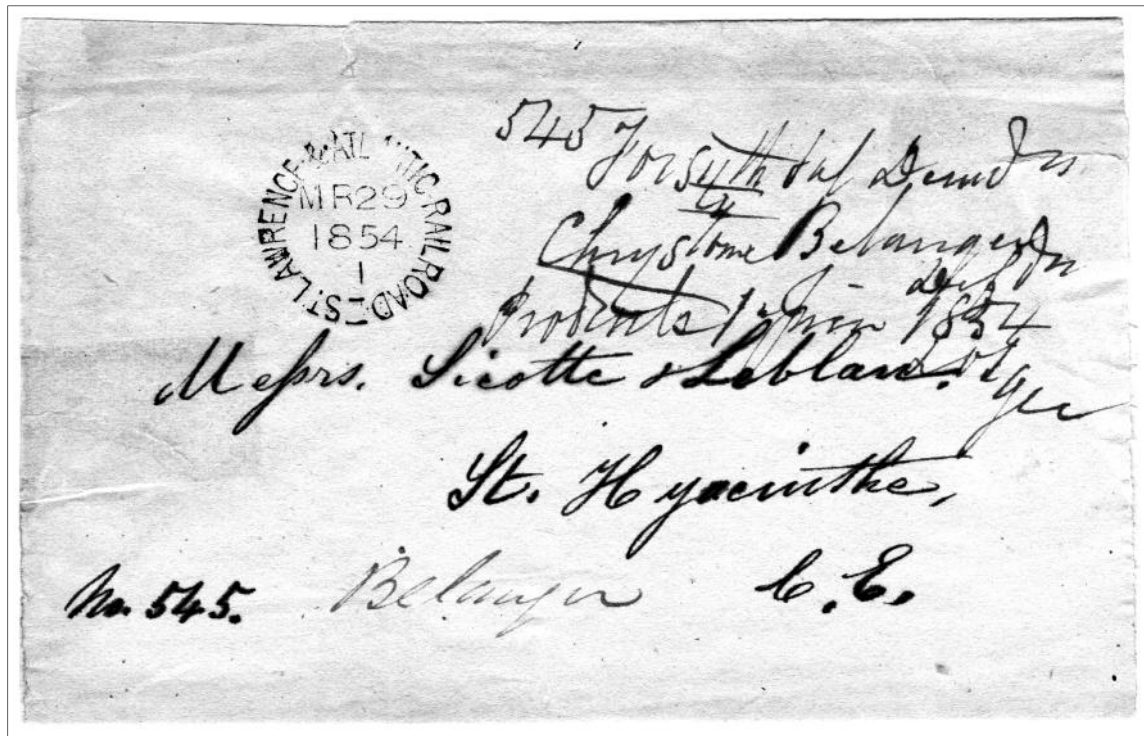


This issue contains many new reports and updates, including two hammer studies, all of which will be included in the new catalogue now under preparation. The reports come from **Warren Bosch**, **Ross Gray**, **Colin Lewis** and **Brian Stalker**.

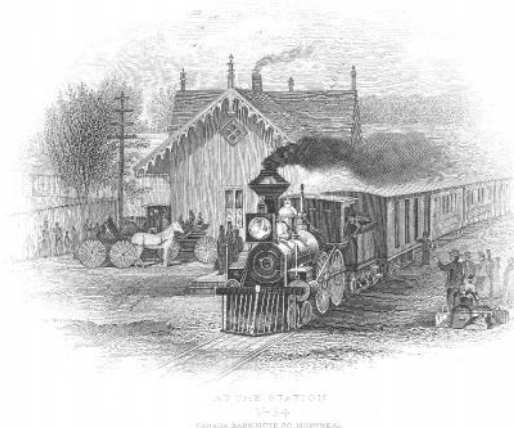
We also continue our look at the early R.P.O.s of Nova Scotia, with an examination of the **Annapolis & Yarmouth** run.

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A New St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Discovery



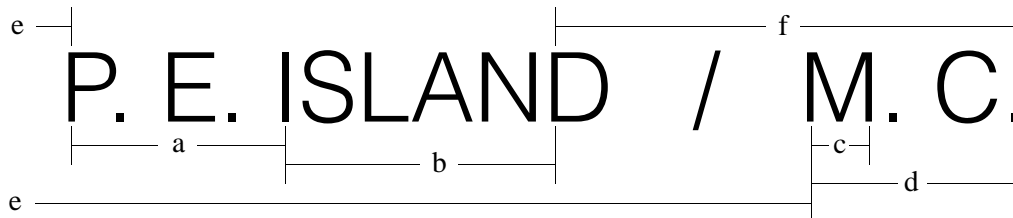
We examined the two hammers of **RR-142**, **ST LAWRENCE - & ATLANTIC - RAILROAD** / = on pages 2032, 2033 and 2045 of previous newsletters. This discovery of a nice strike of **hammer II**, dated March 29, 1854, used on a wrapper, is a **new early date** for both the hammer and listing. There are no other postmarks on the wrapper. Presumably, postage was paid in cash for a bulk sending.

This new date narrows the recorded date gap between this cancellation and its predecessor, **RR-143**, **ST LAWRENCE & ATLANTIC RAILROAD. / POST OFFICE LETTER** , which is currently known used as late as January 28, 1854.



Updated RR-123 Hammer Study

The discovery of a new hammer has necessitated an update for this listing.



Hammer	a	b	c	d	e	f
I	8 1/4	11	3 +	10 1/4	9+	11 1/2
II	8 1/2	11 3/4	3 1/2 -	13	9 1/4	10 3/4
III	8 3/4	12 1/4	2 1/2	10 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2
IV	9 1/4	12	3 1/2	11	9 1/2+	9 3/4
V	9 -	12 3/4	3 1/2	10 1/2	8 1/2+	10
VI	9	12 1/2	3 1/2	11 3/4	8	9 3/4



Hammer I



Hammer II



Hammer III



Hammer IV



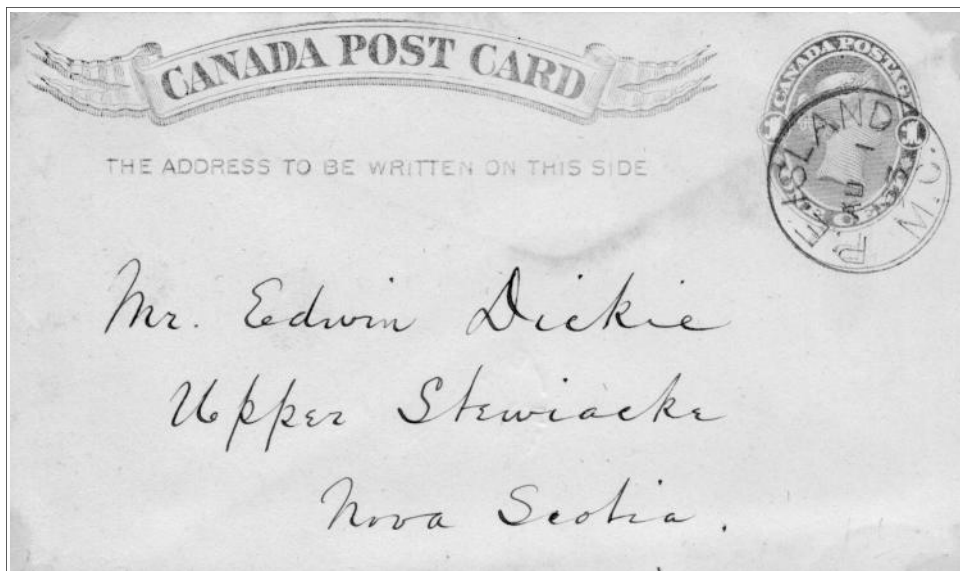
Hammer V



Hammer VI

Hammer	Proof Date	ERD	LRD	Indicia
I	unknown	1885/12/15	1889/10/28	blank
II	1889/02/16	unknown	unknown	unknown
III	1889/02/16	unknown	unknown	unknown
IV	1892/10/15	1893/09/23	1895/01/22	blank
V	unknown	1895/07/23	1905/08/03	blank
VI	unknown	1893/08/01	1893/08/01	blank
Listing		1885/12/15	1918/04/16	blank

This post card from Summerside, PEI to Upper Stewiacke, NS , is the first reported example of the **new hammer VI**. There is a partial Brookfield, NS transit mark on the back, dated August 2, 1893.



Western Counties Railway - Annapolis & Yarmouth



MA-3

Proof - 1879/11/03

No reported use

On September 29, 1879, the **Western Counties Railway** was formally opened for regular traffic between Yarmouth and Digby.

The Annapolis & Yarmouth R.P.O. was established in 1882, even though there was no railway link between Digby and Annapolis at that time. Presumably the mails were conveyed by road between those two points until 1891.

Two hammers were proof struck on March 6, 1882 but only one of them is reported used. The proof date of an additional two hammers is unknown.



MA-4, H-I

Proof - 1882/03/06

ERD - 1882/08/18

LRD - 1890/07/04

Indicia - EAST, WEST, blank

This registered cover from Yarmouth to New York, originated on the eastbound R.P.O. There is a large pencilled manuscript R with a ".03" to the left, both stroked out and a manuscript, "no. 3" in indelible pencil to the right. There is a St. John, N.B. transit backstamp dated the following day and a July 9 New York receiving mark.



MA-4, H-III

Proof - unknown

ERD - 1889/09/21

LRD - 1897/04/28

Indicia - EAST, WEST



MA-4, H-IV

Proof - unknown

ERD - 1896/03/18

LRD - 1897/04/29

Indicia - E, W

On July 27, 1891 the missing railway link between Digby and Annapolis was opened for traffic and the first through train ran from Digby to Annapolis, where it connected with the **Windsor & Annapolis Railway**. The railway route between Halifax and Yarmouth was thus complete.

Under financial and political pressures, the **Windsor & Annapolis Railway** and the **Western Counties Railway** united as the **Dominion Atlantic Railway**, and their first train ran through from Yarmouth to Halifax on October 1, 1894.

The **Halifax & Annapolis** run and the **Annapolis & Yarmouth** runs were combined to become the **Halifax & Yarmouth** run in 1897.

Dominion Atlantic Railway

Evangeline Route

TRAINS EAST—AUGUST, 1900

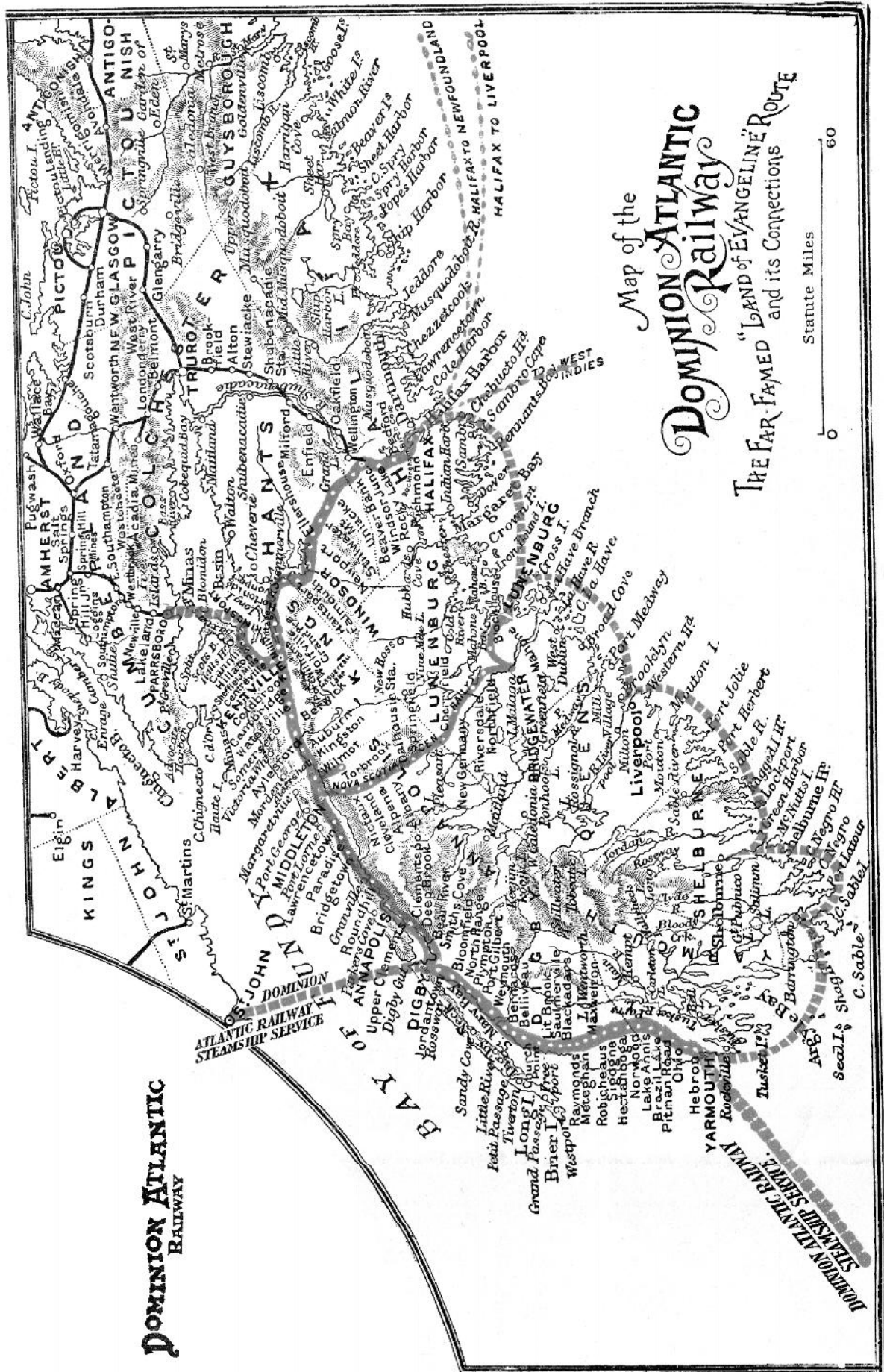
Montreal, New York, Boston, St. John, Yarmouth, Digby, Windsor and Halifax

Miles.	STATIONS	"Flying" Birds Daily (Sun. excepted).	Express Daily (Sun. excepted).	Passenger Mon., Wed. & Fri.	Passenger Tues., Thurs. Sat.	Express Daily (Sun. excepted).
	Trains run on Eastern Standard Time— One hour added gives Halifax time					
673	MONTREAL (C.P.R. via St. John).....	Lv.	*7.30 p.m.			
789	MONTREAL (G.T.Ry. via Boston).....	"	8.25 p.m.			
687	NEW YORK (via Norwich Line).....	"	+5.30 p.m.			
674	NEW YORK (via Stonington Line).....	"	+6.00 p.m.			
685	NEW YORK (via Fall River Line).....	"	5.30 p.m.			
688	NEW YORK (N.Y., N.H. & H. Ry. Shore Line) Lv.	+10.00 a.m.,	5.00 p.m.			
668	NEW YORK (N.Y., N.H. & H.).....	Lv.	11.00 p.m.			
689	NEW YORK (N.Y., N.H. & H.; B. & A. Rys.) Lv.	+9.00 a.m.,	11.00 p.m.			
644	BOSTON (B. & M. via St. John).....	Lv.	*7.00 p.m.			
455	BOSTON (S. S. Prince George and Prince Arthur).....	"	*4.00 p.m.			
	YARMOUTH.....	Lv.	+8.15	+8.45	11.00	4.20
5	Hebron.....	"	8.55	11.20	4.34	
7	Ohio.....	"	9.00	11.28	4.41	
10	Pitman Road.....	"	9.15	11.40	4.50	
18	Brazil Lake.....	"	9.24	11.50	5.00	
17	Lake Annis.....	"	9.33	12.07	5.13	
21	Hectanooga.....	"	9.38	12.22	5.25	
30	METEGHAN.....	9.02	9.58	12.55	6.05	
33	Saultneville.....	"	10.00	1.10	6.15	
35	Little Brook.....	"	10.05	1.20	6.25	
37	Church Point.....	"	10.11	2.00	6.33	
41	Belliveau.....	"	10.20	2.12	6.45	
45	WEYMOUTH.....	9.28	10.35	2.40	7.00	
51	Sissiboo Falls.....	"	10.50	3.00		Exp.
53	Plympton.....	"	10.56	3.08		Daily
56	North Range.....	"	11.03	3.20		(Sun.
58	Bloomfield.....	"	11.08	3.28		excep)
63	Jordantown.....	"	11.18	3.40		
67	DIGBY, (Dining Room). Change } Ar. for St. John } Lv.	10.05 10.15	11.28 11.48	3.52 4.05		P. M. 3.30
107	ST. JOHN { R. M. S. S. Pr. Rupert } Ar. { Lv. St. John 7.00 a.m. } Lv.	4.45	4.45			
70	Smith's Cove.....	Lv.	11.58	4.20		3.45
73	Bear River.....	"	12.01	4.30		3.55
76	Deep Brook.....	"	12.11	4.43		4.07
79	Clementsport.....	"	12.20	4.59		4.20
83	Upper Clements.....	"	12.28	5.12		4.32
87	ANNAPOLIS.....	Ar.	11.05	5.30	Passenger Daily (Sun. excepted)	4.50
93	Roundhill.....	Lv.	12.39		+5.30	+3.45
101	Bridgetown.....	"	12.50		5.50	3.58
106	Paradise.....	"	1.07		6.20	4.16
109	Lawrencetown.....	"	1.17		6.38	4.26
115	MIDDLETON (Dining Room).....	Ar. Lv.	1.37 1.42		6.50 7.10	4.32 4.45
171	Bridgewater (Central Ry.).....	Ar.	4.47	3.88		
189	Lunenburg.....	"	5.45	8.50		
119	Wilnot.....	Lv.	1.51		7.45	4.54
122	Kingston.....	"	1.57		8.00	5.02
127	Auburn.....	"	2.07		8.15	5.13
129	Aylesford.....	"	2.12		8.25	5.19
134	Berwick.....	"	2.22		8.45	5.32
137	Waterville.....	"	2.28		9.05	5.42
139	Cambridge.....	"	2.33		9.20	5.45
141	Coldbrook.....	"	2.38		9.35	5.51
146	KENTVILLE (Dining Room).....	Ar. Lv.	12.45 12.56	2.47 2.55	9.55 10.25	6.00 6.10
157	Canning.....	Ar.	3.38	3.48		
160	Kingsport (S. S. Evangeline daily for Parrsboro).....	"	3.50	4.00	11.45	
151	Port Williams.....	Lv.	8.05		10.40	6.20
153	WOLFVILLE.....	"	1.10		11.00	6.25
156	Grand Pre.....	"	3.16		1.10	6.31
157	Horton Landing.....	"	3.19		11.15	6.35
159	Avonport.....	"	3.24		11.25	6.40
164	Hantsport.....	"	3.37		11.45	6.54
169	Falmouth.....	"	3.49		12.10	7.07
171	WINDSOR.....	1.45	3.55		12.40	7.14
177	Newport.....	"	4.06		1.00	7.27
180	Ellershouse.....	"	4.13		1.20	7.35
190	Mount Uniacke.....	"	4.25		2.40	8.00
200	Beaver Bank.....	"	4.55		3.10	8.20
203	WINDSOR JUNCTION.....	2.45	5.00		3.40	8.30
208	Bedford.....	"	5.10		3.55	8.40
218	Rockingham.....	"	5.21		4.10	8.51
216	HALIFAX—Richmond.....	"			4.20	
217	HALIFAX.....	Ar.	8.15	5.30	4.25	9.00

+ Sunday excepted.
* Saturday excepted.

+ The Express arriving in
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Monday at 8.45 A. M.

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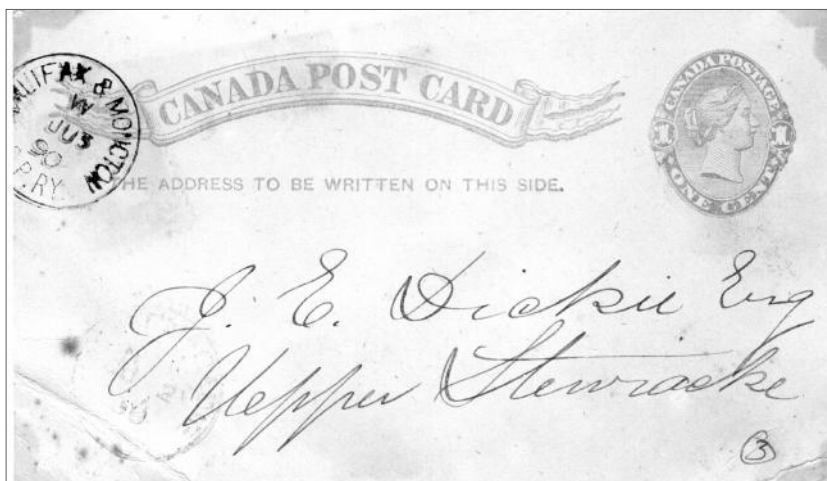


MA-110 Hammer Data Correction and Update

I recently acquired this post card cancelled with **MA-110, hammer II**, struck in violet. It originated at Shubenacadie and was addressed to Upper Stewiacke. There is a faint post mark on the front which appears to be Shubenacadie, dated June 2, 90.

This discovery is a new early date for both the hammer and listing and the first report of a “W” direction indicium for this hammer, the scarcest of the three, which was first described in the October, 1990 newsletter.

As I examined it, I concluded that the original chordal measurement “c” was incorrect, due to the discovery example being lightly struck. Chord “c” is 11+ mm not 12 mm.



HALIFAX & MONCTON / C. P. RY

Hammer	Proof Date	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c
I	1889/12/06	1890/08/28	1896/10/21	E, W	10 1/4	7 1/2 -	12 1/2
II	1889/12/06	1890/06/03	1895/02/19	E, W	11 1/4	6 +	11+
III	1891/11/06	1894/01/30	1896/10/03	E, W, blank	10	5 -	11 1/2



MA-110 H-I



MA-110 H-II



MA-110 H-III



On this 3¢ Small Queen, I.C.Ry. stationery cover, we find a new **early date** for **hammer I** of listing **MA-109**, HALIFAX & MONCTON / M.C., EAST, NO 21, 82. There is a Shubenacadie transit backstamp dated the following day.

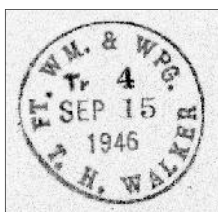
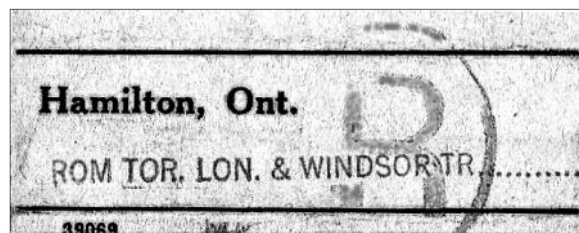
New Reports from Warren Bosch

Long time study group member, **Warren Bosch**, sends these reports of previously unrecorded post-marks which he found on a large group of recently acquired facing slips.



TOR. & FT. WM., straight line 3.4 cm long by .35 cm tall. Nearby is a boxed R, said box being 1.0 cm wide by 1.1 cm tall. Both are struck in green. They are on a facing slip printed Hamilton, Ont. and accompanied by an O-338 8 / FE 25 / 54 No. 9.

FROM TOR. LON. & WINDSOR TR....., straight line, 6.2 cm long by .3 cm tall in sans-serif upper case, struck in lavender. The length does not include the dots. On a Hamilton, Ont. facing slip accompanied by an O-356A 16/ FE 24/ 54 .



A type 12A, FT. WM. & WPG. / T. H. WALKER, Tr 4 / SEP 15 / 1945 struck in bluish-green.

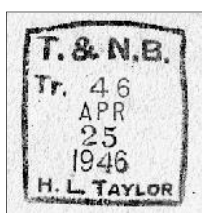
A type 7B, HAM. & MEA. / I. SCOTT, Tr 62 / FEB 20 / 1947, struck in purple, sans serif, with data. That last digit is separated by a considerable space and comes from a different font.



A type 7C, OTTAWA & TORONTO / R. J. CARLIN, Tr. 33 / FEB 10 / 1947 struck in dark blue, sans serif, with data. Outer circle covered with small solid triangles, points outward.

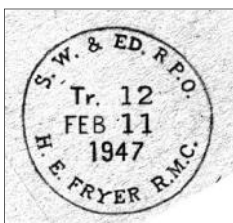
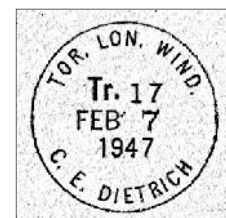


A type 5H, STRAT. & SAR. R. P. O. / D. McPHERSON, 600 / NOV 1 / 1946 .



Used for the Toronto & North Bay run, a type 1 (a vertical rectangle measuring 2.35 cm wide by 2.5 cm tall, with the top bowed upwards towards the center - clearly supposed to be a box, but with the four sides being subject to rubbery motion and wear) reading, T. & N. B. / H. L. TAYLOR, Tr. 47 / AUG / 26 / 1946, and a second example dated APR / 25 / 1946, with Tr. 46, struck sans serif in purple.

A type 12A, TOR. LON. WIND. / C. E. DIETRICH, TR. 17 / FEB 7 / 1947, in sans serif.



Used for the Saskatoon, Wainwright & Edmonton run, a type 12A, S. W. & ED. R. P. O. / H. E. FRYER, R. M. C., Tr. 12 / FEB 11 / 1947 struck in light violet.

New Reports from Warren Bosch

Warren Bosch reports the following private clerk handstamp significant dates and / or train numbers / directions, railway found on facing slips or other post office forms;

MA-139, Halifax & Yarmouth R.P.O. / * A. R. BUCKLER *, EAST, MAY 4, 1915, **new direction**

MA-140, HALIFAX & YARMOUTH R.P.O. / R. H. ROSS, EAST, JAN 2, 1911 and EAST, NOV 25, 1918, **new complete ERD and LRD.** (*Previously only the year dates were recorded*)

MA-141A, HALIFAX & YARMOUTH / H. E. MASON, EAST, JUL 31, 1919, **new LRD**

MA-144, HALIFAX & YAR. R.P.O. / R. D. DREW, WEST, OCT 1, 1919, **new LRD**

Q-64A, MONT. & BROCK R.P.O. / C. B. LOOMIS, 25 / DEC 19 / 1946, **new ERD**

Q-156B, MONTREAL & TORONTO R.P.O. / P. GOBEIL, T.R. (sic!) / 19 / JUN 21 / 1946, **new ERD**

Q-167Cb, MONT. & TOR. / J. R. THOMPSON, Tr. 5 / AUG 20 / 1946, **new train and new LRD**

O-76G, FROM / FT. WM. & WPG. / J. T. SMITH, Tr. 4 / OCT 13 / 1946, **new train and new LRD**

O-106Z, HAMILTON & OWEN SOUND R.P.O. / W.F. Clancy, Mail Clerk, 173 / OCT / 12 / 1946 and also 174 / JUN / 26 / 1946, **new train and new ERD**

O-160Ab, LON. - SOUTH / J. E. JOHNSTON, 168 / FEB 5 / 1947, **new train and new ERD**

O-271A, PALM. & KINC. / JOHNSTON, 176 / AUG 1 / 1946, **new LRD**

O-385Gm, TOR. & N. BAY / J. B. McARTHUR, Tr. 46 / JAN 22 / 1947, **new ERD**

O-412B, TOR. STRAT. & GODERICH / F. W. CURRIE, Tr. 28 / FEB 14 / 1947, **new ERD**

O-412 Fd, TOR. STRAT. & GOD. / C. E. DIETRICH (**Type 3E not 12A**) 36 / AUG 26 / 1946, **new train and new LRD**

O-412Fm, TOR. STRAT. & GOD. / M. C. MUNRO, Tr. 36 / DEC 16 (no year), **new train**

W-196Ge, WPG. & M. JAW / A. G. VEAROYE, correction for the catalogue: the name of the clerk is clearly **A.D. YEARDYE**. I have two examples: Tr. 2 / OCT 15 / 1946 and Tr. 4 / Apr 24 / 1946. In both, the name is exceptionally clear. **Train 2 is new.**

W-196L, WPG. & M. JAW R.P.O. / G. H. LOBB, Tr. 4 / FEB 5 / 1947 and also Tr. 2 / JUL 28 / 1946, the former in purple and the latter in green. A **new ERD and two new trains**

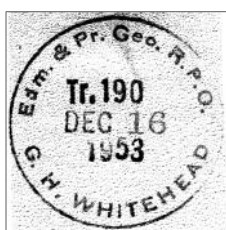
On an Acknowledgment form from Cold Brook Station, N.S. to the eastbound Halifax & Yarmouth R.P.O., dated January 2, 1911, there is a previously unreported straight line handstamp, "**Hx & Yar, East**" handstamp. Unfortunately the dark red colour of the form makes it too difficult to illustrate the postmark here.

Observed in a recent mail sale, is this previously unreported private clerk handstamp, BRANDON & REGINA / S.C. PHOENIX, Tr. 6, MAY 26, 1931, accompanied by **W-12**, BRANDON & REGINA. R.P.O. / N^o 2, 6, MY 25, 31. This is a favour cover addressed to Ben Cash, an American R.P.O. clerk who sent hundreds of similar covers to his fellow clerks, requesting postmarks.



New Reports from Brian Stalker

Brian Stalker submits these two Letter Bills with two different straight line postmarks from the Calgary & Vancouver run. The first, struck in violet, is C. & V. R.P.O. TR., accompanied by W-26, CAL. & VAN. R.P.O. / B. C. , 8, NO 17, 62. The second, also struck in violet, is FROM C. & V. R.P.O. TR., accompanied by W-26, CAL. & VAN. R.P.O. / B. C. , 8, OC 1, 60.



Brian also reports a new type 5H, private clerk handstamp on a facing slip, struck in red, Edm. & Pr. Geo. R.P.O. / G. H. WHITEHEAD, Tr. 190, DEC 16, 1953.

Another report from Brian is a **new train** number 35 for **W-24A**, CALGARY & STET. & VEGREVILLE · R.P.O. / N^o 2. , 35, SP 21, 14. This postmark is notable for having two ampersands, unlike any other that comes to mind.



W-24A, H-2



W-9, H-3

Also from Brian, we have this report of **train 135** for **W-9**, BR. & EST. R.P.O. / N^o 3, 135, AP 11 57. The contemporary C.P.Ry. public timetable for Brandon-Estevan service only shows trains 137 and 138. We would appreciate any other reports showing train 135.

New Reports

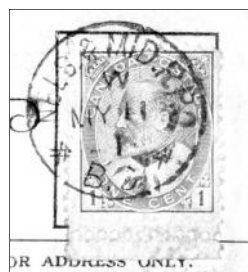


Q-243, H-I

Observed on eBay, is this new **early date** for **Q-150Ab**, MONT. S. FALLS & TOR. / W. T. BURKE, Tr. 35, JUL 17, 48 struck in red on a letter bill. Previously the known period of use was from 1949/01/24 to 1949/02/16. There is also a straight line MONT. SMITHS FALLS - TOR. TR 35, probably **Q-146L**.



Q-150Ab



W-98a, Orn. 168

Colin Lewis sends us his discovery of a new late date for **W-98a**, (Ornament 168) NEL. & MID. R.P.O. / # B.C. #, W, MY 11, 1(0) found on a picture post card showing a scene from the Thousand Islands in Ontario and addressed to Grand Forks, B.C. There are no other postmarks or notations on the card to confirm that the year date is 1910. Previously, the LRD for this postmark was 1910/04/13. The current ERD is 1908/12/29. Both E and W indicia have been reported.

On a post card from Niagara Falls to Paris Station, we find a new late date for **hammer I** of **O-150**, LONDON & NIAGARA FALLS / R.Y.P.O. / T2W, FE 16, 93. The previous LRD was 1892/04/09 and the only reported indicium for the hammer is T2W. (*The hammer study is on Page 1674.*)

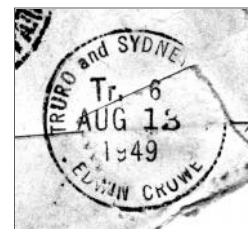


O-150, H-I



O-188A

This transit backstamp of **O-188A**, TRAIN NO. 2 / N. BAY & COCHRANE · P.R.O., 2, FE 4, 11, on a registered cover from Procupine, Ontario to Toronto, is a new **early date** for this hammer, which was proof struck on January 26, 1911.



MA-260A

This example of **MA-260A**, TRURO and SYDNEY R.P.O. / EDWIN CROWE, Tr. - 6, AUG 13, 1949, struck in violet and found as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from L'Ardoise, Nova Scotia to Bulgaria, is a **new early date** for the listing. The LRD is May 19, 1951 and only southbound train 6 has been reported.

Secretary's Report from Chris Anstead

The **R.P.O. Study Group meeting** for BNAPEX to be held in Kingston, Ontario, is scheduled for Saturday September 12, 4:00-5:00 pm. Anyone wishing to make a presentation should inform Chris Anstead.

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