



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.

SHOW SCHEDULE

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

Note: We have committed to having a Study Group meeting at ORAPEX on Saturday May the 2nd at 11:00 AM.

At the moment we do not have a speaker for this meeting. If you are attending and would like to present, please let me know ASAP with a title and length of presentation.

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 Website: <https://svpq.ca/>



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AN EARLY FIRST DAY COVER

by Andrew Hussey

An answer to Andrew from John Walsh:

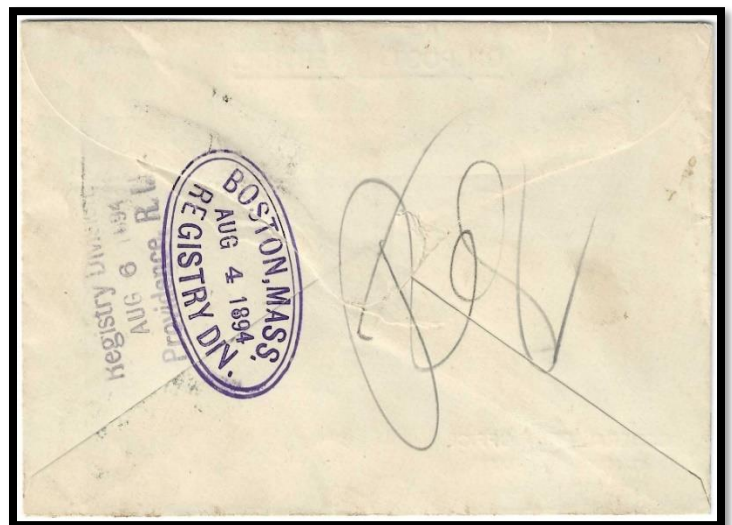
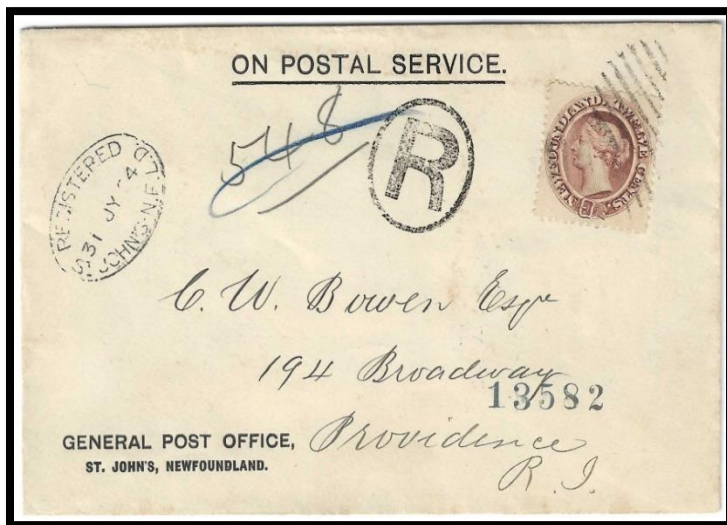
Hussey cover. Very nice.

Rate is 10 cent double weight + 2 cent convenience.

Post Office direct can send registered at no charge if memory serves me correct.

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A recent addition to my collection of St. John’s General Post Office (“GPO”) covers was later found to be a bit more significant than just a corner card. At first glance it was just a nice looking registered GPO corner card franked with a well centred copy of SC#29, the re-issued, chestnut/dark brown coloured stamp tied by barred cancels. However, upon further checking, in the 2018 Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue (“NSSC”), the date of issue for this stamp (NSSC#50) is listed as July 31, 1894 making this a first day cover. The date of July 31 is clearly shown in the oval St. John’s registered cancel. The 9 of 94 is not quite clear but is confirmed by the Boston and Providence registered receiving cancels on the reverse. The 12 cent franking overpays the 10 cent rate (5 cent single weight letter rate to the United States plus the 5 cent registration fee) by 2 cents. This is likely a so-called “philatelic” cover mailed to a collector by the GPO on the day of issue. Whether a “philatelic” use or not, it is certainly a nice addition to my collection.





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John Walsh also responded to James Jong's piece on the article of Earl Noss in Dots and Scratches Newsletter, Vol 12, #1, whole number 41. According to John's research Plates 2 and 3 were on the 1929-1931, issue not on the 1928 issue. (see NSSC #154 e, f, g). *Both 2021 Unitrade and 2025 Trajan give the same incorrect information. They both had the same editor.*

Also, in The Trajan Catalogue, on page 14, Sc147 it states that the re-entry on position 83 occurs in **the upper left corner**. The illustrated example is on the upper right.

The 1928 issue is distinguished by the absence of shading in the column to the left. On the 1929, 1931 issues the column is shaded. There are other differences.



Unitrade 147i
This is the listed re-entry that shows a clear doubling of **the upper right 3** and surrounding numeral box. Although many of the thin lines are part of the design, there is also some doubling in the LL.



This example from the same Earl Noss article shows a clear doubling in the upper Left corner. Perhaps this is the re-entry mention in the Trajan Catalogue as position 83. (- editor)



Unitrade 147 - This is an unlisted Re-entry that shows a clear doubling of **the upper left 3** and surrounding numeral box.