

Trail of the Caribou

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IT IS very gratifying to learn occasionally that a result arrived at by deductive reasoning is sometimes borne out by fact. Back in July 1950, we suggested that the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 cent values of the 1911 Coronation issue had been printed at a different time or by a different printer than the 6, 8, 9, 12 and 15 cent values. The surmise was predicated on the fact that the perforations were different, the first six values mentioned being comb perf. and the last five values were line perf. 14. In addition, the plate proofs of the two different perf. varieties were on paper of different thickness. In the October 1958 issue of 'The London Philatelist,' Arnold M. Strange reports on some findings as a result of further examination of the De La Rue records and these findings confirm our original deduction, as they prove that the six comb perforated values were printed by the De La Rue Company for Whitehead, Morris. There is no information as to who printed the line perf. values, but at least we are certain that they were printed at a different time. In the same article, Mr. Strange also advises that the Caribou issue previously credited to Whitehead, Morris was also printed by the De La Rue Company, for Whitehead, Morris.

Ed. Richardson (BNAPS 168), of La Marque, Texas, is in with an earlier date to add to our listing of slogan cancellations which ran in the January 1958 issue of TOPICS. Ed. reports that he has slogan No. 12 used on November 1, 1928, 20 days earlier than our previous record of use. Thank you, Ed., and welcome to the ranks of Newfoundland collectors—we can use a researcher of your ability. If you don't believe in Ed's ability, read further.

At the recent ASDA show held in New York we came upon an unlisted airmail variety—a block of four of the unwatermarked \$1 blue, Scott No. C8, imperforate between the stamp and the right margin.

I'll say this for 'squared circle' collecting, it certainly gives its followers a sharp eye, or maybe the corollary is true that only collectors with sharp eyes are attracted to that type of collecting. Back in August 1945 we published our first list of Newfoundland slogans and reprinted it in the January 1958 issue of TOPICS. It was at just about that time that Ed. Richardson (BNAPS 168) of La Marque, Texas, first started showing an interest in matters Newfoundland and this was one of the first sidelines he began to collect. Well, you know Ed's thoroughness, and it wasn't too long before he started to make valuable contributions to that interesting sideline. His latest was a bombshell! He took our slogan No. 14—"Buy Goods/made in/Newfoundland"—and came up with a distinct "a" variety. Ed's discovery is that there were two different slogans used, the first with a St. John's, Nfld. circular handstamp and the "a" variety with a St. John's Newfoundland datestamp. In addition, there are slight differences in the slogan itself—No. 14 has the letters in the word MADE $3\frac{1}{2}$ mm. high, whereas in No. 14a they are only 3 mm. high. A combination of Ed's records and our own shows that for a time in 1935 they were used concurrently as we show No. 14 from May 16, 1934-Nov. 7, 1935, and No. 14a from June 1, 1935 to Nov. 2, 1937. Thanks, Ed., for discovering a new variety in so small a field.

Before going to press the November 1958 issue of 'The London Philatelist' crossed our desk and a second instalment by Arnold M. Strange advises that the Pictorial issue of 1923 previously ascribed to Whitehead, Morris was in truth also printed by the firm of De La Rue. The records also show that proofs of the booklet were approved on June 23, 1926. Coils were considered at the same time, but nothing seems to have come of this idea. We anxiously look forward to Mr. Strange's concluding article in the December issue which is not yet to hand. ★