



B. W. & N. W. Railway Bridge at Newboro, Ontario - 1910

This issue contains the Secretary-Treasurer's annual report from **Chris Anstead**.

Chris also advises us that **Don Abel**, 2201 Louie Drive, I.R. No. 9, Westbank, BC V4T 2L7, whose interest is all Canadian postmarks, including RPOs, has joined our group. Welcome aboard Don!

**Robert Lane** contributes an article discussing possible routings used for the NAPINKA & WINNIPEG and the SOURIS & WINNIPEG runs. Study group members are asked to examine their holdings of **W-94** and **W-150** covers and respond to Bob Lane or Ross Gray with details.

**Brian Stalker** has issued **Newfoundland RPO & TPO Update 4** to participants in his hammer study. New participants are always welcome and should contact Brian directly. He is aiming for publication of the complete study around the middle of this year. Brian also has contributed two hammer studies for listings **O-356** and **O-357** for this newsletter.

Your editor provides a look at the 3 cancellations used for the 44 mile long **Brockville & Westport R.P.O.** over its 25 year long history.

On the occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its founding, Société Philatélique de Québec and **Jean-Pierre Forest**, philatelist have the honour of launching a monograph, **LES AMBULANTS POSTAUX DE LA COMPAGNIE DE CHEMIN DE FER DU GRAND TRONC, LE TRONÇON QUÉBEC À RIVIÈRE-DU-LOUP, (1860-1880), Volume II**, that transports us back to the colourful Côte-du-Sud of Quebec during the 1860's. The content of mail bags once carried along the charming Grand Trunk Company line between Quebec City and Rivière-du-Loup brings the history of this region to life. The book is upwards of 350 pages, with nearly 500 illustrations and bibliographic references, and includes a generous selection of English texts for our distinguished Anglophone philatelic colleagues.

The Bishop mark was the first postmark affixed to mail in Quebec. One hundred years later, rail companies displayed their distinct postmarks on the letters transported in their mail coaches. Drawing from envelopes, documents, photos and maps of the period, the author reconstructs the daily routine of the local people. Facts, events and a touch of fictional conjecture allow us to view this moment in time vividly from today.

The book is available from La Société philatélique de Québec, C.P. 2023, Québec, QC, G1K 7M9 or [jpforest@globetrotter.net](mailto:jpforest@globetrotter.net). Prix : 50,00 \$ édition régulière, tirage à 100 exemplaires authentifiés avec certificat, numérotés et signés de 1 à 100 ; 41 pages en couleur. Prix : 150,00 \$ édition de luxe tirage à 25 exemplaires (200 pages en couleur), authentifiés avec un certificat, numérotés et signés de 1 à 25.

## Grand Trunk Railway Quebec & Riviere du Loup

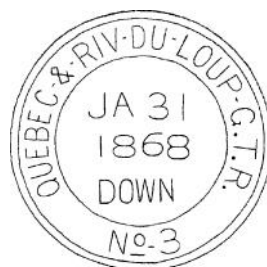
The Grand Trunk Railway of Canada East was chartered in 1852, to construct a 142 mile line from Levis to Trois Pistoles. In 1854, the railway amalgamated with the Grand Trunk Railway, which completed the line from Levis to Riviere du Loup (115 miles) in 1859. In 1879, the line became part of the Intercolonial Railway.



Q-232, Hammer 1  
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LRD 1872/12/04  
Indicia UP, DOWN



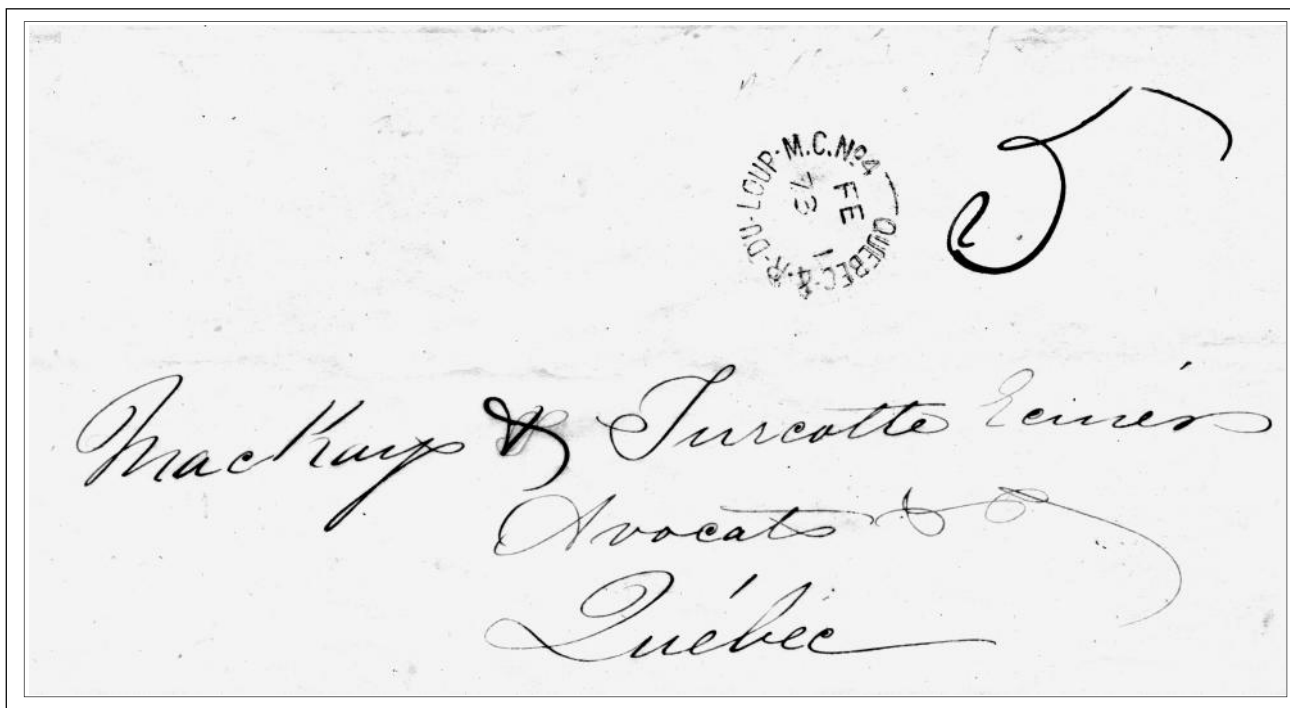
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ERD 1861/06/20  
LRD 1872/02/28  
Indicia UP, DOWN



Q-233  
ERD 1865/10/30  
LRD 1873/06/25  
Indicia UP, DOWN



Q-236  
ERD 1873/02/01  
LRD 1873/07/04  
Indicia blank



Q-236

QUEBEC - & - R - DU - LOUP - M. C. N° 4

FE , 73 1

The QUEBEC, L.C. receiving backstamp is dated February 1, 1873.

## Routes of the Manitoba Squared Circle RPOs from Robert Lane

Reference is made to guidance provided by Gillam concerning the two Squared Circle RPOs used in Manitoba. They are: **W-94**, NAPINKA & WINNIPEG (ERD=1894/01/26) and **W-150**, SOURIS & WINNIPEG (ERD=1894/05/07). They were used on lines that reached Napinka, in southwestern Manitoba.



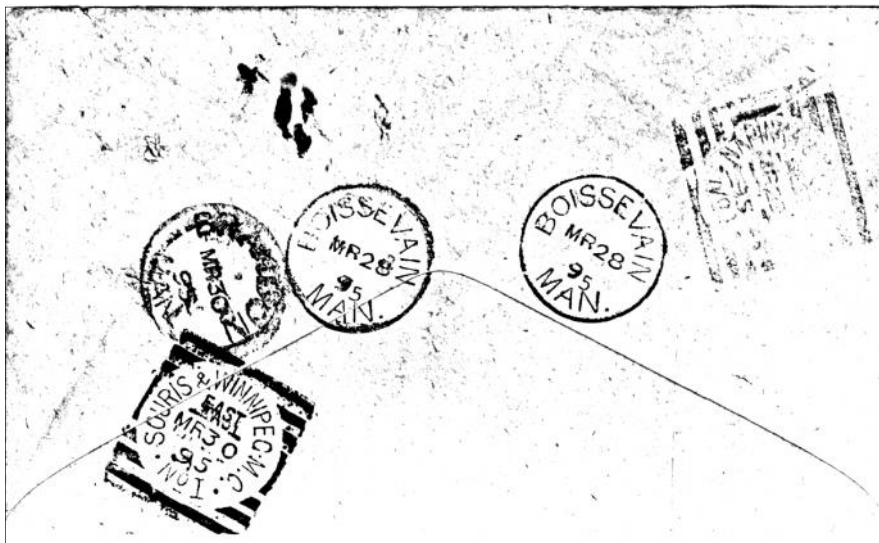
The two CPR routes described (see text for explanation).

Gillam states that **W-150** was used on the line between Winnipeg and Souris via Elm Creek, which seems logical and correct.

Gillam suggests that "... the Napinka & Winnipeg R.P.O. .... commenced operations in 1893 when the line from Brandon to Souris was extended via Lauder to Napinka". It can be inferred that it (**W-94**) was used on the Winnipeg - Souris - Napinka line.

However, Moffatt and Hansen describe the route for **W-94** as being the line between Napinka and Winnipeg, via Deloraine and Manitou. This seems more likely.

Recently, I was able to view the Jory collection of Manitoba covers, in the Brandon University archives. Included is a cover sent from Boissevain to Brandon, which shows BOTH **W-94** and **W-150**. Jory's write-up says that **W-150** is shown twice and does not mention **W-94**. This must have been an oversight.



Chronology:

Boissevain (B, in map) (Mar. 28, 1895) to Napinka (N, in map) – **W-94**, NAPINKA & WINNIPEG, WEST, Hammer #1 (Mar. 29)

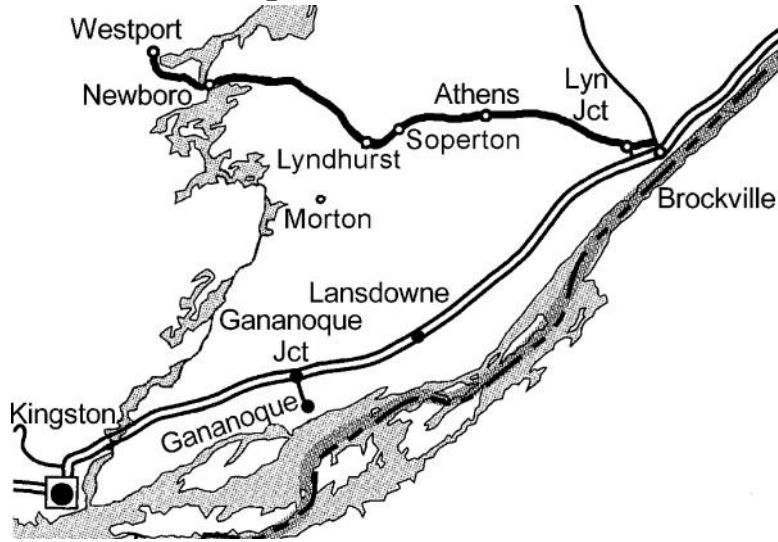
Napinka to Souris (S, in map) – **W-150**, SOURIS & WINNIPEG, EAST, Hammer # 1 (Mar. 30)

Arrived Brandon (Br, in map) - (Mar. 30)

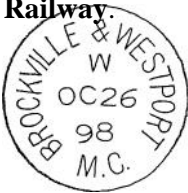
The occurrence of both marks on the same cover, and the chronology, indicate that Moffatt and Hansen are correct. It is seen that **W-150** was used on the extension of the Winnipeg – Souris line to Napinka.

Re-visiting Gillam's suggestion, it might be possible that **W-94** was used on the Souris line and it would be interesting to record examples of such.

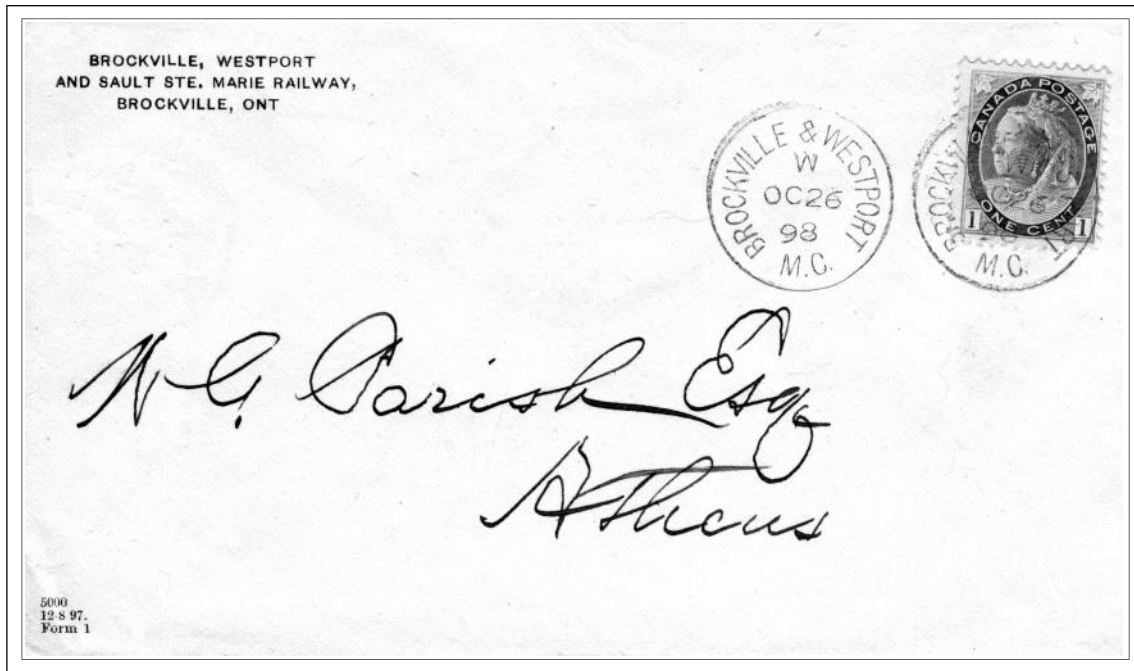
## Brockville Westport & Sault Ste. Marie Railway



By March, 1888, the railway had been completed between Westport and Lyn Junction. In July, the line was opened to Brockville, a total distance of 44 miles. In spite of the grandiose name, no more construction ever took place. In 1903, the railway was sold and renamed the **Brockville, Westport & North Western Railway**.



The first postmark used on the line is known from April 3, 1896 until November 3, 1908, with either an E or W direction indicium.



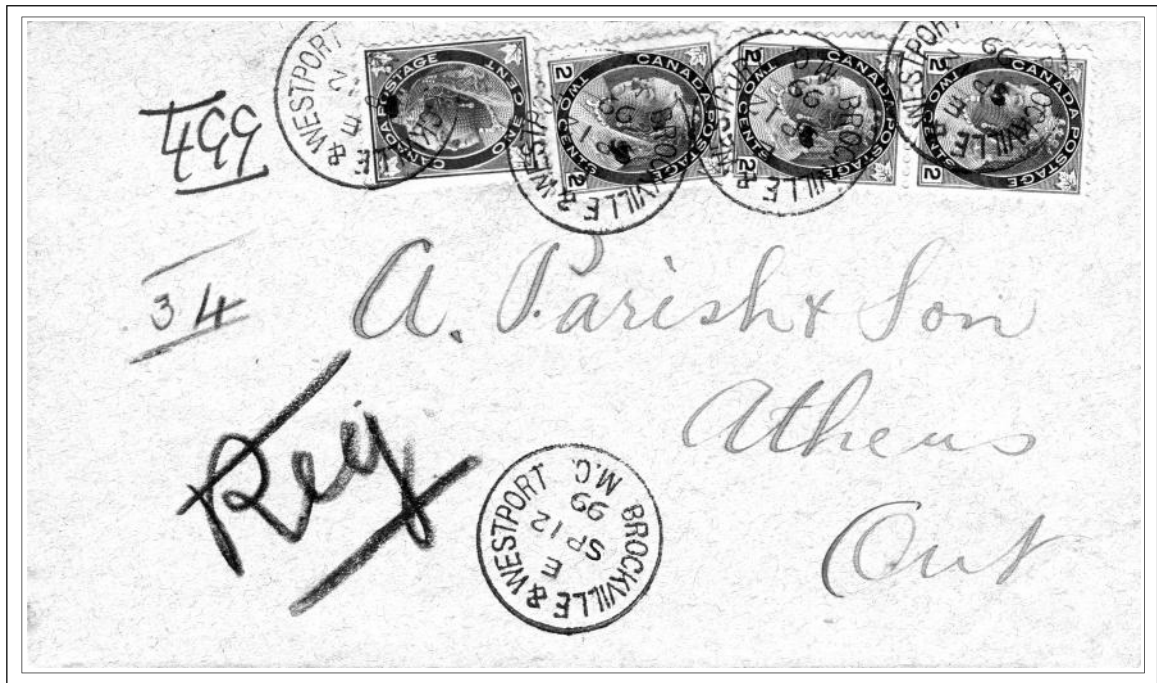
O-49 BROCKVILLE & WESTPORT / M. C. W, OC 26, 98

The Athens receiving backstamp is dated the same day.

The following registered cover originated on board the railway post office. The clerk used a china marker to write "Reg" and an indelible pencil to write the registration number, "34", on the front. He cancelled the stamps with his steel hammer and as well as applying a backstamp. The Athens receiving backstamp is dated the same day.



**Brockville Westport & Sault Ste. Marie Railway**

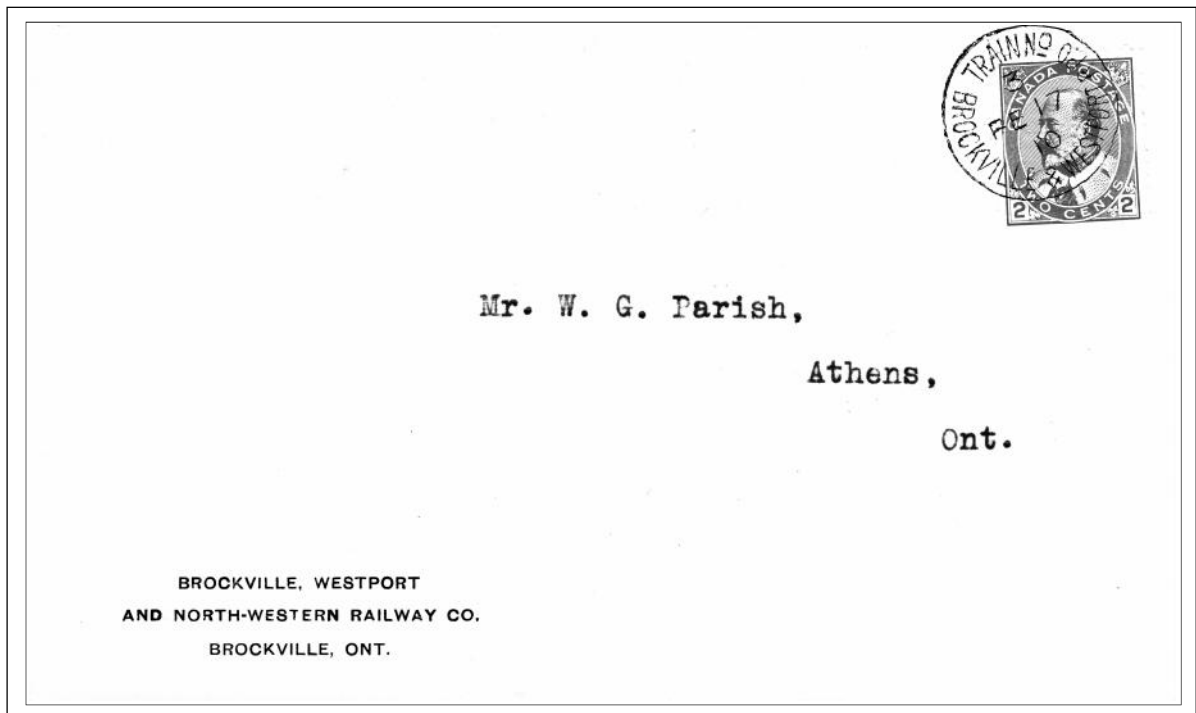


O-49                      BROCKVILLE & WESTPORT / M. C.                      E, SP 12, 99

**Brockville, Westport & North-Western Railway**



On December 29, 1908, a new cancellation was proof struck to replace the first used for the run. It has been reported from April 30, 1909 until 1921 with train number indicia 2, 3, 56, 76, 95, 96 and 276.



O-51      TRAIN N<sup>o</sup> / BROCKVILLE & WESTPORT R P O                      3, FE 17, 10

The Athens receiving backstamp is dated the same day.

# Canadian National Railways

In 1911, the Brockville, Westport & North Western Railway was sold to the **Canadian Northern Railway** and became part of Canadian National Railways in 1919. The line was abandoned in 1952.



On May 21, 1921, the last postmark for the run was proof struck. It is known used between September 2, 1921 and 1924, using train number indicia 76 and 276.



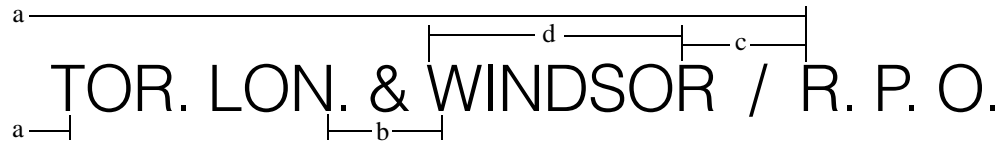
O-50 BROCKVILLE & WESTPORT - R. P. O. / • 76, MY 9, 22

This example of the scarcest of the three cancellations used for the run, is found as a transit backstamp on a registered cover, which originated in MORTON, ONT., MY 8, 22. It travelled by road to LYNDHURST, ONT. the same day. The following day, it was transferred aboard the southbound r.p.o. car. At Brockville, the letter was put on the westbound train for Toronto, arriving at its destination on May 9.

BROCKVILLE, WESTPORT AND OTTAWA									
		275	●311	Miles	TABLE No. 108 (Eastern Time)	276	●312		
		P.M.	A.M.			A.M.	P.M.		
.....	.....	↑ 2.15	↑ 9.40	0.0	Lv Brockville, Ont. 86Ar	↑ 10.30	↑ 4.40	.....	.....
.....	.....	2.40	9.55	4.1	Lyn Jet.....	10.15	4.25	.....	.....
.....	.....	2.50	10.05	5.2	Lyn.....	10.05	4.20	.....	.....
.....	.....	f 3.00	/10.12	7.8	Seeleys.....	f 9.40	f 4.13	.....	.....
.....	.....	f 3.15	/10.22	12.7	Forthton.....	f 9.25	f 4.02	.....	.....
.....	.....	f 3.20	/10.26	14.5	Glen Elbe.....	f 9.10	f 3.58	.....	.....
.....	.....	f 3.28	/10.29	16.4	Fairs.....	f 9.05	f 3.53	.....	.....
.....	.....	3.50	10.33	17.4	Athens.....	9.00	3.50	.....	.....
.....	.....	f 4.10	/10.47	23.8	Soperton.....	f 8.40	f 3.37	.....	.....
.....	.....	4.25	10.53	26.3	Lyndhurst.....	8.30	3.31	.....	.....
.....	.....	4.40	10.57	27.9	Delta.....	8.20	3.26	.....	.....
.....	.....	5.00	11.10	33.0	Phillipsville.....	8.05	3.11	.....	.....
.....	.....	↑ 5.05	↑ 11.15	35.0	Ar Forfar 93.....Lv	↑ 7.55	↑ 3.05	.....	.....
.....	.....	↑ 6.00	.....	55.3	Ar Smiths Falls.....Lv	.....	↑ 2.25	.....	.....
.....	.....	↑ 7.15	.....	97.8	Ar } Ottawa 93...{ Lv	.....	↑ 1.00	.....	.....
.....	.....	↑ 1.00	.....	.....	Lv } (Union Sta.) { Ar	.....	↑ 7.15	.....	.....
.....	.....	↑ 5.30	↑ 11.15	35.0	Lv Forfar 93.....Ar	↑ 7.55	↑ 2.50	.....	.....
.....	.....	f 5.40	/11.18	36.5	Crosby.....	f 7.30	f 2.43	.....	.....
.....	.....	6.00	11.28	39.8	Newboro.....	7.15	2.33	.....	.....
.....	.....	↑ 6.15	↑ 11.40	44.4	Ar Westport, Ont..Lv	↑ 7.00	↑ 2.20	.....	.....
.....	.....	P.M.	A.M.			A.M.	P.M.		

Canadian National Railways Public Timetable - 1924

### O-356 Hammer Study from Brian Stalker



Chord "a" is measured from the TOP of the R to the BOTTOM of the T. Chord "b" is measured from the BOTTOMS of the letters and chords "c" and "d" are measured from the TOPS of the letters.

Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c	d
I	unknown	1932/12/08	1955/04/26	9, 10, 11, 14, 83	6 1/2	3 3/4	14 1/4	14 1/2
II	unknown	1932/11/09	1967/05/02	9, 10, 18, 83, 219, 220	5 1/2+	4	13 3/4	14+
III	unknown	1937/02/13	1951/10/19	10, 14, 83	5	4	14-	15
IV	1959/08/10	1960/08/18	1967/04/01	9, 10, 18, 219, 220	6	5	14 1/4	15
V	unknown	1932/02/17	1957/03/11	9, 18	6 1/2+	3 1/2+	14-	15
Listing		1931/11/28	1967/05/02	4?, 6?, 7?, 8?, 9, 10, 11, 14, 18, 48?, 83, 219, 220				



Hammer I



Hammer II



Hammer III



Hammer IV



Hammer V

### O-357 Hammer Study from Brian Stalker



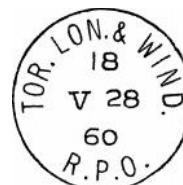
Hammer	I	II	III	IV	Listing
a	4 1/2	5	7 1/4	8 +	
b	6	5 1/2	4 1/2	4 3/4	
c	6 1/2	6	5 1/2 -	5 1/2	
d	4 1/2 +	4 1/2 -	5 1/2 -	5 1/4	
e	6 +	7	6 1/2 +	6 1/2	
f	5 -	5 +	4 1/2 +	3 3/4	
Proof Date	1937/04/29	1937/04/29	1960/01/09	1960/12/27	
ERD	1937/07/02	1942/05/08	1960/05/28	1961/01/26	1937/07/02
LRD	1957/03/24	1947/05/18	1967/05/10	1961/07/04	1967/05/10
Indicia	9, 18	16, 17	218, 219, 220	20	9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 218, 219, 220



Hammer I



Hammer II



Hammer III



Hammer IV

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Robert A. Spencer	4447 Cheviot Road North	Vancouver, BC	V7R 3T3	2004
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		Regular	Ex-Officio	Friends	Total
<b>Summary</b>	Canada	44	5	1	50
	U.S.A.	10	2	3	15
	Overseas	9	0	0	9
<b>Totals</b>		63	7	4	74

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**Financial Report** for the period 2002-09-01 through 2003-08-31 All accounting in Canadian \$  
 ( Expenses related to Volume 31 No. 6 which was posted after the fiscal year end are included. )  
 As of 2002-09-01 **Assets** or ( Debt ) 150.45

#### Income

Membership	805.59
BNAPS support	174.00
Gifts	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>979.59</b>

#### Expenses

Postage	(342.40)
Printing	(323.16)
Stationery	(74.25)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(739.81)</b>

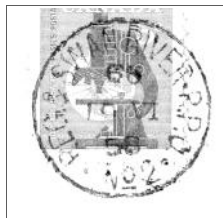
**Profit** or ( Loss ) 239.78

As of 2003-08-31 **Assets** or ( Debt ) 390.23

Prepayment of membership for future years 132.68

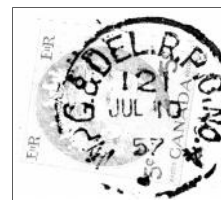
**Cash in Bank** 522.91

## The Caboose



W-124, H-2

**Bob Lane** reports two Western section late dates that he found in the BNAPS circuits books, which are now online at the BNAPS web site. The first report is hammer 2 of listing **W-124**, REG. & SWAN RIVER - R.P.O. / N<sup>o</sup> 2, 66, 19 VI, 58. This also appears to be the LRD for the listing, which includes hammers 1a and 1b. The second report is of the sole hammer of listing **W-179C**, WPG. & DEL. R.P.O. No. 4, 121, JUL 10, 57.

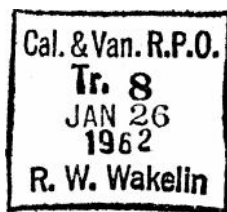


W-179C

**Warren Bosch** comments on the Toronto & London hammers shown on page 1796 of the previous issue and helps extend our knowledge of these cancellations. For **O-354, Hammer 1**, he has a year date error, "69" for 96 on a 3c Small Queen. Warren also has an **O-354, Hammer 2**, late dated "-Y, 05", an **O-355, Hammer 2a**, late dated "NO 12, 34" and an **O-355, hammer 4** with new train "21", dated SP 9, 35.



W-26Fc



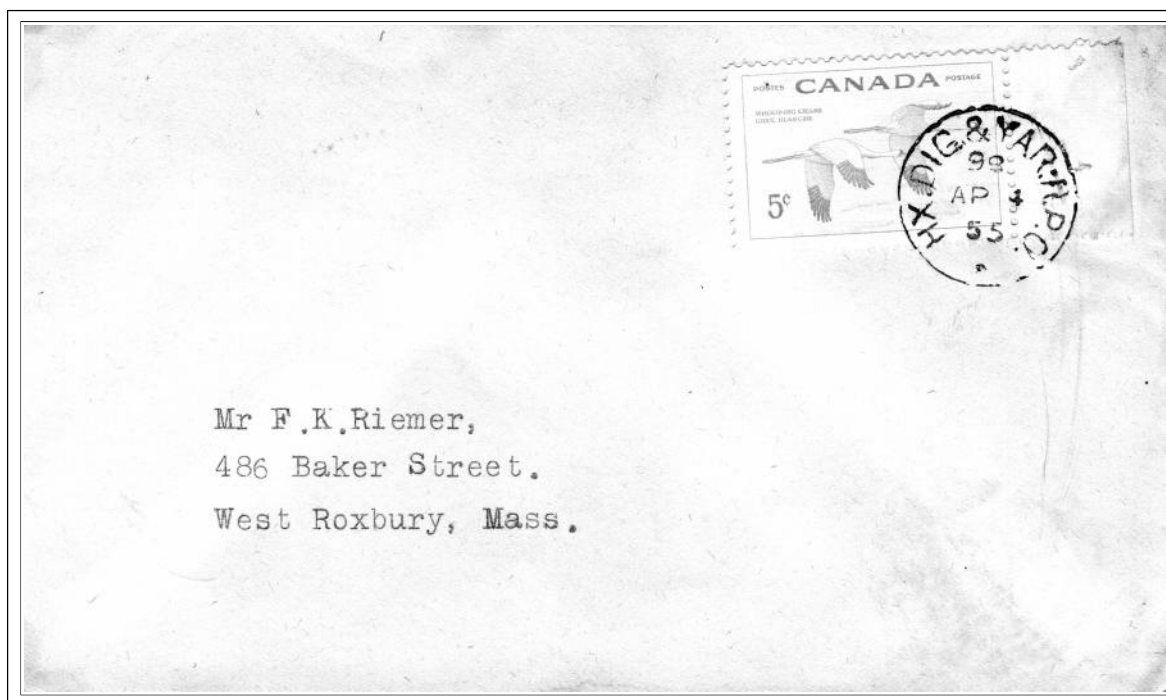
W-26Id

**Colin Campbell** reports new information on three Western section, clerk handstamps found on facing slips. He has train #7 for listing **W-26Fc**, train #8 for listing **W-26Id** and train #5 for an early example of listing **W-27b**.



W-27b

**Ross Gray** reports a new late date for hammer I of listing **MA-105**. Found on what appears to be a favour cover, is this example dated 1955/04/04 with train number indicium 98. The previous LRD was 1949/02/26. (Hammer II, proof struck 1946/11/26, has not been reported used.)



*MA-105 (Hammer I)*    HX. DIG. & YAR : R. P. O. /    98, AP 4, 55

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