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Editor's Note: You will note that this is NN issue #199. Next issue is #200. I would like to make #200 a special edition. Any contributions, ideas etc. would be appreciated. I will be going through the archives of past Newsletters as well.

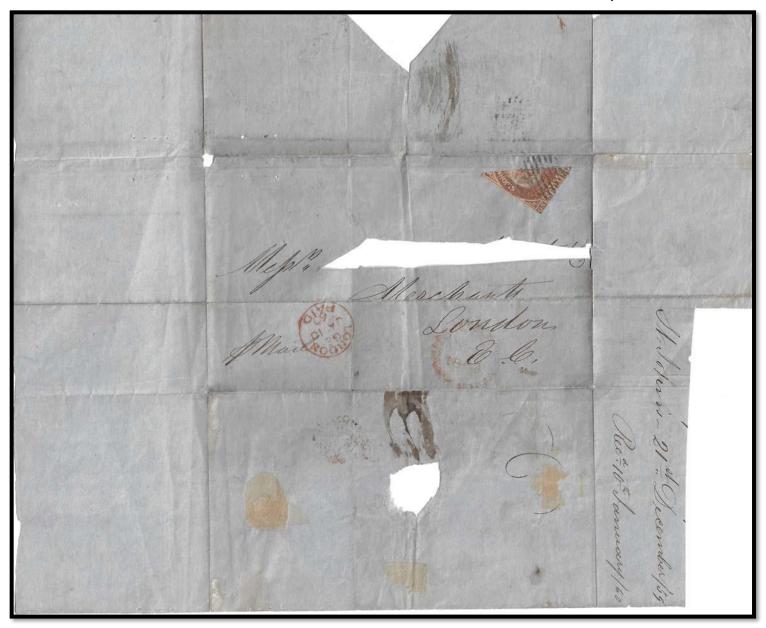
<u>C. Stillions Archive:</u> I reported in the last Newsletter that C.A. Stillions had donated his Study Note File to the Study Group in the understanding that the material would be archived for other Philatelists to access. After much thought and consultation with other members of BNAPS, I decided the best way to do this was to approach the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation and see if they would be willing to Archive the material. They readily agreed. Below is the list of items that they have taken so far. There is still some material that needs to be organized and scanned in, including slides. I will need some volunteers to help me finish this project. I will publish a list when I have the files properly organized and I will be asking for help.

- Hard drive containing Pratt slide scans
- Binder containing photocopied exhibit: "From the Collections of Robert H. Pratt awarded a gold and a vermeil at BNAPEX 88"
- Binder containing photocopied exhibit: "Newfoundland: King George VI the Tom Gosse Collection"
- Binder containing photocopied exhibit: "Newfoundland: 'Back of the Book' Postal Stationery"
- Binder containing photocopied materials "From the Collection of": Ed Whiting, James Lehr, Leo La France, G. Palmer Moffat.
- Photocopied exhibit: "Newfoundland Fourth Industrial Issue 1941-1947"
- Photocopied exhibit: "Newfoundland Third Industrial Issue January-May 1938"
- Photocopied exhibit: "Newfoundland Second Industrial Issue August 1932"
- Photocopied exhibit: "Newfoundland First Industrial Issue January 1932"
- Photocopied exhibit: "Provisionals of Newfoundland"
- CD-R containing: "Newfoundland Industrial Issue Die I vs Die II"
- 2 DVDs containing: "Proofs of Newfoundland's 1937 Coronation Supplemental Issue"
- Assorted Stillion research notes
- BNAPS summary on Newfoundland Coastal Steamers
- Research Notes of Robert H. Pratt
- Photocopy of the Postal Convention Between the United States of America and Newfoundland, 1926



#### **NEWFOUNDLAND: An Amazing 1859 Bisected Shilling Letter Find**

by John M Walsh, FRPSC



This letter with a bisected shilling was listed in an auction catalogue and I was given the opportunity to study it. This chance to do an authenticity determination of its 'bisected' stamp status presented a great research opportunity.

This cover presents as a folded manuscript letter dated 21st December 59 and with a Rec'd 10<sup>th</sup> January 60. There is a red St. John's Newfoundland circular dated 1859 cancel with a receiver red London Ja 10 60 PAID cancel.

The most important observation is that when this stamp was bisected, the presented diagonal cut enabled the full stamp design to be measured in both the vertical and horizontal directions, most fortuitous. The use of measurements provides a better method of identification. It is not subjective to eye colour cones that differ with each individual.



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#### **NEWFOUNDLAND: An Amazing 1859 Bisected Shilling Letter Find**

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I have provided in the same scan with this bisected shilling stamp a millimetre (mm) ruler. This will enable the reader to do their own measurements. The determined and published measurements for the shilling stamps as issued for Newfoundland's three issues can be found in MAPLE LEAVES Vol. 38 No. 2 April 2023 Whole No. 368., the Journal of The Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain and in *Walsh 2025 Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue*.

The shilling stamp millimetre (mm) measurements are: shilling stamp of width x height mm

| 1s scarlet 1857   | 19.5 x 25.25 |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 1s orange 1860    | 19.5 x 25    |
| 1s rose lake 1861 | 19.0 x 25    |

The 19.5 x 25.25 mm measurement was determined for this bisect; it is larger than 25 and smaller than 25.5 mm.





#### **NEWFOUNDLAND: An Amazing 1859 Bisected Shilling Letter Find**

conclusion

The stamp is engraved. To my eyes the image ink colour is of a scarlet vermilion, not an orange colour. Observation of this cancel shows that the bisected stamp side is tied to the envelope.

The 10 bar cancel, as provided on an acetate sheet by Pratt in his book *The Pence Issues of Newfoundland* 1857-1866, matches when it is overlaid onto this envelope's cancel. Even the cancel has a dull muddy black colour. It is similar to Pratt's description of cancels from this time period. The multi-bar measurements between different sets of 3 bars are consistent with *Walsh 2025 Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue* observed 4 mm. spacing, or the Pratt 4.5 mm setting.

The cancel has a genuine 10 bar design which is consistent with this time period.

Quantities as provided by Pratt for the first issued shilling imaged stamps are 2000 with the colour being scarlet vermilion and were ordered for January 1857. Pratt provides that a further 1000 were ordered for the second issue in August 1860. The colour for this second order is observed as being somewhat different, and in the orange colour. As shown, this envelope with bisect stamp is dated well before August 1860. In August 1854 the postal rate for a single folder letter to Great Britain was 6d. It seems that the 5000 quantity of 6d stamps ordered between 3 September 1855 and 7 February 1856 were being used up faster than anticipated. However, by bisecting a shilling this 6d postal rate would be satisfied. Pratt writes on page 28 that bisected stamp use started in the fall of 1859. It began with the bisecting of the 8d stamps occurring in October and that the bisecting of the shilling stamp started in November 1859. This letter under study certainly falls into the proper timeline.

Pratt on page 88 states that there are at least 18 covers with the bisected shilling paying of the 6d postage rate, while on page 145 it is stated there are 14 halved shilling scarlet vermilion bisected stamped covers. On page 151 is a table listing the known pence covers. There it is listed that 14 bisected scarlet vermilion, 2 bisected orange and 4 bisected rose coloured shilling covers exist. The individually named bisected scarlet vermilion cover list is positioned on page 171.

Most are shown posted to London Great Britain starting with a dated cover from 8 January 1860. From the in-depth study conducted by Pratt when writing his book he does not list bisected shilling covers dated in 1859. It would seem that this December 1859 bisected scarlet vermilion cover was never observed during his research. To my knowledge it is the first known bisected shilling scarlet vermilion dated in 1859. A fantastic cover.

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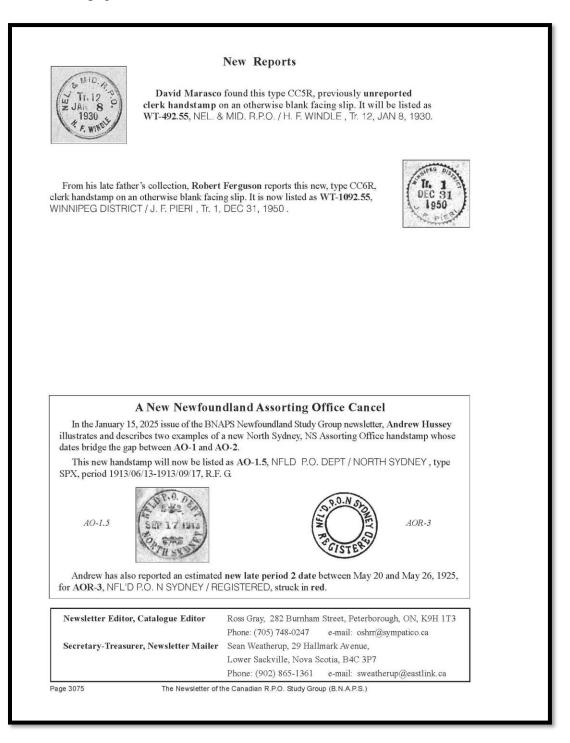
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#### **Newfoundland Assorting Office Postmark**

#### by Ross Gray

In the most recent Newfoundland Newsletter (NN198), I read the new report by Andrew Hussey, of a previously unreported Newfoundland Assorting Office postmark.

As you may be aware, Brian Stalker's health no longer permits him to participate in philately. As editor of his catalogue, I am assigning a catalogue listing and making a brief report in the R.P.O. Study Group newsletter, including an illustration. The pages are attached.





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# **Newfoundland Assorting Office Postmark**

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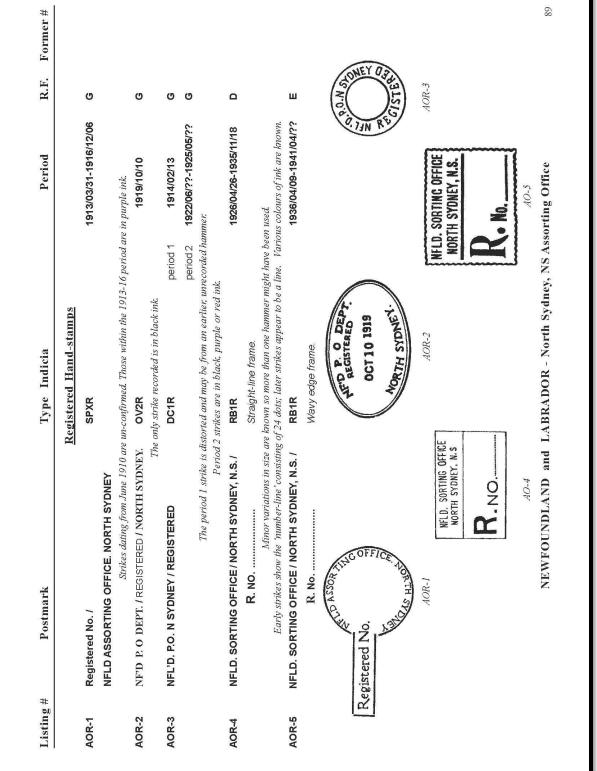
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| NEWFOUNDLAND and LABKADOK - North Sydney, NS Assorting Office  | 90                        |
|--|---------------------------|
| Period   | R.F. Former #             |
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| 1909/09/02-1912/12/02  | Ш                         |
|  |                           |
| 1913/06/13-1913/09/17  | Ű                         |
| 1914/01/01-1928/03/21  | U                         |
| 1914/01/01-1922/08/01  | U                         |
| 1928/03/21   | U                         |
| Both hammers were proof struck in late July 1913.<br>The hammers can be identified by extending the "N' of 'NORTH' and the 'E' of 'SYDNEY' as shown below. |                           |
| 1924/04/14   | U                         |
| 1929/07/27-1937/10/05  | Ш                         |
| 1929/07/27-1937/10/05  | Ш                         |
| 1929/07/127-1937/07/17 E<br>The hammers can be identified by extending the 'D' of 'NEWF'D' 'as shown below   | E<br>F'D.' as shown helow |
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| AO-4.02 proof  | AO-4.02                   |
| AO-4.02 proof  |                           |



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# <u>Newfoundland Assorting Office Postmark</u>



#### conclusion



### <u>An Informal Census of Off-Cover Multiples (Three Or More) of The 3c Victoria</u> From The Newfoundland 2<sup>nd</sup> Cents Issue, Scott #33, 34, and 39.

by Jim André

I have attached what I've put together so far. My sources of information have mostly been the auction catalogs I've found online, with the Eastern Auctions catalogs being the most useful so far. I know there are potential sources I have not had access to, and I was wondering if I could request assistance from the Newfoundland Study Group.



#1 ex-Wellburn, ex-Clifford-Jones pp 1/34; ex Pratt pp 1-40; R Harmer Auction #2949, Edward Gilbert collection, 10/22/2004, lot 35, US\$13,800



#2 Ex-Pratt pp 13/25; HR Harmer Auction #2949, Edward Gilbert collection, 10/22/2004, lot 34 US\$632.50; pp 14/25 (right block of four), Maresch Auction #575, 6/20/2023, lot 639, C\$413





#4 pp UK, ex-Fertranti, ex-Pratt, HR Harmer Auction #2949, Edward Gilbert collection, 10/22/2004, Lot 32, US \$3737.50

#3 pp UNK, ex-Hewitt, ex-Pratt, HR Harmer Auction #2949, Edward Gilbert collection, 10/22/2004, lot 31, US\$1092.50



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#5 pp 6-10 HR Harmer Auction #1895-9, Dale-Lichtenstein sale #5, 5/19/1969, lot 84, US\$875; ex-Pratt

HR Harmer Auction #2949, Edward Gilbert collection, 10/22/2004, lot 33, US\$3105



#6 pp UNK (had cascading pebbles between ex-#1 and #1? Now pp14-16?)
ex-Burrus (as strip of four)
ex-Pratt, page G-2090 (as strip of four)
HR Harmer Auction #2949, Edward Gilbert collection, 10/22/2004, lot 41, US\$632.50



#7 pp 84/95 or 89/100 HR Harmer Auction #1933-7, Dale-Lichtenstein sale #7, 1/26/1970, lot 199, US\$380; Ex-Pratt, HR Harmer Auction #2949, Edward Gilbert collection, 10/22/2004, lot 42, US\$1035



#8 pp UK, HR Harmer Auction #2949, Edward Gilbert collection, 10/22/2004, lot 43, US\$1380



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#9 pp UK Eastern Auctions, Highlands Collection I, 11/8/2018, lot 124, C\$1896



#10 pp 49/60 or 89/100 Eastern Auctions, Highlands Collection II, 2/14/2019, lot 145, \$1125.75 Vance Auctions, 1/2024, NS7699, \$2000 (retail sale, pass) Vance Auctions #369, 7/17/2024, lot 4684, \$UK



#11 (vermilion), pp UK
HR Harmer Auction #1861-4, Dale-Lichtenstein sale #2,
11/21/1968, lot 700, US\$1050;
Cavendish Auction #443, the Zurich Collection,
3/2/1991, lot 209 \$UK



#12 (blue), pp UKHR Harmer Auction #1861-4, Dale-Lichtenstein sale #2, 11/21/1968, lot 702, US\$280

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#13 (blue) pp UK HR Harmer Auction #1861-4, Dale-Lichtenstein sale #2, 11/21/1968, lot 706, US\$310



#14 pp UK

HR Harmer Auction #1895-9, Dale-Lichtenstein sale #5, 5/19/1969, lot 92, US \$525; Eastern Auctions, Public Auction #809, 3/4/2006, lot 206, C\$ 2415; Eastern Auctions, Public Auction #840, 10/25-26/2013, lot 861, C\$ 1495

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#15 pp UK, HR Harmer Auction #1933-7, Dale-Lichtenstein sale #7, 1/26/1970, lot 173, US\$70



#16 pp UK

Eastern Auctions, Public Auction #864b, CAPEX22, 6/24/2022, lot 1155, C\$1659 Eastern Auctions, Public Auction #867, 5/25-27/2023, lot 367, C\$1599.75 Eastern Auctions, Public Auction #874, 4/10/2025, lot 297, E C\$2000



#17 pp UK Eastern Auctions, Public Auction #840, 10/25-26/2013, lot 858, C\$661.25



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#18 pp 2-4

Eastern Auctions, Public Auction #805, 2/26/2005, lot 311, C\$1437.50



#### #20 pp UK

Eastern Auctions, Public Auction #809, 3/4/2006, lot 191, C\$161



#21 pp 21/32 ex-Zurich, part II, 11/1991, lot 79
Eastern Auctions, Public Auction #811, 11/4/2006, lot 209, C\$460;
Eastern Auctions, Public Auction #830, Clark, Brigham collections, 3/12/2011, lot 376, C\$718.75;
Eastern Auctions, Public Auction #848, 6/17/2016, lot 268, C\$805;

Ebay [City Stamp Montreal?], item #UK, 7/17/2019, US\$1595



#19 pp UK ex-Pratt

Eastern Auctions, Public Auction #807, 10/29/2005, lot 1265, C\$488.75;

Eastern Auctions, Public Auction #871, 5/23/2024, lot 475 (part), (C\$5628.75)



#22 pp UK Siegel Auction, Henry S. Schneider collection, 10/15/1996, lot 292, US\$1540



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#23 (same as #16?) pp UK Siegel Auction, Henry S. Schneider collection, 10/15/1996, lot 293, US\$742.50



#25 pp UK Eastern Auctions, Public Auction #871, 5/23/2024, lot 366, C\$1540.50



#24 (same as #13?) pp UK Eastern Auctions, Public Auction #871, 5/23/2024, lot 364 (1/4), C\$2014.50



#26 pp 11/32 John Walsh, Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue, 12<sup>th</sup> ed., 2020, pg. 16



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#28 pp UK, ex-Pratt, page G-1760



<image>

#27 pp 11/22, John Walsh, Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue, 12<sup>th</sup> ed., 2020, pg. 14

#29 #29, pp 39/50 or 89/100 ex-Sidney Harris Spink London Auction #17038, 1/1/2017, lot 82, passed



See #6 pp UNK (w/cascading pebbles between #1&2? pp13-16?) ex-Burrus; ex-Pratt



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| Vermilion       |                               |        |  |  |  |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------|--|--|--|
| Item #          | Size                          | State  |  |  |  |
| 5               | UR margin strip of five       | Unused |  |  |  |
| 4               | Block of four                 | Mint   |  |  |  |
| 11              | Block of four                 | Mint   |  |  |  |
| 3               | Strip of three                | Mint   |  |  |  |
| 15              | Strip of three (vertical)     | Used   |  |  |  |
| 20              | Strip of three                | Used   |  |  |  |
| 28              | Strip of three                | Used   |  |  |  |
| Blue Perforated |                               |        |  |  |  |
| ltem #          | Size                          | State  |  |  |  |
| 1               | Top block of forty (reunited) | Mint   |  |  |  |
| - 1A            | UL block of sixteen           | Mint   |  |  |  |
| - 1B            | UR block of twenty-four       | Mint   |  |  |  |
| 26              | L margin block of six         | UNK    |  |  |  |
| 2               | WAS Block of six              | Mint   |  |  |  |
|                 | NOW Block of four             | Mint   |  |  |  |
| 10              | R margin block of four        | Mint   |  |  |  |
| 12              | Block of four                 | Mint   |  |  |  |
| 17              | Block of four                 | Mint   |  |  |  |
| 19              | Block of four                 | Used   |  |  |  |
| 21              | Block of four                 | Mint   |  |  |  |
| 29              | Block of four                 | Mint   |  |  |  |
| 18              | Top strip of three            | Mint   |  |  |  |
|                 | Blue Rouletted                |        |  |  |  |
| Item #          | Size                          | State  |  |  |  |
| 8               | Block of six                  | Mint   |  |  |  |
| 25              | Block of six (reunited)       | Mint   |  |  |  |
| - 25A           | Pair                          | Mint   |  |  |  |
| - 25B           | Block of four                 | Mint   |  |  |  |
| 7               | Bottom block of four          | Mint   |  |  |  |
| 9               | Block of four                 | Mint   |  |  |  |
| 13              | Block of four                 | Mint   |  |  |  |
| 14              | Block of four                 | Mint   |  |  |  |
| 16              | Block of four                 | Mint   |  |  |  |
| 23              | Block of four                 | Mint   |  |  |  |
| 24              | Bottom block of four          | Mint   |  |  |  |
| 27              | L margin block of four        | UNK    |  |  |  |
| 6               | Strip of three                | Mint   |  |  |  |
| 22              | Strip of three                | Mint   |  |  |  |

There was an additional block of six from the Dale-Lichtenstein collection mentioned (Richard Berry?) in an earlier Zoom meeting. I do not have any further information on that item.

On the following page is a list of the catalogues used so far for this research. If you can fill in any gaps, please let me know

Cherrystone 2301-Newfoundland Airmails - Vasseur.pdf CPSGB 2018 convention auction catalogue.pdf CPSGB 2021 convention auction catalogue.pdf David Feldman - British Empire 2017.pdf David Feldman - Rarities No 20 - 2017.pdf Eastern - BNA & Postal History inc. H Hechler.pdf Eastern - BNA & Postal History.pdf Eastern - BNA Including 2c LQ on Laid Paper.pdf Eastern - British Commonwealth, BNA, etc.pdf Eastern - General Sale BNA.pdf Eastern - Highlands Collection Part I.pdf Eastern - Highlands Collection Part II.pdf Eastern - Highlands Collection Part III.pdf Eastern - Montclair Collection, Canada.pdf Eastern - St Alyott Newfoundland Collection.pdf Eastern - Stillions Newfoundland.pdf Eastern - The Baron Collections.pdf Eastern - The Harvey Poole BNA Collection.pdf Eastern - The Libra Collection Part I.pdf Eastern - The Libra Collection Part II.pdf Eastern - The Libra Collection Part III.pdf Eastern PA803 - BNA.pdf Eastern PA804 - BNA.pdf Eastern PA805 - BNA.pdf Eastern PA807 - BNA.pdf Eastern PA809 - BNA.pdf Eastern PA811 - BNA.pdf Eastern PA812 - Michael Roberts.pdf Eastern PA820 - BNA.pdf Eastern PA823 - BNA.pdf Eastern PA830 - BNA & Clark, Brigham.pdf Eastern PA839 - BNA & Phillips Admirals pt1.pdf Eastern PA840 - BNA & Phillips Admirals pt2.pdf Eastern PA841 - BNA & Phillips Admirals pt3.pdf Eastern PA846 - BNA.pdf Eastern PA848 - BNA.pdf Eastern PA849 - BNA.pdf Eastern PA851 - BNA & Westgate BC.pdf Eastern PA854 - BNA.pdf Eastern PA863a - AFAB Collection pt1.pdf Eastern PA864 - AFAB Collection pt2.pdf Eastern PA864b - CAPEX22.pdf Eastern PA866B - Ron Brigham Canada Province pt1.pdf Eastern PA867 - BNA, St Pierre & Miquelon.pdf Eastern PA868A - Ron Brigham Canada Province pt2.pdf Eastern PA870 - Ron Brigham Canada Province pt3.pdf Eastern PA871 - Colchester, Forbes collections.pdf Eastern PA872A - Ron Brigham Canada Province pt4.pdf Eastern PA872B - Denninger pt1 BNA.pdf Eastern PA872B - Denninger pt2 Canada pt1.pdf Eastern PA874 - General Sale.pdf Eastern PAxxx - Denninger pt3 Nf. & Can. Airmails.pdf Feldman - 20080404 Rarities of the World.pdf Garden City 1 - Hargreaves, Piercey Collections.pdf HR Harmer 1032-3 - Caspary #5, BNA.pdf HR Harmer 1861-4 - Dale-Lichtenstein #2, BNA part 1.pdf HR Harmer 1895-9 - Dale-Lichtenstein #5, BNA part 2.pdf HR Harmer 1933-7 - Dale-Lichtenstein #7, BNA part 3.pdf HR Harmer 1994-5 - Dale-Lichtenstein #10, Canada.pdf HR Harmer 2659 - Provenance Collection of BNA.pdf HR Harmer 2931 - Henry H Condland Newfoundland Pence.pdf

HR Harmer 2949 - Edward M Gilbert, Newfoundland.pdf HR Harmer 2978 - American Bank Note Company, part II.pdf HR Harmer 298-300 - FDR1.pdf HR Harmer 2984 - The Mount Royal Collection p1, Canada & BNA.pdf HR Harmer 2988 - The Mount Royal Collection p2, Canada & BNA.pdf HR Harmer 2990 - The Mount Royal Collection p3, Canada & BNA.pdf HR Harmer 3041 - The Bedford Collection p1, US & Canada.pdf HR Harmer 3049 - The Bedford Collection p2, British Commonwealth.pdf John Sheffield sale175.pdf John Sheffield sale176.pdf Kelleher - William S Lang 745s1.pdf Kelleher - William S Lang 745s2.pdf Kelleher - William S Lang 745s3.pdf Kelleher Flagship #679.pdf Kelleher Flagship #731 PR - incl. John Laurie Canada.pdf Kelleher Flagship Auction 682.pdf Longley Auctions 26.pdf Mace Collection of US - Cherrystone 1804-Session-3.pdf Maresch CAPEX22 - Fred Fawn.pdf Maresch Sale 532 FINAL web.pdf Maresch Sale 557-559 FULL.pdf Maresch Sale 560 FINAL.pdf Maresch Sale 569-570 FULL.pdf Maresch Sale 572 w Newf 33TCvii pp11.pdf Maresch Sale 575.pdf Maresch Sale 579.pdf Philatelics Australia #144.pdf Schuyler J Rumsey - SESCAL Sale #71.pdf Schuyler Rumsey - Sale 84, Foreign Stamps & Covers.pdf Siegel 1141 - Irving Weinberg Treasures of the World.pdf Siegel 1178 - Calgary Collection of Canada.pdf Siegel 1243 - Scarsdale Collection of BNA.pdf Siegel 1269 - Alan Collection of BNA.pdf Siegel 1281 - Frank A Lanza Canada and Newfoundland.pdf Siegel 1349 - Gordon Eubanks, GB & British Commonwealth Siegel 691 - Clifford Cole Collection, BNA.pdf Siegel 762 - BNA inc. Guilford Collection.pdf Siegel 780 - Henry S. Schneider Collection of British America.pdf Siegel 916 - Leonard Beck Collection of Canada.pdf Sparks - Cantor Small Queens.pdf Sparks 22 - Complete.pdf Sparks 23 - Kerzner Sq Circles.pdf Sparks 23.pdf Sparks 24 - Complete.pdf Sparks 25 - Complete.pdf Sparks 26 - Crosby PEI.pdf Sparks 27 - Complete.pdf Sparks 28 - Complete.pdf Sparks 29 - Complete.pdf Sparks 30 - BNA, CW, WW.pdf Sparks 30 - Hillson.pdf Sparks 30 - Liptak Postal History.pdf Sparks 32 - Complete.pdf Sparks 39 - Parker Collection.pdf Sparks 45 - Athena Collection.pdf Sparks 46 - incl Meyerhof.pdf Sparks 47 - Complete.pdf Sparks 48 - Complete.pdf Sparks 49 - Complete.pdf

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