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This newsletter was supposed to have been the convention review but instead will be the Christmas/New Years Special due to the fact that your editor broke his finger in an accident with the lawnmower - lucky to have a finger at all. However, things have now mended and we are off again - or on again as the case may be. At least I can now type again.

FIRST - Convention News - The convention in Ottawa was a great success both for BNAPS and particularly for RPO'ers. The Study Group meeting went off as scheduled with numerous fine pieces in the mini-display. RPO items were contributed by Bill Robinson, Ross Gray, your editor, Palmer Moffat, Jim Lehr, G. Carr and Joe Purcell. (I think I got everyone) Unfortunately, there were no RPO exhibits in the exhibition but to everyones surprise, our fearless leader, Lew, came forth with a beautifull exhibit of his Pence material, for which he won one of the three Gold Medals. Congradulations Sherriff! I think the most surprised was Ed Richardson who when he announced the award at the banque, introduced it by saying something to the effect that here was someone who we all thought was involved only with cancels presenting us with a major study of the classic Pence. The dissapointment was that Lew didn't have an RPO on one of his 40 pages - for shame! Also among the wayward was Bill Robinson who exhibited his expeditionary force material - a very interesting exhibit - which won a Silver or Silver Bronze - I forget which. Congradulations Bill! Hopefully, both of these waywards will see fit to exhibit their RPO material shortly!

The study group meeting went well, mostly focused on the progress with the new catalog. Lew gave a well phrased report of progress and promised his best - but gave no dates. Having spoken to him recently, he tells me that he is at it again having retired his Pence for the time being and having gotten through having to usher company visitors areound Japan - at least for awhile. Lew, we all wish you great haste!

We had 28 in attendance and one **66** the outstanding moments of the meeting was one of the participants standing up, **s**howing a cover and asking if it was known. Lew promptly proclaimed that we had a new report of the following strike - S.S. LEWISPORTE/NEWF'D - Type 4j, which I have also enclosed in copy form - of course. The lucky member was unknown to me, so I would like the name of he who has now made an important contribution. Please?

Jim Lehr also took the opportunity to collect dues - very important duty, and reports that we picked up some new members as well as assuring our financial solvency. The list of members in attendance is toolong to repeat here but I for one was very pleased with the great fellowship and the opportunity to sit down and c hat personally with several of the friends with whom I have had correspondence but with whom I have not had the opportunity to meet, or meet for several years. I highly recommend going to the conventions and I already am planning to be at Virginia Beach next year. This one is a little bit closer to home for me than Ottawa or Texas.

GWR MAP - Joe Purcell's comments on the map contained in the March newsletter has illicited several responses, and to my surprise, Joe appears to have gotten his facts wrong. First, the map was taken from Gillam's book and, secondly, it apparently is correct. Rather than retype the responses, I will enclose them for your review - one from L. Gillam, Waite and J. Hornsby. As your editor I feel a bit guilty in not being an expert in this area of the speciality(hope to be someday), for in my judgement it is really this material that is the guts of what this hobby is all about. That is, the "story" around which all the cancels fit and aren't we lucky that Lionell has given us a reference book on which to hang our hat. I know that in both of my exhibit excursions, I have

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relied heavily on his fine book on Canadian RPOs and don't know what I would have done without it. By the way, G. Carr writes that he doesn't mind at all the fuss he raised with his map - or rather Lionel's map.

FROM GRAHAM NOBLE __ Graham passes on to me (in addition to expensive RPO material) news from time to time. As you probably all know, he has been researching the Royal Visit cancels and covers and has confirmed that Ludlow plans to include a listing of this material in the new catalog. It appears to me that this is long overdue as and aspect of both RPOs and TPOs, and where else should such material be included. Graham will also be contributing material over the next year through the newsletter resulting from his collection and research on the Depot section. We look forward to this material and we should applaud this kind of work as well as encourage more of it. So, who volunteers? By the way, at the convention Graham was interested to know why I had more Depot strikes than he in the collection count. I promptly explained that I had not dropped (am waiting for the new catalog) my prize strike of MEDORRA STATION on a 1¢ small queen as well as my Toronto S DEPOT - both of which Lew has delisted. Point is that I have two fewer Depot strikes than shows on my list.

FROM ROSS GRAY - In response to my request for exhibit material, Ross has come through with a copy of his CAPEX exhibit of 1978 for which he won a medal. As an international award, you know that this is superb material and I happily will share my pleasure in reviewing it with the membership. Ross also passes along that he now has 1004 different runs - all on cover! That is quite an accomplishment and as you will see from the copies included in this and subsequent issues, Ross has some fine material that has taken many years to assemble.

NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST - Enclosed is a new membership list current to those who have paid their dues.

COLLECTION COUNT - Have gotten a few more replies to my request "to get off your butt" - so a new list is included herein. The only major laggard is Ludlow who has absolutely no excuse but his own laziness (I know its not modesty), for not telling me how many in excess of 2,000 he now has. I even ended up with Frank Waite still being a friend - but he still won't give me his count.

FROM WARREN BOSCH - Reports that he has been going through some incredible number of unsorted 1¢ & 2& Admirals and has found many interesting items including -----& CAMP/ P. Michelin/QUEBEC(in welded on box) and a blue strike apparently reading Train No. / GASPE & MATAPEDIA, but he is not sure of the second termini. Warren over the years has been able to dig up thousands of unsorted Canadian - and for some reason he hasn't sent me his source - wonder why? Says he has sent copies of his finds to Lew for confirmation. Good luck cause take it from me the sherriff can be tough on partials. I still have my unlisted strike on the Bluenose of Elk Point & Edm RPO to prove it.

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR 1982 DUES, NOW IS THE TIME, SEND TO JIM LEHR.

Happy holidays from your editor and from the RPO clerk who struck the letter Dec. 25, 1901 enroute to Quebec. Wonder if he had a Christmas tree in the RPO car befitting of the occasion? Happy Holidays! !!

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22nd April, 1981

Dear Dave.

Very many thanks for your newsletter received today AND READ today. R. 172 is WHITBY & MANILLA. Years ago someone guessed it meant WEST MANITOBA P.O.CAR. NOT SO ! I have a cover to Toronto mailed from Port Perry in 95, same year as Palmer Moffat's cover. The strike should be in the 'O' section of the catalogue since the 'P.O.Car' operated over the former Whitby, Port Perry, Lindsay & Victoria Rwy.(Later Midland Rwy.) but by the time this R.P.O. was introduced the system had been taken over by the G.T.R. Sonya is a few miles south of Manilla. The line was abandoned a long time ago, possibly 40 years.

The Central Vermont station could have been in the States, of course. St. Armand & Montreal R.P.O. operated over the Central Vermont connecting with American line at St. Armand. The original postmark used was 'Vermont Junct. Ry. M.C.' (R.166) short for the official name. Montreal & Vermont Jct. Rwy, a subsidiary of the Central Vermont.

Hope you got my last letter. Keep up the good work.

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THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

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1850	101	Construction of line commenced from London, including branch line from Harriston to Galt.
10 Nov. 1852	- tJa	Started extension from Galt to Guelph, under the name of The Galt and Guelph Railway Company owned by The Great Western Railway.
1 Nov. 1853	110	Opened Hamilton to Niagara Falls portion.
17 Jan. 1854	Sot Sot	Through service opened between Niagara Falls and Windsor.
19 Mar. 1855	e_3 Pou	Opened Suspension Bridge (Niagara Falls) and connected with New York Central trackage.
28 Nov. 1855	8 <u>.8</u> W And	Opened Galt to Preston portion.
3 Dec. 1855	ron ich aga	Hamilton to Toronto line opened. Constructed by The Hamilton and Toronto Railway Company, with participation by and being an extension of The Great Western.
n, through Listowel, e, finally being opened and Bruce Bailway, ver company proposed to		The London and Port Stanley Railway opened. Chartered on 23 May 1853, this Railway began as an independent undertaking but financial difficulties caused the line to be leased to The Great Western from September 1871 for a 20-year period. The lease was then transferred to the Grand Trunk Railway in 1882, when that Railway took over the assets of The Great Western. The Grand Trunk offered to purchase the line in 1892 but the offer was refused and until 1915 the line was leased to several other railway corporations. In 1915, The London Railway Commission was formed as the instrument of the City and , at that time, the line was electrified and the City continued to operate same until 1966 when the Canadian National Railways exchanged a portion of its former car shop property in London for the assets of the London and Port Stanley Railway.
11 Sept. 1857		Preston to Guelph portion opened.
27 Dec. 1858		Opened Komoka to Sarnia branch.
1864	g=rí	Great Western leased The Erie and Niagara Railway (Niagara Falls to Fort Erie line), which agreement was cancelled in 1873.

- 1864 1866 Changed from wide gauge to the standard track gauge.
 - 1 Jan. 1867 Opened 12-mile spur from Wyoming to Petrolia which had been purchased earlier from a local group.
- 15 June 1869 Leased the 'to be constructed' Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway. Great Western to supervise the construction and provide rolling stock for this line from Guelph to Southampton and Owen Sound. Owen Sound proposal later abandoned.
- Great Western Railway authorized the construction of The Canada Air Line Railway from Glencoe to Fort Erie, passing through St. Thomas and Tillsonburg. Opened to traffic 15 December 1873. The Air Line Railway was extended to Niagara Falls when running rights were obtained over the Welland Railway from Welland Junction to Port Robinson from which point a 9-mile spur was built to reach Niagara Falls.
- 14 Apr. 1871 The Great Western Railway Company's Financial Act had the effect of amalgamating The Canada Air Line Railway Company, The Hamilton and Toronto Railway Company and The London and Port Sarnia Railway Company with The Great Western Railway Company forming one Corporation under the latter name.

30 Oct. 1871 - Opened line between Guelph and Harriston.

7 Dec. 1872 - Opened Harriston to Southampton portion. During construction of the above works, a branch line commenced from Palmerston, through Listowel, terminating at Kincardine, finally being opened 29 December 1874.

29 Mar. 1873 - Leased The London, Huron and Bruce Railway, yet to be constructed, which company proposed to construct a line between London and Southampton or Kincardine. Construction commenced in 1875 and the line opened for traffic on 4 January 1876. However, the alignment was changed by The Great Western and the final route connected to its main line at Hyde Park, then ran northward through Clinton to Wingham, crossing the Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway (Grank Trunk Railway since 1868) at Clinton.

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1 Jan. 1877

- Purchased The Brantford, Norfolk and Port Burwell Railway, still under construction from Port Burwell, through Tillsonburg to Brantford.

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- Brantford to Tillsonburg portion opened. The Port Burwell to Tillsonburg section was not constructed by The Great Western.

12 Aug. 1882

- The Great Western Railway Company amalgamated with the Grand Trunk Railway.

Mr. D.L. McKain 5 Meadowcrest Parkersburg, West Virginia

Dear Dave

I have read with interest the remarks made by Joe Purcell in the September newsletter with regard to the Great Western item by Gerald Carr, which appeared in the March issue and, if I may, I would like to offer the following comments.

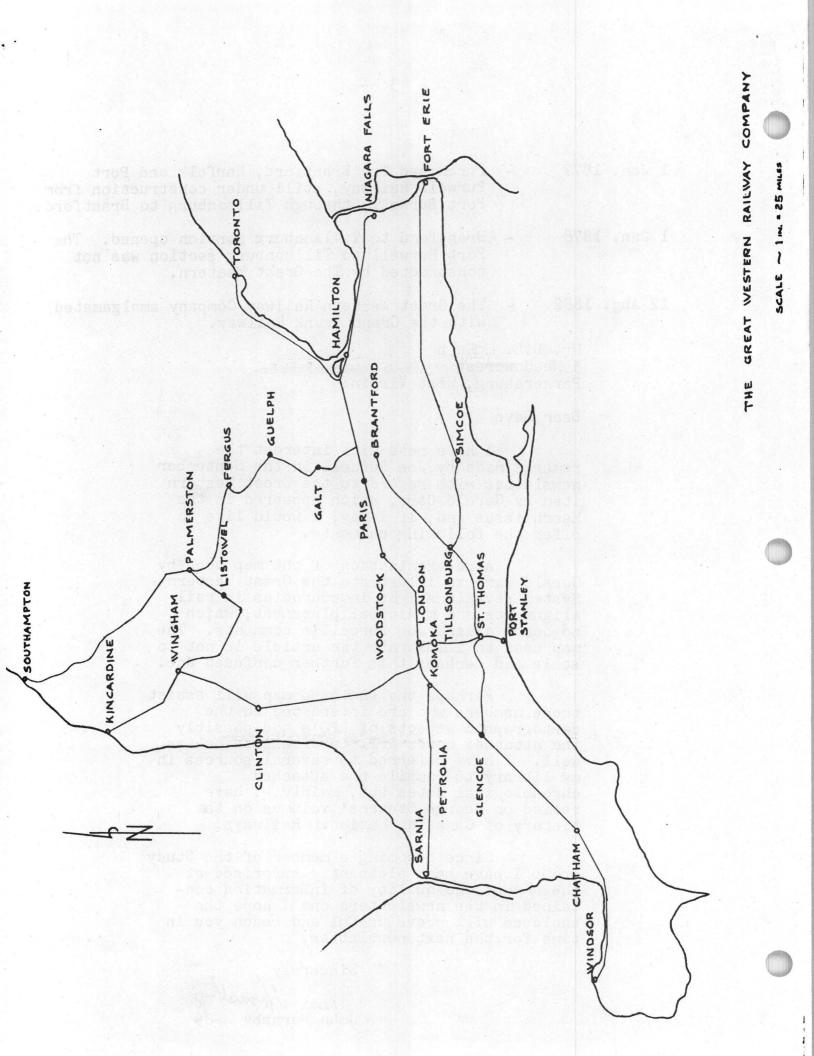
A re-examination of the map used by Gerald Carr to illustrate the Great Western System reveals slight inaccuracies in rail alignments and municipal placement, which no doubt caused Joe Purcell's comments. The map used to illustrate the article is not to scale and perhaps this further confused Joe.

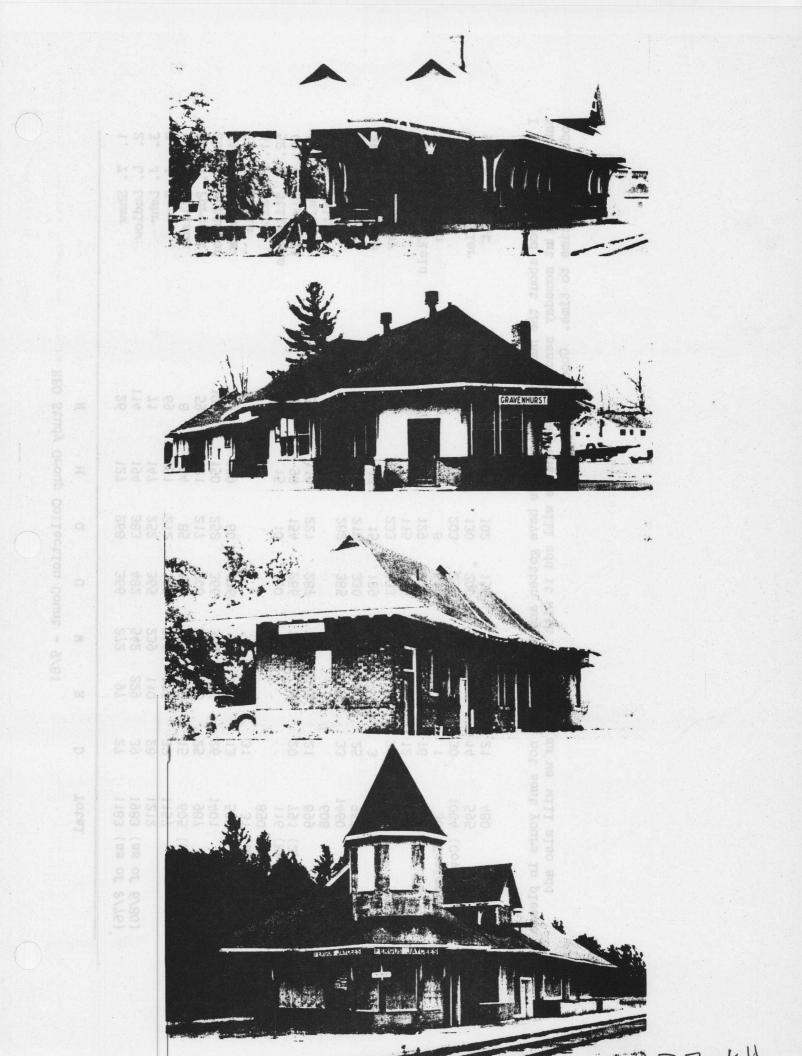
Perhaps the enclosed map will assist those members who are interested in the cartographic aspects of RPO's and possibly the attached notes will be of assistance as well. I have referred to several sources in my library to compile the attached chronological notes but, mainly, I have relied on George Stevens' volumes on the history of Canadian National Railways.

Since becoming a member of the Study Group I have been pleasantly surprized at the amount and quality of information contained in the newsletters and I hope the enclosed will prove useful and reach you in time for the next newsletter.

Sincerely John Hornsby 189

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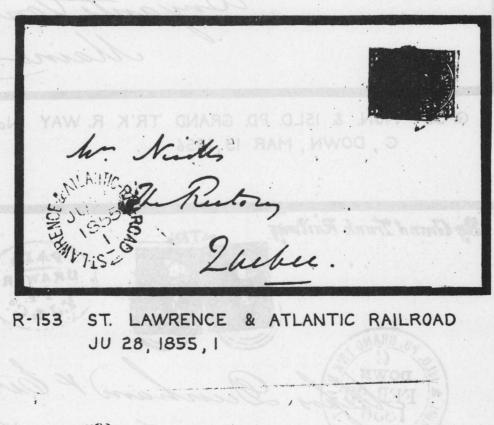
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I feel very good about the number of reports we have gotten and you who have not sent yours in please take your time but someday send it along and we will add it with the others, as we will also add updates from time to time. Good show!!!

RPO Study Group Collection Count - 9/81

ST. LAWRENCE & ATLANTIC RAILWAY WAS THE FIRST MAJOR RAILWAY BUILT IN CANADA. COMPLETED IN JULY 1853, IT RAN FROM LONGUEUIL, OPPOSITE MONTREAL TO ISLAND POND, VERMONT VIA ST. HYACINTHE, RICHMOND, SHERBROOKE & COATICOOK. IT CONNECTED WITH ITS AMERICAN COUNTERPART, THE ATLANTIC & ST. LAWRENCE WHICH RAN TO PORTLAND, MAINE THUS PROVIDING MONTREAL WITH AN ATLANTIC PORT DURING THE WINTER.

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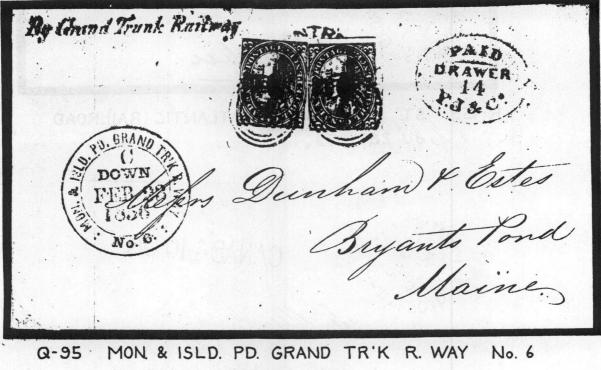


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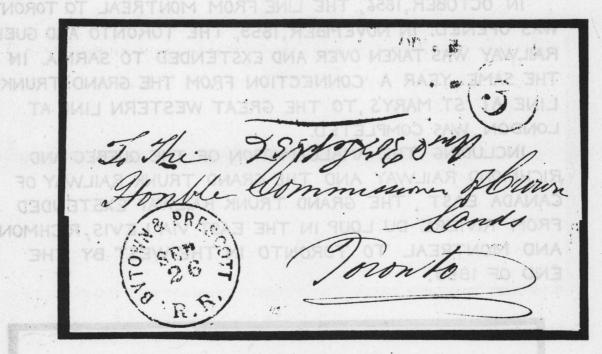
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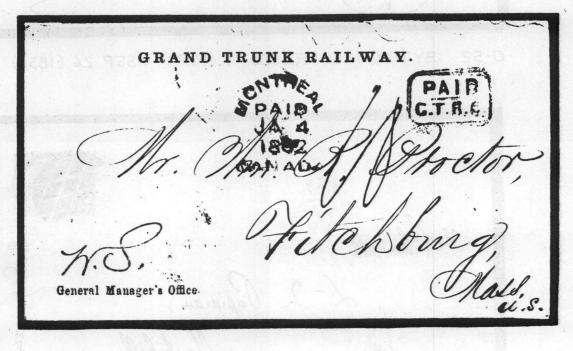
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IN OCTOBER, 1856, THE LINE FROM MONTREAL TO TORONTO WAS OPENED. IN NOVEMBER, 1859, THE TORONTO AND GUELPH RAILWAY WAS TAKEN OVER AND EXSTENDED TO SARNIA. IN THE SAME YEAR A CONNECTION FROM THE GRAND TRUNK LINE AT ST. MARY'S, TO THE GREAT WESTERN LINE AT LONDON, WAS COMPLETED.

INCLUDING THE AMALGAMATION OF THE QUEBEC AND RICHMOND RAILWAY AND THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA EAST, THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY EXSTENDED FROM RIVIERE DU LOUP IN THE EAST VIA LEVIS, RICHMOND, AND MONTREAL TO TORONTO IN THE WEST BY THE END OF 1859.



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