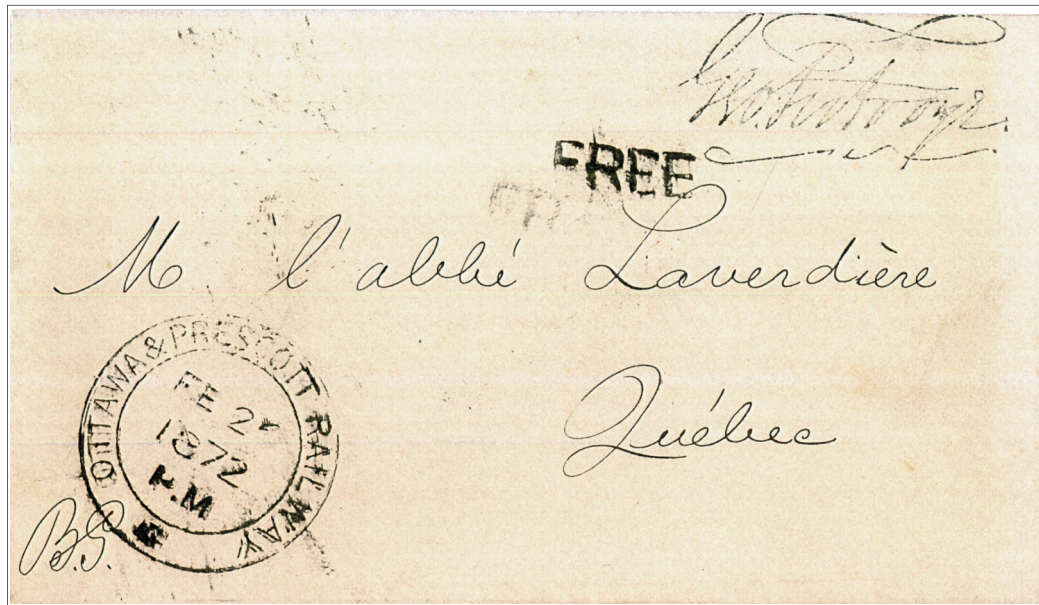



This issue continues with a steady stream of new reports from **Jack Brandt**, **Rob Ferguson** and **Ross Gray** as well as a few new or updated hammer studies.

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**The Missing 4th Hammer Found for ON-413!**



We knew from the archives that the Post Office Department had ordered 4 hammers for the Ottawa & Prescott run on December 7, 1865. Until **Jack Brandt** reported this cover clearly marked with **ON-413.04**, OTTAWA & PRESCOTT RAILWAY / , FE 26, 1872, only 3 of the 4 hammers had been known to have been used. As a result of this remarkable discovery we are now able to complete the hammer study measurements for the listing.

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**First Report for ON-17.04!**

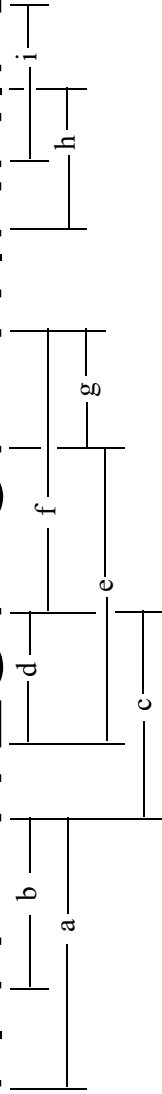


Until **Ross Gray** discovered this example of **ON-17.04**, BEETON & COLLINGWOOD R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 4, 04, NO 30, S, the existence of this hammer was only known from the proof strike dated October 6, 1904.

## ON-413 Updated Hammer Study

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Hammer	Base	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
RY-28.01	1.	8 1/2	5 1/4	8 -	5 1/2 +	10	8 1/4	3 1/2 +	6 -	7
RY-28.02	2.	9	6	8 1/2	6	10 +	8	3 1/2 -	5 1/2	6 1/2 +
RY-29	N <sup>o</sup> 3	7 1/2	5	6 1/2	4 1/2 -	8 +	6 1/2 +	2 1/2 +	4 +	4 1/2 +
RY-30.11	B.	8 1/2	5 3/4	7 +	5 +	9	7	3 -	4 1/2	5
RY-30.12	B.	8 -	5 1/4	7 +	5 -	9 1/4	8 -	3 +	4 1/2	5 1/4
RY-30.13	B.	8 1/4	5 1/2 +	7	5 1/4	9 1/2 +	7 1/4	3	5 -	5 1/2 +
RY-30.21	C.	7 1/2 +	4 1/2 +	7	5	8 1/2 +	7	3 -	4 1/2 +	5 +
RY-30.22	C.	8 -	5	7	5 -	8 1/2	6 1/2 +	3	5	5 1/2 +
RY-30.23	C.	7 1/2	5	7 -	4 1/2	8 1/4	6 1/2 +	2 1/2 +	4 1/2	5 1/4
RY-30.24	C.	8	5 1/2 -	6 1/2	4 1/2	9	7 1/4	3	4 1/2	5 -
RY-30.25	C.	8 1/4	5 1/4	7	5	8 1/2	6 1/2	2 1/4	4	4 1/2
RY-30.26	C.	8 -	5	7 1/2	5 +	8 3/4	7	3	5	5 1/2 +
RY-30.3	D.	7 1/2	5	7	5	8 1/2	6 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2 +
RY-31.01	Local 1	5 1/4	3	6	4	7	5 +	2 1/4	3 1/2	4 1/2 +
RY-31.02	Local 2	5 1/2 +	3 +	6 +	4 +	7 +	5 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2 +
RY-31.03	Local 3	6 -	3	5 1/2 +	4 -	7 -	5 +	2 +	3 1/4	4 1/4
RY-32.01	-C.	7 1/2 +	5 -	6 1/2 +	4 1/2	7 1/2 +	5 1/2	2 1/4	4 1/4	5 1/4
RY-32.02	-C.	8 -	5	7 +	5	8	6 +	2 1/2	4 -	4 1/2

# C. P. Ry. West of Winnipeg - Hammer Study



RY-28.01



\*RY-28.02

*\* Year date error for 83*



RY-30.21



RY-30.22



RY-30.3



RY-31.01



RY-31.02



RY-31.03



RY-30.11



RY-30.12



RY-30.24



RY-30.25



RY-30.31



RY-32.01



RY-32.02



RY-30.26



RY-30.13

*Robert Lane provided the examples of RY-30.13 and RY-32.02.*



## New Reports from Jack Brandt



**QC-171.02**, MONT. & IS<sup>ND</sup> . NIGHT / N<sup>o</sup> 2 , DW, AP 27, 14 , is a new **early 2nd period** for the hammer.



**ON-89.03**, CORNWALL & OTTAWA · R.P.O. / . ,  
20, OC 2, 24 , is the first report of **train 20** for the hammer.



**ON-102.01**, FT. FR. & WPG. R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 ,  
33, SP 28, 62 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



**ON-154.012**, G'LPH. & G'RCH · R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 ,  
640, FE 27, 22 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



**ON-169.01**, HAMILTON AND MEAFORD · R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 ,  
62, DE 19, 42 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

**ON-197.02**, HAMILTON & PALMERSTON · R.P.O. / . ,  
188, JUN 21, 35 , is the first report of **train 188** for the hammer and confirmation of train 188 for the listing.



**ON-197.02**, HAMILTON & PALMERSTON · R.P.O. ,  
186, AU 25, 31 , is a new **early 2nd period date**.

**ON-250.02**, LONDON & OWEN SOUND · R.P.O. / . ,  
174, OC 5, 39 , is a new **late date** and first report of **train 174** for the hammer.



**ON-266.03**, LON. & SOUTH / R.P.O. , 29, AU 3, 51 ,  
is the first report of **train 29** for the hammer.

**ON-287.02**, LONDON & WINGHAM · R.P.O. / . ,  
T2S, NO 30, 18 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



**ON-304.02**, TRAIN N<sup>o</sup> / N. BAY & COCHRANE · R.P.O. ,  
??, MY4, 25 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.

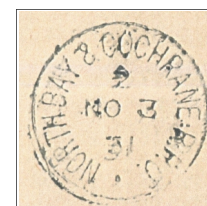
**ON-304.02**, TRAIN N<sup>o</sup> / N. BAY & COCHRANE · R.P.O. ,  
??, FE 18, 35 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



**ON-304.02**, TRAIN N<sup>o</sup> / N. BAY & COCHRANE · R.P.O. ,  
47, AU 20, 34 , is the first report of **train 47** for the hammer.

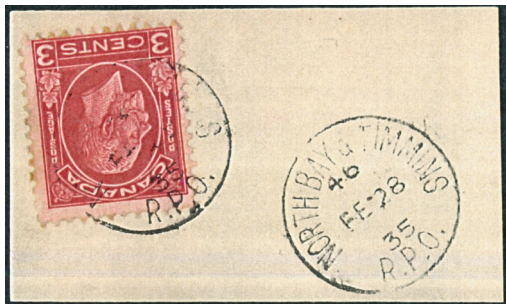


**ON-307**, NORTH BAY & COCHRANE · R.P.O. / . ,  
2, NO 3, 31 , is the first report of **train 2**.



## New Reports from Jack Brandt

**ON-350.01**, NORTH BAY & TIMMINS / R.P.O. , 46, FE 27, 35 , is the **earliest date** for the hammer and the listing.



**ON-350.02**, NORTH BAY & TIMMINS / R.P.O. , 46, FE 28, 35 , is the first reported use of this hammer and the **earliest date**.



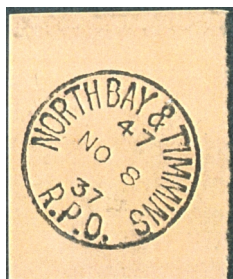
**ON-350.02**, NORTH BAY & TIMMINS / R.P.O. , 46, SP 20, 37 , is the third reported use of this hammer and the **latest date**.



**ON-350.03**, NORTH BAY & TIMMINS / R.P.O. , 46, AP 2, 35 , is the **earliest date** for the hammer.



**ON-350.03**, NORTH BAY & TIMMINS / R.P.O. , 46, AU 20, 45 , is the **latest date** for the hammer.



**ON-350.03**, NORTH BAY & TIMMINS / R.P.O. , 47, NO 8, 37 , is the first report of train 47 for the hammer.

**ON-350.04**, NORTH BAY & TIMMINS / R.P.O. , 51, DE 17, 54 , is only the **second report** of this rare hammer and the first report of **train 51**. Like the ERD, it is also dated in December. It is possible that it was a spare hammer used for the busy Christmas season.



**ON-350.05**, NORTH BAY & TIMMINS / R.P.O. , 47, V 5, 53 , is the **earliest date** for the hammer.



**ON-351.01**, N. BAY & TIMMINS / R.P.O. , 46, MY 31, 42 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



**ON-351.02**, N. BAY & TIMMINS / R.P.O. , 46, FE 7, 46 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



**ON-369**, OTT. & CALUMET / M.C. , 420, OC 23, 12 and 420, NO 22, 12 , confirms **train 420** for this listing.





## New Reports from Jack Brandt

**ON-370**, TRAIN N<sup>o</sup> / OTT. & DEPOT · H'B'R. R.P.O. , blank, FE 16, 14 , is the first report of a **blank indicium**.

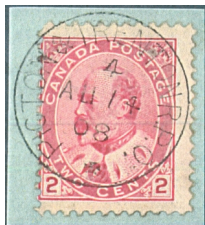


**ON-383.01**, OTT. & FT. WM. / R.P.O. , 4, ?? 2, 15 , is the first report of **train 4** for the hammer.

**ON-424**, TRAIN N<sup>o</sup> / OTT. & TORONTO R.P.O. , 22, DE 31, 11 , confirms the use of **train 22** for hammer.



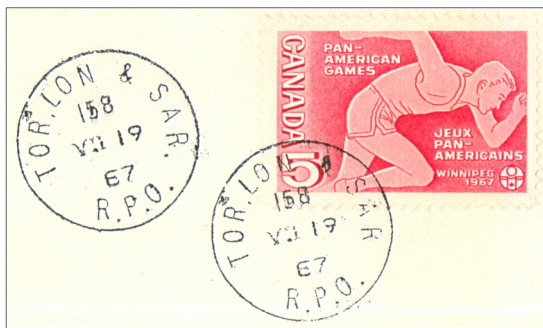
**ON-457.02**, PICTON & TRENTON R.P.O. / . , 4, AU 14, 08 , is the **earliest date** for the hammer.



**ON-632.03**, G. T. R<sup>y</sup> T. & K. / R.P.O. N<sup>o</sup> . 3 . , EAST SP 12, 83 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



**ON-648.01**, TOR. LON. & SAR. / R.P.O. , 158, VII 19, 67 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



**ON-710.011**, TORONTO & MEAFORD R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 , 62, AP 20, 12 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



**ON-730.012**, TORONTO & NIAGARA FALLS · R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 , 97-20, AP 26, 15 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



**ON-728.02**, TORONTO & NIAGARA · FALLS / M.C. , W, NO 10, 97 , is the **earliest reported date** for the hammer.



**ON-744.06**, TOR. & N. BAY. R.P.O. N<sup>o</sup> 6 , 45, DE 29, 39 , is the first report of **train 45** for the hammer.



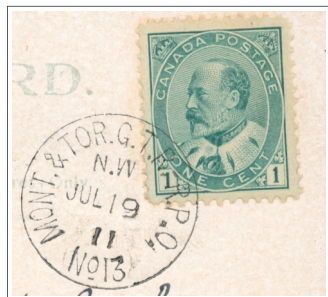
**ON-818.01**, TOR. & SOUTH / R.P.O. , 182, DE 18, 30 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



**WT-811.05**, VIC. & COURT R.P.O. / B.C. , 2, 19 IV, 52 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



## New Reports from Ross Gray



**QC-298.13**, MONT & TOR. G. T. R. - R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 13 ,  
N.W, JUL 19, 11 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



**QC-491.02**, ST ARMAND & MONTREAL · R.P.O. / . ,  
S, SP 11, 23 , is a new **early date** and first report of 'S' for  
the hammer.



**ON-29.023**, B'WATER JUNCT & MID. R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 2 ,  
604, SP 11, 46 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



**ON-214.02**, HARRISBURG & SOUTHAMPTON R.P.O. ,  
T.1.N, MR 1, 10 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



**ON-351.02**, N. BAY & TIMMINS / R.P.O. ,  
46, JAN 13, 44 , 46, JAN 13, 44 , is a new  
**late date** for the hammer.



**ON-494.02**, ST THOMAS & COURTRIGHT / · R.P.O. · ,  
E, SP 10, 91 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



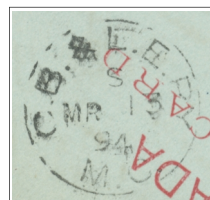
**ON-506**, ST THOMAS & WINDSOR R.P.O. / . ,  
45, JAN 13, 30 , is the first report of **train 45** for  
the listing.



**ON-722**, TOR. & MONT : R.P.O. / . ,  
6, JUL 19, 18, confirms the use of **train 6**.



**WT-17.01**, BDRY. LINE & WPG . R.P.O. / No. 1 ,  
110, 21 V, 65 , is a new **late date** for the hammer,  
listing and run.



**WT-383.041**, MOOSE JAW & CALGARY R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 4 ,  
4, JUL 4, 18 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



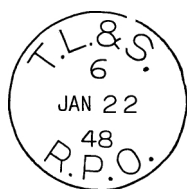
**RY-50**, G. B. & L. E. RY / M.C. , S, MR 13, 94 ,  
is the first report of an 'S' indicium.



## ON-647 Hammer Study

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T. L. & S. / R.P.O.  
a—|—c—|

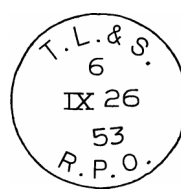
Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c
ON-647.01	1947/09/15	1948/01/22	1953/09/23	6,15	14 ¼	4 ½ -	14
ON-647.02	unknown	1948/08/23	1952/07/09	6,15	14	5	13 ¾
ON-647.03	1953/08/22	1953/09/26	1962/01/30	6,15	16 ¼	4 ½	11 ¾
ON-647.04	1954/01/21	1954/06/02	1962/04/28	6,15	14 ¾	4 ½ -	12 ½ +
Listing		1947/10/21	1962/04/28	6,15			



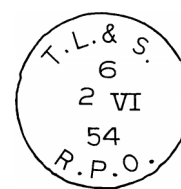
ON-647.01



ON-647.02



ON-647.03



ON-647.04

ON-647.01 has a small rim break between the ampersand and the 'S' from January 22, 1948 onward.  
ON-647.02 has a bend in the rim above the 'S' from sometime between August 23, 1948 and August 26, 1949.  
At some time after August 26, 1949 the right vertical third of the 'R' was broken off making it appear to be an 'F'.

## ON-724 Hammer Study

a—|—b—|—c—|—d—|  
TOR. & MONTREAL · R.P.O. / .

Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c	d
ON-724.01	1912/11/16	1913/09/19	1927/12/16	7,9,10,18,19	4 ½	8 -	9 ½ -	13 ¼
ON-724.02	1913/02/26	1920/03/30	1923/02/08	D,E,19	5 ½ -	7 ½	10 +	12
ON-724.03	1931/02/14	1931/02/28	1931/02/28	21	4 ¾	7 ¾	9 ¾	12 ½
Listing		1913/09/19	1932/02/12	D,E,7,9,10,18,19,21				



ON-724.01



ON-724.02



ON-724.03

The ampersands of ON-724.01 ON-724.02 are sharp. The ampersand of ON-724.03 is rounded.

## G.T.Ry. / C.N.Rys. London & Wingham Update

In the July-August, 2006 issue of the newsletter (page 1956), we examined the hammers used on the London & Wingham R.P.O. Now we present an update of that study as follows;

### LONDON - WINGHAM 1894 - 1941

Four hammers were proof struck on June 9, 1894 but only three of the four are known to have been used. Chordal measurements for the four hammers are shown here but due to the poor condition of the proof strike, the measurements for hammer IV are only approximate, as is the illustration for this hammer.

**LONDON & WINGHAM / M.C.**

Hammer	a	b	c	d	e
ON-286.01	9 ½ -	8 ½	10 +	8 ½	8 ¼
ON-286.02	9 ¼	9 ¼ +	10 +	8 ¼	8 ½
ON-286.03	9	8 ¾	11	8 +	8 -
ON-286.04	8 ¾	8 ½	10 ½	8 ¾	9 ½ +

The earliest reported use for listing **ON-286** is August 8, 1894 and the latest for the listing is June 20, 1931. Reported indicia for the listing are T1N, T1S, T2N, T2S, 162, 165.



*ON-286.01*

*Proof - 1894/06/09*  
*ERD - 1899/02/27*  
*LRD - 1930/08/30*  
*Indicia - T2N, T1S,*  
*165*



*ON-286.02*

*Proof - 1894/06/09*  
*ERD - 1894/12/19*  
*LRD - 1929/07/01*  
*Indicia - T1N, T2S,*  
*162*



*ON-286.03*

*Proof - 1894/06/09*  
*ERD - 1895/03/21*  
*LRD - 1899/05/08*  
*Indicia - T2N, T1S*



*ON-286.04*

*Proof - 1894/06/09*  
*No reported use*

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The earliest reported date for listing **ON-287** is 1915/11/25 and the latest is 1941/03/17.



*ON-287.01*

*Proof - 1914/12/16*  
*ERD - 1915/11/25*  
*LRD - 1940/03/30*  
*Indicia - T2S,*  
*163, 164, 603, 604*



*ON-287.02*

*Proof - 1918/07/06*  
*ERD - 1918/11/30*  
*LRD - 1941/03/17*  
*Indicia - T1N, T2S,*  
*164, 603, 604*

## A Second Report for the Rare ON-286.03



This nice strike of **ON-286.03**, LONDON & WINGHAM / M.C. , T1S, MR 21, 95 , is only the second reported example, a new **early date** and the first report of a **T1S** train number / direction indicium for the hammer. It is a transit backstamp on a registered cover from Dungannon, Ontario to Floral Park, NY.

### ON-459 Hammer Study

POR. JCT. & HEARST / R.P.O.

Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c
ON-459.01	1945/05/30	1950/02/27	1962/08/31	12,146,147,XII	13	8 ¼	13 ¼
ON-459.02	1945/05/30	1945/06/04	1948/11/24	11,12,112,147	12 ¾	8 ½	13 ¾
ON-459.03	1945/08/17	unreported	unreported		12 ¾	7 ¾	12 ½
Listing		1945/06/04	1962/10/11	11,12,112,146,147,199,200,XII			



ON-459.01



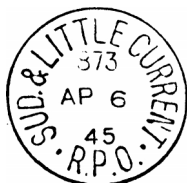
ON-459.02



ON-459.03

### ON-543 Hammer Study

SUD. & LITTLE CURRENT / R.P.O.



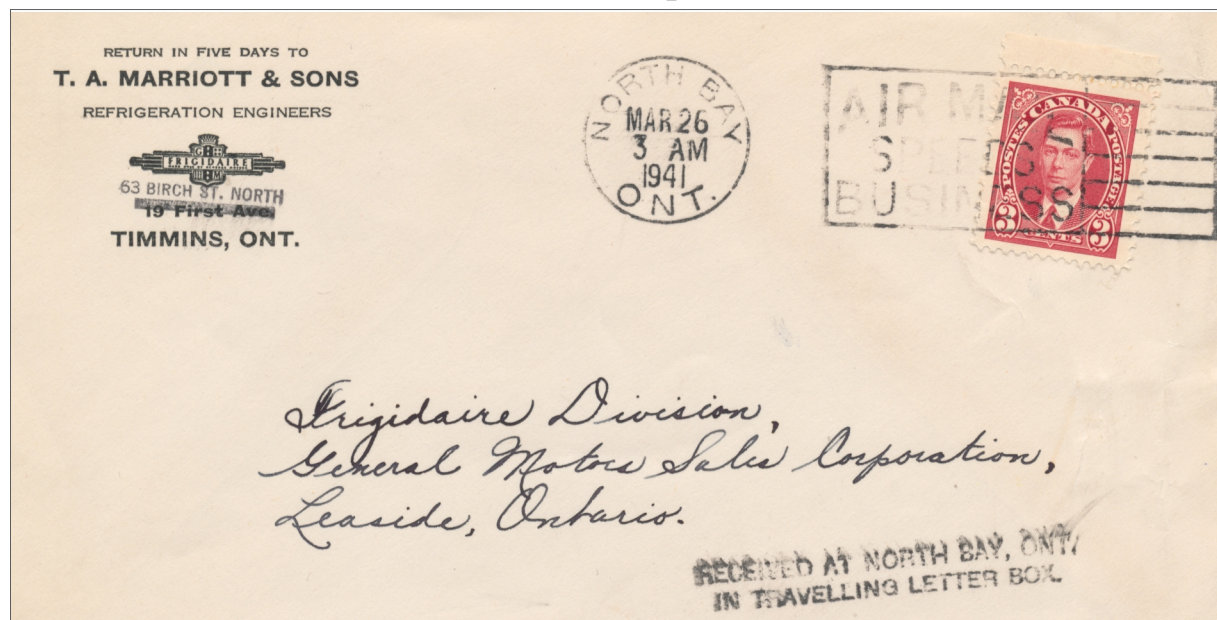
ON-543.01 proof



ON-543.02 proof

Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c	d
ON-543.01	1945/04/06	1946/03/14	1963/03/30	874	7 ¾	12	8 ¾	8 +
ON-543.02	1945/04/06	1946/05/10	1947/11/14	873	8 ¼	11	8 ¼	7 ½ -
Listing		1945/04/16	1963/03/30	873,874				

## A Second Earlier, Report of RY-194.5



Ross Gray collection

This cover to Leaside was postmarked in North Bay with **the second reported example of RY-194.5**, RECEIVED AT NORTH BAY, ONT. / IN TRAVELLING LETTER BOX. , MAR 26, 3 AM, 1941. The straight line rubber stamp was only proof struck the month previous.

Like the later dated cover discovered by **Hugo Deshay**, it is likely that this postmark it was applied to mail received but not cancelled or sorted on Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway southbound train 50, "The Northland". The train arrived in North Bay at 1:55 AM making the 3 AM time marking of the North Bay machine cancellation logical. (See page 2219 of the January-February, 2011 issue of the newsletter for the LRD cover.)

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**Rob Ferguson** reports a new **late date** for **ON-433**, Ottawa & Toronto R.P.O. / E. Theriault , Tr. 33, JUN 12, 1955 .

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