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BNAPEX' 87

There will be a meeting of the study group at BNAPEX'87 in Charlottetown, P.E.I. on Thursday, September 17. The meeting time will be 2:30pm till 4:00pm in Room A of Rodd's Royalty Inn. John Welch has promised to present a slide program on the plate number blocks of Newfoundland. Palmer Moffat will also be on hand to discuss his listing of the Twentieth Century Post Offices of Newfoundland. Anyone with an unusual item that needs an explanation or has a question, this will be the time and place to ask it. Certainly hope to see all of you there!

MAJOR NEWFOUNDLAND PERFIN SURVEY

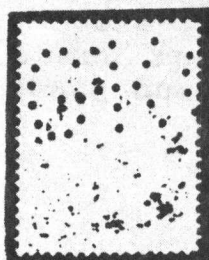
The PERFIN STUDY GROUP of the British North America Philatelic Society has begun a major survey of Newfoundland stamps, both postage and revenue, with perforated initials. The purpose of the survey is to collect and collate all known perforated initials, words and designs that appear on Newfoundland stamps and to determine on which stamps they appear and the dates of their use as well as their relative scarcity. In order to make this the best survey possible, the Newfoundland Study Group and the Revenue Study Group have been asked to participate. Everyone with Newfoundland PERFINs, no matter how few, is urged to participate. Enclosed with the newsletter is a survey form. Please complete the form the best that you can and send it to:

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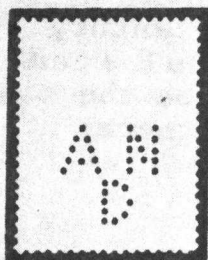
AN INFO-FINDER FOR PRATT'S 19TH CENTURY POSTAL HISTORY BOOK:

If you have not yet obtained your copy of AN INFO-FINDER, you still have time as copies are available. The price of the AN INFO-FINDER is \$5.00 US to study group members and \$7.00 US to others. Don't forget Bob Pratt is donating the profits to the study group. For your copy, send your check payable to C. A. Stillions at 5031 Eskridge Terrace, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016.

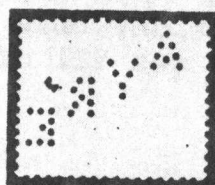
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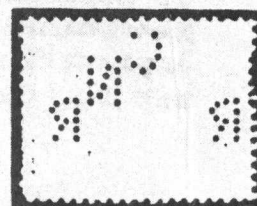
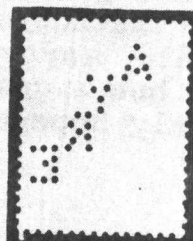
G K



A N D



A Y R E



C N R

At least four different perforated initials can be found on the postage stamps of Newfoundland. They are:

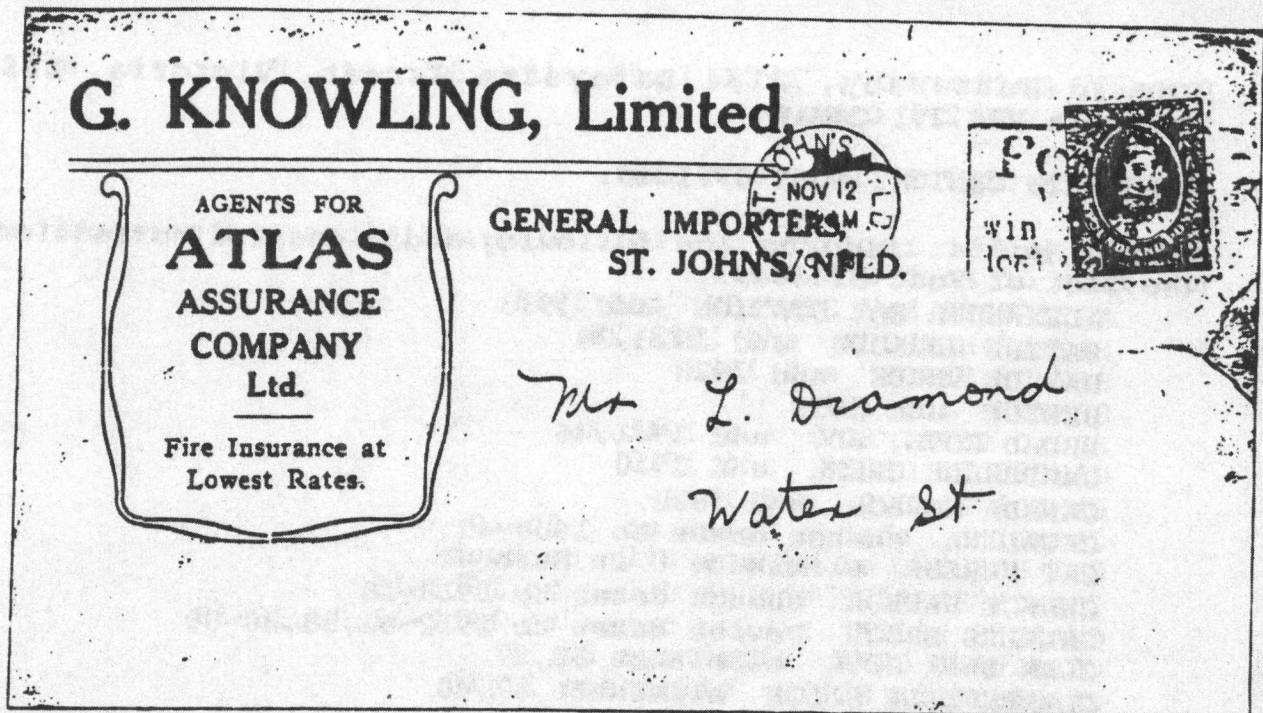
G K for G. KNOWLING, LIMITED, General Importers, St. John's

A N D for ANGLO-NEWFOUNDLAND DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD., Grand Falls

A Y R E for AYRE & SONS, LIMITED, Merchants, St. John's

C N R for Canadian National Railways

The most common PERFIN is the A Y R E by far. The next most common is the A N D. The G K is quite scarce, especially on cover. The C N R on the stamps of Newfoundland are also quite scarce as it was used on remainders and only used after 1 April 1949. For more information on the PERFINS of Newfoundland as well as those of Canada, see CANADIAN STAMPS WITH PERFORATED INITIALS by Johnson and Tomasson available through the BNAPS Handbook Department or see the Newsletter of the PERFIN Study Group of BNAPS.



A G K PERFIN on a 1919 local St. John's cover.

NEW PUBLICATIONS:

The 1988 edition of Scott's Canada Specialized Catalogue is out and as far as Newfoundland collectors are concerned it is the same as last years. There are no pricing changes and there are no important editorial changes. The prices in all cases are exactly the same as last year except for some corrections to typographical errors. The only thing new is a listing of the four complete booklets and there is still no listing of Newfoundland postal stationery. In the industrial series there are no distinguishing characteristics provided to determine a Perkins Bacon 5cents Caribou Die I imperforate (no. 191i) from a Waterlow 5cents Caribou Die I imperforate (no. 257i). The same is also true for the 14cents Newfoundland Dog. While the color makes the catalogue pleasing to look at, the color is not accurate enough to help identify the various color varieties of the same design. If you have last years edition and you are not interested in complete booklets, there is no reason to purchase Scott's 1988 Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps.

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TWENTIETH CENTURY POST OFFICES:

Palmer Moffat reports the following additions and corrections to
the list of Post Offices:

ALEXANDER BAY STATION add 1933
BATTLE HARBOUR add 1923,28
BAY DE VERDE add 1923
BENTON add 1939
BROAD COVE, BDV add 1941,46
CAMPBELLS CREEK add 1910
CANADA HARBOR add 1934
CATALINA change dates to 1900-49
CAT HARBOR eliminate U in Harbour
CHANCE HARBOR change dates to 1913-15
CHARLES BROOK revise dates to 1912-31,33,36-39
CLAM BANK COVE eliminate 33,37
CLARENVILLE SOUTH eliminate 37,40
CLARENVILLE SOUTH show (32-36)
CLODE SOUND show (1900-01)
CLIFTON show (1926-30)
COAKERVILLE revise 1911-15
CODROY POND change 1912 to 1913
COLEY'S POINT (NORTH) show (48,49)
COLEY'S POINT SOUTH change 38 to 37
COLLINS COVE add (1919-22)
COME BY CHANCE show 1906-26,31-35,(36,37,43,44),45-49
COMFORT BIGHT add 46
CRESTON add 1920
CURLING add 1907
DANIEL'S POINT add 32
EMBREE add 47
FERMEUSE SOUTH from 1900
FLAT ISLANDS, PB add 42
FORTEAU add 29
FREDERICKTON add 46
GASKIERS add 38
GAULTOIS add 46
GOOSEBERRY ISLAND add 39
GRIQUET add 46
HEARTS DESIRE add 39
HEATHERTON add 47
HEBRON add 47
HERRING NECK add 29
HIGHLANDS add 34, 47
HOPEDALE add 30, 34
HORWOOD add 1906
INDIAN ISLANDS, FOGO add 1945
KINGS POINT add 12
LARK HARBOR add 29

LITTLE HARBO(U)R, N.D.B. add 46
LOURDES change dates to 1931-49
MOSE AMBROSE add 44
NAIN add 23
NARDINIS add 1907,08,10
NEW BAY add 31
NORTH WEST RIVER add 23,44
ODERIN add 46
PLACENTIA JUNCTION add 37
POINT LEAMINGTON add 46
PORT AU CHOIX add 1910,45
PUSHTHROUGH add 46
RENCONTRE (EAST) correct spelling
RENCONTRE (WEST) correct spelling
RIGOLET add 29
ST. ANDREWS add 46
ST. ANTHONY, IGA 1932,33,41,43 new listing
SEAL COVE, F.B. add 42
SOUTH BRANCH add 47
SOUTH RIVER 1931 new listing
SPRUCE BROOK add 46
SWIFT CURRENT add 38
TERRA NOVA add 38
THREE ROCK COVE add 47
TROYTOWN add 1901,04,05
WEST WABANA add 27
WILLIAMSPORT add 42,46
WINDSOR add 45,46

Some dates in the above list were added by George McGowan and Derek Paul, but most came from John Forrest in England. John sent several examples of the RAMEO date stamp, which was later corrected to RAMEA. The year dates are incomplete but the usage appears to be in the 1910-12 period.

He also sent three other very interesting items. Two involve abbreviated names not previously seen, and the other an unreported date stamp for an unlisted office. On a 4cents Coronation (Scott 231) appears PLACA JUNCTION / NEWF'D with no date marking. It does not seem possible that it can mean anything other than PLACENTIA JUNCTION. On a 2cents Guy issue (Scott 88) there is a very clear marking of PORTUL COVE TREPASSEY / NEWF'D with the date of OC 8 / 10. No apostrophes, commas, or periods show. The third item is on a cover to Fort Worth, Texas, franked with a Scott 168 or 175. Two light strikes both read SOUTH RIVER / NEWF'D. The date is fuzzy but appears to be FE 20 / 31. The return address shows "From Mary Ellen Lane / Cross Roads Brigus / C. B. / N.F.L.D. SOUTH RIVER is not on any post office list that I have seen. BRIGUS CROSS ROADS was listed from 1900 to 1931, but I have never seen a date stamp for that listing. On today's map there is a SOUTH RIVER located about 3 miles from the intersection that may have been BRIGUS CROSS ROADS. Did the

Cross Roads office use a SOUTH RIVER date stamp? Can anyone else report the abbreviations from these two offices or SOUTH RIVER?

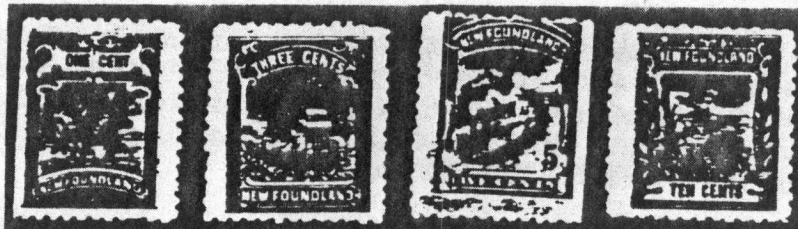
Thanks, John, for sharing your treasures with us.

Palmer Moffat

Editor's note: unfortunately the markings do not photocopy well enough to include in the newsletter.

NEWS FROM OTHER PUBLICATIONS

L. N. Williams in his column, Cinderella Scene, in LINN'S STAMP NEWS of April 20, 1987 tells the story of the Newfoundland "Paris Essays" of 1901. The "Paris Essays", they are called "Paris Essays" only because they were printed in Paris, were the creation of William B. Hale of Williamsville, Massachusetts. William Hale was an old-time stamp dealer of questionable ethics. He died in 1936 reportedly in the federal prison in Atlanta. When he died, found among his possessions were a number of handstamps and marking devices. Before they were destroyed an impression of each was made and published in POSTAL MARKINGS. One of the circular handstamps was of ST.JOHN'S / AU 31 / 87 / NEWF'D. It would really be dangerous if there was an apostrophe between the N and S of ST.JOHN'S.



PARIS ESSAYS OF 1901