

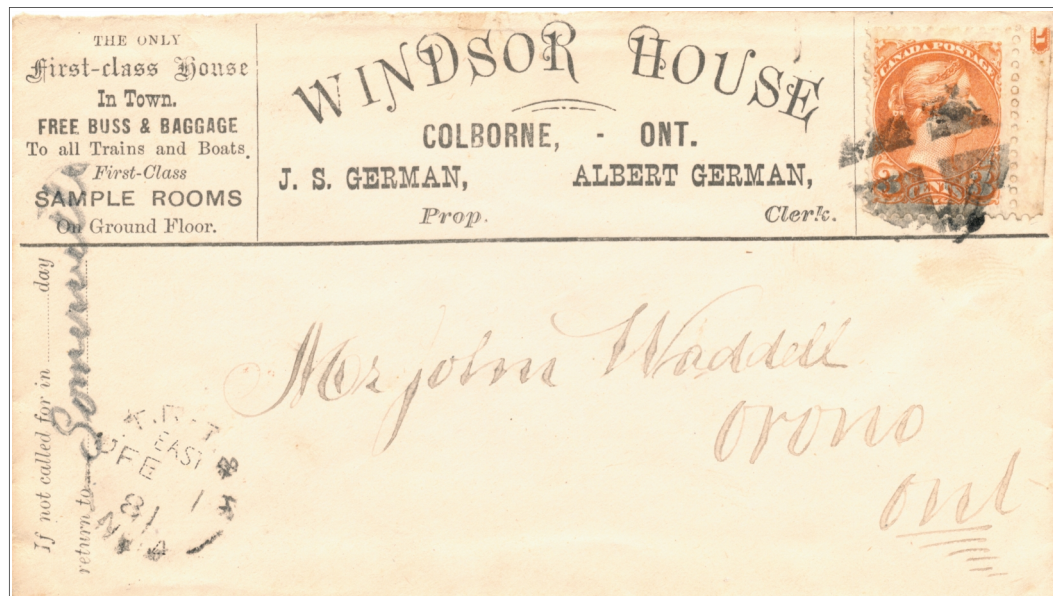
This issue of the newsletter includes Update 8 for the Newfoundland & Labrador T.P.O.s, from **Brian Stalker**. **Ferdinand Belanger** shares information from the Library and Archives of Canada in Ottawa, relating to the sourcing of some of the very early RPO postmark devices. **Jack Brandt**, **Ron Barrett**, **Brian Copeland**, **Ross Gray**, **Rick Parama**, **Russell Sampson** and **Wayne Schnarr** send new date and indicia reports.

2015 Catalogue

The printing files for the 2015 catalogue have now been submitted to **Mike Street** who anticipates having the book available in time for ORAPEX on May 2-3.

Newfoundland & Labrador postmarks are not included in this edition in order to allow **Brian Stalker** to expand the information and include some historical context. This separate Newfoundland & Labrador volume is expected to be available in time for BNAPEX on September 11-15.

A New Toronto & Kingston Late Date



A new **late date** for hammer **ON-630.04**, G. T. R. - T. & K / _ NQ - 4 _ , EAST, FE 1, 81 , postmarks this hotel advertising cover from Colborne, Ontario to Orono. It recalls a time when travelling salesmen arrived by train with their samples and were taken to the hotel by complimentary horse drawn bus. There, in the sample rooms, they displayed their wares and entertained their prospective customers. As these men journeyed from town to town, they would mail postcards to prospective buyers a few days before, alerting them of their impending visit.

Alex Price

We were saddened to learn of the passing of study group member Alex Price on January 18, 2015, in Kelowna, BC.

Alex went to work for the CPR immediately following university and in his 33 year career worked in a variety of engineering positions in Western Canada including the famed Kettle Valley Railway, achieving the position of Deputy Regional Engineer Pacific Region. It is during this time that Alex developed an enduring interest in the Canadian Pacific Railway and Western Canadian history.

Update 8 - Newfoundland & Labrador Updates

collated by Brian Stalker (to December 2014)

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

Reporter	Listing		
BS	NL-21.022	New ERD	1893/10/03
BS	NL-39.04	New ERD for indicum 'B'	1904/02/20
JB	NL-39.07	New LRD for 'blank' period 1	1906/07/17
JB	NL-116.04	New LRD	1904/05/25
MS	NL-156	New ERD	1916/05/05
BS	NL-190.02	New ERD	1921/08/13
ebay	NT-3cr	NEWFOUNDLAND / RAILWAY. / CARBONEAR. New Listing	1899/11/07
MS	NT-4go	New ERD	1918/03/09
MS	NT-5bsj	REID / NEWFOUNDLAND CO. / BRIGUS JCT. New Listing	1916/07/08
MS	NT-6hrq	N. G. RY. / HARBOR GARCE New Listing	1926/10/12
JB	NT-7tyj	New ERD	1942/09/25
BS	NT-9sjt	NF. RY. / ST. JOHN'S / TICKET OFFICE New Listing	1934/08/09
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8	N-15b IV	New LRD	1904/05/25
17	N-37 IV	New ERD	1893/10/03
36	N-59 IV	New ERD for indicum 'B'	1904/02/20
36	N-59 VII	New LRD for 'blank' period 1	1906/07/17
75	N-113 II	New ERD	1921/08/13
82	TS-180cr	NEWFOUNDLAND / RAILWAY. / CARBONEAR. New Listing	1899/11/07
83	TS-184tyj	New ERD	1942/09/25
84	TS-188sjt	NF. RY. / ST. JOHN'S / TICKET OFFICE New Listing	1934/08/09
85	TS-194hrq	N. G. RY. / HARBOR GRACE New Listing	1926/10/12
85	TS-249go	New ERD	1918/03/09
86	TS-250-bsj	BRIGUS JCT. New Listing	1916/07/08
89	S-182a	New ERD	1935/03/06 (1935/03/09 becomes LRD)
90	S-183M	New LRD	1917/??/16
105	NOTRE DAME BAY S	New ERD	1916/05/05

Found in the Public Archives of Canada by Ferdinand Belanger

We are grateful to **Ferdinand Belanger**, a friend of the study group and an accomplished postal historian, for sharing more information uncovered in the Library and Archives of Canada in Ottawa (LAC, RG, Correspondence addressed to the Post Office Inspector for Montreal District) about the sources of the early R.P.O. cancelling devices used in Quebec. He previously contributed substantial similar information on which we based an article, "Gems from the Archives" which appeared in the September-October, 2011 issue of the newsletter.

There were three more relevant letters relating to the early hammers as follows;

1. Entry #751 found in Reel T-1709, Volume 299, E. S. Freer, Post Office Surveyor for Canada East, records a letter dated May 31, 1855, from the PMG's Secretary, W. H. Griffin, authorizing purchase of cancelling devices from the **Boston Hand Stamp Company** in Boston. **This is the first mention of that supplier in the records.**

2. Entry #791, found in Reel T-1709, Volume 299, records a letter dated July 28, 1855, from the PMG, authorizing the ordering of **Montreal & Quebec** cancelling devices from the Boston Hand Stamp Company.

3. Entry #812, found in Reel T-1709, Volume 299, records a letter dated September 4, 1855, mentioning that the handstamps for **Montreal & Quebec** and **Montreal & Island Pond** had been received from Boston. *(The earliest recorded date of use for **QC-236.02**, one of the three hammers, is September 6, 1855. The earliest recorded date of use for **QC-166.04**, one of the three hammers, is September 5, 1855.)*

Ferd believes in light of this information, that the Boston Hand Stamp company made the R.P.O. handstamps from the Fall of 1855 until the Summer of 1859. Listings QC-135, QC-166, QC-167, QC-168, QC-187, QC-188, QC-189 QC-236, QC-241, QC-288, QC-289 and QC-424 show the same type, Gray type DC1. The outer circle is a single plain line.

Around 1860, Berri started to make stamps which were showing a double line as the outer circle, Gray type DC2, as found for QC-1, QC-425, QC-442, QC-443 and RY-176. After that time Berri started to make the broken circle hammers, Gray type OC1.

The editor wonders if the change from these large Boston Hand Stamp Company handstamps, which would have been relatively heavy and expensive because of their size and complexity, to the much smaller, less complex hammers from Berri, was due to cost and ease of use.

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New Reports

Found as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from Castor, Alberta, **Rick Parama** reports a new **early date** for hammer **WT-192.011**, COR. & LAC . R.P.O. / N^o 1 , W, DE 1, 24 .




Brian Copeland reports the first example of **train 5** for **WT-829.204**, VIC. & WELL. · R.P.O. / -o- B.C. -o- , 5, AP 20, 14 .



Ron Barrett reports a new **late date** and direction indicium, "NO" for **RY-214.04**, W. G. & B. R^y / N^o 4. , NO, JU 10, 97 .



Ross Gray reports the first example of a "1" time indicium for **SN-10**, HAMILTON / CANADA. / , 1, AP 16, 11 .

New Discoveries



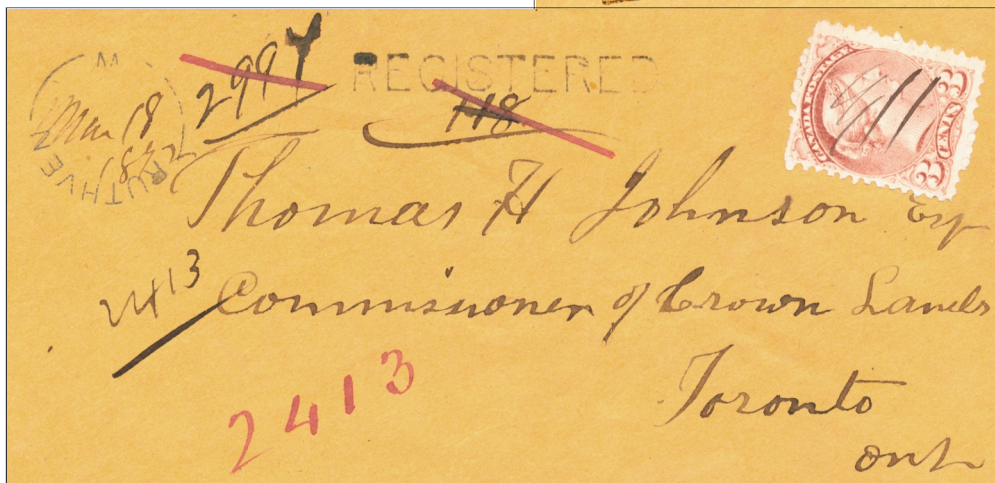
On a registered cover which originated at Loughheed, Alberta, addressed to Nottingham, England, we find a new **late date** for hammer **WT-238.011**, HARD. & WET. R.P.O. / N^o 1, E, OC 2, 14. Judging by the lack of further transit postmarks, the R.P.O. clerk apparently sorted the letter into closed bag registered mail for Montreal.



New Discoveries



This registered cover from Parksville to Victoria, was transferred to the southbound Victoria & Courtenay R.P.O. and backstamped with the regular steel hammer, **WT-811.02**, VIC. & COURT. R.P.O. / B.C., S, AU 30, 28. The R.P.O. clerk also marked it with his rubber handstamp, **WT-815**, VICTORIA & COURTENAY / R.P.O. / P. H. Hardiman, AUG 30 1923, Tr. No. *blank*. The last digit of the year is a “3”, the top of which appears to have been sliced or damaged, making it almost look like a “6”. This is a new **late date** for the clerk stamp.



One of the multiple hammers of **RY-69**, REGISTERED / G. W. R, was modified for use as a registration postmark for use at the Windsor post office, by removing the “G. W. R”. A new **ERD** of what is now catalogued as **RY-69.5**, REGISTERED, appears as a transit backstamp on this registered cover from Ruthven, C.W. to Toronto via Windsor.

New Discoveries



Hunt's Point was located on the Halifax & South Western Railway about half way between Port Mouton and Liverpool. The postmaster there failed to cancel the stamps, a lapse which the R.P.O. clerk on the westbound train to Halifax remedied with his steel hammer, **RY-87.04**, HALIFAX & S. W. RY : R. P. O. / . , W, AP 3, 20 (April 3, 1920 is a **new early date for hammer RY-87.04** .). Apparently the cover had originally been transferred to the eastbound train to Yarmouth, backstamped with **RY-87.02**, HALIFAX & S. W. R'Y. R.P.O. / . , E, AP 3, 20 , and was then redirected to the westbound train at some point.

Two Periods for QC-478 - Ross Gray

I recently noticed that there is a substantial gap in the periods of use of **QC-478**, RIV. DU LOUP. & LEVIS · R.P.O. / . There are multiple hammers for this listing but the only recorded proof date is September 20, 1910. I would appreciate study group members examining their holdings and reporting any new dates or train numbers.

<u>Listing</u>	<u>Postmark</u>	<u>Indicia</u>	<u>Period</u>
QC-478	RIV. DU LOUP. & LEVIS · R.P.O. / .	E,W,5,33,35,36,45,46,47,135,136	1905/06/04-1931/12/30
		E,W,33	1st Period 1905/06/04-1908/09/11
		35,36,135,136	2nd Period 1925/10/13-1931/12/30

New Reports from Jack Brandt



QC-12, BEECHERS FALLS & DUDSWELL JNC. R.P.O. / . , blank, 8 MY, 09 , is the first report of a **blank indicium**.

QC-14.01, CALUMET & OTTAWA - R.P.O. / . , 420, AP 12, 14 , is a new **early date** and report of **train 420** for the hammer.



QC-14.02, CALUMET & OTTAWA - R.P.O. / . , 422, MY 4, 54 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



QC-19, DRUM & SUTTON - R.P.O. / QUE. , N, MY 27, 12 , is a new **early date**.



QC-35.02, ISL^D · POND & MONTREAL · R.P.O. / 2 , NW, FE 21, 00 , is the first report of the **NW time/direction indicium** for the hammer.

QC-57, LEVIS & CAMP. LOCAL - R.P.O. , W, MR 11, 15 , is the first report of a **W direction indicium**.



QC-59, LEVIS & CAMP'B'TON. - R.P.O./ . , 151, NO 29, 15 , is the first report of **train 151** .



QC-118.02, MALONE & MONTREAL · R.P.O. / . , N, AU 18, 23 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



QC-118.04, MALONE & MONTREAL · R.P.O. / . , N, NO 2?, 23 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.

QC-118.05, MALONE & MONTREAL · R.P.O. / . , 3, 8 IV, 50 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



QC-149.01, MONT. CAL. & OTT. / R.P.O. , 422, SP 16, 38 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

QC-149.03, MONT. CAL. & OTT. / · R.P.O. · , 422, 15 AU, 53 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



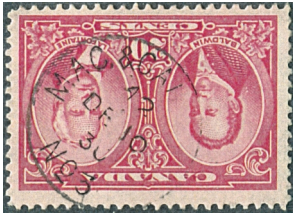
New Reports from Jack Brandt



QC-294.101, MONT. & TOR. G. T. RY / 10 , 19, OC 5, 14 , is the first report of **train 19** for the hammer.



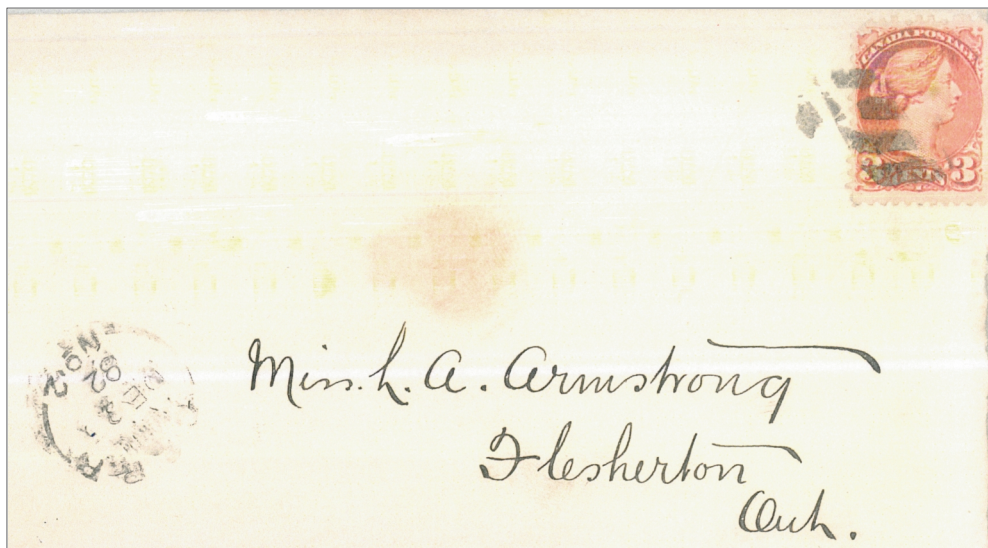
QC-415, QUEBEC & MONTREAL R.P.O. / . , E, JUN 7, 14 , is the first report of **direction indicium E** for the listing.



WT-319.031, MAC. & CAL. R.P.O. / N^o 3 , 42, DE 10, 30 , is the first report of **train 42** for the hammer. It will be listed as the **only second period date** and is much later date than the previously reported April 9, 1920, which will remain as the latest 1st period date. The hammer may have been revived for an extra clerk during the Christmas rush.



RY-179.02, T. G. & B. R / _ N^o - 2 _ , NORTH, DE 19, 81 , is the first report of a **NORTH** direction indicium for the hammer.



RY-179.02, T. G. & B. R / _ N^o - 2 _ , NORTH, DE 25, 82 , is a new **late date** for the hammer. The enclosed letter is dated December 24.

New Reports from Jack Brandt

WT-714.011, SASKATOON & ESTON · R.P.O. / N^o 1 , E, DE 27, 17 , is a new **early date** for the hammer and the listing.



ON-340.06, NORTH BAY & S. S. MARIE · R.P.O. / . , 7, JUN 24, 63 , is the first report of **train 7** for the hammer.



RY-163, QUE. & LAKE · ST JOHN R.WY. / M.C , blank, MR 3, 97 , is the first report of a **blank** indicium.



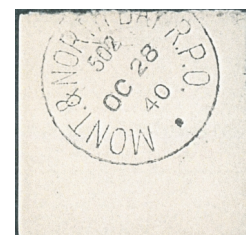
QC-209.10, MONT. & NORTH BAY · R.P.O. / . , 8, AU 31, 37 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.

QC-209.10, MONT. & NORTH BAY · R.P.O. / . , 18, JUL 29, 55 , is a new **late date** and first report of **train 18** for the hammer.



QC-209.10, MONT. & NORTH BAY · R.P.O. / . , 7, MR 12, 42 , is the first report of **train 7** for the hammer.

QC-209.10, MONT. & NORTH BAY · R.P.O. / . , 502, OC 28, 40 , is the first report of **train 502** for the hammer.



QC-209.10, MONT. & NORTH BAY · R.P.O. / . , 1, OC 14, 49 , is the first report of **train 1** for the hammer.

New Reports from Russell Sampson

Russell Sampson, a friend of the study group, reports a new **late date** for **WT-342**, MED. HAT & NELS. R.P.O. / . , E, OC 23, 10 .



Russell also reports a new **early date** for **WT-344.02**, MED. HAT. & NEL. R.P.O. / N^o 2 , W, DE 29, 10 .



WT-880.02, WINNIPEG & GRETNA - M.C / 2 , S, DE 27, 03 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

New Reports from Wayne Schnarr

QC-35.02, ISLD · POND & MONTREAL · R.P.O. / 2 , blank, AU 4, (9)9 , is the first report of a **blank** indicium for both the hammer and the listing.



QC-296.08, MONT. & TOR. R.P.O. / 8 , N.W, MY 2, 01 , is a new **early date** for both the hammer and the listing.

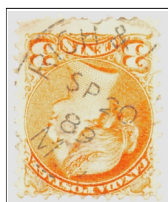


QC-296.113, MONT. & TOR. R.P.O. / No. 11 , 18, AU 8, 49 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



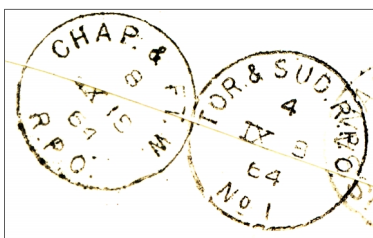
QC-403.01, QUEBEC & DOLBEAU / R.P.O. , 163 20 IV, 59 , is the first report of **train 163** for the hammer.

QC-409, QUE · GARN. JCT. & MONT. / · R.P.O. · , 110, MR 31, 39 , is a new **early date**.



QC-466, RICH. & I. POND. / M.C. , blank, SP 20, 89 , is a new **early date**.

Found as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from Trout Creek to Toronto, is a new **late date** for hammer **ON-744.08**, TOR. & N. BAY. R.P.O. N^o 8 / . , 44, NO 6, 63 .



This transit backstamp of hammer **ON-849.01**, TOR. & SUD. R.P.O. / N^o 1, 4, IX (1)8, 64 , on a registered cover from Missanabie to Toronto, is a new **late date**.

WT-852.01, WPG. & BINS · R.P.O. / N^o 1 , 52, AP 2, 35 , is the first report of **train 52** for the hammer.



WT-876.05, WINNIPEG & EDMONTON / N^o 5 , E, DE 19, 06 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.

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