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With September comes convention time, this year in Ottawa and I do hope to see all of you there. From what I hear, its going to be another great BNAPS convention, so don't miss it. There will be an RPO Study Group meeting on Friday, Sept. 24 - so - Y'all Come! Following is the meeting agenda:

1. Business J. Lehr  
Membership  
Financial  
Election
2. Review of new catalog progress L. Ludlow
3. Review of Topics Cowcatcher "
4. Review of Newsletter activity D. McKain
5. Discussion of RPO specializations/new study areas - L. Ludlow
6. Plans for next year

Tables will be on hand for the "table top mini-display" for the membership and there will be time prior to and after the formal meeting for viewing, socializing and general harrassment of those you want to harrass. These displays have been well received in the past and it is hoped that each member will bring 2 or 3 pages of something special for the rest of us to share.

EXHIBIT MATERIAL - The response to my request for copies of exhibit material to use in the newsletter was overwhelming - a flat 0 ! Sooo - your going to have to bear with more of mine and G. Carr's. I need help in this department. On this score, G. Carr reports that he won a grand award at a local show with Canadian registered material, some of which was RPO material. Good show Gerald! Who else can report such activity?

L. Walker sends along a very nice clerk strike of A. L. HOLDEN, Montreal & Waterloo, which appears to be a new report. Great find Lawrence and when you find the second copy I'm sure I can find a suitable trade. Note the address - Bellington, West Virginia - certainly such a second copy ought to also reside in a W. Va. RPO collection.

SHIP CANCELS - I have gotten several comments from members suggesting that this area is being overplayed in the newsletter and from Alex Price came the message that "A cover with such markings is pretty, but thats all. However, for the 99.9% of the group who will disagree with me, I attach some sample daters or stamped impressions from C.P. ships, both inland and coastal that the faithfull can look for." (enclosed) I have attached copies ( I hope they copy well) of the material Alex sent along. Quite a page full. Alex's comments should get someones goat (right on) and certainly indicate the meaning of "to each his own" since there certainly will be a good many readers who would sure as hell like to have copies of the enclosed. However, I have gotten the same message from some of the other members - somewhat stronger. Dowsn't bother me at all - I feel the same way about collecting such things as meter mail and I am sure - in fact I know - that there are a good many that think all of us who collect cancels are crazy. Funny, that they can't see the beauty in an RPO cancel! And those weird looking Squared Circles - why, who in their right mind would pay dollars for one like that unknown town called Mission City! Ludicrous!

COLLECTION COUNT - Have gotten a good many (not enough) responses to my request to update the count of collections. Enclosed. Frankly, I was very pleased to get as many as we did. Thanks! I have exercised editorial liberty to guess at a few where incomplete information was sent - Frank Waite, who sent nothing - so I guess that he has about 850 different - probably mostly recent and partials on 1950 type material. Thereby, I should promptly either get a response from my friend Frank with the correct information that he has 800 all on small queen covers or that I have lost a friend. Further, I went back several years in the old newsletters and picked up some reports. Hope nobody minds. Thought it interesting to include our late leaders count from that period - T. Shaw's.

FROM JOE PURCELL - "I think there are errors in the map of Great Western Railway: (from the March newsletter)

1. Great Western had nothing North of "Sarnia-Toronto" axis.
2. London & Wingham was London, Huron & Bruce.
3. No rail line (to my knowledge) existed between Brantford & Guelph.
4. London & Port Stanley was (& still is) an independent railway.
5. St. Thomas to Glencoe is doubtful.
6. Something missing in Niagara Peninsula.

Don't be mad at me!

Joe

P. S. - I never did know who built that line between Brantford and Tillsonburg, so it may be right."

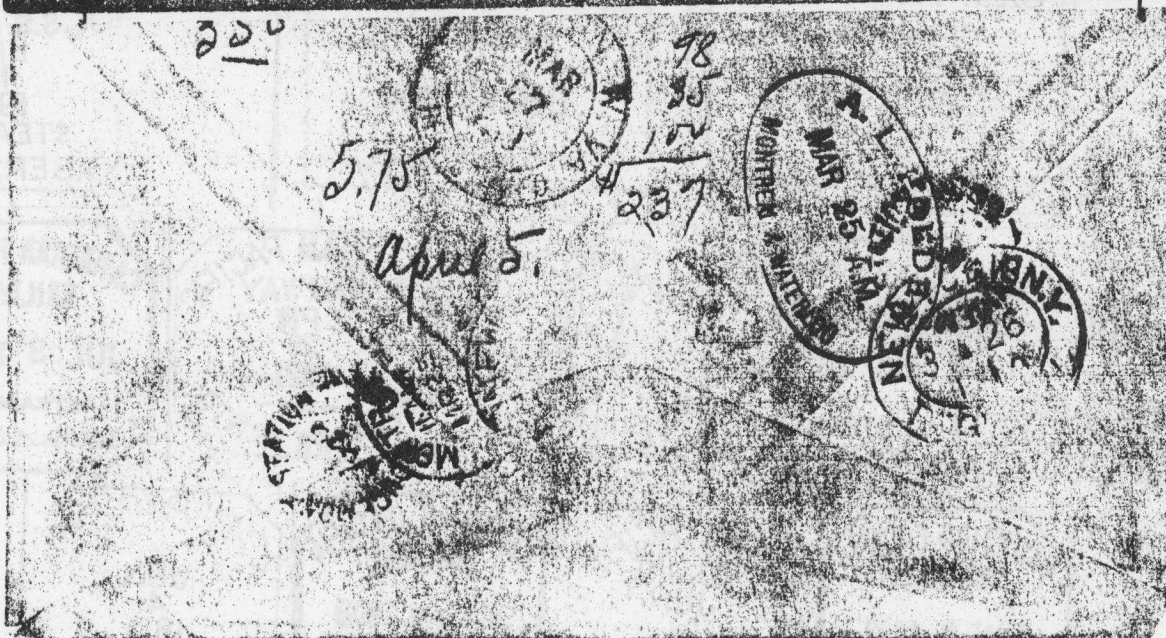
Not being an expert in this area, I beg off from any of the questions/ comments Joe poses. Who wants to take a crack at this one? One thing I have learned about Joe is that he usually knows about what he is talking about in this area as he apparently comes from a lineage born in a railroad car - be careful.

NEW CATALOG - Progress has been <sup>slow</sup> slowed considerably as reported from Lew, principally because he has been given new and significantly challenging responsibilities by his company (including hosting a constant stream of official company visitors) that he has not had the time for the final drive necessary to complete and but to bed the final sections. We will get a full report at Ottawa and I will carry that and other convention news in the next newsletter.

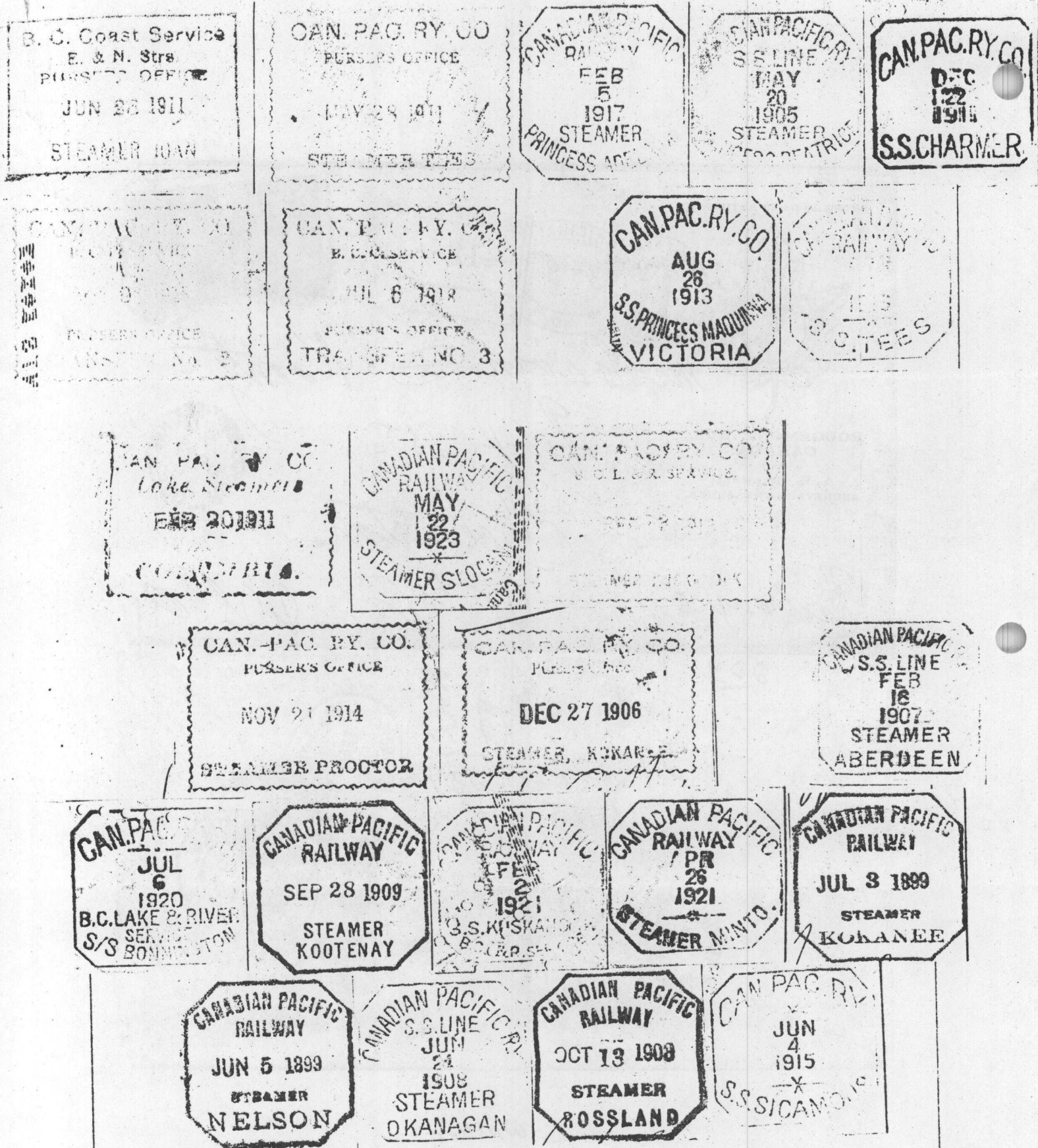
Good Hunting

  
Dave





L. Walker



Some examples of purser's daters from B.C. Lake & River Steamship service sternwheelers infrequently seen on early B.C. covers but strictly non-philatelic.

A. Price



QUEBEC & RICHMOND Rwy.

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Q-230 1892-1905

HAMMER ONE  
(Wide Lettering)



W  
JA 19 92  
Early



-M  
OC 21 98  
Inverted M



-M  
AU 29 99  
Inverted M



W  
NO 20 01



W  
JUN 10 02



W  
DE 26 02



W  
JY 3 05



W  
JY 29 05  
Late

This sequence shows the progressive disintegration of the hammer rim with wear and time; casual examination of 1902-05 strikes has led to incorrect reports of a new rimless R.P.O. which has been refuted by this research.

HAMMER TWO  
(Narrow Lettering)



E  
NO 16 95



W  
JA 11 10  
Reversed 01



W  
FE 1 10  
Reversed 01



W  
OC 22 02



W  
MR 5 03

# RPO Study Group Collection Count - 9/81

	N	M	Q	O	W	R	D	Total
1. T. Shaw	26	127	268	366	272	97	27	1183 (as of 2/76)
2. L. Ludlow	114	194	383	482	542	229	39	1983 (as of 6/80)
3. J. Lehr	71	147	252	365	239	110	28	1212
7. J. Karr	69	151	212	335	240	122	32	1157
13. K. Ellison	8	54	85	173	225	45	15	605 (as of 2/76)
18. J. Purcell	59	121	217	306	204	55	25	987
20. W. Robinson	107	150	252	366	364	136	26	1401
21. F. Seamans	39	139	80	136	77	18	13	502
26. G. Noble							31	31 (specialty)
51. F. Waite	60							850 (a guess)
52. C. Stillions	25	98	154	286	138	70	20	60 (a guess)
40. D. Birchill	35	110	221	287	176	49	21	791 (2/76)
48. L. Walker								899
55. J. Felton								608
61. D. McKain	116	156	282	385	323	164	33	1460
66. W. Bosch	12	109	218	330	195	69	25	958
85. J. Hornsby		17	15	139	1		3	175

Ludlow is now over 2,000 by some figure. I know because I traded him his 2,000th last fall. Others are also out of date somewhat so those of you who need to correct their count please do so and those of you who aren't listed above, please get your count in. If you didn't read this page, you are obviously not interested but if you did, remember, it took those who reported to make it interesting to you so to help make it more worthwhile and more interesting to all - get off you butt and let me know your count!