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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.

April 18, 2026 ZOOM SESSION

Newfoundland – Postal shortage 1897/98 Klaus Wehlt

I am not the first Newfoundland collector to address the postal shortage of low-denomination stamps, particularly the 1-cent stamps, from 1897–98. The late Bob Dyer, in particular, studied this topic, but Colin Lewis and Dean W. Mario have also published articles on specific aspects of it.

Even though I will be showing the individual stamp issues in mint condition, the focus of my presentation will be on the postal-history background. With the exception of the 1c Prince Edward, yellow green from 1898, I can show all stamps on covers.

It all began with the release of the John Cabot Issue. Far too few stamps were printed in the lower denominations, while far too many were printed in the higher denominations. The cause was likely a combination of wishful thinking and a complete misjudgment of demand on the part of the authorities. After sales of the Cabot Issue began on June 24, 1897, the stock of the 1c stamp had already dwindled to just 25,000 stamps by mid-September 1897. Now the decision to withdraw the remaining stock of the old issues and destroy the printing plates for the Cabot Issue after production of the ordered stamps was completed, it came back to haunt them.

In a panic, various measures were taken to counteract the stamp shortage:

1. Introduction of a “PAID ALL” postmark for cash postage effective September 24, 1897.
2. Introduction of 1c to 3c overprinted provisional stamps released on October 19, 1897
3. Order of 400,000 1c and 2c stamps each from the following Royal Family Issue for express delivery. Arrival in St. John's on December 4, 1897.
4. Reorder of 100,000 each of the 1c Prince Edward and 2c Codfish stamps from the older cent issue. These stamps did not reach St. John's until early 1898

Added to this are the somewhat mysterious bisects of 2c stamps (2c Codfish and 2c Cabot Issue), all of which are addressed to the dealer Tessier and were postmarked only on October 2, 1897.

All in all, this is a very fascinating topic, and it's not at all easy to find the right material.

Newfoundland SG: Apr 18, 2026 Noon (Eastern Time US and Canada)

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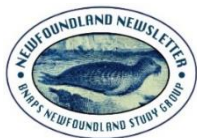
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SHOW SCHEDULE

April 11-12, 2026 Mississauga, Ontario

Canadian Stamp News The National Postage Stamp & Coin Show returns to the Mississauga Hilton, 6750 Mississauga Road, Mississauga, Ont., featuring more than 50 professional dealers from across Canada buying, selling and offering appraisals, plus seminars, a Youth Table and a Youth Auction. This year's show will also host the North Toronto Stamp Club's 2026 Annual Exhibition and the debut of the new Garfield Portch Ontario Club Single Frame Competition, a club-level contest for Ontario philatelic societies affiliated with the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Doors open at 10 a.m. each day, closing at 5 p.m. on Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday, with admission just \$6 on Saturday and \$3 on Sunday. Visit the show website for Full Information. Information e-mail: info@trajan.ca
Website: <https://stampandcoinshow.com/>

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 63rd 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](#)

Regards: Ian Smillie,

For the ORAPEX Board of Directors

June 6 -7 2026 Quebec City, Quebec

Hugo Deshayé Philatelist Inc, & Gregoire Teyssier Postal History: The Quebec City Old Paper Show Inc. (Le Salon du vieux papier de Quebec). Saturday 10 to 5:30, Sunday 10am to 3pm. 22 dealers in attendance: stamps, postal history, covers, postcards, old posters, old papers, archives and antiquarian books, supply free parking and \$5 admission on Saturday, free admission on Sunday. Free appraisals. EXHIBITION 1 to 2 pages exhibition sponsored by Eastern Auctions Ltd and Gary J. Lyon Philatelist Ltd, SHPQ and BNAPS BREAKFAST & CONFERENCES, door prizes, refreshments and lunch booth. This is an excellent opportunity to combine a nice weekend in Quebec City with a great paper show. Visit our Facebook page and website. In partnership with the SPQ, SHPQ and CCQ. Travelodge Hotel and Convention Center, 3125 Blvd Hochelaga, Quebec City. Organized by CSDA members Hugo Deshayé and Gregoire Teyssier. Information e-mail: salonduvieuxpapierdequebec@videotron.ca
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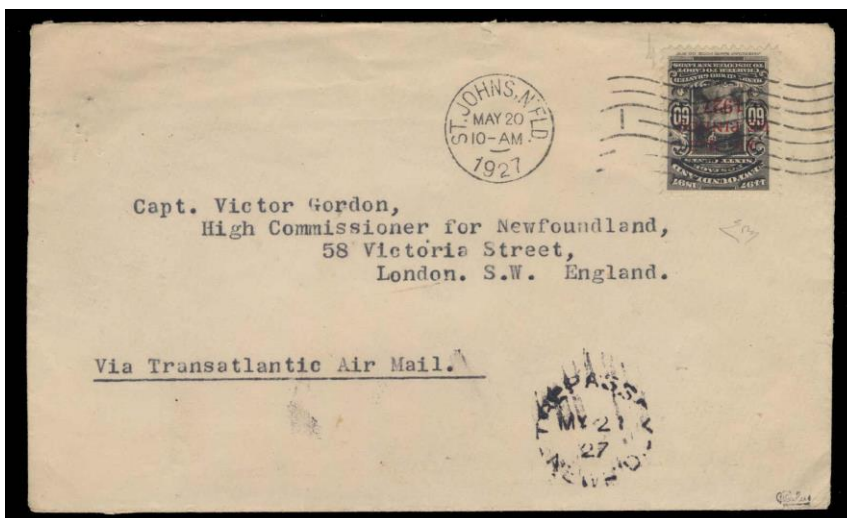


A SOUGHT AFTER WORLD AIRMAIL RARITY

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1927 (May 20), 'De Pinedo' 60c black on cover to London, the stamp affixed upside down and tied by St. John's machine cancellation with Trepassey split-ring (21 May) below, addressed to the High Commissioner for Newfoundland in London, reverse with Roma Centro machine arrival (22 Jun), with typed letter on Dominion of Newfoundland / High Commissioner's Offices letterhead signed by the High Commissioner, Captain Victor Gordon, indicating that he is returning the flown cover, the stamp quite well-centred, a desirable airmail rarity from this iconic flight, signed Calves, with 1994 Enzo Diena certificate.

One of approximately 225 envelopes bearing the special De Pinedo stamp carried on the historic 1927 transatlantic flight of Marchese Francesco de Pinedo aboard the Santa Maria II, linking Newfoundland with Italy in one of the most celebrated long-distance flights of the inter-war period.



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