

Trail of the Caribou

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FORTUNATELY WHEN WE started our specialized listings we had a feeling that they weren't complete and the years have borne out our beliefs. Among our most recent acquisitions are four additions to the lists and as expected they are all previously unrecorded. If you will refer to our listing of Scott's No's. 183-199 in the January '59 issue of TOPICS you will find our first two additions: they are imperforate plate blocks and very nice items indeed. To our two imperforate plate blocks of the 2c (Scott No. 186) and the 5c (Scott No. 191) must be added Plate Block E3a, an imperforate example of an U.L. Plate 3 in imperforate condition for stamp Scott No. 187, and for the 4c Scott No. 189 must be added Ele, an example of the reversed U.L. Plate No. 2 in imperforate condition. Then referring to September '59 when the Gilbert issue was listed, we must add under stamp Scott No. 212, the letter F—SPECIMEN punched along a horizontal strip (of three) of the comb perforate stamp, and the same must be added for the 2c, Scott No. 213, as we have just purchased examples of each. We wonder if the higher values exist so marked as we have never seen record of them.

All Newfoundland-collecting BNAPSers should be eternally grateful to W. E. Lea (BNAPS 4687), London, England, for the help that he has so often given we collectors when we were in doubt. Readers of our column will remember that in April we wrote about a part perforate strip of 20 submitted by Dr. Allan A. Wilkinson (BNAPS 935), Old Perlican, Newfoundland. The strip was Scott No. 186 but at the time of writing we knew neither the die number nor the perforation. Through the kind offices of Bill Lea we have now been privileged to look at such a strip and we can report that it is from Die 2 in the comb perforation 13.2 x 13.2. Therefore, if all readers will refer to our specialized listing of this issue published in the January '59 issue of TOPICS, we will have these

changes to make. The item listed under "C" should now become "C1" and this item herein described will now be added as "C2". Thank you very much. Bill, for enabling us to straighten out this thorny problem.

We have just received the prices realized for the sale run by Robson Lowe, (BNAPS 510), London, England, at their London office on July 12, 1961. Some of the realizations are very interesting, as the six items that I am going to describe are listed as comprising an original find of proofs, the dies of which are believed to have been engraved by Wolfenden. The first is a die proof of the 15c Industrial in deep blue dated "3 Dec., 1929". This is a die proof of the re-engraved, unwatermarked stamp, Scott No. 170. In addition, the die proof also bears the manuscript notation "Soften clouds". This probably unique item realized \$44.80. The second lot consists of a finished die proof and a die proof of the head only of the 3c, Scott No. 187, in steel blue instead of the issued color, orange brown. The finished die proof incidentally is complete with die and both items sold for \$58.80. The third item is a die proof of the 15c, Scott No. 195, in issued color and marked in pencil "Proof before erasure". This lot was knocked down to its new owner at \$36.40. The next two lots were die proofs of the long Coronation Set. The first is an unfinished proof of the 15c, Scott No. 239, lacking the background to the head and frame, and it changed hands at \$37.80. The second Coronation die proof was that of the 20c, Scott No. 240, complete in issued color, and it was sold at \$39.20. The last lot of this original find is a progress die proof of the 4c, Scott No. 247, without the frame but printed in claret rather than the issued light blue; this last lot realized \$32.20. The reason that all of these prices realized are in odd amounts is that I have transposed them from pounds and shillings to dollars and cents.

Two of the semi-official airmails that were issued by Newfoundland in 1922 were offered for sale by Harmer, Rooke at their New York sale on Sept. 26, 1961. A perforated block of four of the 15c Vickers Vimy flight in dark brown and dark blue fetched the handsome figure of \$81. A slightly similar block but now in blue and brown only without the dark overtones realized the same price. These stamps, while not catalogued in Scott, are catalogued in Sanabria, the bible of airmail collectors and are listed as Sanabria Nos. 502 and 503 respectively. The 500 series shows that these are not officially issued stamps. ★

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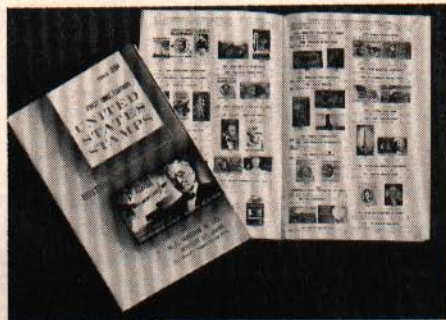
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Special deliveries, dues, and officials include, as does the plate block section, a fair share of increases. Generally, activity in the provinces continued light. ★

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