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NEWFOUNDLAND 1897 CABOTS "CANCELLED TO ORDER"

Take out your collection of Newfoundland stamps and turn to the Cabot issue. Examine your used copies of the four highest values. Are any of them cancelled in red over a corner of

the stamp? Yes? Lift them and see if any bear full gum. They should because that is the way they left the Post Office, cancelled and with full gum.

Sounds paradoxical doesn't it, but here is the story as originally told by H. E. Huber in his *Notes on Newfoundland* and amplified subsequently by W. S. Boggs in his *Postage Stamps & Postal History of Newfoundland*.

In November 1920, the Postal Authorities decided to destroy the remainders of the 24c, 30c, 36c and 60c Cabot stamps as they had been in the vaults for 23 years and there was no further use for them. It was planned to deface the stamps and then burn them.

A handstamp was used to deface the sheets. The cancellation (*illustrated*) in red was placed in the center of each block of four so that no single stamp shows more or less than a quarter of the cancellation.

After \$175 worth (the figure is Boggs') had been thus defaced, the order was countermanded and the cancelled stamps were sold to a collector at 10% below face. The remainder of the stamps went back to the vault.

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