

Trail of the Caribou

Freres Meyerson

Some people may not know when they are well off! BNAPS'er Harris A. MacMaster of 1022 Davie St., Vancouver, B. C. is one of those fellows. He is merely trying to plate the 1c Guy, Scott's #87. Probably trying to do both panes, maybe all three perfs too. He writes that he needs but 19 more positions to complete the task. I'm sure he will be happy to see any duplicate copies any of the boys care to send him. He offers to swap positioned copies for any that he needs and then you can start plating them yourself.

The current 4c Princess Elizabeth has appeared with plate number 43359. It was placed on sale at St. John's on March 23, 1948.

Don't forget folks, the 5c Cabot Commemorative is due to go off sale on June 23, 1948, when it completes its allotted year of postal use. You can't go wrong by laying aside a few for future swapping sessions. They are available in sheets of 100 at the office of the Trade Commissioner for Newfoundland, 620 Fifth Ave., New York City. Bert Tait, the information answer man, will fill your order promptly for the Cabots or any other current Newfoundland stamps.



It pays to keep that eagle eye peeled on all stamps. We illustrate a horizontal pair of the 5c Cabot imperforate between. From the appearance of the left margin of the pair, it would seem as though more than one vertical row was imperforate. We know nothing further about this error; it is the only piece that has been brought to our attention. Who discovered it? Just a chap who happened to look through the waste basket at his place of business. We could use a basket like that.

It would seem as though all of us who have been hoping that prices of

stamps selling at auction would start downward are to be disappointed at least as far as the superb classic BNA material is concerned. At the recent Harmer Rooke sale held on May 6th, a superb used copy of the 1/ scarlet vermilion, Scott's #9, was offered for sale. The stamp is catalogued at \$400, but that was only the beginning as far as the bids were concerned. The bidding never stopped until the stamp was knocked down (must have been with a gold hammer) at \$650—62½% over full cat.

"Off the Cuff"

V. G. GREENE

The 15c value of the Canada Large Cents' issue is a particularly hard stamp to find used on cover; even the Ottawa printings of the 1897 period are scarce and are generally found on large legal size envelopes. The early Montreal printings are rare where found paying the correct rate. BNAPS'er C. F. Foster has a particularly fine small cover dated Aug. 8, 1872 from Canada to Buenos Aires with a 15c stamp used together with a 6c 'Small Queens' making a 21 cent rate. This cover has also the London postmark and was apparently insufficiently paid as it is marked 9c due. Beware of faked covers, particularly those containing the common 15c stamp of the Ottawa printing.

BNAPS'er Fred Jarrett was probably christened with that name but the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain has gone one better by inscribing his name on the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists as Frederick Jarrett.

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