

Trail of the Caribou

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AS USUAL IT IS member W. D. VanNess, (BNAPS 1062), Chestnut Hill, Mass., who has come up with the newest addition to our specialized listing that was published in the January 1960 issue of *Topics*. The stamp submitted is a line perforate copy of the 6c, Scott No. 168, but instead of being line perforate 14.1 x 14.1, it is line perforate 13.8 x 13.8. Will all readers please make the following correction and addition to their list. This 6c stamp that is line perforate 13.8 x 13.8 will now be known as B1 and the line perforate 14.1 x 14.1 previously recorded will be known as B2 instead of just B as formerly. Thank you BNAPSer VanNess.

After more than 14 years, Reimers A. Peters (BNAPS 1202), Phoenix, Arizona, is in with a later date for TPO cancel No. 15, that was last changed in August 1947. When the first list was published in the February 1947 issue of *Topics* the latest date of use was June 2, 1902; by August of that year and also in *Topics* the date had been pushed up to June 10, 1902. Now Ray is in with a new late date of August 26th, 1902. Congrats, Ray and thanks for your patient work! We also think that we have now discovered what Gaultois did with the misspelled cancelling device that was delivered to them on March 9, 1881, as reported in the March 1959 issue of *Topics*. The canceller had the town spelled GAULTOES. In his last sending Ray sends along a used envelope of Holmes No. 1600a used at Gaultois on December 24, 1890 and addressed to Harbor Buffett. However, the interesting thing about the cancel is that there is an inordinately wide space between the "I" and "S" of GAULTOIS which looks exactly as though the offending arms of the previous "E" had been burnished off to make the cancel read correctly. I'd be interested in seeing any other Gaultois cancels of about the same period to either prove or disprove this point.

The October 24th sale held by H. R. Harmer, London, certainly had a number of interesting 20th century Newfoundland items. A complete sheet of 25 of the Alcock-Brown airmail, Scott C2, went at \$420 and a block of four of the essay of 1923

in perforated condition and dark brown and black changed hands at \$56, a most reasonable figure. A vertical pair, imperf between of the 50c unwatermarked airmail sold at \$107.40 and the \$1 value in the same condition brought \$112.00. Imperf blocks of four of the 2c and 3c, Scott Nos. 164 and 165 sold at \$23.40 and \$24.80 respectively. A block of four of the 1c Scott No. 183, consisting of two vertical pairs imperforate between reached the handsome figure of \$84.00 while an imperf proof block of four of the 2c, Scott No. 185, in reddish violet on wove paper was knocked down at \$25.20. An imperforate mint block of four of the 3c Scott No. 187, brought \$43.40 and the same block of four of the 10c also in imperforate condition went at \$30.80. Blocks of the 14c, 15c and 20c, Scott No's. 194-196, in mint imperforate condition all sold at \$39.20, while an unused vertical pair of proofs of the 6c, Scott No. 192, went at \$23.80. Imperforate o.g. blocks of four of the 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, Die 1 and 2 Scott No's. 184, 186, 189, and 191 realized \$25.20, 24.50, 25.20, 28 and 32.20 respectively while an imperforate proof block of four of the 5c, Die 2, Scott No. 191, on thick wove paper also realized \$32.20. Imperforate o.g. blocks of four of the 7c and 24c, Scott No's. 208 and 210 sold at \$32.20 and 39.20 each. Again imperforate blocks of the 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, and 20c values, Scott No's 212, 213, 216, 217, and 224 were knocked down at \$15.40, 14.00, 20.70, 21.70 and 35.00 each. Die proofs of the 1c, 3c, Die 1, and the 14c, Scott No's 233, 234 and 238 found new homes at \$39.20, 39.20 and 47.60 each. Finally proof blocks of four in imperforate condition and on watermarked paper of the 2c, 3c, 4c, and 7c, Scott No's 245-248 came to this side of the Atlantic at 23.10 for the 2c value and 23.80 each for all of the other values.

The results of the H. R. Harmer sale held in London on November 14th, reveals that a mint copy of the 3c, Scott No. 246, in the very scarce line perforation sold at \$58.40 in the auction rooms. A very nice price for a very nice stamp. ★