

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

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This is the first occasion we have had to write anything new about Newfoundland Postal Slogan Cancellations since our first article about them appeared in the August 1945 issue of *BNA TOPICS*.

Between that date and April 21, 1947, the only slogan we continued to see on letters emanating from Newfoundland was the #16 in the list of August 1945. We now have two additions to that list:

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#17 "FIRST DAY ISSUE" Placed into use on April 21, 1947 with the issuance of the 4c Princess Elizabeth and used again on June 24, 1947 when the 5c Cabot appeared.

#18 "DRIVE SLOWLY—DRIVE RIGHT—DRIVE SAFELY" Earliest record of use, June 25, 1947.

As usual, these two new slogans are in use only at St. John's.

DRIVE SLOWLY
DRIVE RIGHT
DRIVE SAFELY

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AND SO--A BILL WAS PAID IN FULL

By ED RICHARDSON



Some seventy years ago a local man (Ithaca, N. Y.) sent his bill to a client located in Canada for some work he had done in looking up some facts for that Canadian's geneology. The bill came to the staggering sum of \$1.25.

No doubt the Canadian was tired, or more likely dusting off the family albums one rainy day, and not wanting to go out in the rain to get a certified check at the local bank (or maybe there wasn't one in his neck of the woods,) he went to his writing desk and took out twenty-one nice, fresh 6c stamps, tucked them in an envelope and sent it off to the States, never giving it a thought that he had overpaid his bill by 1c, nor, what was

more important, worrying about what anyone in the small town of Ithaca, N. Y. was going to do to use or cash the stamps.

Well luckily that man had several sons, one of whom had taken up the dreadful mania of stamp collecting, and having nothing better to do with them, he turned them over to him. That son lived to be over ninety years of age, and was an active stamp collector for nearly eighty of those years. For some reason he never broke a block, never took a stamp off cover, and never parted with a duplicate.

At long last that original block of twenty 6c stamps is now in the collection of another stamp nut. The first time it has changed hands in over 70 years. It is as fresh as the day it was printed. Full original gum, and as can be noted in the illustration, it is excellently centered.

But the real beauty of this piece is that it is not the common red brown, but the much more scarce *yellow-brown*,—and to make matters even better, it is not the perf. 12 variety,—but the perf. 11½ x 12! Blocks of four of this stamp are exceedingly scarce, and it is believed that this may be the largest block known. Does anyone have one larger?

So you see you don't have to search in out-of-the-way postoffices in Canada, they were cleaned out by collectors long ago,—all you need is to find someone who had a client in Canada who paid his bills in Canadian stamps. That should make your stamp-hunting comparatively easy!