

# LETTERS

## NEWFOUNDLAND STUDY GROUP?

I have and I fear ultimately failed to organise a Newfoundland Study Group in this country, and even made a rather feeble attempt to recruit in Canada and the USA. Is there anyone on your side of the Atlantic who would be interested in starting one? I would love to join, and would be willing to help in any way I could.

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*In Ottawa last year I heard a rumor that a Newfoundland Study Group was in the works. Can anyone advise?—Ed.*

## EMERGENCY CANCELS

In Australia, 'Relief' cancellers are placed in service when normal cancellers are broken. Perhaps this is the answer to George Hanson's question in the March/April issue.

Owen White  
Toronto

The following is an excerpt from a letter to Alfred Lichtenstein, dated January 21, 1927, from S. Tanner Green, the District Superintendent of Postal Service in Quebec.

*"It is a practice in our service, since a couple of years past, to issue an 'emergency' date-stamp when for some reason, such as destruction of a Post Office by fire, the regular date-stamp has been destroyed. The 'emergency' date-stamp is only in use during the few days required to have a new name date-stamp issued. Another example, as happened recently at Chute aux Outardes, occurs when a new Post Office is opened and the regular date-stamp has not yet been received from the manufacturers. In this case, our 'emergency' date-stamp was loaned to that office for several days."*

This should help in answering the Emergency Cancel question.

Harry W. Lussey  
Lantana, Florida

*The cancellation illustrated above, London District Emergency No. 1, was found on a Fort Erie to Brantford registered cover shown to me,*



*as it happened, the same day Harry Lussey's letter arrived. This one is listed in the R. P. O. catalog supplement, as are many other Emergency cancels. It appears that more information is required.—Ed.*

## VOX POPULI

In response to your comment to John Kessel's letter in the Sept./Oct. '81 TOPICS, I would like to suggest that *Perforations on Canadian Stamps* by Harry Lussey (TOPICS, March/April 1976) be reprinted. To me this is one of the most important articles on Victorian era stamps that has been printed, even though only one comment about it appeared in subsequent issues.

F. H. Chaffee  
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*When I suggested reprinting 'old' articles, I was thinking more in terms of articles contained in issues which are no longer available from the Circulation Manager. Your suggestion does not fit into that category, but it is being printed to inform others about the article you mention. See elsewhere in this issue for another Harry Lussey article.—Ed.*

In response to the request for suggestions on articles members would like to see, may I suggest the following: Newfoundland-Pence Issues, genuine and forgeries, Stampless Era Paper Varieties; Cancellations, pre-1900; Postal History, pre 1900. Also, how about a general article on how to 'plate' stamps?

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*Thank you for the suggestions. I hope that members with information on these subjects will submit same. See also the first letter in this issue.—Ed.*