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EBAY LOT OF SCOTT #77 "WITH CERT." CLEARLY HAD FORGED SURCHARGE



ONE CENT 4mm above bar.



Two type II's at the left (Scott #76). #77 at right, ONE CENT 2.4mm above bar.

Fortunately lot # 230204871419 did not sell as the item clearly had a forged surcharge. Seller had required a minimum bid of \$490. I sent two inquires to City Stamp Montreal pointing out the problem and offering to send jpg's of genuine 77's in multiples, such as the one above, without a response. Ed Wener, who used to operate Indigo, and had expertise in Newfoundland forgeries says half of the 77's he saw were forgeries but there were no examples of forgeries purporting to contain more than one of the three surcharge types.

SCOTT #145 REENTRY RESEARCH UPDATE

In NN 128, Jean-Claude Vasseur provided his initial analysis of entries on Scott #145.

Subsequently he has found new material which has changed his opinion. He writes:

" I'm now convinced there are just *two states* of the plate, following my discovery of reentries to the left of the SE corner block, which has none. Ten stamps of the initial plate are still missing in my study (51-2, 61-2, 71-2, 81-2 and 91-2). In all I have now recorded 62 re-entries of which three are major, seven strong, and 13 still noticeable. I'll publish an update for the Newsletter after finding the missing pieces."

EDITOR NEEDS COVERS/POSTCARDS WITH SCOTT #79 - THE RED 1¢ QUEEN VICTORIA

I'm working on an exhibit and need examples postmarked from December, 1897 - June, 1898. Send copies or describe. Will trade for or purchase. I am somewhat desperate at this point!

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In response to Colin Lewis' article (Newsletter# 127), perhaps nobody actually knows if Krippner "carried out any illegal activities on Newfoundland stamps or covers", but I am hoping that readers of this "follow-up article", may be able to help answer this research question : Was there a "link" between James Cox and E. R. Krippner resulting in spurious covers? *The following notes relate solely to the illustrated six covers: A-F*

Collectors of Newfoundland Railway TPO material will be familiar with the activities of James Cox, Mail Clerk on the Conception Bay Railway TPO and his philatelic "creations" (bisects, use of revenue stamps for postage, etc.) between 1901 and 1904 and also his subsequent 1905 "demotion" to Newspaper Assorter in the GPO. They may not, however be aware of the extent of his possible involvement with the previously convicted philatelic fraudster Emil Reinhardt Krippner.

Krippner is alleged to have devised and utilized his own home-made bronze rouletting knives during the period 1885 to 1890, and on 27th October 1890, was taken into custody in Germany. He was tried 12th October 1891, found guilty on 24 of the 70 fraud charges against him, and sentenced to jail for 2½ years. Released in April 1893, he then traded as a musical instrument dealer in Europe, USA, Canada and Newfoundland, where he was resident in St Johns, circa 1899 to 1904. It was in St Johns that he established his own philatelic clientele.



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The fact that some Krippner correspondence passed through James Cox’s hands may have been happenstance but certain common factors do raise some suspicions.

At least three covers that passed through Cox’s TPO system were addressed specifically to Krippner

All three covers (B, C & D) bear *Imperforate* or *misperforate* 2c King Edward VII stamps.

Krippner’s use of the pseudonym: “R Reichardt” (C)

PO Box # 481 was Krippner’s St Johns P.O. Box number from about July 1899. Krippner used this pseudonym and other variations on some of his early 1899 embellished Patriotic “Flag & Frame” covers. But by 1900, such “Patriotic Krippner covers” were well known to the St Johns Post Office staff and he discontinued his pseudonym practice after 1900. Did he wished to disassociate his own name from any un-wanted attention to these misperforate franking covers ?

1902 cancels common to all illustrated covers

Cover B was mailed to Krippner in the same year as the other four *misperf* / *imperf* frankings illustrated covers

Common “receiver/s”

Five of the illustrated covers, (B-F) were to St Johns addressees. Cover D was addressed to Krippner specifically. All were franked with potentially valuable stamps. Cox was an active Stamp Dealer and both Krippner and Cox had outlets to philatelic clients. Were the covers E & F genuine letters for the addressees attention, or is it possible that Cox deferred the them away from the St John’s postal system ?

“Manuels” cancels

Four of the six illustrated covers bear a “Manuels Aug 21 02” postmark (A, D-F). Was a third party based in Manuels ? Cover “A” to Miss B Green, is addressed TO Manuels but also bears the Conception Bay Railway TPO cancel dated 21st August 1902 and was undoubtedly handled by Cox

Four covers appear to have distinct handwriting similarities and are of a similar pen and ink:

(A, D-F)

(The handwriting comments are my own personal assessments and are not professional)

- There is a handwriting similarity of : “Nfld”. to covers A & E and, both bear “Manuels Aug 21st” cancels.

C



D

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- The abbreviation of Newfoundland to "NFLD" is common to all covers where Newfoundland is written and therefore could have been written by the same writer.
- The "S" of St Johns appears in a very distinct and individual style on covers D-F.
- There are handwriting similarities of the letter "R" of "Registered" on covers B & C and this distinct "R" is identical to those evident on many of Krippner's letters to his wife. (See: "Newfie Newsletter" - Harrison's "Postal Stationary": page 9, # 120, i.e. : Sep/Oct 2006)

Franking on Covers E-F

The positions of the stamps on each cover, are opposite. Also, the imperf pairs both have ample sheet margin selvages, but one is from the left margin, one from the right margin. (Did the sender have "choices" - from a "sheet"?!) The possibility of collusion between Cox and Krippner (and possibly a third party), cannot go un-noticed, as "philatelic creativity" was certainly within the experience and capability of both these gentlemen.

E.R. Krippner was a fairly regular letter writer and fortunately "Krippner covers" turn up in various sources, i.e. : Newfie Newsletter subscribers have "discovered" such Krippner items in their own collections and my thanks are due to the scans and comments received from: Brian Stalker, Judith Edwards, John Croker and Colin Lewis, as their contributions have been extremely helpful. Readers of the above are invited to contact me with their own observations and particularly with scans of any Newfoundland "Krippner covers" covers that they hold, especially any items involving Cox's TPO cancels 1901 to 1904.

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E



F

[Editor's note. It has always been amazing to me that judges, especially Canadian ones, have treated the philatelic/contrived covers of Cox with such easy acceptance.]

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West Indies and Bermuda

As Per Newfoundland Almanacs 1881 to 1887

Trinidad

Single Letter Rate 8 Cents Per ½ Ounce



St. John's October 18th 1882
New York October 25th 1882
Trinidad November 13th 1882

Bermuda



St. John's April 22nd 1887
Hamilton May 6th 1887

Note: Official records showing the introduction of this rate have not
Survived; it is likely a special rate for mail in transit via USA.

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NEWFOUNDLAND SLOGAN CANCELS - George McGowan

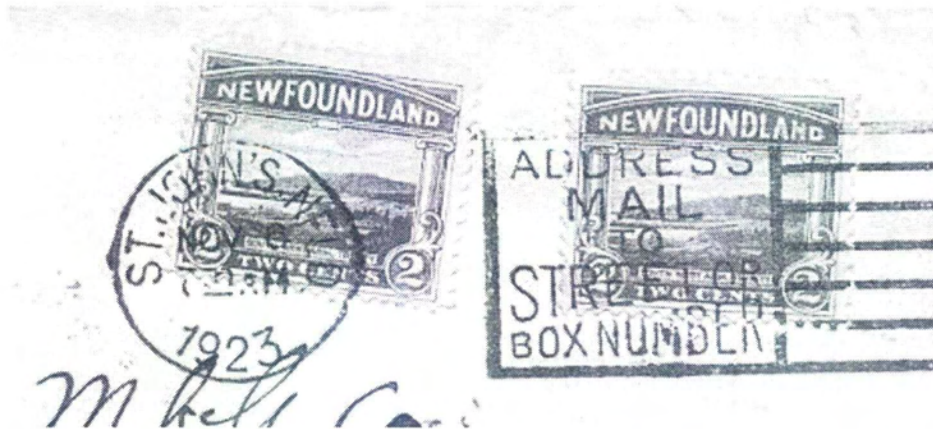
Part V

Welcome to part V of Newfoundland Postal Slogans Cancels. If you are new to this series, we are looking at the International, and later, the Universal canceling machines that were used in St. John's and St. John's East. The next slogan to look at is NSSC number PS4, ADDRESS/MAIL/TO/STREET OR/BOX NUMBER. This slogan was in use from early 1923 until late 1934.

Derik Paul, in his research points out gaps in this usage, noting summer of 1927, summer of 1929 and summer of 1930, among others. He also admits that some of the gaps may be statistical. I have an example of PS4d postmarked July 27, 1927 which missed his survey. I also have examples PS8 used on June 3, 1929 and PS9 used July 15, 1929, indicating the obvious, that the gaps were caused by using other slogans at that time.

There seems to be an evolution of PS4 and John Butt categorized the varieties as follows:

PS4 used from Feb 28, 1923 – Dec 28, 1924 with no “curve” under the time and St John's with apostrophe and NFLD without.



PS4a used from Feb 28, 1923 – Dec 28, 1924 with the 'curve' under the time and St John's has an apostrophe and NFLD does not.



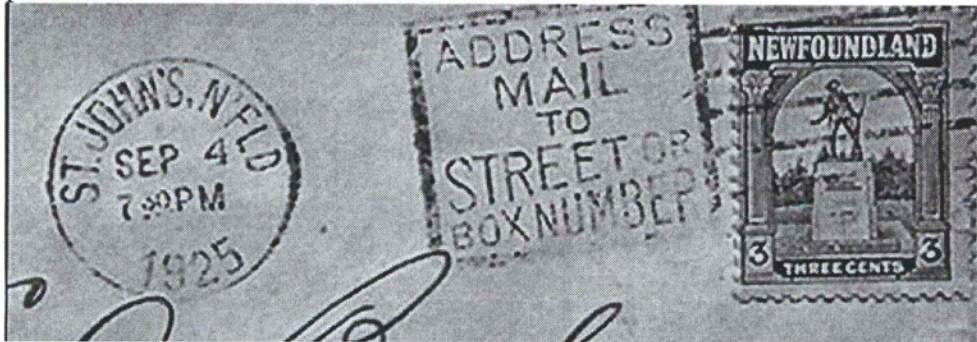
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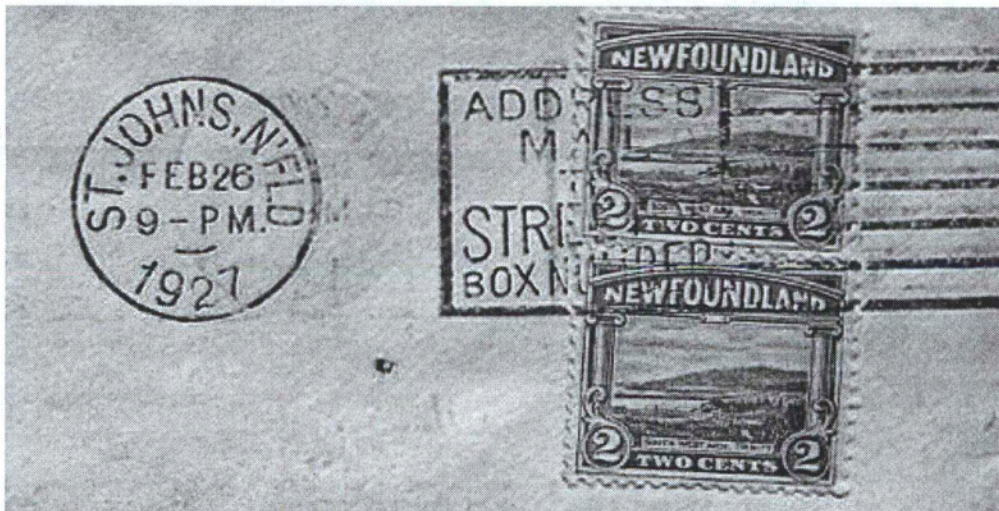
PS4b used from Jan 6, 1925 – Aug 17, 1925 with no “curve” under the time and both St John's and N'FLD have the apostrophe.



PS4c used from Jan 24, 1926 – Dec 28, 1934 with no “curve” under the time and this time St Johns has no apostrophe and N'FLD does.



PS4d used from Jan 24, 1926 – Dec 24, 1934 with the “curve” under the time and St Johns has no apostrophe while N'FLD does.



We quickly see that both PS4 and PS4a, and PS4c and PS4d were in use concurrently. Does this mean that there were two machines, or, does it mean that the “curve” appeared or was removed at random throughout the day as the time was being updated? The appearance of the apostrophe is chronological and seems logical.

As before, please contact the Editor, or myself, with any new information or questions.

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The perfin corner by Barry Senior

More Ayre & Sons Ltd. perfins....

1929 - 1931 Publicity Issue - Re-engraved, watermarked

All values except the 1 cent and 30 cent are recorded,
 position two is the dominant position.



Position 2



Position 1



Position 2



Position 2



Position 2



Position 2




Position 2



Position 2



Position 2

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	<i>We enter to your Credit One Hundred</i>	<i>\$ 100.00</i>
	<i>We enter for Collection</i>	
		

Thanking you for the above. we remain,
Respectfully yours,
AYRE & SONS, LIMITED.
[Signature]
 GARNIER

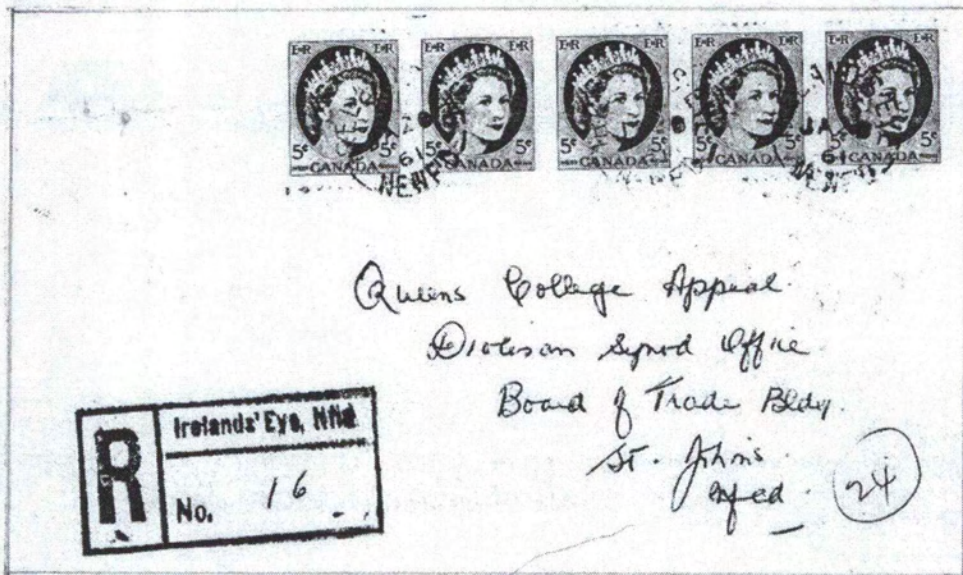
The two cent value paying the revenue tax for an exchange of more than \$10.00.
 This is one of only two known and is the discovery copy of position 4.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN – CARL MUNDEN

TRINITY BAY

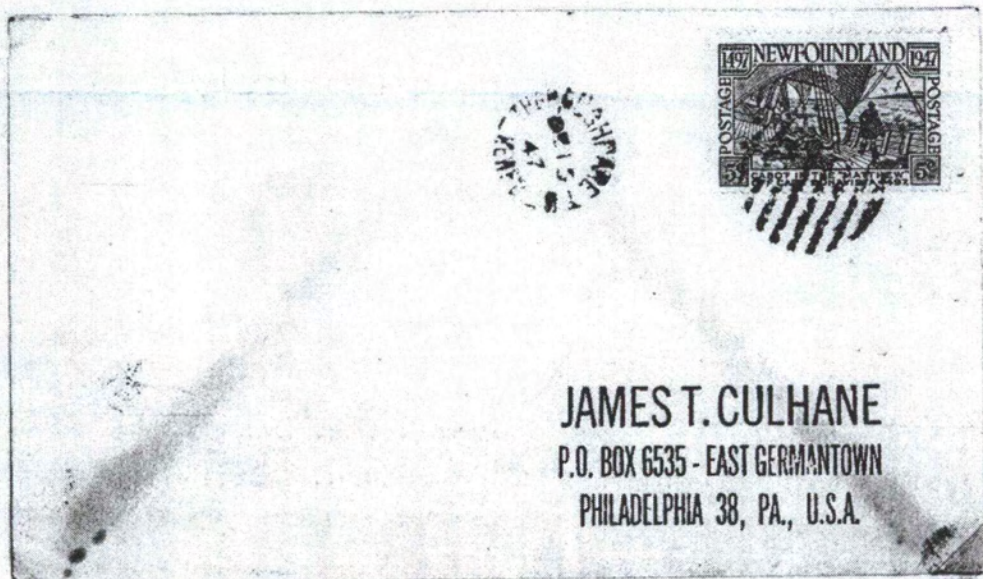
IRELAND'S EYE

Open as a way office 1886. became a post office 1891. Closed Oct.
12, 1965 Population 157



THOROUGHFARE

Open as a way office 1885. Became a post office 1891. Closed Dec.
10, 1959 Population 74



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