

SYNOPSIS

NEW BRUNSWICK POSTAL HISTORY THE PENCE ERA 1851-1860

- Purpose:** The aim of this exhibit is to show the uses of the first 3 stamps issued by New Brunswick 5 September 1851 as well as stampless covers in the time frame of 1851-1860.
- Scope:** The exhibit is divided by Domestic, BNA, United States and Overseas examples showing rates.
- Rarity:** Although the issue was released in 1851, it was not initially accepted by the public as prepaying with a stamp was a novelty and prepayment was not compulsory until years later. Early dated covers are seldom seen. The Firby census shows only 31 covers reported for 1851-52, 25 for 1853 and 30 for 1854.
Canada Specialized catalogue rates the Numeral Grid Cancels #16(Harvey) and #29 (St Martins) as Very Rare.