

## Trail of the Caribou

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A recent letter from Stan Wood of Auckland, New Zealand, posed a question that sent us to our perforation gauge for the answer. Well, we found the perforation gauge without any trouble; it was the answer that really bothered us. Stan says, "When the postage due stamps first came out they were issued in the perf  $10\frac{1}{2} \times 10$ , and now they appear in a perf  $11 \times 9$ . I have the 2c and 4c in the new perf; do you know if any of the other values have appeared in the  $11 \times 9$  perf?"

We dragged out the set of blocks we bought years ago when the set first made its appearance and by assiduous use of our "Instanta" gauge we got the following results:

- 1c  $10\frac{1}{4} \times 10$
- 2c  $10 \times 10$
- 3c  $10\frac{1}{4} \times 10$
- 4c  $10\frac{1}{4} \times 10$
- 5c  $10\frac{1}{4} \times 10$
- 10c  $10 \times 10$

To get a basis for comparison we hotfooted it over to the Office of the Trade Commissioner of Newfoundland and picked up a new set of blocks.

That was our second mistake; the first was in trying to answer Stan at all. The 1c when examined was printed on a much thinner paper than the original printing, and the stamp measured  $11 \times 11$ . The 2c, 3c and 4c values were all in the  $11 \times 9$  mentioned by Wood. The 5c value was the one to really upset us. We started with an upper left hand corner block and found it to be perf 10 horizontally. When we checked the vertical perfs however, we ran into trouble. The left hand row was perf 10, the center row  $10\frac{1}{4}$  and the right hand row back to 10 again. It was with relief that we checked the 10c and found it to be  $10 \times 10\frac{1}{4}$ .

So drag out our perf gauges, drag out your postage dues, and let's have your findings so that we can pass them on to the rest of the boys.

The 5c Cabot Commemorative was withdrawn from sale at the close of Business on June 23rd, 1948. Don't say we didn't warn you. It has been replaced by the 5c Caribou.

The current 24c stamp is now a-

vailable with plate number. The exact number and first day of sale are unknown to us at present but will be reported in this column in the next issue.

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The eventful day in Newfoundland, June 3rd, has come and gone and the fate of Newfoundland is still undecided.

A referendum was held to determine the future government of the colony. The citizens were offered the following choice:

1. Continuation of the current Commission Government.
2. Return to responsible government.
3. Confederation with Canada.

A majority vote was required for decision. The results of the voting were:

Responsible government: 67,670  
 Confederation with Canada: 61,930  
 Commission government: 21,661

Since no majority was achieved, another referendum will be held on July 22, 1948, for a decision between the two leaders. We have our fingers crossed, as our sympathies are definitely against Confederation. We would rather collect a stamp-issuing country.

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