

# A Travelling Letter Box Postmark Rediscovered



TORONTO, (MONTREAL), NORTH BAY, NORANDA, TIMMINS, COCHRANE			
Read Down		Miles	TABLE 170 NO. 170 Cont'd
1			Read Up
P.M.	THE NORTH-LAND	0.0	A.M. THE NORTH-LAND
• 8.20		118.0	• 8.45
• 10.50		342.9	• 5.10
• 5.24			• 11.59
A.M.			P.M.
47	49		46
P.M.	P.M.	0.0	A.M.
• 11.15	• 6.15	227.9	• 7.05
• 7.10	• 12.35		• 11.19
A.M.	A.M.		P.M.
• 7.40	• 1.05	0.0	• 10.45
• 9.40	• 3.10	73.3	• 1.55
• 9.48	• 3.18	76.9	• 8.40
• 10.19	• 4.50	95.4	• 8.28
• 10.38	• 4.08	104.1	• 7.58
• 10.51	• 4.18	107.0	• 7.41
• 11.04	• 4.30	108.7	10.50
• 11.17	• 4.43	113.9	
A.M.	A.M.		
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 7.26
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 7.14
P.M.	P.M.		10.24
46	50		Bus
P.M.	A.M.		• 7.01
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 6.52
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 6.44
P.M.	P.M.		• 6.33
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 6.25
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 6.16
P.M.	P.M.		• 6.08
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 6.00
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 5.52
P.M.	P.M.		• 5.44
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 5.36
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 5.28
P.M.	P.M.		• 5.20
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 5.12
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 5.04
P.M.	P.M.		• 4.96
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 4.88
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 4.80
P.M.	P.M.		• 4.72
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 4.64
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 4.56
P.M.	P.M.		• 4.48
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 4.40
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 4.32
P.M.	P.M.		• 4.24
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 4.16
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 4.10
P.M.	P.M.		• 4.04
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 3.98
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 3.92
P.M.	P.M.		• 3.86
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 3.80
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 3.74
P.M.	P.M.		• 3.68
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 3.62
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 3.56
P.M.	P.M.		• 3.50
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 3.44
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 3.38
P.M.	P.M.		• 3.32
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 3.26
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 3.20
P.M.	P.M.		• 3.14
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 3.08
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 3.02
P.M.	P.M.		• 2.96
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 2.90
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 2.84
P.M.	P.M.		• 2.78
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 2.72
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 2.66
P.M.	P.M.		• 2.60
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 2.54
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 2.48
P.M.	P.M.		• 2.42
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 2.36
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 2.30
P.M.	P.M.		• 2.24
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 2.18
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 2.12
P.M.	P.M.		• 2.06
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 2.00
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 1.94
P.M.	P.M.		• 1.88
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 1.82
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 1.76
P.M.	P.M.		• 1.70
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 1.64
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 1.58
P.M.	P.M.		• 1.52
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 1.46
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 1.40
P.M.	P.M.		• 1.34
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 1.28
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 1.22
P.M.	P.M.		• 1.16
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 1.10
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 1.04
P.M.	P.M.		• 0.98
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 0.92
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 0.86
P.M.	P.M.		• 0.80
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 0.74
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 0.68
P.M.	P.M.		• 0.62
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 0.56
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 0.50
P.M.	P.M.		• 0.44
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 0.38
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 0.32
P.M.	P.M.		• 0.26
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 0.20
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 0.14
P.M.	P.M.		• 0.08
• 7.05	• 8.30		• 0.02
• 11.19	• 2.10		• 0.00

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In Lew Ludlow's 1982 catalogue, he listed a straightline postmark, RECEIVED AT NORTH BAY, ONT. / IN TRAVELLING LETTER BOX. , as RR-168, "no report" and "unconfirmed". Since the listing seemed unlikely, it was omitted from the 2009 catalogue.

Hugo Deshayé found the illustrated cover with the marking struck in violet in conjunction with the North Bay machine cancellation, which now confirms the existence of this rare, possibly unique, postmark, that will be listed as RY-194.5, Type SL0R, RF-G.

It is likely that it was applied to mail received but not cancelled and sorted on Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway southbound train 50, "The Northland". The train arrived in North Bay at 1:55 AM making the 3 AM time marking of the North Bay machine cancellation logical.