

# Trail of the Caribou

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We have it on good authority that the best book ever written on the stamps of Newfoundland is now out of print. We refer specifically to "The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Newfoundland" by Winthrop S. Boggs, and published by the Chambers Publishing Co., Kalamazoo, Mich. It therefore behoves all and sundry who have been biding their time to hurry and get their copy. The book is a must for all collectors of Newfoundland. We hope Mr. Boggs will someday take the time to rewrite the book as we understand he now has enough additional material to bring out a book comparable to his Canada book which was awarded the Crawford Medal.

In the Feb. 26th issue of **Stamp Collecting**, published in London, under the heading "Varieties Uncatalogued," we find the following:

"A minor variety of the 5c 'Cabot Discovery' stamp of 1947 is reported by Mr. C. S. A. Watts. It is on the second stamp of the bottom row but one, and the "7" of "1947" has a line through it, turning it into a continental figure 7. Information on its constancy is required."

From the description in the quote we assume they are referring to stamp "82" and we promptly checked all copies we had. We were fortunate in having one of the first sheets issued on June 24, 1947, and one of those issued after Dec. 15, 1947, with plate number 43476. Our check however was to no avail as we found no evidence of the line mentioned. Will all those having lower left corner blocks of this stamp please check and if they find the line please advise us so that we may try to determine how often it appears.

Still more on plate blocks. We have just been advised that the 5c stamp appeared on Feb. 5, 1949 with plate #43966. At the same time we learned that the 10c value exists bearing plate #43702, and the 14c has been issued with plate #41789. We have no idea

when these two numbers were issued but we will endeavor to get the information and pass it along through the medium of this column. It would be a good idea for all Newfoundland collectors to bend every effort to get these plate numbers now as they certainly will be rather scarce in days to come.

It's been some time since we have done any work on the Postal Slogans of Newfoundland. In the Aug. 1945 BNA TOPICS we discussed 16 slogans giving the earliest and latest records of use. At that time there were only these 16 slogans. Since then three more have appeared, two were discussed in the Oct. 1947 "Topics," and the third in the Nov. 1948 issue. Recently we acquired a considerable number of envelopes bearing slogans and a careful perusal has revealed several earlier and later dates of use than previously recorded. In the belief that the new information may be of interest to collectors of Newfoundland, we are listing the changes.

No.	Earlier Date	Later Date
1.	2-8-1918	1-3-1919
2.	2-6-1918	12-21-1918
3.	9-11-1928	Used from St. John's East
3.	Used from St. John's	4-5-1928
4.		9-26-1922
5.		11-2-1933
6.		7-28-1926
9.	5-3-1927	9-29-1930
11.	7-18-1929	2-12-1934
12.	11-20-1928	3-3-1932
14.	5-16-1934	11-2-1937
15.	1-8-1938	
16.	1-7-1941	12-20-1944
18.	5-1-1947	11-13-1947

You learn something every day. Late in February, we learned for the first time that Newfoundland had issued U. P. U. books in previous years. The one we purchased was issued for the U. P. U. Congress held in Paris during May 1947. The book contains 16 of the current Newfoundland stamps pasted down. Does anyone know of any others issued in previous years? We can understand Reg. Barraclough's interest in the Canadian Presentation Booklets; they certainly are pretty things.