

September, 1917. On 9th February 1918 the establishment of the Canadian Record Branch was increased to 1 Officer and 26 Other Ranks.

About the same time the enormous increase in the number of Corps Troops rendered essential the provision of additional facilities for dealing with mails for those formations. Application was accordingly made for an establishment for 2 Field Postal Auxiliary Detachments to be used independently of any formation.

A nominal roll of all personnel taken on the strength of the Canadian Postal Corps in France and covered by the foregoing authorities is attached.

The discipline of the whole of the force under my command has left nothing to be desired. From my Second in Command down to the junior Private I have always received most loyal assistance, zealous and unsparing effort, and cheerful service; and it is largely to this fact that I attribute the undoubted success and credit which has accrued to the Canadian Postal Corps in France.

From a staff among whom it is difficult to choose one more than another for individual commendation, I feel bound to call attention to the following:

Major F. A. Warner, D.A.D.P.S., Canadian Corps . . . By his undoubted efficiency he successfully performed a most difficult task; often under most trying conditions, and I must attribute largely to his work the fact the G.O.C. Canadian Corps was moved to write the following commendatory letters on 16th. April 1919:—

“Before the Canadian Corps finally breaks us, I would like to place on record my appreciation of the most efficient work done by the Canadian Postal Services during all the weary months of the war.

In doing this, I feel that I am correctly voicing the sentiments of all the soldiers who have served overseas. There have been times, of course, when we thought the mail bags were put in the bottom holds of cargo steamers, but most likely this was not the case. At any rate, our mail has come promptly, and has been distributed with the greatest regularity. During the long periods of trench warfare the difficulties were nothing like as great as they were during the latter stages, when the troops were almost constantly on the move, yet all these many difficulties were surmounted by the splendid organisation under Lieut.-Colonel Murray and his assistants.

With all good wishes for the future of the Postal Corps, and renewed thanks for its efficiency during the War”.

(SGD.) A. W. CURRIE.

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14 was never placed in use, but the fact is according to the records that this stamp was never ordered or printed in this colour.

I think that all Newfoundland specialists and collectors will agree that the research indicated above is very badly needed, and any help collectors can give me in establishing further data would be most helpful and we will certainly publish the completed results if and when we can get to such a state of affairs.

It should perhaps be mentioned at this stage that the separate listings of the rose stamps on both thick and thin paper and in the deep and pale colours will be separately listed in the Stanley Gibbons Catalogue, Part I for 1966. This however is only the beginning of the research and the story necessary to give us a much clearer picture of the Pence issues as a whole, but it will

be agreed that this is a major step in the right direction.

In order not to get confused with all this we should recapitulate at any rate the papers which were used on all three issues. The 1857 on thick wove paper, the 1860 issues, still on thick paper, but thinner than the first issue, and the 1861-62 issues both on a thick paper similar to the 1860 issues sometimes with Stacey Wise watermarks, and then finally the thinner paper used for the bulk printings of most of the rose issues which were subsequently remaindered.

To further clarify the printings of the rose or rose-lake stamps there were two printings, one on June 10th, 1861 as follows, 5,000 stamps at 2d, 20,000 at 3d, 15,000 stamps at 4d, 20,000 at 6d, 5,000 stamps at 6½d and 10,000 at 1/-, all this printing is on the thicker paper and the deeper rose-lake colour. The next printing took place in Oc-

tober 1861 and was as follows, 10,000 stamps at 1d, 5,000 stamps at 2d, 50,000 at 3d, 20,000 at 4d, 10,000 at 5d, 50,000 at 6d, 10,000 at 6½d, 10,000 at 8d and 15,000 at 1/-, the whole of this second printing was on the thinner paper and the paler colours. It will be seen from this that the 8d value only exists on the thinner paper and paler colour. The figures I have quoted above are taken from the Perkins Bacon

records by Percy De Worms, published by the Royal Philatelic Society London, England in two volumes, and can still be obtained from them at the price of £6.6.0d for the two volumes. These records are really a must for all collectors of the early issues of British Commonwealth stamps not only Newfoundland but all the rest of the issues provided by Messrs. Perkins Bacon around that period.

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Fairchild Air Transport in October of 1926.

All in all, this outwardly simple little issue leaves a great many questions to be answered. I have heard with much regret that Jack V. Elliot died in Texas only last year and it is certainly a shame that no

interested collector was able to obtain from him the complete story of these companies prior to his death — or perhaps someone did and can give us the benefit of it. At any rate I would hope to hear from any of you who could add any clarity to this tangled story.

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