

Trail of the Caribou

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The other day I had occasion to make a business trip to Boston and having a few hours to kill before my plane flew back to New York I started to visit the stamp dealers. Back in May, 1962 TOPICS published a revised list of TPO markings and now more than a year and a half later I find it necessary to report an earlier date on one of the more difficult markings. Will you please refer to illustration #75 and change the earliest date of use from May 22, 1938 to Sp. 25, 1937, almost 8 months earlier. That is quite a correction as the mark is rather uncommon.

In the Oct. 18, 1963 issue of "Stamp Collecting" published in England, Ritchie Bodily offers for sale an 1847 letter sheet to Boston with the red Crown Circle to denote prepayment. This fine cover is offered for sale at \$78.40. In the same issue B. Kleinberg also of London advertises mint line perf copy of the 3c Scott #246 at \$84 and a used copy of the same stamp at \$33.60. In the same ad he also offers a mint comb perf 13.3 copy of the 7c long Coronation, Scott #235, at \$28. Evidently Mr. Kleinberg has quite a stock of the odd and interesting from Newfoundland as in the Nov. 16, 1963 issue of "Stamps" he advertises mint imperf pairs of the 1938 issue, Scott #'s 245-248 at \$37.50 a pair with the exception of the 4c, Scott #247, which he offers at \$45 the pair.

This time it was a rather uneventful business trip to Boston but it did result in an earlier date for my TPO Marking #75 as published in the May '62 issue of TOPICS. Previously the earliest recorded date was May 22, 1938, but we can now push it back to Sep. 25, 1937.

Again it is our old friend W. D. Van Ness, #1062, Chestnut Hill, Mass., in with an addition to our specialized listing originally published in the Jan. 1960 issue of TOPICS. This time he sends along a copy of the 10c, Scott #169, in the line perf 14.1 x 14.1. So please refer to my listing and add B2, line perforate 14.1 x 14.1. Change the

former B listing to B1.

Foresight is wonderful, but it doesn't begin to compare with hindsight. While we haven't much to complain about as most of our Newfoundland collection was built up at the old pre-war prices there were still some items that we missed at that time in our desire to build up certain other portions of our collection. As an example we did not pursue covers avidly but rather spent our funds on the miniature sheets.. Well the miniature sheets have probably doubled in price but let us tell you about what happened to the covers, on June 28, 1944, Harmer Rooke sold a 4d. scarlet on cover addressed to a Mr. Brace in New Paltz, N.Y. at \$245. When H. R. Harmer sold the Moody collection on May 16, 1951, this same cover brought \$380. But wait, you haven't heard anything yet because Harmer Rooke sold this same cover again for the third time on Nov. 22, 1963 and it brought the princely sum of \$1600. Guess we weren't so smart that time. In that same sale a bisected 1/. scarlet on part cover brought \$1300 but at the earlier sale when the Pack material was sold on Dec. 6, 1944, this same cover changed hands at \$200. Tempus sure fugit and we missed the boat on that one. In this same sale at Harmer Rooke we bought a mint block of 6 of the 1d, Scott #1, with the major re-entry at \$50, a steal if there ever was one. We also broke one of our cardinal rules when we bought a block with a thin spot but we need a block of the 5d. Scott #5, and when we saw it going at \$80 we just couldn't keep our pencil down even if it was thin. A copy of the 6d. scarlet, Scott #6, with the "466" Liverpool arrival cancellation brought \$90, the stamp was cut into and we are certain that the price realized was for the cancel. Then a bisected 8d, Scott #8a, to pay the 4d. rate sold for \$925, a new high for this cover. A 1/. orange, Scott #15, with certificate and crease still changed hands at \$1500 and the 1d. error of color, Scott #16, has a new home at \$950. Last but not least a block of four of the 2d., Scott #17, on thick paper with full o.g. and described with
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