

Trail of the Caribou

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Well, we are glad that that chap is out of the way, we are referring to the chap who beat our brains in at the sale of Newfoundland proofs held by Robson Lowe on June 12th in London. We had bid what we thought were rather reasonable prices and then this one individual who decided at that moment to amass a Newfoundland proof collection steps in and we didn't get a lot. Amongst the nice bits sold were an essay of the 3d. triangle, Scott #3, in black on thick yellowish wove without outer line to central trefoil that is in the hands of a new owner at \$128.80. Then a die proof of the 2d. in black and complete with die sinkage on card brought \$154, the 4d. on wove sold for \$266 and the 6d. on sunken card with part of the design uncleaned was knocked down at \$252 and to complete these die proofs in black, and example of the 8d. on sunken card with die sinkage realized \$154. A block of four of the 1d. plate proof in black on card and slightly horizontally creased sits in a new collection to-day because someone was willing to bid \$67.20 for it. Pairs of the 2d., 6½d., 8d. and 1/. plate proofs in black on card sold as one lot for \$154. A corner block of 4 of the 3d. triangle with slight rust staining went for \$89.60 and a block of the 5d. with slight crease for \$70. Finally a corner block of the 6d. from the lower left of the sheet completed the plate proofs when it sold for \$128.60. Then a complete Sample Sheet put out in 1902 by Perkins Bacon and containing stamps from Chile, Ceylon, Western Australia as well as Cape of Good Hope in addition to the Newfoundland pence found a new home at \$133. Jeen's original engraving of the Seal in black on sunken card realized the very handsome figure of \$217. Essays of the 3c, Scott #49, but showing a 6c value tablet sold at \$89.60 each when put up for sale in black and in green, while an essay of the 10c, Scott #59, but with 13c in the value tablet realized the same figure when two lots were put on sale, one in black and the other in green. Complete sets of the Goodall's in green and mounted on card brought \$91 for the 1c, \$78.40 for the 2c, \$106.40 for the 5c, \$72.80 for the

6c, the same for the 10c, 13c and 24c. Printed in brown these same Goodall's brought \$91 for the 1c., \$95.20 for the 2c, \$72.80 for the 3c, \$95.20 for the 5c, \$72.80 for the 6c, \$100.80 for the 10c, and \$72.80 each for the 12c, 13c and 24c.

We thought that we had seen just about every possible Newfoundland cancel of the 1865-1895 period, in fact we were rather smug about the entire affair. We've changed our tune though since we found an entirely new cancel amongst a group of post cards that we looked at the other day. We have made a tracing of the cancel to the limit of our artistic ability and it is illustrated herewith.

Now, this cancel may be common to some collectors of Newfoundland material but it was new to us and we thought that we should go on record with the strike so that other collectors might see it. The column would certainly like to hear from any other collectors that may have an example of this strike.



We are fast closing up the list of post-cards that may have the Newfoundland "235" barred cancel on the face. To our best recollection the collection contains 7 examples of the "235" strike on cover, two on post card. These two are to be found on the 1c, Holmes #1670 and the 2c, Holmes #1673. To this list must now be added our 8th strike on cover but this one on the 1c

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