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BNAPEX 1995 - Edmonton, Alberta, September 1 to 3 - This issue contains the annual report for 1994-95, and is being prepared for our annual meeting at Edmonton. Your scribe regrets that he won't be there - because he will be attending the 1995 World Stamp Exhibition at Singapore as the Canadian Commissioner. We expect that Chairman Jim Lehr will handle any business, and we hope there will be a technical paper. Jim Karr of Calgary had been asked to present one, but his wife Marie passed away suddenly in August. **NEW MEMBER** - We welcome Keith J. Dowd, 51 Castlethorpe Crescent, Nepean, ON, K2G 5P9 to membership.



TWO DIFFERENT CLERK STRIKES ON A COVER - Allan Steinhart sends this interesting cover with clear strikes of - Q-46Ag, LEVIS & MONT. R.P.O./ J.O.R.ROY, in blue, and Q-120Db, MONT.& NORTH BAY, R.P.O./ W.T.BURKE, in purple, along with strikes of regular R.P.O.s - MA-23, MA-71, and O-192. Dates range from May 21 to 23, 1928.

This report necessitates a change in the listing for Q-46Ag, which was originally reported by Graham Noble as J.O.ROY. Note the third initial. The correction will appear in Annex 15. Thanks, Allan !

INPUT FROM ROSS GRAY - The next five pages were submitted by Ross Gray, and we thank him sincerely for his efforts. Some of this material was sent some time ago and was lost in the mail. The remainder has been waiting for a time such as this when we're caught up with most of the members' submissions. Thanks, Ross !

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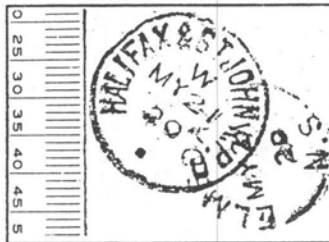
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From Ross Gray;



MA-80 Hmr III HALIFAX & CAMP. R.P.O. 1, JUN 20, 51 on a 4c postal stationery envelope addressed to Fredericton, N.B. Previously the latest reported date for this hammer was 06/18/37.

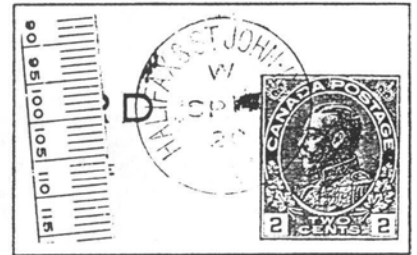
MA-115 Hmr II HALIFAX & ST. JOHN / M.C. W, OC 3, 95 on a post card addressed to Philadelphia, Pa. The earliest date previously reported was 11/26/95.



MA-116 Hmr III HALIFAX & ST. JOHN R.P.O. W, MY 21, 20 as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from ELMDALE, N.S. to HAMILTON, ONT. where it arrived May 24.

The previous latest date for this hammer was 05/05/16.

MA-117a Hmr VI HALIFAX & ST. JOHN R.P.O. / DAY W, SP 13, 20 on a post card addressed to Kitchener, Ontario. Previously the only reported date of use was 08/15/21, which now becomes the latest date and this example, the earliest date. The hammer was proofed 07/06/20.



MA-129 Hmr IV E, DE 24, 02 on a cover from Truro to ARICHAT, N.S.

This is a new early date for this hammer which was reported from 03/10/03.

MA-129 Hmr VII HALIFAX & SIDNEY R.P.O. W, OC 15, 06 cancelling a New Glasgow, N.S. view addressed to Rhode Island.

The earliest date before this discovery was 04/03/08.



MA-138 Hmr XI HALIFAX & YARMOUTH R.P.O. E, DE 27, 28 on a cover from Kentville, N.S. to Waterloo, Ontario. The previous late date for this hammer was 08/07/28.

MA-154 LUNENBURG & MIDDLETON / R.P.O. S, AP 7, 11 This hammer was proofed on 03/06/11 and was known used from 04/12/11, prior to this example on a greeting card addressed to Riverport, N.S.



From Ross Gray;

MA-210 Hmr I St. JOHN & MONTREAL R.P.O.
W, MY 24, 00

on a postal stationery envelope front, addressed to Kingston, Ontario. The previous early date for this hammer was 06/04/00.



MA-210 Hmr XXI St. JOHN & MONTREAL R.P.O.
15, JUL 6, 28 on a postcard to Quebec.
Previously the latest 1st period date was 12/14/26. The earliest 2ND period date is 10/06/37.

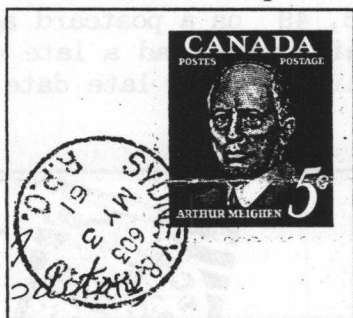
MA-256 Hmr V TRURO & ST. JOHN R.P.O. E, AU 17, 07
on a post card to Sand River, N.S. The previous early date for this hammer was 10/30/07.



MA-256 Hmr IV TRURO & ST. JOHN R.P.O. E, MY 20, 14
cancelling a Moncton view addressed to Amherst, N.S. Before this discovery, the latest date for the hammer was 10/24/11.

MA-240 Hmr V SYDNEY & TRURO R.P.O.
7, MY 17, 59

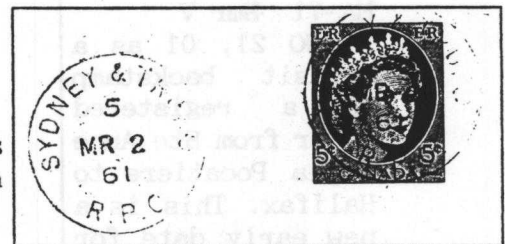
cancelling a 5c cover from North Sydney to Sackville. Proofed 03/27/57, this hammer was known used from 08/17/59 before this example came to light.



MA-241 Hmr VII SYDNEY & TRURO / R.P.O. 603, MY 3, 61
on a cover from Sydney to Toronto. 603 is a new train number for this hammer.

MA-241 Hmr XIV
5, MR 2, 61
on a cover from New Glasgow to Halifax is

the first reported example of this hammer which was only known from the proof strike, 11/09/60.



In addition to the previous items, I have also found the following items which do not photo-copy well;

MA-80 Hmr XX HALIFAX & CAMP.- R.P.O. / . 3, JUL 31, 29 on a Halifax view post card addressed to Ameliasburg, Ontario. Previously reported from 09/28/31, this is a new early date. The proof date is unknown.

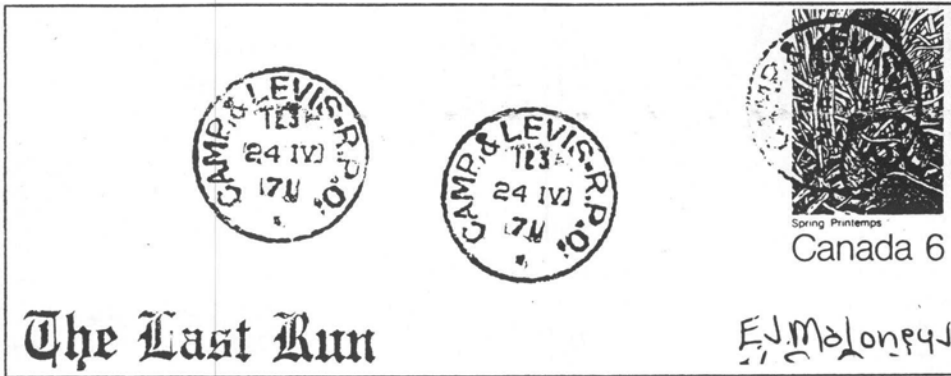
MA-240 Hmr IV SYDNEY & TRURO R.P.O. - R.P.O. / . 6, JUL 11, 60 on a 5c cover to Halifax replaces the former latest reported date, 11/30/59.

From Ross Gray;

MA-11 Hmr III CAMP. & LEVIS - R.P.O.
17, JUL 9, 68

on a block of four, 4 cent centennials

This hammer was previously reported with a 04/29/62 latest date of use. The train number, already known for the listing, is new for the hammer.

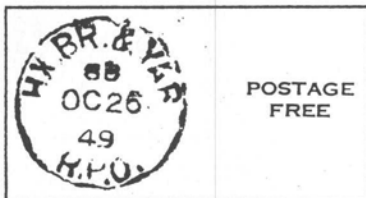


The Last Run

MA-11 Hmr I
CAMP. & LEVIS-
R.P.O.
123, 24 IV, 71
on a "Last Run"
cover addressed
to the U.S.A.
A new late date
for the listing
and the hammer.

MA-49 Hmr I CH'TOWN. & SOURIS - R.P.O. / P.E.I.
W, AU 29, 21

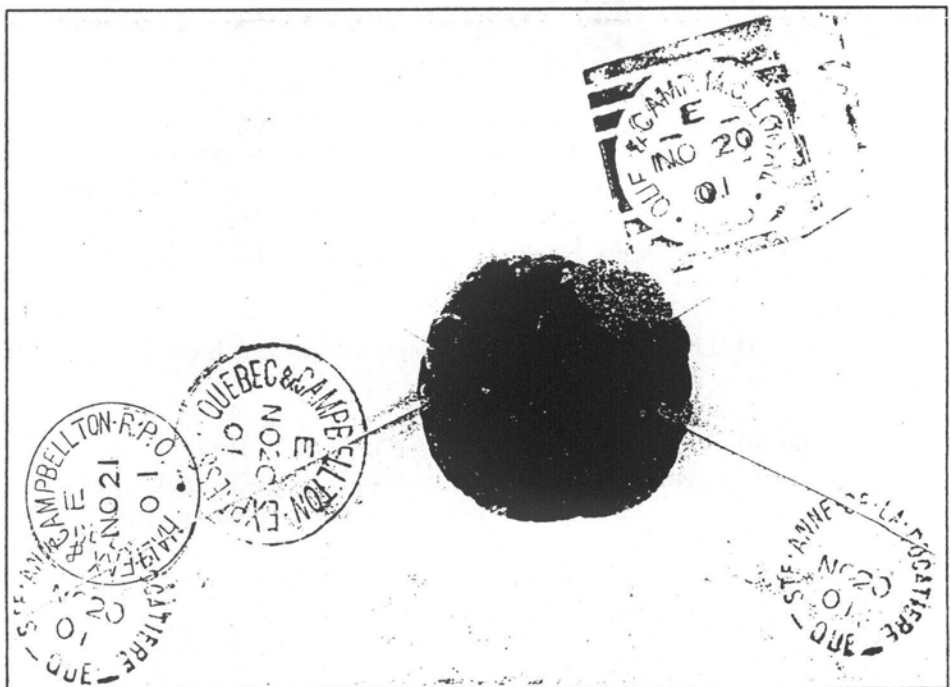
on a Montague view addressed to Springfield,
Mass. Previously known until 05/06/18, this is
a new late date for the hammer.



MA-69 Hmr I 88, OC 26, 49 on a postcard addressed
to Ottawa. Previously this hammer had a late date of
11/24/47. Badly worn, this is a new late date for the
hammer.

MA-71 Hmr V
E, NO 21, 01 as a
transit backstamp
on a registered
cover from Ste Anne
de la Pocatiere to
Halifax. This is a
new early date for
this hammer which
was known from
02/27/02 before
now.

Also present are
Q-186 E, NO 20, 01
and Q-197 (No 5) E,
NO 20, 01.



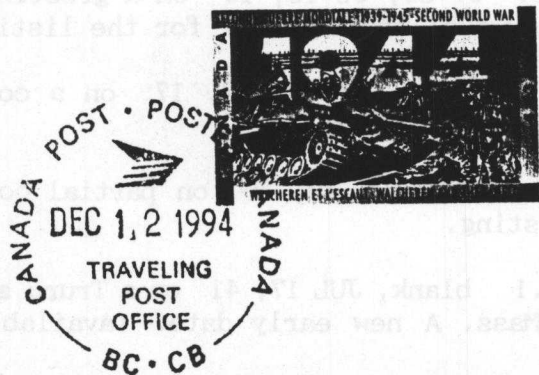
From Ross Gray;
Registered railway cancellations are all scarce, many are very rare or even unique. Shown here is the only recorded example of RG-5.



This cover originated in BLOOMFIELD, ONT., OC 9, 86 and is addressed to Toronto, where it arrived the following day, as confirmed by the oval, REGISTERED / TORONTO, CANADA arrival backstamp.

The Prince Edward County Railway was opened between Picton, the southern most terminus, and Trenton Junction, a distance of 32 miles, in 1879. In 1882, the railway was re-named, the Central Ontario Railway. By 1884, the line had been extended a further 72 miles north, to Coe Hill.

At Bloomfield, the first stop north of Picton, the cover was placed aboard the north-bound train and was backstamped with RG-5, REGISTERED / C.O.RY. and RR-31, CENTRAL ONT. RY. NORTH, OC 9, 86. At Trenton Junction, it was transferred aboard the Grand Trunk Railway's west-bound, Kingston to Toronto train and was cancelled with RR-59, G.T.RY. T. & K. / R.P.O. No. 2 WEST, OC 9, 86.



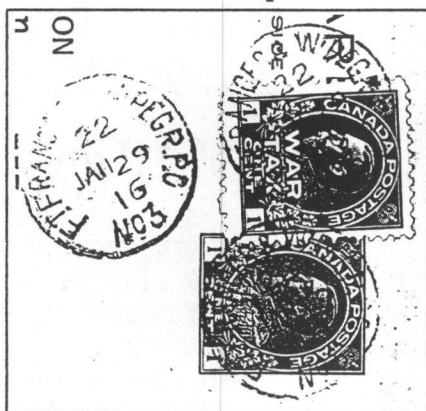
A new hammer from -

BILL BARTLETT, POSTMASTER
SAANICHTON, B.C.

From Ross Gray;



O-358 TOR. & LORNE M.C. / No 2 2, FE 2, 01 This is a new late date and the first reported example of a train number for the listing.



O-71 FT. FRANCES & W'PEG R.P.O./No. 3 22, JAN 29, 16 A new train number in addition to 1, 2, 12, 19, 20, 21, 33 and 34 already reported for the listing.

This hammer is the first of two with "No. 3" at the base and was proofed 11/09/07; the second was proofed 04/15/26. There are also two hammers with "No. 1" at their base, proofed 11/09/07 and 02/26/19, as well as one hammer, proofed 11/09/07, with "No. 2" at its base.

Also found but impractical to clearly photo-copy are the following items;

O-360 TORONTO & MEAFORD R.P.O. / No.1 61, AP 02, 12 on a greeting card addressed to Drayton, Ontario. A new train number for the hammer and listing.

O-372 TOR. & MONT. G.T.R.P.O. / No.5 20, FE 21, 31 on a cover from Trenton, Ontario to Toronto. A new train number for the hammer and listing.

O-374 TORONTO & NIAGARA FALLS / M.C. 97-20, JU 16, 15 on a greeting card addressed to Tillsonburg, Ontario. A new dual train number for the listing.

O-420 TRENTON & MAYNOOTH R.P.O. / No.1 63, MY 22, 17 on a cover to Bancroft, Ontario. A new train number for this listing.

O-421 TRENT. & MAY.-R.P.O. / No.2 63, JUL 10, 20 on partial cover to Toronto. A new train number for the listing.

E-30 HALIFAX DISTRICT / EMERGENCY No.1 blank, JUL 17, 41 on a Truro station view post card addressed to Newton, Mass. A new early date. (available for trade!)

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TOTALS	Canada	62	Regular	7	Ex-Officio
	U.S.A.	31		1	
	Overseas	8		0	
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	Totals	101		8	

August, 1995

ADVERTISEMENT

David Harding has decided to dispose of his extensive collection of Western RPOs, including Ontario runs into Winnipeg, due to age and ill health. He is offering these to Study Group members first on a Private Treaty basis. A copy of the listing will be sent to anyone interested, and members will have first chance at the approx. 1400 items on stamp or piece, and 300 on cover, many with RFs in the 4-500 range. His address is #125 - 1900 Mayfair Dr., Victoria, BC, V8P 1P9.

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RPO STUDY GROUP - REPORT FOR YEAR 1994-95	August 31, 1995
INCOME - 1994-95 Dues & Foreign Exchange	\$ 1007.10
1995-96 Dues in Advance (Note 3)	20.00
Donations (Note 2)	10.00
BNAPS Book Dept.(Annex 1-9)	100.00
BNAPS Stipend 1991-92	215.00
Special issue	376.10
Back Issues	50.71


TOTAL	\$ 1778.91
EXPENSES - Vol.22, No.6 - No.113 - Printing, Postage	\$ 142.00
Vol.23, No.1 - No.114 -	129.93
No.2 - No.115 -	218.58
No.3 - No.116 -	139.80
No.4 - No.117 -	241.06
No.5 - No.118 -	158.81
No.6 - No.119 -	140.71

TOTAL	\$1170.89
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES	\$ 608.02
Balance from 1993-94	(529.21)

Total on hand, August 31, 1995	\$ 78.81

- NOTES: 1. All accounts in Canadian Funds.
2. Donations from Boubelik, Colberg, Gartland, Kalabza, Purdon, Seymour, Stalker,
3. 1995-96 dues paid by - Kitchen, Waite
4. Printing costs subsidized by John Keenlyside.
5. Dropped for Non-Payment of 1994-95 Dues - Brown, Eggett, Perry-Hooker, Richards, Stokes,
6. New Members - Cabbage, Coates, Dowd, Hargreaves, Link, Longley, Shelton, Watson, Bruce Wilson.
7. Deceased - Chatfield, Edgett.

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