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EDITOR'S NOTES

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I have been receiving a lot of help from our members. Our Newsletter can use any articles you can write, so get out your pen and join in sharing with all our members.

CHIARMAN'S NOTES

We are still having great stamping weather here in Newfoundland, cold, damp and foggy. Not that weather has anything to do with stamps here. Our local Newfoundland study group meets every second Wednesday, at one of our homes. We still miss our good friend Frank Rowe, who always brought "sum shockin' gud" items and commentary to our meetings. Remember, any members changing addresses, please inform me of the change.

Good Stamping, John Butt

AUCTION NEWS

Eastern Auctions (March 23, 1995)

Lot 76 - #4 used F/VF (cert) \$1,100

Lot 81 - #9 used F \$900

Lot 86 - #15ii used F \$1,050

Lot 96 - #25 NH F-VF \$260

Lot 105 - #77 NH F \$260

Lot 128 - #246ii NH VF \$280

Lot 136 - #C2i on cover \$1,250

Lot 2672 - #C2i unused F-UF \$5,500

Lot 2729 - #83a NH XF \$675

Lot 2757 - #160a NH F-UF \$900

Lot 2771 - #256 offset plate B \$575

Lot 2778 - #263 offset plate B \$675

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BLACK ISLAND

Lat. Long.: 53° 45' N 56° 22' W

Population:

Origin of Name:

Opened: 1901 [Walsh and Butt]

before 1948 summer office, no money order service

Closed: Mar. 31, 1949

No postal markings known.

BLANC SABLON

Lat. Long.: 51° 26' N 57° 08' W

Population:

Origin of Name:

Opened: 1890 (Way Office) [Almanac] [Edwin G. Grant, waymaster]

1892 (Post Office) Labrador West [Almanac] [Edwin G. Grant,
postmaster]

1893 (Post Office) [Pratt] [Edwin G. Grant, postmaster]

Closed: July 7, 1927

TYPE	COLOUR	PROOF DATE	EARLIEST	LATEST
A1		Sept. 19, 1889	Feb. 16, 1894	Mar. 15, 1905



BOLSTER'S ROCK

Lat. Long.: 53° 06' N 55° 46' W

Population: 13 (1965)

Origin of Name:

Opened: 1890 (Way Office) [Almanac] [John E. Pike, waymaster]
 1892 (Post Office) Labrador North [Almanac] [John E. Pike,
 postmaster]
 1893 (Post Office) [Pratt] [John E. Pike, postmaster]
 before 1948, summer office, no money order service

Closed: March 31, 1949

No postal markings known.

BRIG HARBOR

Lat. Long.: 54° 33' N 57° 11' W

Population:

Origin of Name:

Opened: 1890 (Way Office) [Almanac] [John Strapp, waymaster]
 1892 (Post Office) Labrador North [Almanac] [John Strapp,
 postmaster]

Closed: 1892?

No postal markings known.

CAPE HARRISON

Lat. Long.: 54° 54' N 58° 03' W

Population: 10 (1965)

Origin of Name:

Opened: 1890 (Way Office) [Almanac] [Jabez LeGrow, waymaster]
 1893 (Post Office) Labrador North [Almanac] [Jabez LeGrow,
 postmaster]

Closed: 1896? [Almanac]
 1931 [Walsh and Butt]

Reopened: July 2-Sept. 13, 1981 Non-accounting POCON 007536
 July 7-Sept. 20, 1982
 July 14-Oct. 17, 1983
 July 6-Sept. 24, 1984
 ??
 June 9-Sept. 15, 1986

Postal Code: A0P IT0

TYPE	COLOUR	PROOF DATE	EARLIEST	LATEST
P1		June 18, 1981		

007536

VI 18 1981

Capa Harrison
Lab.

NFLD.: T.N.

Double Outer Oval

"Postal Telegraphs" at Top
Size 46+mm x 30+mm



POST OFFICE	COLOR	E.R.D.	R	L.R.D.	R
AGUATHUNA, NFLD	P	08NO30	DC	03FE31	DC
ARGENTIA, NFLD	B,P	18MY30	DC	08NO37	DH
BADGER, NFLD	P	20FE28	PM	15JU35	JF
BAINE HR., P.B. NFLD	BL,P	20MY30	DC	28JA31	PM
BAINE HR. Nfld	B,BL,P	05FE36	PM	06DE39	PM
BAY BULLS, NFLD	R	29AP3X	JF	15MY35	PM
BAY DE VERDE	P	xxJY29	DC	18DE29	DC
BELL ISLAND N.F.	P			09MR36	PM
BONAVISTA, NFLD	B,P	16JA35	PM	23MR36	JF
BOTWOOD, NFLD	B,BL	02FE31	DC	14FE34	PM
BURGEO, NFLD	BL,G,R	22FE28	RS	26FE34	CS
BURIN, NFLD	P			18JA35	PM
BURLINGTON	BL			xxFE34	PM
CATALINA, NFLD	B,P	03OC34	PM	18JA35	PM
COME BY CHANCE, Nfld	BL,P	05FE31	DC	17JY33	PM
COME-BY-CHANCE, NFLD	P	19NO26	JF	13FE34	PM
CRABBS	B			xxxx3x	DC
DEER LAKE, Nfld	P			20DE35	PM
EPWORTH	R	04NO30	DC		
FORTUNE HARBOR, NFLD	R	01OC29	DC	28FE31	DC
GREAT BURIN, Nfld	P	20NO30	PM	12DE31	DC
HAMPDEN, NFLD	BL,P	14SP29	DC	07AU34	DC
HARBOUR BUFFETT, NFLD	B,P	27SP27	PM	06FE35	JF
HARBOUR BUFFETT, Nfld	B			31MR49	PM
HR. DEEP, S.W. ARM, Nfld	P	22JY31	PM	24JY33	PM
HAYSTACK, NFLD	B,P,R	10AP31	PM	08AU33	PM
HERMITAGE, NFLD	P			26JA35	PM
HUMBERMOUTH, NFLD	P,R	28AU29	DC	xxxx30	DC
HUMBERMOUTH, Nfld	B	xxxx30	DC	09AP31	BN
JACKSON'S ARM, W.B., Nfld	B,R	11NO30	DC	07AU34	JB
JERSEY HARBOUR, Nfld	B,R	26FE34	JF	26JA35	PM

POST OFFICE	COLOR	E.R.D.	R	L.R.D.	R	NOTE
LAMALINE, N ()	B			13JU33	PM	
LEWISPORTE, NFLD	B,P,R	20OC29	PM	17DE35	DC	
LITTLE BAY, N.D.B.	BL	25JU29	PM			
LITTLE BAY ISLANDS	B	12FE22	JF			
Millertown Junction Nfld.	B	22AU26	PM			
NIPPERS HARBOR (NFLD)	B,P,R	23AU21	JF	xxJU31	DC	
NORRIS' ARM, NFLD	B,P	30NO30	DC	10JU34	JB	
NORTH HARBOUR, Plac. Bay	R	30DE30	DC	xxJY33	PM	
ODERIN, NFLD	B,P,R	05NO30	PM	29DE35	PM	
OLD PERLICAN, NFLD	P	20NO29	DC	28OC31	JF	
PILLEY'S ISLAND, NFLD	BL	xxxx26	DC	16OC33	PM	
PLACENTIA, NFLD	P	29JA30	JF	07OC35	PM	
PORT ALBERT	B	20JU31	DC			
PORT AU PORT, Nfld	P,R	01JU31	DC	25SP34	JB	
PORT BLANDFORD, NFLD	B,BL,P,R	30AU29	DC	18DE37	PM	
PORT DE GRAVE	G,P	01OC27	DC	09JU33	JF	
PORT REXTON, T(?)	B	26FE31	PM			
ROBERT'S ARM	B,P,R	21JY26	JF	17JA31	DC	
ROBINSON'S, NFLD	B,P,R	23JA31	PM	09MY35	JF	
ST. ALBAN'S, Nfld	B,R	22MY26	PM	01SP37	PM	3 LINE DATER
ST. ANDREW'S, N.F.	BL			19DE34	PM	
ST. JACQUES, NFLD	B,P	16MR33	JF	30DE35	JF	
SANDY POINT, NFLD	B,BL	04FE27	DC	12FE31	PM	
Sandy Point, St. George's	B,BL	14MR31	DW	xxMR34	PM	
SEAL COVE, WHITE BAY, Nfld	B,BL,P	27FE27	DC	xxJA31	PM	
SHOAL HARBOR, NFLD	B	04OC29	DC	30OC29	BN	
Stephenville Crossing, N.F.	P	23MR25	JF	13AP25	PM	SEPARATE DATER
Stephenville Crossing, Nfld.	P,R	02NO23	JF	11OC29	BN	

C.A.P.O. No. 10

Lat. Long.: 53° 19' N 60° 24' W

Population:

Origin of Name:

Opened: July 13, 1942 (as CAPO #10) Accounting MOON X726

April 1, 1946 Changed to Goose Airport, money order service

April 1, 1949 Accounting MOON Y315

POCON 001937

Sept. 1, 1981 Changed to Happy Valley-Goose Bay Station C

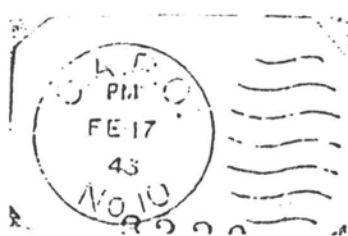
Closed: July 22, 1991

Postal Code: A0P 1C0

TYPE	COLOUR	PROOF DATE	EARLIEST	LATEST
B1		June 3, 1942	July 13, 1942	Apr. 1, 1946
D1		Feb. 17, 1943	Mar. 1, 1943	Aug. 15, 1943
H1			Apr. 30, 1945	
M1		June 3, 1942	Dec. 29, 1943	
L1				
R1			Feb. 23, 1943	Dec. 29, 1943



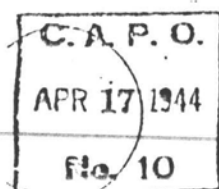
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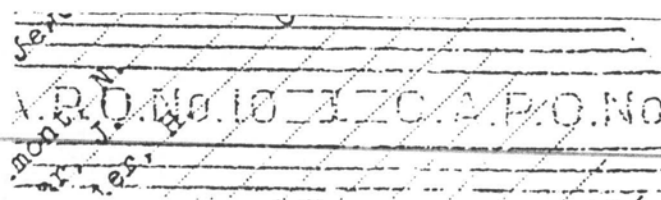
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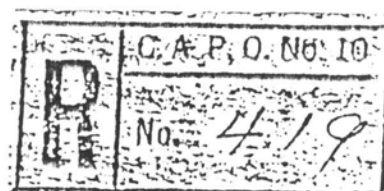
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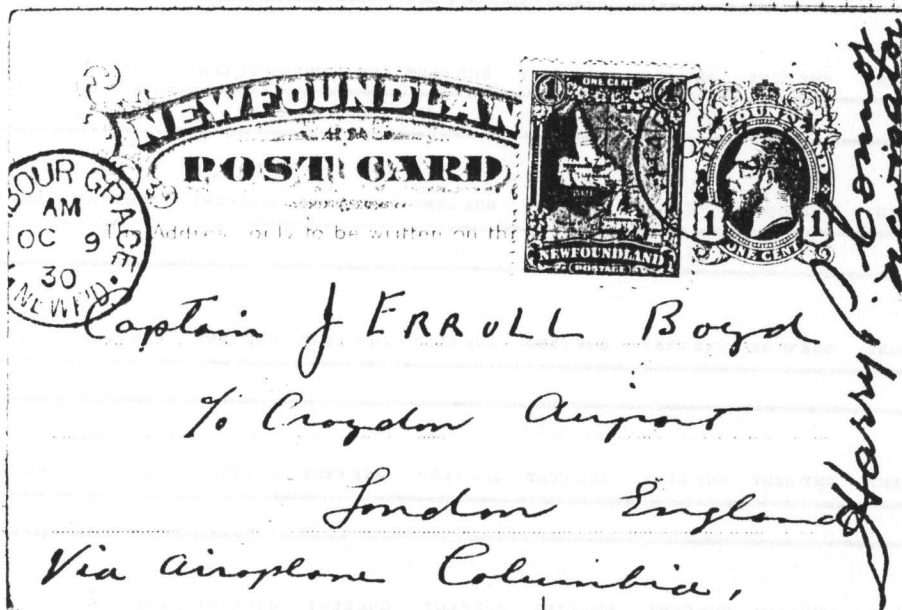
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1930-POSTAL CARDS

EARLIEST REPORTED POSTMARK

CARD FLOWN ON "COLUMBIA" OCT 9 30.

ENDORSED BY NAVIGATOR HARRY P. CONNOR.



I, J. Errall Boyd, Lieut. R.N.
swear that this card
was carried by me
from St. John's, Nfld.
to Crofton, England
in the Aeroplane
Columbia Oct 9 1930
as Newfoundland General
Air Mail and that
there are not over 20
such post cards in
the world.

J. Errall Boyd
Pilot Columbia

County of Volusia
State of Florida.

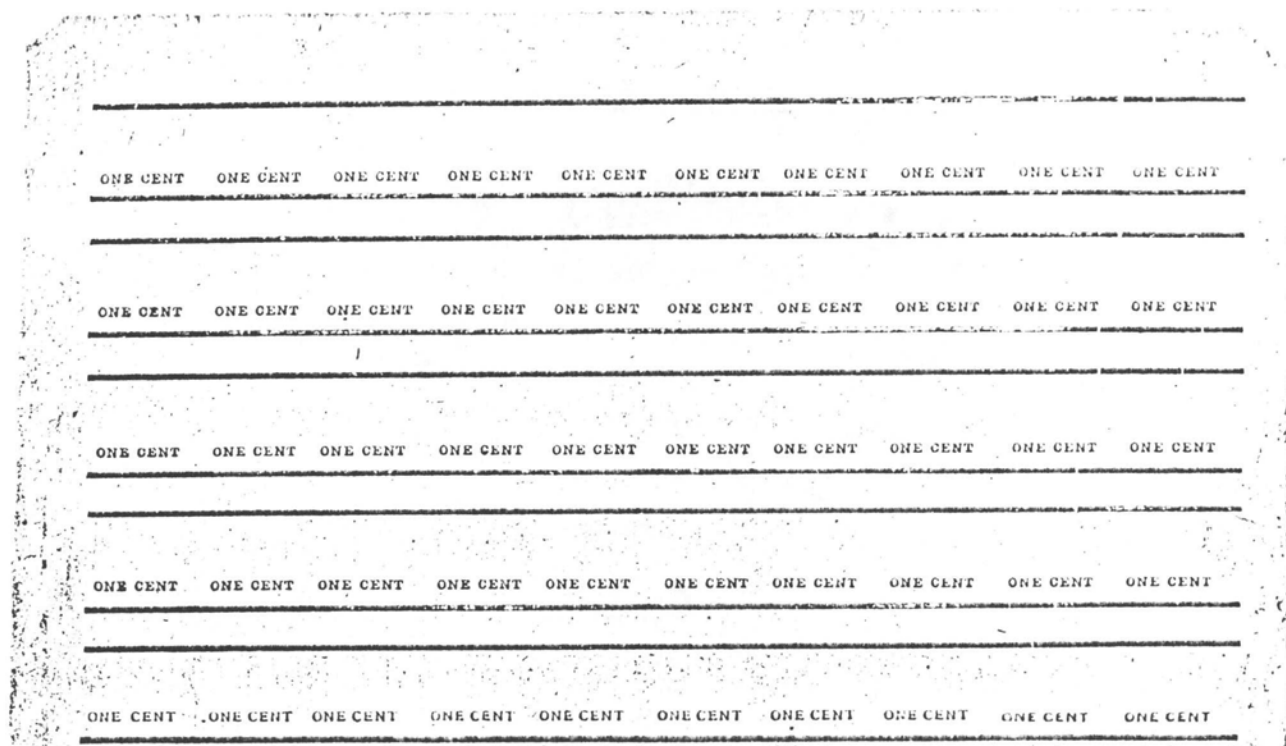
Subscribed and sworn to before me
A Notary Public, this 3rd day of
September, 1931.

Eva M. Becker

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large
My Commission expires Nov. 11, 1933

HAPPENSTANCE AND A LOST PROOF SHEET

BY NORRIS (BOB) DYER



The rather bedraggled sheet of fifty above was uncovered after an 11-year chain of events. The printer's red trial proof sheet of fifty, which the Xerox reflects is the third known, prepared during the 1897 postal shortage for overprinting the 1890 3¢ Queen Victoria issue. Robert Pratt thought there were only two.

After thirty years of collecting United States issues, and then Canada, I decided in 1983 to collect a "new" country. Long intrigued by the catalogue photos of Newfoundland issues, including the Trail of the Caribou set, I decided **this** was my new country. Since then Newfoundland issues have been my philatelic focus.

In January of 1985, an attorney representing a very elderly lady, came to stamp dealer Don Curran of Pacific Stamp Exchange, in Novato, California, with a collection for sale by private treaty. The attorney told Curran that his client, Martha Krippner, under care in a facility in nearby San Rafael (just north of San Francisco), was the daughter of the man who "wrote the Newfoundland national anthem." Curran bought the collection.

In the collection Curran found a Newfoundland cover with the three 1897 provisionals overprinted in **red**. He also found two used singles in **red** of the Type II provisional. He sent all three items to B.P.A. In September of 1985, B.P.A. declared the material "forged."

In October of 1986, Robert Pratt wrote a lengthy article on the 1890 issue and the provisionals (**Newfoundland-The Gray 1890 Three Cent - Ten Years of Turmoil**). It appeared in the journal of the Fifty Second American Philatelic Congress. Pratt described the existence of several proof sheets of the overprint in red on buff paper. He relied on 1923-24 correspondence from "...E.R. Krippner, a music teacher and composer of the Newfoundland 'national' anthem, and his son, L.L." The Krippners appeared to have cornered the market on proof material surrounding the first provisionals. Of the two red sheets the Krippners refer to, Pratt owned one as of the 1986 writing but didn't know where the other was. There was a photo of his sheet. Pratt also cited other authorities who claimed a number of red provisionals were used on cover by postal officials.

In 1988 or 89, I purchased the "forged" cover from Curran for a song, after he told me about the bad certificate. He also said something about the material coming from someone who wrote the Newfoundland national anthem. Sometime later, I purchased the two proof singles. In late 1992, after a plea for information on the Royal Family issue in a stamp periodical, I started writing to John Walsh of **NSSC**. One letter led to others and I decided to sell him the questionable cover (subsequently pictured in **Newfie Newsletter #44, September-October, 1993**). John felt the cover might be genuine. Later that year, he sent me a copy of the 1986 Pratt article. The provisionals on the cover and the two singles were so close in appearance, I started wondering whether the singles were genuine.

In mid 1993, I wrote to Ed Wener of **INDIGO** in New Zealand sending him the two singles. Wener still thought the singles were forged but made a nice offer to add them to his forgery collection. I decided not to sell.

Later that year a collector in France sent Wener a fullsize Xerox of the red proof sheet, stating he just bought it in a large collection of sheets. Wener thought the price too dear, but sent me a Xerox of the Xerox. He suggested I might want to match my singles against the sheet. They plated, at positions #42 & 43. The third provisional, on a Xeroxed copy of the cover I had sold to Walsh also seemed to plate at position #50. Although the sheet matched all the characteristics of Pratt's photographed (and reduced) sheet, there was more margin at the left and bottom. This looked like the other sheet of which Pratt had written.

In 1994 I started preparing an article targeted for **BNA Topics** on the 1897 postal shortage and the first provisionals. This would include types, usage dates, etc. (See references to this in **Newfie Newsletters #48 & 51**). I decided to deal briefly with the red trials. I also decided to follow-up with Don Curran, regarding his reference to the person who wrote the anthem coupled with the Pratt article Walsh sent me in 1993. Ultimately I found out from Curran that the lady's name was Martha Krippner, a daughter of E.R. Krippner. I told Curran of my research and article and in November of last year, he called me to tell me of an unusual item from the Krippner collection he had in storage since 1985, not knowing what it was. It turned out to be the proof sheet pictured.

The characteristics of the third sheet match Pratt's and the Xerox sent me by Wener, but (again) with different margins. From upper left to lower right, the design on the Wener Xerox measures 99% the same as my sheet. Measurements of individual cliches are identical, as are bar breaks, etc. It is on buff paper, as described by Pratt, but with a few margin tears. I have a feeling that my sheet may not be in as good condition as the other two. Is this why the elder Krippner set it aside (latter passing it on to his daughter), as he couldn't get the price he wanted? Remember, Krippner was the source of information on these sheets - who knows how many were actually saved. I have sent a color Xerox of the newly discovered sheet to Walsh, as I now firmly believe the cover and my two singles are genuine since they plate so well to the sheet. One wonders what B.P.A. was using in order to plate/compare this material when Curran originally sent it for certificates in 1985?

As a footnote, I recently called several Krippner families in Northern California, to see if they knew Martha. So far, I have had no luck. I assume she died in San Rafael in the 1980's. Any help with that search would be appreciated. Send any information to the editor, John Butt, please.

