
The Canadian Stamp Collector

Glen Hansen's further notes on Newfoundland

In January of 1943 a 30c stamp was issued honoring the Memorial University College, perforated 12½, unwatermarked. In 1946 this stamp was overprinted "Two Cents". On April 21st, 1947 a new design of the 4c stamp of the Royal Family set was issued showing an older Princess Elizabeth. This was in honor of her 21st birthday. Also in 1947 a single stamp was issued honoring John Cabot's arrival in Newfoundland. This was a 5c value, perforated 12½ and watermarked with the Coat of Arms and was Newfoundland's last regular postage stamp.

Newfoundland issued two sets of Postage Due stamps. The first set, issued in 1939 was perforated 10¼ x 10 on white wove unwatermarked paper. Values were 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c and 10c. The stamps were lithographed. In 1949 1c, 2c, 3c and 4c values were issued perf. 11 x 9 unwatermarked and a 10c value was issued perf. 11 watermarked.

In 1905 Newfoundland issued its Officially Sealed stamp engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co. This was on blue paper, perf. 12 and is known on both

watermarked and unwatermarked paper. This stamp is a wonderful example of the engraver's art and bears a remarkable portrait of King Edward VII in uniform. The large size of the stamp has given the engraver scope for showing his workmanship.

Newfoundland has a remarkable history of airmail flights and airmail stamps. The honor of being the first in the British Empire to issue an airmail stamp goes to Newfoundland which issued its first airmail stamp on April 12th, 1919. The 3c Caribou stamp was overprinted "FIRST TRANS-ATLANTIC AIR POST. April, 1919." Only 200 stamps were so overprinted and 76 copies remained after taking care of the scheduled mail for the flight. These were sold for \$25.00 each for a benefit fund. The flight did not take place until May 18th and the plane was forced down in the Atlantic a bit better than halfway across. The pilot and crew were rescued by a Danish steamer and another ship salvaged the plane and the mail so that the letters did reach their destination safely even if not completely by air. This flight is known as the Hawker Flight after the pilot, Harry Hawker. Another abortive flight, the "Martinsyde" Flight, was almost ready when Hawker took off. There were 182 covers prepared for this one with the legend "Aerial Atlantic Mail, J.A.R." appearing in manuscript on the 3c Caribou stamp which had been used for the Hawker flight. The "Martinsyde" flight was finally abandoned and the mail was taken by boat to England in January of 1920.

TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

In conjunction with the 75th anniversary of the Collectors' Club of New York, an international philatelic exhibition of major importance is to be held in New York's Waldorf-Astoria hotel from November 1 to 7, 1971.

All exhibits will be by invitation only, and over 100 collectors will be requested to display their most outstanding pieces in the 500 frames to be provided. The Collectors' Club expects that famous and unique items which have not been available for viewing in many years will be displayed.

It has been reported that Jim Harris (No. 2304) is very ill and would appreciate hearing from BNAPS members.

North York (Toronto) alderman Joseph Gould is being sent to Ottawa by his Board of Control to try and convince the Post Office Department that it is passing up \$30 million by not turning out special-issue stamps for collectors. No stamps with a face value of more than a dollar have been made since 1897, Gould said, and such a set would now bring in \$170 million, of which \$30 million would be purchased by collectors.