

THE *Editor's* MAILBAG



Newfoundland 'Martinsyde' 3c

On page 249 of the Yearbook 1958 you illustrated a Newfoundland 'Martinsyde' 3c used on piece, mentioning that it had been sold in Shanahan's auction on July 19, 1958 for £900 and that in the same sale £625 was realized for "a superb unmounted mint copy of the Newfoundland Hawker 3c . . ."

I hope you will agree that it should be placed on record that the two stamps were originally one "piece" (illustrated here) and that the "unmounted mint" Hawker was certainly fixed to an envelope in 1919 and was on a piece of envelope when I received the Hon. N. C. J. Rothschild's

Air collection from his father, Lord Rothschild, early this year. The piece was illustrated on the front cover of our auction catalogue of June 9, 1958, and as lot 147 was sold for £1250.

Readers who have our book "Newfoundland Airmails" will find the same item reproduced on page 30.

These two stamps as auctioned by Shanahans on July 19 were again offered in their sale of November 15 of this year as lots 281 (Hawker) and 149 (Martinsyde) and were valued at £600 and £1000 respectively and are now recorded as having been sold for £550 and £850.

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B.C. Centennial Varieties

In answer to Mr. R. McCallum's request regarding Centennial varieties, I would like to add the following lines.

In looking through two dozen Centennial stamps I found 15 which showed the variety mentioned by Mr. R. McCallum (see BNA TOPICS, Nov. 1958, p. 276). The black can also be seen at the foot of the lettering in CANADA and in the "5" and the cent sign. These stamps came from Sechelt, Gibsons and Vancouver, all cancelled.

David Nystrom (BNAPS 1182)

Interesting Articles in SCEC Mag.

The Stamp Collectors' Exchange Club Magazine, Arkona, Ont., edited by BNAPS member J. R. Cooke, featured a most interesting article on the recent oil development stamp in its September issue, which told of the early days in the petroleum industry in Canada.

The December issue of this popular magazine featured material connected with the first powered flight of a heavier-than-air machine in the British Empire at Badeck, N.S., February 1909. A special stamp to commemorate this event is scheduled for next month. ★

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