

# Trail of the Caribou

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**H**AROLD MEYERS, BNAPS No. 9, one of the charter members of the Society sends us a few notes as a result of his findings while working on the first two issues of the Newfoundland Revenue stamps. The first note concerns the 25c value of the Queen Victoria Inland Revenue stamps, Sissons No. N3. Harold reports the existence of this stamp on thick and thin papers, the thick paper being a dark blue shade and the thin paper being a lighter blue shade. The 50c value is also recorded in two shades according to Harold, orange and yellow orange. In the next issue Harold notes that the 25c value of the King Edward VII Inland Revenue stamp also exists on thick and thin papers as does the \$1 value, Sissons N12. Harold also makes a further comment concerning the 25c stamps, Sissons N10; he says that he has a copy that shows part of a watermark. As much as he can determine from his copy the watermark consists of a word or words in double line caps, 15 mm. high. The decipherable letter on his stamp is "M". Can any of our Revenue Study Group members give us any further information on this discovery of Harold's.

We've had some very good co-operation from various members of the Society in our efforts to complete a list of Newfoundland Perfins. We've had particular help from Pieter van Oudenol, BNAPS No. 684, R. J. Wooley, BNAPS No. 359, C. M. Jephcott, BNAPS No. 82, C. F. Southey, BNAPS No. 664, C. A. Ayre, BNAPS No. 712, and numerous others. As a result of all this help we are now listing the Newfoundland stamps reported as existing with Perfins. The G. K. Perfin has been recorded on stamps No. 83, 104, 105, 116 and 117 in normal position. In inverted position it has been reported on No. 83, 116, 117 and 119. In reversed position it is found on No. 83, 104, 105, 115, 116, 117 and 119. In the Inverted reversed position it has been recorded on No. 115 and 117. The next Perfin, A N D,

with the D at the base of the triangle has been recorded in 8 possible positions, namely, Normal, Reverse, Invert, Invert Reverse, Read up, Read up reverse, Read down and Read down reverse. This Perfin, like its predecessor G. K., is also first found on No. 83. In its Normal form it has been recorded on No. 83, 104, 105, 115, 116, 117, 122, 132, 134, 166, 185, 187, 189 and 191. In Normal Reverse it has been seen on No. 116, 133, 163, 165, 166, 187 and 191. The Inverted Perfin has been reported on No. 116, 117, 139 and 187. This same variety Reversed shows only two examples thus far No. 116 and 187. The Read Up variety is found on No. 108, 116, 164, 169. The Read Up Reverse is found on No. 164 and 169. The Read Down Perfin is evidently the scarcest of them all as it is only recorded as existing on No. 116. The last variety of the 8, the Read Down Reverse has been seen on No. 116, 164 and 193. The AYRE perfin is the most common and in the normal variety it is listed on more stamps than any of the preceding perfins. In the Normal state it is found on No. 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 139, 140, 141, 142, 146, 151, 153, 157, 163, 166, 118, 184, 185, 186, 188, 189, 190, 191, 196, 212, 214, 215, 216, 226, 227, 231, 245, 254, 255, 256, 257, and 269. In the Inverted position we have comparatively few examples No. 245, 246, 247, 254, and 255. The Read Up Perfin is not found on the earlier issues and makes its first appearance on No. 164, 166, 167, 169, 173, 193, 195, 196, 209, 211, 215, 220, 223, 230, 231, 232, 238, 239, 251 and C9. The Read Down Perfin has just one example No. 255. It should be noted that we haven't personally checked all of these recorded varieties and we are in hope that the list will be a beginning until a more complete list can be published in TOPICS. So, if you have any numbers not recorded above will you please drop us a note and we will periodically print the additions in this column.

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