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PIPEX 1986 - This issue is being delivered to members at this show being held in Victoria, B.C., June 13 to 15, 1986. PIPEX is sponsored annually by one of the fifty or so member clubs of the North West Federation of Stamp Clubs - an international organization covering the west coast from Alaska to Oregon, and inland as far as Saskatchewan and Montana. It is recognized as a National level show by both the A.P.S. and the R.P.S.C., and has a well-deserved reputation for the quality of material it attracts. Several seminars and meetings are usually held - this year including those of the B.N.A.P.S. Pacific Northwest Chapter and R.P.O. Study Group, the Postal History Society of Canada, American Society of Polar Philatelists, American Airmail Society, and a Judging seminar of the R.P.S.C. Next year the show is scheduled for Spokane, Washington.

BNAPLEX 1986 - There has been little feedback to my enquiry about subjects you would like to discuss at our Annual Meeting in Dearborn, Michigan, August 30 to September 1. We certainly hope to see all the members there. Anyone planning to exhibit R.P.O.s this year? I have entered an exhibit - but this time in one of my other favorite postal history fields.

CATALOG ANNEX 4 - Pages 3 to 10 of this issue contain the 1986 Annex to the catalog, so there is little space for other items this time. The next issue will be published in time for BNAPLEX '86, and we hope to be able to publish most of the items which our generous readers have submitted. Thanks!

NEW MEMBER -

Edward J. Maloney 26 South Onota St., Pittsfield, MA 01201

Ed. is a member of the Mobile Post Office Society, and was a long-time U.S. Postal Service employee. He has already entered into the spirit of this Group with a note regarding the Winnipeg District clerk hammers - "These were clerks' handstamps used by substitute RPO clerks who were assigned to the Winnipeg Railway Mail Service District. These substitutes usually worked out of a headquarters city, but did not run on any one particular line or RPO route." Thanks, Ed.

RUN COUNTS - There has been some feedback from the query on Page 9 of Issue 53, as follows -

Chairman Lew reports there are now 3491 total listings, less 223 unconfirmed or only proof known, leaving a net total of 3268. This includes all listings through Annex 4. For major listings only ( i.e. no a,b,c,etc.) the totals are 3080 less 198, or 2882 net. Lew now has a total of 2330 different in his collection, of which 2168 are major listings. Jim Lehr has reported a total of 1316, while Jim Felton is ecstatic at reaching the 900 level. Your scribe now has a total of 2106 - of which 1531 are on cover or full facing slip. How about some more reports?

THE SOUTH SHORE RAILWAY COMPANY

by John Hornsby

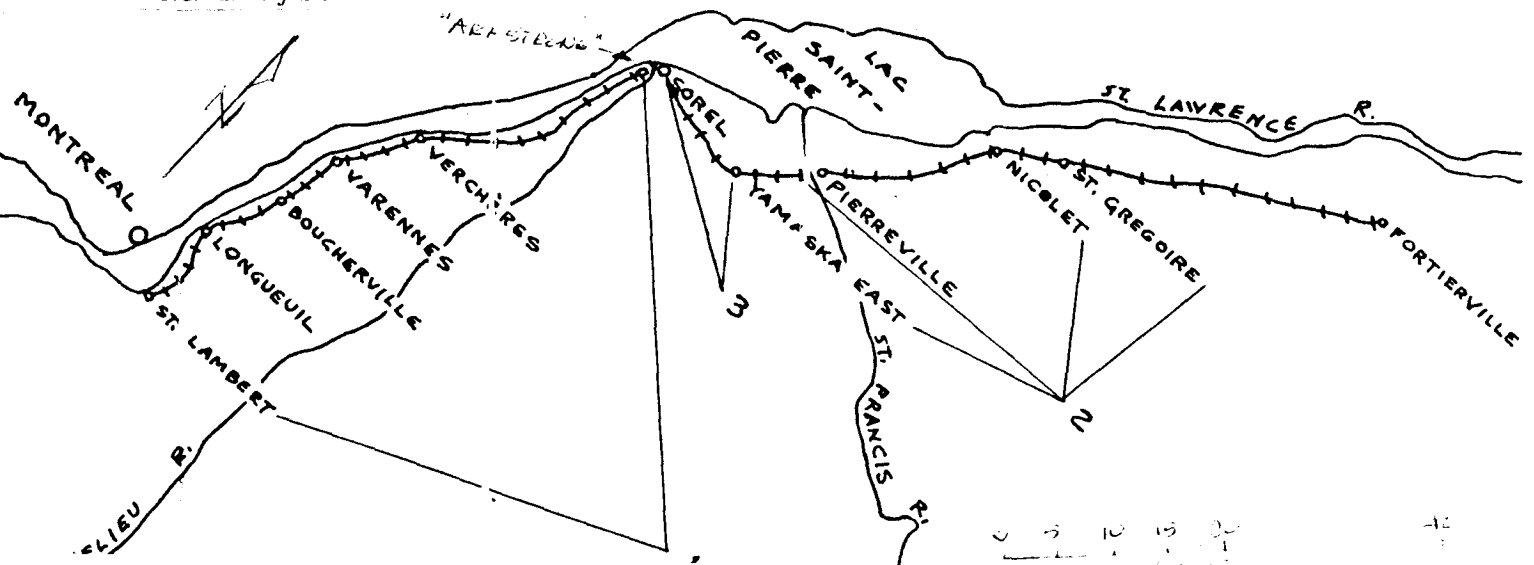
Incorporated 8 January 1894, under Act 57 Victoria, Chapter 72, Province of Quebec, to build a railway from Levis to Valleyfield.

This company was the third railway to receive a charter to construct a line westerly from Levis along the south shore of the St. Lawrence and it appears the incorporation of this railway was for the sole purpose of salvaging the assets of the following two lines.

The Montreal and Sorel Railway Company was incorporated 30 June 1881, to build a railway from St. Lambert, on the south shore opposite Montreal, through Longueuil, Boucherville, Varennes and Vercheres to Sorel. On 1 April 1882, a line from St. Lambert to 'Armstrong' was opened for traffic, a distance of 44.67 miles, (1). Armstrong was named for C.N. Armstrong, one of the principals of the railway, and it marked the end of track on the western bank of the Richelieu River, opposite Sorel; there being no funds available to construct a bridge over the river to reach that Municipality. This railway was unable to meet its interest payments in 1891 and as a result it was put up for auction. By deed of sale dated 7 July 1894, The South Shore Railway Company acquired the assets.

The South Shore Railway Company also acquired by way of auction the assets of The Great Eastern Railway, another holding of C.N. Armstrong and other individuals. The Great Eastern was incorporated 17 May 1882, to build from Dundee, Quebec, opposite Cornwall, Ontario, to Quebec City (Levis). However, only two short lines were actually constructed; Yamaska East to the St. Francis River, 6.5 miles; and Nicolet to St. Gregoire, 6.75 miles, (2). Change of ownership took place 6 December 1899.

In 1900, The South Shore Railway Company added to its system by purchasing from the Montreal and Atlantic Railway its line from Sorel to Yamaska, (3). A brief period of construction followed in an attempt to bridge the gaps in its trackage, but by 1905 the railway was in receivership and the assets, including 142 miles of trackage, were picked up by the Delaware and Hudson Railway. Effective 11 August 1906, the Delaware and Hudson reorganized its holdings into a new corporate entity; the Quebec, Montreal and Southern Railway Company. Some further construction continued until 1909, following which the Delaware and Hudson operated until 14 July 1929, when the entire 191 miles was sold to Canadian National Railways.



It is now nearly four years since the publication of the Catalogue of Railway Cancellations of Canada in 1982, and new information continues to be reported on an international basis; now it is timely for another of our annual updates, our fourth since the introduction of the catalogue. This steady flow of new data, somewhat diminished but still significant, continues to enlarge the scope of the speciality of Canadian R.P.O.s and other transportation postmarks. Further, the continuing requests for copies of the annexes indicates an on-going enthusiasm by the specialists in this field.

Summarizing Annex IV, there follows below five new reporters, 60 new original listings not previously known, two confirmations of listings known previously only from their proof strikes, 78 new earliest or latest dates, 55 new train numbers, 19 new time or direction marks, and finally 17 minor corrections to information previously presented. We are pleased to advise that there have been no authenticated reports of unconfirmed listings, and further there have been no relistings of previous delistings.

#### NEW REPORTERS

With the addition of five new reporters, our list of reporters has attained the level of 250, certainly a landmark of sorts; in 1975, (after eliminating duplication) we had only 115 listed reporters and in the intervening period we have more than doubled this number with the addition of 135 new reporters.

246. J. M. Smith  
247. P. K. Eggett

248. B. T. Stalker  
249. D. W. Lingard

250. D. Fraser

#### NEW LISTINGS

For this annex, we have 60 new major and minor listings with particular strength in some rare steamer and ticket stamp strikes. For those updating their catalogues with this new data, be sure to cross-reference the train number section and the alphabetical name sections for clerks, steamers and ticket stamp towns, since this information is not duplicated elsewhere. Dates are in the American style - " month / day / year ".

Listing #	Cancellation	Type	Tr./Dir.	Period	R.F.	Reporters
N-38U	LABRADOR WEST / NEWF'D	4J		(11/ 2/83)	O.P.K.	16, 136
MA-80A	HALIFAX & CAMP. / R.P.O. / . / W. L. RYAN	21B	2	2/12/34	500	248
MA-86A	HALIFAX & / CAMP.	22B	12	1/26/71	500	151
MA-86B	FROM HALIFAX & CAMP. / T. C. LYNCH	22J	2	5/ 2/3?	500	151
Q-18A	GROV & BOS / R.P.O. ( with RMS duplex; U.S. R.P.O. )	17H	62	4/29/14	500*	151
Q-151D	MONT. S. FALLS & TOR. / J. G. BRADLEY	3E	35	5/28/55	500	136
Q-164B	Change Q-164B to Q-164Bh					16
Q-164Bd	MONT. & TORONTO R.P.O. / E. DUFRESNE	7B	19	5/12/43	500	151

Listing #	Cancellation	Type	Tr./Dir.	Period	R.F.	Reporters
Q-166A	Mont. & Tor. / R. COULL	5H	19	12/ 1/54	500	136
Q-166B	MONT. & TOR. TR. / H. J. SHEEHY	7B	19	2/ 3/55	500	136
Q-173A	Change Q-173A to Q-173Ap					16
Q-173Ad	MON. & TOR. R.P.O. / D. L. DENNIS	17J	5	2/23/37	500	136
O-70A	FT. ERIE N. & ST. THOS. / H. W. ALEXANDER	3E	2	5/26/32	500	136
O-143A	LONDON & CLINTON / R.P.O. / J. E. JOHNSTON	21F	343	5/28/55	500	136
O-160A	Change O-160A to O-160Af					16
O-160Ab	LON. - SOUTH / J. E. JOHNSTON	12A	171	7/26/50	500	151
O-160Cc	LON. & SOUTH / P. DUNGEY	5H	171	7/26/50	500	151
O-204B	N. B. & TIMMINS No. /	22		1/ 9/49	500	142
O-232	Ott. & Madawaska, R.P.O. / J. A. -----EAN	17J	90	5/ 5/28	500	142
O-263D	Ott & Tor. / R. C Honey	22C	33	2/ 7/??	500	136
O-325D	STRAT. & SAR. / D. J. RICHMOND	22H	600	7/31/50	500	179
O-338N	Tor. Ft. Wm. TR. / J w G WILSON	22G		1/19/55	500	136
O-338S	T & Ft. Wm. / V. O. Cooper	22H	6	7/27/50	500	151
O-354D	TOR. & LON. R.P.O. / O. M. McALLISTER	17J	21	3/ 4/55	500	136
O-357C	TOR. LON. & WIND. / G. R. STOREY	1K	83	2/14/55	500	136
O-357M	Tor Lon Wind / J. P. Cairns	22H	17	7/27/50	500	151
O-357N	TOR. -LON. -WIND. / A. P. SAVAGE	12A	18	7/26/50	500	179
O-357S	Tor. Lon. & Win. R.P.O. / T. O. LUTTON	17J	5	7/26/50	500	151
O-357T	TOR. LON. & WIN. / E. E. BROWN	3E	83	7/28/50	500	151
O-378A	TOR. & NIA. FALLS / E. C. GILLELAND	7B	105-6	3/27/33	500	136
O-385K	TOR N BAY / A. ARBURTON	22H	41	1/11/54	500	16
O-385R	T & N B Tr / N Train	22H	41	1/24/55	500	136
W-43I	FROM ED. & P. G. R.P.O. TR /	22F		1/ 2/48	500	151
W-61Y	KAM. & SASK. R.P.O. / C. A. BISHOP	3D	10	1/18/22	500*	142
W-83K	M. H. & N. / COSMAN	1F	68	5/13/21	500*	142
W-89M	M. Jaw & Macklin R.P.O. / F. PARKER	7B	312	6/ 8/55	500	208
TS-55	CANADIAN PACIFIC NAVIGATION CO., LD. NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.	3		9/16/99	500*	151
TS-67a	CAN. PAC. RY. / ALBERT CANYON, B. C.	1J		4/ 5/39	500	160
TS-89	INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY / ASSAMETQUAGHAN, QUE.	3D		4/28/00	500*	142

NEW LISTINGS ( continued )

Listing #	Cancellation	Type	Tr./Dir.	Period	R.F.	Reporters
TS-93e	INTERCOLONIAL RY. / OLD LAKE ROAD	3A		8/ 5/97	500	159
TS-250e	REID / NEWFOUNDLAND CO. / HEARTS DELIGHT	1E		?/ 2/15	500*	151
TS-335	MOUNT STEWART JCT. P.E.I. / H. W. McKAY, Agent	1F		3/31/34	500	151
S-16	Change S-16 to S-16c					16
S-16b	VANCOUVER & PORT NEVILLE, R.P.O. / STR. CASSIAR	3C		6/25/09	500*	151
S-17A	Vancouver - Powell River. / STR. CHILCO	3C		8/27/??	500	97
S-120A	Str. Princess Louise, / C. P. N. Co., Limited	22D		3/28/90	500*	97
S-129	CAN. PAC. RY. CO. / B. C. COAST SERVICE / S. S. PRINCESS JOAN	1A		3/ 5/37	500#	97
S-130i	CAN. PAC. RY. CO. / B. C. COAST SERVICE / S. S. PRINCESS ELIZABETH	1L		5/19/50	500#	151
S-135A	CAN. PAC. RY. / STEAMER BEATRICE	22H		1/ ?/?? (1¢ Edw)	500*	97
S-181	Change S-181 to S-181g					16
S-181p	N. G. RY. / S. S. "PORTIA"	1E		4/ 6/38	500#	16
S-184	UNION STEAMSHIP CO. B. C. Ltd. / S. S. "VENTURE" / Boscowitz Steamship Co., Ltd.	3D		9/ 1/13	500*	151
S-185	UNION STEAMSHIP CO. OF B. C., LTD. / S. S. "CHEAKAMUS" / VANCOUVER, B. C.	3F		1¢ gr. Ad	500*	97
S-188c	S. S. CAPILANO / UNION S. S. CO. / OF B. C. LTD.	22D		6/ 4/??	500*	136
S-191n	UNION STEAMSHIPS / LIMITED / S. S. LADY CYNTHIA	23A		11/ 7/49	500#	97
S-193m	UNION STEAMSHIPS / LIMITED / M. V. COMOX	23C		8/ 6/37	500#	97
S-212	S. S. "CAMOSUN" /	22		10/ 9/08	500*	151
S-226	S. S. CUTCH /	22		9/13/98	500*	97
S-250A	S. S. PRINCE ALBERT /	22		9/ 2/18	500*	151
S-252	S. S. PRINCE GEORGE /	22		3/ 9/18	500*	151
S-264	BRITISH COLUMBIA / COAST SERVICE / PURSERS OFFICE / S/S PRINCESS ALICE	1J		3/23/31	500#	97
S-274	S. S. PR / MAQUINNA	22B		5/19/36	500#	97
S-275A	Queen City /	22		2¢ Edw.	500*	151
S-279	"VENTURE" /	22		9/ 1/13	500*	151
DD-55	MAIL TRANSFER AGENT/MONTREAL/CENTRAL STATION	25P		12/ 9/55	500	160
E-13	ALTA DIST EMERGENCY # /	35L		10/29/81	400	136
E-103	WINNIPEG DIST. / EMERGENCY No.	35A	AM	1/22/84	400	136

The following two listings, previously known only from proof strikes O.P.K., have now been confirmed:

Listing #	Cancellation	Type	Tr./Dir.	Period	R.F.	Reporters
W-98a	NELS. & MID. R.P.O. / # B. C # (Ornament #168)	17G	E	4/13/10	500*	151
RR-17	CAN. SOUTHERN . RWY / +	13	E	4/11/87	500*	142

NEW EARLIEST AND LATEST DATES FOR PERIOD OF USE

The following 78 new dates have been confirmed and fall in an earlier or later year than that previously recorded. Our policy of not publishing earlier or later dates falling in the same year has been queried; suffice to say that such dates registered in the same year are at least equal in volume to those we do publish for different years and there is a premium on available space in both Topics and the R.P.O. Newsletter. Further, there is usually no change in the rarity factor for date changes within a given year; thus, the main purpose would only be for reporter recognition. All dates - month, day, year (American style) - are maintained in our internal records; the same style is used in the following listed dates. Since these listed dates must expand the period of use, there is often - but not always - a change in the rarity factor, and such are shown:

Listing #	Status	Date	New R.F.	Reporters	Listing #	Status	Date	New R.F.	Reporters
N-35	Latest	5/24/20	450	209	Q-151B	Latest	1/29/55	400	136
N-74	Latest	3/19/34	325	209	Q-167Ca	Earliest	2/22/55	450	136
MA-68	Latest	6/23/61	215	239	Q-223	Latest	5/19/73	400	142
MA-71	3rd Period Hammer IV	9/17/56	50	151	Q-264C	Latest	3/13/20	500	142
					Q-310	Latest	2/16/52	100	208
MA-81	Latest	1/27/71	125	142	O-64	Latest	7/ 5/50	135	151
	Hammer V				O-89	Latest	3/31/55	No change	151
MA-151	Latest	1/21/34	200	249	O-106A	Earliest	7/28/50	450	151
MA-151	( Establish existing date as 1st Period )				O-107C	Latest	3/15/55	475	136
MA-151	2nd Period	11/ 6/41	190	248	O-155	Latest	8/24/51	100	239
MA-243	Earliest	11/13/51	250	246	O-228	Latest	6/22/60	No change	216
Q-1	Earliest	5/24/65	No change	142	O-248b	Earliest	12/13/40	450	208
Q-11	Latest	12/ 3/55	No change	151	O-307	Earliest	11/ 2/30	260	151
Q-89	Earliest	10/ 9/57	500	142	O-313	Earliest	9/24/86	490	142
Q-111	2nd Period	10/ 1/91	No change	208	O-316	Latest	1/20/58	No change	208
Q-123	Latest	4/30/28	165	208	O-355B	Latest	3/ 2/24	350	142
					O-355I	Latest	7/26/50	No change	179

NEW EARLIEST AND LATEST DATES ( continued )

Listing #	Status	Date	New R.F.	Reporters	Listing #	Status	Date	New R.F.	Reporters
O-357A	Latest	7/28/50	450	179	RR-16	Latest	11/26/88	375	142
O-357Ra	Earliest	7/26/50	450	151	RR-51	Latest	1/ 3/89	No change	142
O-385Gm	Latest	3/ 7/55	No change	136	RR-70	Latest	5/17/88	290	142
O-412E	Earliest	2/28/55	475	136	RR-174	Latest	8/31/65	175	142
W-3A	Latest	4/ 5/37	240	142	RR-190	Earliest	12/31/84	295	142
W-32A	Latest	12/22/19	485	151	TS-230	Latest	5/ 2/04	No change	165
W-60B	Earliest	11/ 6/59	270	226	TS-330	1st Date	6/29/18	No change	136
W-70	Earliest	8/ 5/14	350	208	S-101a	Latest	11/ 2/10	No change	151
W-73A	Latest	11/15/51	440	101	S-103d	Latest	7/27/37	No change	151
W-84Aa	Earliest	3/19/48	460	151	S-126A	Latest	1/ 1/11	No change	249
W-84K	Latest	7/ 4/57	400	151	S-130c	Earliest	9/ 8/30	310#	226
W-97B	Latest	6/30/48	435	151	S-130g	Earliest	10/ 3/71	450#	151
W-111Ba	Earliest	5/ 8/41	400	151	S-131	Earliest	6/23/34	460#	151
W-114B	Earliest	7/25/58	No change	151	S-132a	Earliest	5/ 4/29	365	97
W-124	( Establish existing dates as 1st Period )								
W-124	2nd Period	6/ 8/57	125	250	S-166	Latest	5/21/12	No change	97
W-133A	Earliest	11/12/29	No change	208	S-191e	Latest	6/ 4/49	240	151
W-134	Earliest	8/18/81	500	142	S-213	Latest	7/24/14	425	151
W-141B	Earliest	4/25/41	440	151	S-237	Latest	5/ 7/37	475#	151
W-141Fc	Earliest	3/15/41	450	151	S-276	Latest	9/11/85	No change	151
W-145D	Earliest	10/27/48	480	151	DD-42	Earliest	8/28/12	490	151
W-146E	Latest	4/ 5/49	475	151	DD-98	Latest	6/ 8/01	500	151
W-210	Latest	4/ 5/19	215	108	E-35	New Year	5/31/61	330	137
W-26Bc	Earliest	12/16/20	100	226	E-85	New Year	11/18/65	460	151
W-30a	2nd Late	9/11/23	No change	151	E-91	New Year	11/25/66	No change	151

NEW DIRECTION AND TIME MARKS

Direction and Time Marks below have never been previously reported; no rarity factors are involved.

Listing #	Dir./T.M.	Reporters	Listing #	Dir./T.M.	Reporters	Listing #	Dir./T.M.	Reporters
MA-39	PM	208	Q-271	E	239	W-102E	S	142
Q-1	NORTH	142	O-10	N	137, 246	W-102W	NO	208
Q-89	C	142	O-66	PM	208	W-157	W	208
Q-188	E2	208	O-211	W	248	TS-65	East	142
Q-238	W.1	208	O-272	T.2.S	142	TS-65	West	142
Q-253A	AM	247	O-286	S	142	DD-30	5	151
						E-55	AM	137

Following are 55 new train numbers not previously reported; no rarity factors are involved. With this annex, we begin our reporting of combination train numbers. In the catalogue itself, these train numbers were reported separately; however, as has been pointed out - and rightly so - such combinations were unit entities and should be so listed.

Train No.	Listing #	Reporters	Train No.	Listing #	Reporters
1	W-30c	142	31	Q-8	239
2	W-26Ba	142	32	Q-40	239
5-9	W-30n	142	33.21	O-387	142
6	Q-167Ca	136		O-388	16
	W-30a	142	35	Q-217	137
	W-173	208	36	Q-151B	136
8	W-196Gb	136	39	E-35	226
9	Q-165	151	41	O-383B	136
	W-69	142		O-385A	142
10 14	O-357Ra	151		O-385Gm	136
11	W-113B	142	51	W-141Fc	151
	W-195A	142, 226	60	MA-81	239
	W-210	108	83	O-346	142
11.20	O-379	226	84	O-376	142
12	W-97B	151	91-7	O-355B	142
13	W-30m	142	97	W-30e	226
	W-84Aa	137		W-30m	226
15	O-355I	179	97-20	O-379	16
16	O-357A	179	105-6	O-378A	136
17	Q-165	142	144	TS-330	136
18	O-365	137	168-329	O-160Af	179
	W-26	208	197	W-111Ba	151
19.96	O-376	136	320	W-84Aa	151
20S	O-393C	142	356	W-3	101
25-2	O-379	142	507	Q-129	217
27	W-140C	208	556	O-248b	208
28	O-398	137	604	O-348	142
			629	O-355	142
			708	W-64D	226



CORRECTIONS TO THE CATALOGUE

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The following are corrections to the 1982 catalogue; mostly these are minor in character, but they do add a more definitive position or clearer organization of our speciality. We recommend that these changes be noted in the catalogue.

Page No.	Correction or Addition	Reporters
47	Q-131 After listing, add ( "with RMS duplex" )	142
48	Q-133 After listing, add ( "with RMS duplex" )	142
56	Q-247 Change 'I. B. DUMAS' to 'I. A. B. DUMAS'	137
81	O-355T Change 'J. F. WITHERSPOON' to 'A. F. WITHERSPOON'	16
85	O-385G Change to O-385Gs	16
85	O-385Ha Change 'McARTHUR', ( with ' & ' ) to O-385Gm	16
85	O-385Hb Change to O-385H	16
87	O-412E Change type from 1E to 23A	16
92	W-14A After listing, add ( initials "JC" replace year )	137
172	S-102 After listing, add ( for additional Boscowitz / Venture listing, see S-184 )	16
175	S-124 Change type from 1L to 1A	151
180	S-186c Delist; this is S-184	97
183	S-217 Change "CASSAIR" to "CASSIAR" - typographical	151
186	On list of steamer names, make same correction to "CASSIAR"	151
187	For "Venture", change S-186c to S-184	97
212	For Train 68, change W-98 to W-98b	226
106	W-87 After 'No.', add ( letter ).	249

STATISTICAL DATA - R.P.O. CATALOGUE LISTINGS ( Current through Annex IV )

In the four years since the catalogue was published in 1982, there have been numerous additional and discovered listings, along with some deletions, as have been put forth by the four subsequent annexes. It is timely now to present an updated count by section; this recounting is an onerous task!!! The presentation here uses the same format as given on Page 203 of the catalogue and we specifically call attention to the preliminary qualitative comment on this page for the differentiation between Major and Total Listings. A comparison of this presentation with that on Page 203, in terms of net new listings, gives a measure of the additional knowledge acquired in the intervening four year period; for the Net Major Listings, the increase is almost 250, while for Net Total Listings the increase numbers over 300.

Section	Major Listings	Less UNC / OPK	Net Major Listings	Total Listings	Less UNC / OPK	Net Total Listings
Newfoundland	139	5	134	149	5	144
Maritimes	278	10	268	305	11	294
Quebec	481	28	453	516	29	487
Ontario	668	41	627	700	46	654
Westerns	820	58	762	949	72	877
Ornaments	57	5	52	57	5	52
Railroads	194	16	178	197	16	181
Registered	53	4	49	53	4	49
Ticket Stamps	82	2	80	155	3	152
Steamers	203	14	189	305	17	288
Depots	58	11	47	58	11	47
Emergency	47	4	43	47	4	43
Totals	3,080	198	2,882	3,491	223	3,268

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That's all for this time. See you at Dearborn in August. The next Newsletter will be distributed there, and we expect a bang-up Study Group meeting.



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