



The RPO Cowcatcher

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By the time this Cowcatcher appears, BNAPEX-80 in Texas will be history. Dave McKain is the program chairman for the planned two hour R.P.O. Study Group meeting, and knowing what he has set for the program gives me sincere regret that Mac and I will be unable to attend; however, we will be at Ottawa next year to renew old friendships. With Jim Lehr assuming the Presidency of the Society, he has asked Dave McKain to take over the production of the newsletter for the next twelve months. As of this writing, Jim will keep his position as Secretary of the R.P.O. Study Group, and anyone interested in membership should contact Jim Lehr, 2918 Chesire Road, Devon, Wilmington, Delaware 19810; however, anyone having contributions for the R.P.O. Newsletter, effective immediately should send their copy to David McKain, 5 Meadowcrest, Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101.

One of the subjects for the meeting in Texas is the status of the new R.P.O. catalogue. At this time (early September), all of the data has been collected and over 50% of the typing has been completed. We are hoping to have finished copy at BNAPEX-80, but right now it looks dicey. At the very least, we should have a mock-up available for discussion among our members. We are getting close!

Response



Figure 1

Our search for the bottom half of R-177A WINDSOR & ANNAPOLIS RAILWAY /?????, put forth in the March-April issue of *Topics*, has met with success. E. C. Hodson (now Reporter No. 206) has sent us a beautiful complete strike on a pair of 3c Small Queens (Fig. 1) which identifies the bottom of this Type 3 oval as WINDSOR JUNC. N.S.; the strike has the same date as our own, February 4, 1891, but all efforts to match up the two as a large multiple were naught. Our sincere thanks to Hodson for completing the picture on this cancellation; this listing will be moved to the Ticket Stamp Section in the new catalogue.

More Response



Figure 2

Our enquiry for Frank Waite in the same issue of *Topics* on N-47, (one hammer or two?) brought a half dozen replies, including one each from Jim Karr and Joe Purcell, who both have strikes of N-47, where in the "E" of NEWFD is not an "L", as with Waite, but is an "E" with the middle bar missing; in Fig. 2, we illustrate the strike from Purcell. Analysis of these submitted cancellations, plus those previously checked, with chordal measurements confirms that there is only one hammer involved in N-47. With this presentation, we put this matter to rest.