

This issue has contributions from **Laurent Bélisle, Jack Brandt, Brian Copeland, Randy Evans, Ross Gray and Brian Stalker.**

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of **Robert Lane** on May 5. He made substantial contributions to our knowledge of the early western R.P.O.s, especially the C.P.R. West of Winnipeg hammers. Our sincere condolences are extended to his family and friends.



This registered cover addressed to Port Hope, Ontario, originated at Granlea, Alberta on October 14, 1919. It travelled northward by road to the CPR Medicine Hat-Nelson line where it was transferred to **WT-344.011**, MED. HAT. & NEL. R.P.O. / N^o 1, 12, OC 15, 19. At Medicine Hat, it was put on **WT-381.11**, M. JAW & CAL - R.P.O. / N^o 11, 4, OC 15, 19 and placed in closed bag mail for Winnipeg. At Winnipeg, it was placed in closed bag mail for Fort William. At Fort William it was transferred to **ON-562.02**, TOR. & FT. WM. R.P.O. / N^o 2, 4, OC 17, 19. At Toronto it was put on **QC-303.03**, MONTREAL & TORONTO · REG'D. / . , 18, OC 18, 19 and arrived in Port Hope on October 19.

QC-303.03 is an example of a **newly recognized third hammer** for listing QC-303. This cover is also notable for the illegal use of a 4¢ revenue stamp to pay the 8¢ registration plus letter rate postage.

New Reports from Brian Stalker



Brian Stalker has found a new and unique **second period date** for **QC-303.02**, MONTREAL & TORONTO · REG'D. / . , 26, DE 3, 31 , used on a regular letter rate commercial “window” cover from G. Daquest & Cie, Ste Anne de Bellevue, QC. This is also the first report of **train 26** for both the hammer and the listing. Interestingly, train 26 was a **C.P.R. train** operating on the Montreal-Smith’s Falls-Toronto line, not a G.T.R./C.N.R. Montreal-Toronto R.P.O. as was usual with this hammer and listing.

Brian Stalker reported this example of **QC-303** and observed that it did not appear to match the proof strikes for either of the two known hammers for the listing, leading to a new hammer study, which identified it as a previously unrecognized third hammer, **QC-303.03**, MONTREAL & TORONTO · REG'D. / . , 6, OC 3, 19.



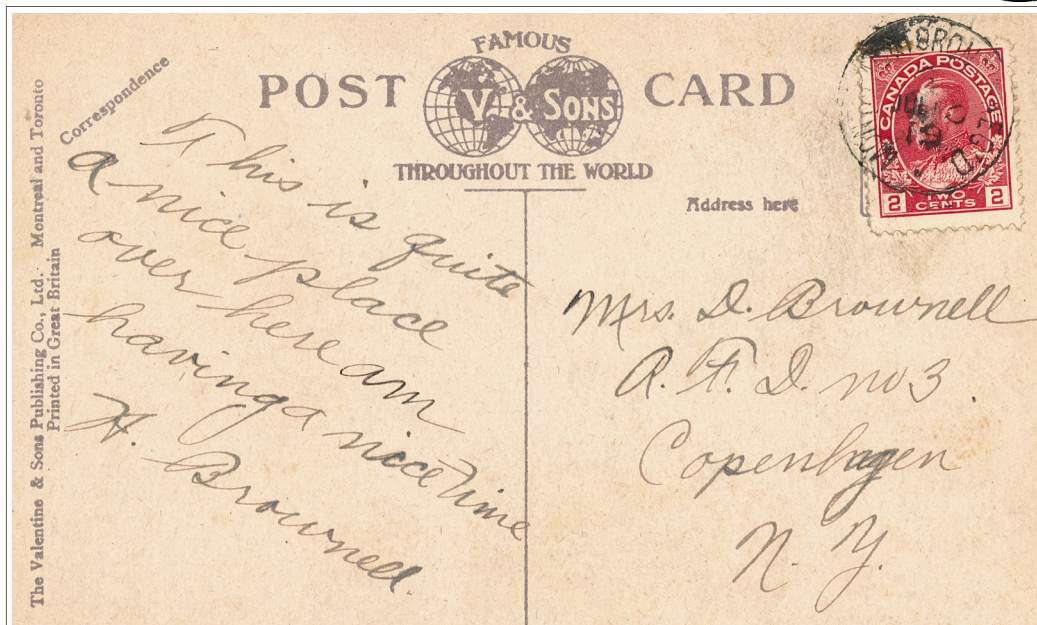
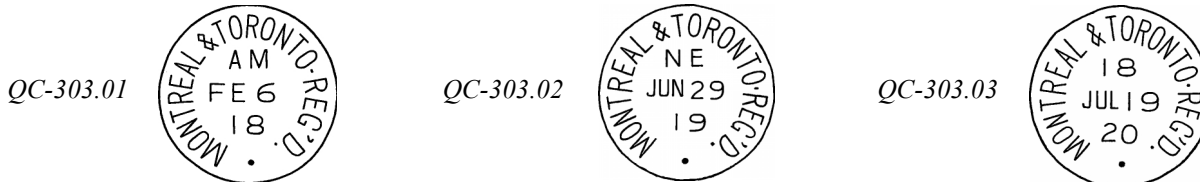
QC-303 Hammer Study



Hammer	a	b	c	d	e	ERD	LRD	Indicia
QC-303.01	4 ½ +	5 ¾	7 -	6	11 ¾	1919/07/16	1919/08/01	6
QC-303.02	5 ¾	6 ½	5 ½	5 ¼	12 ½	1919/04/25 ²	1923/08/01	NE,NW,18,19
<i>2nd Period</i>						1931/12/03	1931/12/03	26
QC-303.03	6 -	6 ¾	5 ¾	5 ¼	13 ¾	1919/10/03 ¹	1920/07/19	6 ¹ ,18
QC-303						1918/11/29	1931/12/05	AM,NE,NW,6,7,18,19,26

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QC-303.01 proof date - 1918/02/16 , QC-303.02 proof date - 1918/07/15 , QC-303.03 proof date - 1918/??/??



QC-303.01, MONTREAL & TORONTO · REG'D. / . , 6, JUL 16, 19

QC-303 Hammer Study

Hammer **QC-303.01** is the scarcest of the three and the editor's only example is shown here, used on regular mail.

Although the three hammers were obviously intended for use on registered mail, they appear to be often used to cancel regular letter mail. It would interesting to know of other examples and how used. Study group members are requested to report their holdings.



QC-303.02, MONTREAL & TORONTO · REG'D. / . , N E, JUN 29, 19



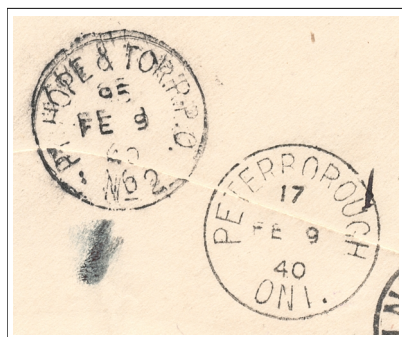
QC-303.03, MONTREAL & TORONTO · REG'D. / . , 18, JUL 19, 20

The three examples of the other registered hammer, **QC-302**, MONTREAL & TORONTO / REG'D, in the editor's collection are all used as transit backstamps on registered letters as intended.

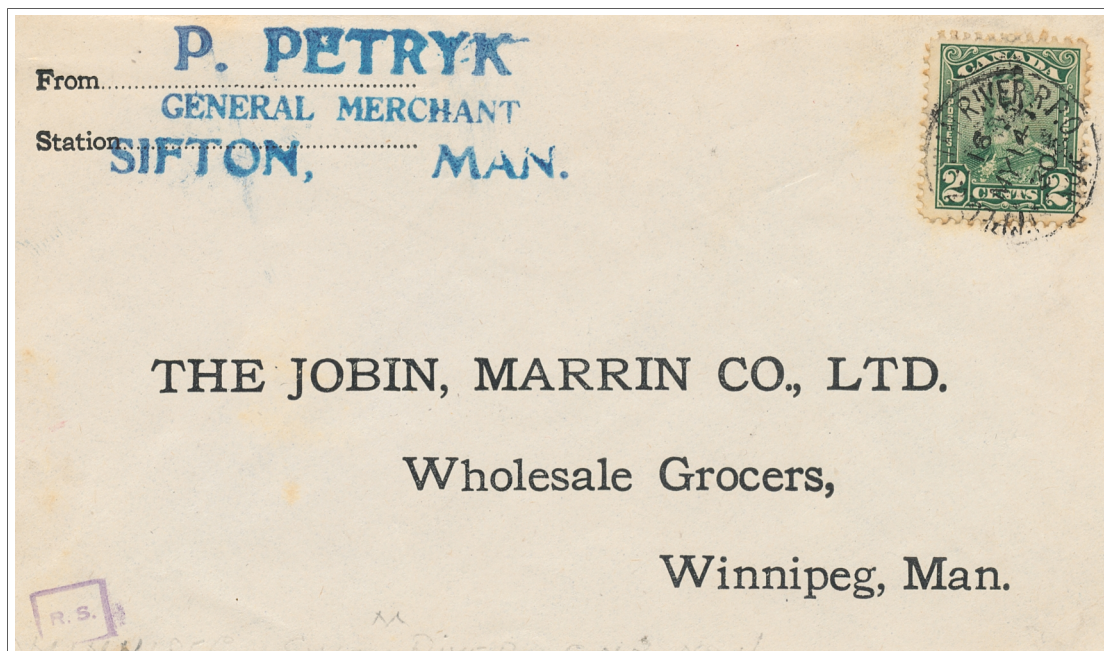
New Reports from Ross Gray



ON-350.05, NORTH BAY & TIMMINS / R.P.O. , 46, AP 25, 64 , is a new **late date** for both the hammer and the listing.

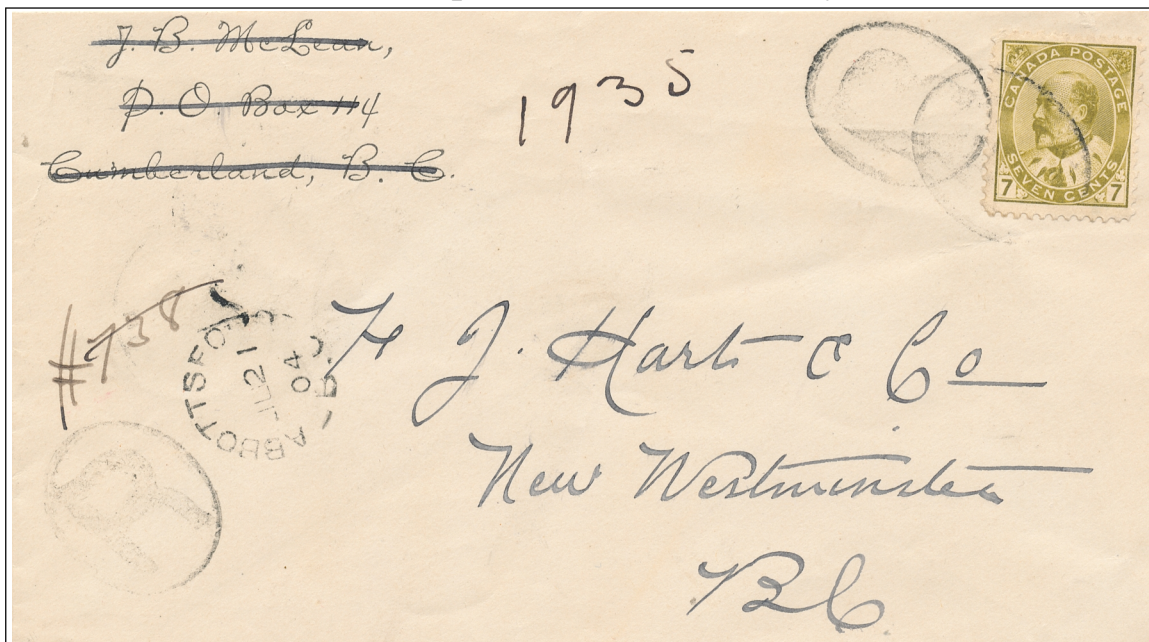


Found as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from Millbrook to Peterborough, is this new **1st period late date** for **ON-476.02**, PT. HOPE & TOR. R.P.O. / · Nº 2 · , 95, FE 9, 40 .



WT-975.04, W'PEG. & SWAN RIVER · R.P.O. / Nº 4 , 16, MY 14, 30 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.

New Reports from Ross Gray



Used as a transit backstamp on this registered cover from Abbotsford to New Westminster, **WT-256.01**, HUNT. & VAN. R.P.O. / . , W, JUN 21, 04 , is a new **early date** for the hammer. It narrows the gap between the use of WT-255 and this hammer, whose proof date is unknown. A second hammer, WT-256.02 was proof struck on April 25, 1913 but is not reported used.

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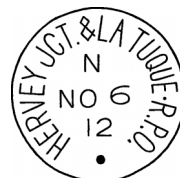
QC-32 Hammer Study



Hammer	a	b	c	d	e	ERD	LRD	Indicia
QC-32.01	7 ¼	12 ½	4 -	4 ¾	9 ¾	1913/01/20	1914/02/07	S,2
QC-32.02	8	11 ½	3 +	5 ¼	10 ½	no reports	no reports	
QC-32						1912/11/19	1914/11/20	S,2



ON-32.01 proof



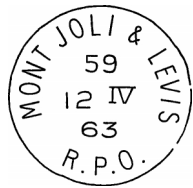
ON-32.02 proof

QC-129 Hammer Study

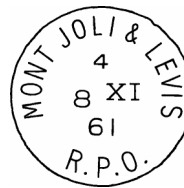
MONT JOLI & LEVIS / R.P.O.

Hammer	a	b	ERD	LRD	Indicia
QC-129.01	8	14 ½	1963/04/12	1965/12/??	3,4,59
QC-129.02	7	15 ¼	1961/08/08	1966/09/30	3,4,19,59
QC-129.03	?	?	no report	no report	
QC-129			1961/07/17	1966/11/30	3,4,18,19,59

3 hammers were ordered. The only hammer shown in the proof records, QC-129.01, is dated 1961/06/16.



QC-129.01



QC-129.02

HALIFAX — MONTRÉAL (MONT-JOLI — MONTREAL SECTION) (SECTION MONT-JOLI — MONTRÉAL)										
RAILINER AUTORAIL	The Scotian	Maritime Express	Ocean Limited	Miles from Halifax	26	Ocean Limited	The Scotian	Maritime Express	RAILINER AUTORAIL	Advance Ocean Limited
631	59	3	1			2	60	4	632	2
Ex. Sun. Dim. exc.	Daily Quot.	Ex. Sun. Dim. exc.	Daily Quot.	Milles de Halifax	Atlantic Standard Time Heure normale de l'Atlantique	Daily Quot.	Ex. Mon. Lun. exc.	Daily Quot.	Ex. Sun. Dim. exc.	2 bis NOTE
P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.			A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.
2.45	9.40	9.45	11.15	481.0	Dp MONT-JOLI, Qué. Ar	5.50	7.45	10.35	2.25	φ 5.00
2.55	9.53	10.00	11.26	489.2	Luceville	H 5.33	7.27	10.17	2.10	..
3.01	..	..	..	494.3	St-Anaclet . . . . .	..	..	..	2.03	..
3.09	10.10	10.23	11.46	499.0	RIMOUSKI	5.23	7.15	10.00	1.55	4.33
3.17	10.22	..	..	503.2	Sacré-Coeur . . . . .	..	..	9.40	1.41	..
3.25	10.30	10.40	12.03	509.5	Bic	5.04	6.42	9.32	1.33	..
3.38	10.46	..	..	518.9	St-Fabien	H 4.51	6.28	9.18	1.19	..
3.50	11.00	..	..	528.8	St-Simon . . . . .	..	..	9.04	1.07	..
4.03	11.15	11.23	12.44	531.4	Trois-Pistoles	4.30	6.07	8.53	12.55	φ 3.40
4.10	11.24	..	..	543.8	St-Eloi . . . . .	..	..	8.41	12.45	..
4.15	11.31	..	12.57	548.2	Isle-Verte	4.18	5.49	8.25	12.38	..
4.25	11.41	..	..	556.7	St-Arsène . . . . .	..	..	8.22	12.27	..
4.29	11.46	..	..	558.9	Cacouna . . . . .	..	..	8.17	12.23	..
4.40	11.59	12.10	1.20	564.4	Ar Rivière-du-Leup EST Dp	4.00	5.30	8.10	12.15	3.10
3.50	11.20	11.30	12.40	570.4	Dp) Chemin-du-Lac Ar	2.45	4.10	6.50	10.50	φ 1.55
3.59	..	..	..	576.2	St-Alexandre . . . . .	..	..	6.20	10.35	NOTE
4.07	11.35	..	..	580.5	St-André . . . . .	..	..	6.13	10.22	Operates
4.13	11.39	..	..	584.2	St-Hélène . . . . .	..	..	6.07	10.15	Friday
4.18	11.43	..	..	586.5	Dessaint . . . . .	..	..	..	..	only
4.27	11.51	11.59	1.09	589.8	St-Pascal	K 2.03	3.27	6.00	10.05	June 22
4.36	12.01	..	..	595.7	St-Philippe-de-Néri . . . . .	..	..	5.50	9.57	to Aug.
4.41	..	..	..	599.4	Rivière Ouelle . . . . .	..	..	..	9.52	31 incl.
4.44	..	..	..	601.3	St-Pacôme . . . . .	..	..	..	9.48	NOTE
4.50	12.16	12.16	1.26	605.5	St-Anne	1.46	3.06	5.32	9.43	Circule
5.00	12.27	..	..	612.9	St-Louise . . . . .	..	..	5.23	9.34	les
5.05	..	..	..	616.8	Elgin Road . . . . .	..	..	..	9.28	vendres-
5.10	12.37	..	..	620.7	St-Jean-Port-Joli . . . . .	..	..	5.10	9.22	dis
5.17	..	..	..	624.9	Trois-Saumons . . . . .	..	..	..	9.16	seule-
5.23	12.48	12.37	..	629.1	L'Isletville	H 1.27	2.34	5.00	9.09	ment
5.33	..	..	..	632.5	L'Anse-à-Gilles . . . . .	..	..	..	9.00	du
5.38	12.55	12.55	1.15	635.6	Cap-St-Ignace . . . . .	..	..	4.50	9.00	22 juin
5.42	1.07	..	1.15	642.5	Montmagny	1.12	2.15	4.41	8.51	au
5.52	..	..	..	647.4	St-Pierre . . . . .	..	..	..	8.45	31 août
5.57	1.23	..	..	650.7	St-François . . . . .	..	..	4.28	8.41	incl.
6.05	..	..	..	655.9	St-Vallier . . . . .	..	..	..	8.35	..
6.10	..	..	..	659.2	La Durantaye . . . . .	..	..	..	8.30	..
6.22	1.47	..	..	665.7	St-Charles . . . . .	..	..	4.12	8.23	..
6.38	..	..	..	669.0	Ville-Marie . . . . .	..	..	..	8.10	..
6.44	..	..	..	674.6	Harlaka . . . . .	..	..	..	8.05	..
6.50	2.15	2.25	3.30	677.1	St-Joseph . . . . .	..	..	..	8.00	..
7.20	2.35	2.50	3.55	679.2	Ar Lévis (Québec F) Dp	12.20	1.25	3.50	8.00	11.30
7.29	..	..	..	683.5	Dp) St-Romuald Ar	11.55	12.50	3.20	6.55	11.20
7.35	2.53	R 3.06	4.11	687.3	CHARNY (Richmond, 28, 29)	11.36	12.33	3.09	6.46	..
..	3.01	..	..	691.8	St-Nicolas . . . . .	..	..	2.51	6.40	..
..	3.12	..	..	700.6	St-Apollinaire . . . . .	..	..	2.41	..	..
..	3.20	..	..	708.6	Laurier . . . . .	..	..	2.27	..	..
..	3.37	..	..	719.2	Val-Alain . . . . .	..	..	2.08	..	..
..	3.46	..	..	725.6	Villarsy . . . . .	..	..	1.56	..	..
..	3.59	C 3.59	B 5.03	731.8	Manseau . . . . .	..	L 11.35	1.42	..	..
..	4.13	..	..	739.8	Lemieux . . . . .	..	..	1.28	..	..
..	4.25	..	..	746.1	Daveluyville . . . . .	..	..	1.15	..	..
..	4.37	..	..	751.2	ASTON JCT. . . . .	..	M 11.14	1.02	..	..
..	4.53	A 4.33	A 5.34	759.2	St-Léonard-de-Nicolet	O 10.19	N 11.06	12.50	..	..
..	5.25	..	..	777.7	DRUMMONDVILLE	9.56	10.42	12.18	..	9.53
..	6.20	..	..	806.6	St-HYACINTHE (28)	9.24	10.11	11.40	..	8.54
..	6.56	G 6.12	E 7.11	836.0	St-Lambert	P 8.45	Q 9.20	10.56	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	Montréal, Qué. . . . .	..	..	..	..	..
..	7.20	7.30	8.40	840.0	Ar Central Station Dp	8.30	9.05	10.40	..	8.00
..	P.M. Daily Quot.	A.M.	A.M.	..	(Gare Centrale) Queen Elizabeth Hotel (Hôtel Reine Elizabeth)	P.M.	P.M. Ex.Sun. Dim. exc.	A.M. Daily Quot.	..	P.M. Daily Ven.

C.N.R. Public Timetable April-October, 1962

A New Ontario R.P.O. Clerk Name Attachment



We are grateful to **Laurent Bélisle** for reporting this **previously unknown clerk attachment** variety for hammer ON-458. It has now been listed as,

ON-458.55, PICTON & TRENTON · R.P.O. / N^o 2 / W. CHAPMAN. , 52, AU 2, 29.

The registered cover, addressed to Bloomfield, Ontario, originated at the Spadina Avenue P.O., Toronto, was transferred to Toronto, Terminal 'A' and then to eastbound **QC-296.112, MONT. & TOR · R.P.O. / N^o 11 , 18, AU 1, 29.** At Trenton it was transferred to the southbound Trenton to Picton R.P.O. where the clerk, W. Chapman, applied his temporarily modified hammer.

Chapman used the same attachment on hammer ON-407.02 between 1939 and 1943. That variety is listed as **ON-408.**

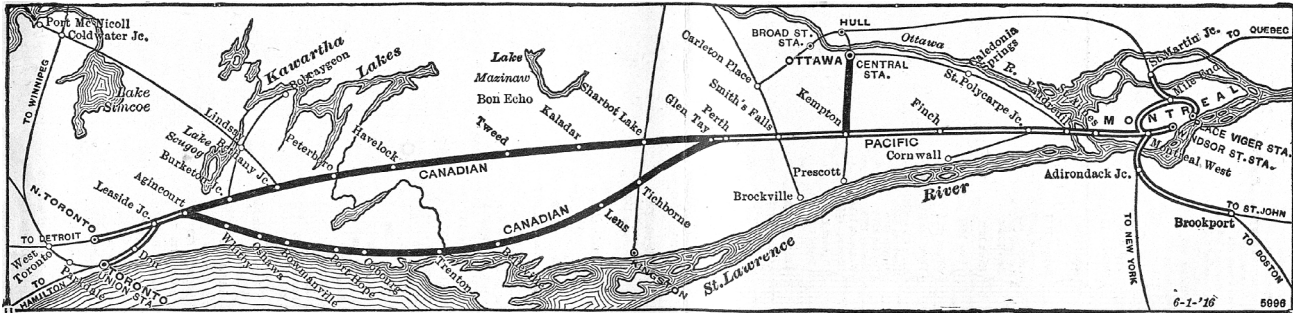
Double Train Number Indicia

Double train indicia are very unusual. The **Toronto & Ottawa R.P.O.** hammers **ON-781.01**, **ON-783.03** (only one report for the LRD 1914/05/15), **ON-783.04** and **ON-784** are found with trains **33-21** for about a 5 year period between 1915 and 1920.



Apparently the Toronto-Ottawa R.P.O. car on train 21 was transferred to train 33 at Smith's Falls.

ON-781.01, TOR. & OTTAWA . C.P.R / N^o 1 , 33-21, NO 19, 18 .



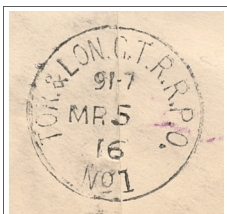
	Train 21 via Trenton		Train 33 via Havelock
Montreal Windsor Stn.	Depart 10:00 PM	Ottawa	Depart 11:25 PM
Smith's Falls	Arrive 1:05 AM Depart 1:20 AM	Smith's Falls	Arrive 12:50 AM Depart 1:10 AM
Toronto Union Stn.	Arrive 7:35 AM	Toronto Union Stn.	Arrive 7:20 AM

CPR Timetable 1915

Both hammers of **ON-637** for the **GTR Toronto & London R.P.O.** used a dual train indicium, 91·7, between 1914 and 1916. The R.P.O. from train 91 was added to train 7 at Hamilton.

	Train 7		Train 91
Niagara Falls	Depart 1:25 AM	Toronto	Depart 11:45 PM
Hamilton	Arrive 2:25 AM Depart 2:40 AM	Hamilton	Arrive 1:05 AM
London	Arrive 5:08 AM		

GTR Timetable 1915



ON-637.01, TOR. & LON. R.P.O. / N^o 1 , 91·7, MR 5, 16 .



ON-637.02, TOR. & LON. R.P.O. / N^o 2 , 91·7, NO 18, 14 .

Double Train Number Indicia

Three hammers used on the Toronto & Niagara Falls R.P.O. occasionally used train pair indicia for connecting trains in both directions at Hamilton.

Train	#11	— #20	#19	— #96	#97	— #20	#25	— #2
Niagara Falls	6:15A			10:57A	4:55P		4:55P	
Hamilton	7:40A			9:27A	6:30P		6:30P	
		??	7:40A			7:05P		7:05P
Toronto		??	6:20A			8:17P		8:17P

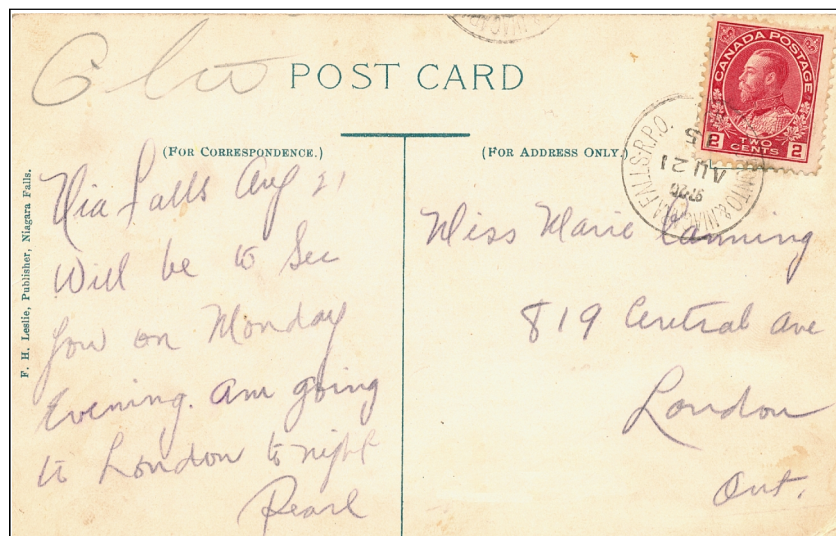
The **11-20 train combination** with the train times shown for those two trains in several of the GTR timetables around the period are about 12 hours apart which would not make sense for connecting arrangements. Lacking a specific 1913 timetable for the only recorded date leaves us with a mystery for the pair.

Hammer	Indicia	Date
ON-728.02	11-20	1913/12/06
	97-20	191?/05/05 ¹ -1915/06/16
	19-96	1915/11/01 ²
ON-730.012	97-20	1915/08/21
ON-731	25-2	1913/11/15
	97-20	1914/05/06 ² -1914/09/23 ¹
	19-96	1914/08/14-1914/11/20 ¹

Stalker ¹, Brandt ²



ON-728.02, TORONTO & NIAGARA · FALLS / M.C. , 11-20, DE 6, 13 .



ON-730.012, TORONTO & NIAGARA FALLS · R.P.O. / N^o 1 , 97-20, AU 21, 15 .

New Reports from Jack Brandt



A new listing, **E-25.012**, EDMONTON DISTRICT / · EMERGENCY N^o 1 · , 615, MR 16, 48 , was used on the **Lacombe, Breton & Edmonton R.P.O.** before arrival of the two regular hammers, WT-310.01 and WT-310.02, which were proof struck on March 4, 1948. (Jack has two similar examples on stamp dated February 2 and February 20 with blank indicia. Depending on when this R.P.O. began operation, the hammer may have been used on the R.P.O. on those earlier dates as well.)



A later example of the new listing, **E-25.012**, EDMONTON DISTRICT / · EMERGENCY N^o 1 · , 26, ?? OC, 61, apparently was used on train 26. Reviewing both the C.P.R and C.N.R 1961 timetables, only **train 626** from Edmonton to Drumheller comes close to a train 26. Since the clerk lacked a “526” train number slug, he substituted “26”. Normally no R.P.O. operated on this route at the time but an accident on the Edmonton-Saskatoon C.N.R. main line might have necessitated a temporary rerouting of mail. The Saskatoon & Drumheller R.P.O. on trains 9 and 10 was still in operation at this late date, when many R.P.O.s had been discontinued, and it would have been available for mail transfer at Drumheller.

EDMONTON—CAMROSE—CALGARY				EDMONTON—CAMROSE—DRUMHELLER			
READ DOWN		READ UP		READ DOWN		READ UP	
RAIL- INER 626- 614 NOTE Daily	Miles	TABLE 73 Mountain Standard Time	RAIL- INER 613- 625 NOTE Daily	RAIL- INER 626 Daily	Miles	TABLE 75 Mountain Standard Time	RAIL- INER 625 Daily
P.M.		(Tables 53, 54, 55, 74, 75, 76, 77)	P.M.	P.M.	(Tables 53, 54, 55, 73, 74, 76, 77)	P.M.	
5.00	0.0	Lv EDMONTON, ALTA. (M)	1.15	5.00	0.0	Lv EDMONTON, ALTA. (M)	1.15
5.11	3.1	North Edmonton	1.04	5.11	3.1	North Edmonton	1.04
5.19	6.4	Bretville Jct.	12.56	5.19	6.4	Bretville Jct.	12.56
5.46	31.1	New Sarepta	5.54	5.46	31.1	New Sarepta	12.27
5.54	37.7	Hay Lakes	12.27	5.54	37.7	Hay Lakes	12.19
6.01	47.5	Armena	12.19	6.01	47.5	Armena	12.10
6.11	54.5	Ar CAMROSE	12.10	6.11	54.5	Ar CAMROSE	11.58
6.16		Lv (Table 75)	11.58	6.16		Lv (Table 75)	11.30
6.38	69.5	New Norway	11.50	6.38	69.5	New Norway	11.20
6.47	77.0	Ferintosh	11.31	6.47	77.0	Ferintosh	11.11
7.03	90.7	Bashaw	11.22	7.03	90.7	Bashaw	11.02
7.16	101.5	Ar MIRROR	11.09	7.16	101.5	Ar MIRROR	10.48
7.19		Lv	10.58	7.19		Lv	10.34
7.27	107.6	Alix	10.55	7.27	107.6	Alix	10.22
7.44	122.9	Delburne	10.47	7.44	122.9	Delburne	10.10
7.51	129.4	Lousana	10.28	7.51	129.4	Lousana	10.00
8.02	139.3	Elnora	10.21	8.02	139.3	Elnora	9.49
8.08	144.9	Huxley	10.10	8.08	144.9	Huxley	9.44
8.16	151.9	Trochu	10.03	8.16	151.9	Trochu	9.37
8.27	161.7	Three Hills	9.55	8.27	161.7	Three Hills	9.27
8.44	174.7	Swalwell	9.44	8.44	174.7	Swalwell	9.17
9.06	193.4	Beiseker	9.28	9.06	193.4	Beiseker	9.08
9.12	199.0	Irricana	9.09	9.12	199.0	Irricana	8.57
9.41	227.7	Sarcee Jct. (Table 66)	9.04	9.41	227.7	Sarcee Jct. (Table 66)	8.45
9.50	232.1	Ar CALGARY, ALTA. (Table 66)	8.38	9.50	232.1	Ar CALGARY, ALTA. (Table 66)	8.42
P.M.			8.30	P.M.			8.25
			A.M.				A.M.
				P.M.	80.8	Ar DRUMHELLER, ALTA.	

C.N.R. Public Timetable - 1961

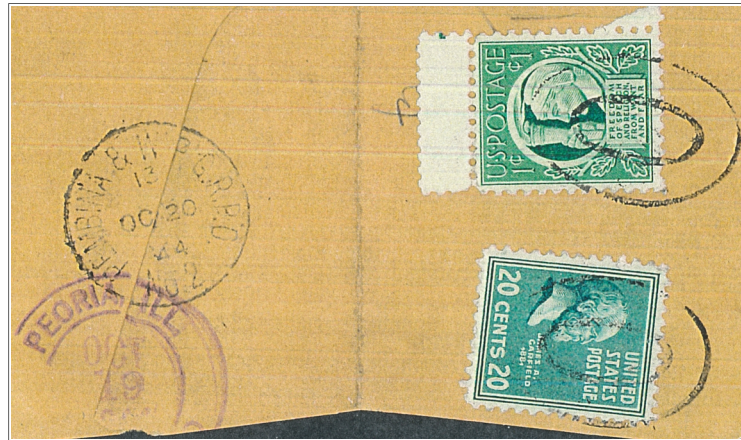


WT-64.053, CALGARY & EDMONTON · R.P.O. / N^o 5 , 24, OC 14, 31 , is a new **early date** for the hammer, which was proof struck on 1923/04/06.

New Reports from Jack Brandt



WT-213.05, EDM. & PR. GEO. R.P.O. / NO. 5, 195, AU 31, 53 ,
is a new **late date** for the hammer.



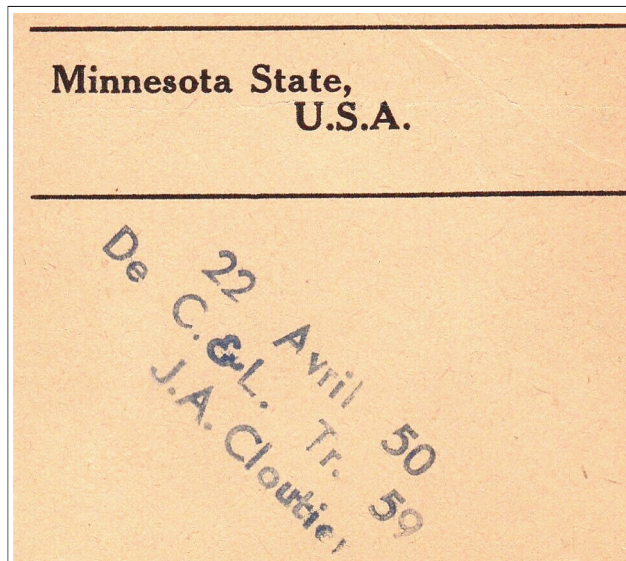
WT-555.02, PEMBINA & W'P'G. R.P.O. / No. 2, 13, OC 20, 44 , is only the **third report** of this rare
hammer.

WT-771.02, SMITHERS & PRINCE RUPERT / · R.P.O. · , 195, X 17, 55 ,
is a new **early date** for the hammer, which was proof struck on September 9, 1955.



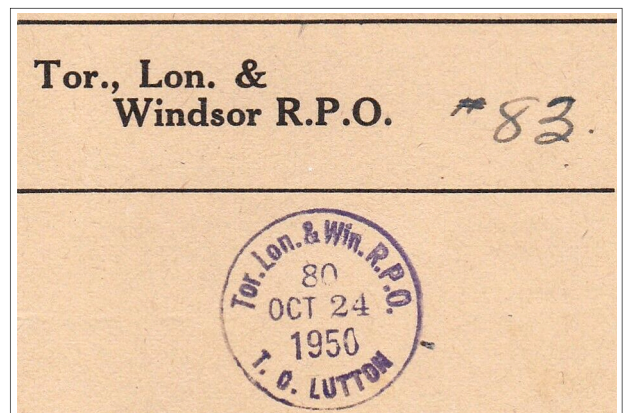
WT-896.042, WPG. & M. JAW. R.P.O. / N^o 4 , 44, JUL 10, 59 ,
is a new **late date** for the hammer.

New Reports from Colin Lewis



Colin Lewis reports a **new clerk handstamp** for
the Maritimes section of the catalogue now listed as,
MT-32.8, De C. & L. Tr. 50 / J. A. Cloutier ,
found on a facing slip.

Colin Lewis reports a new **late date** and **train
number 80** for **ON-673**, Tor. Lon. Win. R.P.O. /
T. C. LUTTON , 80, OCT 24, 1950 .



New Reports from Randy Evans

AO-4.01, NEWF'D. P.O. / NORTH SYDNEY , blank, AP 4, 29 ,
is a new **early date** for both the hammer and the listing.



MT-165.01, HALIFAX & ST JOHN · R.P.O. / . , W, JA 31, 01 ,
is a new **early date** for both the hammer and the listing.



QC-40, ISL'D . POND & MONT. R.P.O. / . , 15, DE 18, 30 ,
is the first report of **train 15** for the hammer.



QC-229.01, MONTREAL & OTTAWA R.P.O. / . , 96, DE 8, 07 ,
is the first report of **train 96** for both the hammer and the listing.



ON-714.01, TORONTO & MIDLAND · R.P.O. / N^o 1 ,
62, AP 25, 12 , is a new **early date** for both the hammer and
listing.



WT-801, SWAN RIV. & PR. ALBERT R.P.O. / HARRY ATTREE ,
Tr. 16, MAR 18, 1936 , is a new **early date**.



RY-178.02, TEMISCOUATA · R.Y. / M.C. , N, JUL 14, 04 ,
is a new **late date** for the hammer.



SN-18.02, CAN. NAT'L R'Y. STN. / LONDON . ONT. , 4, JUN 28, 39 , is
the first report of a "4" **time mark** for the hammer.



New Reports from Brian Copeland

Brian Copeland reports the first example of **train 1** for
WT-91.142, C. & V. R.P.O. / X B.C. X, 1, JY 13, 10 .



Brian Copeland reports the first example of **train 4** for
hammer **WT-827.01**, VIC. & WEL. R.P.O. / B.C. , 4, AU 28, 13.

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