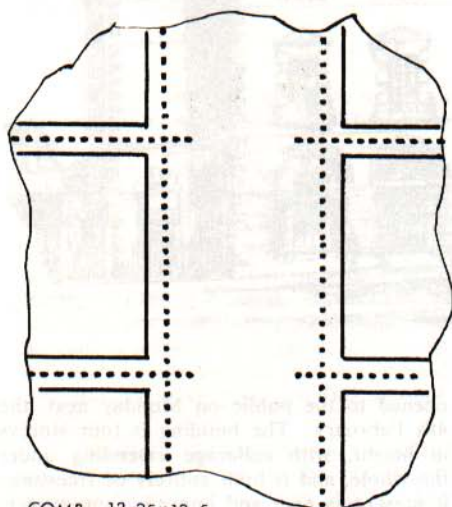
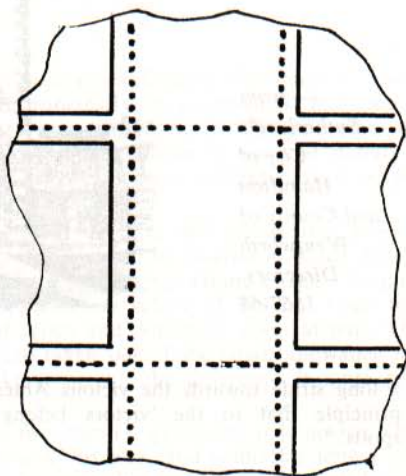


Newfoundland Gutter Pairs

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COMB - 13, 25 x 13.5



LINE - 11.9

For some time now there has been a great deal of confusion among collectors regarding the Caribou Revenue issues of Newfoundland. There are two main reasons for this; first, the 1938 issue actually comes in two varieties of perforations, perf $13\frac{3}{4}$ and perf $14\frac{1}{4}$; and second, sometime within the past 10 years there has been a fourth issue! In addition to the issue which Sissons says came out in 1944 and is perf 12, there is still a fourth set, which may have first appeared as early as 1962, which is perf $13\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$.

In our next article we will go into detail regarding the values which exist in each perforation variety. This month we are concerned with the fact that "gutter pairs" do exist of some values, in both the third and fourth issues. In the third issue perf 12 (Line 11.9), both the 5c and 10c values were issued in sheets of two panes of 25 each, separated with a vertical gutter between. In the fourth issue, comb perf $13\frac{1}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$, the 5c, 10c, and 25c are all found in this format. In both instances the bottom margins carry the imprint and plate numbers. The left pane is always no. 2, the right pane no. 2A.

The illustrations show the differences in the appearances of the gutters in the two issues. The line perf 12 has the horizontal perms going completely across the gutter, and also incidentally extend completely through the right and left sheet margins. On the other hand the comb perf $13\frac{1}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$ shows only two perms extending into the gutter from either side, but again the horizontal perms extend complete through the right and left sheet margins.

Even the higher values of the two sets which do not come in gutter blocks will show these margin perforation differences. Thus all panes of stamps perf 12 (line), will be perforated completely across both right and left margins. Panes perf $13\frac{1}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$ (comb) will be completely perforated through the margin only on one side:

Left Panes No. 2—left side, completely perfed.

Right Pane No. 2A—right side, completely perfed.

Gutter blocks of the fourth issue of all three values were still available at St. John's at the time of BNAPEX '72.