

nees sent to Camp #130, Seebe, Alberta, when they were again moved when #130 became a P. O. W. Class 1 Camp. No other details about it.

- (h) I have been unable to definitely ascertain why some camps did not have letters. Perhaps opened when numbers had come into use. No numbers as camps closed.
- (i) Dater #31 after closing of camp was used at B. A. P. O. from about 1st October 1946 I am told. I believe #40 was also used there for a period of time after camp closed.

P. O. W. were no doubt from time to time held or confined, at least temporarily, at other points than camps listed above. I have seen a card addressed to Japanese P. O. W. addressed to Hastings Park, Vancouver, B. C. "Japanese Prison Camp". See figure 30. I have no data on this camp. The list given above I am told is complete as to what might be called regular camps. Prisoners were moved for various reasons from time to time from one camp to another. The guards at camps were almost entirely companies of the Veterans Guard.

There was also in use at headquarters at Ottawa, certainly in the late days, as a canceller a large rubber stamp (figure 31). The circle is 1-3/16" in diameter. I am told it was taken into use late in 1946 by the then increment of the B. A. P. O. Why the "40" in it I could get no explanation.

No doubt there is a great deal of information with regard to early cancellations I do not have. I shall indeed welcome data on them; in fact any data that would form part of or work into these notes.

(To Be Continued)

LIKELY REVIVAL OF INTEREST in NEWFOUNDLAND

By PHILATELIA in "Stamp Collecting"

One of the most popular countries in the catalogue, Newfoundland is suffering a temporary eclipse. I am sure that the word temporary is well chosen, for I cannot imagine that the issues of a country which is now a part of Canada will remain long neglected by Canadian collectors. When it comes to the stamps of their own land, the Canucks possess a drive and enthusiasm which makes me gasp.

There have indeed been some big sales of Newfoundland material of recent months but the indications are that interest is picking up again. Ob-

tainable at big discounts from catalogue, the 1923 and 1928-31 pictorials are well worth acquiring at present prices; a remark which also applies to the 1933 Gilbert commemorative set. The 1933 air mail set should also be bought at best.

The 1939 provisional overprints on the 1939 Royal Visit commemorative provide a couple of small varieties ignored by Gibbons and the Commonwealth catalogue but listed by the old "Rex." The so-called "Centi" variety is always worth a premium when seen.

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Trail of the Caribou

By Freres Meyerson



G. Lewis

Ed Goodale, BNAPS #115, is the first one to come up with an example of the engine turning in the selvedge on Scott #146 as first reported by Alec MacMaster in the July issue of TRAIL. The example that Ed submits is used on cover in conjunction with a pair of #145. It is postmarked at St. John's, June 14, 1929. We are still looking for examples of engine turnings on other values of this same issue.

Ed Goodale also shows us a local airmail cover that we have never seen it recorded anywhere. The cover in question is registered and franked with a strip of 5 of the 5¢. Scott #167. It is cancelled at Corner Brook on Jul. 18, 1931, and the face of the cover has a violet handstamp "First Air Mail Corner Brook—St. John's." The handstamp is the same color as the registry marking. The cover is backstamped at St. John's, Jul. 21, 1931. Does anyone have any information concerning this flight?

We thought that we had recorded just about every plate number that existed on the stamps of Newfoundland, but we must have been premature because on a recent vacation trip that included a visit to Montreal we came up with still another number. This time we go back to Scott #164 in the perf 13.5x13.5 comb and we report a "3" in the lower left corner. Previously we had record of a "2" in the lower left corner in the comb perf 13.5x13.8, and in the line perf 14x14. So this is an entirely new number and this is also the first listing for this perforation variety.

Alec MacMaster, our specialist on new varieties wants to know about one that he has just turned up on the 3¢ Coronation, Scott #234. Alec has named it the "coldsore" variety and that is just what it looks like, a spot on the lip of the late King George VI.

We had half a sheet on hand and couldn't find it. Does anyone else have it so that we can determine whether it is a constant variety and can be plated, or whether it falls into the category known as "flyspeck" varieties. It takes more than one example to prove a variety.

Bill Lea, of Manchester, England, has just submitted two previously unrecorded items for Newfoundland specialists. Both are in the realm of part perforates. The first is a block of four of the 25¢, Scott #197, imperforate between, but Bill neglects to advise as to whether the variety is a vertical pair imperf between or a horizontal pair. We will drop Bill a note for further information and pass it on in our next column. Incidentally, this block that Bill has is in the scarce 14.1 perforation. This variety is scarce enough as is, but when it is found imperf. between it is really a showpiece. The second item is listed as a pair of the 3¢ Coronation in the Die 1, perf 13.7, imperf between. This is another instance where I will have to write for further information as Bill doesn't state whether it is a horizontal or a vertical pair. Just for the record, the catalogue number of the last item is Scott #234.

The Sept. 6th issue of "STAMPS" showed a very nice Newfoundland item that was described as "probably unique". The item in question is a cover addressed to St. John's, and franked in part with an imperforate vertical strip of 3 of the 3¢ Queen Alexandra, Scott 83a. This is the same variety described in the June '52 issue of TRAIL only in this instance it is a strip of 3 and not a pair. The point of origin and the date used cannot be deciphered from the illustration so we have written for further information which we hope to pass on in due time.