



# NEWFOUNDLAND NEWSLETTER

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### Clarence Arthur Stillions, OTB

<https://obituaries.carewellcremations.com/clarence-stillions>

Clarence Arthur ("C.A.") Stillions, PE, SE, RA, 83, died peacefully on November 10, 2024 in Washington, DC. He was born May 23, 1941 in Sumner, IL to Woodrow Wilson and Margaret Lou (Piper) Stillions. C.A. is survived by two children: Emily Stillions of Vienna, VA, and Eric Stillions of Los Angeles, CA. He was married to Diane Bessette from 1982 to 2005. His parents and sister, Sally Jo Stillions, preceded him in death.

C.A. graduated from Mattoon High School in Mattoon, IL before earning his Bachelor of Architecture degree (1965) and Master of Science in Architectural Engineering degree (1967) from the University of Illinois. He began his career as an architect and structural engineer with Caudill Rowlett Scott, Inc., in Houston, TX, before relocating to Washington, DC, where he joined Ellerbe Architects, Inc. Later, he joined Cagley & Associates working on commercial buildings, embassies, and casinos.

In 1987, C.A. joined Sverdrup Corp. in Rosslyn, VA, as Structural Section Manager, conducting design reviews and preliminary site visits for 14 embassies around the world, as well as work on the Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC. In 1997, C.A. began nearly 20 years of service as Structural Engineer at the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC). His tenure included structural work on the Capitol and related properties, including the construction of the Capitol-Visitors Center (CVC), the largest expansion of the U.S. Capitol building. He was commended by the AOC as well as the Office of the Senate Superintendent during his retirement ceremony on March 18, 2016 recognizing his dedicated service maintaining the structural integrity and preservation of the U.S. Capitol.

Introduced to stamps as a boy scout, C.A.'s greatest passion was his lifelong hobby of philately. C.A. was an avid philatelist collecting stamps in a broad array (e.g., United States, British-North American, World Countries, Topical). He held leadership voluntary roles in local, national and international stamp clubs and exhibited regularly at U.S. and Canadian philatelic conferences earning numerous awards. His long list of memberships and volunteer efforts included: the American Philatelic Society, The Royal Philatelic Society London (Fellow, 1975), the British-North American Philatelic Society (BNAPS), Washington Stamp Collectors Club, National Postmark Museum (aka Postmark Collectors Club Museum), American Topical Association, Scouts on Stamps Society International, and others. In BNAPS, he was inducted as a Fellow of the Order of the Beaver. C.A. authored two books for BNAPS: *Newfoundland's Last Definitives: The Waterlow Printings* (2019) and *Newfoundland's Last Definitives: The Perkins Bacon and Sprague Printings* (2018). Aside from the recognitions earned, his fellow philatelists were among his most cherished friendships.

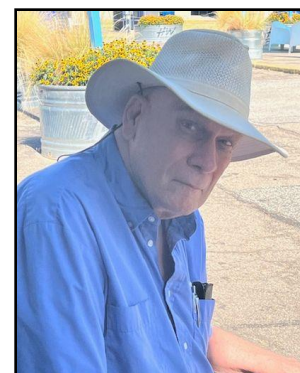
C.A. was a faithful member of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Washington, DC for 20 years, during which he volunteered with a group of adults and youth to perform repairs at the Episcopal Mission churches of the Shoshone tribe in Fort Hall, Idaho, and the Ute tribe in northeastern Utah.

C.A. was an active leader with the D.C. Waterfront Village on their group walks where he could share his vast knowledge of the city's history and buildings and made enduring friendships.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Clarence A. Stillions' name to any of the following: American Diabetes Society, Boy Scouts of America, National Building Museum, Smithsonian's National Postal Museum.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Washington, DC. For notification and condolences, please email: [catrust1234@gmail.com](mailto:catrust1234@gmail.com).

He will be deeply missed by his friends and family.



**C.A. Stillions, OTB**

**Malcolm Back:** C.A. was the first editor of the Newfoundland Study Group Newsletter and was of course one of the founding members and our first Chairman. I met C.A. a number of times at different shows and Conferences. Always a gentleman, he always took the time to come over and chat about life in general and of course about stamps. He surprised me at one of the Orapex Stamp Shows in Ottawa, pre-warning me that he had something to give me. Turned out that he wanted to pass on to the Study Group all his study notes on Newfoundland Philately that he had amassed over the years. A treasure trove of information, he wanted to be sure that the information he had accumulated was passed on and archived for the use of present and future members. Such was the generosity of C.A.

**Ron Dewey:** I had the honor and pleasure of working with C.A. on the Pratt slide digitizing in 2009. He gave me an amazing opportunity to contribute to Newfoundland Philately. The hobby owes him a debt of gratitude for this undertaking, as well as all his other contributions to the hobby.

**From Klaus Wehlt:** Answer to Gareth Williams; I borrowed the book Censorship Handstamps / Censoring Wax Seals / Resealing Labels, United Kingdom WWII by Konrad Morenweiser of the Civil Censorship Study Group from the philatelic library in Munich.

In it, the censorship mark on your postcard is described as H 3B. There were two versions of the stamp: I assume that this censorship mark was used in London.

**The rectangular boxed handstamp RELEASED BY // CENSOR**



H 3A



H 3B

h/s type	Colours	Date range recorded	Points	Notes
H 3A	red	22 Jul 40 - 19 Feb 41	5	1)
H 3B	violet, blue, green, red	29 Sep 39 - 28 Oct 40	6	2)

**Notes** 1) Type A: "CENSOR" is the same length as "RELEASED BY". Used on philatelic mail, which was subject to special censorship in conjunction with the British Philatelic Association under the exchange control regulations (see chapter 2); replaced by H 2D (PER 34).

2) Type B: "CENSOR" shorter than the top line; thinner letters than type 3A. "CENSOR" varies in length between 32 and 34 mm. Used on commercial and internment mail.



**A New Newfoundland Assorting Office Cancel**

by Andrew Hussey

In the BNAPS book “Travelling Post Office Postmarks of Newfoundland & Labrador, Second Edition (2016), A Study of the Postmark Hammers, compiled by Brian T. Stalker and edited by Ross Gray” there is a comprehensive historical write-up and listing of cancels for the Newfoundland Post Office Mail Assorting Office, North Sydney, Nova Scotia. The information there is mainly derived from an article titled “The Newfoundland Post Office Mail Assorting Office, North Sydney, Nova Scotia, 1906-1949” by C.R. McGuire published in The Postal History Society of Canada Journal No 20 and later published in booklet form in 1980. Upon reviewing the information as presented in Stalker (2016), I believe the cancel shown below is “new” and previously unknown.

I recently acquired two covers which were mailed from Argentina to Newfoundland, both of which have this “new” cancel (front and reverse shown for cover with the clearest strike). The covers are both registered and mailed from a stamp dealer in Mendoza, Argentina to St. John’s stamp dealer Michael P. Hynes. The front shown has the following: 4x Aug 9(?) 1913 Mendoza, R.A. originating cancels tying the stamps, a blue “CERTIFICADA” registered hand stamp, a blue “A.R.” likely advice of receipt hand stamp, a black boxed “A.R.”(?) in the LR corner, likely another advice of receipt hand stamp, a Mendoza, Argentina registration label, a violet “REGISTERED” hand stamp (likely applied in Boston) and a key style NFLD Assorting Office North Sydney (AOR-1 in Stalker) registration hand stamp with manuscript 149.



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The reverse shown has the following: a red wax seal, a faint green Bueno Aires transit cancel in the UR corner, 2x black September 13, 1913 New York registered transit cancels, a violet September 14, 1913 Boston registered transit cancel and the “new” cancel, a blue September 17, 1913 NFLD P.O. DEPT. NORTH SYDNEY transit cancel. There doesn't appear to be a St. John's receiver cancel on this cover. The second cover is very similar but does have a St. John's registered double circle receiver along with a second strike of the “new” cancel. If this cancel is indeed unknown, these two covers would provide an ERD of June 13, 1913 and a LRD of September 17, 1913.



Also of interest is that, in Stalker (2016), the listing of Assorting Office Date-Stamped has a time gap between two of the early cancels. The AO-1 listing has a LRD of December 2, 1912 and the AO-2 listing has an ERD of January 1, 1914. This cancel would then fall into the “missing” 1913 time period. Blow ups of both cancels are shown below:







**Was the Newfoundland 1c “Pile Of Cod” Stamp Re-Worked by Waterlow?**

by Anthony Thompson

Is the Waterlow 1c “Pile of cod” re-issue stamp the same as the Perkins Bacon original issue (Scott #183, #184, #253)? The Perkins Bacon 1c die (No. 954) was destroyed and a new die made by Waterlow (No. 17048) from the original surviving transfer roller. Pratt says that the 5c, 8c, 10c, 14c, 15c, 20c, 24c, and 48c were all variously re-worked. The 2c and 3c were re-engraved. Presumably the other values in the 1942 Waterlow re-issue, the 1c, 4c, 7c and 25c had not been altered (Pratt, 1965).

Kasmir Bileski produced informative accompanying type-written notes when selling his stamps. The accompanying note for a pair of Perkins Bacon 1c plate proofs reads (Figure 1):

<p>(a)</p> <p>NEWFOUNDLAND          #184 Proof</p> <p>Another rarity is a hitherto unknown plate proof of #184. Enclosed came from a sheet numbered plate 2 and 50 pairs is all that exist.</p> <p>If perforated, it is easy to tell the difference between #184 and #253. First is perf 13½ while the war-time printing was perf 12½.</p> <p>If imperforated, shade and paper tell the difference.</p> <p>But a study of any #184 perf or the enclosed proof shows there are numerous minor differences on the plate between #184 and #253. Look, for example under a glass at the shape of the letter E at the top. In other words #253 was also re-engraved, the die was touched up and new plates made to be issued as #253. Scott only mentions #254 and #255 as re-engraved.</p> <p>No plate proofs exist for #253.</p> <p align="right">Enclosed pair      \$100.00</p>	<p>(b)</p>  <p>(c)</p> 
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*Figure 1. Written description and plate proof of Sc #184 sold by Kas Bileski. (a) Bileski’s typed notes accompany sale, (b) the proof pair on unwatermarked ungummed paper around 0.0042” thick, and (c) enlargement of “NE” of Newfoundland.*



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No plate proofs exist for #253. [5]

Enclosed pair \$100.00

*The numbers in square brackets are added by the author*

Let's examine the Bileski's statements. [1] True, with some exceptions. [2] True, but the Perkins Bacon printings for Plates 1&2 and 3&4 are different shades, with the latter being closer to the Waterlow shade. [3] Paper “differences” were discussed by Thompson (2017). [4] See below. [5] May indicate that Bileski's note was written after 1976 when he acquired Alfred Hubbard's material and before 1978 when the Waterlow archival proofs became available, which could be regarded as plate proofs though they were printed to gummed watermarked stamp paper (Ayshford, 1978; Thompson, 2020).

Bileski's observations about the differences between the Perkins Bacon (“PB”) and the Waterlow (“W”) printed 1c stamps are interesting. Scott (2019) still lists #254 and #255 as re-engraved, but these are completely different stamps. The observed difference in the 1c would be classed as re-worked. Photographs of the die proofs and the issued stamps of the “NE” of Newfoundland, that includes the “E” mentioned in Bileski's note, show that the die proofs are a much cleaner and clearer print, but that the issued stamps still show the same features (Figure 2). Also, bearing in mind that the re-working would likely have been on the new die before hardening and not on the hardened transfer roller, then the raised areas (white un-inked area on the stamp) would be reduced on the new die compared to the original die (it's easier to cut metal away than to add it!). The biggest differences are seen with the strengthening at the edges of the letters and some other lines to produce stronger clearer left-hand edges (Figure 3).

The reason why the “PB” die less sharp than the “W” die is probably due to them being, respectively, wet and dry printed. The “W” die proof is larger, because there was no shrinkage as seen in the “PB” die proof. The frame size measurements are 20.4 mm × 26.6 mm for the Perkins Bacon die proof and 21.1 mm × 27.2 mm for the Waterlow die proof, giving a typical 3.1% and 1.1% change in size across and with the grain, respectively (Figure 4).

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*Figure 2. Photographs of “NE” of 1c Newfoundland “pile of cod” stamp for the Perkin’s Bacon (Sc 184) (a) die proof and (b) stamp, and the Waterlow (Sc 253) (c) die proof and (d) stamp.*

It is also interesting to look at the style of the engraving on this 1c stamp undertaken by Mr A.J. Downey. In almost every instance, the left side of any feature is more heavily engraved than the right side. Just look at the left and right inner frame lines. This is exactly what was re-enforced by the Waterlow re-worked touch ups as shown in Figure 3.

The above confirms Bileski’s observations that the die used by Waterlow for the 1c “Pile of cod” stamp was indeed re-worked.

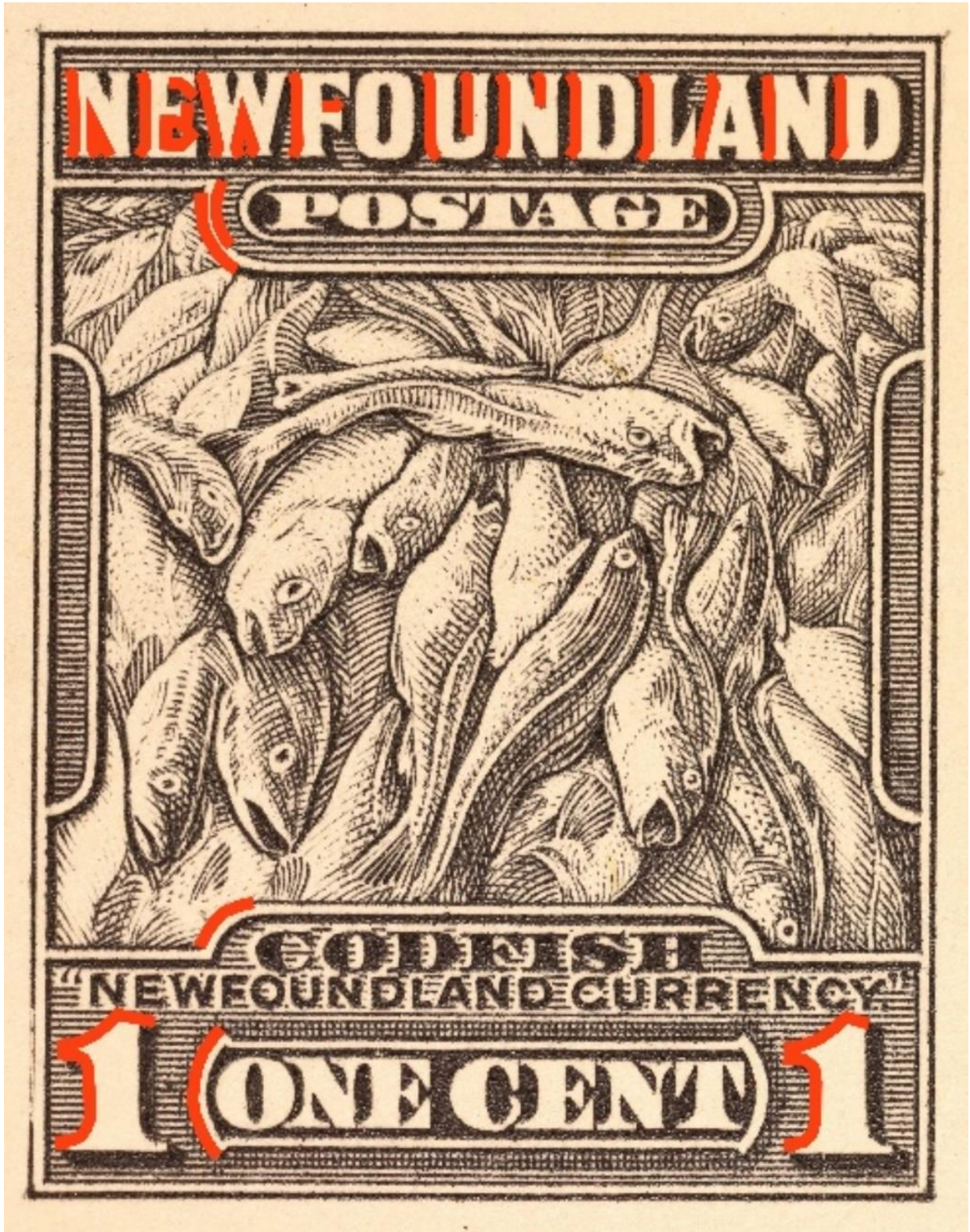
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*Figure 3. Areas of re-working on the die proof for the Scott #253 stamp.*



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Figure 4. Difference in size between the Perkins Bacon die proof (green) and the Waterlow die proof (black).



**Newfoundland: A little bit about Telegraphy**

by Klaus Wehlt

There are many sources on telegraphy and the Telegram service in Newfoundland, especially about the heroic and tragic story of the first transatlantic telegraph line.

The first really successful telegraph connection between Europe and North America via Newfoundland was realized by the Anglo-American Telegraph Company in 1866 after the Atlantic Telegraph Company had failed twice with the project.

As early as 1865, the Anglo-American Telegraph Company had taken over the assets of the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, including an agreement with the Newfoundland government for a 50-year monopoly on telegraphy in Newfoundland dating back to 1854

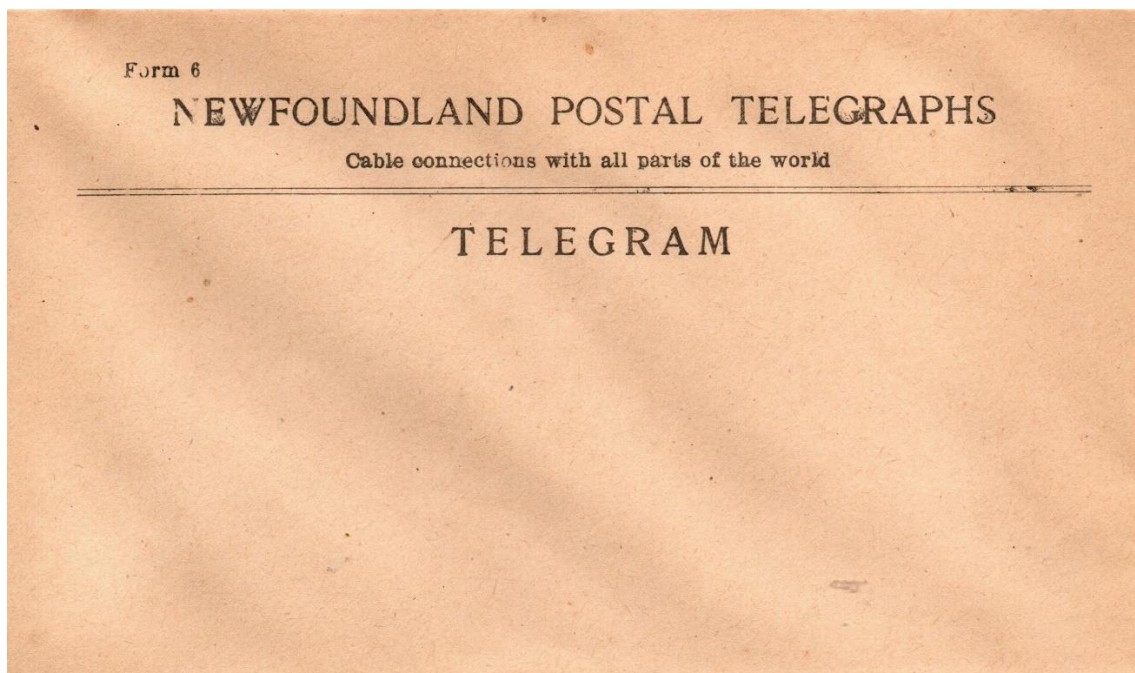
In 1867, the Anglo-American Telegraph Company also operated lines connecting St. John's, Carbonear and Trepassey.

In 1904 or 1905, after a brief interlude with the Reid company, the newly founded Department of Posts and Telegraphs took over the telegraph service in Newfoundland. There were also branches of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company and the Commercial Cables Company, which had been founded in the meantime, as the operation of the transatlantic cable connections was not affected by the reorganization of telegraph connections within Newfoundland <sup>1)</sup>

In the Yearbook & Almanac of Newfoundland from 1905 and 1920 for example you can find a list of the Telegraph Offices in Newfoundland. <sup>2)</sup>

In the Newfoundland Post Office Guide from 1948 you can find detailed information about telegraphy in Newfoundland. <sup>3)</sup>

In all the years that I have been studying the postal history of Newfoundland, I have only been able to acquire a few items relating to the telegraph service in Newfoundland. Almost everything is unstamped and perhaps for this reason not very attractive in the eyes of many collectors and consequently for many dealers.

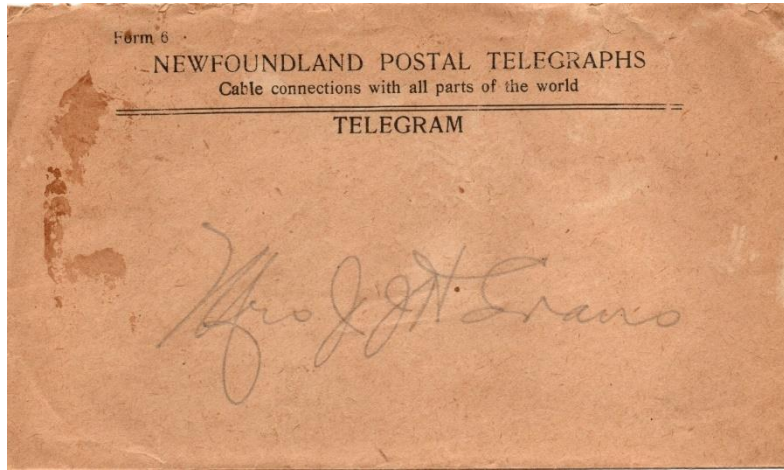


An unused Newfoundland Postal Telegraphs envelope, Form. 6  
possibly from the 1920ies

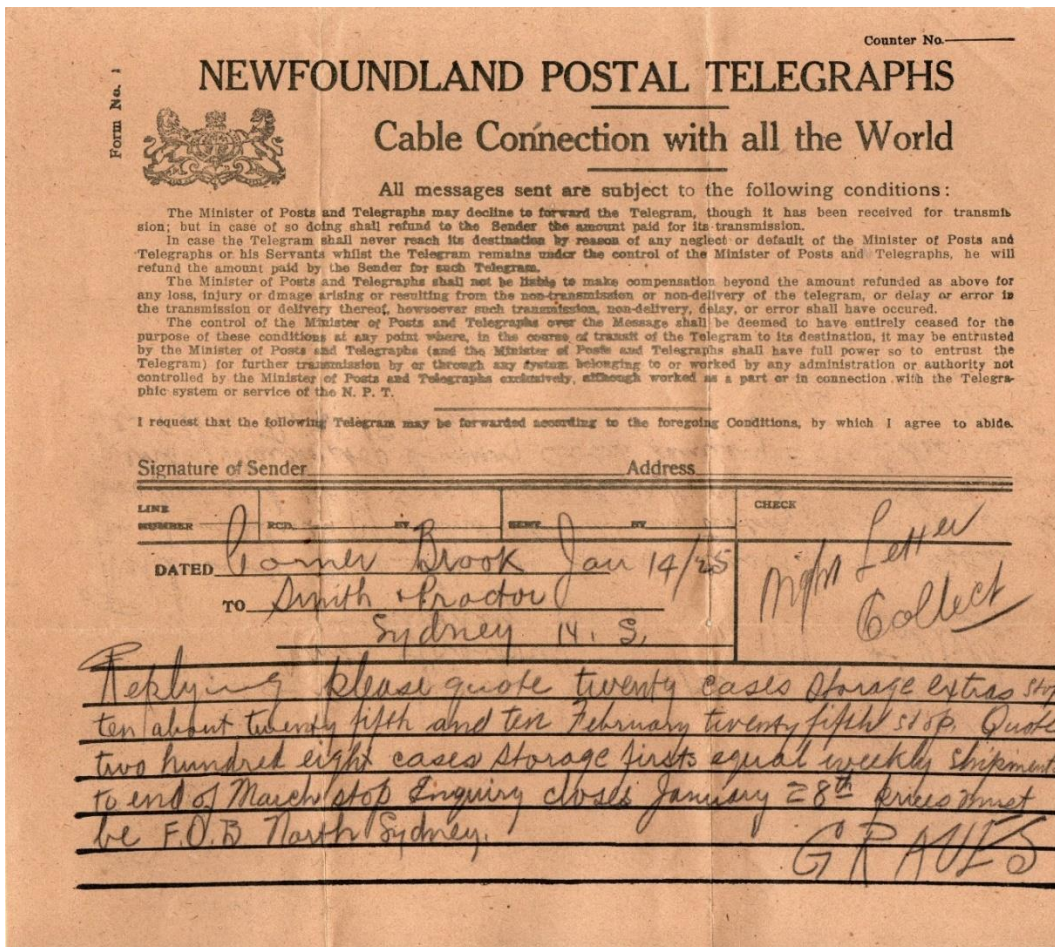


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Another used Newfoundland Postal Telegraphs envelope, Form. 6. Unfortunately, without content, therefore a chronological assignment is not possible, possibly from the 1920s



A used telegram form of the Newfoundland Postal Telegraphs from 1925. Form. No. 1, from Corner Brook to Sydney, New Brunswick.

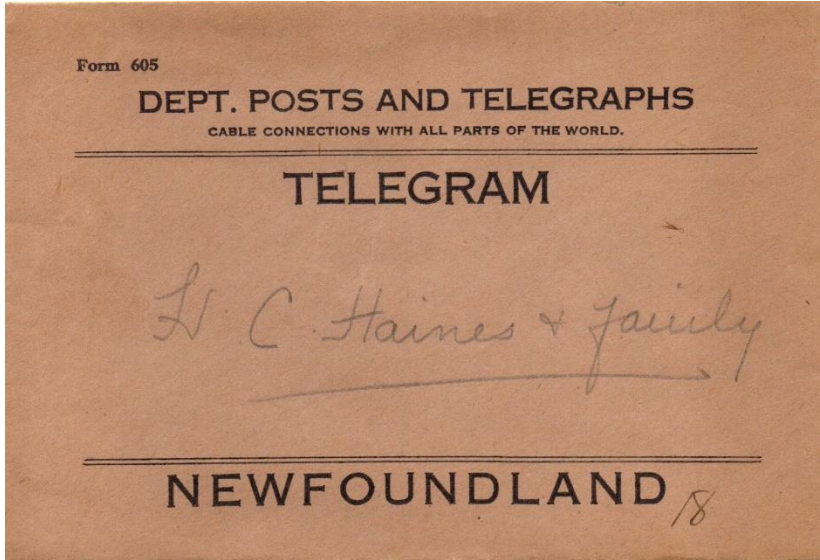


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A used envelope of the Dept. Posts and Telegraph, Form. 605 with contents: A receiving form of the Department Posts and Telegraphs, Form T1204 / 300M, 10-'39 – L.B. In addition to the form number in the 2nd line, the printing note possibly shows the number of forms printed (in this case 300,000) and the printing date 10.1939. I have no explanation for the abbreviation L.B.

Form T1204  
300M, 10-'39—L.B.

**Department Posts and Telegraphs**  
RECEIVING FORM

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sent By \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd By \_\_\_\_\_ Check 8 pd

From Port Rexton

To L. C. Haines & family

Portland.

please accept deepest sympathy  
in your deepest bereavement

Walter Randal & Family

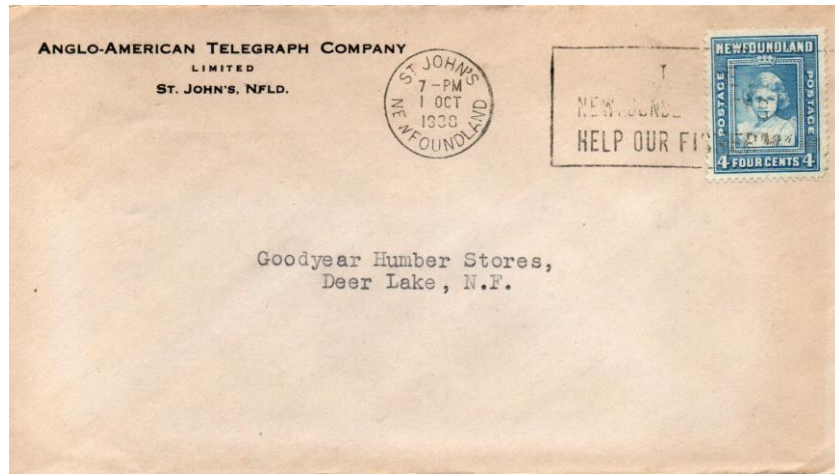
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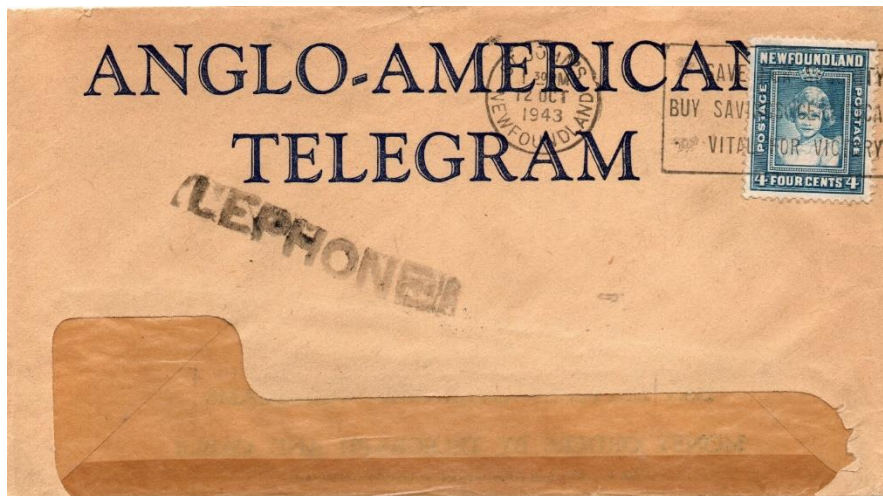
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In the Newfoundland Almanac and Yearbook 1932 there is a list of the offices of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company in Newfoundland, it seems they were all located on the Avalon peninsula.<sup>4)</sup>



An envelope (without contents) from the Anglo-American Telegraph Company from St. John's to Deer Lake from 1938.

A window-envelope from the Anglo-American Telegraph Company Ltd., the telegram was still included. There must have been another sheet with the recipient's address, unfortunately this sheet is missing. Presumably the content was initially transmitted by telephone.



Cover from St. John's probably to the C.A.P.O. No. 5 in Torbay. 4c Princess Elizabeth, the inland letter rate in 1943. Postal Slogan PS14, „Save for Security / Buy Savings Certificates / Vital for Victory“ from St. John's, Oct. 12th, 1943. Line-stamp (TE)LEPHONE(D).

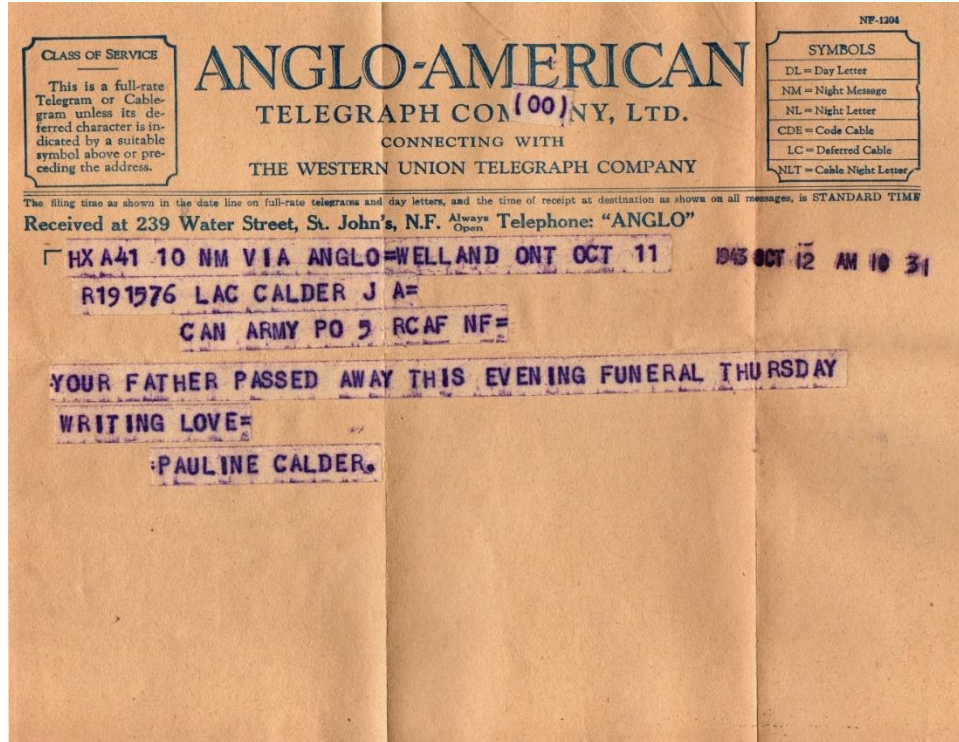


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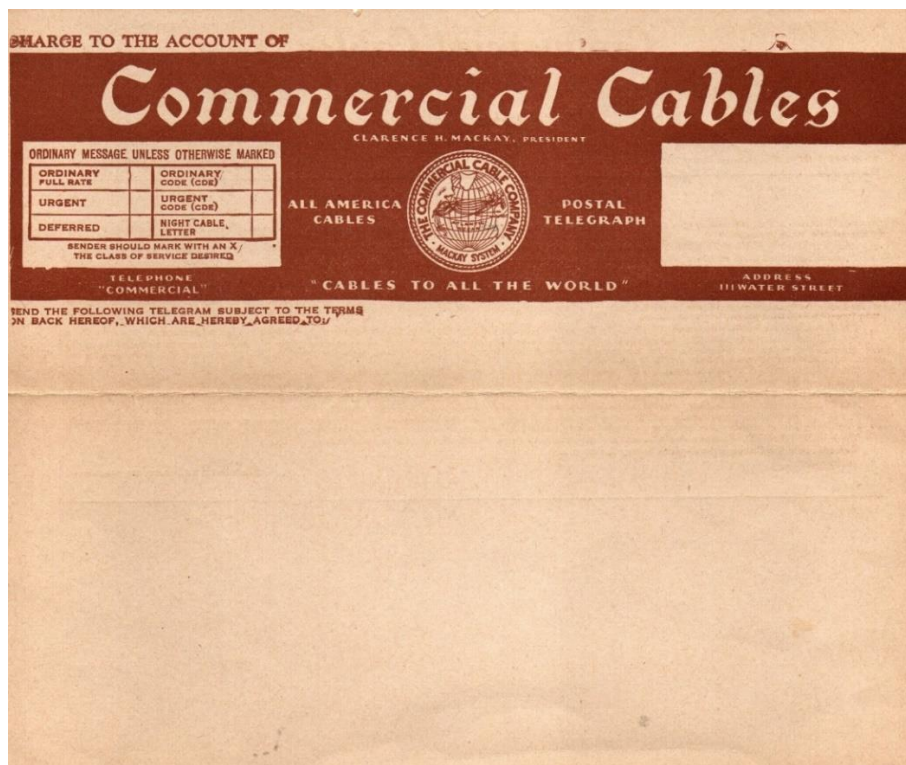
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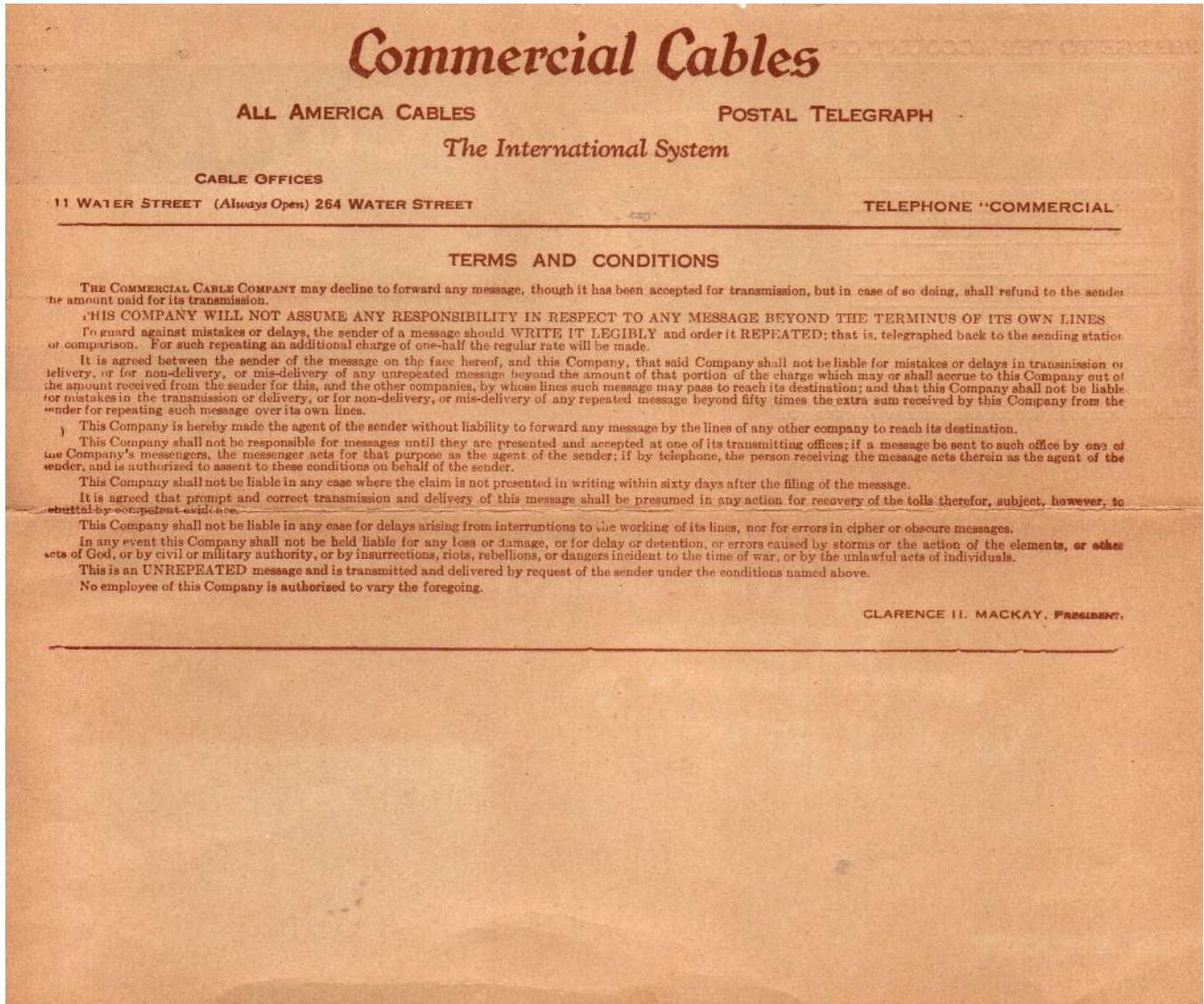
It seems that the Commercial Cables Company had only offices in St. John's and Port aux Basques.





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An unused telegram form of the Commercial Cables Company, front and backside with “Terms and Conditions”.

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- 3) Digital Archive of the Memorial University, Newfoundland Post Office Guide, 1948
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## Financial Statement as of December 31, 2024

	Item	Debit	Credit
Jan 1, 2024	Balance Forward from Previous Year		\$1,924.42
	BNAPS Stipend for 2023		100.00
	BNAPS Membership Voucher Redemptions		0.00
	47 Membership Dues for 2024		406.14
	Membership Dues paid in Advance for 2025 - 2028		166.41
	Donations		151.79
	Advertising Revenue		<u>100.00</u>
	Service Charges (cheques, bank, PayPal etc.)	2.60	
	Newsletter Postage (4 regular, 10 special issues)	277.31	
	Paper and Copying	334.71	
	Misc. Stationary and Postage	<u>14.78</u>	
	Totals	\$629.40	\$924.34
Dec. 31, 2024	Balance on Hand		\$2,219.36

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**From the Chair and Editor:** As you can see, we are in a good financial position. We will therefore be able to hold our membership fees at the same level as last year. Thank you for your continued support and interest. As always, I am happy to receive any submissions to the Newsletter, and the Group News. I am also interested in holding more ZOOM meetings if the interest is there, but I need some members to step up with presentations. Let me know your thoughts.

Have a great Holiday Season and the Happiest of New Years.

Malcolm Back, Chair and Editor