

## Trail of the Caribou

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A previously unrecorded Newfoundland Essay has recently come into our possession. It is evidently one of the designs submitted for the 1928 Newfoundland Pictorial Issue, Scott's #'s 145-159. Boggs in his book on Newfoundland states, "In the Report of the Minister of Posts & Telegraphs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, reference is made to the proposed issue of stamps to replace the ones then in use (Scott's 131-144) and which were nearly exhausted." The Essay is dated May 6, 1927 and was undoubtedly one of those considered for inclusion in the set. It shows the "S. S. Sylvia" which sailed between St. John's, Halifax and New York and follows the general design of the 2c stamp, Scott's #146 which pictures the "S. S. Caribou," the steamer owned by the Newfoundland Government Railway and sailing between Port Aux Basque and Sydney, N. S.



Many of our fellow Newfoundland collectors may have been surprised during the past war to see the illustrated "POSTAGE PAID G. P. O." triangular postmark on covers that they knew originated in Newfoundland. The

explanation is simple; during the war when the Naval Forces were stationed at St. John's, all postage was collected by the Fleet Mail Office and passed over to the G. P. O. No stamps were used, but each cover was cancelled as per illustration.

## Various & Sundry

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23 exhibitors from Great Britain have entered the competitive lists at the Imaba, Basle. Two only are showing B. N. A. and both are exhibits of Newfoundland. L. T. Vowles, #403, who walked away from CIPEX with an award, and H. B. S. Thompson are the exhibitors. The Canadian Government has an exhibit in the Court of Honor.

BNAPS'er Jim Sissons, Toronto dealer, announces he will shortly publish a specialized catalogue of British North America.

In a June sale in London by Robson Lowe, a Nova Scotia cover to London, of 1855, franked by a 6d yellow-green and a diagonally bisected 3d blue, brought £30. A feature of this cover was that, owing to its being redirected, a 1d red, Great Britain, was affixed over both the Nova Scotia adhesives. In another Lowe sale a week later, a New Brunswick 6d pence olive-yellow bisect used on cover, realized £56 10/.

In a matter of two short year's time, CAPEX will be blossoming in Toronto. So, isn't it about time now that we began doing something toward a creditable representation at that event?

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