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IN MEMORIAM - END OF TRACK

Member RONALD KITCHEN, Ottawa, ON, died 8 August, 1997

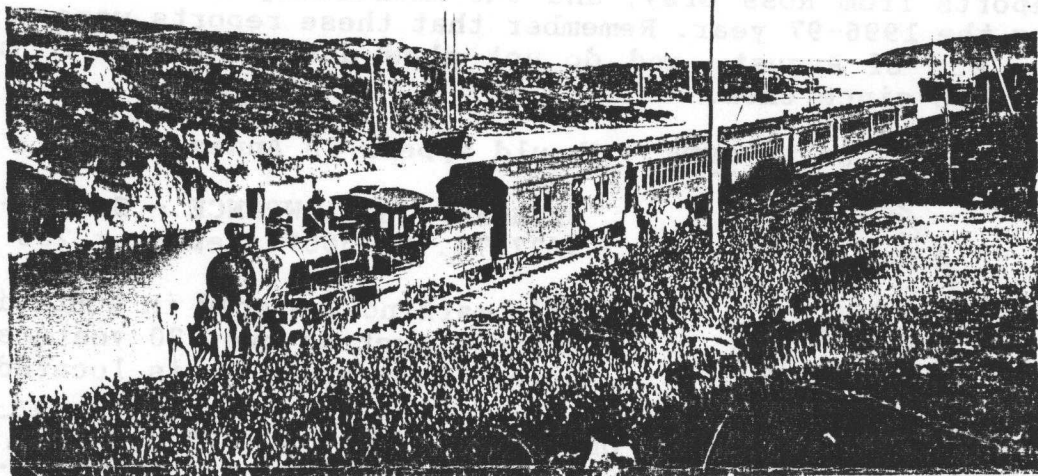
Member DAVID HARDING, Victoria, B.C., died 11 August, 1997

Member LEWIS M. LUDLOW, Kirkland, WA, died 1 September 1997

THEIR MAIL CARS ARE DISCONTINUED

BNAPLEX '97 - St. John's, Newfoundland - 28-30 August, 1997 - Congratulations to our member Don Wilson for hosting one of the largest and best annual conventions to date. We welcomed many Study Group members to our Annual Meeting at 3:30 PM, Friday, 29 August, including Earle Covert, Ken Ellison, Alf Peatman ( at age 90 ), Bob Prince, Joe Smith, Brian Stalker, Bill Topping, and Alec Unwin. Bill Topping was elected Chairman to succeed Jim Lehr, and Bill Robinson was re-elected as Editor and Secretary-Treasurer. Bill also presented a paper on the modern mail boats of Newfoundland, of which examples of markings were shown in the Study Group's one frame exhibit. Visitor Colin Lewis decided to join the Group.

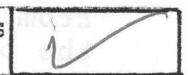
Other members attending the Convention, but unable to be at the Annual Meeting of the Study Group included - Cliff Guile, Horace Harrison, John J. MacDonald, C.A. Stillions, Colin Troup, Bill Walton, and Don Wilson. Several members were busy at the bourse - including Don Kaye, Bob Lee, Bill Longley, Claude Michaud, and Hank Narbonne. All attendees were properly "Screeched In" as Honorary Newfies at a formal ceremony on 28 August, 1997.



PORT AU BASQUE N.F. TERMINUS OF NEWFOUNDLAND RAILWAY.

The "Newfie Bullet" at Port Au Basques, Newfoundland  
Courtesy of Don Wilson

1997-98 DUES OWING - \$ 10 Canadian, \$ 9 U.S. or 5 Pounds  
Sterling if box checked.



BNAPLEX EXHIBITS - Members Brian Stalker and Bill Robinson both showed large exhibits of Newfoundland Travelling Post Offices and received Vermeil medals. Other members exhibiting included Kevin O'Reilly - Postal History of Labrador - Vermeil, Cliff Guile - 1897 Newfoundland Patriotic Covers, C.A. Stillions - Last Definitive Issue of Newfoundland - Vermeil, J.J. MacDonald - Mail by Ship Around Nova Scotia - Gold, Earle Covert - Postal Stationery - Gold, and Greet More labels - Silver, Colin Troup - Niagara Cross-Border Mail - Best single frame, and Alec Unwin - Pacific Maritime Mails - Vermeil. The Judges included our members Horace Harrison and Hank Narbonne, and Apprentice Bob Lee.

STUDY GROUP DUES - 1997-98 dues became payable at St. John's. and many of those attending paid there. It was much simpler than through the mail. 1997-98 dues will remain at \$ 10 Cdn, \$ 9 U.S. or 5 Pounds sterling, which ever is more convenient to members. If yours are owing, the box on Page 1 should be marked.

NEW MEMBERS - We sincerely welcome Hugh Delaney, 105 Pumphill Landing SW, Calgary, AB, T2V 5C4. and Colin Lewis, 62 Graiglwyd Road, Cockett, Swansea, Wales, SA2 OXA.

ADDRESS CHANGE - Please change David Link to Box 1, Site 300, RR3, Sony Plain, AB, T7Z 1X3.

RESIGNATIONS - have been received from John Aitken and Ray Newcombe.

CONTENTS - This issue contains some information from the Archives RG-3 files by Chris Anstead, an interesting combined Military /R.P.O. cover from Colin Campbell of Kelowna, B.C., a page of new reports from Ross Gray, and the membership and financial reports for the 1996-97 year. Remember that these reports were prepared at the end of August, and do not show dues payments or membership changes since then.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS - Should appear in Annex XVII -



STEAMER / St. LAWRENCE - S-270 - Type 5J, 9/27/73, RF 500\*, Reporter 258

This marking was sold in a British Postal History auction over 20 years ago. Does anyone know where it is located now ?

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CAN. PAC. RY. / PRINCESS OF / VANCOUVER - S-135s  
Type 1J, 8/24/56, RF 500#, Reporter 272

Philatelic markings have been reported from almost every C.P.R. coast ship of the period. This one is on a Ship Society cover addressed to Walter Atkinson.  
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FROM CHRIS ANSTEAD -

October 7, 1924

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COOLICAN

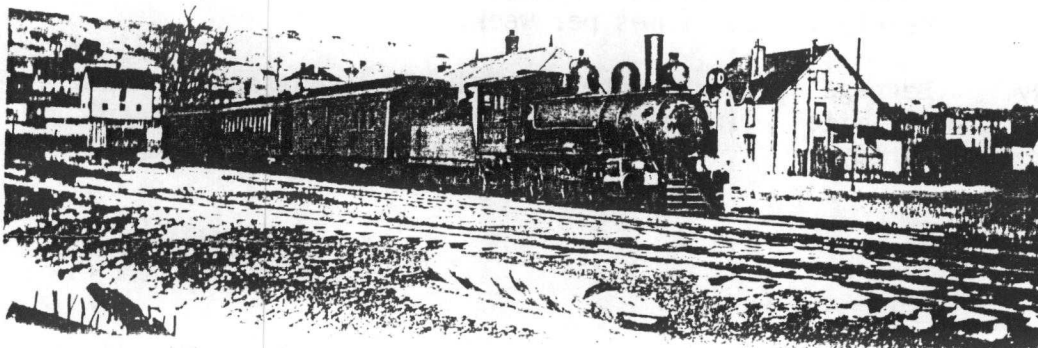
Improvements in mail service in the Western Provinces - 1924.

- Jan. 5 C.P.Ry. Baggage car mail service between Russell and Inglis, 13 miles, increased from tri-weekly to daily except Sunday
- Jan. 5 C.N.Ry. Baggage car mail service between Canora and Swan River, 89 miles, tri-weekly, superceded by postal car mail service
- Mar. 3 C.N.Ry. Baggage car mail service between Hanna and Cousford, extended to Steveville - 12 miles.
- Apr. 7 C.N.Ry. Baggage car mail service between The Pas and mileage 82 (Hudson Bay Subdivision) increased from fortnightly to weekly - 82 miles.
- May 1 C.P.Ry. Baggage car mail service between Winnipeg and Binscarth, 211 miles, and between Hardisty and Edmonton, 137 miles, superceded by postal car mail service, thus making a through postal car service in C.P.R. between Winnipeg and Edmonton
- May 6 C.P.Ry. Authority to establish tri-weekly baggage car mail service between Govenlock and Manyberries, 44 miles.
- May 11 C.P.Ry. Tri-weekly baggage car mail service between Merritt and Nicola, British Columbia, withdrawn -- 7 miles.
- May 15 C.N.Ry. Baggage car mail service between Turtleford and St. Walburg, 21 miles, increased from tri-weekly to four times per week.
- May 23 C.P.Ry. Authority to establish weekly baggage car mail service between Leader and Burstall - 25 miles.
- June 11 C.N.Ry. Authority to increase baggage car service between Gravelbourg and Hodgeville from tri-weekly to daily except Sunday - 26 miles - thus affording a daily service between Moose Jaw and Hodgeville.
- June 12 C.N.Ry. Baggage car service ALLIANCE TO CAMROSE - 60 miles increased from tri-weekly to four times per week, and CAMROSE TO EDMONTON - 59 miles - increased from semi-weekly to four times per week.
- June 18 C.N.Ry. Baggage car service between Sioux Lookout and Winnipeg - 252 miles - increased from tri-weekly to daily except Sunday

- June 16 C.P.Ry. Postal car service between Bincarth and Russell - 11 miles - changed to baggage car service in order that services of clerks in Winnipeg - Binscarth (formerly Winnipeg & Russell) R.P.O. might be utilized in connection with the R.P.O. service in the through trains 51 and 52 between Winnipeg and Edmonton.
- ?? 1 C.P.Ry. Postal car service between Hardisty and Wetaskiwin - 95 miles - changed to a baggage car mail service, when postal car mail service was established to through trains 51 and 52 between Winnipeg and Binscarth and between Hardisty and Edmonton.
- July 11 C.P.Ry. Additional baggage car service established between Nelson and Rossland - 58 miles - once per week - on Sundays.
- Aug. 20 C.N.Ry. Baggage car service between Edmonton and St. Albert extended to Morinville once per week - 13 miles.
- Sept. 25 C.P.Ry. Authority to extend the Wilkie - Cut Knife baggage car mail service from Cut Knife to Battle River, 45 miles, semi-weekly.
- Sep. 30 C.P.Ry. Authority to increase baggage car mail service between Lanigan and Naicam from semi-weekly to tri-weekly - 50 miles - and extend same from Naicam to Melfort - 32 miles.
- Oct. 7 C.P.Ry. Authority to establish tri-weekly baggage car mail service in new branch line between Sheho and Tisdale - 101 miles - tri-weekly.
- Oct. 7 G.W.Ry. Authority to extend baggage car mail service between Morden and Hasket from the latter point to the International Boundary - 1.4 miles - tri-weekly, at request of United States Authorities.

CARBONEAR. Nfld. TRAIN LEAVING STATION WINTER VIEW

Chief Superintendent  
of the  
Railway Mail Service.



From  
DON  
WILSON

11/15



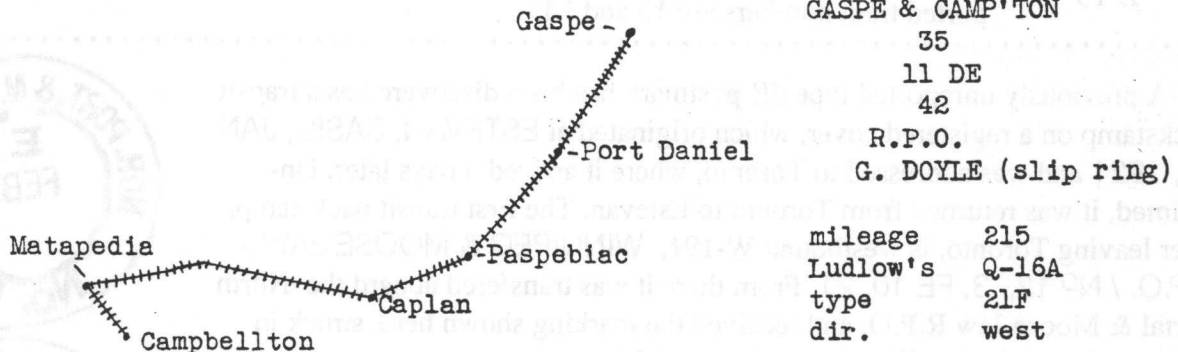
R.P.O./R.C.N. cover 1942

From COLIN CAMPBELL, KELLOWNA, B.C.

Four railway companies were involved in the building and temporary ownership of this line with terminal points of Matapedia and Gaspe, Que. over the period 1872-1912. The final length of rail built was 202 miles.

In 1929 the line was purchased by the C.N.R. from the Quebec Oriental Railway and the run extended by 13 miles to Campbellton, N.B.

R.P.O. service ceased February 1, 1967.



attention Miss S. Bouchard



Henry Monquau - Co. Ltd

Colonial House

Montreal

G. Qu.

This W.W.2 cover was censored 11 December 1942 at the R.C.N. base at Gaspe, Que. The base complement at that time was less than 100 all ranks.

Commissioned May 1, 1942 H.M.C.S. Fort Ramsay served as a base of operations for Gulf Escort Force whose task was sea-going security patrols, rescue, inspections etc., in the St. Lawrence River and the Gulf. The base also served as a 200 ton pull-out slip.

From Ross Gray:

An early example of listing **E-15**, CALGARY DISTRICT / EMERGENCY N<sup>o</sup> 1 14, MAR 15, 48 (proof date, AU 24, 24), has been found cancelling a 4c cover addressed to Hamilton, Ontario. The printed return address on the envelope flap is TROCHU, ALTA., which is situated on the Calgary-



E-15

Edmonton C.N.Ry. line through Mirror. Two hammers for the Calgary-Mirror-Edmonton R.P.O. were proof struck on March 9, 1948, only 6 days before the date on this cover. Although this Emergency hammer is not one of the R.P.O. specific types, it apparently was used on the R.P.O. on this date, probably because the normal hammers had not yet arrived. Only one of the two hammers of W-24 is known used, the ERD being 04/29/48. Reported train numbers are 13 and 14.



W-24 Hmr I Proof

A previously unreported type 6B postmark has been discovered as a transit backstamp on a registered cover, which originated at ESTEVAN, SASK., JAN 21, 1921 and was addressed to Toronto, where it arrived 3 days later. Unclaimed, it was returned from Toronto to Estevan. The first transit backstamp, after leaving Toronto, is westbound W-191, WINNIPEG & MOOSE JAW - R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 12, 3, FE 10, 21. From there it was transferred aboard the North Portal & Moose Jaw R.P.O. and received the marking shown here, struck in black, before arrival in Estevan on February 11.



W-102U

There is a similar hammer in the proof records, dated "JL 20", but it is difficult to believe that the hammer could swell and distort as much as the difference shown here.



Although the proof strike of this unlisted Type 5I is in the existing proof records, actual postal use has not been recorded until this example surfaced. It is a transit backstamp, struck in black, on a registered cover originating at RENWER, MAN SP 29, 20 and addressed to Hamilton, Ontario, where it arrived on October 4.

W-207C

W-206 W'PEG & SWAN RIVER R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 3 15, SP 29, 20 and W'PEG & SWAN RIVER R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 3 16, SP 30, 20 are also present as transit backstamps.



Proof Strike



Hmr I



Hmr II

Proof Strikes

The first reported use of listing **RR-101**, MASSAWIPPI VALLEY RY. / M. C. has been found cancelling a strip of three 1c Small Queens on a cover addressed to North Hatley, Quebec. The Hammer I cancellation is light and dated JA 4, 92, with no direction, train number or time indicium. There is a HATLEY / QUE receiving backstamp, dated JA 23, 92, which suggests a date error on the part of the railway mail clerk or an extremely slow train.

R.P.O STUDY GROUP

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	Penistone, South Yorks		S30 6BU

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	Overseas	8		0	
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 # before postal code indicates dues in advance.  
 @ before postal code indicates Life Member.

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RPO STUDY GROUP - REPORT FOR YEAR 1996-97

August 29, 1997

INCOME - 1996-97 Dues & Foreign Exchange	\$ 845.78
1997-98 Dues in Advance (Note 3)	67.22
Donations (Note 2 )	46.00
BNAPS Stipend 1995-96 (3 new members)	30.00
- Officers mailing	174.00
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TOTAL	\$ 1163.00
EXPENSES - Vol. 25, No. 1 - No. 126 - Printing, Postage	\$ 283.23
No. 2 - No. 127 -	163.46
No. 3 - No. 128 -	161.92
No. 4 - No. 129 -	150.09
No. 5 - No. 130 -	188.93
No. 6 - No. 131 - (Note 10)	231.43
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TOTAL	\$1179.06
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES (Deficit)	\$ (16.06)
Balance from 1995-96	497.31
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Total on hand, August 29, 1997	\$ 481.25

- NOTES: 1. All accounts in Canadian Funds.  
2. Donations from Carr, Gartland, Gillam, Purdon, Waite.  
3. 1997-98 dues paid by - Ayshford, Godfrey, Kalabza, Kitchen, MacKenzie, Purdon.  
4. Printing costs subsidized by John Keenlyside.  
5. Resigned - Goodger  
6. Dropped for Non-Payment of 1996-97 Dues - Bednarczyk, Cabbage, Coates, Jones, Michaud, Soper.  
7. Reinstated - Godfrey.  
8. New Members - Church, Ioannon, Manuel, Matthews, Spencer  
9. Deceased - Hewitt, Moffat, Steinhart.  
10. Special Issue for BNAPEX'97 - 32 Pages  
11. Life Members - Lionel Gillam, Jim Lehr, Lew Ludlow.

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.



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