Canadian Railway Post Office Database

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Using an Excel Spreadsheet, a database has been created linking Gillam's list of Railways with an alphabetical list of Railway Post Offices as listed by Ross Gray. The opportunity was taken to add Gray and Ludlow listing numbers for each RPO. In addition the number of official and mail clerk hammers was included as extra columns taken from a count of the hammers in Gray. From railway timetables the mileage of each RPO was also added in a further column. The duration of the RPO's period of operation has also been taken from Gray and the year of the start of the railway from Gillam. Two worksheets have been included – the first list (RPOs) being a sort on column A of the second list (RAILWAYS).

This database can be used to identify which RPO's operated on which railway. It can also be used to locate RPO postmarks (even part strikes) using the FIND tool of Excel and hence determining a Gray or Ludlow number and railway. Sorting the list into different sequences is also possible. Additional columns with further data may be easily added.

This database has been created from "A History of Canadian RPOs" by L.F.Gillam published 1967, from "Catalogue of Canadian Railway Post Office Cancellations" by Ross Gray 2015 Edition and from "Catalogue of Canadian R.P.O." by Lewis M. Ludlow published in 1982.

A companion database in the same format for Newfoundland and Labrador has also been produced

In the future it is planned to reconcile the listing with Ross Gray's latest catalogue and amend the details accordingly. Comments, corrections and suggestions would be very welcome.

Worksheet in Gillam Railway sequence – first twelve data rows – there are over 670 data rows

RPO Run	Gray	Ludlow	Run Miles	Period	Line Opened	Gillam	Official Hammers	Mail Clerk Hammers
Albert & Salisbury	MT-1/2	MA-l	45	1913-1938	1876	Albert Ry	1	0
Albert Railway	RY-1	RR-1	45	1885-1893	1876	Albert Ry	1	0
Salisbury & Hervey	MT-331	MA-237	64	1894-1913	1892	Albert Ry	1	0
Gaspe & Campbellton	QC-21/23	Q-16/16B	215	1931-1966	1912	Bay of Chaleurs Ry	2	1
Gaspe & Matapedia	QC-25/30	Q-17/17D	202	1917-1954	1912	Bay of Chaleurs Ry	2	4
Matapedia & Gaspe	QC-125/126	Q-56/56A	202	1908-1932	1912	Bay of Chaleurs Ry	1	1
Matapedia & Paspebiac	QC-127/128	Q-57/58	102	1895-1908	1898	Bay of Chaleurs Ry	2	0
Paspebiac & Matapedia	QC-373	Q-183	102	1903-1912	1898	Bay of Chaleurs Ry	1	0
Port Daniel & Matapedia	QC-375	Q-185	113	1909-1912	1907	Bay of Chaleurs Ry	1	0
Kingston & Tweed	ON-228/229	O-135/135A	50	1903-1941	1889	Bay of Quinte Ry	3	1
Napanee & Tamworth	ON-295/297	O-175/177	21	1886-1907	1889	Bay of Quinte Ry	2	0

Worksheet in Gray's Railway Post Office sequence – first twelve data rows – there are over 670 data rows

RPO Run	Gray	Ludlow	Run Miles	Period	Line Opened	Gillam	Official Hammers	Mail Clerk Hammers
Agassiz & Vancouver	WT-1	W-0	69	1933	1913	Canadian Pacific Ry	1	0
Alberni & Ucluelet	WW-1	W-000A		1917		Waterways - Western.	1	0
Albert & Salisbury	MT-1/2	MA-l	45	1913-1938	1876	Albert Ry	1	0
Albert Railway	RY-1	RR-1	45	1885-1893	1876	Albert Ry	1	0
Allandale & Meaford (2nd Period)	ON-3	O-1	52	1942-1954	1872	Ontario, Simcoe & Huron Union Ry	1	0
Allandale & Penetanguishene	ON-4/8	O-4/6	39	1891-1943	1878	North Simcoe Branch Ry	1	0
Allandale, Orillia & Midland	ON-9	O-7	119	1931-1942	1879	Ontario, Simcoe & Huron Union Ry	1	0
Amherst & Halifax	MT-3	MA-2	141	1877-1881	1872	Intercolonial Ry	1	0
Annapolis & Yarmouth	MT-4/5	MA-3/4	86	1879-1897	1891	Windsor & Annapolis Ry	5	0
Armstrong Station & Winnipeg	ON-10/13	O-8/8C	391	1938-1955	1914	Canadian National Ry	7	0
Arthabaska & Three Rivers	QC-1/7	Q-1/6A	35	1865-1927	1864	Quebec & Richmond Ry	5	2
Barrie & Meaford	ON-14	O-9	51	1894-1897	1872	Ontario, Simcoe & Huron Union Ry	1	0

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