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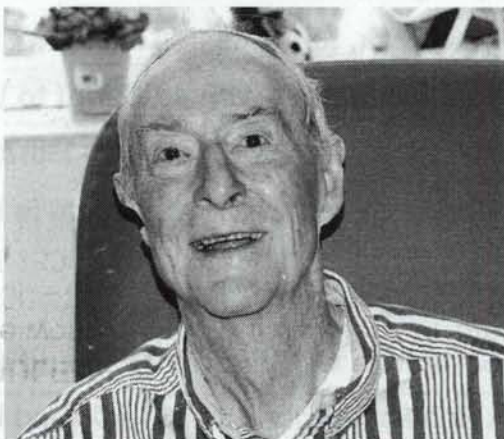
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RANDALL MARTIN DIES



BNAPS member, and Newfie Study Group member until his illness, Randall Martin (#5544), passed away on Sunday, May 6, 2007, in Rockland, Massachusetts, at the age of 83. He will be missed by many. Randall was an Army Air Force officer in World War II, retired president of Fifield Companies, and a dedicated collector of the postal history of Newfoundland and the Maritime Provinces of Canada. Raised in Cambridge, Massachusetts, he was a 1941 graduate of Cambridge High School and a 1948 graduate of Northeastern University. Besides BNAPS, Randall was also a member of the Royal Philatelic Society and American Philatelic Society. He exhibited at several BNAPEX shows and also at APS national shows. At ROPEX 2003 in Webster, New York, his exhibits won *four* gold awards - for Newfoundland Surface Mail as well as the pre-confederated stamped mail of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. He was a close friend of a number of BNAPS members. Examples of his generous support of philately were donations to the John Butt scholarship of the St. John's Philatelic Society and to help pay for the publication of Sammy Whaley's Pratt-award winning book, *Newfoundland 1865-1879, The New York Printings*. Sammy says that Randall also sent him a number of covers for his research.

NEWFIE WORKSHOP SCHEDULED

The date and time of the Newfie workshop at BNAPEX2007 in Calgary has been announced. It will be Saturday, Sept. 1 from 4-5:30 - P.M. Colin Lewis will give a presentation "Pre-stamp Mail to, From and About Newfoundland 1699-1856." Members are welcomed to bring up any study group matters, or share research.

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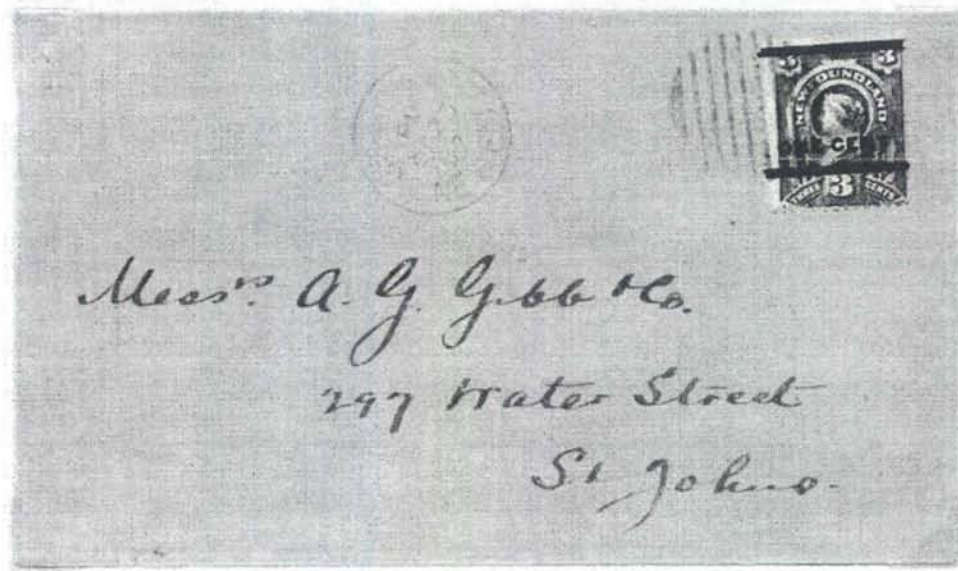
RECORDED USAGE OF RARE NEWFOUNDLAND PROVISIONAL

Here is another of my on-going research projects – recording usage of Scott #77 (NSSC #71) on cover during the 1897 provisional period, which was from October 19 through December 4, 1897.

1897 TYPE III ON COVER WITHIN PROVISIONAL PERIOD

1. OC 22 97. St. John's to Montreal and G .H. Dickinson.
2. OC 22 97. St. John's to Montreal, to S.M. Mumm.
3. OC 23 97. St. John's drop cover to Messes A. G. Gibb & Co.
4. OC 29 97. St. John's to ? Type III below attached Type I, one Type II, another Type ? and 2¢ Cabot to pay registered rate from St. John's. Also has T00-LATE marking.
5. NO 5 97. St. John's to New York, to Annie J. Collins.
6. NO 9 97. St. John's to Gloucester, MA with 4¢ Cabot to W.H. Perkins.
7. NO 10 97. St. John's Central to Sidney, C.B. to ----- Burchell.
8. NO 27 97. St. John's to Hoosick Falls, New York. Date is receiver on face. To George F. Knowles. Also has FORWARDED on face.
9. NO 30 97. St. John's drop cover to Nettie Hiscock.
10. NO ? 97. Tilt Cover to St. John's with two TYPE III and one TYPE II, to A.E. Delgado.

This is a key issue on cover as Scott catalogues it at \$1,000 and NSSC at \$500. Please send me any additional listings. Cover below (#3) is from Colin Lewis' BNAPS Exhibit Book #42, Page 66. Years ago I heard rumors there is a #77 on first day of period – October 19. Do you have it?



St. John's October 23rd 1897

Notes: Issued to overcome the exhaustion of the top stamp end of September 1897. Overprinted in three settings this being the least common and applied to 1,600 of the 40,000 stamps.

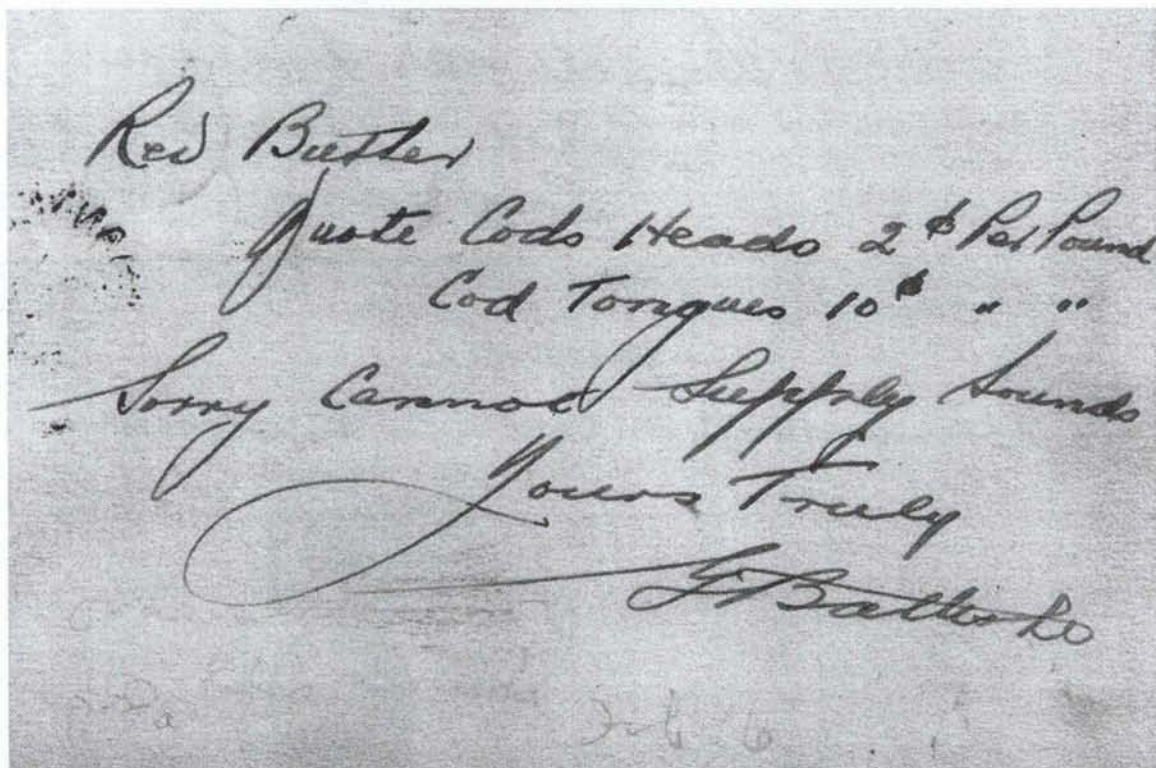
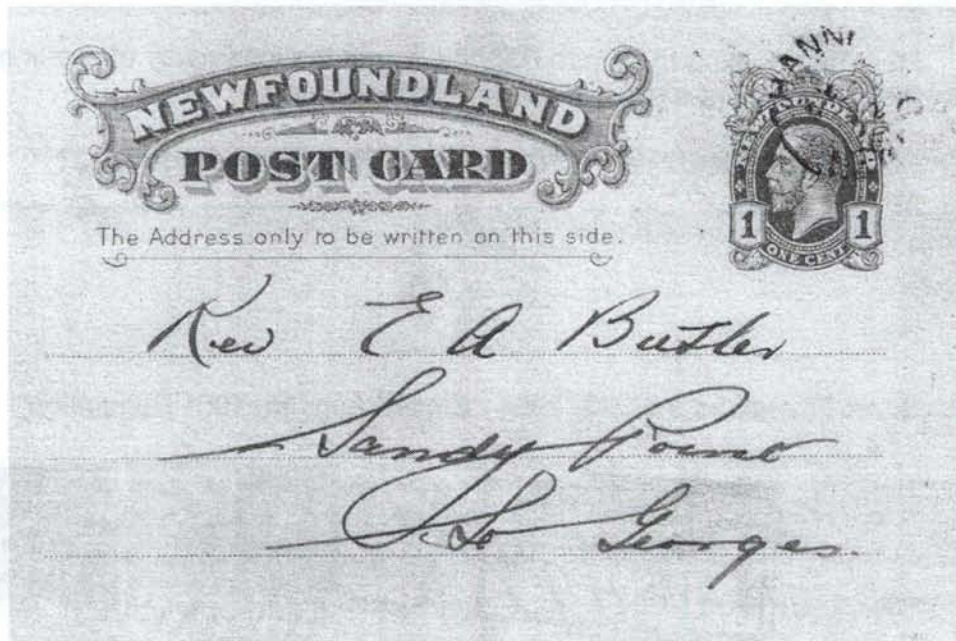
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REVEREND BUTLER LIKED COD!! - The Editor

Jim Leutze sent me this card from circa 1930 (PC 16). The clergyman had ordered some cod parts. Note that cod heads went for 2¢ a pound and tongues for 10¢ a pound. The seller could not provide "sounds", however. Do you know what "sounds" are? The answer is on Page 8.



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN – CARL MUNDEN

BONAVISTA BAY

SILVER HARE / SILVER FOX ISLAND

Hare had nothing to do with Rabbits. It was the locals way of spelling "hair", as Silver-haired Foxes were on the island.

Silver Hare Island open 1920 renamed Silver Fox Island Apr. 23, 1954



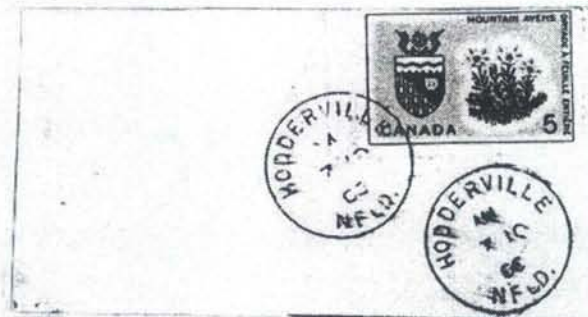
Silver Fox Island Apr. 23, 1954 Closed Aug. 15, 1961 Population 172



*Venerable W. G. Legge.
Synod Office
St John's
Nfld. (570)*

HODDERVILLE

Office opened May 31, 1961 Closed Nov. 24, 1967 population N/K



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NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL HISTORY JANUARY 1857- JUNE 1893 – COLIN LEWIS

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Post Universal Postal Union Rates to Rest of the World

January 1st 1879 Through 1899

Australia – South Australia

Single Letter Rate 5 Cents Per ½ Ounce



St. John's February 8th 1893
New York February 14th 1893
London February 24th 1893
Adelaide March 25th 1893
St. Peter's March 25th 1893

Australia – New South Wales

Postcard Rate 2 Cents



St. John's October 17th 1894
Sydney December 7th 1894
Inverell December 8th 1894.

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NEWFOUNDLAND SLOGAN CANCELS - George McGowan
Part I

When the Newfoundland Study Group was formed in 1985, goal number 7 was "slogan cancellations", specifically the cancels produced on the Universal machines, noting that those produced on the International machines had already seen more study.

An early reference to the slogan cancels appears on page 166 of Winthrop Boggs' *The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Newfoundland, 1942*. Later, in the *Newfie Newsletter*, (Jan/Feb '87), Carl Newswanger, with the help of Palmer Moffat, Dan Myerson, Clarence Stillions and Harry Huber, started to assemble earliest and latest usage dates.

My experience with the slogans started in 1990 when Derik Paul began his series in *Topics*. Derik pointed out the seasonal usages of some of the slogans, and again was updating earliest and latest usage dates. When I started to collect Newfoundland covers in 1982, I didn't know anything about postal history, consequently, I purchased everything I saw. This turns out to be fortunate, because I have a lot of examples of machine and slogan cancels.

Derik also asked members to survey their slogan cancels, and many of us let him know what we had. His results encouraged me to "specialize" in this area. Coincidentally, in the late 90's in one of Chuck Firby's auctions, was Derik's cover accumulation and related data, and I was fortunate to be the highest bidder.

In May/June 1990 *Topics* Jeff Swift got into details of some of the slogans. Around 1995 John Butt took over the job of "keeper of the slogans" and began what was to become the definitive listing of the slogan cancels, incorporated into the *Bible of Newfoundland collecting, The Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue*, editions 1-6 by John Walsh and John Butt. Unfortunately, in 2000 John Butt passed away as a result of injuries sustained in a work related accident. Since then, John Walsh reports that not much new has been reported to him concerning the slogans.

Lately, it has been my intention to put together everything gathered up until now and develop an exhibit. However, the more I study, the more new questions I find. I am sure that many of these questions can be answered by our members, and the others will just need more study.

Let's begin at the beginning. In David Sessions book, *The Early Rapid Cancelling Machines of Canada, 1982*, he reports that two International canceling machines were installed at the St John's GPO in 1910. In *The Machine Cancel Forum*, June, 1976, Eugene Funk reports that International machines were hand driven, (Model L) or electric power driven, (the Flier and the Model M). Sessions states that early Newfoundland cancels (@1912) appear to be hand driven, while later impressions suggest electrically driven. Funk states the Model L produced a cancel shorter in length than the others. This is going to require further study, as a full impression is needed for measurement, but most examples run off the right side of the cover.

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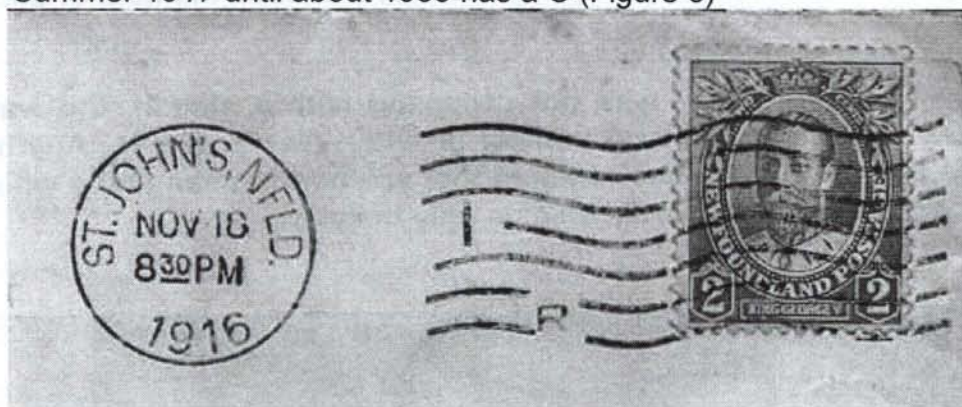
Another question comes up when we consider St. John's East. Since both machines at the GPO were in use simultaneously with the machine at St. John's East, where did the third machine come from? My theory is that by 1919, most of Canada had switched over from the International machines to the Universal machines and this one could have been a surplus item. David Sessions states "it is tempting to suggest that when an electric machine was installed at the GPO, the hand machine passed to St. John's East, but this is pure conjecture."

Looking at the period from 1911 until the first slogan appears, and beyond, the wavy obliterator lines contain a number and a letter. All of my examples have the number 1. According to Sessions, The letters signified a code:

C---collect	mail picked up at the mailbox
D---drop	mailed at post office
R---received	miscellaneous letters
T---transit	mail passing through P.O. from outside point (I haven't seen an example with a T)

Sissons also reports that "whatever the Canadian Post Office intended regarding the code, there is little evidence that the postmasters adhered to it". All my examples of these cancels, to a cover, with no exception, are as follows:

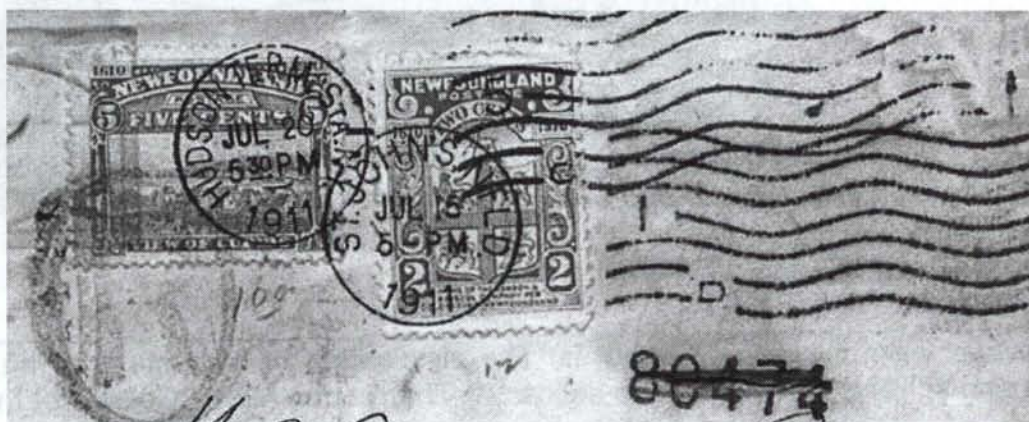
Inception until early Dec 1911 has an R (Figure 1)
Early Dec 1911 until summer 1917 has a D (Figure 2)
Summer 1917 until about 1935 has a C (Figure 3)



◀ Fig.

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Fig. 2



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NEWFOUNDLAND'S SLOGAN CANCELS (Concluded)

Fig. 3

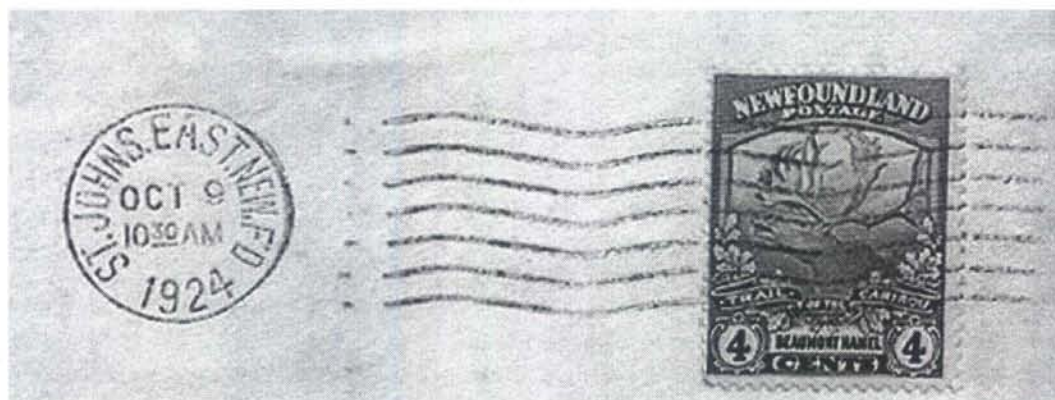


John Butt, in Topics Sep/Oct 1991 displays a code D Jul 29, 1911 and a code R Jul 29, 1911 side by side. The artwork for both the hubs is identical, so I am assuming that, for display purposes, he used the same artwork for both cancels. Also, my findings may be coincidental and I would like to hear from others if they have code examples other than what I have listed, or a code T. [Editor – McGowan's findings differ from Butt's regarding usage dates.]

In Part 2 of this series, I will attempt to assemble all known data on the early slogans beginning in 1919. Here again, I find I have some questions that will need the help of some of our members.

A note of interest, when St. John's East was not canceling with a slogan, the wavy obliterator lines were a different type and had no number or letter. (see figure 4). Another fact that I came across was that early machines required that you had to change the whole hub when changing the year date, later, you could change only the year.

Fig. 4



George McGowan

Answer from Page 2. "Sound" is "The air bladder, or hydrostatic organ, of a cod-fish, removed during splitting and salted as a delicacy." Thanks due Martin Goebel for this research.

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The perfin corner by Barry Senior

1923 - 1924 Pictorial Issue

This issue is well represented although the 5 cent, 10 cent and 24 cent are not known.

Items shown include Discovery copies of the 2 cent in positions three and four as well as the only recorded examples of the 4 cent and 15 cent.

Position one is found on over 99% of the stamps recorded.



Position 1



Position 1



Position 1



Position 1



Position 1



Position 3



Position 4



Position 1



Position 1



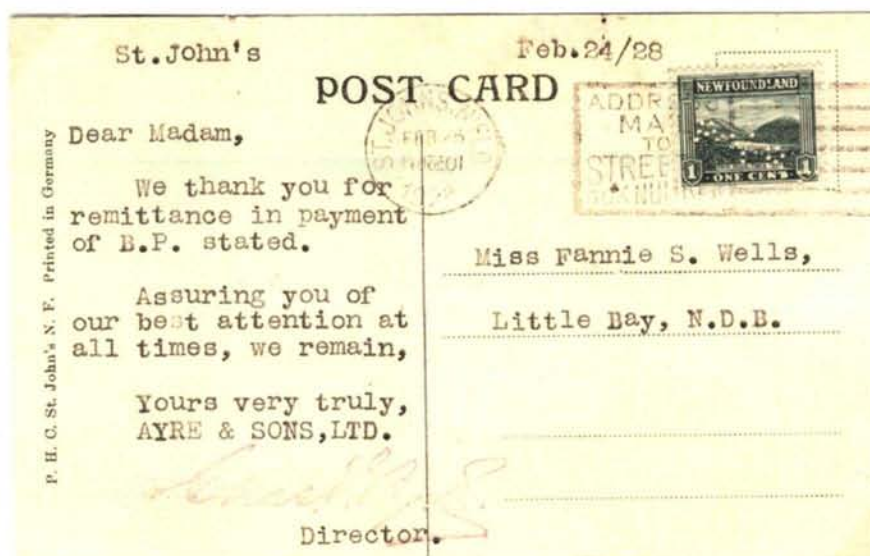
Position 1



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Position 1



The only recorded example of the 1 cent paying the Inland Postcard rate, February 25, 1928.

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NEWFOUNDLAND'S POSTAL STATIONERY 1873-1941 – Horace Harrison

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