

NEWFOUNDLAND: 1840 - 1949 Postal Markings

issued to St. John's General Post Office and Sub Post Offices

Purpose: to only show 1840 - 1949 St. John's Postal Markings originating from devices in use there.

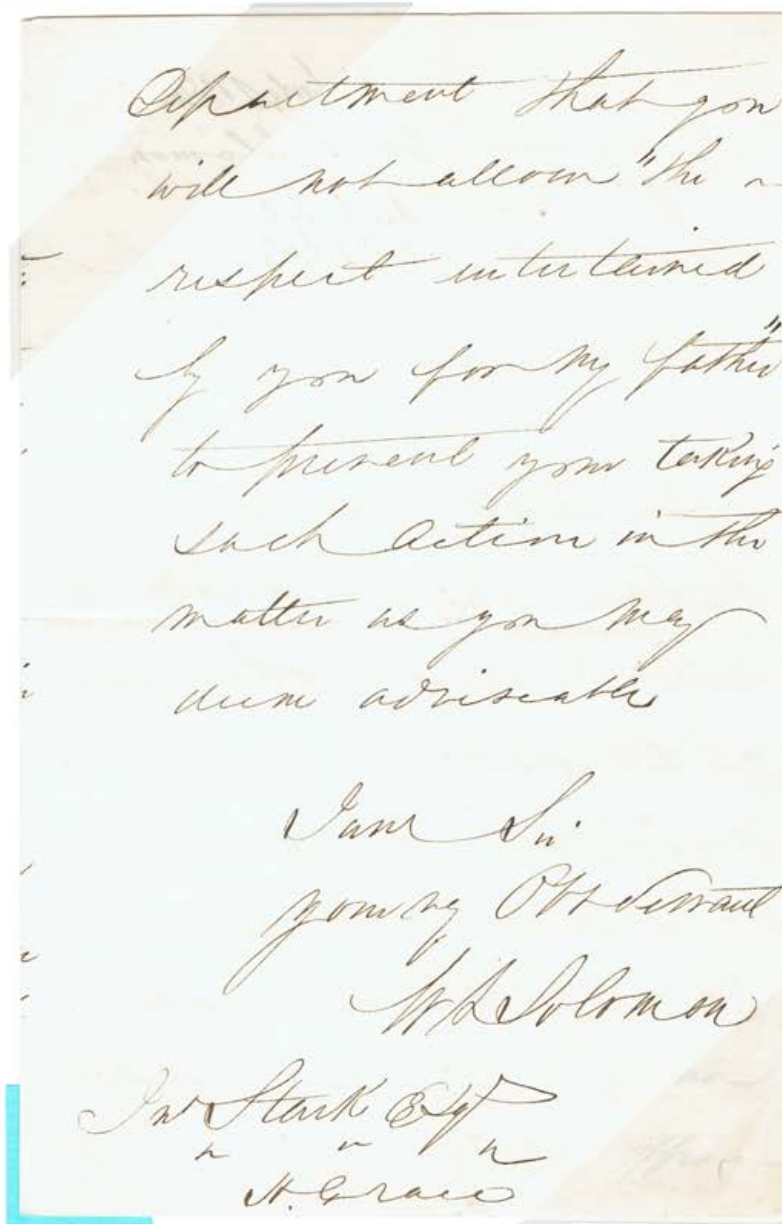
Scope: This marcophily exhibit presents all known marking device types issued to the general post office and sub post offices in the city of St. John's, the capital city of Newfoundland. They extend from 1840 when St. John's joined the Imperial Postal System until 1949 when Newfoundland joined confederation with Canada. On a mailed object these markings denote passage through the delivery system at that specific location. Two status cancel colours were applied: **red = paid** ; **black = unpaid**.

Treatment: organization is by 17 marking types and each type is presented chronologically.

Plan: Delineation is by type content with
its frame location and significant items:

1. 1840 G.P.O. Datestamps f.1:p.1,2,4,5,8,9
2. 1853 Obliterators f.2:p.1,2,3
3. 1890 Registration f.2
4. 1897 Postage Paid f.3:p.1,3,4,5,6,7,10
5. 1928 Carriers Section f.3
6. 1911 Machine Cancels f.3
7. 1924 Parcel Post f.3:p.15
8. 1903 Money Order f.4:p.1,2,3
9. 1854 Postage Due f.4:p.5
10. 1932 Special Delivery f.4:p.8
11. 1940 General Delivery f.4
12. 1854 Too Late f.4:p.11,12
13. 1934 Directional f.4:p.14
14. 1943 Air Mail f.4
15. 1929 Foreign Services f.5
16. 1903 Dead Letter f.5:p.4,5
17. 1886 Sub Offices f.5:p.8-12,14,16

designates
significance



This letter dated July 04, 1854 has the signature of **William Solomon**.

He was first Postmaster General of Newfoundland serving from the St. John's General Post Office in 1840 to 1860. In 1857 he introduced Newfoundland's first adhesive postage stamps.

Research: the initial 10 bar obliterating device was made from brass. Those immediately following were made having a metal rim with cork inserts. With use these cork inserts quickly deteriorated. This degradation makes finding full intact markings a challenge. This is a particular problem usually seen in the years 1865 - 1885. Where necessary some delineated facsimiles were made to present the full marking. All recorded marking types are presented. From discovery research by this exhibitor there have been found 16 new markings. These are displayed and marked with *discovery* indicator. In Frame 3 are displayed the reported St. John's postal paid markings. Within this group are included those that are termed as 'outport' postal paid markings. These are found sporadically utilized in the St. John's postoffice complex.

Reference: John Butt articles *The Postal Markings St. John's General Post Office and Sub Offices 1840-1949* BNA Topics Vol 48 # 4, 1991-94

G.P.O. datestamps

double split circle
1840 - 1846



crowned circle
1846 - 1849

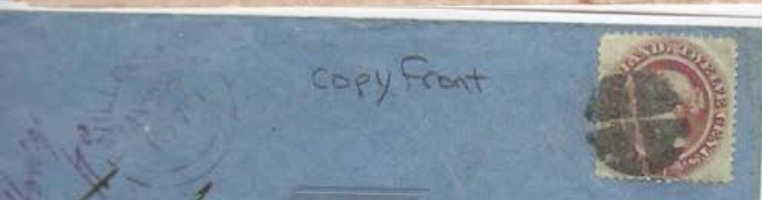
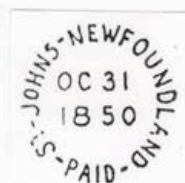
G.P.O. datestamps



double split circle
6 mm arcs
1846 - 1858
only in black



double split circle
1849 - 1877
only in red



double split circle
13 mm arcs
1846 - 1858
only in black



G.P.O. datestamps



full circle
25 mm
only in red
April - Sept. 1873

6¢ Great Britain
letter rate



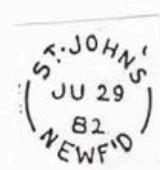
split circle
4.5 mm arcs
1876 - 1883

1¢ Local
postcard rate



split circle
8 mm arcs
1882 - 1896

3¢ inland
letter rate



G.P.O. datestamps



full circle 24mm
18 Feb 1884
year on same line as month

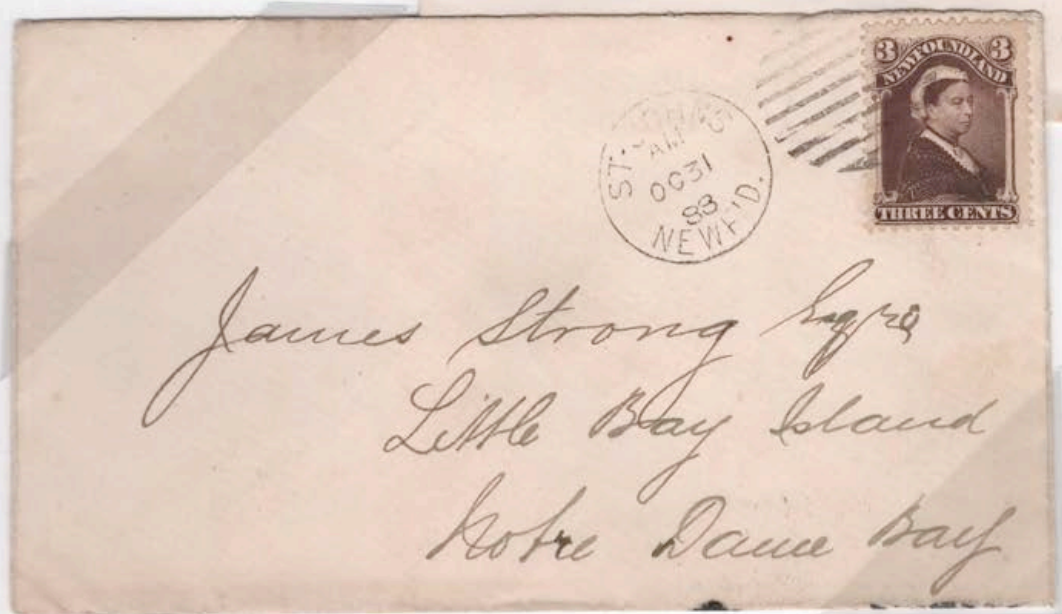
1¢ Local
letter rate

split circle
2.5 mm arcs
1886 - 1895

3¢ inland
letter rate



Mrs. John J. Murphy
Gamble River
Newfoundland



James Strong Esq
Little Bay Island
Kobe Dune Bay

St. John's duplex
1888

shows
AM or PM at top
long T in ST.

latest recorded date

G.P.O. datestamps

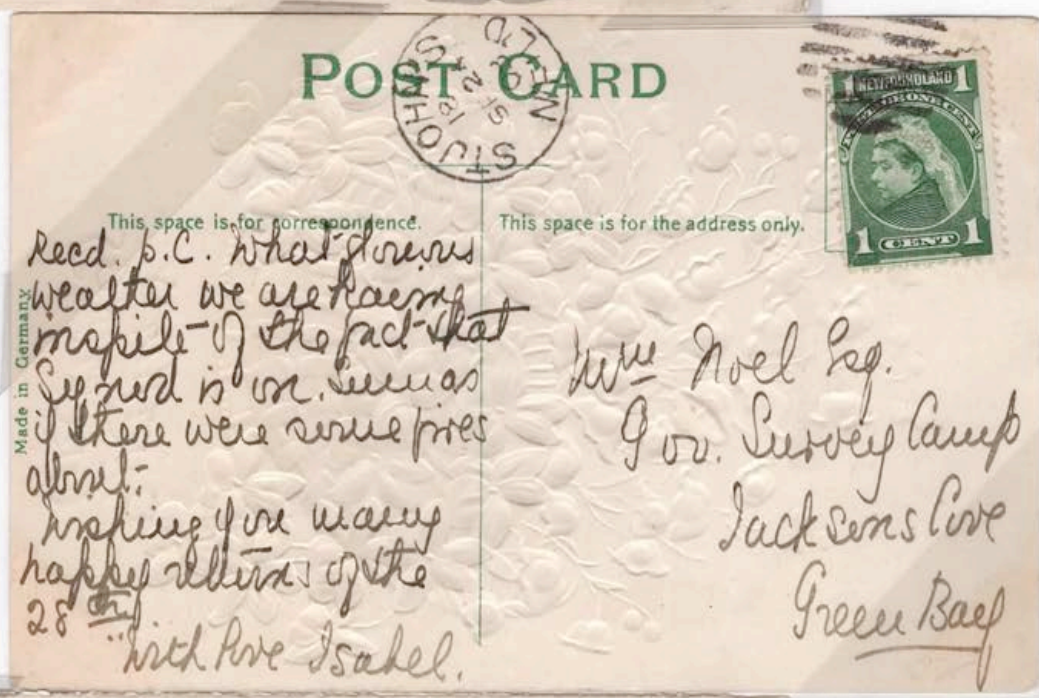


full circle
24 mm
dots at side
1890 - 1894

5¢ foreign
letter rate
+ 1¢ Late fee

full circle
24 mm
1898 - 1910
long T in ST.

1¢ inland
postcard rate



The Hue Mattress Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

FRED. H. HUE, MANAGER.
OFFICE AND WAREHOUSES
QUEEN ST., Cor. GEORGE ST.
St. John's, Nfld.
P.O. Box 417. Telephone 454.

Record Foundry & Machine Co.
Moncton, N.B.
Canada.

full circle
24 mm
1903 - 1911

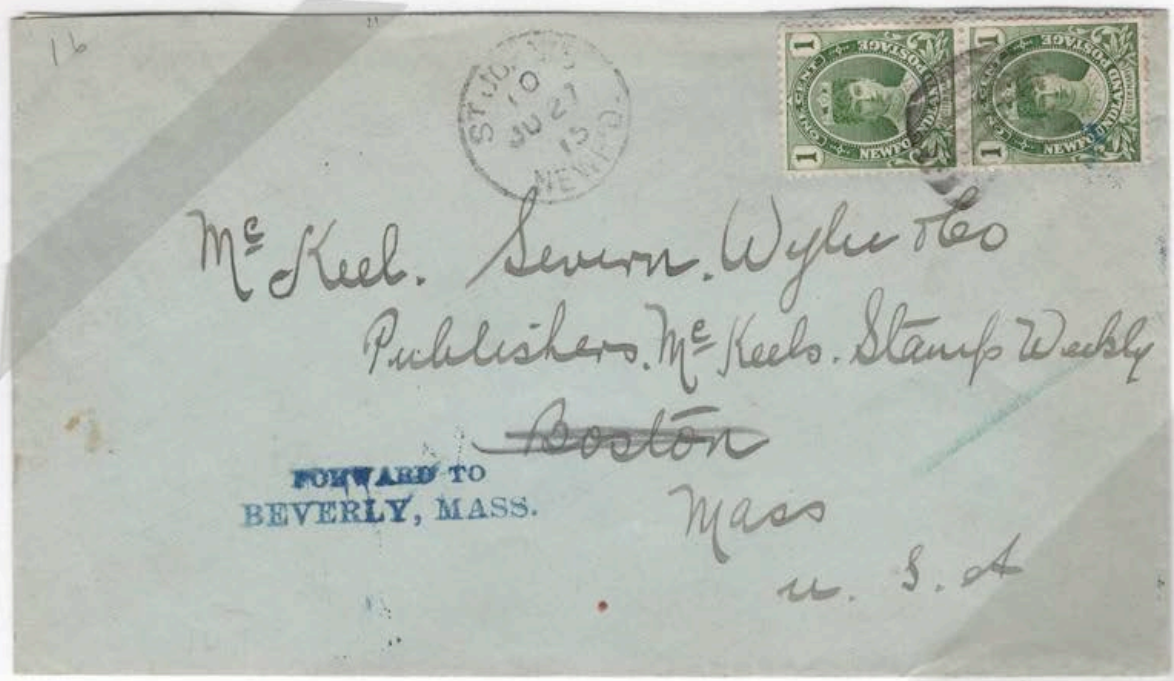
N.F. after St. John's

2¢ Canada
letter rate

G.P.O. datestamps

full circle
22.5 mm
1914 - 1915

2¢ United States
letter rate



full circle
24 mm
no dots at sides
1893 - 1904

5¢ United States
letter rate

squared circle
1893 - 1908

8¢ Canada
registered letter rate



G.P.O. datestamps



duplex
1899 - 1902
short T in ST.

10¢ United States
registered letter rate

full circle
24 mm
1900 - 1911

apostrophes in N'F'L'D.
dots at sides

2¢ United State
letter rate



serrated oval
48 mm
1915 - 1918

Discovery



Discovery

full circle
28 mm
1918
large T in ST.

day at top

G.P.O. datestamps



full circle
28 mm
1920
in red

2¢ Canada
letter rate
+ 1¢ Late fee

5 known



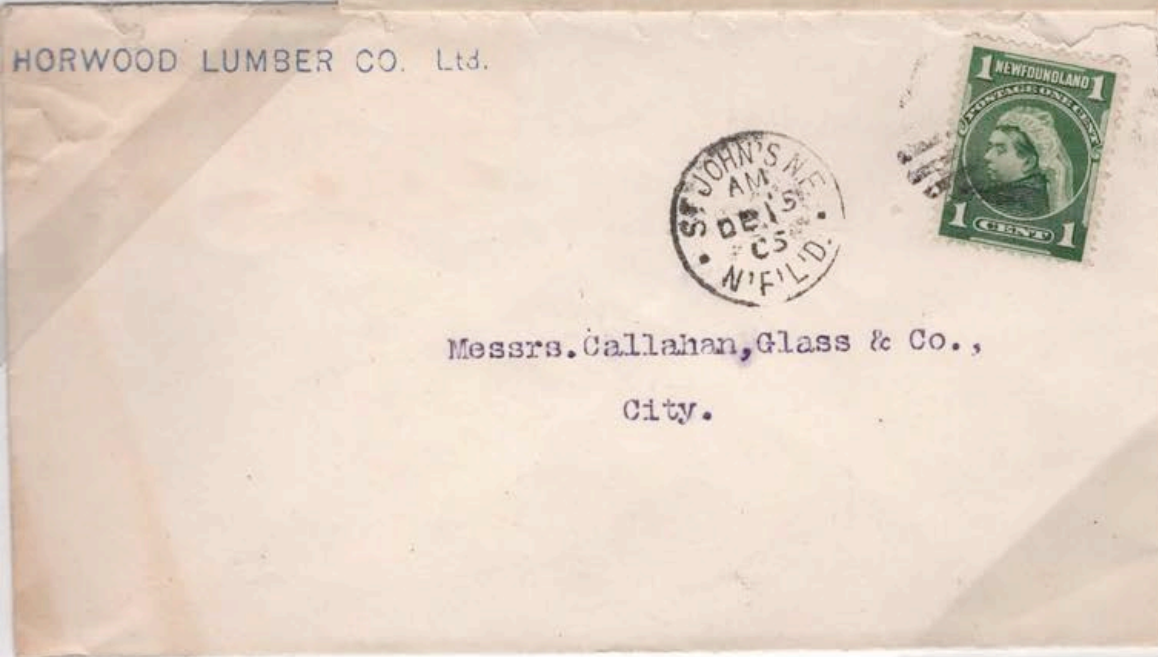
full circle
29 mm
no period between
St. John's

1920 -1921
in red, violet

2¢ United States
letter rate
+ 1¢ war tax



HORWOOD LUMBER CO. Ltd.



full circle
23 mm
1905
short T in St.

apostrophes in N'F'L'D.

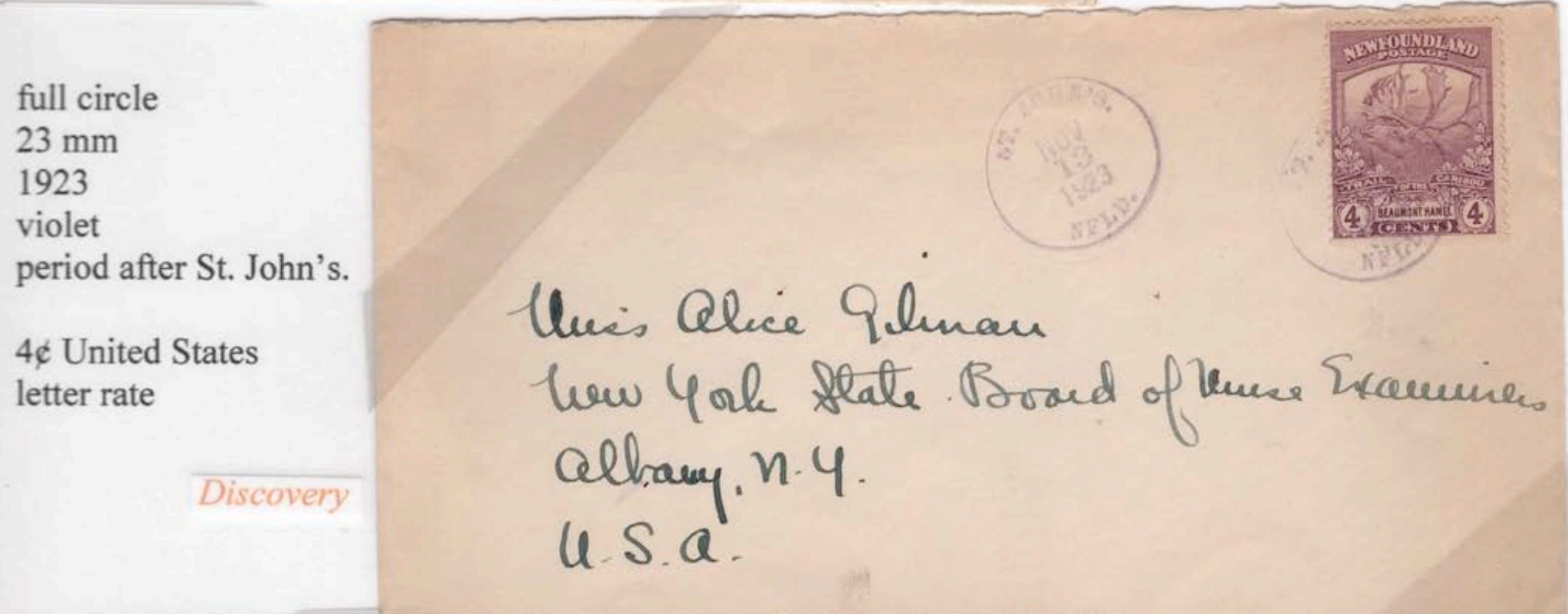
1¢ Local
letter rate

G.P.O. datestamps



full circle
27 mm
1929

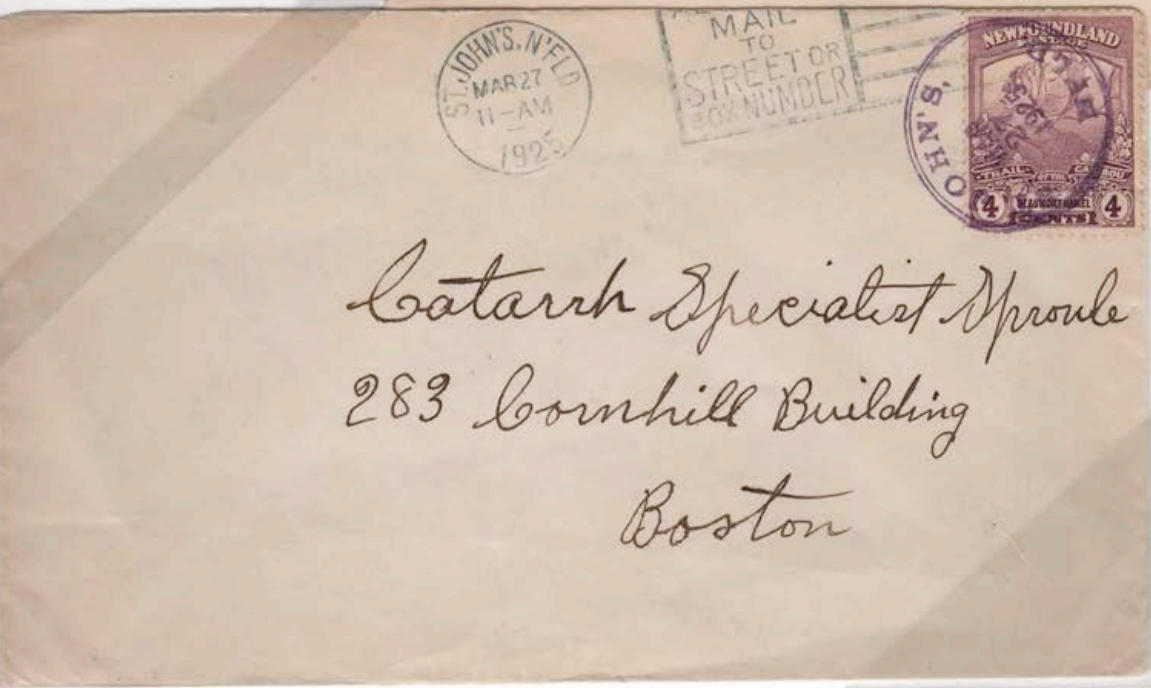
2¢ Local
letter rate
+ 2¢ double weight



full circle
23 mm
1923
violet
period after St. John's.

4¢ United States
letter rate

Discovery



double circle
28 mm
1925
violet

4¢ United States
letter rate

G.P.O. datestamps

full circle
31 mm
1919

date hub off center

2¢ Canada
postcard rate

Discovery



ERN. W. GAZE CO.
LIMITED
GENERAL MERCHANTS
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

JOHN REEVES. ESQ.
GENERAL MERCHANT.
ENGLEE. Nfld.



full circle
30 mm
1933

date hub off center

4¢ Inland
letter rate
+ 1¢ extra

full circle
24 mm
1933 - 1934

5¢ Great Britain
letter rate
+ 10¢ registration fee



G.P.O. datestamps

serrated oval
48 mm
3.5 mm letters

2¢ Local
letter rate



serrated oval
48 mm
4 mm letters

5¢ Canada
letter rate



full circle
36 mm
1941

5¢ Canada
letter rate
+ 10¢ registration fee



G.P.O. datestamps



double circle
35 mm
1937

4¢ Inland
letter rate

full circle
28.5 mm
1938

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS
Invoice of Postage Stamps, etc., Supplied.
Postage Stamp Branch.
St. John's Post Office,
Sept 30 1938

To POSTMASTER AT

Herewith you will receive Postage Stamps, etc., as listed below.

Stamp Clerk.

Quantity	Particulars	Amount
	Postage Stamps, etc.	\$ c.

Discovery

ON MONEY ORDER BUSINESS.

FREE.

The Postmaster,

At BOSTON.

Mass. State,

U. S. A.

ST. JOHN'S
15
1947
ADVICE

full circle
24 mm
1947
date hub off center

G.P.O. datestamps



full circle
23 mm
1938
sent 2¢ short paid

5¢ Foreign
letter rate; sent 2¢ short

Denmark applied
postage dues



double circle
40 mm
17 June 1939

one day only



G.P.O. datestamps



double circle
28 mm
1937 - 1939

St. John's G.P.O. style

*Capt G. L. Steven
Stearves
Berwick
England*

double circle
30 mm
1937 - 1940
sans G.P.O.
+ NEWFOUNDLAND style



full circle
28 mm
1937 - 1940

HON. H. MACPHERSON,

LAND",

. JOHN'S.

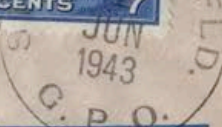
Discovery

full circle
29 mm
1939

Confectioners Journal,



FIRST DAY COVER



**BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION**

*Mr J. N. Schoony
29 Massey Ave
Toronto
Canada*

full circle
30 mm
1943 - 1946
G.P.O.

G.P.O. datestamps

The Lawrence Newfoundland Co. Ltd.
347 & 347½ WATER STREET
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND



double circle
30 mm
1948 - 1949

4¢ Inland
letter rate

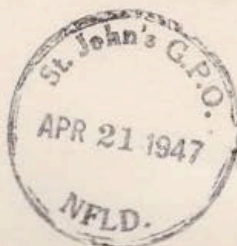
On His Majesty's Service

Mr. Lloyd H. Rockerfeller,
Red Hook, N.Y.,
U.S.A.



full circle
36 mm
1944
comma after St. John's

Discovery



double circle
31 mm
1947
small t in St.



with capital T in ST.

Obliterators

In 1857 from England came Newfoundland's first obliterator. This device had a ten bar format and it was issued to those post offices then in service.

Those shown were used in St. John's from 1857 - 1949. Later in 1918, electric rapid cancelling machines were installed at the St. John's G.P.O. The speed and performance of these machines negated the use of the obliterators. Only four examples have been found used after 1918.

3 mm between any three bars
1857 - 1865

"e" with cert.



cross segmented circle
18 mm
1862 - 1881

3p for 5¢ Inland
letter rate

cross segmented circle
22 mm
1868 - 1870

5¢ Inland
letter rate



copy of verso 70%

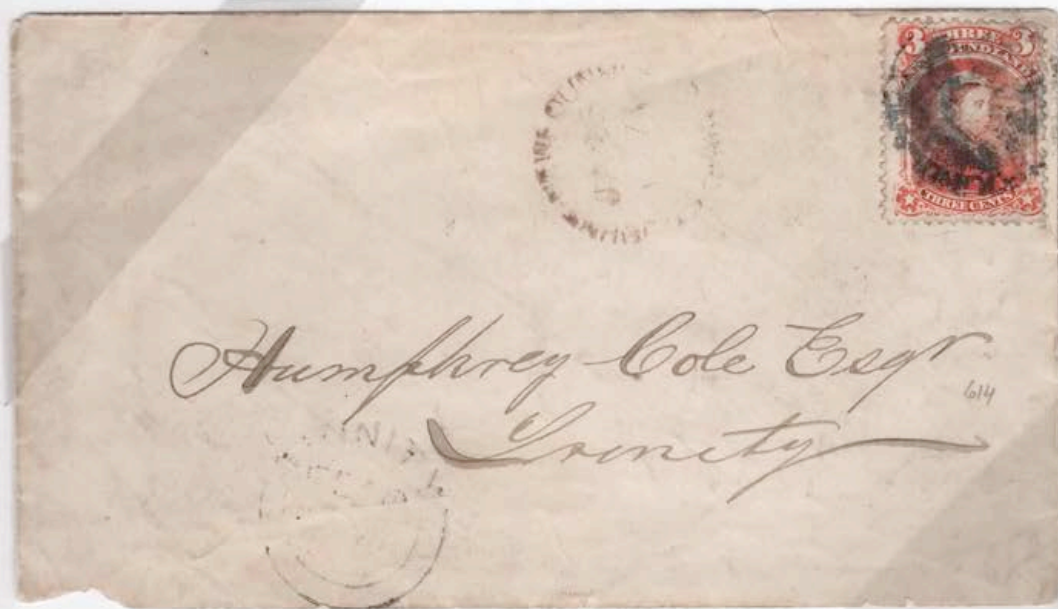
Obliterators

235 between bars
1873 - 1888

3¢ Inland
letter rate



The metal rimmed cancellers from 1865 were reused in the 1869 - 1880 era. They are found with various inserts: leafs; circle of squares; sunburst in the middle of St. John's Newfoundland. Both the unpaid and paid cancel were utilized. These devices rarely see as a complete cancel.



sunburst
mid 1871 - early 1872

3¢ Inland
letter rate

circle of squares
1873

6¢ Great Britain
letter rate



Obliterators

thick leaf
1879



1¢ Inland
postcard rate



fine leaf
1879 - 1880



2¢ Canada
postcard rate



circle of squares
1880

5¢ British Empire
letter rate



5 bar circle
22 mm
1880

5¢ United States
letter rate

Obliterators



segmented circle
22 mm
1881

3¢ Inland
letter rate



starburst
20 mm
1882

5¢ Great Britain
letter rate



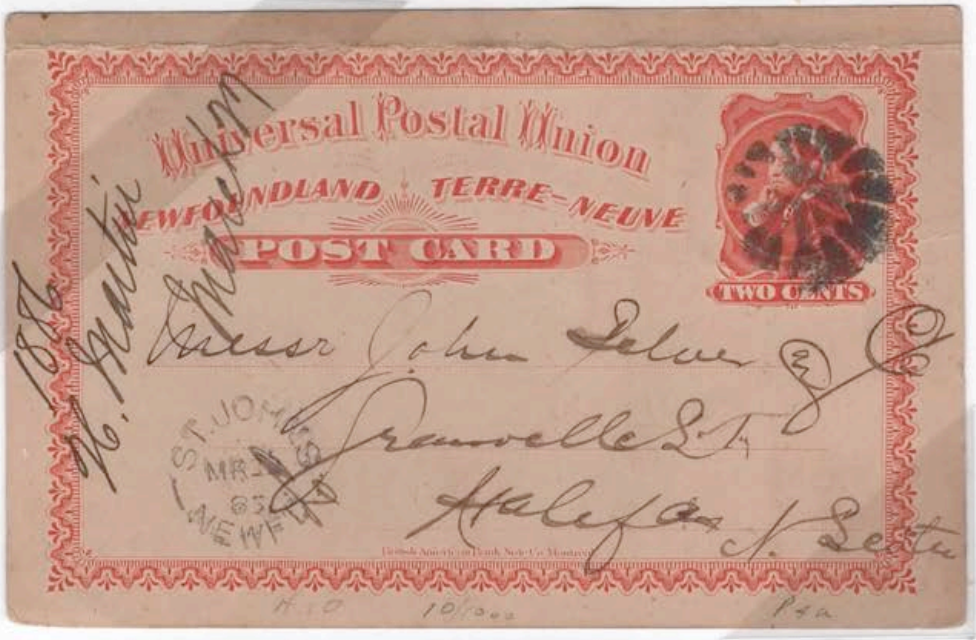
5 bar circle
22 mm
1883

5¢ Canada
letter rate

Obliterators

geometric
1883 - 1886

2¢ Canada
postcard rate

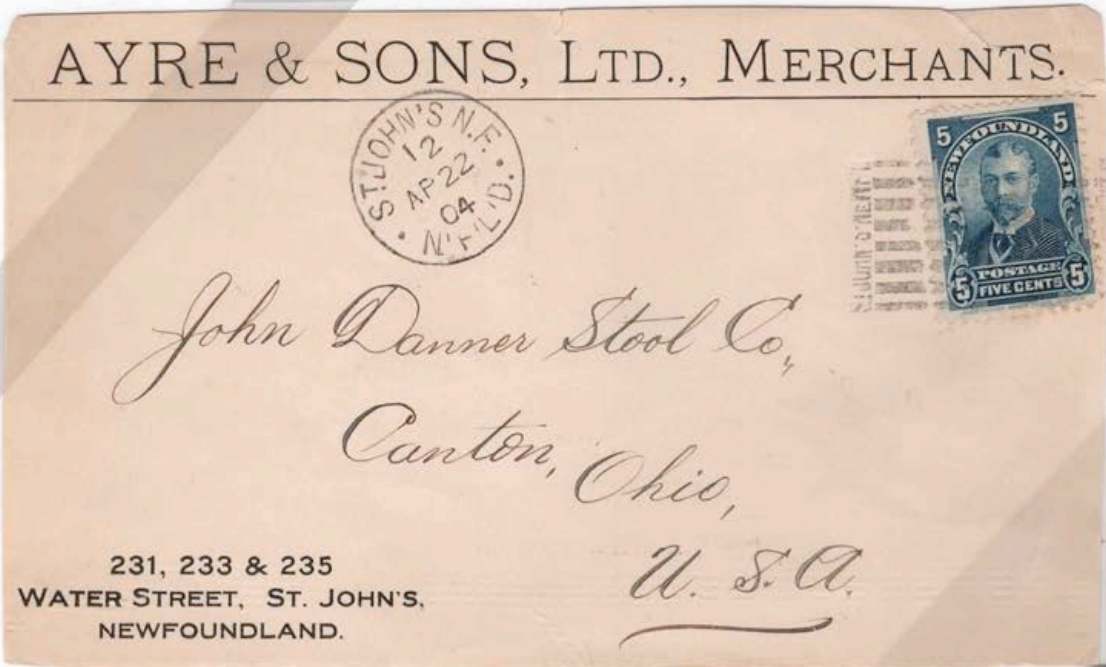


sunburst
22 mm
1885

5¢ Canada
letter rate
+ 5¢ extra weight

St. John's roller
1895 - 1904

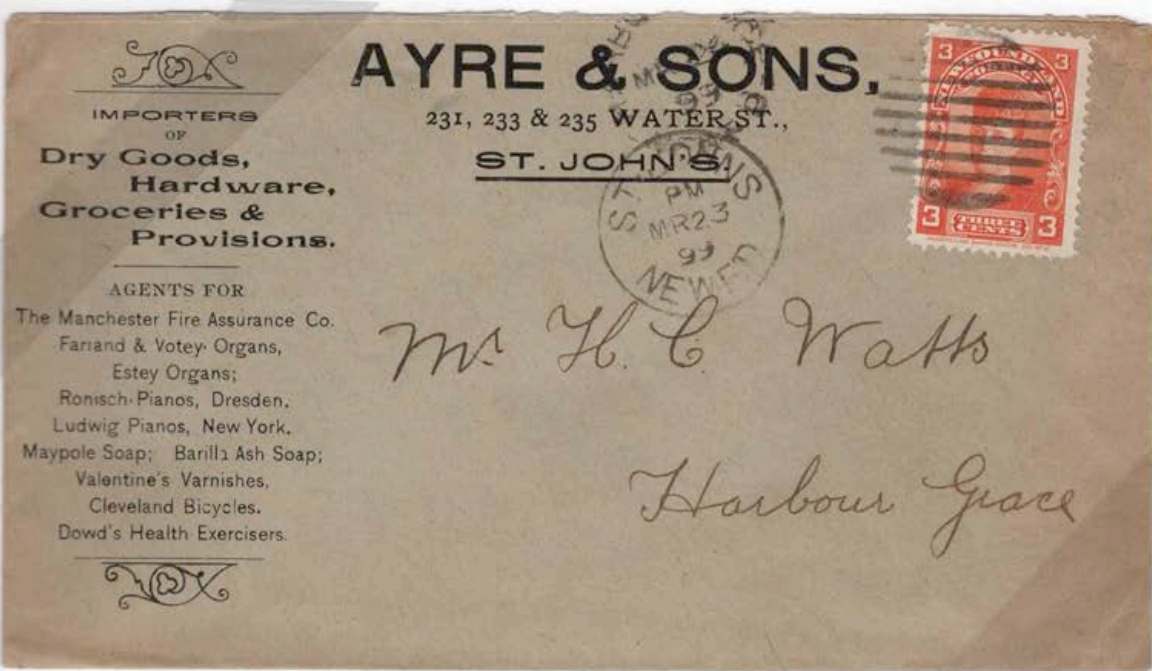
5¢ United States
letter rate



Obliterators

circle of bars
22 mm center bar
1893 - 1897

5¢ United States
letter rate



circle of bars
24 mm center bar
1898 - 1900

3¢ Inland
letter rate



St. John's roller # 2
1895 - 1906

5¢ United States
letter rate

Obliterators



circle of bars
fancy bent
1900

2¢ Canada
letter rate

circle of bars
5 lines
1902 - 1903

2¢ Inland
letter rate



circle of bars
8 lines
22 mm
1904 - 1905

3¢ Inland
letter rate



Obliterators

STEERS, LIMITED
ST. JOHN'S
NEWFOUNDLAND



killer bar
large
1930s

1¢ Circular
rate

Mr. Frank Pike,
Port Aux Basques.

WE SPECIALIZE IN FIRE INSURANCE



fancy square
large

parcel post cancel

1¢ Circular rate
1930s

C. J. Greene, Esq.,
Assistant Magistrate,
St. Mary's, Nfld.



EA
NEWFOUND
HELP OF



sunburst
large
1938

4¢ inland
letter rate

Ericksen
Trinity

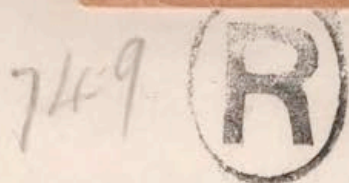
Registration

On May 12, 1856 the Legislature passed an act that authorized the Newfoundland G.P.O. to charge an additional fee for the registration of postal matters. The known earliest example of a dated registry marking is in 1890.

oval
30 mm

1890 - 1904

5¢ United States
letter rate
+ 4 x extra weight
+ 5¢ registration fee



Messrs. Oatman & Toll,

16419

55 & 57 North Moore Street,

27139

New York.

M. S. A.

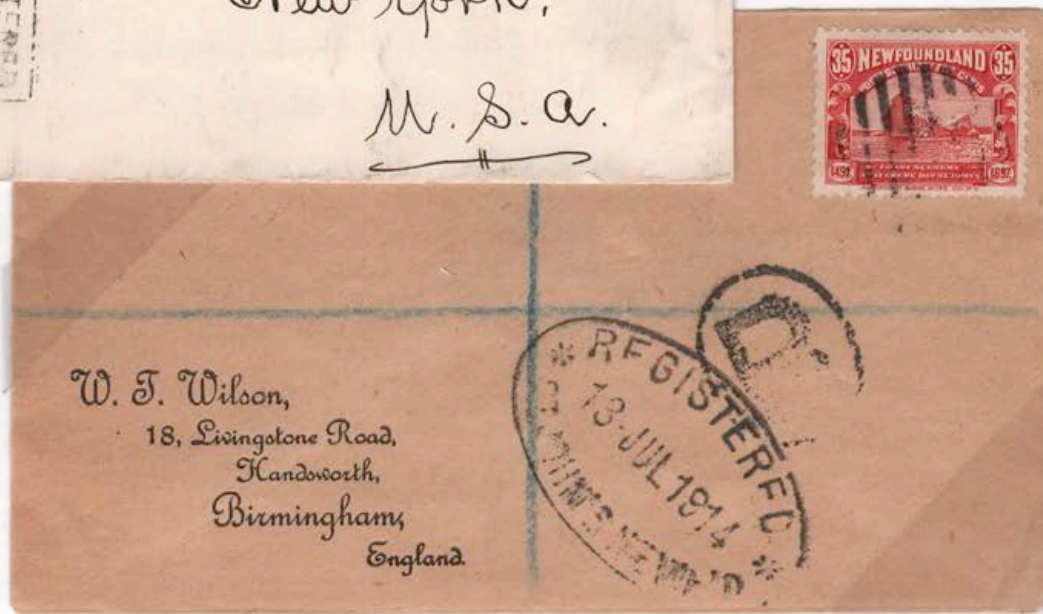


box
29 mm
1904 - 1905

5¢ United States
letter rate
+ 5¢ registration fee

oval
41 mm
1903 - 1917

2¢ Great Britain
letter rate
+ 14 x extra weight
+ 5¢ registration fee



Registration



circle
22 mm
1905 - 1909

double circle
25 mm
1910 - 1912

2¢ United States
letter rate
+ 5¢ registration fee



double oval
28 mm
1910 - 1911

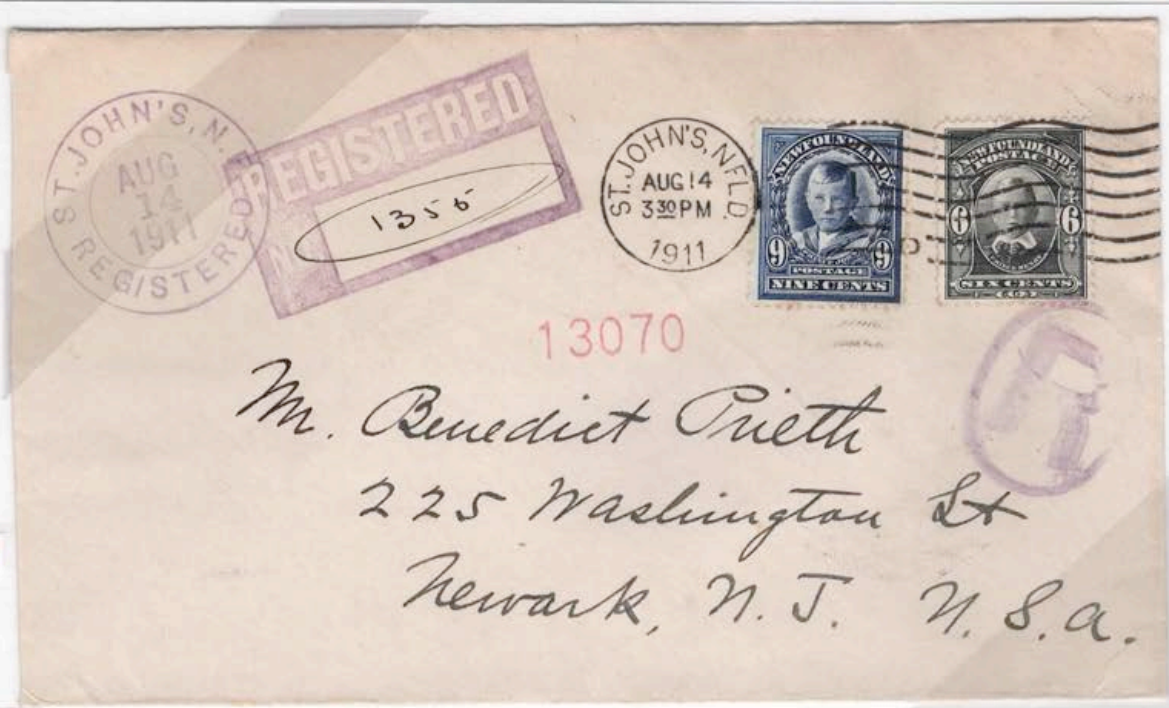
2¢ United States
letter rate
+ 2¢ extra weight
+ 5¢ registration fee

Registration

double circle
30 mm
1911

2¢ United States
letter rate
+ 4 x extra weight
+ 5¢ registration fee

Discovery



double oval
45 mm
1910 - 1921
carmine, black, blue

2¢ United States
letter rate
+ 1¢ wax tax
+ 5¢ registration fee



straight line
1918 - 1937

2¢ United States
letter rate
+ 1¢ war tax
+ 5¢ registration fee



Registration

double oval
40 mm
1921
carmine, black



1618



Mr Wm. M. M. Farlan
356 East Lancaster Ave
East Downingtown
Pennsylvania

IF NOT CALLED FOR IN FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

State of New York
Comptroller's Office
Albany, N. Y.

3236



1919

N. Irving Martin,
19 So. Main Ave.,
Albany,
New York.

REGISTERED

JAN 30 1922

ST. JOHN'S, N.F.

U.S.A.

50353

dotted box
45 mm
1922

2¢ United States
letter rate
+ 1¢ war tax
+ 5¢ registration fee

NEWFOUNDLAND.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL LETTER POST

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING OF AN INSURED LETTER

A Letter prepaid.....\$13.c., and addressed as under has been posted here this day:—

Wilson & Hull
139 Regent St.
London W.C.
Eng

Consecutive No.

149

Received a Fee of \$20.c. for Insurance of Letter for a

Sum not exceeding Thirty Six pounds

*State value in words.

E. Devereux Postmaster's Signature.

At Offices not provided with a date stamp the name of the Office and the date of posting must be written across the postage stamps.



dotted box
45 mm

certificate of posting

20¢ insurance
for £ 36

copy of Front 50%



2¢ Great Britain
letter rate
+ 1¢ war tax
+ 5¢ registration fee

Discovery

4¢ United States
letter rate
+ 10¢ registration fee
initiated June 01, 1926

Discovery



GENERAL POST OFFICE
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

2110



Mr. Robert W. Guthrie
25 Myrtle Street
River Rouge, Mich.
09058 U. S. A.



GENERAL POST OFFICE
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND



2350

REGISTERED



double circle
30 mm
comma after
REGISTERED,

dot after F.
1923 - 1927

Mr John F. Boutelle

Keene

N. G.

4 sa

11121

Registration

double circle
28.5 mm
comma removed

dot removed
1923 - 1929

4¢ United States
letter rate
+ 5¢ registration fee



GENERAL POST OFFICE
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND



3484

REGISTERED



4311

Mr. P. Arneau fur
18 Intervale Street
Montreal, Que.
Q. C.



GENERAL POST OFFICE
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

3834



REGISTERED



Mr. M. McFarlane
356 East Lancaster Ave.
East Dawningtown Penna
U.S.A.

triple circle
1924 - 1927

4¢ United States
letter rate
+ 3 x extra weight
+ 5¢ registration fee

double circle
35 mm
1925 - 1931

4¢ Canada
letter rate
+ 10¢ registration fee



Reg.

787

Percy Gordon Eng
P.O. Box 273
Ottawa.
Canada.



Registration

double circle
31 mm
1927 - 1932



GENERAL POST OFFICE
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

1906



Mrs John A. Jungwirth
4810 Baldwin Ave.
Detroit Mich
U.S.A.



43028

Frank B. Mills

P. O. BOX 5205
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.

REGISTERED

98

MR A. I. LAWRENCE,
ARCHITECT,



double circle
36 mm
1928 - 1937
black, carmine

O. H. M. S.



Mr. A. B. Cassels



double circle
33 mm
1932 - 1949



Mr J. Rogers
1339 Pandora Ave
Victoria B.C.



201

double circle
27.5 mm
1937 - 1943

Registration

R ST. JOHN'S G.P.O.
No 4001



single circle
30 mm
rubber hammer
1938 - 1941

PASSED BY CENSOR

W. L. Moody III

On His Majesty's Service



double circle
30 mm
1941 - 1948

PAUL L. BORROWMAN,

On His Majesty's Service



single circle
30 mm
1944

Discovery

R ST. JOHN'S EAST
No 4879



Mr. L. F. Rowe
Dept. of Transport
Goose Bay Airport
Labrador
CAPO # 10
Via Canada.

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION

double circle
29 mm
1946 - 1949

Registration Sub Office
St. John's East P.O. Nfld.

POSTAGE PAID

Many problems hindered the ability of the G.P.O. to keep adequate supplies of low denomination stamps on hand. To eke out supplies it was often necessary to issue provisional cancel markings. The first marking was a PAID ALL handstamp that was applied to local and internal mail. Payment was taken over the counter in cash.

PAID ALL
in circle

Sept. 24 - Dec. 04, 1897
earliest known Sept 24, 1897

PAID ALL
straight line
1898 - 1918

POSTMASTER.—IF UNABLE TO
DELIVER TO PROPER PARTY, KINDLY
HAND TO SOME HOUSEHOLDER.

PAID ALL
G.P.O., St. John's, Newfoundland.

Mrs J B Ayre
(Thornlea)
Waterford Bridge Rd
St John's
Order



Mrs Rustad
Upper

RETURN TO E. W. GILLETT CO. LTD.
TORONTO, ONT.
IF NOT DELIVERED IN 10 DAYS

POSTAGE PAID
G. P. O.
ST. JOHN'S NEWFL'D.

P. H. HUTCHINS,
GREENSPOND,
NFLD.

POSTAGE PAID
three lines
Dec. 19 - 1919
— Oct. 04, 1920
violet, black

Discovery

Magic Baking Powder

Contains no Alum!

FORM No. 236-10072617

POSTAGE PAID

POSTAGE PAID
three lines
1918 - 1919
violet

POSTAGE PAID
G P O
ST. JOHN S, NEWF'L'D.

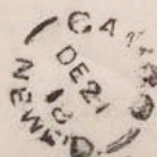


Food
will
win the war
don't waste it

Mr. W. D'Lille
Water Street West
St. John's

POSTAGE PAID
G P O
ST. JOHN S, NEWF'L'D.

Messrs
Ayre & Sons Ltd
Water Street
St John's



BADGER STORES
LUMBERMEN'S SUPPLIES A SPECIALTY
BADGER, NEWFOUNDLAND



POSTAGE PAID
three lines
Sept. 03 -
Oct. 04, 1920
carmine, mauve

POSTAGE PAID
G P O
ST. JOHN S, NEWF'L'D.

Messrs
Bowering Brothers Ltd
Dry Goods Dept
Water Street
St John's

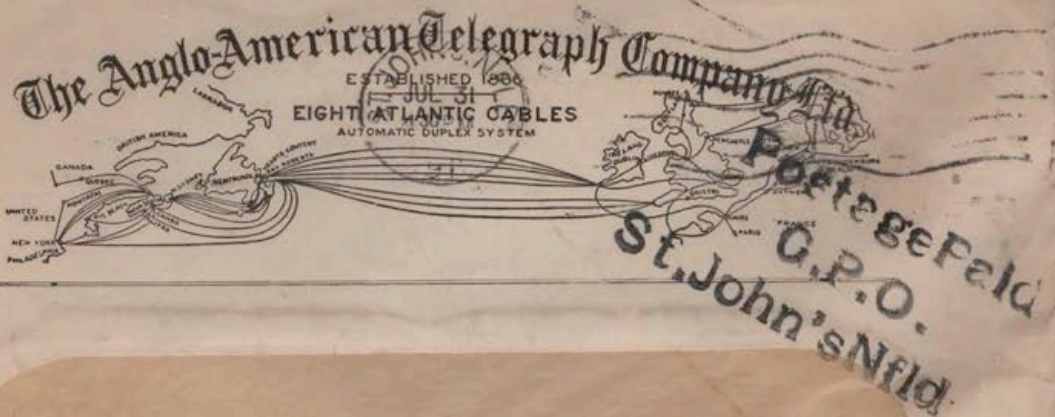
POSTAGE PAID

Postage Paid
three lines
large black letters

dots between G.P.O.
Nfld style

1 known

Discovery



deemed an
OUTPORT

Postage Paid
three lines
large green letters
Sept. 16, 1920

no dots between GPO
N.F. style

2 known

DOMINION IRON & STEEL CO., Limited.

WABANA MINE

Bell Island, C.B., Newfoundland.



Mr. J. L. Slattery,

St John's.

A. E. HICKMAN CO., LTD:
St. John's, Newfoundland.

Postage Paid
G P O
St. John's N.F.

Mr. E. Simmons
Hr. Grace.

Postage Paid
large carmine letters
1920

1 known

POSTAGE PAID

Mr. W. J. Edgar
Rennie Mill Road,
City

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.
DEC 22
4:30 PM
1931

SHOP AND
MAIL EARLY
INSURE

POSTAGE PAID
ST. JOHN'S

POSTAGE PAID
St. John's
two lines
1931

2 known

POSTAGE PAID
box
1937

bulk mail
5 known

Mr. George Forward
Carbonear

POSTAGE PAID
G. P. O.
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.

RECEIVED
DECEMBER 9TH
1944

POSTAGE PAID
G. P. O.
ST JOHN'S Nfld.

POSTAGE PAID
three lines
1938 - 1949

machine cancel
bulk mail
with
without date hub

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.
4:15 PM
9 JUNE
1947

POSTAGE PAID
G. P. O.
ST JOHN'S Nfld.

J.C. Collingwood, Esq.,
36 Bonaventure Avenue,
St. John's.

POSTAGE PAID

1 CENT PAID
three line
December 1936

Grand Falls

1 known



No documentation has been found stating these postal paid cancels were not used in St. John's. Both covers passed through St. John's Post Office.

POSTAGE PAID
ornate
single line
December 1940

Trinity

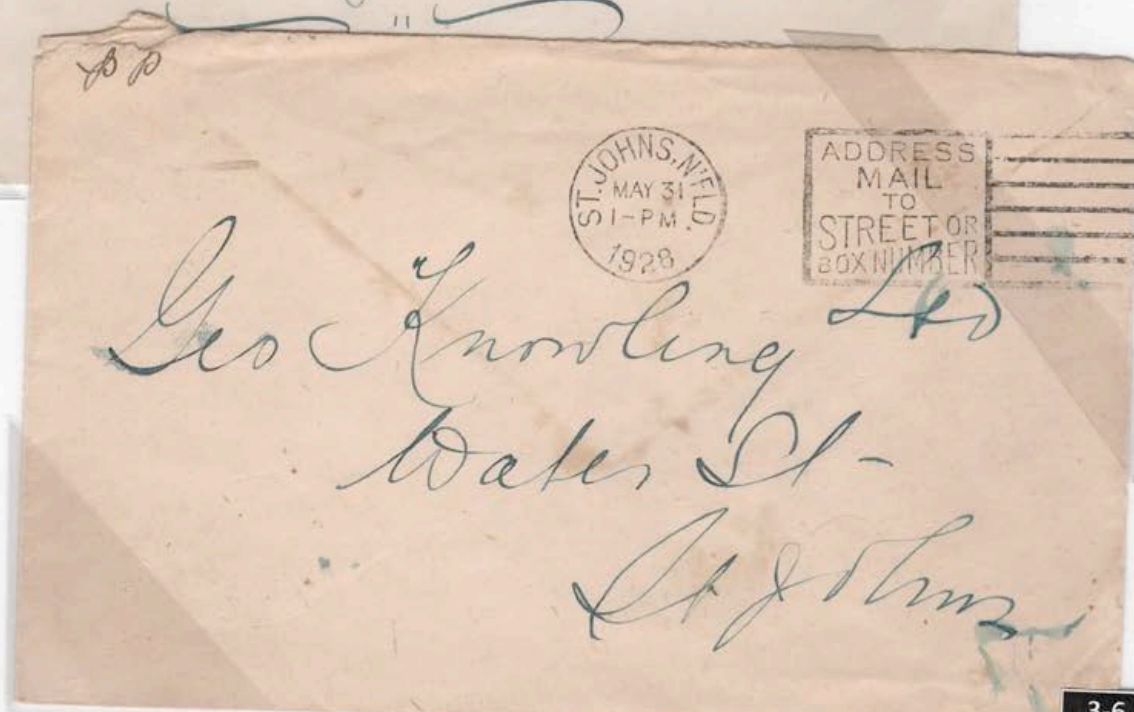
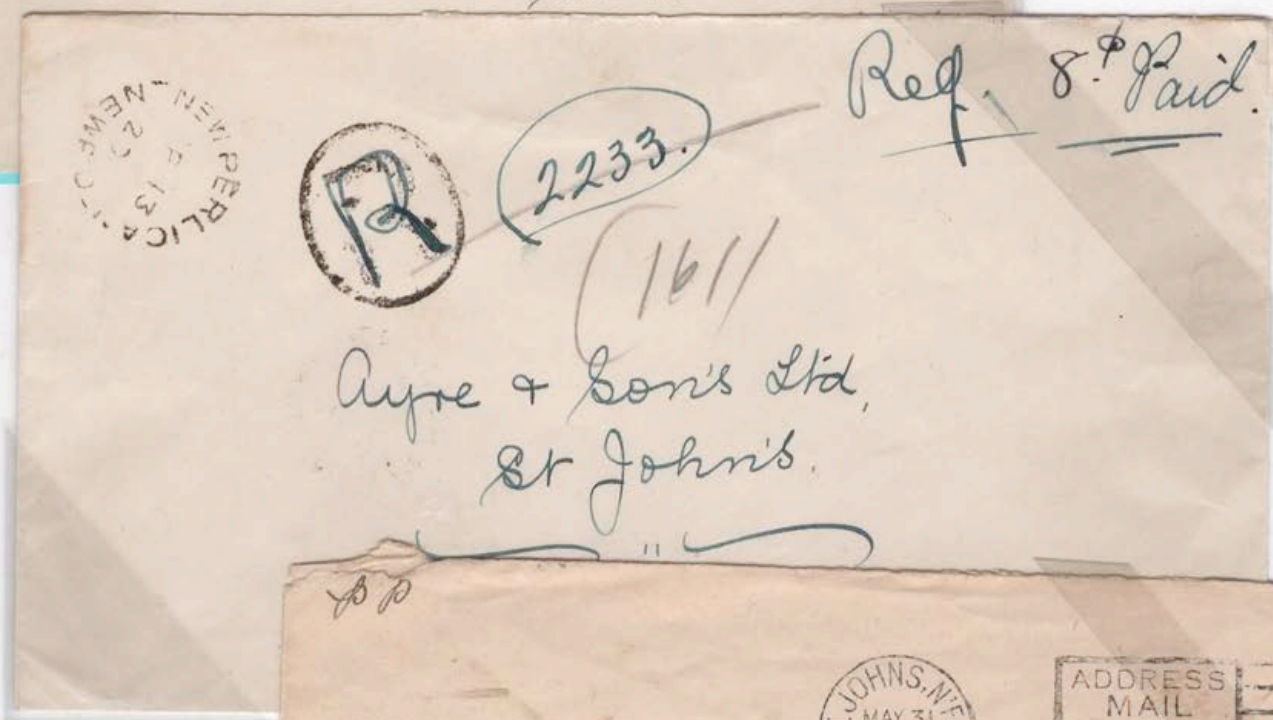
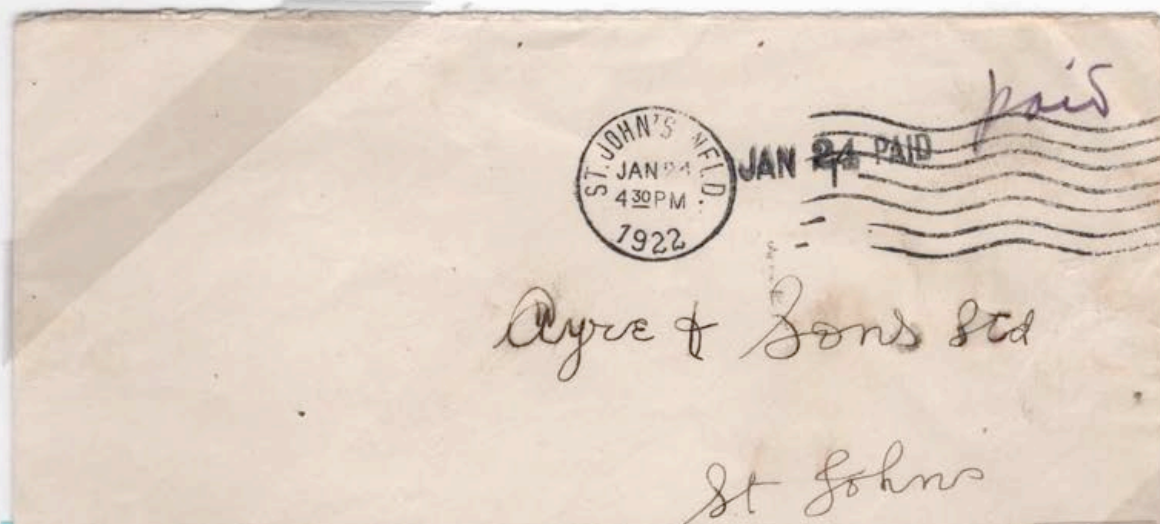
1 known



POSTAGE PAID

The local business firms of Ayre & Sons and George Knowling Ltd. made a business reply payment agreement with the G.P.O. in 1922 whereby all incoming inland mail would be paid by the specific company upon receipt of the mail.

script Paid marking; in addition is used a changing date canceller with PAID



POSTAGE PAID

POSTAGE PAID

triangle

1940

52 - 54 mm base

St. John's, N.F.

unsealed bulk mailing,
before being assigned
to armed forces use



POSTAGE PAID

triangle

1941 - 1942

52 - 54 mm base

shows the initial
rough excise of
St. John's N.F.

utilized by
Canadian armed forces

POSTAGE PAID

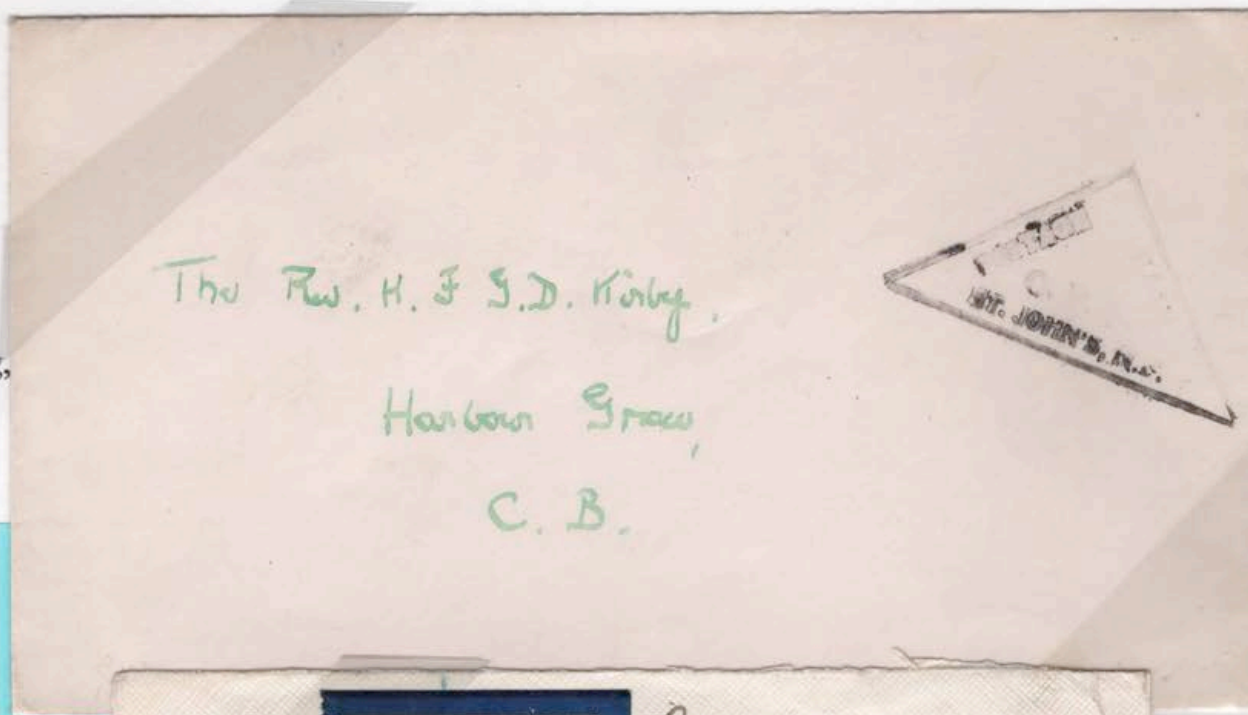
triangle

1941 - 1943

52 - 54 mm base

shows complete
excise of
St. John's, N.F.

utilized by
armed forces



POSTAGE PAID

AIR MAIL

POSTAGE PAID
triangle
1941 - 1943
50 mm base

utilized by
armed forces

Mrs. A. O'Callaghan
26 Rideau St.
Winston Ont

FROM H.M.C. SHIP
EXAMINED BY DB/N

POSTAGE
PAID
G.P.O.

Air Mail

EXAMINED BY DB/N 21

Air Mail
PAID
G.P.O.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Goode
Base Line Rd. Sub. 9
Wharfedale Road S.

POSTAGE PAID
triangle
1943
65 mm base

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION

EXAMINED BY DB/N 175
POSTAGE
PAID
G.P.O.

Air Mail.

POSTAGE PAID
triangle
1944 - 1945
45 mm base

Mrs.
No. 41
apr. 1
Rec'd Apr. 6

PAID
POSTAGE
G.P.O.

H. M. C. S. AVALON

Air Mail
FMO

AVALON
OCT 15 1945
H. M. C.

POSTAGE PAID
triangle
1945
45 mm base
red

FLEET MAIL OFFICE
OCT 15 1945
ST. JOHN'S
NEWFOUNDLAND

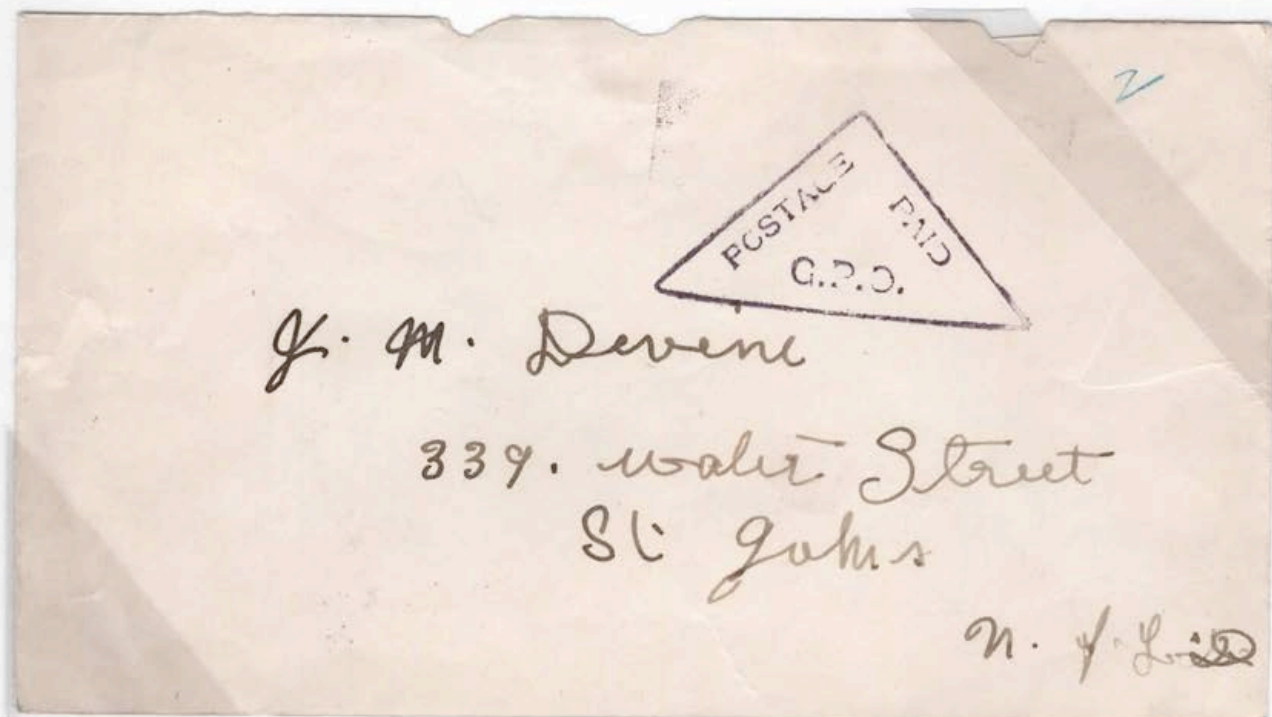
Gustav J. Lund
8041 Ney Avenue
Oakland, 3, Calif.

all used by armed forces

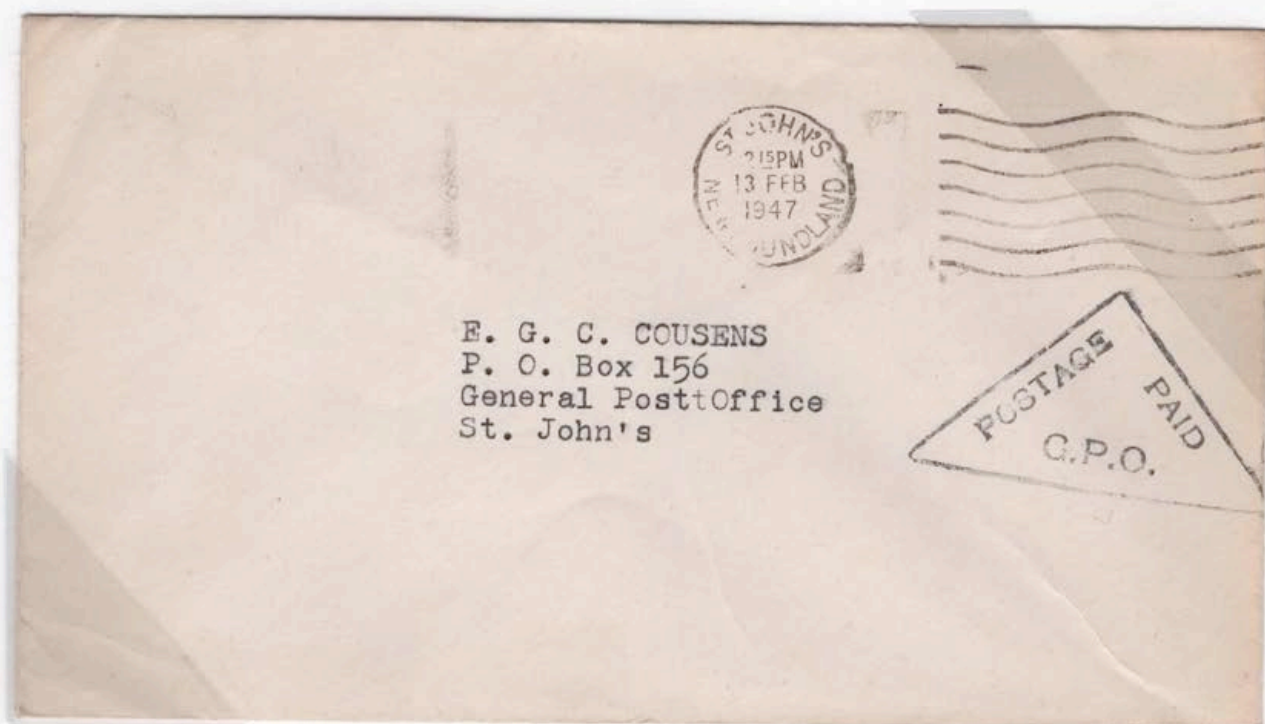
POSTAGE PAID

The triangular handstamp POSTAGE PAID was used by the armed forces at St. John's during the Second World War. Its use was thought to diminish the enemies knowledge of the armed forces using the port as a base of operations initially shown.

After the Canadian Army Post offices closed in 1946 these triangle cancels were utilized locally.



without date



with dated
machine cancel
1947

CARRIERS SECTION

delivery notice card
Letter Carriers Delivery
dated 1890s



Two datestamps from this department have been found. Possible reason for the Carrier Department to have datestamps would be to mark any mail that arrived at their section to late for the day delivery.

machine cancel
L.C.D.
1928 - 1932



double circle
1946 - 1948



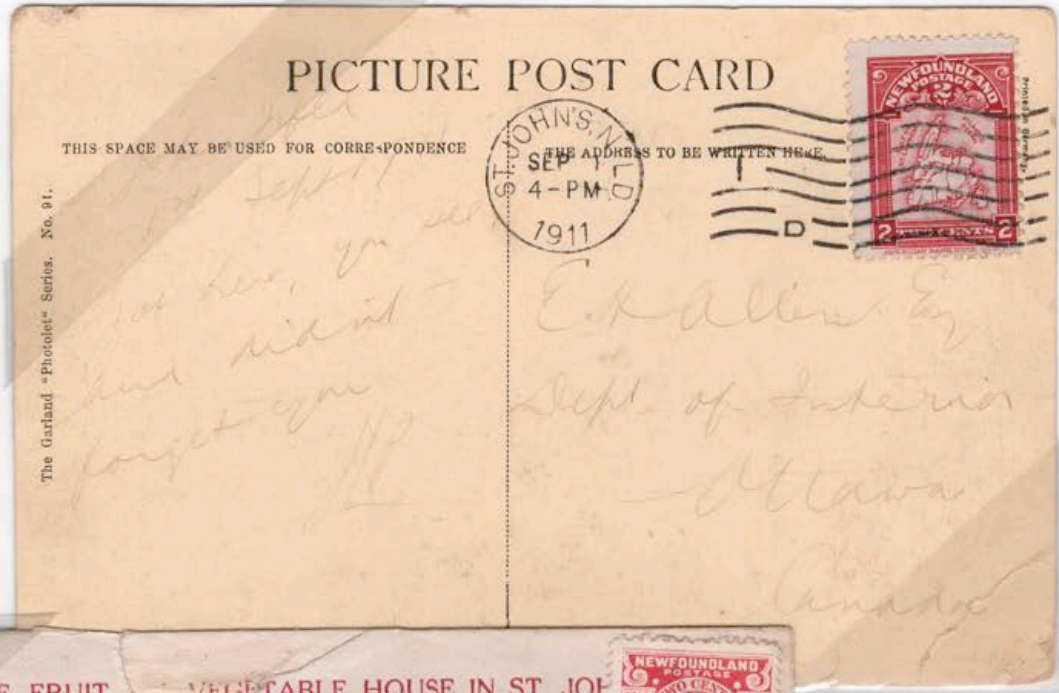
MACHINE CANCELS

Machine cancels came into use at the G.P.O. with the installation of two INTERNATIONAL company devices in 1910. These cancelling machines were in constant use from 1910 - 1949.

7 wavy lines
with 1 D
indicators

1 is die number
D is deposited
1911 - 1918

2¢ Canada
postcard rate



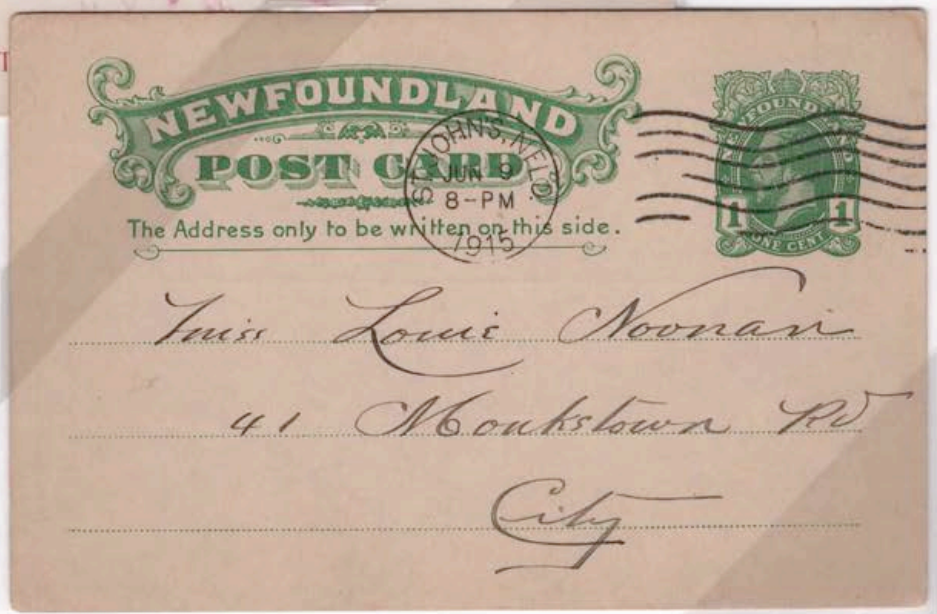
7 wavy lines
with 1 R
indicators

1 is die number
R is received
1910 - 1918

2¢ United States
letter rate

7 wavy lines
without indicators
1915

1¢ Local
postcard rate



MACHINE CANCELS

The intermittent curve mark under the time slug in the hub-dater was caused by the latch on the machine that hold the month/day dies in place. The explanation for this mark is found from research by Bob Payne where he says it occurs as: 'an operator error when doing the relatching'.

THE
NEWFOUNDLAND
STAMP COLLECTOR

BOX 1333, ST. JOHNS,
NEWFOUNDLAND



William M. McFarlan,
356 East Lancaster Ave.,
East Dowingtown, Penna.

MAY 19 1925

7 wavy lines
with 1

1 is die number

curve under time
1915 - 1927

1¢ Circular rate

7 wavy lines
with 1 C

1 is die number
C is collected at a mail box
1918 - 1921

use of
POSTAGE PAID
marking



M. P. Hynes,

Box 325, City.

DR. COWPERTHWAIT
281 DUCKWORTH STREET
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD.



Newfoundland Butter Co., Ltd.
Le Marchant Road
City -

7 wavy lines
continuous
1937 - 1949

2¢ Local
letter rate

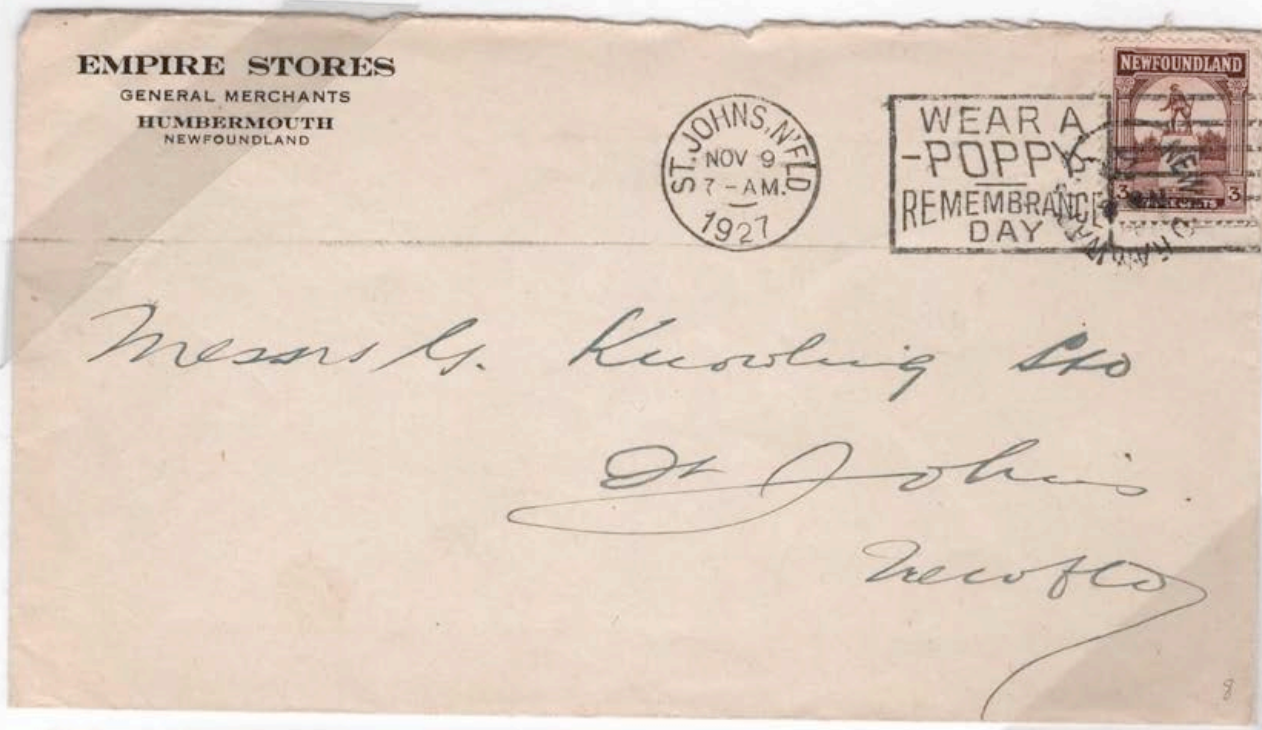
MACHINE SLOGAN CANCELS

Slogan cancellations were introduced in 1918. Nineteen different types were used with many having two and three different dies. Used continuously between 1918 - 1949.

WEAR A
POPPY
REMEMBRANCE
DAY

Oct. - Nov. 1924 -
1930

3¢ Inland
letter rate



MACHINE METER CANCELS

Meter machines were purchased and serviced by local business. The firms had to bring their machine to the G.P.O. to be unlocked and filled with postage credit. Before being returned to the owner they were relocked and sealed. The meter machine could do multiple denominations and would do a countdown of stamp credits each time it was used until emptied.

meter machine
meter # 1, 5, 6

Crown GVR GVIR
in box
1928 - 1949

3¢ Inland
letter rate



In 1928 Universal Frankers Ltd. of England were the first to offer their meter machines to the G.P.O. They were used by three St. John's firms between 1928 - 1949.

MACHINE METER CANCELS

Pitney-Bowes Postage
Meter Company U.S.A.
meter # 35500 - 04, 013

Stag and Crown
in box
1947 - 1949

4¢ Inland
letter rate

Pitney-Bowes Postage
Meter Company U.S.A.
meter # 180000 - 017,
023

Crown GVIR
in box
1947 - 1949

5¢ Canada
letter rate

Roneo-Neo Post
of England
meter # 2 - 4; 7 - 32

Twin Hills
inked stamp
1928 - 1949

3¢ Inland
letter rate



Messrs Earle Sons & Co, Ltd.,
Fogo,
N.F.L.D



Mr. P. Blackmore,
BILLEY'S ISLAND.



Bowater's Newfoundland Pulp and Paper
Mills Limited
CORNER BROOK, Newfoundland



THE B. GREENING WIRE COMPANY LIMITED
HAMILTON ONTARIO
CANADA.

PARCEL POST

A Parcel Post system between Great Britain and Newfoundland was legislated in 1864. My first instance of a datestamp is the 1924 double line circle. These datestamps are difficult to find intact because they were supposed to be used on parcels only.

GENERAL POST OFFICE, ST. JOHN'S

BILL 1182 ENTRY 17569

Address—Mr & Mrs Stephen Sellers
62 Batters Hill

Date of Issue _____

Customs Dues Payable on delivery, \$ 8-09 Cents

N.B.—These Parcels must in all cases be called for and a five cent stamp affixed before presentation.

From _____

double circle
30 mm
1924

delivery of parcel card

Signature of person _____
to whom delivered _____
Date of Delivery of Parcel _____

Initials of delivery Clerk _____

COPY of back 70%

N.B.—This card must be both date-stamped and initialed.

circle
33 mm
1927



circle - 1936
33 mm

large
St. John's, N.F.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, NEWFOUNDLAND

SENDER'S RECEIPT FOR INSURED PARCEL

Declared value	Insured Parcel No.	Fee	Check Item Applicable		
			No. Mark	Marked Fragile	C.O.D.
<u>3-00</u>	<u>4351</u>	<u>10</u> Cts.			

Addressed to 800 Yellow Point

Sender should write his name and address on the back of this receipt.
Claims must be filed with the Postmaster within six months of date of mailing.
This Receipt must accompany any claim.

The Postmaster by: [Signature]

Official Date Stamp _____

Not valid unless date stamped

circle
35 mm
1933

receipt for insured parcel

PARCEL POST

DEPT. OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS, NFLD.
C. O. D. No. 40877
 SENDER'S COUPON

DETECT HERE
PART A

C. O. D. \$ 5.68 Insured for \$ _____ DESTINATION OFFICE _____

ADDRESS: Mr. Mary Fleet SENDER: _____
 NAME NAME
Stephenville Crossing PLACE
 DESPATCHING OFFICE OFFICIAL DESPATCHING

DATE STAMP
 OF
 DESP. OFFICE



circle 30mm - 1947

circle 33 mm - 1942 - C.O.D. sender coupon

small St. John's, NFLD.

double circle
 30 mm
 1946

large St. John's, N.F.



double circle
 30 mm
 1947

large St. John's, NFLD.



circle 33 mm - 1937

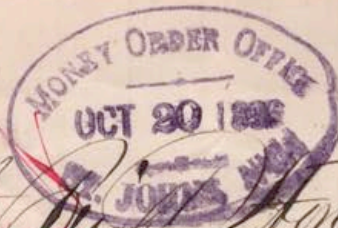
small St. John's, N.F.



circle 29mm - 1948

MONEY ORDER OFFICE

Money Order facilities were established in St. John's by 1864. Being part of the G.P.O. it came to be referred to as the Money Order Branch or Department; with MOO MOB MOD abbreviations observed on the cancel devices. My finding was of a datestamp found as a double circle dated August 10, 1864. It was found amongst a lot of St. John's double split circles which had been cut from a G.P.O. ledger book. It is similar to the Pritchards-Andrews proof strike example of 1879. My finding has a short T in St. while the proof has a long T in ST.

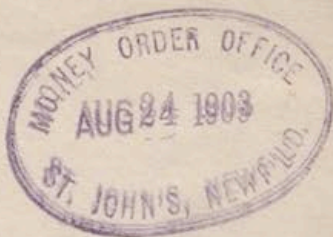


*Received from the Right Honorable
Mr. W. V. Whiteway, Cheque No 824
issued at Halifax Place Nov 30/94.
on Union Bank of Newfoundland in favor
of Peter Whelan for the sum of three
hundred dollars. S. B. Hayes
Perpetrated*

single oval
1894 - 1903

on cheque receipt
from Sir William V.
Whiteway
Nov. 30, 1894

issued by St. John's
Money Order Office



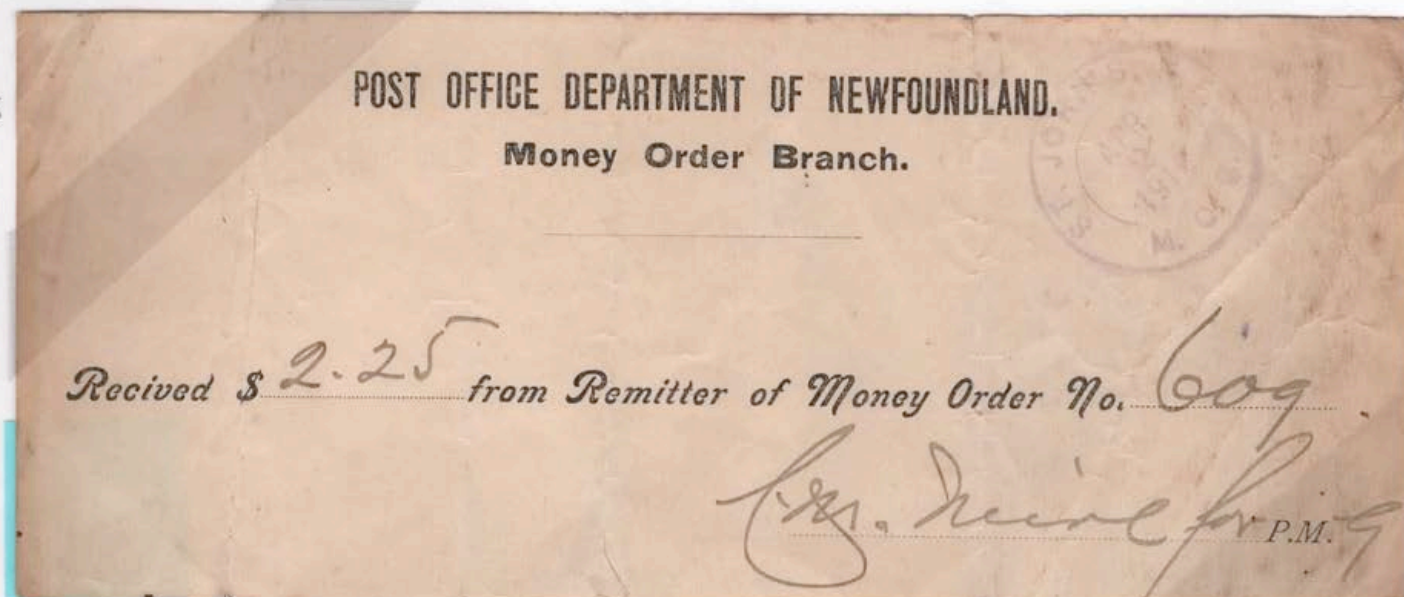
*Mr. E. Lodge
Lower St.
St. John's
Nfld.*



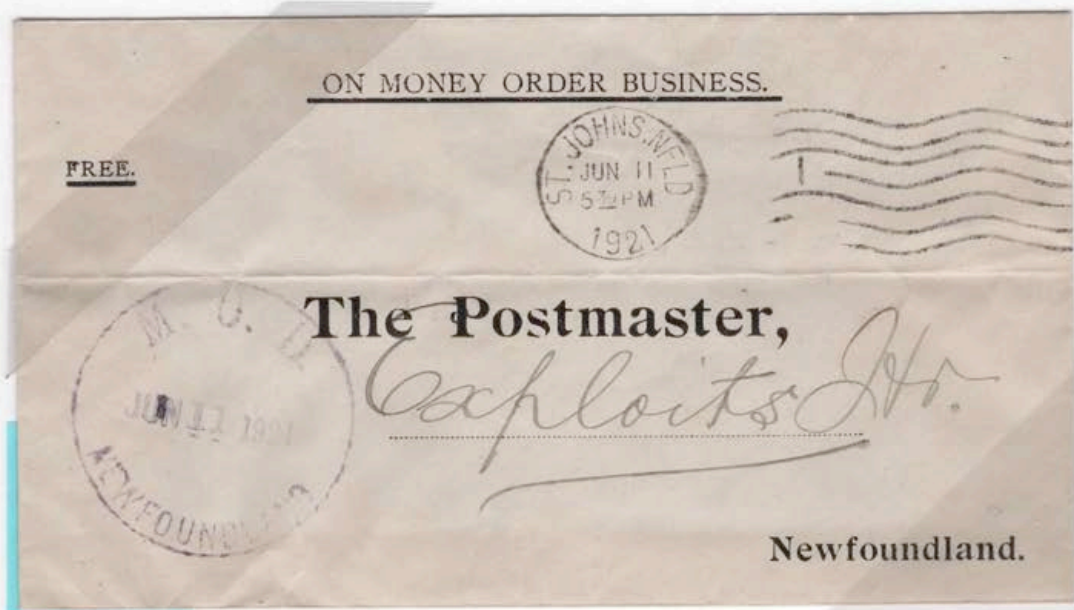
double oval
1903

MONEY ORDER OFFICE

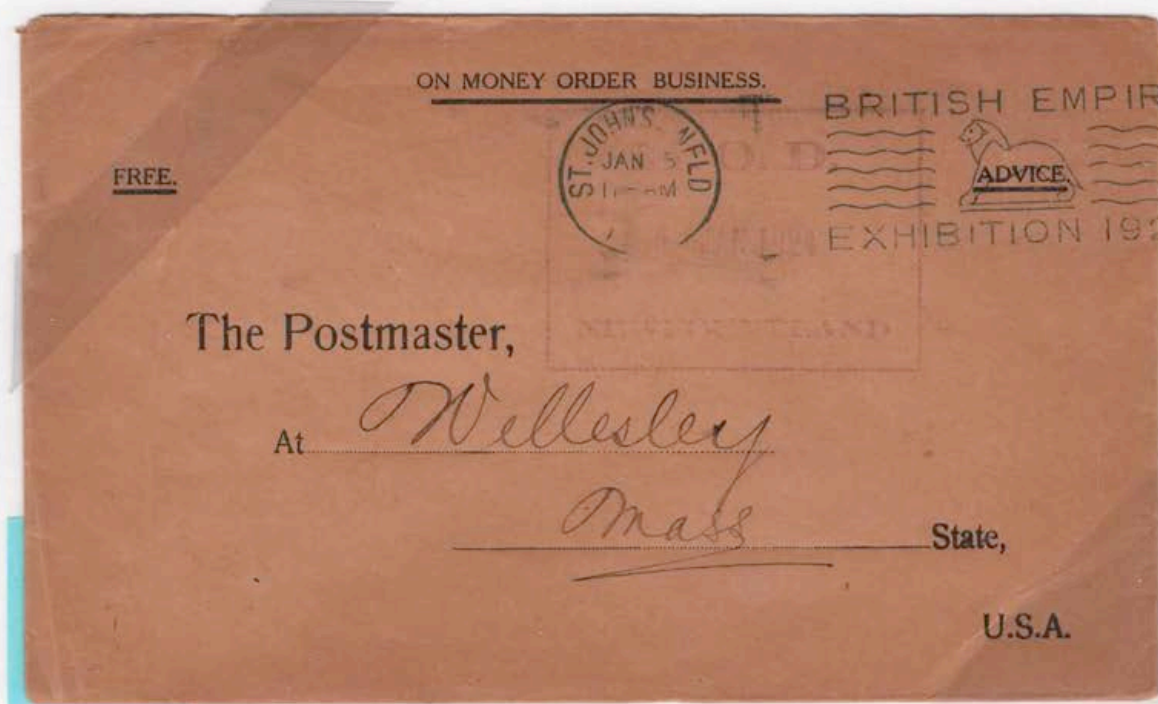
double ring
1912
MOB



large circle
1921
MOD



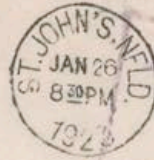
dotted box
1924
MOD



MONEY ORDER OFFICE



GENERAL POST OFFICE
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND



BUY
MADE IN
NEWFOUNDLAND
GOODS

single lined box
large letters
1923
MOD

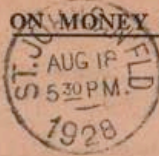
AYRE & SONS, Ltd.,
Water Street,
CITY....

NEWFOUNDLAND

double ring
1928
MOB

FREE

ON MONEY ORDER BUSINESS



NEWFOUNDLAND
VACATION
WRITE TOURIST
BUREAU

ADVICE

The Postmaster,

At



State

U. S. A.

double oval
1926 -35
MOD
Supts. Office



MONEY ORDER OFFICE

double circle
1938
MOD

Form 1058

ORIGINAL: NOT TRANSFERABLE

No. 30443

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS
LICENCE TO OPERATE A RECEIVING EQUIPMENT
(Issued under the Radiotelegraph Act, 1930)

Miss Helde
[CHRISTIAN NAME(S) IN FULL]

Maunder
[SURNAME]

is hereby licenced to operate a radio receiving equipment at *131 Military Rd*
[STREET AND NUMBER]

St Johns
[CITY OR TOWN]

St. John's
[DISTRICT]

This licence to be in force from the day of the date hereof, until 30 day of June, 19*38*, unless sooner forfeited.

COMMISSIONER FOR FINANCE.

Received the sum of \$ *2.00* licence fee, this *7th*
day of *Oct* A.D., 19*38*

Countersigned *James French*
ISSUING OFFICER

DATE STAMP

PLEASE READ NOTES ON BACK.

double circle
1944
MO
St. John's East



POSTAGE DUE

Prior to the issuance of postage due adhesives in 1939 the G.P.O. used large numerals, More to Pay or Postage-Due handstamps to denote the amount that was required to met senders postage obligation. In 1865 prepayment of mail was initiated. Prior to this, numerals in red denote letters sent unpaid while black denote paid.

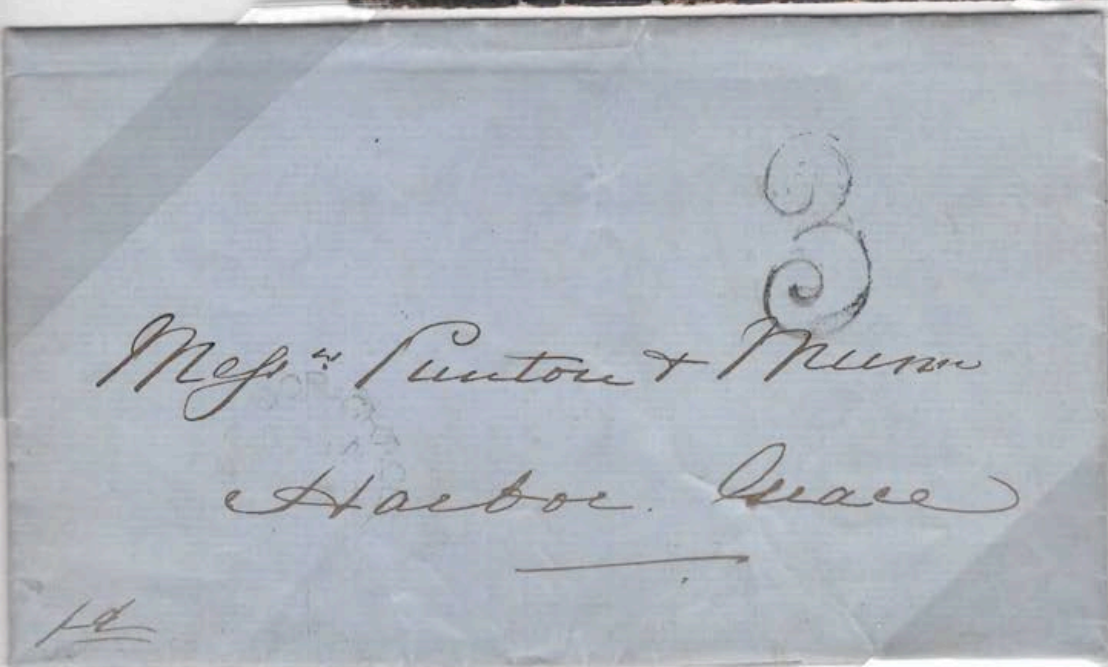
St. John's **red 3**
1854 - 1863

July 20, 1854
to Trinity
note *paid*



St. John's **black 3**
1854 - 1863

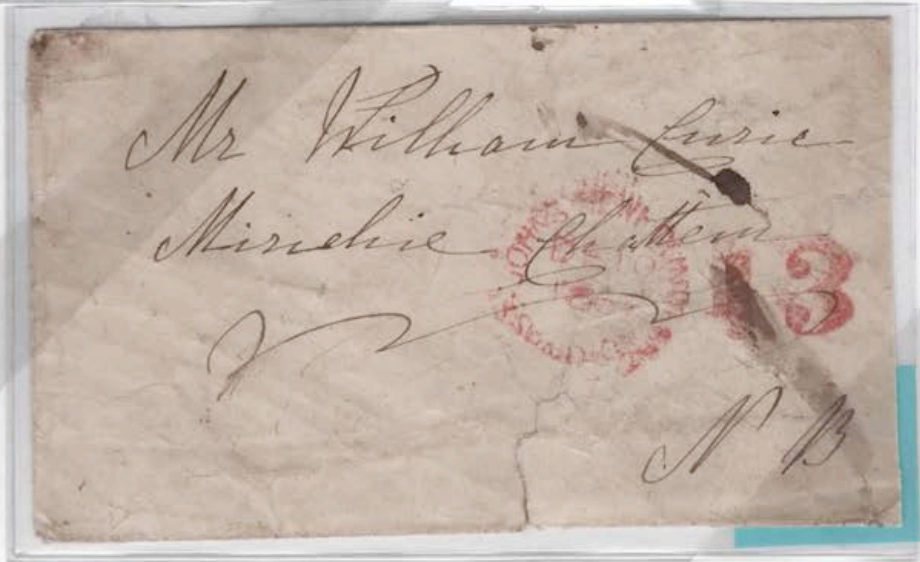
Dec. 10, 1868
to Harbour Grace



St. John's **red 13**
1866 - 1867

Dec. 10, 1867
to N.B.

2 known



POSTAGE DUE



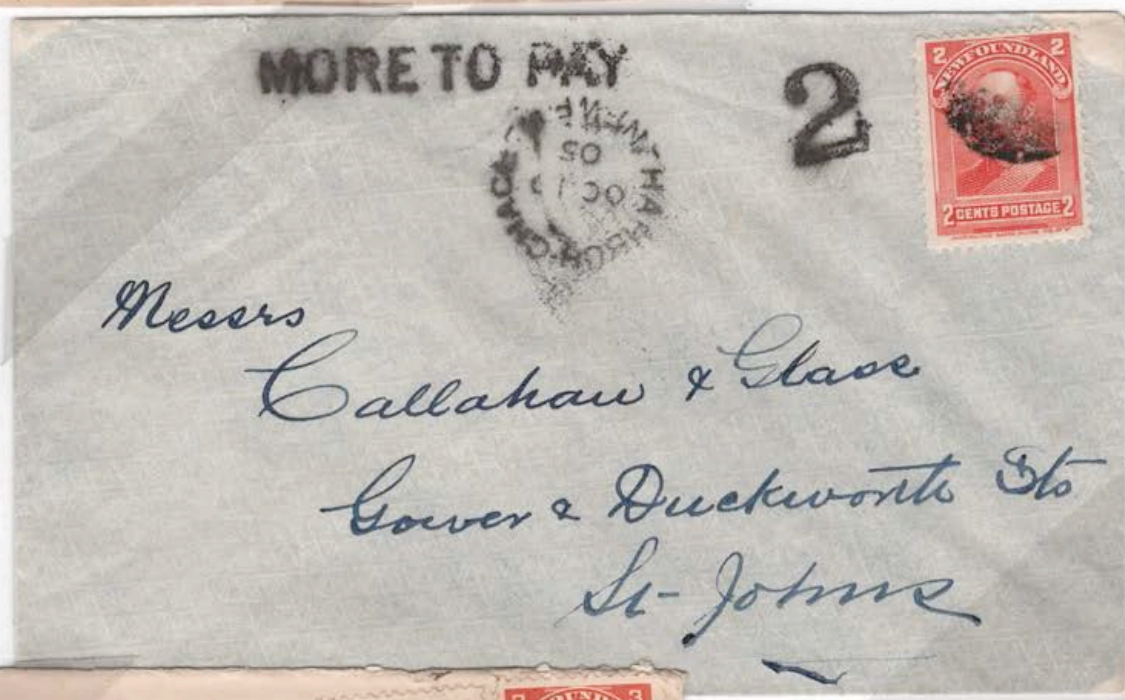
black 6
MORE-TO-PAY
1869 - 1887

deficiency of postage
caused assessment penalty
of double postage

application was
for shortfall 3¢
on a Inland letter
double weight rate
3¢ + 3¢ extra weight

black 2
MORE TO PAY
1896 - 1905

application was
for shortfall 1¢
on a Inland letter
rate of 3¢
1905



black 6
MORE TO PAY
1896 - 1905

application was
for shortfall 3¢
on a Inland letter
double weight 3¢ + 3¢
registered rate of 3¢
1902

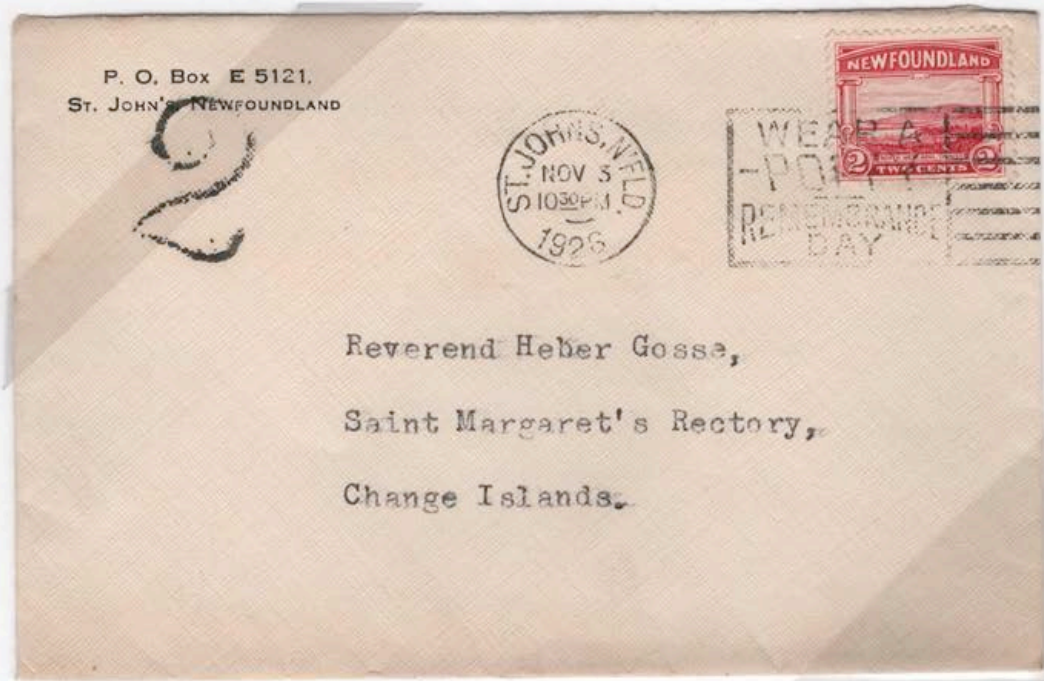


POSTAGE DUE

black 2
1924 - 1926

application was
for shortfall 1¢
on a Inland letter
rate of 3¢
1905

note the use date
for the slogan



POSTAGE _____ DUE
1937 - 1940

application was
for shortfall 2¢
on a Inland letter
rate of 4¢
1938



Post _____ Due marking from late 1938 prior to the issuance of postage due adhesives in 1939.
The blank was filled in by a postal clerk and returned to sender.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

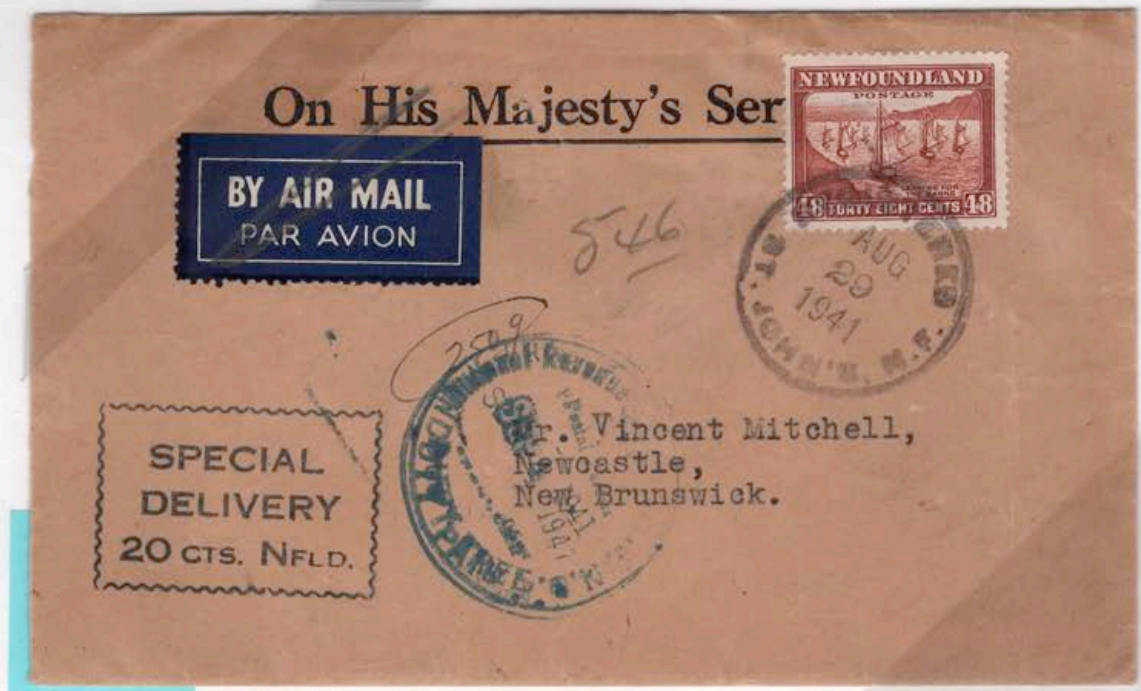
Dotted rectangular box - Special Delivery 20¢ Fee Paid July 11 1932
 4oz USA letter rate 14¢ + registration 10¢ + special delivery fee 20¢



Wavy box
 20cts Nfld
 1941

8¢ double weight rate
 10¢ insurance (up to \$10)
 10¢ registration
 20¢ special delivery

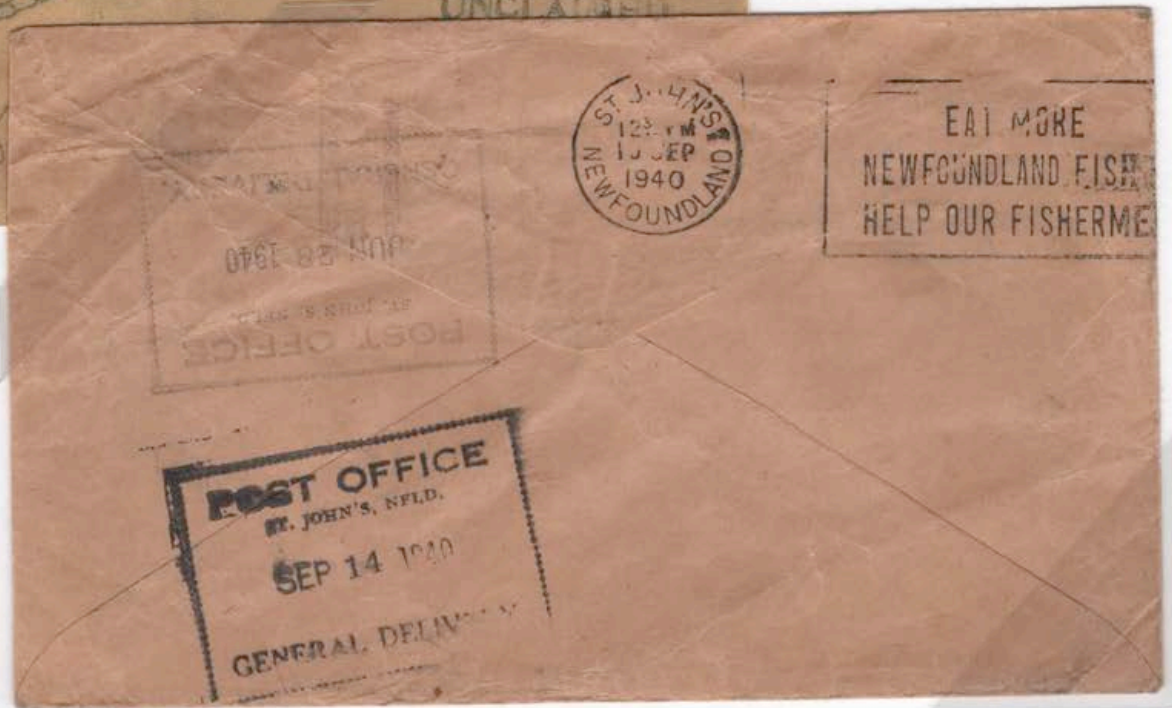
airmail label crossed out
 air service suspended in 41



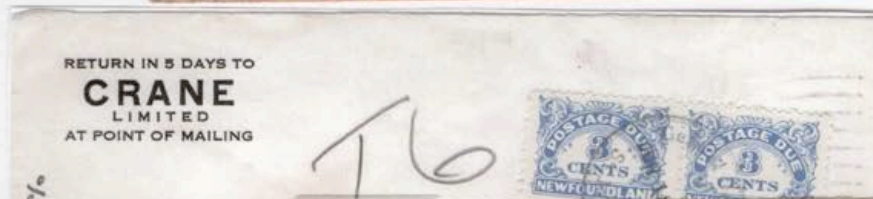
Special Delivery letters from Newfoundland are very scarce less than 12 known

GENERAL DELIVERY

Letters which are undeliverable for a variety of reasons were placed in General Delivery for pickup by the addressee. If not picked up they would be placed in the Dead Letter Office for disposal.



dotted box
1938 - 1940



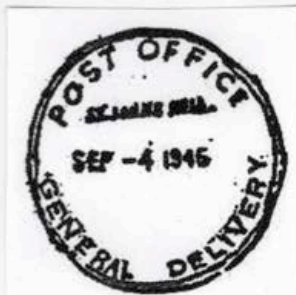
double circle
30 mm
1946 - 1949

GENERAL DELIVERY

wavy box
1931



large circle
50 mm
1945



TOO LATE

If a letter was posted within one hour of the close of the mail clerks wicket the posted mail it was held until the next mailing, usually the following day. If the sender wished to enable their mail to go out on the days despatch they were required to pay an extra fee termed Late Fee. If that fee was not paid, the mail was held until the following day mail posting. A marking **TOO LATE** was applied to the envelope. This was done so as to give notice to the recipient who would have wondered why the mail they were expecting had not arrived by the anticipated time.



TOO-LATE
5 mm letters
1854 - 1869

5¢ Canada
letter rate



TOO LATE
4 mm letters
1886 - 1892

3¢ Inland
letter rate



Late Office 1888 cancel as seen in the proof books of Prichard and Andrews only 1 known used May 15 1889 on 2 cent surcharge stationary post card

TOO LATE

TOO LATE
5.5 mm letters
1893 - 1899



LATE LETTER
1914 - 1931
ST.J. & P.A.B.
R.P.O. Nov 8 1931
3¢ Inland
letter rate
+ 2¢ late fee

S. DOMINIC & SONS
GENERAL DEALERS
CORNER BROOK, N.F.L.D.



LATE LETTER

James Baird Ltd.
St. John's



ADDRESS
MAIL
TO
STREET
BOX NUMBER

copy of back 70%

LATE FEE 2c
1935 - 1946
ST.J. & P.A.B.
R.P.O. July 25 1946
5¢ USA letter rate
+ 2¢ late fee

THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA,
ST. JOHN'S, N.F.L.D.



LATE FEE 2c.

Wabash Appliance Overseas Operations,
401 Broadway,
New York, 13, N.Y.,
U.S.A.

2 Known

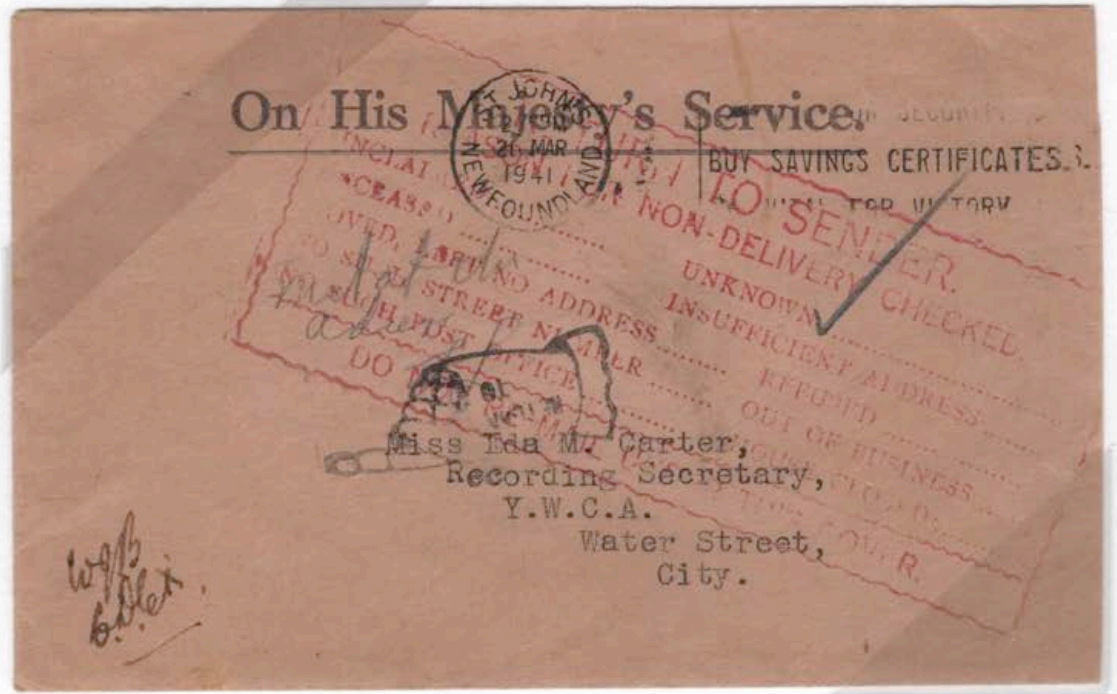
marking lower left reads "Authorized for export by Foreign Exchange Board"

DIRECTION MARKINGS

These markings seem to have originated in the late 1930s.

RETURN TO SENDER
in wavy box
110 mm x 45 mm
1938 - 1948

return reason is ticked



RETURN TO
Pointed Finger
1938 - 1948

usually points
to sender address

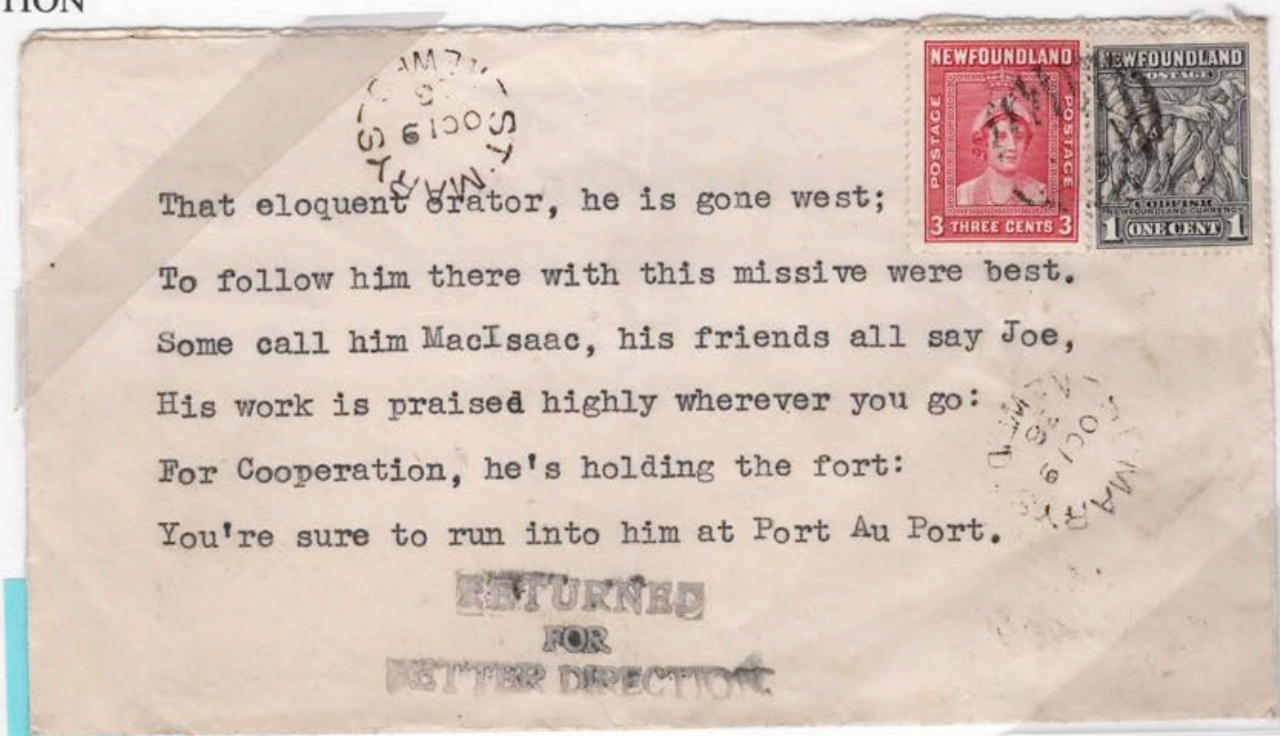


DIRECTION MARKINGS

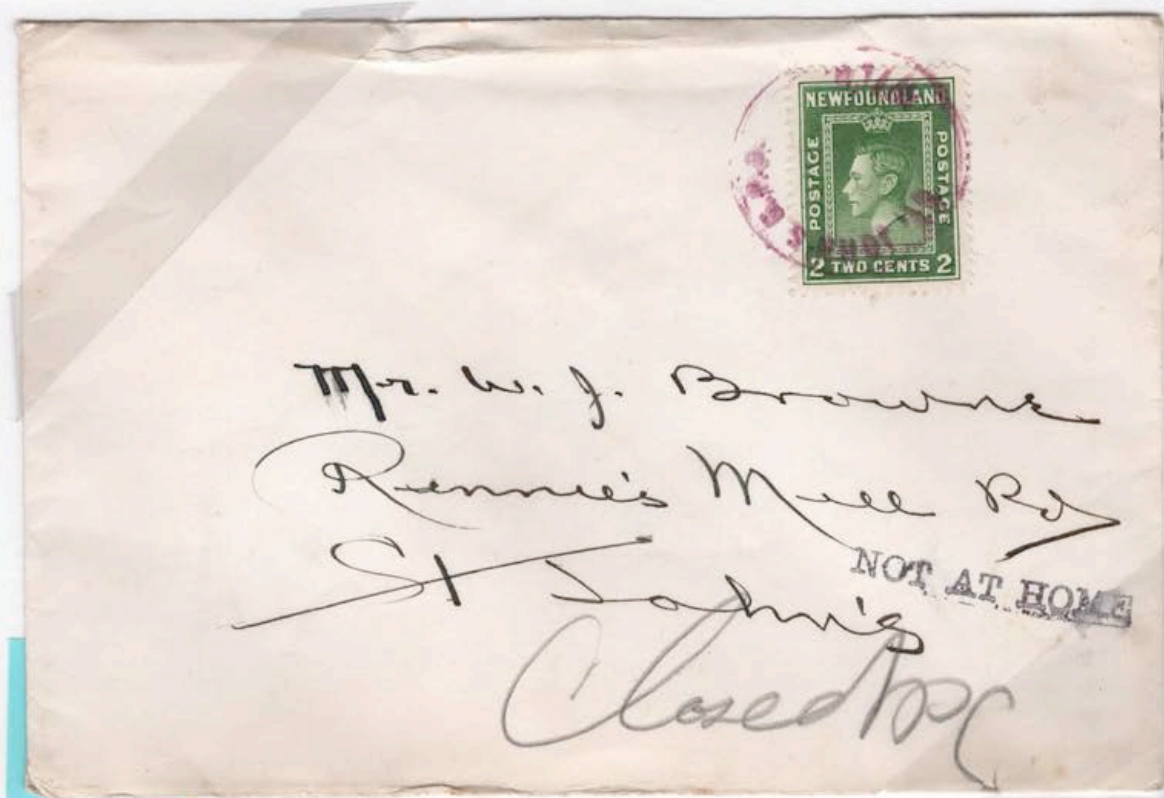
Letter sent from one inland community to another inland community. Address is written in a prosaic style. It was sent to St. John's to receive better routing direction.

RETURNED
FOR
BETTER DIRECTION
1938

3 known



NOT AT HOME



Letter returned by postman to the G.P.O. for reason stated.

AIR MAIL

The issuance of an Air Mail stamp on June 01, 1943 brought about two air mail markings.

double circles
small letters
1943 - 1945

7¢ Canada
airmail fee



double circle
large letters
1946 - 1949



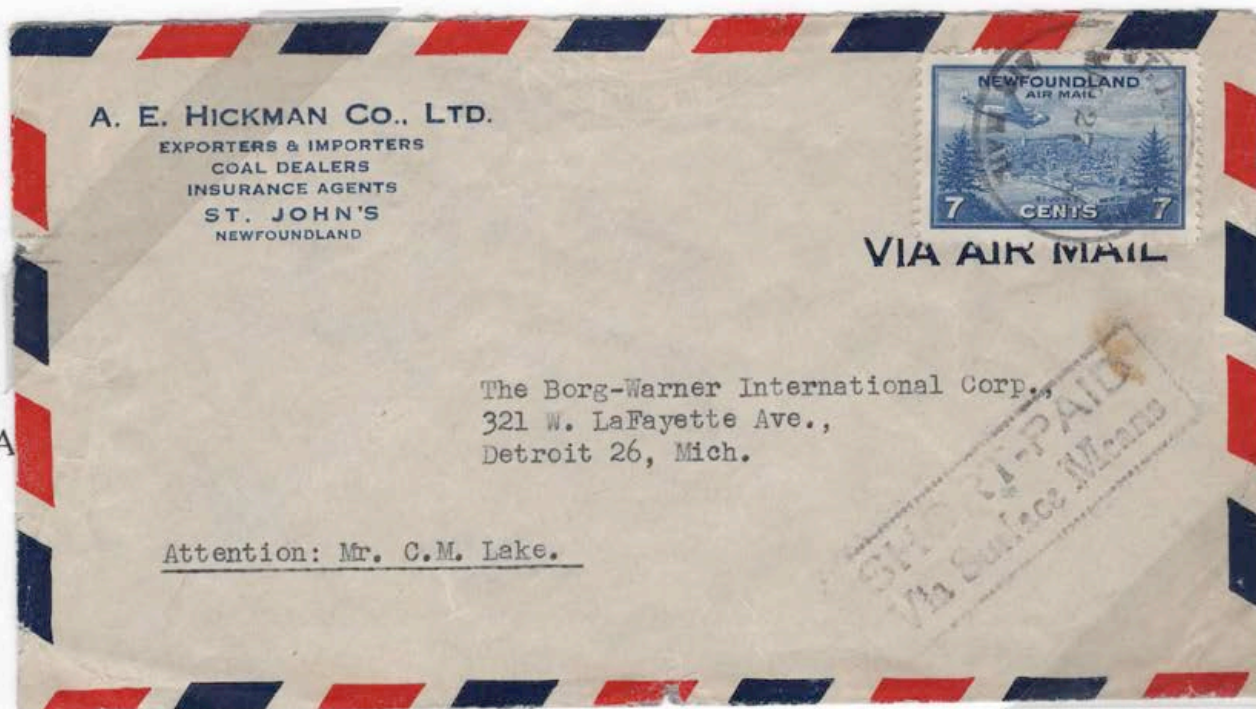
AIR MAIL

The air mail rate from Newfoundland did not change until 1945. All mail with the 7 cent air mail stamp released in 1943 was struck with one of two handstamps between 1945 - 1949 if short on air mail postage fees.

SHORT-PAID

Via Surface Means
dotted rectangle box
1945 - 1949

10¢ required in 1947
for airmail fee to USA



CANCELLED

SHORT PAID

dotted rectangle box
1945 - 1949

60¢ required in 1946 for
airmail fee New Zealand



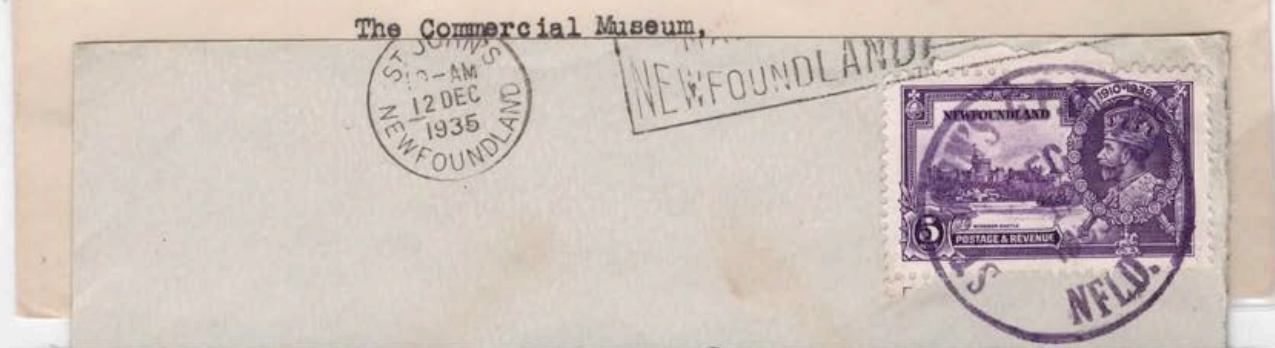
FOREIGN SERVICES

This cancel was applied to mail going to Great Britain, Canada, United States, foreign and any urgent letters. They were often sent by diplomatic pouch and by first means available.

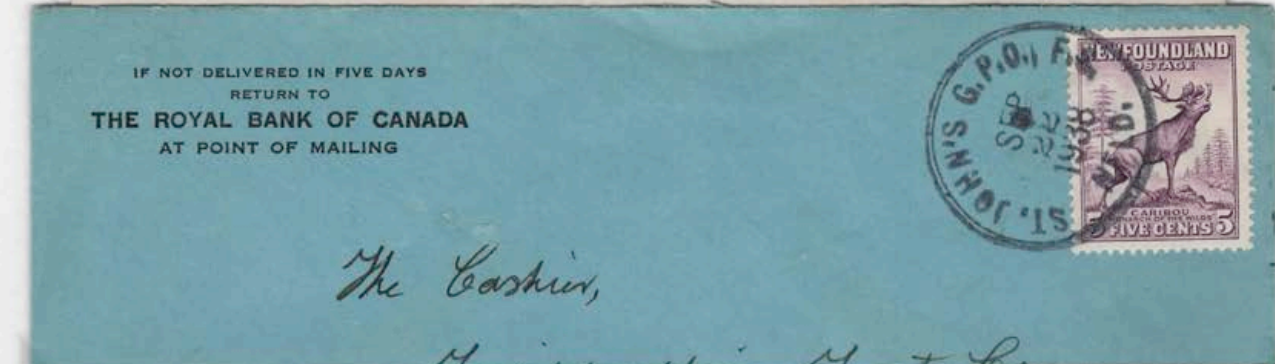
double circle
27 mm
1929 - 1933



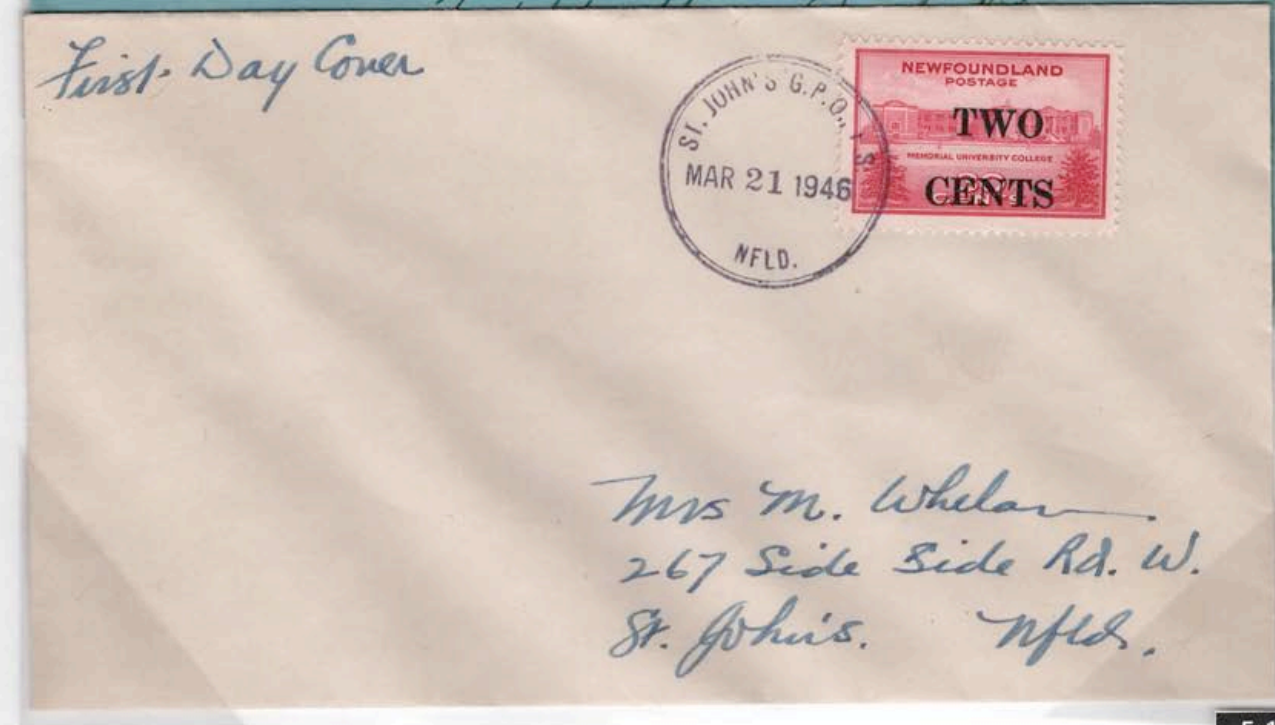
circle
33 mm
1934 - 1935



double circle
27 mm
1936 - 1940

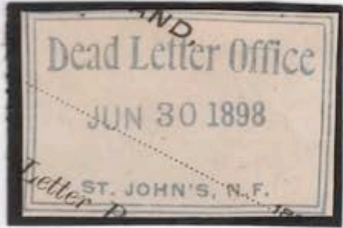


circle
30 mm
1944 - 1949



DEAD LETTER OFFICE

When required the G.P.O. opened the mail to try and determine the sender's correct address. If this was unsuccessful, the mail was passed to the Dead Letter Office. They in turn did due diligence to find to whom to direct that particular piece of mail. The Dead Letter Office then would reseal the envelope and mark it in manner to identifying that the mail had been officially opened. When resealed the letter was initially cancelled with a variety of cancels and later labels were affixed.



double line rectangle
39 mm
St. John's in small letters

1898 – 1906



double line rectangle
39 mm

1906

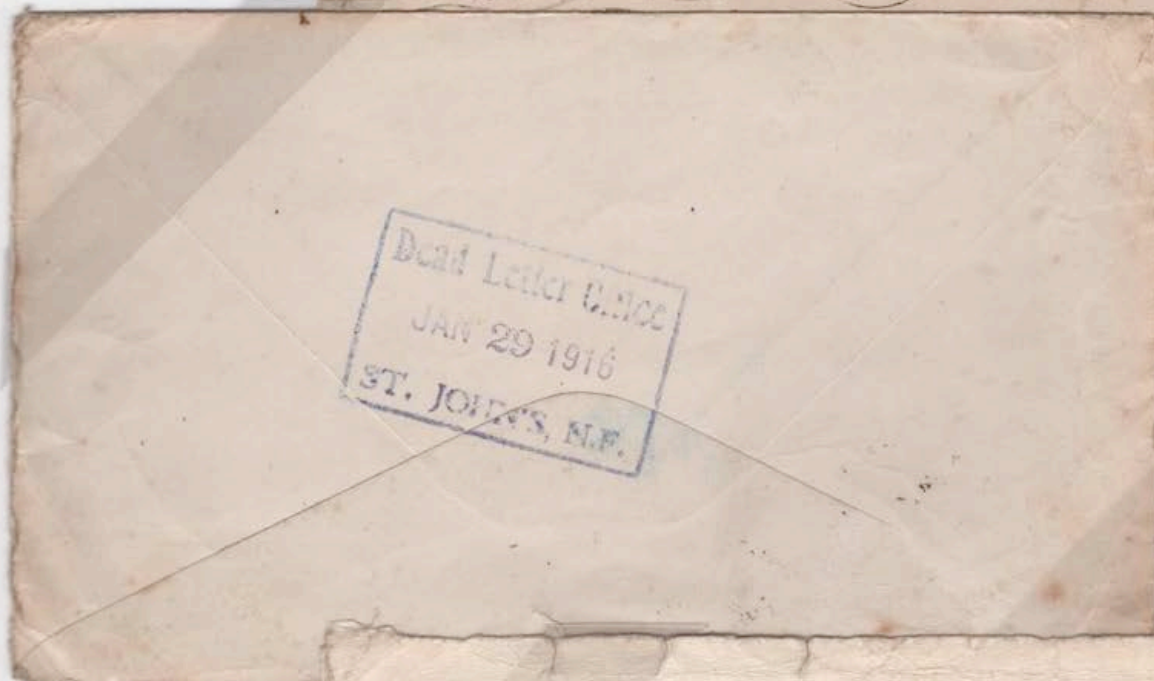


DEAD LETTER OFFICE

double line rectangle
39 mm
St. John's large letters
1908 - 1912



single line rectangle
40 mm
1914 - 1917



double oval
42 mm
1938 - 1947



DEAD LETTER OFFICE

Also employed was the application of an ink cancel to a glued label onto the opened envelope.

dotted rectangle
70 mm
1923.

a glued label affixed;
then struck with
an inked cancel

rectangle
63 mm
1924

dotted rectangle with

Received in Damaged
Condition at G.P.O.
St. John's, Nfld.

Nfld. Coat of Arms
Officially Sealed
adhesive label
1937 - 1947



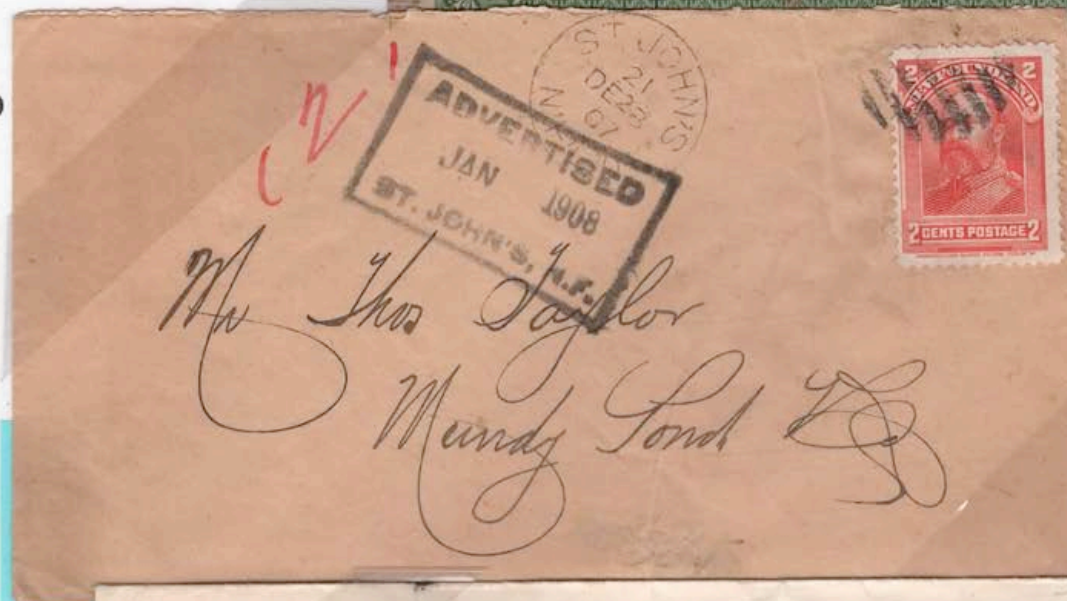
DEAD LETTER OFFICE

Another technique employed by the Post Office was the for the Post Office to place in the local newspaper a special advertisement notice. It stated that mail for the stated individuals was being held at the G.P.O. for a specified time. The held mail had ADVERTISED NOT CALLED FOR cancel applied to the piece of mail. The list was renewed every two weeks. If unclaimed the mail would be returned to sender. If no return address it was given to the Dead Letter Office to handle.

ADVERTISED NOT CALLED FOR
straight Line
1891 - 1895



ADVERTISED
rectangle
37 mm
1901 - 1917



Received Without
Contents
1932

returned by addressee
5¢ Canada
letter rate
+ 10¢ registration fee

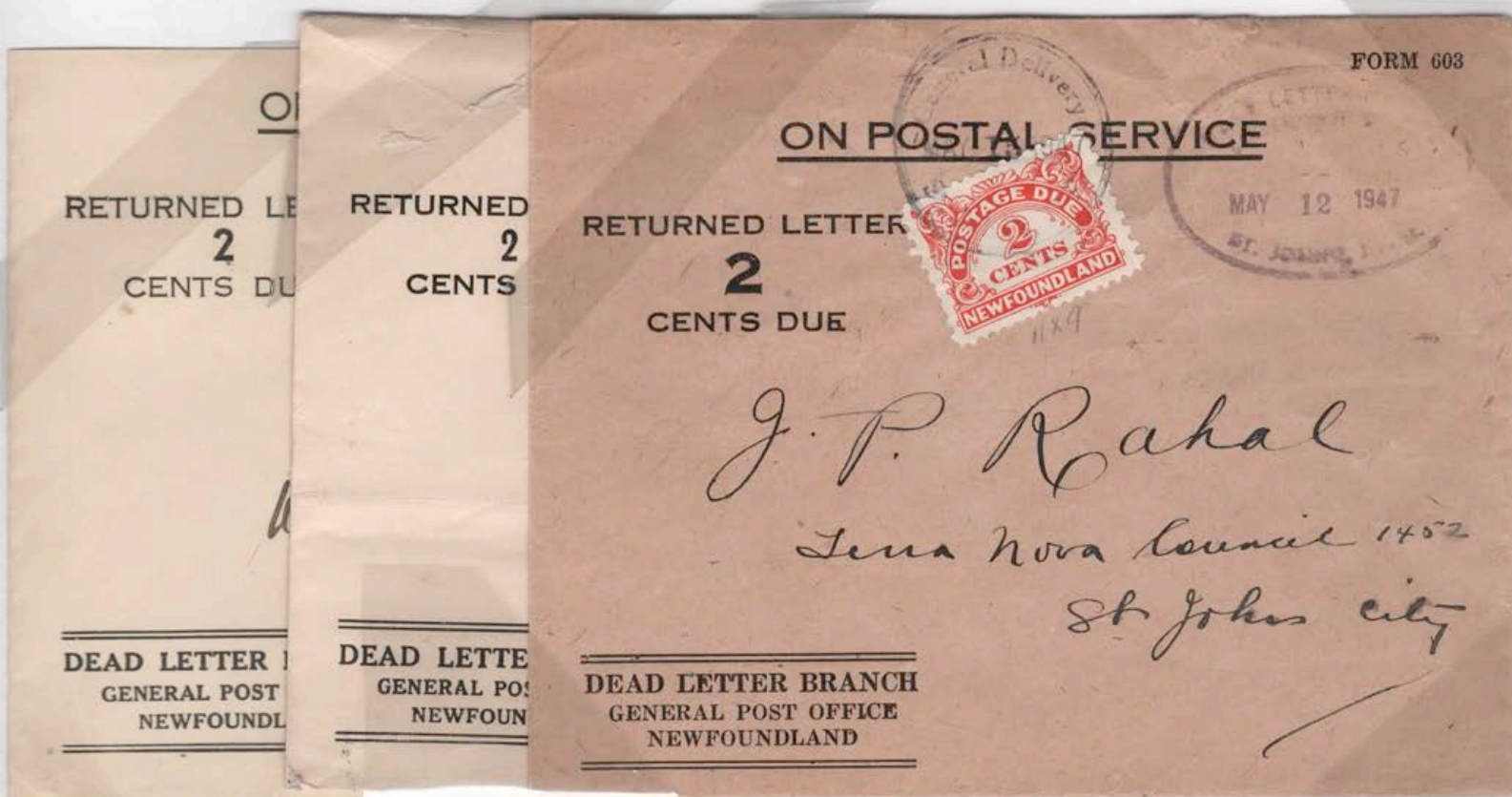
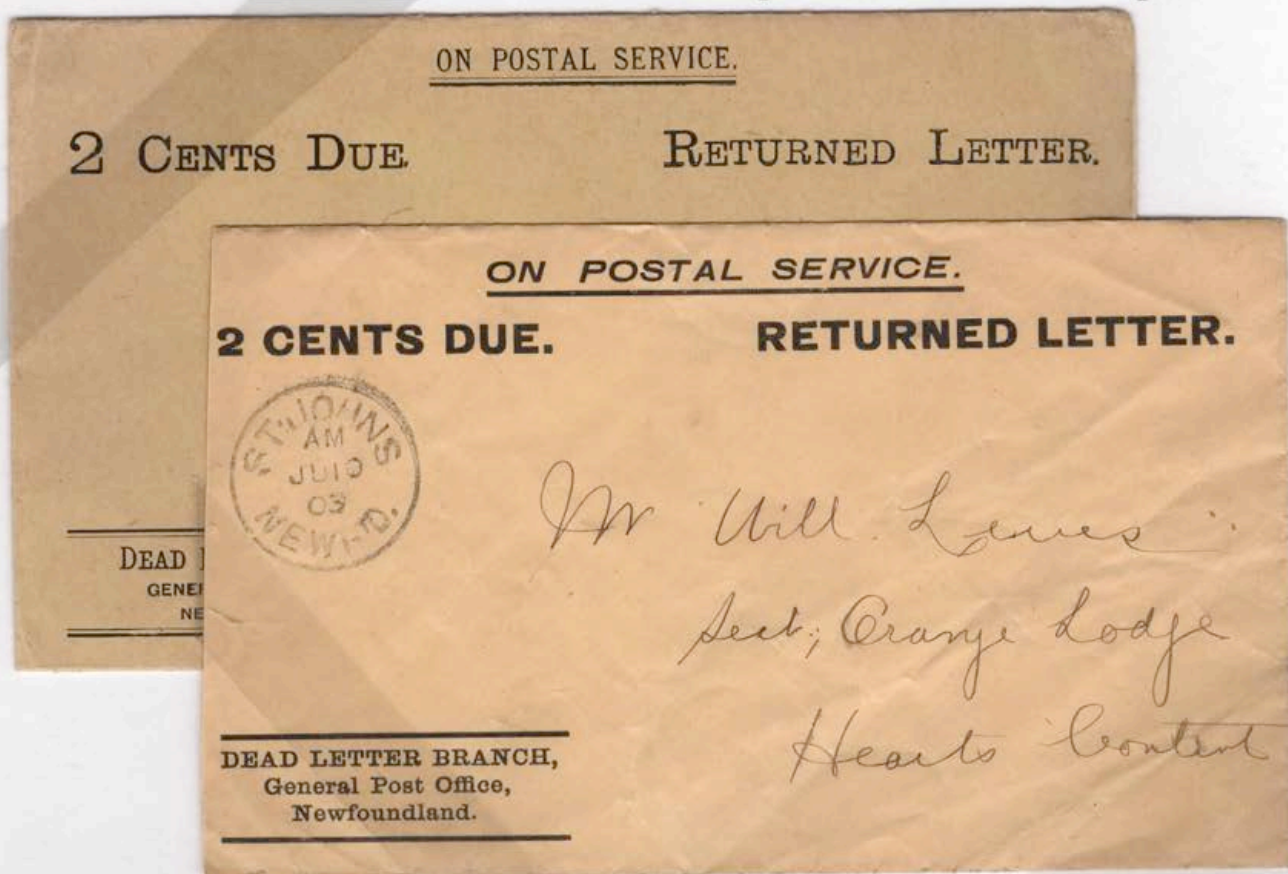


DEAD LETTER OFFICE

Another enhancement by the Dead Letter Office was the use of specially marked envelopes to enable the return of undeliverable letters to the senders. Several sized formula envelopes were developed that had 2 CENTS DUE RETURNED LETTER in various sizes and placements on the envelopes.

2 CENTS DUE

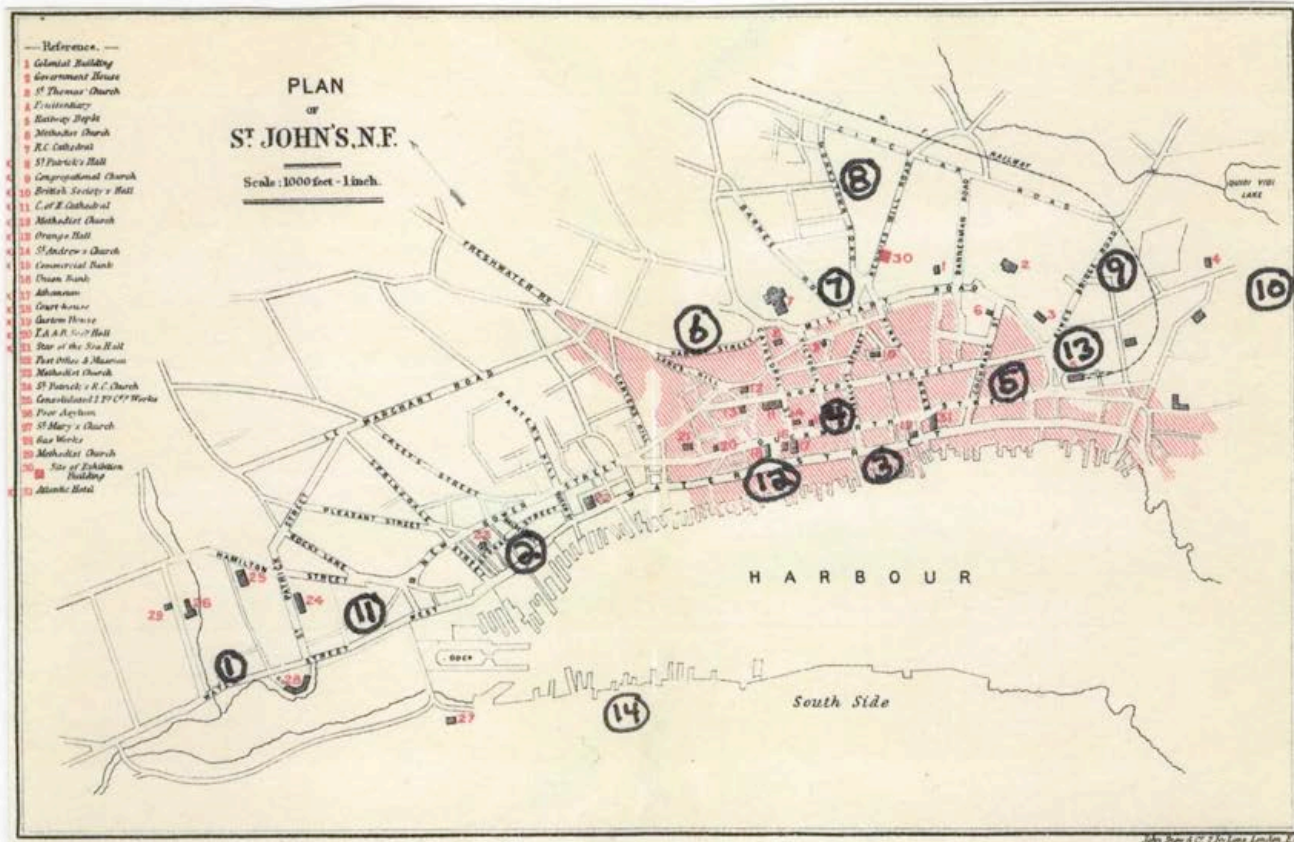
1900 - 1903



numeral 2 others in different styles 1927 - 1949

SUB POST OFFICES of St. John's

The growth of St. John's during the later half of the 1900s exerted pressure on the G.P.O. to instigate enlarging the city postal needs. In the 1885 - 1908 time period to expand mail service several sub offices were opened. More offices into new areas were required as the city continued to expand.



1. Water Street 2. G.P.O. 3. Water Street East 4. Duckworth Street 5. Duckworth Street East
6. Harvey Road 7. Rawlins Cross 8. Monkstown 9. Kings Bridge 10. Quidi Vide Road
11. Riverhead 12. Central 13. Hotel Branch 14. Southside

Southside

1895 - 1900

2 known



SUB POST OFFICES

King's Bridge

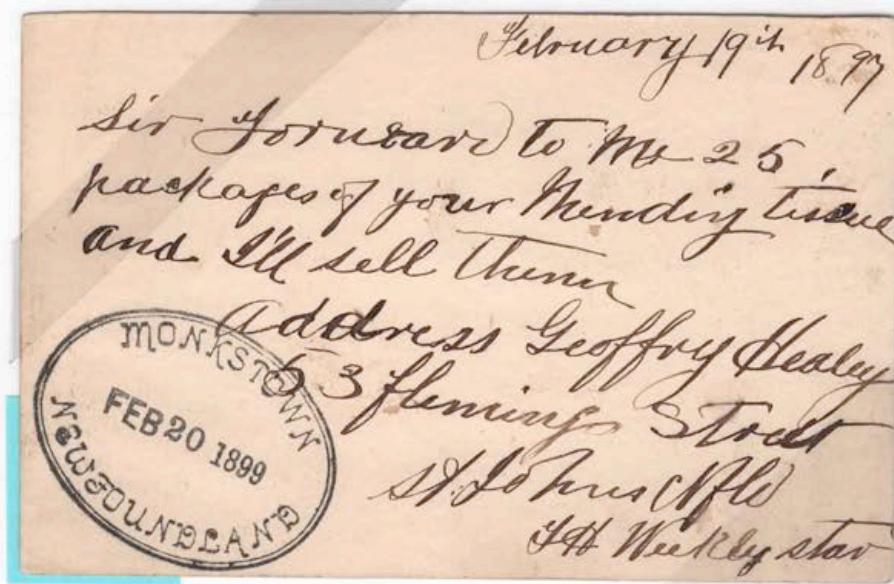
1886 - 1927



Monkstown

1889 - 1900

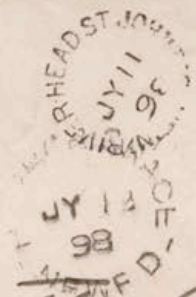
2 known



DANA HARDWARE Co.,
HARDWARE & CUTLERY,
Nos. 22 TO 32 PEARL ST.,
BOSTON.

H. C. Walls Esq

Harbor Grace
Nfld



Riverhead

1886-1906

SUB POST OFFICES

St. John's Central

1 mm arcs

no apostrophe in St. John's

1886 - 1894

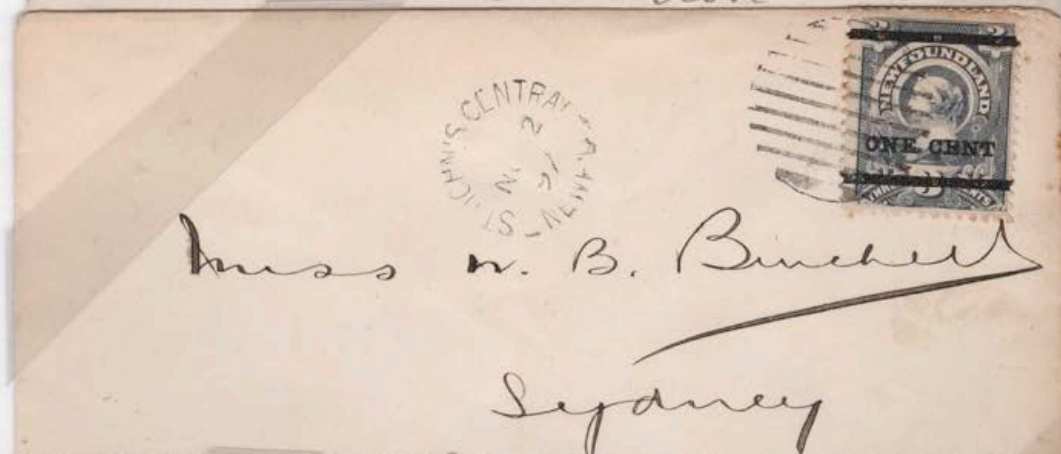


St. John's Central

2 mm arcs

apostrophe in St. John's

1894 - 1925



Duckworth Street East

1902 - 1913



POST CARD

Write here for Inland Postage only

The Address to be written here



Duckworth Street

1907 - 1915

SUB POST OFFICES

Balsam Place, Barnes' Road,
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.
Mrs. E. R. Burgess, Proprietress



Rawlins Cross

1929 - 1934

Mrs. Chamberlain,
30, Canonbury Park North

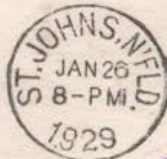


Fred W. Bray, Limited,
John St N.



Mundy Pond RD
split circle

1919 - 1945



M. R. B. C.
Ch. R. R. C.
MUNDY POND, ST. JOHN'S.



Mundy Pond RD
wavy box

1925 - 1930

POST OFFICE
NEWFOUNDLAND

MAY 12 1930

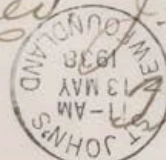
MUNDY POND, St. John's.



Mundy Pond
dotted box

1932 - 1941

Rev. J. A. Burden B.A.
Twillingate.



SUB POST OFFICES

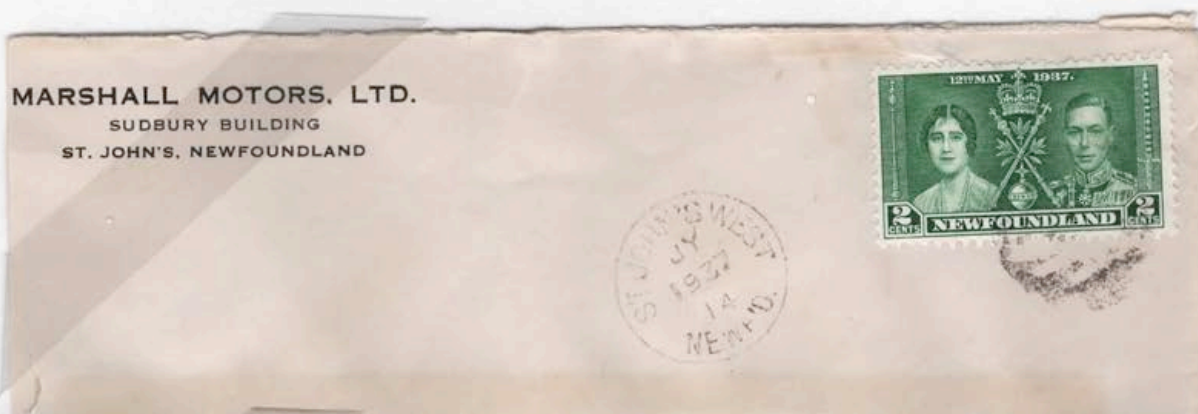


Quide Vide Road
1918 - 1925



Hotel Branch location at
The Newfoundland Hotel
1934 - 1935
1 postcard + 2 pieces known

St. John's West
1932 - 1937



Harvey Road
double circle
26 mm

1944 - 1945



SUB POST OFFICES

Harvey Road
straight line
1944



Harvey Road P.O.
double circle
31 mm
1945

Discovery



Harvey Road P.O.
Single circle
31 mm
1946 - 1949



SUB POST OFFICES

St. John's East
split circle
2 mm arcs
1893 - 1900



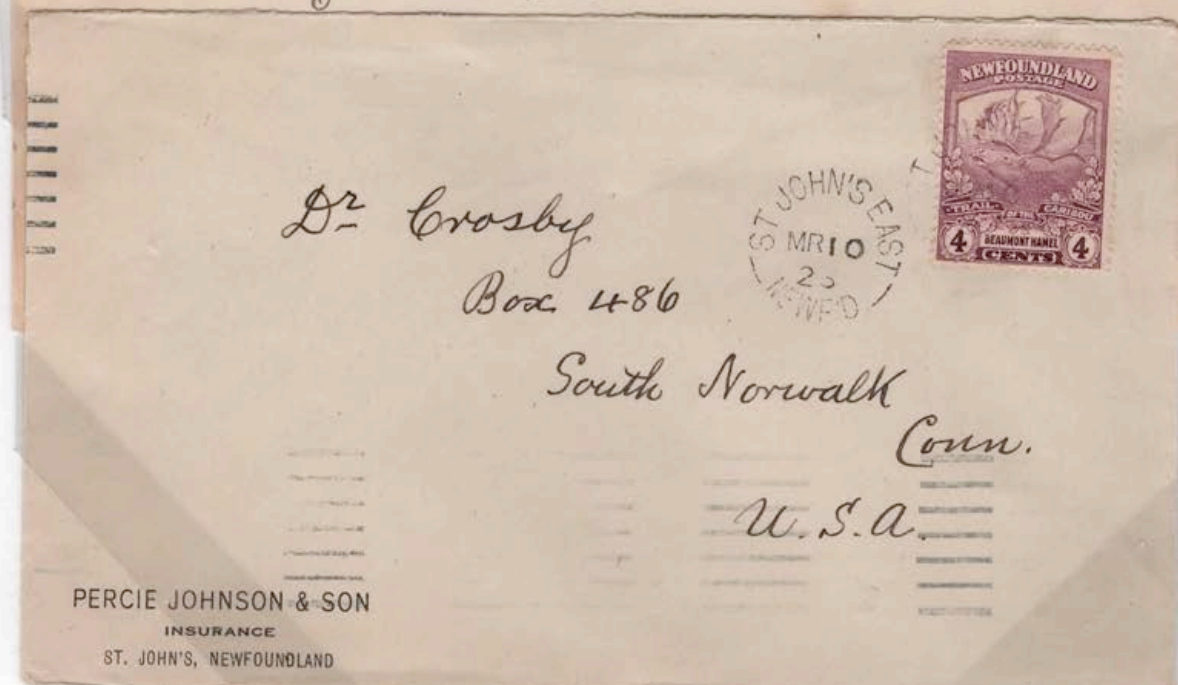
St. John's East
split circle
2.5 mm arcs
1901 - 1911



St. John's East
split circle
3 mm arcs
1915 - 1919



St. John's East
split circle
4 mm arcs
1920 - 1924



SUB POST OFFICES

St. John's East
full circle
23 mm
1923 - 1932



St. John's East
machine cancel
1922 - 1926



St. John's East
time date
42 mm
1923
large arrow



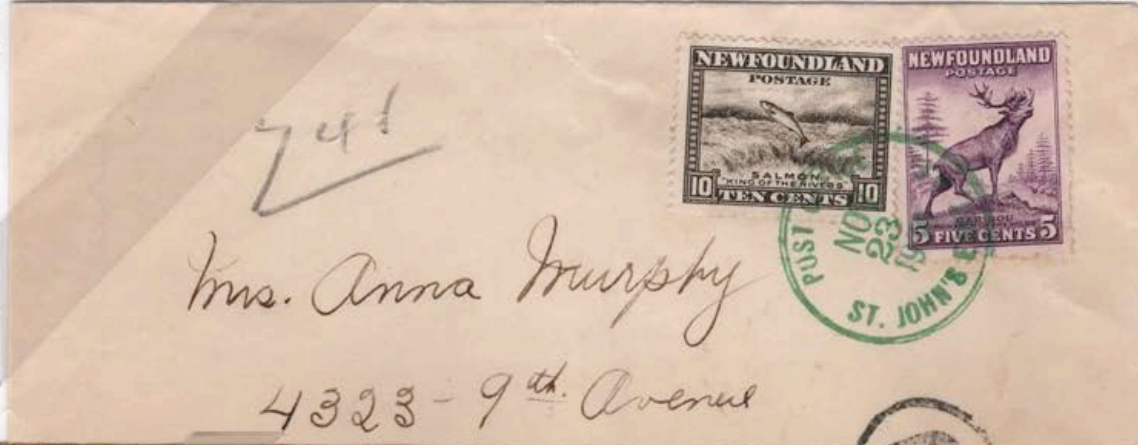
Discovery

S. John's East
time date
45 mm
1932 - 1934
small arrow



SUB POST OFFICES

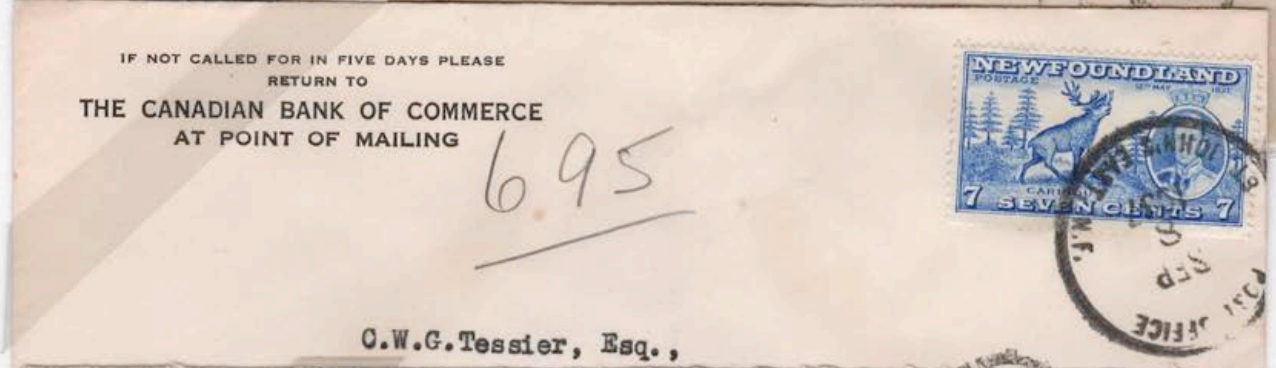
St. John's East
double circle
28 mm
1932 - 1936



St. John's East
double circle
28 mm
1937 - 1939
large letters



St. John's East
double circle
30 mm
1937



St. John's East
double circle
30 mm
1945 - 1949



