-27-3-17

P. M. or Clerk Receiving.

A.R. Buckler's Signature appears on acknowledgment receipt dated September 13, 1917 receiving registered mail From Cambridge Station, N.S. with the eastbound Halifax Yarmouth RPO cancel MT-198.

A.R. Buckler's initials appear on this Acknowledgment Slip along with his personal clerk cancel, receiving registered mail from Cambridge Station, N.S.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Return this acknowledgment by first Mail to **POSTMASTER** at _____

Stamp of _____

Mail from _____

For _____

Date _____

Despatch's Office or R.P.O. _____

Received in good condition † _____

Registered articles, being the number entered in Letter Bill.

† The number to be written in words. _____

23 1/2 B-2 500,000-11-2-13. _____

P. M. or Clerk Receiving. _____

MT-213

Halifax & Yarmouth R.P.O. / * A. R. BUCKLER. *

BLANK / JUN 13 1914

ERD

This item was discovered in 2017 and has been listed in Gray's 2022 RPO catalogue. Along with being the earliest known date of use, this was the first report of the train direction being left blank.

Below: Letter Bill dispatched by A.R. Buckler using his clerk's cancel, indicating no registered items from the westbound Halifax - Yarmouth RPO and received at Bloomfield, N.S.

LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS).

TO BE USED BY POSTMASTERS OR RAILWAY POST OFFICES WHEN THERE IS NO REGISTERED MATTER TO BE DESPATCHED

Les maîtres de poste et les commis de malle par chemin de fer se serviront de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.

From _____ **To** Bloomfield

De _____ **A** _____

Initials of P. M. or Clerk Despatching _____ **Initials of P. M. or Clerk Receiving** _____

Initiales du M. de P. ou du Commis Expéditeur. _____ **Initiales du M. de P. ou du Commis Receveur.** _____

N. B.—This Bill must be Stamped and Initialed by the person Making Up, also by the person Opening the Mails, and be filled at Office of receipt.

N. B.—La personne qui fait la malle et celle qui l'ouvre doivent timbrer cette feuille d'avis et y inscrire leurs initiales. Cette feuille sera gardée en liasse au bureau de réception.

2 G.—2,000,000—30-10-15.

LRD

MT-213 Halifax & Yarmouth R.P.O. / * A. R. BUCKLER. *

WEST / OCT 20 , 1916

HALIFAX - YARMOUTH CLERK CANCELS

MT-214 Known usage July 25, 1914 until January 29, 1918. Direction may be EAST or WEST.

ERD

MT-214
HALIFAX &
YARMOUTH R.P.O.
J. P. COX
EAST / JUL 25 / 1914

Despatching Stamp
YARMOUTH R.P.O.
EAST
JUL 25
1914
Timbre d'Expédition

LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS).

TO BE USED BY POSTMASTERS OR RAILWAY POST OFFICES
WHEN THERE IS NO REGISTERED MATTER TO BE DESPATCHED.

Les maîtres de poste et les commis de malle-par chemin de fer se serviront de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.

Receiving Stamp
CANADA.

From.....
De.....

To.....
A.....

Initials of P. M. or Clerk Despatching.....
Initiales du M. de P. ou du Commis Expéditeur.....

Initials of P. M. or Clerk Receiving.....
Initiales du M. de P. ou du Commis Receveur.....

N. B.—This Bill must be Stamped and Initialed by the person Making Up, also by the person Opening the Mails, and be filed at Office of receipt.

N. B.—La personne qui fait la malle et celle qui l'ouvre doivent timbrer cette feuille d'avis et y inscrire leurs initiales. Cette feuille sera gardée en liasse au bureau de réception.

2 G.—3,750,000—20-5-13.

Letter Bill dispatched by J. P. Cox using his clerk's cancel, indicating no registered items from the eastbound Halifax - Yarmouth RPO and received at Cambridge Station, N.S.

Despatching Stamp
YARMOUTH R.P.O.
WEST
OCT 23
1916
J. P. COX
Timbre d'Expédition

LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS).

TO BE USED BY POSTMASTERS OR RAILWAY POST OFFICES
WHEN THERE IS NO REGISTERED MATTER TO BE DESPATCHED

Les maîtres de poste et les commis de malle par chemin de fer se serviront de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.

Receiving Stamp
CANADA.

From.....
De.....

To.....
A.....

Initials of P. M. or Clerk Despatching.....
Initiales du M. de P. ou du Commis Expéditeur.....

Initials of P. M. or Clerk Receiving.....
Initiales du M. de P. ou du Commis Receveur.....

N. B.—This Bill must be Stamped and Initialed by the person Making Up, also by the person Opening the Mails, and be filed at Office of receipt.

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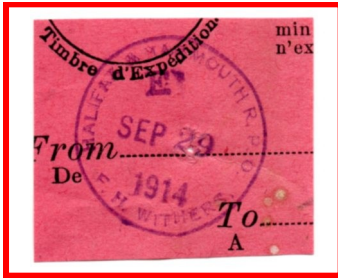
2 G.—3,000,000—33-10-15.

MT-214
HALIFAX &
YARMOUTH R.P.O.
J. P. COX
WEST / OCT 23, 1916

Letter Bill dispatched by J. P. Cox using his clerk's cancel, indicating no registered items from the westbound Halifax - Yarmouth RPO and received at Bloomfield, N.S.

HALIFAX - YARMOUTH CLERK CANCELS

MT-215 *Extremely rare, this cancel is only known to be in use for 91 days... from July 1, 1914 until September 29, 1914. Direction may be E or WEST*



Note the outer ring is flattened in two spots at the bottom, the direction line is at a 45 degree angle, and the date line is also off kilter.

The obvious signs of damage on this rubber hand stamp suggests the reason for it's short period of use...

MT-215
HALIFAX &
YARMOUTH R.P.O.
F. H. WITHERS
E / SEP 29 / 1914

LRD

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Stamp of _____
Mail from _____
For _____
Date _____ 191 _____

Despatching Office or R.P.O. _____
Received in good condition † _____
Registered articles, being the number entered in Letter Bill.
† The number to be written in words. _____

23 1/2 B—2 500,000—11-2-13.

P. M. or Clerk Receiving. _____

Return this acknowledgment by first Mail to
POSTMASTER

Above: F.H.Wither's signature appears on Acknowledgment Slip dated Sept 8, 1914, receiving registered mail from Cambridge Station, N.S. with an eastbound Halifax Yarmouth RPO cancel

MT-216 *Known usage from September 24, 1914 until April 3, 1918. Direction may be E or W.*

LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS).

TO BE USED BY POSTMASTERS OR RAILWAY POST OFFICES WHEN THERE IS NO REGISTERED MATTER TO BE DESPATCHED.

Les maîtres de poste et les commis de malle par chemin de fer se serviront de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.

Despatching Stamp. _____
Timbre d'Expedition. _____

From _____
De _____

To _____
A _____

Receiving Stamp. _____
Timbre de Réception. _____

CANADA.

Initials of P. M. or Clerk Despatching. _____
Initiales du M. de P. ou du Commis Expéditeur. _____

Initials of P. M. or Clerk Receiving. _____
Initiales du M. de P. ou du Commis Receveur. _____

N. B.—This Bill must be Stamped and Initialed by the person Making Up, also by the person Opening the Mails, and be filled at Office of receipt.

N. B.—La personne qui fait la malle et celle qui l'ouvre doivent timbrer cette feuille d'avis et y inscrire leurs initiales. Cette feuille sera gardée en liasse au bureau de réception.

2 G.—9,000,000—30-10-15.

MT-216
HALIFAX & YAR.
J. R. COMEAU
R.P.O.
MAR 14 1918
W

Note the difference from the J.R. Comeau clerk cancel MT205 seen on page 3:
On this cancel "RPO" appears on the first line of the central indicia, where on the former "RPO" is part of the route named in the outer circle.

Letter Bill dispatched by J. R. Comeau using his clerk's cancel, indicating no registered items from the westbound Halifax - Yarmouth RPO and received at Bloomfield, N.S.

MT-217 HX. & YARMOUTH R.P.O. / S. D. BURRILL

*The known use of
this extremely rare
cancel is just 4 days!*

*September 12
through 15, 1914*

*The only direction
known is EAST.*

**EAST
SEP 15
1914**

LRD

Above: Letter Bill dispatched by S. D. Burrill using his clerk's cancel indicating no registered items from an eastbound Halifax-Yarmouth RPO **to** Cambridge Station, N.S.

Below: S.D. Burrill's initials appear on Acknowledgment Slip receiving registered mail **from** Cambridge Station with an eastbound Halifax Yarmouth RPO cancel.

Same day, same station!

*This rare pairing from S.D. Burrill is a perfect insight into the meticulous workings
Railway Post Office and it's clerks at and between every stop along a railroad route.*

HALIFAX - YARMOUTH CLERK CANCELS

MT-218 Known usage

March 25, 1916 until

June 1, 1918.

Direction may be EAST,
WEST or W.

MT-218

H'X & Yarmouth R.P.O.

K. E. Corbett.

W / MAR 15 1918

Letter Bill dispatched by K.E.
Corbett using his clerk's
cancel, indicating no registered
items from the westbound
Halifax - Yarmouth RPO and
received at Bloomfield, N.S.

RPO Bloomfield (N.S.) March 1918

LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS).

TO BE USED BY POSTMASTERS OR RAILWAY POST OFFICES
WHEN THERE IS NO REGISTERED MATTER TO BE DESPATCHED.

Les maîtres de poste et les commis de malle par che-
min de fer se serviront de cette feuille quand ils
n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.

Despatching Stamp **Receiving Stamp**

From _____ **To** _____

De _____ **A** _____

Initials of P. M. or Clerk Despatching _____ **Initials of P. M. or Clerk Receiving** _____

Initiales du M. de P. ou du Commis Expéditeur _____ **Initiales du M. de P. ou du Commis Receveur** _____

N. B.—This Bill must be Stamped and Initialled by the person Making Up, also by the person Opening the Malls,
and be filled at Office of receipt.

N. B.—La personne qui fait la malle et celle qui l'ouvre doivent timbrer cette feuille d'avis et y
inscrire leurs initiales. Cette feuille sera gardée en liasse au bureau de réception.

2 G.—9,000,000—30-10-15.

CANADA.

Return this acknowledgment
by first Mail to
POSTMASTER
at _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Stamp of _____ **Stamp of** _____

Mail from _____ **For** _____

Date _____

Received in good condition **†**

Registered articles, being the number entered in Letter Bill.

† The number to be written in words.

23 1/2 E.— 2,500,000—27-3-17

P. M. or Clerk Receiving.

K. E. Corbett's
Signature appears on
acknowledgment receipt
dated August 23, 1917
receiving registered mail
From Cambridge Station,
N.S. with the eastbound
Halifax Yarmouth
RPO cancel MT-198.



ERD

MT-218

H'X & Yarmouth R.P.O.

K. E. Corbett.

WEST / MAR 25 1916

Letter Bill dispatched by K.E.
Corbett using his clerk's
cancel, indicating no registered
items from the westbound
Halifax - Yarmouth RPO and
received at Bloomfield, N.S.

LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS).

TO BE USED BY POSTMASTERS OR RAILWAY POST OFFICES
WHEN THERE IS NO REGISTERED MATTER TO BE DESPATCHED.

Les maîtres de poste et les commis de malle par che-
min de fer se serviront de cette feuille quand ils
n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.

Despatching Stamp **Receiving Stamp**

From _____ **To** _____

De _____ **A** _____

Initials of P. M. or Clerk Despatching _____ **Initials of P. M. or Clerk Receiving** _____

Initiales du M. de P. ou du Commis Expéditeur _____ **Initiales du M. de P. ou du Commis Receveur** _____

N. B.—This Bill must be Stamped and Initialled by the person Making Up, also by the person Opening the Malls,
and be filled at Office of receipt.

N. B.—La personne qui fait la malle et celle qui l'ouvre doivent timbrer cette feuille d'avis et y
inscrire leurs initiales. Cette feuille sera gardée en liasse au bureau de réception.

2 G.—12,000,000—21-3-14

CANADA.

HALIFAX - YARMOUTH CLERK CANCELS

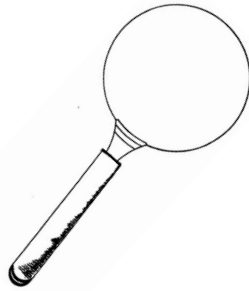
MT-219

Among the rarest of the
Halifax-Yarmouth clerks
There was previously
only one known example
of this cancel: EAST /
DEC 2 / 1916

MT-219

HALIFAX &
YARMOUTH R.P.O.
P. L. SMITH
WEST / MAY 11 / 1917

Letter Bill dispatched by
P.L. Smith using his clerk's
Cancel indicating no
registered items from the
westbound Halifax -
Yarmouth RPO and
received at Bloomfield, N.S.



ONLY 2ND KNOWN COPY
NEW LRD - NEW DIRECTION
Now listed in Gray 2022 RPO Catalogue
WEST / MAY 11 / 1917

P. L. Smith's Signature appears on acknowledgment receipt dated July 28, 1917 receiving registered mail from Cambridge Station, N.S. with the eastbound Halifax Yarmouth RPO cancel MT-198.

**A second and different clerk cancel for P. L. Smith
is shown on the following page**

REGISTERED LETTER BILL.

Despatching Stamp. *No.* _____ *Date* *Sept 8th* *1918* Receiving Stamp.

From _____ *for* _____

Bills with a total Number of _____ Registered Articles. For further entries see Bill No. _____

Clerk Des. *B. Caldwell* P.M. or Clerk Rec. _____

ADDRESSES OF REGISTERED ARTICLES.

No.	P. Parcel, M. P. Money Pkt.	N A M E.	P L A C E.	Where Sent.
<i>977</i>	<i>1</i> *	<i>H B Bowdler Cambridge</i>		
	2			
	3			
	4			
	5			
	6			
	7			
	8			
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	10			
	11			
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	15			
	16			
	17			
	18			
	19			
	20			

BILL No. _____ **SEE FURTHER ENTRIES ON BILL No.** _____

* P ("Parcel") indicate in this column by letter "P" all registered articles other than Letters.
M. P. ("Money Packet") the entry, despatch and receipt of Money Packets should be initialled by two clerks when possible.

MT-221

Another short lived cancel, this one has been recorded over just 75 days from July 5 to September 17, 1918.

The direction may be E or W.

MT-221

**HALIFAX &
YARMOUTH
P. L. SMITH
E / JUL 6 / 1918**

The key difference between this and the P.L. Smith cancel on the previous page is the omission of the letters "RPO" on this cancel.

Registered Letter Bill dispatched by P.L. Smith using his clerk's cancel indicating one piece of registered mail from the eastbound Halifax - Yarmouth RPO and received at Cambridge Station, N.S. on July 6, 1918...

1 day after the ERD



ONLY KNOWN COPY

Previously unknown clerk cancel
Now listed in Gray 2022 Catalogue as MT-220.55

MT-220.55
HX. & YAR. R.P.O.
C. P. DUNN

Note the 'fleur de
lis' like ornaments
on either side of
name

REGISTERED LETTER BILL.

Despatching Stamp. No. _____ Date _____

From _____ for _____ Receiving Stamp.

Bills with a total Number of _____ Registered Articles. For further entries see Bill No. _____

Clerk Des. _____ P.M. or Clerk Rec. _____

ADDRESSES OF REGISTERED ARTICLES.

No.	P. Parcel, M. P. Money Pkt.	NAME.	PLACE.	Where Sent.



Another New Discovery

Previously unknown clerk cancel - Now listed in Gray 2022 Catalogue as:
MT-224.55 HALIFAX & YARMOUTH R.P.O. A. B. LOCKE

Note: While the outer route states Halifax & Yarmouth this is out of period as noted on page 2. As well Train numbers on cancels did not occur until the route changed to Halifax, Digby & Yarmouth about 1929. See page 23

Despatching Stamp

LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS)

TO BE USED BY POSTMASTERS OR RAILWAY POST OFFICES WHEN THERE IS NO REGISTERED MATTER TO BE DESPATCHED.

Les maîtres de poste et les commis ambulants doivent se servir de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.

Timbre du bureau de départ

From De _____ To À _____

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Despatching. _____

Initiales du M. de P. ou du commis du bureau de départ. _____

N.B.—This Bill must be Stamped and Initialled by the person Making Up, also by the person Opening the Mails and be filed at Office of receipt.

N.B.—La personne qui confectionne les dépêches et celle qui ouvre les lettres doivent timbrer cette feuille d'avis et y inscrire leurs initiales. Cette feuille sera gardée dans les archives du bureau d'arrivée.

2 G.—7,000,000—6-9-33

Despatching Stamp

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2 G.—7,000,000—20-9-32

Left: Discovery copy - now **ERD**

Right: recent discovery as yet unlisted will become the **LRD**

Train 98 Eastbound NOV 7 / 34

Train 95 Westbound NOV 29 / 34

Halifax - Digby - Yarmouth Route CLERK CANCELS

With only eleven clerk cancels catalogued showing Halifax, Digby, and Yarmouth, they are much scarcer than the Halifax - Yarmouth clerks. As well, the Halifax, Digby, Yarmouth clerks are only known for very brief periods of time. Four are known in use for less than five months and five are known by just one single copy. The first cancels are actually **attachments to HX. DIG. & YAR. steel hammer MT 146**. All others are rubber hand stamps.

MT-147

Only known date: JUNE 28, 1934
Train 98 (eastbound)



**New
Discovery**

MT-147

J. E. MARSHALL
Attachment to MT-146.03
Train 98 (eastbound)
JAN 31 / 35

NEW LRD

At right is a 100% scan of the discovery copy shown in Gray's 2022 catalogue. **Note the position of the attachment is not fixed but variable.**



J. E. MARSHALL

Two Letter Bills, each dispatching bundles of mail with no registered items, from Halifax-Digby-Yarmouth RPO to Hectanooga, N.S.

MT-149

Only known date: FEB 6 / 35
Train 95 (westbound)



**New
Discovery**

MT-149

W. L. RYAN
Attachment to MT-146.06
Train 95 (westbound)
FE 20 / 35

NEW LRD

Despatching Stamp

LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS)

TO BE USED BY POSTMASTERS OR RAILWAY POST OFFICES WHEN THERE IS NO REGISTERED MATTER TO BE DESPATCHED.

Les maîtres de poste et les commis ambulants doivent se servir de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.

Timbre du bureau de départ

From _____

De _____

To _____

A _____

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Despatching.....

Initiales du M. de P. ou du commis du bureau de départ.....

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Receiving.....

Initiales du M. de P. ou du commis du bureau d'arrivée.....

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2 G.—8,120,000—6-7-34

Despatching Stamp

LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS)

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Timbre du bureau de départ

From _____

De _____

To _____

A _____

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Despatching.....

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2 G.—8,120,000—6-7-34

HALIFAX, DIGBY - YARMOUTH CLERK CANCELS

MT-152.55 Known usage April 19, 1935 to June 28, 1935. Only Train 95 (westbound) is known.

Despatching Stamp

Receiving Stamp

LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS)

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de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.

Timbre du bureau
de départ

Timbre du bureau
d'arrivée

CANADA

From
De

To
À

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Despatching..... Initials of P.M. or Clerk Receiving.....
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2 G.—8,120,000—6-7-34

**NEW
ERD**



**MT-152.55
HX. DIGBY & YARMOUTH
E. F. DART**

TR 95 / APR 12 / (no year)

The year is **1935**
as shown on the
Hectanooga receiver cancel

Letter Bill dispatched by E. F. Dart, using his clerk's cancel, indicating
no registered items from a westbound Halifax-Digby-Yarmouth RPO
to Hectanooga, N.S.

Letter Bill dispatched by E. F. Dart, using his clerk's cancel, indicating
no registered items from a westbound Halifax-Digby-Yarmouth RPO
to Hectanooga, N.S.

**MT-152.55
HX. DIGBY & YARMOUTH
E. F. DART**

TR 95 / JUN 28 / 1935

Despatching Stamp

Receiving Stamp

LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS)

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THERE IS NO REGISTERED MATTER TO BE DESPATCHED.

Les maîtres de poste et les commis ambulants doivent se servir
de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.

Timbre du bureau
de départ

Timbre du bureau
d'arrivée

CANADA

From
De

To
À

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Despatching..... Initials of P.M. or Clerk Receiving.....
Initiales du M. de P. ou du commis du bureau de départ. Initiales du M. de P. ou du commis du bureau d'arrivée.

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2 G.—8,120,000—6-7-34

Known and Catalogued
LRD

Despatching Stamp

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de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.

Receiving Stamp

Timbre du bureau
de départ

From
De

To
À

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Despatching.....
Initiales du M. de P. ou du commis du bureau de départ.

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2 G.—9,000,000—4-7-35

HALIFAX, DIGBY - YARMOUTH
CLERK CANCELS

MT-153

FROM HAL. DIG. & YAR.
DIGBY & YARMOUTH
H. R. DALEY

A 3 line rubber hand stamp
with a changeable date line

Known usage June 14, 1935 to
July 16, 1937. No direction or
train number indicated.

Three Letter Bills dispatched by
H. R. Daley, using his clerk's
cancel, indicating no registered
items from the Halifax-Digby-
Yarmouth RPO to Hectanooga,
and Cambridge Station, N.S.

Despatching Stamp

LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS)

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de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.

Receiving Stamp

Timbre du bureau
de départ

From
De

To
À

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Despatching.....
Initiales du M. de P. ou du commis du bureau de départ.

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Receiving.....
Initiales du M. de P. ou du commis du bureau d'arrivée.

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2 G.—7,000,000—6-9-33

Details on Cancels

Top: JAN 12 1936

Falls within known dates..

No Train Number - thought to
be intended to be written in.

Despatching Stamp

LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS)

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Receiving Stamp

Timbre du bureau
de départ

From
De

To
À

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Despatching.....
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2 G.—7,000,000—6-9-33

Center: JUN 29, 1934

**Unrecorded
NEW ERD**

[] following TR
also unrecorded



Bottom: NOV 24, 1934

**Unrecorded
Train 95**



HALIFAX, DIGBY - YARMOUTH CLERK CANCELS

MT-154 HFX. DIGBY & YAR. R.P.O. U. A. MADER

A rare two ring rubber cancel known in use for just 42 days
from May 13, 1936 to June 25, 1936. Trains 95 and 98 are known.

Despatching Stamp **REGISTERED LETTER BILL** Receiving Stamp
CANADA

From..... Via.....
For..... Train No.....
Despatch No..... Lock or Seal No.....
(To be entered when Rotary Lock is used)

Despatched by.....

**** INDICATE IN THIS COLUMN
BAGS—B. MONEY PACKETS—M.P.
ARTICLES OTHER THAN LETTERS—P.
LETTERS—LEAVE BLANK**

**THE ENTRY DESPATCH AND RECEIPT
OF MONEY PACKETS SHOULD
BE INITIALED BY
TWO CLERKS**

**	NAME OF ORIGINAL MAILING OFFICE	MAILING OFFICE REG'N NO.	DISPOSITION — DESPATCH
1	Halifax	941	
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

Bill No..... Further.....
Indicate below on final Bill number of despatch.

..... **BILLS**

Received by.....

23 1/2 B—10,000 Pads—1-10-34

Right: Registered Letter Bill dispatched by U. A. Mader, using his clerk's cancel, indicating one registered item from a west-bound Halifax-Digby-Yarmouth RPO to Cambridge Station, N.S.

**MT-154
HFX. DIGBY & YAR. R.P.O.
U. A. MADER
95 / MAY 27 / 193(6)**

Below: Letter Bill dispatched by U. A. Mader, using his clerk's cancel, indicating no registered items from a westbound Halifax-Digby-Yarmouth RPO to Cambridge Station, N.S.

**MT-154
HFX. DIGBY & YAR. R.P.O.
U. A. MADER
95 / JUN 24 / 193(6)**

Despatching Stamp **LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS)** Receiving Stamp

**TO BE USED BY POSTMASTERS OR RAILWAY POST OFFICES WHEN
THERE IS NO REGISTERED MATTER TO BE DESPATCHED.**

Les maîtres de poste et les commis ambulants doivent se servir de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.

Timbre du bureau de départ Timbre du bureau d'arrivée

From.....
De.....

To.....
A.....

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Despatching..... Initials of P.M. or Clerk Receiving.....
Initiales du M. de P. ou du commis du bureau de départ. Initiales du M. de P. ou du commis du bureau d'arrivée.

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2 G.—9,000,000—4-7-35

Year Confirmation
*The Cambridge Station
receiving cancel confirms the
year as 1926 on both these forms.*

HALIFAX, DIGBY - YARMOUTH CLERK CANCELS



1 of 2 KNOWN COPIES

MT-155
HX, DIGBY &
YARMOUTH
W. B. COOLEN
TR 95
JUN 25 / 1947

A second copy of this cancel came to light last year. It is on an unaddressed favour cover and bears the same date as the facing slip piece above suggesting this was also a favour cancel.



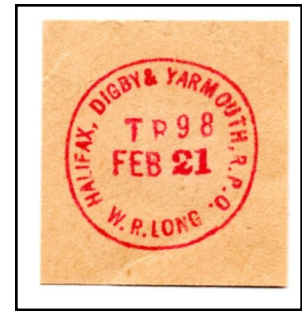
1 of 2 KNOWN COPIES

MT-155.55
HALIFAX DIGBY
& YARMOUTH
- W. R. LONG -
TR 98 / NOV 10
(no year)



New Discovery

The only other copy of this cancel is dated April 9, 1949



MT-156
HALIFAX, DIGBY &
YARMOUTH, R.P.O.
W. R. LONG
TR 98 / FEB 21
(no year)

Other copies of this cancel are dated between Nov 28, 1954 and April 9, 1955
Train 95 is also known.

ONLY KNOWN COPY

MT-156.55 HAL. - DIG. - YAR. A. L. COOK 98 / AUG 5 1955

Dispatching Stamp	CANADA	Receiving Stamp
LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS)		
TO BE USED BY POSTMASTERS OR RAILWAY POST OFFICES WHEN THERE IS NO REGISTERED MATTER TO BE DISPATCHED.		
Les maîtres de poste et les commis ambulants doivent se servir de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.		
Timbre du bureau de départ	To <u>Kingston</u>	Timbre du bureau d'arrivée
From <u>A</u>	VIA	TRAIN - TRAIN FLT. - ENVOLEE M.V.S. - AUTO
Initials of P. M. or Clerk Dispatching	Initials of P. M. or Clerk Receiving	
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2 G.—8,000,000-18-8-53		

Letter Bill dispatched by A. L. Cook, using his clerk's cancel, indicating no registered items from a eastbound Halifax-Digby-Yarmouth RPO to Kingston, N.S.

New Discovery - Unrecorded Clerk Cancels

3 line rubber stamp cancel
found on letter bills
dispatched from the
Halifax, Digby, Yarmouth R.P.O.



HFX. D. YAR. TR. 95
(DATE)
L. N. WIER

Westbound, received at
Hectanooga, N.S.

HFX. D. YAR. TR. 95
JUN 4 1934
L. N. WEIR

ERD

Despatching Stamp

Receiving Stamp

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de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.

Timbre du bureau
de départ

Timbre du bureau
d'arrivée
CANADA

From
De

To
A *Hectanooga*

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Despatching.....
Initiales du M. de P. ou du commis du bureau de départ.

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2 G.—7,000,000—6-9-33

Despatching Stamp

Receiving Stamp

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Timbre du bureau
de départ

Timbre du bureau
d'arrivée
CANADA

From
De

To
A *Hectanooga*

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Despatching.....
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2 G.—7,000,000—6-9-33

Westbound, received at
Hectanooga, N.S.

HFX. D. YAR. TR. 95
NOV 19 1934
L. N. WEIR

Date on stamp was 12
and overwritten 19
which matches the
receiver date

LRD

New Discovery - Unrecorded Clerk Cancels

3 line rubber stamp cancel
found on letter bills
dispatched from the
Halifax, Digby, Yarmouth R.P.O.



FROM HX DIG & YAR TR. ____
(DATE)
A B LOCKE

Changeable text for
train number and date.

Despatching Stamp

LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS)

TO BE USED BY POSTMASTERS OR RAILWAY POST OFFICES WHEN
THERE IS NO REGISTERED MATTER TO BE DESPATCHED.

Les maîtres de poste et les commis ambulants doivent se servir
de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.

Timbre du bureau
de départ

From
De

To
A

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Despatching.....

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Receiving.....

Initials du M. de P. ou du commis du bureau de départ.

Initiales du M. de P. ou du commis du bureau d'arrivée.

N.B.—This Bill must be Stamped and Initialled by the person Making Up, also by the person Opening the Mails and be filed at Office of receipt.

N.B.—La personne qui confectionne les dépêches et celle qui les dépouille doivent timbrer cette feuille d'avis et y
inscrire leurs initiales. Cette feuille sera gardée dans les archives du bureau d'arrivée.

2 G.—8,120,000—6-7-34

Westbound, received at
Hectanooga, N.S.

FROM HX DIG & YAR TR. 95
MAY 23 1935
A B LOCKE

ERD

Eastbound, received at
Hectanooga, N.S.

FROM HX DIG & YAR TR. 98
JUNE 19 1935
A B LOCKE

Note use of an
exclamation mark
substituting for the 1
in JUNE 19

LRD

See also page 16

Note Mr. Locke has corrected
the route to properly show
Halifax, Digby and Yarmouth

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JULY 1914 STUDY

The following pages show an extraordinary assembly of Acknowledgement Receipts used to record the movement of registered mail. *ALL* are from July 1914 and *ALL* originate from Cambridge Station, Nova Scotia. *ALL* are received by clerks of the Halifax & Yarmouth Railway Post Office. The AR's are identified and presented in chronological order.



Hammer 1

The first thing determined is the identification of the steel hammer. There are 14 varieties of this particular hammer. Hammers 2, 3 and 4 were all out of use by 1912 while 6 through 14 all came into use after 1918, meaning that the cancel shown on these slips can only be 1 or 5. Hammers 1 and 5 are easily discernible by a raised dot which appears between the H of Yarmouth and the R of R.P.O. on hammer 5. The dot is absent from hammer 1.



Hammer 5

The receiving clerk's initials or signatures, at the lower right, are the most significant items on these receipts. You can easily discern the movements of the clerks in the two directions and the hammer being used. There are a total of eight different clerks represented, the most prominent of which are JRC and RHR. Five of these clerks can be identified and in the years to follow were known to use personalized clerk cancels which can be found on the pages preceding this July study.

JRC is
J. R. COMEAU

RHR is
R. H. ROSS

CPD is
C. P. DUNN

FHW is
F. H. WITHERS

ARB is
A. R. BUCKLER

JMA
Last Name Unknown

JPE
Last Name Unknown

DRV
Last Name Unknown

KEY: Above are the initials, along with full last names where known, of the clerks identified on these Acknowledgement Receipts. Each name has a unique colour background which will be used throughout the July study and on the concluding calendar to aid in following movements.

JULY 1 - EAST
Hammer 1

Initialized J.R.C. by
J. R. COMEAU

See Clerk's Cancel
on page 3

Return this acknowledgment by first Mail to

POSTMASTER

at

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Stamp of
Despatch'g Office or R.P.O.

Mail from.....

For.....

Date.....191.....

Stamp of
Receiving Office or R.P.O.

Received in good condition †
Registered articles, being the number entered in Letter Bill.
† The number to be written in words.

23 1/2 B—2 500,000—11-2-13.

P. M. or Clerk Receiving.

JULY 1914 STUDY

As there was simultaneously an eastbound and a west bound train each day this made necessary the use of two hammers. Study of the receipts show while one hammer travels east from Yarmouth to Halifax and the other is going west from Halifax to Yarmouth. The following day the hammers reverse direction.

Return this acknowledgment
by first Mail to
POSTMASTER
at

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Stamp of
CAMBRIDGE
Despatching Office
or R.P.O.

Mail from.....
For.....
Date.....191.....

Stamp of
YARMOUTH
JUL 2
14
Receiving Office
or R.P.O.

Received in good condition †
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† The number to be written in words.

23½ B—2 500,000—11-2-13. P. M. or Clerk Receiving.

**JULY 2 - WEST
Hammer 1**

**Initialized J.R.C. by
J. R. COMEAU**

See Clerk's Cancel
on page 3

Previous page and above: These receipts show that J. R. Comeau travelled with hammer 1 from Yarmouth to Halifax on July 1st, and returned to Yarmouth the following day.

Below: F.H. Withers, with hammer 5 travelling east. The next page shows J. P. E. travelling west on July 3 with hammer 5 then east on July 4, so it may be reasoned that Withers came west on July 1.

**JULY 2 - EAST
Hammer 5**

**Signed by
F. H. WITHERS**

See Clerk's Cancel
on page 11

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**JULY 3 - EAST
Hammer 1**

**Initialized C.P.D. by
C. P. DUNN**

See Clerk's Cancel
on page 16

Above C.P. Dunn travelling east with hammer 1. Since J.R. Comeau travelled west with hammer 1 on July 2, Dunn would have travelled west on July 4 with hammer 1.



Cover of Dominion Atlantic Railway pamphlet, scanned at 90%, states time tables are effective June 29, 1914. (2 days before the receipts shown on the following pages commence).

Dominion Atlantic Railway Local Time Tables

Between HALIFAX, TRURO, WINDSOR, DIGBY, ST. JOHN, N. B., YARMOUTH, BOSTON.

WEST BOUND—Read Down				EAST BOUND—Read Up			
Station	Accom.	Express	Local	Station	Accom.	Express	Local
HALIFAX	7:10 AM	7:30 AM	7:45 AM	YARMOUTH	12:00 PM	12:15 PM	12:30 PM
Truro	7:25	7:45	8:00	Boston	12:30	12:45	1:00
Windsor	7:40	8:00	8:15	St. John	1:00	1:15	1:30
Digby	7:55	8:15	8:30	Truro	1:15	1:30	1:45
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JULY 7 - EAST
Hammer 5

Initialized J.M.A.
Last name unknown

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Stamp of _____
Mail from _____
For _____
Date _____ 191 _____

Despatch's Office or R.P.O. _____

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Stamp of _____
Receiving Office or R.P.O. _____

P. M. or Clerk Receiving. _____

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P. M. or Clerk Receiving. _____

23 1/4 B—2 500,000—11-2-13.

JULY 8- EAST
Hammer 1

Initialized J.R.C. by
J. R. COMEAU

See Clerk's Cancel on page 3

JULY 10 - EAST
Hammer 1

Initialized D.R.V.
Last name unknown

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

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23 1/4 B—2 500,000—11-2-13.

JULY 11 - WEST
Hammer 1

Initialized C.P.D. by
C. P. DUNN

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JULY 13 - EAST
Hammer 1

Initialized R.H.R. by
R. H. ROSS

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**JULY 14- EAST
Hammer 5**

Signed by
F. H. WITHERS

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J. R. COMEAU

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**JULY 15- WEST
Hammer 5**

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A. R. BUCKLER

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**JULY 16- EAST
Hammer 5**

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A. R. BUCKLER

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**JULY 17 - EAST
Hammer 1**

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C. P. DUNN

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JULY 20 - EAST
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JULY 21 - WEST
Hammer 1

Signed by
R. H. ROSS

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JULY 21 - EAST
Hammer 5

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Hammer 5

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F. H. WITHERS

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J. R. COMEAU

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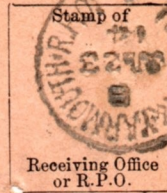
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Initialized **F.H.W.** by
F. H. WITHERS

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JULY 24 - EAST
Hammer 1

Initialized **C.P.D.** by
C. P. DUNN

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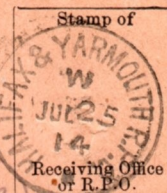
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JULY 25 - WEST
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JULY 27 - EAST
Hammer 1

Signed by
R. H. ROSS

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Hammer 1**

Signed by
R. H. ROSS

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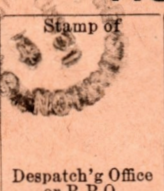
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Hammer 1**

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J. R. COMEAU

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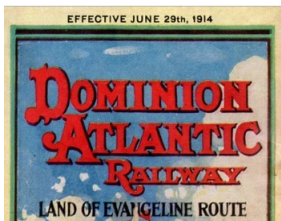
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Brochure scan at 40%

Timetable for the Mail Express, train 95 westbound from Halifax to Yarmouth.

Reprinted from scan shown on page 4.

Towns in bold face are scheduled stops. Signal lights at all other towns are used when there are passengers, freight or mail to pick up. Stops would also be made for disembarking passengers. Mail bags at some unscheduled stops would be collected from catch posts (or mail bag tossed from moving train).

The towns in red (all unscheduled stops) are the three towns found on items in this exhibit.

Departing		Train 95 eastbound from Yarmouth to Halifax	
Halifax	7:30 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Rockingham	7:40 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Bedford	7:50 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Windsor Junction	8:00 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Beaver Bank	8:08 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
South Uniacke	8:25 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Mount Uniacke	8:31 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Ellershoushe	8:52 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Newport	8:58 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Windsor	9:15 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Falmouth	9:20 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Mt. Denson	9:29 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Hantsport	9:35 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Avonport	9:47 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Horton Landing	9:53 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Grand Pre	9:56 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Wolfville	10:03 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Port Williams	10:08 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Kentville	10:27 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Coldbrook	10:37 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Cambridge	10:42 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Waterville	10:48 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Berwick	10:55 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Aylesford	11:05 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Auburn	11:10 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Kingston	11:20 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Wilmot	11:26 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Middleton	11:39 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Brickton	11:45 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Lawrencetown	11:51 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Paradise	11:58 am	Halifax	6:42 pm
Bridgetown	12:09 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Tupperville	12:17 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Round Hill	12:25 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Annapolis Royal	12:39 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Upper Clements	12:52 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Clementsport	1:02 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Deep Brook	1:11 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Seaview	1:15 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Bear River	1:21 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Imbertville	1:24 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Smith's Cove	1:28 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Digby	1:55 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Jordantown	2:10 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Bloomfield	2:21 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Plympton	2:25 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Sissiboo Falls	2:35 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Weymouth	2:47 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Belliveau	3:01 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Church Point	3:12 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Little Brook	3:17 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Saulnierville	3:22 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Meteghan	3:30 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Hectanooga	3:54 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Lake Annis	4:04 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Brazil Lake	4:14 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Pitman Road	4:22 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Ohio	4:27 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Hebron	4:34 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm
Yarmouth	(arr) 4:45 pm	Halifax	6:42 pm

A quick look at the schedule reveals just how little time there is between stops and or catch posts - often as little as five minutes. This shows the hectic conditions the RPO clerks worked under.

JULY 1914 STUDY

Information from the preceding receipts has been entered on the calendar below. Hammer 1 is entered on the top half of the day and Hammer 5 on the bottom half. Background colour indicates information has come from a receipt as per the key on page 2.

You can readily see on the calendar simultaneous use of the two hammers constantly travelling every day between Halifax and Yarmouth, and reversing the direction the following day. The information from the slips has been transposed in **bold face** to its coordinating date. By extrapolating the known information the routes of the two hammers may be determined, shown in *light face italic*. As well, movements of clerks *may* often be determined - *light face italic*.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JULY 1914 Emerging Patterns: The colour key shows most clerks worked a regular schedule, (eg. JRC worked Mondays and Tuesdays) thus for most days the clerk on duty may be determined			DOMINION DAY 1 Hammer 1 East East JRC <i>Hammer 5 West West FHW</i>	2 Hammer 1 West West JRC Hammer 5 East East FHW	3 Hammer 1 East East CPD Hammer 5 West West JPE	4 <i>Hammer 1 West West CPD</i> Hammer 5 East East JPE
5 <i>No Mail Train On Sundays</i>	6 <i>Hammer 1 East</i> Hammer 5 West <i>West JMA</i>	7 <i>Hammer 1 West</i> Hammer 5 East East JMA	8 Hammer 1 East East JRC <i>Hammer 5 West FHW or ARB</i>	9 <i>Hammer 1 West West JRC</i> Hammer 5 East <i>FHW or ARB</i>	10 Hammer 1 East East DRV <i>Hammer 5 West</i>	11 Hammer 1 West West CPD <i>Hammer 5 East</i>
12 Emerging Patterns: JRC, CPD, and RHR always work with Hammer 1	13 Hammer 1 East East RHR Hammer 5 West <i>West FHW</i>	14 <i>Hammer 1 West West RHR</i> Hammer 5 East East FHW	15 Hammer 1 East East JRC Hammer 5 West West ARB	16 <i>Hammer 1 West West JRC</i> Hammer 5 East East ARB	17 Hammer 1 East East CPD Hammer 5 West	18 <i>Hammer 1 West West CPD</i> Hammer 5 East
19 Emerging Patterns: JPE, JMA, FHW and ARB all work with Hammer 5	20 Hammer 1 East East RHR <i>Hammer 5 West West JMA</i>	21 Hammer 1 West West RHR Hammer 5 East East JMA	22 Hammer 1 East East JRC Hammer 5 West West FHW	23 Hammer 1 West West JRC Hammer 5 East East FHW	24 Hammer 1 East East CPD <i>Hammer 5 West</i>	25 Hammer 1 West West CPD <i>Hammer 5 East</i>
26 Provenance suggests this collection is 90-99% complete.	27 Hammer 1 East East RHR <i>Hammer 5 West West JMA</i>	28 <i>Hammer 1 West West RHR</i> Hammer 5 East East JMA	29 Hammer 1 East East RHR <i>Hammer 5 West FHW or ARB</i>	30 <i>Hammer 1 West West RHR</i> Hammer 5 East <i>FHW or ARB</i>	31 Hammer 1 East East JRC <i>Hammer 5 West</i>	Gaps occur Mostly because there was no registered mail Leaving Cambridge Station that day.

A busy bunch - the schedule on the previous page emphasises how hectic the daily routine of the clerks could be...

A typical run would go something like this: ● At Halifax mail is loaded into the RPO car. This includes presorted mail from local post offices. These bags are lined up according to their order of distribution and the crew drops them off along the route. ● Unsorted mail and registered mail is handled by the crew. ● Bags are emptied onto a sorting table. Bags may include locked bags of registered mail. ● Crew supervisor handles registered mail bags and checks the paperwork, making sure everything is in order, cancels each piece across sealed flaps of envelope with RPO cancel; completes a registered letter bill to record the mail, and relocks the bags. ● Regular mail is sorted by the crew, looking first for mail destined for drop off along the train route. All mail is cancelled with the RPO cancel, bundled with twine along with a "facing slip" which also bears the cancel and placed into pre-tagged bags. ● At the next station or catch post mail is dropped off and collected. ● and so went the daily duties of an RPO clerk. a continuous cycle of picking up, dropping off, sorting and cancelling, and filling out the proper paperwork. Bear in mind the speed and accuracy these folk were held to. On a fast moving train, stations and catch-posts were often less than ten minutes apart! The following pages show more of the official paperwork clerks were required to fill out.