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This issue contains new reports from Morris Beattie, Jack Brandt, Georg Gerlach, Ross Gray, Richard Hautala, Wayne Schnarr, Murray Smith, Brian Stalker and Sean Weatherup. In addition there are several new hammer studies.

#### A New Late Date for MT-303



Ross Gray collection



MT-303, ST. JOHN & MONTREAL / B: M: CALDWELL / ST. JOHN, N.B., APR 8, WEST Tr. ?, is a new late date. The cover travelled by road from Central Grove to Digby and then by ferry to St. John, where it was transferred to the eastbound St. John & Montreal R.P.O.

#### Westbound to San Francisco





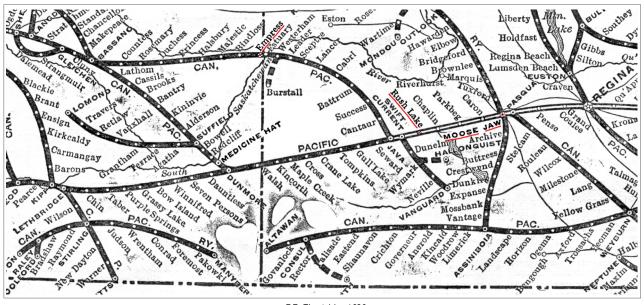
Ross Gray collection

This interesting registered cover was posted on October 4, 1921 at **Rush Lake, SK** (population 400), which was located on the Winnipeg-Calgary C.P.R. main line between Moose Jaw and Swift Current. The only passenger trains stopping there were local, daily except Sunday, trains 65 and 66, which ran between Moose Jaw and Empress, AB via Swift Current and which carried the Moose Jaw & Empress R.P.O.

At Rush Lake, the letter was transferred to **WT-435.03**, M. JAW & EMP: R.P.O. /  $\mathbb{N}^{Q}$  3, W, OC 4, 21, until it reached **Swift Current** where it was transferred to **WT-381.11**, M. JAW & CAL  $\cdot$  R.P.O. /  $\mathbb{N}^{Q}$  11, 1, OC 4, 21. The next day it arrived at **Medicine Hat** where it was transferred to **WT-344.02**, MED. HAT. & NEL. R.P.O. /  $\mathbb{N}^{Q}$  2, 67, OC 5, 21, and sorted into closed bag mail for the U.S. Arrival in San Francisco was October 8, 1921.

This is the first report of the 'W' direction indicium for hammer WT-435.03 and the first report of westbound train '67' for hammer WT-344.02.

## Westbound to San Francisco



C.P.R. Tim etable - 1920

## ON-420 Hammer Study

TRAIN Nº / OTT. & S. S. MARIE R.P.O.

Hammer	a	b	c	d	e	f
ON-420.01	9 -	13 1/2 +	5 3/4	12 1/4	11 1/4	5 3/4
ON-420.02	8 -	12 -	4 3/4	11 ½	14 +	6 3/4 +
ON-420.03	10 1/4	12 1/4	5	12 ½	10 3/4	6
ON-420.04	9 1/2	11	4 +	13 ½	11	6 ½ -
ON-420.05	9 1/4	11 ½ +	4 1/2 +	13 +	11	6 -
ON-420.06	9 1/2	12 ½	5 1/2 +	12 ½	9 1/2	6 1/4



Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia
ON-420.01	unknown	1905/02/10	1912/12/06*	7,8,19*,20
ON-420.02	1907/11/21	1908/05/15	1915/01/12*	E,W,7*,8,18*,20
ON-420.03	1908/09/03	1909/04/07	1914/11/04*	7,8,18*,20
ON-420.04	unknown	1908/09/17*	1915/01/30*	7,8,18*,19,20*
ON-420.05	unknown	1908/10/17*	1915/02/09*	7,8,17*,20
ON-420.06	1914/01/15	1914/04/10*	1914/11/??*	18,20*
Listing		1905/02/10	1922/09/11	E,W,7,8,18,19,20

Jack Brandt \*

#### Listing WT-391.55 Fully Revealed





Ross Gray collection

Close examination of the only report of WT-391.55, M. JAW & CAL. / L. G. IRONSIDE, Tr. 96, MAY 16, 1910, reveals that the clerk's first initial was  ${}^{\cdot}L^{\cdot}$ . This clerk handstamp is the earliest one for the run.

## Two New North Portal & Moose Jaw Clerk Stamps



**WT-529.55**, NOR. PORT. & M. JAW R.P.O. / C. D. ARMOUR, Tr. 13, FEB 21, 1923, type CC3R, is a newly listed clerk handstamp used as a transit backstamp on a returned registered cover from Estevan to St. Paul, Minnesota.

WT-529.65, N. Portal & ......O. / A. Le Claire , Tr. 14, MAY 10, 1925 , type CC3R, is a newly listed clerk handstamp used as a transit backstamp on a returned registered cover from Estevan to Toronto.



Both covers are 'Drawer 40' covers which contained tax notices as described in the article by Tom Reyman in his recent article in BNA Topics, Whole number 554, Volume 75, No. 1, pages 24-26

#### New Reports from Jack Brandt



MT-7.01, CAMP. & LEVIS EXPRESS R.P.O. / . , 632, DE 24, 56 , is the first report of  $train\ 632$  for the hammer.

**MT-7.06**, CAMP. & LEVIS EXPRESS R.P.O. / . , 3, FE 4, 57 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.





**MT-7.08**, CAMP & LEVIS EXPRESS R.P.O. / . , 4, 21 JA, 40 , is the first report of **train 4** for the hammer.

MT-7.08, CAMP & LEVIS EXPRESS R.P.O. / . , 631, 27 SP, 58 , is the first report of **train 631** and a new **late date** for the hammer.





**MT-7.17**, CAMP & LEVIS EXPRESS · R.P.O. / . , 31, AU 1, 27 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

MT-7.23, CAMP & LEVIS EXPRESS  $\cdot$  R.P.O. / . , 1, NO 27, 28 , is a new late date for the hammer.



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**MT-10.03**, CAMP'TON. & LEVIS /  $\cdot$  LOCAL  $\cdot$  R.P.O.  $\cdot$  , E, FE 5,09 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

MT-13.03, CAMPBELLTON & LEVIS EXPRESS  $\cdot$  R.P.O. / . , blank, JAN 6, 15 , is the first report of a **blank indicium** for both the listing and the hammer.





**MT-13.03**, CAMPBELLTON & LEVIS EXPRESS · R.P.O. / . , 34, SP 6, 15 , is the first report of **train 34** for the hammer.

MT-13.04, CAMPBELLTON & LEVIS EXPRESS · R.P.O. / . , 3, OC 27, 26, is a new late date for the hammer.





**MT-13.05**, CAMPBELLTON & LEVIS EXPRESS · R.P.O. / . , 31, AP 30, 34 , is the first report of **train 31** for the hammer.

MT-13.05, CAMPBELLTON & LEVIS EXPRESS  $\cdot$  R.P.O. / . , 1, AU 12, 37 , is a new late date and the first report of train 1 for the hammer.





MT-16.02, CAMP'TON & LEVIS LOCAL · R.P.O. / . , 34, JUL 12, 15, is the first report of **train 34** for both the hammer and the listing.

MT-17.01, CAMPBELLTON & LEVIS LOCAL  $\cdot$  R.P.O. / . , W, JUN 26, 14 , is the first report of a 'W' direction for the hammer.





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#### New Reports from Jack Brandt



MT-17.01, CAMPBELLTON & LEVIS LOCAL · R.P.O. / . , blank, AP 23, 1?, is the first report of a blank indicium for both the hammer and the listing.

MT-17.02, CAMPBELLTON & LEVIS LOCAL · R.P.O. / . ,



MT-17.05, CAMPBELLTON & LEVIS LOCAL · R.P.O. / . , 34, JUN 23, 14, is the first report of **train 34** for the hammer.

1, AU 21, 27, is the first report of **train 1** for the hammer.





QC-311.02, MONTREAL & TORONTO / . R.P.O. . , 58, 13, XII, 67, is a new early date for the hammer.



OC-609, QUEBEC & NATASHQUAN / · SEA POST W, JUL 15, 38, is a new late date and the first report of a **W** indicium. (Note the mid-position dots before and after SEA POST which has been corrected in the catalogue.)



ON-340.01, NORTH BAY & S. S. MARIE · R.P.O. / . , 18, OC 6, 24, is a new late date for the hammer.



ON-635.021, TOR. & LON. R.P.O. / Nº 2., 21, JUN 20, 38, is a new late date for the hammer and narrows the transition time gap between this hammer and its replacement, hammer ON-635.022.



WT-64.023, CALGARY & EDMONTON  $\cdot$  R.P.O. / Nº 2. 22, OC 6, 17, is a new early date for the hammer.



WT-344.07, MED. HAT. & NEL. R.P.O. / Nº 7, 67, JAN 15, 28, is a new late date for the hammer.



WT-482.02, NELSON & MIDWAY · B.C. R.P.O. / . , E, MR 1, 12, is a new early date for the hammer.



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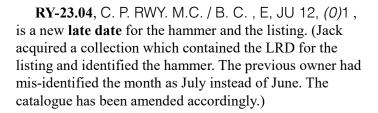
**RY-23.03**, C. P. RWY. M.C. / B. C., ?, AP 23, 93, is a new early date for the hammer.



#### New Reports from Jack Brandt



 $RY\mbox{-}23.03,$  C. P. RWY. M.C. / B. C. , W, AU 12, 93 , is a the first report of 'W' for the hammer.







**SN-5**, EDMONTON  $\cdot$  C.N.R. DEPOT / . , 16, NO 8, 37 , is a new late date.

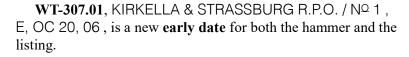
### New Reports from Ross Gray

QC-298.07, MONT. & TOR. · R.P.O. /  $N^{\circ}$  7 , D.W, MR 2, 11 , found as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from St. Ferdinand, QC to Woodstock,ON, is a new **early date** for both the hammer and the listing.





Found as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from Blind River to Toronto, **ON-849.04**, TOR. & SUD. R.P.O. / NO 4, 14, MY 11, 65, is a new **late date** and the first report of **train 14** for the hammer. (Train 14 does not appear in the CPR timetable until the end of April, 1965.)







**WT-459.012**, M. JAW & SHAUN  $\cdot$  R.P.O. /  $\mathbb{N}^{\Omega}$  .1 , W, NO 3, 23 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



**WT-618**, REG. & LAN. R.P.O. / No. 1, 328, MY 10, 38, is a new **late date**.



WT-642.012, REG. & SWAN RIVER  $\cdot$  R.P.O. / No 1 , 65, JAN 23, 32 , is a new **early 1st Period date** for the hammer.



**WT-642.02**, REG. & SWAN RIVER  $\cdot$  R.P.O.  $/\cdot$  N $^{\Omega}$  2  $\cdot$  , 65, DE 10, 38 , is a new **late 1st Period date** for the hammer.

#### New Reports from Ross Gray







**RY-129**, NORTH  $\cdot$  SIMCOE  $\cdot$  BRANCH  $\cdot$  RWY. / M.C. , blank, MR 20, 80 , on a post card from Anten Mills to Hamilton, is a new **early date** for this hammer which was proof struck on September 9, 1879.

#### **ON-549 Hammer Study**

# TRAIN No / SUD. & S. S. MARIE · R.P.O.

Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b
ON-549.01	1912/01/03	1912/07/17*	1915/12/22	26,27,28	2 3/4	12 ½
ON-549.02	1912/01/03	1916/10/07*	1922/06/07*	27,28	3 +	13 ½ -
Listing		1912/02/28	1923/01/29	26,27,28	Jack F	Brandt *



ON-549.01 proof



ON-549.02 proof

#### **ON-550 Hammers**

Jack Brandt has reported two partial strikes of ON-550 dated June 11,1924 and July 4, 1925 with a base period after 'SOO' instead of the much more common earlier hammer which has a mid-postion dot after 'SOO' and was proof struck on February 6, 1918. This later hammer also has a mid-position dot before 'SUD' and after 'R.P.O.' similar to ON-551.

The editor would appreciate study group members examining their holdings in the hope of providing a clear complete example of this second hammer to enable creating a chordal measurement chart. It may be that this second hammer was created at the same time as ON-551 which was proof struck on February 9, 1923.





# ON-553 Hammer Study

SUD. & SOO. R.P.O. /

Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	O * R
ON-553.01	1927/08/05	1927/08/10	1931/03/18*	27,28	12	base period
ON-553.02	1927/09/09	1928/03/26*	1931/11/13	28	12 ¾ mid-position dot	
Listing		1927/08/10	1931/11/13	27,28	Ja	ck Brandt *



ON-553.01



ON-553.02 proof

#### **ON-335 Hammer Study**

# NORTH BAY & LONGLAC / R.P.O.

Hammer	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c	d	e
ON-335.01	unreported	unreported		6 1/2	4	4 1/2	6 3/4	8 3/4
ON-335.02	1965/07/29	1971/02/01	5,6,7,8,9,10,106	5 -	3 3/4 +	3 3/4	5 3/4	10
ON-335.03	1971/01/31	1971/02/01	7,8	7 ½ +	4	3 3/4	6+	9 3/4
Listing	1965/07/29	1971/02/01	5,6,7,8,9,10,106					

Due to the poor condition of the proof strike of hammer ON-335.01, measurements are approximate.

ON-335.01 proof date - 1963/11/30, ON-335.02 proof date - 1965/04/30, ON-335.03 proof date - 1967/06/21

Only favour strikes on philatelic covers have been observed for hammer ON-335.03.





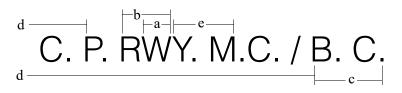


#### RY-23 Hammer Study Update

We published a hammer study for RY-23 in the July-August, 2005 newsletter based on the 3 available proof strikes. In the following newsletter we reported a fourth hammer discovered by **Warren Bosch**.

This updated study is now corrected and expanded to include a few recently found examples and has an additional chordal measurement added.

RY-23 is much scarcer than RY-21 and RY-22 and therefore the R.F. has been changed to 'F'.



Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c	d	e
RY-23.01	1890/03/20	unreported	unreported		4 3/4	9	11 ½	15 3/4	9 1/4
RY-23.02	1890/03/26	unreported	unreported		3 3/4	7 1/4	10	16 1/4	9
RY-23.03	1890/03/26	1893/04/231	1894/12/15	E,W1	4 1/2	8 1/2	11 1/4	15 3/4	9 -
RY-23.04	unknown	1890/12/12	1901/06/121	E,W	3 3/4	7 +	10	15 3/4	8 ½ -
Listing		1890/06/25	1901/06/12*	E,W		Ia	ck Rrandt 1	!	

<sup>\*</sup>Jack Brandt acquired a collection in which the LRD example month was mis-identified as July instead of June.



RY-23.01 proof



RY-23.02 proof



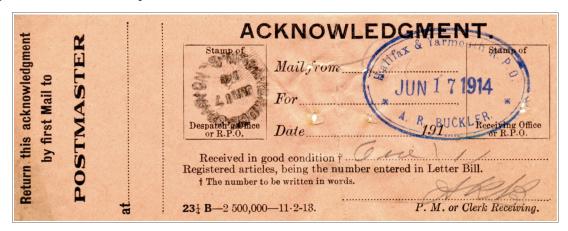
RY-23.03 proof



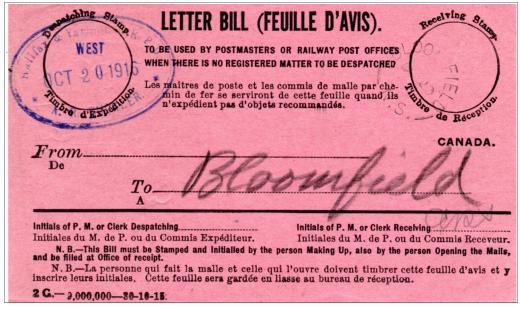
RY-23.04

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MT-156.55, HAL. - DIG. - YAR. / A. L. COOK, Tr. 98, AUG 5, 1955, is a new, previously unreported clerk handstamp.



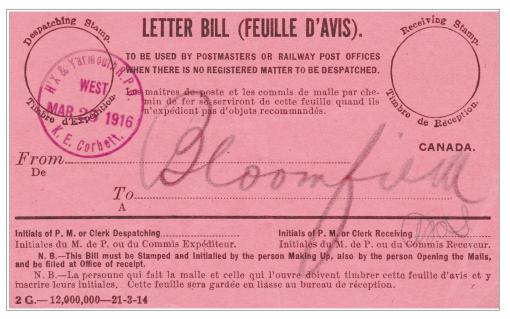
MT-213, Halifax & Yarmouth /  $\star$  A. R. BUCKLER  $\star$  , blank, JUN 17, 1914 , is the first report of a blank indicium for this clerk handstamp.



MT-213, Halifax & Yarmouth / \* A. R. BUCKLER \* , WEST, OCT 20, 1916 , is a new late date for this clerk handstamp.



**New listing MT-182.6**, HALIFAX & ST JOHN / R.P.O. / W. R. LONG, 13, JUL 26 (43), on the back of a letter from the clerk to his wife, is a previously unreported clerk handstamp.



MT-218, H'X & Yarmouth R.P.O. / K. E. Corbett, WEST, MAR 26, 1916, is a new early date.

### A New Early Date for WT-235.02



Observed on eBay is a new **early date** for hammer **WT-235.02**, EST. & M. JAW  $\cdot$  R.P.O. /  $N^{\circ}$  2 , 316, FE 5, 31 .

Despetching States LETTER BILL (FEUILLE D'AVIS). Receiving States
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 de malle par chemin de fer se serviront de cette feuille quand ils n'expédient pas d'objets recommandés.  CANADA.
Initials of P. M. or Clerk Despatching

MT-219, HALIFAX & YARMOUTH R.P.O. / P. L. SMITH , WEST, MAY 11, 1917 , is a new late date and the first report of the 'WEST' direction.

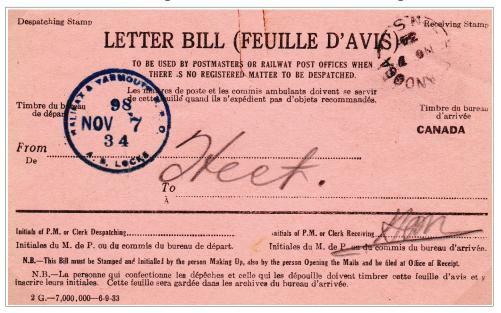
REGISTERED LETTER BILL.  Despatching Stamp.  Despatching Stamp.  Receiving Stamp.  Bills with a total Number of Registered Articles. For further entries see Bill No.  Clerk Des.  P.M. or Clerk Rec.	201
ADDRESSES OF REGISTERED ARTICLES.	
No. P. Parcel, M. P. Money Pkt. PLACE. Where Sent	

**New listing MT-220.55**, HX. & YAR. R P O / & C. P. DUNN & , W, MAY 20, 1918 , is a previously unreported clerk handstamp.

## A New Early Date for ON-10.01

**Wayne Schnarr** reports a new **early date** for both the listing and hammer **ON-10.01**, ARMSTRONG STN. & WP'G. R.P.O. /  $N^Q$  1 , 2, SP 9, 38 .





**New listing MT-224.55**, HALIFAX & YARMOUTH R.P.O. / A. B. LOCKE, 98, NOV 7, 34, is a previously unreported clerk handstamp.

#### A New Late Date for RY-123.01



**Richard Hautala** shares this nice  $3\phi$  Small Queen cover with a new **late date** for hammer, **RY-123.01**, NOR · RAILWAY / \_ NORTH, AP 1, 81 . A Newmarket transit backstamp confirms the date. The date of the violet Victoria Road receiving backstamp is not legible.

# A New Early Date for RY-175



**Murray Smith** reports a new **early date** for **RY-175**, S. & O.  $RW^{\underline{\vee}} \cdot M$  C. / B.C. , N, NO 1, 94 .





This registered cover originated at Dayton, N.S., located 2 miles north east of Yarmouth, and was transferred to MT-198.01, HALIFAX & YARMOUTH R.P.O. / . , E, MY 5, 22 , arriving in Yarmouth in the afternoon. There it was likely placed into closed bag mail and travelled by rail to Digby for transfer to the Digby-St. John ferry. On arrival in St. John, the letter was transferred to the westbound St. John & Montreal R.P.O. where the clerk applied his handstamp, the newly listed,

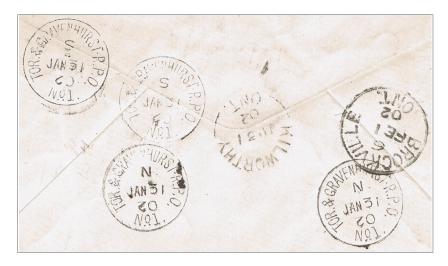
MT-305.55, ST. JOHN & MONTREAL R.P.O. / W. R. HUMPREY , Tr. 39, MAY 6, 1922. At Montreal it was transferred to ON-724.01, TOR. & MONTREAL  $\cdot$  R.P.O. / . , 19, MY 7, 22 and arrived at Hamilton the following day.

# A New Winnipeg District Clerk Handstamp

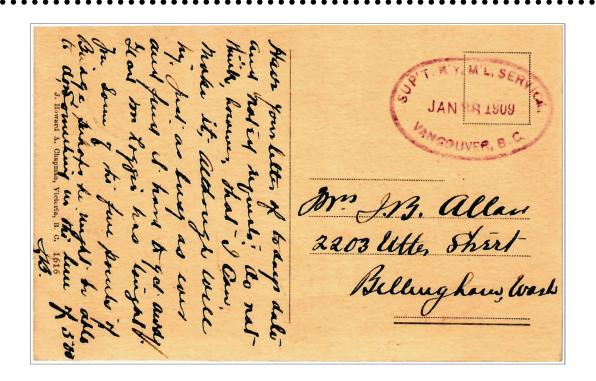


**Georg Gerlach** reports a new clerk handstamp now listed as **WT-1036.55**, MOOSE JAW DISTRICT / R. HILL , Tr. 138, AUG 14, 1952, type CC3R.

#### **New Reports**



**Brian Stalker** reports **ON-596.01**, TOR. & GRAVENHURST  $\cdot$  R.P.O. / No 1., N, JA 31, 02 and S, JA 31, 02, transit backstamps on a Cossitt Bros cover from Kilworthy to Brockville. This is a new **early date** for the hammer.



**Morris Beattie** reports this interesting use of an R.M.S. Supervisor's hand stamp used illegally on a personal message post card to avoid paying postage.

There are numerous similar hand stamps in the proof records but not this particular one. I believe that they were intended strictly for use on internal post office forms and official post office business correspondence. I have seen a few examples on internal P.O. messages from the supervisors to the clerks.

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