

In this issue, we see an amazing new Western hammer attachment discovery from **Doug Lingard**. **Brian Stalker** shares an interesting collateral piece from Prince Edward Island, as well as providing an annual update to the Newfoundland & Labrador section of the catalogue. **Ron Barrett**, **Richard Hautala**, **Colin Lewis**, **Doug Lingard**, **Peter McCarthy**, **Rick Parama** and **Ross Gray** contribute new reports.

## A New Western Hammer Attachment Discovery from Doug Lingard



WT-995.5

Proof struck on October 2, 1915, **WT-995**, YORKTON & SASKATOON · R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 , is known used between 1915/11/23 and 1924/09/04. This post card to Elora, Ontario has a numeral “7” attached to the hub of **WT-995**. Two strikes clearly showing the “7” in the same position verify the attachment. A third partial strike also has a tiny partial impression of the “7”.

This new find will be listed as **WT-995.5**, YORKTON & SASKATOON · R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 / 7 , 52, OC 20, 16 , Type CC3A, RF-G. Readers are encouraged to closely examine their examples of WT-995 for evidence of the “7”.

The “7” is likely a clerk roster number, not a train number.

**RY-151 P.E.ISLAND · R.M.C. / BOAT**  
**and**  
**MT-68 CHARLOTTETOWN & TIGNISH · R.P.O. / P.E.I.**  
**Note from Brian Stalker**

This verbatim transcript of a letter from the Post Office Inspector's Office, Charlottetown, PEI, explaining the Railway Mail Clerk's role on the Charlottetown & Tignish RPO, circa 1916, may be of interest to PEI specialists.

**POST OFFICE INSPECTOR'S OFFICE**

Charlottetown, P.E.I.  
March 6, 1937

Francis G. Cousins Esq.,  
23 Nottingham Road,  
Bishopston,  
Bristol 7, England.

Dear Sir.-

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 10th. ultimo in regard to the date-stamp P.E.Island R.M.C. Boat, which was used in this District some years ago.

You will understand from the name that this Province is an Island and for a great number of years our connection with the mainland was by steamship service between Summerside, P.E.I. and Point du Chene N.B. On this ship was a mail room equipped appropriately the same as a railway postal car. This mail service on the boat was in connection with. Charlottetown & Tignish R.P.O. The routine was the Railway Mail Clerk travelled from Charlottetown to Summerside in the Postal Car. At Summerside he transferred to the mail room on boat, proceeded to Point du Chene, returned to Summerside (?), transferred to Postal Car and proceeded to Tignish. While in postal car he used the 'Charlottetown & Tignish R.P.O.' date-stamp, but, while on boat, he used the date-stamp about which you are enquiring. The cover on which the date-stamp appears was no doubt posted on the boat during the trip from Summerside, P.E.I. to Point du Chene.

The steamer service between Summerside and Point du Chene was terminated in 1919 since which time a car ferry operates between Port Borden, P.E.I. and Cape Tormentine N.B. and carries back and forth the postal car in Charlottetown & Sackville R.P.O.

Yours truly,

*A. W. Saunders*

Inspector of Postal Service

## Newfoundland & Labrador Updates (to Aug 30 2010) from Brian Stalker

From **Murray Smith**:-

<b>NL-124</b>	New LRD	1945/05/??
<b>NL-190.02</b>	New LRD	1935/12/26 (for hammer & listing)
<b>NT-5ler</b>	New Listing	
	REID NEWFOUNDLAND / COMPANY / LITTLE RIVER	1923/06/12

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Revised analysis of **NL-191** with input from Messrs **Govier, O'Reilly** and **Walton**:-

<b>NL-191</b>	Two hammers identified for this listing as follows		
<b>NL-191.01</b>	STRAITS & N.E. COAST / NEWF'D.	PM	1912/07/27 1912/12/03
<b>NL-191.02</b>	STRAITS & N.E. COAST / NEWF'D.	blank	1912/07/29 1915/12/24

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Noted during viewing of '**John Forrest Collection**' auction lots, sold recently in London, England:-

<b>NL-12.01</b>	New LRD	1915/06/23
<b>NL-14</b>	New ERD	1915/10/27
<b>NL-57</b>	New LRD	1948/02/14
<b>NL-116.02</b>	New LRD	1892/08/28
<b>NL-167</b>	New ERD	1923/11/26
<b>NL-170</b>	New ERD	1947/06/03
<b>NL-184</b>	New LRD period 1	1917/12/19
<b>NL-198.01</b>	New LRD	1914/11/25
<b>NT-2</b>	New ERD	1898/06/19 (1900/07/21 becomes LRD)
<b>NT-4ae</b>	New Listing	
	REID NEWFOUNDLAND / COMPANY / AVONDALE	1918/12/10
<b>NT-4ca</b>	New LRD	1919/04/01
<b>NT-4go</b>	New Listing	
	REID NEWFOUNDLAND / COMPANY / GAMBO	1918/04/08 1918/04/20
<b>NT-4hy</b>	New LRD	1919/03/26
<b>NT-4slh</b>	New Listing	
	REID NEWFOUNDLAND / COMPANY / SHOAL HARBOR	1918/12/31 1919/01/05
<b>NT-5brb</b>	New LRD	1919/04/28
<b>NT-5gdf</b>	New LRD	1919/05/16
<b>NT-7mnj</b>	New ERD	1932/11/03

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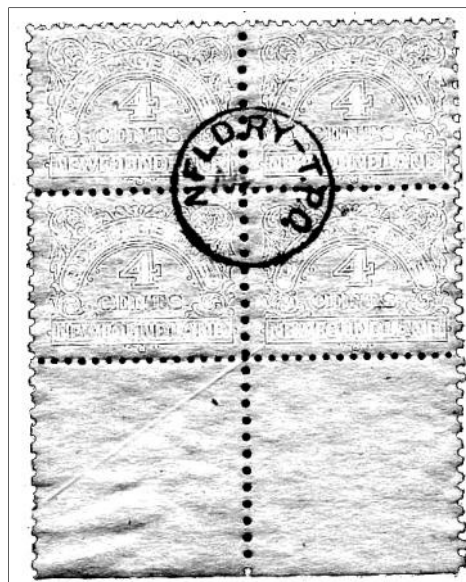
From **Doug Lingard**:-

<b>AOR-3</b>	New ERD	1914/02/13
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This Newfoundland Assorting Office date-stamp (not yet included in RPO catalogue) predates other known strikes by eight years. The strike is distorted and may be from an earlier unrecorded hammer. It is provisionally listed as Period 1, other strikes from 1922/23 become Period 2.

## A Newfoundland & Labrador Interim Listing Reviewed

**Interim NL-27.5 has been de-listed.** We had doubts about the authenticity of this hammer when it was first reported (*see page 2182*) and the following strike showing the same partial date on a block of postage due stamps, **reported to Brian Stalker by Michael Axe**, has increased our concern to such an extent that we feel that it is likely a fake.



### New Reports from Peter McCarthy



Peter reports a **new late date for hammer QC-166.06**, MON. & ISLD. PD. GRAND TR'K R. WAY / : No. 6. : , A, UP, FEB 19, 1861. This is also the **new latest reported date for the listing**.



Peter also submits what is the **first example of a blank direction indicium for QC-236.01**, MONT. & QUE. GRAND TRUNK R'WAY / : No. 1. : , C, *blank*, DEC 29, 1858.



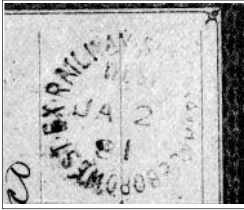
He reports a **new late for RY-51.04**, G. B. & L. E. RY / No 4 , S, DE 30, 95. Although the numeral at the base is unclear, we can be confident that this is Hammer 4 because the width of the base of the "N" of RY-51.04 is 3 mm while that of RY-51.03 is only 2 1/2 mm. Also the 2 lines under the "o" are dots for RY-51.03 and dashes for RY-51.04.

### New Reports from Colin Lewis

Struck in purple on a pink Letter Bill, this **WT-177**, CAL. & VAN. R.P.O. / TR. 7, JAN 8 / S. D. FLETCHER , is a **new early date** for this private clerk handstamp. The Albert Canyon postmark gives us the year date.

DESPATCHING STAMP TIMBRE DU BUREAU DE DÉPART		POSTES CANADA POST	RECEIVING STAMP TIMBRE DU BUREAU D'ARRIVÉE
<b>LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS)</b> TO BE USED WHEN THERE IS NO REGISTERED MAIL TO BE DESPATCHED S'EMPLOIE QUAND IL N'Y A PAS D'ENVOIS RECOM- MANDÉS À EXPÉDIER		0007 Albert Canyon 8 I 1960 B. C.	
CAL. & VAN. R.P.O. TR. 7 JAN 8 S. D. FLETCHER		FROM DE TO A VIA TRAIN - TRAIN FLT. - VOL H.S. - S. ROUTIER	
DESPATCHED BY EXPÉDIÉ PAR		RECEIVED BY REÇU PAR	
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## New Reports from Colin Lewis

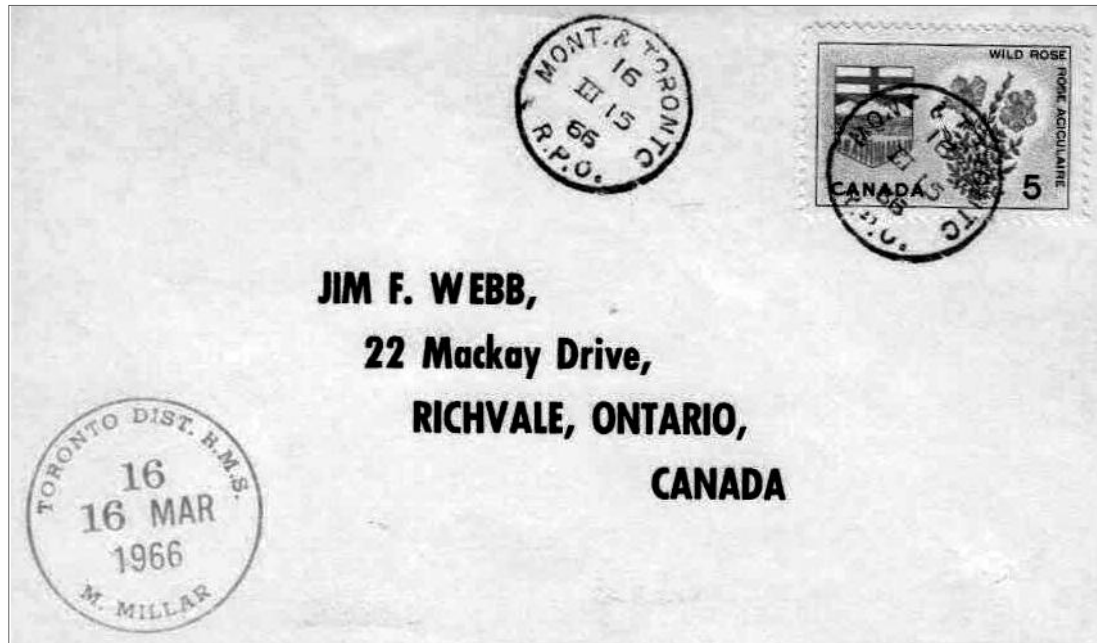


This **new early date** for both the run and hammer, **MT-316.01**, WEST · EX · RAILWAY · ST JOHN & VANCEBORO / \_ , WEST, JA 2(1), 81 , is on a post card to St. Stephens, NB. The date of the St. Stephens receiving mark is January 21, indicating a date error or weak "1" on the RPO strike.

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Used as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from Bedford, N.S. to New York is a **new early date** for **QC-77**, LEVIS & MONTREAL · R.P.O. / . / P. E. ROY , 1, FE 12, 41.

This example shows a good impression of the ring with the name attached to the hub of the hammer. Three other strikes in the editor's collection also have a mid point dot between MONTREAL and R.P.O..



Struck in green, on a philatelic cover cancelled with **QC-310**, MONT. & TORONTO / R.P.O., 16, III 15, 66 , is a **new early date** for **ON-878**, TORONTO DIST. R.M.S. / M. MILLAR , 16, 16 MAR, 1966.



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Here is **new late first period date** for **WT-101.104**, CAL. & VAN. R.P.O. / N 4 , 4, JUL 10, 28 , on a registered cover from Lytton to Ashcroft,. (The Lytton origin and Ashcroft receiver both verify the month as JUL not JUN.)

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On a picture post card from Moosimin, SK to Birmingham, England is a **new early date** for **WT-898.04**, W'PEG. & M. JAW (LOCAL) R.P.O. / N 4 , E, DE 28, 07.

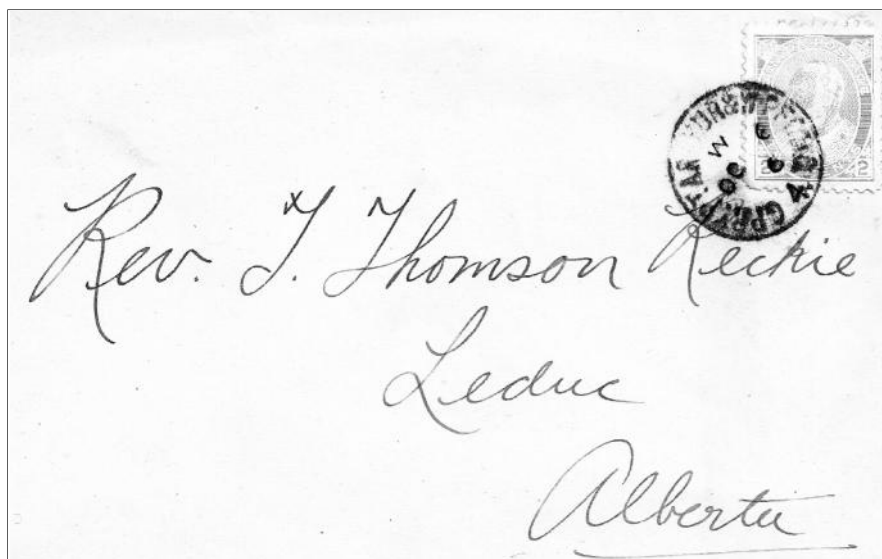


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This transit backstamp of **ON-109.11**, FT. WM. & WPG. R.P.O. / No. 11, 2, MR 28, 33 , is a **new early date for the hammer** and alerts us to a typographical error in the "No." of the catalogue entry. It is found on a registered cover from Kenora to Ireland.

# New C. P. Ry. Port Arthur & Winnipeg Reports from Richard Hautala



This dirty strike (possibly struck through cloth) of **ON-461.04**, C.P. RY P<sup>I</sup> ARTHUR & W'PEG. M.C. / 4. , W, OC 6, 6 , is the **first report of a "W" direction indicium for the hammer**.



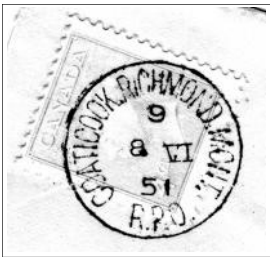
On a postcard, we have a **new, much later date** for **ON-461.05**, C.P. RY P<sup>I</sup> ARTHUR & W'PEG. M.C. / 5. , W, FE 17, 07 , and a second report of a "W" direction indicium for the hammer. Because the top of the numeral is not visible, the editor confirmed that this is hammer "5" not hammer "3", using chordal measurements.

Richard also has the third reported example of the "W" indicium for the hammer, dated August 2, 1895 on a pair of 1¢ Small Queens.

On page 2127 of the newsletter, your editor reported the first known use of **ON-461.07**, dated January 19, 1895. Richard reports **three new examples** on 3¢ Small Queens, dated May 16, 1894, **now the ERD**, July 27, 1894 and March ??, 1895, **now the LRD**.



## New Reports from Doug Lingard



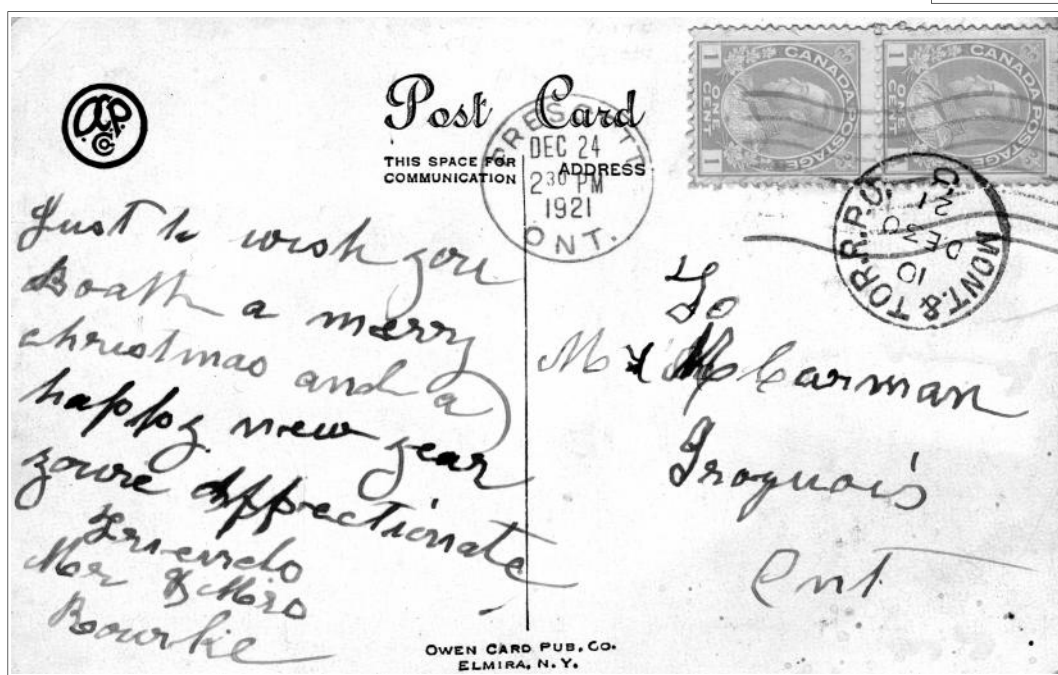
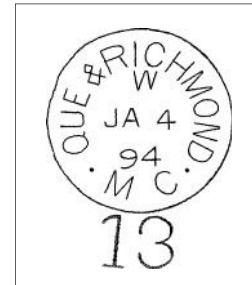
On a 4 cent cover from Bromptonville, Quebec to Hamilton, Ontario, this **QC-16**, COATICOOK. RICHMOND. MONT. / R.P.O. , 9, 8 VI, 51 , is a **new early date**.



**QC-294.11**, MONT. & TOR. G. T. RY / 11 , 9, JAN 5, 26 , on a post card to Brighton, Ontario, is a **new late date** for the hammer.



The partial strike shown on the left is **QC-432**, QUE & RICHMOND / M C / 13 , ??, ?? ??, 96 , on a 3 cent Small Queen. It is a **new late date**. The incomplete date will be shown as 1896/01/01 in the catalogue.



The **first report of train 10** for **QC-296.08**, MONT. & TOR. R.P.O. / 8 , 10, DE 30, 21 , is found as a transit marking on a greeting post card from Prescott to Iroquois, both located only 14 miles apart on the Grand Trunk Railway main line between Montreal and Toronto.

It is interesting to note that the card was cancelled at Prescott on December 24 but the R.P.O. is dated 6 days later. There is a faint but legible Prescott handstamp on the reverse of the card dated December 30. Was the card misplaced in the Prescott post office on Christmas eve and then later discovered or did the clerks fail to change the machine cancel date?



On a 5 cent cover from Port Colborne to Hamilton, is a **new late date** for **ON-92**, FT. ERIE & BRANTFORD / R.P.O. , 219, FE 28, 58.



A one cent post card addressed to Guelph, has this **new late date** for the first of two hammers, **ON-278.01**, LONDON & WALKERVILLE . R.P.O. , W, MY 29, 14.



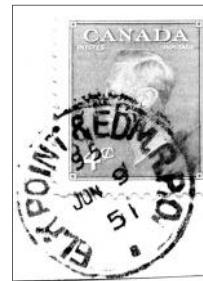
## New Reports from Ron Barrett

Proof struck on February 20, 1935, this nice example of **ON-350**, NORTH BAY & TIMMINS / R.P.O. , 46, MR 1, 35 , is a **new early date** for the listing.



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The first of two hammers for this listing, **WT-229.01**, ELK POINT & EDM. R.P.O. / . , 95, JUN 9, 51 , is a **new late date for the hammer** and helps close the gap between the retirement of the old hammer and the introduction of its replacement.



Despatching Stamp

CANADA

Receiving Stamp

**LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS)**

BE USED BY POSTMASTERS OR RAILWAY POST OFFICES WHEN THERE IS NO REGISTERED MATTER TO BE DESPATCHED.

A l'usage des maîtres de poste et des commis ambulants quand il n'y a pas d'envois recommandés à expédier.

Timbre du bureau de départ

Timbre du bureau d'arrivée

**CAL. & VAN. R.P.O. 6**

From \_\_\_\_\_

de \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

A \_\_\_\_\_

VIA

TRAIN - TRAIN  
FLT. - VOL  
M.V.S. - S. ROUTIER

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Despatching \_\_\_\_\_

Initiales du m. de p. ou du commis du bureau de départ \_\_\_\_\_

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Receiving \_\_\_\_\_

Initiales du m. de p. ou du commis du bureau d'arrivée \_\_\_\_\_

**N.B. This Bill must be stamped and initialed by the person Making Up, also by the person Opening the Mails and be filed at Office of receipt.**

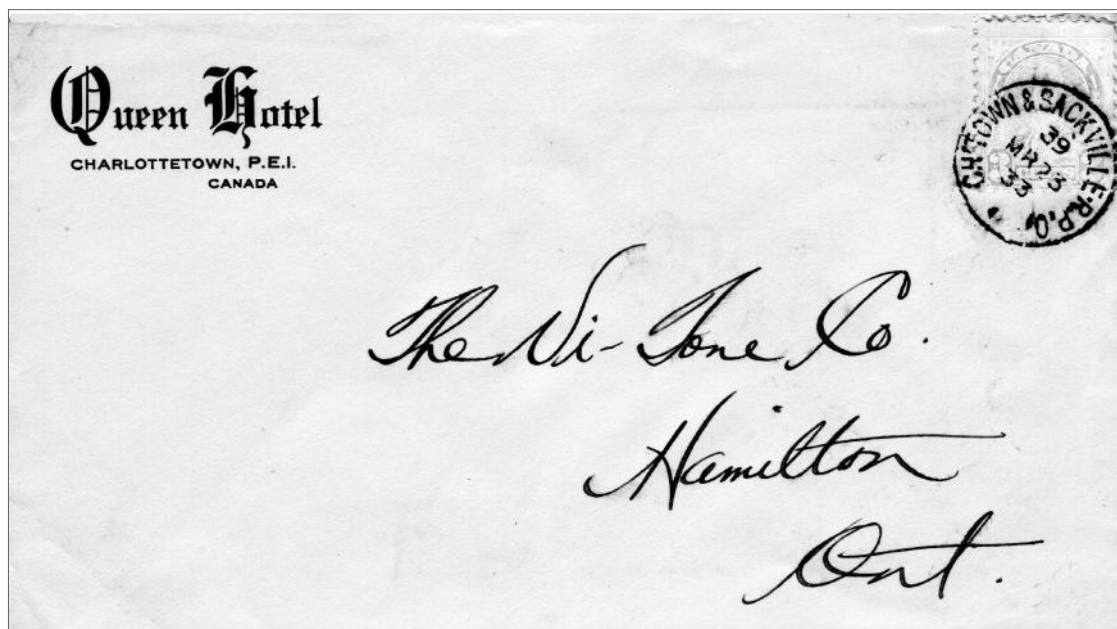
N.B.—La personne qui confectionne les dépêches et celle qui les dépouille doivent timbrer cette feuille d'avis et l'initialement. Cette feuille sera gardée dans les archives du bureau d'arrivée.

2 G.—8,000,000-10-9-54

This letter bill reveals a **previously unreported train 6** for **WT-105**, CAL. & VAN. R.P.O. . The train number is confirmed by the WT-98.112 postmark.

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## New Reports from Ross Gray



This attractive Charlottetown hotel cover is cancelled with a new **early date** and **first report of train 39 for the hammer**, **MT-50.04**, CH'TOWN & SACKVILLE · R.P.O. / . , 39, MR 23, 33.



## New Reports from Ross Gray

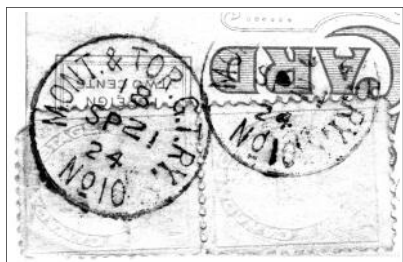
This **new early date for the third of eight hammers**, MT-354.03, TRURO & ST JOHN · R.P.O. / . , WEST, NO 22, 01 , cancels a 2 ¢ Numeral cover from Amherst to Arichat.



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This Christmas day transit backstamp on a registered cover from St. Thomas to Cobden is the **first report of train 7 for the hammer**, QC-209.11, MONT. & NORTH BAY · R.P.O. / . , 7, DE 25, 44.

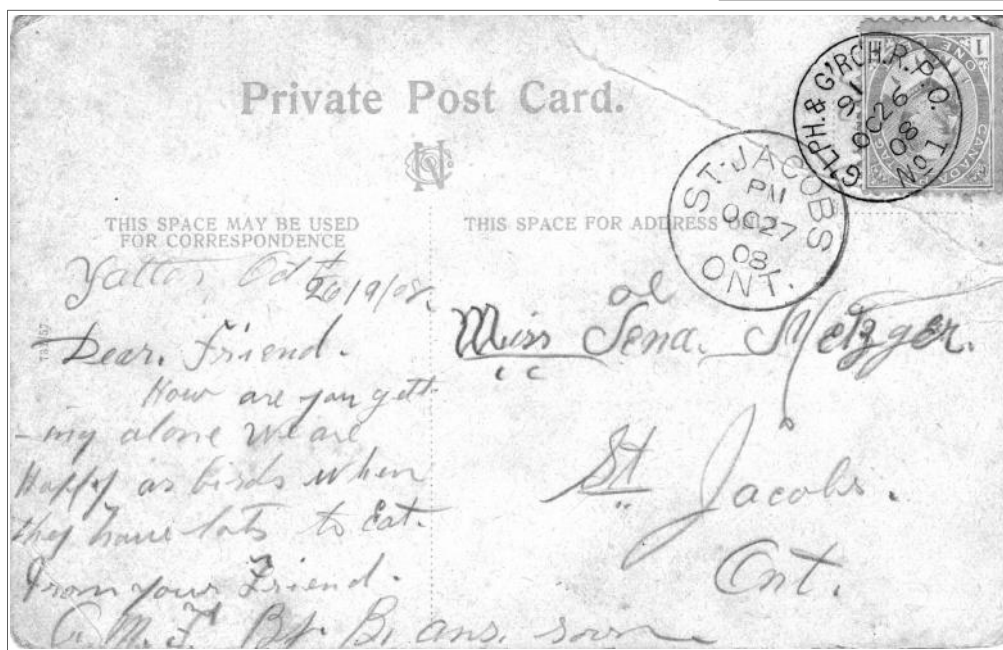
The chordal measurements to separate the 12 hammers of this listing are on page 1980 of the January-February, 2007 newsletter, as well as being available from the editor.

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This **QC-253.05**, MONTREAL & ST JOHN / · M.C. · , W, DE 29, 99 , on a 2 cent Numeral piece, is a **new early date for the hammer**, which has side lots, unlike the other seven hammers of the listing. (See Newsletter Page 2020.)



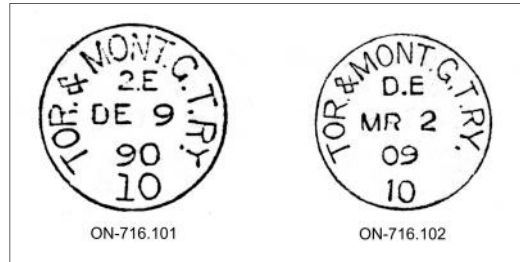
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This clear cancellation , **QC-294.102**, MONT. & TOR. G.T.R.Y. / N 10 , 18, SP 21, 24 , on a Toronto view picture post card to Ellis Island, New York, is **new late date for the hammer**.

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Found on a cover from Brighton, Ontario to Worcester, Massachusetts, this excellent strike of **QC-307**, MONTREAL & TORONTO · R.P.O. / N 9 , 18, JUL 21, 25 , is not only a **new late date** but enables us to correct the catalogue text.



Dated 24 days after the ERD, this example of **ON-154.011**, G'LPH. & G'RCH. R.P.O. / N 1 , 91, OC 26, 08 , is the **first report of train 91 for both the hammer and the listing**. The railway had opened for traffic in August, 1907. (See Newsletter Page 1958.)

## A Hammer Revival?

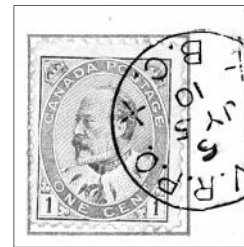


I noticed as I was rearranging my collection that this clear strike of **ON-716.101**, TOR. & MONT. G.T.R.Y. / 10 , 6, AU 15, 17 , on a cover addressed to St. John, N.B., had been mis-identified as ON-716.102 instead of the first hammer. As a result, 1917/08/15 will be **the only second period date** for ON-716.101, along with **train 6**. **Train 6 will be removed for ON-716.102**. Readers are asked to check their holdings for the two hammers and report any additional information.

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## A Calgary & Vancouver Ornament Correction from Rick Parama

**Rick Parama** recently acquired a collection with the post card addressed to Red Deer, Alberta, that was the reported latest date copy for WT-91.130 and discovered that it had been mis-identified and is actually the similar WT-91.142. As a result **the current latest known date for WT-91.130 is now corrected to 1908/09/18 and train 6 is longer listed for this hammer. The RF is increased to "D"**.



## WT-192 Catalogue Correction

On **page 194**, the Western Section, under the Coronation & Lacombe hammers, change WT-192.01 to **WT-192.011**, WT-192.02 to **WT-192.012** and WT-192.03 to **WT-192.02**.

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## WT-318.022 Catalogue Error

The editor recently noticed that the **ERD** in the catalogue for **WT-318.022**, MACLEOD & CALGARY · R.P.O. / · N<sup>o</sup> 2 · is **erroneously stated as 1931/02/27**, which is actually the **Proof Date**. Readers are requested to submit any dates earlier than the current LRD and only verified date, 1935/09/07.

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## Secretary's Report from Chris Anstead

**David Oldfield** of Post Falls, Idaho is our newest member. Welcome aboard! And a special welcome goes to **Eldon Godfrey** of Calgary. A founding member, he rejoined the RPO study group at the convention in Victoria.

Please note the **change of my phone number** to 613 278-1428

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