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# THE NEWFIE NEWSLETTER

# OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND STUDY GROUP OF BNAPS



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# Acting Chair Notes

Our Newsletter has been dead for close to a year. As shown elsewhere, our dedicated Chair and Editor has work commitments that keep him from continuing. The torch has been passed on to others, who are doing interim duty, but need your help. We need articles to fill a six to eight page Newsletter, five to six times a year. Anything will help, a favourite cover, new items you have picked up of a special nature, an auction or show you have attended.

You are fortunate that we have two people to keep the flame burning until the September Convention. John Butt, Acting Editor and martin Goebel, Acting Treasurer. These two philatelists hold similar positions in our local stamp society. We look forward to info from Brian Nobel, Dean Mario, Palmer Moffatt, Brian Stalker, etc. I hope we can keep up to the work of Stillions, Pratt, Lussey, Harrison, Rocket and Richardson.

Attached is a copy of the financial statement. It seems we may have to raise dues at the September Convention. None of the acting officers have typist skills, so we are going to ask the young lady who types our local newsletter, whom we agree deserves some type of honorarium. The net result of all of this, is that our financial year will start with the Toronto Convention, where we also hope to have our study group meeting and election of officers.

# Acting Chair Philatelic News

At the St. Charles Convention it was agreed that it would be nice to present to each collector coming to St. John's in 1997 (John Cabot 500th Anniversary), a sheet of the five cent caribou revenue. The sale and need of these stamps ceased in 1986. However there was still a trunk full on hand in the Government vault. This turned into 10 boxes, 9 boxes were destroyed with the other being sent to the archives at the Colonial Building. C. Francis Rowe, Mr. Newfoundland Collector, has volunteered to ask the Newfoundland Archives for permission for Rowe and Wilson to see what is in Box 10. Wilson in the meantime is attempting to secure an account of what was in the 9 boxes that were destroyed. The wheels of bureaucracy turn slow. Attached is the official info on the above. When more becomes available, you will received same. We hope you will enjoy our efforts in producing the Newsletter.

Good Stamping
J. Don Wilson

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1993-01-04

Mr. J.Don Wilson Chairman B.N.A.P.S. Il Elm Place S. John's, Nfld. AlB 254

Dear Don;

This is with reference to your request of recent date regarding copies of Revenue stamps which had been one time used by the Department of Finance .

In the Fall of 1991, our Department released 10 cu. ft.of outdated Revenue stamps to the Public Records Committee for destruction. This Committee is responsible for the final determination of whether public records meet the various conditions for destruction. The Archives is also part of this process.

As indicated in the attached memo from Randy Cooper,Records Manager,a number of these stamps have been destroyed .However,after inquiring,I have determined that the Provincial Archives have elected to preserve a number of these stamps .

Mr. David Davis, Provincial Archivist, has advised me that no inventory of these records have yet been made due to staffing difficulties. Therefore, the stamps are not yet available for public viewing. Perhaps you should ask Mr. Davis to advise you when indeed they do become accessible.

Sorry, I could not be of more help .

WILLIAM MOORES
RECORDS MANAGER

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Mr. Max Baldwin
Director of Administration
Department of Finance
2nd. Floor, East Block
Confederation Building

Mr. Baldwin: 2

The Public Records Committee meeting of 1991-11-06 approved the enclosed lirecords for disposal as authorized by your Department. These records have t disposed of according to law. Please adjust your records accordingly.

Yours truly,

Randy Cooper Records Manager

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c.c. Wm. Moores

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#### TO: C.A. STILLIONS

On behalf of the officers and members of the Newfoundland Study Group, I wish to express our sincerest appreciation to you for your contributions to the Study Group over the past eight years, and especially for your outstanding efforts as Editor of the Newfie Newsletter.

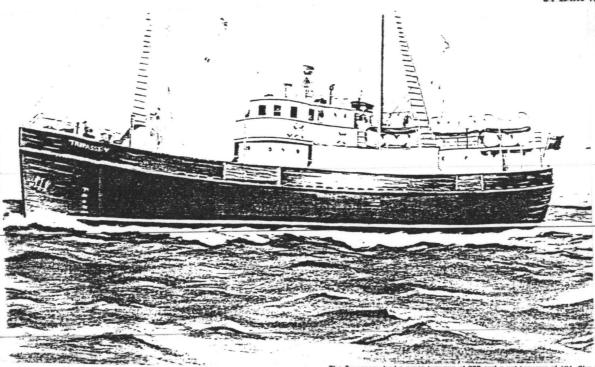
The articles you have written for the Newsletter over the years have been read with considerable pleasure by the members, and the next contribution was always eagerly anticipated. In like manner your presentations at the annual convention take top honours.

The dedication and contributions you have made to the Study Group and Newsletter are too numerous to mention. We are not alone in our opinions, since the Editor of Topics has parroted our thoughts in his column.

As a token of the appreciation of all the members of the Study Group, I am sending you this print by the late artist, E.B. Winsor, which features the schooner The M.V. Trepassey. We know you have a close and personal interest in the Newfoundland R.P.O. and T.P.O. Study Group, so you should enjoy this print. The M.V. Trepassey operated in Northern labrador, carrying mail, freight and passengers as far north as Hebron.

We regret your departure from the editorship of the Newsletter, but we look forward to your continued participation in the Study Group. We hope you will display the sketch with pride, knowing that we all thank you for a job well done.

Acting Chairman
J. Don Wilson



#### "THE M.V. TREPASSEY"

The Trepassey was one of ten wooden motor vessels built at the Chronville Shipyards Ltd. in Chronville, Newtoundland between 1944 and 1945. Affectionately known as "THE SPLINTER FLEET", the motor vessels were owned by the Newtoundland Department of Natural Resources and operated by the Newtoundland Relievey.

These ships had essentially been built to carry Newfoundland fish to markets during wartime, when it was uncortain that vessels could be chartered for such activities. This was particularly true for the historic fish and rum trade between Newfoundland and the Wost Indies.

In 1946, The Trepassoy, because of her availability and her extra strength and sheeting for operating in ice, was chartered by the British Royal Navy to make two trips to the Antarctic to service weather stations and bases. The second trip was more scientific in nature and carried the name of "British Carbaniand Expedition" which provided weather reports, etc. for the Falklands and its dependencies. In fact, the M.V. Trepassoy's image appears on a Falkland stands 1947 stamp commemorating the event.

After Confederation with Canada in 1949, most of the "Splinter Floot" was sold to private interests. The Trepassey was purchased by the Winsor Trading Co. of St. John's, Niid. in 1950. She was chartered by Canadian National Bailway (C.N.B.) for a decade and operated in Northern Labrador. Connecting with the S.S. Kyle at Goose Bay, she carried freight, mail and passengers to various isolated settlements on the Labrador coast as far north as Hebron.

During the early 1950's, the Trepressey was also used in the winter months as an icobreaker to assist the paper carrier ships of the Bowater Pulp and Paper Company in the Bay of Islands. As well, in emergency situations she was commissioned by the Newfoundland Government to deliver lood supplies to various settlements, like Belle late and Flower's Cove, which were sometimes cut of from normal freight service during severe ice conditions.

The Tropassey had a gross ternage of 322 and a not termings of 191. She was 124.4 ft. long, 26.2 ft. wide and had a draught of 12 ft. She had a cruiser storn, curried a crow of twelve and had accommodations for twenty-live passengers. Her carge capacity was 15,373 cubic feet. The Tropassey was the first Nowfoundland built vessel to have radar as a navigational sid. It was installed by the Canadian Marconi Co. in 1950.

Her single propeller gave her a speed of nine knots. She was powered by a 400 B.H.P. four stroke single acting eight cylinder diesel engine manufactured by Vivian Diesel and Munitions Ltd. of Vancouver, B.C.

In 1962, the Winsor Trading Company sold the Tropassoy to mailtime shipping interests. She sunk on July 10, 1964 while survicing an oil rig in the Sable Island area, some 75 miles south of Halifax, after an explosion caused a fire in the engine room. All crow members were rescued. The Tropassoy was the seventh vessel of the Splinter Floot to be lest.

Eric B. Winsor

The "Splinter Fleet" Vensela

M.V. Clarenville M.V. M.V. Durin M.V.

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From the Original Oil Painting by ERIC B. WINSOR.

## Twelve Cent Publicity Issue - Double Print, One Albino, One Colour

The center copy of Scott #154, the 12 cent value of the 1928 Publicity Issue was purchased to upgrade the centering of the collection copy of this value. The near ideal centering, highlighted by earlier copies shown on the left and right, is close to ideal. But the quality of the printed impression on the well-centered is inferior and lacks crispness. This is particularly evident in the vignette lettering "GENERAL POST OFFICE, ST. JOHN'S", and in the first floor section of the tower.

Examination of the stamp under a magnifier shown that the paper appears to be rough. But the solution to the poor impression shows clearly on the gummed side. There is a second embossed impression of the entire stamp design in addition to the one corresponding to the coloured impression. This albino impression is located about 5mm down and 2mm right. Form the front under slanted light to develop a shadowing effect, the albino "NEWFOUNDLAND", can be read in the bottom margin of the stamp, and the bottom part of the panel with "Postage" and the related frame design can be seen across the top margin. In the right margin is the albino detail of the right 2mm of the stamp.

It would appear that this double print came about when two sheets of paper were fed to the press at once, giving the albino impression on the lower one, and that the top sheet was then removed, shifting the lower one, which then received a coloured impression. This stamp was described in a letter to the editor of Linn's some years ago, but evoked no comment from other readers. There was no illustration with that letter.

Send any correspondence to:

J.M. McCrea, Ph.D. P.O. Box 172 Monroeville, PA U.S.A. 15146



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NEWFOUNDLAND STUDY GROUP OF BNAPS	
ANNUAL REPORT	30
FINANCIAL REPORT	
Report period: September 1991 through August 1992	
Balance as of 1 September 1991	\$212.39
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Income: Dues from members \$296.00	- 1
Advance dues paid 24.00	
Profit from INFOFINDER sales 1.26	
Stipend from BNAPS 75.00	
Contributions 151.00	
Total income	\$547.26
Expenses: postage for 4 newsletters	\$154.74
Balance as of 31 August 1992	\$392.52
Estimate of expenses for 1992-1993	\$250.00
MEMBERSHIP REPORT	
Membership as of 1 September 1991	94
Membership as of 31 August 1992	74
a decrease of 20 members over 1990-1991	
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# THE NEWFIE NEWSLETTER

From Brian Nobel, B.N.A.P.S. #4708

Enclosed is a photocopy of a cover I picked up recently, with a C.D.S. cancel that I would appreciate some help in identifying. It strongly resembles, and is in the right period, of the date stamp portion of a duplex, but it has no obliterator.

The only part of the cancel that I can positively identify is:

Northern A - /Nov. 13/1899/Newfoundland

However with a little filling in for obliterated letters, one could make a case for:

Northern Arm/Bay of Exploits/ Nov. 13/1899 etc.

Input of Study Group Members to:

Brian Noble/"Trailsmake Crescent/Etobicoke/Ont./M9C 1L9.

Any info would be greatly appreciated. I will report any new findings.

Editors Note: also could be,

Northern Arm/Wood fords/C.B.

Mis Catherine Langdon

St. Stephen

1019 F.

Canada

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# FROM DAVID PIERCEY, B.N.A.P.S.

I enclose a photocopy of Scott #48, with a cancel that I am unable to identify. The portion that is legible is "Helv", but the cancel does not appear to be a "P & A", Scandinavian or British type. I suspect it is a bogus cancel, but it is possible that one of our Newfie Club members can identify it. Thanks.

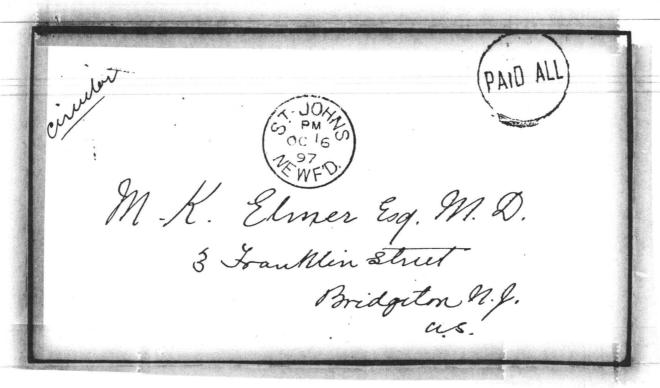


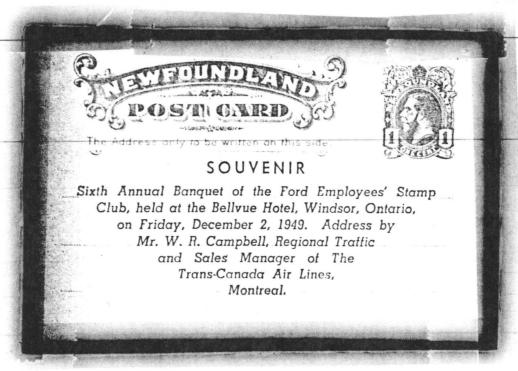
From Dean Mario, B.N.A.P.S. #4679

Thanks for the most recent Newsletter. I enjoyed the Newfie "Smith & Forbes" card and your article on the "Guy Issue". I've enclosed a few short fillers for the N.L. before I forget to send them.

The photocopy of the "Paid All" cover is the first I've recorded used to the U.S.A. via the circular rate. It is from the Cavendish Auction Sale of October 12, 1991 (lot 217) and heretofore unseen; another "Paid All" update from D.M.!

The second item is similar to your "Smith & Forbes" card, and is another example of Newfoundland "promotion". The Ford employees' Stamp Club regularly issued special covers, cachets, and similar souvenirs for its members and guests.





### PRE-REV. BUTLER DEALER?

Several years ago I obtained six of my favourite foreign covers. All are mailed to St. John's with the typical receiving mark of the period, being the dated circle, ST-JOHN'S/NEWF'D, and are from the following countries:

BRAZIL 200 REIS GREEN LETTER CARD, PLUS 4 X 50 REIS ADHESIVES

POSTMARKED: MACEIO/ALAGOAS 14./FEV./94

REGISTERED MARKS: BRAZIL, NEW YORK 3-11/1894 & BOSTON MAR 13 1894

EGYPT 5 MILLIEMES RED UPU POSTAL CARD

POSTMARKED: ALEXANDRIE 20 X 90 6

RECEIVED: PM/NO 7/90

FRANCE 1894 LYON EXPOSITION POST CARD, WITH 10 FRANC ADHESIVE

POSTMARKED: LYON/LES ?EAUX OC 24/94

RECEIVED: AM/NO 6/94

WITH: LONDON/NY/OC/ 25/94 PLUS LONDON TRANSIT OC 26/1984

GREECE 10 LEPTA BLUE POSTAL CARD

POSTMARKED: ?KA 8/AUG/1987 (HANDWRITTEN ON BACK ITHACA, IONIAN

ISLANDS)

RECEIVED: AM/SP 5/97

WITH: LONDON TRANSIT (very faint)

ROMANIA 10 BANI RED UPU POSTAL CARD

POSTMARKED: BUCURESCI 27/JUN/94

RECEIVED: PM/JY 16/94

WITH: FOREIGN NY TRANSIT E/JUL 10/94

SWEDEN 10 ORE RED UPU POSTAL CARD

POSTMARKED: HOOR 9/8/1893 RECEIVED: PM/AU 23/1893

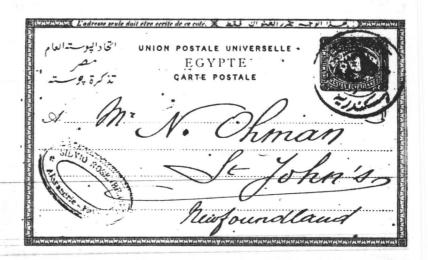
WITH: SOUTHAMPTON/SHIP. LETTER AU 13/93 & LONDON TRANSIT AU 14/1987

The covers span 8 years (1890 to 1897). All are addressed to Mr. Nils Ohman or Mr. N. Ohman; some to P.O. Box 371, others to just St. John's. All are requesting exchanges of stamps or lists.

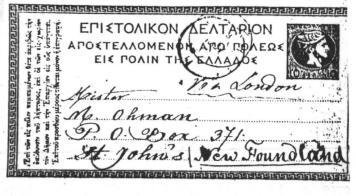
I have no other information on this person. Was he a pre-Rev. Butler dealer? Did he advertise worldwide or belong to an exchange club? The Swedish card mentions "Philatelic Addressbook by Herm. Lindberg". Did he ever reply to any collectors' enquiries or just keep hoping they would send more of these wonderful cards? He must have appreciated them because all are in good condition.

I would enjoy correspondence from anyone who can report anything else on Mr. Ohman. Robert Soper, 1155 Cartaret Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 3P2.













#### THE NEWFIE NEWSLETTER

John Butt

John Butt was educated in St. John's were he has lived all his life. He works for Oceanex Inc., a container company in St. John's, as a stevadore. John started stamp collecting, generally, when he was twelve year old. For the past fifteen years he has specialized in Newfoundland philately only, and has built up a excellent collection of his home province. he is Vice President and Newsletter Editor of the St. John's Philatelic Society.



# J. Donald Wilson, P.Eng.

Don Wilson was born in Calgary and lived in Peru, but his school life was spent in Dartmouth. He graduated as a mechanical engineer from T.U.N.S. and received an Honourary Doctorate in 1979.

A stamp collector since youth, he has fostered the hobby wherever he has lived. He is a world traveller, having visited 115 countries. In 1959 he started a marine construction and engineering company, working around the province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Don's accumulation of Newfoundland material is a treasure; it includes a wealth of new information on Newfoundland-Labrador R.P.O. and T.P.O. cancels. Many new town cancel finds are from his treasure trove.

A collector of Canada, Newfoundland, and Newfoundland Revenues, he still finds time to continue as President of the St. John's Philatelic Society and Chairman of the B.N.A.P.S. Ethics Committee. he was recently elected Chairperson of B.N.A.P.S. A long time member of 16 national and international philatelic societies and groups, Don's main objective is to foster our hobby and increase the R.P.S.C. membership and service to members.



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