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The editor marvels at the amount of continuing new R.P.O. information which is steadily being reported by our study group members and friends. My working copy of the 2015 catalogue has become very marked up with the many additions, updates and corrections.

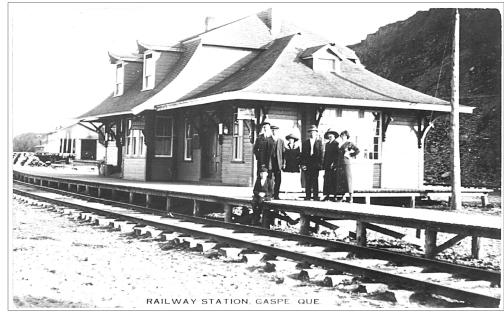
This issue contains reports from Chris Anstead, Morris Beattie, Jack Brandt, Richard Cromwell, Dave Freeman, Ross Gray, Simon Taylor-Young, and Grégoire Teyssier.

Included as a separate 6 page supplement to this newsletter, is **Update # 2** for Brian Stalker's "TRAVELLING POST OFFICE POSTMARKS of NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR (Second Edition)"

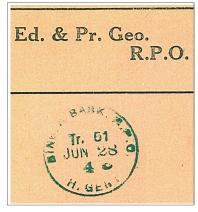
## A New Quebec Discovery!



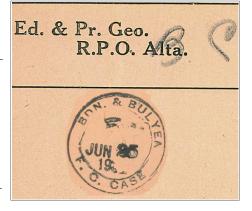
**Grégoire Teyssier** has discovered a **previously unreported** type CC1R handstamp used as a transit backstamp on a registered cover which originated at Montreal, Station B on July 16, 1919. It travelled by rail in closed bag mail to Matapedia, where it was transferred to the Gaspe & Matapedia R.P.O. and stamped with the newly listed, **QC-24.75**, TRAIN No. / Gaspe & Matapedia R.P.O. , 2, 17 JUL, 1919. The cover was received at Gaspe Harbour on July 18 and at York Centre the same day.



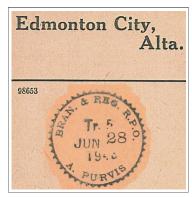
The Newsletter of the Canadian R.P.O. Study Group (B.N.A.P.S.)



**WT-7.55**, BINS. & SASK. R.P.O. / H. GE(NT), Tr. 51, JUN 28, 194(8), is a **previously unrecorded** type CC3R clerk handstamp.



WT-21, BDN. & BULYEA / F. C. CASE, E, JUN 25, 19(??), is the **second report** of this clerk handstamp.



**WT-42.55**, BRAN. & REG. R.P.O. / A. PURVIS, Tr. 5, JUN 28, 1943, is a **previously unrecorded** type CC6R clerk handstamp.



WT-74, CAL. & ED. R.P.O. / H. ROWAN, Tr. 523, FEB 10, 1939, is a new early date.

WT-78, CALGARY & ED. R.P.O. / E. RUTHERFORD, 23, FEB 17, 1939, is a new early date and the first report of train 23.





WT-142, CAL. & VAN. / H. A. OLIVER, Tr. 7. DEC, 19, is the first report of **train 7** and the month date is outside the previously reported range, year unknown.



**WT-145**, CAL & VAN. R.P.O. / A. E. MATHIESON , two examples of different month dates, year unknown.





WT-163, J. CONWAY. / CAL. & VAN. , blank, NOV 17,  $(year\ unknown)$  is the first report of a **blank** indicium.

WT-165.55, CAL & VAN / N. L. POSYLUZN, 67, DEC 22, 1955, is a previously unreported type SL0R clerk handstamp. On this date the Medicine Hat & Nelson R.P.O. operated on train 67 and this clerk was probably temporarily assigned there for the heavy Christmas mail load. (He may have attempted to obscure the inappropriate run at the top.)

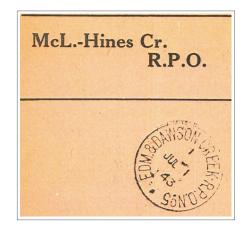




**WT-172**, CAL & VAN / N. JOHNSON , 5, NOV 15, 1956 , is a new **early date**.

**WT-181**, CAL. - VAN. R.P.O. / R. G. SPENCE, Tr. 7, DEC 22, 1959, is a new **early date**.





WT-196.05, EDM. & DAWSON CREEK  $\cdot$  R.P.O. No 5 / . , 1, JUL 1, 43 , is a new early date for the hammer.



**WT-198.55**, Ed. & D. C. R.P.O. / E. Melnyk, R.M.C. , Tr. 2, JUN 27, 1943 , is a **previously unreported** type CC3R clerk handstamp.



WT-201, ED. & DAW. CR. R.P.O. / H. C. HANCOCK , Tr. 2, FEB 14, 1956 , is the first report of  $train\ 2.$ 



**WT-203**, ED. & D. C. R.P.O. / J. A. BERTRAND , Tr. 1, DEC 16, 1953 ,is the first report of **train 1**.



WT-204, Edm. & Dwa. Creek / A. CYLURIK , Tr. 2, JUN 16, 1957 , is the second reported and new late date.



**WT-206**, ED. & DAW. CR. / A. M. GREENSLADE , 2, DEC 22, 1953 , is a new **early date**.

WT-213.021, EDM. & PR. GEO: R.P.O. /  $N^{\Omega}$  2, 189, JUL 2, 43, is the first report of **train 189** for the hammer.

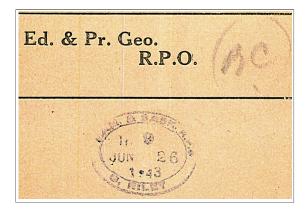




**WT-224**, Edm. & Pr. Geo. R.P.O. / G. H. WHITEHEAD, Tr. 190, AUG 26, 1953, is a new **early date**.

**WT-224**, Edm. & Pr. Geo. R.P.O. / G. H. WHITEHEAD, Tr. 5, DEC 20, 1955, is a new **late date**.





**WT-276**, KAM. & SASK. R.P.O. / G. RILEY, Tr. 9, JUN 26, 1943, is a new **late date** and the first report of **train 9**.

FROM KAM-SASK EAST JUL: 4 D CAMBRIDGE

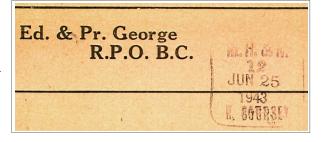
WT-282, FROM KAM - SASK EAST / JUL. 4 D CAMBRIDGE, is the first report of the EAST direction.

WT-336, MCL. H. C. RPO / F. COYLE, RMC , Tr. 6, DEC 18, 1956 , is the first confirmation of this listing and corrects the text and type to BX1R.





WT-359.45, MED. HAT & NELSON / R. B. BROUGH, Tr. 12, JUN 27, (year unknown) is a previously unreported type SPX clerk handstamp.



**WT-359.75**, M. H. & N. / H. COURSEY, 12, JUN 25, 1943, is a new **early date**.

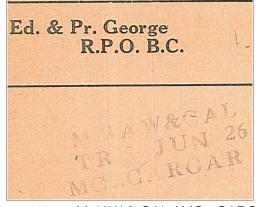


WT-406.55, M. JAW & CAL. / J. C. FRY, Tr. 2, JUN 14, year unknown) is a previously unreported type OV1R clerk handstamp.

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**WT-429**, M J & C TR 7 / A. J. WILKINSON , FEB 28 , (year unnown) is the first report of **train 7** and a different month date. (A March 4 month date is also reported.)

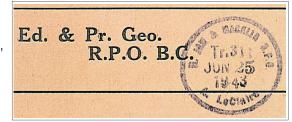


WT-433.55, M JAW & CAL / MC., CARGAR , TR 3, JUN 26 , is the first report of  $train\ 3.$ 

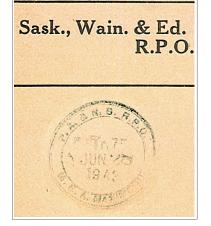


WT-433.55, M JAW & CAL / MC., CARGAR , TR 8, JUN 15 , is the first report of train 8.

**WT-448.55**, M. JAW & MACKLIN R.P.O. / A. LeClaire , Tr. 311, JUN 25, 1943 , is a **previously unreported** type CC3R *(or worn, over-inked type CC5R)* clerk handstamp.



NEL & PEN TR II 21 DEC 54 HARDER WT-500, NEL & PEN TR 11 / 21 DEC 54 HARDER, is the second and new late date and corrects the listing text.



**WT-562**, P. A. & N. B. R.P.O. / M. E. A. MAXIMCHUK, Tr. 75, JUN 28, 1943, is a specific **late date**.



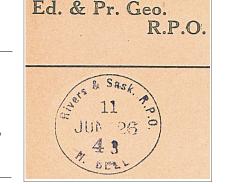
WT-588, PRINCE GEORGE - SMITHERS R.P.O., 196, 26 I, 56, is a new early date for this hammer, which was proof struck on September 24, 1955.



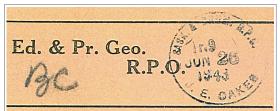
**WT-665**, Rivers & Sask. R.P.O. / A. G. A. JOHNSTON , Tr. 11, JUN 28, 1943 , is a new **early date**.



**WT-667**, RIV. - SASK. R. P. O. / W. J. PINCHIN, Tr. 12, JUN 30, 43, a new **early date** and **WT-667**, RIV. - SASK. R. P. O. / W. J. PINCHIN, Tr. 12, JUL 1, 43, on a facing slip.

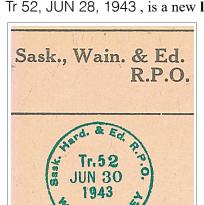


**WT-664.55**, Rivers & Sask. R.P.O. / H. BELL, 11, JUN 26, 43, is a **previously unreported** type CC2R clerk handstamp.

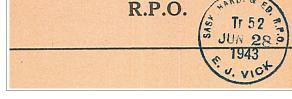


**WT-696.55**, SASK. & DRUM. R.P.O. / J. E. OAKES, Tr. 9, JUN 26, 1943, is a **previously unreported** type CC2R clerk handtamp.

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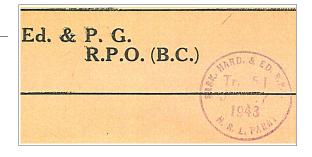


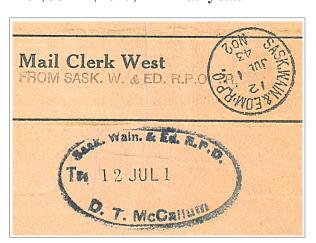
WT-725, SASK. HARD. & ED. R.P.O. / E. J. VICK , Tr 52, JUN 28, 1943 , is a new late date.



WT-730, Sask. Hard. & Ed. R.P.O. / W. J. COOKSEY, Tr. 52, JUN 30, 1943, is a second and new early date and the first report of train 52. (It is type CC2R.)



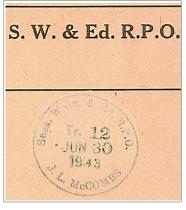


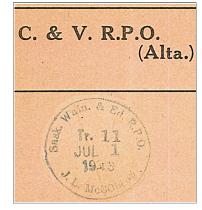


**WT-758**, FROM SASK. W. & ED. R.P.O. TR. (1943/07/01), is a new **early date** and **WT-762**, Sask. Wain. & Ed. R.P.O. / D. T. McCallum, Tr. 12, JUL 1, (43), is a new **early date**.



WT-762, Sask. Wain. & Ed. R.P.O. / D. T. McCallum , Tr. 11, JUL 2, (1943), is the first report of  $train\ 11.$ 





WT-767.55, Sask. Wain. & Ed. R.P.O. / J. L. McCOMBS , Tr. 12, JUN 30, 1943 , is a new early date and the first report of train 12 and WT-767.55, Sask. Wain. & Ed. R.P.O. / J. L. McCOMBS , Tr. 11, JUL 1, 1943 , is the first report of train 11.

WT-798, S. R. & P. A. R.P.O. / W. D. ROBERTS , Tr. 16, JUN 15, 1943 , is a new early date and the first report of train 16.



WT-886.02, WPG. & KAM. R.P.O. / No. 2 , 10, MY 8, 63 , is a new late date for the hammer.

**WT-889.55**, WINNIPEG & KAMSACK, R.P.O. / F. S. PAGE, Tr. 9, JUN 28, 1943, is a **previously unreported** type CC3R clerk handstamp.



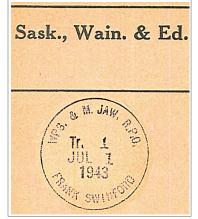




**WT-896.01**, W'P'G. & M. JAW  $\cdot$  R.P.O. /  $\mathbb{N}^{Q}$  1 , 8, JUN 25, 65 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

WT-908, WPG. & M. JAW R.P.O. / G. HOUDE, 1, JUN 28, 19??, is the first report of **train 1** and a **second date**.





**WT-913.65**, WPG. & M. JAW, R.P.O. / FRANK SWINFORD , Tr. 1, JUL 1, 1943 , is a **previously unreported** type CC2R clerk handstamp.



 $WT\text{-}1017, \text{CALGARY DIVISION}\,/\,\text{J. J. SPENCER}$  , 7, ?U  $28,\,1963$  , is a new late date.



WT-1022, CAL. DIST. / D. L. ASKEW, 7, AUG, 9, (year unknown) is a second date.

WT-1022.75, EDMONTON DISTRICT / R. C. Perraton, Tr. 5, JUN 6, 1956, is a previously unreported type CC2R clerk handstamp and remarkably, the first report of an EDMONTON DISTRICT handstamp.





**WT-1104**, WINNIPEG DISTRICT R.P.O. / W. R. BERRY , Tr. 3, NOV, 29, blank , is a new month date, year unknown.

# New Reports from Chris Anstead

Chris Anstead has found **two new clerk handstamps** on facing slips for the Montreal & Toronto R.P.O.

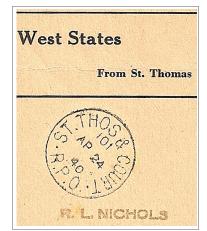


 $\mathbf{QC\text{-}330.35},$  MONT. & TORONTO, R.P.O. / E. A. FONTAINE , 18, AUG 5, 1943 , type CC5R, R.F.-G.

**QC-344.55**, MTL. & TORONTO / A. PATENAUDE , 5-9, JUIL 15, 1959 , type CC2R, R.F.-G.



#### A New Ontario Clerk



**Richard Cromwell** has discovered this type SL0R straight line clerk name handstamp, R. L. NICHOLS, on a facing slip accompanied by *(but not attached to)* **ON-499**, ST. THOS & COURT  $/\cdot$  R.P.O.  $\cdot$ , 101, AP 24, 40. It will now be listed as **ON-499.55**.

## New Reports from Simon Taylor-Young



OC-72.01, LEVIS & MONTREAL - R.P.O. / 1, W, JAN 14, 10, is a new 1st Period late date for the hammer.



OC-259, TRAIN Nº / · MONT & S. FALLS R.P.O. · . 30, JAN 31, 29, is a new late date.

QC-382, QUE & CAMPBELLTON / · EXPRESS · / 13, E, FE 1, 96, is a new early date for this hammer with the attached clerk roster number.



ON-707.01, TOR. & LORN. M.C. / . , S, MR 9, 91 , is a new early date for both the hammer and the listing. The two hammers were proof struck on June 2, 1890.



ON-710.021, TORONTO & MEAFORD R.P.O. / Nº 2, 62, DE 13, 11, is the first report of train 62 for the hammer.



**ON-716.02**, TOR. & MONT. G.T.R $^{\perp}$  / 2., D.E, FE 3, 95, is the first report of the time/direction **indicium**, **D.E** for the hammer.



WT-319.031, MAC. & CAL. R.P.O. / Nº 3, 37, MY 14, 18, is the first report of **train 37** for the hammer.



WT-382, M. JAW & CAL · R.P.O. / A, 2, DE 28, 32, is a new early date for this hammer which was proof struck on October 21, 1932.



WT-440.011, M. JAW & MACKLIN · R.P.O. / Nº 1, 312, AP 30, 29, is the first report of **train 312** for the hammer.



WT-755.01, SASK. WAIN. & EDM · R.P.O. / Nº 1, 91, SP 20, 57, is a new late date for both the hammer and the listing.



WT-876.10, WINNIPEG & EDMONTON R.P.O. / Nº 10, 2, FE 18, 10, is a new late date for the hammer.



WT-885.031, W'PEG. & KAM · R.P.O. / Nº 3 , 2, NO 17, 15 , is **only the second report** and a new **late date** for this rare hammer.



WT-896.01, W'P'G. & M. JAW · R.P.O. / № 1. 5, OC 16, 57, is the first report of **train 5** for this hammer which was used for almost 65 years.



WT-896.05, W'P'G. & M. JAW · R.P.O. / No 5, 97, AP 2, 11, is the first report of **train 97** for the hammer.





MT-50.10, CH'TOWN & SACKVILLE  $\cdot$  R.P.O. / . , 42, FE 26, 40 , is the first report of train~42 for the hammer.

QC-67.02, LEVIS & DESCHAILLONS - R.P.O. / . , 56, AU 3, 23 , is a new **early date** for both the hammer and the listing.





QC-451.02, QUE. ROB. & CHIC. R.P.O. / . , N, MY 22, (1)3, is only the **second report** (now the **LRD**) for this hammer and the first report of an "N" direction for the hammer.

QC-534, TROIS RIVIERES & GRAND MERE · R.P.O. / . , S, FE 9, 14 , is a new **early date** for this hammer, which was proof struck on November 15, 1913.







QC-542, TRAIN No. / Tourville & Quebec R.P.O., 501, SEP 22, 1919, is a new early date.



**ON-73**, CANFIELD J. & SI THOMAS R.P.O. / . , W, JAN 26, 15 , is a new **early date** for this hammer, which was proof struck on October 29, 1914.

**ON-101.02**, FI FRANCES & W'PEG R.P.O. /  $\mathbb{N}^{Q}$  2 , 19, MR 7, 24 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



Used as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from Hamilton to Gorrie is the first report of **train 713** for both the listing and hammer **ON-360.02**, ORANGEVILLE & TEESWATER  $\cdot$  M.C. / N $^{\circ}$  2 , 713, OC 13, 11 .

**ON-395.03**, TRAIN NQ / OTTAWA & NORTH BAY · R.P.O. , 18, DE 15, 16 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



**ON-820.02**, TORONTO & STRATFORD · R.P.O. / . , 36, JAN 1, 24, is a **new early 1st period date** for the hammer, whose proof date is unknown.



**ON-841.01**, TOR. STRAT. & LON  $\cdot$  R.P.O. / . , 16, MR 4, 35 , is the first report of **train 16** for the hammer.



**WT-65.03**, CALGARY & EDMONTON R.P.O.  $N^{Q}$  3 / . , 24, AU 31, 17 , is a new **late date** for both the hammer and the listing.



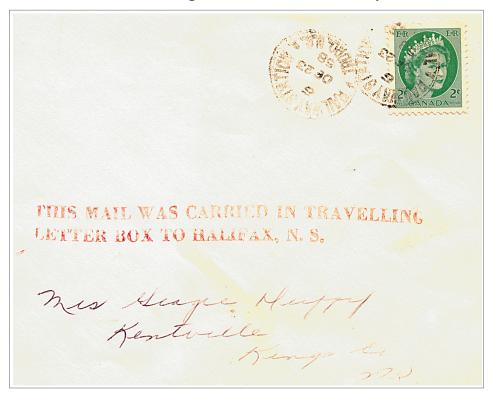
**WT-482.01**, NELSON & MIDWAY · B.C. R.P.O. / . , E, JUL 20, 07 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



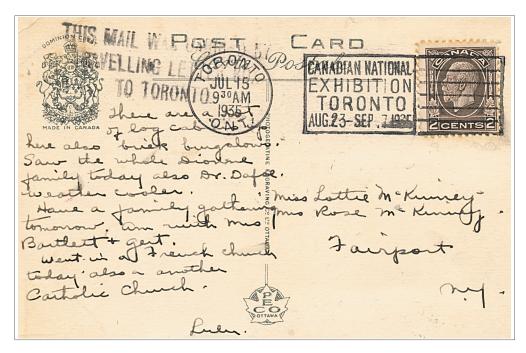
**WT-723.03**, SASK. HARD. & EDMONTON  $\cdot$  R.P.O.  $/ \cdot$  N $^{\Omega}$  3  $\cdot$  , E, JUN 30, 24 , is a new **early date** for this hammer, which was proof struck on May 9, 1924.



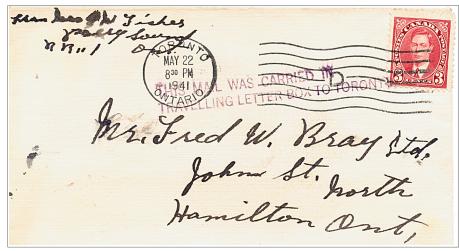
Found as a transit backstamp on a registered stationery envelope from Chester, UK to Armley, SK, is a new **late date** for **WT-998.02**, YORKTON & SASK. R.P.O. /  $N^{\circ}$  2 , W, JAN 25, 36. It is accompanied by **WT-996**, YORK. & SASK · R.P.O.  $N^{\circ}$  3 / . , W, JAN 27, 36.



This cover was first cancelled by **SN-60.02**, RAILWAY STATION /  $\cdot$  TRURO, N.S.  $\cdot$ , 6, DE 23, 58, and then by a new **late date** for **RY-194.02**, THIS MAIL WAS CARRIED IN TRAVELLING / LETTER BOX TO HALIFAX, N.S. . It is the third example of this odd combination of postmarks which I have seen, the other two being dated May 7, 1954 and May 3, 1955. I am guessing that mail deposited at the Truro station and cancelled there was mixed with uncancelled mail received from the Sydney to Truro train and then cancelled again at Halifax.



RY-196, THIS MAIL WAS CARRIED BY / TRAVELLING LETTER BOX / TO TORONTO , JUL 15, 930 AM, 1935 , is a new  $early\ date$  for the listing.



RY-197, THIS MAIL WAS CARRIED IN / TRAVELLING LETTER BOX TO TORONTO , MAY 22,  $8^{30}$  PM, 1941 , is a new  $early\ date$  for the listing.

### Registered Mail Originating on an R.P.O.

"Registers found in station letter boxes must be entered on a P.O.T. (posted on train) bill and a report sent to the Superintendent, such report to show the name of station at which the letter was posted." (Excerpted from "Instructions to Railway Mail Service" issued by the Director Railway Mail Service, B. M. Armstrong, Ottawa, 1920.)

This cover was posted at the Edmonton station, where it was transferred to **WT-723.03**, SASK. HARD. & EDMONTON  $\cdot$  R.P.O.  $/\cdot$  No 3  $\cdot$  , E, SP 4, 28 , and the clerk added the notations, "Edm R 2" and "P.O.T." in indelible pencil. At Saskatoon it was transferred to **WT-996**, YORK & SASK  $\cdot$  R.P.O. No 3 , E, SP 4, 28 , and then travelled in closed bag mail to Winnipeg.





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## **New Reports**



A new late date for hammer RY-22.04, C. P. RY. M.C. / BRIT. COL. , E, MR 27, 96, is reported by Morris Beattie.



**Dave Freeman** reports a new **early date** for **RY-50**, G. B. & L. E.  $R^{\Sigma}$  / M.C. , SOUTH, MR 12, 83 . The hammer was proof struck on November 6, 1882.

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