

This issue is dedicated to more new updates and reports from **Ron Barrett, Jack Brandt, Brian Copeland, Hugo Deshaye, Ross Gray, Colin Lewis and Brian Stalker.**

Brian Stalker also contributes his annual update of the **Newfoundland and Labrador** section of the catalogue.



Central Ontario Junction station circa 1910 with the diamond crossing of the Ottawa-Toronto Canadian Pacific Railway and the Picton-Trenton-Maynooth Central Ontario Railway lines. The post office here was named Bellview until 1920, when it became **Bonarlaw**.



Used on the St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway, between Ottawa and Prescott, this nice example of **RY-172, S^I. L. & O. RY / _ M.C. _ , NORTH, MR 21, 84**, with cork, on a post card from Kars to Ottawa, replaces the previous **late date**, December 21, 1883.

Newfoundland & Labrador Updates collated by Brian Stalker

(to 31st August 2011)

Reporters: Jack Brandt (JB), Murray Smith (MS) and Brian Stalker (BS).

Reporter	Listing		
BS	NL-7	New ERD	1939/08/29
BS	NL-12.02	New LRD	1915/04/15
MS	NL-13	New ERD	1915/08/08
BS	NL-15	New LRD	1929/10/16
BS	NL-27.02	New LRD	1917/02/24
BS	NL-30.03	New ERD	1920/06/1?
BS	NL-32	New ERD	1919/09/??
BS	NL-38.02	New ERD	1901/04/20
BS	NL-39.07	New indicium for 2nd period	2
BS	NL-41	New ERD	1913/02/15
BS	NL-52.102	New indicium	3
BS	NL-52.103	New LRD	1942/06/01
BS	NL-52.104	outer ring missing	
		New indicium	EX1
BS	NL-52.203	New indicium	5
		New LRD	1947/04/23
BS	NL-55	New LRD	1947/04/13
BS	NL-58.109	New indicium	15
JB	NL-105	New ERD	1950/04/12
MS	NL-128	New ERD	1917/??/??
BS	NL-129	New LRD	1922/07/2?
BS	NL-135.02	New ERD	1917/07/13
MS	NL-151	New LRD	1923/10/16
BS	NL-156	New ERD	1916/07/01
BS	NL-164	New ERD	1946/08/15
BS	NL-166	New ERD	1927/02/25
BS	NL-182.02	New LRD	1968/10/28
BS	NL-185	New ERD for 1st period	1924/11/08
MS	NL-186	New ERD	1935/12/10 (change R.F. to F)
JB	NL-191.02	New ERD,also for listing	1912/07/25 (change R.F. to F)
MS	NL-192.012	New LRD	1919/10/09
BS	NL-200	New LRD	1929/12/06
MS	NT-9crb	New LRD	1944/06/26

New Reports from Brian Stalker

**RAILWAY POST OFFICE
LETTER BILL.**

Stamp of _____

From _____
For _____
Date _____ 18

Stamp of _____

Dispatching Clerk. _____
Clerk in Charge. *Doyle*

Receiving Office. _____
Unpaid _____ Cents.
No. _____ Registered Letters.

Registered No.	NAME.	PLACE.	WHERE SENT BY RECEIVING CLERK.
1	<i>Reg. Pkg. Lou. & Sea. Falls, Wis.</i>		
2			
10			

114½ A.—800,000-21-7-'96.

On a post office form as usual is this **new late date** for **ON-149.01**, GODERICH / & / BRANTFORD , which also gives us the specific 14mm tall & 39 mm wide measurements to improve the catalogue description. Current data suggests that the two hammers were used consecutively. The accompanying **ON-150**, GODERICH & BRANTFORD / · M.C. · , E, SP 18, 97 , reveals the date.



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ON-370, TRAIN N° / OTT. & DEPOT · H'B'R. R.P.O. , 52, AP 18, 07 , is a new **early date**.

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ON-475.04, PORT HOPE & TORONTO R.P. O / N° 4 , 23, DE 19, 06 , is a new **early date** for this briefly used hammer.



New Reports from Brian Stalker



ON-630.01, G. T. R - T. & K / _ N^o - 1 _ , blank, 0, 75 , is a new **early date for this hammer**, which was used on the Toronto & Kingston run. Brian also reports another early date, 1875/12/01, hammer unknown, for **ON-630**, which will now be the **ERD for the listing**.



ON-630.03, G. T. R - T. & K / _ N^o 3 _ , EAST, FE 2, 81 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



ON-714.01, TORONTO & MIDLAND · R.P.O. / N^o 1 , 42, DE 1, 19 , is a new **late date** for both the hammer and the listing.



ON-718, TORONTO & MONTREAL · R.P.O. / N^o 9 , N, JAN 14, 11 , is the first report of an **N** indicium for the sole hammer of the listing. It stands for **NIGHT** in this case.



ON-716.07, TOR. & MONT. G.T.R. / 7 , 3E, JA 13, 90 , (with year date error "90" instead of 91), is a new **early date** for both the hammer, which was proof struck on December 9, 1890, as well as the listing.



ON-722, TOR. & MONT. R.P.O. / . , 10, JUN 17, 48 , is the first report of **train number 10** for this listing, which awaits a hammer study.



ON-737, TORONTO & NORTH BAY M.C. G.T.R / N^o 3 , 40, AP 13, 16 , is the first report of **train number 40** for the only hammer of the listing.



ON-740.041, TORONTO & NORTH BAY R.P.O. / N^o 4 , 68, AP 7, 05 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



ON-740.06, TORONTO & NORTH BAY R.P.O. / N^o 6 , 46, MY 2, 09 , is the first report of **train 46** for the hammer.

ON-811.04, TOR. & SAR. M.C. / N^o 4 , E, NO 19, 97 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



ON-811.05, TOR. & SAR. M.C. / N^o 5 , E, FE 5, 98 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



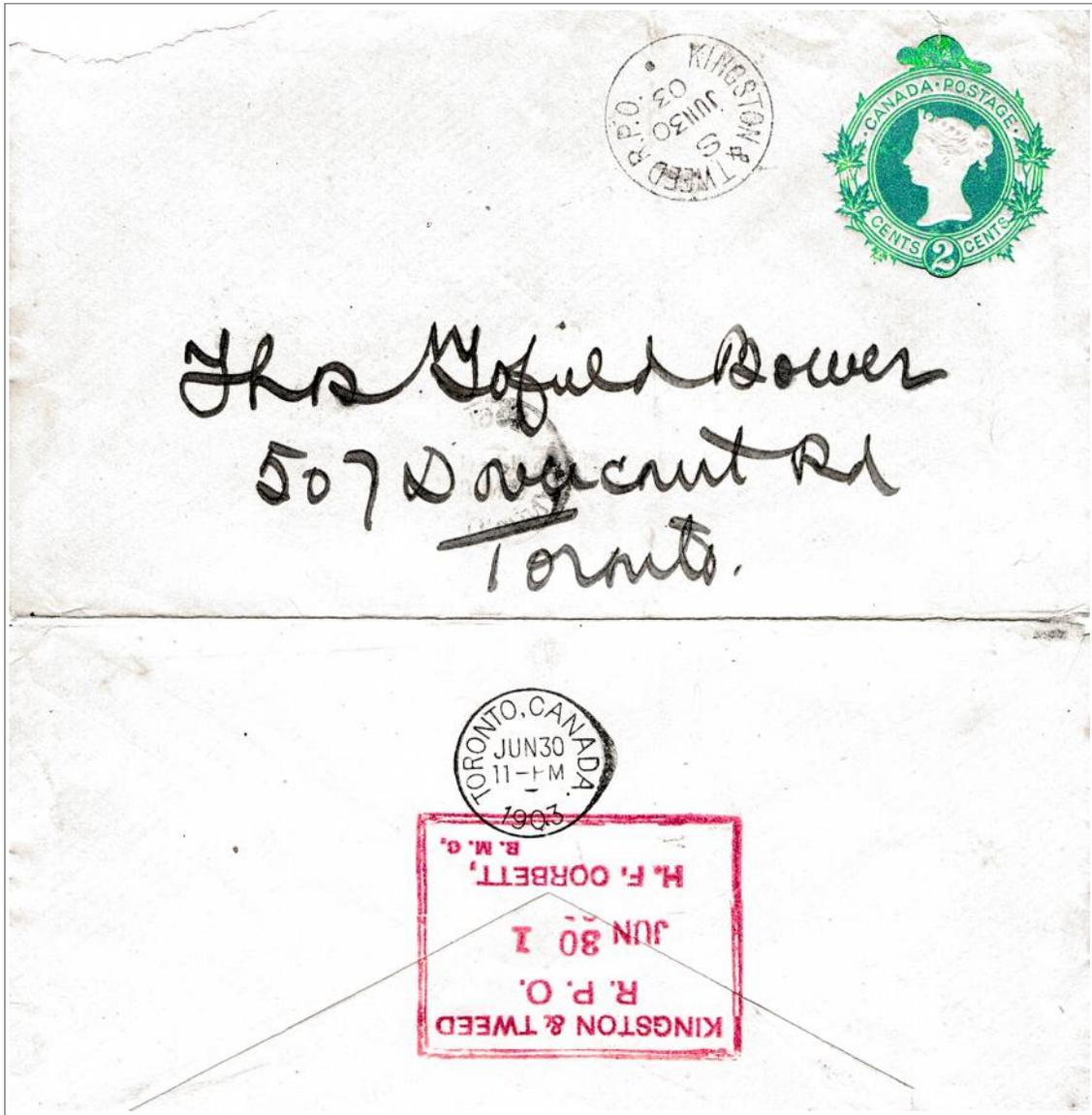
ON-811.05, TOR. & SAR. M.C. / N^o 5 , 36, SP 7, 93 , is a new **late date** and the first report of **train 36** for the hammer.



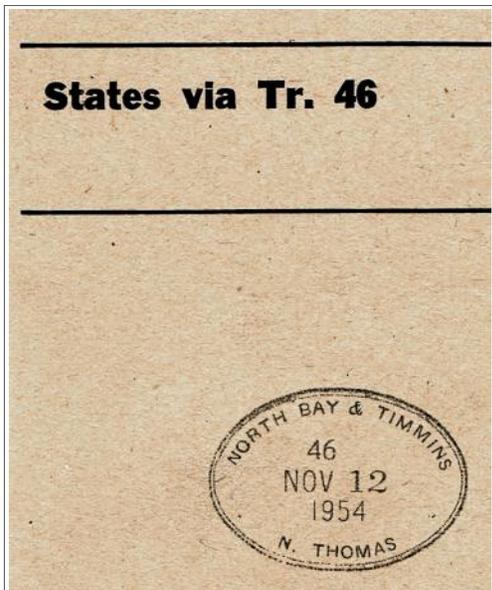
ON-811.06, TOR. & SAR. M.C. / N^o 6 , 18, FE 12, 15 , is the first report of **train 18** for the hammer.



New Reports from Brian Stalker



Brian shares this exhibit piece with a **new early date** for **ON-228.01**, KINGSTON & TWEED R.P.O. / . , S, JUN 30, 03 and on the back in red, is the **earliest known date** for **ON-229**, KINGSON & TWEED / R.P.O. / H. F. CORBETT, / R.M.C. , JUN 30, 1 , which allows us to correct the punctuation of the listing.



On a two cent Admiral, is a **new late date** for the hammer and listing, **ON-33.02**, BLENHEIM & SARNIA · R.P.O. / . , N, AU15, 14.

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Struck in black on a facing slip is a **new early date** and unrecorded **train number 46** for **ON-358**, NORTH BAY & TIMMINS / N. THOMAS , 46, NOV 12, 1954. The R.F. changes to "F".

Catalogue Corrections and Additions from Jack Brandt

- QC-394.03, QUEBEC & CHICOUTIMI · R.P.O. / . , a new **early date**, 1935/05/17, hammer and listing.
- ON-2, ALL. & MEA. BCH. R^Y / M.C. , a new **early date**, 1890/10/26. (Proof date - 1890/05/26)
- ON-3, ALL. & MEA. / · R.P.O. · , a new **late date**, 1954/04/23.
- ON-4.01, ALL. & PENETANG / M.C. , a new **late date** for the hammer, 1900/10/02.
- ON-6, ALL. & PEN. R.P.O. / . , a new **early date**, 1908/02/18. (Proof date unknown)
- ON-9, ALL. O. & MID. R.P.O. / N^o 1 , new **late date** by one day, 1942/05/29.
- ON-15, BEETON & COLLINGWOOD / · M.C. · , new **late date**, 1904/11/??.
- ON-21.02, BELLEVILLE & PETERBORO / M.C., a new **late date** for both hammer and listing, 1931/07/09.
- ON-22.01, BELL. PET. & TOR. R.P.O. / N^o 1 , a new **late date** for the hammer, 1959/09/01.
- ON-22.02, BELL. PET. & TOR. R.P.O. / N^o 2 , a new **late date** for the hammer, 1960/01/04.
- ON-28.02, BLACKWATER J'CT. & MIDLAND R.P.O. / N^o 2 , a new **late date** for the hammer, 1917/12/15.
- ON-29.011, B'WATER JUNCT. & MID · R.P.O. / N^o 1 , a new **late date** for the hammer, 1931/10/22.
- ON-29.021, B'WATER JUNCT. & MID · R.P.O. / N^o 2 , a new **late date** for the hammer, 1946/01/11.
- ON-29.023, B'WATER JUNCT & MID · R.P.O. / N^o 2 , a new **early date** for the hammer, 1947/03/12.
- ON-29.023, B'WATER JUNCT & MID · R.P.O. / N^o 2 , a new **late date** for the hammer and listing, 1958/05/12.
- ON-31.01, BLACKWATER JCT. & ORILLIA · R.P.O. / N^o 1 , a new **late date** for the hammer, 1921/12/31.
- ON-36, BRANTFORD & F^I · ERIE / · M.C. · , a new **late date**, 1898/07/16.
- ON-40, BRIDGEBURG & GODERICH R.P.O. / . , a new **train number**, 220, dated 1917/05/28.
- ON-47, BRIDGE & LONDON / · R.P.O. · , a new **late date** by one day, 1931/09/16.
- ON-59.01, TRAIN N^o / · BROCK. & OTT. R.P.O. · , a new **late date** for the hammer, 1910/06/04.
- ON-66, BROCKVILLE & WESTPORT / M.C. , a new **late date**, 1908/11/26.
- ON-89.02, CORNWALL & OTTAWA · R.P.O. / . , PM, SP23, 22, the first report a **PM** indicium and new **late date**.
- ON-97, FT. ERIE NO. & BRANT. / R.P.O. , a new **early date**, 1932/01/25.
- ON-99, FT. ERIE. NO. & ST. T. / R.P.O. , a new **early date**, 1932/06/21.
- ON-102.01, FT. FR. & WPG. R.P.O. / N^o 1 , a new **late date** for the hammer, 1961/04/24.
- ON-102.02, FT. FR. & WPG. R.P.O. / N^o 2 , a new **late date** for the hammer, 1962/05/23.
- ON-106.02, FORT WILLIAM & WINNIPEG R.P.O. / N^o 2 , a new **early date** for the hammer, 1908/06/27.
- ON-106.06, FORT WILLIAM & WINNIPEG R.P.O. / N^o 6 , a new **early date** for the hammer, 1905/06/30.
- ON-106.071, FORT WILLIAM & WINNIPEG R.P.O. / N^o 7 , a new **late date** for the hammer, 1912/07/26.
- ON-109.03, FT. WM. & WP'G. R.P.O. / N^o 3 , a new **early date** for the hammer, 1927/08/08.
- ON-109.04, FT. WM. & WP'G. R.P.O. / N^o 4 , a new **late date** for the hammer, 1964/05/12 and **new tr. 7**.
- ON-109.07, FT. WM. & WPG. R.P.O. / N^o 7 , a new **late date** for the hammer, 1956/03/05.
- ON-109.09, FT. WM. & WPG. R.P.O. / N^o 9 , a new **early date** for the hammer, 1935/11/16.
- ON-110, FT. WM. & WP'G R.P.O. / TR. NO. 8 , **first report of train 18** (1955/07/05).
- ON-152, GRAVENHURST & NORTH · BAY · M.C. G.T.R. / N^o 1 , a new **early date**, 1894/01/13.
- ON-154.011, G' LPH. & G' RCH. R.P.O. / N^o 1 , a new **early date** for the hammer and listing, 1908/09/12.
- ON-154.011, G' LPH. & G' RCH. R.P.O. / N^o 1 , the first report of **train 637**, 1916/06/24.
- ON-154.012, G' LPH. & G' RCH. R.P.O. / N^o 1 , the first report of **train 637**, 1927/01/22.
- ON-179.01, HAM. & O'SOUND / R.P.O. , the first report of **train 181**, 1947/09/22, for the hammer and listing.

Catalogue Corrections and Additions from Jack Brandt



This is the **first report of train 59** for both the listing and hammer, **ON-167.031**, HAMILTON & MEAFORD R.P.O. / N^o 3, 59, JA 31, 12. The “69” train number in the catalogue is likely a misreading of this very rare train and will be deleted pending any reports.



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ON-181, HAM. & OWEN SOUND / R.P.O. , a new **early date**, 1949/03/11, the day after the proof date!

ON-181, HAM. & OWEN SOUND / R.P.O. , a new **late date**, 1959/05/06.



ON-211.022, HARRISBURG & SOUTHAMPTON M.C. / N^o 2 , 19, ?Y, 97, the **first train number**, 19, for the listing and hammer. (It is unusual to see train number indicia on 19th Century cancellations.) The month could be “MY” but is more likely “JY”. The new **early date for the hammer** will be catalogued as 1897/07/31.

ON-222, KINGSTON & RENFREW / R.P.O. , the **first report of train 613**.

ON-223.02, KING. & SH. LAKE / M.C. , a new **late date** for the hammer, 1911/06/19.

ON-230, LINDSAY & HALIBURTON / M.C. , the **first report of train 390**, dated 1916/10/30.

ON-250.01, LONDON & OWEN SOUND · R.P.O. / . , a new **late date** for hammer and listing, 1939/11/17.

ON-259, LONDON & SARNIA R.P.O. / . , a new **early date**, 1904/05/16.

ON-260, LONODN & SARNIA R.P.O. / . , the **first report of train/direction indicium, T2E**.

ON-278.01, LONDON & WALKERVILLE · R.P.O. / . , a new **late date** for the hammer, 1914/11/12.

ON-278.02, LONDON & WALKERVILLE · R.P.O. / . , a new **early date** for the hammer, 1928/12/27.

ON-284, LON. & WIND. R.P.O. / . , a new **late date**, 1931/10/28.

ON-298, N. FALLS AND HAM · R.P.O. / . , a new **early date**, 1918/03/??.

ON-304, TRAIN N^o / N. BAY & COCHRANE · R.P.O. , a new **late date**, 1935/02/18.

ON-309, NORTH BAY & COCHRANE R.P.O. / — , a new **early date**, 1934/02/22.

ON-309, NORTH BAY & COCHRANE R.P.O. / — , a new **late date**, 1934/12/14.

ON-325, N. BAY & FT. WILLIAM / R.P.O. , a new **early date**, 1948/05/02.

ON-339.03, N. BAY & S. S. MARIE R.P.O. / N^o 3 , a new **early date**, 1902/07/02.

ON-339.04, N. BAY & S. S. MARIE R.P.O. / N^o 4 , a new **late date** for hammer and listing, 1908/09/23.

ON-344, NORTH BAY & SOO / R.P.O. , the **first report of train number 29**, 1947/09/01.

ON-344, NORTH BAY & SOO / R.P.O. , a new **late date**, 1963/10/25.

ON-350, NORTH BAY & TIMMINS / R.P.O. , the **first report of train number 200**, 1944/12/21.

ON-350, NORTH BAY & TIMMINS / R.P.O. , the **first report of train number 2**, 1948/11/03.

ON-350, NORTH BAY & TIMMINS / R.P.O. , the **first report of train number 51**, 1954/12/17.

WT-381.021, M. JAW & CAL. R.P.O. / N^o 2 , a new **late date** for the hammer, 1907/09/25.

WT-651, RES & WOL. / L. T. Rees , there is **no period** after “RES”.

WT-897.10, WINNIPEG & MOOSE JAW R.P.O. / N^o 10 , a new **late date** for the hammer, 1924/08/21.

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Ron Barrett reports a new **late date for the hammer, RY-179.01**, T. G. & B. R / _ N^o - 1 _ , NORTH, OC 15, 81. The postcard travelled from Markdale to Owen Sound on the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway.

RY-47 Hammer Study Update

The editor found an old photo copy of a page from Gerry Welburn's collection with a postcard mailed from Cobble Hill and cancelled with the **earliest reported date for both the listing and hammer, RY-47.01**, E. & N. RWY / B.C. , S, SP 26, 87. The message reads, "Please send by return E & N Ry 2 boxes Cartridges 45.60 Winchester".



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Brian Stalker reports a new **late date** for the hammer, **RY-47.01**, E. & N. RWY / B.C. , N, JA 16, 01 on a 2 cent Numeral on piece.



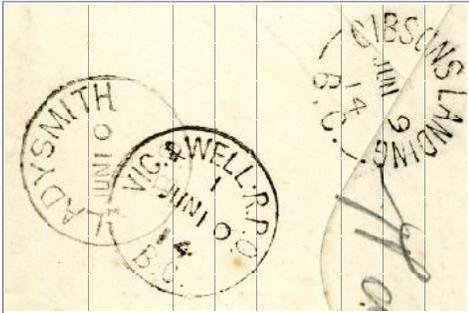
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Brian Copeland shows us a new **early date** and **first report of an S** direction indicator for **WT-829.204**, VIC. & WELL · R.P.O. / -o- B.C. -o- , S , JUL 8 , 12. It was proof struck on April 26, 1912.



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 Brian also has the new **late date** for this hammer, **WT-829.204**, VIC. & WELL · R.P.O. / -o- B.C. -o- , 1 , DE 2 , 16. It is on a cover to Duncan's Station.



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 On a cover to Victoria is this new **early date** for **WT-829.208**, VIC. & WELL · R.P.O. / -o- B.C. -o- , 4, MY 22, 24. It was proof struck on April 2, 1924.



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 This transit backstamp, **WT-830.01**, VIC. & WELL · R.P.O. / B.C. , 1 JUN 10, 14 , on a registered cover from Gibsons Landing to Ladysmith is the **first report of train 1** for this hammer.



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 On a post card to Cobble Hill, this over-inked **WT-830.01**, VIC. & WELL · R.P.O. / B.C. , 3, 23 AU, 16 , is a new **late date** and the **first report of train 3**.

New Reports from Colin Lewis



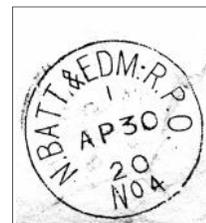
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 Colin reports this new **early date** for **MT-163**, H & P. R / = N. S = , WEST, AP 8, 69 .



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 On a post card, cancelling two 1¢ Edwards, is the first report of **train 50** for hammer, **ON-740.07**, TORONTO & NORTH BAY / N^o 7 , 50, JUL 21, 07.



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 Here we see a new **late date** for the hammer, **WT-64.031**, CALGARY & EDMONTON · R.P.O. / N^o 3 , 524, JUN 24, 54.



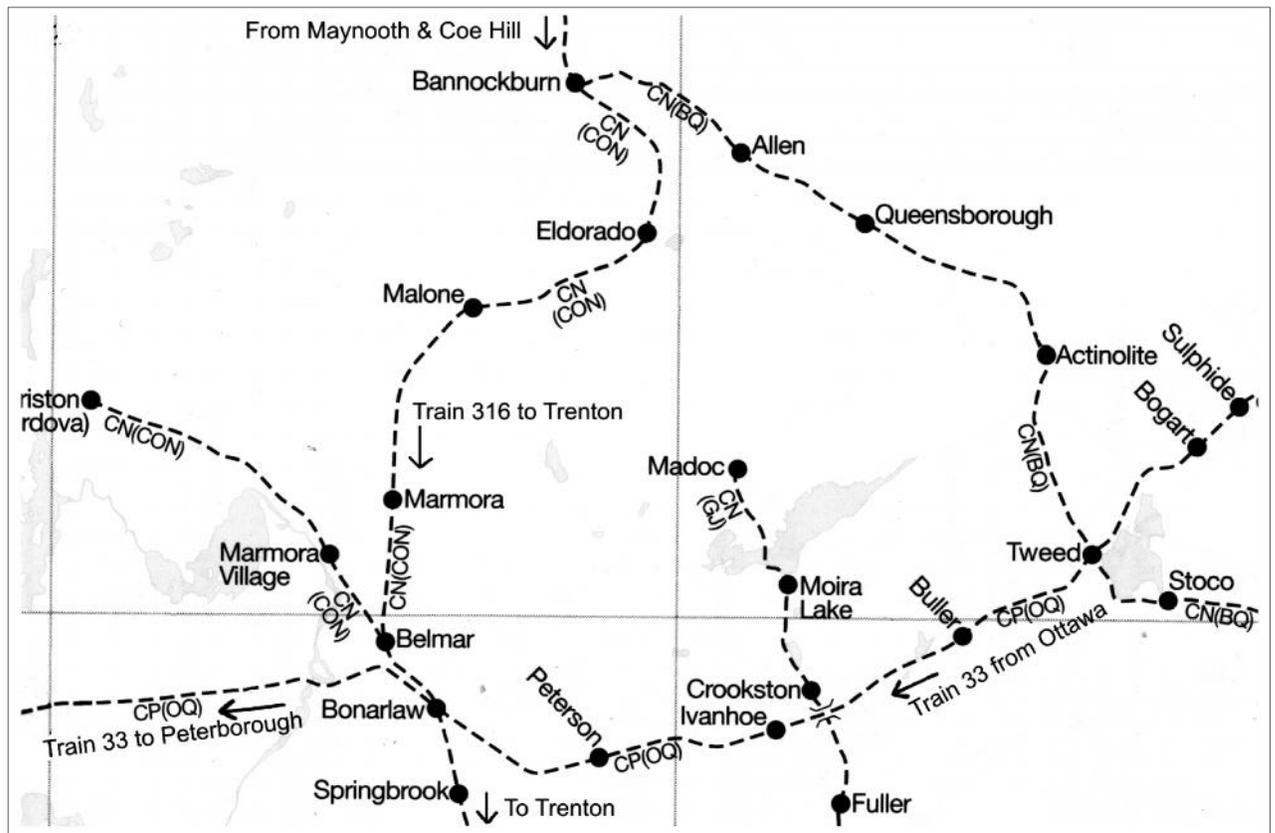
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 This is the **first example of train 1** for **WT-502**, N. BATT. & EDM : R.P.O. / N^o 4. It is a transit backstamp on a registered cover returned to Prince Albert as an undelivered item.

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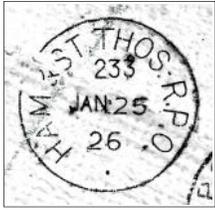
Colin also reports a new train number for **ON-867**, TRENT. & MAY. R.P.O. / N^o 2. , 316, MY 2, 28. The postmark appears as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from Coe Hill to Peterborough. The letter travelled southbound on C.N.R. train 316 with the Trenton & Maynooth R.P.O. It probably left the R.P.O. at Marmora at 12:30 PM, and would then have travelled eastward by road to Madoc, from where it then had to travel southward by road the following day, to Ivanhoe, to be transferred at 3:19 AM to west-bound C.P.R. train 33 with the Toronto & Ottawa R.P.O. for delivery to Peterborough.

I thought that it was illogical that the cover would not have been transferred at **Bonarlaw**, where the two railways crossed but **Chris Anstead** pointed out that the railway station agent would not have had authority to secure registered mail and the post office in Bonarlaw, population 50, would not have had the facilities to do so. Madoc was the largest post office in the area and the 1917 postal guide indicates 55 trips per week to railway stations to meet trains.



New Reports from Colin Lewis

On a registered cover from Port Dover to England, this transit backstamp of **ON-201**, HAM. & ST. THOS. R.P.O. / . , 233, JAN 25, 26 , is a new **early date** and the **first report of train 233**. The hammer was proof struck on January 9, 1926.



The same cover has another R.P.O. transit backstamp, **QC-298.111**, MONT. & TOR. G.T.R. - R.P.O. / N^o 11 , 18, JAN 25, 26 , which Colin correctly noted as being a new **late date** for the hammer and a **new train**. Seeing this unexpected date overlap between the two “N^o 11” hammers, prompted me to re-examine my own collection more closely and I found a **new late date** for QC-298.111 dated 1927/11/16, with train 18.

The distinctive punctuation allows for easy hammer identification.

Ross Gray reports this previously unrecorded clerk handstamp, TOR. STRAT. & LON. / W. E. SPARLING , Tr. 30, SEP 13, 1897 , struck in violet on a pair of 3¢ Jubilees. It is very likely **favour dated** because the run as worded, did not appear until 1926 and train number indicia were unusual in 1897. It will be listed as **ON-842.45**, Type CC3R, R.F. - G.



In an article in the September-October, 2010 Newsletter (*Pages 2201 & 2202*), about various items retrieved from some scrap book pages, we encountered the names of two clerks working on the Quebec & Montreal R.P.O. in the mid-twenties, Eudore I. Bilodeau and J. W. E. A. Courchesne. Now, **Hugo Deshaye** has discovered this cover with a previously unreported clerk handstamp, struck in bright green, which will be listed as **QC-419.55**, E. I. Bilodeau / Tr / QUEBEC & MONTREAL, Type CC3R, 350, MAR 28, 40 , R.F. - G. The clerk, Bilodeau was previously known from listing QC-560.

Tom Ludlow

We have received news of the passing of Tom Ludlow, Lew & Mac Ludlow's son, on August 18. Brian has expressed condolences to his sister Julia and the family on behalf of the study group.

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