

Trail of the Caribou

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The Confederationists have lowered the boom on us Newfoundland collectors. On the fateful day, July 22, 1948, they carried the day 77,295 to 71,374. It was a bare majority but sufficient to spell doom of future Newfoundland issues. It was a dark day indeed, for many of us, but one that may foreshadow a greater interest and study of the Newfoundland stamps of the past. Now that there is no future before us, we, and many others, will surround ourselves more deeply with the past. There is still much to be learned about the early Newfoundland stamps. So, let's get at it!

From all we could learn, Confederation is still many months off. A Newfoundland Commission is due at Ottawa to discuss terms. We'll keep our ears to the ground and keep you posted on developments. Naturally we are anxious to know what disposition will be made of the current Newfoundland stamps in stock at the time of Confederation. We feel that you all share our hope that they will be destroyed. No remainders, please.

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