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**THANKS**

My thanks to those you supported me for BNAPS' Board of Directors. I was successful and starting serving my four-year term right after BNAPEX2006. By the way, the Board confirmed that BNAPEX2007 will be held in Calgary, during Labour Day Weekend in a joint show with Caltapex. BNAPEX2008 will be in Halifax in a joint show with NOVAPEX.

One of the BNAPS activities I have been spending a lot of time on this year is its Youth Activity Program. We gave out 14 cash grants this year from \$150-400 to youth clubs, school stamp clubs and for youth activity tables at stamp shows. Deadlines for applications will be March 10, 2007. An application can be found on the BNAPEX website ([www.BNAPS.org](http://www.BNAPS.org)) or you could email or write to me about a grant to a club/show with which you are familiar. Grant money must be for a *new or expanded* endeavor, as the program's intent is to *expand* the overall level of youth activity.

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**EMAIL**

W.J. Schlitt follows up on David Handelman's comments in NN #120 (first page) on Schlitt's bank tag on Page 7. of NN #119:

"David makes a good point about the possibility that there was a separate, higher rate for money packets. The Yearbook and Almanac of Newfoundland lists rates for many classes of mail and destinations, as cited in Walsh, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. Unfortunately, there is nothing specific shown for money packets. Thus, it isn't clear if: a) There was no special rate; or, b) it was so specialized that post office documents would have to [be] referenced. Maybe another reader can shed light on this...I hadn't considered the possibility that the money packet might have gone at the inland rate – 5¢ registered and 3¢ for the first oz. & 2¢ for each additional oz. Unfortunately, a quick bit of math shows these rates would not work out to the \$2.21 in postage. David's suggestion of a 5¢ per oz. rate doesn't compute either. Thus the rate remains a bit of a mystery. However, the use of the 1¢ stamp on the back tag clearly shows that someone thought the required postage was exactly \$2.21."

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**WANTED** - Editor wants to buy Rev. Butler pricelists. I have 1928, 32, 34, 36, 39 & 47.

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**eBay COVER DRAWS 23 BIDS**



The above cover is not bad, but **\$589?** This sold on eBay in early July. Suggests to me this might be a great time to list a few similar covers if you have them.

Let's examine the cover. It is from St. John's, registered to the U.S. on **12 JU 97**. The 10¢ rate is correct. This was a common usage and there are a lot of covers at this rate still around from this period. The stamps used are Scott #55 and Scott #58 (in multiples). Scott catalogue on cover is \$131.50 for the combination (adding the cover price for both values, which is generous plus the price for the remaining used copies). NSSC is higher at \$270.

I could be really picky and point out that the black Newfoundland dog was not even the *contemporaneous* dog stamp at this time, as there were probably copies of the orange version still available in St. John's from the January, 1896 special printing issue. The black version, originally issued in 1894 would reappear, but only in early 1898. Also, these stamps had been withdrawn in June, 1897 because of the issuance of the Cabot set.

Does anyone have a clue why the cover went for so much? - The Editor

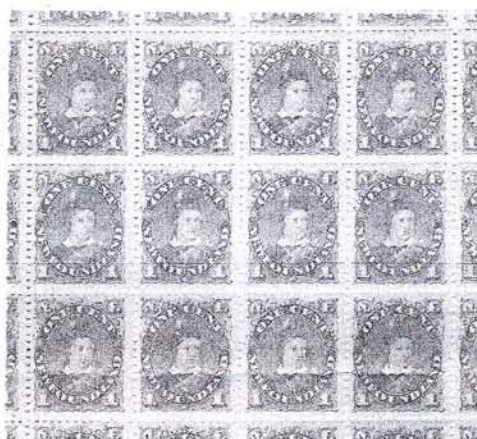
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**NEW CENSUS OF EDWARD STAMPS ON COVER – The Editor**

The one-cent Edward stamp was first released in January of 1888. Printings were in various shades of green. The last printing was released in early 1898. Some 65,000 yellow-green remainders were sold out at the end of 1899.



The early shades of the Edward were the darkest. Printings were on white wove paper until 1891 when they were printed on yellowish wove paper.

**THE GREEN EDWARD ON COVER**

YEAR	LOCAL	INLAND	CANADA	U.S.	U.K.	FOR.	PCARD	PHIL.	TOTAL
1888									
1889				1	1*				2
1890		1				1			2
1891	1			1		4			6
1892	1	1	3		1	2	3		11
1893	1	2		3	1	4	1	3	15
1894	1	4	2	5		3	5		20
1895	7	6	4	5	2	5	2	1	32
1896	9	13	10	5	1	2	2		42
1897	9	10	1	5	1	1	4	1	32
1898		1	2	1					4
1899									
1900		2	1		1	1		1	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>172</b>

PCARD = Post cards to all destinations. These reflect use of a single Edward stamp on the 1¢ 1880 post card to make a 2¢ rate.

PHIL. = Philatelic, when stamps exceed known rate by more than "convenience".

\* = Earliest known date of use on cover is March 4, 1889, St. John's Central to U.K. with 10¢ black ship and 3¢ Queen Victoria brown. *Where are the 1888 covers?*

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**

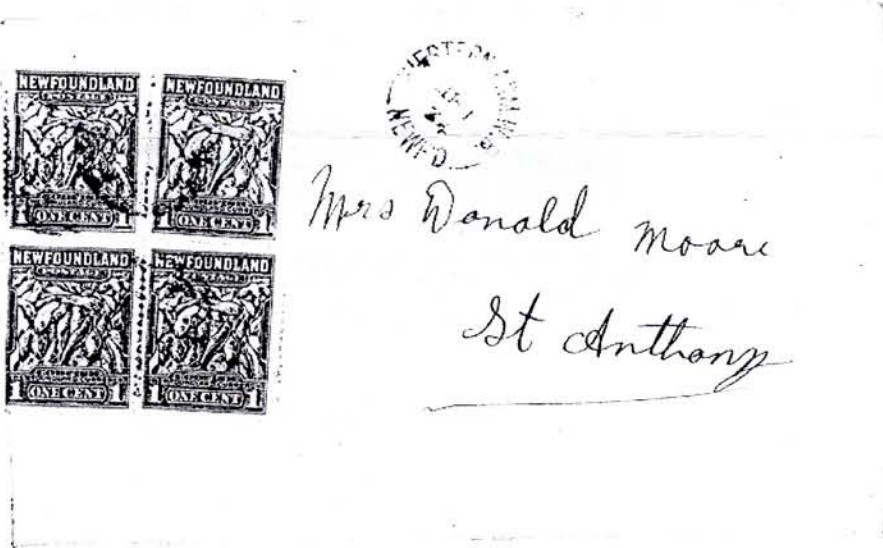
Please share with me covers of which you are aware. Pictures help, but it may be easier just to send me data showing postmark date and use. An example --- "November 3, 1892 with 2¢ orange codfish from St. John's to Montreal". – Bob Dyer. See first page for address and email. OCTOBER 5, 2007

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GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN – CARL MUNDEN

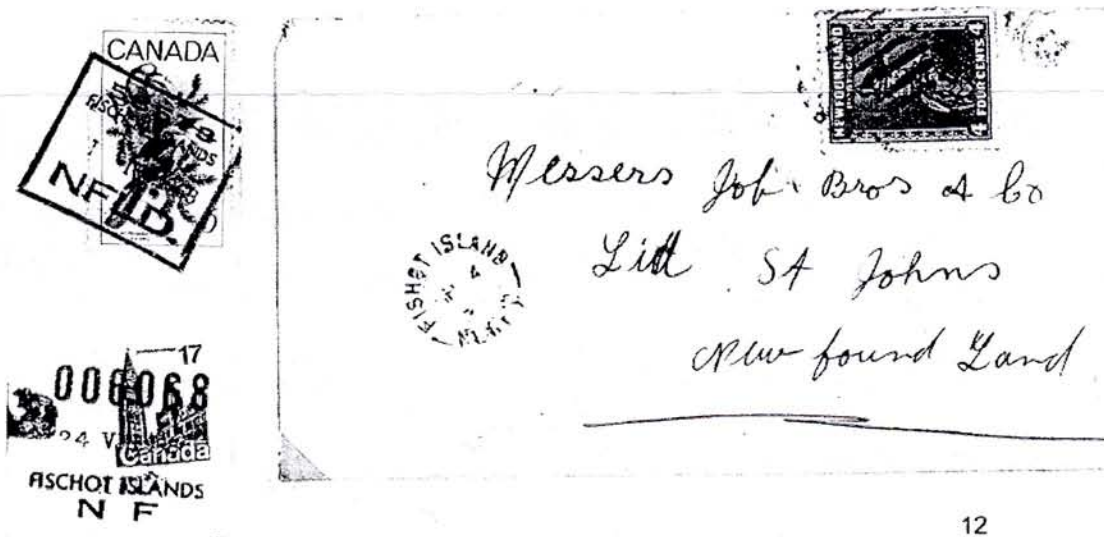
WESTERN ARM

Although a road was eventually built, this logging community decided to abandon. Office opened 1929 and closed Jul. 22, 1959. Population 290.



FISHOT ISLAND

Later called FIS(C)HOT, this island was always a Summer fishing station. Located near Main Brook, it opened in 1910 and closed in 1980. Permanent population was 67.



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

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Netherlands

Postcard Rate 2 Cents

Use of Uprated Colonial 1 Cent Postcard



St. John's January 21<sup>st</sup> 1891  
Rotterdam January 29<sup>th</sup> 1891

Norway

Single Letter Rate 5 Cents Per ½ Ounce



Bay Islands June 10<sup>th</sup> 1898  
Halls Bay RIPO June 10<sup>th</sup> 1898  
St. John's June 12<sup>th</sup> 1898

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**ANOTHER RECORD FOR A LONG CORORATION PERF. VARIETY**



**618**

During WASHINGTON2006, I was walking by Victoria Stamp Company's booth; Phoebe MacGillivray recognized me and called me over. She specifically pointed out this lot in her upcoming sale. This was not a variety that I was familiar with and since I no longer collected this issue the discussion went no farther. Several weeks later I get an email from Bob Dyer telling me this lot was hammered down at the astronomical sum of \$22,000.00 US versus the estimate of \$4500.00 US and wanting to know why. My immediate reaction was there were two bidders bent on not letting the other have it. In other words the hammer price had nothing to do with the relative scarcity of the stamp and much to do with the personalities of the bidders.

While I am not familiar with this particular variety, I am not surprised that it exists nor am I not surprised that more have not come to light. While the catalogs list the stamps in this issue as coming in three perforations, one comb and two line; the listing is just one perforation spacing for all sides. Thus it very easy to check along one side, usually the long side, to determine the stamp's identity. Thus the second side does not get checked.

Why am I not surprised this variety exists? Mainly because the time to produce this series was extremely short -- roughly six months from decision to have the issue to day of sales. Unlike North American stamp printers which use rotary perforators, British printers used guillotine or stroke type perforators. That is the perforating pins are mounted on a bar that punches the holes on a down stroke, then on the up stroke the sheet of stamps is shifted one row or column, and then the cycle repeats. When production time is short and one has two machines and has rectangular stamps to punch, it would make sense to set one machine to punch the rows and set one to punch the columns. Thereby eliminating the set up time needed for adjusting the sheet advancement with each up stroke. Basically the sheets of stamps would go from the printing press to the first perforator to the second perforator to out the door.

What would be interesting to know is when this compound perf occurred. There were two deadlines that Spragues Perkins Bacon Works had to meet. The first was the shipping date to Newfoundland and the second was the delivery date to the Newfoundland Trade Commissioner in London. For example the three cents Map of Newfoundland Airports, Die II, is not known used on legitimate first day covers. It is known used on forged first day covers sold in London. The earliest known legitimate used examples are in early June 1937. Meaning the printings from the Die II plate were not in the initial shipment to Newfoundland; but were in the stamps delivered to the Trade Commissioner. Was the compound perforating done in the rush for the shipment to Newfoundland or for the later delivery in London? The assumption being the shipment to Newfoundland being larger than those delivered to the Trade Commissioner would have more compound perforated varieties. Of course it was this kind of logic that Dan Meyerson used when he let the original discovery copy of the comb perforated 14 cents Newfoundland Dog variety from this series get away. He thought they would be plentiful, but he never found another. In other words, I have no idea why Lot 618 would bring \$22,000 nor why it should even had a four figure estimate in the first place.

Victoria Stamp Auction, June 10<sup>th</sup>

Lot described:

235 (SG259var) KGVI 7¢ bright Ultramarine Coronation Caribou wmk Coat of Arms variety line perf 13.5 X 14....This is believed to be the second copy extant. **Sold for \$22,000 + 15%.**

*Apparently this is not the same as NSSC 222c which is 14.1 (read 14) over 13.7 (read 13.5) as in this example the top and bottom are 13.7 and the sides 14.1 – The Editor*

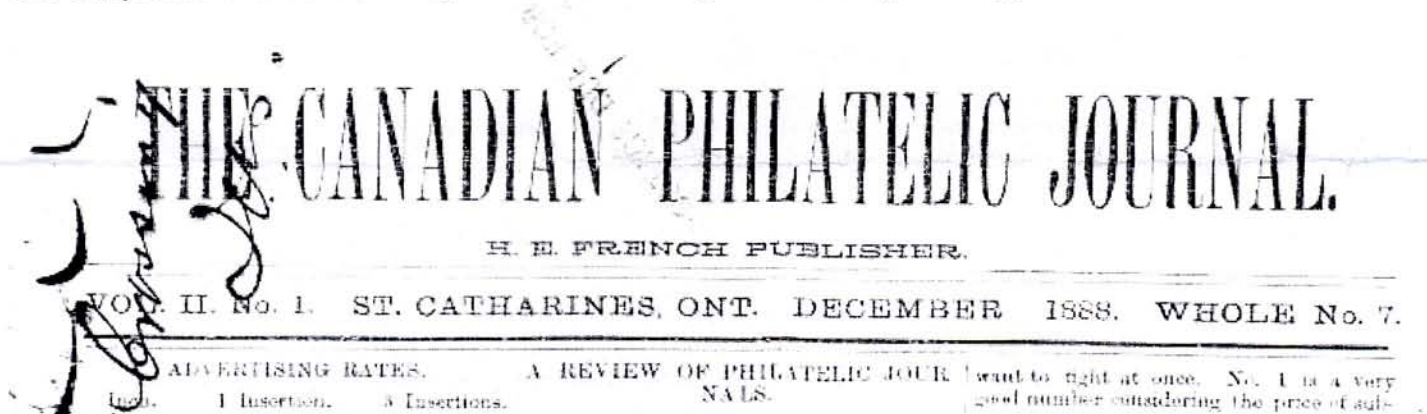
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**JAMES COX AD REVEALS HE WAS STAMP DEALER IN 1888 - Colin Lewis**

Seen below is a masthead of *The Canadian Philatelic Journal* of December 1888, published by H.E. French, St. Catharines, Ontario as Vol. II No1, Whole No7. It was mailed to a box number at somewhere unreadable and then redirected to Grand Crossing (I believe in Illinois). This meant it was subject to one-cent postage due and a charge handstamp was applied.



What has this got to do with Newfoundland Postal History/Philately? The *Journal* consisted of four pages of general philatelic information of which about three pages were advertisements from stamp dealers. Well, our old friend James Cox of St. John's, who produced the cover depicted on Page 2 of Newfie Newsletter #119, had a sales ad for Newfoundland stamps on Page 3. This clearly indicates his early involvement as a dealer in Newfoundland stamps.

**Now is Your Time for  
 Genuine Stamps of New-  
 foundland.**

Date.		unused.	used.
1857.	3d Triangular, green.	12	25
1857.	6d. 3d's rectangle brownish.	20	50
1861.	4c. " lake	15	
	6d & 6 1/2 " each.	21	
	8d & 11 " "	35	
	11.5c for the above set, unused.		
1866.	2 cent perf. green	10	5
	" " " brown		1.50
	" 10 " " black,	15	10
	" 12 " " pink,	18	12
	" 13 " " orange,	20	20
	" 24 " " blue,	30	25
1868.	1 " " lilac		15
1870.	3 " " vermillion,		12
	" 6 " " rose,	10	4
1871.	1 " " Violet Bro.		5
1873.	3 " " Blue,		5
1876.	1 " " roulette violet b.		5
	" 2 " " Green,	5	5
	" 3 " " Blue,	5	2
	" 5 " " "	10	3
1880.	issue of 1, 2, 3 & 5 the sett,	15	6
1888.	" " 1, 2, 3, 5 & 10 " "	25	10

Parties sending orders of two dollars or over, will have their letters registered and prepared with 1/2c stamp. All communications attended to promptly.

Cash must accompany orders

Address: **JAS. COX & CO**  
 Stamp Dealers,  
 St. Johns, N. F.

**JAS. COX'S 1888 ADVERTISEMENT**

It is interesting to note some of the prices for material being sold by Cox. The mint unused 3d triangle of 1857 was 12¢ whilst in my 2002 *Unitrade* it catalogues \$500. That is an increase in excess of 4,000%! The 1876 roulette 5¢ was offered at 5¢ unused and probably never hinged at that, whilst in 2002 such a copy is catalogued at \$1,500. That is a 30,000% increase. We live in inflationary times!

Another interesting aspect of the advert is that orders amounting to \$2 or more would be registered and be franked with the 1/2 ¢ stamp (Sc 56/57 rose red Newfoundland dog). Does any member have such a registered cover sent by Cox? If they do please send the Editor a copy for inclusion in a future Newsletter.

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**G.P.O. PRICE LIST FROM 1919**

GENERAL POST OFFICE

ST. JOHN'S, N.F., 12 JUL 1919 191

*B. B. Dodge Co*

Replying to your letter of .....  
I herewith enclose you Postage Stamps as per memo. No.  
Stamps but those listed below are for sale in this Department

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,  
Postmaster-General.

1	Stamps—One cent, Caribou Issue, 1919.....	01
1	" Two cent, Caribou Issue, 1919.....	02
1	" Three cent, Caribou Issue, 1919.....	03
1	" Four cent.....	04
1	" Five cent.....	05
2	" Six cent.....	12
1	" Eight cent.....	08
1	" Ten cent.....	10
1	" Twelve cent.....	12
1	" Fifteen cent.....	15
1	" Twenty-four cent.....	24
1	" Thirty-six cent.....	36
	Post Cards, at one cent.....	
	" at two cents.....	
	" at four cents.....	
	Stamped Envelopes (3c.), 4c. each, or \$3.30 per 100	
	" (5c.), 6c. each, or \$5.30 per 100	
	Newspaper wrappers (2c.), 3c. ea., or \$2.35 per 100	
	" (3c.), 4c. ea., or \$3.35 per 100	
	Postage and Registration additional.....	
	Total.....\$	132

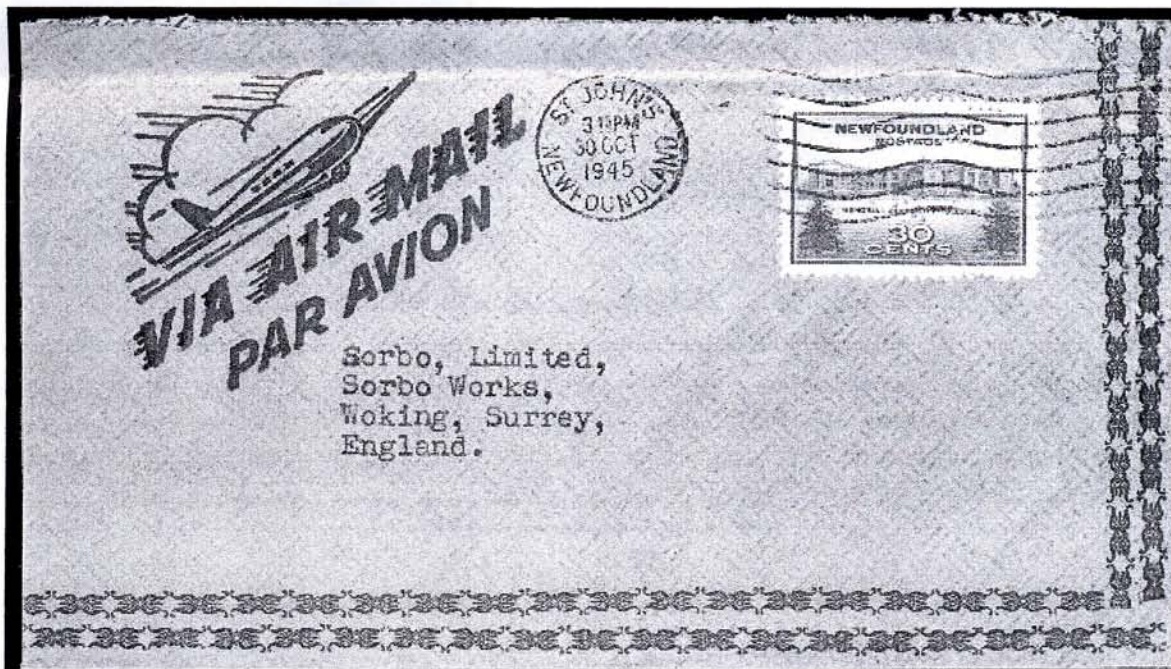
Old General Post Office price forms are illuminating. Dean Mario shared one with us from 1946, in N.N. #92 (January/February 2002). This list suggests *only* the Caribou set was available for sale to collectors in July of 1919. This does seem to conflict with other sources, including Robson Lowe, who stated that the high values of the 1897 Cabot issue were around in the 1920's & 1930's. Could one only buy them in person at the G.P.O.? Another interesting aspect of this list is **J. Alex Robinson's** name. He had served as Colonial Secretary 20 years previous in 1897. Robert Pratt says that Robinson also "served for a short time as the *last* Postmaster General, (1917-1919)".



The perfin corner by Barry senior

**SCOTT 267, THE MEMORIAL COLLEGE ISSUE**

The stamp & letter below shows Scott #267 with AYRE perfin type A9. This is one of two known paying the 30¢ air mail rate to the United Kingdom. This one is dated 30 October, 1945 while the other is January 27, 1946. Incidentally, the TWO CENT Surcharge on this stamp (Scott #268) is unrecorded with a perfin.



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1889 ENVELOPES

ST. JOHN'S AM. AU 25 90 TO HALIFAX.  
FORWARDED TO QUEBEC



*J. D. Rogers Esq*

*H. M. S. Bellerophon*

*Quebec*  
~~*Halifax*~~

~~*None Section*~~

*Canada*

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QUEBEC, CANADA, I, AU 30, 90.

ST. JOHN'S EAST. AP 3, 97 TO BERMUDA



*Reginald Gray Esq*

*Hamilton*

*Bermuda*

BACKSTAMPED: ST. JOHN'S, PM, AP 3, 97  
HALIFAX, CANADA, C, AP 7, 97.  
HAMILTON, BERMUDA, AP 17, 97

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