

This issue is devoted to an avalanche of new reports from **Ron Barrett, Warren Bosch, Richard Hautala, Mike Reid, Brian Stalker, Sean Weatherup** and **Ross Gray**, demonstrating that there is still much to be learned and written about Canadian railway postmarks.

## A Harrisburg & Southampton Hammer Discovery from Brian Stalker

We examined the various Harrisburg & Southampton hammers in the July-August, 2006 newsletter (*See page 1949.*) **Brian Stalker** has now identified a **second hammer** for listing **ON-211**. It is our hope that the study group members examine their holdings and report any dates and / or indicia which will augment this study.

Listing	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia
ON-211		1893/10/22	1897/12/17	N, NO, S
ON-211.021	1893/09/19	1893/10/22	1897/09/14	N, S
ON-211.022	unknown	1897/08/18	1897/11/03	N, NO



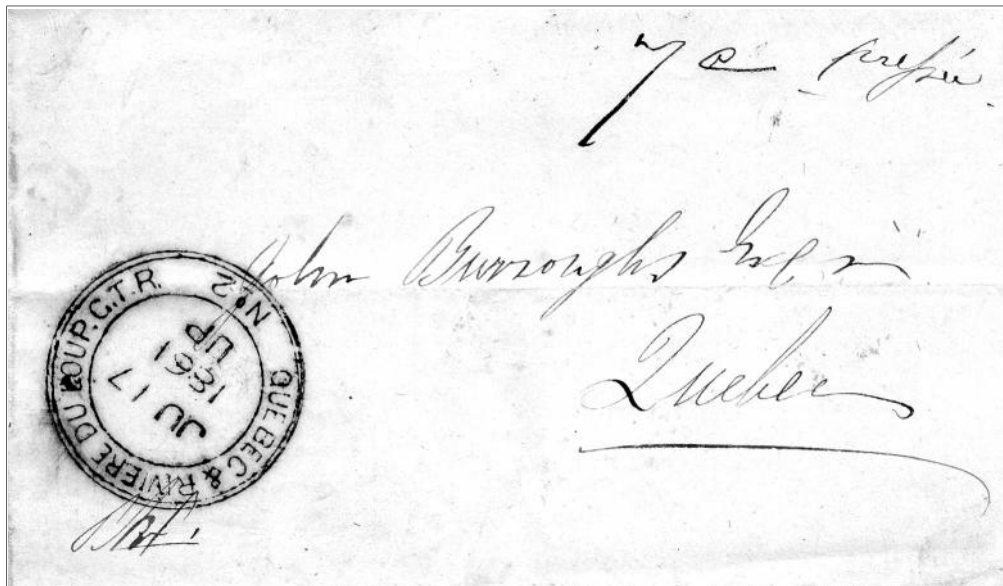
ON-211.021



ON-211.022

The two hammers are distinctly different in appearance and punctuation. The ampersand of the second is smaller than the first and the spacing much tighter. The **second hammer** has **no period after the "C"** and there is **no mid-position dot between SOUTHAMPTON and M.C.**, unlike the first hammer which has both.

## A New Early Quebec & Riviere du Loup Date from Brian Stalker



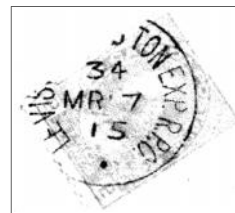
This ideal strike of **QC-442.02**, QUEBEC & RIVIERE DU LOUP. G.T.R. / N<sup>o</sup> 2, JU 17, 1861, UP, is a **new early date** for both the hammer and listing.

## New Reports from Ron Barrett

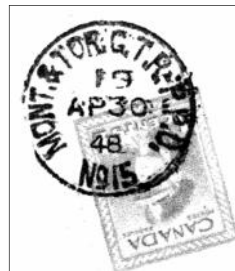
**MT-53**, CH'TOWN & SACKVILLE / R.P.O. , 39, 20 IX, 62 , is a new **late date** for the only hammer of this listing.



**QC-59**, LEVIS & CAMP'B'TON EXP. R.P.O. / . , 34, MR 7, 15 is a new **early date** for this listing which awaits hammer analysis.



**QC-298.15**, MONT. & TOR. G.T.R.-R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 15 , 19, AP 30, 48 , is a new **late date** for this hammer, whose previous LRD was 1947/07/08 and which first saw use in 1911 and continued in use in spite of the fact that the Grand Trunk Railway became part of Canadian National Railways in 1923.



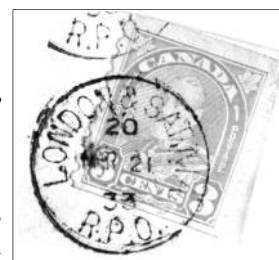
**QC-400**, QUE. & COCH. / R.P.O. , 12, JAN 26, 48 is a new **late date** for this very scarce listing, very briefly used for the Quebec & Cochrane run.



**ON-261**, LONDON & SARNIA / R.P.O. , 20, MR 21, 33 , is a new **early date** for this scarce hammer.



**ON-597**, TOR. GUE. & O. S. : R.P.O. / . , 172, AU 12, 48 , is a new **early date** for this listing used for just over ten years on the Toronto, Guelph & Owen Sound run.



**ON-661**, TOR. LOND. & WINDSOR . R.P.O. / . , 16, JUN 18, 48 , is a new **early date** for this listing.



**WT-6.03**, BINS. & SASK. R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> . 3 , 52, AU 22, 36 , is a new **early date** for this hammer from the Binscarth & Saskatoon run.



**WT-501.012**, NORTH B'FORD & EDN. R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 , 5, DE 5, 53 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



**WT-625.02**, REG. & N. BAT. R.P.O. / No. 2 , 6, 18 II, 57 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



**WT-852.03**, WPG. & BINS . R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 3 , 52, DE 2, 53 is a new **late date** and **unreported train number** for this hammer from the Winnipeg & Binscarth run.

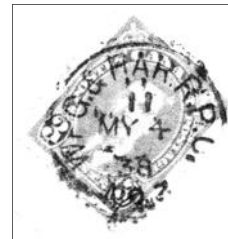


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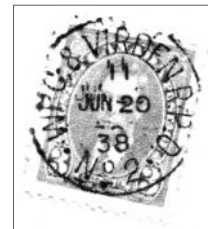
**WT-881.03**, WPG. & HAR. R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 3 , 11, MY 4, 38 is a new **late date** for both the **hammer** and the **listing** for the Winnipeg & Hartney run.



**WT-984.01**, WPG. & VIRDEN R.P.O. / · N<sup>o</sup> 1 · , 11, JUN 5, 39 , is a new **early date** for this hammer.



**WT-984.02**, WPG. & VIRDEN R.P.O. / · N<sup>o</sup> 2 · , 11, JUN 20, 38 is a new **early date** for this hammer.



## New Reports from Richard Hautala

Until this example of a **WEST indicium**, only an EAST direction indicium had been reported for **MT-3**, INTERCOL · R · R · AMHERST & HALIFAX / \_ , WEST, SP 1, 8?.

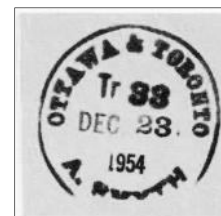


We now have a new **early date** for **MT-353.02**, TRURO & PORT HAWKESBURY / M.C. , WEST, MR 16, 84. This is also a new early date for the listing which has two hammers, both proof struck on March 2, 1883. MT-353.01 is known as early as July 23, 1884.



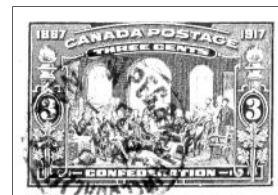
**ON-380.02**, OTTAWA & FORT WILLIAM R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 2 , 6, SP 28, 13 is a new **late date** for the hammer.

**ON-432?**, OTTAWA & TORONTO / A. S. SMYTH may be an **error** in listing. This similar example with just "A. SMYTH" lacks the clerk's second initial but falls within the listed period for ON-432. The editor would appreciate reports of other examples to assist in clearing up the discrepancy.



**ON-714.02**, TORONTO & MIDLAND · R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 2 , 67, AU 26, 12 is a **new train** number for the listing, as well as hammer 2, the scarcer of the pair.

**WT-898.02**, W'PEG. & M. JAW ( LOCAL ) R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 2 , 54, DE 20, 17 is a new **late date** for the hammer.

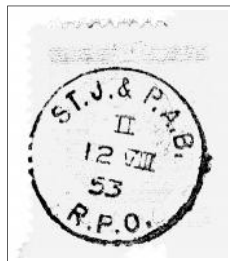


**SN-18.01**, CAN. NAT'L RY. / LONDON · ONT. , PM, MY 10, 25 is a new **early date** for the first of six hammers as well as the listing.

**SN-18.02**, CAN. NAT'L RY. / LONDON · ONT. , 19, JUL 12, 39 is a **new time** indicium for the second of six hammers in the listing.



## New Reports from Michael Reid



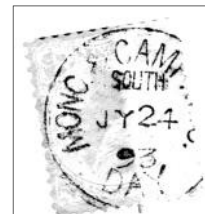
**NL-58.202**, ST. J. & P.A.B. / R.P.O. , II, 12 VIII, 53 , is the first reported use of a **February Roman numeral slug used for train 2**, both for the hammer and the listing.



**MT-5.04**, ANNAPOLIS & YARMOUTH / M.C., E, MY 26, 97 is a new **late date** for both the hammer and listing.



**MT-240.02**, MONCTON & CAMPBELLTON / M.C. , 25, OC 30, 51 , is the first report of **train 25**.



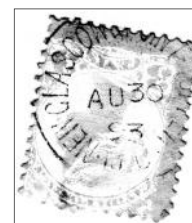
**MT-244**, MONC. & CAMP. M.C. / DAY , SOUTH, JY 24, 93 is a new **early date**.



**MT-257.03**, MONCTON & QUEBEC / M.C. , blank, JY 1, 97 is the first report of a **blank direction indicium** for any of the seven hammers of this listing. The run was impractically long and therefore lasted less than ten months. Most examples are found on the 3¢ Jubilee.



**MT-267.01**, NEW · GLASGOW & POINT · TUPPER / · M.C. · blank, AU 30, 93 , is the first report of a **blank direction indicium** for either of the two hammers of this listing.



**MT-302**, SAINT JOHN & MONTREAL · R.P.O. / . , 42, MY 11, 53 is the first report of **train 42** for this listing.

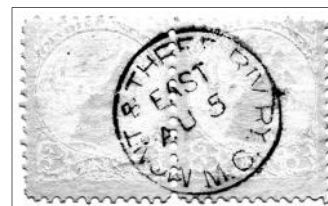
**QC-116**, LYSTER STN. & DESCHAILLONS R.P.O. / . , blank, AP 10, 11 is the first report of a **blank direction indicium** for this listing.



**QC-237**, MONT. & RICH NIGHT / M.C. , SP 19, 89 is a new **early date** for this listing.



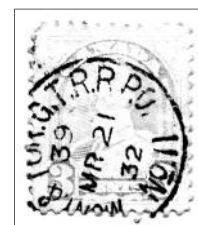
**QC-284**, MONT & THREE - RIV. RY. / M.C. , EAST, AU 5, blank , on a pair of 3¢ Small Queens, is the first report of an **EAST direction indicium**.



**QC-291.01**, MONTREAL & TORONTO - C. P. RWY. / 1 , WEST, JY 07, 89 is a new **early date** for the first of the three hammers in this listing.



**QC-298.112**, MONT. & TOR. G. T. R. R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup>. 11 , 39, MR 21, 32 , is a **new train number** for the hammer and the listing.

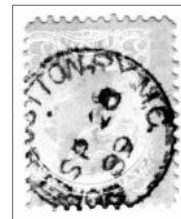


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**QC-308.031**, MON. & TOR · R.P.O. / 3 , 39, MY 3, 32 is a **new train number** for this hammer.

**QC-529**, SOREL & SUTTON RY. M.C. , blank, SP 28, 89 , struck in violet and **QC-529**, SOREL & SUTTON RY. M.C. S, NO 25, 90 , struck in black, are between



the late first period date of 1885/08/13 and the early second period date of 1891/05/16 currently shown in the catalogue. These two examples suggest that use may have been continuous. Readers are requested to provide other dates for this scarce listing.



**QC-531**, SOREL & SUTTON / M.C. , N, MY 22, 95 is a new **early date** for this listing.

**ON-38**, BRIDGEBURG & BRANTFORD · R.P.O. / . , 219, SP 29, 31 , is the **first report of train 219** for this hammer and **much later than the previously recorded period of 1901/11/09 to 1904/08/04**. It is likely that this hammer was used briefly because the new hammer for the revived run, ON-39, which was proof struck on September 26, 1931, had not yet arrived.



**ON-52**, BROCK. & CARLETON · PLACE / M.C. , NORTH, SP 25, 86 , is a new **late date** for this rare marking.

**ON-71**, CANFIELD · JUNC<sup>I</sup> & ST<sup>I</sup> THOM'S. RY P. O. , E, JY 12, 98 is a new **early date**.



**ON-102.01**, FT. FR. & WPG. R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 , 33, MY 5, 59 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

**ON-106.09**, FORT WILLIAM & WINNIPEG R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 9 , 3, AU 18, 35 is a new **late date** for this hammer.



**ON-150**, GODERICH & BRANTFORD / · M.C. · , W, JY 20, 98 , is a new **late date**.

**ON-261**, LONDON & SARNIA / R.P.O. , 20, OCT 5, 33 , is a new **early date**.



**ON-345**, N. B. & SOO · R.P.O. / . , 28, JUL 17, 50 is a new **early date**.

**ON-455**, PERTH & MONTREAL / M.C , E, OC 3, 93 , is a new **early date** for this rare listing.



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**ON-511**, SH · LAKE & RENFREW / M.C. , S, MY 29, 90 , with the usual backwards “S” direction indicium, is a new **early date**.



**ON-539**, STREET & ELORA / M.C. , N, AU 10, 00 , is the **first report** of a “N” **direction indicium**.



**ON-548**, SUD. & SAULT - SIE - MARIE - M.C. / N 2 , E, JU 24, 95 , is a new **early date** for the only hammer of this listing.



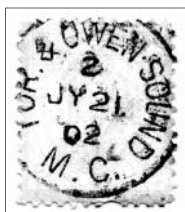
**ON-550**, TRAIN N 28 / SUD. & SOO · R.P.O. , 28, JUL 29, 27 , is a new **late date**.



**ON-716.012**, TOR. & MONT. G.T. RY / N 1 , N.E, DE 4, 94 , is a new **early date** for this hammer.



**ON-783.04**, TOR. & OTT. C.P.R. M.C. / N 4, 5, AP 28, 10 , is the **first report of train 5** for this hammer.



**ON-787.02**, TOR. & OWEN · SOUND / M.C. , S, JY 21, 02 , is the **first report of a backwards “S”** direction indicium for both the listing and hammer.



**ON-789.011**, TOR. & OWEN SOUND · R.P.O. / N 1 , is the **first report of train 15** for this hammer.



**ON-811.01**, TOR & SAR. M.C. / N 1 , blank, DE 22, 93 , is the **first report of a blank direction indicium** for this hammer.



**WT-13.01**, BON. & ED. R.P.O. No. 1 / . , 85, V 27, 57 , is a **late date** for the hammer.

**WT-16.01**, B. L. & WINNIPEG · R.P.O. / N 1 , 10, MR 6, 13 , is a **new train number indicium**. The clerk may have misplaced his “110” train number slug and substituted a “10” day slug.



**WT-48.01**, BRED & SASK. R.P.O. / No. 1 , 52, DE 8, 44 is a new **early date** for the first of the three hammers.



**WT-48.02**, BRED & SASK. R.P.O. , No. 2 , 52, JAN 5, 45 is a new **early date** for the second of the three hammers.

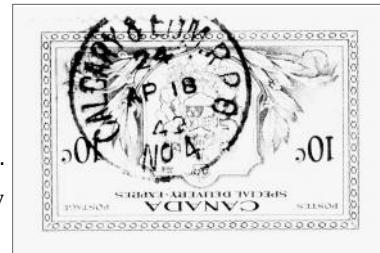
**WT-59.01**, CAL. & CAMROSE · R.P.O. / N 1 , 26, NO 30, 35 , is a new **late date** for the first of four hammers.



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**WT-67**, CALGARY & EDM. R.P.O. / No. 4 , 24, AP 18, 42 , is a **new train number** for the sole hammer of the listing.



**WT-213.04**, EDM. & PR. GEO. R.P.O. / No. 4 · 189, MY 11, 47 , is a **new train number** and a new **late date** for the hammer.



**WT-228.01**, EDMONTON & WEMBLEY · R.P.O. / 1 , E, JUN 22, 35 , is a new **late date for the hammer** as well as the late date for the listing.



**WT-231.01**, C.N.R.W.Y. EMERSON & WINNIPEG · R.P.O. / No. 1 , S, DE 21, 10 , is a **new direction indicium** for the hammer.



**WT-310.02**, L. B. & ED. R.P.O. / No. 2 , 615, DE 15, 53 , is a **new late date** for both the hammer and the listing.



**WT-337.04**, M. H. & CRAN · R.P.O. / No. 4 , 11, 27 II, 53 , is a **new train number** indicium for the hammer.



**WT-343.02**, MED. HAT & NEL · R.P.O. / No. 3 , 68, JUL 10, 57 , is a new **late date** for the second hammer and the listing.



**WT-344.032**, MED. HAT. & NEL · R.P.O. / No. 3 , 12, MY 22, 28 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



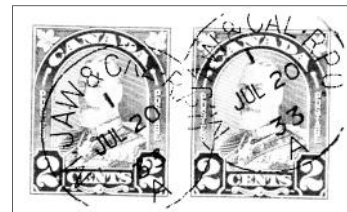
**WT-344.101**, MED. HAT. & NEL · R.P.O. / No. 10 , 14, SP 10, 13 , is the **first report of train 14** for this hammer.



**WT-381.053**, M. JAW & CAL · R.P.O. / No. 5 , 1, VII 19, 52 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



**WT-382**, M. JAW & CAL · R.P.O. / A , 1, JUL 20, 33 , is the **first report of train 1** for the only hammer of this listing.



**WT-440.04**, M. JAW & MACKLIN · R.P.O. / No. 4 · , 312, OC 12, 55 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



**WT-521**, N. BATT. & ST. WAL · R.P.O. / No. 1 , S, DE 16, 47 , is a new **early date**.



**WT-521**, N. BATT. & ST. WAL · R.P.O. / No. 1 , N, DE 16, 51 , is the **first report of a "N" direction indicium**.

**WT-523.022**, NOR. PORT. & M. JAW R.P.O. / No. 2 , 201, AP 28, 61 , is the **first report of a train 201** indicium for the hammer.





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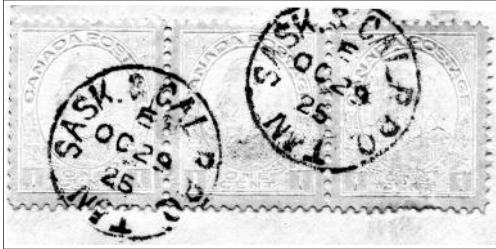
**WT-592.03**, REG. & CAN : R.P.O. / No. 3 , 61, VI 18, 55 ,  
is the **first report of train 61** for the hammer.



**WT-643.03**, REG. & S.R.- R.P.O. / No. 3 , 66, IX 25, 52 ,  
is a new **early date** for this hammer, which was proof struck on  
August 22, 1952.



**WT-660.02**, RIV. & S'TOON / R.P.O. No. 2 , 4, JUL 8, 64 ,  
is the **first report of train 4** for this hammer.



**WT-689.01**, SASK. & CAL. R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 ,  
E, OC 29, 25 , is a new **late date** for this hammer.

**WT-693.03**, S' TOON & DRUM. / R.P.O. No. 3 , 9, X? 10, 61 , is the **first  
report of hammer 3** for this listing. There is no proof strike recorded.



**WT-723.01**, SASK. HARD & EDMONTON · R.P.O. / · N<sup>o</sup> 1 · ,  
W, MY 1, 25 , is the **first report of a W direction indicium** and a  
new **early date** for the hammer.

**WT-724.042**, SASK. HARD. & ED. R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 4 , 52, 4 XI, 53 , is the **first report  
of train 52** for this hammer.



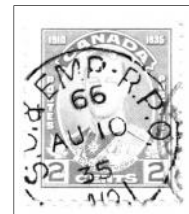
**WT-744.02**, SASK. & MUN. R.P.O. / No. 2 ,  
10, OC 18, 35 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

**WT-744.03**, SASK. & MUN. R.P.O. / No. 3 ,  
9, OC 14, 35 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



**WT-793.01**, S. R. & P. A. R.P.O. / No. 1 ,  
16, 20 V, 49 , is a new **early date** for the  
hammer.

**WT-805.011**, S. C. & EMP - R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> . 1 ,  
66, AU 10, 35 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



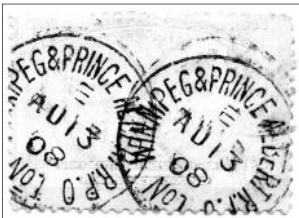
**WT-810**, VAN. & S. CURRENT · R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 , W, JAN 17, 14 ,  
is the **first report of a W direction indicium** for this scarce hammer.

**WT-876.08**, WINNIPEG & EDMONTON R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 8. , 2, NO 26, 09 , is  
the **first report of train 2** and a new **late date** for the hammer.





## New Reports from Michael Reid



**WT-957.011**, WINNIPEG & PRINCE ALBERT R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 ,  
E, AU 13, 08 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.

**WT-970.01**, WPG. & SOURIS · R.P.O. / · N<sup>o</sup> 1 · ,  
130, JUL 17, 39 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



**WT-986.03**, WINNIPEG & YORKTON R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 3 ,  
W, DE 9, 08 , is the **first report of a W direction indicium**  
for the hammer.

**WT-989.04**, WPG. YORK - R.P.O. / No. 4 ,  
52, 27 IV, 54 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



**NOTE:** Hammers **WT-989.04**, **WT-989.05** and **WT-989.06** were  
accidentally **omitted from the catalogue**.

**WT-989.04** has an ERD of 1954/04/27 and LRD of 1960/02/11, with  
train number indicia 42, 51 and 52.

**WT-989.05** has an ERD of 1959/06/03 and LRD of 1959/08/25, with  
train number indicium 41.

**WT-989.06** has an ERD of 1959/04/05 and LRD of 1960/03/19, with  
train number indicia 41 and 42.



**WT-998.011**, YORKTON & SASK. R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 ,  
E, AP 6, 25 , is a new **early date** for both the hammer  
and the listing.

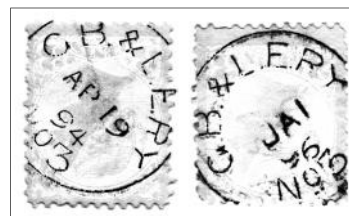


**WT-998.02**, YORKTON & SASK. R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 2 , W, SP 9, 35 , is the  
**first report of a W direction indicium** and new **late date** for the hammer.

**RY-51.03**, G. B. & L. E. R<sup>y</sup> / N<sup>o</sup> 3 , blank, AP 19, 94 and **RY-51.03**,  
G. B. & L. E. R<sup>y</sup> / N<sup>o</sup> 3 , blank, JA 1, 96 , are the **first reports of a**  
**blank indicium**.



**RY-152**, QUEBEC · CENTRAL - R<sup>y</sup> / M.C. ,  
blank, MR 1, 94 , is the **first report of a blank**  
**indicium**.



**RY-205**, WELLAND · RAILWAY · P.O / \_ ,  
NORTH, AU 11, 76 , is a new **early date**.



**RY-214.012**, W. G. & B. R<sup>y</sup> / N<sup>o</sup> . 1. , N, 14 SP, 89 , is a new **early date** for  
this hammer, which was listed as OPK. **Warren Bosch** has reported a **late date** of  
1889/12/10 with an **S direction indicium**.

**SN-19**, LONDON · ONT. / TERMINAL - R.P.O. , 2, DE 20, 37 is the  
**first report of the 2 time indicium** and the **latest reported use** of this  
rare cancellation.

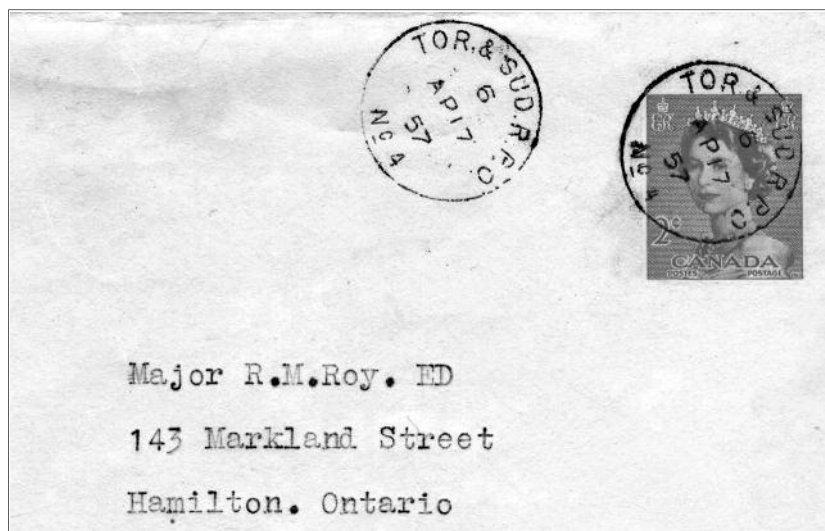


## New Reports from Sean Weatherup



Sean Weatherup reports a **new early date** and previously **unrecorded train number** for **WT-595**, REG. - CAN. - S. R., R.P.O. / F. E. Brown , Tr. 62, DEC 13, 1954, struck in red on a facing slip cut-out.

This example of **ON-109.03**, FT. WM. & WP'G. R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 3 , 8, DE 12, (5)4, found on a facing slip amongst others dated 1954, is a **new late date** and previously **unreported train 8** for the hammer.



On this "Major Roy" favour cover is a **new early date** for **ON-849.04** , TOR. & SUD. R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 4 , 6, AP 17, 57. We would be interested in knowing who Major Roy was. He appears to have had a very active interest in R.P.O.s, having sent out hundreds of covers to be cancelled.

Found on two post office forms, are strikes of **MT-77**, HALIFAX & AMHERST. R.R / = , both dated September 28, 1876, but one with a WEST direction indicator and the other with no direction indicator. There is only one hammer for this listing and it is likely that the clerk lacked an "EAST" direction slug and therefore left the direction blank when the R.P.O. was eastbound. This is a **new late date** for the listing.



Ross Gray found this new **early date** for **WT-610**, REG. & H.B. JCT - R.P.O. / NO. 1 , 62, MY 8, 46 as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from The Pas, Manitoba to Toronto. The hammer was proof struck on March 18, 1946.

## Secretary's Report from Chris Anstead

**Phil Warman** of Boutiliers Point, Nova Scotia and **Richard E. Hautala** of Springford, Ontario have joined the RPO Study Group. Welcome aboard!

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