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In this issue, **Brian Stalker** shares a transcription of an **1880 Toronto Post Office Report** containing a list of railway mail clerks and supporting staff. There are also new reports and updates from **Jack Brandt** and **Ross Gray**.

The editor includes several new assorted **hammer studies** which he hopes will encourage participation in this interesting aspect of specialised collecting.

This registered cover which is addressed to Brockville, originated at Spencerville on May 23 and was transferred to the northbound Ottawa & Prescott mail car the same day and received an **ON-413.02**, OTTAWA & PRESCOTT RAILWAY / **M**, MY 23, 1867, NORTH, backstamp, which is a new **early date**

for the hammer.

It has an Ottawa transit backstamp dated May 23, in the afternoon. Probably it was returned south the following day on the Ottawa & Prescott Railway in a closed bag for Brockville for transfer to the next westbound Grand Trunk Railway train at Prescott. The Brockville arrival backstamp is dated May 24.



On page 1881 of the May-June, 2005 newsletter, we separated three hammers of **ON-413**, OTTAWA & PRESCOTT RAILWAY / **W**. There was further information including the possibility of an, as yet, unconfirmed fourth hammer on page 2265 of the September-October, 2011 newsletter.

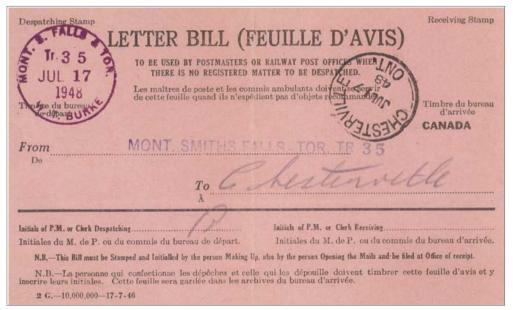
William G. Robinson Award

Congratulations to **Peter McCarthy** as the first recipient of the **William G. Robinson Award**, presented for the best B.N.A. R.P.O. exhibit. Peter showed his "Canadian Railway Post Office Cancellations, 1853-1923" at ORAPEX 2012 in Ottawa, where it received a disappointing vermeil.

We hope that other study group members will be encouraged to exhibit their R.P.O.s at one of the national level shows in Canada next year and compete for this very prestigious and attractive plaque.

New Reports & Updates from Jack Brandt

QC-72.03, LEVIS & MONTREAL - R.P.O. / 3, blank, AU 21, 06, is the first report of a blank indicium. QC-224, MONT. & N. B. / C. J. LEFEBVRE, Tr. 1, DEC 12 1950, is a new early date. QC-270.55, MONT. SMITHS FALLS - TOR. TR 35, Type SL0R, 1948/07/17, R.F.-G, is a new listing. QC-376, QUE & CAMPBELLTON / · EXPRESS · , blank, JY 8, 96, is the first report of a blank indicium.



QC-270.55 + QC-280

ON-19, BELLEVILLE & MADOC R $\forall \forall \forall /$ M.C., N, AP 12, (0)4, is a **new direction** indicium. **ON-121**, FT. WM. & WPG. R.P.O. / FITZROY THEOBALD, 2, SEP 11, 1932, corrects the listing. **ON-174**, HAM. & MEAFORD R.P.O. / J. E. ROLPH, M.C., 62, SEP 20, 3, is **Type CC5R**. **ON-223.01**, KING & SH - LAKE / M.C., N, NO 23, 88, is a new **early date** for hammer and listing. **ON-572**, TORONTO & FT. WM. R.P.O. / G. A. VASEY, Tr. 3, APR 4, 1942, is a new **early date**. **ON-618**, TOR. HAM. LON. H. C. MURDY, Tr. 5, AUG 10, 1938, corrects the listing. **ON-665**, TORONTO, LON. & WIND. / J. F. WITHERSPOON, Tr 18, JAN 13, 40, corrects the listing as originally designated **O-355T** in Supplement 1. Other examples recorded as **O-357Iw** are believed to be in error.

ON-716.012, TOR. & MONT. G.T.R^{\perp} / N^{Ω} 1, DE, OC 1?, 94, is a new **early hammer date**.



New Reports & Updates from Jack Brandt

WT-13.01, BON. & ED. R.P.O. No. 1 / . , 82, VII 22, 55 , is a new early hammer date. WT-59.01, CAL. & CAMROSE · R.P.O. / Nº 1, E, FE 7, 25, is a new early date and direction for the hammer. WT-64.052, CALGARY & EDMONTON . R.P.O. / N^Q 5, 27, SP 27, 36, is a new train number for the hammer. WT-65.05, CALGARY & EDMONTON R.P.O. № 5 / . , 12, JUL 05, 10, is a new late hammer date. WT-91.122, C. & V. R.P.O. / × B.C. × , 61, OC 22, 12, is the first report of train 61 for the hammer. WT-91.134, C. & V. R.P.O. / # B.C. # , 13, JU 28, 17, is the first report of train 13 for the hammer. WT-237.011, GRETNA & WINNIPEG R.P.O. / N° 1, N, OC 5, 06, is a new hammer late date and direction. WT-237.012, GRETNA & WINNIPEG R.P.O. / Nº 1, N, JUN 22, 05, is a new early date for the hammer. WT-250.01, HUMBOLDT & EDMONTON R.P.O. C.N.R. / Nº 1, W, AU 9, 14, is a new late hammer date. WT-272.01, KAM. & S'TOON / R.P.O. No. 1, 10, 30 X, 61, is a new train number and early date for the hammer. WT-272.02, KAM. & S'TOON / R.P.O. No. 2, 10, 12 XII, 62, is a new train number for the hammer. **WT-344.08**, MED. HAT. & NEL. R.P.O. / N^Q 8, E, NO 21, 10, is a new early date for the hammer. **WT-344.08**, MED. HAT. & NEL. R.P.O. / Nº 8, 68, DE 9, 19, is a new late date for the hammer. WT-383.041, MOOSE JAW & CALGARY R.P.O. / Nº 4, 4, AP 6, 18, is a new late date for the hammer. WT-458.01, M. JAW & OUTLOOK R.P.O. / Nº 1, N, AP 26, 09, is a new early hammer date and direction. WT-522.02, C.P.R. NORTH · PORTAL & MOOSE · JAW · M.C. / Nº 2, N, FE 3, 04, is a new early date. WT-523.022, NOR. PORT. & M. JAW R.P.O. / N^Q 2, 315, MR 11, 22, is a new early date for the hammer. WT-562, P. A. & N. B. R.P.O. / M. E. A. MAXIMCHUK, 75, MAY 28, 1943, is a new early date. WT-639.012, REGINA & PRINCE ALBERT · R.P.O. / № 1 , 8, JUN 10, 19, is a new late hammer date. WT-646.012, REST. & WOL. R.P.O. / Nº 1, E, DE 9, 12, is a new early date for the hammer. WT-712.03, SASK. & ED. R.P.O. / N $^{\circ}$ 3 , E, _U 11, 10 , is a new early date for the hammer. WT-712.04, SASK. & ED. R.P.O. / N^{Q} 4, E, DE 7, 10, is a new early date for the hammer. WT-792.01, SWAN RIVER & PRINCE A : R.P.O. / Nº 1, E, SP 22, 19, is a new early date for the hammer. WT-792.03, SWAN RIVER & PRINCE A : R.P.O. / N $^{\circ}$ 3, E, JAN 22, 15, is a new early date for the hammer. WT-793.031, S. R. & P. A.- R.P.O. / Nº 3, 16, JUN 15, 39, is a new late date for the hammer. WT-853, WPG. & BINSCARTH R.P.O. / G. A. ROGERS, Tr. 52, APR 23, 1942, corrects the listing. WT-858.01, C.N.R. W'PEG. & BRANDON / Nº 1, E, AP 12, 04, is a new late date for the hammer. WT-868.02, C.N.R. WPEG. & DAUPHIN / Nº 2., E, FE 27, 07, is a new late date and direction for the hammer. WT-870.021, WPG. & DEL. R.P.O. / Nº 2, 122, SP 28, 37, is a new late date for the hammer. WT-870.04, WPG. & DEL. R.P.O. / Nº 4, 124, FE 15, 45, is a new late date for the hammer. **WT-883.02**, WINNIPEG & HUMBOLDT \cdot R.P.O. / N^Q 2, E, AP 26, 10, is a new early hammer date. **WT-896.01**, W'P'G. & M. JAW \cdot R.P.O. / N^Q 1, blank, OC 12, 04, is the first report of a **blank indicium**. WT-957.011, WINNIPEG & PRINCE ALBERT R.P.O. / № 1, E, JUL 9, 08, is a new early hammer date. WT-957.02, WINNIPEG & PRINCE ALBERT R.P.O. / Nº 2, E, JUN 23, 11, is a new late hammer date. WT-957.042, WINNIPEG & PRINCE ALBERT · R.P.O. / Nº 4, E, AP 19, 14, is a new late hammer date. WT-962.01, G.T.P. WINNIPEG & RIVERS R.P.O. / № 1, blank, JAN 23, 11, is the first report of blank. WT-994.021, YORK. & SASK. R.P.O. / Nº 2, E, AU 28, 11, is a new early date for the hammer.

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ON-84 Hammer Study from Ross Gray

At ORAPEX, Doug Lingard brought to my attention that there was more than one hammer for this scarce late period R.P.O. Expecting two hammers, I was surprised to find three and I hope that other study group members may be able to expand the data.



| Listing | ERD | LRD | Indicia | а | b | c | d |
|----------|------------|------------|---------|--------|------|--------|-------------------|
| ON-84.01 | 1963/05/24 | 1965/06/09 | 4,7,8 | 12 3⁄4 | 16 | 12 3⁄4 | 4 ³ ⁄4 |
| ON-84.02 | 1964/??/23 | 1964/??/23 | 7 | 12 3⁄4 | 15 | 12 3⁄4 | 5 - |
| ON-84.03 | 1964/11/30 | 1964/12/21 | 7,8 | 13 1/2 | 15 ¾ | 12 1/2 | 4 1/2 |
| ON-84 | 1962/11/23 | 1965/12/28 | 3,4,7,8 | | | | |

According to the Ludlow-Robinson records, the proof date for the listing was 1962/10/16 but the available image is so poor that it is not possible to determine which hammers it is. The editor thinks that 4 hammers may have been produced.



ON-303 Hammer Study from Ross Gray

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| N | B. & CHAP / R.P.O. | |
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| a ——— | b | |

| Listing | ERD | LRD | Indicia | a | b | с |
|-----------|------------|------------|---------|--------|-------|----|
| ON-303.01 | 1963/12/?? | 1965/05/08 | 7,8 | 13 | 4 1/4 | 12 |
| ON-303.02 | 1964/05/11 | 1965/05/21 | 3,7,8 | 12 | 4 1/2 | 13 |
| ON-303.03 | 1964/11/17 | 1965/03/07 | 8 | 13 | 4 1/4 | 11 |
| ON-303.04 | 1964/03/08 | 1964/10/28 | 8 | 11 1/2 | 5 | 14 |
| ON-303 | 1963/11/02 | 1965/05/31 | 3,7,8 | | | |

The only recorded proof strike is ON-303.01, dated October 15, 1963. It is likely that the remaining three hammers were produced at the same time.







ON-303.02





ON-303.04

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ON-279 Hammer Study from Ross Gray

We promised in the July-August newsletter to provide the details required to separate the two hammers of this London & Walkerville listing. It operated on the Pere Marquette Railway between Walkerville and St. Thomas and used running rights on the London & Port Stanley Railway between St. Thomas and London.



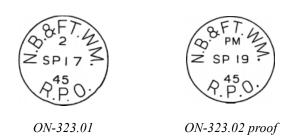


ON-279.01 proof



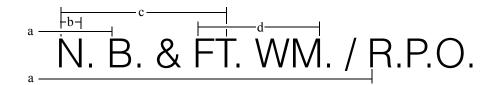
| Hammer | Proof | ERD | LRD | Indicia | a | b | c | d |
|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------------------------------|
| ON-279.01 | 1921/07/06 | 1931/01/08 | 1931/01/08 | 1 | 3 1/2 + | 5 3/4 + | 7 1/2 | 3 ³ / ₄ |
| ON-279.02 | 1921/07/06? | 1921/08/15 | 1931/07/15 | 1,4 | 4 | 6 ½ + | 8 - | 3 1/4 |
| ON· | -279 | 1921/08/15 | 1931/11/04 | 1,4 | | | | |

ON-323 Hammer Study from Ross Gray



The position of the period after the "P" is uncertain for ON-323.01.

The period after the "M" of ON-323.02 seen on the proof strike is usually not apparent.



| Hammer | Proof | ERD | LRD | Indicia | a | b | c | d |
|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|-----|------|--------|
| ON-323.01 | unknown | 1945/09/17 | 1952/10/09 | 1,2 | 13 ³ ⁄4 | > 2 | 17 ¼ | 15 1/2 |
| ON-323.02 | 1945/09/19 | 1946/11/24 | 1954/10/31 | 1,2,17,18 | 13 | < 2 | 16 ¼ | 15 |
| ON | -323 | 1945/09/17 | 1956/01/14 | 1,2,17,18 | | | | |

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|---------------------|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|--------------|
| | Hammer | | с С. b | с. Г | d | e | f | · / · |
| | ON-340.01 | 6 1/4 | 12 | 12 | 15 ½ | 12 ½ | 17 ½ - | _ |
| | ON-340.02 | 7 3⁄4 | 12 | 11 1/4 | 15 ½ | 12 ½ | 18 1/4 | _ |
| | ON-340.03 | 6 1/2 | 12 1/2 | 11 3⁄4 | 15 | 12 3⁄4 | 18 | |
| | ON-340.04 | 3 3/4 | 11 1/4 | 13 ³ ⁄4 | 18 | 14 - | 15 ¼ | |
| | ON-340.05 | 4 1/2 | 10 ½ | 12 3⁄4 | 17 ½ - | 12 ½ | 15 - | _ |
| | ON-340.06 | 3 1/2 + | 11 - | 12 ½ + | 17 ¼ | 12 ¾ | 14 ½ | |
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| 2 3JUN F | ON-340 | CHLBC | 0N-340.03 | THE HERO | 8.5.5. 28 JAN2 3 FF 35 | 1 lat | 8 S.S. 28 JUL 23 N 32 N 0N-340.05 | ON-340.0 |
| | ON-340 Hammer | 0.02 Proof | ON-340.03 | | W. 08 | | N . 080 | 0N-340.0 |
| H | | | ERD | | N-340.04 | | N-340.05 | 0N-340.0 |
| H (| Hammer | Proof | ERD 7 1915 |) | 0N-340.04 LRD | /16 | 32 0N-340.05 Indicia | ON-340.0 |
| I (| Hammer DN-340.01 | Proof 1915/01/27 | ERD 7 1915 7? 1915 |) 5/04/27 | 2 | /16 /11 | 32 0N-340.05 Indicia 17,18 | |
| | Hammer DN-340.01 DN-340.02 | Proof 1915/01/27 1915/01/27 | ERD 7 1915 7? 1915 7? 1915 | 5/04/27 5/03/26 | 2 | /16 /11 /06 | 32 0N-340.05 Indicia 17,18 17,18 | |
| H () () () | Hammer DN-340.01 DN-340.02 DN-340.03 | Proof 1915/01/27 1915/01/27 1915/01/27 | ERD 7 1915 7? 1915 7? 1919 0 1933 | 5/04/27 5/03/26 9/11/02 | 2 | /16 /11 /06 /12 | <i>32</i> <i>0N-340.05</i> Indicia 17,18 17,18 5,17,18,28 | |
| | Hammer DN-340.01 DN-340.02 DN-340.03 DN-340.04 | Proof 1915/01/27 1915/01/27 1915/01/27 1924/09/09 | ERD 7 1915 7? 1915 7? 1919 9 1933 9 1930 | 5/04/27 5/03/26 9/11/02 3/09/19 | 2 | /16 /11 /06 /12 /19 | 32 0N-340.05 Indicia 17,18 17,18 5,17,18,28 7,8,27,28 | |
| | Hammer DN-340.01 DN-340.02 DN-340.03 DN-340.04 DN-340.05 | Proof 1915/01/27 1915/01/27 1915/01/27 1924/09/09 1926/03/19 1936/01/31 | ERD 7 1915 7? 1915 7? 1919 9 1933 9 1930 1939 | 5/04/27 5/03/26 9/11/02 3/09/19 0/06/01 | 2W-340.04 LRD 1923/08 1925/05 1954/07 1963/03 1937/11 | /16 /11 /06 /12 /19 /10 | 20N-340.05 Indicia 17,18 17,18 5,17,18,28 7,8,27,28 18,27,28 | 7,428 |

ON-340 Hammer Study from Ross Gray

The catalogue states that "E" and "W" direction indicia were used but this use is very unlikely.

ON-344 Hammer Study from Ross Gray

a_NORTH BAY & SOO / R.P.O.

| Hammer | Proof | ERD | LRD | Indicia | а | b | с |
|-----------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------------|-------|-----|-------|
| ON-344.01 | 1937/12/22 | 1938/01/14 | 1963/04/13 | 7,8,9,17,27,28,428 | 7 ¼ + | 5 - | 8 |
| ON-344.02 | 1938/07/07 | 1939/07/18 | 1963/10/25 | 8,10,17,27,28,29,31,428 | 8 1/4 | 4 + | 7 - |
| ON-344.03 | 1963/05/11 | 1963/07/10 | 1963/07/10 | 428 | 9 ½ | 4 - | 6 1/2 |
| | ON-344 | 1938/01/14 | 1963/10/25 | 7,8,9,10,17,27,28,29,31,42 | 8 | | |

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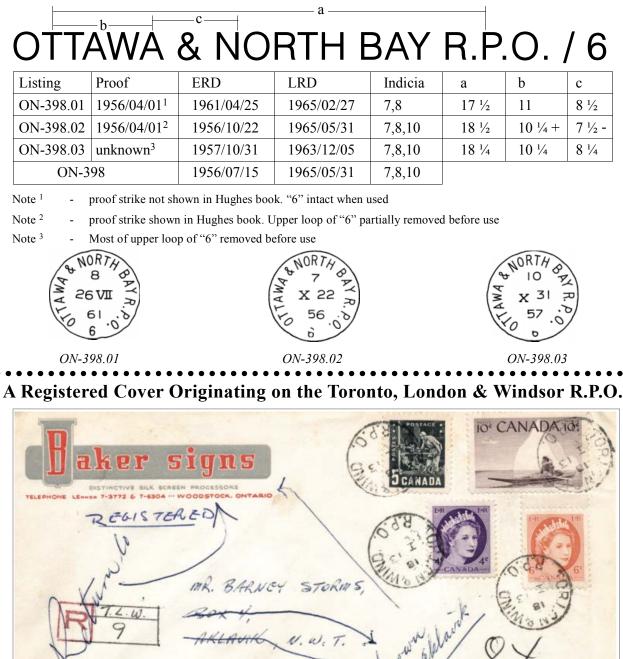


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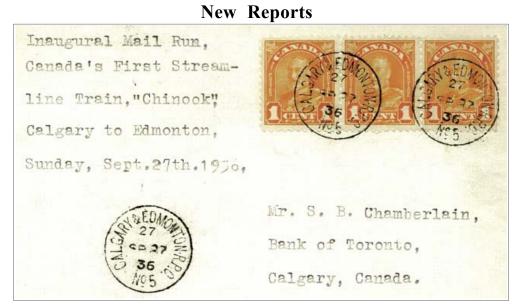
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ON-398 Hammer Study from Ross Gray

This study is based on preliminary work done by Lewis Ludlow and published in the January-February, 1980 issue of Topics.



The unusual stamps, as well as the unlikely addressee and destination, strongly suggest that this cover is a philatelic creation. I am guessing that the sender deliberately deposited the cover in the station platform letter box for westbound mail, which was cleared by the R.P.O. clerk on train 9 (hence the "9" tracking number) at 3:00 AM on January 13. The clerk set it aside for special treatment until the return trip on eastbound train 18, which stopped again at Woodstock at 5:09 PM. He cancelled the stamps with **ON-659.01**, TOR. LON. & WIND. / R.P.O. , 18, I 13, *blank*, and sorted it into a closed bag for air transmission to Edmonton. There are January 14 and February 8, Edmonton transit backstamps in addition to a **ON-658.03**, TOR. LON. & WINDSOR / R.P.O. , 10, II 10, 60 and a February 10, Woodstock backstamp. The registration marking will be listed as **ON-663.55**, R] T. L. W. / # , Type RB2, Indicia 18, Period 1960/01/13, R.F. - G. (ON-659.01 and ON-658.03 are new LRDs.)



This interesting commemorative cover from Jack Brandt's collection is cancelled with **WT-64.052**, CALGARY & EDMONTON . R.P.O. / N $^{\circ}$ 5, 27, SP 27, 36 and is the first reported example of train 27 for the hammer.



Ross Gray was pleased to find this new **early dated** example of **QC-384**, QUE & CAMPBELLTON / \cdot LOCAL \cdot / 5 , E.1, JU 8, 93 , struck in violet and used as a transit backstamp on this registered cover from St. Eloi to Montreal. It is also the first report of an **E.1 direction/ train number indicium**.

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