

THE NEWFIE NEWSLETTER  
OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND STUDY GROUP OF BNAPS

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EDITOR'S APOLOGY

*The lateness of this issue was caused by the following - BNAPEX 97; Don Wilson and my daughter, Cindy, taking holidays in September. My apologies.*

BNAPEX 97

*We have to thank Don Wilson and his St. John's Philatelic Society team for a super and highly successful Stamp Exhibition. The exhibits were tremendous and the dealer bourse superior. Most visiting collectors picked up a few "gems" from the bourse. The record crowd of visiting attendees enjoyed the tours, the exhibits and the nightly festivities. T'was a weekend to be remembered.*

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

*It was very gratifying to see so many of our Newfoundland Study Group attending BNAPEX 97. Twenty plus members were seen trading with each other, at dealer tables, viewing the exhibits or just having a good time.*

*Fourteen members attended our study group seminar which was highlighted by a very interesting and informative talk on "Newfoundland's Surcharged Stamps" by Bob Dyer. Bob's use of "transparencies" and his verbal interpretation brought about some interesting questions from the floor.*

*The Newfoundland exhibits were exceptional. Thirteen exhibitors presented Newfoundland material with most receiving bronze to gold medals. All together a wonderful showing of Newfoundland material.*

STUDY GROUP DUES

*Yearly study group dues of \$13 Can., \$10 US, or £6.50 (GB) are to be forwarded to our treasurer, Martin Goebel, as soon as possible.*

INFO FINDER

*Bob Pratt's "Info Finder" for his 19th Century epic on Newfoundland Postal History is now available from your editor at \$7 Can, \$5 US, or £3 (GB). All sales go to our study group account.*

NEW MEMBERS

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## LABRADOR PHANTOMS ■

THE THREE PHANTOM STAMPS OF LABRADOR are quite well-known to collectors of such issues, and the story is told in Fred J. Melville's *Phantom Philately*. The stamps were put out by an American company which, so the tale goes, 'received a charter from the governments of the U.S. and Newfoundland to develop the country, on condition that a postal service to various parts of Labrador is kept in operation during the navigable season.'

In anticipation of the setting up of the service, the company had the stamps printed, very roughly by lithography, but it is believed that little came of the venture. The values, colours and designs are: 5 cents black and green (seal on an ice floe); 25 cents black and blue (man in Arctic kit); 1 dollar black, red, pink and green (map of Canada showing location of Labrador). The inscriptions read 'Labrador U. S. A. Postage (or Post Office)' and the value.

The stamps came on the philatelic market in 1908 but received an icy welcome. Nobody regarded them as being a legitimate issue, and even the appearance of specimens used on covers did little to restore confidence. Melville records that Whitfield King, of Ipswich, had shown him a cover bearing two used copies cancelled 'Ramah-Post Office-Labrador' with Canadian stamps alongside.

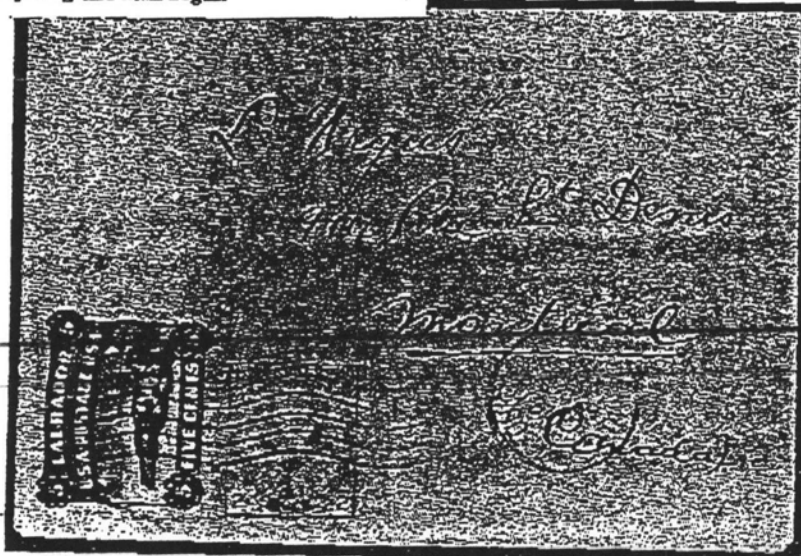
Recently we were shown a cover, addressed to a Montreal newspaper, bearing the Labrador 5 cents alongside the Canadian 2 cents of 1903-12, both tied by a wavy-line Montreal cancellation with the circular date stamp of April 18, 1908. The Labrador stamp is additionally cancelled with 6 bars in a circle, reminiscent of the type of marks found on early issues of Newfoundland. There can be no doubt whatever that the cover has passed through the post, but whether or not the Labrador issue paid postage to Montreal is a matter for conjecture. We should need more convincing evidence to prove that the issue was anything else than bogus.

### "Laborador" Labels of 1908

In 1908 labels were issued by an American company claiming to have a charter from the Canadian and Newfoundland governments to develop the natural resources of Labrador.

The promoters printed stamps amounting to about 1 million dollars' face value; Some \$675,000 were destroyed when the ringleaders were seized. So-called covers cancelled "Ramah-Post Office-Laborador" in black, along with Canadian stamps, are known to exist. The labels are printed on white wove unwmkd. paper, perf. 12, in 5¢ (seal design), 25¢ (eskimo design) and \$1.00 (map design).

References: Boggs, pg. 178  
Springer, 1962, pg. 15



A Labrador 5 cents tied with a Canadian 2 cents to cover



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FRIDAY, Sept. 5, 1997, 11:49 AM

✓ Mr. John Butt, Newfie Newsletter;  
Mr. Wm. G. Robinson, Vancouver  
Mr. Brian Stalker, Wales

Gentlemen,

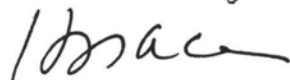
Re: Nfld. T.P.O. N-47?

Enclosed herewith is a photo-copy of a scarce Postal Card I acquired at the great BNAPex in St. John's, NF last weekend. Please note that the bottom arc is interrupted by a period in the center, for which there does not appear to be a similar strike in the Ludlow illustrations, which state that the governing portion of the 4D type is the uninterrupted arc between runs at the bottom. This arc is interrupted and this (and many others) NF R.P.O. perhaps should be listed in the RR section of the catalog, perhaps without delisting in the NF section. Is this strike a new one or just a glitch in the Ludlow listings?

The card is very interesting, because it is not just a late usage of the 1892 Message and Reply card, for the great surplus of these U.P.U. mandated cards very divided in two by the Post Office and sold over the counter separately to be used by the public to meet the demand for the 2 Cents rate to Canada and the U.S.A. during the period when the rate to other U.P.U. countries had been changed to 4 Cents, a 2 Cents decrease from the U.P.U. rate imposed after the Great War, in effect from October 1921 to October 1925.

While Canada issued a 6 Cents Postal Card, and an essay for a 4 Cents Card was part of Earl Covert's display at Convention, NF issued neither, causing postal patron to affix additional adhesive postage to the 1Cent card. I have been able to acquire two 1 Cent cards with 3 Cents additional postage added to meet the 4 Cents U.P.U. rate, but have never been offered or seen a card with 5 Cents added to meet the 6 Cents UPU rate. Surely, such must exist somewhere off island. For the Postal Stationary Postal Historian I enclose photo-copies of my two 1 Cent postal cards to UPU members other than Canada and the USA.

With Kindest Regards'



HORACE W. HARRISON



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Including the one unused one owned by Capt. Campbell, RN  
this makes 5 different <sup>Fug</sup> which have recorded "2" is ~~more~~ larger  
than "EXAM 603"



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These are the show covers from BNAPEX 1997.  
all are dated first day of issue and come  
in color of stamp issue. Price is 7.50 Canadian  
for the set of 3. You may purchase with the  
Bonavista or St. John's cancel.

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CANADA

Dear John

At the Mid-American Regional Group meeting, George Fabian a BNAPSer and also an officer of the Collectors Club of Chicago announced that the Club would present the first Robert Pratt award for research in Newfoundland philately to Norris R. Dyer at the BNAPS meeting at Pacific 97. The award, a \$1,000 check, was for two articles by Dyer published in *BNA Topics*, "Newfoundland's 1897 1¢ Postal Shortage" and "Newfoundland's Missing Three Provisional - A Mirage?".

The Club will present this award annually. Anyone may nominate an article, book, etc., on Newfoundland philately for consideration regardless of where published. I thought this would be of special interest to your group since the Newfoundland Study Group is the leading philatelic organization studying Newfoundland philately. Nominations for future consideration should be directed to Les Winick, President, Collectors Club of Chicago, 1029 N. Dearborn St, Chicago IL 60610.

Best wishes

  
Jerome C. Jarnick  
Secretary

P.S. Personal congratulations to you and John Walsh for the Large Silver award you received at Pacific 97 for the Newfoundland catalogue.





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THANK YOU.  
John M. Walsh









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PACK'S HARBOUR.

Lat. Long.: 53° 51' N 56° 59' W

Population: 125 (1971)

Origin of Name:

Opened: 1890 (Way Office) [Almanac] [Stephen Bradbury, waymaster]  
1892 (Post Office) Labrador North [Almanac] [Stephen  
Bradbruy, postmaster]  
1893 (Post Office) [Pratt] [Stephen Bradbury, postmaster]  
before 1948, summer office, no money order service

Closed: Mar. 31, 1949

Reopened: ?1964 Non-Accounting MOON  
POCON 006238

July 5-Sept. 29, 1973  
July 10-Sept. 9, 1974  
June 30-Sept. 18, 1975  
June 18-Sept. 28, 1976  
July 6-Sept. 15, 1977  
June 22-Sept. 30, 1978  
June 18-Sept. 15, 1979  
June 9-Aug. 30, 1980  
June 15-Sept. 9, 1981  
June 24-Aug. 7, 1982

Postal Code: A0K 3W0

TYPE	COLOUR	PROOF DATE	EARLIEST	LATEST
C1		Aug. 31, 1964	Aug. 29, 1968	June 27, 1978
P1			June 27, 1978	

KEVIN O'REILLY'S  
"LABRADOR OFFICES"



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