

**THE NEWFIE NEWSLETTER
OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND STUDY GROUP OF BNAPS**

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Welcome to the edition of our Newsletter. I apologize for being so late but the weather here in St. John's has been excellent for the past 5-6 weeks. Too nice for stamping. This edition contains the following articles:

Pages 2-5 Kevin O'Rielly's Labrador Offices

Pages 6-7 Bob Dyer's 1920 "Provisionals"

Pages 8-10 The last section of Palmer Moffat's "Boxes & Ovals"

On behalf of the Newfoundland Study Group, I have prepared an exhibit entitled "Newfoundland, A Stamp Collectors Heaven". It is a one frame exhibit, 16 pages, which shows the different facts of Newfoundland philately. This exhibit will be shown at the Edmonton Convention in early September. I hope it will attract new members to our group.

NEWFIE CHATTER

The "Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue" received Vermeil and Prix d'Honneur medals at the "ORAPEX" show in Ottawa. I think that this catalogue, edited and researched by John Walsh and John Butt, is by far the most informative piece of literature on Newfoundland philately to be produced in quite a while (very biased opinion). I guess the judges at ORAPEX must have held the same opinion.

AUCTION NEWS

F.E. Eaton & Sons (June 16 & 17)

Lot 1132 - 78/85 die proofs - 357

Lot 1138 - 98/103 die proofs - 825

Lot 1147 - 160ii proof - 660

Lot 1157 - 233/243 Black die proofs - 605

Lot 1166 - 130C missing three - 495

Lot 1169 - Hawker Air, NH - 12,650

Lot 1173 - C2a,b,ii - block of 4 NH - 577

Lot 1174 - C5 Columbia, MLH - 3575

Lot 2456 - 59 block of 6, imprint - 660

Lot 2460 - 59 on cover, 1892 - 357

Lot 2461 - 61/74 specimen O/P - 330

Eastern Auctions

Lot 74 - 2 used F - 850

Lot 76 - 4 used F/UF - 1100

Lot 79 - 7 used UF - 850

Lot 81 - 9 used F - 900

Lot 86 - 15ii used F - 1050

Lot 128 - 246ii, perf 14, NH - 280

Lot 136 - C2i on cover - 1250

Lot 156 - C18 on cover - 475

Lot 2673 - 2i - MH - 5500

Lot 2697 - 35 x 2 on cover - 425

Lot 2729 - 83a - imperf between - 675

Lot 2737 - 96a - imperf pair - 600

Lot 2757 - 160a - invert - 900

Lot 2771 - 246 - offset plate block - 575

Lot 2778 - 263 - offset plate block - 675

Lot 2789 - C3,a i, iv - block M, XF - 550

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CAPE CHARLES

Lat. Long.: 52° 13' N 55° 38' W

Population:

Origin of Name:

Opened: 1887 (Way Office) [Pratt]

1892 (Post Office) Labrador West [Almanac] [R.H. Taylor,
postmaster]

before 1948, year-round office, no money order service

Apr. 1, 1949 Non-accounting MOON 53273

POCON 005940

May 25, 1979 Accounting POCON 007358

Postal Code: A0K 1T0

TYPE	COLOUR	PROOF DATE	EARLIEST	LATEST
A1		June 19, 1936	Feb. 13, 1944	May 17, 1965
C1		Oct. 25, 1965		
P1		Mar. 13, 1973	July 30, 1974	Feb. 7, 1979
P2		Sept. 2, 1978	Mar. 2, 1981	Jan. 25, 1983
P2a	Bright Rose		Oct. 23, 1990	
P3		July 10, 1980	Feb. 5, 1988	
P4			Sept. 8, 1992	
R1			May 11, 1954	May 17, 1965
R2			Feb. 28, 1978	
R3			Feb. 5, 1988	



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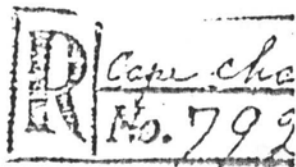
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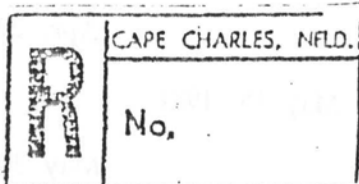
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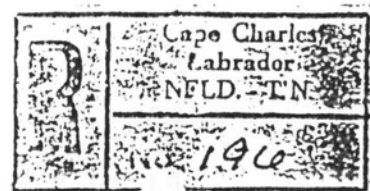
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CARTWRIGHT

Lat. Long.: 53° 42' N 57° 01' W

Population: 753 (1971)

Origin of Name:

Opened: 1893 (Post Office) Labrador North [Almanac, Pratt] [Robert
 Guy, postmaster]
 1905 [Walsh and Butt]
 before 1948, year-round, money order service
 Apr. 1, 1949 Non-accounting MOON 53320
 Accounting MOON Y142
 POCN 000825

Postal Code: A0K 1V0

TYPE	COLOUR	PROOF DATE	EARLIEST	LATEST
A1			Jan. 29, 1905	Apr. 21, 1913
A2			Nov. 17, 1917	July 22, 1935
A3		June 30, 1937	Sept. 11, 1937	Sept. ?, 1945
B1a	Plum	Oct. 2, 1951	June 26, 1954	
C1a	Carmine	Feb. 13, 1957	Apr. 24, 1959	Nov. 16, 1961
C1			Aug. 15, 1969	Feb. 19, 1981
E1			Dec. 11, 1981	Nov. 19, 1992
H1			Jan. 10, 1946	
H1a	Dull Ultramarine		Feb. 20, 1948	
H1			Aug. 11, 1948	
H1b	Carmine		Oct. 12, 1956	
H1			May 2, 1957	Aug. 15, 1969
M1		June 21, 1949	Jan. 13, 1950	Sept. 21, 1951
N1			Feb. 14, 1972	Feb. 1, 1973
P1		Mar. 13, 1973	May 17, 1973	Aug. 2, 1974
P2			Apr. 27, 1976	Mar. 16, 1978
P3		May 15, 1981		
P4			May 30, 1986	Mar. 5, 1987

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July 15, 1991

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Carmine-Lake

Mar. 5, 1987



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A2



A3



B1



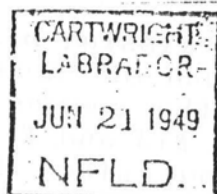
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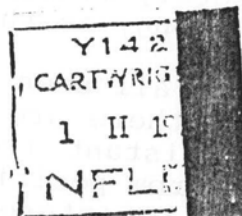
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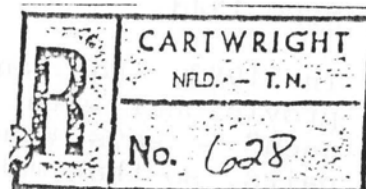
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THE MISSING "THREE" VARIETY OF 1920

by

Norris (Bob) Dyer



I can just picture it. It is September 15, 1920. A postal customer needs a 3¢ stamp for a letter to the U.S., but there is a shortage of 3¢ stamps, and provisionals are being used. He waits in line and is allowed to buy one stamp, takes it to a table to affix it and finds out there is no value on it! What now ???????

Could have happened, but probably didn't. There had been enough press about valuable varieties on previous provisionals (and the 1919 Alcock issue). Also, it appears the "missing" THREE on the Cabot 35¢ issue of 1897 (NSSC 124c) is truly rare; in fact, the completely missing THREE may not even exist (please correct me if I am wrong, as that is the point of this article!)

We have all seen the missing bar variety (NSSC 124b), but JARRETT states there are 1,000 of these, and his 1929 book is only nine years distant from the source event. He says the missing THREE comes from positions #13 and #14 from the 25-stamp block. This by itself is interesting, since HUBER in 1922 says the completely missing lower bar is from position #14. JARRETT says the missing bar is from position #15. Let's categorize this as a mystery of lesser significance.

The above illustration is from the Paradise Valley Stamp Company auction of July 29, 1994. The stamp pictured did not sell, as the owner had a rather high reserve. The same stamp was sold in the Eaton & Son auction of June 16th. The owner lowered his reserve and I bought the stamp, as this is the first specimen I have seen on auction during the past decade; but I have seen many Hawkers, Columbians, De Pinedos, as well as inverted Halifax and Dornier examples! It must be rare, but note the very top of the **THREE** remains on this copy. John Walsh tells me this is what he and John Butt describe as **THREE missing** under NSSC 124c, not to be confused with lower portion of the **THREE showing**, which is NSSC 124d.

In 1992, Ed Wener of INDIGO sold a block of 25 of this provisional with two missing three's - "first sheet I have ever seen" - says Wener. JARRETT did state that that they came in pairs, so that makes sense. The question is, Ed, were the three's completely missing, or similar to the one pictured? Wener's is the only retail listing I have ever seen.

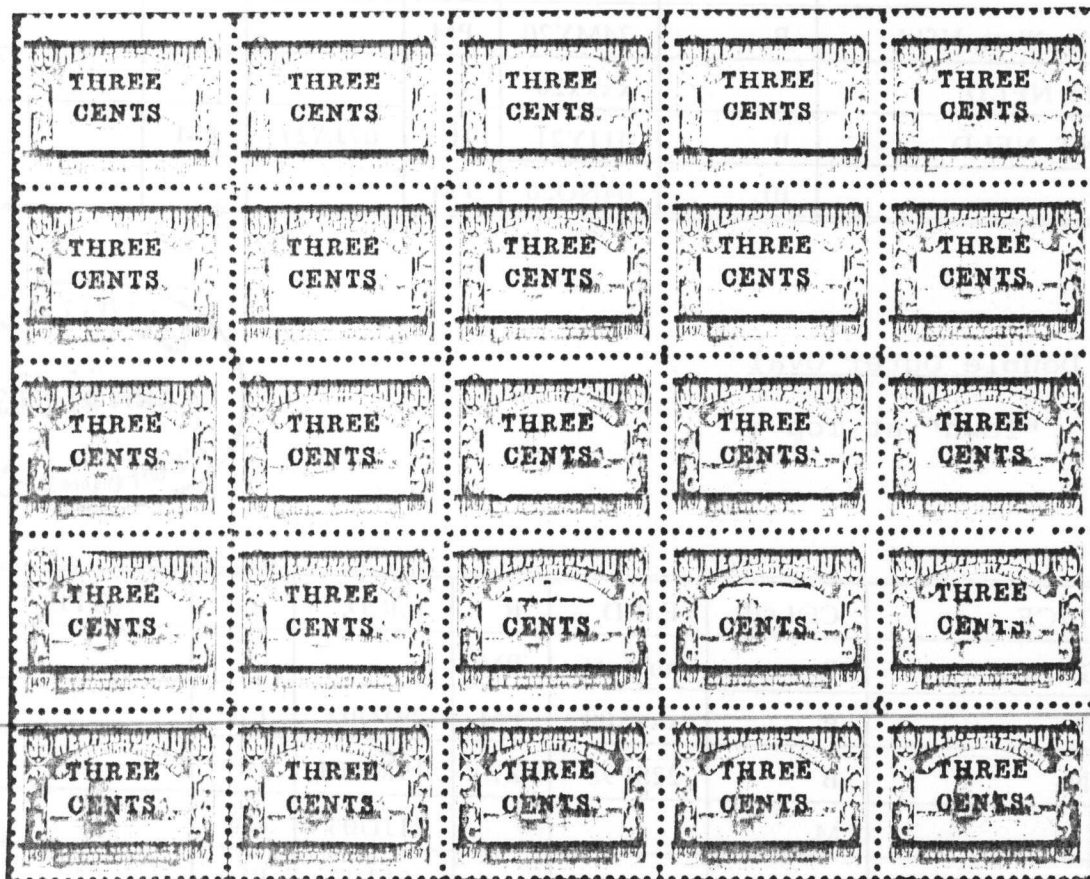
THE MISSING "THREE" VARIETY OF 1920

GIBBONS may be confusing things by stating that "stamps showing the top or bottom of the letters "Three" are scarce but not as rare as No. 147c" (the missing THREE). No other catalog mentions the top portion of the THREE showing, but JARRETT, BOGGS, and WALSH/BUTT mention the lower portion showing. Eaton described the stamp pictured as being the \$2500 item listed by GIBBONS, under 147c. The NSSC price is a more modest \$525. So where does that leave us?

Is this much ado about nothing? A species of flyspeck philately? Once again I call on those more astute in such matters, if, in fact, attention is due at all. The questions remain: 100% missing THREE - does it exist? If it does, anyone venture to guess how many? How many exist of just the top or bottom showing?

While awaiting your judgement I remain calm and happy! I have followed one of the primary rules for any serious philatelist - if something shows up you have never seen before and it seems authentic, buy it (that is, if the reserve isn't too high!).

Please send any comments/help to John Butt, our editor.



"Post Office" at Top



POST OFFICE	COLOR	E.R.D.	R	L.R.D.	R	NOTE
BELL ISLAND MINES, NFLD.	BL	23SP15	DW			
BURLINGTON, N.D.B.	B	05JY13	DC			
CARBONEAR, NFLD	G,BL	02MY05	DW	20AU07	PM	
COME-BY-CHANCE CROSSING	P	18NO20	PM	05AP21	PM	P.O/D/ NEWFOUNDLAND/ T
COME-BY-CHANCE CROSSING	BL	22JY20	PM			
GOOSEBERRY ISLANDS, B.B.	B	07MY19	PM	13JA21	PM	
GRAND VILLAGE, N.T.	x	08FE09	xx			
Leading Tickles West, Nfld.	B	24MY20	PM			
PORT UNION, NFLD		xxxx20	xx			
SANDY POINT, NFLD	B	01JY21	JF	07JA27	PM	
SUNNYSIDE	BL	04NO20	PM			

Double Outer Oval

"Town" at Top



POST OFFICE	COLOR	E.R.D.	R	L.R.D.	R	NOTE
HARBOUR GRACE	B	no date	PM			
MILLERTOWN	P	xxxx00	PM	29JU02	LA	
MONKSTOWN	B	22SP98	ZZ	19MR01	DC	
QUARRY	M			21JU03	DW	
ST. ANTHONY, R.N.M.	P			10FE13	PM	
ST. ANTHONY, NFLD	B	16JY29	PM	30JU42	PM	T/D/I.G.A.
ST. JOHN'S G.P.O	P	08MY16	PM	22MY16	ZZ	OFFICE/D/ NEWFOUNDLAND

Other Wording at Top

POST OFFICE	COLOR	E.R.D.	R	L.R.D.	R	NOTE
RENCONTRE EAST, (NFLD)	BL	13NO34	PM			POSTS & TEELGRAPHS/ D/T
ST. JOHN'S, NEWF'LD	B	17AU03	JB	13NO03	DC	MONEY ORDER OFFICE/D/T
BURGEO	B			xxxx33	PM	H.M. CUSTOMS/D/T
DEER LAKE, NFLD	P			xxxx31	PM	H.M. CUSTOMS/D/T
NIPPERS HARBOUR (X)	B	15JY33	PM			H.M. CUSTOMS/D/T
NORRIS ARM, NFLD	BL,P	12JY33	PM	03AP34	PM	H.M. CUSTOMS/D/T
PORT AUX BASQUES (X)	P	27SP34	PM			H.M. CUSTOMS/D/T
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	B	18JU34	DH			LONG ROOM/D/ H.M. CUSTOMS/T

Serrated Oval

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

POST OFFICE	COLOR	E.R.D.	R	L.R.D.	R	NOTE
BEAUMONT, Nfld.	R	03SP29	PM	08AU33	PM	D/M/Y
BRIGUS JUNCTION, NFLD	B,P	12FE27	JF	12SP33	PM	D/M/Y
CAPE La HUNE, NFLD	B	06AP29	CJ	09MY31	DC	
LOWER ISLAND COVE	B,P,R	10JY29	DC	06DE29	DC	
MILLERTOWN, NFLD.	P	xxAU26	DP	xxxx27	PM	D/M/Y
PILLEY'S ISLAND, NFLD	BL,P	14AU26	DC	xxJA34	PM	
PORT AU BRAS ()	B,P	xxJY29	DC	28NO30	PM	
PORT AU PORT, NFLD	P	15JU26	JF			
RENCONTRE EAST, NFLD	B	22JA32	PM	14MY32	PM	

"Post Office" at Top



POST OFFICE	COLOR	E.R.D.	R	I.R.D.	R	NOTE
CARBONEAR	B,P	11JY06	JF	xxMR12	PM	P.O/D/T
NAIN, NFLD	B	12MR09	JF			P.O/D/T
SANDY POINT.	B,BL	04MY28	PM	04FE32	JF	P.O/NEWFOUNDLAND/ D/T



Town at Top

POST OFFICE	COLOR	E.R.D.	R	I.R.D.	R	NOTE
BELL ISLAND	BL	28xx11	PM			T/D/NEWFOUNDLAND
ST. ANTHONY, NFLD	B,BL,P	26NO32	PM	26DE38	JF	T/D/L.G.A.
ST. JOHN'S	B	25AP33	PM	03JA38	ZZ	T/D/NEWFOUNDLAND

Other Wording at Top

POST OFFICE	COLOR	E.R.D.	R	I.R.D.	R	NOTE
MILLERTOWN	P	13Jxxx	PM			H.M. CUSTOMS/D/T