

the Exhibition Post Office in the year 1907. It is worth noting that although the name of the Exhibition had been officially changed in 1904 to the C.N.E. the old canceller still continued to be used. The cancellation is in red.

Figure 4 is an example of the official stationery used in the year 1935. This stationery was not available to the public but was used for official correspondence in the

Exhibition's business. The printing is in black.

The illustration, Figure 5, is a scarce item. The card is blue and the printing in black. This type of Exhibition material is very hard to come by.

The acquiring of new C.N.E. items is getting more difficult as the years go by. They are absorbed into collections and seldom come on the market.



Fig. 5—A scarce item on a blue card. Printing in black.

Newfoundland Plate Blocks

by

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The last time that a comprehensive list of Newfoundland plate blocks was published in TOPICS was back in Sept., 1953. Since that time the list has been expanded though there is certainly no guarantee that we can lay claim to completion as it was only in the Jan. '62 issue of TRAIL that we reported the first recorded plate number of the 1c, Scott #81. So who is to say what we may eventually come up with as we continue to push the frontiers back. In the past 10 years or so I'm certain that there are better than 10 additional listings plus more accurate information on those that were listed previously. In the first listing there were 12 plate numbers marked with an asterisk which meant that they had been reported but that I personally had never seen them and checked them. I'm glad to say that in this expanded list there are only three and we eventually hope to cut that down to an irreducible minimum. As to value, who can say, as these items have not stood the

test of time and innumerable examples of what we think is now scarce may conceivably be lying about unknown and unheralded in hundreds of collections throughout the land. Even among those that we have seen and reported some are immeasurably scarcer than others and at some not to distant date I may try and ascribe a valuation to the present existing plate blocks. Once we do that watch the blocks come out from behind the woodwork and from under the rocks where they have been hiding.

Seriously though I'd appreciate any further help that I can get on this matter as the collectors collecting this material can certainly be counted on the fingers of two hands. Let's know what the rest of you have stashed away on the back pages of your stockbook. If you do, someday I'll amplify this article and really make it worthwhile.

SCOTT

PLATE BLOCKS

81				R2UR					
83					R3UL	R4UR			
115		comb 13.9x13.9	LC1	RC2	LC3				
115		line 13.9x13.9		RC2					
116		comb 13.9x13.9	LC1	RC2	LC3				
116		line 13.9x13.9	LC1						
117		comb 13.9x13.9	LC1	RC2	LC3				
133		comb 13.7x13.9		2LL					
133		line 14x13.7		2LL					
164		comb 13.6x13.4		2LL					
164		comb 13.6x13.8			3LL				
164		line 14.1x14.1		2LL					
165		comb 13.6x13.4			3UR*				
165		comb 13.6x13.8		2LL	3UR				
173		comb 13.5x13.8		2LL					
174		comb 13.5x13.8			3UR				
183			1UL	2UL					
184			1UL	2UL	3UL	4UR	5UR	6UL	
184		line 14.1x14.1				4UR			
185			R1UL	R2UL	R3UL				
186	Die I		R1UL	R2UL	R3UL				
186		line 13.7x13.7			R3UL*				
186		line 14.1x14.1	R1UL*						
186		Imperforate		R2UL					
186	Die II			2UL		4UL			
186		Imperforate				4UL			
187			R1UL	2UL	3UL				
187		Imperforate			3UL				
189				R2UL	3UL				
189		line 13.7x13.7		R2UL					
189		line 14.1x14.1		R2UL					
189		Imperforate		R2UL					
191	Die II			R2UL	3UL	4UL	5UR	6UR	7UR
191		line 14.1x14.1			3UL				
191		Imperforate			3UL				
245				2UR					
246				2UR					
247				2UR					

Those three plate blocks marked with an asterisk while reported by reliable fellow collectors are the only ones not actually seen by the author.

In the case of #'s 115-117 the prefix R.C. and L.C. mean Right and Left Center respectively. The Left Center number is alongside stamp #40 and the Right Center number is alongside stamp #49. In the case of #'s 81, 83, 185, 186, 187, 189 and 191 the prefix "R" signifies that the plate number is reversed.

The numbers of the 1941 set with the 5 digit plate numbers are herewith recorded.

253	Plate Number	42430	All positions	Issued	12/29/47
253	Plate Number	43965	All positions	Issued	12/1/48
254	Plate Number	43078	All positions	Issued	12/22/47
254	Plate Number	43968	All positions	Issued	12/10/48
255	Plate Number	43066	All positions	Issued	12/22/47
255	Plate Number	43967	All positions	Issued	12/29/48
257	Plate Number	43966	All positions	Issuer	2/5/49
259	Plate Number	41601	All positions	Issued	12/22/47
260	Plate Number	43702	All positions	Issued	
260	Plate Number	43838	All positions	Issued	6/21/48
261	Plate Number	41789	All positions	Issued	
262	Plate Number	41784	All positions	Issued	
263	Plate Number	41796	All positions	Issued	12/30/47
264	Plate Number	41795	All positions	Issued	5/21/48
265	Plate Number	41791	All positions	Issued	12/30/47
266	Plate Number	41793	All positions	Issued	12/30/47

All values of this issue with the exception of the 7c, Scott #258 had some part of the issue with plate numbers. Prior to Dec. '47, all of these stamps were issued without plate numbers at the side and it is only the later printings that contain the plate numbers. While I have listed the issue date on most of them, what that date really implies is the date that the sheets with the plate numbers actually went on sale over the post office counter. As an example we know that Plate Number 43968 on the 2c, Scott #254 was laid down on Sept. 9, 1948 and yet it was never sold over the counter until Dec. 10, 1948. The 7c Scott #258 never appeared with a plate number because it never became necessary to reissue this stamp. These various numbers previously appeared on the sides of the sheets opposite stamp #51 on the horizontal stamps and above stamp #5 on the vertical stamps and were supposedly cropped off when the sheets were cut to size. However such is not always the case and on occasion one can find all or part of the number in the position mentioned. In addition we sometimes find part of the plate number in still another position other than the corners mentioned in the case of the 2c, Scott #254, the 3c, Scott #255 and 5c, Scott #257. In this instance part of the number namely 43968, 43967 and 43966 respectively may be found in the very upper right or upper left corners of the sheet. On these few sheets it is believed that because of the ravages of the war it was necessary to print them in a sheet of 200 consisting of two panes of 100 and this number was in the very center and was supposed to be cropped off. These latter sheets were printed by Waterlow for the original contractors, Perkins Bacon.

Scott #269 Plate Number 43359 All positions

Scott #270 Plate Number 43476 All positions

The last two plate numbers recorded from Newfoundland were from plates prepared by the Canadian Bank Note Co. of Ottawa.

Scott #267 Plate Number 1 All positions. Lower left block also has #16367

Scott #C19 Plate Number 1 All positions. Lower left block also has #16479

Comments on 20th Century Re-Entries

by MAX ROSENTHAL

My article "Are There Any 20th Century Canadian Re-entries?" (BNA Topics, December 1961) was deliberately written in a Know-it-all fashion, to provoke discussion, because things should not be taken for granted. I had seen so many varieties des-

cribed as re-entries, that I wanted to stimulate the experts into trying to clear up the question of re-entries.

There can be no doubt that the Admiral issue does have re-entries. Hans Reiche, noted authority on this series, and on all