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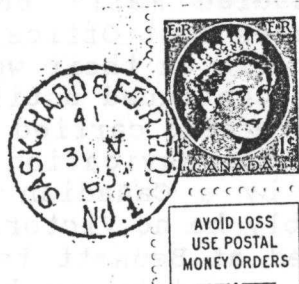
September, 1994

BNAPLEX '94 - Burlington, Vermont, September 29 to October 1, 1994 - This issue is being prepared for distribution to members attending the Annual Meeting of the Study Group on October 1, 1994. Please note the roster of the Group on Pages 6 to 8, and the Annual Financial statement on Page 9.

HAMMER ANALYSIS - W-141D - SASK.HARD.& ED.R.P.O./ No.

There are seven identifiable hammers for this run. They can be separated by the numbers from 1 to 5 at the bottom of the strike, and in the case of Numbers 4 and 5 by the size of type - large or small in the hammer. Details are presently as follows -

Hammer I HP 6/10/49	Earliest 10/22/52	Reporter 151
(No.1 at bottom)	Latest 5/31/60	151 Last Run
II 6/10/49	Earliest 4/27/50	151
(No.2 at bottom)	Latest 9/2/53	151
III 6/10/49	Earliest 7/9/49	151
(No.3 at bottom)	Latest 3/4/53	151
IV 6/10/49	Earliest	large type
(No.4 at bottom)	Latest	
V 10/24/52	Earliest 11/23/52	151 small type
(No.4 at bottom)	Latest 6/7/54	151
VI 4/24/48	Earliest 10/30/48	150 large type
(No.5 at bottom)	Latest	
VII 10/24/52	Earliest 9/20/53	151 small type
(No.5 at bottom)	Latest 4/23/60	151



Examples of Hammer I (No.1) (Last run, May 31, 1960) with large type face, and Hammer V (No.4) (Early date 23 November, 1952) with small type face.

Please report any holdings of these hammers which are earlier or later than those reported above - or any holdings in the case of Hammers IV or VI. When we get the full story this run will be reported in Annex 13.

S-104Z - CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT CO., Limited./ S.S.COLUMBIAN - Type 5J, August 28, 1899, R.F.500*, Reporter 151 - a new listing for Annex 13. This cover was placed on the ship at Dawson and carried by the Canadian Development Co. to Bennett, where it entered the postal system, was carried by the White Pass Railway Co. to Skagway, and thence probably by the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. to Victoria (September 9, 1899), and delivered to Vancouver on September 10 by Canadian Pacific Navigation Co.



The Postmaster General's Report explained the routing as follows -
 "The service between Victoria and Skagway was confined until the 30th June, 1899, to weekly trips by the steamers of the Pacific Coast Steamship Co., the Canadian mails being carried under arrangement with the United States Post Office Department."

These ships called only at Victoria on their way to U.S. ports.

" This arrangement has been continued until the present time, and in addition thereto, mails are also carried over the same route by steamers of the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company."

If the cover had been carried by a Canadian Pacific Navigation Company ship, there would probably be no Victoria transit mark, as the mail should have been bagged at Bennett to be forwarded from Victoria to Vancouver, and no resorting or handling would have occurred at Victoria. Mail from the U.S. carrier would have been re-sorted at Victoria, with consequent use of the backstamp.

"The service inward from Skagway is divided into two portions, from Skagway to Bennett and from Bennett to Dawson and Atlin. The service from Skagway to Bennett has, since the 1st August, 1899, been carried by the White Pass Railway Company at the rate of \$ 75.00 a month, the distance being 45 miles."

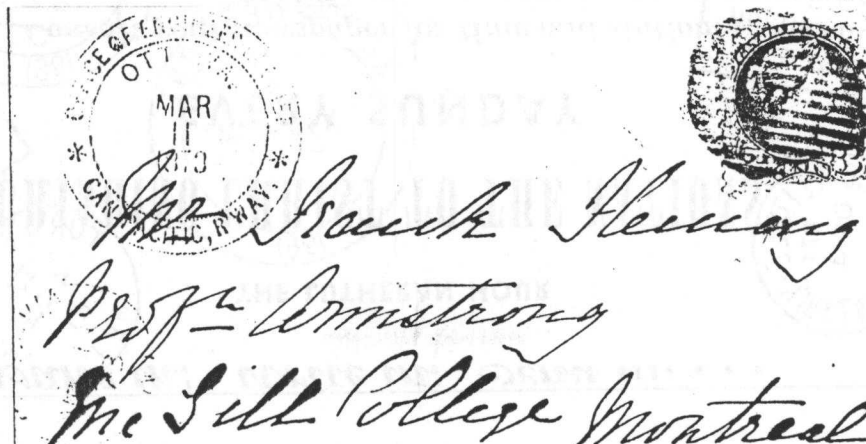
S-104Z - DAWSON TO VANCOUVER COVER (Continued) -

....For the Bennett to Dawson and Atlin sections, "It was decided to make a (four-year) contract with the Canadian Development Company, at the rate of \$ 64,000 for the winter service, and \$ 11,000 for the summer service. The summer service is to be at least twice weekly over each route, and the Company agree to carry mails by all passenger vessels they may run, without additional charge to the Department.

Most mail carried by these contracts would be mailed at the Dawson or Atlin Post Offices and carried to Bennett in closed Post Office Department bags. At Bennett, the bags would be placed on the White Pass Railway, carried in the bags to destination at Vancouver, and be marked with a receiving backstamp there.

This cover was placed on the ship at Dawson and carried loose to Bennett, where it was placed in the mail, and received a despatching postmark, and travelled by rail to Skagway in a bag destined for Victoria by Pacific Coast Steamship Company. If it was destined for the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co., it would have been bagged directly for Vancouver, and would not have received the Victoria September 9, 1899 transit marking.

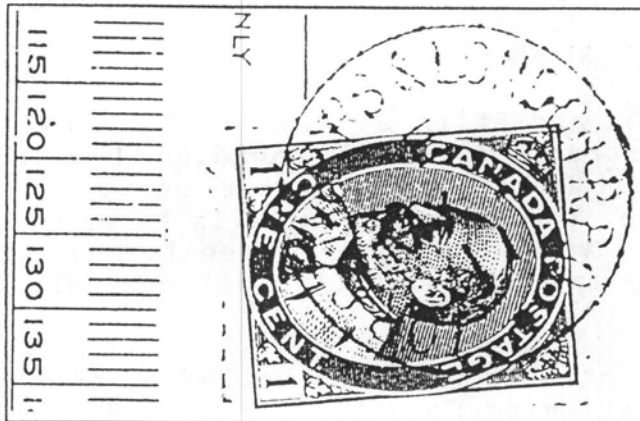
RR-43 and 44 - END OF TRACK, B.C. markings - Alex Price has been digging into the ancient records of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company again, and has come upon information regarding the dealings of the Canadian Pacific Mail Co. in some huge ledgers in a dark, poorly lit vault. Among the CPR officials and Contractors mentioned in the accounts are James Ross, Herbert S.Holt, Kendall and Gleason, J.O.Varney, Donald D.Mann, H.Behan, Keefe and Clarke, Brooks and Davidson, William MacKenzie & Co., Armstrong Powder Co., L.Madigan, D.C.Munro & Co., Quigley & McCrimmon, Corey Bros., and Muir Bros. Regarding Muir Bros.- please refer to Page 7 of the RPO Newsletter, Vol.18, No.4, whole No.84, May 1990, which shows a tunnel just east of Field, B.C. on the big hill, apparently built by this Contractor. Bit by bit we learn more. Thanks, Alex.



An 1873 C.P.R. cover from Sanford Fleming, Engineer-in-Chief of the earlier Company, from Horace Harrison. /4

From Ross Gray

A new early date for O-398, previously recorded as starting in 1914



O-398

TOR. ST. MARY'S & LONDON - R.P.O.

E, MY 1, 11

on a postcard from Stratford to Wellesley, Ontario

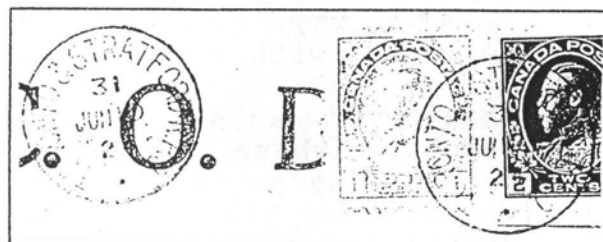
This is probably near the proof date for this hammer.

O-409 A new train number

TORONTO & STRATFORD - R.P.O.

31, JUN 10, 24

on a cover from New Hamburg to Toronto



O-412 TOR. STRAT. & GODERICH - R.P.O.

29, MY 19, 37

as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from Montreal to Kitchener.

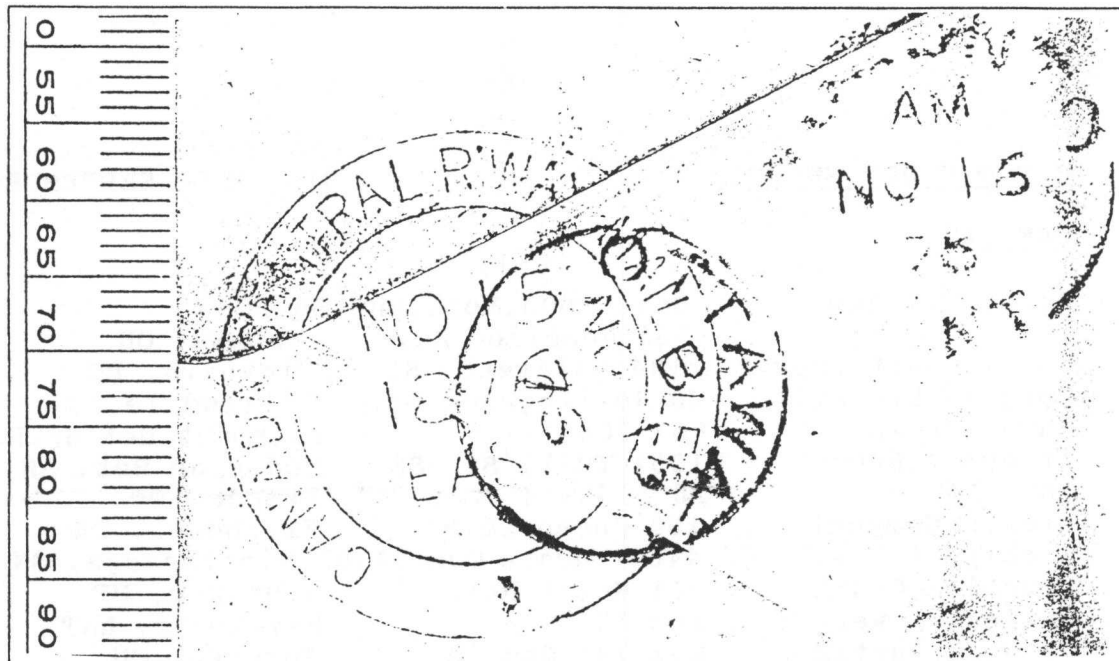
A previously unreported train number for this listing



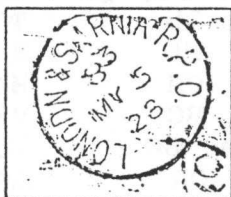
Unusual use of a Roman numeral train number on O-414 TOR. & SUD. R.P.O. / No 1 IV, 4 XII, 61 seen as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from WORTHINGTON, ONT to KITCHENER, ONT. via O-331A SUD & LITTLE CURRENT / R.P.O. 874, DE 4, 61.

From Ross Gray

A new direction and late date for RR-18A

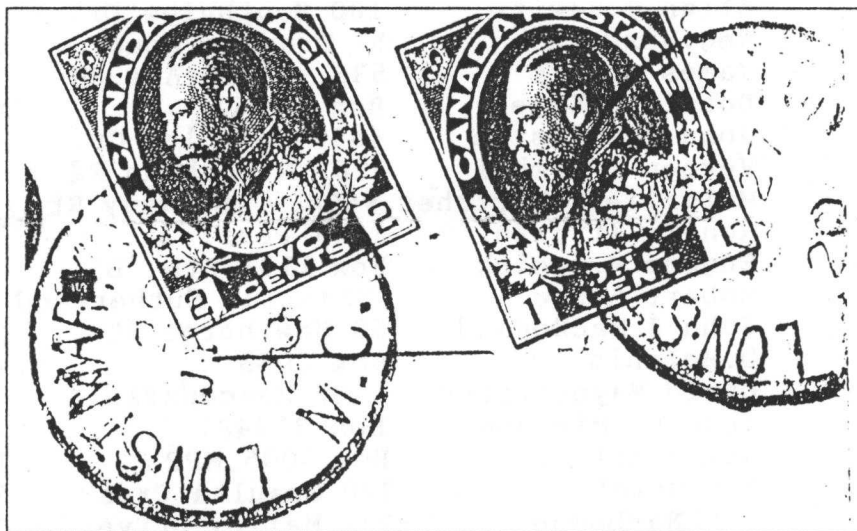


RR-18A CANADA CENTRAL R'WAY MAIL CLERK NO 15, 1876, EAST as a transit backstamp on a cover originating at BEACHBURG, C.W., NO 14, 76, via OTTAWA, B, NO 15, 76 and addressed to TORONTO, ONT, AM, NO 16, 76.



O-155A 83, MY 5, 28 A previously unreported train number.

O-159
28, JY 27, 20
on a cover from
Rockwood, Ontario
to Toronto.
Over twenty years
later than
previously reported
and with a new
train number!



Also found but too poor to photo-copy are;

O-164 LONDON & WIARTON R.P.O. NO, AU 18, 16 on a Palmerston view postcard addressed to Sable Falls, Ontario. A new direction marking.

O-168 LONDON & WINGHAM / M.C. 165, AU 30, 30 on a cover from Hensall, Ontario to Toronto. A new train number for this listing.

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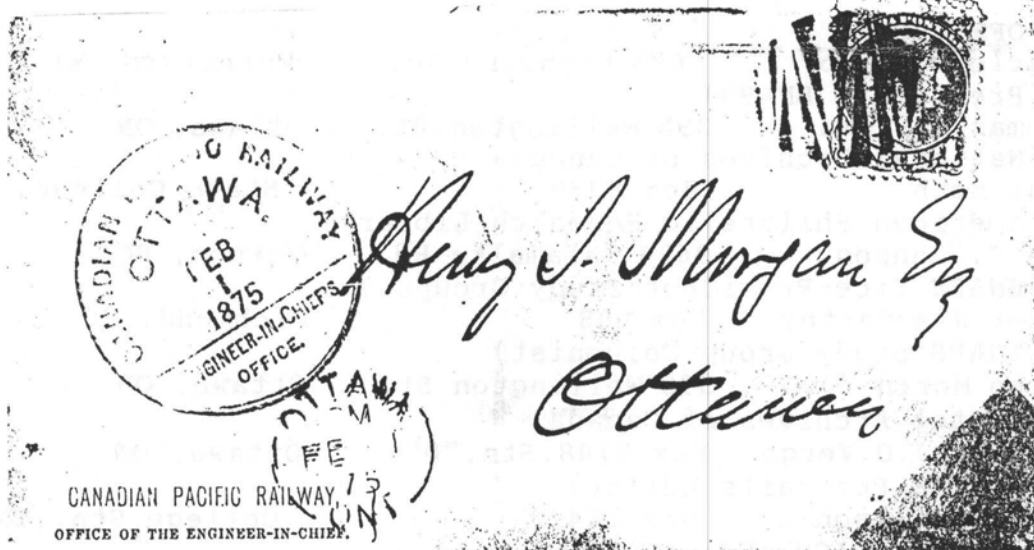
John D.Aitken	Box 62503, Rossland Sq. PO		
	555 Rossland Rd. E.	Oshawa, ON	L1K 2J7
Ronald Battersby	2184 Lafayette St.	Victoria, BC	V8S 2P1
Douglas Birchill	40 Rollingwood Dr.	Willowdale, ON	M2H 2M5
James Brown	Box 206	Fairmont Hot Sp. BC	VOB 1L0
Arthur J. Brunet	1054 Yuill St. SE	Medicine Hat, AB	T1A 0Z2
Paul Burega	16 Aldgate Cres.	Nepean, ON	K2J 2G4
Alex. D. Campbell	165 Queen St. N.	Kitchener, ON	N2H 2H8
Richard J. Chatfield	4460 Tucana Court #701	Mississauga, ON	L5R 3K9
Beverlie Clark	924 North Drive	Winnipeg, MB	R3T 0A8
Earle L. Covert	Box 1070	Hay River, NWT	X0E 0R0
Wayne R. Curtis	Box 74, Stn. 'A'	Toronto, ON	M5W 1A2
Peter Eggett	6826 Bilberry Dr.	Orleans, ON	K1C 3R4
Kenneth V. Ellison	R.R. #1	Oyama, BC	VOH 1W0
Jean-Pierre Forest	4014 des Cedres	Cap Rouge, PQ	GOA 1K0
Donald Fraser	1183 Warsaw Ave.	Winnipeg, MB	R3M 1C5
Michel Gagne	72 de Montbrun	Boucherville, QC	J4B 4T9
Eldon C. Godfrey	2 Varbow Place N.W.	Calgary, AB	T3A 0B6
Ross D. Gray	Box 174	Lindsay, ON	K9V 4S1
Clifford Guile	342 St. Clair Ave. E.	Toronto, ON	M4T 1P4
J. Douglas Hannan	#23-1950 Burtch Rd.	Kelowna, BC	V1Y 4B2
David E. P. Harding	#125-1900 Mayfair Dr.	Victoria, BC	V8P 1P9
Allan H. Hewitt	180 Southview Dr.	Concord, ON	L4K 2L3
Reg. Hiscock	57 Drayton Road	Pointe Claire, PQ	H9S 4V4
James S. Karr	536 - 49th Ave. SW	Calgary, AB	T2S 1G5
Donald B. Kaye	Box 66660	Stoney Creek, ON	L8G 5E6
John Keenlyside	4590 Beverley Cr.	Vancouver, B.C.	V6J 4E6
Vernon E. Kembel	5267 Mt. Lehman Rd.	Mount Lehman, BC	VOX 1V0
Melville C. Kertcher	#604 - 155 Navy St.	Oakville, ON	L6J 2Z7
Ronald Kitchen	1387 Pearl St.	Ottawa, ON	K1T 1C6
Eugene M. Labiuk	Box 1193, Stn. 'B'	Mississauga, ON	L4Y 3W5
Robert A. Lee	#203-1139 Sutherland	Kelowna, BC	V1Y 5Y2
John J. MacDonald	58 Hawthorne St.	Antigonish, NS	B2G 1A4
D. McInnis	Box 2063	Sudbury, ON	P3A 4R8
David Mayerovitch	5205 Beaconsfield	Montreal, PQ	H3X 3R9
Jean-C. Michaud	Box 31248	Halifax, NS	B3K 5Y1
James Miller	Box 3005, MPP	Kamloops, BC	V2C 6B7
Ian Mowat	790 Cuaulta Cres.	Victoria, B.C.	V9C 3H3
R. F. Narbonne	216 Mailey Drive	Carleton Place, ON	K7C 3X9
G. Raymond Newcombe	#107-1345 Chesterfield	N. Vancouver, BC	V7M 2N1
Kevin O'Reilly	Box 444	Yellowknife, NT	X1A 2N3
Alfred N. Peatman	22-2nd St, Renforth	Saint John, NB	E2H 1M1
H. Alex. Price	#74 - 1201 Cameron	Kelowna, BC	V1Y 9H6
Robert W. Prince	52 Rose St.	Barrie, ON	L4M 2T2
Charles Purdon	Box 33	Mayne, BC	VON 2S0
William G. Robinson	5830 Cartier St.	Vancouver, BC	V6M 3A7
Mrs. I. N. Rosborough	708 Victoria Ave. W	Winnipeg, MB	R2C 1T5

Martin W.Scott	328 Sawyer Road	Oakville, ON	L6L 3N7
George F.Smalley	298 John St.	Gananoque, ON	K7G 1A7
Carleton Smith	261 Thorner Drive	Hamilton, ON	L8V 2M6
Joseph Smith	Box 1143	Rocky Mtn.House, AB	TOM 1T0
J.Malcolm Smith	11 Abbey Rise	London, ON	N6G 1Y8
Robert B.Soper	1155 Cartaret St.	Halifax, NS	B3H 3P2
Thomas Southey	34456 Ascott Ave.	Abbotsford, BC	V2S 4V5
Allan L.Steinhardt	#1910-45 Dunfield	Toronto, ON	M4S 2H3
A.Hedley Stokes	396 Main St.	Toronto, ON	M4C 4X8
William E.Topping	7430 Angus Drive	Vancouver, BC	V6P 5K2
H.Geoff.Walburn	Box 279	Kelowna, BC	V1Y 7N5
Jack M.Wallace	Box 1116, Stn. 'E'	Victoria, BC	V8W 2S6
J.Don Wilson	11 Elm Place	St.John, NF	A1B 2S4

OVERSEAS

J.M.Ayshford	129 Burges Road	Thorpe Bay, Essex	SS1 3JL
W.M.Collie	22 Hill Rd, Claughton	Birkenhead, Mersey	L43 8TL
Trevor E.Gartland	SNCO Mess, SOAF Masirah, Box 1731, CPO Seeb	Muscat, Sultanate of Oman	
Lionel F.Gillam	66 E.Bawtry Rd.	Rotherham, Yorks.	S60 4BU
T.Malcolm Jones	14 Tullis Close	Sutton Courtenay, Oxon.	OX14 4BD
Brian T.Stalker	Glaramara, Parc Bryn Coch, Upper Bryn Coch, Mold, Clwyd, Wales		CH7 1XX

TOTALS	Canada	59	Regular	5	Ex-Officio
	U.S.A.	33		3	
	Overseas	6		0	
	Totals	98		8	



Another Sanford Fleming Cover from Horace Harrison

U.S.A.

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Stanley Bednarczyk	5303 N.High St.	Columbus, OH	43214
Warren L.Bosch	Elgin Comm.College	Elgin, IL	60120
Chas.F.Boubelik	Box 40	Canon City, CO	81215
Edward H.Bowen	1623 Bulgarmarsh Rd.	Tiverton, RI	02878-2513
Norman Brassler		Buck Hill Falls, PA	18323
Carl Cammarata	Box 145	Scotts, MI	49088
Gerald C.Carr	12599 Coach Lane	South Lyon, MI	48178
Stuart L.Cohn	RR1 Box 74,Mt.Olive Rd.	Zirconia, NC	28790
Richard Colberg	126 Crosswick Lane	Lancaster, PA	17601
John Edgett	Box 456	Glenhaven, CA	95443
James Felton	Box 56371	Little Rock, AR	72215
James Goben	304 W.Lincoln St.	Bloomington, IL	61701
Horace W.Harrison	1802 Indian Head Rd.	Ruxton, ML	21204
James R.Jenkins	Rte.1	Billings, MO	65610
Stanley Kalabza	2310 S.61st Ave.	Cicero, IL	60650
James C.Lehr	Kendal At Longwood 125	Kennett Square, PA	19348
Lewis M.Ludlow	5001-102 Lane NE	Kirkland, WA	98033
John M.McCrea	Box 172	Monroeville, PA	15146
Edward J.Maloney	26 South Onota St.	Pittsfield, MA	01201
G.Palmer Moffat	4542 E.Camino de Oro	Tucson, AZ	85718
Rick Parama	5511 Grosvenor Sq.	Houston, TX	77069
Lionel A.Pereira	7635 E.Firestone Blvd.	Downey, CA	90241
John H. Perry-Hooker	Doe Corner	Wells River, VT	05081-0662
Rev.Elwood S.Poore	1910 Laurel Road	Gainesville, TX	76240-5118
Arthur L.Richards	Box 1101	Mattoon, IL	61938
Frank Scheer	12 E.Rosemont Ave.	Alexandria, VA	22301-2325
Roland B.Seymour	9950 S.Richeon Ave.	Downey, CA	90240
Clarence Stillions	2010 48th St. NW	Washington, DC	20007-155
Alexander M.Unwin	Box 1686	Bellevue, WA	98009
Frank Waite	110 E.McMillan St.	Newberry, MI	49869
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W-128 RIV. & WAIN. R.P.O. / No., Type 17A, Seven Hammers - Interim

Hammer I - No. 1 at base

Proofed - June 6, 1910
Earliest - August 31, 1911
Latest - May 30, 1918
Directions - E, W
R. F. - 230 [27.6%]

Hammer II - No. 2 at base

Proofed - June 6, 1910
Earliest - May 1⁵, 1911
Latest - November 30, 1916
Directions - E, W
R. F. - 230 [10.3%]

Hammer III - No. 3 at base

Proofed - June 6, 1910
Earliest - April 8, 1911
Latest - November 30, 1916
Directions - E, W
R. F. - 230 [24.1%]

Hammer IVa - No. 4 at base

Proofed - June 6, 1910
Earliest - July 7, 1910
Latest - April 20, 1912
Directions - E, W
R. F. - 230 [8.6%]

Hammer IVb - No. 4 at base

Proofed - June 2, 1916
Earliest - To Be Advised
Latest - To Be Advised
Directions - To Be Advised
R. F. - Not Yet Reported in Use

Hammer V - No. 5 at base

Proofed - June 6, 1910
Earliest - May 16, 1911
Latest - November 13, 1916
Directions - E, W
R. F. - 230 [17.2%]

Hammer VI - No. 6 at base

Proofed - June 29, 1912
Earliest - October 16, 1912
Latest - March 8, 1916
Directions - E, W
R. F. - 230 [12.1%]

Comments - Originally there were five hammers proofed on June 6, 1910; however, we have only been able to confirm one hammer, Hammer IVa, used in 1910; perhaps close examination of all strikes will predate others into 1910. These five original hammers, plus Hammer VI, all have a base period after 'WAIN. R.P.O.'; however, even though we have not yet seen any strikes of Hammer IVb, we know from its proof strike that it has a mid-vertical dot in this same position, 'WAIN - R.P.O.'. Thus, we can know that if Hammer IVb was used, it will be easily identifiable if and when it is found; however, it must be recognized that it is possible it was never used. We postulate that this listing was superseded by W-129, RIVERS & WATROUS R.P.O. / No. and W-168 WATROUS & WAINRIGHT R.P.O./No., both of which were initiated in 1917, and Hammer IVb may not have seen use. There is much speculation in these thoughts.

We have made chordal measurements on all hammers except Hammer IVb for which we do not have the proof strike in hand; however, without having the latter, chordal measurements are not yet fully definitive. We are sending this interim report to some Western R.P.O. specialists; we ask that any of these recipients have Hammer IVb, or earlier or later dates of the other six hammers to please send photocopies to me so that I can update this report for future use in the R.P.O. Study Group Newsletter.

Many thanks for your usual grand cooperation.

Apparently never published.

Lewis M. Ludlow
May 12, 1989

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OBITUARY - This is certainly our year for losses. This time it is George R. Cole of Staten Island, New York, on February 25, 1994. Our condolences have been expressed to Mrs. Marie H. Cole.

RPO STUDY GROUP - REPORT FOR YEAR 1993-94

AUGUST 31, 1994

INCOME - 1993-94 Dues & Foreign Exchange	\$ 1014.74
1994-95 Dues in Advance (Note 3)	60.00
Donations (Note 2)	12.01
BNAPS Book Dept. (Annex 1-9)	42.00
BNAPS Stipend	170.00
Issue 100 Book	796.62

TOTAL	\$ 2095.37

EXPENSES - ISSUE 100 Book	3339.64
Vol. 22 No. 1 - No. 107	194.86
No. 2 - No. 108	148.68
No. 3 - No. 109	143.01
No. 4 - No. 110	133.53
No. 5 - No. 111	141.50
No. 6 - No. 112 (Est.)	140.00

TOTAL	\$ 4241.24

EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER INCOME	(2145.87)
Balance from 1992-93	1676.66

Total Deficit August 31, 1993	\$ (529.21)

- NOTES:
1. All accounts in Canadian Funds
 2. Donations from Purdon, Waite
 3. 1994-95 dues paid by - Carr, Collie, Scott, Carleton Smith, Malcolm Smith, Walburn.
 4. Printing costs subsidized by John Keenlyside & D. Eaton.
 5. Dropped for non-payment of 1993-94 dues - Barry, McCrea, Reid, K.G. Richards, Rixon.
 6. Reinstated - Covert, Woodward.
 7. Deceased - Cole, Frampton, Nickle, Noble.
 8. New Members - Bednarczyk, Chatfield, Godfrey, Newcombe, A.L. Richards.
 9. Deficit to be retired by sale of Issue 100. 101 copies distributed to members, 40 sold, 6 with BNAPS Book Dept., 53 in stock.
 10. BNAPS Stipend - Received for Editor "TOPICS", Editor "BNAPortraits", BNAPS President, BNAPS Study Group Vice-President, BNAPS Study Group Columnist, APR Library, Postal Archives of Canada. Copies also sent to National Archives of Canada.

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THAT'S ALL FOR THIS YEAR