

Trail of the Caribou

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Our good friend, Bert Tait, asked us to remind you birds (Newfoundland Collectors only) that the Newfoundland Trade Commissioner's Office at 620 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., sells the current Newfoundland stamps in sheets at face. Why send to St. John's?

Did you know that parcel post to Great Britain is sent direct to Liverpool from St. John's by the RMS Newfoundland or the RMS Nova Scotia?

The registration fee of 5c for inland registration must be paid on all O. H. M. S. mail presented by Government officials for registration with the exception of mail posted by Post Office Officials on official business.

Yes, our faces are a bright crimson! The Newfoundland Inland Rate of Postage for letters, town delivery, is 3c for the first ounce and 2c for each ounce thereafter.

Clarence W. Brazer, BNAPS #149, takes us to task for our choice of words in our article on page 52 of the April 1948 issue of BNA TOPICS. Mr. Brazer says that they should be described as color samples. We bow to Clarence on the condition that we be permitted to add the words "for the trade."

Harry A. Mac Master, BNAPS #484, has written to ask for information concerning the Newfoundland cancellation "235" between bars. Boggs mentions that the cancellation may be a registry mark, but such is definitely not the case as we find the cancellation on a cover posted at Fogo on June 11, 1873, addressed to England franked with the 6c dull rose (Scott's #35). There are no registry marks on the cover and the rate to England at that time was 6c per 1/2 ounce. We also have the same cancellation on a cover posted at St. John's on July 3, 1836, and addressed to Harbor Grace. This cover is franked with the 3c blue

(Scott's #49). As in the previous case, there are no registry markings on the cover and since the rate for inland mail at that time was 3c, no registry surcharge was paid. We would appreciate any light than any member can throw on this subject and we would also like to hear of any cover with this cancellation used prior to June 11, 1873.

F. Walter Pollock, BNAPS #7, wants us to give a more detailed reason for stating that the 1930 Postal Card die was reengraved. Well, Walter, in addition to the differences listed on page 39 of the March '48 TOPICS, the words "One Cent" in the 1930 die are much heavier than those in the 1912 die and can be distinguished with the naked eye.

Newfoundland Revenue Essay

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We recently had occasion to purchase the item illustrated from a dealer in London. We had never seen it before and thought that our fellow-collectors of Newfoundland might be interested in seeing a photograph of the item. It is also of paramount interest to BNA Revenue collectors.

The piece in question is undoubtedly an Essay of an Inland Revenue Stamp probably prepared for use but never issued. It is printed on stamp paper in a lake shade and is imperforate. Nothing else is known about the Essay and any information will be greatly appreciated, particularly since Newfoundland has never had occasion to issue a 2c Inland Revenue Stamp.