

Trail of the Caribou

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Stan Wood, BNAPS #221, of Auckland, N. Z., has just written us a very interesting letter concerning some Newfoundland items he just acquired. The first is a cover addressed to J. A. Cochrane, Civil Re-Establishment, St. John's, Newfoundland. It was posted at Flowers Cove, Nov. 26, 1945, and is rubber-stamped "Salvaged Mail from M. V. Clarenville." Does anyone know the story behind this cover?

The second item Stan writes about is the 20c, Scott's #264. Stan is in possession of a plate block of this stamp with an inverted watermark. Has anyone seen any additional values of the perf. 12½ set with inverted watermark? A reply to us will be forwarded to Stan.

Confederation on April 1, 1949, evidently wasn't too warmly received by some Newfoundlanders as we are in receipt of a cover posted at St. John's on April 1, 1949, franked with a copy of Scott's #257 with a black mourning band around the edges of the envelope. Speaking of covers brings to mind that Newfoundland stamps are now valid for postage in Canada as we have seen covers posted in Quebec that bear Newfoundland stamps and covers with a combination of Newfoundland and Canadian stamps. We also are in receipt of a 1st Day Cover from St. John's franked with the new commemorative and Scott's #255.

We've just about given up trying to get Newfoundland Postage Dues genuinely used on cover. We recently contacted a friend in Newfoundland and asked him to post to us two letters without any stamps on them. One came through with 10c postage due in U. S. stamps, the correct procedure, the second was delivered without any stamps on the envelope and without any postage being collected from us. We also asked this friend to post several letters to himself without any postage on them. He has just regretfully advised that all the letters so posted were delivered to him without any postage due stamps being affixed, and without any postage being collected from him, the addressee. We would

like to hear from anyone who has any postage due stamps genuinely used on cover.

The Newfoundland Post Office Circular for Mar. 24, 1949, advises, "Effective 1st. April, unused Newfoundland postage stamps and other stamped postal supplies of all denominations will be acceptable anywhere in Canada as equivalent to Canadian postage and are to be accepted in the same manner as Canadian stamped postal items for the prepayment of Canada postage to the full extent of their face value. Stocks of Newfoundland Postage Stamps on hand should continue to be sold until exhausted. There will be no further supplies of Newfoundland stamps."

On and after Apr. 1, 1949 the following postage rates will apply to Newfoundland.

Local delivery, 3c for 1st oz.—1c each oz. after.

Canada, 4c for 1st oz.—2c each oz. after.

Postcards—Canada and other countries 3c each

Airmail—Canada (in excess of 1 oz.), 7c 1st oz.—5c each oz. after

United States, Hawaii, 7c 1st oz.—5c each oz. after

United Kingdom—Ireland, Europe, 15c per quarter oz.

Bermuda, West Indies, Latin America, 10c per quarter oz.

Australia, New Zealand, Guam, Philippines, Oceania, Asia and Africa, 25c per quarter oz.

In addition to the regular air mail services, a further service is provided through the use of Canada Air Letters (obtainable at Post Offices) which may be sent to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and to Eire, and all places to which the regular 10c per quarter ounce rate applies, at 10c each. To all other countries where air service extends the rate is 15c each. Canada Air Letters may not be registered.

An advertisement in the Apr. 2nd issue of **Stamp Collecting** (the English Publication) lists a new minor variety. The variety in question is a block of four of the 50c Air mail stamp, Scott's #C10, watermarked sideways. Does anyone have any record of any other values in the same set watermarked in the same manner?