



## BNAPS NEWFOUNDLAND STUDY GROUP NEWS Edition #19 – July 15, 2024



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### BNAPEX 2024

A reminder that the Newfoundland Study Group has a meeting booked at BNAPEX on Saturday, August 24, 10:40 – 12:00. **For those of you unable to attend in person, I have made arrangements for our Study Group Session to be available on ZOOM. More information for logon will follow before the meeting.**

#### Confirmed speakers:

- 1) **Robin Moore**: A presentation on “Surviving Cancel Devices of Newfoundland”, a bit of a show and tell.
- 2) **Greg Pope**: A presentation on “Notable Halifax Airmail Covers”.

# Welcome! Bienvenue!



Photo credit: Tourism Kingston  
Kingston City Hall



## BNAPEX 2024 Kingston BNAPS convention, exhibition, and bourse 23-25 August 2024

Friday (10:00-17:00) Saturday (10:00-1:00) Sunday (10:00-15:00)

The convention venue is the St. Lawrence College Event, Conference and Banquet Centre  
100 Portsmouth Ave, Kingston K7L 5A6

**From Klaus Wehl: IA mysterious parcel-front for a registered parcel to the USA**

Recently I was able to acquire some covers from Newfoundland to Cambridge/Mass. in the USA. All franked with Caribou issue stamps and not very well preserved, obviously a real attic find. I was attracted to the lot because it was not properly described: five covers and two letter fronts. However, it was obvious that these two were parcel fronts. Parcel post items are hard to find, therefore I bought the lot



I would like to present one of them here. Unfortunately, it cannot be dated because there is no date postmark on the front. But it doesn't really matter when exactly this parcel was sent. There is a faint trace of a line-postmark "REGISTERED" in the lower left corner. The postage rate still gives me a puzzle. According to the postal regulations, see the yearbooks of this period, parcels had to be delivered to the post office. Foreign parcels were always sent via the main post office in St. John's.

**General.**

No parcel should be posted in a letter box, but must in all cases be taken to the Post Office and presented at the wicket, where forms will be supplied and information given.

All parcels for abroad received at any Post Office in this Colony must be sent to the General Post Office, St. John's, to be made up in Parcel mails.

*Newfoundland Yearbook & Almanac, 1919*

It can therefore be assumed that the postage is correct. Here, a 15c stamp of the John Cabot issue and five 2c stamps of the caribou issue are affixed, i.e. a total of 25c.

A parcel to the USA costs 12c per lb.

Parcels are accepted for transmission to the United States subject to the following rules:—Not exceeding one pound, 12 cents; for each pound or fraction of a pound, 12 cents.

No parcel may exceed eleven pounds in weight, three feet six inches in length, or six feet in length and girth combined.

*Newfoundland Yearbook & Almanac, 1919*



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Foreign parcels could not be sent by registered mail, but parcels from the outports could be sent registered as far as St. John's.

#### Registration.

Local Parcels may be registered for 3 cents. Parcels for places abroad cannot be registered, (although when addressed to the United Kingdom they may be insured), to destination and may be registered from outports to St. John's.

*Newfoundland Yearbook & Almanac, 1919*

According to the Newfoundland Yearbook & Almanac 1921, the post office was authorized to collect 5c for dutiable foreign parcels. This has to be documented by stamps that were affixed to the parcel and canceled.

Postmasters are authorized to collect five cents from the addressee of dutiable parcels, in addition to the Customs duty charges, upon delivery. This they account for by affixing and defacing stamps to value of five cents to the parcel cover.

*Newfoundland Yearbook & Almanac, 1921*

Possible calculation of postage, parcel sent 1920 or later:

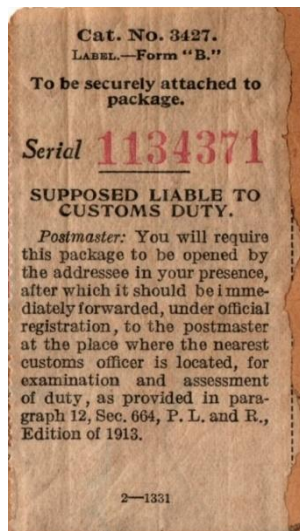
US parcel postage up to 1 lb weight: 12c

Domestic registration fee to St. John's: 5c (from 16.7.1920)

Customs duty: 5c

together: 22c, leaving a difference of 3c

Something must be wrong with my calculation



I also find this parcel label interesting. I wrote in my article on the COD service that I had never seen the corresponding COD labels (complete or in part) before. The same applies to parcel labels. I had never seen one before, this part of the label had to be affixed to the parcel and was valid for registered parcel shipments to the nearest post office with customs officials.

#### Literature used:

DAI: Newfoundland Yearbook & Almanac, 1919, 1921 and 1925

Walsh, John M., 2016 Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue, 10<sup>th</sup> edition

Wehlt, Klaus, Newfoundland, the COD service, Newfoundland Newsletter, 3.24



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### A SEARCHABLE INDEX FOR THE NEWFOUNDLAND NEWSLETTERS

**From Malcolm Back:** I reported this in January's SGN #13 that Brian Damien has been working on an updated Index for the Newfoundland Newsletter. Brian has a working copy that he would like to share with you, especially to receive any feedback from users. **Please contact me if you would like to receive a copy.** I have used it myself for research and find it is an invaluable research aid. Thank you, Brian for putting this together.

**From Brian Damien:** I have been working on a new index to the Newfoundland Newsletter. This version covers issues 1 through 195, and is searchable by author, other proper names, and topics. It includes direct links to the individual newsletters on the BNAPS website.

I intend to update this on a regular basis, as each new issue of the newsletter appears online at bnaps.org. I also will work to provide it in whatever formats are most useful for our members. The underlying work is an Excel spreadsheet which can be used to generate a variety of digital and printable files.

As is the case with many projects that involve collecting data over a period of time, often, you don't figure out the best way of doing things until you have nearly finished. That has been my experience with making this index, and I view this as a work in progress that can be continually improved as shortcomings become apparent.

I have tried to be careful in the language used to describe topics, so that articles on similar topics are brought together. For example, all articles on airmail flights and covers are brought together under a heading like

Airmail – 1919 – Alcock and  
Brown Airmail – 1933 –  
Balbo

It's been quite an education for me to read through the work this group has published in the newsletter over the last forty years. My hat is off, in thanks and admiration, for all the good work that has been done by dozens of group members since 1985.

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**From Malcolm Back:** The July 2024 edition of the Newfoundland Newsletter was Number 196. That means that Number 200 will be published next July. I would like to make this a special issue as I believe this is quite a Milestone for our Study Group. If you any ideas to make this a Special Issue I would love to hear from you. Also please consider preparing an article for this Special or any Edition leading up to it.

As always I am always looking for articles for upcoming Newsletters.