

In this issue, **Chris Anstead**, our Secretary-Treasurer, contributes an interesting article about a previously unreported Quebec R.P.O. clerk handstamp discovered by **Louise Daigneault**. We also have new reports from **Morris Beattie**, **Jack Brandt**, **Brian Copeland**, **Ross Gray**, **Rick Parama** and **Brian Stalker**.

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A New ERD and Time / Direction Indicum for QC-175



This transit backstamp on a registered cover from Montreal to Boston is a new **early date** and the first report of a time / direction indicium, **D.W.**, for

QC-175, MONTREAL & ISL'D POND R.P.O. / ► M. J. E. BLAIS ◀, D.W., JAN 29, 1915 .

Normally, registered mail from Montreal to Boston would have travelled in closed bag registered mail into the U.S. The presence of this transit backstamp suggests a misdirection which was corrected by the R.P.O. clerk.

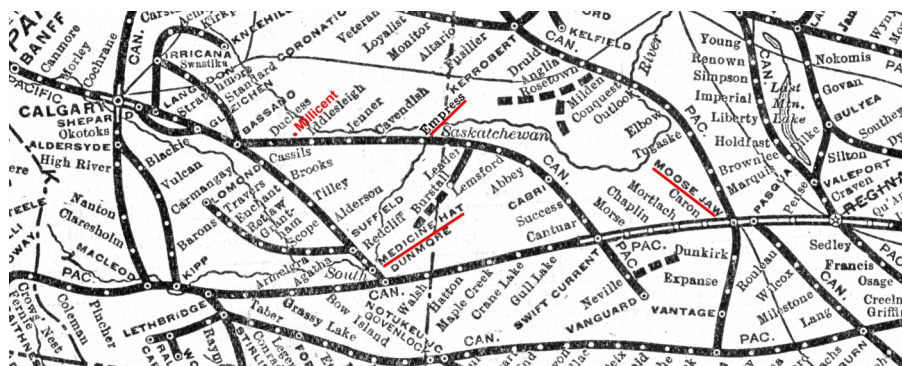
A New Clerk Stamp From the Moose Jaw & Empress R.P.O.



This registered cover from Millicent, Alberta to San Francisco was posted on Tuesday, October 10 and not received on the Empress & Moose Jaw R.P.O. until two days later which suggests that it was misdirected and that may account for the clerk using his personal handstamp instead of the normal steel hammer. This previously unreported rubber stamp will now be listed as,

WT-437.55, M. JAW & EMPS. / R.P.O. / E. E. JENNER , TR. 66, OCT 12 , Type OV2R, R.F. - G .

At Swift Current or Moose Jaw, the letter was transferred to westbound **WT-381.11**, M. JAW & CAL · R.P.O. / N^o 11 , 1, OC 12, 22 , and at Medicine Hat to westbound **WT-344.091**, MED. HAT. & NEL. R.P.O. / N^o 9 , 67, OC 12, 22 . Arrival in San Francisco was on October 15.



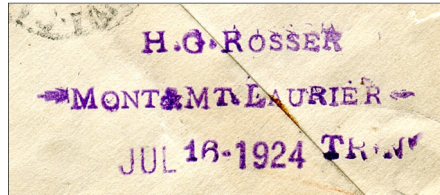
A Clerk Handstamp for the Montreal & Mont Laurier Run by Chris Anstead

Louise Daigneault, collector of Quebec postal history reports a clerk's hammer used on a registered cover from Ottawa to Weir, Quebec (Argenteuil County).

Posted in Ottawa JUL 15 / 24

Transit in Montreal same day

H. G. ROSSER / > MONT & MT. LAURIER < / JUL 16-1924 TR N



This strike is the first clerk reported for Montreal & Mont Laurier and is assigned a catalogue listing **QC-206.55**.

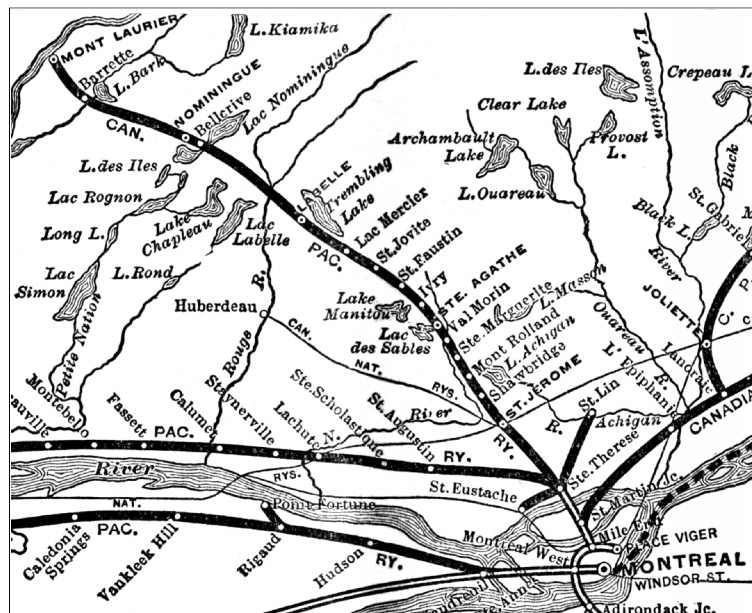
While researching this cover, I found a quirk in the mail delivery to Weir.

The *Post Office Distribution* of 1924 item below shows that mail for Weir was to be sent to the Montreal & Mont Laurier R.P.O. The train was operated by the CPR. The mail was then placed on a CNR train for delivery to Weir via Baggage Car Service (B.C.S.).

Weir.....	M. & M. L..... (1)	Dy. North v. C.N.R., B.C.S.
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Distribution routing direction to Weir - Source <https://archive.org/details/que192400postuoft>

How did the letter get to Weir?



Map showing CPR line between Montreal & Mont Laurier

Once in Montreal the cover was sent to the CPR terminus at Viger Station for dispatch on the Montreal & Mont Laurier RPO. Following the route on the map, the cover travelled to Mile End, north to Ste. Therese and on to St. Jerome. The clerks were busy sorting the mail as they had only one hour before reaching St. Jerome.

A CNR train route of 45 miles ran from St. Jerome westward to Huberdeau (see map). There was no RPO service on this line. Weir is about 40 miles from St. Jerome along that CNR line.

A Clerk Handstamp for the Montreal & Mont Laurier Run by Chris Anstead

Dep	Montreal, Que.	Ar
(C.P.R.)	P 1 Viger.	
Dep	Montfort Jct.	Ar
Rinfret.		
Ar	St. Jerome	Dep
Dep	67 ▲	Ar
Fillon.		
Shawbridge.		
Lac Marois.		
St. Sauveur.		
Christieville.		
Morin Heights.		
Morin.		
Lake Chevreuil.		
Orphanage.		
Montfort.		
Newaygo.		
Laurel.		
Lake Chapleau.		
Sixteen Island.		
Pine Lake.		
Larose.		
Weir.		
Batesville.		
Morrison.		
Bevans Creek.		
Arundel.		
Huberdeau, Que.		

Stations on the 1924 CNR table from Montreal to Huberdeau via St. Jerome

By the time the CPR RPO reached St. Jerome, H. G. Rosser had recorded and marked the registered letter and bagged it with other mail for Weir.

In the 1920s St. Jerome had two train stations. Of similar architecture, the stations were less than a mile apart. The post office was located midway between the two stations.

When the northbound CPR train arrived in St. Jerome it was met by a post office contractor. All bags for points between St. Jerome and Huberdeau were offloaded for delivery to the CNR station, where they would be loaded on the baggage car of the next train to Huberdeau. When the train reached Weir the bag containing the letter would have been conveyed from the station to the post office for delivery.

New Reports from Ross Gray

MT-61.03, CH'TOWN & SOURIS · R.P.O. / P.E.I. ,
W, JAN 9, 50 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



MT-91.02, HALIFAX BR. & YAR. / R.P.O. , 87, DE 30, 53 ,
is a new **early date** for the hammer.

MT-108.04, HALIFAX & CAMP / R.P.O. ,
4, DE 3, 56 , is a new **early date** and first
report of **train 4** for the hammer.



MT-166.06 proof



MT-166.06 altered state

MT-166.06, HALIFAX & ST. JOHN · R.P.O. / · NIGHT · , has only been reported with the 'NIGHT' at the base missing. Once thought to be damaged, it is more likely that **this hammer was deliberately altered by removing the 'NIGHT' at the base in order to make it useful for all trains.**

New Reports from Ross Gray



MT-226, INVERNESS & PT. TUPPER · R.P.O. / . , 156, JAN 30, (4)1, is a new **early 2nd period date**.



MT-298.01, ST JOHN & MONTREAL / R.P.O. , 40, AP 17, 31 , is the first report of **train 40** for the hammer.



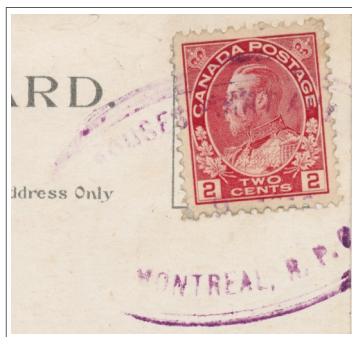
MT-334.10, SYDNEY & TRURO / R.P.O. , 5, MY 27, 40 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



MT-334.11, SYDNEY & TRURO / R.P.O. , 7, 20 IV, 52 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



MT-336, SYD. & TRU. / R.P.O. , 8, MY 10, 48 , is a new **early date** for the listing.



QC-484.01, ROUSES POINT AND / MONTREAL, R.P.O. , MAY 9, 1918 , on a dated postcard to Syracuse, NY, is a new **late date** for the hammer.



ON-102.01, FT. FR. & WPG. R.P.O. / N^o 1 , 20 JUL 26, 35 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



Found as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from Toronto to Newton, ON is a new **early date** for **ON-253**, LONDON & O. SOUND / JOHN F. DEANE , N, APR 17, 1922 .

ON-259.03, LONDON & SARNIA R.P.O. / . , T1E, JUN 12, 15 , is the **second report** for this rare hammer and now the **ERD**.



ON-281.02, LONDON & WIARTON · R.P.O. / . , S, JUL 27, 23 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.

ON-315.05, NORTH BAY & FORT WILLIAM · R.P.O. / . , 2, AP 11, 15 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



ON-476.02, PT. HOPE & TOR. R.P.O. / · N^o. 2 · , 95, JUL 24, 47 , is a new **early 2nd period date** for the hammer.



ON-540.05, SUD. & FT. WM. / R.P.O. , 7, AP 4, 63 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

New Reports from Ross Gray



ON-632.03, G. T. RY. T. & K. / R.P.O. N^o. 3 ,
WEST, SP 22, 87 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

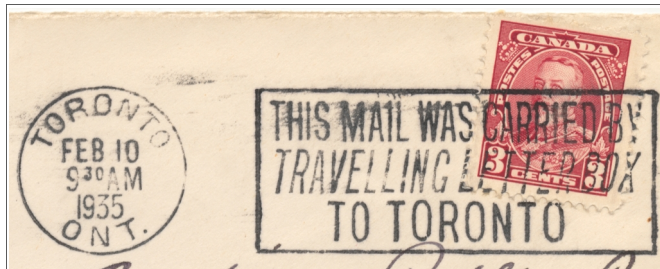
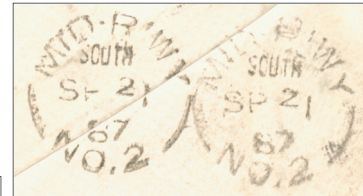
WT-91.116, C. & V. R.P.O. / + B.C. + ,
4, SP 24, 18 , is a new **early 2nd period**
date for the fully dated hammer.



WT-970.02, WP'G & SOURIS . R.P.O. / N^o 2 ,
129, SP 13, 39 , is the first report of **train 129** for
the hammer.



RY-114.022, MID · R'WY / _ NO. 2 _ ,
SOUTH, SP 21, 87 , is new **late date** for
both the hammer and the listing.



RY-195, THIS MAIL WAS CARRIED BY / TRAVELLING LETTER BOX / TO TORONTO ,
FEB 10, 9³⁰ AM, 1935 , is a new **early date**.



RY-28.02, C. P. RY · WEST OF WINNIPEG / 2. , blank, JY 27, 83 , is the first report of a **blank direction indicium** for both the hammer and the listing.



SN-18.03, CAN. NAT'L. RY. STN. / · LONDON · ONT. · ,
18, OC 27, 39 , is a new **early date** for this scarce hammer
which was proof struck on August 25, 1939 and is only
reported used until August 11, 1940.

New Reports from Jack Brandt



MT-87.04, HX. BR. & YAR. / R.P.O. ,87, OC 15, 52 ,
is a new **late date** for the hammer.



QC-253.02, MONTREAL & ST JOHN / M.C. ,
W, AU 9, 97 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.

QC-253.02, MONTREAL & ST JOHN / M.C. ,
W, OC 21, 08 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



QC-253.03, MONTREAL & ST JOHN / M.C. ,
W, AP 27, 08 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

QC-253.06, MONTREAL & ST JOHN / M.C. , W,
NO 27, 96 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



QC-253.06, MONTREAL & ST JOHN / M.C. ,
W, OC 11,(0)1 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

QC-253.07, MONTREAL & ST JOHN / M.C. ,
W, DE 2, 96 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



QC-253.07, MONTREAL & ST JOHN / M.C. ,
W, MR 9, 11 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

QC-253.08, MONTREAL & ST JOHN / M.C. ,
W, JY 7, 97 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



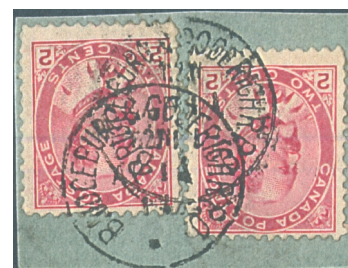
QC-253.08, MONTREAL & ST JOHN / M.C. ,
E, FE 8, 11 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

ON-40.03, BRIDGEBURG & GODERICH R.P.O. / . ,
T.2.E, MR 20, 09 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



ON-40.03, BRIDGEBURG & GODERICH R.P.O. / . ,
219, MR 23, 26 , is a new **late date** and first report of
train 219 for the hammer.

ON-40.04, BRIDGEBURG & GODERICH R.P.O. / . ,
T.2.W, AP 11, 11 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



ON-76.02, CAPREOL & ARMSTRONG STN. / R.P.O. ,
3, AP 29, 55 , is the first report of **train 3** for the hammer.

New Reports from Jack Brandt

ON-266.03, LON. & SOUTH / R.P.O. , 178, JUN 6, 50 ,
is a new **early date** for the hammer.



ON-266.03, LON. & SOUTH / R.P.O. ,
169, DE 30, 54 , is the first report of **train**
169 for the hammer.

ON-282.03, LONDON & WINDSOR / R.P.O. ,
E, JU 21, 00 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



ON-340.06, NORTH BAY & S. S. MARIE · R.P.O. / . ,
28, JUL 29, 36 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.

ON-381.11, TRAIN NO / OTT. & FT WM R.P.O. ,
96, NO 6, 06 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



ON-540.01, SUD. & FT. WM. / R.P.O. ,
8, II 13, 62 , is a new **late date** for the
hammer.

ON-540.02, SUD. & FT. WM. / R.P.O. ,
7, SP 1, 63 , is a new **late date** for the
hammer.



ON-540.02, SUD. & FT. WM. / R.P.O. ,
8, AP 3 5? , is the first report of train 8 for
the hammer.

ON-596.02, TOR. & GRAVENHURST · R.P.O. / NO 2 ,
S, JAN 12, 04 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



ON-634.031, TOR. & LON. M.C. / NO 3 , E, JY 4, 98 ,
is a new **early date** for the hammer.

WT-48.01, BRED & SASK. R.P.O. / No. 1, 52, DE 2, 53 , is a new **late**
date for both the hammer and listing.



WT-383.041, MOOSE JAW & CALGARY R.P.O. / NO 4 ,
3, NO 8, 15 , is the first report of **train 3** for the hammer.

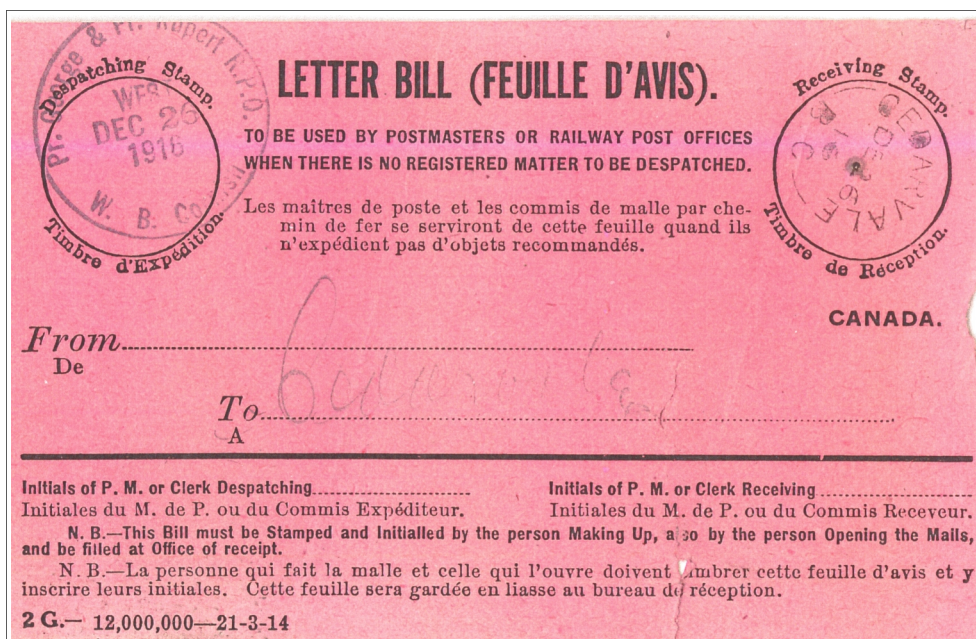
WT-523.031, NOR. PORT & M. JAW · R.P.O. / NO 3 ,
14, AU 18, 26 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



New Reports from Jack Brandt



WT-523.05, NOR. PORT & M. JAW - R.P.O. / N^o 5. , 13, DE 8, 32 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



WT-572.01, Pr. George & Pr. Rupert / W. B. Cornish , WEST, DEC 26, 1916 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



WT-589.01, PRINCE GEORGE & TERRACE / · R.P.O. · , 195, 9 XII, 61 , is a new **early date** and the first report of **train 195** for the hammer.



WT-681, RUBY CREEK & VAN / R.P.O. , blank, JUL 12, 38 , is the first report of a **blank indicium** for the listing.



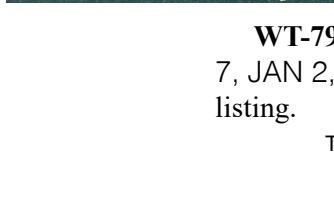
WT-691.02, SASK. & DRUM · R.P.O. / No. 2 , 10 JUL 9, 60 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



WT-755.031, SASK. WAIN. & EDM. R.P.O. / N^o 3 , 91, MR 20, 54 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



WT-775, SO. & REG. R.P.O. / N^o 3 , 56, AU 27, 30 , is a new **early date**.



WT-791, STETTLER & LACOMBE R.P.O. / N^o 1 , 7, JAN 2, 14 , is the first report of **train 7** for the listing.



New Reports from Jack Brandt



WT-793.032, S. R. & P. A. R.P.O. / No. 3 ,
8 VI, 51 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



WT-805.011, S. C. & EMP - R.P.O. / No. 1 ,
66, JUL 19, 37 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



WT-811.03, VIC. & COURT - R.P.O. / B.C. ,
2, OC 10, 51 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



WT-870.01, WPG. & DEL. R.P.O. / No. 1 ,
122, AP 25, 55 , is a new **late date** for the
hammer.



WT-885.033, WPEG. & KAM. R.P.O. / NO.3 ,
10, AP 12, 63 , is a new **late date for both the
hammer and the listing.**



WT-896.01, W'P'G. & M. JAW - R.P.O. / No. 1 ,
18, AP 26, 55 , is the first report of **train 18** for the
hammer.



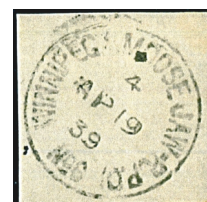
WT-896.022, WPG. & M. JAW - R.P.O. / No. 2 ,
44, MR 26, 60 , is the first report of **train 44** for the
hammer.



WT-896.042, WPG. & M. JAW - R.P.O. / No. 4 ,
7, MY 19, 55 , is the first report of **train 7** for the
hammer.



WT-896.08, WPG. & M. JAW - R.P.O. / No. 8 ,
44, FE 8, 58 , is the first report of **train 44** for the
hammer.

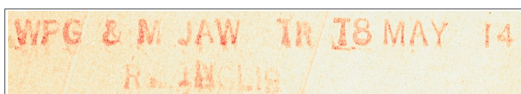


WT-897.062, WINNIPEG & MOOSE JAW - R.P.O. / No. 6 ,
4, AP 19, 39 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



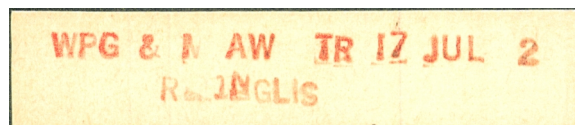
WT-897.11, WINNIPEG & MOOSE JAW - R.P.O. / No. 11 , 2, JU 11, 35 , is the
first report of a **2nd period date.**

New Reports from Jack Brandt



WT-945, WPG & M JAW TR T8 MAY 14 ,
R. INGLIS , is the first report of **train 8**.

WT-945, WPG & M JAW TR 17 JUL 2 ,
R. INGLIS , is the first report of **train 17**.



WT-961.03, WPG. & REG. R.P.O. / N^o 3 , 54, MY 3, 49 ,
is a new **late date** for the hammer.



WT-972.022, WPG. S. & REG. R.P.O. / No. 2 ,
56, 28 III, 55 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



WT-984.01, WPG. & VIRDEN R.P.O. / · N^o 1 · , 12, SP 8, 38 ,
is a new **early date** for the hammer.

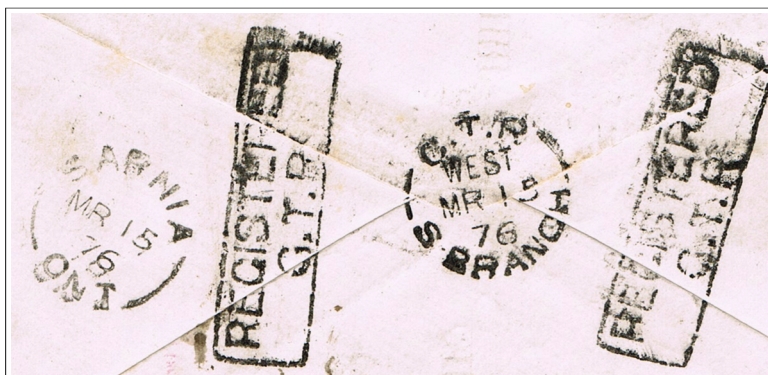


WT-1059, SASKATOON DIV. / E. W. HENDERSON , Tr. 42, JUL 3, 1959 ,
is a new **late date** and the first report of **train 42**.

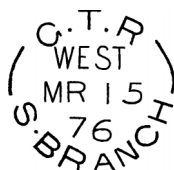
Two Hammers for RY-59!

Brian Stalker observed that one of his examples of **RY-59**, G.T.R / _ S · BRANCH _ ,
WEST, MR 15, 76 , used as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from Widder Station to
Sarnia, is a previously unrecognized different hammer, which will now be listed as **RY-59.01**.

RY-59 is a scarce postmark and complete strikes are rare. The 'WEST' direction indicium is also
much scarcer than 'EAST'. The spacing of the text of the two hammers differs substantially in the
lower left quadrant.

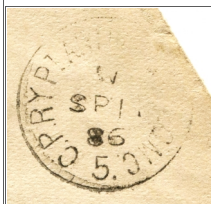


RY-59.01
Proof - unknown
ERD - 1873/01/11
LRD - 1878/07/12
Indicia - EAST, WEST



RY-59.02
Proof - unknown
ERD - 1879/01/11
LRD - 1879/01/11
Indicia - EAST

New Reports



Brian Copeland reports a new previously unrecognized early hammer which will now be listed as **ON-461.051**, C.P.R.Y P^I ARTHUR & W^IPEG. M.C. / 5. , W, SP 11, 86. The proof date for the second hammer which is now listed as **ON-461.052** is 1886/11/05, suggesting that the earlier hammer was soon lost and required replacement.



Brian also reports a new early date for **WT-686.02**, S^I VINCENT & WINNIPEG / _ P.C. _ , SOUTH, JA 06, 82. It is used to cancel a 3¢ Small Queen cover (*ex V. G. Green*) to Lindsay, Ontario with an arrival backstamp dated January 10. The latest reported date for **WT-686.01** is 1882/03/06 therefore this example shows overlapping use of the two hammers rather than consecutive use.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT
 AVIS DE RÉCEPTION

"ORIGINAL" REGISTERED No. } 484
 Numéro original de recommandation }

DATE OF POSTING } Nov 3 / 26
 Date du dépôt }

RETURN TO M } Box 15
 Retournez à }

Indian Head, Sask.

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Post Office Department, CANADA.
 Administration des postes, Canada.
 39 B-150,000-11-9-25

STAMP OF OFFICE OF ORIGIN
 Timbre du bureau expéditeur

PLACE — Endroit

COUNTRY — Pays

Rick Parama shares this AR card with the first report of an 'N' direction indicium for **WT-642.02**, REG. & S. R. · R.P.O. / · N^o 2 · , N, NO 20, 26 .



Morris Beattie has discovered the first example of **WT-91.130**, C. & V. R.P.O. / + B.C. + , W, AP 11, 01 , with a 'W' indicium.

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