

In this issue we have several new important Western discoveries, a new St. John station postmark, a unique new Ontario private clerk handstamp used as a cancelling device, a second date for a very rare Toronto & Kingston early split ring cancellation and a new Quebec hammer study, as well as other updates, thanks to contributions from **Morris Beattie, Richard Cromwell, Ross Gray, Hank Narbonne, Murray Smith, Brian Stalker, Sean Weatherup, and Firmin Wyndels.**

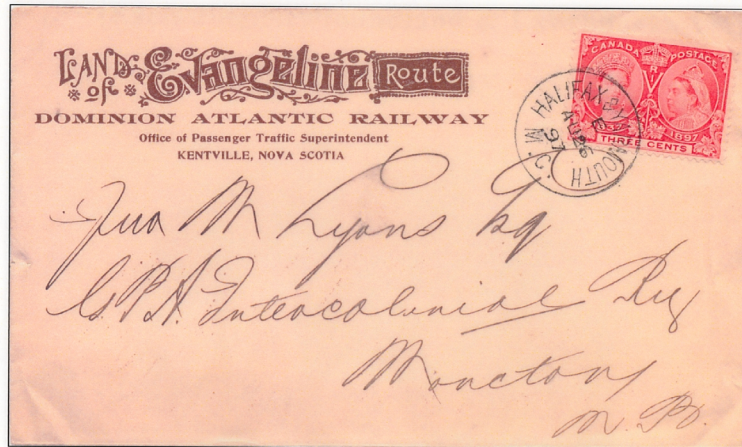
Most of this new information was received in time to be included in the new edition of the catalogue but a few items arrived too late for the mid January deadline.

Our Secretary-Treasurer, **Sean Weatherup**, also presents his report for 2021.

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The third edition of the catalogue is now being printed and will soon be available. It has 38 more pages than the 2015 edition, including many more postmark illustrations, as well as additional separate hammer data not previously included and has all updates received before the mid-January cut off date.

The book has been entered in the literature class of CAPEX 22 exhibits and will be one of three official launching presentations of BNAPS books on successive days of the exhibition.

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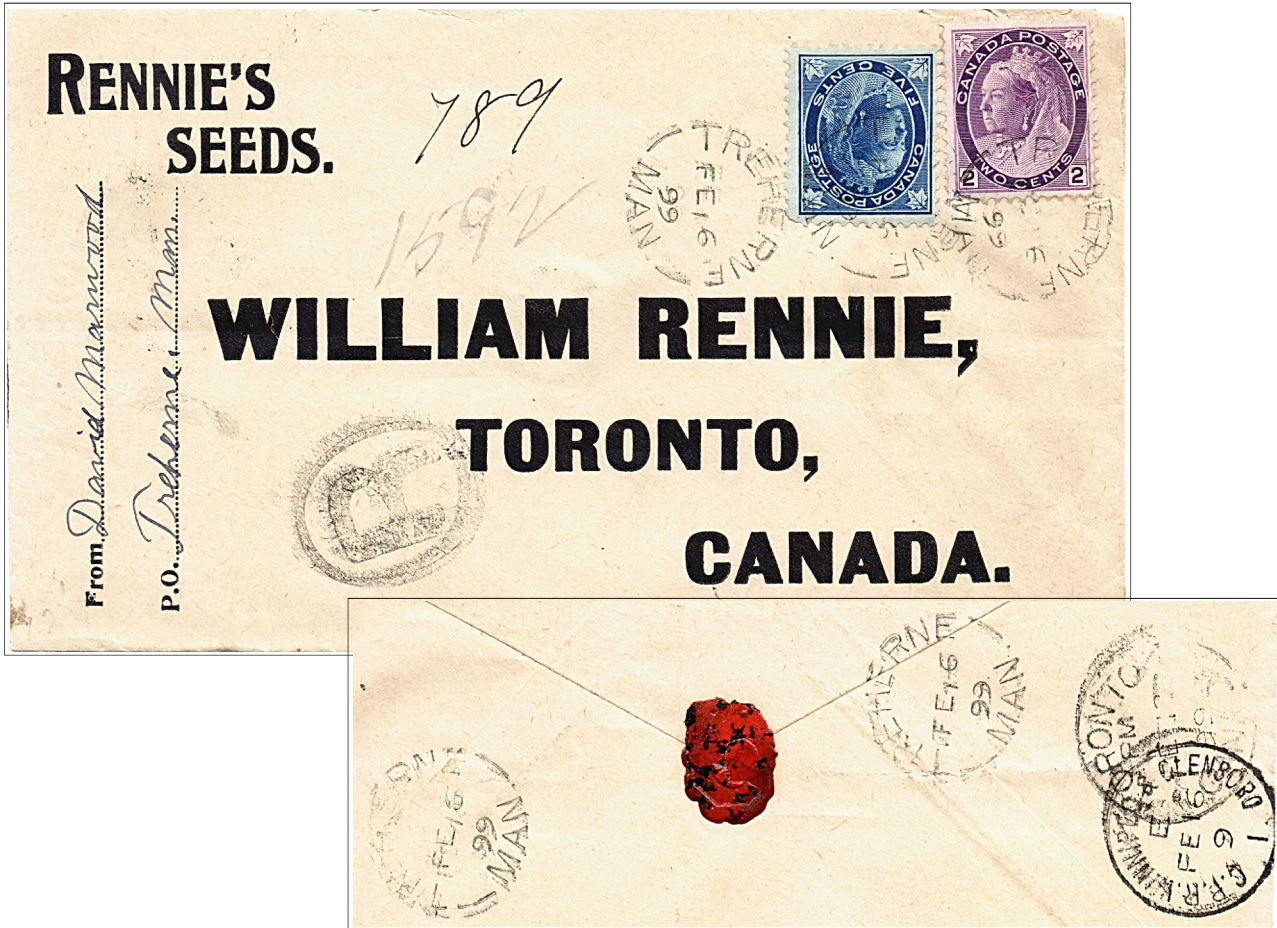


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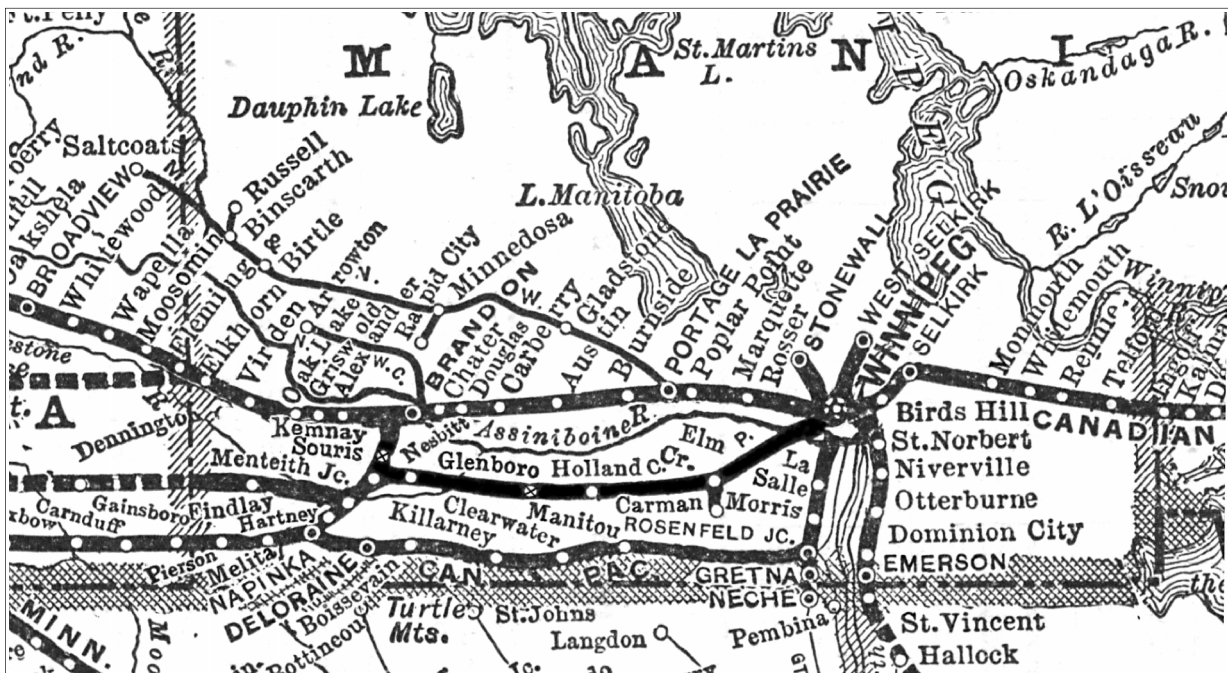
Catalogue Of Canadian Railway Post Office Cancellations and Related Railway Postmarks including Selected Waterway Postmarks (Excluding Newfoundland & Labrador), by Ross Gray.

Forty years after the publication of Lew Ludlow's classic RPO Catalogue, and 51 years after the Railway Mail Service was officially abolished in Canada, RPO collectors are still finding thousands more updates. January 2022, Spiral bound, 444 pages, 8.5" x 11", colour. ISBN: 978-1-989280-29-4. Stock #B4h114-1. Price: C\$40.00 Available from the BNAPS Book Department, managed by Bill Longley, P.O. Box 620, Waterdown, ON, L0R 2H0.

A New Late Date for WT-879



Sean Weatherup discovered this late use of WT-879, C.P.R. WINNIPEG & GLENBORO / 1, E, FE 16, 9(9) . In the 2015 catalogue, the editor noted his doubt about the February 14, 1899 late date found in the Ludlow/Robinson records but this new example now supports that date as being correct. We will now designate this example as the **latest date** for a **second period use of the hammer**. (Was this a brief revival of the earlier run because the *Souris & Winnipeg R.P.O. trip* could not be completed due to severe winter weather or an accident?)



C.P.R. Public Timetable - 1895

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

Branch Lines - Western Division (Central Time.)

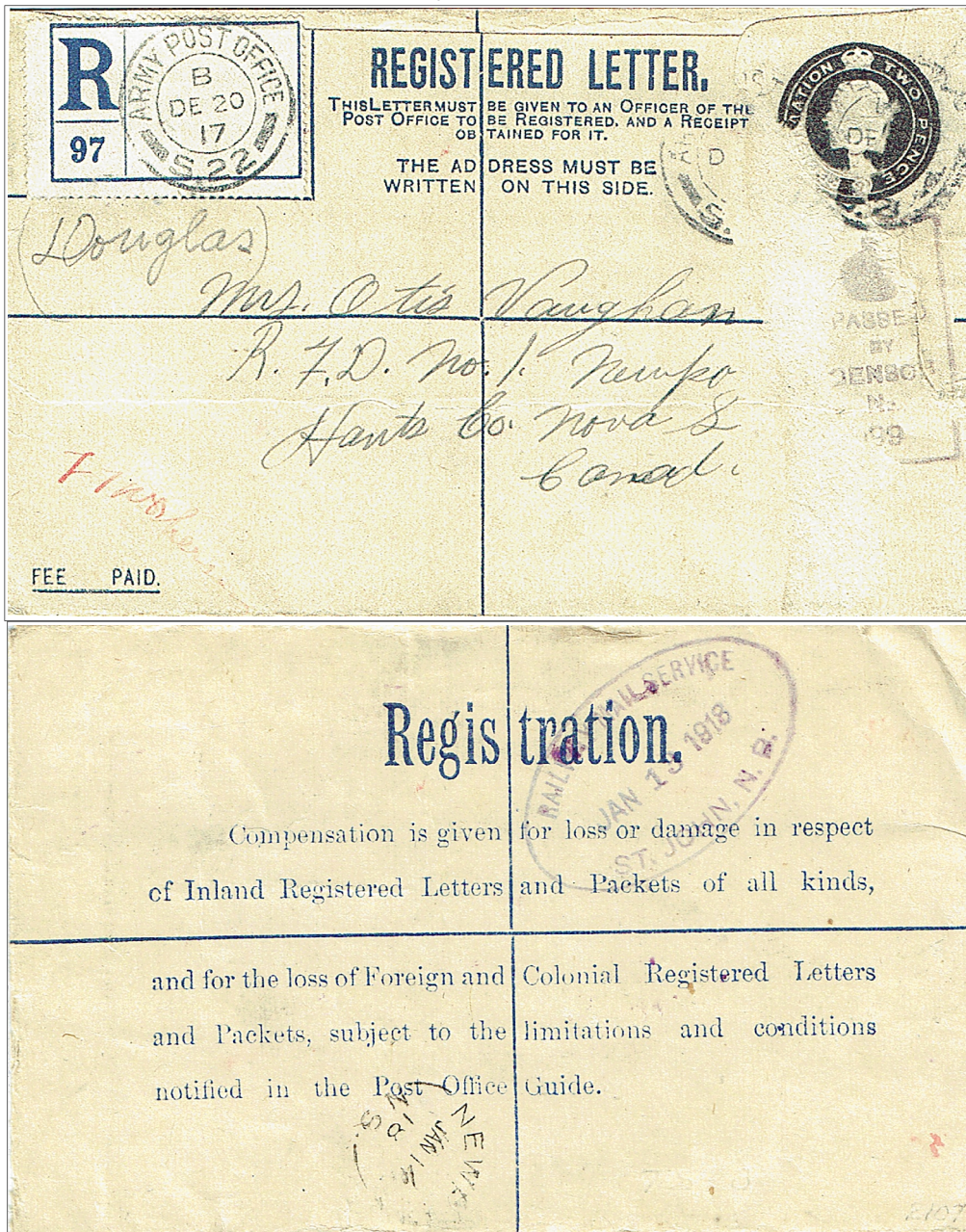
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	f 10.15	f 17.30	7 Bergen.....		f 21.05	f 10.55
	10.27	f 17.47	15 Rosser.....		20.47	10.37
	f 10.20	f 18.00	22 Meadows.....		f 20.35	f 10.20
	11.03	18.15	29 Marquette.....		20.20	10.06
	11.15	18.23	35 Beaburn.....		20.08	9.53
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	11.42	18.57	49 High Bluff.....		19.40	9.23
	f 11.55	19.16	56 Portage la Prairie 44.....		f 19.25	9.05
		19.35	63	..... Burnside.....			8.47
		19.54	71	..... Bagot.....			8.30
		20.08	77	..... McGregor.....			8.19
		20.25	85	..... Austin.....			8.03
		20.52	95	..... Sidney.....			7.46
	f 21.05	21.05	95	..... Melbourne.....		f 7.35	
	21.23	21.23	106	..... Carberry.....			7.20
	21.44	21.44	114	..... Sewell.....			7.01
	22.01	22.01	122	..... Douglas.....			6.47
	22.15	22.15	127	..... Chater.....			6.35
	* 22.30	* 22.30	133	Ar. Brandon Lv			* 6.20
	c 14.30	141	139	Lv. Brandon Ar		e 10.35	
	15.05	141	141	..... Kemnay.....		10.00	
	15.35	149	149	..... Beresford.....		9.30	
	c 16.05	157	157	Ar. Souris Lv		e 9.00	
		10.45	0	Lv. Winnipeg Ar		e 17.30	
		11.07	7	..... Murray Park.....		17.02	
		11.20	15	..... Headingly.....		16.50	
		11.52	25	..... Starbuck.....		16.17	
		12.10	34	..... Fannystelle.....		16.00	
		12.35	44	..... Elm Creek.....		15.35	
		12.53	51	..... Barnsley.....		15.18	
		13.10	57	Ar. Carman ||.....		15.00	
		15.05	70	Lv. Bathwell.....		13.10	
		15.25	77	..... Treherne.....		12.51	
		15.45	85	..... Holland.....		12.30	
		16.10	95	..... Cypress River.....		11.43	
		16.34	104	..... Glenboro' ||.....		11.13	
		16.53	112	..... Stockton.....		11.00	
		17.14	120	..... Treesbank.....		10.37	
		17.28	126	..... Methven.....		10.22	
		17.42	131	..... Nesbitt.....		10.07	
		18.03	139	..... Carroll.....		9.44	
	c 18.30	150	150	Ar. Souris Lv		e 9.20	
		160	160	Lv. Souris Ar		e 7.45	
		18.25	157	..... Monteith Jct.....		7.20	
		18.55	165	..... Deleau.....		6.50	
		19.25	173	..... Findlay.....		6.25	
		19.55	181	..... Pipestone.....		5.55	
	c 20.25	185	185	Ar. Beston Lv		e 5.30	
		150	150	Lv. Souris Ar		e 8.20	
		17.55	159	..... Monteith.....		7.55	
		18.15	165	..... Hartney.....		7.36	
		18.44	173	..... Lauder.....		7.12	
	c 19.10	184	184	Ar. Napinka Lv		e 6.50	
	* 13.20	c 10.30	0	Lv. Winnipeg Ar		* 12.50	e 17.45
	13.35	10.45	4	..... St. James.....		12.35	17.30
	14.01	11.18	18	..... La Salle.....		12.12	17.01
	14.13	11.33	24	..... Shanawan.....		12.00	16.50
	14.23	11.50	30	..... Osborne.....		11.50	16.36
	14.48	12.20	42	..... Morris.....		11.25	16.10
	15.14	12.50	56	Ar. Rosenfeld Jc.....		11.00	15.40
	* 15.40		69	Ar. Cretna 42 Lv		* 10.30	
		12.14	65	Lv. Plum Coulee..... Ar			15.16
		13.32	74	..... Winkler.....			15.00
		14.10	81	..... Morden.....			14.40
		14.30	88	..... Thornhill.....			14.22
		14.52	96	..... Darlingford.....			14.02
		15.08	Ar	Ar. Manitou || ..... Lv			13.45
		15.08	102	Lv. Manitou || ..... Ar			13.25
		15.32	113	..... La Riviere.....			12.55
		16.05	125	..... Pilot Mound ||.....			12.25
		16.17	130	..... Crystal City.....			12.12
		16.28	134	..... Clearwater.....			12.00
		17.00	145	..... Cartwright.....			11.25
		17.19	155	..... Holmfield.....			11.08
		17.40	164	..... Killarney.....			10.48
		18.05	175	..... Ninga.....			10.23
		18.23	182	..... Boissevain.....			10.05
		18.43	193	..... Whitewater.....			9.39
		19.10	202	Ar. Deloraine.....			9.17
	c 20.00	221	221	Ar. Napinka Lv		e 8.30	
	n 8.00	c 19.25	184	Lv. Napinka Ar		v 15.15	e 6.50
	8.35	c 19.45	192	Ar. Melita Lv		14.35	e 6.30
	9.55		207	..... Pierson.....		13.35	
	10.45		215	..... Gainsborough.....		13.05	
	11.30		223	..... Carievale.....		12.30	
	12.15		231	..... Carnduff.....		12.00	
	13.40		249	..... Oxbow.....		10.30	
	15.00		256	..... Alameda.....		9.30	
	16.00		268	..... Frobyshire.....		9.00	
	15.25		271	..... Hirsch.....		8.35	
	16.00		281	..... Bienfait.....		8.00	
	n 16.30		290	Ar. Estevan Lv		v 7.30	

Glenboro →

← Treherne

* Daily. † Daily, except Sun. c Mon., Thurs., e Tues., Fri. n Wed., Fri. f Tues., Thurs., Sat. r Mon., Wed., Fri. s Thurs., Sat. / Flag Station. | Refreshment Station.

A New Discovery from Brian Stalker



This registered cover, addressed to Newport, N.S., originated from Army Post Office S.22 on December 20, 1917 and travelled via the UK to St. John, N.B., where it arrived on January 14, 1918. At St. John Union Station, it received a transit backstamp, now newly listed as, **SN-49.55**, RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE / ST. JOHN, N.B., JAN 13, 1918.

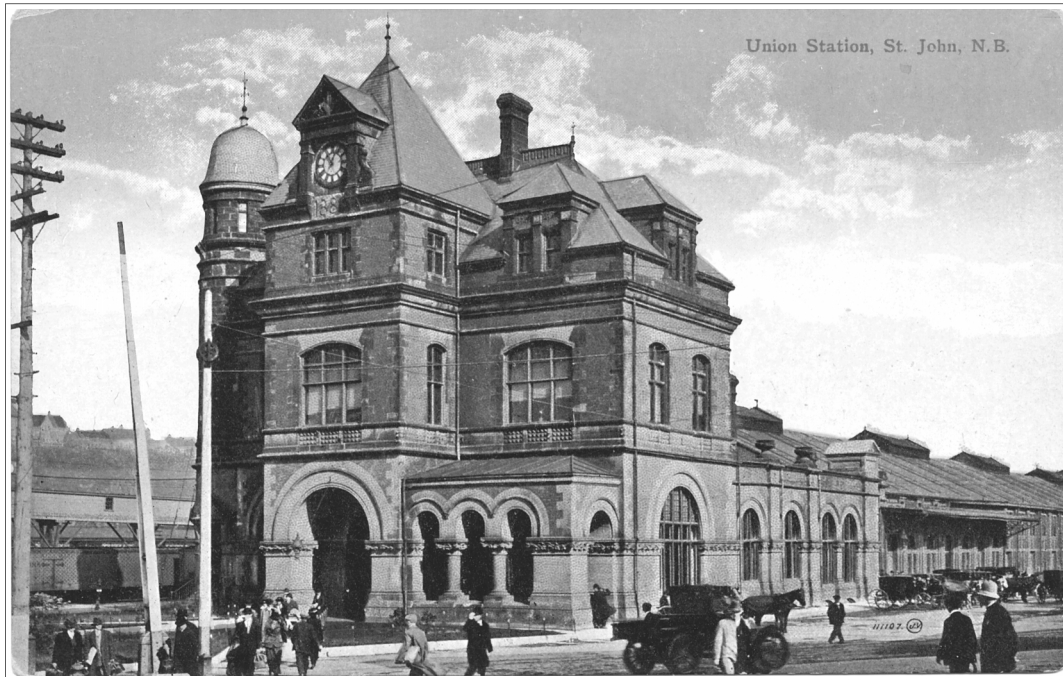
This rubber stamp, which was likely intended just for use on internal post office documents, had only previously been known from its proof strike dated November 11, 1916.



SN-49.55 proof

Army Post Office S.22 was used by the Canadian Base Depot. Between 1916 and 1919, that was at Etaples in France, the large military camp where the vast majority of Canadians arriving in France or departing France were in transit to and from the front.

(A Post Office Department notice of February 22, 1897 advised that St. John, N.B. was one of nine locations where “*the Chief Railway Clerks, who will in future be called Superintendents, and the Clerks who check the Postal Car Returns ... will be embraced in the Railway Mail Service Branch.*”)



Union Station, St. John, N.B.

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New Reports

Richard Cromwell has found the **first example** of **ON-740.03**, TORONTO & NORTH BAY · R.P.O. / N^o 3, 46, AP 27, 20. Previously this hammer was only known from its proof strike dated April 9, 1919.



Murray Smith reports a new **early date** for hammer **WT-852.06**, WPG. & BINS · R.P.O. / N^o 6, 106, DE 15, 25.

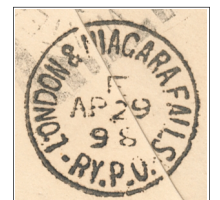
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New Reports from Hank Narbonne

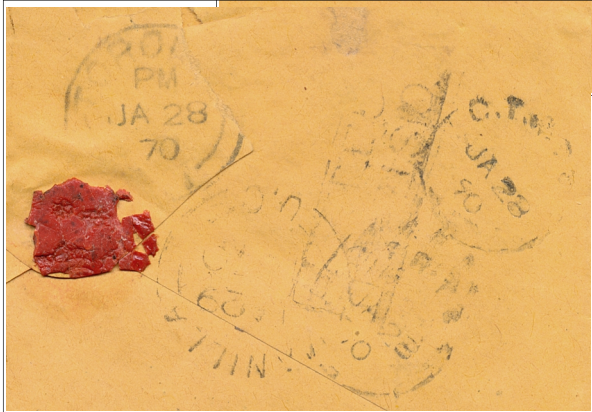
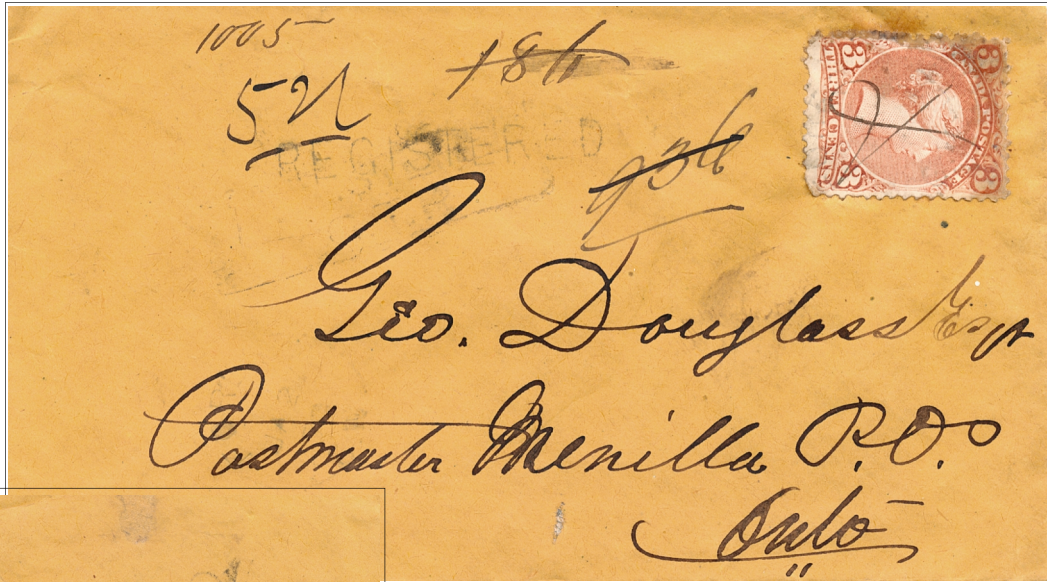


Found as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from Waterford, Ontario to Hamilton, is **ON-48.02**, BRIDGEBURG & ST THOMAS R.P.O. / . , W, JY 15, 24 , a new **late date** for the hammer.

This transit backstamp on a registered cover from Bealton, Ontario to Guelph, **ON-247.03**, LONDON & NIAGARA FALLS / · R.Y.P.O. · , E, AP 29, 98 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



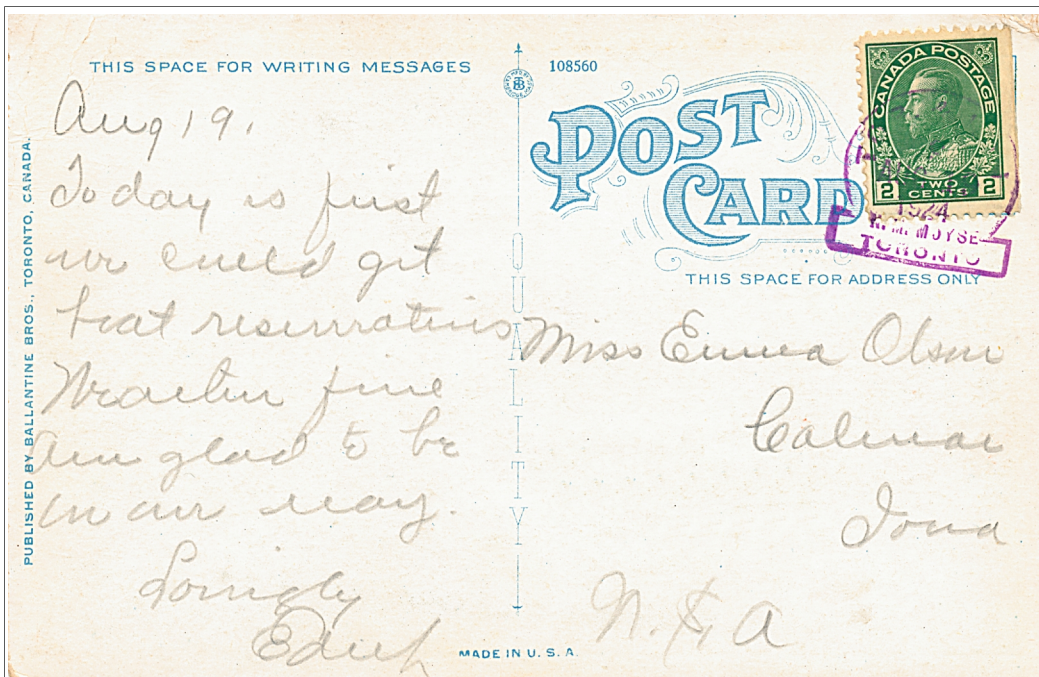
A Second Date for ON-629 from Ross Gray



The originating postmark on this registered cover is illegible. There is a straight line REGISTERED and a lightly struck **RY-69**, REGISTERED / G.W.R. on the front and back. There is also a TORONTO transit stamp on the back, suggesting that the cover originated somewhere west of its destination and was transferred to the Toronto & Kingston R.P.O. on the Grand Trunk Railway in Toronto. It received what is

only the **second reported example and new early date** of **ON-629**, G.T.R - T. & K / _ , JA 28, 70 .
 Arrival in Manilla was the following day, after travelling north by road, probably from Oshawa.

A New Toronto & London R.P.O. Clerk Handstamp



ON-643.55, TOR. & LON. / N. M. MOYSE / TORONTO , 9, AUG 19, 1924 , is a new, previously unreported clerk handstamp, used on the C.N.R.

A New ERD for WT-351 from Morris Beattie



This registered cover was mailed in Victoria on February 29, 1912 and travelled to Kaslo, arriving on March 4. After not being called for, it was redirected to Frank, travelling on the eastbound Medicine Hat & Nelson R.P.O. on March 6 and was postmarked,

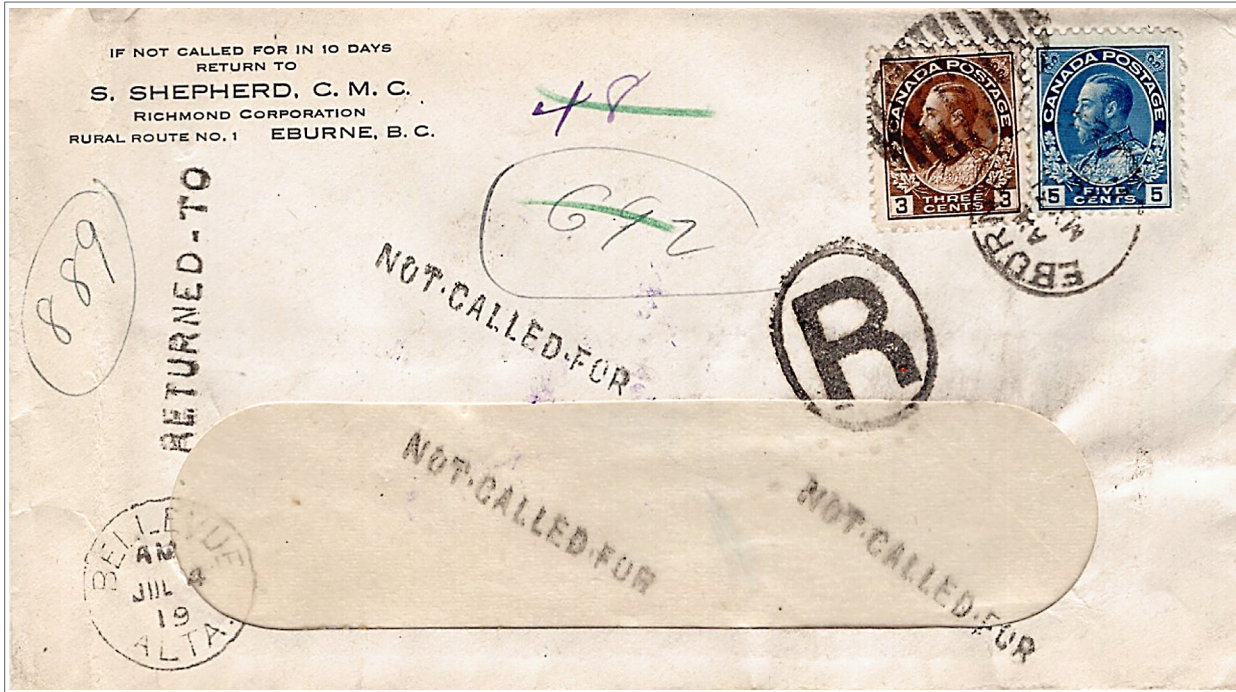
WT-351, Med. Hat & Nel. R.P.O. / T. D. BULGER., 1912, MAR 6, Tr. 514 .

A receiving Frank backstamp is dated 9 days later, on March 15. It was sent back to Victoria via the westbound Medicine Hat & Nelson R.P.O. on April 2, and was stamped with **WT-344.02**, MED. & HAT. & NEL. R.P.O. / N^o 2 , W, AP 2, 12.



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

A New Hammer for WT-346

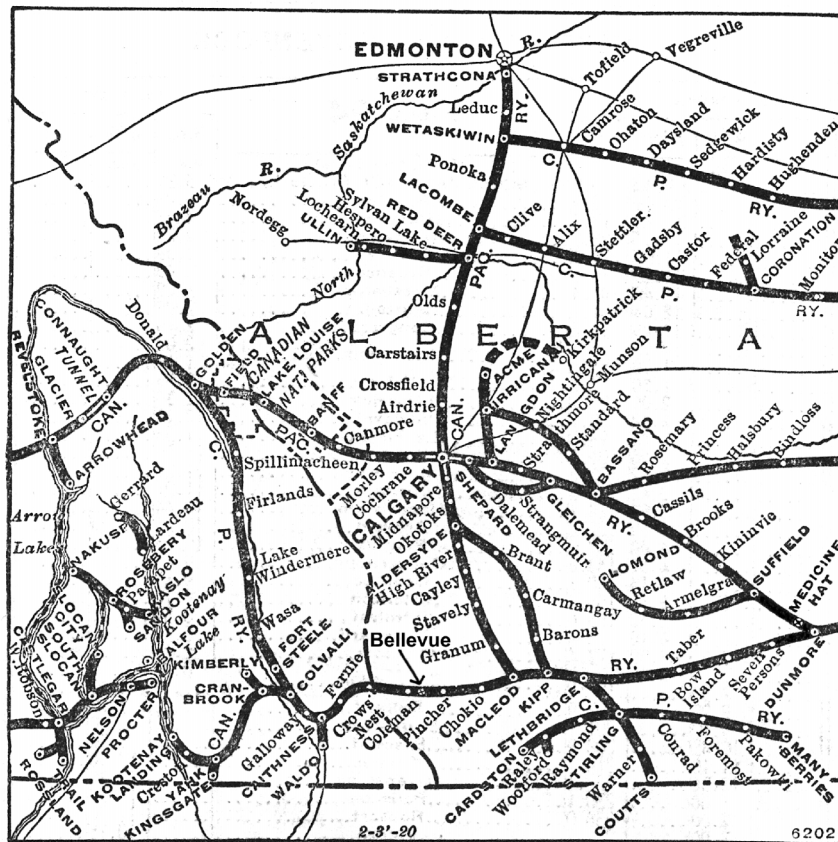


A New Hammer for WT-346



We are grateful to **Firmin Wyndels** for reporting these two very similar registered covers, which originated at Eburne, BC on May 31, 1919 and were addressed to Bellevue, Alberta. They travelled eastward via Vancouver, as closed bag mail to Medicine Hat, arriving there on June 2, where they were transferred to westbound train 511 and postmarked with **WT-344.07**, MED. HAT. & NEL. R.P.O. / No 7, 11, JUN 2, 19. At Lethbridge, they were transferred to westbound train 67 and postmarked with a previously unreported hammer, **WT-346.01**, Med. Hat & Nel. R.P.O. No. 1, 67, JUN 3, 1919. Arrival at Bellevue was the morning of June 3.

Both letters were not called for and on July 3 or 4, they were returned on westbound train 67 to Nelson, again being postmarked with **WT-346.01**. From Nelson, they travelled back to Vancouver as closed bag mail, and arrived there on July 6.



C.P.R. Public Timetable - 1920

A New Hammer for WT-346

READ DOWN			Mls.	TABLE 112		Time	Altitude	READ UP		
63	511	67						68	512	64
A.M.	P.M.	P.M.					A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	
† 3.25	* 11.00	.....	Lv	WINNIPEG	○(C) Table 7	Ar	C.T.	* 7.25	† 8.20	.....
† 12.20	* 9.35	.....	Ar	Dunmore	.....	Lv	"	* 8.40	† 9.35	.....
.....	* 11.00	.....	Lv	ST. PAUL	See	Ar	"	* 5.30	.....	.....
.....	* 11.45	.....	Lv	MINNEAPOLIS	Table 4	Ar	"	* 4.45	.....	.....
.....	† 8.50	† 11.00	Lv	MEDICINE HAT	○(C) Ar	M.T.	"	* 6.45	† 8.35	.....
.....	† 9.08	* 11.20	Lv	DUNMORE	.....	Ar	M.T.	* 6.25	† 8.17	.....
.....	† 9.28	.....	.....	Dauntless	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	† 9.32	.....	.....	Bull's Head	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Seven Persons	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Whitla	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Winnifred	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Bow Island	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Burdett (C)	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Grassy Lake	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Purple Springs	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Fincastle	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Taber	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Barnwell	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Neldpath	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Chin	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Coaldale	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Ar	LETHBRIDGE	○(C)	Lv	"	* 2.55	† 4.35	.....
.....	Lv	Calgary	○(C)	Ar	"	* 8.40	P.M.	† 9.40
.....	Lv	LETHBRIDGE	.....	Ar	"	* 2.30	.....	† 4.00
.....	Kipp	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Monarch	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Pearce	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Ar	MACLEOD	○(C)	Lv	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Lv	.....	.....	Ar	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Pelgan	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Choklo	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Brocket	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Pincher	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Cowley	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Lundbreck	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Burmis	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Passburg	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Hillcrest	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Frank	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Blairmore	○(C)	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Coleman, Alta.	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Ar	Crows' Nest, B.C.	.....	Lv	M.T.	.....	.....	.....
.....	Lv	.....	.....	Ar	P.T.	.....	.....	.....
.....	McGillivray	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Michel	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Natal (C)	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Hosmer	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	FERNIE	○(C)	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Morrissey	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Elko	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Caitness	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Galloway	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Jaffray	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Colvill	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Wardner	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Mayook	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Rampart	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Ar	CRANBROOK	○(C)	Lv	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Lv	.....	.....	Ar	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Fassiferne	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Wattsburg	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Jerome	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Moyle	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Aldridge	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Tochty	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Ryan	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Ar	Yahk	.....	Lv	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Lv	.....	.....	Ar	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Glenilly	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	King'sgate, B.C.	○(C)	Lv	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	EASTPORT, Ida.	(S.I. Ry.)	Ar	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Bonner's Ferry	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Sand Point	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Grand Junction	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Ar	SPOKANE (Un. Depot)	.....	Lv	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Lv	.....	.....	Ar	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Ar	PORTLAND, ORE.	.....	Lv	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Lv	.....	.....	Ar	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Goatfell	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	McConnell	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Canyon	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Erickson	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Creston	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Duck Creek	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Sirdar	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Ar	KOOTENAY LANDING	.....	Lv	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Lv	KOOTENAY LANDING	.....	Ar	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Boswell	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Procter	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Balfour	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
.....	Ar	NELSON	○(C)	Lv	P.T.	.....	.....	.....

EQUIPMENT

Nos. 67 and 68—Medicine Hat—Kootenay Landing—Daily
Coaches and Standard Sleeper. Medicine Hat and Kootenay Landing
Standard Sleeper. Calgary and Spokane. Calgary and Crows' Nest
Cafe Parlor. Calgary and Kootenay Landing.
Passengers may remain in Sleeping Car at Medicine Hat until 8 a.m.
Passengers leaving Nelson 6.30 a.m. may board steamer previous evening.

Nos. 827 and 828—Yahk—Spokane—Daily
Coaches, Standard Sleeper, Cafe Parlor.

New Reports from Ross Gray



MT-198.05, HALIFAX & YARMOUTH · R.P.O. / . ,
E, SP 18, 28 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



QC-294.101, MONT. & TOR. G.T.R. / 10 , 7, SP 4, 15 ,
is a new **late date** for the hammer.



ON-247.03, LONDON & NIAGARA FALLS / · R.P.O. · ,
T1W., AP 16, 88 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



ON-370.01, TRAIN N^o / OTT. & DEPOT · H'B'R R.P.O. ,
52, MY 13, 07 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



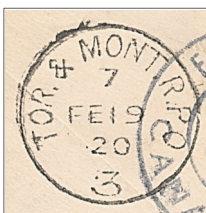
This **ON-470**, Pⁱ DOVER & STRATFORD R.P.O. / . , S, OC 21, 20 ,
used as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from Simcoe to Hamilton , is
a new **late date**.

Found as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from Wallacetown to London,
is a new **late date** for hammer **ON-506.02**, ST. THOMAS & WINDSOR R.P.O. / . ,
365, NO 27, 47 .



This **ON-506.03**, Sⁱ THOMAS & WINDSOR · R.P.O , W, OC 1, 20 ,
transit backstamp on a registered cover from Fingal, ON to Hamilton via
Rodney, is a new **early date** for the hammer.

ON-716.04, TOR. & MONT. G.T.R. / 4 , 9, SP 12, 25 , is a new **late**
date for the hammer.

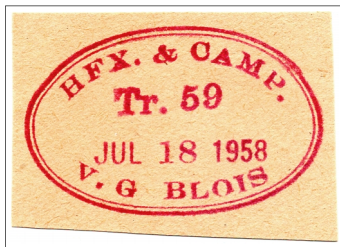


Used as a transit backstamp on a registered cover
from Fredericton to Hamilton, is the first report of **train 7**
for hammer **ON-719.03**, TOR. & MONT. R.P.O / 3 ,
7, FE 19, 20 , as well as the listing.

ON-827.03, TOR. STRAT. & GODERICH · R.P.O. / . ,
36, III 28, 51 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.

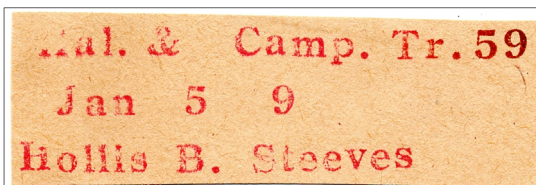


New Reports from Sean Weatherup



MT-139, HFX. & CAMP. / V. G. BLOIS , Tr. 59, JUL 18, 1958 , is a new **early date**.

MT-139.5, Hal. & Camp. Tr. 59 / Hollis B. Steeves , Jan 5, (5)9 , is a new **early date** and the first report of **train 59**.

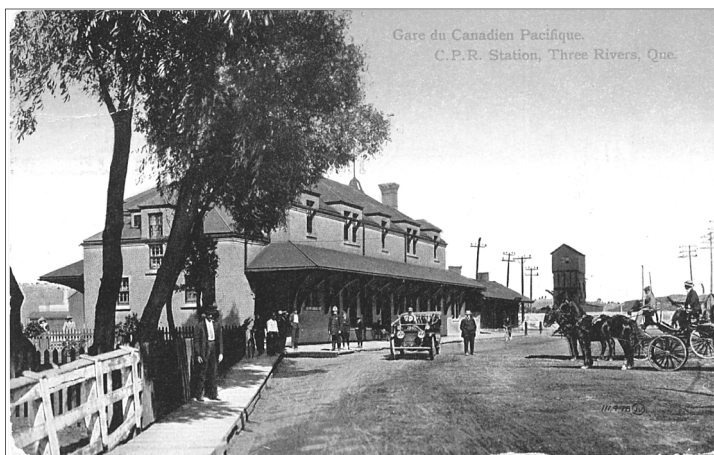
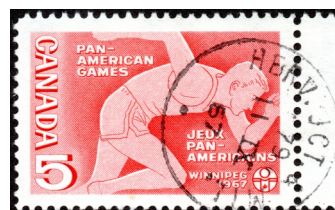


MT-164.03, HALIFAX & ST JOHN / M.C. , W, SP 14, 11 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



MT-284.55, SAINT JOHN B,VILLE / F? M? Quinn , Tr. 41 NOV 18 1958 , is a **new, previously unreported clerk handstamp**.

QC-34, HERV. JCT. & MTL. / . , 79, 11 IX, 67 , is the first report of **train 79** for both the hammer and the run.




QC-286, MONT & THREE · RIV · RY / _ M.C. _ , W, JY 26, 94 , is a new **early date** for this rare hammer.

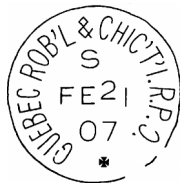
WT-13.01, BON. & ED. R.P.O. No. 1 / . , 9, VIII 27, 57 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



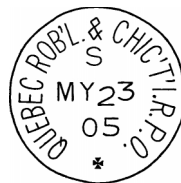
QC-450 Hammer Study Update



 QUEBEC ROB'L. & CHIC'T'I. R.P.O. / ✠



QC-450.01



QC-450.02

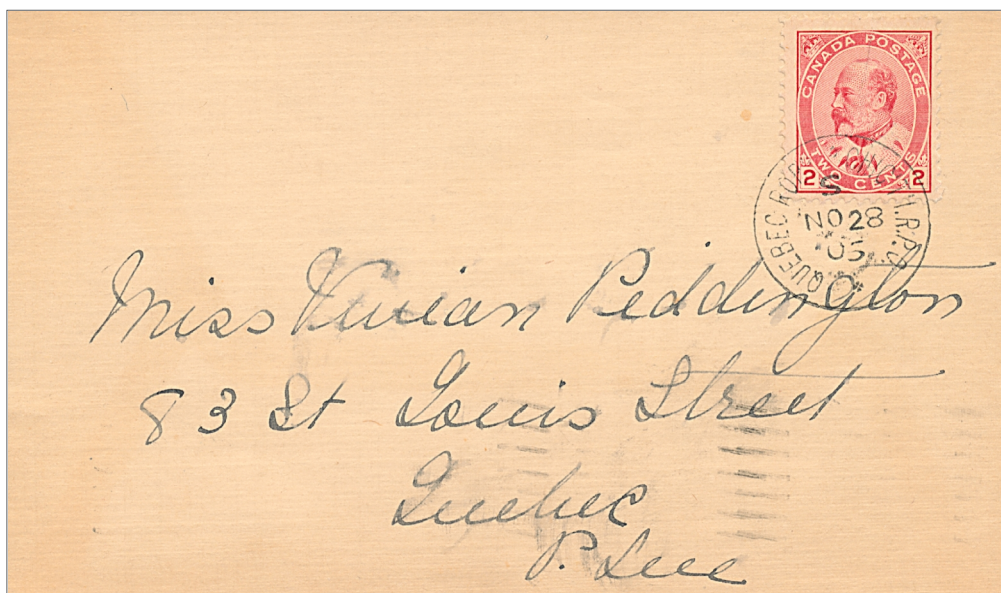


QC-450.03

Hammer	a	b	c	d	e	ERD	LRD	Indicia
QC-450.01	12	6 ½	12 -	8	8 -	1904/11/16	1910/12/18	N ¹ ,S
QC-450.02	12 ¾	6 ¾	12 ½	8 ¼	7	1905/05/23	1907/08/18	N ¹ ,S,blank ¹
QC-450.03	11 ½	7 +	12	7 ¾	7 ½	1904/12/25 ¹	1908/08/29 ¹	N ¹ ,S
QC-450						1904/11/11	1912/04/13	N,S,blank

Brian Stalker¹ QC-450.02 blank is dated 1906/04/29

QC-450.01 proof date - 1904/11/03, Proof dates for the other 2 hammers are unknown.



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Secretary-Treasurer's Report from Sean Weatherup

December 31, 2021

RPO Study Group Bank Account

2020 Year End Balance		1522.97
Incoming Monies 2021	+	198.96
	Sub-Total	1721.93
Expenditures 2021	-	358.50
2021 Year End Balance	=	1363.43

Notes

I am happy to report that all members are now on a yearly schedule and thank everyone for their understanding. This transition meant that membership dues were down slightly compared to expenses in 2021. That should reverse itself in the coming year. January figures (not included in the above numbers) already have 290.00 in dues incoming with about another 16 membership dues still to come in.

The balance above includes the below amounts held in the

William G. Robinson Award Fund

Details....

2020 Year End Balance		224.81
Incoming Donations	+	25.00
2021 Year End Balance	Total	249.81

Notes

Covid has once again reduced the number of shows across the country this past year, and as a result there have been no expenditures from the fund..

Observations and Outlook for 2022

We have welcomed five new members to the study group this past year. These folks were all participants in Zoom Meetings this past year. There have been two resignations. Hopefully exhibitions will get back on track. Should this happen there will most certainly be awards made from the Robinson Fund. Donations to the fund are always welcomed.

The editor is sad to report the passing of our member, **Jim Felton** of Tiffin Ohio, on January 31. He was a long time member of the R.P.O. Study Group and a frequent contributor, including very active participation in early hammer studies.

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