

In this issue **John Aitken, Jack Brandt, Brian Copeland, Ross Gray and Peter McCarthy** contribute interesting new reports from the Maritimes to the West, from early to late and in between. Thank you all!

Recently your editor was fortunate to acquire a cache of post office forms which were rescued from the abandoned **Cedarvale, BC** post office building a couple of decades ago. Cedarvale is located 140 miles east of Prince Rupert on the Prince Rupert - Prince George - Edmonton GTP / CNR line. The following items shown are those which add new information to the catalogue.

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For **CLERK-TRAIN'NO**

Date **191**

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Received in good condition † _____

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23½ B—2,500,000—11-12-13

P. M. or Clerk Receiving.

RY-64.01, E. OF T. & P. R. · R.P.O. / . , W, FE 18, 15 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

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RY-64.02, E. OF T. & P. R. · R.P.O. / . , E, FE 20, 15 , is a new **late date** for both the hammer and the listing as well as the first report of the 'E' direction indicium for the hammer.

REGISTERED LETTER BILL.

Pr. George & Pr. Rupert R.P.O. WEST FEB 27 1915

No. _____ Date _____

From _____ for **Cedarvale**

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

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WT-571, Pr. George & Pr. Rupert R.P.O. / E. A. PRICE , WEST, FEB 27 , 1915 , is the **earliest** recorded date.

Cedarvale Find

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WT-563.182, P. GEORGE & P. RUPERT / ◊R.P.O. ◊, W, MR 11, 15, is a new early date for the hammer.

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WT-563.184, P. GEORGE & P. RUPERT / ◊R.P.O.◊, E, MR 13, 15, is a new early date for the hammer.

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WT-563.188, P. GEORGE & P. RUPERT / ◊R.P.O.◊, E, MR 10, 15, is a new early date for the hammer.

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WT-572, Pr. George & Pr. Rupert R.P.O. / W. B. Cornish, EAST, MAY 5, 1915, is a new early date.

Cedarvale Find

REGISTERED LETTER BILL.

Stamp of Pr. George & Pr. Rupert R.P.O. EAST MAR 10 1915
Despatching Stamp.

No. _____ Date _____
From _____ for *Cedarvale*
Receiving Stamp.

Bills with a total Number of *1* Registered Articles. For further entries see Bill No. _____

Clerk Des. _____ P.M. or Clerk Rec. _____

WT-571.55, Pr. George & Pr. Rupert R.P.O. / A. L. Robinson , EAST, MAR 10 , 1915 , is the earliest recorded date and the only example of the ‘EAST’ direction indicium for this **new listing**.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Stamp of Pr. George & Pr. Rupert R.P.O. WEST MAR 14 1915
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WT-571.55, Pr. George & Pr. Rupert R.P.O. / A. L. Robinson , WEST, MAR 14 , 1915 , is the only example of the ‘WEST’ direction indicium for this **new listing**.

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WT-571.55, Pr. George & Pr. Rupert R.P.O. / A. L. Robinson , Tr. 1, MAY 6 , 1915 , is an example of the ‘Tr. 1’ indicium for this **new listing**.

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WT-571.55, Pr. George & Pr. Rupert R.P.O. / A. L. Robinson , Tr. 2, MAY 22 , 1915 , is the latest recorded date and an example of a ‘Tr. 2’ train number indicium for this **new listing**.

New Reports from Jack Brandt



MT-99.23, HALIFAX & CAMP. R.P.O. / . , 60, 19 XII, 56 , is a new **late date** for this rare hammer which was probably used by an extra clerk required to handle the heavy Christmas mail load. R.F. will change to 'F'.



MT-187.03, HALIFAX & SYDNEY . R.P.O. / DAY , W, MR 17, 19 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



QC-193, MONT. & KING. / M.C. , W, JU 26 · 90, NIGHT , is a new **early date** and the first report of a 'W' direction indicium. (The Montreal & Kingston and the Toronto & Kingston runs were combined as the continuous Montreal-Toronto run in late 1890, hence the rarity of this postmark.)

QC-254.01, C. P. RY / . MONT. & SHER. . , blank, MY 29, 92 , is the first report of a **blank indicium**.



QC-451.07, QUE. ROB. & CHIC. R.P.O. / . , N, OC 29, 10 , is a new **early date** and the first report of the 'N' direction indicium.

ON-211.021, HARRISBURG & SOUTHAMPTON · M.C. / N^o 2 , S, OC 6, 97 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



ON-407.01, OTTAWA & PEMBROKE R.P.O. / . , E, DE 26, 08 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

ON-407.02, OTTAWA & PEMBROKE · R.P.O. / . , 556, DE 21, 16 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



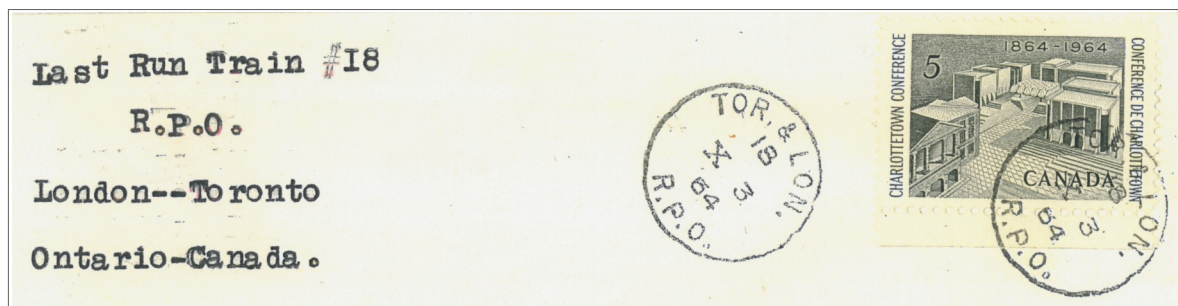
ON-407.02, OTTAWA & PEMBROKE · R.P.O. / . , 556, NO 25, 48 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

ON-506.01, ST THOMAS & WINDSOR . R.P.O. / . , E, FE 2, 18 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



ON-506.03, ST THOMAS & WINDSOR · R.P.O. / . , 12, OC 27, 37 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

New Reports from Jack Brandt



ON-642.01, TOR. & LON. / R.P.O. , 18, X 3, 64 , on a 'Rowell' favour cover is a new **late date** for the hammer.



WT-440.032, M. JAW & MACKLIN · R.P.O. / NO 3 , E, JUN 30, 27 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.

WT-885.033, WPEG. & KAM. R.P.O. / NO . 3 , 10, 12 JUN, 53 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



New Reports from Ross Gray

MT-23, CAMP. & LEVIS / R.P.O. , 631, 11 JUL, 55 , is the first report of **train 631** for the listing.



MT-46, CH'TOWN & M. HARBOUR · R.P.O. / . , S, JAN 14, 20 , is the first example of an 'S' direction indicium as well as a new **late date** for this rare cancellation.



MT-67.07, CH'TOWN & TIGNISH · R.P.O. / . , E, AU 13, 28 , is a new **late 1st period date** for the hammer.



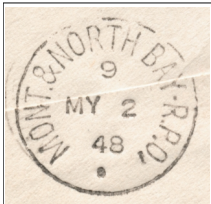
MT-106, Halifax & Camp. R.P.O. , 199, JUL 31, 1919 , is a new **late date** and the first report of **train 199** for the listing.



MT-164.0X, HALIFAX & ST JOHN / M.C. , S, FE 2, 98 , on a 1¢ Small Queen is the first report of an 'S' direction indicium for this listing. The only two chords available for measurement are closest to hammer 4 BUT when I electronically superimpose the reference illustration it does not match. **It may be that this is a previously unrecognised hammer for the listing.**

New Reports from Ross Gray

MT-225, INV. & POINT TUPPER R.P.O. / . , W, JAN 30, 17 , is a new **late date**. Note that there is no mid-position dot between 'TUPPER' and 'R.P.O.'. The catalogue has been corrected.



QC-209.08, MONT. & NORTH · BAY R.P.O. / . , 9, MY 2, 48 , is the first report of **train 9** for the hammer.

This **QC-294.041**, MONT. & TOR. G. T. RY / 4 , 2.W, OC 26, 91 , transit backstamp on a registered cover from Bowmanville to Enniskillen and forwarded to Jordan, ON. It is the first report of a '2W' train number/direction indicium for the hammer.



ON-232, LIN. & HAL · R.P.O. / N^o 2 , 389, JUL 27, 32 , is a new **early date** and **ON-476.011**, PT. HOPE & TOR. / · N^o 1 · , 92, JUL 27, 32 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.

ON-259.06, LONDON & SARNIA R.P.O. / . , 111, JUL 2, 30 , is the first confirmation of west-bound **train 111** for this scarce hammer which is usually found with eastbound train 112. (*Hammer study on page 2484 of the July-September, 2015 newsletter*)



ON-381.02, TRAIN N^o / OTT. & Fⁱ W^m R.P.O. , 1, AU 14, 10 , is the first report of **train 1** for the hammer.



ON-461.04, C.P.RY Pⁱ ARTHUR & W'PEG. M.C. / 4. , E, SP 4, 7 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

ON-740.022, TORONTO & NORTH BAY R.P.O. / N^o 2 , S, AP 2, 04 , is the first report of an 'S' direction indicium for the rare hammer.



WT-44.02, BRANDON & SASKATOON R.P.O. / N^o 2 , W, JUN 5, 28 , is the first report of a 'W' direction indicium for the hammer.

New Reports from Ross Gray



WT-213.021, EDM. & PR. GEO : R.P.O. / N^o 2 , 3, AU 27, 21 , is the first report of **train 3** for the hammer.



WT-341.02, M. H. & N. R.P.O. / B.C. , W, AP 13, 09 , is a new **late date** and the first report of a 'W' direction indicium.



WT-344.07, MED. HAT. & NEL. R.P.O. / N^o 7 , W, FE 23, 11 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



WT-793.032, S. R. & P. A. R.P.O. / No. 3 , 15, 23 V, 56 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

WT-859.012, WPG. & BRANDON · R.P.O. / N^o 1 , 5, JUN 11, 46 , is a new **late date** for this scarce hammer.



WT-896.032, WPG. & M. JAW · R.P.O. / · N^o 3 · , 18, JAN 12, 56 , is the first report of **train 18** for the hammer.



WT-987, W'PEG. & YORKTON R.P.O. / N^o 1 , 58, JUL 18, 16, is the first confirmation of **train 58** for the listing as well as the run.

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WT-589 Hammer Study

PRINCE GEORGE & TERRACE / · R.P.O. ·

Hammer	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c	d
WT-589.01	1962/07/16 ¹	1965/07/31	5,6,11,196 ¹ ,695,696	4	6 ½	5 ¾	10 ½
WT-589.02	1961/04/19	1962/12/05	196,696	3 ¼	7 -	6 ½	11
Listing	1960/10/28	1965/07/31	5,6,11,12,195,196,695,696	¹ Jack Brandt			

Both hammers were proof struck on June 22, 1960

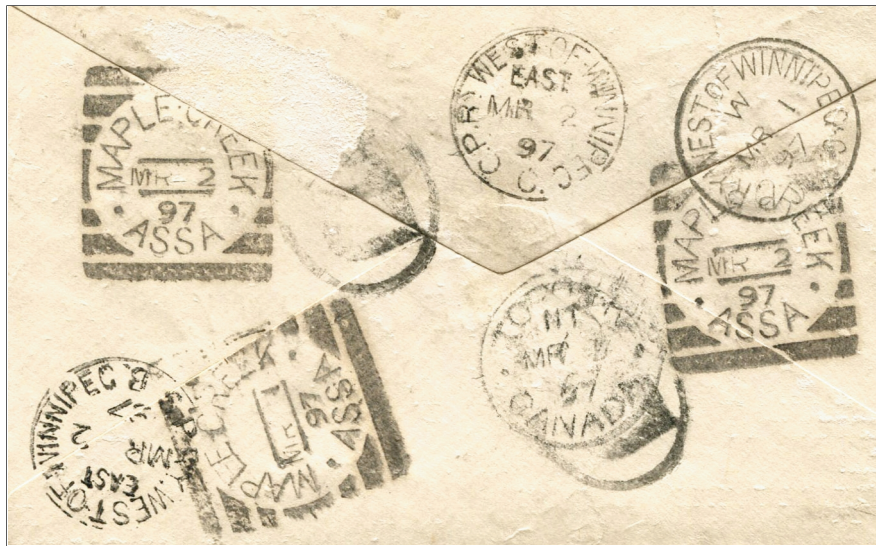


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WT-589.02

New West of Winnipeg Reports from Brian Copeland

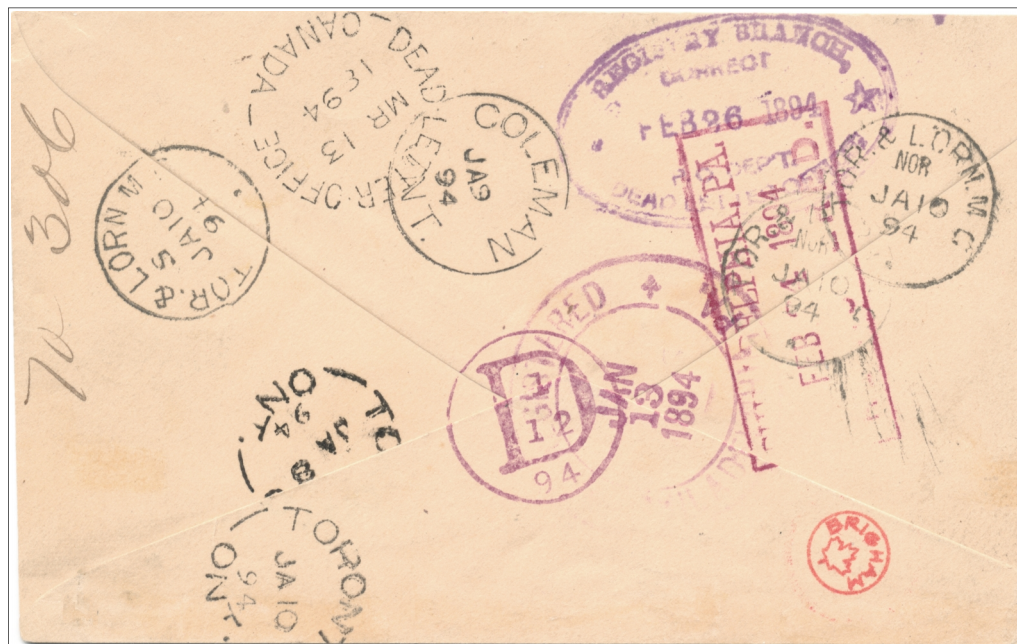
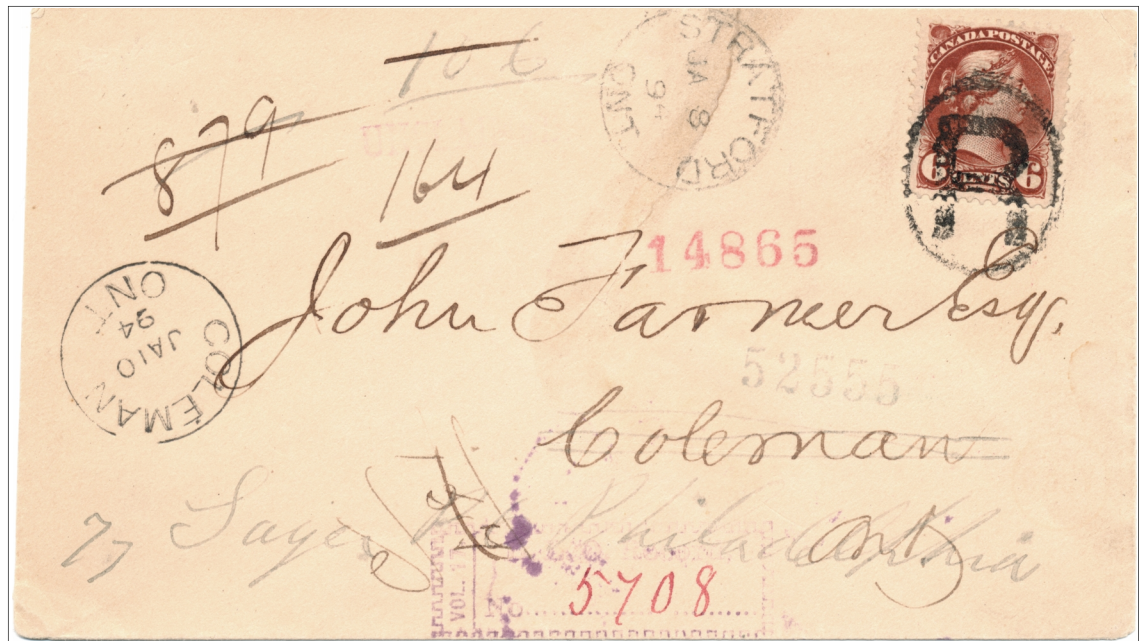


This registered cover to Toronto originated at Gull Lake, Assa. on March 1, 1897, but it first went west on the CPR mail car to Maple Creek where it was postmarked with **RY-32.01**, C. P. R. WEST OF WINNIPEG / C. , W, MR 1, 97 (*A new early date for the hammer.*). At Maple Creek it was backstamped with a March 1 squared circle receiving mark and the following day it was sent out from Maple Creek with squared circle cancels on both the front and back. It is a bit unusual to see both ingoing and outgoing cancels from Maple Creek in a case like this, rather than just a single transit mark on the back. I am not sure if putting it on a westbound train was an error or if the standard procedure was to put mail on the next train through town since Gull Lake was a relatively small post office (revenue in 1899 was \$65 - I don't have revenue data for 1897).

On the eastbound trip, it was backstamped with **RY-30.26**, C. P. R. WEST OF WINNIPEG / C. , EAST, MR 2, 97 (**Only the 2nd recorded example of this rare hammer and the latest reported date**). It was also backstamped with **RY-30.11**, C. P. R. WEST OF WINNIPEG / B. , EAST, MR 2, 97.



An Unusual Indiciu Variety for the Toronto & Lorneville R.P.O.

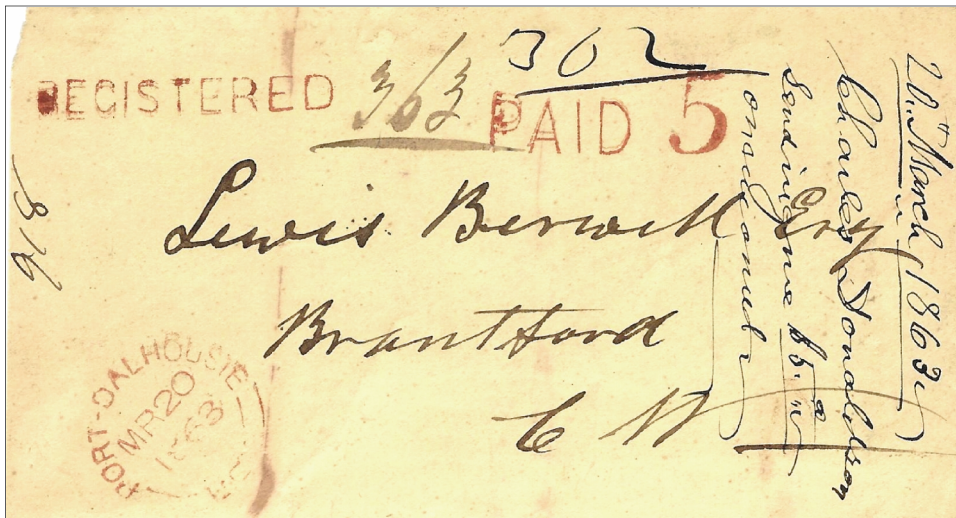


This 6¢ Small Queen (1¢ postage + 5¢ registration) registered cover from Stratford to Coleman, Ontario arrived in Coleman via Toronto on January 9, 1894. The following day it was redirected to Philadelphia and transferred to the northbound Toronto & Lorneville RPO (ON-707.01) and then to the southbound Toronto & Lorneville RPO (ON-707.01).

Arrival in Philadelphia was on January 13. There is a very faint 'UNKNOWN' straight line handstamp on the front probably applied in Philadelphia on February 24. It arrived at the DEAD LETTER OFFICE / CANADA on March 13, 1894.

The **abbreviated 'NOR' indicium** on ON-707.01 has not been previously reported. Usually this hammer used with an 'N' or 'S' direction indicium while 'NORTH' or 'SOUTH' was used on the other hammer, ON-707.02. I am guessing that the clerk lost his 'N' slug and had to grind down a 'NORTH' slug to fit the slot in his hammer.

A New Late Date for SN-44.6 from Peter McCarthy



On May 20, 1868, this registered letter addressed to Brantford from Port Dalhousie possibly travelled to St Catharines in closed bag mail on the Welland Railway. At St. Catharines it was postmarked and transferred to the Great Western Railway westbound mail car and arrived at the **Paris Distributing Post Office**. There it was cancelled and sorted into closed bag mail for the last leg of its journey to Brantford on the eastbound Buffalo & Lake Huron Railway.

New Reports from John Aitken



MT-108.04, HALIFAX & CAMP / R.P.O. , 11, NO 12, 69 , is both a new **late date** and first report of **train 11** for the hammer.



QC-73, LEVIS & MONTREAL - R.P.O. / , 17, 8 NO, 67 , is the first report of **train 17** for the listing.



QC-308.032, MON. & TOR. / 3 , 50, VI 12, 69 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

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