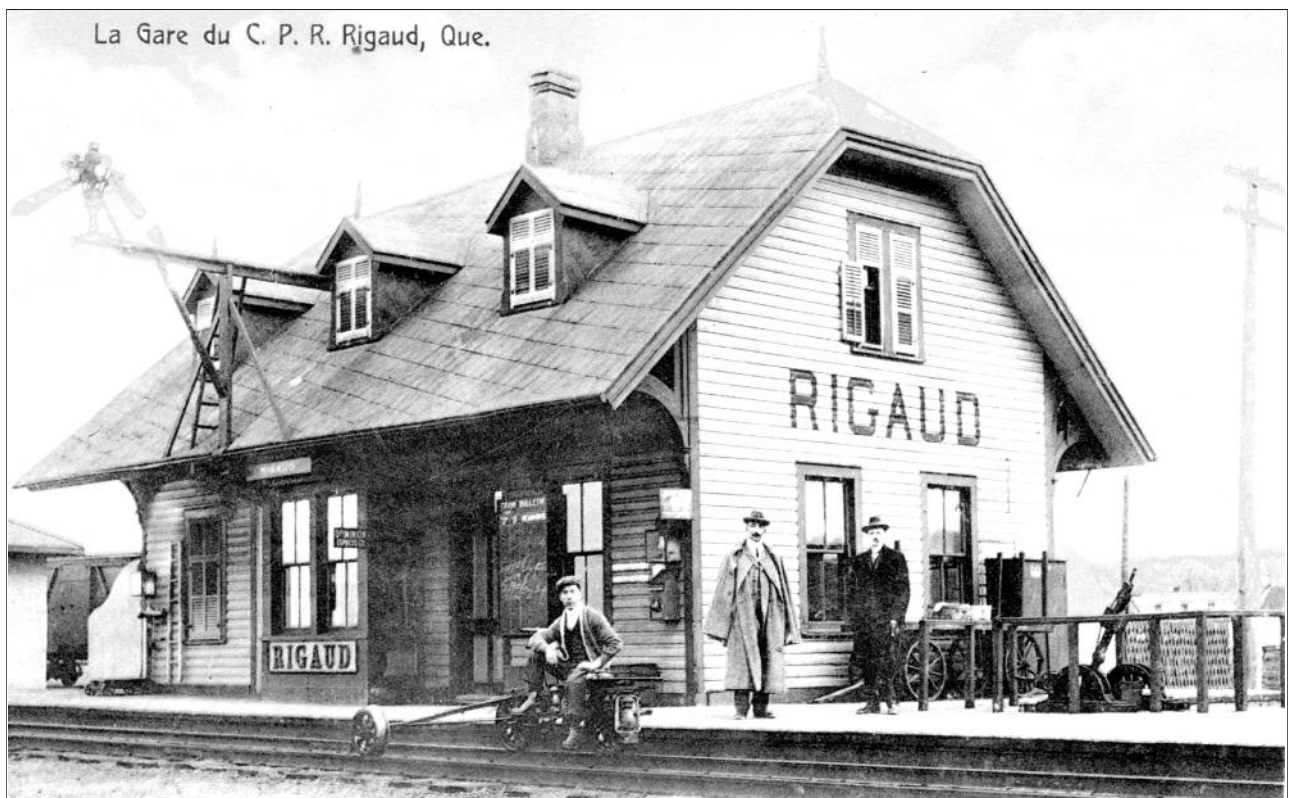




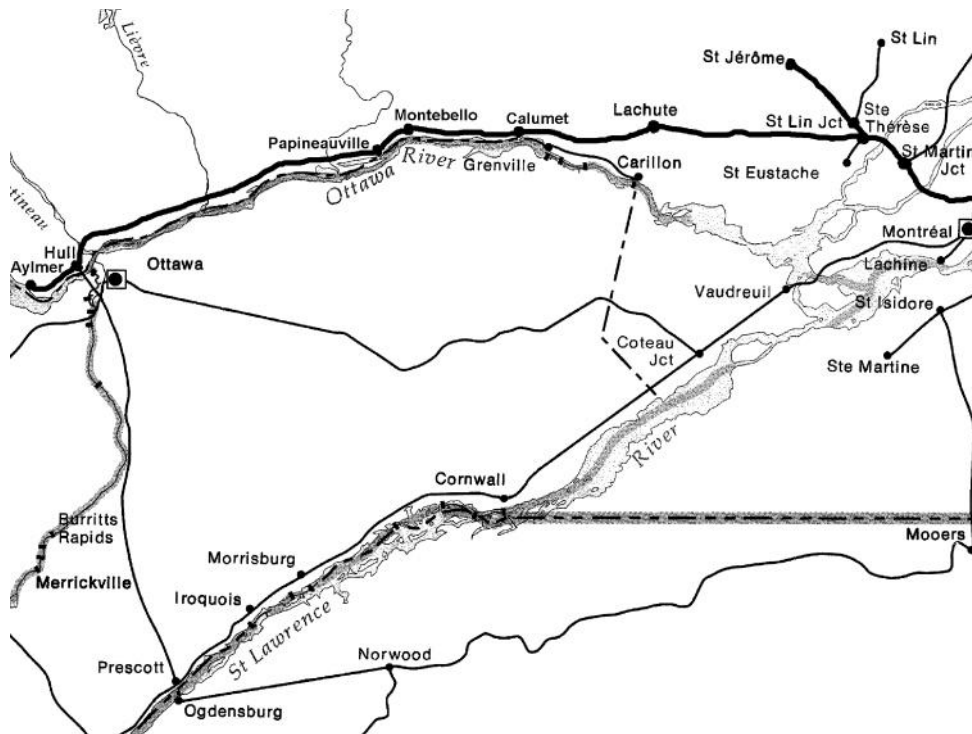
In this issue of the newsletter, we examine the postmarks used between Montreal and Ottawa on the Canadian Pacific Railway, including its predecessor, the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa & Occidental Railway. There are also some various new reports and up-dates, including a newly discovered, very early private clerk handstamp, from the Quebec Central Railway.



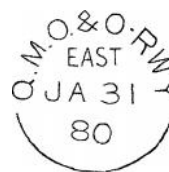
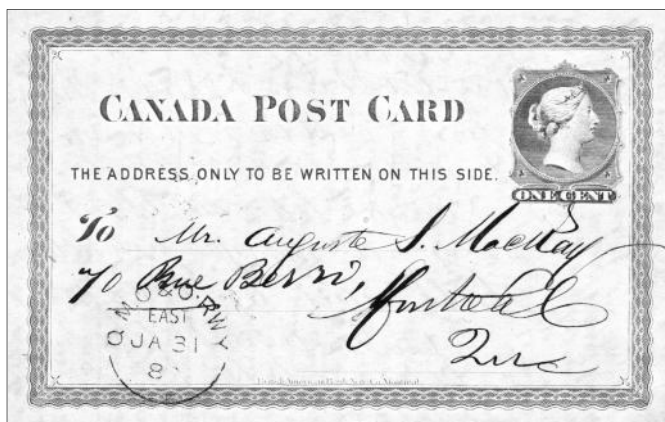
Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa & Occidental Railway

After the failure of earlier, private attempts, the Provincial Government of Quebec undertook to build a direct rail connection between Montreal and Ottawa along the north shore of the Ottawa River, the **Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa & Occidental Railway**. This railway would provide a 43 mile shorter connection than was previously available, by way of the St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway between Ottawa and Prescott and between Prescott and Montreal on the Grand Trunk Railway.

The 125 mile line between Montreal and Aylmer, with a connection to Ottawa via Hull, was opened in 1877. In 1882, the line was sold to the **Canadian Pacific Railway**.



Two postmarks, proof struck in May of 1878, were used on this line and continued in use after the takeover by the C.P.R.



RY-168
Proof - 1878/05/02
ERD - 1880/01/31
LRD - 1885/08/11
Indicia - EAST, WEST

The card was posted aboard the train at Papineauville. There is no Montreal receiving backstamp.

The first postmark was used for the entire run between Ottawa and Montreal, while the second was used only for the section between Montreal and Calumet.

QC-140
Proof - 1878/05/17
ERD - 1880/03/20
LRD - 1896/05/02
Indicia - N, EAST, WEST



Canadian Pacific Railway Montreal - Calumet - Ottawa
Ottawa & Montebello 1886 - 1913

a ————— c —————
C. P. RY OTTAWA & MONTEBELLO / M. C.
a ————— b —————

Hmr	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c
I	unknown	1886/06/16	1893/09/04	E	7-	7 1/2	8-
II	1891/03/21	1891/05/21	1913/09/15	E, W, 421	8 3/4	6 1/4	6 3/4
Listing		1886/06/16	1913/09/15	E, W, 421			

*ON-392.01
Hammer I*



*ON-392.02
Hammer II*

Montreal - Ottawa 1896 - 1901

Since the "Short Line", via Rigaud, was not completed until 1899, this postmark was used on the line via Calumet. It would be interesting if any examples indicating use on the line via Rigaud exist.



*QC-226
Proof - 1891/11/06
ERD - 1896/02/21
LRD - 1902/09/23
Indicia - E, W*

Ottawa - Calumet 1894 - 1958



*ON-369
Proof - 1894/09/29
ERD - 1894/12/20
LRD - 1913/09/29
Indicia - E, W, 420, 440*

a ————— b —————
CALUMET & OTTAWA - R. P. O. / .

Hmr	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b
I	1913/11/21	1915/07/03	1956/05/07	420,421,422	9 1/2	6 3/4
II	1913/11/21	1914/07/10	1951/10/15	421,422	9-	7 1/4
Listing		1913/12/03	1958/04/08	420,421,422,521,522		

*QC-14.01
Hammer I*



*QC-14.02
Hammer II*



*QC-15
Proof - 1919/11/07
No reported use*

Canadian Pacific Railway Montreal & Calumet 1896 - 1929

Montreal - Calumet - Ottawa

QC-141
Proof - unknown
ERD - 1896/07/02
LRD - 1929/12/11
Indicia - E, EAST, WEST



QC-142
Proof - unknown
ERD - 1899/7/06
LRD - 1913/12/02
Indicia - E, WEST

QC-143.01
Proof - 1913/12/03
ERD - 1913/12/11
LRD - 1926/05/17
Indicia - E



QC-143.02
Proof - 1923/12/06
ERD - 1926/08/02
LRD - 1927/12/27
Indicia - E

QC-144
Proof - unknown
ERD - 1920/10/20
LRD - 1921/06/14
Indicia - E., W.



QC-145
Proof - 1928/05/05
No reported use

Montreal - Calumet - Ottawa 1928 - 1956

QC-147
Proof - 1928/06/06
ERD - 1928/07/12
LRD - 1933/11/06
Indicia - 421,422



QC-148
Proof - 1932/11/30
ERD - 1933/02/24
LRD - 1935/02/12
Indicia - 421

QC-149 Hammer Study

a ————— b ————— c —————
MONT. CAL. & OTT. / R. P. O.
a —————

Hmr	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c
I	1933/11/29	1933/12/12	1934/09/19	421?,422	8 3/4	10 1/2	9-
II	1936/07/30	1937/01/25	1956/05/07	421,422	7	12 1/2	6 1/2
III	1938/10/27	1938/12/27	1950/09/14	421,422	5+	12 3/4	5
IV	1954/06/09	1955/06/20	1955/06/20	421,422?	9	11	9
Listing		1933/12/12	1956/11/29	421,422			



Hammer I



Hammer II



Hammer III

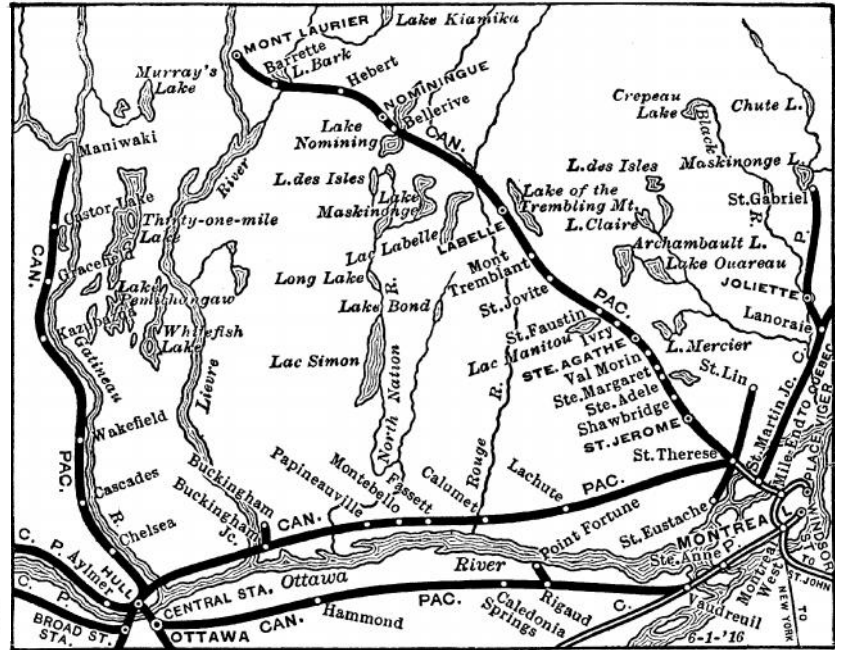


Hammer IV

Canadian Pacific Railway Montreal - Rigaud - Ottawa

In 1899, the C.P.Ry. completed a faster, alternate route between Ottawa and Montreal via Rigaud, the "Short Line".

OTTAWA TO MONTREAL Via North Shore, Ottawa River (For Service via Short Line see tables 51 and 52)					
Mls.	TABLE 46	426	422	428	424
	(Eastern Time)	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
0.0	OTTAWA (Broad Street) Lv		8.30		6.30
1.8	Hull		8.38		6.38
5.9	Gatineau		8.47		6.45
10.7	East Templeton		8.55		6.54
16.5	Angers		9.06		7.04
20.4	Buckingham Jct.		9.20		7.16
26.3	Lochaber		9.32		7.28
29.8	Thurso		9.40		7.36
36.4	Paisance		9.53		7.49
41.2	Papineauville		10.04		8.00
45.8	Montebello		10.15		8.11
49.6	Fassett		10.24		8.19
55.5	Pointe au Chene		10.35		8.30
60.8	CALUMET		10.50		8.40
62.7	Grenville		10.57		8.50
71.6	Staynerville		11.16	7.20	9.15
76.2	Lachute		11.26	7.42	9.26
82.9	St. Hermas		11.40	8.11	9.41
87.9	St. Scholastique		11.50	8.32	9.51
90.4	St. Augustin		12.01	8.42	10.01
102.4	St. Therese		12.37	9.05	10.17
103.1	Rosemont		12.48	9.12	10.23
107.5	St. Rose		12.58	9.18	10.33
110.1	St. Martin Junc.		13.07	9.30	10.35
110.4	Laval Rapides		13.04	9.40	10.41
115.3	Bordeaux		13.08	9.40	10.45
120.3	Mile End		13.20	9.50	11.00
	MONTREAL P.V. OA		13.45	10.15	11.15
		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.



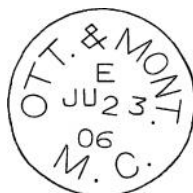
MONTREAL AND OTTAWA, SHORT LINE—VIA CALEDONIA SPRINGS												
Mls.	TABLE 52	24	510	18	2	518	502	30	526	506	36	520
0.0	OTTAWA, E.T. Lv	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
1.9	Broad St.			5.55								
4.2	Hull			5.45								
10.7	OTTAWA Central			6.00								
16.9	Blackburn											
21.2	Navan											
26.7	Leonard											
30.2	Hammond											
35.8	Bourget											
41.1	Pendleton											
45.7	Plantagenet											
50.4	Alfred											
55.4	CALEDONIA SPRGS			7.09								
58.1	McAlpin											
62.2	Vankleek			7.25								
67.3	Stardale											
81.9	St. Eugene											
80.0	Pte. Fortune Lv			16.50								
75.1	McLaughlin's			16.55								
75.4	Mando											
77.4	Rigaud			7.15								
77.7	Dragon			7.19								
79.4	Choisy			7.22								
82.8	Hudson Heights			7.27								
83.4	Hudson			7.29								
85.5	Como			7.33								
88.6	Isle Cadieux			7.41								
91.8	Vaudreuil			7.49								
95.2	Ste. Annes			7.54								
97.1	Baie d'Urfe			7.58								
98.7	Beaurepaire			8.02								
100.5	Beaconsfield			8.06								
101.6	Pointe Claire			8.10								
102.9	Cedar Park			8.12								
102.9	Lakeside			8.15								
103.5	Valois			8.17								
104.1	Strathmore			8.19								
105.9	Dorval			8.23								
106.7	Dennistoun											
108.4	Montreal West			8.31								
113.4	Westmount			8.37								
115.5	MONTREAL			8.45								
	Windsor St.											
		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.

Canadian Pacific Railway Public Timetable - 1917

Canadian Pacific Railway Montreal - Rigaud - Ottawa

Montreal - Rigaud - Ottawa 1900 - 1958

ON-393
Proof - unknown
ERD - 1900/07/01
LRD - 1911/05/20
Indicia - E, W, 97



QC-227
Proof - 1904/05/26
ERD - 1904/07/05
LRD - 1918/04/09
Indicia - E, W, 1, 2, 96, 97

QC-228 Hammer Study

TRAIN N^o / MONT. & OTT. R.P.O.

Hmr	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c	d
I	unknown	1906/10/02	1910/11/09	1,97	8 1/2+	3 1/2	4 1/2	8
II	1908/09/03	1910/09/27	1910/09/27	36	9 1/2+	2 1/4	5	8 1/2
III	unknown	1909/05/10	1917/01/27	37,502,509	8 3/4	3 1/2	5-	9
IV	1913/01/15	1916/02/16	1924/06/18	5,6,501,504	8	2 3/4	5 1/2	8-
Listing		1906/10/02	1928/04/30	1,5,6,35,36,37,48,97,500,501,502,503,504,506,509,534				



QC-228.01



QC-228.02



QC-228.03



QC-228.04

QC-229 Hammer Study

MONTREAL & OTTAWA * R. P. O. / .

Hmr	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c
I	unknown	1907/11/26	1909/12/31	97	2-	5-	4-
II	unknown	1920/02/28	1925/05/03	1	2 1/4+	4 3/4	3 1/2
III	unknown	1946/06/29	1958/03/05	233,234,503,504	2 1/4	5 1/2	3 1/2
Listing		1907/11/26	1958/03/05	1, 2, 6, 8, 97, 233, 234, 503, 504			

* Hammer I has no punctuation between the A and R, unlike hammers II and III with a mid position dot.



Hammer I



Hammer II



Hammer III

Canadian Pacific Railway Montreal - Rigaud - Ottawa
Montreal - Rigaud - Ottawa 1900 - 1958

QC-238 Hammer Study

QC-238.01
Proof - 1919/02/21
ERD - 1919/05/28
LRD - 1942/06/02
Indicia - 502,505,507,509



QC-238.02
Proof - 1942/12/17
ERD - 1943/06/07
LRD - 1958/01/08
Indicia - 10,235,502,505

QC-230
2 hammers
Proofs - 1919/01/21
No reported use



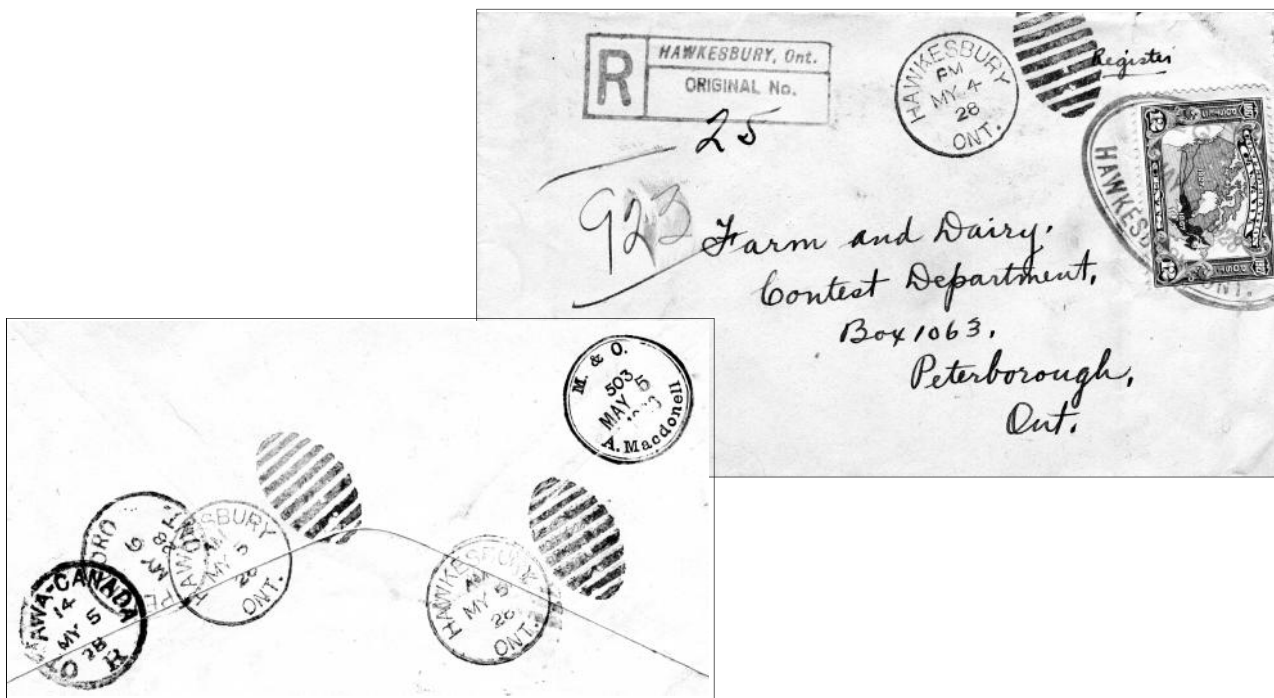
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3 hammers
Proofs - 1919/01/18,
1919/01/21
No reported use

QC-232



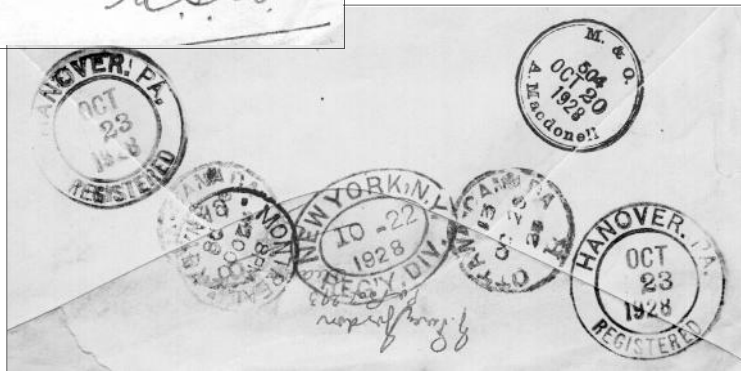
QC-232
Proof - 1928/11/23
ERD - 1932/07/08
LRD - 1945/11/27
Indicia - 503,504

QC-234



This example of private clerk handstamp, **QC-234**, is struck in violet, as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from Hawkesbury to Peterborough, via Ottawa. The earliest reported date is August 12, 1927.

Canadian Pacific Railway Montreal - Rigaud - Ottawa QC-234



This is the latest reported date of private clerk handstamp, **QC-234**. It is struck in violet as a transit back on a registered cover from Ottawa to Hanover, Pennsylvania, via Montreal, .

QC-233

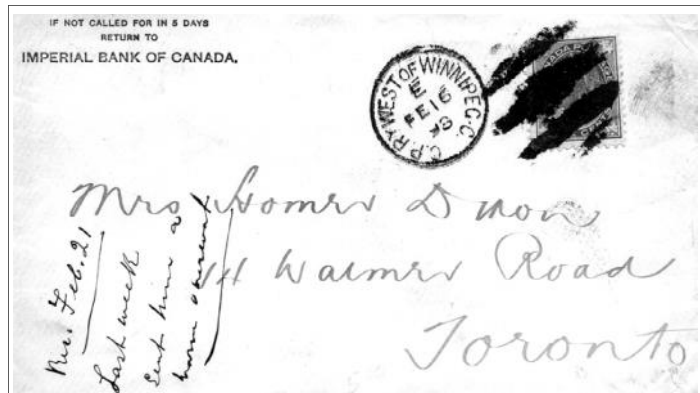
We have no illustration for **QC-233**, which reads, "MONTREAL & OTT. / R. P. O." and is only reported used on January 20, 1948, indicium unknown. There is no proof strike recorded for this rare cancellation.

Canadian Pacific Railway Montreal - North Bay

In 1927, an extended run between Montreal and North Bay, via Ottawa was initiated and ended in 1956. It operated Montreal-Rigaud-Ottawa-Carleton Place-Chalk River-North Bay. We shall examine the hammers used on that run in the next issue, as well as the Montreal-North Bay R.P.O. which operated over **Canadian National Railways** lines between 1965 and 1971.

Unusual Obliterator - West of Winnipeg

Bob Lane has sent this remarkable example of a **RR-30, hammer I** cover with an improvised 4 line obliterator. Both the cancellation and obliterator are heavily-inked. He wonders if anyone has seen a similar example of this obliterator, which may have been used by the R.P.O. clerk.



New Reports

On a picture post card of the S.S. Prince Edward Island, addressed to Ste. Scholastique, QC, is this new **LRD** for **MA-42, hammer I**, 116, VI 25, 68. The previous LRD was May 11, 1968.



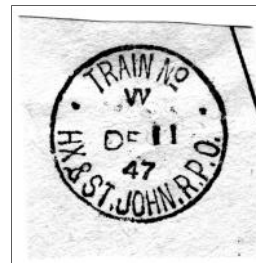
On a registered cover which originated in Paris, Ontario and was addressed to Port Hood, Nova Scotia, is this example of **MA-93, hammer III**, 2, AP 26, 1944. This new **ERD** replaces the previous early date of January 3, 1945.



Found on a piece of a facing slip, is a previously unrecorded direction indicium, "W" for both the hammer and listing for **MA-127, hammer I**.



On a picture post card of Mount Stephen addressed to New Jersey, we find the first reported example of **train number 6** for **W-30d (ornament # 122)**.

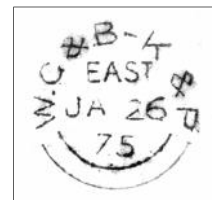


Bob Lane reports a new late date, June 26, 1888, for **hammer I** of listing **W-134A**, St VINCENT & WINNIPEG / M. C. It was used to cancel a 3 cent Small Queen on a cover with a Niverville, MB corner card, addressed to Goderich, ON, where it received a June 29, 1888 receiving backstamp.

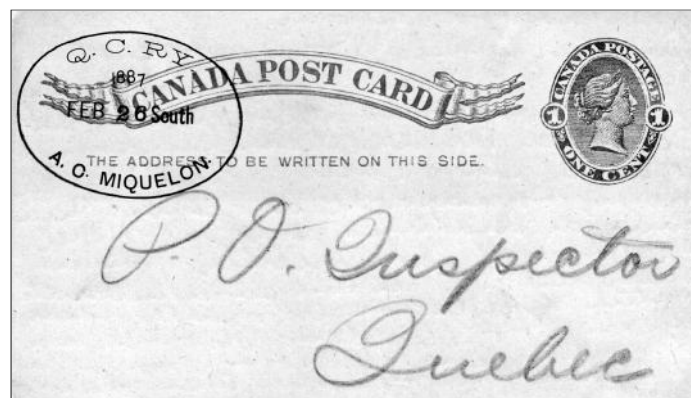


John Irvine, a friend of the study group, sends us a scan, courtesy of **Peter McCarthy**, of a previously unreported western, private clerk handstamp. It is WPEG. & M. JAW / G. G. McMILLAN, Tr. 4, SEP 14, 1931. The postmark is cut from what appears to be an envelope or wrapper, not a facing slip.

This ideal strike of **RR-189** on the back of a stampless registered cover from DINGWALL, ONT., (*Bruce County, Huron Township*), JA 23, 75 (Saturday) to Toronto is a **new early date** for the scarce postmark. There is no arrival postmark or any other transit mark on the cover.

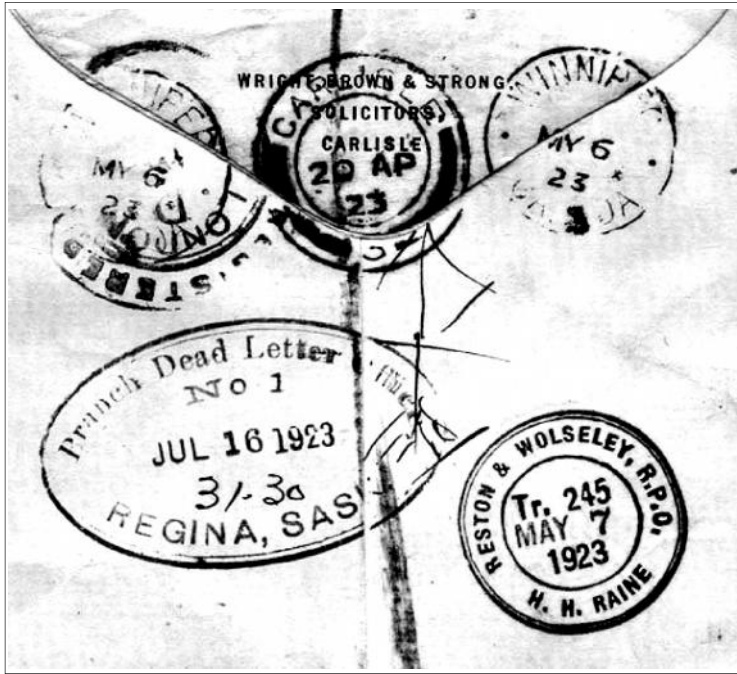


Tom Moffat, a prospective new member, submits this example of a large, black handstamp, which reads EDMONTON DISTRICT / ALBERTA, APR 11, 1934. This postmark may have been used at the railway mail transfer area office at the Edmonton CNR station. Study group members' views are requested.



This previously unreported private clerk violet handstamp from the **Quebec Central Railway** is used to cancel a postcard from the R.P.O. clerk to his supervisor, explaining delays in the mails between Sherbrooke and Levis, due to severe snow storms.

New Reports



Bob Lane noticed this example on e-bay, of private clerk listing **W-125C**, **RESTON & WOLSELEY, R.P.O. / H. H. RAINE**. Struck in blue, it was used as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from Carlisle, England to Windthorst, Saskatchewan. The letter was not claimed and was sent to the Dead Letter Office in Regina, where it was placed under cover and returned to England.

Previously, we were without a date and knew only of train number 246 for this rare private clerk handstamp.

Manitoba & North Western Railway Hammer Study

Bob Lane has examined the usage of the two hammers used on the **Manitoba & North Western Railway (RR-99 and RR-100)**. The table shown summarizes the data and illustrates the various usage of the hammers and the replacements for direction east in both hammers. His report has been submitted to a journal but members are invited to comment on the data and encouraged to report additional information.

Listing	Period	ERD	LRD	Indicia
RR-99	1	1885/02/05	1887/08/21	EAST, WEST
RR-100	1	1886/07/27	1887/08/12	E, W
RR-99	2	1888/07/23	1896/06/26	EAST, WEST
RR-100	2	unreported	unreported	
RR-99	3	unreported	unreported	
RR-100	3	1896/09/04	1899/04/05	E, FE ¹ , -E ² , inverted 3 ⁴ , W
RR-99	4	1899/11/13	1901/07/30	FE ¹ , E ³ , W
RR-100	4	unreported	unreported	

Note ¹ February month date slug used to indicate E direction

Note ² E direction slug is shifted off centre to the right, not completely under the N.

Note ³ Only reported date is 1901/07/30

Note ⁴ Inverted 3 used to indicate E direction. Only reported date is 1897/08/11

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