

Occasionally, one comes upon a real little "gem". The cover illustrated is such a gem, showing a multitude of different items of interest to a "Newfie Collector".

The cover, dated Aug 7, 1928, complete with its contents still intact, was sent from a St. John's stamp dealer to a customer in New Westminister, B.C. The letter inside identifies the dealer by the name of R.C. Rose. R.C. Rose advises the customer to stock up on the 'new Pictorials' as a nice investment.

R.C. Rose's letter has a letterhead "The Newfoundland Stamp Collector" and advises 'Subscription 25c Year' and "Advert. Rate \$2.00 Page". This implies newsletters were distributed to subscribers.....has anyone seen any of these ?

Also enclosed is a subscription form for "The Stamp Collector's Magazine" (One year subscription at \$1.00 nice price). This subscription form is endorsed by the 'Newfoundland Stamp Exchange' same address as The Newfoundland Stamp Collector.

Nice item on the cover is the Scott Specialized Cat No. 147, 3c with LATHEWORK. 14c paid the registered fee to B.C.

Now I know why covers are so interesting !!!!!

Regards

Bill Davidson, Coquitlam, B.C.

Advertising Cover of St. John's
Newfie stamp dealer in 1928

Scribble Cancel
(Ugh!)

Scott Spec
No. 140

Scott Spec
No. 147 with
LATHEWORK



St. John's Registered Hammer

Registered Number Box

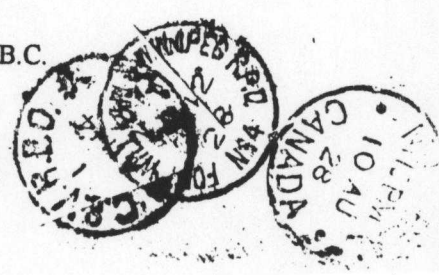
Oval R Cancel

ailed St. John's Aug 7, 1928, in Montreal 10 AU 28, carried by railways below. Arr. New Westminister, B.C.

For the Railway buffs:

FORT WILLIAM & WINNIPEG R.P.O.
I AU 12 28 No 4

● C. & V. R.P.O. *
I AU 14 28 27



FIRST PROVISIONAL COVER - EARLY DATE OR CLERK ERROR?

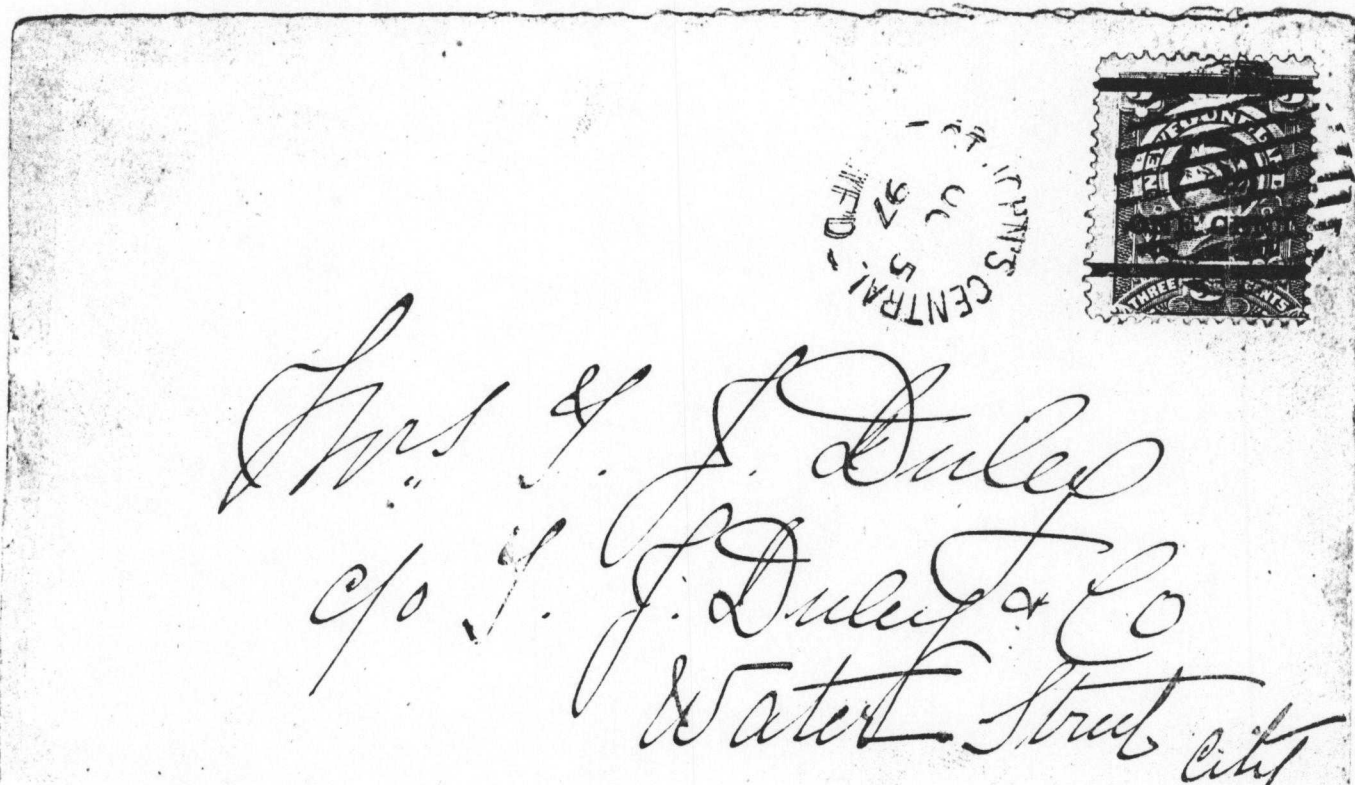
Pictured is what appears to be an "Oc 5 97" cover with the first provisional, SCOTT #75 (NSSC #69) postmarked at St. John's Central. As I pointed out in my article in the May/June issue, the first recognized issue date for the first provisionals is October 19, 1897. This cover, purchased in an April Maresch auction, poses a question then - is October 5, 1897 the real first day of usage?

The earliest cover I had from St. John's Central (before buying the instant cover) was November first. Most of the provisionals were sold at the G.P.O., and as far as I know, all October 19, 1897 covers are from the G.P.O. I don't know when the stamps were first sold at the Central office. From Dean Mario, we know the PAID ALL covers start on Sept. 24, 1897, but he has none between October 2nd and the 12th. The Cabot 1¢ stamp ran out towards the end of September, so what was used between the 2nd and the 12th?

There is a good chance that this cover resulted from a error by a postal clerk at the Central office. It could be that the hammer was not updated with the "NO" slug, and actual postmarked date should have been "NO 5". Another possibility was that the date should have been "OC 25".




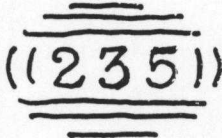
Once again, I would appreciate any help you could provide. Also, I am still looking for "new" usage dates for the first provisionals per my chart from the last issue of the newsletter.





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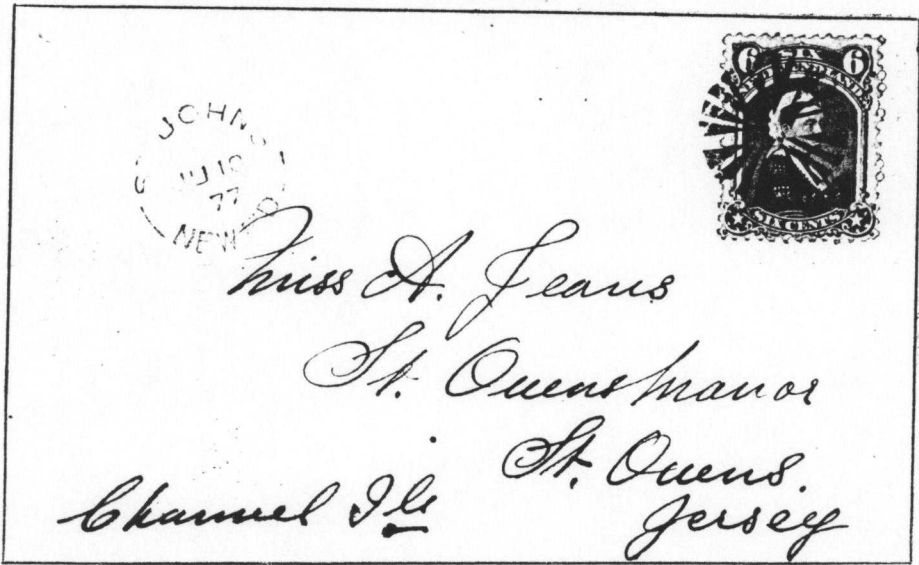


6. LETTERS AND NUMBERS

6.1	G.P.O. "3"	2¢ (1870)	
6.2	Intaglio "NFL"	2¢ (1870); 3¢ (1877); 3¢(1880)	
6.3	"B"	5¢(1876)	
6.4	Intaglio "N" in Ring	2¢ (1879); 3¢ (1880); 2¢ post card (1880)	Coastal North TPO
6.5	Intaglio "N" - Wide	5¢ (1876); 2¢ (1879)	Coastal North TPO
6.6	Intaglio "N" - Narrow	1¢ (1880); 3¢ (1880)	Coastal North TPO
6.7	"T"	1¢ (1880)	
6.8	"Paid 5 Cents"	5¢ (1880)	St. John's, 86-87
6.9	"235" Hammer	all issues 1865-1887	St. John's, 73-87

6.5  "N" - Wide	6.6  "N" - Narrow	6.7  "T"	6.8 PAID 5 CTS "Paid 5 Cents"	6.9  "235"
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6.1  G.P.O. "3"	6.2  Intaglio "NFL"	6.3  "B"	6.4  "N" in Ring
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Type 3.1 : St. John's, 1877

7. CROSSES

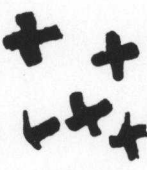









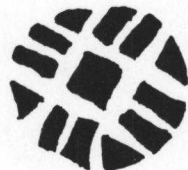
7.1	"X's"	3¢ (1873)	
7.2	Maltese Cross	3¢ Royal Family (1898)	

8. RING CANCELS

8.1	Three Bars	3¢ (1870); 6¢ (1870)	St. John's, 1873
8.2	Four Rings	3¢ (1870)	Rose Blanche, 1872-98
8.3	Three Rings	5¢ (1887); 5¢ (1894)	St. John's, 1888
8.4	Single Ring - 18 mm	5¢ (1880)	
8.5	Single Ring - 21 mm	2¢ Royal Family (1898)	

9. FOOTBALLS

9.1	G.P.O. Ring	6¢ (1870)	St. John's
9.2	Six Segments	6¢ (1870); 3¢ (1873)	St. John's
9.3		6¢ (1870); 1¢ (1871)	St. John's
9.4		2¢ (1879)	

7.1  "X's"	7.2  Maltese Cross	8.1  Three Bars	8.2  Four Rings	8.3  Three Rings
8.4  18 mm Ring	8.5  21 mm Ring	9.1  G.P.O. Ring	9.2  Six Segments	9.3 
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Appendix II

Order Number	Centre Margin Hole (inches)	Stamp Design Hole (inches)	Stamp denomination
160501	nil	5/32	2, 3, 4 (Scott 256), 5 (Scott 257) and 8 cents
160608	1/16	1/16	1 cent first state only, bluish grey
160608	nil	5/32	1 cent second state only
160691	nil	1/16	1, 2, 4 (256), 5 (257), 7, 8, 15, 24, 25, and 48 cents
160691	nil	5/32	3, 10, 14, 15, 20, 24, and 25 cents
127125	nil	1/16	1, 2, 3, 4 (256), 5 (257), 8, 10, 14, 20, and 25 cents
51984	13/32	1/16	1 cent
51984	5/16	1/16	2, 3, 5 (257), 10, 14, 15, 20, and 24 cents
51984	1/4	1/16	3 cents
52366	5/16	1/16	1, 2, 3, 4 (256), 5 (257), 7, and 8 cents
83005	5/16	3/32	2, 3, 4 (256), 5 (257), 25, and 48 cents
125556	5/16	3/32	1, 2, 3, 4 (256), and 8 cents
125622	5/16	3/32	15 cents
125743	5/16	1/8	1, 2, 3, 4 (256), 10, 15, and 20 cents
140860	5/16	1/8	4 cents (Scott 269)
141122	5/16	1/8	5 cents (Scott 270)
355822	5/16	1/8	2, 4 (269), and 10 cents
355822	nil	1/8	8, 14, 24, 25, and 48 cents
357082	nil	1/8	1, 2, 3, 4 (256), 5 (257), 8, 10, 14, 15, 24, and 48 cents
357082	5/16	nil	3 cents
124963	nil	1/8	3 cents
125016	nil	1/16	25 cents

Twenty Four Cents (Scott 264)

Order Number	Plate Number	Centre Margin Hole (inches)	Stamp Design Hole (inches)	Comments
160691	41795	nil	1/16	first sheet
160691	41795	nil	5/32	second sheet
51984	41795	5/16	1/16	
355822	41795	nil	1/8	
357082	41795	nil	1/8	

Twenty Five Cents (Scott 265)

Order Number	Plate Number	Centre Margin Hole (inches)	Stamp Design Hole (inches)	Comments
160691	41791	nil	5/32	first sheet
160691	41791	nil	1/16	second sheet
127125	41791	nil	1/16	
83005	41791	5/16	3/32	
355822	41791	nil	1/8	
125016	41791	nil	1/16	both sheets

Forty Eight Cents (Scott 266)

Order Number	Plate Number	Centre Margin Hole (inches)	Stamp Design Hole (inches)	Comments
160691	41793	nil	1/16	
83005	41793	5/16	3/32	
355822	41793	nil	1/8	
357082	41793	nil	1/8	

Fourteen Cents (Scott 261)

Order Number	Plate Number	Centre Margin Hole (inches)	Stamp Design Hole (inches)	Comments
160691	41789	nil	5/32	
127125	41789	nil	1/16	
51984	41789	5/16	1/16	
355822	41789	nil	1/8	
357082	41789	nil	1/8	

Fifteen Cents (Scott 262)

Order Number	Plate Number	Centre Margin Hole (inches)	Stamp Design Hole (inches)	Comments
160691	41794	nil	5/32	first sheet
160691	41794	nil	1/16	second sheet
51984	41794	5/16	1/16	
125622	41794	5/16	3/32	
125743	41794	5/16	1/8	both sheets
357082	41794	nil	1/8	

Twenty Cents (Scott 263)

Order Number	Plate Number	Centre Margin Hole (inches)	Stamp Design Hole (inches)	Comments
160691	41796	nil	5/32	
127125	41796	nil	1/16	
51984	41796	5/16	1/16	both sheets
125743	41796	nil	1/8	

Seven Cents (Scott 258)

Order Number	Plate Number	Centre Margin Hole (inches)	Stamp Design Hole (inches)	Comments
160691	41790	nil	1/16	
52366	41790	5/16	1/16	

Eight Cents (Scott 259)

Order Number	Plate Number	Centre Margin Hole (inches)	Stamp Design Hole (inches)	Comments
160501	41601	nil	5/32	
160691	41601	nil	1/16	
127125	41601	nil	1/16	
52366	41601	5/16	1/16	
125556	41601	5/16	3/32	both sheets
355822	41601	nil	1/8	
357082	41601	nil	1/8	

Ten Cents (Scott 260)

Order Number	Plate Number	Centre Margin Hole (inches)	Stamp Design Hole (inches)	Comments
160691	41867	nil	5/32	
127125	41867	nil	1/16	
51984	41867	5/16	1/16	
52366	41867	5/16	1/16	
125743	41867	5/16	1/8	
355822	43702	5/16	1/8	
357082	43838	nil	1/8	

Four Cents (Scott 269)

Order Number	Plate Number	Centre Margin Hole (inches)	Stamp Design Hole (inches)	Comments
140860	43359	5/16	1/8	1 sheet, 2 panes of 100 per sheet
355822	43359	5/16	1/8	same as above
357082	43359	nil	1/8	same as above

Five Cents (Scott 257)

Order Number	Plate Number	Centre Margin Hole (inches)	Stamp Design Hole (inches)	Comments
160501	41419	nil	5/32	
160691	41419	nil	1/16	
127125	42078	nil	1/16	both sheets
51984	42078	5/16	1/16	both sheets
51984	42453	5/16	1/16	
52366	42453	5/16	1/16	shown as plate 42543
52366	42644	5/16	1/16	
83005	42644	5/16	3/32	shown as plate 44624
83005	42953	5/16	3/32	both sheets
357082	43966	nil	1/8	2 sheets, 2 panes of 100 per sheet

Five Cents (Scott 270)

Order Number	Plate Number	Centre Margin Hole (inches)	Stamp Design Hole (inches)	Comments
141122	43476	5/16	1/8	all three sheets