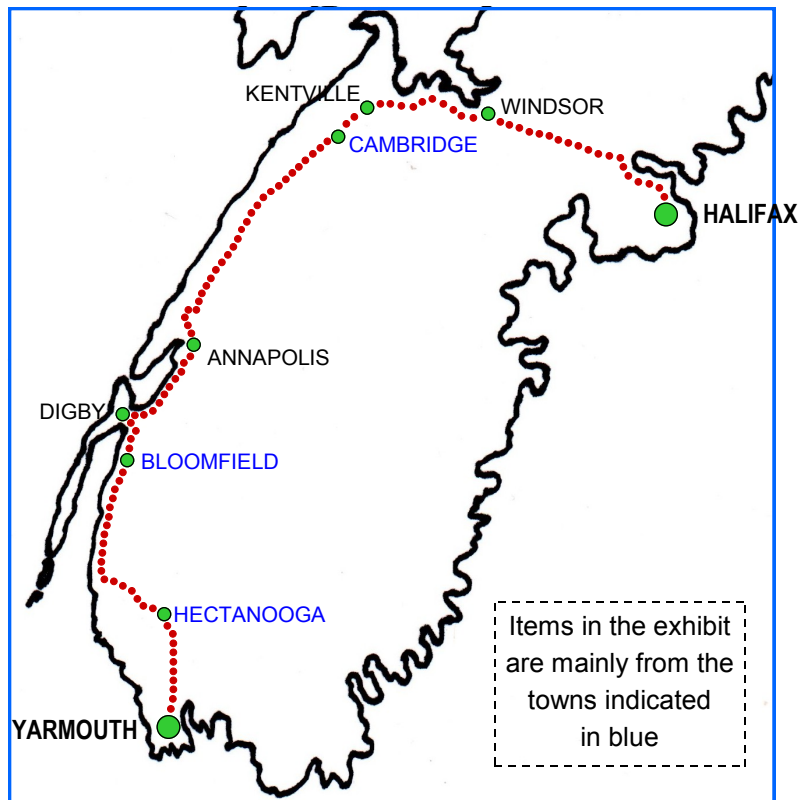


Halifax - Yarmouth Railway Post Office Clerk Cancels and Official Paperwork

This exhibit will examine paperwork completed by clerks of the Railway Post Office and show RPO cancels and personalized RPO clerk cancels used on the mail car of the Dominion Atlantic Railway operating between Halifax and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.



Map above shows the DAR route. Note that the section between Halifax and Windsor was owned by the Intercolonial Railway and used by the DAR through special arrangement.



Real Photo Post Card, circa 1905 shows a Canadian railway post office clerk posing in the mail car - note the cramped quarters.

The exhibit will begin with a study of acknowledgement receipts, all from July 1914. The information gleaned from these receipts has been transposed to a calendar on page 12 and readily shows the movements of seven different clerks over the month. Following the calendar will be examples of RPO clerk cancels on various postal forms. This section begins on page 13 with cancels from the Halifax & Yarmouth route (early 20th century) and is followed by cancels from the Halifax, Digby & Yarmouth route (1930's too 1950's). Featured throughout will be discoveries, earliest and latest recorded dates, only known copies, and newly discovered unrecorded clerk cancels.

RARITY - All of this material is extremely rare. Many clerks cancels were only in use for a brief period, and made with a rubber stamp which deteriorated rapidly. Significant items such as only known copies will be outlined in a red box. Earliest and latest recorded dates will be noted in red: **ERD or LRD**. Discoveries made by the exhibitor will be noted with a magnifying glass...

