

NEWFOUNDLAND

1840-1949 St. John's Postal Markings

General Post Office and Sub Post Offices


A study of postal markings of St. John's post offices. In 1840 when Newfoundland joined the Imperial Postal System the first marking devices were issued to St. John's.

Postal markings : are markings by post office devices used to denote passage of an object through their delivery system.

These cancel markings initially were made in red signifying unpaid postage status or in black signifying paid status.

Initially obliterating devices were made with a metal rim having cork inserts. These corks quickly deteriorated from use, which is often seen during the years 1865-1885. To find complete cancels are difficult. Facsimiles are provided to delineate some cancels.

Classifications used	significant item
1840-1941 Datestamps -----	frame 1; p. 2,5,6,9,10
1853-1938 Obliterators -----	frame 2; p. 1,2,3
1890-1948 Registration -----	frame 2
1897-1949 Postage Paid -----	frame 3; p. 1,3,4,5,6,7,10
1911-1949 Machine Cancels -----	frame 3
1924-1948 Parcel Post -----	frame 3; p. 15,16
1903-1947 Money Order -----	frame 4; p. 1,2,3,5
1854-1947 Postage Due -----	frame 4
1928-1948 Letter Carriers -----	frame 4
1940-1947 General Delivery -----	frame 4
1854-1931 Too Late -----	frame 4; p. 11,12,14
1934-1948 Directional -----	frame 4
1943-1949 Air Mail -----	frame 4
1929-1949 Foreign Services -----	frame 5
1903-1947 Dead Letter -----	frame 5; p. 4,5
1886-1949 Sub Offices -----	frame 5; p. 8,9,10,11,12,14,16

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