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From the Editor: Just a reminder, I need articles for the April Newsletter and beyond. I have nothing in the way of Member articles in the Bank. Please consider writing something: a recent acquisition, a favourite cover, a favourite stamp issue, etc.

We now have a ZOOM meeting scheduled for Feb 15, 2025. (See invitation below). There is room for more presentations. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to present something at this meeting. Thanks as always to Charles Livermore and BNAPS for Hosting these meetings.

Newfoundland Study Group ZOOM session:

Klaus Wehlt will present on "Newfoundland - UPU Specimens, an Update"

Feb 15, 2025 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82674401488?pwd=U8dhcdGEnQnmuTg5NSMuGUbx47EtLo.1>

If attending by telephone:

Meeting ID: 826 7440 1488

Passcode: 817341

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82674401488?pwd=U8dhcdGEnQnmuTg5NSMuGUbx47EtLo.1>

From Tony Thompson, FRPSL: A short comment for the Newfoundland Newsletter. I was reading the first issue of 2025 and immediately noticed the relatively large size of the images showing all the details that the authors intended to show. Other publications all too often, shrink images so much that the salient features are almost impossible to see. Additionally, I see that the PDF is 3.1 mB for 16 pages – a relatively large file size that further supports high quality images. I assume that no one has problems downloading larger files any longer. I am sure all will join me in thanking Mal and Martin for their hard work in 2024 in producing the newsletter with its large clear images and interesting articles.

From Klaus Wehlt: As is so often the case, I stumbled across an interesting newspaper article while looking for something completely different.

On June 11, 1886, the General Post Office published a notice that free delivery of letters and newspapers within the city limits of St. John's would be introduced with immediate effect. I assume that previously incoming mail and newspapers had to be collected from the post office. I have not found anything about this in the Newfoundland Almanac of 1886. If I remember correctly, I have found post office advertisements in much older newspapers listing unclaimed mail, but I didn't find anything right away.

Questions: Were you aware of this announcement?

Do you know how mail delivery was organized in St. John's before?

Is this something the other Study Group members might be interested in?



Evening Telegram, St. John's, Newfoundland, June 22nd, 1886

NOTICE!

General Post Office.

ON and after this date there will be a **FREE DELIVERY OF LETTERS AND PAPERS** by Carriers throughout the City limits.

Carriers are authorized to collect insufficiently-paid postage, and nothing further.

The public are requested to have their correspondence hereafter addressed to their Street and Number, to facilitate the delivery. Box-holders should have their correspondence addressed to their respective numbers.

J. O. FRASER,
Post-Master General.

General Post Office, }
June 11th, 1886. } j11.12ifp

I also found this announcement: That's only a part of the complete announcement

The Public Ledger, St. John's, Newfoundland, March 1st, 1867

List of Unclaimed Letters remaining in the General Post Office, St. John's.		SEABORN'S LIST.		
Corrected to 11th February, 1867.				
A	Knight, Ellen Kielly, Lizzy King, Ellen Knight, Richard	A	H. Lawrence Alexandria	
Andrews, George, cows lane Aylward, Michael Andreoli, Valentine Armstrong, J.	L	B	B. Doran Henrietta	
B	Leary, Mrs. Martin water street LeGrew Emma petty harbor Louis, Bessy	C	H. Hinde Jane Hood	
Brennan, Mrs. Johanna river head Byrne, Miss Mary & Mrs. O'Connor, kings bridge Barrey, August Beale, S. Buck, John Butt, Caroline flower hill Bushad, mary Butworth, Eliza Brown, Thomas, care of R. J. Kert Bolton, James Boyd, Thomas kings road Bridge, Benjamin Brimingham, Catherine Petty Harbor Brennan, Mrs. G water street Brennan, Margaret care J. Power G. hill road Breen, Capt. Wm. water street	M	D	Condor Constance Constantia Dauntless " "	
C	Martin, Mary lion square Moore, Edward south side McGuire, James Mayne, Richard 234, duckworth street Matthews, Anne Murray, Mary Murphy, Nicholas Morrison, Mary Anne Murray, Johanna McDonald, Francis monks town road McGrath, Eleanor Minto, Sarah Morgan, George Mahon, Mrs. care N. Bouling Mat-race, Wm care Mr. Hutchings Martin, Mrs. W. white hill Marceaux, Louis mariner McNamara, Martin Martin, Henry Martin, Joseph casey's	E	E	Era 2 Florence Henrietta " "
Cox, Arthur Carey, Michael south side Clarke, James Carter's hill Cogan, Julia Cantwell, James Carroll, Ellen Creech, Thomas	N	F	F	Florencia W. Sutherland J. Boyle J. Connell
		G	G	G. Campbell Margaret Ann J. Pallam P. Hesel Margaret
		H	H	W. Whiston Queen of the Fal J. Giles J. Tate Capt. Harry W. Sutherland J. Boyle J. Connell
		I	I	Henrietta J M Margaret Q S Sarah Williams Stella-2 T Talbot W Wanderer

Letters not forwarded for want of Pre-payment of Postage.

Miss Mary S. Power, care of Fallen & Wilde, Louisville, Mass.
Thomas Brine, South Boston.
Richard Dwyer, New York.
Mrs. Margaret Facey, care of Mr. Kane, Washington Avenue, New York.
Miss Ellen Simms, 67th Avenue, New York.
John Lewis, Brig "Charlotte" New York, care M. E. Green & Currie.
Francis Battles mount
Hope, Morris, County, New Jersey
Joseph Delaney, Carpenter, W. Peters's
Catherine Gates Wisconsin U. S.
James Row Lake Superior Michoiga
Robert Saffield, Campo Billio.

Parties applying for any of the above Letters will please say they are ADVERTISED.

From Blair Ashford:

Poem Mail

I have owned this cover for a few years, mainly due to the marking “RETURNED/ FOR/ BETTER DIRECTION” – one of only three known examples. This fall, while researching another topic, I stumbled upon a notice in the 27th October 1938 Post Office Circular. Apparently, using a poem as an address was becoming enough of an issue to warrant an official mention and directions on handling.

Dated 19 October 1938, this cover makes me wonder: could it have been the catalyst for that notice? With no other markings or return address, and a vertical fold, the evidence suggests this letter was opened and returned inside a Dead Letter Office ‘ambulance’ cover, in alignment with the instructions in the circular.

While finding Joe MacIsaac in Port au Port probably wasn’t too hard, it seems the trend of poetic addresses had become a frustrating one for postal workers!

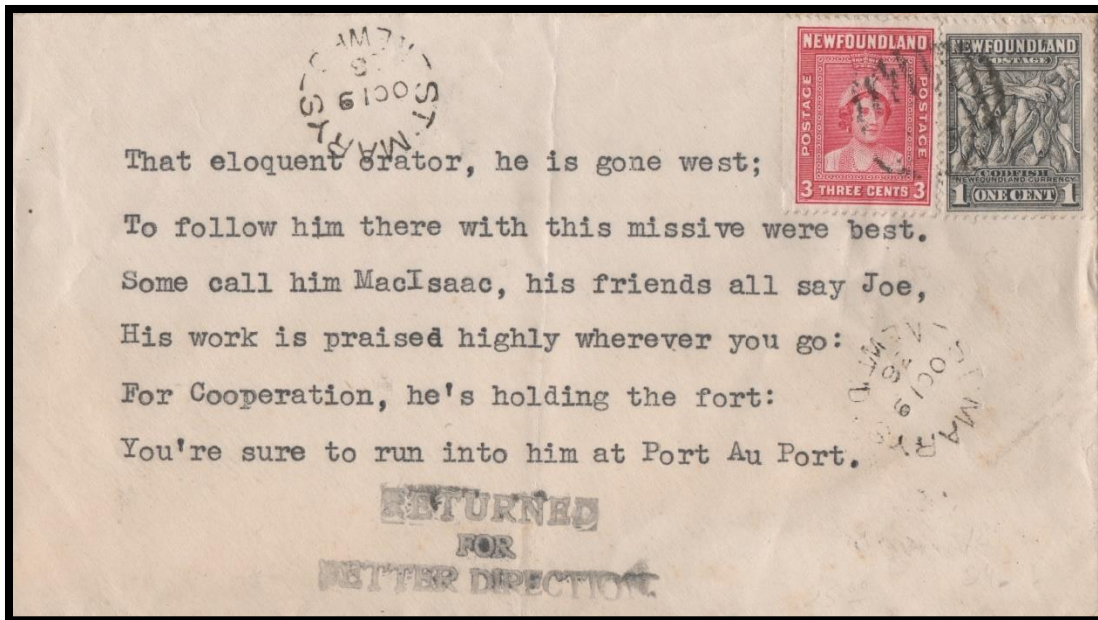


Figure 1: St Mary’s postmark dated 19 October 1938 with the rare marking “RETURNED/ FOR/ BETTER DIRECTION.” St Mary’s is located on the Avalon Peninsula, about 100 km southwest of St. John’s. The intended destination, Port au Port, is on Newfoundland’s west coast, roughly 600 km away, perhaps underscoring the challenge for postal staff.

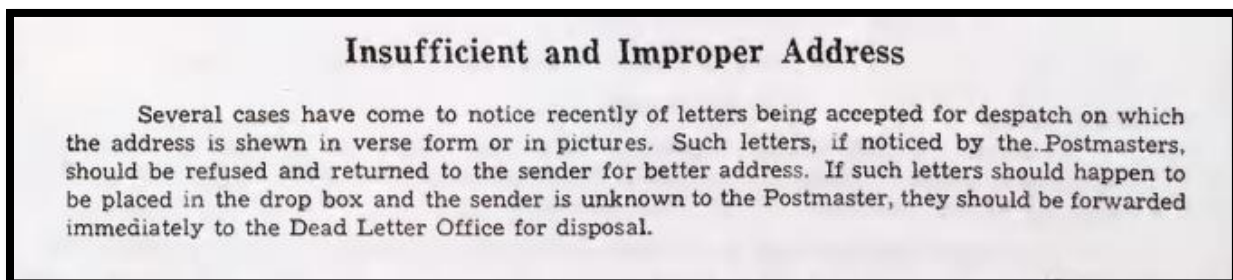



Figure 2: Official notice addressing the use of unconventional, poetic addresses.
A scan of part of page 410 of the 27th of October 1938 Post Office Circular.



There are two important BNA Collections coming to auction in February. Some major rarities are up for sale. - Editor


The Hobart Collection
New Brunswick & Nova Scotia
Part I



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Sale 1
British North America (October 5, 2024)

Sale 2
Canada Part One (November 15, 2024)

Sale 3
Airmails of Canada & Newfoundland
(Winter 2025)

Sale 4
Canada Part Two (Spring 2025)

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