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**NOTICE TO MEMBERS:**

**Please, submit some articles by mail or email (address below) as the well is running dry.**

**THE COLOR PAGE**

Note, we have a color (colour) page this time as every so often, thanks to your dues, we can afford one. The flipside of the page – Page 10 – has been left blank because of copying problems. The 1¢ Victoria was issued to relieve the 1¢ postal shortage that started in September, 1897 and led to the PAID ALL handstamp and 1¢ surcharges. The red stamp was issued in December, 1897 and then changed to green in June, 1898 because of the U.P.U. agreement. We thought you'd like to see four covers (of different rates) with the 1¢ red version when current. One cover was reduced so we could place all four on the page and not overlap stamps or postal markings. Note that Type B precursors were used on both the first and third covers. Hansen and Moffatt estimated that there were only between 77-111 strikes made at St. John's. *Late word – a DE 9 97 cover has appeared, the earliest we've seen, but we need a "print quality" picture. Maybe next issue.....*

**A RESPONSE** to Kevin O'Reilly's question on the March 31, 1937 cover to Quebec – "Was This Cover carried By Dog Team?" comes from Randall Martin. Randall says:

"There was no road or railroad from St. Anthony to Bonne Bay in 1937...Mail in the winter was carried by dog sled or boat but chances are, by dog sled...."

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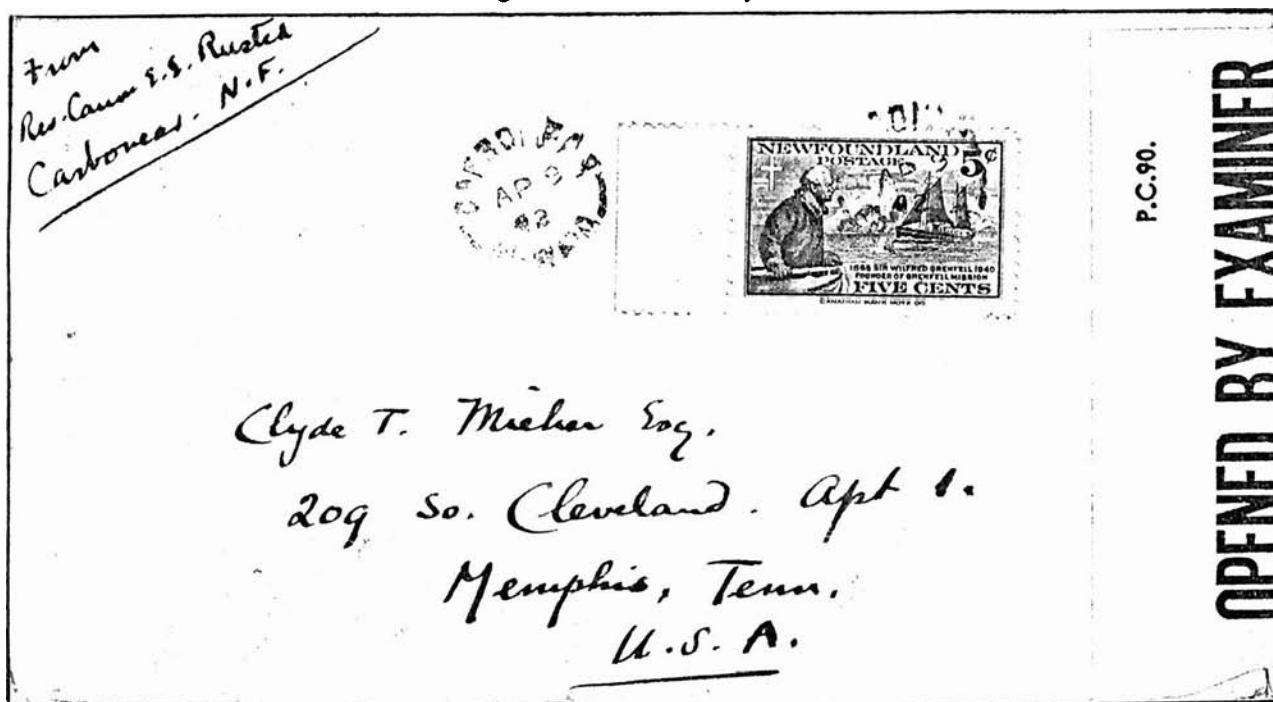
**CENSORED WAR COVERS, 1942**

*Dean Mario*

Members interested in Newfoundland military covers may find the following of some interest. It is a letter and cover from the well-known Newfoundland Rev. Canon E.E. Rusted of Carbonear [ and father of member Nigel Rusted, of course] who was responding to a request from a collector of censored covers in Memphis, Tennessee.

Obviously the American collector obtained at least one censored cover from Canon Rusted for his collection! The April 9, 1942 cover illustrated below bears a **P.C. 90**. censor tape **DC/32**.

One can only appreciate the efforts of previous collectors such as these two followed who provided future collectors with interesting material to study!



Canon Rusted's enclosed letter read:

Carbonear Newfoundland April 9, 1942

Clyde T. Mieler, Esq.

Dear Sir:

I apologize for non acknowledging your letter of March 8. earlier. – I regret I have no duplicates of Censored War Covers. I have one only with stamps of Malta, but most of those that I have are from England. Yours faithfully,

E.E. Rusted

P.S. Do you mean ordinary letters Censored or one of those sent by men serving in the Air force, navy, army, etc. E.E.R.

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**SCOTT #13 WITH QUARTERED CORK CANCEL**

*Sammy Whaley*



At first glance the stamp illustrated above appears to be just another nice example of a pence stamp having a very nice cancel. But if one takes a more detailed look at this particular cancel on this particular stamp an interesting story presents itself as to the timeframe in which this stamp was used.

The stamp is Scott/Unitrade #13, NSSC #14, the six pence orange issue of 1860 [see A.P.S. Certificate on the next page]. Very little exists in the literature regarding the orange pence printings as they are seldom studied due to the lack of material with which to work. The printing arrived in August, 1860 and was used for a brief period, then replaced with the rose-lake printings of 1861-62. Col. Robert Pratt in his classic work The Pence Issues of Newfoundland records only two covers franked with the six pence orange. A third cover surfaced in Great Britain in 2000. Of the three covers the latest recorded usage is November 2, 1860. The supply of stamps was exhausted in the post offices by the end of 1861, which means there were no remainders to be obtained later as was the case with the rose-lake printings. Although very rare, mint examples of the six pence orange exist even today which means there were some copies in private hands after 1861, which could then have been used later.

The cancel, a nice example of the large quartered cork, is not found very often. It is put forth by Col. Pratt, and is generally accepted by students of early Newfoundland, that the cork cancels did not appear until the introduction of the Cents rate in April, 1865. (I have seen only one example of a cork cancel prior to April, 1865 and that being on a piece from an outpost with an 1863 datestamp - ???) From April, 1865 until the end of that year, three variations of cork cancels were

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**SCOTT #13 (Concluded)**

used to cancel the pence stamps which were used until the arrival of the Cents stamps in November, 1865. These three are referred to as the large corks as they measured 23 millimeters in diameter. They were replaced with the small corks (20 millimeters) in November, 1865 with the arrival of the Cents stamps. There are no recorded covers after December, 1865 with any of the large cork cancels, limiting their usage from April, 1865 to the end of the year. We can even narrow the time frame for the use of the large cork cancel illustrated even further as the three large corks were not randomly used but were used in sequence with the cancel shown being the last to be used. It is only recorded on covers from mid September through October, 1865 limiting its use to less than two months.

Although large cork cancels appear quite frequently on the rose-lake printings, to my knowledge this is the only orange printing with a large cork cancel as they are invariably cancelled with the 10 bar grid. Having found it one has to either move the latest usage of the six pence orange to September-October, 1865 or move the earliest usage of the large quartered cork up to 1861 when latest usage of the six pence orange is recorded. It is certainly more feasible to believe this six pence orange was used in 1865 to pay the newly adopted twelve cent rate to Great Britain, perhaps the only orange stamp to pay a Cents rate...

Should anyone have knowledge of any additional cork cancels on the orange printing of the pence stamps I would certainly appreciate that information being passed on to me.

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**Expert Committee Report**

Members of the American Philatelic Expertizing Service have examined the item submitted and it is their opinion that it is:

Newfoundland, Scott No. 13, used, genuine in all respects.

**APEX 128215**



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**DESTINATION MAIL – NORWAY**

*Colin D. Lewis*

Prior to October, 2001 I had not seen, let alone owned, any pre-1900 correspondence addressed to Norway. So you can imagine my shock and sheer delight when I approached an Irish Dealer's booth at a large London UK Stamp-show in October and asked rather nonchalantly what Newfoundland Postal History he had. He produced two items from the same correspondence addressed to Norway. One was a P4 Postal Stationery Card and the other an EN1 up-rated Postal Stationery Envelope. Both the items were from the Bay of Islands in South-west Newfoundland and addressed to a Botanist at the Natural History Museum in the town of Trondhjem.



The story does not end there because in December, 2001 I received a telephone call from a Canadian Dealer who was inquiring if I was interested in buying some pre-1900 Newfoundland Postal History. It sounded interesting so I asked for the material to be forwarded to me for consideration. Imagine my surprise when amongst the batch was another cover of the same Norwegian correspondence, but this time an EN2a Postal Stationery Envelope [see next page]. Needless to say I was quick to snap it up and increase my holding to three.

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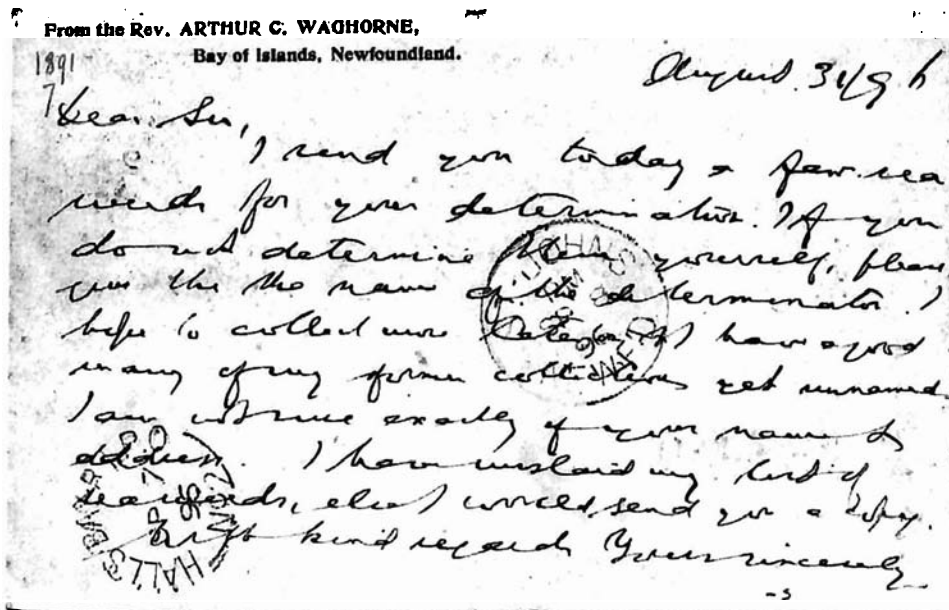


*Dr. M. Foslie*

*Trodhjem*

*Christiania*

Fortunately, the P4 card gave the identity of the originator of the items and thus a fascinating insight into the background of the correspondence. The writer was one Reverend Arthur C. Waghorne, a Bay of Islands Missionary who was also a Botanist. In 1888 he had written and had published at St. John's the work "A Summary Account of the Wild Berries and Other Edible Fruits of Newfoundland and Labrador." The message of August 31/96 was sent to Dr. M. Foslie, Botanist, Trodhjem, Norway.



TEXT: "Dear Sir: I send you today a few sea weeds for your determination. If you don't determine them yourself, please send me the name of the determinator. I began to collect more later on & I have a good many of my former collection yet unnamed. I am unsure exactly of your name & address. I have mislaid my list of seaweeds else I could send you a copy. With Kind Regards. Yours sincerely.

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All three items were mailed from the Bay Islands where according to Walsh and Butt the Post Office was opened in 1878 and closed in 1910. There is no indication in the W&B catalogue what the population was in the late 1890's but research on the Internet puts the number at about 200 and spread amongst about eight islands.

A further point of interest relates to the routing of the EN1 cover. It was mailed on Christmas Day, 1898 and rather than following the normal routing for mail via St. John's it was forwarded to St. John, New Brunswick where it was back-stamped on December 29. The item does not carry any missent marking and it is probable that this was considered the best routing given the day it was mailed. **I have never seen such a routing on any other pre-1900 correspondence from Newfoundland to Europe and am wondering if any member has another example of this transit. Additionally, does anyone own further items of this correspondence that could be helpful in expanding the story?**

The routings of each item was as follows:

P4

Dateline August 31 96

BAY-ISLANDS / NEWF'D SP 1 / 96

HALLS-BAY-R.T.P.O. / No.2 SP7 / 96

St. JOHN'S / NEWF'D PM / SP 8 / 96

LIVERPOOL A / SP 20 / 96 SHIP

TRONDHJEM 25 IX 6

EN2a

BAY-ISLANDS / NEWF'D JU 10 / 98

HALLS-BAY-R.T.P.O. / No.2 JU 10 / 98

St. JOHN'S / NEWF'D AM / JU 12 / 98

EN1

BAY-ISLANDS / NEWF'D DE 25 / 98

St. JOHN N.B. / CANADA AM / DE 29 / 98

TRONDHJEM 12 1 99



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**NEWFOUNDLAND'S POSTAL STATIONERY 1873-1941 – Horace W. Harrison**

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MISCUT, EXTREME EXAMPLE OF PLATING MATERIAL

PLATE POSITION ONE, & PART OF TWO DENOTED BY WIDE TOP MARGIN





The 1897 red 1¢  
Victoria – four rates.

◀ 10¢ Registered to  
Switzerland 7 FEB 98

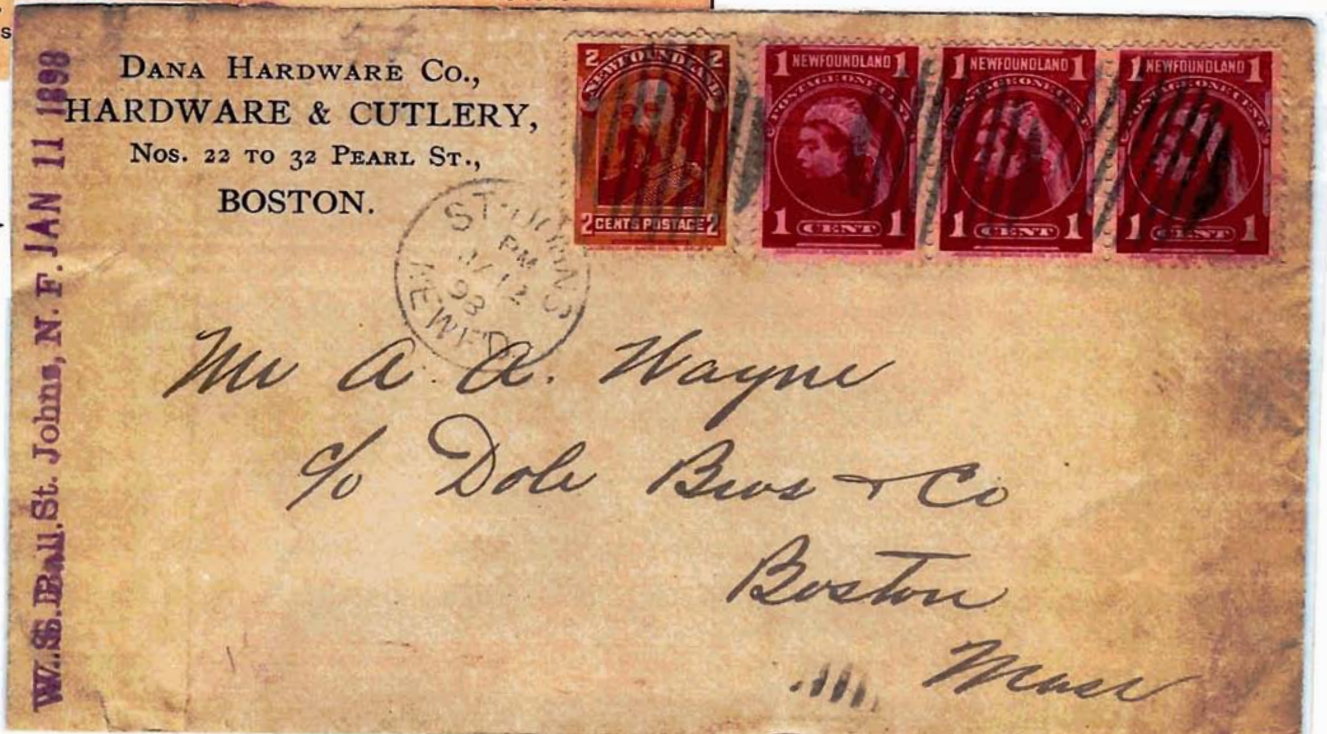


1¢ Local rate to St.  
John's DEC 28 97 ▶



GENERAL  
ST. JOHN'S

5¢ Letter  
rate to  
U.S.A.  
JA 12 98 ▶



◀ 8¢ Registered rate  
to Canada JA 12 98