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OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND STUDY GROUP OF BNAPS**

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**EDITOR'S NOTES**

Hi, welcome to the 80th edition of our Newsletter. Lots of auction action lately, especially from Bob Lee. Bob just finished an auction with another helping of Palmer Moffatt's horde of town cancels on cover and piece. Prices for Newfoundland town cancel and advertising covers have been at a high since 1998 and they continue to rise.

**CONVENTION NEWS:**

Don Wilson, our roving reporter, examines B.N.A.P.S. 1999 held in Vernon, British Columbia, in this edition.

Randell Martin, one of our study group members displayed "Newfoundland Postage Rates" and received a vermiel medal for his efforts. Congratulations Randell, maybe a gold next time!!

Also, many thanks from your editor and chairman to Bob Dyer for his excellent talk given to our attending study group members at Vernon and to Don Wilson who chaired the meeting.

**REMINDER**

**DUES FOR AUGUST 99 - SEPTEMBER 2000 ARE  
PAYABLE TO OUR TREASURER. IF YOU HAVE  
A TICK IN THE BOX BELOW, YOUR DUES  
HAVE NOT BEEN PAID.**

**THANK YOU NOTE**

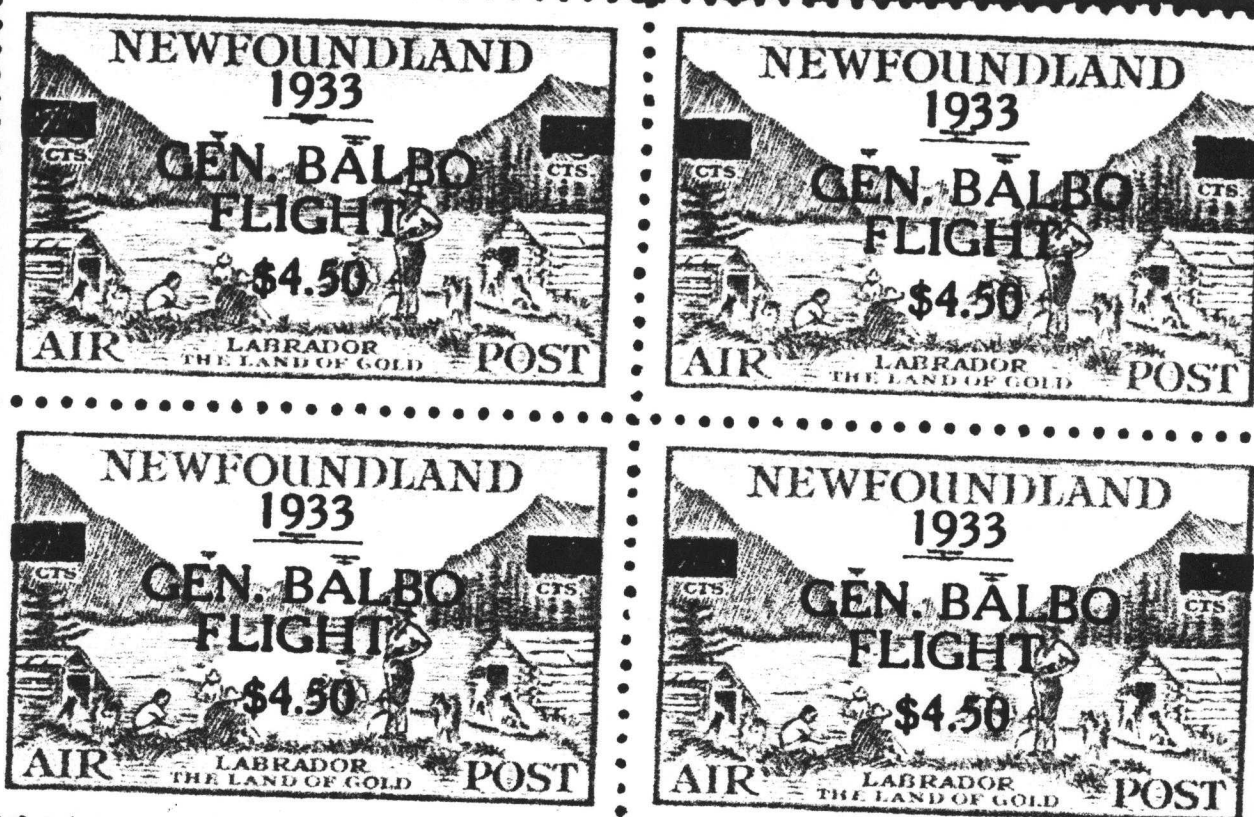
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BE USED BY THE STUDY GROUP.**

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### ***PLATING THE 1933 BALBO AIR MAIL***

***Upper Left - short left leg on H in FLIGHT.***

***Upper Right - blurred marks in lower part of E of GEN.***

***Lower Left - Thin left arm on T of FLIGHT.***

***Lower Right - One or more small breaks at top of B in BALBO***

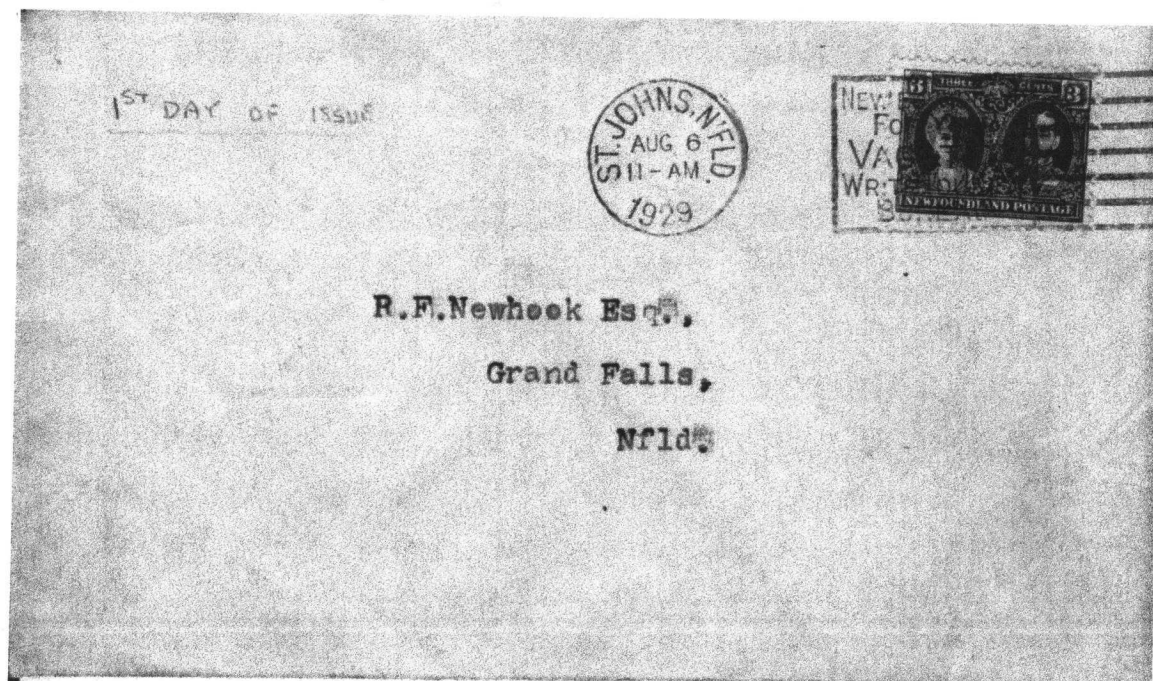
## NEW FIRST DAY FOR 1929 RE-ENGRAVED 3¢ OF PUBLICITY ISSUE

Bob Dyer

The cover pictured with the 3¢ Queen Mary and King George V shows a new date of issue for this re-engraved stamp of **August 6, 1929**, Scott #165, NSSC #157 (the cover is backstamped August 7<sup>th</sup> at Grand Falls, by the way). Boggs, Robson Lowe, Patrick Hamilton (1957 article in *Weekly Philatelic Gossip*) and even the *Newfoundland Specialist Stamp Catalogue* show **August 10<sup>th</sup>** as the first day of issue. Hamilton claims the Perkins Bacons re-engraved version arrived in St. John's on August 5<sup>th</sup>, but was held back until the 10<sup>th</sup>. In any case, he says it was sold out by the 12<sup>th</sup>, necessitating the 1929 3¢ surcharged provisional.

Don Wilson had this is a large pile of covers he brought to the BNAPS show in Vernon last September. I rejected it first as the 1928 Whitehouse Morris version, even though someone had written "1<sup>st</sup> Day of Issue" at the upper left. Don also had labeled the cover as the 1928 stamp (Scott # 147, NSSC 142). I asked to look at the cover again and this time we checked it against the defining characteristics in the *Unitrade Catalogue*, and found it to be the re-engraved version. I am hoping the enlarged shot of the stamp has Xeroxed well enough so you can see one or more of these differences. In the original, for example, the background of the **THREE CENTS** tablet has criss-cross vertical and horizontal lines, whereas in the re-engraved version, the lines are horizontal only. Other things you might be able to see - a more upright portrait of King George V and vertical shading lines in the columns that border the design on both sides.

Don was as enthusiastic as I was about the find, and generously gave me the cover, gratis, to use in my **Postal Shortages, and Surcharged Issues of Newfoundland** exhibit. Even though I have done well with the exhibit at recent shows, I am always trying to improve it. For each shortage I try to show the causes and the stamp or stamps that were no longer available, so the new cover will find a nice home, thanks to Don!





### B. The COX Philatelic Letters

Mention has been made of the letters sent by James Cox to himself and his friends. The author has a few of them in his collection and others exist. They are readily identifiable and were mostly sent during the period 1901-1904. A few are listed below:

(1) One letter sent by Cox to himself bears, as all the letters do the date stamp of the C.B. RAILWAY T.P.O. (Marked 8 Figure 55.) It was mailed on the railroad August 26 1902 c/o Post Office Avondale, Newfoundland and bears a 2 cent and a bisect 2 cent stamp (Scott no. 81) overstamped with an 1851 type 3 to designate 3 cents (number 13).

(2) Two letters sent to himself, this time c/o Schooner *Alice*, Avondale Newfd. These also carry the date stamp of the C.B. RAILWAY T.P.O. and are dated August 26, 1902. They bear a bisect 6 cent stamp (Scott no. 66) tied to the cover with the large black 3. These letters furnish the lead to some others, Schooner *Alice* being the connection. (Pratt collection) (Another Lot 223, Dale sale, H. R. Harmer, January 26, 1970).

(3) On May 20th 1901, Captain G. Taylor of the Schooner *Alice*, now at Summerside, Prince Edward Island, received a curious letter. This one had the postal fee paid by four 1/2 cent stamps (Scott no. 78). The letter was registered at St. John's, and the fee was paid with a 5 cent revenue stamp of the 1898 issue. It bore a distinctive \*REGISTERED\* handstamp not authorized by the post office. Other covers with this same mark have been seen. The author also has a piece of a cover with the same stamps, the same date, and the same cancellation.

Richardson reports that three of these covers exist, but it is believed that there are more. There were two in the Sissons, Makepiece sale and another was known in the collection of C. Jephcott. Those plus the one illustrated on page 130 of *BNA Topics*, November 1946, which in addition to two 1 cent stamps (Scott no. 43) carries two 5 cent revenue stamps, and was mailed May 20, 1901, to a Miss Ethel Woods, Selkirk P.E.I., make a total of six. If Richardson's are to be added, there are nine.

Not only can we thank Cox for some of these oddities, but also a Mr. Brown of Bonavista for more bisects mailed in 1901 to his relatives. Lot 910 of the Pollitz March 6, 1976, sale contained another Cox oddity. That was a 1 cent overprint sent to St. John's on the C.B. Railway June 26, 1902. It too, bears a blue, "MORE TO PAY," and two blue "2" handstamps from Cox's bag of stamps.





A Cox letter — Bisect 2¢ + 2d Royal cancelled with his 3



A Cox creation — Registration Fee Paid with a Revenue Stamp  
2¢ rate to P.E.I. 1901

**BNAPEX  
Best Western Lodge  
Vernon, British Columbia**

Newfoundland Study Group Meeting  
September 16, 1999, 2:30 to 4:00 PM

PRESENT: Charles Arnold (BC); Chris Awstead (ON); Barry Brown (BC); Basil Burrell (IL); Fred Dretz (FL); Doug Hannan (BC); Colin Lewis (UK); Jim Luetje (MD); Dean Mario (SK); Trelle Marrow (BC); Randell Martin (MA); Bob McGillvary (BC); Richard Morris (MA); Bob Dyer (CA); Bill Robinson (BC); Gordon Springate (BC); Brian Stalker (UK); Jim Woodfill (CA); David Whiteley (MB); John Wynis (NV)

CHAIR: Don Wilson (NF)

Don Wilson chaired the meeting on behalf of John Butt. Financial statement by treasurer Martin Goebel were distributed and on motion, present officers were re-elected and report was approved. Colin Lewis from Wales, U.K. gave an illustrious speech on Norris R. "Bob" Dyer and his research on Newfoundland surcharged issues.

The one hour, overhead slide show was based on "Airmail Flights from Newfoundland, Alcock and Brown to Balbo, with flights east and west". Again the research and photography by Bob was fantastic. After his presentation, Colin Lewis thanked Bob for his presentation. Don Wilson closed by thanking the 21 attendee's.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES.**

## LABRADOR T.P.O.'s

Opened: 1882? (Way Office) [Pratt] [Alexander Ewing, waymaster]  
 Closed: 1949?

TYPE	COLOUR	PROOF DATE	EARLIEST	LATEST
B1			July 27, 1882	
A1		Nov. 2, 1883	Sept. 27, 1895	July 20, 1893
A2		Nov. 2, 1883		
A3			July 28, 1897	Aug. 1, 1914
A4		Nov. 6, 1925		
A5		Nov. 6, 1931	Aug. 26, 1934	Oct. 20, 1944
A6		Sept. ?, 1912	1935?	Oct. 5, 1941
B2			July 30, 1908	Oct. 6, 1908
B3		July ?, 1913	Sept. 19, 1914	
H1			1942?	June 30, 1949
Z1a	Purple		Aug. 14, 1896	Aug. 26, 1896
Z1			Sept. 9, 1896	Oct. ?, 1898
Z2			Oct. 23, 1896	
Z2a	Blue		July 26, 1897	
Z2b	Purple		?, 1897	
Z3			Aug. 14, 1927	
W1		?		

MEVIN O'RIELLY'S LABRADOR OFFICES



B1

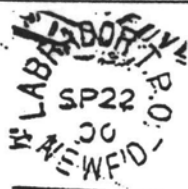


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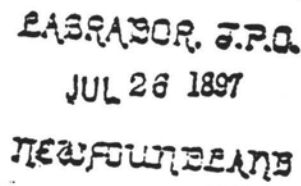
B2



H1



Z1



Z2



Z3



W1

### S.S. NORTHERN RANGER

Opened: 1936  
Closed: 1949?

TYPE	COLOUR	PROOF DATE	EARLIEST	LATEST
A1		Apr. 9, 1936	1947?	1949?
B1		Apr. 9, 1936	1936?	1941?
Z1			1938?	1939?
Z2			?	
W1		Apr. ?, 1936		



A1



B1



W1

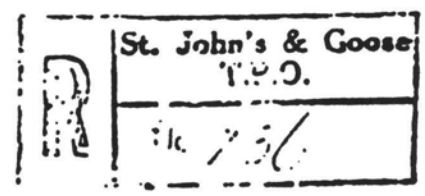
### ST. JOHN'S & GOOSE T.P.O.

Opened: 1956?  
Closed: 1963?

TYPE	COLOUR	PROOF DATE	EARLIEST	LATEST
C1		Sept. 3, 1955	1956?	July 15, 1963
R1			July 15, 1963	



C1



R1

### ST. JOHN'S & HOPEDALE T.P.O.

Opened: 1949?  
Closed: 1955?

TYPE	COLOUR	PROOF DATE	EARLIEST	LATEST
C1		July 9, 1949	1950?	July 26, 1955
R1		May ?, 1952		

