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Change in Editor - Effective with this newsletter Jim has handed over the editing and production job to Dave McKain (thats me) with the following words:

"I have enjoyed editing this Newsletter over the last eight years, especially the many friendships developed through it. The time has come, though, to get new leadership for this important part of our Study Group and I am delighted that Dave McKain has agreed to take over. In a few years he has developed from scratch the second best RPO collection & through his business travels and the conventions has met & visited many of you. He will do a great job & we are fortunate to get him as our new editor.

Although I'll be pretty busy with BNAPS business over the next two years, I will continue to function as secretary & treasurer at least through the end of this year - I don't want to lose touch with all you fellow RPOers!"

Jim Lehr

Jim, from all of us, let me express our appreciation for a great job with the newsletter over those eight years - I have only been getting it since the summer of 1978, but in that time I have stopped everything when one comes and closeted myself to read it without interruption. Jim, a job well done and we all owe you our sincere appreciation - as well as our dues! While I shouldn't start off taking exception to the former editor's remarks, while I do thank Jim for the compliment concerning my collection, I feel it important to say that he probably has overstated the case a bit. While I do have a large collection, I would not put it in the classification of the second best - maybe second largest - but who knows. Look what popped out of the woodwork when Bowen's collection hit the market this summer - what's next?

BNAPS CONVENTION - The convention to be held at McAllen, Texas Nov. 5-8, should be a good one. I have heard from several of you of your plans to be there and hope to see more when we get there. Hopefully some of the new members will be able to attend. The RPO Study Group is tentatively scheduled to meet Nov. 7th, 3:30 to 5:30, and in coordination with Jim and Lew the following agenda has been prepared:

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| 1. Membership & Financial Report | J. Lehr |
| 2. Election of Officers | " |
| 3. Review and discussion of new format
and content of Newsletter and Topics | " |
| 4. Discussion of RPO specializations:
Province or Area
Period - Small Queens, Admiral, etc.
Date Studies
Train No./Indicia varieties
Hammers
Covers | D. McKain |
| 5. Review and discussion of New RPO Catalog | " |
| 6. Areas of new research and study effort for
coming year. | " |
| 7. Plans for next years meeting | J. Lehr |

Tables will be on hand for a display from the membership and there will be time prior to the meeting and afterwards for viewing and discussion. This went over well at Quebec and should give each member an opportunity to see

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some unusual and otherwise unaccessible material. Lew has said he will try and have partial drafts of the new catalog in my hands by convention time, so we will have a basis for discussion of Item 6 above.

Newfoundland Analysis - Lew has been given a short reprieve on this subject for this issue, the time being spent on the new catalog and the draft for the convention. We will have more analysis of Newf'd. in a Nov. edition. Interesting what has been developing in this area. I for one, while having a great deal of Newf'd. material, had no idea that there were so many hammers. And then we have Frank Waite trying to get the jump by challenging Lew with new ones! And I'm the one that gets called the magician!

From Lionel Gillam - An interesting postmark with the question as to what it is? It won't reproduce well so I will draw below and anyone who can give us an answer, please do.



From Horace Harrison - A new strike which apparently will take the place of R-129B in our listing - REGISTERED / G.T.R.W., type 4 broken circle. The strike is on a cover dated 11/18/75 from Hawkerville, U.C. to Fergus, Ont. Congratulations Horace. Maybe you can bring it for viewing at McAllen. Drawing below:



McKain Quebec Exhibit - Because of the Newf'd. material Lew has been sending, Jim did not get a chance to use any of my material from the exhibit in Quebec. Hence, I am including a few pages in this issue and will from time to time put in a few pages as warranted. Anyone else who has exhibited RPOs and who wants to send along some selected pages, please do so. We can all learn from such material - as well as just enjoy seeing someone else's material and approach.

Well, that's enough for now. Let me hear from you with more subjects to be covered in the newsletter. Again, Jim, thanks from all of us for a job well done! We wish you all success as President of BNAPS.

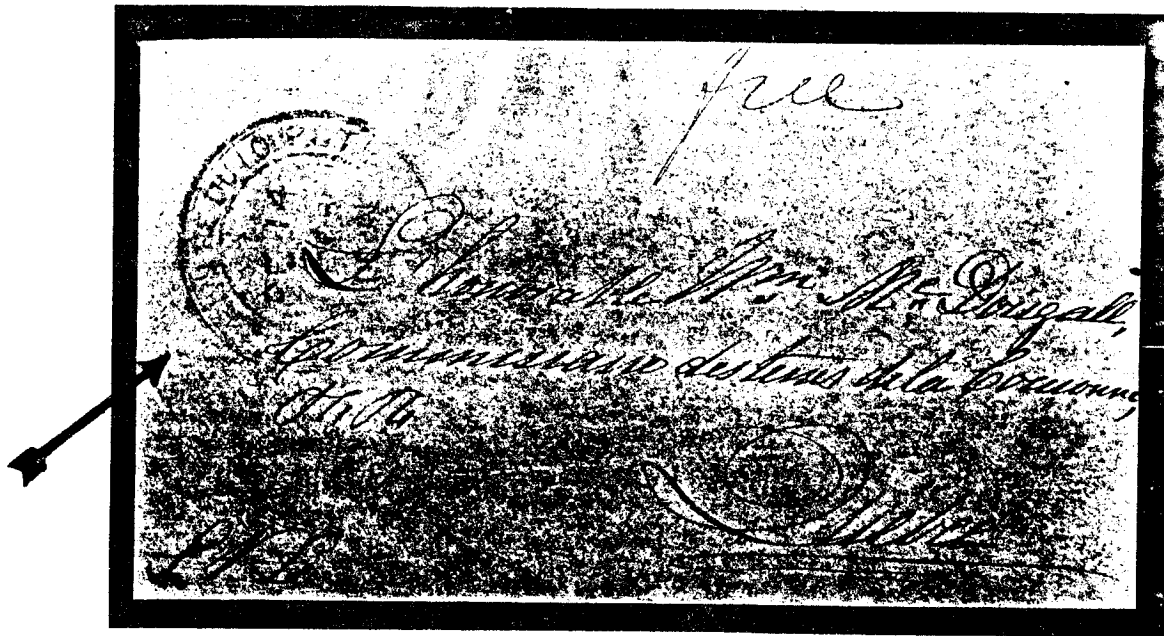
Dave,

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

GRAND TRUNK R.WY. OF CANADA EAST

QUEBEC & RIVIERE DU LOUP G.T.R./No.

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INTRODUCTION

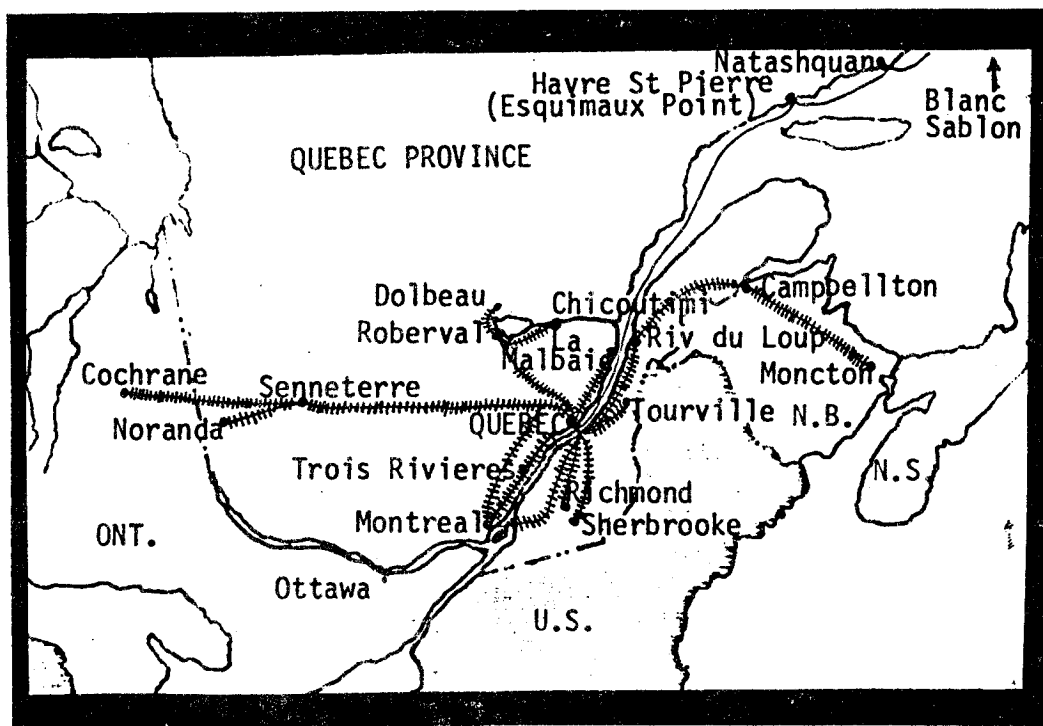
THIS EXHIBIT PRESENTS THE CANCELLATIONS USED BY THE RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS ON THE RAILROAD RUNS TO AND FROM THE CITY OF QUEBEC, CANADA, DURING THE PERIOD 1855 TO 1971. EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PLACED ON DATES COVERING THE PERIOD OF USE OF THE CANCELLATION, INCLUDING INDICIA VARIETIES AND ERRORS.

THE QUEBEC POSTAL DIVISION EMPLOYED MANY INDIVIDUALISTIC RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS WHO MADE A POINT OF PERSONALIZING THEIR CANCELLING HAMMER WITH THEIR MAIL CLERK NUMBER OR INITIALS. THESE CLERK CANCELS, MANY OF WHICH ARE SHOWN IN THIS EXHIBIT, MAKE THE QUEBEC CITY AREA A FASCINATING FIELD OF PHILATELIC INTEREST.

THE RAILWAY ROUTES INCLUDED AND ILLUSTRATED ON THE MAP BELOW ARE:

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QUEBEC, MONTMORENCY & CHARLEVOIX RWY
CANADIAN NATIONAL RWY.
INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY
QUEBEC CENTRAL RWY.
NORTH SHORE RWY.
CANADIAN NORTHERN QUEBEC RWY.
NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RWY.
QUEBEC & LAKE ST. JOHN RWY.

ALSO INCLUDED ARE CANCELLATIONS OF THE CLARKE STEAMSHIP CO. LTD. WHICH HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS RAILWAY POST OFFICES FOR MANY YEARS.



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Q-235A 1879-1886



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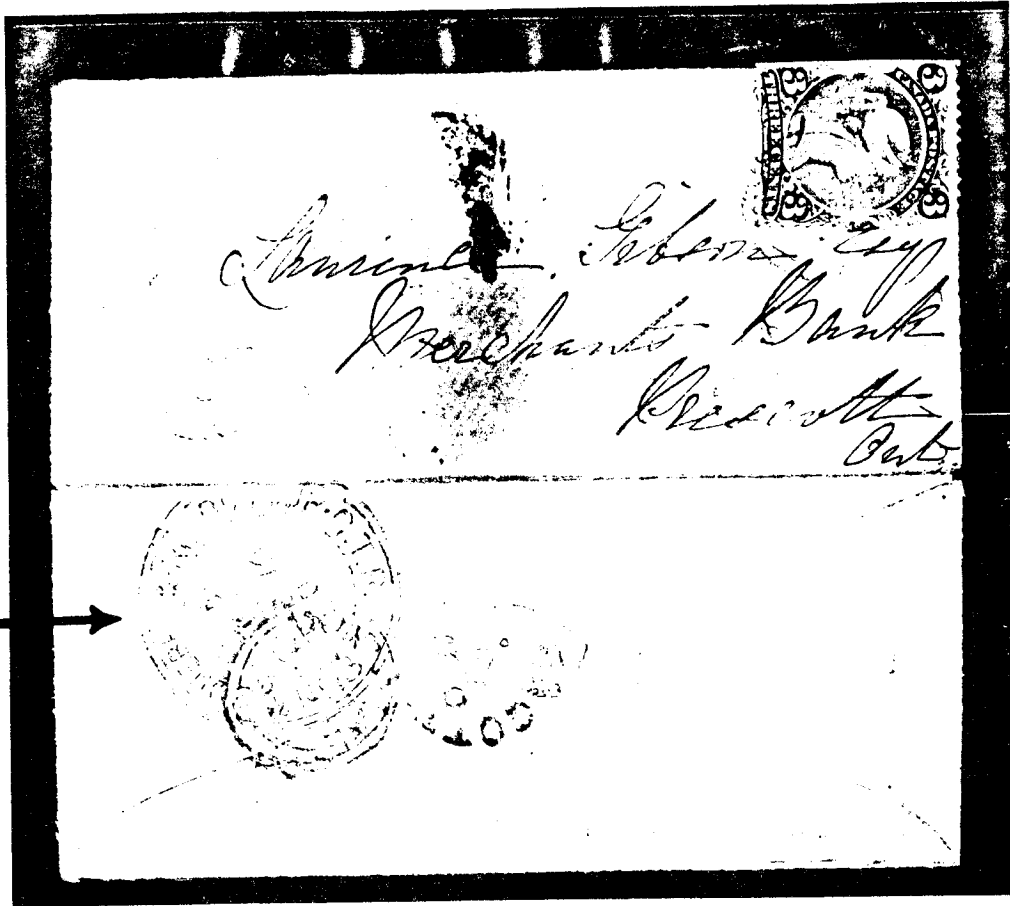
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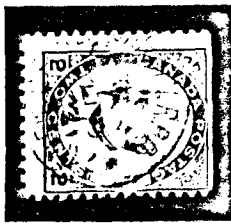
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QUEBEC, ROB'L. & CHIC'T'I. R.P.O./.

Q-242 1904-1912



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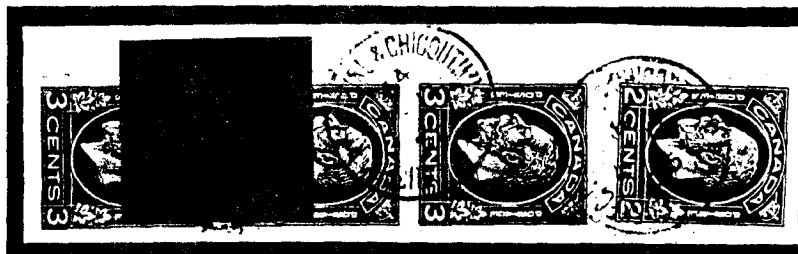
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QUEBEC & LAKE ST. JOHN R.WY.

QUE. & CHIC. R.P.O./.

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This unusual cancellation has had the abbreviation "ROB.", for Roberval, removed and was used for twenty years without a corrected replacement issued.

QUEBEC & DOLBEAU/R.P.O.

Q-204B 1958-1959



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