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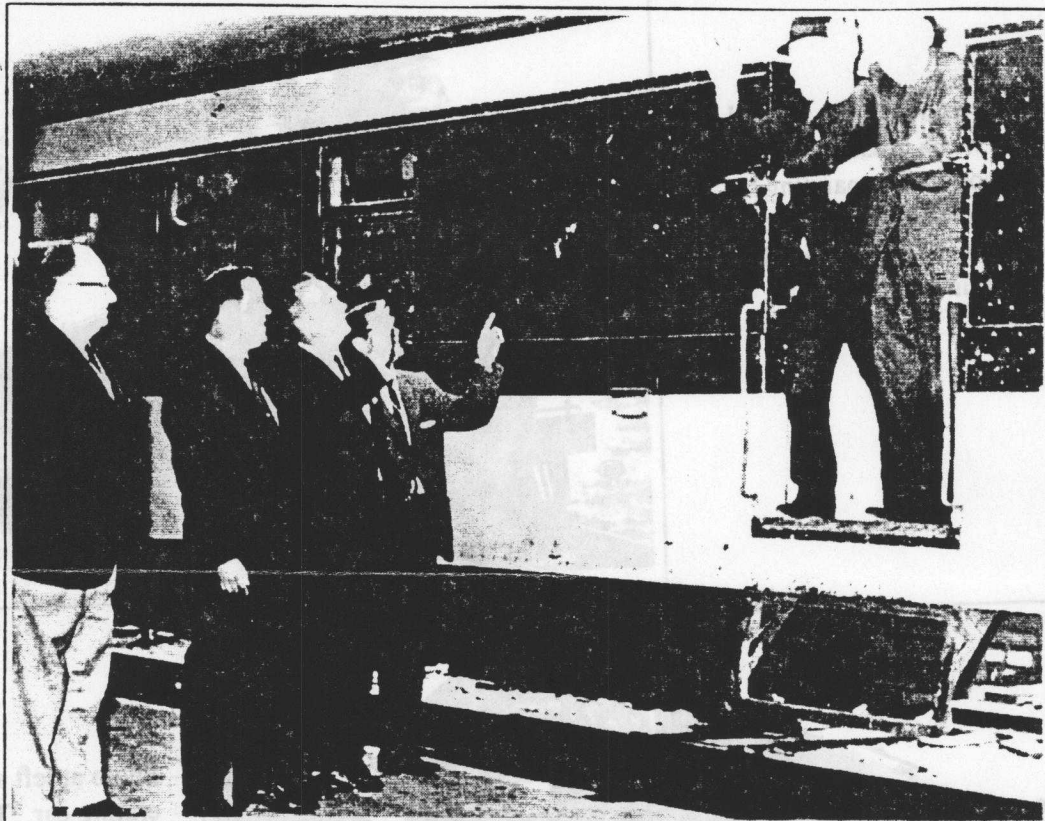
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**BNAPEX EDITION** - This issue is being prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Study Group at BNAPEX '98 in Orlando, Florida, October 8 to 10, 1998. We hope there will be a good representation there, and that they will have a fine time there. At the time of writing, we don't have a program arranged, but we'll work on it.

**ILSAPEX '98** - This International exhibition will be held in South Africa from 20 to 25 October, 1998. Your scribe agreed to be the Canadian Commissioner several years ago, and will be taking the Canadian exhibits there. Unfortunately, this means that he will be unable to attend BNAPEX this year because of the change in dates.



The Last Run of the Mail Car Service in Newfoundland

This photo from Don Wilson shows mail clerks Ronald Pearce and Patrick Hayes in the doorway of the mail car on Train 204, being welcomed at St. John's, October 1, 1968.

On the platform, left to right are Leo Maloney, Railway Mail Clerk; John Cook, Supervisor Land Mail Service; D.R. Clarke, District Postal Superintendent; and E.J. Kennedy, Supervisor of Mail Transport.

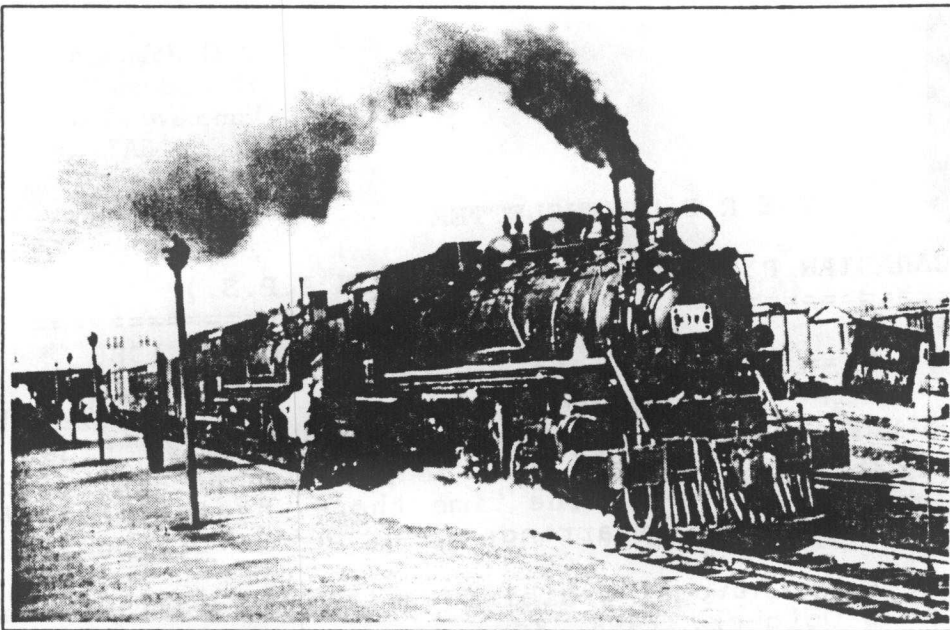


Photo at left shows passenger train No.1 (Caribou) ready to depart St. John's, Nfld. for the 547 mile journey to Port aux basques. Train is headed by a pair of 2-8-2 Mikado type locomotives of the 300 class numbers 317 and 310.

From Don Wilson -

Photo at right shows a Nfld Railway steam passenger train, the Caribou from a painting by Willis Hancock, who is beyond any doubt to be one of Canada's leading train artists.

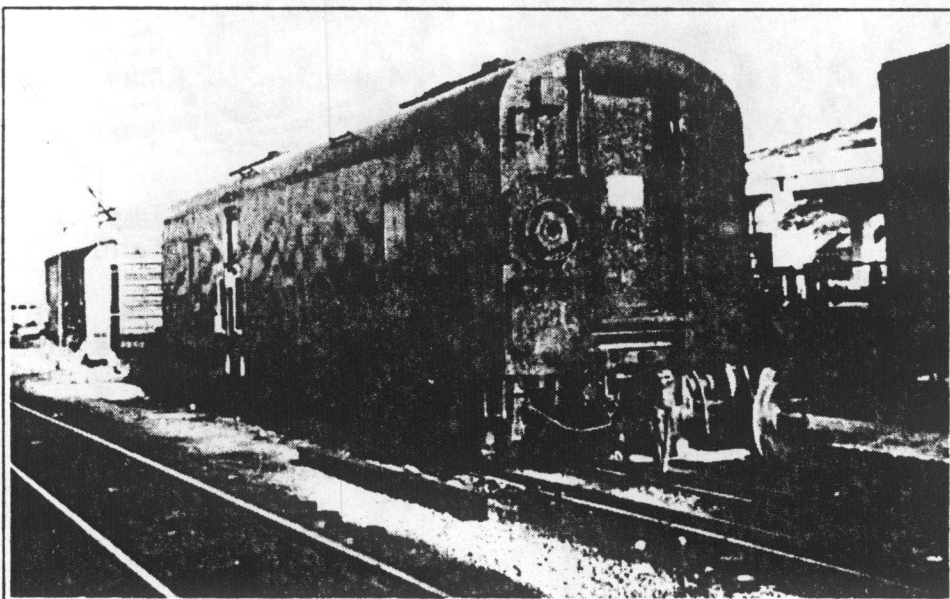
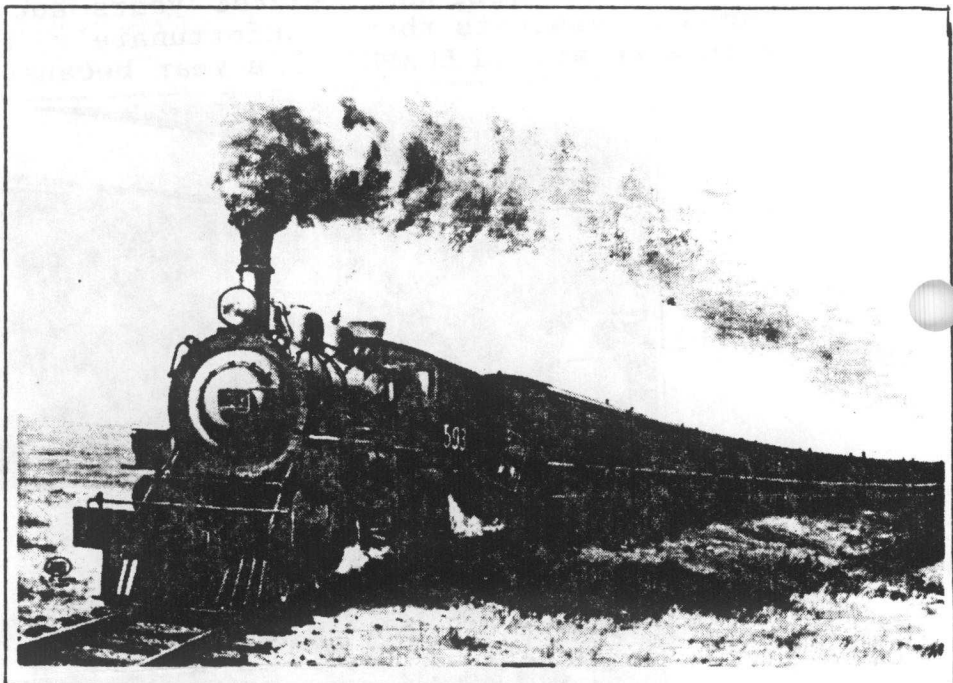


Photo at left shows a steam generating car. Those steam generating cars were used to supply heat to the passenger trains, after the line was fully dieselized in 1957, thus eliminating the steam locomotive.

Ludlow TS-65 - CAN.PAC.RWY.M.C./ 1887 / R.Y.ELLIS /  
British Columbia - New Early Date March 20, 1887  
(Lot 2794, R.A.Lee Sale June 27, 1998)

## RAILWAY MAIL CLERK'S LETTER BILL

To be used by Mail Clerks when there are NO REGISTERED LETTERS OR PARCELS.

.....POST-CAR  
No. .... train going .....  
Date ..... 188 .....  
Mail for .....

Three new items from Jim Miller-

MTL & KING / ONT  
This will be listed as Q-102C  
Type 22B, 4/21/65

HX-C'TON R.P.O./ D.W.UPTON  
This will be listed as MA-96A  
Type 22H, 4/02/70

On a facing slip from the U.S.A.,  
Mis-sent to Bracebridge, Ont.

HX-C'TON R.P.O.

APR 2 1970.

D. W. UPTON



MTL & KING  
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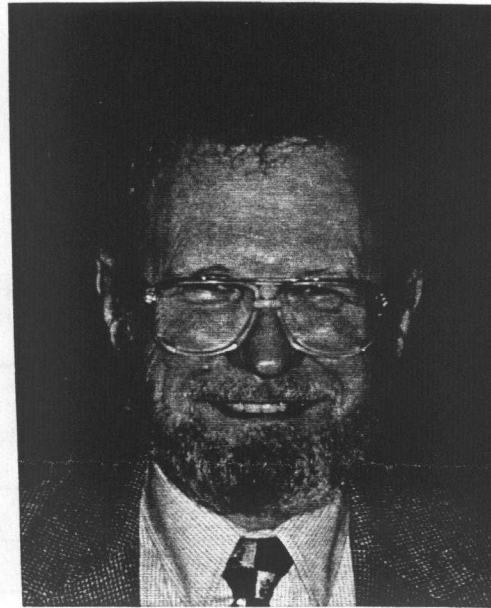
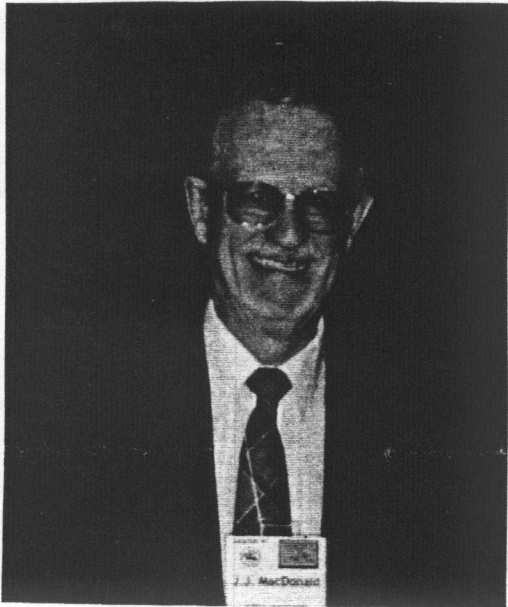


Q-165F - Mont.& Tor.R.P.O./ J.C.GIGNAC  
Train No. 50 - previously unreported.  
AND - a new late date.



Pt Huron & Chi Trs  
APR 19 1965  
JIMMIE JAMES

Mis-sent to



More RPO Study Group Members at BNAPEX, St. John's  
August, 1997

Dr. John J. MacDonald, FRPSC

Alec Unwin



Dr. Earle Covert, OTB

From The Vernon "News"  
July 20, 1905  
(Ken Ellison)

We have frequently called attention to the inconvenience resulting from the posting of city mail in the box at the Sta but in spite of our admonition this practice is still persisted in, apparently through sheer carelessness. It should be realized that when letters are thus carried up the line or to the south, there is not only an unfortunate delay, but the recipient is required to pay double postage. It is bad enough, sometimes, to be annoyed by a persistent "duinner," without paying to receive it.

### THE S. & O. RAILWAY.

It is rather curious that both the Railway Commission, and several of our business men who interested themselves in the matter, should have capitulated so readily before the ingenious quibble involved in the defence put forth by the C. P. R. as an answer to our claim for a daily service on the S. & O. It is a fact which cannot be controverted that the contract of the C. P. R. with the S. & O. Company contains a clause in which the words "gross earnings" are defined as "the amounts actually received for all tolls, rates, charges and other payments for the carriage of any passenger, animal, vehicle, goods, merchandise, matter or things conveyed on the said railway or any part thereof, together with the pro rata mileage proportion of the joint earnings on all traffic interchanged between the said railway and that of the Pacific Company." The unfairness of this mileage basis of computation is made evident by a concrete example: If freight, sufficient to cost at the rate of \$1.00 per mile, were carried 1050 miles, of the total amount paid, \$1050, every bit of which comes from the Okanagan and is directly due to the existence of the S. & O., only \$50 is credited to the branchline. It is, nevertheless, a fact that the Government has bound itself to accept this ridiculously unfair basis, and that the remarks frequently made as to the book-keeping methods of the C. P. R. have absolutely no justification. The fault is not with the book-keeping, but with the contract.

The weak point in the C. P. R. argument, however, must not be overlooked. It is this: No arbitrary contract definition of earnings can affect the ACTUAL gain or loss of operation. When we ask for a better service, the only sound answer to our claim would be figures showing that there is an actual loss. These cannot be produced, and so the C. P. R. attempts to draw a red herring across the trail by emphasizing the *apparent* loss. We repeat, and a jury of impartial men selected anywhere will back us in the statement, that a loss as per unfair contract basis of computation is not an actual loss, and so is no reason why an up-to-date, efficient daily service should not be maintained.

Friday's train was obliged to go back in the afternoon to bring in freight left behind because the engine could not haul it. Wednesday's train also had to make two trips. And yet the C. P. R. claim that their "duly equipped trains" are handling "all the traffic of the country"!!

WANTED. — Ten husky men, to act as auxiliary motor power to trains on the S. & O. Applicants, who must be able-bodied, chunky fellows, capable of using crow-bars to good effect in order to aid the present ramshackle and worn-out engine over difficult portions of the road, will please apply at C. P. R. headquarters.

(from Ken Ellison)

It has been suggested that societies should be formed in all the centers of the Okanagan with the object of keeping up an active agitation against the miserably inefficient service on the S. & O., until relief is granted. This is a good idea. Agitation, to be effective, must be sustained, and must be conducted with determination. If such an organization were formed in every part of the Okanagan and would charge itself with "keeping tab" on the time of train arrivals, the estimated amount of freight carried, etc., a mass of information would be collected of which good use could be made in the fight for our rights in the matter of a daily and improved service.

The S. & O. record of arrivals during the past week was as follows: Friday, 12.35; Monday, 12.20; Wednesday, 12.15. Tuesday's afternoon train burst a cylinder, and after its crow-bar squad had spent half an hour in diligent efforts to aid the poor, wearied and dilapidated locomotive, it was found necessary to leave the four or five freight cars behind. Of course, accidents will happen, but accidents of this nature are becoming far too frequent on this line, so much so as to be almost the regular thing. It is scandalous that the grasping and miserly management of a corporation monopoly should subject our shippers to the annoyance and inconvenience of delayed freight in this manner.

R.P.O STUDY GROUP

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Note: \* - Paid for 1998-99  
 \*\* - Paid for 1998-99 & 1999-2000  
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TOTALS

Canada	57	Regular	5	Ex-Officio
U.S.A.	21		3	
Overseas	11		0	
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Totals	89		8	

July, 1998

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April 1998

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From The Vernon "News"  
February 16, 1895  
(Ken Ellison)

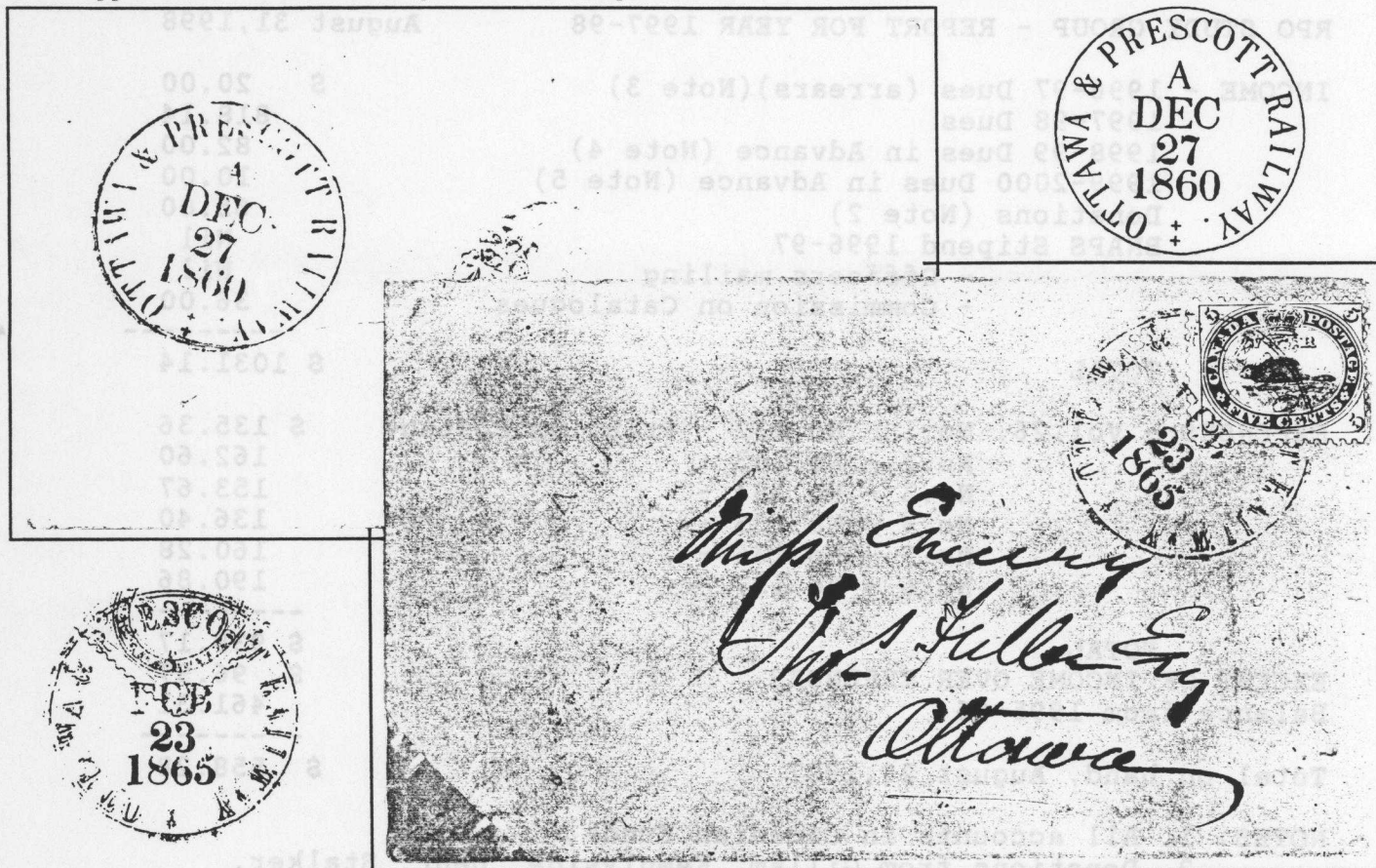
Construction work, it is said by those in the know, will be started from Midway this season by three lines of railway—the Great Northern, the Canadian Pacific and the Midway and Vernon. All three lines will open up large and valuable mineral areas.—B. C. Times.

## OTTAWA & PRESCOTT RAILWAY

The second postmark used on the line, and the first using its new name, is shown here. It is reported as early as November 5, 1857 and as late as January 10, 1866. As it wore, the letters assumed an "outline" effect and the outer ring appeared doubled, as can be seen in the second example. This deceptive appearance led to a second catalogue listing, O-252, which is really the same postmark in a worn state. "A" is the only known train or time indicium.

O-250    OTTAWA & PRESCOTT RAILWAY /    A, DEC 27, 1860

It appears as a transit backstamp on this 7d stampless cover from OSGOODE, C.W. DE 26, 1860 to Toronto.

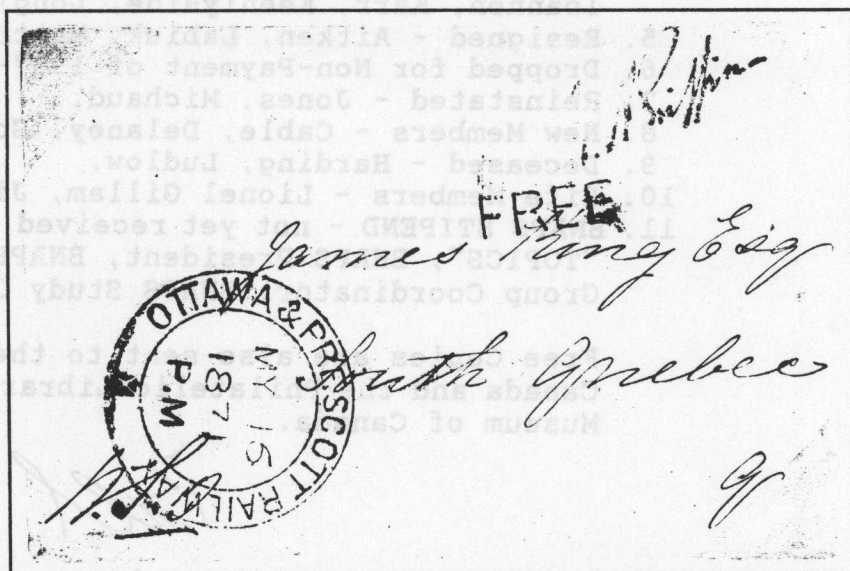


O-250 (former O-252)    OTTAWA & PRESCOTT RAILWAY /    A, FEB 23, 1865

This later, worn example, with obvious doubling, is the originating cancellation on a 5c cover to Ottawa.

The next postmark to appear on the railway was ordered from Berri in December, 1865. The earliest reported use is March 26, 1866. Although the rail line changed its name to the **St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway** in 1867, this device is known as late as February 1, 1873. Either a NORTH or SOUTH direction indicia or P.M time indicium was used.

The SOUTH QUEBEC, L.C. MY 17, 71 arrival backstamp confirms receipt at its destination the following day.



O-251

OTTAWA &amp; PRESCOTT RAILWAY

MY 16, 1871, P.M

RPO STUDY GROUP - REPORT FOR YEAR 1997-98

August 31, 1998

INCOME - 1996-97 Dues (arrears)(Note 3)	\$ 20.00
1997-98 Dues	818.14
1998-99 Dues in Advance (Note 4)	82.00
1999-2000 Dues in Advance (Note 5)	10.00
Donations (Note 2)	65.00
BNAPS Stipend 1996-97	Nil
- Officers mailing	Nil
- Commission on Catalogues	36.00
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TOTAL	\$ 1031.14
EXPENSES - Vol.26, No.1 - No.132 - Printing,Postage	\$ 135.36
No.2 - No.133 -	162.60
No.3 - No.134 -	153.67
No.4 - No.135 -	136.40
No.5 - No.136 -	160.28
No.6 - No.137 -	190.86
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TOTAL	\$ 939.17
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES	\$ 96.97
Balance from 1995-96	461.31
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Total on hand, August 29,1997	\$ 558.28

- NOTES: 1. All accounts in Canadian Funds.  
2. Donations from Gillam, Keenlyside, Lehr, Stalker.  
3. 1996-97 dues paid by - Jones, Michaud.  
4. 1998-99 dues in advance paid by - Boubelik, Hiscock, Ioannon, Karr, Keenlyside, Longley, C.Smith, Waite  
5. Resigned - Aitken, Labiuk, Matthews, Newcombe.  
6. Dropped for Non-Payment of 1997-98 Dues - Clark.  
7. Reinstated - Jones, Michaud.  
8. New Members - Cable, Delaney, Govier, Lewis.  
9. Deceased - Harding, Ludlow.  
10. Life Members - Lionel Gillam, Jim Lehr.  
11. BNAPS STIPEND - not yet received for new members, Editor, "TOPICS", BNAPS President, BNAPS Library, BNAPS Study Group Coordinator, BNAPS Study Group Columnist.

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