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EDITOR'S NOTES

Welcome to the 63rd edition of our Newsletter. In this issue you will find:

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Christmas 1996 is approaching fast, so I want to wish all of our study group members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

B.N.A.P.S. CONVENTION 1997 - ST. JOHN'S, NF

B.N.A.P.E.X. '97 will be held at Hotel Newfoundland - St. John's, NF, August 28-30, 1997

Hotel bookings are going very well but frames for the Exhibition are slow. If you are interested in attending or exhibiting, please do so as early as possible.

Accommodations:

Hotel Newfoundland
\$110 Cdn/night, single/double, refer to BNAPEX '97
1-800-268-9420

Ferries:

Marine Atlantic
1-800-341-7981
(Reservations for Summer 1997 can be made after Dec. 1, 1996)

Official Airline:

Canadian Airlines
Discounts off Full Business & Economy and 2-night minimum stay
Refer to Star File Number MJ 3011.7 and BNAPEX '97

Tourist Information:

Newfoundland & Labrador Travel
1-800-563-6353

DUES NOTICE

Dues for the 1996-97 season are now overdue. If you have not paid your dues, please do so as this will be the final notice. UNPAID HAVE INVOICE ATTACHED.

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The illustrated photograph and text is of a postcard sent from, I believe Springdale Green Bay, via Notre Dame Bay TPO to St. John's and hence to Whitby Yorkshire England.

The broken circle hammer tying the 2c stamp to the postcard is partial and I can only make out the letters SPRI of the post-town. Checking through the Walsh and Butt Catalogue leads me to believe it can only be Springdale.

An interesting feature of the postcard, apart from its postal markings, is the group photograph of members of the "Epworth League" at Carbonear.

Can anyone enlighten me, through the medium of the newsletter, what the "Epworth League" was all about and is it still in existence today.

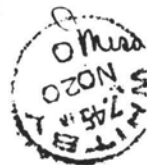
Many thanks in anticipation.

Colin

POST CARD.

This space may be used for communication

The address only to be written



Verities
Initial farm
Littlebrook
to Little
York

England.

Although this might interest
you. It is in Carbonear
Epworth League was taken
at their 1st picnic.
It is a nice group and the
best one I have of the Carbonear
League. What do you think
of them?
Very like an English group is it not?
Kind regards to all
yours
Miss.



THE 1920 2¢ ON 30 ¢ SLATE

SOME QUESTIONS RAISED

Norris R. Dyer

The September, 1920 shortage of low value Caribou's led to the need for a number of provisionals, among them a 2-cent surcharge on the 30¢ Cabot. This is **SCOTT #127** or **NSSC #125**. This article is not intended to detail all the varieties of this stamp, but merely raise several questions.

Could someone provide me a photo or Xerox of **NSSC 125b**? This first question may be easy ---Harry Huber says one block of 25 was misfed resulting in a diagonal overprint. **SCOTT** and **GIBBONS** do not list it nor does Robson Lowe comment on it, but John Butt and John Walsh do list it in **NSSC** at \$120 mint with no listing as used. I have been searching for a photo of this variety for some time.

Huber also reported that two blocks of 25 (or 50) exist with the surcharge inverted, and this item is frequently seen in auctions. In December of 1995, Eastern Auctions had an invert on cover, stating it was "likely the only known example on cover." See the illustration. As you can see it was sent from one law firm to another, the recipient being **Leslie R. Curtis, Esq.** In Robert Siegel's super BNA auction of last October, a very similar cover was sold. Although partially masked in the photo, I can clearly see this one was sent by Mr. Curtis to **H. Norman Burt, Esq.** another attorney. So we know now that more than one was "created", using that verb with a certain degree of caution, and they were popular items among the lawmen of St. John's.

The next question relates to the postmarks which also are very similar, from St. John's East on **Oc 3 20**; however, both 20's look manuscripted. I must also note that although October 3, 1920 was the last day of the 1920 provisional period, it was also a Sunday! I have about a dozen covers from this period but none is postmarked on a Sunday. There are really two parts to this question, then, -have the 20's been added by pen or pencil, and was St. John's East cancelling mail on Sunday, October 3, 1920?

Regarding question 2A, possible answers might be that the imprint was so weak that someone decided "to help", or perhaps it was not even **20** to start with. ~~It would certainly be a nice item to have this provisional inverted on its last day of official use -the new shipment of 2¢ Caribou's went on sale on Monday, October 4th. The Siegel cover came with a 1963 B.P.A. certificate. (I do believe the stamps are authentic on both covers, it is the~~

postmarks that concern me.)

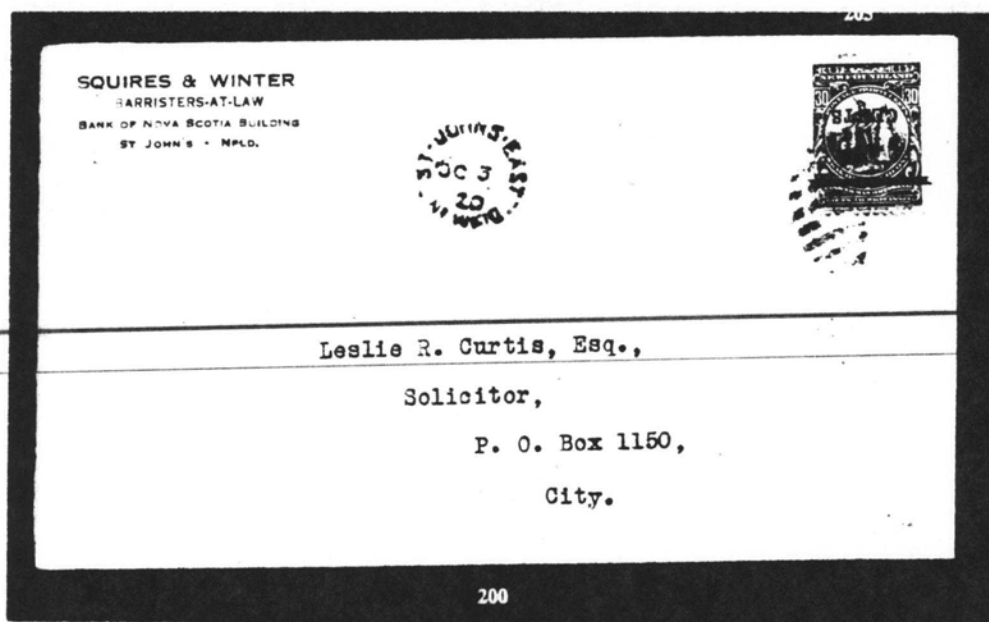
Back to Huber, and question 2B. He is writing about the same era and states:

"Letters at the G.P.O., St. John's, are postmarked by an electric cancelling machine and records show an average of 11,000 daily, **including Sundays....**"

Later, in relation to the "pre-sale" of the first 3¢ on 35¢ 1920 provisional, Huber states that 500 stamps were sold just previous to closing hour at the G.P.O. on Saturday, September 11th. This was done so as to not "inconvenience those with letters for **Sunday's mail.**" He went on further to the effect that the clerks worked until late Saturday night on requisitions from the outposts, as well as "**all day Monday.**" No mention is made of any Sunday work. Also, there are no known covers of this value (SCOTT 128 or NSSC) postmarked **prior** to Monday, September 13, 1920.

Perhaps G.P.O. cancelled mail on Sunday but no other services were available. Where, then, are the provisionals postmarked on Sundays, or, for that matter, the **POSTAGE PAID** rubber stamps also in use at this time? Or are they out there, unbeknownst to me?

This is not an article with answers. I welcome them from you. Please send your answers/ideas to John Butt.





Boggs in his "Postal History of Newfoundland" lists under Slogan Cancellations SC 7 BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION 1925. It is said that this slogan was verbally given to Boggs by the late Rev. E.A. Butler of Stephenville, Nfld, a noted dealer-collector. No other reference to this slogan has come to the attention of the author to substantiate a 1925 slogan cancellation.

Could the Rev. Butler or Boggs have been misled by this cover by giving it only a cursory glance. If by so doing the 1925 slogan could have been taken to be that of the Newfoundland Post Office. On closer examination, however, the format of the slogan is not that of the slogan of 1924 but rather that of of London, England. In the case of the above cover the Newfoundland post mark is the closed circle St. John's East NEWFD 1925 with seven wavy lines to the right. The London post mark is a double circle with LONDON 1925 between circles and June 13 1???? AM in the centre with BRITISH EMPIRE/EXHIBITION/MAY 1925 OCT to the right.

ITEM FROM THE COLLECTION OF C. FRANCIS ROWE,
A LONG TIME STUDY GROUP MEMBER, WHO PASSED
AWAY IN 1985.

LANCE AU LOUP

Lat. Long.: 51° 31' N 56° 50' W

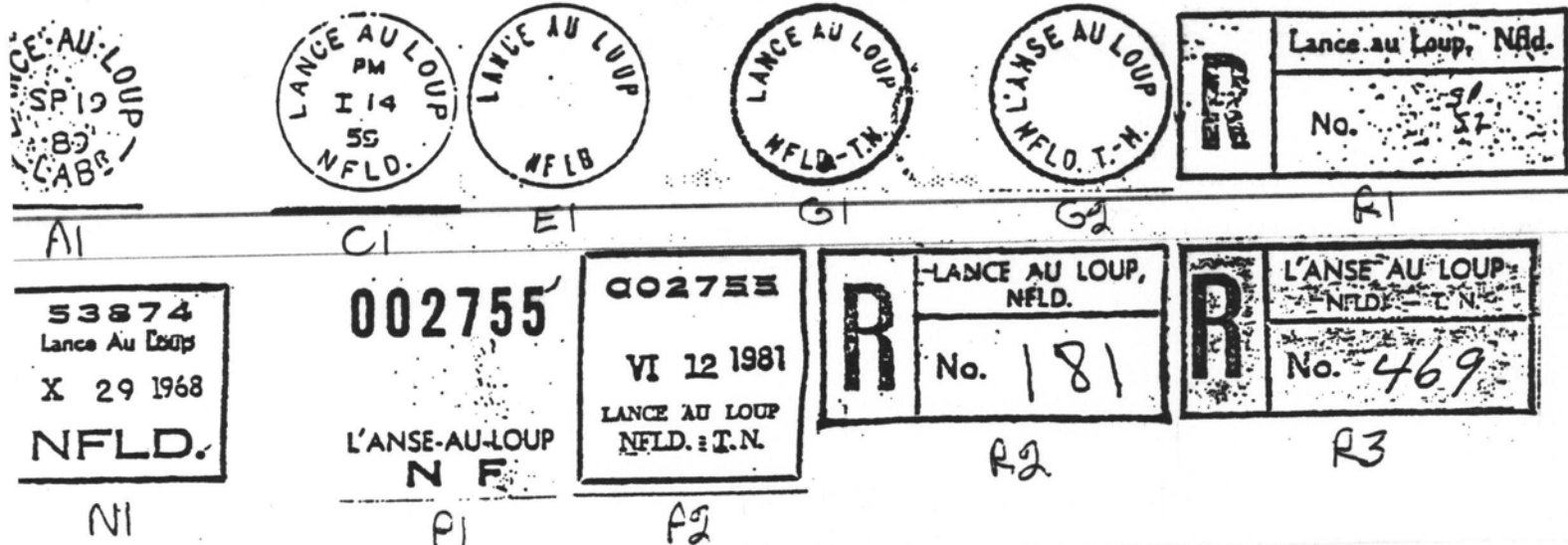
Population: 448 (1971)

Origin of Name:

Opened: 1886-1887 (Way Office) [Pratt] [John Jamieson, waymaster]
 1890 (Way Office) [Almanac] [John Cabot, waymaster]
 1892 (Post Office) Labrador West [Almanac] [John Cabot, waymaster]
 1893 (Post Office) [Pratt] [John Cabot, postmaster]
 before 1948, year-round office, no money order service
 Apr. 1, 1949 Non-accounting MOON 53874
 POCON 002755

Postal Code: A0K 3L0

TYPE	COLOUR	PROOF DATE	EARLIEST	LATEST
A1		Sept. 19, 1889	Feb. 14, 1894	May 21, 1956
C1		Jan. 14, 1959	Jan. 2, 1964	Nov. 26, 1982
E1		Mar. ?, 1976		
G1		June ?, 1982		
G2		Oct. ?, 1982	Mar. 14, 1991	
N1			Oct. 29, 1968	
P1		Mar. 13, 1973		
P2		June 12, 1981		
R1		Sept. ?, 1952		
R2			Mar. 1, 1965	July 14, 1965
R3			Nov. 26, 1982	



LABRADOR CITY

Lat. Long.: 52° 57' N 66° 55' W

Population: 5037 (1966)

Origin of Name:

Opened: 1961? Accounting MOON Y479
POCON 002720

Postal Code: A2V 1L0

TYPE	COLOUR	PROOF DATE	EARLIEST	LATEST
C1		Aug. 18, 1961	Mar. 6, 1962	Sept. 18, 1962
C2		Sept. 30, 1962	Apr. 29, 1964	Jan. 19, 1978
C3		Oct. 31, 1973		
G1		June ?, 1982		
H1		Apr. 13, 1976	Aug. 10, 1976	
H2		Oct. 21, 1976	Jan. 19, 1978	July 30, 1979
H3		Jan. 8, 1982		
N1			Jan. 25, 1965	
N2			Oct. 2, 1968	
P1		Mar. 13, 1973	May 14, 1974	Sept. 18, 1975
P2		July 27, 1978	Apr. 14, 1981	Mar. 30, 1982
P3		Sept. 4, 1979	Feb. 13, 1981	
P4		Mar. 28, 1980	May 19, 1982	
P5		Oct. 31, 1980	Mar. 11, 1982	
P6		May 11, 1981	Mar. 31, 1988	Sept. 9, 1989
P7		Jan. 8, 1982	May 17, 1983	Apr. 12, 1985
P8			Dec. 1, 1987	
P9			May 20, 1986	Jan. 9, 1993
T1			Feb. 3, 1975	Apr. 29, 1975
T2		Mar. 28, 1980		
K1			Dec. 14, 1962	Mar. 13, 1984

S1	June 12, 1974	
S2	Oct. 17, 1974	
S3		Apr. 15, 1985 ***
Z1		Jan. 15, 1981
Z2a	Carmine Lake	Feb. 18, 1989 Feb. 21, 1989
R1		Jan. 25, 1965
R2		May 18, 1974 Apr. 29, 1975
R3		Feb. 3, 1975 July 30, 1979
R4		Apr. 19, 1980 May 19, 1982



C1



C2



C3



G1



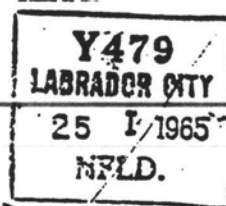
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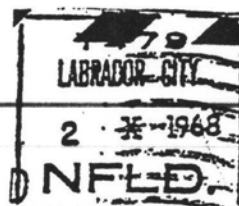
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N1



N2

002720

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N F

P1

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VII 27 1978
LABRADOR CITY
NFLD. - T. N.

P2

002720

IX 4 1979
LABRADOR CITY
NFLD. - T. N.

P3

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XIII 28 1980
LABRADOR CITY
NFLD. - T. N.

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X 31 1980
LABRADOR CITY
NFLD. - T. N.

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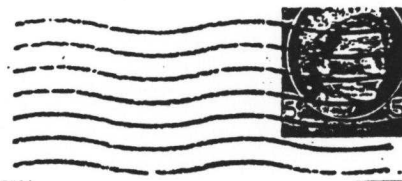
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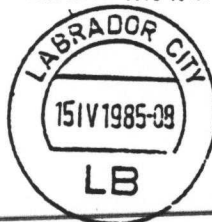
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25TH ANNIVERSARY
CONFEDERATION
25e ANNIVERSAIRE
NFLD. 1949-1974 T-N

S1

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
JUBILEE YEARS
ANNES JUBILAIRES
SILVER 1974 ARGENT
GOLDEN 1975 OR

S2



S3



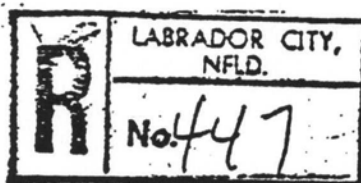
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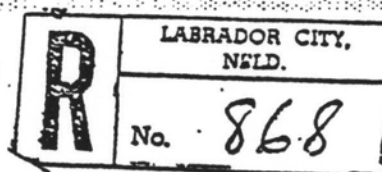
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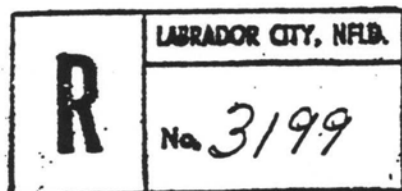
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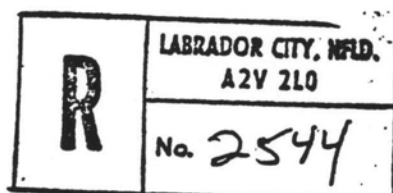
R1



R2



R3



R4

LABRADOR CITY FRANCHISE 1

Lat. Long.: 52° 57' N 66° 55' W

Population:

Origin of Name:

Opened: Aug. 12, 1991 (500 Vanier Street) Accounting No. 70777

Closed: Nov. 15, 1991

Postal Code: A2V 2W7

No postal markings known.