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### Newfoundland Study Group Zoom Meeting – March 18, 2023

We held our 18<sup>th</sup> ZOOM session on March 18, 2023. 20 attendees were treated to some interesting presentations including:

**Klaus Wehlt** showing a souvenir card letter from 1935. It's from HMS York and was sent from Lomond to Uniontown P.A. Inside are six pictures from the ship. He also gave update on a Newfoundland Postal Labels that he had presented earlier

**Tony Thompson** stimulated some discussion with a presentation on how people organise their stamp collections.

**Gregory Pope** presented an interesting session on Newfoundland's Halifax Air Mail stamp, "Some Notable Covers."

**Brian Stalker** presented some cancellations from Carbonear that are not in Carl Munden's database. He also told of the unfortunate circumstances that probably led to at least one of these different cancellations. These will be added to the database in due course. **David Piercey** responded with yet another different Carbonear oval cancel. Brian also showed an unlisted cancellation from Offer Wadham, Newfoundland. Got to love some of those town names!!

**Dave Bartlet** then presented some interesting covers from the Hanley-Page Transatlantic flight and an interesting letter from Ernest Pitman (Engineer) to a friend in England. It also has some notes written by T.J. Pitman about the flight and his brother Ernest's involvement. Dave also showed a Botwood to Halifax flight cover dated November 27, 1921, and another cover from the attempt to fly from Halifax to St. John's, January 1922. Neither flight was successful, and any mail carried was forwarded to the destination via surface mail.

If you have never attended one of these ZOOM sessions, please consider joining us for the next one, tentatively scheduled for June 17, 2023 at 1200 noon EST. I guarantee you won't be disappointed.

I am looking for presenters for that meeting as well as articles for the July newsletter. I have no articles in the bank, so please consider contributing an article. It is your newsletter, but without member's participation it won't survive.

### John Walsh FPSCA, and Robin Moore Win the Pratt Award for 2022

For the second consecutive year, BNAPS and Newfoundland Study Group Members John Walsh FRPSL and Robin Moore have co-received the Pratt Award, presented annually by the Collectors Club of Chicago (CCC). On Feb. 1, the CCC announced Walsh and Moore as the 2022 Pratt Award winners for their co-authored article, "Newfoundland: Further Exciting Discovery and Findings in Design Sizes of Perkins Bacon & Co." The duo published the article in the October 2022 issue of *Maple Leaves*, the official publication of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain. It followed their previous articles, Newfoundland: Discoveries in the Design Sizes of the 1933 Gilbert; 1937 Long Coronation and 1938 Royal Family Issues" for the January 2021 issue of *Maple Leaves*, and a follow-up article titled "Newfoundland: Discovery Design Sizes Found on the 5 Cent, 2 Cent Die ii, 4 Cent Rose Lake and 8 Cent Values of the 1932 Perkins Bacon & Co Issue. (Further Proof of Their Different Printing Press Uses and Capabilities)" in the July 2021 issue of the same journal, the journal of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain.

The Pratt Award committee judged the article to be comprehensive, pictorial, informative and a collector's resource, according to a statement issued by the CCC. According to the CCC website, the Pratt Award is named for Col. Robert Pratt, of Milwaukee, Wisc., the pre-eminent Newfoundland stamp and postal history collector, researcher and author. Initiated in 1997, the award consists of a annual honorarium to one author (or pro-rated to two or more authors) for articles or other publications related to the philately of Newfoundland as judged by the committee as significant and of academic merit.

Congratulation John and Robin. Two years running!!

**From Tony Thompson: Re: Blair Ashford, EKU of the 5 cent Caribou Blitz stamp., Feb. SGN #4**

See (NN, 2022, 190 (Jan-Mar 2023), p. 9-12) Re: examination of the 5c caribou Blitz stamp. Found it to be perf. 13.3 comb, 20.9–21.1 mm wide, and with a distinctive feathering around the inked lines caused by the high press pressures and thinner inks used by Waterlow in their rotary presses. The ink on the Perkins Bacon/Sprague printed stamps has a more, blotchy appearance.

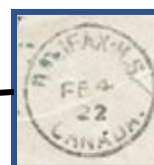
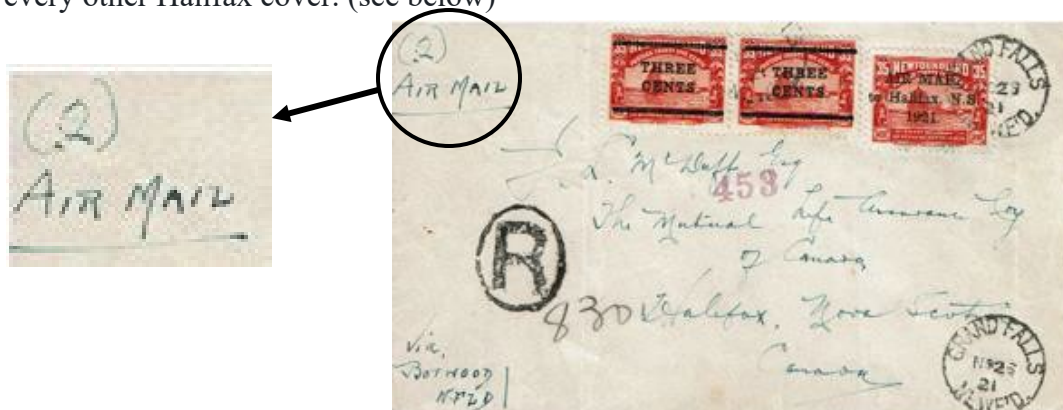
It is difficult to see the details of the 5c caribou in Blair's article, but it looks like comb perf 13.5 and Die I. The size measures at about 20.8 mm, but the size for stamps on cover are usually a bit larger than for stamps off cover.

I wonder if Blair can see the details of the inked lines without a microscope? Perhaps with a good magnifying glass. Feathering would confirm it as a Waterlow printing and a Blitz stamp.

**From Gregory Pope**

I have questions regarding the cover illustrated below. The Grand Falls covers are the only known Halifax covers with other stamps affixed. This example is noted as #2 in the top left corner; A very similar cover, noted as #3, was in Christoph Gartner's February 2012 auction. I expect #1 exists, and perhaps #4 or more. Anyone know their whereabouts?

Does anyone know why the Grand Falls cover would have a different Feb. 4/22 receiving cancel on the back than virtually every other Halifax cover. (see below)



This cover



Normal Cancellation seen

While still the correct date, this is a different CDS than was applied to virtually every flown Halifax cover. A connection to Grand Falls origin?

I am also looking for any examples of Halifax covers with a Nov. 19 or Nov. 20 cancel.