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Special 4c Canadian Postage Stamp-Alexander Graham Bell

Postmaster General Bertrand announces that a special 4c postage stamp will be issued on Monday, March 3, 1947, to commemorate the One Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of Alexander Graham Bell, the renowned inventor.

The new stamp will supplement the regular 4c denomination for a period of about three months. It will be somewhat larger in size then the regular 4c stamp, and will depict a winged Figure of Fame placing a Laurel wreath on the effigy of Alexander Graham Bell. The colour has not yet been decided upon, but will probably be red or blue.

Plans are being laid to have the stamp first issued at Brantford, Ontario where Dr. Bell first worked out his theory for the electrical transmission of the human voice. First Day Covers for philatelists will be handled only at the Brantford Post Office. The stamp will also be on sale at the Philatelic Division of the Post Office Department in Ottawa on and after March 3rd.

Inasmuch as the stamp had not yet been engraved at the time of this release, a

reproduction of the design cannot be provided.

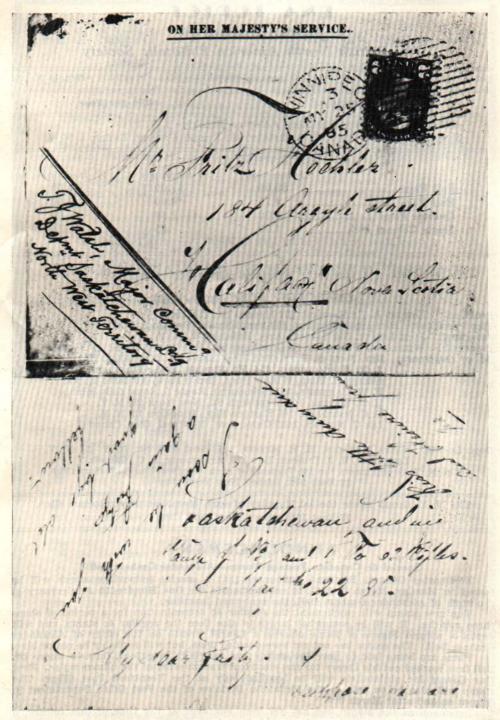


Fig. 9. Cover used during the North West Rebellion

HISTORY of the ARMY POSTAL SERVICES in CANADA

By IAN C. MORGAN

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CHAPTER IV

THE NORTH WEST REBELLION 1885

Little seems to be known about the handling of the mails during the North West Rebellion of 1885. As far as the Author can learn, all mail arrangements were in the hands of Mr. MacLeod, the District Postal Supervisor at Winnipeg.

All letters seem to have been carried at the Soldier's rate of 2c each. There being no stamps available, they appear to have been affixed at Winnipeg and cancelled there. The only cover seen by the Author is the accompanying illustration, Fig. 9, and bears the certification of the Commanding Officer.

To help collectors identify covers, here are a few of the important dates and information about the campaigns:

On March 26th, the Rebellion broke out at Duck Lake and on the same day volunteers from Winnipeg left for Qu'Appelle, followed by troops from the Eastern Provinces. By April 19th, the whole force had gathered in camp 30 miles from Clarke's Crossing and then split into three columns as follows:

General Middleton's Column consisted of 978, all ranks, comprising the 10th Battalion Royal Grenardiers (Toronto), Winnipeg Field Battery, Capt. French's Scouts, 90th Winnipeg Battalion, A Battery (Que.), part "C" Company School Infantry (Toronto), The Midland Battalion, Dennyson's Surbeyers and Major Boulton's Scouts. They were at the following points at the dates shown—

24th April to 7th May at Fish Creek.

8th May to 14th May at Batouche.

24th May at Battlesford, Meeting Col. Otter's Column.

At Fort Pitt until the latter part of June 1885.

General Strange's Column consisted of 656, all ranks, comprising the 65th Battalion (Montreal), 32nd Winnipeg Battalion, Inspector Steele with Scouts and North West Mounted Police, Strange's Rangers. They were at the following points as indicated—

Left Calgary on April 20th, arriving at Edmonton on May 5th. From about May 5th to June 27th, at Fort Pitt.

Colonel Otter's Column consisted of 606, all rank, comprising part Winnipeg Field Battery, Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto, "B" Battery of Kingston, part of "C" Company School of Infantry (Toronto), 2 Companies of the 35th Battalion, and the Ottawa Sharpshooters. They left Swift Current on May 11th, arriving at Battleford on the 23rd. The Battle of Cut Knife was fought shortly afterwards; the troops returning to Battleford to await General Middleton's Column.

In addition there were Military Hospitals at Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Moose Jaw. Local companies were raised at Regina, Battleford, Prince Albert, Calgary, Emerson, Yorkton and Birtle. The balance of the force was stationed as follows:

Clarke's Crossing (400, all ranks)

7th Battalion and Midland Battalion.

Touchwood (159, all ranks)
2nd Company 35th Battalion

Quebec Cavalry School

Winnipeg Troop Cavalry Humbolt (81, all ranks)

Governor General's Body Guard

Fort Qu'Appelle (396, all ranks) 91st Battalion.

Moose Jaw (175, all ranks)

Part 66th Halifax Battalion

Medicine Hat (175, all ranks)
Part 66th Halifax Battalion

Gleishen-Calgary-Fort McLeod (232, all ranks) 9th Quebec Battalion Old Wives Lake (51, all ranks) White's Scouts.

Cypress Hills (150, all ranks) Stewart's Rangers

The troops left for home early in July, arriving at Grand Rapids on the 12th and at Winnipeg on the 16th.

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THE TRAVELLING POST OFFICES OF NEWFOUNDLAND

BY WILLIAM S. AND DANIEL C. MEYERSON

Not much has appeared in the philatelic press concerning this very interesting sidelight in the history of Newfoundland's Postal System. The earliest article that we have record of is one that was written by T. W. Frost in the "Stamp Collectors Fortnightly" of January 24, 1942. This was then followed by an article written by F. G. Cousins and J. H. Tierney which appeared in the October 1943 issue of "Stamp Magazine". Boggs in his excellent book on Newfoundland only covers the subject in a very sketchy manner.

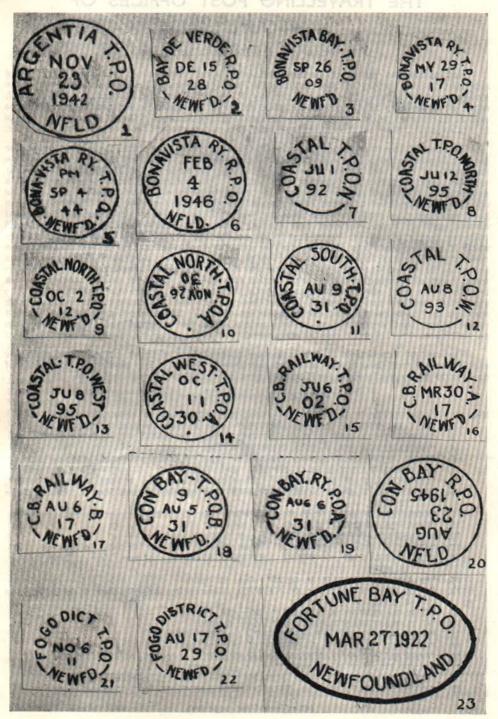
Because of the importance that the TPO's and RPO's play in the distribution of the mail in Newfoundland, this subject should be explored in much greater detail, and we hope that some of our readers may be able to elaborate on some of the TPO's and RPO's that will be mentioned in the course of this article. Intercommunication has always been a problem in Newfoundland, particularly in the early years, and the situation is still little changed. A check of a recent road map of Newfoundland shows that there is still no road crossing the country from East to West. This makes communication dependent almost entirely upon railways and coastal steamers. There is a Government owned railroad that starts at St. Johns and follows a devious route westerly across the country until it reaches Port aux Basques on the extreme southwestern tip of the Island. The rest of the country, particularly the coasts, not served by the railroad or one of its branches is served by steamers that operate during the good weather. Other than Airmail, most of Newfoundland's contact with the outside world in postal matters is via boat between Port aux Basques and North Sydney, N. S. Both the railways and the steamship services are controlled by the Government and extensive use is made of both services for the collection and the distribution of mail. There are a great many different cancellations that were used at various points along the railroad and its side branches as well as on the different coastal streamers.

The rest of this article will be a factual presentation of these cancellations with the earliest and latest date of use of which we have a record. Any earlier or later date of use would be appreciated as well as any new cancellation not covered here.

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- "ARGENTIA T. P. O.-NFLD" Nov. 23, 1942 to Jan. 27, 1945. Fig. 1.
 - 'BAY DE VERDE T. P. O.-NEWFD" Dec 15, 1928 to Jan. 2, 1932. 2.
 - "BONAVISTA BAY T. P. O.-NEWFD" 3. Sept. 26, 1909.
 - "BONAVISTA RY. T. P. O.-NEWFD"
 "BONA-VISTA RY. T. P. O..-NEWFD 4. May 29, 1917.
 - Mar. 10, 1943 to Sept. 4, 1944.
 - "BONAVISTA RY R. P. O.-NFLD" Feb. 4, 1946.
 - "COASTAL T. P. O. (North)" First day of use Apr. 2, 1891 to Dec. 24, 1893. 7. "COASTAL T. P. O. NORTH-NEWFD" First day of use May 9, 1888 to June 12, 1895.
 - 9. "COASTAL NORTH T. P. O.-NEWFD" Oct. 2, 1912.
 - "COASTAL NORTH T. P. O. A." Nov. 26, 1930. 10.
 - 11.
 - 'COASTAL SOUTH T. P. O." Aug. 9, 1931.
 "COASTAL T. P. O. (West)" First day of use Apr. 2, 1891 to Jan. 20, 1894. 12.
 - "COASTAL T. P. O. WEST-NEWFD" First day of use May 9, 1888 to Oct. 13. 16, 1908.
 - "COASTAL WEST T. P. O. A." Oct. 11, 1930. 14.
 - "C. B. RAILWAY T. P. O.-NEWFD (Conception Bay)" Jan. 9, 1900 to June 15. 6, 1902.
 - 16. "C. B. RAILWAY A-NEWFD" Mar. 30, 1917.
 - 17. "C. B. RAILWAY B-NEWFD" Aug. 6, 1917.
 - "CON. BAY T. P. O. B.-NEWFD" Aug. 5, 1931. "CON. BAY RY. P. O. A.-NEWFD" Aug. 6, 1931. 18.
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 "CON, BAY R. P. O.-NFLD" Aug. 23, 1945.
 "FOGO DICT, T. P. O.-NEWFD" Nov. 6, 1911.
 "FOGO DISTRICT T. P. O.-NEWFD" Aug. 17, 1929 to Nov. 19, 1942. 22.
 - 23. "FORTUNE BAY T. P. O.-NEWFOUNDLAND" May 27, 1922.

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- "HEARTS CONTENT RY T. P. O." Apr. 14, 1924. 26. 27. "LABRADOR T. P. O.-NEWFD" July 22, 1904.
- 28. "LABRADOR T. P. O.-NEWFOUNDLAND" Oct. 24, 1896 to Aug. 26, 1898.

29. "LABRADOR T. P. O.-NEWFOUNDLAND" Aug. 14, 1927.

- 30. "LABRADOR T. P. O." Aug. 25, 1945.
- 'NEWFD T. P. O." Used on cover dated Apr. 8, 1896. "NFLD RY T. P. O." Oct. 3, 1911. 31.
- 32.
- "NEWFD RAILWAY P. O." July 30, 1919. "NEWFD RAILWAY P. O." Oct. 29, 1929. 33.
- 34.
- "N. N. & W. RAILWAY T. P. O. A.-NEWFD (Newfoundland, Northern & Western)" Dec. 5, 1898 to Sept. 28, 1902. 35.
- 36.
- "N. N. & W. RAILWAY T. P. O. C.-NEWFD" Dec. 15, 1899.
 "N. N. & W. RAILWAY T. P. O. D.-NEWFD" Dec. 5, 1898 to June 8, 1902. 37.
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- May 25, 1904. 39. "N. & W. RAILWAY T. P. O. B.-NEWFD" "N. & W. RAILWAY T. P. O. C.-NEWFD" 40.
- "N. & W. RAILWAY T. P. O. C.-NEWFD" July 3, 1903.
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303 ballots were distributed to members and 179 ballots were voted.

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By REV. JOHN S. BAIN

Calling back 1946 with reference to BNA TOPICS for October, page 122 (page 14 of this issue), the cut showing a cover from the "North West Rebellion" was mailed by the notorious Capt. Henry Heckler who overprinted some of Canada's stamps "SERVICE", and manufactured bi-sects around 1884 and 1896, originating from St. John, N. B., and Halifax, N. S. The cover is indeed philatelic history of Canada.

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Just after the official announcement was made from Ottawa that the 17c special delivery airmal, Scott #CE3, was not withdrawn from salel at local post-offices, I asked Mrs. Bain, who was visiting Toronto, to go to the head postoffice and to purchase some of these stamps for me. She went and was informed by the clerk that the stamps were withdrawn and that they had none for sale. Evidently the official announcement was not binding on Toronto authorities.

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A rather unusual item has come to my attention and I pass it along to the readers of this column to inquire whether they know of any similar items. A small cover with a black of 4, Canada, Scott #C1, cancelled only by the full official Government cachet air flights, June 4th, 1929, Montreal-Kingston. This is the first time I have ever seen a block cancelled in such a manner.

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BNAPSter Charles Foster, of Toronto, was recently made Life Member #2 of the Toronto Stamp Club. Life Member #1 is also a BNAPSter, Fred Jarrett. Nice company you're keeping, Charlie.

BNAPSter Heinz Hoffmann of Detroit is now also a member of the Library Committee of the Essay-Proof Society.

BNAPSter E. C. Bayliss of Toronto did our own Library a great favor by rebinding its copy of the R.P.S.L. Book on B.N.A. And, his services were done aratis.

BNAPSter Bert L. Baulch of Brantford, Ont., is "all out" to try to assure the success of the advance sale of Easter Seals being offered by the Ontario Society for Crippled Children, Inc., 112 College St., Toronto 2, Canada being offered in conjunction with its celebration of its 25th anniversary. The advance sale to collectors offers a sheet of 100 seals with a premium imperf. block for \$1.00.

The Post Office Weekly Bulletin of Canada for January 4th, 1947 contains the notice that Mr. H. E. Atwater, Financial Superintendent, who has been in the Service for nearly 40 years, is shortly proceeding on retiring leave. Mr. Atwater's duties will be assumed temporarily by Mr. George C. Avery, General Executive Assistant to the Deputy Postmaster General.

BNAPS

Whether or not the Canada 5c imperforate Registration stamp, Scott #F3b, was an error has always been debatable. However, I would like to quote from the Canada Stamp Catalogue, 5th edition, by H. F. Ketcheson, Belleville, Ont. He says, "Referring to the 5c Registration, unperforated, I would say that I have seen two unsevered pairs, and was informed by a stamp clerk in a Post Office that he once had an entire sheet, without perforations. They were never issued with the knowledge of the P. O. Department and are simply an oversight and may be called an error." Some imperforate 5c Registration stamps exist on cover.

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