

# Trail of the Caribou

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N. W. Scales, BNAPS No. 1058, Evansville, Ind., is in with a nice perfin cover. We have seen the stamp before but don't ever recall a previous cover. It is a copy of the 3c, Scott No. 83, that was reissued in June 1918 to cover the shortage of 3c stamps brought on by the increase in postage. The cover on a G. Knowling corner card bears No. 83 with the GK perfin in reverse and inverted or that is how it seems to us, we never have been able to figure these out too exactly. The cover was posted at St. John's on Oct. 21, 1918 and addressed to Catalina. A real nice cover. —

The Mar. 9th issue of STAMP COLLECTING contains an advertisement by W. Appleyard, Southampton, England that offers a mint block of the 24c, Scott No. 210 at \$49.40, a mint block of the 3c, Scott No. 187, at the same price and a mint block of the 5c, Scott No. 190, at \$28. In rereading this paragraph I note that I fail to advise that all of these blocks are imperforate.

We have just been advised that at the Mar. 10th sale held by W. T. Pollitz, Boston, Mass., a copy of the 5c, Scott No. 25, cancelled in 1866 sold for \$37 in spite of two small tears in the stamp. In the same sale a copy of the 12c, Scott No. 28, tied on cover to England in 1872 realized \$32. The first cover is particularly scarce when used prior to the issue of the black stamp, Scott No. 26.

At an H. R. Harmer, London Sale of Airmails held on Feb. 27th, some interesting Newfoundland items were sold. A Hawker, Scott C1, on cover realized \$1,750, while a Handley-Page cover franked with Scott C2, and posted at St. John's on Jun. 9, 1919, brought \$89.60. A justice for Hungary cover franked with the \$1 airmail stamp sold for \$35 and a "Lief Eiriksson" cover of the New York to Norway flight with a Newfoundland stamp and received in Bergen on Apr. 16, 1935 changed hands at \$21.

Carl Anderson, BNAPS No. 361, Saskatoon, Sask., sent along a copy of the 1c card, Holmes No. 1672, from Main River to St. John's, cancelled with a magnificent Main River Crown as illustrated by Boggs on page 170 of his book. The card was used Sept. 27, 1903.

We are in receipt of a very interesting letter from A. J. Hubbard, BNAPS No. 1667, London, England, relative to our bit in the March issue of Topics concerning die numbers of the 1932 issue. John duplicates just about everything that we have in our collection, but in addition he has a die proof in black of the 2c, Scott No. 186 in the Die 2 with die number 1018 as compared to die No. 967 on the first die. In addition John has color trial die proofs of the 4c, Scott No. 188, in blue, vermilion and orange. Those are nice pieces John and thanks for the information so that our list of what exists can be expanded.

As it happens this column is never written all at once but rather added to as the month gets along which accounts for the fact that a bit put into the column above about two weeks ago can now be amplified before the column goes to press. Through the kind offices of Carl Anderson, BNAPS No. 361, I am now the proud owner of the hollow crown MAIN RIVER cancel on the 1c card, Holmes No. 1672. Interesting cancels from Newfoundland are rather scarce as compared to those from Canada but this will be the second such crown in our collection. The first was purchased on full cover at Capex in 1951. I really shouldn't say purchased because Jim Sissons, BNAPS No. 17, Toronto, Can. really gave it to us for \$2. At that time Jim knew that it was worth more but felt that he would really like to help in building up our collection at the reasonable figure or rather ridiculous figure of \$2. The stamps on cover are three copies of the 1c, Scott No. 81, and they are used in April of 1906, this present new purchase is used in 1903. Just for the records the most recent acquisition also bears a TPO cancel of N. & W. RAILWAY T.P.O. for Sept. 27, 1903 in an unframed circle.

George H. Davis, BNAPS No. 1414, Ridgefield, Conn, has done it again. From his evidently inexhaustible supply of covers he has pushed back the issue date of the second St. John's duplex from Oct. 13, 1902, to Dec. 5, 1901, better than 10 month. This certainly beats the early date reported by E. H. Hiscock, BNAPS No. 234, St. John's, Newfoundland, in the Jan. issue of TRAIL.