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Convention Report

The convention at Edmonton was super. Because of Lew's move he couldn't be present and no study group meeting had been scheduled. We did organize a meeting and had 20 people present. Because of Lew's donations from handbook sales, plus recent dues collections, it was recommended and passed that there would be no dues for 1978. (A financial report for 1977 will be in the first 1978 Newsletter). Joe Purcell reported on the status of our rarity factor study, which will be discussed further below. The rest of the meeting was a general discussion of subjects raised. It was suggested that squared circles, registered, etc. collected by other groups should be given a lower rarity factor (as with facing slips) but there was no general agreement. Also that a new numbering system should be used, but again no agreement. Since four people indicated interest in buying a Xeroxed copy of Gillam's book on R.P.O.s in Canada, Stuart Clark agreed to explore this possibility. More on this below too. We closed with an agreement to plan and publicize next year's Study Group annual meeting well before the convention.

Rarity Factor Study Results

Although Lew is still working on verifying many of the runs which were reported by only a few people, and which he had never seen, we are listing the latest results based on Joe Purcell's recent report. To save both space and work, we will list only runs where at least one copy was reported. The new runs reported since the revision was published are included in this attached list.

There are so many runs with only one reported copy that almost every collection must have at least one of these. The following table shows just how difficult it is to have a very high percentage of the total recorded strikes, even in just one area.

	<u>Total</u> <u>Recorded</u>	<u>Only 1</u> <u>Recorded</u>	<u>Five Copies or Less</u>	
			<u># Recorded</u>	<u>% of total</u>
Newfoundland	114	16	61	53.5%
Maritimes	219	38	79	36.1%
Quebec	457	89	180	39.4%
Ontario	584	108	217	37.2%
Western	641	186	375	58.5%
Routes	290	76	160	55.2%
Depots	49	11	18	36.7%

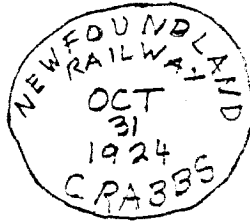
A History of Canadian R. P.O.'s by L. F. Gillam

A number of collectors have expressed their unhappiness that Lionel Gillam's book is out of print. At our Study Group meeting in Edmonton I asked whether anyone would be interested in having sections of the book Xeroxed for the Newsletter. Four members there indicated they would like a copy of the book and Stuart Clark indicated he would check on Xeroxing costs if I would send him my copy. Mr. Gillam had indicated in a letter to me permission to extract from his book.

Stuart reported recently that he could get it Zeroxed exactly as the book on both sides of the paper, with a spiral binding. Costs for 25 copies would allow a price of \$15 per copy and cover all costs, postage, taxes, a payment to Gillam and leave some profit (maybe) for the Study Group. Please let me know immediately if you would be interested in buying a copy at this price. We have sufficient money in the treasury (about \$440) to cover our initial costs.

New Newfoundland Run?

Jim Miller has come up with an interesting Newfoundland find on six copies of the 2¢ carmine #132. The strike (in blue) is as follows:



It looks like a clerk's strike to me but can anyone comment further or identify Crabbs?

Wait Till the Next Issue

Because of the length of the study report, I must hold for the next issue another article by Ferd Belanger, some sendings from Hugh Aitken, etc.

Very
Best
Wishes
for
the
Holidays
from
Lew & Jim

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim".

RARITY FACTOR STUDY RESULTS

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<u>Newfoundland</u> (114 runs)		<u>Maritimes</u> (219 runs)	
3	3	2	22A
4	4	3	24
4A	17	4	25
5	25	5	26
6	7	190	27
7	9	31	28
7A	2	354	29
8	4	462	29A
9	13	1	29B
10	3	4	30
10A	17	256	31
11	4	3	31 A
12A	3	4	32
13	2	240	32A
14	1	12	33
15	22	1?	34A
16	8	36	35
17	11	27	35A
19	10	16	36
19A	1	37	36A
19B	19	1	36C
19C	5	238	36D
20	27	133	37
21	8	1	37A
22	17	14	37B
23	8	7	37C
23A	3	11	38
24	1	2	39
26	8	491	41
28	29	731	41B
29	1	2	42
29A	2	1	42
30	6	50	43
31	1	61	43A
33	3	49	44
36	1	new K76E	44A
37	11	36	44B
38	10	23	44C
39	5	1	44D
40	25	108	45
40A	4	75	45A
41	4		
42	2		
43	3		
44	3		
44A	13		
47	1		
47A	136		
49	2		
49A	3		
50	14		
51	15		
55A	9		
55B	6		
55C	1		
55D	1		
55E	2		
55F	2		
57	8		
58	70		
58B	13		
59	18		
60	5		
63	34		
68	2		
69	21		
70	5		
72	5		
73	5		
73A	6		
74	4		
74B	6		
75	9		
76	9		
78	1		
78A	3		
78B	9		
79	9		
80	1		
81	3		
82	3		
83	1		
85	2		
85A	2		
86	2		
86B	2		
86C	2		
86D	5		
86E	1		
87A	30		
87B	4		
88	60		
90	89		
91	53		
92	64		
93	31		
93A	80		
94A	9		
95	98		
97	6		
98	40		
99	9		
99A	10		
100	103		
100A	29		
100B	1		
45C	2		
46	26		
46A	41		
47	190		
48	31		
50	354		
51	462		
51A	1		
51B	4		
52	256		
52A	3		
53	4		
54	240		
54B	12		
55	1?		
55A	36		
56	266		
57	48		
58	777		
59	71		
60	1		
60A	1		
61	4		
62	34		
62A	1		
62B	4		
63	1040		
64	95		
64A	18		
64B	1		
65	98		
66	46		
67	1		
68	124		
69	1		
70	1		
71	40		
72	1		
74	436		
74	42		

RARITY FACTOR TUDY RESULTS

<u>Maritimes</u>		<u>Quebec (457 runs)</u>	
100C	1	1	4
102	488	2	20
102A	54	4	20
102B	2	5	29
103	117	6	131
104	31	6A	1
104A	2	7	427
104B	1	7	259
104C	8	8	23
105	1	8A	51
106	1104	9	30
106A	1	10	308
107	276	11	3
107A	1	12	59
107B	54	13	46
108	47	13A	511
108A	1	14	46
109	24	15	130
110	25	16	1160
110 A	6	16A	19
110B	24	16B	80
111	8	17	13
111A	2	17B	7
112	16	17C	1
112A	15	19	1
113	412	20	67
114B	2	20A	65
115	70	20B	71
116	17	20C	16
117	27	21	953
117A	17	22	73
117B	22	22A	96
119	164	22B	16
119A	53	23	210
119B	24	24	104
119C	1	25	6
120	714	27	4
120A	55	28	2
122	98	30	1
123	2	31	254
124	5	31B	1
		32	253
		32A	232
			33
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			43B
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			152A
			152B
			153
			153A
			154
			154A
			155
			155A
			155B

RARITY FACTC STUDY RESULTS

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Ontario

36A	-	8	65A	-	91	103A	-	5	136	-	167	166	-	123	201	-	326	239	-	6
37	-	122	66	-	2	103B	-	1	136A	-	18	166A	-	4	201A	-	2	240	-	164
38	-	71	67	-	31	103C	-	2	137	-	3	167	-	22	201B	-	62	240A	-	42
39	-	2	67A	-	18	103D	-	1	137A	-	28	168	-	187	201C	-	1	240B	-	5
40	-	14	68	-	236	104	-	296	138A	-	2	169	-	146	202	-	872	241	-	1
41	-	4	70	-	117	105	-	214	138B	-	38	174A	-	26	202A	-	103	241A	-	12
41A	-	17	71	-	245	106	-	85	138D	-	1	175	-	60	202C	-	1	242	-	4
42	-	2	71A	-	1	106A	-	1	138C	-	1	175A	-	9	203	-	317	243	-	135
43	-	9	72	-	195	107	-	185	138F	-	2	177	-	1?	204	-	2	244	-	154
44A	-	4	73	-	1	107A	-	106	139A	-	10	178A	-	2	205	-	114	245	-	16
45	-	85	74	-	339	107B	-	93	140	-	142	179	-	50	206	-	68	246	-	206
45A	-	23	75	-	1	107D	-	5	141	-	95	180	-	93	207	-	84	247	-	187
46	-	9	75C	-	1	107E	-	1	142	-	36	181	-	219	209	-	70	247A	-	5
47	-	24	76	-	557	107F	-	3	142A	-	1	183	-	2	210	-	49	248	-	7
48	-	55	76A	-	4	107G	-	1	142B	-	41	184	-	3	211	-	109	248A	-	64
49	-	117	76B	-	2	107H	-	1	144	-	80	185	-	1	212	-	7	250	-	6
50	-	3	76C	-	1	108	-	339	144	-	42	186	-	209	213	-	37	251	-	35
51	-	34	76D	-	6	109	-	55	146	-	56	186B	-	12	214	-	107	252	-	2
52	-	4	76E	-	1	110A	-	1	147	-	71	186C	-	4	216	-	5	253	-	52
53	-	3	76F	-	1	111	-	233	148	-	254	187	-	73	217	-	103	254	-	1?
54	-	2	77	-	49	112	-	1	150	-	12	187A	-	73	218	-	2	255A	-	1
54A	-	37	78	-	20	113	-	36	152A	-	330	188	-	1	218A	-	97	256	-	510
54A	-	4	79	-	2	114	-	53	152A	-	43	188A	-	23	219	-	47	257	-	92
55	-	176	80	-	132	114A	-	7	152C	-	2	189	-	66	220	-	85	258	-	101
56	-	215	81	-	79	115	-	3	155	-	222	190A	-	1	221	-	221	259	-	330
56A	-	2	84	-	84	118	-	207	155A	-	115	191A	-	3	221A	-	1	260	-	8
56B	-	9	85	-	90	119	-	383	155C	-	3	192	-	749	221	-	51	261	-	113
56D	-	7	88	-	3	120	-	127	155D	-	1	192A	-	27	224	-	23	262	-	559
56E	-	7	89	-	112	121	-	134	155E	-	1	193	-	95	225	-	196	263	-	49
56F	-	2	90	-	4	122	-	91	156	-	78	193	-	43	226	-	3	263C	-	10
57	-	3	91	-	134	123B	-	1	156A	-	4	193A	-	11	228	-	1	263E	-	2
57A	-	2	91A	-	9	124	-	11	158	-	3	193B	-	43	229	-	2	264	-	49
58	-	1	92	-	102	125A	-	2	159	-	201	193C	-	1	229A	-	4	265	-	98
58A	-	27	92B	-	1	126	-	1	160	-	194	193D	-	26	230	-	8	268	-	5
58B	-	6	93	-	41	127	-	1	160A	-	5	193E	-	1	231	-	1	269	-	309
59	-	3	94	-	184	127A	-	10	160C	-	1	195	-	40	233	-	211	270	-	86
60	-	84	96	-	1?	129	-	70	161	-	48	196	-	7	234	-	191	271	-	20
61	-	63	98A	-	38	130	-	33	162	-	19	197	-	474	235	-	127	271A	-	1
64	-	99	101	-	1	131A	-	10	163	-	1	198	-	148	236	-	134	272	-	16
64A	-	42	101A	-	6	133	-	1	164	-	63	199	-	525	237	-	1	272B	-	1
64B	-	2	102	-	21	135	-	53	165	-	78	200	-	160	238A	-	3	273	-	101
65	-	62	103	-	243	135A	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	273A	-	1

RARITY FACTOR STUDY RESULTS

Western	127D	127E	127F	127G	127H	127I	127K	127L	128	129	130	131	131C	132	132A	132B	133	133A	133B	134	134A	135A	136	138	138A	138B	138C	138E	138F	138H	138J	138K	138L	139A	140	140A	140B	140C	140D	140E	141	141A	141B	
7	3	14	1	2	4	37	2	1	70	48	1	127	1	185	7	2	1	1	1	9	8	45	498	3	2	2	3	1	3	1	4	4	57	193	1	4	20	1	3	268	3	4	2	2
114C	141C	141D	141E	141F	141G	141H	141I	142	142A	142B	144	144B	145	145A	145B	145C	145D	145E	145F	145G	145H	146	146A	146B	146C	146D	146F	146G	146I	146K	146M	146N	146P	146Q	146R	146S	146T	146U	146V	146W	146X	146Y	146Z	
3	81	1	1	1	1	1	5	17	12	1	189	1	94	1	46	3	1	8	2	1	1	377	2	1	4	3	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	4	
147	147A	147B	148	149	149A	150	152	153	153A	153B	153C	153D	153E	153F	154	154B	155	155A	155B	155C	156	157	157A	157B	158	159A	160	160A	160B	160C	160D	160E	160F	160G	160H	160I	160J	160L	160M	160N	160R	160S		
1?	43	5	56	241	1	125	93	149	2	1	1	1	1	2	22	105	1	1	1	2	47	6	1	4	162	5	3	5	2	2	1	10	7	3	23	2	7	3	4	1				
160T	160U	160AC	160AD	160AE	160AH	160AM	160AN	160AO	160AP	160AQ	161	161A	161B	161C	161D	161E	161F	161H	161I	161J	161K	161L	161M	164	165	166	166A	166B	168	168A	169	169A	169B	169C	169D	171	171A	173	173A	173B	173D	174		
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174A	175	175B	177	178	179	179A	179B	179C	179D	179E	179F	179G	179H	179I	179N	179O	179P	179Q	179R	179S	180	182	182A	184	185	186	187	188	189	189A	190	190A	190B	190C	190D	190E	190F	191	191A	192	192A	193		
3	35	35	39	28	313	2	3	45	1	1	1	3	3	3	4	2	1	1	1	1	100	5	20	17	108	109	50	258	1	164	1	1	2	2	2	1	352	18	2	4	10			
195	195A	195B	195C	195G	195H	195J	196	196A	196C	196D	197	197A	198A	199	201	202	203	203A	204	205	205A	206	207	207A	208	209	209A	210	211	211A	211D	212	212A	213	214	215	215A	215B	216	217				

RARITY FACTOR TRUDY RESULTS

Routes (290 runs)

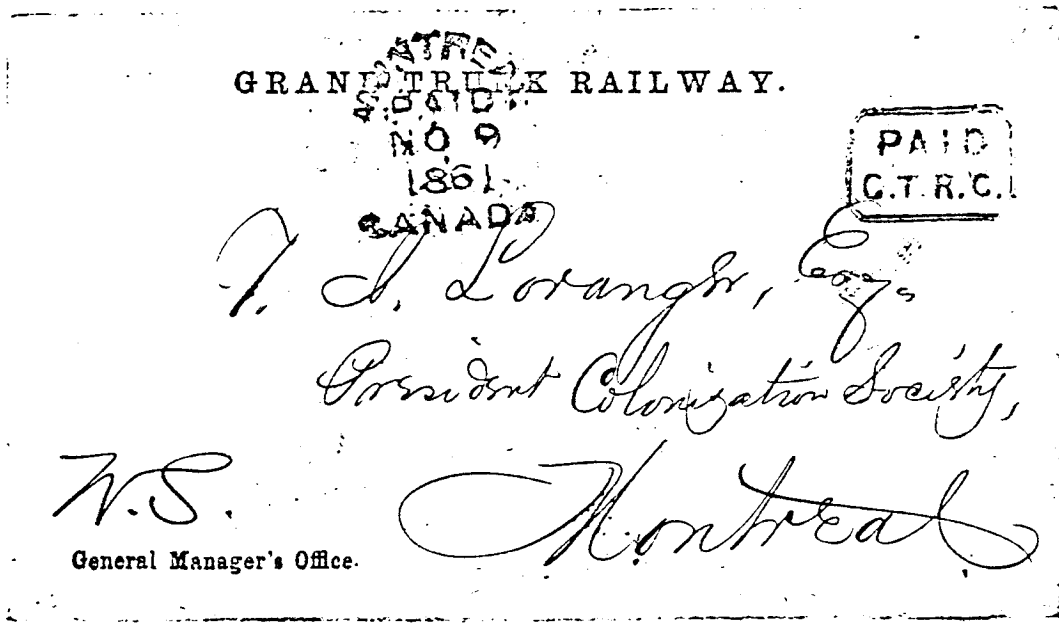
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4	4C	6	29H	4	44B	29	75	3	106	3	134	1	159A	15
5	5	1	29I	2	45A	4	75A	4	106A	3	134A	1	161	6
6	6	23	29K	1	46	15	75B	1	107	1	135A	4	161A	13
6A	6A	48	29L	1	47	16	76	2	108	7	135B	1	161B	12
6B	6B	3	29M	1	47B	1	76A	6	108A	4	135C	1	161C	3
7	7	4	29N	1	48	8	76B	4	108D	4	137	1	163	123
7A	7A	4	29O	1	48A	1	76C	15	108E	1	138	1	163A	17
8	8	1	29P	1	48C	1	76E	42	108F	1	140	3	165A	138
9	9	30	29Q	1	49	2?	76F	2	109	4	141	1	165B	40
10	10	87	29R	1	50	34	77	2	109A	49	142	4	165C	13
10A	10A	42	29S	1	51	1	77	2	109B	63	142A	1	165D	6
11	11	1	29T	1	51A	78	78	1	109C	15	143	1	165E	1
11	11	1	29U	1	51B	1	78A	3	109D	51	144	3	165F	4
14	14	25	29V	1	53A	2	79	8	109E	6	145	8	165G	24
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19B	19B	1	29Z	1	55A	14	85A	67	111	5	148A	3	165N	2
19C	19C	6	31	2	55B	3	86	4	111B	5	149	4	165O	6
19D	19D	1	32	1	56	28	90	7	112	141	150	8	165P	3
19E	19E	1	33	3	56A	12	90A	10	113B	51	150A	3	165Q	3
19F	19F	1	34	15	56B	1	90C	1	113C	2	150B	5	165R	1
19G	19G	1	35	20	57	11	90D	2	114	35	150C	1	165S	3
19H	19H	1	35A	10	58	12	91	57	115	58	150E	1	165T	1
19I	19I	1	35B	2	59	68	91B	1	117	29	150F	4	166	57
19J	19J	1	35C	2	60	33	92	6	117A	2	150H	5	167	37
20C	20C	1	35D	2	61	33	92E	1	119	19	150I	3	167A	6
21	21	1	35E	2	61A	3	93	1	120	24	150K	2	168	20
22	22	255	35F	1	62	39	94	3	120A	1	150L	2	168A	9
24	24	54	35G	6	62A	1	96	6	121	7	151	8	169	29
25	25	315	35H	1	62B	4	96B	19	122	3	152	18	169A	4
26	26	62	35I	2	63	5	97	19	123	8	152B	1	170	233
26A	26A	45	36	4	63	16	97B	39	123A	2	154	11	170A	1
27	27	10	37	49	65	2	99	1	126	20	154	5	171	1
29	29	5	37A	1	65A	7	99	22	127	7	155	53	172	23
29A	29A	44	38A	1	66	3	100	9	128	2	156	19	173	3
29B	29B	1	40	63	67	11	101	224	128A	10	157	65	174A	3
29C	29C	9	40A	17	68	24	102	38	129	3	158	165	175	1
29D	29D	2	41	8	69	129	102A	35	129A	2	158A	5	175A	4
		2	41A	10	70	7	103	6	130	6	158B	11	175B	5

<u>Routes</u>	<u>Depots (49 runs)</u>	
176 -	28	37
177 -	12	38
178A -	1	39
		40A
		41
		41A
		42
		43
		44
	30	
	2	
	21	
	54	
	1	
	270	
	11	
	5	
	6	
	298	
	1	
	5	
	229	
	1	
	1	
	288	
	241	
	1	
	26	
	35	
	139	
	321	
	1075	
	6	
	1	
	97	
	5	
	261	
	10	
	45	
	1	
	2	
	8	
	2	
	1	
	6	
	4	
	54	
	359	
	298	

CANADIAN RAILWAY CANCELLATIONS

Grand Trunk Railway

1861



Handstruck MONTREAL, CANADA, PAID, NO 9, 1861, in red, local delivery in Montreal, from

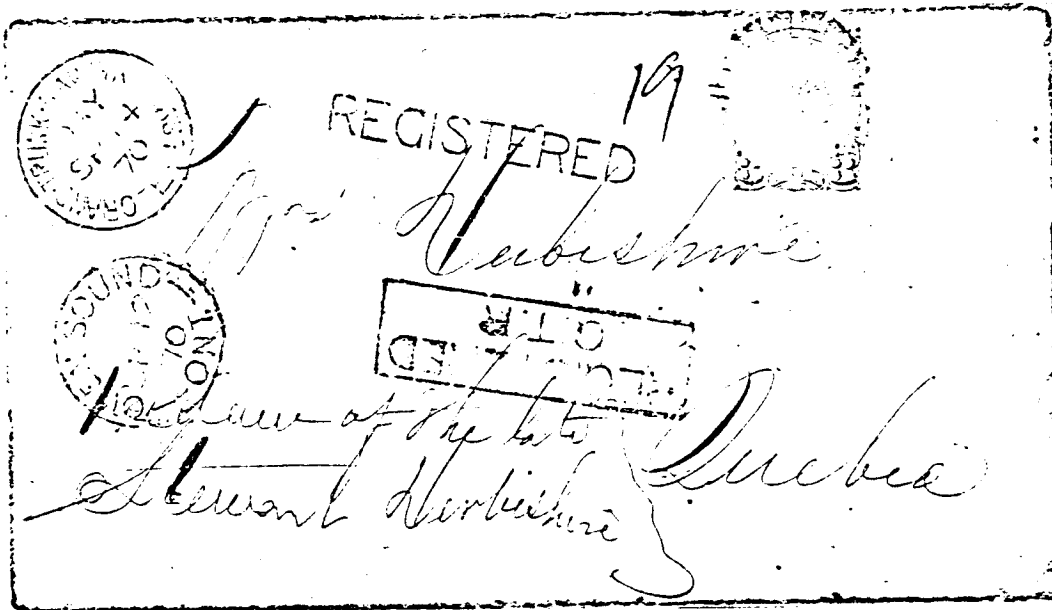
PAID / G. T. R. C.

This rare strike is one of the very early Grand Trunk Railway postmarks.

CANADIAN RAILWAY CANCELLATIONS

Grand Trunk Railway

1870



3¢ Small Queen on REGISTERED cover, from OWEN SOUND, ONT., SP.12, 70, to Quebec, via

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY EAST / E DAY, SP 14, 70
REGISTERED / G. T. R.

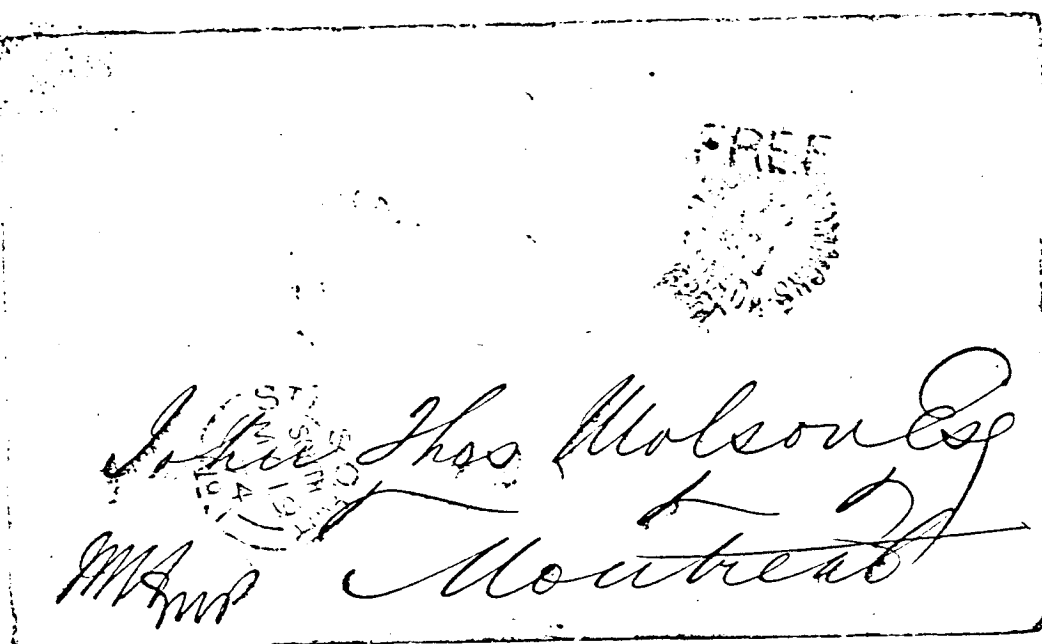
Backstamped - QUEBEC, C.E. - AM, SP 16, 70; four days transit

These are two of the rarest Grand Trunk Railway cancellations known

CANADIAN RAILWAY CANCELLATIONS

St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway

1874



Stampless, FREE, from HOUSE OF COMMONS, CANADA, FREE, 19 MAY, 1874, to Montreal, via

St. L. & O. R. R. / N^o 1

SOUTH, MY 19, 74

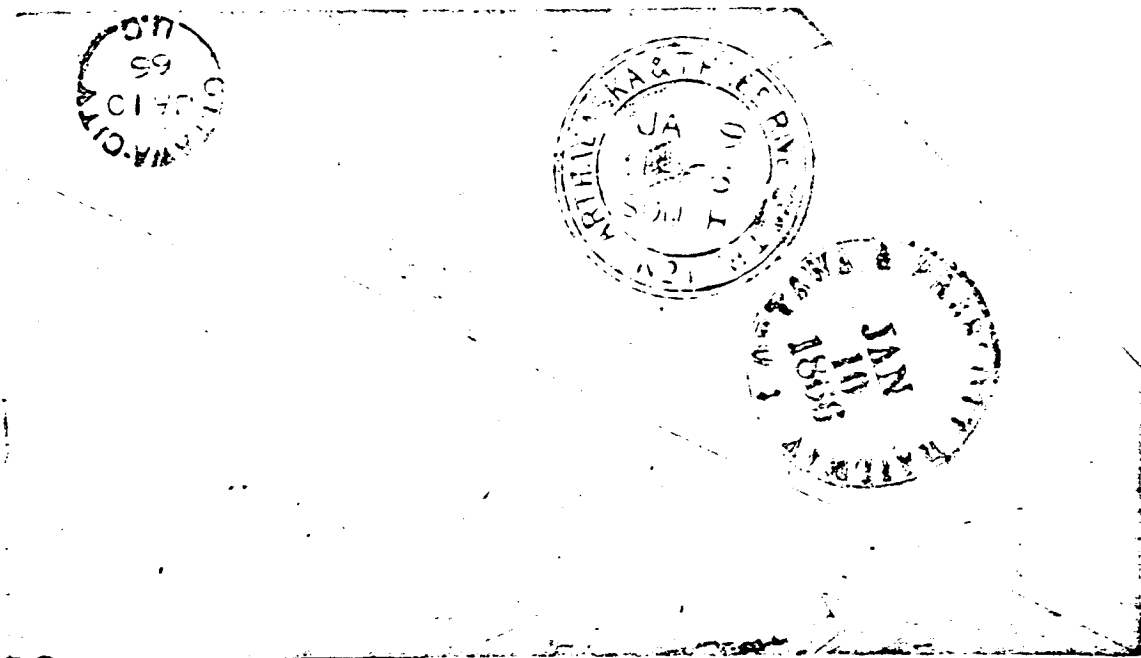
Backstamp receiving mark - MONTREAL, C.E. - 8, MY 20, 74

This railway, an unsuccessful off-shoot of Ottawa & Prescott Ry., was leased to C.P.R. in 1884

CANADIAN RAILWAY CANCELLATIONS

Grand Trunk Railway
Ottawa & Prescott Railway

1866



Stampless, FREE and REGISTERED, from THREE RIVERS, QUE., JA 9, 66, to Ottawa, C.W., via

ARTHABASKA & THREE RIVERS G.T.R. / N° 1
OTTAWA & PRESCOTT RAILWAY

JA 9, 1866, SOUTH (in green)
JAN 10, 1866

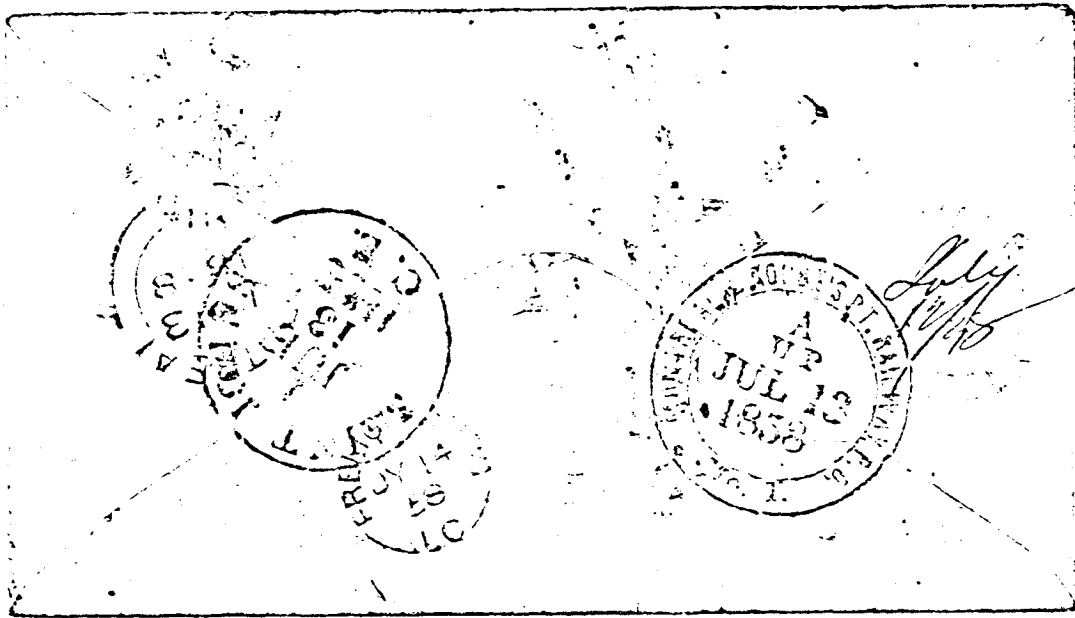
Receiving mark - OTTAWA CITY, U.C. - JA 10, 66

Two rare and seldom seen railway cancellations, both on the same cover

CANADIAN RAILWAY CANCELLATIONS

Montreal & Champlain Road

1858



Stampless, PAID 3, from ROXTON FALLS, L.C., July 12, 58 (script), to Frelighsburg, C.E., via
MONTREAL & ROUSE'S PT. RAILWAY P.O. / No. 1. A, UP, JUL 13, 1858

Transits - ACTON VALE, L.C., July 12, 58 (script); MONTREAL, L.C., JY 13, 1858
SAINT JOHNS, C. E., JUL 13, 1858; receiving - FRELIGHSBURG, L. C., JY 14, 58

This is the only known strike of this railway cancellation

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