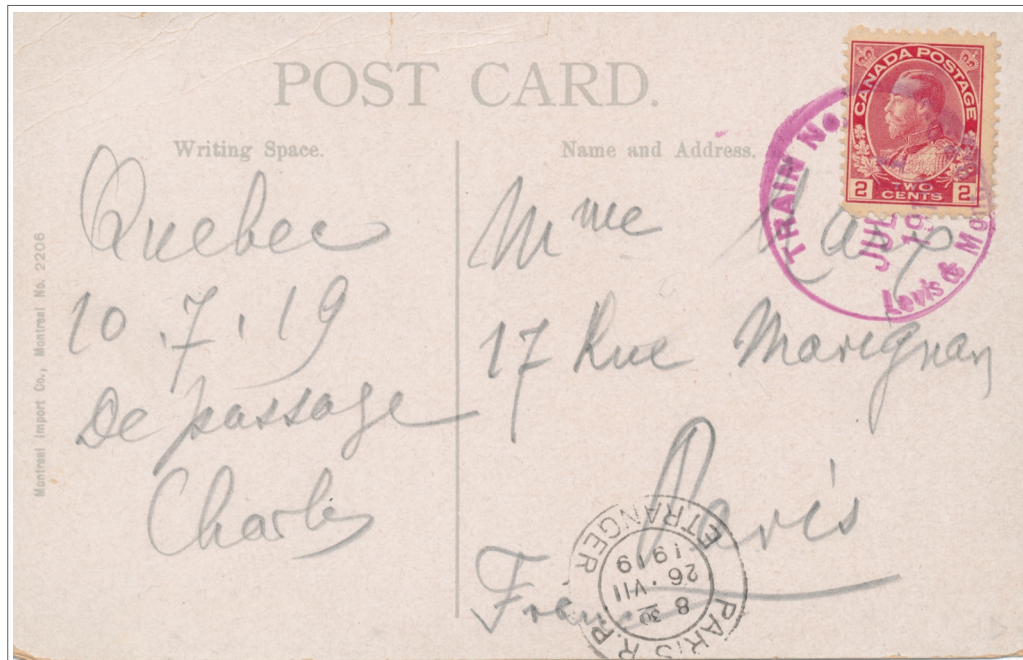
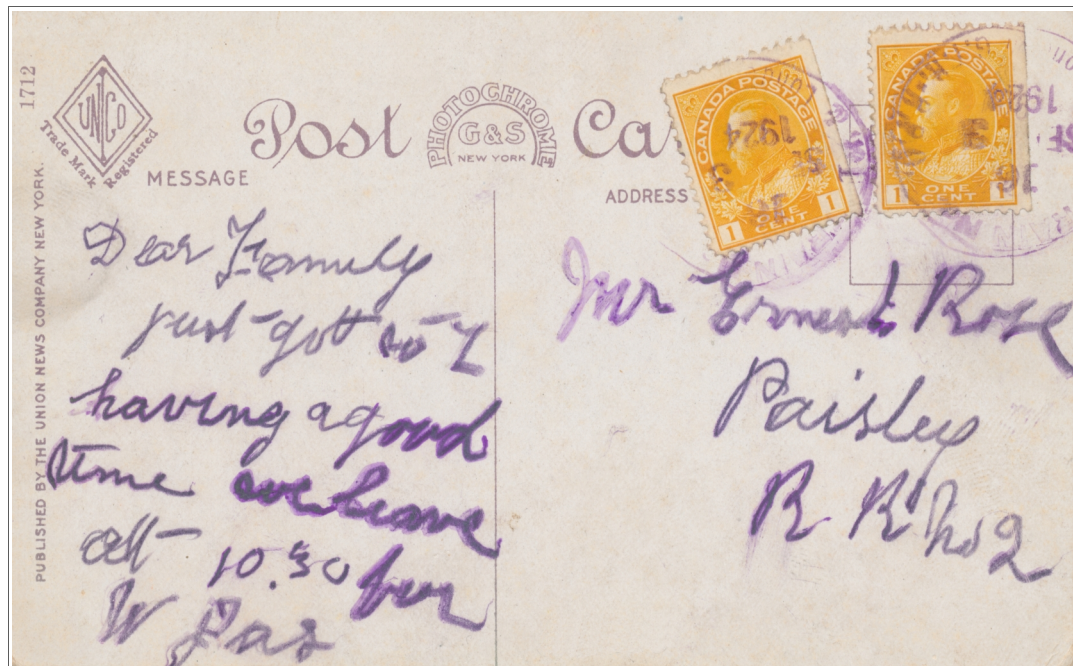


In this issue, we have numerous new reports from **John Aitken**, **Jack Brandt**, **Ross Gray** and **Rick Parama**. **Brian Copeland** reveals exciting new information about the C.P.R. West of Winnipeg hammers, including another removed letter modification! There are also 3 new Ontario hammer studies.

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**QC-78**, TRAIN No. / Levis & Mont. R.P.O. , blank, JUL 11, 1919 , is a new **early date** and the first report of a **blank indicium** for this rare listing which is usually found as a transit backstamp on registered mail.



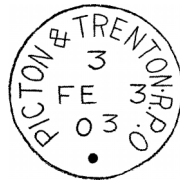
**ON-638**, TRAIN No. / Tor. & London G.T.R. R.P.O. , 16, SEP 3, 1924 , is the first confirmation of **train 16** for this rubber hammer which was intended only to be used for internal post office forms, not as a cancelling device. Train 16 is not known for any other listings for this run.

## ON-457 Hammer Study

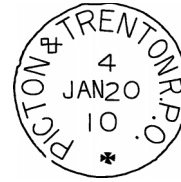


| Hammer    | Proof Date | ERD        | LRD        | Indicia                            | a  | b     | c    |
|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------------------------------|----|-------|------|
| ON-457.01 | unknown    | 1901/03/04 | 1908/07/20 | 1,2,3,4                            | 13 | 6 ½ - | 13 + |
| ON-457.02 | 1908/07/29 | 1908/08/14 | 1921/12/09 | 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,<br>52,53,54,55,56 | 14 | 7 -   | 14   |

*Hammer ON-457.01 has a mid position dot between the 'N' and 'R'. Hammer ON-457.02 has no dot.  
Hammer ON-457.01 has a round dot at the base. Hammer ON-457.02 has a Maltese cross at the base.*

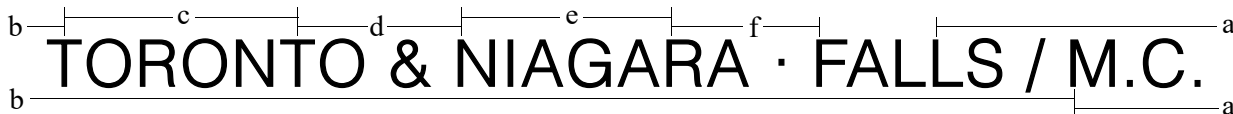


ON-457.01



ON-457.02

## ON-728 Hammer Study



| Hammer    | a    | b   | c    | d   | e    | f   |
|-----------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| ON-728.01 | 14 - | 5 + | 12   | 8 - | 10 ½ | 6 + |
| ON-728.02 | 15 ½ | 5 ¾ | 11 ¼ | 7 ½ | 9 ¾  | 5 ¼ |



ON-728.01

*Proof Date - 1893/04/09  
ERD - 1893/06/30  
LRD - 1901/10/09  
Indicia - E, W*



ON-728.02

*Proof Date - unknown  
ERD - 1897/11/10  
LRD - 1948/12/17  
Indicia - E, W, 2, 11, 11-20, 18, 19-96, 22, 29, 76  
84, 91, 92, 97-20, 101, 102, 107, 108*

## ON-732 Hammer Study

*ON-732.01  
Proof Date - 1920/02/02  
ERD - 1920/05/18  
LRD - 1944/02/22  
Indicia - 7, 51, 71, 83, 85, 86,  
91, 93, 105, 601*



*ON-732.02  
Proof Date - 1945/03/07  
ERD - 1945/04/30  
LRD - 1961/10/28  
Indicia - 83, 93*



## New Reports from Rick Parama



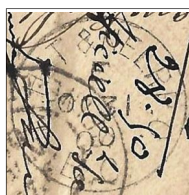
**WT-107**, CAL. & VAN. R.P.O. / M. D. CREIGHTON. , Tr 3, MAR 14, 1913 , is a new **late date**.



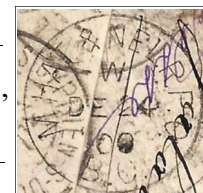
**WT-154**, Cal. & Van. R.P.O. / M. E. Prendergast , Tr. 2, JAN 18, 1950 , is a new **early date** and the first report of **train 2**.



**WT-301**, KEL. & SIC. R.P.O. / E. R. SPENCE , Tr. 707, JAN 18, 1950 , is a new **late date**.



**WT-340.01**, M. HAT & NEL. R.P.O. / B.C. , W, DE 24, 00 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



**WT-340.03**, M. HAT & NEL. R.P.O. / B.C. , E, OC 31, 00 , is a new **early date** for both the hammer and the listing.

Rick has been researching the history of the **Medicine Hat & Nelson R.P.O.** and has discovered the following:

"I have also pinned down the **start date** of the Medicine Hat & Nelson RPO. It began operating September 15<sup>th</sup> 1900. The inauguration of service was noted in the September 13<sup>th</sup> 1900 edition of the *Medicine Hat News*:

**- It is understood that four mail clerks will be put on the Crow's Nest Railway on the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month. They will reside in Medicine Hat.**

Confirmation of the event was briefly mentioned in the September 20<sup>th</sup> 1900 edition of the *Lethbridge News*:

**- A force of mail clerks are now employed on the Crow's Nest trains.**

I have no data if the date stamps were ready on September 15<sup>th</sup> 1900, but I suspect they were. If so **there should be some examples even earlier than OC 31/00.**"

Despatching Stamp

RECEIVING STAMP

### LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS)

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

Les maitres de poste et les commis ambulants doivent se servir de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.

Timbre du bureau de départ

Timbre du bureau d'arrivée

CANADA

From  
De .....

To  
A .....

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 y inscrire leurs initiales. Cette feuille sera gardée dans les archives du bureau d'arrivée.

2 G.—7,000,000—6-9-33

**WT-359.55**, M. H. & N. / T. A. BURNS , 12, FEB 4, 35 , is a new **early date**.



## New Reports from Rick Parama

**M.H.&N.**  
Tr.67  
MAY 22  
1922  
COSMAN

**REGISTERED LETTER BILL.**

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
From **M.H.&N. tr67** for **Yank**

Despatching Stamp. Receiving Stamp.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bills with a total Number of \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Articles. For further entries see Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk Des. \_\_\_\_\_ P.M. or Clerk Rec.

**ADDRESSES OF REGISTERED ARTICLES.**

| No. | P. Parcel,<br>M. P.<br>Money Pkt | N A M E.    | PLACE.      | Where Sent. |
|-----|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1   | *                                | <b>Yank</b> | <b>Yank</b> |             |
| 2   |                                  |             |             |             |

This letter bill has a previously unreported straight line postmark for the Medicine Hat & Nelson run. It will now be listed as **WT-346.55**, M H & N. tr ## , type SL0R, period 1922/05/22, R.F. G . Also present is a second hammer for WT-358 which will listed as **WT-358.02**, M. H. & N. / COSMAN , Tr 67 , MAY 22, 1922 . Normally we would not attempt to differentiate similar rubber hammers but in this case the ampersand is distinctly different in size than the original WT-358 listing, which now becomes **WT-358.01**.

WT-358.01



WT-358.02

Despatching Stamp

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

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

Les maîtres de poste et les commis ambulants doivent se servir  
de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.

Receiving Stamp

Timbre du bureau de départ

Timbre du bureau d'arrivée

**CANADA**

From \_\_\_\_\_  
De \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_  
À \_\_\_\_\_

Initials of P.M. or Clerk Despatching \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of P.M. or Clerk Receiving \_\_\_\_\_  
Initiales du M. de P. ou du commis du bureau de départ. Initiales du M. de P. ou du commis du bureau d'arrivée.

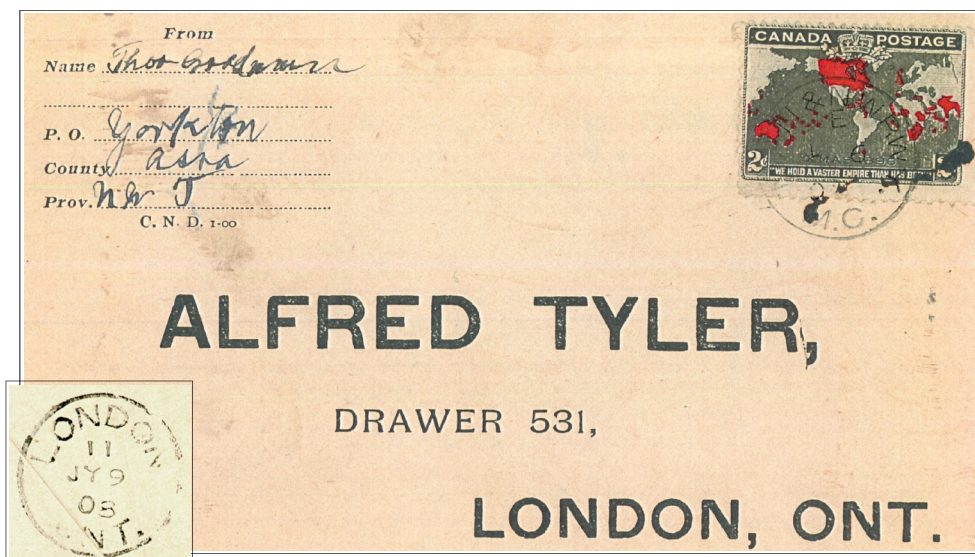
N.B.—This Bill must be Stamped and Initialed by the person Making Up, also by the person Opening the Mails and be filed at Office of Receipt.  
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2 G.—7,000,000—6-9-33

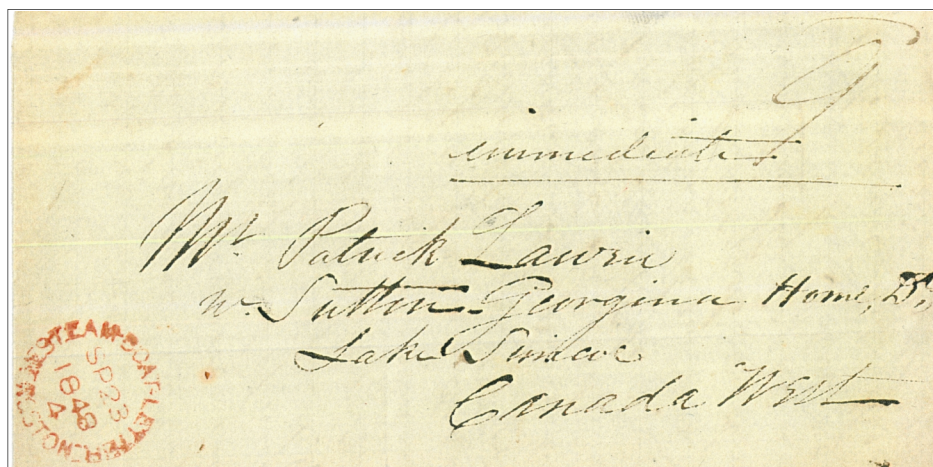
This is the first report of a **new clerk handstamp**, now listed as **WT-358.55**, MED. HAT & NEL. R.P.O. / W.(?) A. WILLIAMS , 12, JAN 7 , type CC5R, period 1935/01/07, R.F. G .



## New Reports from Jack Brandt



**RY-111**, MAN. & N. W. RWY. / M.C. , E, -UL 6, 0? , is **the only 2nd period date** for this hammer. The London, Ontario arrival backstamp reveals the year. I was concerned by the late use of the stamp and the fact that the sender indicated that Yorkton was still in the N.W.T. although the province of Saskatchewan had been created in 1905, but accept it as genuine. Normally one of the three hammers of WT-986 would have been used at the time.



**ON-951.04**, STEAM - BOAT - LETTER / = KINGSTON = , SP 23, 1848, 4 , is a new **early date** for this hammer.



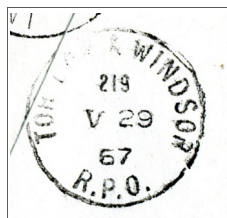
**ON-953.03**, STEAM - BOAT - LETTER / = TORONTO CITY = , JY 2, 1852, 6 , is a **new mid period date** for this hammer.



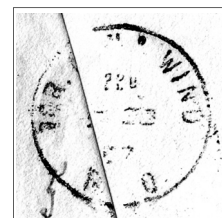
## New Reports from John Aitken



**ON-423**, OTT · & TORONTO · M.C. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 , 49, 26 JAN, 70 , is the first report of **train 49** for both the hammer and the listing.



**ON-658.04**, TOR. LON. & WINDSOR / R.P.O. ,  
219, V 29 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



**ON-659.03**, TOR. LON. & WIND. / R.P.O. ,  
220, V 23,67 , is a new **late date** for both the  
hammer and the listing.



**ON-744.02**, TOR. & N. BAY. R.P.O. N<sup>o</sup> 2 / . ,  
673, OC 21, 68 , is a new **late date** for the  
hammer.



**ON-747.02**, TORONTO & NORTH BAY / · R.P.O. · ,  
676, 18 I, 68 , is the first report of **train 676** for the  
hammer.



**ON-747.02**, TORONTO & NORTH BAY / · R.P.O. · ,  
673, X I, 68 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

## A New LRD for WT-464.55 from Ross Gray



Struck in violet as a transit backstamp, is the second report and new **LRD** for **WT-464.55**,  
MOOSE JAW & SHAUNAVON / R.P.O. / A. WILLISON , Tr. 320 SEP 7 (1925).



## New 'West of Winnipeg' Discoveries from Brian Copeland

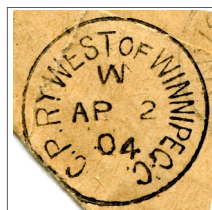


This well inked, complete strike of **RY-30.12**, C. P. R<sub>Y</sub>. WEST · OF · WINNIPEG / B. , WEST, MY 4, 05, shows that **the 'B' has been almost completely removed**, much like its companion hammers, RY-30.31 and RY-32.022. In his original study of the West of Winnipeg hammers in the July, 1985 newsletter, **Lewis Ludlow** indicated that his latest observed date for the hammer, 1905/06/22 with train 96 indicium, was a **partial strike with the base not visible**. Based on this new discovery, we can assume that the 'B' had been removed by that time. The catalogue will be updated as follows;

| Listing   | Postmark                                                      | Indicia       | Period                | R.F. |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------|
| RY-30.12  | C. P. R <sub>Y</sub> . WEST · OF · WINNIPEG / B.              | E,EAST,W,WEST | 1884/05/26-1899/??/?? | C    |
| RY-30.122 | C. P. R <sub>Y</sub> . WEST · OF · WINNIPEG / . ("B" removed) | WEST,96       | 1905/05/04-1905/06/22 | G    |



**Brian** reports a new **early date** for **RY-30.3**, C. P. R<sub>Y</sub> WEST · OF · WINNIPEG / D., EAST, MY 15, 88, in the very rare original first state with the 'D' intact. It is used as a transit backstamp on a registered cover which originated at National Park, Alberta on May 14 and was addressed to Qu'Appelle Station Assa., where it arrived on May 16 ( National Park was open under that name for only a very short time (about 10 months) - it became Banff.) There is also a transit backstamp of **RY-22.01**, C. P. R<sub>Y</sub>. M.C. / BRIT. COL. , E, MY 14, 88.



**RY-32.02**, C. P. R<sub>Y</sub> WEST OF WINNIPEG · C. , W, AP 2, 04 , used as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from Loon Creek, Assa. to Hamilton, is a new **late date** for this scarce hammer in its original state with the 'C.' intact. This example narrows the gap between the original state use and its modified second state with the 'C.' removed (*RY-32.022*).



**Brian** also reports a new **late date** for both the listing and hammer **RY-47.02**, E. & N. RWY / B.C. , N, AU 19, 01 .

## New Reports from Ross Gray



**MT-226**, INVERNESS & PT. TUPPER · R.P.O. / . , E, JUN26, 17 , is a new **early date** for this hammer which was proof struck on April 5, 1917.



**QC-209.08**, MONT. & NORTH BAY · R.P.O. / . , 8, AP 27, 43 , is the first report of **train 8** for this hammer.



**QC-308.012**, MON. & TOR. R.P.O. / 1 , 10, AP 30, 65 , is the first report of **train 10** for the hammer.



**ON-84.02**, CHAP. & FT. W. / R.P.O. , 8, XII 17, 63 , is a new **early date** and first report of **train 8** for the hammer.



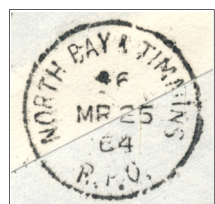
**ON-303.01**, N. B. & CHAP / R.P.O. , 8, 21 X, 64 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



**ON-323.01**, N. B. & FT. WM. / R.P.O. , 2, MR 9, 54 , is a new **late date** for the scarcer of the two hammers.



**ON-323.02**, N. B. & FT. WM. / R.P.O. , 18, FEB 15, 56 , is a new **late date** and first report of train 18 for the hammer.



**ON-344.02**, NORTH BAY & SOO / R.P.O. , 7, NO 30, 58 , is the first report of **train 7** for the hammer.



**ON-350.05**, NORTH BAY & TIMMINS / R.P.O. , 46, MR 25, 64 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



**ON-353**, N. B. & TIM. / R.P.O. , 46, AP 20, 64 , is a new **late date** for the hammer and the run.



**ON-744.09**, TOR. & N. BAY · R.P.O. N<sup>o</sup> 9 , blank, MY 13, 64 , is the first report of a **blank train number** indicium for both the hammer and the listing.



**ON-780.01**, TORONTO & ORILLIA. R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 , 45, JAN 31, 30 , is a new **late date**.



**ON-849.01**, TOR. & SUD. R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 , 4, 5 IV, 65 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



**ON-849.04**, TOR. & SUD. R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 4 , 4, MR 15, 65 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



## New Reports from Ross Gray



**WT-91.142**, C. & V. R.P.O. / ✕ B.C. ✕, 97, AP 22, 09, is a new **early date** for the hammer.



**WT-228.01**, EDMONTON & WEMBLEY · R.P.O. / 1, S, AP 16, 29, is a new **early date** for the hammer.

**WT-337.03**, M. H. & CRAN · R.P.O. / No. 3, 12, 16 VI, 52, is a new **early date** for the hammer.



**WT-344.032**, MED. HAT. & NEL · R.P.O. / No 3, 68, AP 11, 19, is the first report of **train 68** for the hammer.

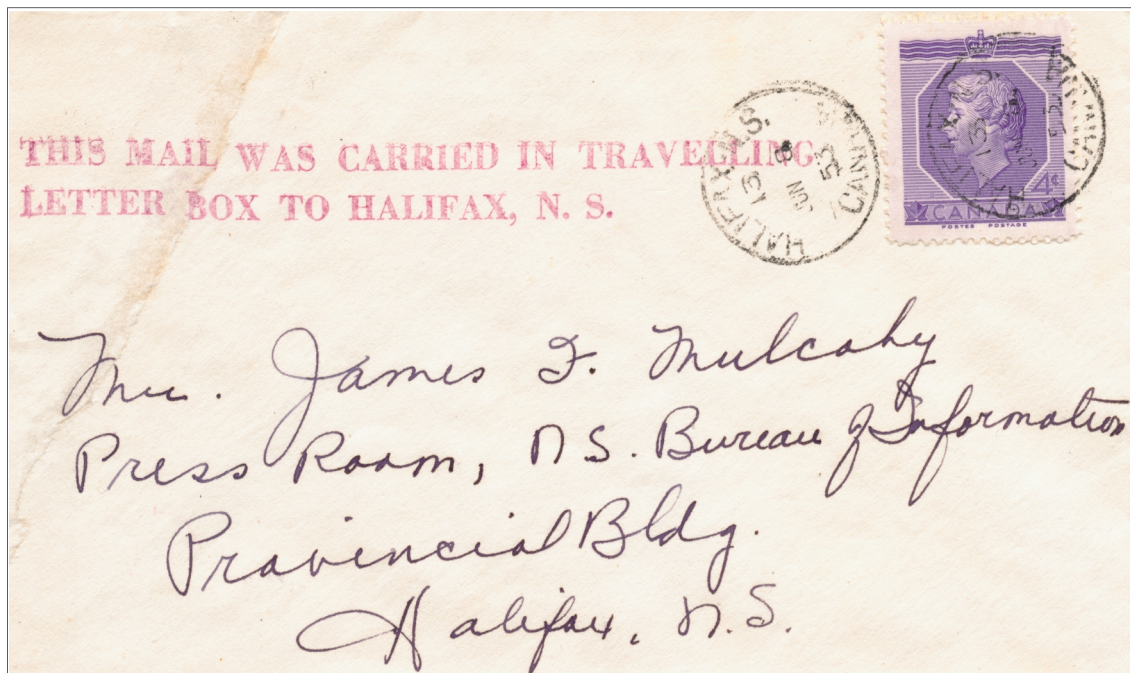


**WT-748.012**, SASK. & PR. ALBERT. R.P.O. / No 1, N, MY 21, 28, is the first report of the 'N' **direction** for the hammer.



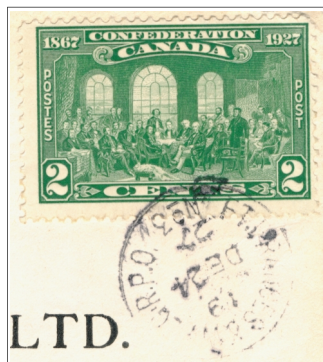
**RY-16**, CAN - CENT. - RWY / \_ , NORTH, AP 25, 82, in a very worn state, is a new **late date**. It is found as a transit backstamp on a Renfrew registered cover addressed to Douglas, Ontario.

**RY-106**, L. H. & B. R / \_ , SOUTH, FE 27, 82, is a new **late date**.



**RY-194.01**, THIS MAIL WAS CARRIED IN TRAVELLING / LETTER BOX TO HALIFAX, N. S. , ( HALIFAX / CANADA , 13, JUN 8, 53) is a new **late date** for the hammer. There is a Bridgewater return address on the back.

## New Reports from Ross Gray



**ON-101.032**, FT. FRANCES & W'PEG · R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 3 ,  
19, DE 24, 27 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.

**ON-154.012**, G'LPH. & G'RCH · R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 ,  
640, JUL 11, 27 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



**ON-475.01**, PORT · HOPE & TORONTO · R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 , 94, JUN 4, 31 ,  
cancelling a C.O.D. cover from Stirling to Toronto, is a new **late date** for the  
hammer.



Cancelling a C.O.D. cover from Kemptville to Toronto  
is **ON-488**, PRESCOTT & OTTAWA · R.P.O. / . ,  
553, JAN 25, 24 , is a new **early date** for the listing.



**ON-713.02**, TOR. & MIDLAND · R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 2 , 23, OC 16 ,  
is a new **late date** for the hammer.

Found as a transit backstamp on a returned registered  
cover from Grand View, MB to Fox Ford, SK, is the  
first report of a '**W**' **direction** indicium for ham-  
mer **WT-267.031**, KAM. & SASK. - R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 3 ,  
W, FE 19, 27 .



## A Request From Rick Friesen

As a collector of cancellations on the 1898 Map Stamp, I am attempting to put together a comprehensive list of known **RPO CANCELLATIONS ON THE MAP STAMP**. The most recent information in this regard was reported by Lewis Ludlow almost 30 years ago in the RPO Newsletter (October 1987, Volume 16, No.1, Whole Number 66, pg 3-10) and, as far as I am aware, no further update was published. In order to bring this list up to date, please forward to me the following information for RPO cancellations on the Map Stamp that are in your collection.

1. **Listing number** - preferably the current numbering system as listed in the BNAPS handbook "Catalogue of Canadian Railway Cancellations" edited by Ross Gray, although the older Ludlow numbering system is acceptable. Please specify the train number as required (for example, for Island Pond & Montreal, specify QC-35.01 or QC-35.02 etc, not just QC-35).

2. **Indicia** - including train direction (specify EAST or E, T1N, blank etc) and date (please note any errors such as inverted numbers, month preceding day, etc).

3. **Off-cover or On-cover** - if the strike is on-cover, please note whether the strike cancels the map stamp or is a free strike on the front or back cover of an envelope/postcard with a map stamp franking (if a free strike, please note what cancels the stamp, ie a grid killer etc).

4. Any other information that you believe is relevant (for example, if the strike is in blue ink, etc).

If you know of fellow collectors of the Map Stamp who are not members of the RPO study group, please forward this request to them as well. I would like to thank you in advance for your participation in this project - your help is appreciated very much. If sufficient data is collected, the information will be published in a future edition of the newsletter.

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