

## OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND STUDY GROUP OF BNAPS

LETTERS TO THE EDITORNumber 42May/June 1993

Dear John:

To commend you, as interim editor, on a lively first issue. Keep the good work coming.

Now a query that perhaps some of the Newsletter readers can answer. Where are all the 3¢ slate (NSSC) #54, Scott #60, Gibbons #55) Queen Victoria covers? It has been stated in all the research literature, that this stamp was issued in November, 1890. To date I personally have not seen a cover dated prior to 1894. Robert Pratt, in his article "Newfoundland, the Gray 1890 Three Cent, Ten Years to Turmoil", states that he has covers dated from 1892, 1893, 1895 and 1896. It would seem, from this article, that although Mr. Pratt has been collecting Newfoundland for 25 plus year, even he has not seen a cover dated earlier than 1892.

As the question of "where" has been asked, I now also ask.... why are there no 1890-1891, 3¢ Slate Queen Victoria covers reported or in the marketplace? Your thoughts, theories and facts would be greatly appreciated and solicited. Any cover dated in November 1890 would greatly interest me. Follow up will be reported to the Newsletter. Send any correspondence to: John Walsh, 9 Guy Street, St. John's, NF, A1B 1P4.

Editor, Newfie Newsletter:

A couple of years ago in Vancouver, I had a conversation with Robert Lemaire about an unusual Edward VII cut square that I had in my possession. It was on kraft paper and I wondered if it might be from an intended Post Band or Wrapper. Returning home I looked for it to send him a copy, but I was unable to put my hand on it. As is the way with such things put to one side, as of interest, rather than value, and when sought they can't be found. It will turn up eventually I have not doubt, but whilst looking I turned up another Edward VII cut square in which you may be interested. The following comments may help.



- (a) Appears rather poorly printed, indifferent hatching in background, solid colour in spandrels behind the numerals.
- (b) Printed on white india paper, the impression measures 15mm x 21mm.
- (c) Printed in dull yellow green, close to the colour of issue of the 1¢ green Queen Victoria of the 1897 issue.
- (d) Split ring cancel, "Harbour Grace/Newfd./ MR 23/99.
- (e) Splendid cancel, why is genuine was it applied.

Since it seems unlikely a genuine item, I wonder could it perhaps be from an advertising sample, intended perhaps for a dealers letter head or some such purpose. I look forward to any comments from our readers. T. Malcolm Jones, 14 Tullis Close, Sutton Courtenay, Oxon, OX1448D, England.

**EDITORS NOTE:** Could this be the small die proof on white proof paper, blackish green-gray described in Minuse/Pratt.

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## NEWFIE NEWSLETTER

Editor Newfie Newsletter:

*I would like to ask the Newsletter readers for help concerning the earliest date of issue on the following:*

1. 1¢ rouletted issue (literature says late 1877)
2. 2¢ rouletted issue (literature says late 1879)
3. 3¢ rouletted issue (literature says late 1877)
4. 5¢ rouletted issue (literature says late 1876)
5. 1¢ Prince of Wales, violet brown (literature says 1880)
6. 2¢ Cod fish, yellow green (literature says 1882)
7. 3¢ Queen Victoria, blue (literature says 1880)
8. 5¢ Seal, Pale Blue (literature says 1880)
9. 10¢ Postage due, watermarked (literature says 1949)

*I would appreciate any dates and photocopies from stamp or cover. When tabulation of dates has been completed, all information will be reported via the Newfie Newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation. Send any replies to the editor or, John M. Walsh, 9 Guy Street, St. John's, NF, A1B 1P4.*

### NEWFIE CHATTER

*(From John Forrest, Leads, England) Brian Noble's 1899 cover (Newfie Newsletter, page 5), from what records I have, I think the strike from Northern Arm (Near Botwoodville) and the cover bears the Botwoodville C.D.S. In 1904, this office was listed as Northern Arm, Exploits. Cancels in the 1920's and 1930's read Northern Arm (Bot).*

### NEW MEMBERS

*Robert Thompson, 390002-212th S.E., Enumclaw, WA, 98022.*

### AUCTION REALIZATIONS

#### Ian Kimmerly Stamp Auctions (April 29)

*Imperf strip of 3 (8li) on cover to St. John's \$300  
Used pair #23, VF with nice 10 Bar Cancel \$210  
Used Balboa Air Mail with corner cancel \$350*

#### Greg Manning Auctions (April)

*#257i, 5¢ Caribou double printed F/NH \$425  
#269i, 4¢ Princess, Pair imperf vertically UF/NH \$400  
#275ii, 5¢ Caribou, Block imperf vertically UF/NH \$425*

*"When a stamp does 'fade' to a delicate 'shade'*

*Through the action of chemical juices  
It goes from a 'pink' to a 'salmon,'*

*I think*

*Though compilers declare that it 'puce'  
is." — "P.J. of I.," Stamp-Lovers  
Weekly, 1905.*



### Marginalia

*"A fashionably dressed woman in mourning caused some amusement at the Hotel Imperial last evening by asking for a dozen 'mourning' postage stamps to place upon letters she had just written. When the clerk explained that none was to be had she remarked that 'America is slow.' " — The Stamp-Lovers Weekly, 1904.*

Martin Goebel, P.Eng  
St. John's, Newfoundland

Martin Goebel grew up in southern Ontario and later moved to Sudbury. After completing his engineering degrees at the University of Waterloo, Martin briefly engaged himself in consulting work on acid rain studies. In 1983, with his small family, he moved to his present home in St. John's, Newfoundland where he now has a somewhat larger family. Martin is a manager in the Water Resources Division of the Department of Environment and Lands.

With a German background, Martin began collecting stamps and in particular those from West Germany, due to the mail from his overseas relatives. Year long visits to Germany in 1967 and again in 1973 resulted in lasting contacts that reinforced the interest in collecting German stamps. The collection started as a youth has now expanded to German states and territories. Now that Martin is living in Newfoundland, he could not resist the idea of also collecting stamps of his new home territory.



Martin has been a member of the St. John's Philatelic Society for almost 10 years and has served on the executive as that club's treasurer for the last 9 years. He has exhibited portions of his German collection at the local level and has been involved in the organization and running of those local stamp shows.

**BNAPEX '93**  
**SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 5**  
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Plan now to attend the annual BNAPS Convention and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of our Society. To help you with your planning, enclosed with this issue of *BNA TOPICS* are:

- Details of the Convention Schedule
- Royal York Hotel Registration Form
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- Publicity on the Royal York Hotel and Toronto

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EDITOR'S NOTES

*When I was asked by Don Wilson to be interim editor of the Newfie Newsletter, many questions came to mind. What criteria should I use? Should I alter the format? Where will I get enough material to fill a 6-8 page newsletter for three issues?*

*Firstly, the only criteria will be that if it concerns Newfoundland Philately, it belongs in the Newfie Newsletter. I will change the format only to add a few new features. The material shouldn't be a problem as I have several articles written by myself, plus a few previously published that many of our readers probably haven't seen (i.e. "The Botwood Story" in this issue) which will keep our newsletter interesting and informative.*

*Our newsletter, or any other, will not remain interesting without input from all of its readers. With this in mind, two new features have been initiated with this issue. "Cover Corner", (this issue has two beauties from Duncan Campbell of Surrey, England) and "Newfie Chatter", a news centre for Newfie collectors, bringing information on new items discovered, auction realizations, new members, etc. I Hope that these two features will give all of our members a chance for input into the newsletter/*

*"Newfie Chatter" will loosely copy what I think is the all time great Newfie column "Trail of the Caribou", written by Daniel C. Meyerson and published in "Topics", 1948-1964. If we only receive half the input and enthusiasm that was show in Meyerson's column, it will make for enjoyable reading. I hope the material in this newsletter and those to come give you as much enjoyment as it does for me editing them.*

THE 1947 U.P.U. PRESENTATION BOOK

By  
Jerome C. Jarnick

It is springtime in Paris. 1947. World War II has ended, the Cold War is in infancy and the world is filled with hope as it turns to peace from its wartime footing. Delegates from the member nations of the Universal Postal Union are preparing to meet for the 12th Congress to set the standards and procedures for the world wide exchange of mails between nations. This Congress is a significant event in the world's return to normalcy. During that Congress, the delegates will engage in a custom that dating back several decades. Many of the post office administrations will prepare small albums of their countries stamps to be presented to the delegates of the other nations.

For the first time, the Newfoundland Post Office has produced souvenir book for this event. It consists for a small book, measuring 205mm x 175mm, bound in rich blue leather with gold foil stamping (Fig. 1). Opening the book, we find the current definitives and the Memorial University commemorative stamp pasted to the inside front and back covers separated by a glassine page (Fig. 2)

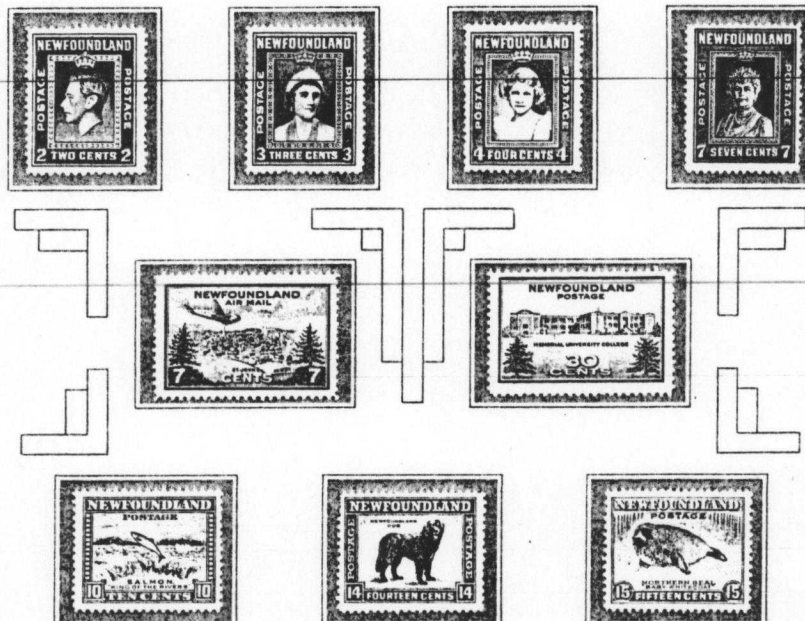
This presentation book is relatively rare. I know of only two to reach the auction market in the past twenty years. I been able to learn very little information concerning the production of the book or the number produced. Additional information about this presentation book would be appreciated by the author. He can be contacted at 108 Duncan Drive, Troy MI 48098-4613, U.S.A.

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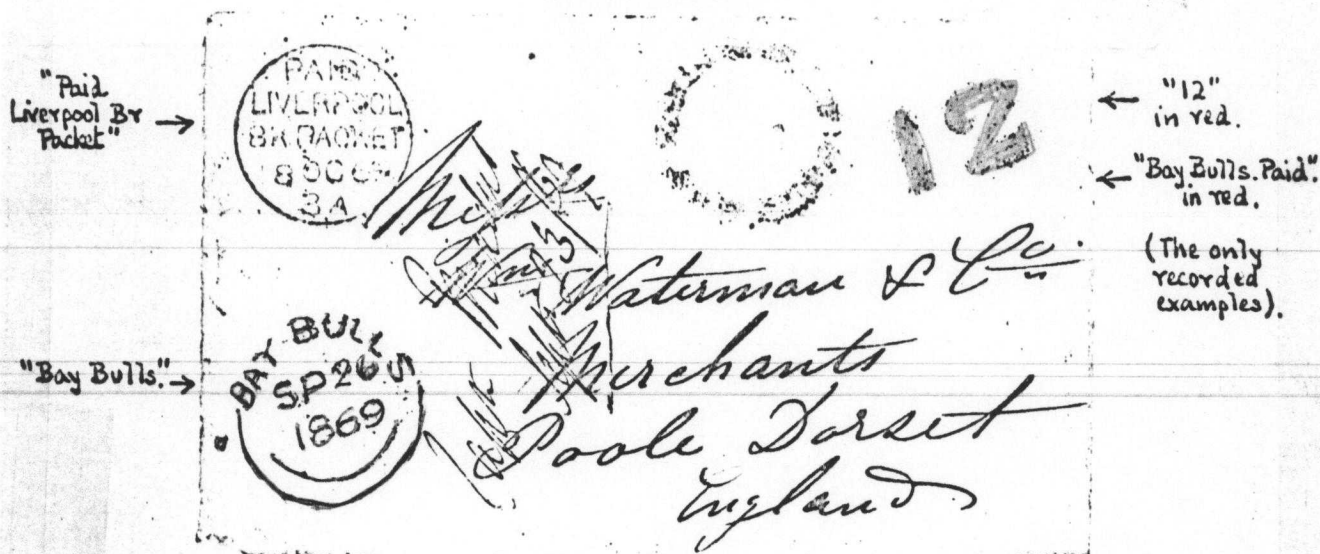
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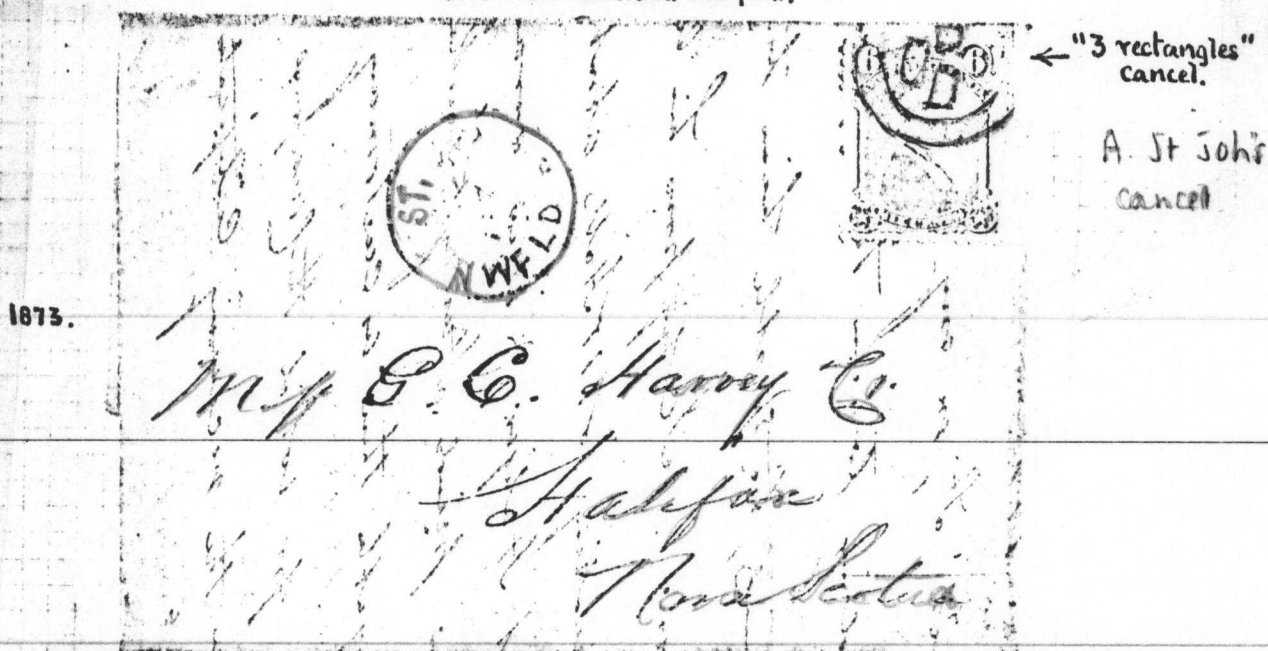
# Cover Corner

1865-70 (Cont).

12c Rate to UK.



September 26, 1869. Bay Bulls to Poole via St John's.  
"12" in red indicated 12c paid.



May 13, 1873. St John's to Halifax. Received June 3. bc SG 39.

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