

BRINGING NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE AND STAMPS

BY REV. JOHN S. BAIN

A sequel to the story in my August column about BNAPster K. M. Smith's first day covers of the new Newfoundland 4c "Princess" stamp is a nice letter from the Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs, St. John's Nfld., signed by the head Postmaster. It reads, "Replying to yours of the 2nd May, regarding irregularities in cancelling certain First Day Covers mailed to you on the 21st April, I wish to say that your request has been granted and the covers bearing the proper date are enclosed herewith. The annoyance caused you in this matter is, I assure you, sincerely regretted." A 12 penny black to the head Postmaster for a nice philatelic ending.

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Strange as it seems (or is there anything strange in philately?) after the report of Dan and Bill Meyerson finding a forgery of Newfoundland, Scott #127a, which had been unknown, I am offered one for my forgery collection.

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The *Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club* is host for the coming "T. H. B. Party" being held at Toronto on October 24th-25th, at the Royal York Hotel. A large number of BNAPS'ers residing in Toronto will of course be there; as well as those from Hamilton and Buffalo. A large group of New York members will also be there and it is hoped that other members from all parts will likewise visit Toronto for the party. Make your reservations—make it your pleasure to meet the others at Toronto.

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Everytime I visit the Kirkland Stamp Shop in Chicago the conversation usually comes to something like this, "When are you going to sell me that item (I indicate by pointing)?" No answer, only a smile, as we've been over the same question everytime. The item in question is a set of the Newfoundland 1911 Coronation

stamps (Scott #104-114) mounted on a card printed in colors and golds. These cards were distributed at the time to prominent personages to commemorate the coronation. The Union Jack and the flag of Newfoundland appears at the top in color. On the bottom appears the signature of the Colonial Secretary, and the statement, "with the compliments of the Governor of Newfoundland". Have you got one in your collection? This is the only one I've seen and know of.

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Bob Duncan, our hard-working and result-getting Librarian finds time aside from his other jobs to keep sending your reporter newsy items for publication in this column—and help keep it alive. Bob sends us an S. O. S. to try to round up a few copies of the issue of *Stamps* which contains the article on the 3c Small Queen by BNAPster Larry Shoemaker. Requests for this and other material in the Library have resulted in loans increasing from zero last year during the same quarter to 27 this year—and the quarter only half over!

Bob also helps us bring you news about *People* and introduces some of our new applicants to you. Members in Winnipeg may remember J. C. Cartwright of England as President of the Winnipeg Philatelic Society for many years. Member G. Dron, #412, of Long Branch, Ont., publishes a monthly bulletin and will gladly send you a sample copy. E. C. Bayliss of Toronto can help members who are ready to bind their copies of *TOPICS*. Applicant I. Garcia also publishes a house organ which is free for the asking.

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By the time this column reaches you I will be in the Carribean Sea visiting our mission fields at Puerto Rico, Haiti, Cuba and Jamaica. While there I will be looking round to see whether I can find some B. N. A. collectors. Who knows? They turn up in the most unlikely places.

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