

Trail of the Caribou

By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS L3)



WE ARE in receipt of another letter from Carl A. Anderson (BNAPS 361), Saskatoon, Sask., inquiring as to the legitimacy of covers franked with bisected Newfoundland stamps. We assume that Mr. Anderson is talking about those that are franked with other than the pence and first cents issues, as those covers used prior to 1870 are almost unquestionably legitimate and genuine. The others are an entirely new

set of pups, except for those used on Dec. 24, 1937, as Boggs, in his book on Newfoundland, says, "The bisected 2c were used at various post offices by consent of the Postmaster General for use on envelopes containing Christmas cards for delivery within the town or settlement of mailing. All are postmarked Dec. 24, 1937." The covers that I have in my collection are

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NEWFOUNDLAND TWINS

S HOWN are two Newfoundland covers from St. John's to Berne, Switzerland, bearing barred circle cancels dated 22 De '94—a very early date (although the writer has another cover dated 18 De '94).

The 3 cent envelope has copies of Scott Nos. 31, 35 and 58. Transit postmark, oval "REGISTERED F.N.M. 1 JA 95 LONDON" in black; large 'R' in oval in red.

Backstamped: "Registered—Ja 1 95—Glasgow" and arrival postmark "Berne—3-1-95. VI BRF, DISTR.", both in black.

The 5 cent envelope has copies of Scott Nos. 29, 35 and 54, all tied by a black grid cancellation. The cancellations are the same, and both covers were sent to Mr. F. Salzman. We find that around this period Mr. Salzman collected many fancy covers, having a great many stamps on them. I know of such covers from the United States, Canada, Hawaii, Mexico and Brazil, and expect there are many more. Does any reader have any of the covers of the 3 cent and 5 cent regular envelopes sent to Mr. Salzman?

The writer would also like to hear from any collector who has the St. John's barred circle cancel earlier than Dec. 18, 1894.

—N. W. Scales (BNAPS 1058)



franked with vertical and diagonal bisects of the 2c, Scott No. 186, but we understand that the 2c Coronation is found in the same condition. This is understandable since the bisects were used at several post offices and couldn't be expected to be uniform. That, however, is not the case with the bisects used in 1902, all addressed to Avondale and all cancelled with the C. B. Railway T.P.O., Aug. 26, '02 strike, as we have seen covers franked with a single and bisect of the 2c, Scott No. 82; a single and a bisect of the 2c, Scott No. 62, and a bisect of the 6c, Scott No. 66. It certainly stretches the long arm of coincidence to believe that these bisects are anything other than philatelic curiosities. In addition there is another bisect postmarked at Harbor Main in 1913 and it is franked with a bisect of the 4c, Scott No. 85, and addressed to the United States. I have seen another cover from the same correspondence and with the same point of origin and the same destination that was franked with the bisect of still another stamp. However, at this point my records fail and I can't recall what stamp it was. Then, in the 1920s and '30s several bisects appeared all paying the proper postage rate and all properly backstamped, but not authorized, so if you can pick them up as oddities at a moderate price they make interesting additions to a specialized collection—but keep in mind that except for those cancelled Dec. 24, 1937 they are oddities and nothing more.

In the October 1960 issue of TOPICS in his column "Postal Stationery Panorama," Mark L. Arons asks about used copies of the 2c overprinted postal card, Holmes No. 1674, and the "piggy-back" reply letter card, Holmes No. 1650. This is to advise that both are in my postal stationery collection; the overprinted postal card is part of a registered card to Scotland and in addition it is franked with two copies of the 2c, Scott No. 48. It is cancelled at St. John's on Oct. 1, 1890, and backstamped Belfast, Oct. 9, and Arbreath (Scotland) on Oct. 10. The "piggy-back" card is used from St. John's to New York and is cancelled on May 3, 1913. These are the only two used copies that we have seen in all our years of collecting that were used at about the time of issue, as the first was issued in 1889 and the second in 1912. These are occasionally found philatelically used and addressed to Germany. This is particularly true of the 2c postal cards (U.P.U.) with Paid Reply, Holmes Nos. 1675 and 1675a. However, the

tough one for us has been the 2c card, Homes No. 1671, in used condition, and we would appreciate hearing from anyone who has one.

Dr. Allan Wilkinson (BNAPS 935), Old Perlican, Newfoundland, has just let us have a look at his most recent purchase. It is a lower right corner block of four of the 10c Long Coronation, Scott No. 237, in the line perf. 13.7, with the upper two stamps completely doubled and the lower pair just a bit blurred. We are surprised that this variety has not been recorded previously as it is obvious to the naked eye, and there certainly must have been more than these two stamps on the sheet that were doubled. So take another look at your copies of the 10c in this perforation and it may be that you will come up with an interesting variety. ★

T. H. HARRIS

T. H. Harris, M.A., B.C.L.(McGill), a member of BNAPS (No. 1194), Outremont, Quebec, died recently at the age of 55.

Mr. Harris had many friends in philatelic circles. He was a distinguished scholar and had been for 18 years executive editor of the Montreal Herald, and latterly was in radio and advertising work. He is survived by his wife and three children. ★

Bronze Award

Inadvertently omitted from the recent story of the prize winnings at the Banff show of BNAPS, was a Bronze Award in the 19th Century section. This went to B. H. Bartlett of Louisville, Kentucky, for his display of Canada Jubilees and Leafs at BNAPEX-60. ★

Aripex-1961 at Phoenix, Arizona March 17, 18 and 19

Robert D. Corless, BNAPS 1745, is exhibition chairman of Aripex-1961, to be held in Phoenix, Arizona, under the auspices of the Phoenix Philatelic Association. This show will be held in conjunction with the 4th annual Spring Meeting of the American Philatelic Society.

Official entry blanks and other information may be obtained from Robert D. Corless, 1826 West Indianola Ave., Phoenix 15, Arizona. ★