

# Trail of the Caribou

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**B**ILL LEA, the Manchester and London dealer (BNAPS 687) is in with considerable new information concerning Newfoundland 20th century imperforates and part-perforates. Bill takes us back to our column of Jan. '53, at which time we reported the 7c, Scott No. 208, in a mint block consisting of two pairs imperforate between vertically. Bill reports a similar item with the added information that the block in question is perforate line 14.1. This is the first indication we have had that this stamp might possibly be found in the line perf so that it behooves all the readers of this column to check their copies of this stamp most carefully and let us see who will be the first to report the existence of this variety since it seems most logical to assume that if it exists in a part perforate condition it should exist in a completely perforate condition. Bill also reports the 2c green, Scott No. 186, in a block imperforate between but he doesn't specify whether it is imperforate vertically or horizontally, whether it is Die I or Die II, or whether it is comb perf or line, though we presume the latter. We are sending a query off to Bill and will pass on the complete information when we have received a reply. Last and certainly not least Bill Lea also records the existence of the entire 1938 set Scott's No. 244-247, in mint imperforate condition, The 4c value, Scott No. 246, had previously been recorded but the other three values are all completely new and we have never seen them recorded previously in the philatelic press. Thank you very much, Bill Lea, for adding so materially to our store of information concerning 20th century varieties.

In "Stamp Collecting" for Sept. 3, 1954, there is a review of the new Gibbons. There isn't much about changes in Newfoundland material and what there is deals only with twentieth century. Some of the imperf and imperf between pairs of the 1932-38 set have dropped a bit, the Labrador Airs are down both mint and used, and the imperf

pairs of the Gilberts have also dropped. However, reflecting the interest in George VI material, the varieties of the 1937 long Coronation are up as well as the perforation and watermark varieties of the 1938 issue.

Mr. N. W. Scales, BNAPS No. 1058, of Evansville, Ind., is in with a question that I'm certain Major Ian Morgan among others can answer. Mr. Scales wants to know the origin of the 6 CAPO cancellations found on letters emanating from Newfoundland. The offices are CAPO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 respectively. Will some kind reader please oblige and let us know so that we can pass the information on to Mr. Scales, through the medium of this column.

Fortunately an early and speedy reply by Bill Lea will enable us to give fuller information concerning the 2c green, Scott No. 186 mentioned at the beginning of this article. We were slightly mistaken as the item in question was not a block but rather a horizontal pair of the Die I in the line perf 14.1, imperf between vertically. Bill also reports the existence of a Newfoundland-Nova Scotia correspondence that is new to us. We've known of the Ross correspondence during pre-stamp days and the Archibald correspondence during the days of the early pence issues. Now Bill reports two covers from what will be known as the R. B. Dicky correspondence. The two covers in question addressed to Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, are franked with the 3d. triangular and two 1d's in one case and the 3d. triangular and the 2d. in the other. The former is dated Oct. 21, 1861 and the latter May 9, 1862. The rates are correct as the rate from St. John's to Nova Scotia was 5d., if posted from any point other than St. John's, the rate was 6½d. We assume that the above is the case as that was the rate definitely in effect during the use of the First Cents issue. We would appreciate any information to this effect in the hands of our readers and Bill Lea would also like to hear from any collectors with covers from the Dicky correspondence in their collection. ★ ★