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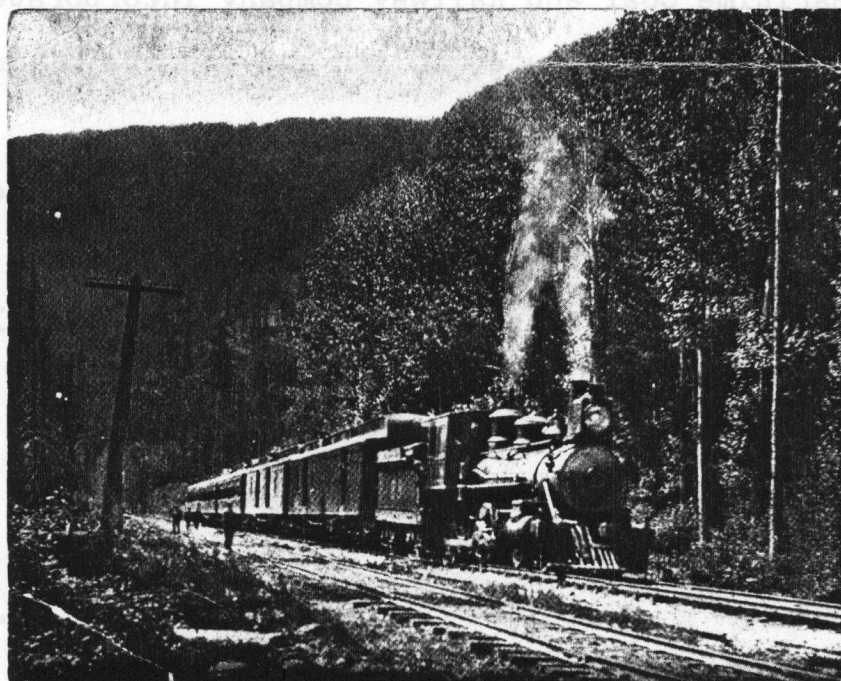
Whole No.53

March, 1986

I hope this isn't becoming habit forming, but again we must report the death of a member - No. 18, Joe Purcell, of Kingston, Ont., on January 16, 1986. Joe was one of our more faithful correspondents, contributors, attenders at BNAPEX, and workers on behalf of the study group. Some years ago he prepared the roster of members' holdings which provided the basis for the R.F. listings in the new catalog. Joe was active in all phases of Canadian Postal History and will be sadly missed by his many friends and colleagues. Trained as a pharmacist, Joe spent many years in the Canadian Army both overseas in World War II, and later in the Regular peacetime Army. He was an acknowledged expert on Canadian military postal markings, and had written articles on MOONS, POCONS, the small square markings, and airport cancels. He also was an expert on world-wide PERFINs, and had attended BNAPEX in Calgary last fall. Although in failing health for some time, he accepted this philosophically, and continued to pursue his hobby diligently - note his contributions in the last several News Letters. Joe and his pipe will be missed.

KINGSGATE & YAHK (Canadian) R.P.O. and EASTPORT & SPOKANE (U.S.)

Following John McCrea's comments on page 4 of the last News letter, we received an example of the Canadian useage of W-34, EASTPORT & SPOKANE / R.P.O., the U.S.R.M.S. duplex from Jon Johnson. This was mailed January 5, 1952, by the Canadian Immigration Inspector at Kingsgate, B.C., to Vancouver, B.C. It travelled by Spokane International Train No. 2 to Yahk, where it connected with Kettle Valley Train No. 11. Your Editor also found the card below showing Kettle Valley Train No. 12, eastbound on the Yahk siding about 1906, waiting for a meet - possibly with the train from Spokane.



EXPRESS TRAIN,  
NEAR YAHK, B.C.



O. H. M. S.

RETURN TO  
INSPECTOR-IN-CHARGE  
DEPARTMENT OF  
MINES AND RESOURCES  
IMMIGRATION BRANCH  
AT POINT OF MAILING

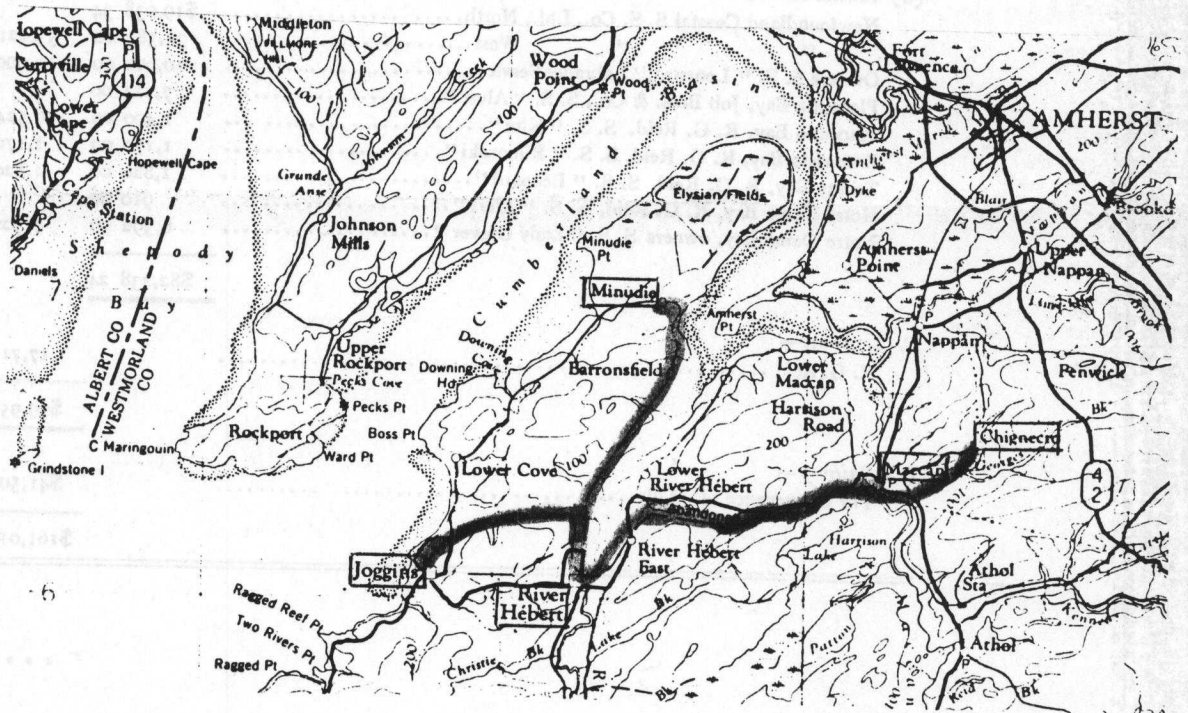
MARITIME COAL & RAILWAY CO., LIMITED

by J.C.Hornsby

Incorporated in 1883, under Province of Nova Scotia statute, as Joggins Railway Company. Authorized to construct a railway from a point on Bay of Fundy at or near Joggins to a point on the Intercolonial Railway at or near Maccan. The route is shown on the attached topographic map.

1886 - 1887	Line constructed
1888	Name changed to Joggins Coal and Railway Company, and extension built to Young's Mills from River Hebert.
1892	Incorporation of Canada Coals and Railway Company, under Nova Scotia statute, to own and operate mining properties, acquire railways, etc.
1892 - November 1	Under this same statute, Canada Coals and Railway Company purchased the holdings of Joggins Coal and Railway Company.
1903	Subsidy requested from Dominion of Canada to construct branch line to Minudie.
1903 - 1904	Maritime Coal and Railway Company incorporated, under Nova Scotia statute, to own and operate mining properties, acquire railways, etc.
1904 - May	Canada Coals and Railway Company went into receivership and in 1905 property sold at auction. Purchasers organized the Canada Coal and Railroad Company to take over mines, railway, etc.

- 1906 Maritime Coal and Railway Company name changed to Maritime Coal, Railway and Power Company and in June 1907, this firm purchased the assets of Canada Coal and Railroad Company.
- 1910 Line constructed to Chignecto from Maccan under Dominion of Canada statute.
- 1921 Maritime Coal, Railway and Power Company's lines declared to be for general advantage of Canada. At this time Railway consisted of a main line from Maccan to Joggins; branches from River Hebert to Minudie, and from Maccan to Chignecto. Line to Minudie abandoned in 1917; Maccan to Chignecto lifted October 1934. Since then the entire trackage has been removed.





Journals of Newfoundland Assembly  
Posts & Telegraphs Report, 1900  
(Courtesy of Palmer Moffat)

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APPENDIX.

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

*Detailed Statement of Expenditure for the year ended June 30th, 1899, under head  
XII.—Postal Department.*

(f) *Sailing Packets—Salaries.*

Bay L'Argent and Belleoram, Philip Grandy.....	\$624 00
Bonne Bay and Flower's Cove, Jonathan Noel.....	280 00
Harbor Briton and Burgeo, William Tibbo.....	800 00
Harbor Breton and Garnish, Thomas White.....	518 00
Total for Sailing Packets. ....	<u>\$2,222 00</u>

*Steam Subsidies.*

(g) *Ocean—*

H. & A. Allan, £2,000.....	\$9,733 32
N. F. Coastal S. S. Co., Ltd., winter service, 5 trips.....	8,400 00
Occasional Services, Furness Line.....	\$530 71
"    Red Cross Line.....	155 86
"    Owners S. S. "Leopard".....	150 00
"    Capt. H. Dawe.....	50 00
"    Postmaster General, Ottawa.....	470 42
"    Postmaster General, London, £16 2s. 2d.....	78 39
	<u>\$1,435 38</u>
	<u>\$19,568 70</u>

(h) *Coastal Steamers—*

Newfoundland Coastal S. S. Co., Ltd., North.....	\$19,038 34
"    "    West.....	34,383 00
Owners S. S. "Leopard," Labrador Service.....	10,000 00
Placentia Bay, Job Bros. & Co., S. S. "Alert".....	7,124 00
Placentia Bay, R. G. Reid, S. S. "Kite".....	1,400 00
Bonavista Bay, R. G. Reid, S. S. "Rimouski".....	1,170 00
Trinity Bay, R. G. Reid, S. S. "Leopard".....	1,820 00
Notre Dame Bay, R. G. Reid, S. S. "Alert".....	910 00
Notre Dame Bay, owners S. S. "Lady Glover".....	6,392 90
	<u>\$82,238 24</u>

*S. S. Bruce—*

R. G. Reid .....	17,712 50
	<u>\$99,950 74</u>

(i) *Railway—*

For Conveyance of Mails.....	\$41,500 00
	<u>\$161,019 44</u>

## Post Office Department.

Fireman—William Thistle.  
Watchman—Michael Finnerty.

Money Order Office.  
Superintendent—Henry B. Dryer.  
Clerk—George B. Lloyd.

Postage Stamp Office.  
Clerk—Mrs. Violet Webber.

## Travelling Post Offices.

Mail Clerk, Coastal Steamer, West—John W. Kinsella.  
Mail Clerk, Coastal Steamer—John F. Newman.  
Mail Clerks, Conception Bay Railway—James Cox, Thomas Connor.  
Mail Clerks, N. N. & W. Railway—Charles Nicol, Mark Davis, John Mesher, Isaac J. Evelyn, Thomas F. Vavasour, James Gushue.  
Mail Clerk, S. S. Bruce—James Coughlan.  
Mail Clerk, Bonavista Bay—John T. Coffin.  
Mail Clerk, Notre Dame Bay—John White.  
Mail Clerk, Trinity Bay—Stephen Jeans.  
Mail Clerk, Placentia Bay—David Condy.  
Mail Clerk, Straits of Bell Isle—John McNeil.  
Mail Clerk, Labrador—Charles Butler.

## Branch Offices, St. John's.

Garrison Hill—Miss Delaney.  
King's Bridge—Mrs. Richard Hayes.  
Monkstown—Miss Spry.  
Riverhead—Miss Mealy.  
South Side—Mrs. Warren.  
St. John's East—Mrs. F. Bulley.  
St. John's Central—Dicks & Co.

## Pillar Boxes.

Job's Bridge; Junction Le Marchant Road and Pleasant Street; Junction Freshwater and Pennywell Roads; Central Fire Station; Rawlins' Cross; Custom House; Railway Station; Entrance Gate, Colonial Building; Opposite the Custom House on Duckworth Street; Foot of Prescott Street; Queen's Road, East of Victoria Street; corner Brazil and New Gower Streets; corner Lime and Cabot Streets.

## Regulations respecting Pillar Boxes, Delivery of Letters, &amp;c., St. John's.

1. Collectors will call regularly for letters at the Branch Offices kept by Miss Mealy, Riverhead; Miss Delaney, Garrison Hill; Mrs. Richard Hayes, King's Bridge, and Mrs. Warren, South Side, every morning (except Sundays) at 7.30 o'clock. Stamps are sold at these offices.
2. Pillar boxes will be cleared every week day at 7.30 o'clock, a. m.; also at 2 o'clock, p. m. Correspondence posted after the hours stated will be too late for mails to be despatched on that day. The Box at Railway Station will also be cleared of late letters for despatch by rail ten minutes before starting of train.
3. Late letters may be posted on board the Coastal Steamers after 9 a. m. on morning of despatch up to time of starting.

## 24 Government Offices—Post Office Department.

## Poor Asylum.

Superintendent—William Prideaux.  
Matron—Mrs. W. Prideaux.  
Physician—Dr. L. E. Keegan.

## Public Health.

By Order in Council the functions of the Board of Health, for the Electoral District of St. John's, are exercised by Dr. A. J. Harvey, who is also the Medical Health Officer for the said district.

## Health Officers.

St. John's—Dr. A. J. Harvey (Medical Health Officer).  
—Dr. H. Rendell, Dr. F. Stabb, (Attendants on H. M. seamen).

## —Sergeant Winslow (Inspector).

Harbor Grace—Dr. W. Allan.  
Carbonear—Dr. A. Boyle.  
Trinity—Dr. R. White.  
Fogo—Dr. T. Malcolm.  
Twillingate—Dr. F. Stafford.  
Hermitage Bay—Dr. E. Thompson.

## Fever Hospital.

Physicians—Dr. H. Rendell, Dr. F. Stabb.  
Matron—Mrs. Fanning.

## Twillingate Hospital.

Keeper—Lucy Simms.

## Post Office Department.

## GENERAL POST OFFICE, ST. JOHN'S.

OFFICE HOURS: 7.30 a. m. to 7.30 p. m. (Sundays excepted).

Postmaster General—James O. Fraser.  
Inspector—Edward Devereux.

## St. John's Office, General Department.

First Clerk and Accountant—George W. Le Messurier.  
Assistant Accountant—Arthur W. Martin.

Second Clerk—Alexander Ewing.

Third Clerk—James Campbell.

Fourth Clerk—John H. Clark.

Fifth Clerk—William Campbell.

Sixth Clerk—Henry F. Shortie.

Seventh Clerk—Hector Fraser.

Eighth Clerk—John A. Noel.

Ninth Clerk—Harold Mews.

Tenth Clerk—Bertram Jenkins.

Assistant Clerks—John Parrell, Edward Hudson.

Letter Carriers—E. J. McGregor, A. W. Shano, Fred. Du Toit, A. Watts,

S. Bradbury, Walter A. Knight, Michael Comerford.



AFTER THE AMPERSAND - A continuation of Frank Waite's listing for finding first terminals when only the second can be read. Previous sections appeared in Vol.14 - No.1, Page 10; and No.2, Page 7.

<u>2nd Terminal</u>	<u>possible 1st Terminals</u>		
HALIBURTON	Lindsay	LEVIS	Ste.Sabine, Valley Jct. Sherbrooke
HALIFAX	Amherst		
HAMILTON	Niagara Falls North Bay Palmerston Port Dover Port Rowan Toronto well(and)	LIME RIDGE	Beechers Falls
		LITTLE CURRENT	Sudbury
HARTNEY	Winnipeg	LONDON	Bridgeburg Hamilton Niagara Falls Simcoe, St. Thomas Tor., Ham. Toronto Toronto, St. Mary's Tor., Stratford
HARVEY	Salisbury		
HEARST	Porquis Jct.		
HINES CREEK	McLennan	LONGLAC	North Bay
H.B.JCT.	Regina	LORNE	Toronto
HUMBOLDT	Winnipeg	LOURDES DU BLANC SABLON	Quebec
<b>INVERNESS</b>	Point Tupper	LOVERNA	Biggar
ISLAND POND	Montreal Richmond	MACKLIN	Moose Jaw Outlook
KAM(SACK)	Winnipeg	MADOC	Belleville
KINCARDINE	Hamilton London Palmerston	MALONE	Montreal
KIND(ERSLEY)	Saskatoon	MANILLA	Whitby
KINGSTON	Montreal Toronto Tweed	MANIWAKI	Ottawa
		MANITOU	Winnipeg
		MANSONVILLE	Montreal
LABELLE	Montreal	MATANE	Mont Joli Ste. Flavie
LACOMBE	Coronation Stettler	MATAPEDIA	Gaspé Paspébiac Port Daniel
LAKE (LAC) MEGANTIC	Sherbrooke Tring	MAYNOOTH	Trenton
LAKE ST.JOHN	Quebec	M(ission) C(ity)	Huntingdon
LAN(IGAN)	Brandon Regina	MEAFORD	Allandale Barrie Hamilton Toronto
LATUQUE	Hervey Jct.		
LEAMINGTON	Walkerville	MELFORT	Regina
LETH(BRIDGE)	Weyburn	MELVILLE	Regina
LEVIS	Campbellton Mont Joli Riviere du Loup		

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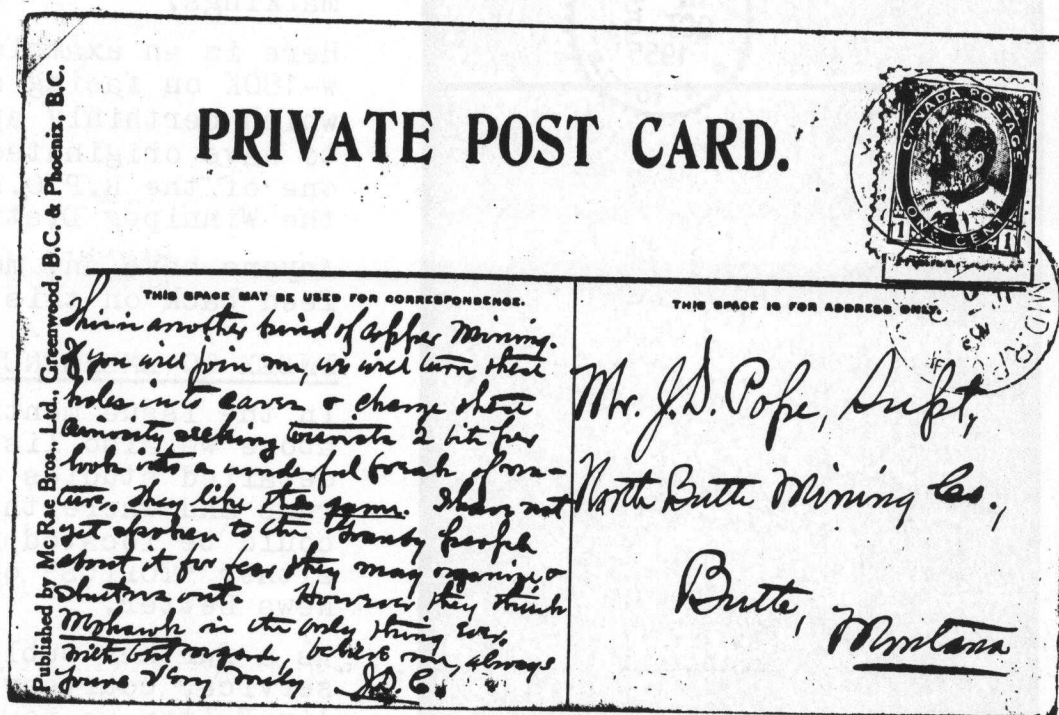
NEW REPORT - w-98a, Ornament #168, has long been listed as "Only Proof Known". It was proofed December 29, 1908.

R.P.O. ORNAMENTS

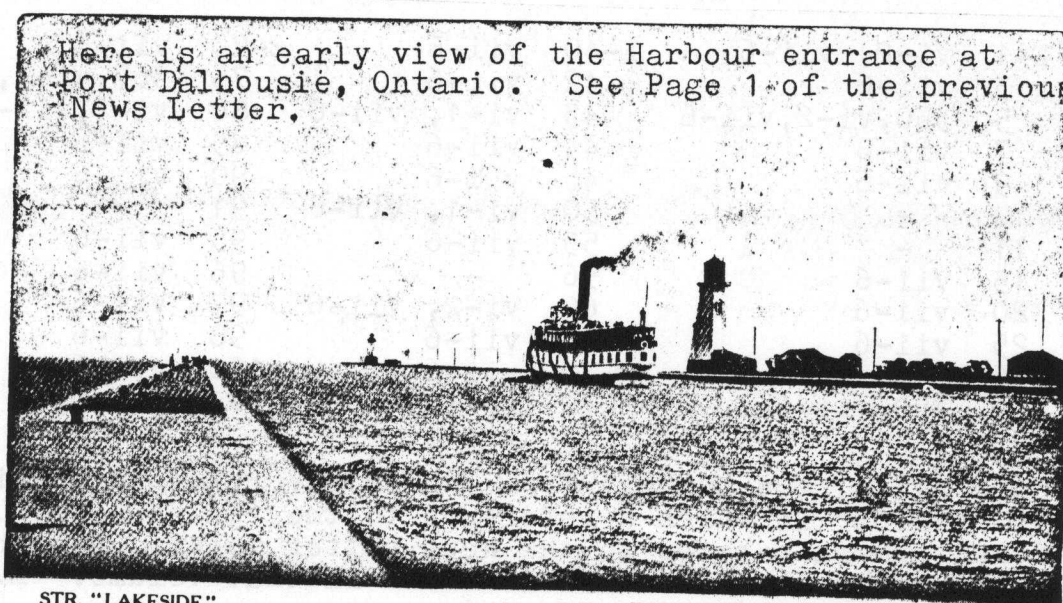
Nelson & Midway (NELS. & MID. R.P.O. / B.C.)

Two "Sharps"

Known - 1910

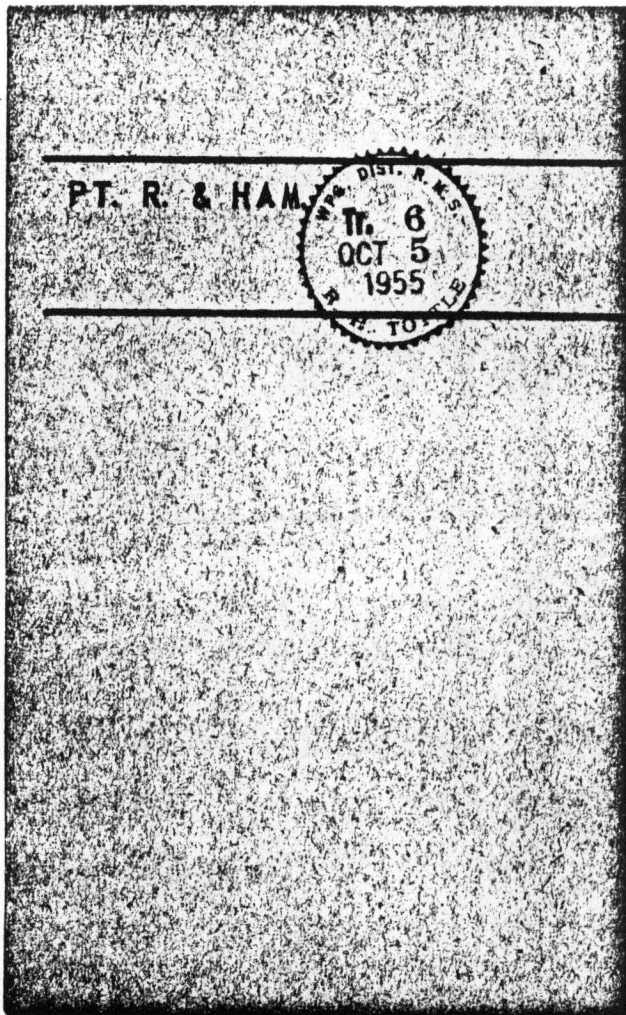


East, April 13, 1910  
(First Reported Example, Dec. 1985)



STR. "LAKESIDE"

TORONTO TO ST. CATHARINES CAN.



QUERIES - On page one of Vol.13, No.5, No.50, Joe Purcell asked whether the W-180 runs (Winnipeg District) were R.P.O. related, or were merely Post Office administrative markings.

Here is an example of W-180K on facing slip which certainly appears to have originated on one of the R.P.O.s in the Winnipeg District.

Anyone have any more feed back on this ?

#### INDEX TO EMERGENCY RUNS

In the issue mentioned above we also listed the detailed studies of MA runs and where these could be located in either "TOPICS" or the News Letter.

As a further public service, courtesy of Jim Felton we now list the location of studies on the Emergency runs.

E-1	vi-2, vii-6	E-40	vii-6	E-73	vii-6
3	vii-6	42	vii-6	75	367,vi-1,vii-6
5	350,vi-2,vii-6	43	vi-1, vii-6	80	vi-1,vii-6,ix-1
7	vii-6	44	vii-6	85	vii-6
9	vii-6	45	vii-6	90	vii-6
10	-	50	vi-1, vii-6	91	-
11	-	55	vii-6	95	vii-6
15	vii-6	56	-	96	vii-6
20	vii-6	60	vi-2, vii-6	97	vii-6
25	vii-6	65	vii-6	98	vii-6
26	-	70	vii-6	100	vii-6
30	350,vii-6	71	vii-6	101	vii-6
35	vi-1, vii-6	72	vii-6		

Once again, the numbers from 350 to 367 refer to the issue of "TOPICS" in which a reference to the run appears. The roman numerals refer to the News Letter volume, and the Italic numeral to the issue number in that volume. E.g. vii-6 refers to Volume VII, No6.

We hope these lists will make it easier to find references to specific runs. Let us know what else you need of this sort.



MEMBERSHIP - Change of Address -

MACHUM Harry Box 123, Little Current, Ont. POP 1K0

New Members since our last listing - Vol.13, No.5 -

FRASER Don 1183 Warsaw Ave., Winnipeg, Man. R3M 1C5  
HILLMAN Thomas 395 Wellington St., Ottawa, Ont. K1A ON3  
PHILATELIC LIBRARY, National Postal Museum, Stn 23, Ottawa, K1A OB1  
REID Michael 964 Canaveral Cres. SW, Calgary, AB T2W 1N5  
STALKER Brian T. 3 Rutherford Way, Tonbridge, Kent TN10 4RH  
WALBURN H. Geoff. Box 279, Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 7N5  
WHITE John 780 NW Wallula, Gresham OR 97030

FEEDBACK

Peter Eggett reports new time mark AM and direction W for Q-253A, and a new late date of November 12, 1983 for S-276 confirmed by Lew. How about September 11, 1985, Lew ?

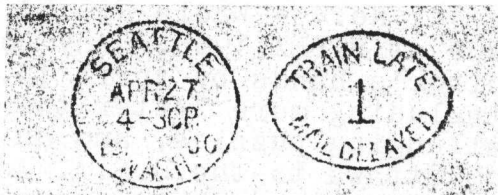
David Harding reports that he has some spare copies of W-161B (RF 470) on facing slips from Train 2, between May 16 and September 29, 1952, available to trade for "W" strikes of comparable RF which he needs. First come first served.

Jim Felton has been studying the DD series and reports -

- DD18 - he has 56 copies dated between 1893 and 1926, all have PM time marks, latest June 4, 1926.
- DD26 - of 47 examples, only 10 are AM. He has both AM and PM on November 8, 1893.
- DD38 - 13 copies (1924 to 1961) both hammers, all have indicia Year / Month Day / Time Mark.
- DD96 - Hammer 1 - add 2ø Map, 5 & 8ø Numeral.  
" 2 - add 2 & 10ø Numeral.  
" 3 - delete 10ø Numeral (was Hammer 2).
- DD102 - Time Mark 9 / AP 22 / 51.

Jim also questions how two copies of DD18 PM/DE 2/03 can have one with DE 2 aligned, the other with DE<sub>2</sub> ?

Among his other souvenirs is a cover from Vancouver, B.C. to Seattle, Wash., carried on the Great Northern Railway, with the backstamp shown below. Shades of yesterday !



Run Counts - The last listing of holdings appeared in Vol. 9, No. 5, December '81, and showed the following out of some 3100 runs -  
Ludlow 1983 Lehr 1212 Smalley 1027  
McKain 1460 Karr 1157 Gray 1004  
Robinson 1401 Shaw 1183 - as the highest.

This must have changed appreciably in the past five years, and it would be interesting to see how you all stack up now. Your scribe, for example, is now just over 1900.

### MEMBERS' PUZZLES

Warren Bosch writes - "I have a partial strike of something which appears to be an RPO. It reads Matapedia an-- at the bottom. The lettering is inside a large heavy ring, and signs of a thinner inner ring are present over the "dia". From the bottoms of what I think are year numerals, the final "a" of "Matapedia" is at the dead bottom point. The letters are lower case except the "M", and heavy, with serifs. Strike is purple." This sounds almost like an upside-down Q-56A. Anyone have any ideas? Warren has sent a few more similar items which we will try to run soon.

### PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER. BNAPS

This issue of the News Letter is being prepared for distribution at the first meeting of this new Chapter in Richmond, B.C. on March 15, 1986. Seminars and showings are planned by several Study Groups - including the R.P.O., Military Mail, and Duplex. The Chapter was the brain child of our Chairman, Lew Ludlow. The Chapter Chairman is Bill Bailey of Vancouver, B.C., and the Secretary-Treasurer is Dr. Brian Plain of Kelowna, B.C. - both well known in Study Group circles. They plan to have spring and fall meetings throughout the Pacific Northwest of the U.S. and Canada, with an Annual get-together at PIPEX - the National level show of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs - in June each year. The next PIPEX will be in Victoria, B.C. from June 13 to 15, 1986, while the 1987 show is planned for Spokane, Washington. We wish the new Chapter a long and successful life.

### BNAPLEX 1986 - Dearborn, Michigan, August 29 to 31

Now is the time to start thinking about participation in this show by members of our Study Group. What would you like to discuss at our Annual Meeting? What favourite subjects would you like to see on the agenda? What complaints would you like to air? What compliments would you like to bestow? What seminar subjects would you like presented? It's your meeting, let's make sure it covers what you wish. By good planning (or luck) it might even be possible that the show committee have invited a judging panel somewhat more sympathetic toward the research of the Study Groups. If this is the case, perhaps we might even see some entries in the show ?????

NEXT ISSUE - Volume 14, No.4 - Whole No. 54 - is planned for June, 1986, for issue at PIPEX 1986. Any contributions should be in the Editor's hands by April 15. Some items are already on hand - including more "After the Ampersand", Newfie history, challenging puzzles, and an interesting first day cover from Ottawa to the U.S.A. Any other ideas or contributions will be welcomed with thanks. I imagine we can anticipate Annex No.4 to the Catalog soon too.

See you soon,



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