

In this issue we enjoy contributions from **John Aitken, Jack Brandt, Brian Copeland, Richard Cromwell, Ross Gray, Brian Stalker, Gary Steele** and **Sean Weatherup**.

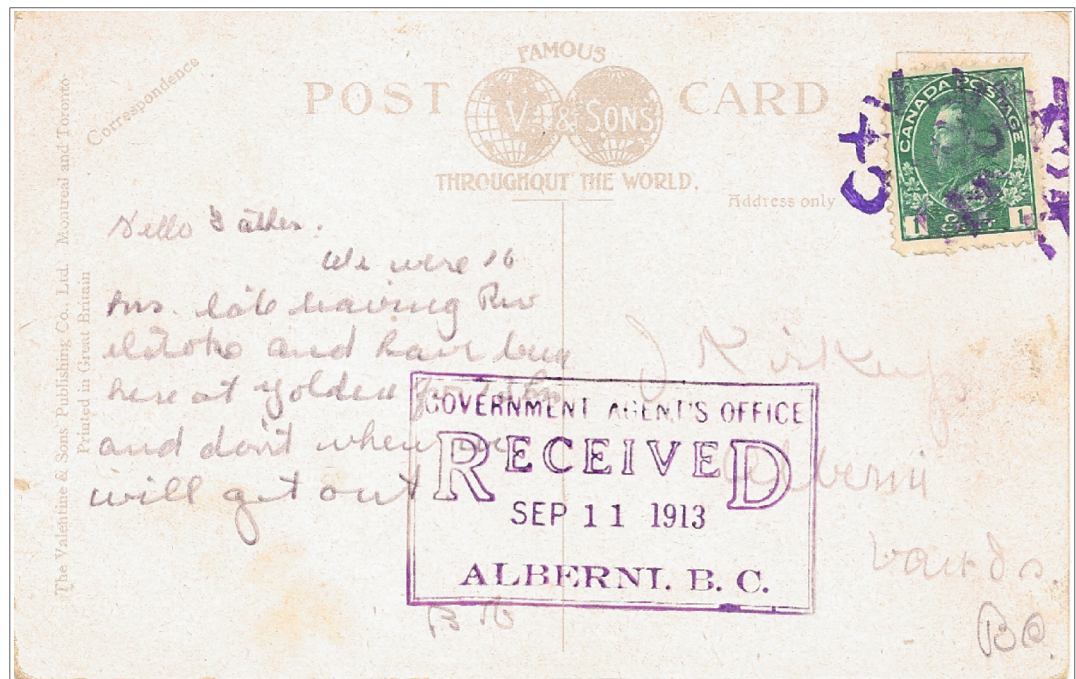
So numerous are the new reports that the issue had to be substantially expanded beyond the normal minimum of 10 pages to 16 pages and the editor still has a large back log of material waiting for inclusion in the next issue.

For hammer enthusiasts, there is a study for ON-36 and an updated study for MT-166 which includes a newly discovered added hammer.



### A New Western RPO Clerk Discovery from Richard Cromwell

We welcome one of our newest study group members, **Richard Cromwell**, with his report of a very unusual clerk stamp. The editor recalls seeing another example on a small piece which was unclear and lacked any dates or clues as to origin or destination.



The undated message on this post card addressed to Alberni, BC reveals that the sender was travelling on an eastbound CPR train which had left Revelstoke very late and was sitting at Golden, BC, where the card was probably posted. The postmark is a crudely hand crafted device which appears to read, C + V / N O K . I believe that it is an RPO clerk's handstamp used on the Calgary & Vancouver R.P.O. and it will now be listed as **WT-110.55**, Type SPX, R.F. - G .

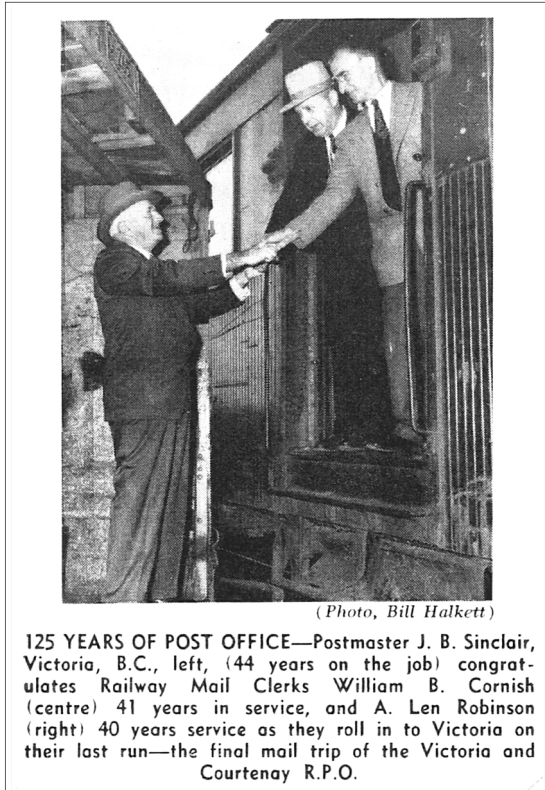
We can speculate that the clerk, who was required to provide a personal handstamp at his own expense, either decided to save money by making his own or had not had the opportunity to obtain a professionally made one.

Fortunately the recipient date stamped the card on receipt allowing us to date the new postmark as being used a day or two earlier.

## A New Report and Pictures from Brian Copeland



**WT-822, VIC - COURT / R.P.O. / W. R. B. , JUL 18, 1952 ,**  
is a new **late date**.



*(Photo, Bill Halkett)*

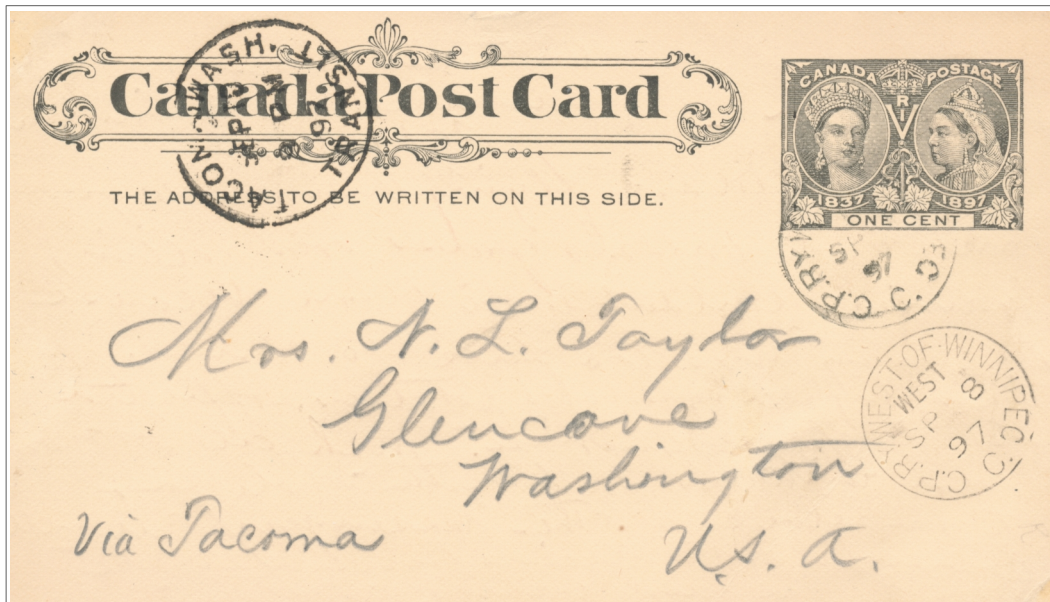
**125 YEARS OF POST OFFICE**—Postmaster J. B. Sinclair, Victoria, B.C., left, (44 years on the job) congratulates Railway Mail Clerks William B. Cornish (centre) 41 years in service, and A. Len Robinson (right) 40 years service as they roll in to Victoria on their last run—the final mail trip of the Victoria and Courtenay R.P.O.



Last mail bag to be handled by the E. & N. Railway on the Vancouver Island run was passed from mail car yesterday by E. Len Robinson, veteran clerk of rail mail service, to fellow clerk William B. Cornish. On hand to witness historic passing of the mail was Victoria Postmaster J. B. Sinclair, centre.—(Colonist photo by Jim Ryan.)

*(Typographical error - Clerk's name is A. L. Robinson )*

## A New C. P. Ry. West of Winnipeg Hammer Date



*Ross Gray Collection*

**RY-30.26, C. P. R. WEST · OF · WINNIPEG / C. , WEST, SP 8, 97 ,** is a new **late date** and the first report of a **WEST** direction indicium for the hammer. The card was first cancelled with **RY-30.25, C. P. R. WEST · OF · WINNIPEG / C. , E, SP 8, 97** and then transferred to the westbound R.P.O.

## New Reports from Jack Brandt



**MT-83.03**, HALIFAX & ANNAPOLIS / · M.C. · , blank, MY 27, 93 , is the first report of a **blank** direction indicium for the hammer.



**MT-96.03**, HALIFAX & CAMPBELLTON · R.P.O. / . , EAST, AU 15, 04 , is the first report of **EAST** for the hammer.



**MT-104.01**, HX. & CAMP · R.P.O. / . , 1, DE 13, 35 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

**MT-167.03**, HALIFAX & ST JOHN R.P.O. / DAY. , E, MR 13, 22 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



**MT-189.01**, HALIFAX & SYDNEY / R.P.O. , W, JAN 7, 29 , is a new **early date** and the first report of a '**W**' **direction indicium** for both the hammer and the listing. The hammer was proof struck on November 21, 1928.

**MT-329.06**, ST STEPHEN & EDMUNSTON R.P.O. / . , 152, DE 21, 35 , is a new **1st period late date** for the hammer.



**MT-329.06**, ST STEPHEN & EDMUNSTON R.P.O. / . , 152, DE 21, blank , is the first **2nd period date** for the hammer. The year date is based on the stamp having been issued on April 9, **1943** and the hammer was likely briefly used for the annual Christmas rush.

**MT-329.07**, ST STEPHEN & EDMUNSTON · R.P.O. / . , 152, DE 18, 34 , is the first report of **train 152** and a new **1st period late date** for the hammer. The true year date is probably **1935** or later since the stamp was issued on June 1, 1935. Another example of brief use to accommodate the Christmas rush.



**MT-333.01**, SYDNEY & TRURO · R.P.O. / . , 7, FE 19, 31 , is the first report of **train 7** for the hammer.

**MT-334.02**, SYDNEY & TRURO / R.P.O. , 6, NO 27, 51 , is a new **late date** for the hammer, 13 years later than the previous LRD. Jack also reported a 1940 and a 1948 year date, which suggest that the hammer was used continuously.



## New Reports from Jack Brandt



**MT-334.03**, SYDNEY & TRURO / R.P.O. , 6, MY 2, 49 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

**MT-334.07**, SYDNEY & TRURO / R.P.O. , 10, JAN 26, 57 , is the first report of **train 10** for the hammer.



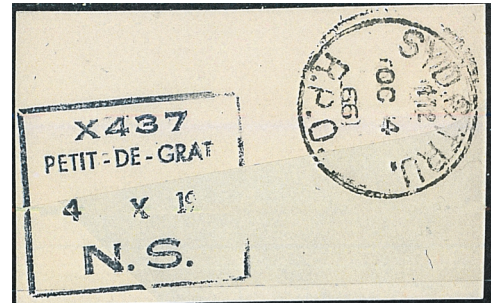
**MT-334.09**, SYDNEY & TRURO / R.P.O. , 6, JUN 14, 37 , is the first report of **train 6** for the hammer.

**MT-334.10**, SYDNEY & TRURO / R.P.O. , ??, OC 10, 61 , is a new **late date** for the hammer. The indicium is unclear but appears to be "2 M", possibly a PM time mark.



**MT-334.12**, SYDNEY & TRURO / R.P.O. , 8, 27 XI, 61 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.

**MT-336**, SYD. & TRU. / R.P.O. , 112, OC 4, 66 , is a new **late date** and the first report of **train 112**.



**MT-337**, SYD. & TRU. R.P.O. / . , 6, OC 20, 60 , is a new **late date**.



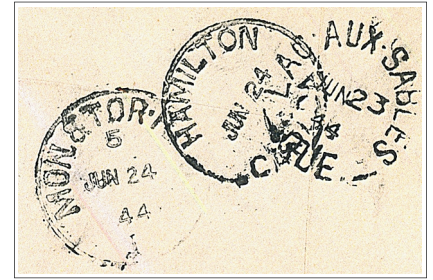
**QC-137.02**, MONT. & BROCK. R.P.O. / . , 25, 9 VIII, 58 , is a new **late date** for the hammer, the same latest reported date for QC-137.01 .



**QC-228.04**, TRAIN N<sup>o</sup> / MONT. & OTT. R.P.O. , 6, SP 4, 14 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.

## New Reports from Jack Brandt

**QC-308.011**, MON. & TOR. R.P.O. / 1, 5, JUN 24, 44, is a new **late date** for the hammer and narrows the transition gap between this hammer and QC-308.012.



**ON-265.01**, LON · S<sup>I</sup> MARY'S & TOR / M.C., EAST, JY 22, 98, is a new **late first period date** for the hammer.

**ON-461.04**, C.P.R. P<sup>I</sup> ARTHUR & W'PEG. M.C. / 4., E, NO 9, 7, is a new **late date** for the hammer.



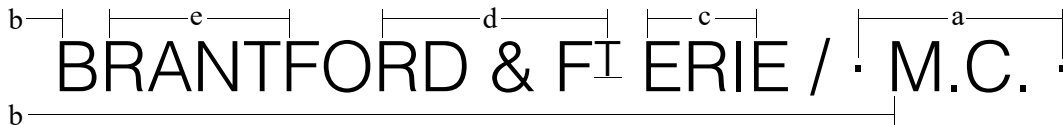
**WT-272.01**, KAM. & S' TOON / R.P.O. No. 1, 10, 11 V, 63, is a new **late date** for the hammer.

**WT-344.101**, MED. & HAT. & NEL. R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 10, 67, AU 2, 26, is a new **late date** and the first report of **train 67** for the hammer.



**WT-589.02**, PRINCE GEORGE & TERRACE / R.P.O., 196, 10 X, 60, is a new **early date** for the hammer.

### ON-36 Hammer Study



Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c	d	e
ON-36.01	1894/06/09	1894/09/27	1898/07/16	E,W	12 +	5	7	12 -	11 ½
ON-36.02	1894/06/09	OPK	OPK		11 ¾	4 ½ +	8 ½ -	11 ¾	10 ¾



*ON-36.01*



*ON-36.02 proof*

## MT-166 Hammer Study Update

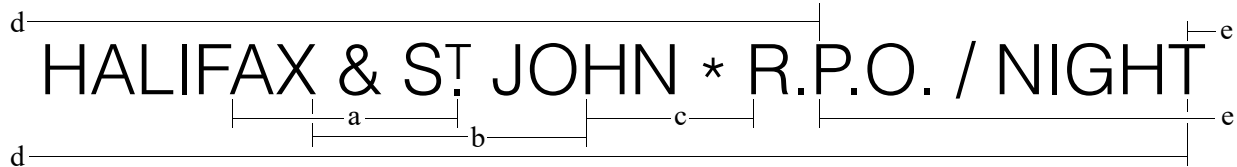
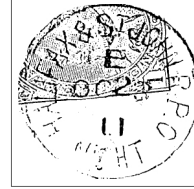
Jack Brandt has reported two examples of a **previously unknown additional hammer** for this listing and we have now designated it as **MT-166.07**.

Ludlow's original 1976 study of the hammers only offered three chords to differentiate the hammers and those chords are very similar for MT-166.03 and MT-166.07. As a result I have added two additional chords to aid separation.

Unfortunately I have been unable to locate a complete clear strike of hammer MT-166.05 to provide reliable chordal measurements.



MT-166.07



Hammer	Ampersand	N * R	Period after "NIGHT"	a	b	c	d	e
MT-166.01	sharp,angular	mid-position dot	no	8 ½ +	9 ¾	4 -	9 +	6 ½
MT-166.02	sharp,angular	mid-position dot	yes	8 ¾ -	9 ½	4 +	10 ½	7 ¾
MT-166.03	sharp,angular	mid-position dot	no	8 ½	9 ½	4 ¼	10 ½	8
MT-166.04	sharp,angular	no dot	no	9 ¼	10 ¼	4 -	10 ¼	7 ¾
MT-166.05	sharp,angular	no dot	no	9 ¼	10 ¼	4 ½	?	?
MT-166.06	curved,rounded	mid-position dot	· NIGHT ·	8 ½	10 ¼	4 ¼	10	7 ¼
MT-166.07	sharp,angular	mid position dot	no	8 ½	9 ½	4 ½ -	9 ½	7 ¼

Hammer	Proof Date	ERD	LRD	Indicia
MT-166.01	unknown	1907/02/08	1918/07/04	E,W
MT-166.02	unknown	1907/07/04	1923/01/10	E,W
MT-166.03	unknown	1908/07/24	1911/12/02	E,W
MT-166.04	1908/03/08	1909/04/19	1917/11/06	E,W
MT-166.05	unknown	1908/08/14*	1909/10/01	E,W
MT-166.06	1923/04/19	1935/03/08	1954/12/15*	14
MT-166.07	unknown	1911/10/28*	1911/11/28*	E
MT-166		1907/02/08	1954/12/15	E,W,14

*\* Reported by Jack Brandt*



MT-166.01



MT-166.02



MT-166.03



MT-166.04

*No reference image available*

MT-166.05



MT-166.06



The earliest reported example of hammer **MT-166.06** shows that the 'NIGHT' at the base was removed sometime after the proof date on April 19, 1923. No example of the unaltered hammer has been reported.

## New Reports from Ross Gray

Found as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from Germany to Sackville, NB is the first report of **train 4** for hammer **MT-21.03**, CAMP & LEVIS · OCEAN LIMITED / . , 4, JAN 17, 22 . It is accompanied by MT-99.07 with the same date and train number.



This registered cover addressed to Bangor, Maine, originated at Temiskaming Station, QC on July 28, 1926 and was sent south by rail in closed bag mail to Mattawa, ON where it was transferred to the Ottawa & North Bay R.P.O. on C.P.R. eastbound train #2. The clerk applied **ON-395.04**, TRAIN NO / OTTAWA & NORTH BAY · R.P.O. , 2, JUL 28, 26 . At Ottawa the letter was transferred to the Montreal & Ottawa R.P.O whose clerk applied **QC-229.03**, MONTREAL & OTTAWA · R.P.O. / . , 2, JUL 29, 26. In Montreal it was sorted into closed bag registered mail for Maine.

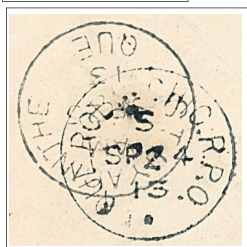
July 28, 1926 is a new **late date** for hammer **ON-395.04**. July 29, 1926 is a new **early date** and the **only first period date** for hammer **QC-229.03**; The previous earliest reported date for **QC-229.03**, April 6, 1946, now becomes the **earliest reported second period date**.

## New Reports from Ross Gray



**QC-294.08**, MONT. & TOR. G.T.R.Y / 8 , N.W , OC 29, 04 ,  
is a new **late date** for the hammer.

**QC-451.05**, QUE. ROB. & CHIC. R.P.O. / . , 22, AP 10, 19 ,  
is the first report of **train 22** for the hammer.



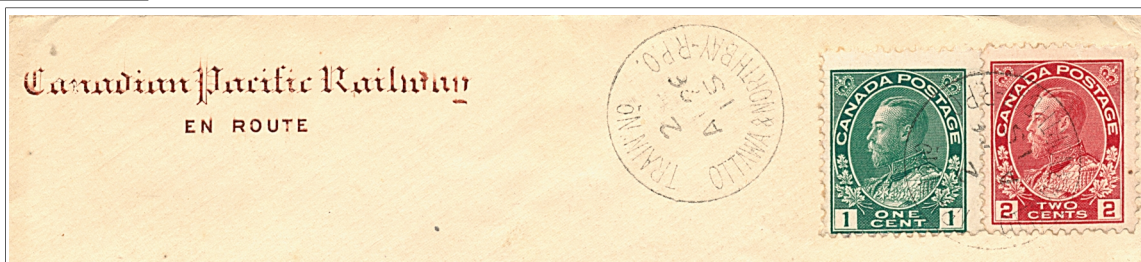
**QC-451.08**, QUE. ROB. & CHIC. R.P.O. / . , S, SP 24, 13 , is  
a new **early date** for the hammer.



**ON-304.03**, TRAIN N<sup>o</sup> / N. BAY & COCHRANE · R.P.O. ,  
46, JAN 14, 35 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



**ON-376**, OTT & FI · COULONGE / M.C. , E, MR 8, 10 , is  
a new **late date**, which narrows the usage gap between ON-376  
and ON-377.



**ON-395.04**, TRAIN N<sup>o</sup> / OTTAWA & NORTH BAY · R.P.O. , 2, AU 26, 15 , is a  
new **early date** for the hammer.



**ON-404**, OTTAWA & PARRY SOUND . R.P.O. / . ,  
53, MR 31, 22 , is the first report of **train 53** for this  
hammer and the run.

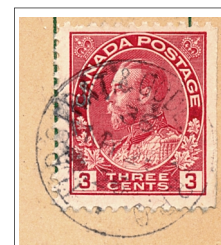
**ON-562.01**, TOR. & FT. WM. R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 ,  
6, AP 18, 56 , is a new **late date** and the first  
report of **train 6** for the hammer.



**ON-635.022**, TOR. & LON. R.P.O. / No. 2 ,  
632, JUL 20, 42 , is a new **late date** for the  
hammer.

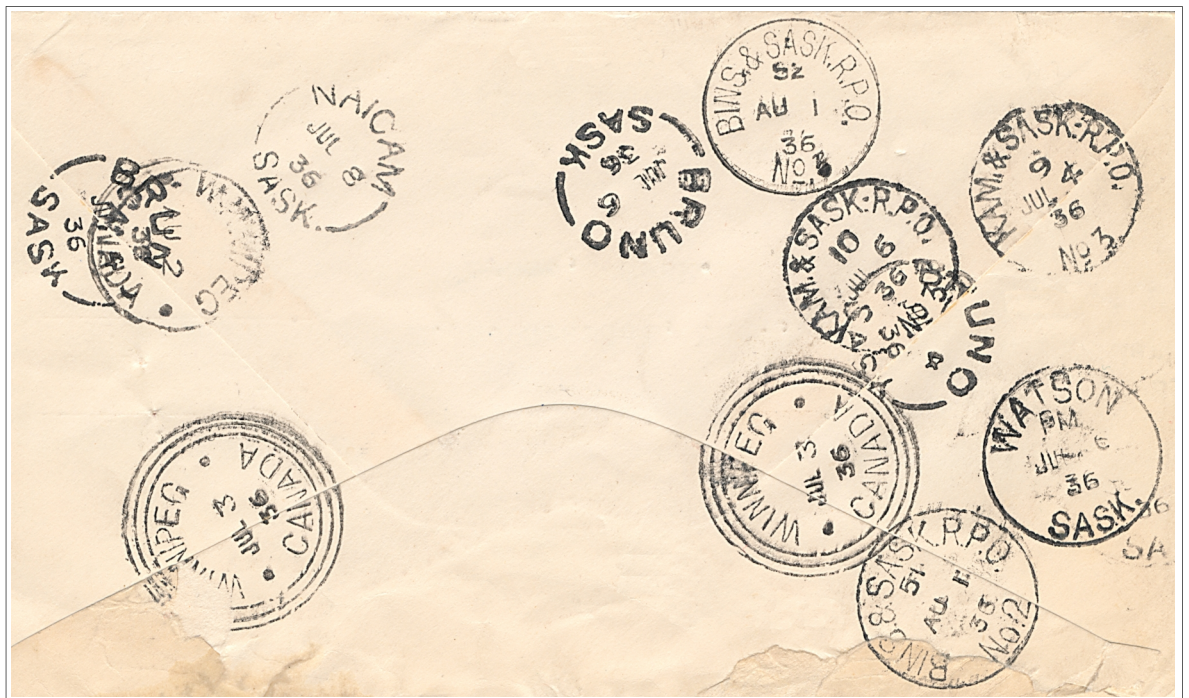
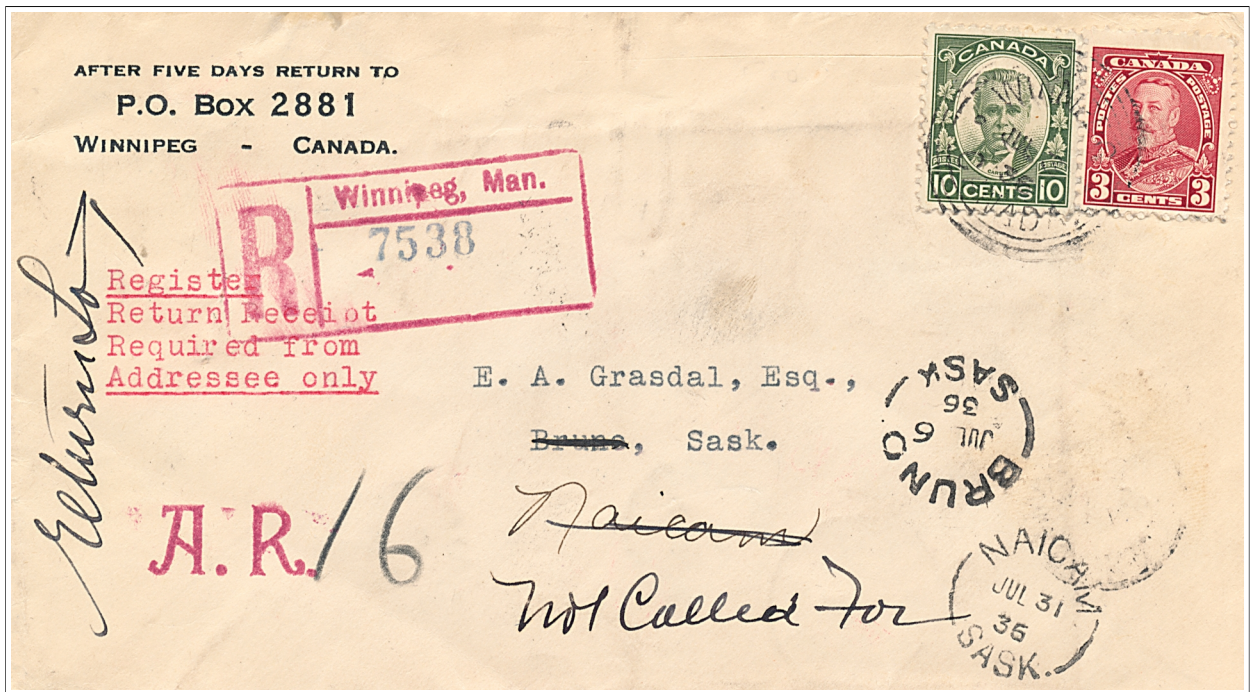


**ON-827.01**, TOR. STRAT. & GODERICH · R.P.O. / . , 36, MY 20, 26 ,  
is a new **early date** for both the hammer and the listing. The hammer was  
proof struck on May 15, 1926.





## New Reports from Ross Gray



This registered cover addressed to Bruno, SK originated at Winnipeg on July 3, 1936 and travelled in closed bag mail to Kamsack, SK where it was sorted and cancelled on the westbound Kamsack & Saskatoon R.P.O. (WT-267.031, KAM. & SASK.-R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 3 , 9 JUL 4, 36). It was received at Bruno, SK the same day and then on July 6 was redirected to Naicam, SK and put on the eastbound Kamsack & Saskatoon R.P.O. (WT-267.031, KAM. & SASK.-R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 3 , 10 JUL 6, 36). It was received at Watson, SK later the same day and forwarded to Naicam, SK, arriving there on July 8. On July 31 the cover was redirected to the sender in Winnipeg via the westbound Binscarth & Saskatoon R.P.O. (WT-6.02, BINS. & SASK. R.P.O. No. 2 , 51, AU 1, 36). and then the eastbound Binscarth & Saskatoon R.P.O. (WT-6.03, BINS. & SASK. R.P.O. N<sup>o</sup> 3 , 52, AU 1, 36). Arrival back in Winnipeg was on August 2.

August 1, 1936 is a new **early date** for both hammers **WT-6.02** and **WT-6.03**, as well as the listing.

## New Reports from Ross Gray



Cancelling a post card from Innisfail to Tofield is a **new train number** and **late date** for hammer **WT-64.011**, CALGARY & EDMONTON R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 , 23, SP 16, 18 .



Cancelling a Winnipeg view post card to New Haven, Connecticut is a new **early date** for both the listing and hammer **WT-231.01**, C.N.R.W'Y. EMERSON & WINNIPEG · R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 , S, FE 25, 05 .



**WT-482.03**, NELSON & MIDWAY · B.C. R.P.O. , E, FE 14, 06 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



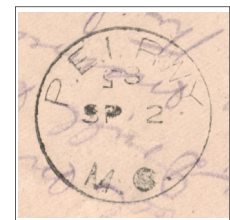
**WT-646.011**, REST. & WOL. R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 , W, DE 28, 10 , is a new **late date** and the first report of a 'W' direction indicium for the hammer.

**WT-755.01**, SASK. WAIN. & EDM · R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 , DE 20, 28 , is the first report of a 'W' direction indicium for the hammer.



**RY-62.01**, G.T.P. W. OF WAINWRIGHT R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 1 , E, JAN 6, 10 , is a new **early date** and the first report of an "E" indicium for both the hammer and the listing.

Found as a transit backstamp on a post card from Summerside to Charlottetown, is a new **early date** for **RY-143**, P. E. I. RWY. / M.C., blank, SP 2, 85. The originating Summerside cancellation is dated the same day.



**John Aitken** reports a new **early date** for clerk handstamp **ON-615**, TOR., HAM. & LON. / J. M. FARROW , 9, DEC 9, 27 , found on a post card view of Toronto Union Station addressed to Illinois.

# An Exceptional Horde of RPO's from Gary Steele

## Part 1 by Sean Weatherup

This past May I spent a most enjoyable two weeks searching a horde of RPO facing slips which I am pleased to be able to relate to members over the next few issues of the newsletter.

It all started with my neighbour Gary Steele, O.T.B., who called telling me of a find he made at Orapex. He described a couple of RPO Clerk Cancels and then said there were quite a few of these in the collection. My curiosity was more than piqued and I immediately set off for Gary's home, Gray catalogue in hand, to take a closer look. Gary presented a small 8"x4"x4" beat up cardboard box. It was *stuffed* with facing slips, cut squares and mail bag tags. We pawed through it for a while and I offered to take the box home and sort it out for him. Gary graciously accepted my offer and I now find myself indebted to him for one of the most enjoyable experiences in recent memory. Indeed, as we shall see, the RPO study group as a whole is indebted to Gary for bringing this remarkable hoard to light.

I spent six hours that first evening sorting out the cancels into regions and routes. The bulk of the material is Western, with a scattering of Ontario, Quebec and Maritimes in the mix

A couple of things became obvious that first evening. The majority (95%) of the material is dated between May 1958 and May 1959. Many of the facing slips are the preprinted types, which show where the mail is originating. Some of these are different RPO's with the same date. As well, there is duplication of some routes showing different dates. That said, I believe the box of cancels probably came from one source, that being a postal employee, who over a period of about one year put aside facing slips and such either for his own collection or for someone he knew that collected.

After my initial sorting, I proceeded to sort the cancels by catalogue number. This is when the true extent of the collection came to light. I had expected to find a few new trains or dates, but what was found was truly unexpected. What I thought would be between two and three hundred items turned out to be over 500 items, 400 of which were clerk cancels. In the Western RPO's there are 125 different clerks on just over 300 items. Within this group are 30 new trains, 32 new LRD's, 3 new ERD's, 12 new reports of cancels previously only known by one example AND 38 unreported clerks.

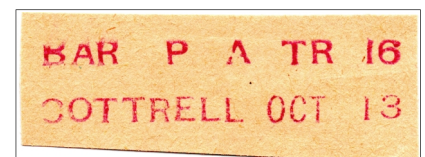
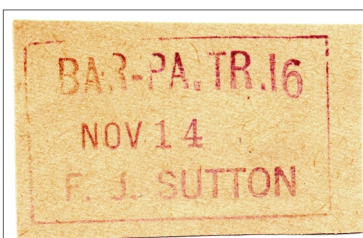
It did not stop there... In the Ontario group there are 29 cut squares (21 different cancels) showing 3 new trains, five new LRDs, 2 new ERDs, 2 second reports, and 11 new unreported clerks. Five different Quebec cancels on 10 cut squares turned up 1 new train, 2 new LRD's and 1 unreported clerk. Of the four Maritime items there is 1 ERD and 1 unreported clerk.

Thank you, Gary, for such a wonderful and enjoyable opportunity. It was a pleasure for me to go through the material to catalogue it. Turning up all the new finds brought home to me what a study group can accomplish for the hobby, whether it be our own RPO group or any other study group in the BNAPS family.

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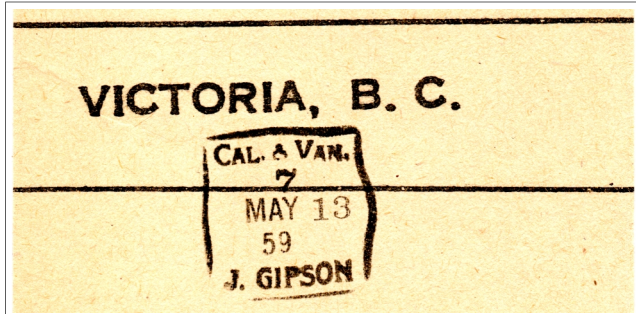
### Barrows & Prince Albert

**WT-3**, BAR P A / COTTRELL TR 16, OCT 13 , is the first report of **train 16** and a different month/day date.



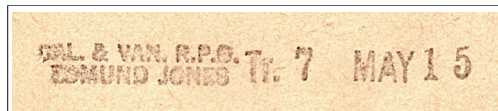
**WT-3.55**, BAR-PA. TR. 16 / F. J. SUTTON , NOV 14 , is a **previously unrecorded** clerk handstamp.

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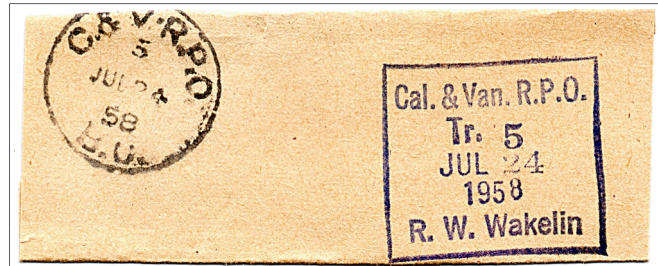
**WT-126**, CAL. & VAN. / J. GIPSON ,  
 7, MAY 13, 59 , is a new **late date** and the  
 first report of **train 7**.

**WT-149**, CAL.-VAN. R.P.O. / C. KERBES , blank, JAN 24, 1959 ,  
 is the first report of a **blank indicium**.



**WT-158**, CAL. & VAN. R.P.O. / EDMUND JONES ,  
 Tr. 7, MAY 15 , is the first report of **train 7**.

**WT-160**, Cal. & Van. R.P.O. / R. W. Wakelin ,  
 Tr. 5, JUL 24, 1958 , is the first report of **train 5** .



**WT-163**, J. CONWAY. M.C. / CAL. & VAN. , 5, OCT 3 ,  
 is the first report of **train 5**. (There is a period not a comma  
 after "CONWAY".)



**WT-164**, From CAL. & VAN. R.P.O. / A. W. McINTOSH , Tr. - 7 JAN 10 , is the first report of **train 7**.



**WT-165**, CAL & VAN / W. J. McNABB ,  
 7, MAR , 14 , is the first report of **train 7**.  
 (There are 3 other examples dated NOV 29 and  
 another dated MAY 5, all train 7.)



**WT-167**, CAL. & VAN. R.P.O. / J. J. WILLINGTON , Tr 7 JAN 7 1959 , is a new **late date** and the  
 first report of **train 7**.

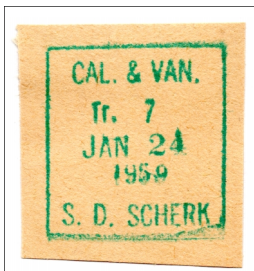
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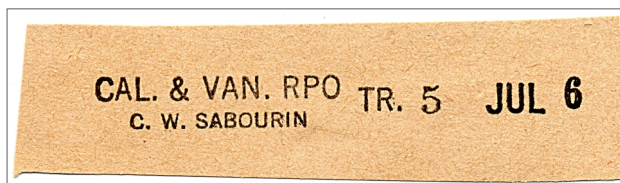
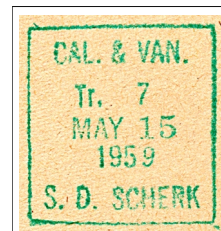
**WT-169**, CAL. & VAN. R.P.O. / O. GITTINS ,  
Tr. 7, FEB 18, 1959 , is the first report of **train 7**.



**WT-172**, CAL & VAN / N JOHNSON ,  
Tr. 7, JAN 11, 1959 , is the first report of  
**train 7**.



**Previously unrecorded** and is now listed as **WT-178.55**,  
CAL. & VAN. / S. D. SCHERK , Tr. 7, JAN 24, 1959 ,  
type BX1R, Period 1959/01/24-1959/05/15, R.F. - G.



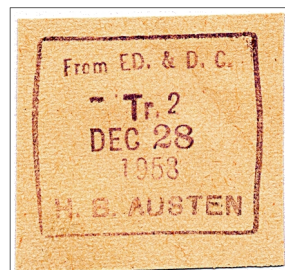
**WT-187**, CAL. & VAN. R.P.O. / C. W. SABOURIN , TR. 5, JUL 6 , is one of 3 examples, 2 dated July 6 and another dated May 16, all probably circa 1958.

### Edmonton & Dawson Creek

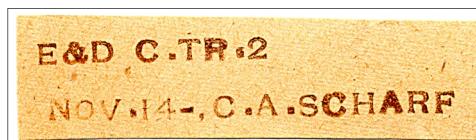


**WT-201**, ED. & DAW. CR. R.P.O. / H. C. HANCOCK ,  
Tr. 1, JUN 13, 1958 , is a new **late date** and the first report  
of **train 1**. It also corrects the catalogue text.

**WT-203**, ED. & D. C. R.P.O. / J. A. BERTRAND ,  
Tr. 2, AUG 22, 1958 , is a new **late date**.



**Previously unrecorded** and is now listed as **WT-206.55**,  
From ED. & D. C. / H. B. AUSTEN , Tr. 2, DEC 28,  
1958 , type BX1R, R.F. - G.



**WT-207**, E & D C - TR. 2 / C. A. SCHARF , NOV 14 is a second date and corrects the catalogue text.

**Previously unrecorded** and is now listed as **WT-207.55**,  
ED. & D.C. R.P.O. / A. H. ROLLY , Tr. 2, MAY 10, 1959 ,  
type CC3R, R.F. - G.



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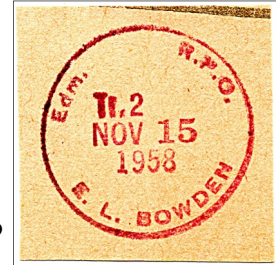


**Previously unrecorded** and is now listed as **WT-207.65**, ED. & D. C. R.P.O. / A. R. OSTERMAN , Tr. 2, AUG 23, 1959 , type CC3R, R.F. - G.



**Previously unrecorded** and is now listed as **WT-207.75**, Edm. R.P.O. / E. L. BOWDEN , Tr. 2, OCT 10, 1958 , and **WT-207.75**, Edm. R.P.O. / E. L. BOWDEN , Tr. 2, NOV 15, 1958 , type CC2R, R.F. G.

(The editor thinks that it is likely that the clerk, based in Edmonton, was sometimes assigned to other R.P.O. runs and removed "Ed. & D. C." or similar text from the handstamp to make it usable on those other runs.)



### Kamsack & Saskatoon



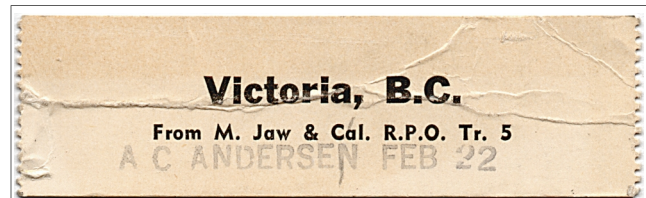
**Previously unrecorded** and is now listed as **WT-290.55**, KAM. & SASK., R.P.O. / S. M. BOWMAN , Tr. 9, OCT 2, 1958 , Tr. 9, OCT 2, 1958 and **WT-290.55**, KAM. & SASK., R.P.O. / S. M. BOWMAN , Tr. 9, JAN 9, 1959 , type DC1R, R.F.- G



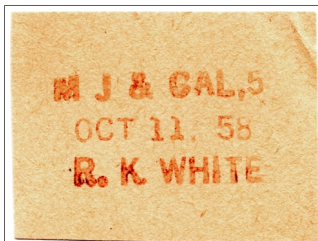
### Moose Jaw & Calgary



**WT-412**, M. J. & C. R.P.O. / E. NAGEL , 5, AUG, 21 , is a second day/month date.



**Previously unrecorded** and is now listed as **WT-426.55**, A C ANDERSEN FEB 22 , type SL0R , R.F. - G.



**Previously unrecorded** and is now listed as **WT-428.55**, M J & CAL, 5 / R. K. WHITE , OCT 11, 58 , type SL0R, R.F. - G.

### North Portal & Moose Jaw

**WT-542**, NO. PORT. & M. JAW, R.P.O. / G. R. FISH , blank, OCT 31, 1958 , is a new **late date** and the first report of a **blank** indicium.



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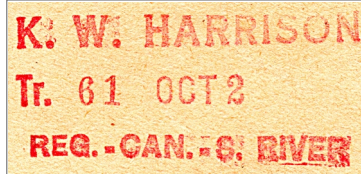


**WT-546**, N. PORTAL & M. JAW R.P.O. / S. I. COOPER ,  
Tr. 13, AUG 21, 58 , is a new **late date** and the third reported  
date.

### Regina, Canora & Swan River



**WT-596**, REG. - CAN. - S. R., R.P.O. / H. I. MIDDLETON ,  
Tr. 61, JUL 10, 1958 , is the first report of **train 61** and  
**WT-596**, REG. - CAN. - S. R., R.P.O. / H. I. MIDDLETON ,  
Tr. 66, OCT 11, 1958 , is a new **late date**.



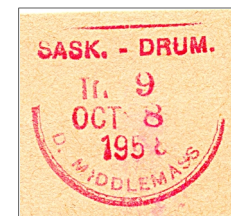
**WT-598**, K. W. HARRISON / REG. - CAN. - S. RIVER , Tr. 61, OCT 2 , is the first report of **train 61**.

### Rivers & Saskatoon



**WT-674**, RIVERS & SASK., R.P.O. / G. P. BUHLER , Tr. 12, JAN 6, 1959 ,  
is the second report and new **late date**.

### Saskatoon & Drumheller



**WT-703**, SASK. - DRUM. R.P.O. / D. MIDDLEMASS , Tr. 9, JAN 22, 1959 , is a new **late date**.  
Three other earlier examples, two of which are illustrated, show that this handstamp began life as a type  
CC5R but was modified by the clerk to change the run at the top with straight line type. Accordingly, **the  
type in the catalogue listing has been changed to SPXR.**

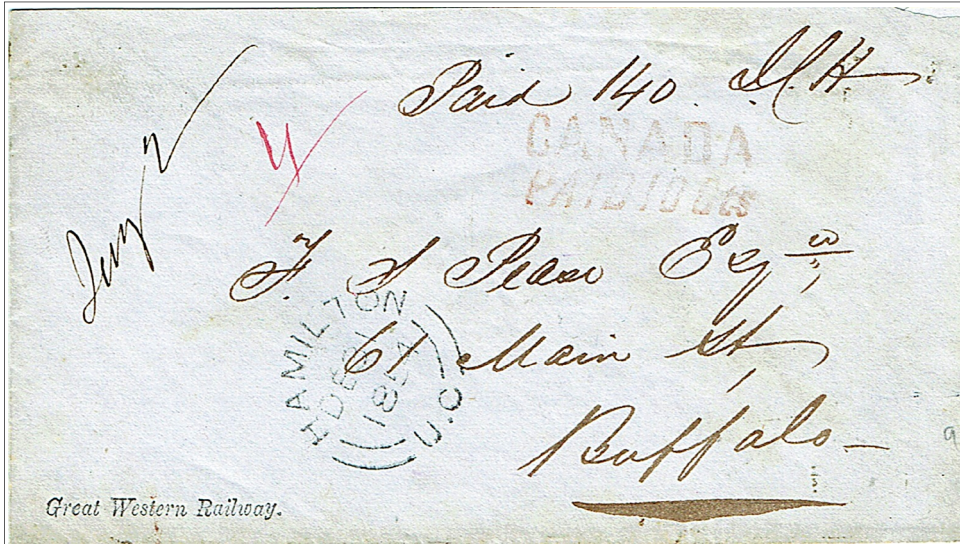
From - Sask-Drum. West  
JAN. 10 Dave Cambridge

Previously **unrecorded** and is now listed as **WT-703.55**, From - Sask-Drum. West / JAN. 10 Dave  
Cambridge , type SLOR , R.F. - G.

**To be continued in the next issue**

## New Reports

In the October-December, 2017 newsletter, we presented a study of the **Great Western Railway Accountancy Postmarks**. **Brian Stalker** has discovered a new **late date**, December 31, 1854, for the manuscript "Paid 140" marking. Interestingly, this manuscript marking is dated later than the December 7, 1854 earliest reported date for RY-65, the "PAID. / 140" oval handstamp.



Paid 140 in manuscript. Dated HAMILTON / U.C. , DE 31, 1854 and CANADA / PAID 10 Cts , paying the half ounce cross border letter rate.

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### A New Mansonville & Montreal R.P.O. Clerk Handstamp



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This previously unreported clerk handstamp is used as a transit mark on a Mount Rundle view post card which originated at Moose Jaw and was addressed to Sutton, QC. It will now be listed as **QC-120.55**, MANS. & MON. R.P.O. / · L. E. CLARK · , Tr. 214, JAN 8, 1916 , Type DC1R, R.F. - G .

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