

# Trail of the Caribou

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**T**HAT'S HOW IT IS with stamp collecting—In the June column we advised of the discovery of Plate 4 in the U.L. corner of the 2 cent, Scott No. 186, in imperforate condition. At the time we wrote about it, for all we knew the block might well have been unique. We know better now—while loafing through the catalogue of an auction house in Ireland, we noticed that they were offering a mint imperforate sheet of the 2 cent, Scott No. 186. From the photo we were unable to make out the number so we wrote to the auctioneers and asked. The answer came back promptly enough—it was another example of Plate 4. So we are still wondering whether Plate 1 and Plate 3 exist in the imperforate condition. We know that Plate 2 does, because it reposes in our collection.

**I**t has been more than a year since we have had a new TPO to add to the list that has been published in TOPICS at various times, starting as far back as Feb. 1947. When we first started a list of 40 different seemed almost impossible to attain, but new ones were found all the time, and when we say 'new' ones, we don't mean any that came into use after Newfoundland joined Canada—these were all TPO markings in use in the old Newfoundland, as some of us collectors remember it. Bit by bit we added to the list and it is only occasionally that a new one comes up now. The last new addition was the one published in the March 1957 issue of TOPICS, and this month we introduce No. 122, used on Oct. 26, 1909.

In addition, we have a later date to add

to one of our early numbered cancels. We are referring to cancel No. 9 first published in TOPICS in Feb. 1947, and subsequently corrected in June 1948. This is the COASTAL NORTH T.P.O./NEWFD, which was previously recorded from July 2, 1912, to Sept. 15, 1917. The new late date is Dec. 16, 1946. While it seems to be a re-cut cancel, it certainly looks enough like the old No. 9 to be classed as the same one. Sometimes the strikes are so indistinct that we can't be too exact about establishing new cancels.

**Just about the finest sale of early Newfoundland airmail covers was held early in June when H. R. Harmer of London auctioned off the 'Rothschild' collection. Included among the lots offered for sale was an o.g. copy of the Hawker which sold for £580, as well as a vertical pair of the same stamp, one of only three multiples known. The vertical pair fetched the very handsome sum of £1200. Then followed three Hawkers on flown cover and they were sold at 500, 460 and 420 pounds respectively. The last Hawker was a fantastic piece, as it consisted of a copy of the manuscript Martinsyde on the 3 cent Caribou used on small part of cover with an uncanceled Hawker beneath it. While the item is undoubtedly philatelic, as only one stamp was required to carry the mail, it is certainly an interesting oddity and realized £1250. The printed Martinsyde overprint on the 2 cent card, described by Harmer and Dalwick as bogus, fetched a very handsome £97, 10/. There were two complete panes of the Alcock-Brown showing the complete setting of the surcharge, and they each changed hands at £160. A flown cover and one from the Martinsyde supplementary mail of July 12, realized £35 and £95 respectively. A complete pane of 25 of the Halifax showing the setting of the surcharge, was knocked down at £110 and a copy of the**

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# Rounding Up SQUARED CIRCLES

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## VOLUNTEERS FOR SQUARED CIRCLE SEPARATION

In TOPICS for March, I asked for a volunteer to provide descriptions of similar postmarks, with special attention to their differences; this in order to facilitate the separation of such markings, especially partial strikes. This is a big, necessary piece of work, requested by several collectors.

Three keen squared circle fans have volunteered: (1) Lewis Ludlow (I think we should call him 'Lucky' Ludlow or 'Cyclone' Ludlow—he is certainly one of the most active of our group, and has made some spectacular finds). (2) Daniel Rosenblat, a close friend of 'Lucky' Ludlow, and a formidable rival; (3) Brian Milne—he calls himself a comparative beginner, but is a keen student, and has sent in the list of similar squared circles shown below, which goes far beyond the obvious pairs of Woodstocks, Windsors, Georgetown, etc. This list will help make clear the urgent nature of this piece of work.

I am sure that both David and Brian will agree with me that Lewis Ludlow should be in charge, and I know they will assist him to their utmost. Their results will appear in this column when ready.

I quote from Lewis Ludlow's letter: "I think I have now a sufficiently good collection and could obtain most of the necessary information from my own cancellations. For an occasional copy that I don't have, I could borrow for study purposes."

Here follows Brian Milne's splendid and helpful list:

### 1. Towns ending in "ville"

#### (a) Type I

Brockville, Ont.	Shannonville, Ont.
Mansonville, Que.	Westville, N.S.

#### (b) Type II

Beamsville, Ont.	Kentville, N.S.
Belleville, Ont.	Lennoxville, Que.
Bowmanville, Ont.	Merrickville, Ont.
Chesterville, Ont.	Orangeville, Ont.
Clarenceville, Que.	Sackville, N.B.
Danville, Que.	Stouffville, Ont.
Dunnville, Ont.	Victoriaville, Que.

Hagersville, Ont.	Wolfesville, N.S.
Huntsville, Ont.	Woodville, Ont.
Iberville, Que.	

It should be noted that in some cases two-three letters prior to "ville" must be recognizable to make for positive identification, especially if the province name is missing (i.e. Ches-TERVILLE vs. I-BERVILLE).

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| 2. Oxford Mills, Ont.         | Lambton Mills, Ont. |
| Windsor Mills, Que.           | Millbrook, Ont.     |
| 3. Hawkesbury, Ont.           | Thornbury, Ont.     |
| 4. Cobourg, Ont.              | Tilsonton, Ont.     |
| Lunenburg, N.S.               | Wallaceburg, Ont.   |
| 5. International Bridge, Ont. | Lethbridge, Alberta |
| Butternut Ridge, N.B.         | Waterford, Ont.     |
| 6. Brantford, Ont.            | Watford, Ont.       |
| Burford, Ont.                 |                     |
| Thamesford, Ont.              |                     |
| 7. Newport, N.S.              | Freeport, N.S.      |
| Newport Landing, N.S.         | Northport, N.S.     |
| 8. Port Maitland, N.S.        | Port Dover, Ont.    |
| Port Williams, N.S.           | Port Hope, Ont.     |
| Port Arthur, Ont.             | Port Perry, Ont.    |
| 9. Cache Bay, Ont.            | Seelys Bay, Ont.    |
| Gore Bay, Ont.                | North Bay, Ont.     |

### Similarities:

Port Williams, N.S. ....	Fort William, Ont.
Glencoe, Ont. ....	Simcoe, Ont.
Acton Vale, Que. ....	Acton, Ont.
Aylmer (East), Que. ....	Aylmer West, Ont.
Aylmer West, Ont. ....	Milton West, Ont. ....
Sutton West, Ont.	
Sutton, Que. ....	Sutton West, Ont.
Sydney, N.S. ....	North Sydney, N.S.

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invert with wide space between AIR and MAIL sold at £170. All in all, it was a very fine sale for those who could afford it.

There was an interesting bit in the May mailing of the Stanley Stamp Co. of Vancouver. Their May special was a matched set of blocks of the four positions of Plate No. 43702 at \$3.33, just a little more than twice face. This is the first offering of the 1941 plates that we have seen in a long time and it is interesting to see the valuation put on them by a knowing company. It is our opinion that all of these plates will be good in the not-too-distant future, so if you haven't got them now, you had best get them soon. ★