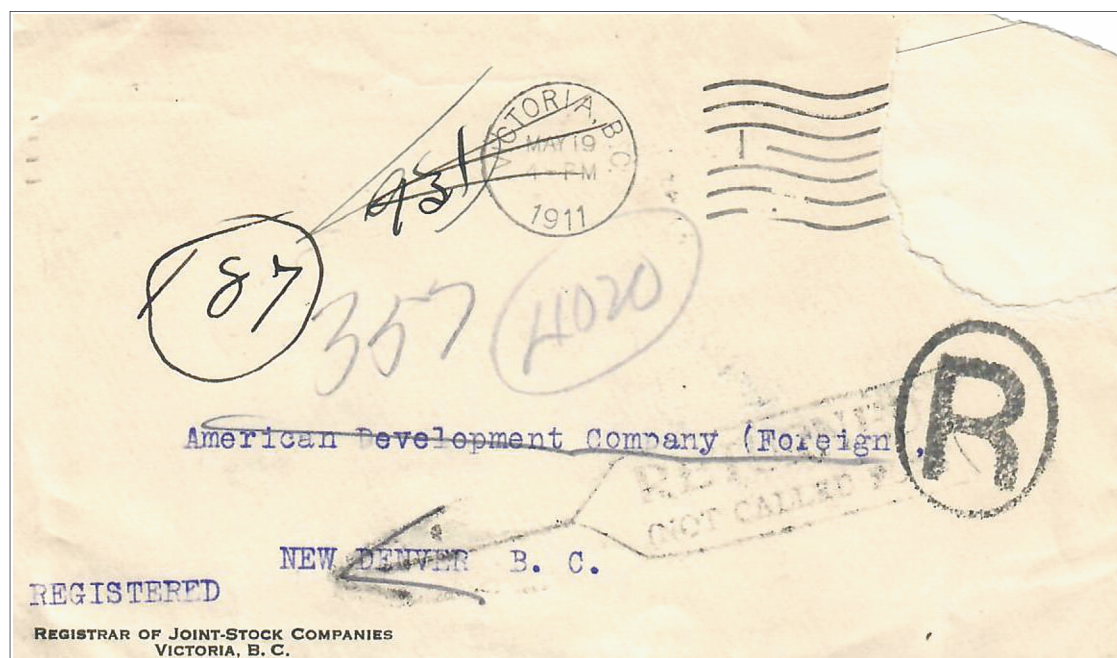
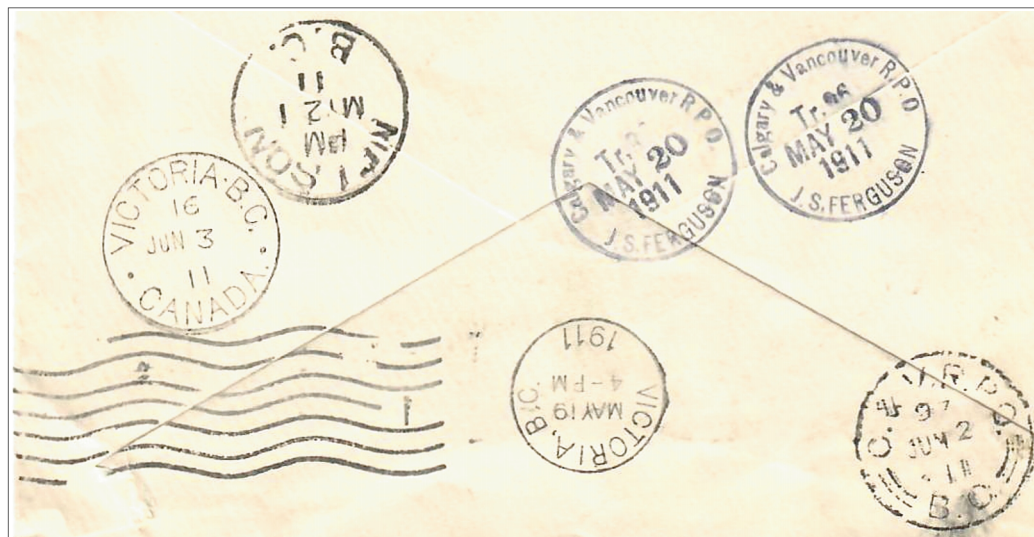


This issue includes new reports from **Chris Anstead**, **Morris Beattie**, **Jack Brandt**, **Ross Gray**, **Murray Smith** and **Brian Stalker** as well a number of new hammer studies.

A New Calgary & Vancouver Clerk Stamp

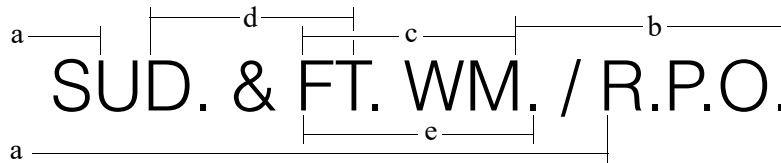


Morris Beattie shares this interesting registered cover which originated in Victoria on May 19, 1911 and was addressed to New Denver, BC located on Slocan Lake. It travelled in closed bag registered mail from Victoria to Vancouver for transfer to the eastbound Calgary & Vancouver RPO on train 96 and received a previously **unreported clerk's private handstamp** which will now be listed as **WT-107.55**, Calgary & Vancouver R.P.O. / J. S. FERGUSON , Tr. 96, MAY 20, 1911. The letter arrived in Nelson on May 21. After not being called for, it was next postmarked on June 2 on the westbound Calgary & Vancouver RPO on train 3. Arrival back in Victoria was the following day.

Suprisingly, **Jack Brandt** also subsequently reported the same clerk stamp with the same date and train number on an almost identical cover.

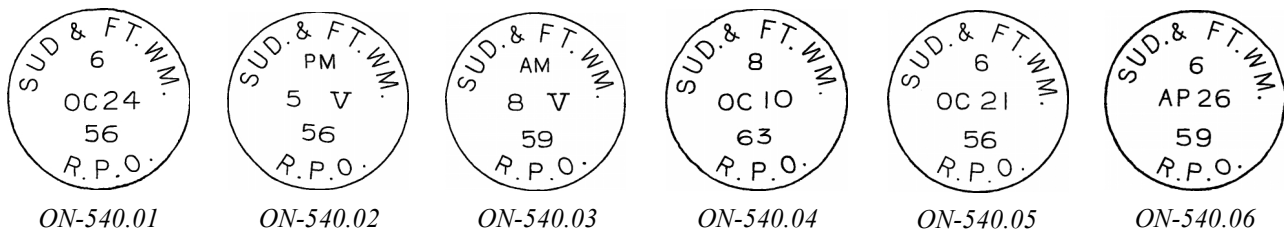
ON-540 Hammer Study Update

One of our most prolific contributors, **Jack Brandt**, has discovered an additional hammer for this listing which has been now listed as **ON-540.06**. Accordingly we have updated the hammer study which originally appeared in the October-December 2016 newsletter.



Hammer	a	b	c	d	e
ON-540.01	15	11 +	12	12 ¼	10 ¾
ON-540.02	15	11 ¾	11 ¾	12 ½	10 ¼
ON-540.03	14 ½ -	11 +	12	12	10 ¼
ON-540.04	14 ½ -	11 ¾	12 +	12 ¼ +	10 ½ +
ON-540.05	15 +	11	11 ½ +	12 ¾	10 ¼
ON-540.06	15 ¾	11 ½	11 ½	12 ½	10 ¼

Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia
ON-540.01	1956/05/05	1956/10/24	1962/02/13	5,6,7,8
ON-540.02	1956/05/05	1959/10/02	1963/09/01	7,8
ON-540.03	1959/05/08	1960/03/28	1963/08/05	7,8
ON-540.04	unknown	1956/10/23	1963/10/10	5,6,7,8,blank
ON-540.05	unknown	1956/10/21	1963/04/04	5,6,7,8
ON-540.06	unknown	1959/04/26	1961/03/06	5,6,7
ON-540		1956/10/21	1963/10/10	5,6,7,8,blank



Morris Beattie reports a **new train** indicium, '6' and **late date** for hammer **WT-827.01**, VIC. & WEL. R.P.O. / B.C. , 6, SP 30, 13 .



ON-524 Hammer Study from Brian Stalker

STRAT. & SAR. R. P. O. / .

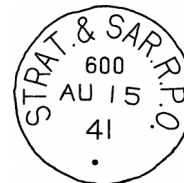
Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a
ON-524.01	unknown	1922/01/26	1937/10/09 ¹	E,W,30,33,600, 601	10.5
ON-524.02	unknown	1923/02/13	1923/12/04	E,W	11.7
	2nd period	1938/07/22 ¹	1947/04/26	600,601	
Listing		1922/01/26	1947/04/26	E,W,30,33,600, 601	

Jack Brandt ¹

ON-524.01



ON-524.02



ON-827 Hammer Study from Brian Stalker

TOR. STRAT. & GODERICH · R. P. O. / .

Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b
ON-827.01	1926/05/15	1926/07/05 ¹	1950/07/01 ¹	27,29,34,36,629,634 ¹ ,636	2 +	5 ¾
ON-827.02	unknown	1927/12/31 ¹	1950/04/01 ¹	19,27,29,31,34,35,36,37, 629,634,636,blank	2 ¾ +	5 -
ON-827.03	1951/02/13	1951/07/13	1956/06/14 ¹	27,36,PM ¹	2 ½	5 ½ -
Listing		1926/07/05	1956/09/04	19,27,28?,29,31,34,35,36,37, 629,634,636,PM,blank	Jack Brandt ¹	

ON-827.01



ON-827.02



ON-827.03



ON-828 Hammer Study from Brian Stalker

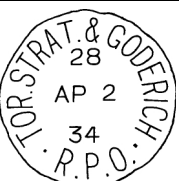
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Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c
ON-828.01	1931/06/27	1931/07/13	1956/05/30 ¹	28,37	5	14 ½	7 +
ON-828.02	1931/06/27	1931/12/21	1956/05/21 ¹	28,37	4	13 ¾	8 -
ON-828.03	1951/06/13	1951/09/15	1956/11/04	PM ¹ ,27,35 ¹ ,36	Jack Brandt ¹		
Listing		1931/07/13	1956/11/04	PM,27,28,35,36,37			

ON-828.01



ON-828.02



ON-828.03

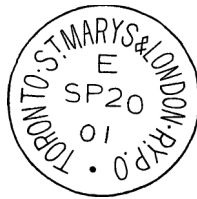


ON-799 Hammer Study



Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c
ON-799.01	unknown	1898/08/05 ¹	1922/09/24	E,W	4 +	11 ½	5 -
ON-799.02	unknown	1899/01/24 ¹	1924/07/09	E,W,28,39	4 ¾	10 ½	4
Listing		1898/08/04	1924/07/09	E,W,28,39			

Jack Brandt¹



ON-799.01

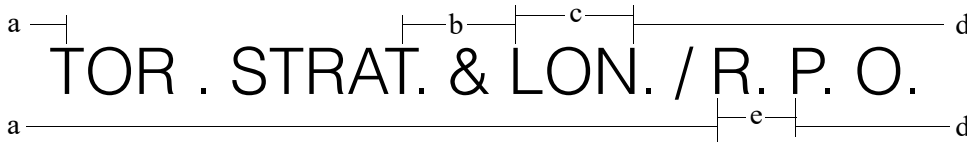


ON-799.02

The catalogue indicates that there are 2 hammers for **ON-800** but careful comparison of the two proof strikes and examples in the editor's collection show no evidence of a second hammer.

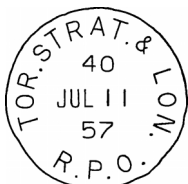
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ON-842 Hammer Study

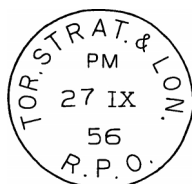


Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c	d	e
ON-842.01	1956/09/27	1956/10/12	1957/07/11	39 ² ,40	7 +	9	8 ¼	12 ½	5 -
ON-842.02	1956/09/27	1956/10/11 ¹	1957/04/14	39,40 ¹	8	7 ¾	7 ½	14	4 ¾
ON-842.03	1957/05/23	1957/06/24 ¹	1962/01/22	16,39,40	10	8 ¾	6 ½	15	4
ON-842.04	unknown	1965/02/03	1967/06/29	20,58,158	10	7 ½	6 ½ -	15	4
Listing		1956/10/11	1967/06/29	16,20,39,40,58,158					

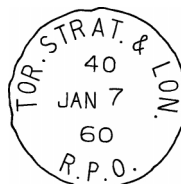
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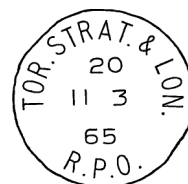
ON-842.01



ON-842.02



ON-842.03



ON-842.04

New Reports from Jack Brandt



MT-13.03, CAMPBELLTON & LEVIS EXPRESS · R.P.O. / . , 3, AU 10,58 and 3, 14 SP, 58 , is the first report of **train 3** for the second period of use of this hammer.



MT-22.01, CAMP. & LEVIS - R.P.O. / . , 631, 28 JUL, 60 , is the first report of **train 631** for the hammer.



MT-334.14, SYDNEY & TRURO / R.P.O. , 5, MR 11, 61 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



QC-547, TRING & LAKE MEGANTIC · R.P.O. / . , 5, 18 JAN, 56 , is a new **early 2nd period date** and the first report of **train 5** for both the listing and run.



ON-110, FT. WM. & WP'G R.P.O. / TR. NO. 8 , 2, 15 XI, 54 , is the first report of **train 2** for the listing.

ON-314.01, TRAIN NO / N. BAY & ENGLEHART · R.P.O. , 2, AU 4, 08 , is the **ERD** for the hammer.



ON-647.01, T. L. & S. / R.P.O. , 15, NO 15, 53 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

ON-827.01, TOR. STRAT. & GODERICH · R.P.O. / . , 36, JUL 5, 26 , is the **earliest date** for both the hammer and listing.



ON-827.01, TOR. STRAT. & GODERICH · R.P.O. / . , 36, JUL 1, 50 , is the **latest date** for the hammer.

ON-827.01, TOR. STRAT. & GODERICH · R.P.O. / . , 634, FE 15, 36 , is the first report of **train 634** for the hammer.



New Reports from Jack Brandt



ON-827.02, TOR. STRAT. & GODERICH · R.P.O. / . ,
31, DE 31, 27 , is the **earliest date** for the hammer.

ON-827.02, TOR. STRAT. & GODERICH · R.P.O. / . ,
36, AP 1, 50 , is the **latest date** for the hammer.



ON-827.03, TOR. STRAT. & GODERICH · R.P.O. / . ,
PM, VII 20, 52 , is the first confirmation of a **PM indicium** for both the hammer and listing.

ON-827.03, TOR. STRAT. & GODERICH · R.P.O. / . ,
36, 14 VI, 56 , is the **latest date** for the hammer.



ON-828.01, TOR. STRAT. & GODERICH / · R.P.O. · ,
28, MY 30, 56 , is the **latest reported date** for the hammer.

ON-828.02, TOR. STRAT. & GODERICH / · R.P.O. · ,
28, MY 21, 56 , is the **latest reported date** for the hammer.



ON-828.03, TOR. STRAT. & GODERICH / · R.P.O. · ,
35, VI 22, 52 , is the first report of **train 35** for the both the hammer and listing.

ON-841.01, TOR. STRAT. & LON · R.P.O. / . ,
20, AP 22, 35 , is the 1st period **LRD** for the hammer.

ON-841.02, TOR. STRAT. & LON · R.P.O. / . ,
30, NO 2, 26 , is the **ERD** for the hammer.



ON-842.01, TOR. STRAT. & LON. / R.P.O. ,
39, FE 20, 57 , is the first report of **train 39** for the hammer.

ON-849.02, TOR. & SUD. R.P.O. / NO 2 , 5, 11 JUL, (5)9 ,
is the first report of **train 5** for the hammer.



Our Chairman, **Peter McCarthy** advises that **Brainard Fitzgerald**, a BNAPS member won the **William G. Robinson Award** at ORAPEX for his exhibit "The Royal Visit to Canada 1951". The exhibit consisted of more than 80% R.P.O. material.

New Reports from Ross Gray

QC-143.02, MONTREAL & CALUMET . R.P.O. / . ,
E, JUN 8, 28 , is a new **late date** for both the hammer
and the listing.



ON-167.05, HAMILTON & MEAFORD . R.P.O. / N^o 5 ,
54, JUN 3, 12 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.

ON-475.021, PORT . HOPE & TORONTO . R.P.O. / N^o 2 ,
93, FE 28, 29 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



ON-506.01, ST THOMAS & WINDSOR. R.P.O. / . ,
W, AU 26, 09 , is a new **early date** for both the hammer
and listing.



WT-590.01, REGINA & CANORA. R.P.O. / N^o 1 ,
62, JUL 10, 30 , is the first report of **train 62** for the
hammer.



WT-744.01, SASK. & MUN. R.P.O. / No. 1 ,
9, JUL 21, 29 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



RY-144.05, P. E. ISLAND / M.C. , blank, DE 11, 05 ,
is a new **late date** for the hammer.



CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.
(BRITISH COLUMBIA) PAC. R.WY. M.C.

CAN 1887

Day Mail going FEB 23 West

Date 188

Mail for Ashcroft

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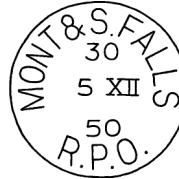
Jack Brandt reports **RY-24**, CAN. PAC. R.WY. M.C. / R. Y. ELLIS. / BRITISH COLUMBIA. , 1887,
FEB 23 West , is a new **early date** and **corrects the catalogue text**.

QC-261 Hammer Study

Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia
QC-261.01	1929/11/28	1930/04/25	1950/06/15	29,30
QC-261.02	1950/12/05	1951/05/12 ¹	1956/03/07	29,30
Listing		1930/04/25	1956/03/07	29,30

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QC-261.01
proof



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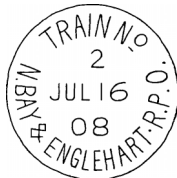
ON-314 Hammer Study

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TRAIN NO / N. BAY & ENGLEHART · R.P.O.
a— d— c— b—

Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c	d
ON-314.01	1908/07/16	1908/08/04 ²	1910/10/28	2	5 ¼	5	8 ½	7 ¼
ON-314.02	unknown	1908/07/23	1909/12/18	1,2	4 ½	4 ¾	9 ½	7 ¾
ON-314.03	1909/12/28	1910/03/19 ¹	1910/11/02 ¹	1,2	5 ¼	4 +	8 ¾	7 -
Listing		1908/07/23	1911/01/24	1,2,blank				

*Brian Stalker*¹ , *Jack Brandt*²

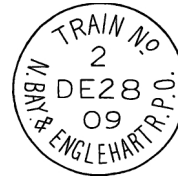
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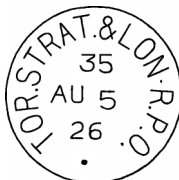
ON-841 Hammer Study

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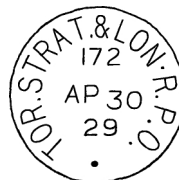
Hammer	Proof		ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b
ON-841.01	1926/06/25	1st Period	1926/06/30	1935/04/22 ²	20,35,36,37	12	7 ½ +
		2nd Period	1950/12/08	1964/01/18	26,39,40		
ON-841.02	1926/06/25		1926/11/02 ²	1931/08/22	26,30,172	12 ½	7
Listing			1926/06/30	1964/01/18	20,26,30,35,36,37,39,40,172		

*Jack Brandt*²

ON-841.01



ON-841.02



ON-722 Hammer Study



Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c
ON-722.01	1910/08/13	1911/07/13	1912/08/15	NE,DE	8 ¾	8 ¾	14 ¾
ON-722.02	1912/11/19	1914/08/26	1954/04/27 ¹	NE,DE ¹ ,10 ¹ ,18,19	9 +	8 ¼	14
ON-722.03	1912/11/19	1916/02/05	1932/04/11	NE,DE ¹ ,18,19	8 ¾	9 ½ -	14
ON-722.04	1915/09/15	1916/03/14 ¹	1922/11/01 ²	6 ¹ ,9 ² ,18 ¹	11 ¼	8	13 ½
ON-722.05	unknown	1916/11/17	1924/??/23 ²	E,6,7,18 ²	10	8 ¾	13 ½
Listing		1910/08/18	1954/10/??	NE,DE,E,6,7,9,10,18,19			

Stalker¹, Brandt²

* The punctuation between the 'T' and the 'R' is a short hyphen for ON-722.01, a period for ON-722.02 and ON-722.03, and a colon for ON-722.04 and ON-722.05.



ON-722.01



ON-722.02



ON-722.03

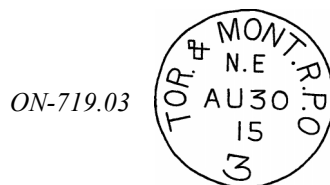


ON-722.04



ON-722.05

The tops of **ON-719.03** and **ON-719.07** are similar to **ON-722**. If the bottom portion of the strike is missing, measure from the top of the 'T' to the top of the 'R' of 'TOR'. This measurement is 5 ½ - mm for ON-719.03 and 5 mm for ON-719.07. This measurement is about 6 mm for all 5 hammers of ON-722.



ON-719.03



ON-719.07

WT-771 Hammer Study

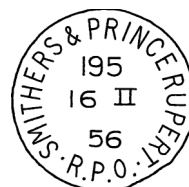


Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c
ON-771.01	1955/09/09	1956/03/09	1960/08/13	195,196	7	12 ¾	10
ON-771.02	1955/09/09	1955/12/22 ¹	1960/02/06	195,196	6	12	11
Listing		1955/10/11	1960/08/13	195,196			

Stalker¹



WT-771.01



WT-771.02

New Reports



Brian Stalker reports a new **late date** for **ON-37.01**, BRANTFORD & GODERICH · R^Y P. O / . , W, NO 18, 04 , and a new **early date** for **ON-37.02**, BRANTFORD & GODERICH · R^Y P. O / . , E, AU 8, 98 .



Brian also reports the first example of **train 9** for hammer **ON-719.03**, TOR. & MONT. R.P.O. / 3 , 9 FE 2, 25 , as well as the listing.



Chris Anstead reports the first example of **WT-192.011**, COR. & LAC · R.P.O. / N^o 1, E, AP 13, 26 , with an 'E' direction indicium.

Murray Smith notes that the punctuation shown for **WT-192.012** in the catalogue is incorrect. There is a base period after 'LAC' not a mid position dot.



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Murray Smith submitted this example of **MT-13.03**, CAMPBELLTON & LEVIS EXPRESS · R.P.O. / . , 1??, JAN 31, 52 , as possibly having an unreported train number. The train number slug is worn and over-inked making definite identification possible. The C.N.R public timetable in effect from November, 1951 showed no possibilities for a 3 digit train number being used on Campbellton-Levis trains however westbound train **135** and eastbound train **136** operated as **local trains** between **Riviere du Loup** and **Levis** daily except Sunday.

My conclusion is that this hammer was used on those local trains over only a portion of the Campbellton-Levis run during most of its 2nd period i.e. 1943/02/08 to 1960/03/22. The train numbers changed to **635** and **636** in 1958 with the advent of rail diesel cars instead of regular equipment. **Jack Brandt** reports **train 3** (Campbellton to Levis) for the hammer on August 10 and September 14, 1958. I have train 635 on August 23, 1958 leaving us to conclude that the hammer returned to its original run occasionally.

After further examination, I believe that a number of the Campbellton & Levis hammers were likely used on the Riviere du Loup – Levis run. I suspect that various RPO clerks based in Quebec-Levis were occasionally assigned to the shorter run and simply used their hammers which were normally used for the full run. Certainly there is more room for future investigation.

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