

Editor, *BNA TOPICS*

Dear Sir:

May I submit as a matter of record some additional information pertaining to the new Newfoundland Provisional, which was beautifully illustrated and interestingly discussed in the May issue of *BNA TOPICS*. From a friend in Newfoundland with whom I have corresponded for many years the following facts are obtained. Early in March, he made the statement that apparently many of the small interior post-offices were receiving lesser numbers of 2c stamps than had been requisitioned, and that possibly a new stamp was in the offing. Under date of March 21, I received a cover from him cancelled at Deer Lake. In his letter he stated that he had secured 30 sheets of the provisional on that day and that his son had secured an additional 6 sheets at Deer Lake. He was also able to obtain some 200 more such stamps but not in sheet form. The following day he went to Howley but found that postoffice sold out after having dispensed the 15 sheets received there the previous day. Nor was he able to obtain any copies at Corner Brook. He further states that in two additional towns which he unfortunately does not designate, he found 15 sheets and 60 sheets respectively had been received but were almost immediately sold out.

The above information is contrary to the statement made in discussing this stamp that it was available only at St. Johns. The fact is however that the interior towns received only a fractional percentage of the total and that purchasers in St. Johns obtained, for practical purposes almost the entire supply of 500,000.

It is his belief that speculators who did manage to buy comparatively large supplies of this stamp will find themselves over-loaded and will not be able to sustain a 12 cent or 15 cent figure on this provisional, and in a more recent letter he says that he has been offered full sheets at \$4.00. Whether these offers are legitimate or whether they are mere gestures to sound out the possible market, I am unable to say definitely.

Trusting these notes will clarify information regarding this stamp, I remain,

Yours truly,

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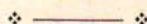
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