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**2005 VIMY FLIGHT BNATOPICS ARTICLE**

Bound to happen! Just when I was congratulating myself on my long article, **The two transatlantic Vickers-Vimy flights**, David Holbrooke of Vimy Restoration finds some errors! For the record, Page 26, flight time of the 2005 Vimy was 18 hours, 15 minutes not "17 hours." Also the subsequent leg from Ireland to England on 8 July, Page 27, was flown by Peter McMillan and John LaNoue. Mark Rebholz had returned to the U.S. at that point. As of this moment it appears Vimy Restoration may end up donating the plane to a British museum. My article with these corrections noted is now on the [www.vimy.org](http://www.vimy.org) website.

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**BNAPEx2006**

This year's convention will be held in Sudbury, Ontario, from September 1-3. I don't think I will be able to attend this year and would like to hear from someone in our group who plans to go and would be willing to coordinate a Newfie Workshop. If so contact me right away. Email address below and my telephone # is (707) 763-2934. I would be glad to discuss potential speakers/subjects.

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**DEAN MARIO POSTS A WANT-AD**

*We provide this service on a space available basis at no charge (at least for now)!!*

Any WWI Newfoundland postal history including soldier/sailor mail; domestic (home front) usages etc. Covers related to the Newfoundland Regiment also of interest. I'm now seeking covers/cards from Newfoundlanders in the British Forces in WWII too. Priced copies:

Dean Mario, Box 342, Saskatoon, SK S7K 3L3.

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**DISTURBING NEWS**

I have been informed by an unimpeachable source that some of the lots listed as sold in the January Matthew Bennett sale #299 were not sold as bids did not reach reserves. I find this very alarming as I use **PRICES REALIZED** in my research under the assumption that the items listed as sold **SOLD!!** Please inform me of any other auctions houses doing this.

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## 1935 H. E. HARRIS & COMPANY CATALOGUE - The Editor

I found a beat-up old H. E. Harris catalogue while looking at an old stamp collection recently. The catalogue turned out to be more interesting than the stamps. The catalogue was for U.S. and BNA. I hope you can make out this extract below from Pages 50-51. I believe this was their first catalogue. The company already had 150 employees at that time. Dornier, anyone, for \$7.25?

H. E. HARRIS & CO., BOSTON			
Scott Cat. No.	Description	Unused Singles	Used Singles
<b>NEWFOUNDLAND—continued</b>			
<b>1897. CABOT ISSUE.</b>			
61.	1c Deep Green	.07	.07
62.	2c Carmine Lake	.08	.07
63.	3c Ultramarine	.09	.04
64.	4c Olive Green	.12	.10
65.	5c Violet	.16	.14
66.	6c Red Brown	.15	.09
67.	8c Red Orange	.48	.27
68.	18c Black Brown	.....	.48
69.	12c Dark Blue	.....	.30
70.	15c Scarlet	.....	.22
71.	24c Gray Violet	.42	.....
72.	38c Slate	1.35	.....
73.	35c Red	3.75	.....
74.	65c Black	.90	.....
<b>STAMPS OF 1894, SURCHARGED</b>			
75.	1c on 3c Gray Lilac, Type I	.80	.....
77.	1c on 3c Type III, (Black Letters)	.....	13.00
<b>1898-99. ROYAL FAMILY ISSUE.</b>			
78.	1c Carmine Rose	.07	.06
79.	2c Orange	.10	.09
80.	4c Olive Green	.04	.03
81.	1c Yellow Green	.07	.01
82.	2c Vermilion	.05	.01
83.	3c Orange	.10	.02
84.	5c Blue	.27	.05
<b>1901</b>			
85.	4c Violet	.28	.11
<b>1908. MAP STAMP</b>			
86.	2c Rose Carmine	.....	.02
<b>1910. GUY ISSUE, LITHOGRAPHED</b>			
87.	1c Deep Green, perf. 12x12	.00	.06
87a.	1c. Perf. 12x12	.07	.02
88.	2c Carmine, perf. 12x12	.06	.02
88a.	2c Carmine, perf. 12x14	.....	.02
91a.	5c Ultramarine, perf. 14x12	.....	.08
<b>1911. 2nd ROYAL FAMILY ISSUE (CORONATION)</b>			
104.	1c Yellow Green	.04	.01
105.	2c Carmine	.06	.01
106.	5c Ultramarine	.22	.04
<b>1916. CARIBOU ISSUE</b>			
115.	1c Green	.06	.01
116.	2c Scarlet	.06	.01
117.	3c Red Brown	.08	.01
118.	4c Violet	.12	.04
119.	5c Ultramarine	.16	.04
122.	10c Dark Green	.....	.12
124.	15c Dark Blue	.....	.60
128.	36c Olive Green	.....	.55
<b>1920. STAMPS OF 1897 SURCHARGED</b>			
127.	2c on 30c Slate	.48	.....
128.	3c on 15c (bare close)	4.00	.....
129.	1c on 15c Scarlet	.50	.40
130.	3c on 35c Red	.55	.....
<b>1923-24. PICTORIAL ISSUE</b>			
131.	1c Gray Green	.03	.01
132.	2c Red	.06	.01
133a.	2c Carmine	.15	.....
133.	3c Light Brown	.....	.01
133b.	1c Deep Brown	.10	.03
134.	4c Brown Violet	.10	.02
134a.	4c Dark Violet	.15	.....
135.	5c Deep Blue	.18	.03
135a.	5c Bright Ultramarine	.20	.....
136.	6c Gray Black	.18	.....
137.	8c Dull Violet	.21	.10
138.	9c Slate Green	.25	.....
139.	10c Reddish Violet	.32	.04
139a.	10c Dark Violet	.30	.....
140.	11c Olive Green	.30	.....
141.	12c Lake	.30	.....
142.	15c Deep Blue	.32	.....
143.	20c Red Brown	.48	.18
144.	24c Black Brown	4.00	3.00
131-44.	Complete set (14 vals.)	5.50	4.00
<b>1927. PUBLICITY ISSUE (THIN PAPER)</b>			
145.	1c Gray Green	.04	.02
146.	2c Carmine	.07	.02
147.	3c Brown	.08	.02
148.	4c Mauve	.12	.....
149.	5c Gray	.14	.04
150.	6c Ultramarine	.45	.....
151.	8c Brown	.18	.....
152.	9c Slate Green	.65	.....
153.	10c Dark Violet	.39	.07
154.	12c Dull Carmine	.44	.....
155.	14c Maroon	.20	.12
156.	15c Dark Blue	.39	.....
157.	20c Gray Black	.32	.11
158.	28c Gray Green	.50	.....
159.	30c Black Brown	.60	.....
145-59.	Complete set of 15	3.85	.....
<b>1929. 3c ON 6c PICTORIAL ISSUE</b>			
160.	3c on 6c Gray Black	.20	.....
<b>1929. SIMILAR DESIGNS, RE-ENGRAVED (THICK PAPER)</b>			
162.	1c Green	.04	.01
163.	2c Carmine	.08	.01

U. S. STAMPS & OTHER SPECIAL OFFERS			
Scott Cat. No.	Description	Unused Singles	Used Singles
<b>NEWFOUNDLAND—concluded</b>			
164.	1c Yellow Brown	.07	.01
165.	4c Bright Red Violet	.09	.03
166.	5c Gray	.12	.03
167.	6c Bright Ultramarine	.75	.45
170.	10c Violet	.37	.05
173.	15c Blue	.45	.....
174.	20c Gray Black	.80	.....
162-74.	Complete set of 9	2.35	.....
<b>1931. AS LAST BUT WMKD. ARMS</b>			
177.	1c Green	.02	.02
178.	2c Carmine	.02	.02
179.	3c Yellow Brown	.02	.02
180.	4c Bright Red Violet	.03	.....
181.	5c Gray	.16	.....
182.	6c Bright Ultramarine	.75	.....
183.	8c Brown	.36	.....
184.	10c Violet	.32	.....
185.	15c Dark Blue	.35	.....
187.	30c Black Brown	.55	.....
<b>1932. NEW DESIGNS</b>			
192.	1c Green (Codfish)	.02	.01
193.	2c Rose (King George)	.03	.01
194.	3c Orange (Queen Mary)	.04	.02
195.	4c Violet (Wales)	.08	.03
196.	5c Violet Brown (Card)	.08	.....
197.	6c Blue (Princess)	.36	.05
198.	10c Gray (Salmon)	.14	.07
199.	14c Black (Dog)	.20	.....
200.	15c Magenta (Seal)	.25	.....
201.	20c Green (Cape Race)	.25	.....
202.	25c Silver (Steamers)	.32	.....
203.	38c Ultramarine (Ships)	.38	.....
<b>1932. NEW COLORS AND VALUES</b>			
204.	1c Gray (Codfish)	.02	.02
205.	2c Green (King George)	.03	.03
206.	4c Carmine (Wales)	.05	.01
207.	5c Violet (Card)	.07	.04
208.	7c Brown (Duchess)	.10	.....
209.	8c Red (Paper Mill)	.11	.....
210.	24c Blue (Docks)	.30	.....
<b>1933. L. &amp; S. POST ON #509</b>			
211.	15c Brown (Wmkd.)	.25	.....
<b>AUGUST 1933. SIR HUMPHREY GILBERT</b>			
212.	1c Gray	.02	.....
213.	2c Green	.02	.....
214.	3c Brown	.05	.....
215.	4c Carmine	.03	.....
212-25.	Complete set of 14 varieties	2.75	.....
<b>AIRPOST STAMPS</b>			
<b>1919. TRANSATLANTIC AIRPOST</b>			
502.	\$1.00 on 15c Scarlet	8.25	.....
<b>1931. AIRMAIL NO WMK.</b>			
506.	15c Dark Brown	.60	.....
<b>1931. ARMS WATERMARK</b>			
507.	50c Green	.75	.....
508.	\$1.00 Dark Blue	1.75	.....
<b>1931. ARMS WATERMARK</b>			
509.	15c Brown	.30	.....
510.	50c Green	.90	.....
511.	\$1. Dark Blue	4.50	.....
<b>1932. DO-X AIRMAIL</b>			
512.	\$1.00 Blue-Red Opt.	7.25	.....
<b>JUNE 1933. LABRADOR AIRMAIL ISSUE</b>			
513.	1c Brown	.15	.....
514.	10c Light Orange	.30	.....
515.	30c Blue	.80	.....
516.	60c Green	1.50	.....
517.	75c Old Gold	1.75	.....
<b>NOVA SCOTIA</b>			
<b>1851-53. BLUE PAPER</b>			
2.	3p Blue	11.00	3.40
3.	3p Dark Blue	.....	5.25
<b>1869-53. PERF. 12. WHITE OR YELLOWISH PAPER</b>			
6.	1c Black (Yellowish)	.35	.75
8a.	1c Black (White)	.50	.....
9.	2c Lilac	.40	.75
10.	3c Blue	.....	.95
11.	5 1/2c Green (Yellowish)	.50	.....
11a.	5 1/2c Green (White)	3.00	3.75
12.	10c Vermilion	.95	1.40
12a.	10c Vermilion (yellowish)	.....	1.65
13.	12 1/2c Black	1.30	.90
<b>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</b>			
<b>1862-65. PERF. 11-12</b>			
4.	1p Yellow Orange	2.00	2.50
5.	2p Rose	.25	1.00
6.	3p Blue	.35	2.00
7.	6p Yellow Green	6.00	.....
7a.	6p Green	1.85	.....
8.	9p Violet	1.75	.....
<b>1868</b>			
D.	4p Black	.30	.....
<b>1870</b>			
10.	4 1/2p Brown	1.70	.....
<b>1872. VALUE IN CENTS</b>			
11.	1c Brown Orange	.38	.....
12.	2c Ultramarine	.40	.....
13.	3c Rose	1.40	.....
15.	6c Black	.28	.....
16.	12c Violet	.32	.....

**INCLUDE A SMALL LIST OF SUBSTITUTE ITEMS**  
We do not, like some stamp dealers, make a practice of listing stamps that we do not carry in stock. All of the items listed on the preceding pages are actually available at the time the catalog goes to press. In occasional instances, however, supplies of a certain item will become exhausted before new supplies can be obtained. For that reason it's always a good idea to include with your orders a small list of substitute items, which can be sent in case any of the stamps of your first choice happen to be temporarily out of stock.

Henry Ellis Harris founded his stamp company in 1916 at the age of 14! During the 1930's it was responsible for the "Ivory Stamp Club of the Air." 2,700,000 listeners sent in Ivory soap wrappers to become members, The radio show distributed over 400 million stamps and a million stamp albums to the American public. Henry was sole proprietor until 1973. The company bought other businesses and renamed itself Whitman Publishing in 2003. They still produce an annual catalogue for U.S., BNA and U.N. stamps. The 2006 edition sells for \$19.95 (U.S.) and weighs a kilogram! There is a history of the company on [www.Whitmanbooks.com](http://www.Whitmanbooks.com).

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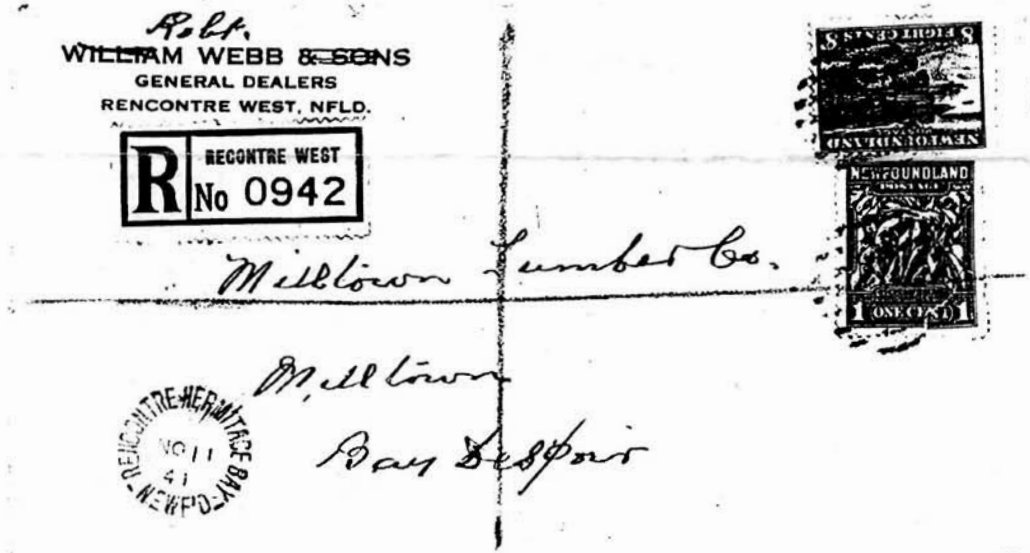
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**GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN – CARL MUNDEN**

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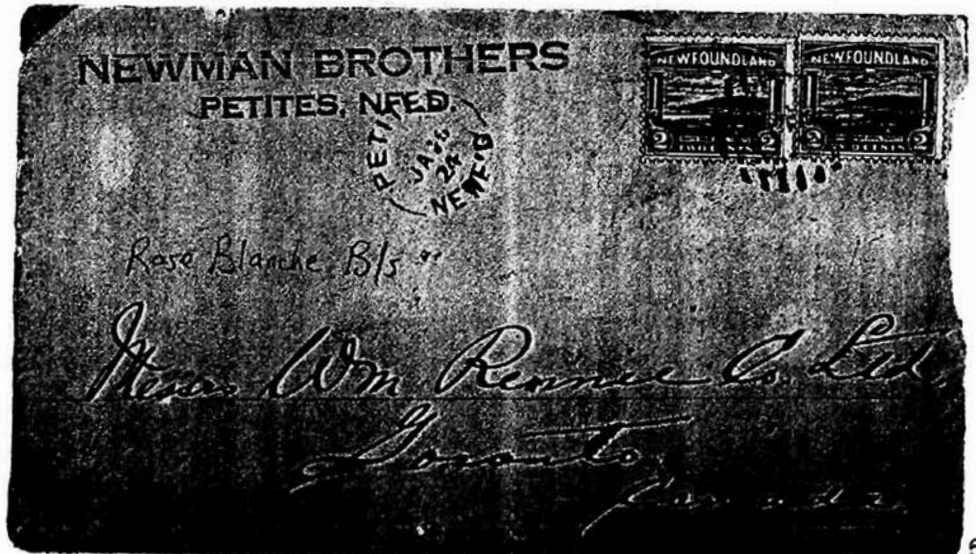
**RENCONTRE WEST**

Post Office opened 1914. Closed Aug. 7, 1970. Population 248.



**PETITES**

This office began in 1891 and closed June 2004. It was the latest outpost with a post office to abandon the community. Population at one time was 212. At time of closing was 14.



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**GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN – CARL MUNDEN**

**ST. GEORGES, BAY OF ISLANDS, BONNE BAY**

**SANDY POINT**

This location was home to the Rev. E.A. Butler, perhaps the most well-known Newfoundland stamp dealer of all. As such it had many different markings. The post office opened in 1900 and closed May 30, 1969. Population 336

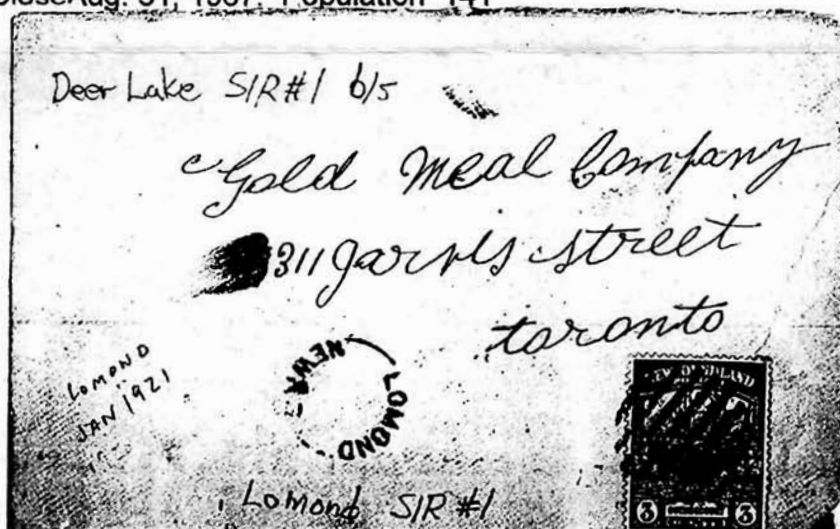
**REV. E. A. BUTLER**  
SANDY POINT, ST. GEORGE'S  
NEWFOUNDLAND



*Mr. Paul H. Fensholt,  
1271 Melbourne Rd.  
East Cleveland, Ohio,  
U. S. A.*

**LOMOND BONNE BAY**

Lomond was a lumber town and was expropriated by the Federal Government to build Gros Morne National Park. Open 1920. Closed Aug. 31, 1967. Population 141





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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

*Received Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup>*



*Mr. C. Halls,  
Harbor Grace,  
Newfoundland.*

St John's June 19<sup>th</sup> 1878

Note The earliest recorded of the six covers franked by a pair of the 3 Cents Roulette

Triple Letter Rate 9 Cents Per 1½ Ounces



*J. H. Cole Esqr  
Consular Agent for Spain  
Trinity*

St John's October 28 1873

Note The only recorded cover with this franking

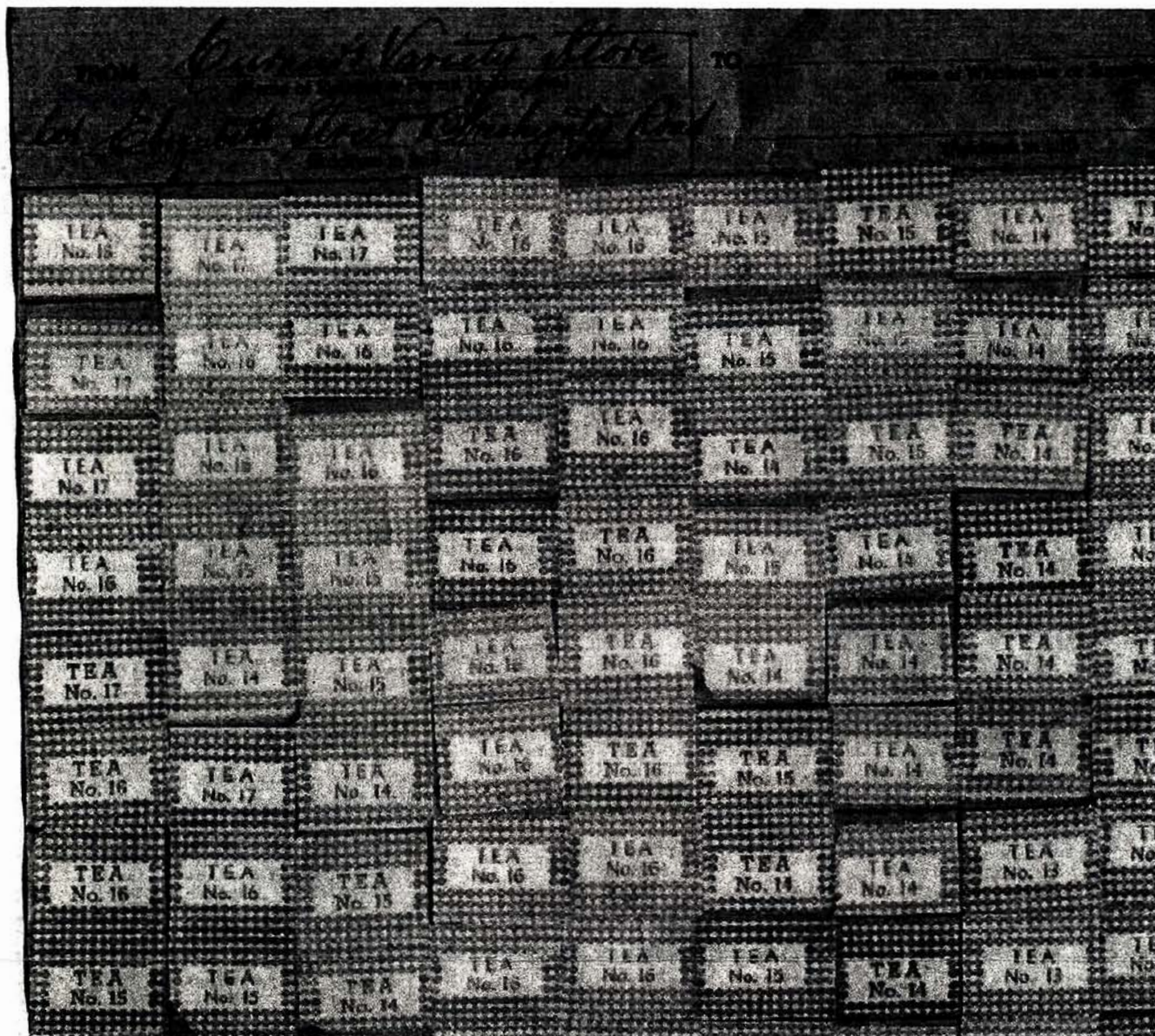


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**TEA RATION STAMPS - An eBay Lot**



**Editor: In issue #105 I ran a one-pager on lobster labels. This time it's tea labels. The above item sold on eBay in November 2005 for \$99 U.S. The seller was Terry Harris. The photo shows part of the completed sheet. Harris' description is below. Label numbers on the full sheet ranged from 8 to 18.**

This auction is for a rare piece of Newfoundland stamp memorabilia from the war years. You probably have seen the Newfoundland ration booklets that were issued to families in Newfoundland during the rationing of food during the war. Families were allowed to purchase certain items and were issued RATION stamps to present to the grocer. The item in this auction is the sheet the grocer used to affix the stamps to redeem them to the government for his supplies...This sheet is from Cunew's or Curiew's Variety Store on the corner of Elizabeth Street and Freshwater Road in St. John's



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**UPDATE ON NEWFOUNDLAND COLUMBIA STUDY - The Editor**

Since 1995 I have been studying the Columbia stamps that come to market, and have provided several accounts to BNATopics on this on-going study. This is a brief update.

**SAMPLE:** 130. This is 43.3% of the 300 issued, but no one knows how many of the 300 have survived.

**BREAKDOWN OF SAMPLE :** 95 - Mint (73.1%)  
7 - Used (5.4%)  
28 - On cover (21.5%)

**CONDITION :**  
6 - Superb (4.6%)  
45 - Very Fine (34.6%)  
79 - Fine (60.8%)



**PRICES REALIZED :** This is very confusing as the Canadian dollar versus U.S. dollar has changed dramatically since 1995. I recently did a quick survey during an analysis of the 2006 NSSC and found that prices in U.S. dollars for VF hinged Columbia's averaged \$5,400 (2001-2005) and about \$8,500 for those on cover.

**COVER PROJECTION :** Using a statistical projection based upon those that have come to market I estimate some 59 covers still exist.

**MARTINSYDE MANUSCRIPTED COVER - The Editor**



Cherrystone Auction, March 8-9, 2006, estimated at \$45,000, but did not sell. My research shows 19 used examples of the manuscripted stamps are known. Sixteen are on the 3¢ Caribou, and one each on the 2¢ & 5¢ Caribous and on the 12¢ coronation stamp. The above cover was previously "auctioned" by Harmer of London in January of 1999 and April, 2000, but did not sell. Obviously the owner values it too much!

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**RARE NEWFOUNDLAND STAMPS FROM LATE 2005 AUCTIONS**

Cherrystone Sept. 2005

The most  
expensive  
regularly  
issued  
Newfoundland  
stamp.



225 were used  
on covers, and  
about 70 were  
available mint.

LOT #1207 – De Pinedo surcharge [overprint], 60¢ black, pos. 42, well centered, h.r., v.f. example of this classic rarity, less than 66 unused examples known, with 1969 Diena cert., cat £28,000 (S.G. 163) [SCOTT \$32,500]. Went for **\$33,500 + 10%, or \$36,850.**

Prices in  
U.S. \$\$\$



In a November 17, 2005 auction, Matthew Bennett auctioned off this stamp. Robson Lowe and Boggs state that only 1,000 of the 1860 1s stamps were printed. The stamp was described as “unused, extra wide margins and bright color, handstamp on reverse barely shows through, Extremely Fine, Unitrade #15.” It was signed “Senf” and had a 2003 Greene certificate. It sold for **\$29,093, including the 18% commission.** It is a key to a complete 19<sup>th</sup> century collection and rivals the 1927 De Pinedo for catalogue value (air mail errors excluded.)



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**POLAR FLIGHT COVER - Pete Motson**



- ☐ **Newfoundland 1931, Polar Flight (Michel No. 119 H)**, Newfoundland stationary with additional 3c Newfoundland definitive and German 2 RM Zeppelin Polar Flight issue. Newfoundland stamp tied by Malyguin 27.7.31 arrival postmark, German Zeppelin stamp tied by Berlin Staaken 25.7.31 postmark, red Zeppelin flight cachet and registration number on front; small corner crease at upper left, Very Fine. Unusual franking. Sieger No. 204 b. Estimate \$1,000-1,500

Lot 4263

Matthew Bennett Auction of January 20, 2006

**Realized  
\$2,100**

*Editor: Pete Motson of our group bought this cover. His is his explanation. He'd like to know if anyone else has NF Polar Flight material. Let me know or email him at [p.motson@btopnworld.com](mailto:p.motson@btopnworld.com)*

Zeppelin Agent in N.Y., Wilhelm von Meister, dispatched Newfoundland card to Europe, ref. his reg'd stamp #50816 bottom left. The card bore Newfoundland 4¢ total franking (i.e., correct "Foreign" rate for postcards in 1931). Zeppelin flights were funded largely by stamp collectors, i.e., the Company received 1.85 of the 2 Reichmarks total "postage" charge. Most of the mail carried on this flight would have been European mail with 2 Reichmarks franking. Mixed franking was scarce, i.e., some U.S. covers were carried and a few Canadian ones. Newfoundland covers were very few.

Zeppelin POLAR FLIGHT Freidrickshaven to Berlin (25/7/31) to Lenningrad to Franz Josephs Land, originally to meet sub (Nautilus ?) but sub sank and mail was transferred to icebreaker "Halyguin" 27/7/31. The Malyguin probably transferred the mail at the next (Russian ?) port-of-call. The two red diagonal lines at bottom right denote "by surface mail", i.e., after the Zeppelin air-mail.

**CONCLUSION:** The card was flown as an unofficial air-mail. Newfoundland Postal Officials were not involved.

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