



# BNAPS NEWFOUNDLAND STUDY GROUP NEWS

## Edition #26 – March 15, 2025



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**From the Editor:** Just a reminder, I need articles for the Newsletter. Please consider writing something: a recent acquisition, a favourite cover, a favourite stamp issue, etc.

**Our July Newsletter issue will be #200.** I would like to make this a special edition to mark this important milestone. Any thoughts going forward, reminisces, about the Study Group would be appreciated. I will also be looking at our Archives for ideas.

**ORAPEX May 3-4 2025:** We will again be attending the ORAPEX show in Ottawa (see flyers below) and will have a Study group session on Saturday May 3 at 11:00 am. Details will follow. This is a great way to engage with the public and other collectors to promote the hobby and BNAPS and our Study Group. If you would like to present something at this venue, please let me know as soon as possible. Recent acquisitions, favourite covers, stamp collecting going forward would be appropriate.

**PS We are trying to have a ZOOM session for this talk but this has not been confirmed yet.**

Our speaker this year is Blair Ashford.

### The Dead Letter Office of St John's Newfoundland

Blair Ashford specializes in Newfoundland postal history, with a focus on marcophily and postal operations. In this presentation, he will explore the Dead Letter Office (DLO) in St. John's, Newfoundland, discussing its operations, markings, and significance. By showcasing key items from his collection and elements of his original research, Blair aims to provide new insights into this overlooked aspect of postal history. This talk serves as a foundation for his upcoming single-frame exhibit, and he welcomes feedback to help refine the final exhibit.



*Ed.- Marcophily, occasionally called Marcophilately, is the specialised study and collection of postmarks, cancellations and postal markings applied by hand or machine on mail that passes through a postal system and applied by the postal operator through whose domain they pass.* *Source Wikipedia*



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#### From Graham Searle in the UK, Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain:

Malcolm,

I am just starting to put together some thoughts on the programme for our 2025 CPSGB Convention. We will be holding this year's event over Zoom in the week commencing 6 October, a couple of weeks after BNAPEX where Karen and I hope to attend. Using the Zoom format opens the door to a larger number of North American collectors being able to take part this year and to facilitate this I am planning to hold all the main philatelic displays in the evenings UK time.

Putting these factors together, I would love to get a few Zoom displays from Canadian or US based collectors whose material is rarely, if ever, seen over here.

I know that since the pandemic many collectors have become fairly expert in giving online displays over Zoom or Teams and I am guessing that many folks over your side of the pond have ready made displays they may have given to local or regional groups that have never had a showing over here.

The programme will include a range of different philatelic items including-

- some larger displays of 1 hour plus duration (think 40 - 50 slides plus). These would not be restricted to CPSGB members but could equally be given by BNAPS or PHSC members
- at least one evening devoted to members short displays (could be as little as 1 slide but think a max of 16 - so one frame or less). The idea here would be to get the widest possible mix of material and for those of you who have attended our, in person Conventions, this would be a digital version of the Members Sheets slot.
- our usual one frame competition - open only to CPSGB members.

The April issue of Maple Leaves will include a call out for members to contribute under topics b) and c) above, including the usual Competition Entry Form.

As part of the programme of larger displays, I would very much like to have one on a Newfoundland topic and this is where you may be able to help me. Would you be able to point me in the direction of anyone on your side of the pond who might be able and willing to give either a larger display (as per a) above) or a short display (as per b) above) on any Newfoundland related topic. An idea of names and topics would be great. I can then follow up with some formal invites. Needless to say you are welcome to nominate yourself!!

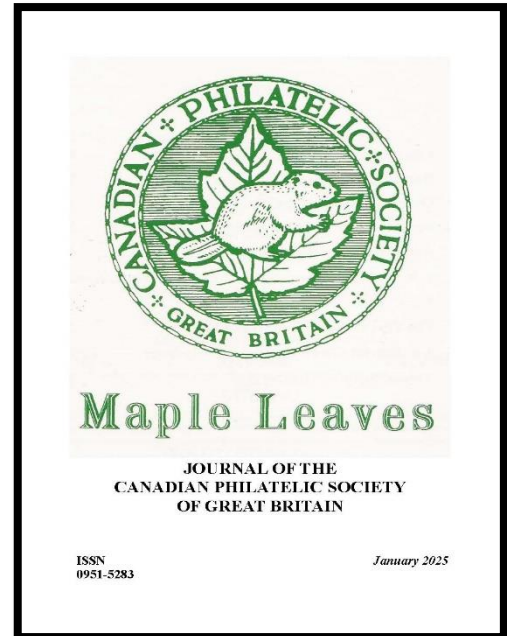
Grateful for any help you can provide.

Regards Graham

[Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain \(canadianpsgb.org.uk\)](http://canadianpsgb.org.uk)

**Editor:** Just a personal comment about the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain. If you are not already a member of this Society, you should seriously consider joining. The journal is first rate and often has articles of interest to Newfoundland collectors.

Regarding Graham's request, I hope some of our members will take up the challenge and put something together. This is a great opportunity to put together an exhibit that you have been thinking about. Please contact me directly with your topics if you would like to participate.





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### A PUZZLING REGISTERED LETTER FROM 1933

by Klaus Whelt

The Sir Humphrey Gilbert issue is one of my favorite issues and since BNAPEX 2023 in Halifax I have been trying to build up a special collection to be able to show a three-frame exhibit one day. When a registered letter from Deer Lake to Gaultois / Hermitage Bay from 1935 franked with a 9c Sir Humphrey Gilbert issue was offered, I naturally jumped at the chance.

The letter would have been franked correctly with 9c, 4c domestic letter postage and 5c domestic registration fee. But there is still this puzzling manuscript mark “Via Toronto Canada” and the note “Tax 12 cts” at top left. The back of the letter has neither postmarks nor other markings. We know that the stamps of the Sir Humphrey Gilbert issue were only sold at post office counters in 1933. However, they were still valid for postage after 1.1.1934, but an usage in 1935 is quite late.

The addressee Mr. Harold Garland does not tell me anything, but in the list compiled by T. R. Harris there is a Thomas Garland Jr. from Gaultois, coincidence? Why on earth would anyone send a letter from Deer Lake to Gaultois via Toronto in the late summer of 1935? There may have been a connection with the National Exhibition in Toronto, especially as the letter was probably philatelically influenced. However, I would have expected a note, e.g. “Via National Exhibition, Toronto Canada” or something similar.

A registered letter to Canada would have cost 10c, plus the postage for forwarding to Gaultois. I have no idea about the Canadian postage rules, would this be covered by 12c? So once again a tough nut to crack, but you know I love such covers. As always, I would be very happy to receive any hints that lead to the solution of my little puzzles.





**From Earl Noss:** I got this Sc11A Nfld. stamp about three weeks ago on eBay. It shows a line at left of the stamp but I don't really know if it is a re-entry or a guide line. Most likely a guideline but just not sure? I was wondering if anyone has seen it? You have a great day.



**Editor's Note:** I attended a ZOOM session for the Small Queens Study Group at the recent BNAPS Virtual. Darin Cherniwchan chaired the meeting and showed many examples of similar lines in the margins of many small queen stamps. Klaus Wehlt also sent an example on a stamp from Denmark. The consensus from attendees was that the lines are likely plate scratches caused by cleaning of the plates by some form of abrasive, possibly like steel wool. We will likely hear more about this in the future. Any thoughts?







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**From Grégoire Teyssier & Hugo Deshaye:** We would be very grateful if you could circulate to your contacts and members the information concerning the **4th Edition of the Québec City Stamp & Old Paper Show** which will take place on 24 and 25 May next. The theme this year: *The Roaring Twenties*.

As usual, the BNAPS Lower Canada Study Group breakfast-conference will take place on Sunday morning (8:30-10:00) with two speakers.

A PSSC breakfast-conference will take place on Saturday morning (8:00-10:00) with three speakers, 22 dealers in attendance; Quebec City Archives; Specialized Philatelic; Postal History and Postcards Groups and Societies; The famous Up-to-Two Pages National Exhibition; Palmares-Dinner & Charleston Dance, etc. All that at the *Travelodge Hotel & Convention Center of Québec City*.

Below is the advertising show card. If you require any further information, please visit [www.svpq.ca](http://www.svpq.ca) or contact us.

Thank you for your help and support.

**QUEBEC CITY STAMP AND OLD PAPER SHOW**

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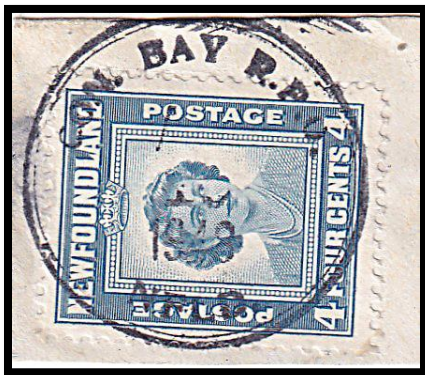


Figure 1. **NL-18.03. CON. BAY R.P.O./NFLD., A...1?, 1948, is a new early date.** (The month could be April or August.)



Figure 2. **NT-7HRG. NFLD.RY./HARBOUR GRACE., JAN 6, 32, is a new listing, and a previously unreported location for this group of handstamps.**

**Charles Foster sent the following:** Sending you this pic FYI. I don't know if you knew about these guys.

CDS cancel Dec 6, 1941, CAPO No. 1, St. John's, NF.



**Canadian Army Post Offices Outside of Canada**

In 1940 the Canadian Army supplied troops known as “W” Force, to Newfoundland and Labrador for local defense. CAPO No.1 operated in St. John’s Newfoundland from 7<sup>th</sup> September 1941 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 1946 serving the “W” Force headquarters.

This cover dated 6th December 1941, is backstamped “The Sherbrooke Fusilier Regiment Orderly Room” and “Earl Grey Sask. 15<sup>th</sup> December 1941.



Editor: If you would like to read more about Force “W” go to

[W force : the Canadian Army and the defence of Newfoundland in the Second World War - Memorial University Research Repository \(mun.ca\)](http://www.mun.ca)



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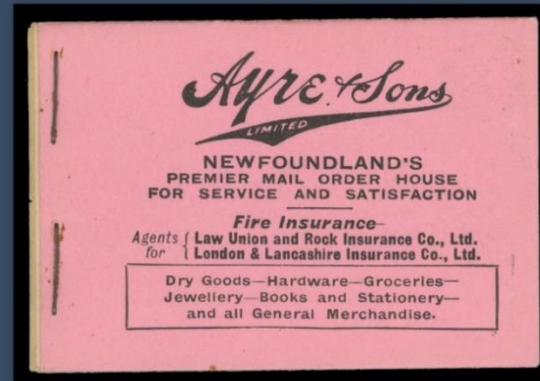
1930 "Columbia Flight, outstanding mint NH; 1998 & 2003 Greene certs.

The unique mint set of Transportation Tax stamps; hailed as the rarest revenue stamps of Newfoundland.



10/12c Beer Stamp, the only known perf 14-13 stamp (Van Dam NFB1a)

A nice selection from first issues to KGVI era including pioneer airmail stamps. One of the very best Newfoundland revenue collections to be offered- Inland Revenues including specialized perfin cancels, rare documents from Queen Victoria to the later Caribou series. Other revenues are also being offered including the unique 1927 Transportation mint set of three, 1938 Beer Stamps including the only reported perforation variety.



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