



# BNAPS NEWFOUNDLAND STUDY GROUP NEWS

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

We are also committed to a Study Group presentation at BNAPS Virtual. Following last year's success, BNAPS is holding a one-day, mid-winter virtual exhibition and conference (VEC) on **Saturday, 31 January**. BNAPS members are invited to submit exhibits, be they competitive or non-competitive. Study groups and members are invited to host seminars during the conference. VEC 2026 is open to all, not just BNAPS members. Attendance is free, but registration is required. This event is in addition to BNAPEX 2026, the annual BNAPS in-person convention being held in Valleyfield, QC, on 18-20 September.

I will be presenting at this session on "The Newfoundland 1897-1908 Royal Family Issue; The Stamps, Specimens, Proofs and Postal History"

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Early Nov 2025 - First day for requesting exhibit frames
- Early Nov 2025 - Exhibit upload to website begins
- 20 Jan 2026 - Online registration begins
- 20 Jan 2026 - Last day for requesting exhibit frames
- 20 Jan 2026 - Last day for uploading exhibits to website
- 31 Jan 2026 - Day of the Virtual Exhibition and Conference
- 20 Feb 2026 - Exhibits removed from website

### **SESSIONS**

Time	Seminar/Meeting	Chair	Speaker/Topic
Stream 1 10:00- 11:00	Newfoundland SG	Malcolm Back	Malcolm Back - The Newfoundland 1897-1908 Royal Family Issue; The Stamps, Specimens, Proofs and Postal History
Stream 2 10:00- 11:00	Digital Philately SG	Darin Cherniwchan	
Stream 1 11:15- 12:15	Air Mail SG	Chris Hargreaves	Show and tell. Everyone is invited to share a recent acquisition, or ask questions about an old one.
Stream 2 11:15- 12:15	Large and Small Queens SG	Darin Cherniwchan	



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**SESSIONS continued**

**Break – 12:15-13:00**

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Stream 1 13:00- 14:00	Canadian Military Mail SG	Mike Street	Harold Krische - American Aid for German Prisoners of War in Canada in WWII
Stream 2 13:00- 14:00	Elizabethan II SG	Bob Elias	Show and Tell
Stream 1 14:15- 15:15	Admiral SG	Leopold Beaudet	Study Group members - Discoveries and curiosities
Stream 2 14:15- 15:15	Perfin SG	Jim Graham	
Stream 1 15:30- 16:30	Fancy Cancel and Miscellaneous Markings SG	Mike Halhed	1. Discussion on the upcoming 100th newsletter 2. Development of a Fancy Cancel website 3. Early Fancy's (do you have any on Pence, First Cents or early LQ's?)
Stream 2 15:30- 16:30		Gary Steele	Departmental Handstamps
Stream 1 16:45- 17:45	Judges' critique		Judges' review of the exhibits
Stream 2 16:45- 17:45	Squared Circle SG	Rick Friesen	
Stream 1 18:00- 19:00	Pence-Cents Era SG	Jim Jung	1. Dave Hobden: "Differences of Paper for Unitrade #1 and #4 Pence Issue" 2. Bill Radcliffe: "Pence-Cents Rarities" 3. Jim McCormick: "1864 2¢ Decimal Stamp - Printing Orders & Plate Varieties"



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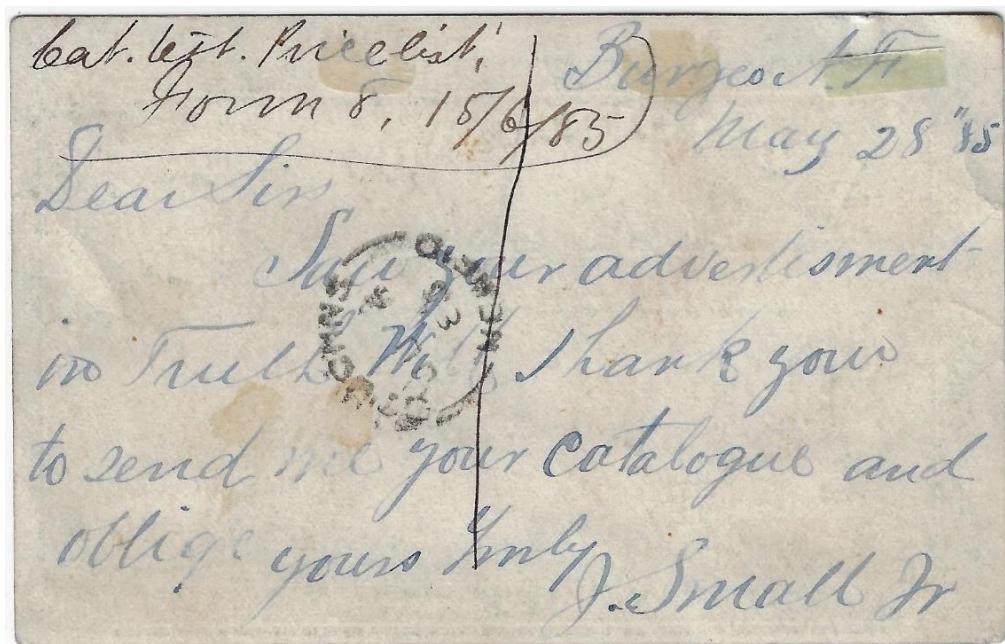
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**From Bob Parsons (BNAPS 4081):** I am not a member of the BNAP Newfoundland Study Group, but I wonder if any of your members could help me out with this Post Card. I can't believe the sender attached a 5 cents stamp in order to uprate the card to the proper 2 cents Post Card rate to Canada. Even the addition of a "Late Fee", which I believe would have been 2 cents, cannot make up the overpayment. Perhaps this is, after all, a case of the 5 cents stamp being the only one at hand. Any help with this would be most appreciated.

Best regards

Bob Parsons (BNAPS 4081)

Newcastle, ON





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**From Earl Noss:** I got this Sc185TC proof pair. I was wondering if anyone has seen or had a position for the first stamp in the pair. It shows a mark in the oval, mark over the eye on forehead & a mark in the O of Two. I am not sure if these marks a constant or not? You have a great day.



Here is a stamp my son David sent me. Sc141 Nfld. I also sent one I have making it constant. Showing marks in bottom white border. I think this is a re-entry. And I wonder if anyone has a position for it? I also sent a normal copy.





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## **ORAPEX 2026**

**From Ian Smillie:** I would be grateful if you would pass on news about this year's ORAPEX to the members of your BNAPS study group. 2026 will mark the 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of ORAPEX, the Ottawa philatelic exhibition. ORAPEX is one of only a few national-level stamp shows held annually in Canada. Our show has two themes this year: "Aerophilately" and "Bytown"—the original name of Ottawa—which was founded in 1826, 200 years ago. The show features a wide range of competitive exhibits, society and study group meetings, and about 35 dealers from across Canada. Free admission and parking.

**Date and time**

Saturday, 2 May, 10 am - 6 pm

Sunday, 3 May, 10 am - 4 pm

**Venue**

Nepean Sportsplex

1701 Woodroffe Avenue

Ottawa, Ontario K2G 1W2

You'll find information at the new website: [ORAPEX](http://ORAPEX)

Regards,

Ian Smillie,

For the ORAPEX Board of Directors



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## Auction Announcement

General Sale - February 25-28, 2026

Featuring the Colin Lewis Collection  
of Newfoundland Postal History

Visit our Website for  
auction details & previews



1709 August folded lettersheet from St. John's to Liverpool - the Earliest Outgoing Mail from Newfoundland, in private hands, bearing postal markings.



A fabulous 6½-Pence Newfoundland inland to U.S. port packet rate with bisected franking, one of only four recorded.



Exceptional cover from St. Pierre & Miquelon with double franking - Canada Small Queen & Newfoundland Decimal stamps, a unique franking.



The magnificent pence bisect cover mailed during the interim decimal period to U.S.

Presenting the comprehensive Newfoundland postal history collections, formed by Colin Lewis. Spanning from early mails to the turn of the century, it features domestic mail, ERDs, rates to B.N.A. Provinces, United States, United Kingdom and beyond, along with incoming mail. Collectors will be delighted to find a remarkable showing of early unpaid and prepaid mails, letters from the French Shore, an in-depth coverage of Decimal period to the late 1870s, among other areas. Numerous rarities are present – often these being the very first time we have had the pleasure to offer.



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