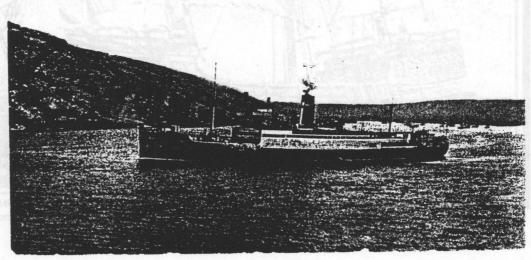
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BNAPEX '97 - St.John's, Newfoundland - 28-30 August, 1997 - Congratulations to our member Don Wilson for hosting one of the largest annual conventions to date. We hope to welcome many Study Group members to our Annual Meeting at 4 PM. Friday, 29 August.



S.S. Newfoundland in St. John's Harbour, Newfoundland

STUDY GROUP DUES - 1997-98 dues become payable at St. John's. and I hope all those attending will be able to pay there. It's much simpler than through the mail. According to my records the following members are already paid up for the next year - J.M.Ayshford, Eldon Godfrey, Stan Kalabza, Ron Kitchen, Ivan MacKenzie, Charles Purdon. If anyone else thinks they should be so recorded, please let me know. Norman Goodger of London, Ontario has indicated he will not be renewing, so this will be his last issue. So Long, Norman. 1997-98 dues will remain at \$ 10 Cdn, \$ 9 U.S. or 5 Pounds sterling, which ever is more convenient to members.

CONTENTS - This extra-large issue is completely concerned with Newfoundland transportation postal history, and will be distributed to the members of the Study Group attending BNAPEX'97. A good deal of Newfoundland information has accumulated, mainly from Don Wilson, and this issue will enable us to clear the file. The next issue should be normal size, more general in contents, and appear in October.

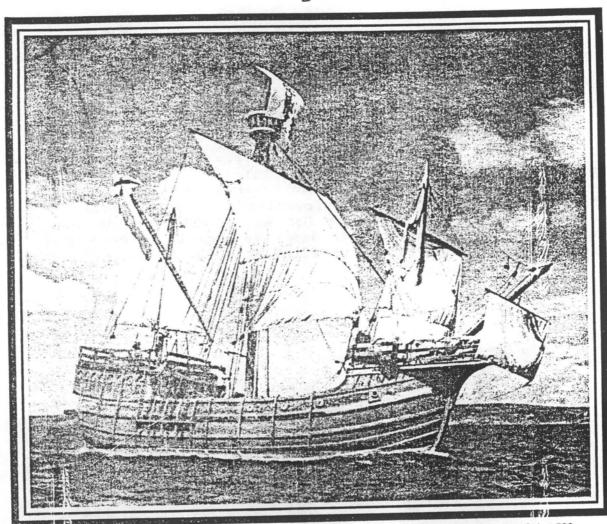


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The Matthew

In honour of his wife "Mattea", John Cabot christened his ship, "Matthew" (the anglicized version of Mattea) and on May 2, 1497, he set out from Bristol England aboard this small vessel in search of westward routes to Cathay. With spices and gold on his mind and a commission from his good friend, King Henry VII, John Cabot and his crew of 18 seamen, adventurers all, cast off aboard this oak-toughened caravel in search of a passage to the Far East. The *Matthew* was a brave little ship of classic British design and after 53 days at sea, John Cabot and his crew made land, where he declared, "O, Buona Vista!" The date was June 24, 1497 - the feast of St. John the Baptist.

John Cabot had indeed found the Far East, but it was the far east of the Western World, New Founde Land - the tip of an immense continent. Cabot's voyages are acknowledged to be "the intellectual discovery of America" and through knowledge of his explorations, Europeans became conscious of the continent of North America and disproved the notion that Asia lay at the other side of the ocean.

Now, 500 years later, John Cabot's achievements will be celebrated. On the morning of June 24, 1997, a 73-foot replica of John Cabot's *Matthew* will approach Cape Bonavista. While Cabot's arrival here was a happy, but unheralded moment, the *Matthew* in 1997 will be greeted by dignitaries, fanfare, and salute, as she is escorted into Bonavista by a flotilla of hundreds of boats, crewed by men and women who understand and share Cabot's spirit of adverture.

The *Matthew* will be open to visitors at each of the 17 ports of call during its summer-long experation of Newfoundland and Labrador's 16,000 kilometers of rugged and majestic coastline. The ship's 46-day visit will be the highlight of a year-long, province-wide celebration and a detailed itinerary is available from the John Cabot (1997) 500th Anniversary Celebrations².

¹ Based on the entry "Cabot (Caboto), John (Giovanni)" in the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*, Vol 1 and "John Cabot", by John Parsons in The Canadian Encyclopedia, Vol 1.

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EARLY POSTAL HISTORY

of Newfoundland

An address by the Rev. Hugh Kirby, Harbor Grace, N. F., before the Historical Society of that city. Reported by S. L. Shepard, Chicago Tribune correspondent and edited by Richard McP Cabeen for STAMPS.

Y interest in the early postal history of Newfoundland grew out of an effort to collect its postmarks. I learned through Robson Lowe that the first known postmark of this country is dated 1821. It reads "St. Johns" in a straight line in black letters about 5 mm. high. I found too that the first known General Post Office handstamp dates 1810. This is a double circle with Royal Coat of Arms and inscriptions, — "Post Office" at top, "Newfoundland," at bottom. This is a black design with colorless letters. In 1827 this mark is in black with black letters.

There is extant a Newfoundland letter sheet dated 1764 bearing a handstamped figure "4" and a mss. inscription "Paid" in black. Did Newfoundland have a postmaster at that time? Judge Prowse in his History of Newfoundland, p. 653, 1st Edi., states "McAuslan appointed Deputy Postmaster, October, 1778." To date I have found no further documentary reference to this matter.

The first Post Office in Newfoundland was established in 1805 by Sir Erasmus Gower who appointed Simon Solomon to be postmaster. This was a local affair and merely meant fixing a place in St. John's where letters for dispatch by outgoing vessels could be deposited and where captains on arrival could deliver letters with which they had been entrusted in Great Britain.

A letter passing through the London P. O. to Newfoundland cost 1/3 by packet to Halifax and 8d by private vessel, to which sums was added the postage from the place in Great Britain at which the letter was deposited, to London. It appears that little of the correspondence between Newfoundland and Great Britain was exchanged by these expensive means. St. John's was in the happy position of being able to send and receive mail by the many vessels using the port, placing letters in charge of the captain who would collect a penny or 2d for each letter from the person to whom he delivered them at the port of arrival.

There is a record of a St. John's

merchant being notified of a packet on which 5/8 postage was due. At first he refused the packet, declaring that it could contain only newspapers, but through curiosity, he took it, and finding his surmise to be correct, endeavored to return it to the Postmaster, declining to pay the postage. The Postmaster reported the case to England for a suiting, and was informed that the acceptance of the parcel carried with it the necessity on the part of the merchant of paying the postage.

At this time the mails from Great Britain were brought to Canada by sailing packets running between Falmouth, England, and Halifax. In 1826 Governor Cochrane appealed to the British Postmaster General to establish a post office in St. John's to ensure the safe arrival of his despatches from the Colonial Office. Failing that, he asked that the despatches be sent to a company in London, which was in constant communication with Newfoundland. However, nothing seems to have been done. Mail for Newfoundland went direct to Halifax and was held there for chance transportation back to St. John's. In 1836 the Chamber of Commerce presented a memorial to the Colonial Office, asking that the sailing packets running between Falmouth and Halifax might call at St. John's on their voyages. The Admiralty refused the application.

In 1840 the Cunard Steamship Line was established between Liverpool and Halifax and on June 3, 1840, an agreement was entered into between James Tobin of St. John's, and a royal commission for execut-

ing the office of Lord High Admiral to convey H. M. mails between Halifax and St. John's. A sailing vessel of not less than 120 tons with accommodation for the Postmaster and Post Office was specified to make fortnightly trips, and in winter months, monthly trips, at a rate of £4-15. The first trip from Halifax was to be July 14, 1840.

About this time William Lemon Solomon was appointed Postmaster of Newfoundland with a salary of £100 per annum. To this he added

an additional £30 to £60 through Post Office receipts — 6d on all letters and 2d on all newspapers received from other places and 2d on each letter dispatched from his office.

The original circular from G. P. O., signed by W. L. Maberly, Secretary, follows:

"General Post Office.

"You will herewith receive a dated stamp and seal and the usual supply of shifting figures with which you will in future distinctly and legibly stamp every letter put into your office, discontinuing the use of your present stamp.

"You will not fail to change the date day by day and you will be especially careful to stamp every letter correctly according to the date that it is deposited in your office, so that in case of any question, you may be able to certify the same. Any neglect of this material duty will inevitably be attended with serious consequences.

"You will take good care of the stamp and figures as you will be held responsible for their safe custody and preservation. Common ink must

not be used with this stamp, but printers ink or some material mixed with oil. Any ink or composition mixed with water will have the effect of corroding the stamp, which should be cleaned from time to time with a hard brush and a little spirit of turpentine.

"The following is the recipe for the composition at present in use in the inland department here, which is found to answer better than any other.

"'One pound of printers ink well mixed with one quart of linseed oil."
"I am, your obedient servant,

"W. L. Maberly, "Secretary."

At least from 1821 and up to 1840 the only postmark of St. John's was the straight line mark previously mentioned. This was of local origin. With the P. O. circular Mr. Solomon was furnished with a dated stamp and seal, first used, I believe, July 20, 1840. For the first time the name of Newfoundland appears in a notice issued by the G. P. O., Lon-

don, June, 1840, regarding mails for North America.

Instructions given by Thomas William, Earl of Wichfield, H. M. Postmaster General, to William L. Solomon reads in part (Sec. 8): "You are to cause all letters put into your office for Great Britain, to be distinctly stamped with the name of the colony on the sealed side and tax them with the proper rate of postage on the other side, and you will distinguish such letters as are above 1/2 ounce in weight and tax them accordingly. The paid letters are to be taxed with red ink and the unpaid with black ink."--

William Smith, in his history of the Post Office in British North America, 1639-1870, pokes fun at Mr. Solomon in these words:

"The necessary formalities of a post office proved inexpressibly irksome to the merchants of St. John's, and Solomon was made to feel the irritations of their impatience. He seems to have been one of those officials who make much of the functions of their offices. He delighted in the parti-coloured pencils, which his regulations prescribed. He was indignant with the merchants, who could not be made to understand why he used a red pencil to indicate that a letter had been prepaid and a black one to show the receiving postmaster in England that the postage had not been paid. All the trappings dear to the accountant's soul were to them merely hindrances to the prompt posting and receiving of their letters."

It may be true that Solomon delighted in the parti-colored pencils, but he was simply carrying out instruction from his chief in the G. P. O., London, and under the system color was a necessity in P.O. bookkeeping.

Eighteen forty is an outstanding year in the history of Posts, especially in Great Britain. This year saw the introduction of Penny Postage, Jan. 10, 1840, and the issue of the adhesive Postage Stamp May 6, 1840. This also was an outstanding year in Newfoundland's Postal history. May we hope that suitable recognition will be made in this country to mark one hundred years of progress of the Posts of Newfound-.land.

In 1844 the Post Office was moved from its second location in the Free Masons Tavern to a recently erected stone building in Duckworth Street which served as Mr. Solomon's residence as well. The rent advanced £30 per annum and Mr. Solomon employed an assistant. These extra charges on his meagre salary caused the postmaster to seek aid and subsequently £25 was voted for office rent, provided the office be kept in a stone building.

In Prowse's History I find that "the first steam packet arriving in St. John's from Halifax, N. S., was the S.S. North American. Richard Meagher, captain, required sixty

hours in the passage."

The postal situation was unchanged until April 26, 1850, when a committee of the assembly was appointed to inquire into the establishment of a Postal System within Newfoundland. The committee reported favorably and in 1851 an act of the Legislature provided £1,000 for the establishment and maintenance of an inland Post Office. The appointment of all postmasters rested in the Governor, while the management was placed under the St. John's postmaster and his salary was fixed at £75 per annum, in addition to Imperial appointment of £100. The postmasters of Harbour Grace and Carbonear were given £15 per annum, and others £10.

The committee proposed as an interim measure that Stipendary Magistrates in places where Post Offices should be established might be called upon to act as postmasters in those places, and that the system should carry postal facilities to the principal settlements as far as Twillingate and as far as Gaultois on the South West Coast. The scheme came into operation on Oct. 15, 1851.

The Chief Ports, Post Offices and Postmasters in 1851 were as follows:

- 1. Harbour Grace-Andrew Drysdale.
 - 2. Burin-Thomas Birkett.
 - 3. Twillingate—Joseph J. Pearce.
 - 4. Bay Bulls-Martin Williams.
 - 5. Trepassey—John Devereux.6. Ferryland—John Morry.
- 7. Harbour Britain-Thomas E. Gaden.
 - 8. Trinity-Ann Buchannan.
 - 9. Carbonear—Thomas Hanrahan.
 - 10. Placentia-Mary Morris.
 - 11. Bonavista-John Lawrence.
 - 12. Fogo-John Fitzgerald.

13. St. Mary's-Hannibal Murch. 14. Brigus-William T. Stenta-

Packets

Conception Bay with its many trading companies, situated at Harbour Grace, Carbonear and Brigus, had a comparatively large volume of correspondence, local and foreign, passing through St. John's. The most expeditious route to the city was through Portugal Cove. At this point the packets in regular service discharged their outgoing passengers and mail and received incoming mail and passengers from St. John's to be landed at either of the three packet ports, Harbour Grace, Brigus and Carbonear.

The first documentary evidence I have seen of Conception Bay packets is a notice, dated 1807, in which Michael Dooley of Portugal Cove advertises a new skiff, six oared, to convey mail and passengers to any of the outports. He offers a quick passage and ready at the shortest notice. On Nov. 13, 1852, James Neary at Portugal Cove advertises the packet boat "Lively" bi-weekly from Portugal Cove to Harbour Grace—Ladies and gentlemen 5/-, Tradesmen and labourers 4/-, Letters 9d each.

The outstanding Harbour Grace packet was the "Express," which started service about August 25, 1825. She was a cutter boat and formerly belonged to that famous missionary of Trinity, Rev. W. Bullock, the author of Hymn 242, "We love the place of God." She gave regular service every other day. This famous packet after being enlarged and practically rebuilt was lost in a storm at Portugal Cove, Jan. 11, 1842. As a rule, these packets were laid up during the winter months and smaller boats were used in the service, and failing water communication a courier carried a weekly mail to St. John's.

"Express," No. 2, was built at St. John's South in 1842 by Michael Kearney, considered a genius in shipbuilding. Kearney was born at Ferryland. It was he who repaired at St. John's the Cunard steamer "Hibernia," Captain Ryal, which went aground on Cape Race. Probably Kearney's last ship was the "Shamrock," built for Hon. John Rorke, Carbonear, 1885.

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Then there is the packet "Nora Creina," owned by James Doyle, Carbonear. She is famous not only for her long service as a mail packet, but for having towed the wrecked schooner "Sylph" into Mosquito. The "Sylph," out of Liverpool with a valuable cargo of English merchandise, struck an iceberg in Conception Bay and was abandoned by her crew, but the "Nora Creina" towed her in to Mosquito and received a handsome salvage from the underwriters.

As far as I can learn packet boats generally had no distinguishing mark for mail carried save an occasional mss. rate mark which was 6d single, 1/- double. The recipient did occasionally indicate time and name of packet by which letter arrived or the writer may indicate in letter the agent by which letter was sent. The "Nora Creina" is the exception, as her captain had a small seal inscribed with the packet's name. I

give this on the authority of M.
Doyle, who at present is the purser
of the S.S. "Home" and is a greatgreat-grandson of the captain of
the "Nora Creina." Mr. Doyle presented this interesting seal to our
museum.

NEWFOUNDLAND RAILWAY

S. S. Caribou



July 6 1938

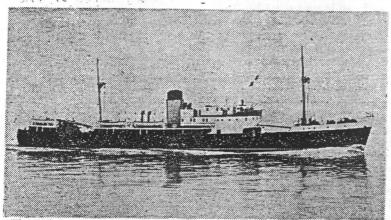
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The "Cabot Strait", Canadian National R. R. mailship, is one of the six ships which carry cargo, mail and passengers between the ports of Labrador and the Canadian mainland. The Cabot Strait serves the post offices north of Battle Harbour, but only in the summer.

Photo by Canadian National

The Labrador Mails

R. A. J. Miller

Time has not changed coastal Labrador. Granted that yearly progress has been painfully slow, the passing years have done nothing to dim the air of aloof mystery and romanticism always associated with the name. But quite sadly, entire chapters of the mail service story are now missing or fast lapsing into obscurity.

Geographically placed as the far northeast peninsula of the North American continent, sub-arctic Canadian Labrador lies between 51 to 61 degrees North Latitude.

Factually there is an interior district of vast mining wealth. Yet most of its small but thriving settlements hugging the North Atlantic coast and on numberless offshore islands mainly evolve around a fur, fishery and mining type of economy.

Modernity flourishes; yet in a few isolated Eskimo villages, life has little changed since their discovery by a Norse explorer back in 986 A. D.

When Canada became a British Colony in 1763, Labrador was annexed to St. John's Colony, Newfoundland, given back to British North America in 1774, and reannexed to Newfoundland in 1809.

On July 22, 1949, the Colony became the tenth Canadian province. Thus, for over two centuries the mail service history of the colony and its dependency were one and the same.

In the Labrador district, Moravian Brethren, began mission stationwork with the northern Eskimos as early as the year 1770—civilization's vangard.

European whaling and codfishing fleets followed, soon finding it imperative to establish "fishing stations" and shore supply bases. Caretakers contracted to "winter-over" attracted other white settlers and sea-shore villages sprang up. As time unfolded, Hudson's Bay Company opened a fur trading post at Fort Chimo, Quebec in early 1831 and a second trading station down the coast at Rigolet, Labrador in 1833.

In a few years, Company supply vessels established outposts at Cartwright, Davis Inlet, Nakvak, and North West River. A native courier system carrying winter mail and messages linked them all to distant Quebec City — a sec-

ond stage in progress.

Third and fourth decade history (1830-1850) is dim and cloudy. In an 1863 book of recollections "recapturing the times", London author, the Rev. Charles Pedley, noted nothing of import regarding the mails.

However, mention was made that on June 19, 1846 the Post Office at St. John's was destroyed by fire and all of the historic archive records. (This was the second disastrous fire.)

Historian Re-creates Markings
Fortunately, the Canada postal
history specialist, Frank W.
Campbell, had listed and recorded
almost all 19th century postmarks
and made superb impressions of
St. John's 1846-1849 period markings. Viewed, the now out-of-print
reference sheets graphically illustrate:

Colony PO Granted

Old records reveal that the parent St. John's Colony was granted a British post office in 1805. Accordingly, bags of letters made up by the General Post Office in London were sent "as opportunity should offer" by ship to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and then by smaller vessels to St. John's.

Communication into and out of Labrador was scanty. It can be assumed that sailing ships making chance calls furnished limited courtesy accommodations. But like all true pioneers elsewhere, the lack of communication during the long winter seasons must have been unbearable.

In 1810, the appointive postmaster, Simon Solomon — an established resident jeweler — is credited with engraving an elaborate circular ''ARMS'' postmark, found on pre-stamped, folded letters.



This "superior seal", poorly struck in black ink on some covers, can be traced in the proof book in London.

Also at some undertermined early date, the London-made "superior seal" — "GENERAL POST OFFICE ST. JOHN'S, NFD" — was received, and placed in use.



The red "crowned circle" marks are easily identified by the crown-in-center at the top.

... The "crowned circle" PAID 23 x 25 millimeter hand stamp, the dated "circle rimless" postmark with gothic letters, and the era's "SHIP LETTER" hand stamp. All of the octogenarian "tracings" of Campbell were from old letters.

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As history moved on to July 1, 1851, control of the postal system from London headquarters ceased, with local officials from then on assuming full responsibility and keeping all revenue.

At this time, Postmaster General W. S. Soloman, with a meager office staff of three, found the funds to add a Labrador mail agent. The name was never recorded, although his staff was. This is another irony of history.

January 1, 1857 witnessed issuance of the St. John's Colony one penny stamp — the first of ten imperforated stamps in pence and shilling denominations. Scott's Number 1 with the royal crown, oddly was marked "NEW-FOUND".

In keeping with the tradition of earlier stamps issued in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, all carried the Heraldic Flowers of the United Kingdom. The world in time would highly prize 260 later issues, and 19 airpost stamps, while color rarities at high-philately auctions would rise from \$700 to \$2900 per single stamp.

Subsidized Service Begins

The Labrador Steam Mail Service, from the colony to the coast, started in 1870. Some sources disagree, mentioning the year 1875.

However, it is reliably known that Bowring Brothers vessels carried the mail, passengers and goods to Battle Harbour, and extended service to Hopedale in 1880. A small steamer carried such semi-monthly mail north to Nain. At long last the neglected dependency had an official "line of communication".

The first mail steamer "Ariel" was followed by the "Portia", "Progress", and "Walrus". In succession, each were shipwrecked. All ports of call on the 700-mile coastal journey were "postal service accommodation points" only.

Never was the importance of "mail from home" more appreciated.

Canada's "traveling post office" markings used during the decade read: "COASTAL NORTH T.P.O."; "LABRADOR T.P.O."; and the special London made instruments, "LABRADOR NORTH", "LABRADOR WEST", and "WESTERN MAIL BOAT". Each specific transit mark represented a pertinent bit of history.

First PO's Established

Dr. R. Willan, the British authority on Newfoundland, has stated in print and in letter that Labrador's first post offices were established in 1889 at Battle Harbour, Blanc Sablon, Iron Bound Island, and Lance au Loup. All earlier mainland ports had been "collecting stations".

The increasing communication with, and dependency on, the then four existent Canadian provinces, necessitated mail links with the Coastal West TPO and the Straits



The "round" or "barred circle", seen only on registered covers had no "Registry" wording.

All of the "all-water routes" were on May to October navigational schedules. The fragmentary mention of a monthly overland winter mail has not been convincingly verified. However, in the late century the Nachvak and the Rigolet dog team sledge mails covered a 1500-mile coastal run leading to Quebec City. As private mail carriers, both firms had identifying "cacheted envelopes". Many still exist. One contractor, J. D. Fraser, became the Postmaster General.

In passing, a Public Records list for the year 1902 discloses 47 post offices — about an all-time high. Mail service continually improved.

The St. John's steamer "Invermore" made regular connections with the Labrador Service, before going ashore. She was succeeded about 1912 by the "S.S. Kyle". A smaller vessel, the "Balleine" served North Labrador.

Following this period, sources to check the historical chronology are more readily available to the interested. To many, the yesteryears involved also cover colorful chapters in Newfoundland maritime history.

Moving Military Mail

World War II found the United States and Canada joining hands in expediting the movement of military mail. Joint American and Dominion co-operative efforts to speed the mails to Labrador and Newfoundland — and then overseas — added bright chapters to aero-philately history.

Planes of Detachment 4 of the U.S. Sixth Air Postal Squadron based at APO 677, Goose Bay, Labrador, interchanged with the U.S. Seventh.

In common defense shortly thereafter, both jointly erected

and manned the "Dewline" and the Mid-Canada "Pinetree" early warning installations; both in Labrador and the Canadian Arctic. Mail flowed freely with U.S., and later Canadian pilots.

In 1948, Canada's "all up" air service for all first class mail, mailed in Canada for delivery in Canada, was extended to Labrador when independent Newfoundland became the tenth Confederation province.

Scotts C19 (7c blue) issued in 1943, the only Newfoundland stamp printed "AIR MAIL", also ushered out the airpost special stamps.



The first two legends illustrate the early used hand stamps of Newfoundland following independents status. Applied at Saint John's in October, 1897, the "PAID ALL" was used during a shortage of adhesive stamps.

Point Wharf.

Lincoln Inspires Research

As a topical subject, Labrador has beckoned to many historical investigators, yet stoically has withheld age-old secrets. This is odd, yet true.

But seemingly obstacles would never have stopped America's Civil War president. In a still little-known, June 20, 1848 speech, Abraham Lincoln has been quoted saying:

saying:
... "Always the end and never stand to doubt; nothing so hard but search will find it out."

At best the cold country represents a matter of unrecorded, unfinished, postal service history. Its beginnings were, and still are cloudy, but its future is bright. From the undocumented early period onward, economic and communication progress, although slow, has spiraled.

Mail By Air And Sea

One conclusion is certain: The coast is now adequately served by 36 regular post offices and 6 summer offices. Mail for Goose Bay, Happy Valley, Churchill Falls, Twin Falls, Labrador City, and Wabush is despatched by air from St. John's Newfoundland daily, except Sunday, throughout the year.

In winter the remainder of these post offices receive mail by air stage from Goose Bay with the exception of the summer offices.

In summer the offices north of Battle Harbour are served approximately every ten days by the St. John's & Nain TPO route on board the Canadian National R.R. ship, "S.S. Cabot Strait", and the offices south of Battle Harbour are served by the St. Anthony & Corner Brook TPO on the "S.S. Springdale", or six alternate sister ships carrying cargo, mail and passengers.

In addition, six offices receive mail via the Deer Lake-St. Anthony Highway service. It has not been determined if this is a ST. JOHNS, NFLD. North & South Sydney C &

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Now receiving Freight at the Shed, Windmill

HENRY DOBELL & CO.,

Agents.

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LAST BOAT OF THE SEASON. W

S. S. THAMES

For North and South Sydney, Harbour Grace and St. Johns,

Will sail on or about WEDNESDAY, 15th November. 1893

Now receiving Freight at the Shed, Windmill Point.

HENRY DOBELL & CO.

BLACK DIAMOND LINE.

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NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.

and ST. JOHNS, Nfld.

The Steamship S, S. LOOISBURG is intended to sail on Tuesdry Nevember 21 for above Ports.

Freight received daily at the Black Diamond Shed, Island Wharf. For further information apply to

KINGMAN, BROWN & GO.,

14 Place Royale.

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BELL TELEPHONE NO. 75.

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BLACK DIAMOND LINE.

For CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.

and ST. JOHNS, Nfid.

The Steamship.

S. S. BONAVISTA

is intended to sail on

Thursday NCV., 8th., 1894

for above ports

Freight received daily at the Black Diamond Shed, Island
Wharf. For further information apply to

KINGMAN, BROWN & GO.,

14 Place Royale.

BELL TELEPHONE NO. 75.

1834

NORTH AND SOUTH SYDNEY, C. B.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., ST. JOHNS, Nfld.

S. S. "THAMES," now receiving Freight for above Ports, will sail SATURDAY, 14th September.

HENRY DOBELL & CO.,

Agents.

1895

BLACK DIAMOND LINE.

FOR THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPER

and ST. JOHNS, Nfld.

The Steamship S. S. CAPE BRETON is intended to sail on SATTIRDAY SEPT'R 28th for above ports.

Freight received daily at the Black Diamond Shed, Island Wharf. For further information apply to

KINGMAN, BROWN & GO.,

14 Place Royale./10

BELL TELEPHONE No. 75.



SHORTEST SEA VOYAGE, AND QUICKEST ROUTE

CANADA and the UNITED STATES.

NEWFOUNDLAND N. & W. RAILWAY.



STEAMSHIP 'BRUCE,'

Highest Class at Lloyds.

CAPTAIN P. DELANEY.

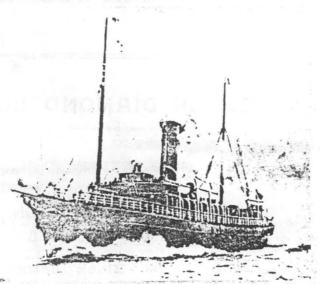
York, and all other parts of Canada and the United States, as well as all parts of Europe.

Newfoundland Railway Station, St. John s, at 5 a m. Monday and Thursday of each week, connecting with 8.8. Bruce' at Placentia and Intercolonial Railway at North Sydney.

12 Returning. S.S. 'Bruce' will leave North Sydney on arrival of Intercolonial Train at North Sydney, every Tuesday and Friday Evenings for Placentia, connecting with Sp cial Mail Train for St. John's, and all other points in Newfoundland. For Tickets, Passenger and Freight Rates, apply to

R. G. REID, St. John's.

The Daily News, Dec. 24, 1897



The S.S. Bruce was the first passenger and cargo ferry to begin a regular run across the Cabot Strait between Newfoundland and Canada. She made her maiden and historic crossing in June, 1898 by taking to the continent the first main-land bound passengers to journey across Newfoundland by railway to Port aux Basques. The Bruce was wrecked off the Nova Scotian coast in March, 1911 with a loss of two lives. A second steamer, Bruce II replaced her.

S.S. Bruce: First ferry linking Newfoundland with Canada

By DON MORRIS R-B News

or nearly 14 years the steamer Bruce was a regular and very welcomed visitor on both sides of the Cabot Strait. Beginning in mid-1898 she was the first ferry to carry passengers, mail and freight under government contract on a scheduled thriceweekly, all-season basis between Newfoundland and Canada. This was to supplement the operation of the new cross-insular train.

Prior to the arrival of the Bruce, travel between the island and mainland was irregular and undependable. It was often termed as "spotty."

The 1,100 ton Bruce, a proud pioneer in the public transportation history of the colony, was owned and operated by the Reid Newfoundland Company, builders of the island's railway system. She sailed between Port aux Basques, southwestern Newfoundland, and North Sydney, Nova Scotia, where passengers disembarked for destinations throughout the Americas and elsewhere, and mail and cargo forwarded to points just as varied. The Bruce brought an enormously important new age to our sea-girt homeland.

Then, on the dark and winterly morning of March 4th, 1911, the Bruce's career came to a sudden and sad end. With 123 passengers aboard, including 40 Newfoundland fishermen enroute to Vancouver to engage in the Pacific whale hunt, and about 17 hours out from Port aux Basques, the Bruce crashed into rocks off Louisbourg, N.S.

The smash-up was due to an error in navigation. A lookout on the ferry mistook a coastal light on Scaterie for a similar light at the entrance to Louishourg. A sudden snow squall aided and abetted the accident. Unfortunately, two lives were to be lost in the mishap.

Nova Scotia historian Harry Bruce, in his well researched book, "Lifeline," described the scene at the time of the impact which was 4:45 a.m.; "All the lights went out and the screaming began, passengers jumped up from their berths into two feet icy water, staggered out on deck and huddled on the landward side of the ship. Some were half naked, some wore only thin night clothes. Some were bare-footed; their feet started to freeze on the metal deck."

The Halifax Chronicle was to later report: "Not one of those on board anticipated at that time to escape from the fast-sinking steamer, and they expected every moment that the boilers would explode with its accompanying horrors."

Other details of what happened immediately after the Bruce's pile-up were contained in a telegram sent to St. John's by M.F. Carroll who had hired the Newfoundlanders for the British Columbia whaling operation. The text of the Carroll wire:

"Two men drowned from Bruce while voluntarily getting boats out, davits being too stiff to swing; whilst shoving boat over forcibly, sea struck steamer, causing boat to project over side; many men overbalanced by sudden lurch, but caught various things; five went overboard, two drowned, one of my crowd, William Pike, St. Lawrence, the other Shea of Brigus or Carbonear: remainder of our men wish me to write to let their friends know they are alright; everybody praising good willing manner they worked getting out boats, rowing passengers ashore and sticking to their work until all passengers were safely landed; all leaving for (North) Sydney at 7; thence at 11:30 for Vancouver."

Author Harry Bruce described the next scene:

"By early morningmost passengers were safely ashore at ('t Cove. Some were

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soaken wet on the snowy beach, others only half-dressed. They huddled in fish huts, built fires on the beach, gratefully consumed two quarters of fresh beef that volunteers had retrieved from the wreckage and roasted on open fires. Teams arrived from Louisbourg to take the shivering passengers to town; warm firesides and dry clothes, and by mid-morning the steamers, Louisbourg and Douglas H. Thomas had completed the evacuation. That afternoon the Bruce broke in two. Only her funnel remained above water."

Under the dire circumstances, it may be said that it was miraculous that only two lives were lost in the tragedy. The Sydney Record reported in an issue shortly after the accident:

"Many thrilling incidents of the wreck have been told by passengers. One of them, J.A. Dixon of London, Ontario, spoke with feeling and warmth of the work of the brave Newfoundland fishermen in rescuing the passengers. He tells of a particular daring rescue of a mother and child who had been carried over the rail by the heavy sea. The woman was among the crowd of terrified passengers congregated forward, and was huddled in the corner of the deck house, clasping an infant to her arms. Venturing from her resting place, near the rail, in a moment she was caught by a huge wave and with her child was swept overboard. The cry of 'woman overboard' arose, when immediately the form of a young man sprang from where he had been wrenching the frozen lifeboats from their davits and, shoving headlong into the swirling ice-cold water, in a few strokes was beside the drowning mother and her babe. Then began a terrific battle for life, but the end came after a fierce fight when he landed his charge safely on board the lifeboat."

A curious controversy evolved from the Bruce tragedy. The vessel's chief officer, C.F. Taylor, in speaking with Nova Scotia reporters, said the Newfoundland fishermen had been reluctant to answer his call for volunteers to aid passengers and perform other necessary duties after the ferry struck the reef. His printed statements appeared in the local press and resentment against the officer was the result. Copies of the Taylor story were sent to C.F. Carroll, a native-born Newfoundlander himself, who had come here to recruit men for the whaling industry. Carroll was furious. From Vancouver he shot off a letter to the editor of the St. John's Evening Herald. Part of his searing communiqué declared:

"I can assure you that there is not a spark of laziness or cowardice in any of the men who came out here with me. Do you think I would bring a man from Newfoundland away out here to British Columbia whose actions would in any way leave an opening for a reflection to be cast on me or our country? Well: not much. I, and every one of the passengers can assure you that had it not been for our men, the passengers would have had a feeling of utter despondency, as the crew of the Bruce with one or two exceptions, were conspicuous by their absence when they were needed."

The S.S. Bruce, built for the railway company at Glasgow, Scotland, had two decks, two masts - schooner rigged - four steel boilers, three water tanks, five water-tight bulkheads, could accommodate 70 first class and 90 second class passengers and was equipped with the latest in wiring and binting. The gleaming ship entered St. John's Harbour on her maiden voyage Oct. 13, 1897.

By late that same year the railway had reached Port aux Basques, but owing to storm damage to the roadbed, it was not until the summer of 1898 that the ferry began its regular use of that port. In the meantime, until the western terminal was ready, the Bruce sailed not between Port aux Basques and North Sydney - 96 miles; but over the longer and more easterly route between Placentia and North Sydney - 265 miles, with Captain Richard Drake in command.

The Bruce made her first Cabot Strait crossing from Port aux Basques, also under Captain Drake, on June 30, 1898. It was a momentous and historic occasion for she carried the first main-land bound passengers ever to cross Newfoundland by train.

During her role as ferry it was estimated she made 2,000 round trips and carried 350,000 passengers. Immediately after the Bruce disaster, other company vessels plied the Strait between Port aux Basques and North Sydney. Among them were the Glenco and Invermore. A new Bruce was soon under construction in Scotland. The Bruce II arrived in Newfoundland in 1912 and took over the Strait service. She continued in this role until 1916 when her owners sold her to Russia.

Other ferries came and went, but none would become as legendary as the first S.S. Bruce which made history on that early summer day in 1898 when she carried the first trans-Newfoundland railway passengers to the mainland of North America.

SS Ethie remains have a story to tell



On a barren stretch of coast along Newfoundland's northern peninsula, the final remnant of the famed "Alphabet Fleet" stands in mute testimony to a forgotten era and the power of an angry sea.

Over 70 years of relentless pounding by Gulf of St. Lawrence waves have all but obliterated what was once the SS Ethie, one of eight steamers which formed the fleet from which Marine Atlantic traces its roots.

In 1898, Newfoundland Railway contractor Robert G. Reid, was also responsible for the provision of eight coastal steamers as part of the transportation initiative of the day, with the steamers providing connections for isolated communities to other ports which offered railway connection. These vessels were referred to as the "Alphabet Fleet", due to the sequence of names such as Argyle, Bruce, Clyde, Dundee, Ethie, Fife, Glencoe, and Home.

After 20 years of dependable service and innumerable calls to isolated Newfoundland and Labrador ports, the Ethie met more than her match in December of 1919 off Martin's Point on Newfoundland's Great Northern Peninsula. So strong were the winds and heavy the seas, that her straining triple-expansion engines could only pound in vain as she was pushed closer and closer to a rocky shore.

Taking on water, and in danger of foundering, legend has it that the ves-

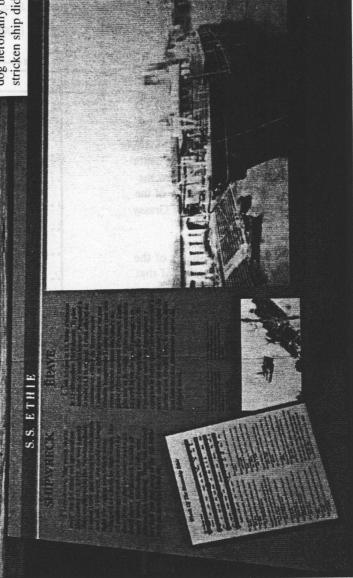
sel's purser hailed from that area and advised the captain that there was only one place along the forbidding coast near Martin's Point where a lack of large rocks and relatively flat coastline might permit the vessel to be beached.

With the wind forcing her to shore, direction was not a choice, but careful and steady guidance by the captain and her crew enabled the Ethie to touch bottom at the shore near the pebbly beach of Martin's Point where the wind and

waves set about to achieve their final destruction of the vessel.

Ultimately, all 92 passengers and crew were safely brought ashore, including a baby transported in the safety of the ship's mailbag, definitely the stuff of legends.

And indeed, many legends were born from that December 11 night in 1919, some true, some fanciful. The story of a loyal Newfoundland dog heroically bringing a line to the stricken ship did wonders for the breed's



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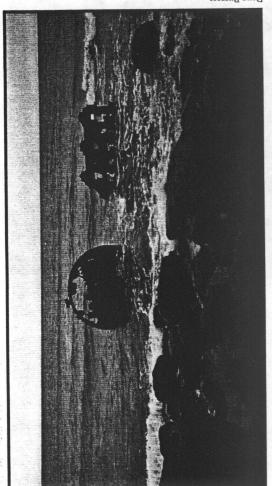
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profile. However, the dog's role on that eventful night is questionable, and its breed even more so.

For the coastal steamers, the month of December 1919, was one of the century's most vengeful, as it also saw the seas claim SS Dundee, another of the original alphabet steamers, off Grassy Island in Gander Bay.

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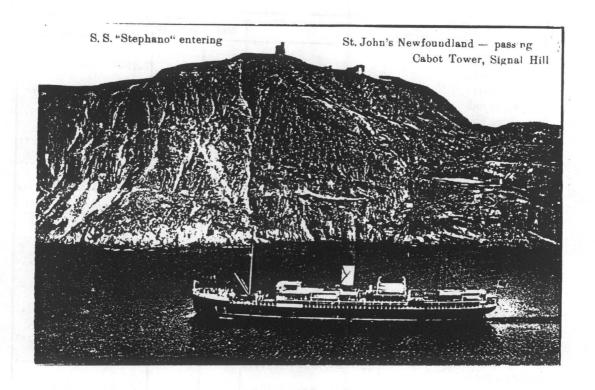
The waves lap boastfully around the rusting boiler and engine mechanism which 75 years ago worked in concert but in vain to try and defeat an unbeatable sea. A nearby Parks Canada dis-

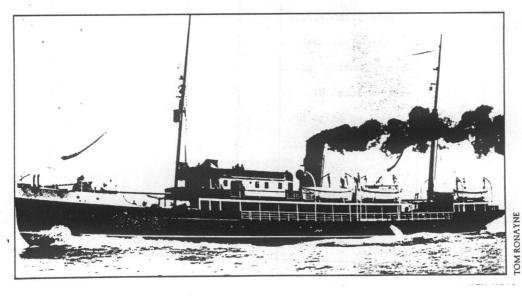
play offers a brief overview of the events of that night in 1919. But somehow, the rusting boiler and hull plates which continue to defy the sea, offer a compelling account of their own.

The story for this month's column was written by Doug Burgess.

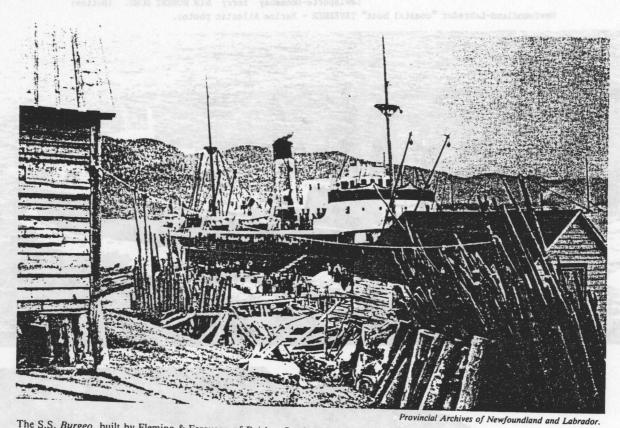
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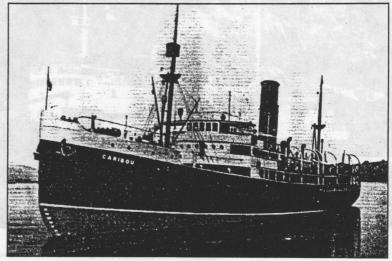


The S.S. Kyle, arriving in Newfoundland in 1913 from Newcastle-on-Tyne, where she was built. She was the most famous of the coastal vessels of Newfoundland and Labrador in the twentieth century.



The S.S. Burgeo, built by Fleming & Ferguson of Paisley, Scotland in 1940 for the coastal service, along with her sister ship the Baccalieu.

The ferry S.S. Caribou was torpedoed in the Cabot Strait, in passage from North Sydney to Port aux Basques, October 14, 1942, with the loss of one hundred and thirty-seven lives.



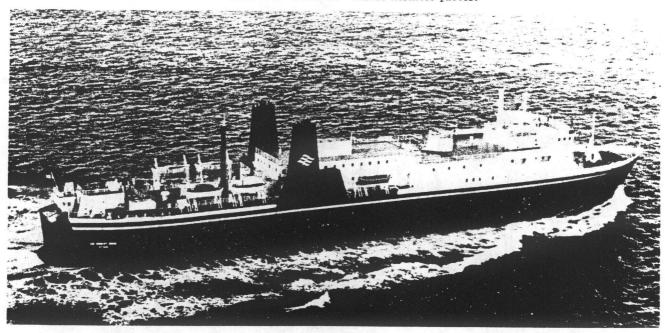
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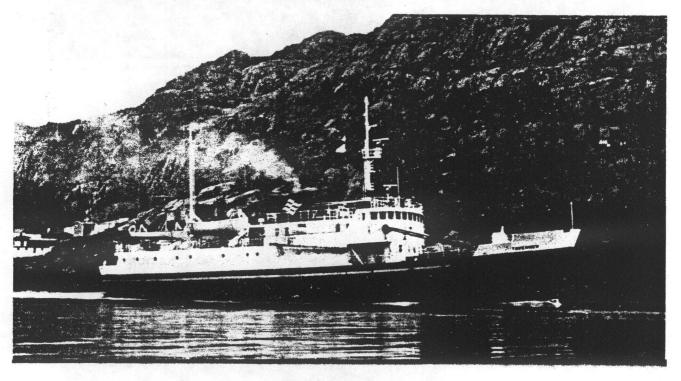




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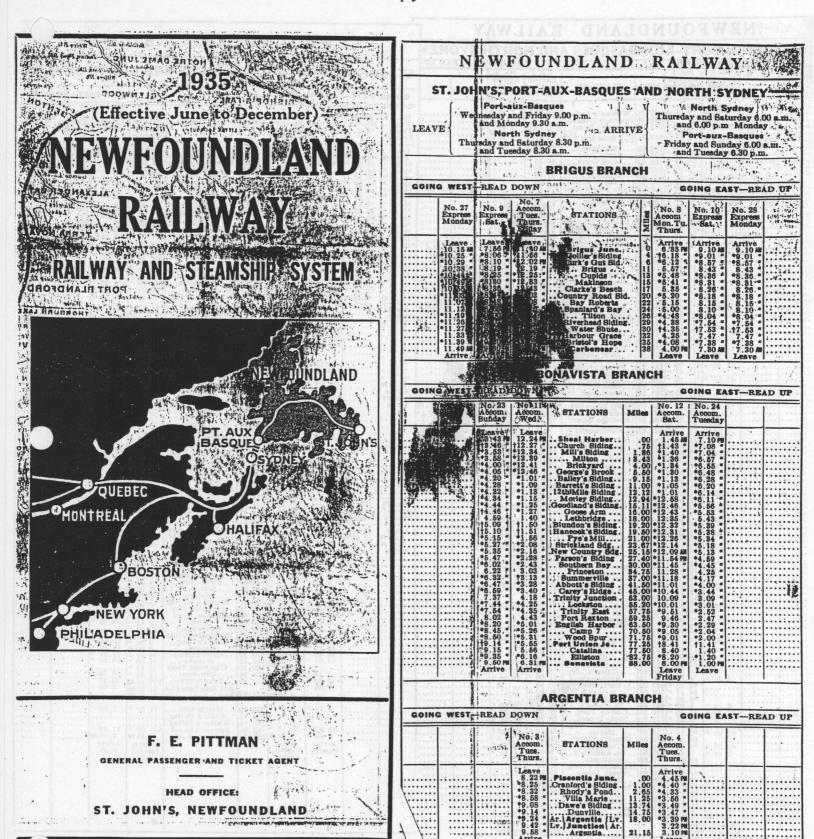
Lewisporte-Goosebay ferry SIR ROBERT BOND. (Bottom)
Newfoundland-Labrador "coastal boat" TAVERNER - Marine Atlantic photos.











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NEWFOUNDLAND RAILWAY

PLACENTIA BRANCH

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STEAMSHIP SERVICE

PLACENTIA BAY-WEST RUN

Every two weeks

Every 2nd Tuesday:

Argentia
Al erasheen
Presque
St. Kyran's
Little Paradise
Paradise
South East Bight
(once monthly)
l'etite Forte

St. Joseph's
(outward only)
Little Harbour
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Baine Harbour
Flat Island
Marystown
Burin

Great Burin Epworth
St. Lawrence
Lawn
Lord's Cove | Weather
Point au Gaul | permitting
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PLACENTIA BAY-BAY RUN

Every 2nd Tuesday:

Argentia Ship Harbour Iona Red Island Rose au Rue Kingwell (Outward only)

Harbour Buffett Haystack Spencer's Cove Brule North Harbour Sound Island Woody Island

Bar Haven Tack's Beach Davis Cove Clatise Harbour St. Leonard's Isle Valen

SOUTH COAST AND FORTUNE BAY SERVICE

Every Two Weeks

(Tuesday)

Argentia
Marystown
Burin
St. Lawrence
Fortune
Grand Bank
Garnish
St. Bernard's
Bay L'Argent
Little Bay East
lir. Mille
Terrenceville

English Hr. East Anderson's Cove Stone's Cove Reucontre East Lally Cove Bay de Nord Pool's Cove Belleoram

Allier's Passage
Little Bay West
Jersey Hr.
Hr. Breton
Pass Island
Hermitace
Ganitols
Conne River
Killtown
St. Alban's
Pushthrough
Rencontre West

Francols Cape La Hune Ramea Ramea
Burgeo
Grand Bruit
Lal'olle
Rose Blanche
Burnt Island
(weather per
Isle au Morte emitting) (weather permitting)
Port aux Basques

ST. JOHN'S AND COOK'S HR. SERVICE

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Little Bay Islands
Nipper's Harbour
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St. Julien's
Fishot Island
St. Anthony
St. Leonard's
Griquet
Quirpon
Ship Cove
Rafeigh
Cook's Harbo Cook's Harbour

NEWFOUNDLAND RAILWAY

BAY STEAMSHIP SERVICE (Continued)

ST. JOHN'S & FOGO SERVICE

St. Jehn's Port Union Catalina King's Cove Ring & Cove
Eastport
Flat Island
St. Brendan's
Gooseberry Island
Deer Island
Greenspond
Valleyfield

Wesley ville Lumsden Offer Wadham Peckford Island Musgrave Harbor Ladie Cove Carmanville Frederickton Main Point (Bight Bight) Gander Bay Victoria Seldom Tilting Joe Batt's Arm Fogo Change Islands

HUMBERMOUTH - BATTLE HARBOUR SERVICE

Every Two Weeks

Humbermouth Meadows Curling Lark Harbor Trout River Bonne Bay Norris Point Lomend Lomond Rocky Harbor Cow Head Parsons' Pond Daniel's Harbor

Lewisporte
Exploits
Fortune Marbour
Cottrell's Cove
Point Learnington
Leading Tickles
Triton West
Fillier's Island
Port Abson

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New Ferrole
Bris Bay
St. Barbe Bay
Flower's Cove
Bonne Esperance (every 2nd
trip)
Bianc Bablon(near Greenly Is.)

Forteau
Lance au Loup
West St. Modiste
Red Bay
Henley
Chateau
Pleasure Harbor
Chimney Tickie
Cape St. Charles
lattle Harbor
Mary's Harbor

GREEN BAY SERVICE

Leaving Every Wednesday

Springdale
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Little Bay
Three Arms
Harry's Harbour
Jagkson's Cove (one way)

King's Point, S.W. Arm (one way) Rattling Brook (one way) Burlington, N.W. Arm (one way) (one way)
Nipper's Harbour
Tilt Cove
Shoe Cove

NOTRE DAME BAY SERVICE

Leaving Every Monday

Lewisporto
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Exploits
Moreton's Harbour
Tizzard's Harbour Outward

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Summerlord (Inward only)
Newstead (Inward only)

HALIFAX SERVICE

PORTS BETWEEN ST. JOHN'S AND HALIFAX

Calling every trip at: BURIN

FORTUNE GRAND BANK Calling only when Freight effering, and subject to Transhipment:

*HARBOUR BUFFETT

*MARYSTOWN

*BELLEORAM

*ENGLISH HARBOUR

*HARBOUR BRETON .BURGEO

No Agents-Charges must be prepaid.

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NEWFOUNDLAND RAILWAY

Summer Cruises to Labrador

ON MODERNLY EQUIPPED STEAMER "KYLE"

From St. John's fortnightly (June to October) for points north to Hopedale, Labrador. 13 day round trip, arranged to serve the pleasure and convenience of tourists and local vacationists. Round trip fare between St. John's & Hopedale \$75.00

LABRADOR SERVICE

Ports of Call:-

(June to October)

Bt. John's Brigus (Outward) Bay Roberts Hr. Grace Carbonear Trinity Catalina Wesleyville Twillingate \$St. Anthony Battle Harbor Spear Harbor Francis Harbor Fishing Ship's Hr.

Occasional Harbor Square Islands Dead Island Snug Harbor Venison Islands Hawk's Harbor Bolster's Rock Comfort Bight Frenchman's Island Punch Bowl Webber's Cove Flat Island Sandy Islands Batteau Black Tickle

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USEFUL INFORMATION

Ticket Offices—Passengers are requested to procure tickets at ticket offices and in, ample time to enable proper checking of baggage. When tickets are procured on train the Conductor will collect ten (10) cents additional to regular fare. Tickets, Direction Honored - Tickets of all classes are good for passage only in

the direction printed.

Children - Children not exceeding five years of age, accompanied by their parents or friends will be carried free. Children over five and under twelve will be carried at half fare.

Stop-Over will be allowed in exchange on such tickets as entitle holders to stop-over

Lost Tickets.—Proper care should be taken so as to guard against the loss of a ticket, as Railways are not responsible for lost tickets; also, care should be taken of baggage cheeks, making a memorandum of check numbers for use in case of loss.

Fornomal Baggage—Consisting of wearing apparel only, and not exceeding 150 lbs. weight, will be checked free on each whole fare ticket, and 75 lbs. free on each half fare ticket. Baggage in excess of free allowance will be charged for, and passengers paying excess charges will receive an excess baggage ticket which must be delivered to Agent with baggage check when baggage is claimed. Storage will be charged on each piece of baggage, either checked of not checked, remaining at stations over twenty-four hours.

Baggage for Fing Stations—Must be claimed at baggage car door immediately on arrival, otherwise it will be carried to next station where agent is on duty, and held for further orders,

Caution-It is unlawful to carry dangerous articles, such as gunpowder, matches, etc., in baggage.

Customs—When baggage is examined at Canadian and Newfoundland points, passengers are requested to attend to this personally, otherwise baggage will be held by the Customs.

Time of Trains—It is not guaranteed that the starting time or the arriving time of trains shall be as published herein, neither will this Railway be liable for loss or damage arising from delays or detentions, nor will this Railway assume any responsibility beyond its own line.

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Disputes - Conductors and Agents are governed by fules which they are not authorized to change; therefore, in the event of any disagreement about tickets required, privileges allowed, atc., passengers should pay Conductor's of Agent's claim, obtain receipt and refer the matter to the General Passenger Agent for his

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Obstruction of the Car Aisles Will Not Be Permitted

NEWFOUNDLAND RAILWAY

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, TO MONTREAL

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	Leave St. John's 10.00 a.m. Sun. 5.00 p.m. Tues. & Thurs.
	Arrive Port-aux-Basques . 8.30 a.m. Mon. 8.00 p.m. Wed. & Fri.
	Leave Port-aux-Basques. 9.30 a.m. Mon. 9.00 p.m. Wed. & Fri.
	Arrive North Sydney 6.00 p.m. Mon. 6.00 a.m. Thurs. & Sat.
	Leave North Sydney 7.57 p.m. Mon. 7.25 a.m. Thurs. & Sat.
	Arrive Truro 5.35 a.m. Tues. 4.45 p.m. Thurs. & Sat.
	Leave Truro 10.20 a.m. Tues. 5.20 p.m. Thurs. & Sat.
١	Arrive Montreal 8.00 a.m. Wed. 6.45 p.m. Fri. & Sun.

MONTREAL TO ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

l	Leave Montreal 8.00 p.m. Arrive Truro 7.50 p.m.	Sun. 8.00	p.m. Tues. & Thurs	3.
l	Arrive Truro 7.50 p.m.	Mon. 7.50	p.m. Wed. & Fri.	
١	Leave Truro			
I	Arrive North Sydney 5.55 a.m.			
I	Leave North Sydney 8.30 a.m.	Tues. 8.30	p.m. Thurs. & Sat.	
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l	Leave Port-aux-Basques 7.30 p.m.	Tues. 7.45	a.m. Fri. & Sun.	
I	Arrive St. John's, Nfld 6.00 p.m.	Wed. noor	Sat. & Mon.	

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, TO BOSTON, MAS

Leave St. John's 10.00 a.m. Sun. 5.00 p.m. Tues. & Thur	s.
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Leave Truro 10.20 a.m. Tues. 10.20 a.m. Fri. & Mon.	
Arrive St. John, N.B 5.20 p.m. Tues. 5.45 p.m. Fri. & Mon.	
Arrive Boston, Mass 6.55 a.m. Wed. 6.55 a.m. Sat. & Tues.	

BOSTON TO ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

Leave Boston	.9.30 p.m.	Sun. 9.30	p.m. Tues. & Thurs.
Arrive Truro			
Leave Truro			
Arrive North Sydney	.5.55 a.m.	Tues. 5.55	a.m. Thurs. & Sat.
Leave North Sydney	.8.30 a.m.	Tues. 8.30	p.m. Thurs. & Sat.
Arrive Port-aux-Basques.	.6.30 p.m.	Tues. 6.00	a.m. Fri. & Sun.
Leave Port-aux-Basques	.7.30 p.m.	Tues. 7.45	a.m. Fri. & Sun.
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Christmas Holiday Services

Train No. 1 The Carlbou—Will make additional trips ex St. John's Fri. Dec. 17, Sat. Dec. 18, Mon. Dec. 20 and Wed. Dec. 22.

Augmented beat service will provide connection leaving Port aux Basques Sat. Dec. 18, Sun. Dec. 19, Tue. Dec. 21 and Thu. Dec. 23 for North Sydney. Beyond North Sydney usual rail connections will be made. Passengers leaving St. John's Friday, Dec. 17 will connect with night train leaving North Sydney Dec. 19.

Train No. 2 The Carlbou—Will make additional trips ex Port aux Baaques Sat. Dec. 18, Sun. Dec. 19, Tue. Dec. 21, Thu. Dec. 23.

Augmented beat service will provide connections leaving North Sydney Fri. Dec. 17, Sat. Dec. 18, Mon. Dec. 20 and Wed. Dec. 22 for Port aux Basques. Usual rail connections into North Sydney will be available.

C.N.R. TIMETABLE - JANUARY 1955

ST.JC	DHN'S – PLACENTIA JCT.	ST. JOHN'S - CLARENVILLE -
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12.54 M43 12.55 12.58 M44 1.06 1.09 1.100 1.200 Pom.	1.2 Gosse	MII Mon. Wed. Thu. Sat. 7.00 1.7 kl Sheal Harbour [kr 7.50 1.7 kl Sheal Harbour [kr 7.45 7.57 5.7 Brickyerd f 7.30 f 5.7 Mill's Siding f 7.30 f 7.24 f 7.2 George's Brook. f 7.30 f 7.3
Bul No. M1	EQUIPMENT M11 St. John's to Bosavista ches on No. M11 only Clarenville to Bonavista. ffet Sleeping Car (6 Sec.) (No. 5100) St. John's to Bonavista. From St. John's Sunday & Thursday only 12-16 avieta to St. John's. ffet Sleeping Car (6 Sec.) (No. 1200) Bonavista to St. John's. From Bonavista Tuesday & Saturday only	1

TABLE 40 NOTRE DAME JUNCTION – LEWISPORTE								
Read Down					Read Up			
M 21	M 29	M19	M17	Newfoundland Time	M18	M 20	M 30	M 22
Tue. Thu. Sat. A.M. 12.05	Tue. Thu. Sat. P.M. 7.55	Tue. Thu. A.M. 8.50	Mon. Wed. Fri. A.M. 4.30	Miles .0 Lv Notre Dame Jot Ar 9.3 år Lewisporte Lv	Mon. Wed. Fri. A.M. 3.55	Tue. Thu. A.M. 8.00	Tue. Thu. Sat. P.M. 7.05	Mon. Wed. Fri. P.M.
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TABLE 41	STEAM	SHIP SER	VICE	Subject to change without notice.
Miles A	Leave	Y WEST RUN- Argentia every We	dnesday	
00 Argentia Red Island 24 Merasheen	29 St. Kyran's 32 Presque 43 Paradise	49 Petite Forte 58 St. Joseph's 65 Oderin	72 Baine Harbour 82 Flat Island 95 Spanish Room	99 Marystown 113 Burin
Miles	PLACENTIA B	AY — BAY RUN — Argentia every M	- M.V. "Burin"	
00 Argentia 5 Ship Harbour 13 Kingwell (one way)	33 Harbour Buffet 42 Haystack 51 Spencer's Cove		83 Tack's Beach 90 Davis Cove 100 Clattice Harbour	103 St. Leonard's 105 Isle Valen
D Leav	SOUTH COAS	T SERVICE - S.S	. "Bar Haven" 4: Mar. 4, 23: Apr. 1	1. 29.
00 Argentia	e Argentia: Dec. 3, 2 Port aux Basque 3 Grand Bank 50 Garnish	s: Dec. 10, 29; Jan. 2 3 Anderson's	17; Feb. 4, 23; Mar. 254 English Hr. West	14; Apr. 1, 20. 328 Militown
50 Burin	150 Garnish 164 Point Enrages		West 257 Mose Ambrose	328 Militown 334 St. Alban's 354 Pushthrough
65 St. Lawrence 78 Lawn 88 Lord's Cove 92 Point au Gaul	150 Garnish 164 Point Enrages 180 St. Bernard's 184 Bay L'Argent 195 Terenceville	229 Lally Cove 233 Bay du Nord	257 Mose Ambrose 273 Jersey Harbour 275 Hr. Breton 294 Pass Island 306 Hermitage	408 Ramea 419 Burgeo
92 Point au Gaul 96 Lamaine 26 Fortune	203 English Hr. East	237 Pool's Cove 247 Belleoram	306 Hermitage 309 Gaultois	464 Rose Blanche 484 Port aux Basques
	SOUTH COAS	ST SERVICE - S.	. "Baccalleu"	1
Alles Leave Po	gentia: Dec. 8, 27; ort aux Basques: No	v. 29; Dec. 17; Jan.	5, 24; Feb. 11; Mar. 2	2, 21; Apr. 8, 27.
00 Argentia 50 Marystown	182 Hr. Mille	237 Little Bay West	324 Pushthrough	433 Grand Bruit
79 St. Lawrence	205 Belleorain 209 St. Jacques	264 Pass Island 276 Hermitage	359 Francois 368 Cape La Hune	458 Rose Blanche
64 Burin 79 St. Lawrence 24 Fortune 29 Grand Bank 75 Bay L'Argent	179 Little Bay East 182 Hr. Mille 197 Rencontre East 205 Belleoram 209 St. Jacques 213 English Hr. W. 225 Coombs Cove	279 Gaultois 298 Militown	392 Ramea	Basques
Ailes C	SOUTH LA	BRADOR SERVICE	E — S.S. "Kyle"	
00 St. John's	406 Spear Hr. 417 Williams Hr.	491 Snug Hr. 498 Venison Island 503 Hawkes Hr. 519 Frenchman's	552 Indian Tickle	871 Rigolet 921 Smokey 933 Emily Hr. 973 Cape
40 Carbonear 90 Catalina 37 Wesleyville	417 Williams Hr. 437 Pt. Hope	503 Hawkes Hr.	597 Cartwright	933 Emily Hr. 973 Cape
14 Twillingate	464 Georges Cove 466 Fishing Ships	Island 527 Sandy Islands	686 Rigolet 761 N.W. River	1019 Macovik
80 Battle Hr.	Hr.	527 Sandy Islands 532 Batteau 536 Black Tickle 54 Spotted Island	786 Goose Bay	(one way)
97 Fox Hr.	483 Dead Islands	54 Spotted Island	s (one way)	1108 Hopedale
Alles D Les	ve St. John's: Dec.	17 (last trip). Serv	ice re-opens May 5, se re-opens May 18.	1966.
00 St. John's	330 Soys Arm 336 Jackson's Arm 364 Little Hr. Deep 378 Great Hr. Deep 378 Great Hr. Deep 403 Hooping Hr. 413 Canada Hr. 424 Roddickton 434 Englee	486 St. Julien's 493 Fishot Island	639 Henley Hr. 669 Red Bay	752 St. Margaret's
20 La Scie	364 Little Hr. Deep 378 Great Hr. Deep	507 St. Anthony 519 St. Lunaire		784 Old Port au Choix
20 La Scie 32 Pacquet 48 Bale Verte 57 Cuachman's	394 Williamsport 403 Hooping Hr.	525 Griquet 537 Quirpon	692 Lance au Loup 700 Forteau	796 Port Saunders 823 Daniels Hr.
Chye	413 Canada Hr. 424 Roddickton	544 Ship Cove 551 Raieigh	705 Lance au Clair 710 Bianc Sabion	872 Bonne Bay
62 Fleur de Lys 84 Seal Cove 94 Bear Cove 99 Westport 16 Hampden		557 Cook's Hr. 607 Battle Hr.	692 Lance au Loup 700 Forteau 705 Lance au Clair 710 Blanc Sablon 726 Flowers Cove 733 Ste. Barbe 8 744 Brig Bay	843 Cow Head 872 Bonne Bay 874 Norris Point 887 Trout River 922 Corner Brook
99 Westport 16 Hampden	456 Conche			922 Corner Brook
Leave	St. John's: Dec. 3, Lewisporte: Dec. 13	21 (last trip). Ser	S.S. "Glencee" vice re-opens April	29, 1965.
00 St. John's	121 Pale Teland	195 Musgrave Hr.	234 Victoria	289 Fogo
60 Catalina 89 King's Cove	50 Greenspond	210 Carmanville	260 Stag Hr.	304 Herring Neck
O Eastport 7 Flat Island	39 Indian Bay 150 Greenspond 155 Valleyfield 160 Wesleyville 179 Lumsden	195 Musgrave Hr. 199 Ladle Cove 210 Carmanville 217 Frederickton 227 Main Point 230 Gander Bay	277 Tilting	289 Fogo 295 Change Islands 304 Herring Neck 316 Twillingate 328 Moreton's Hr. 354 Lewisporte
23 St. Brendan's 26 Deer Island			1007.00	
Lon	LEWISPORTE - C	6 (last trip). Serv	— S.S. "Springdale ice re-opens May 2	0, 1966.
	ve Corner Brook: D 191 Westport	383 Fishot Islands	582 Red Bay 596 West	703 Port Saunders 709 Hawkes Bay
75 Little Bay	191 Westport 208 Hampden 222 Sop's Arm 228 Jackson's Arm	413 Goose Cove	St. Modiste	(one wav)
85 Nippers Hr.	268 Great Hr. Deep	436 Griquet	605 Lance au Loup 613 Forteau 630 Flowers Cove 637 St. Barbe	741 Daniels Hr. 755 Parsons Pond
12 La Scie 24 Pacquet 40 Baie Verte	268 Great Hr. Deep 284 Williamsport 293 Hooping Hr. 303 Canada Hr.	448 Quirpon 455 Ship Cove 462 Raleigh	637 Nt. Barbe 648 Brig Bay	761 Cow Head 790 Bonne Bay
49 Coachman's	303 Canada Hr. 314 Roddickton 324 Englee 342 Grey Islands	408 COOKS FLF.	648 Brig Bay 656 St. Margaret's Bay	792 Norris Point 805 Trout River
54 Fleur de Lys 76 Beal Cove	342 Grey Islands 356 Conche	528 Cape St. Charles 550 Henley Hr.	670 Bartietts Hr. 691 Old Port	840 Curner Bruok
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0 Lewisporte 30 Fortune Harbour 10 Cottrell's Cove	72 Port Anson 85 South Brook	Islands 128 Little Bay	171 Middle Arm	219 Hr. Hound 227 Pacquet
5 Leading Tickies 55 Triton West 58 Brighton	68 Roberts Arm 72 Port Anson 85 South Brook 89 Springdale 105 Lush's Bight	4 Harry's Hr. 49 Jackson's Cove	184 Nipper's Hr. 193 Snook's Arm	211 La Scie 219 Hr. Round 227 Pacquet 241 Horse Islands 258 Ming's Bight 272 Bale Verte
8 Brighton 5 Pilley's Island	III Beaumont	160 King's Point	198 Shoe Cove	272 Bale Verte
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O Cottrell's Cove	80 Sprinkowie	(one way)	(one way)	174 Nippers Hr. 183 Snook's Arm
5 Leading Tickles 5 Triton West 3 Pilley's Island	96 Lush's Bight 102 Beaumont	132 Harry's Hr. (one way)	(one way)	188 Shoe Cove
	NOTRE DAME I	BAY SERVICE - R	A.V. "Clarenville"	
Viles Lea	ve Lewisporte every	Wednesday comm	enoing with first ti	rip May 4, 1955. 160 Island Harbou
Campbellton	49 Exploits 56 Bridgeport 62 Moreton's	Harbour	117 Boyd's Cove 125 Beaver Cove 139 Horwood	(one Way) 168 Fogo 175 Joe Batt's Arm
Newstead Birchy Bay	62 Moraton's	73 Carter's Cove	175 HARVET I YIVE	

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mark in Newfoundland was dutifully reported in the press and enthusiastically applauded by an excited citizenry. It then extended up to that time, at a place called Donovans, about n a sunny day in May of 1882, a land transportation hallwas a trial train run from St. John's to where the rail tracks had eight miles southward of the town.

1882, was touted as a spectacular event, presaging a rewarding It would be six years before the first regular passenger train crossed the Island from the capital to Port aux Basques on the southwest coast. But that short experimental run on May 18, economic future for the colony.

ed coverage to the unprecedented odyssey; reporters were among Certainly, it was choice copy for the newspapers of St. John's and Conception Bay. The press had good reason to give unlimitthe privileged groups invited along for the ride by the govern-

es. And there were some aboard the two-car train of that mass of Others of that select assemblage included high-ranking politicourt officials, merchants, representatives of the various churchcal figures headed by Prime Minister Sir William Whiteway; ment.

had not at the time entered the local train-coastal boat transporta-Leeds, England. The Reid family of railway construction fame Blackman Syndicate of America and built by a company in The locomotive attached to the cars was owned by the faceless people known as the "general public".

at that historic event, for the scribes, besides being eye-witnesses Posterity was enriched because of the presence of journalists themselves, quoted the impressions and observations of passengers, all preserved today in course newspaper files.

the depot at Fort William, near where Hotel Newfoundland now Shortly after noon, crew and passengers boarded the train at stands. Each car held 60 travellers, but there were many hundreds of citizens at the station to witness the departure of the

Newfoundlanders.

abbreviated train. Here's what one reporter wrote.

way) company, and they were actually laughing, chatting, joking, to live so long as to see the day when they would share in a rail-"It was really surprising to notice the alacrity and confidence with which ladies and prudent elderly fathers got on board, even gers were heard to remark to one another that they never hoped though they were certain of being whirled along the steel highhave no distrust of the railway, the cars, the engine or the (railsnorted and started to move. Some of the more elderly passenway at the perilous rate of 25 miles per hour. They seemed to and even some of the younger ones flirting as the iron horse way excursion in the land of fog and cod."

the future." Remarked an elderly woman as she took her place in the elegant car with its crimson velveted seat cushions: "This is a Another newspaper quoted one passenger as saying in awesome tones: "I shall be surprised at nothing that takes place in day I shall never forget."

duct of the startled cattle was noticeable. When the train reached At the time the Blackman train brought the lirst passengers to people were gathered at different points along the line and gazed The following report is from another of the town's journals: "The train was soon howling along at a rapid rate with easy wonderingly and admiringly at the train. In the fields, the con-Quent mention and speedily the city was left behind. Groups of

Fitzpatrick who owned the hostel at which these early express "Anne's" house became the first station outside St. John's. As there was no official name for the place, it became known as the place, only one person resided there. She was Mrs. Anne travellers wined and dined. As the tracks extended onward, "Anne's" to the many travellers who patronized it.

Some unknown person, some say a railway conductor, embarafter a farmer of that surname who had resided there. It was also arrival at "Anne's", changed the name on the railroad timetables time shortly after 1900 the locality became known as Donovans referred to as Donovans Station because the train continued to to St. Anne's" and this name held for several years. But somerassed by the comments he got when announcing the train's

of Confederation with Canada in the acrid election of 1869 when Newfoundland railway system, was quoted in the press as being "Supremely happy." But he was achieving his dream in the face of severe opposition. Whiteway had been a prominent supporter Fitzpatrick's hostel, Premier Whiteway, a relentless booster of a Following that widely-reported 1882 trip to Anne union was thoroughly rejected by the majority of stop there.

weapons drove. Canadian surveyors off their land. Police from St. would eventually take over the colony with imposition of heavy celebrated "Battle of Foxtrap" in which people with stones and taxes. A classic example of railway opposition surfaced in the There was talk that Canada was financing the railway and John's were rushed in to quell the disturbance.

But in spite of the hostility from many quarters, Whiteway's dream became reality.

the elevated ground about four miles out, the view of Freshwat Valley, the surrounding hills and the ocean in the distance was

About 25 minutes after leaving St. John's, the train reached the end of the line. The day was beautiful; a bright sun overhea The passengers alighted and, according to reports, spent a coup of hours rambling about the track and roads. Refreshments wer provided at a wayside inn owned by Mrs. Anne Fitzpatrick. very fine."

The train then headed back to St. John's, reaching the depot in about 20 minutes. One newsman, in an editorial, said that so people would be taking excursion trips to Holyrood, and then t Bay Roberts, Harbour Grace and Carbonear as more and more track was laid. And later, the writer added, people would be ab to take a train run to Gander Lake or the "Grand Falls" on the Exploits River for angling expeditions. It was rumored, said th writer, that a joint stock company was in the process of... "formation for the purpose of building a first class hotel at the Gra Falls, a local ty second only to Niagara."

flock to this new hotel, and it would be an ideal place for hone mooners, just like Niagara." The writer was correct in his other predictions. Rapidly the steel tracks did extend into important lowns in Conception Bay and up the east coast where, in settle ments in Notre Dame Bay, copper mining was in full swing, a vital activity in the colony's commerce. And the rail line ran in other bays linking up settlements. Finally there was a ribbon o rail from the east coast to the west. Life in Newfoundland wor This over'y optimistic editorialist added: "Tourists would never be the same again.

Donovans, the end of the railway line from St. John's for that memorable excursion in mid-May, 1882. Pcople had been livi in the area since the early 1880s, however it wasn't called Smallwood's Encyclopedia has an interesting entry on Donovans until the beginning of the 20th century. ST. POSTAN ST. VIII 81 Centennial Train C Centernalise D. Train du Tra Contention of Train du Train d

Detailed Statement of Expenditure for Year ended June 30th, 1907-31-32

Under Head 11. SALARIES. On Account of....

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CENTENNIAL TRAIN

to St. John's, where it arrived on August 14, 1981, after making intermediate stops at Corner Brook, Grand Falls, Bishops Falls, auspices gives to Newfoundland the recognition of having the last known railway mail car in postal service; this should hold true Reporter In commemoration of 100 years of the Railway in Newfoundland, it was arranged to have a Centennial Train travel the breadth of regular R. P. O. was taken out of service in late 1971, the establishment of the commemorative Centennial Train under official former Railway Post Office official, applied official cacheted cancellations at each stop during the four day journey, after which cooperation with the official Postal Service. The Centennial Train left Channel - Port aux Basques on August 10, 1981 en route Clarenville and Whitbourne. This Centennial Train included a special railway mail car, and George LeDrew, an old timer and the seven different hammers, one for each stop, were sent to the National Postal Museum in Ottawa. Although the last official Newfoundland. This program was under the auspices of Terra Transport and the Newfoundland Transport Historical Society in until some other group discovers the pleasures of commemoration. With these considerations in mind, and in honor of the "last R. P. O.", we are pleased to establish the following collateral listings outside of the regular scope of this catalogue. Date of Use

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CENTENNIAL MAIL TRAIN

by J.G. Butt & J.D. Wilson

To commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Newfoundland Railway, a special Centennial Mail Train left Channel - Port Aux Basques on August 10, 1981, to begin the last Travelling Post Office mail run across Newfoundland. The Stops along the rail line were Corner Brook, Grand Falls, Bishop's Falls, Clarenville, Whitbourne and St. John's.

The Centennial Train was sponsored by the Newfoundland Transport Historical Society, in cooperation with Terra Transport. As a restored mail car was used for this occasion, with George Ledrew, a former railway mail clerk, in charge. An extra car was provided to show visitors railway memorabilia.

Canada Post provided seven cancelling devices, one for each stop along the route. Special cacheted envelopes (1300) were provided by the Historical Society to mark the occasion. Nine hundred picture postcards depicting a Newfoundland steam locomotive were also provided, and received the special cancellation. Approximately 3000 pieces of mail were handled by Mr. Ledrew (distribution table below).

NEWFOUNDLAND TRANSPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY ENVELOPES

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Channel - Port aux Basques	250	
Corner Brook	20	180
Grand Falls	10	50
Bishop's Falls	10	50
Clarenville	10	60
Whitbourne	10	60
St. John's	589	
TOTALS	899	400

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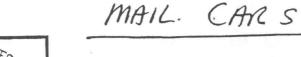
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The Newfoundland Railway Mail Service (later Canadian National) operated from 1898 - 1971, and was an integral part of Newfoundland's Postal Service. At its peak, mail was carried from St. John's to Port Aux Basques and along several branch lines, employing 35 Railway Mail Clerks. In late 1971 the rail mail service was replaced by road transport. So ended a remarkable period in our postal history.

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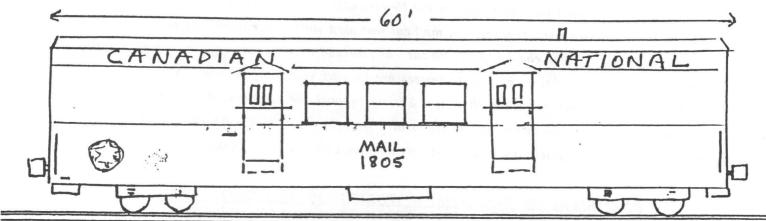
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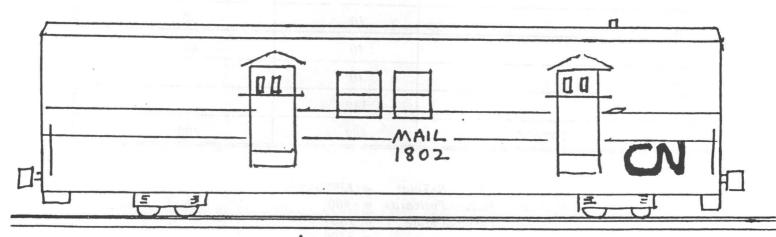




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Relics of the rails

The Newfoundland Transport Historical Society was established in November 1977 by members of the Terra Nova Model Railroaders Club to preserve local artifacts and photos of all aspects of transportation in Newfoundland and Labrador.

By sponsoring a number of local exhibits that include a display of railway photos at the Arts and Culture Centre and the Avalon Mall in 1979, the Society has actively tried to promote interest in the history of rail transport in the province.

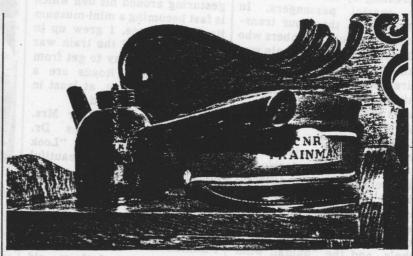
"Although we are very interested in the railway," explains Dr. M.W. "Ben" Hogan, Chairman of both groups, "We actually are responsible for all aspects of transportation history in Newfoundland.

The Society provided historical photos and displays for an orchestral railway suite that was performed by the Newfoundland Symphony in 1980 but recently the Society has become involved in what may prove to be its largest undertaking — a historical train.

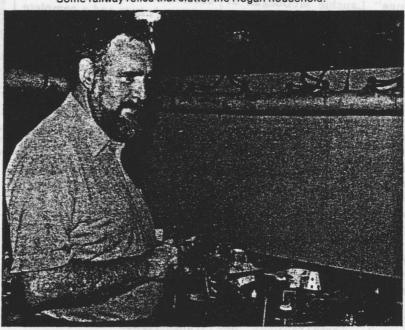
As a project to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the railway in Newfoundland, Terra Transport has decided to run a small historical train from Port aux Basques to St. John's in August, consisting of restored mail and baggage cars, Terra-Transport's VIP passenger car, the "Terra Nova", and the original "Avalon" passenger car.

car.
"We had several meetings with TerraTransport," says Dr. Hogan, "and we finally became involved with putting the train together. It's their train but it was our idea to paint the cars in the original Newfoundland Railway colors.

In fact there was some dispute over the color that was later put on the cars. "Nobody could remember the correct shade of red and, of course, photos are no good to you because they weren't in color in those days.



Some railway relics that clutter the Hogan household.



Dr. Ben Hogan at the controls of his own private railway.

it's too bad that TerraTransport later decided that the Avalon wasn't going on the run," he continues and adds that the 83year-old car was judged unsafe for a journey across the island.

The baggage and mail cars that were subsequently restored to the original red and gold of the Newfoundland Railway prior to Confederation are considered to be some of the last in working condition.

"We actually sent some of the members of the Society to Bishop's Falls to help find material for the cars that were restored," explains Dr. Hogan, "but, of course, our biggest contribution is the museum on the train.

"We were also fortunate to get the use of locomotive and station models made by Huntley Butler, John Kennedy, William May and Peter Patrick. I had one of the locomotive models in the back seat of my car one time and the bell rings at every level crossing," he chuckles. "We also had a number of railway and steamship photos and relics so we decided to include them in the museum."

The exhibit was made more

interesting by the addition of a few special passengers. In addition to the four transportation society members who will make the trip, the train was granted permission to carry a retired postal clerk to stamp a limited edition of first-day covers that will be available on the train.

In addition to the running of the centennial train, Terra-Transport has also decided to hold ceremonies at different railway communities along the route, unveiling two commemorative plaques to the memory of R.G. Reid at St. John's, and the "human windgauge" Lauchie McDougall at Port aux Basques. McDougall, who lived at Wreckhouse, recorded wind conditions in the area and advised CN if it was safe for trains to run without danger of being blown off the tracks.

The TerraTransport celebrations will also include the dedication of several old restored rail cars at communities along the way, the publication of a railway history booklet, and the added twist of including a container on the history train not only to promote the service, but also demonstrate the future of the railway in the province.

"When the train is finished its run around the middle of August, TerraTransport has agreed to hand over the mail and baggage cars to the Society," confides Hogan with some satisfaction. "We would also like to receive custody of the 'Avalon' if we could. It's a beautiful old car and really should be indoors to preserve it."

Dr. Hogan and his small group now are trying to find a permanent home for the old cars and the hundreds of transportation artifacts and photos, many of which have clogged the Hogan family household. In 1979, TerraTransport sent the Society a letter of intent to turn over the old railway commissary building as a possible home for the material.

"I've always had a great in-

terest in trains," says Dr. Hogan gesturing around his den which is fast becoming a mini-museum itself. "You see, I grew up in Grand Falls and the train was about the only way to get from place to place. Roads are a pretty recent thing, at least in Central Newfoundland."

It is unclear whether Mrs. Hogan entirely shares Dr. "Look Hogan's enthusiasm. what he's done to my beautiful house!" she exclaims, as she indicates the rooms where Dr. Hogan is busy fishing out some real prizes from the cabinets. Such obscure objects as a Pullman window jack, a piece of observation car platform, old trainmen's hats and a complete washstand from a coastal steamer all form part of the copious collection. And then there's the model railroad under construction in his basement!

"Actually model railroading is something you rediscover as an adult," observes Dr. Hogan as he hovers over his model European Railway of the Swiss, Austrian, Liechtenstein border system. "I've been interested in this for at least the last nine years and I guess really since I was a boy. I have trains from my youth that still run."

For the Hogan family, interest in railway history and modelling is contagious, and already the family garage is becoming a museum storage area for transportation history relics, including the most recent find, a 34-inch train axle which was unearthed at the new CN Hotel site behind the old Hotel Newfoundland. The Newfoundland Transport Historical Society is sure this one is a genuine trophy because it was dug up at the site of the original Fort William Station which was destroyed by fire in 1903, and eventually relocated to the present Water Street site.

Even an ardent railway buff like Ben Hogan is stumped by this axle which is 8 inches shorter than the narrow gauge railway in Newfoundland. Anybody out there have any ideas on where this car may have run?



Adding the finishing touches to the freshly painted Red, Gold and Green Baggage car for the centennial train.





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