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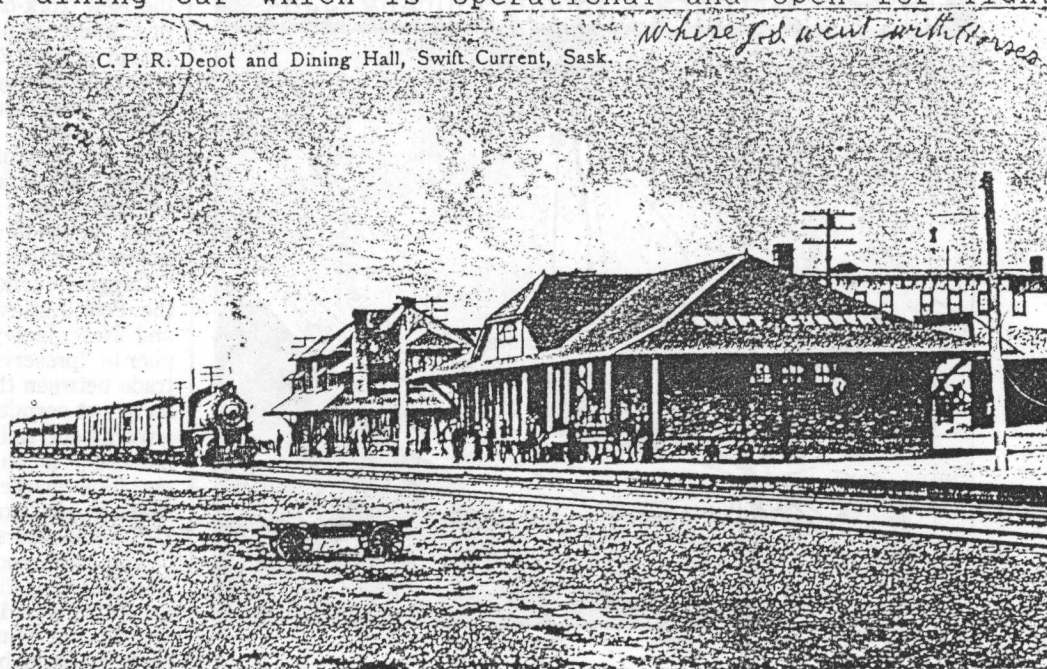
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August, 1993

BNAPEX '93 - This issue is being prepared for distribution to those members of the Study Group attending the Annual Meeting in Toronto. We hope to see many of you there.

HIGH RIVER HISTORICAL RAILWAY ASSOCIATION - Either with this issue or separately over the past summer members will have received a souvenir cover commemorating the opening of this museum at High River, south of Calgary, Alberta. These covers are courtesy of our long-time member, Jim Karr, and we thank him sincerely. Jim says - "The covers commemorate the opening of the first authentically restored express mail car in Canada (so they claim) and with some help from Canada Post.

The Museum is in the old C.P.R. Station. At the end of the station on two side tracks, they have done a fine job of restoring a collection of rolling equipment - two diesel electric locomotives, a passenger car, a caboose, box cars, the express mail car and a dining car which is operational and open for light meals."



Terminus of the Swift Current and Empress Run, from David Harding.



Dr. A. D. Campbell has sent in this new report of a clerk marking on a facing slip. The name is obviously separate from the cds, so should it be listed? Lew listed some like this, but they are on cover and/or cancelling stamps. Should this be listed? Please give me your opinions soon.

CN's Canada-U.S. tunnel under siege

By Mark Hallman

Financial Post

FEARING a major loss of container traffic to the Port of Halifax, five major U.S. East Coast ports and the City of New York have asked U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher to veto CN North America's \$200-million tunnel project connecting Michigan and Ontario.

CN began work this spring on the new rail tunnel adjacent to one

it owns beneath the St. Clair River linking Sarnia, Ont., and Port Huron, Mich. When completed late next year, it will be the only Canada-U.S. rail tunnel capable of accommodating double-stack container trains.

CN, which will be the tunnel's sole owner and user, expects to gain a major advantage over rail competitors when the project is finished late next year. By eliminating river barging for double-stack equipment, it will cut transit

times in the Montreal-Toronto-Chicago corridor by 12 hours.

President Bill Clinton, acting on the recommendation of Christopher, must issue an international border crossing permit for CN to open the tunnel for business. Christopher's recommendation is expected to be revealed imminently, a CN spokesman said.

Double-stack container trains have become critical tools for North American ports in selling the merits of their reach into the U.S. interior to international shipping lines.

Frank Caggiano, chairman of the New York-based North Atlantic Conference of Port Authorities, said in an April 27 letter to Christopher the CN project "would injure, rather than serve, the national [U.S.] interest" because it would give the Port of Halifax "a substantial and unfair competitive advantage over U.S. North Atlantic ports" in handling container traffic to and from Chicago.

Caggiano, whose group includes the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, urged Christopher to "preserve the spirit of free trade between the U.S. and Canada by not permitting one Canadian government railroad to acquire a monopoly in an important transportation market, thereby preferring a single Canadian port over its U.S. competitors."

The conference, along with CP Rail System, a division of Canadian Pacific Ltd., and the cities of Detroit and Windsor, say the CN project should be scrapped and a \$120-million enlargement of CN's and CP's jointly owned tunnel at Windsor-Detroit be undertaken to accommodate double-stack equipment. This tunnel is shared with CSX Corp., Consolidated Rail Corp. and Norfolk Southern Corp., and offers shippers competitive choice, the conference said.

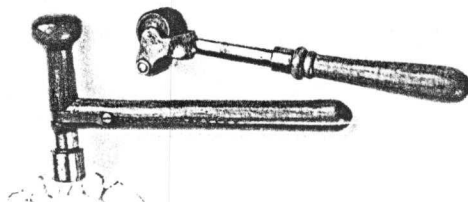
CN flatly rejects the port group's allegations, said Robert Schellig, corporate general manager for CN in Detroit.

Schellig said trucks, not railways, dominate the container transportation market between Chicago and Toronto, and CN at best expects to gain only a 10% share of that market.

4 Wednesday, May 5, 1993



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From Ross Gray:

In the Ludlow sales, Lee Auction #70, October 24, '92, lot #836 of Q-189, QUE & CAMPBELLTON / LOCAL, there were "research notes". If any of the study group members purchased this lot, I wonder if the buyer is willing to share the notes. Lew never completed the hammer analysis on this run after publishing the study of Q-188 in the newsletter and saying that Q-189 would follow.



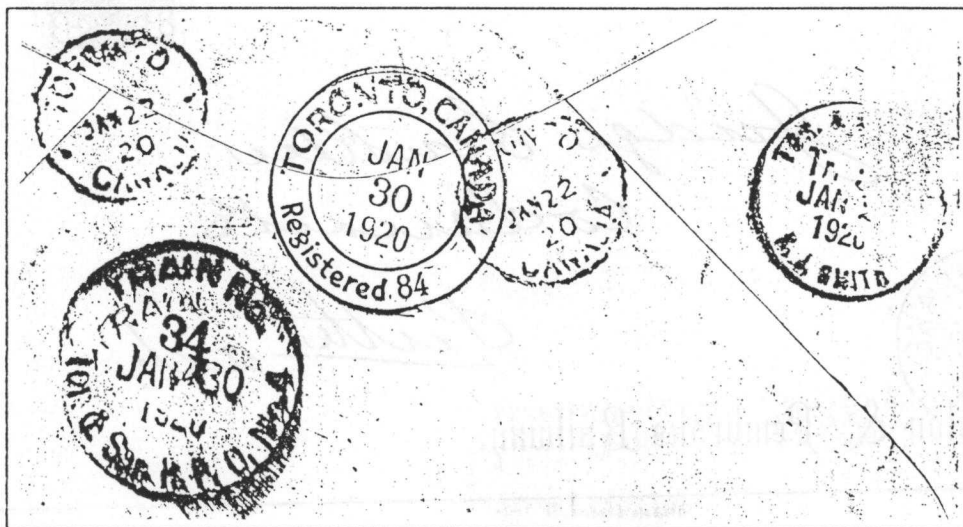
A new early date.

Q-307 THREE RIV. & QUE. C.P.R.Y / M.C.
W, FE 21, 93, struck in violet as a transit backstamp on a registered cover originating in ST. BAZILE STATION, QUE., addressed to MONTREAL, where it arrived AM, FE 22, 93.



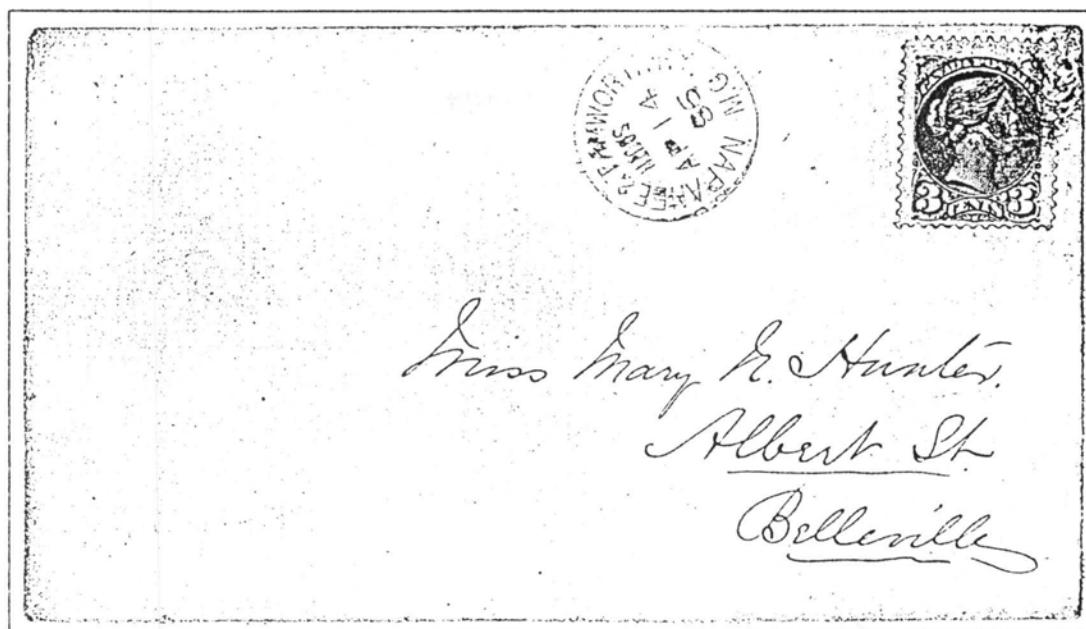
O-294L POR. JCT. & HEARST / R.P.O.
XII, V 12, 52

commercial use on a 4c postal stationery envelope from Fauquier, Ontario to Toronto showing a very unusual Roman numeral indicium. (ex Moulton)



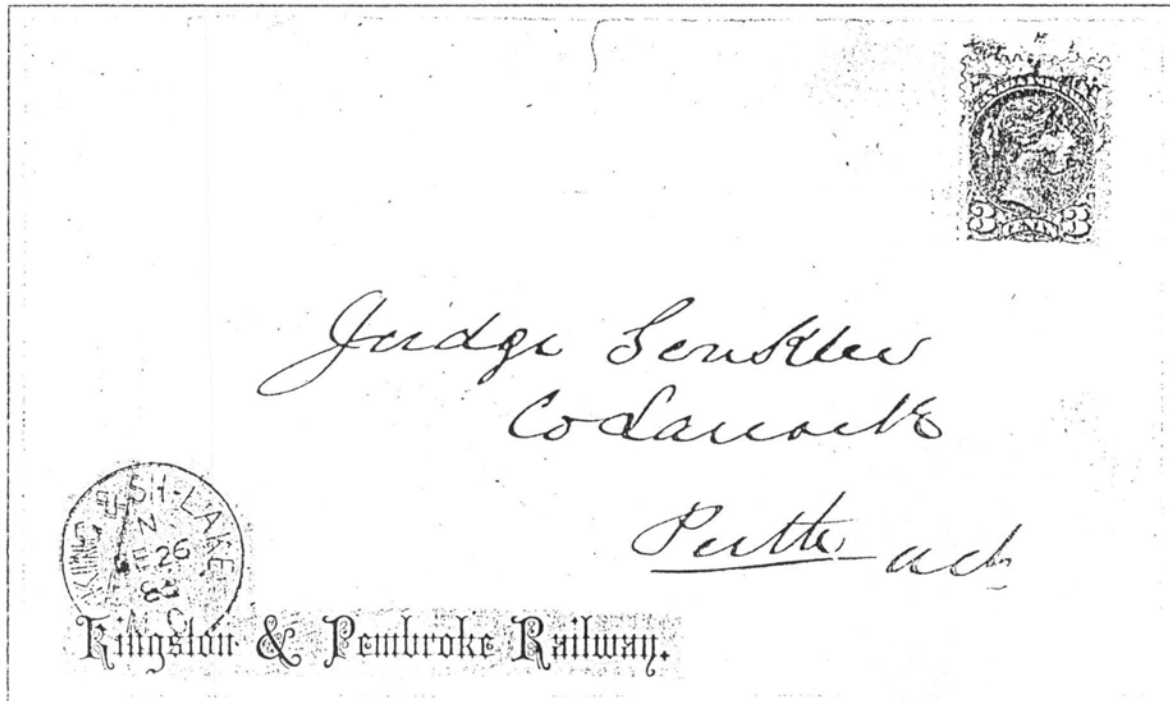
TRAIN No. / Tor. & Sar. R.P.O. No. 4 34, JAN 30, 1920
a previously unreported TYPE 5I cancellation, struck in black as a transit backstamp on a registered cover originating in Toronto, addressed to PROSPECT HILL, ONT., "Not Called For" and returned to Toronto. (ex Moulton)

Two New Early Dates from Ross Gray



O-175 NAPANEE & TAMWORTH RY. / M.C. SOUTH (inverted), AP 14, 86
A NAPANEE, ONT., CANADA, AP 14, 86 transit backstamp and
BELLEVILLE, ONT., CANADA, PM, AP 14, 86 arrival backstamp confirm
the date.

Proof date is unknown. The line opened to traffic August 4, 1884.



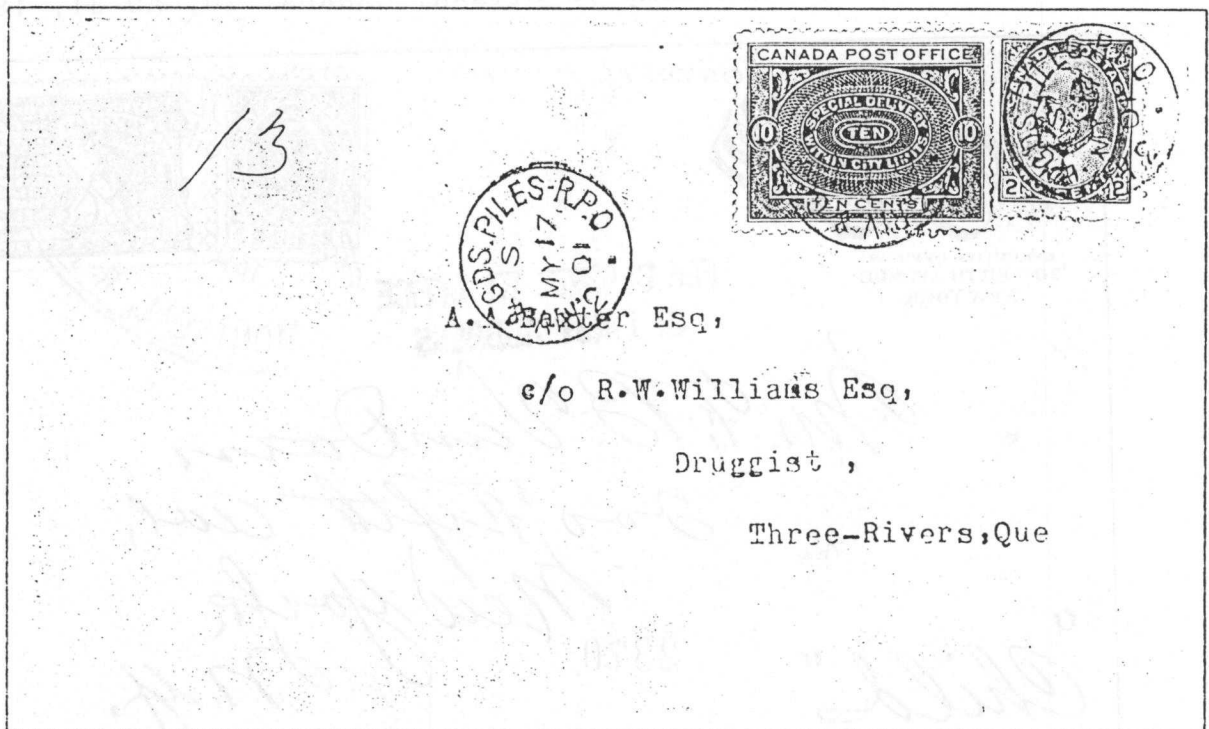
O-129 KING & SH-LAKE / M.C. N, DE 26, 88
The PERTH, ONT DE 27, 88 arrival backstamp confirms the year. The
hammer was proofed two months earlier, October 26, 1888.

From Ross Gray

Special Delivery covers originating on an R.P.O.



Q-90 MONT. & IS'D POND NIGHT / N^o 2 W, SP 14, 98
There is no arrival backstamp.

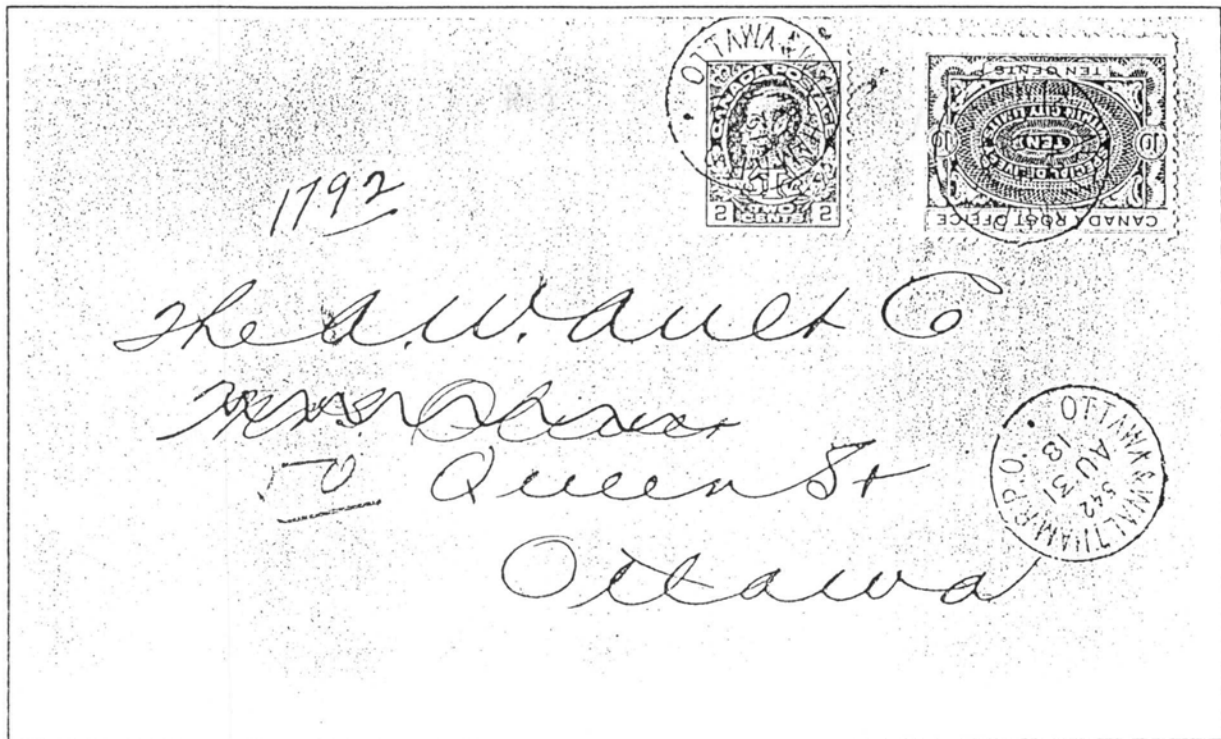


Q-305 3 RIV. & GDS.PILES - R.P.O. S, MY 17, 01(10)

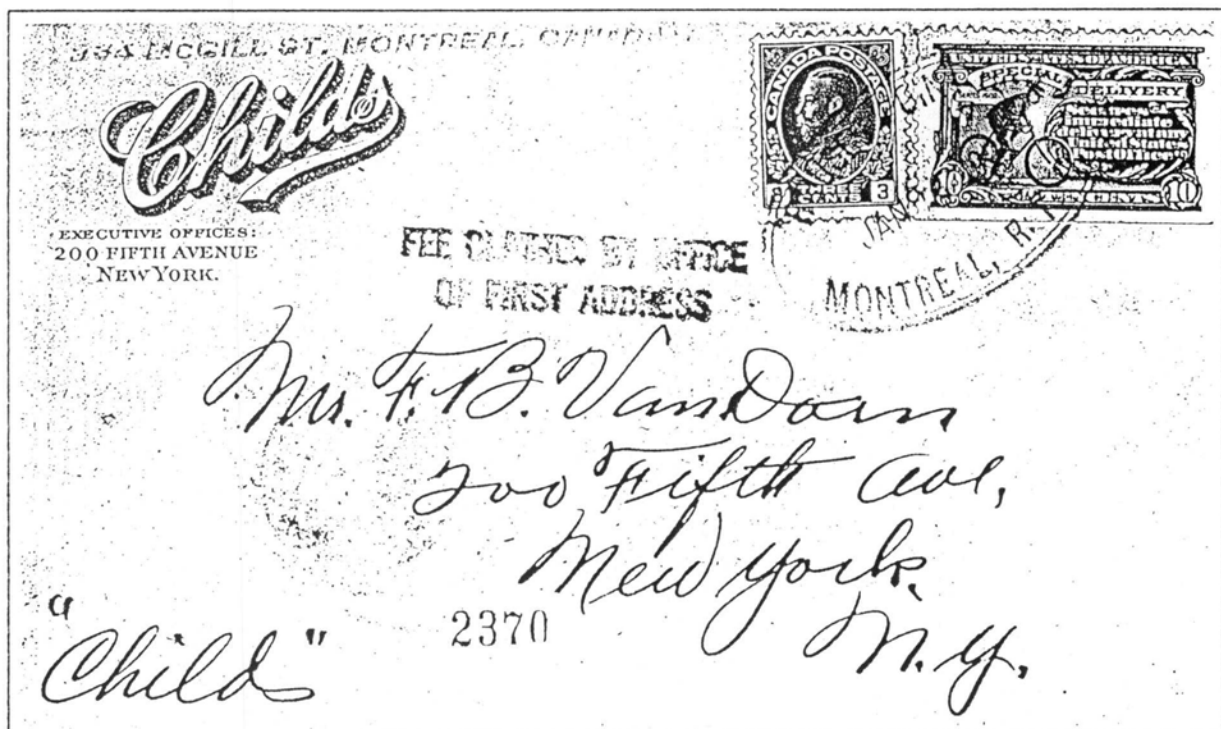
There is a TROIS RIVIERES, QUE / 1910 MAY 17, 3³⁰ PM machine arrival cancellation on the back.

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More SPECIAL DELIVERY covers and a new LATE DATE
from Ross Gray



O-264 OTTAWA & WALTHAM R.P.O. 542, AU 31, 18
The arrival backstamp is OTTAWA, CANADA 10, AU 31, 18.



Q-264C (H-III) ROUSES POINT & / MONTREAL, R.P.O. JAN 4, 1921
A NEW YORK JAN 5, 930 AM, 1921 backstamp confirms the latest date
for the run and the hammer. The U.S. Special Delivery stamp was
required for Special Delivery service in the U.S.A. since there was
no agreement between the two countries at this time.

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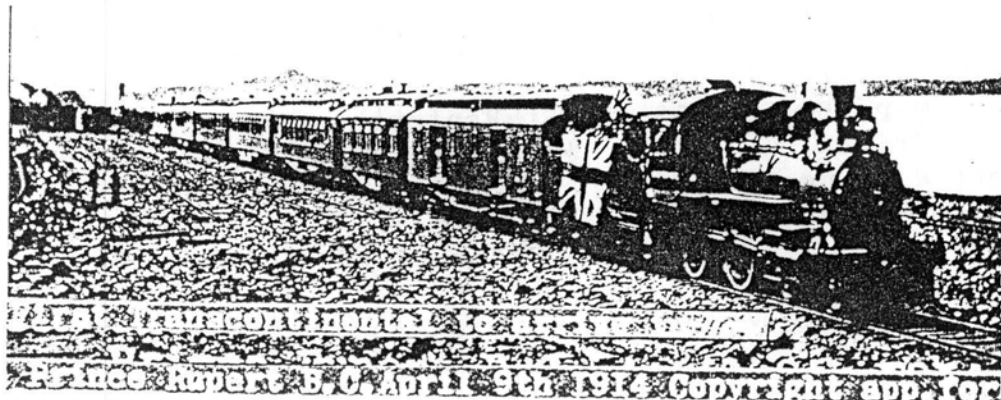
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| TOTALS | Canada | 59 | Regular | 4 | Ex-Officio |
| | U.S.A. | 31 | | 3 | |
| | Overseas | 6 | | 0 | |
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| | Totals | 96 | | 7 | |

August, 1993

From J.Malcolm Smith -



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RPO STUDY GROUP - REPORT FOR YEAR 1992-93

August 31, 1993

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| INCOME - 1992-93 Dues & Foreign Exchange | \$ 893.25 |
| 1993-94 Dues in Advance (Note 3) | 50.00 |
| Donations (Note 2) | 3.58 |
| BNAPS Book Dept.(Annex 1-9) | 34.00 |
| BNAPS Stipend 1991-92 | 90.00 |
| Advance payments for Special issue | 397.83 |
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| TOTAL | \$ 1468.66 |
| EXPENSES - Vol.21, No.1 - No.101 - Printing,Postage | \$ 201.73 |
| No.2 - No.102 - | 134.33 |
| No.3 - No.103 - | 126.51 |
| No.4 - No.104 - | 122.42 |
| No.5 - No.105 - | 127.71 |
| No.6 - No.106 - | 125.30 |
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| TOTAL | \$ 938.00 |
| EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES | \$ 530.66 |
| Balance from 1991-92 | 1146.00 |
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| Total on hand, August 31,1993 | \$ 1676.66 |

- NOTES: 1. All accounts in Canadian Funds.
2. Donations from Campbell, Frampton.
3. 1993-94 dues paid by - Frampton, Gartland,
T.M.Jones, Kitchen, Perry-Hooker, Soper, Steinhart
4. Printing costs subsidized by John Keenlyside.
5. Dropped for Non-Payment of 1992-93 Dues - Brown,
Covert, Waugh, Pereira, Woodward.
6. Reinstated - Edgett.
8. New Member - Scott.
9. Extra funds being accumulated for Special Issue No.100,
planned for publication September, 1993.

BNAPS STIPEND - received for Editor, "TOPICS", BNAPS President,
BNAPS Library, BNAPS Study Group Coordinator, BNAPS Study Group
Columnist. Free Copies are also sent to the National Archives of
Canada and the Philatelic Library of the National Postal Museum of
Canada.


W.G. Robinson
Secretary-Treasurer

THAT'S ALL FOR THIS YEAR