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**2005 VIMY FLIGHT**

There was a one-page article in the Jack Knight Air Log of the American Air Mail Society, Oct-Dec, 2005 on the recent Vimy flight, by Chris Hargreaves. Chris tells me by email that he thinks the flight will be listed in the next AAMC catalogue in Section 5, Government and Other Air Mail Flights of Canada. An extract of my Vimy article from BNATopics will appear in AerialViews, a Canadian publication.

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**READER REQUEST**

This inquiry was received by email from a group member:

Wanted to buy/trade – any Newfoundland mint multiples, particularly pence or rouletted issues. Humphrey Gilbert Issue and earlier. Looking to expand my modest Newfoundland collection and get back to my roots. Would welcome any conversations. Email me at [dparsons@furmen.edu](mailto:dparsons@furmen.edu). This is from Derek Parsons. His snail mail address is 416 Windham Lane, Easley, SC, USA 29642. *Members may submit notices of this sort, and I will print them, if space is available.*

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**YOUTH PHILATELY**

I am now Youth Coordinator for BNAPS. See [www.bnaps.org](http://www.bnaps.org) and Youth Program. Money is available for new or expanded outreach programs to children but applications must be made by April 15<sup>th</sup>. See the website, email or write me if you think you might know of a worthwhile program.

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**SAMMY WHALEY ARTICLE**

Sammy Whaley is back to the pages of the Newsletter with an interesting article on a tragic story he uncovered examining some 19<sup>th</sup> century covers. I am always looking for articles, so please consider sending something in by email or snail mail – otherwise I have to look for “fill”.

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**MATTHEW BENNETT AUCTION**

Page 9 lists the top 20 Newfoundland lots with prices realized from the Matthew Bennett January 20<sup>th</sup> sale. Almost all lots went to floor bidders (probably agents). In some instances, lots went for more than I think they were truly worth. Two collections also went for \$8000-9000.

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**1911 CURIOSITIES FROM THE ROYAL FAMILY SET - Colin Bulloch**



Colin sends this note:

"I have recently managed to collect complete sets of the 1911 Royal Family Issue in both singles and blocks of 4 with gum [in colour] but with the appearance of a precancel line which is a single line in every case except the 9¢ stamp which has a double line...I can find nothing about these stamps in the required reference books (Boggs, Robson Lowe, Pratt, etc.) and would be pleased and interested to learn more about these..."

**Editor:** I ran the scan by a number of people and received the correct answer which I later confirmed from a second source. Just for the fun of it see if you can select the correct answer from the choices below. The answer is on Page 9. The stamps are rare, come to find out.

- A. From 1903 onwards precancelling was becoming popular and these are early examples.
- B. Defaced by G.P.O. to use them in training of new personnel on post office counter duties.
- C. Defaced in 1920's by G.P.O. (prior to destruction) to reduce inventory of obsolete stamps.
- D. From the printer's reference files, each "cancelled" with one or more horizontal black lines.

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**GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN – CARL MUNDEN  
STEP A SIDE**

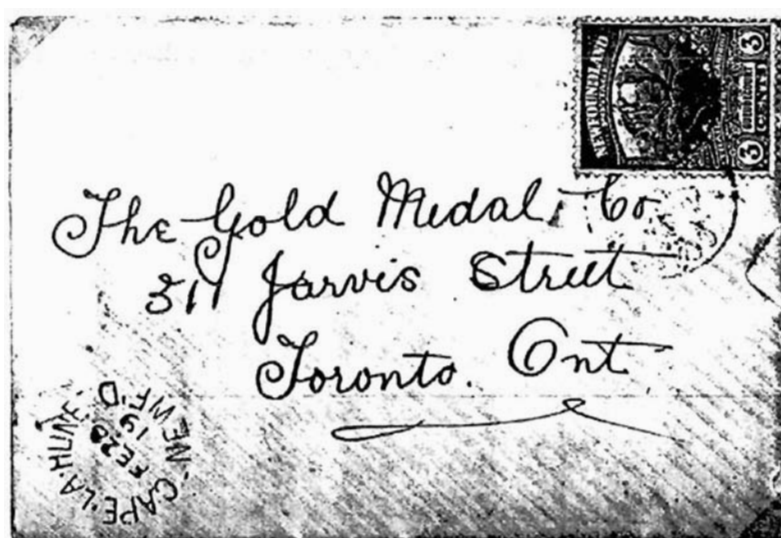
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This settlement was devastated by the 1929 Tsunami. Office was open 1900 closed 1931. Population 58.



**CAPE LA HUNE**

Open from 1891 to July 4, 1964. Population of 199.



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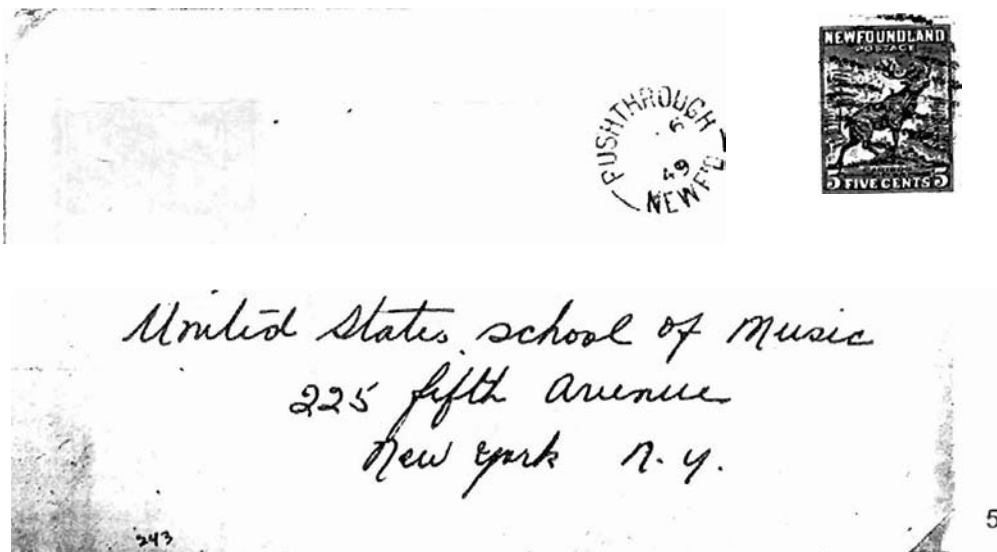
**RICHARD'S HARBOUR**

From 1894 to June 30, 1966. Population 73. Insert is a strike from a different split ring hammer.



**PUSHTHROUGH**

Office open 1891 Closed Aug. 13 1969. One time population of 500.



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**NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL HISTORY JANUARY 1857- JUNE 1893 – COLIN LEWIS**

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Colonial

Double Letter Rate 6 Cents Per Ounce



Harbor Grace August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1875

Note: One of the three recorded covers of this franking.



St. John's July 10<sup>th</sup> 1876

Note: The second earliest of the six covers recorded of the franking

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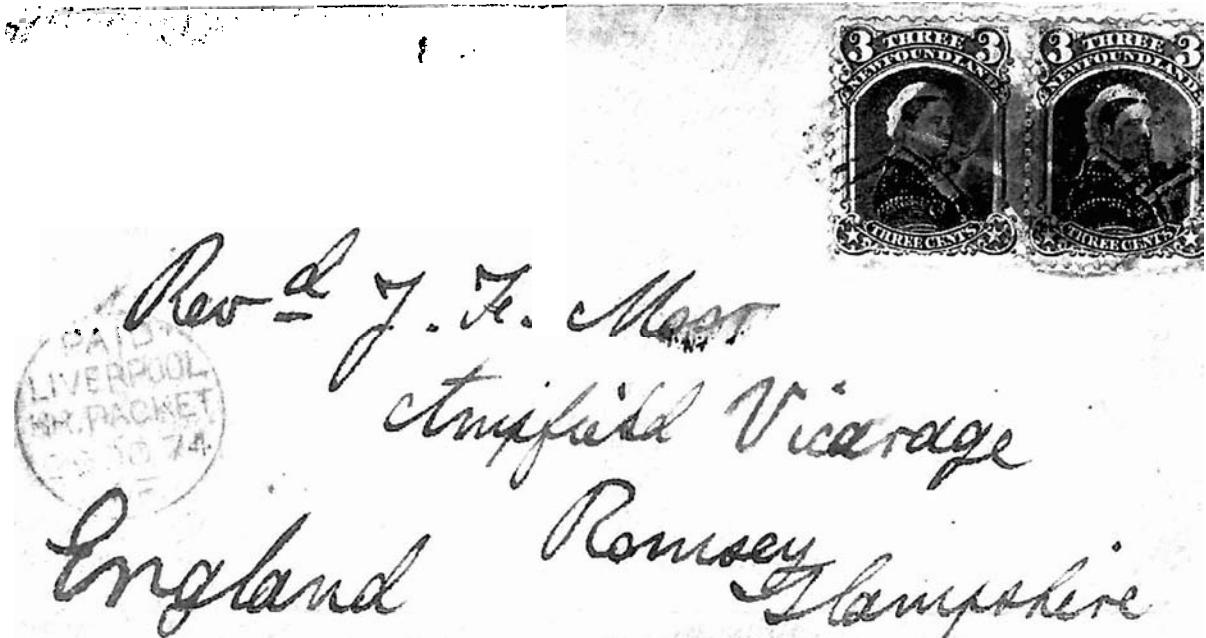
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**COVERS REVEAL FAMILY TRAGEDY - Sammy Whaley**

One great advantage to being a postal historian is the pleasure derived from the investigation into the various personalities who sent/received the covers in one's collection. Sometimes the search for information can be daunting, but this only enhances the pleasure once the search proves fruitful; however, often the results are not as we would like. Such was the case with my efforts to ascertain the writer of the Moor correspondence, which gives us the largest number of multiple usages of the 3 cent 1874 printing (Scott #34). Thanks to the vast amount of information Newfoundland has supplied the world via the Internet, and the able help of the staff at the Newfoundland Maritime Museum; I was able to insert yet another piece into the picture puzzle of the Cents Period.

The cover shown below is the last of several addressed to Rev. J. F. Moor (in the distinctive handwriting shown) having been franked with a pair of the 3 cent 1873 printing. The fact several covers addressed to this individual were franked in this manner when the 6 cent (Scott #35) was readily available aroused my curiosity.



October 1874 cover to Rev. J. F. Moor in England

As the local domestic rate at the time was 3 cent, I assumed the writer was probably a traveler (most probably a missionary as the recipient is a "Reverend") in the outports who simply bought a plentiful supply of 3 cent stamps as they could be used singly to frank a letter from an outport to St. John's, or in pairs to send a letter to Great Britain. Next I was easily able to identify (via Google) the recipient of the letters as Reverend John Frewen Moor, a notable member of the clergy in Romsey. I also noted by viewing other recorded contemporary covers to Great Britain that some were addressed, in the same handwriting, to "Mrs. Moor". From this it appeared the writer was most probably a son writing to his parents (speaking from personal experience I know sons, when on foreign shores at an early age, have a way of yearning for moms). However, at this point I reached a great deal of difficulty in identifying this apparent son. Help arrived with a scan of the cover shown below received from fellow Cents collector Randall Martin.

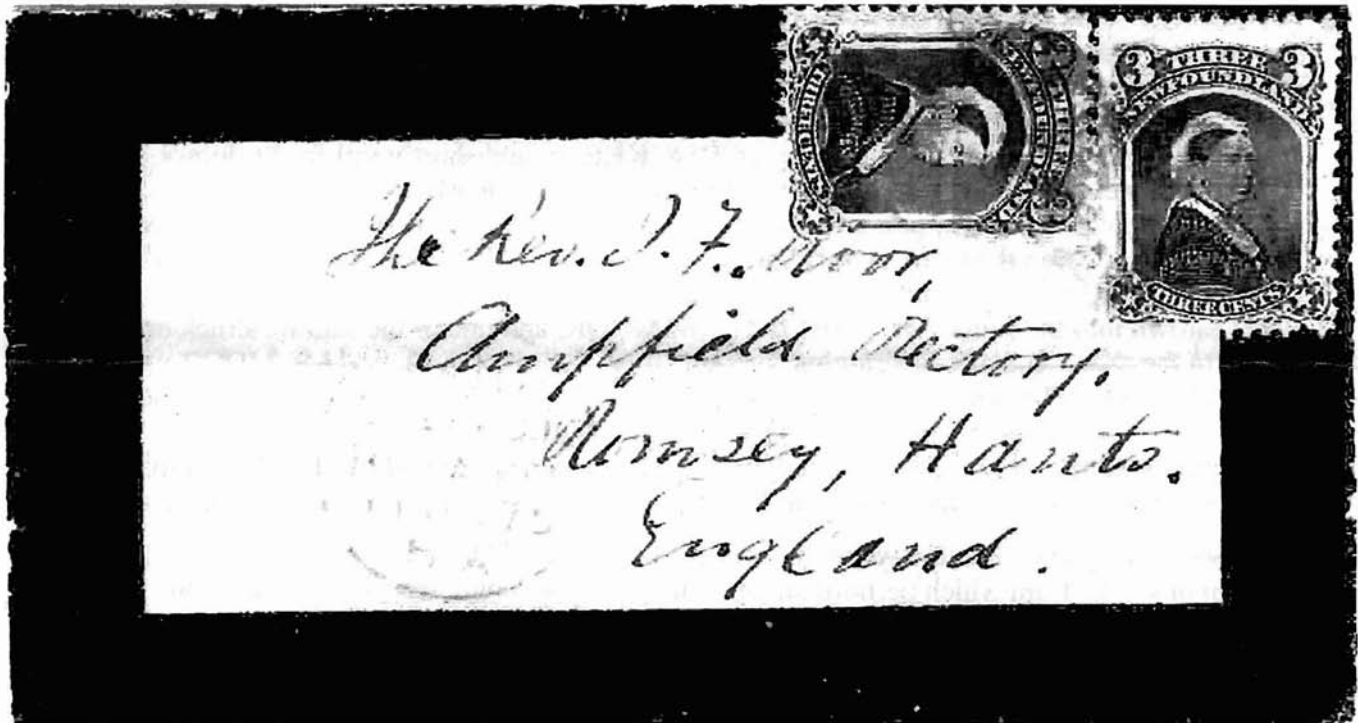
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Covers Reflect Family Tragedy (Continued)



December 1874 Mourning Cover to Rev. Moor

As can be seen this cover is addressed to the same Rev. J.F. Moor, but three aspects of it was especially intriguing to me. A) It is not addressed in the same handwriting as the previously mentioned cover and B) it is a mourning cover. I noted from my Cents Covers Census mourning covers had been sent to Rev. Moor previously but this one was particularly noteworthy to me as no more covers were addressed to Rev. Moor in the handwriting noted on cover 1 after this mourning cover was sent. Gee, I wondered, could this mourning cover have sent condolences upon the death of the writer of the above shown first cover? Knowing it was taking "a shot in the dark" I then contacted the ladies at the Maritime Museum Library and had them check the obituaries from the date of the last sent letter, 06 October 1874, and the date of the mourning cover, 24 December 1874, for anyone with the surname Moor. Within a day I received an email notifying me the information I needed was "in the mail". The package received solved the mystery of the Moor correspondence with the following sad information:

**Dec 5, 1874**

*The Times* of Wednesday contains the particulars of a sad accident which happened on the **12<sup>th</sup> Nov.**, at Griquet, near the northern extremity of Newfoundland, by which **Mr. J. F. MOOR**, (a Student of the Theological College in St. John's) and an English sailor belonging the Church Ship, lost their lives.

It appears that **the Rev. Mr. CURLING** was returning from St. John's, in the Church Ship, "*Laverock*", to his mission in the Bay of Islands, accompanied by **Mr. MOOR** and two young schoolmasters, with a crew of six men, Mr. CURLING himself taking command of the ship; and having to land one of the schoolmasters at a Missionary station in the Straits of

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Belle Isle, he took the Northern route, putting into Griquet on the 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. On the 12<sup>th</sup>, having had Morning Prayer in the house of a fisherman at Griquet, and intending to have Evening Prayer at the neighboring settlement of Quirpon, he left in the ship's boat for that place, with Mr. MOOR, the two schoolmasters and three of the crew. Having heard that a vessel laying in the bay, belonging to Mr. CROCKER, would shortly sail for St. John's, Mr. CURLING went alongside to leave letters; and Mr. CROCKER having kindly offered to accompany the party to Quirpon, he went in the boat, and as he knew the landing place, Mr. CURLING gave him the helm. A stiff breeze was blowing at the time, and when about a quarter of a mile from the land, in gybing the sail, the boat capsized, and the whole party were thrown into the water. Mr. CURLING, Mr. MOOR, and one of the sailors, struck out to swim to the shore; and after swimming for some time, the sailor sunk, and Mr. MOOR went down soon after. The water being very cold, Mr. CURLING became so benumbed that he could go no further and committing himself to God's mercy, waited to drown. After remaining still for a short time, his strength revived, and a few more strokes enabled him to reach the bottom with his feet, and he at length succeeded in getting on shore. The others

who were precipitated into the water, had got hold of and clung to the boat, which was bottom upwards, from which perilous situation they were at length rescued and taken on board Mr. CROCKER's vessel where they were soon joined by Mr. CURLING. The schoolmasters, when they were taken off, were quite insensible, but prompt measures for their recovery being taken, they rallied. Early the next morning search was made for the bodies of Mr. MOOR and the sailor, but though unremittingly assisted in the search by people from the shore, to the number of about fifty, only just before the day closed, was Mr. MOOR's body found, whilst that of the sailor, probably from having sunk in deeper water, was not recovered.

Mr. MOOR was the son of a highly-esteemed clergyman in England, by whom he was committed to Mr. CURLING's care, with the sanction and approval of Bishop KELLY, to be trained for the arduous duties of the Missionary life. He came to the country in 1871, and in 1878 accompanied Mr. CURLING to the Bay Of Islands, as Lay Reader. He is stated to have been an excellent young man, and well calculated for the sacred work in which he was engaged

It should be noted in the last paragraph the date 1878 was mistakenly transposed-the year should read 1874. Parenthetically, I might add the Rev. Curling mentioned as being a survivor went on to have a distinguished career as a missionary in the Bay of Islands-it is he for whom the outport of Curling owes its namesake.

Once this information was received I checked the cemetery records in the Bay of Islands and came up with the following epitaph from Quirpon:

John Frewen Moor  
Student of St. John's College  
Eldest son of His Rev. J. F. Moor  
Vicar of Ampfield, Hants ?  
May XII, ??? Aged XX years

--- Sammy Whaley

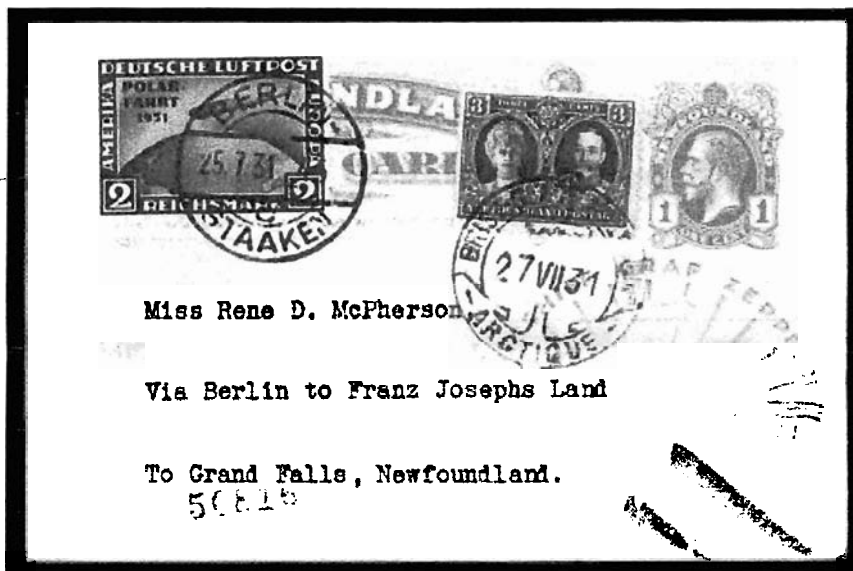


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**MATTHEW BENNETT JANUARY 2006 AUCTION –TOP 20 LOTS (EXCEPT COLLECTIONS)**



Lot #4263 sold for \$2,415 (includes commission.) *Background on this item next issue!*

Lot #4001 - India plate proof margin blocks of Cabot issue, Scott #61P3-75P3 -	\$2,760
Lot #3998 - Block of nine of Scott #38 (rouletted 2¢ codfish), six NH -	2,185
Lot #3997 - Block of four of Scott #27a (10¢ black) two NH, two with thins-	1,438
Lot #4008 - 1929 Trial I surcharge (black, 5mm above bar) LH -	1,208 (why?)
Lot #3995 - 1860 Scott #13 (6d orange) nearly full O.G. -	1,035
Lot #3994 - 1860 Scott #12 (4d orange), no gum-	863
Lot #4000 - Top margin inscription block of 12 Scott #57(1/2¢ orange dog), NH-	863
Lot #4003 - 1897 trial surcharge in red on Type I, Scott #75 var, used-	863
Lot #3993 - Block of eight of Scott 11A (3p triangle), NH -	805
Lot #4002 - Block of four of 1897 surcharges, Scott 75, 75, 76 & 77 (thin), hinged-	805
Lot #4004 - 1897 trial surcharge in red and black on Type I, Scott #75 var.no gum-	805
Lot #4063 - 1897 cover, Scott #77 (type III surcharge) in period-	805
Lot #4009- Booklet BK2 (Unitrade) -	776
Lot #4007- 1929 surcharge inverted, Scott #160a, hinged -	719
Lot #3999- Top margin block of four of Scott 40 (rouletted 5¢) hinged-	661
Lot #4005- 1910 Guy Issue, five trial color proofs of 12¢ (Scott #96TC) -	633
Lot #4006- 1919 trial surcharge 2¢ on 60¢ Cabot [gum-soaked perfs.]-	633
Lot #4010- Booklet BK3 (Unitrade) -	575
Lot #4061- Block of six of Scott #57 on cover (1/2¢ dog) on 1896 cover to N.S.-	575

**CORRECT ANSWER OF QUESTION ON PAGE 3.**

**D.**

This answer was provided by John Jamieson of Saskatoon Stamp Company. John says he has sold examples of these stamps several times in recent years. In a 1998 Maresch catalogue, they are called "defaced SAMPLE PROOFS." John says it is just another way of describing the same items.

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NEWFOUNDLAND'S POSTAL STATIONERY 1873-1941 – Horace Harrison

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