

when the Canadian Postal Strikes began, and when they ended.

I am also interested in recording the private messenger and delivery services of mail during the Postal Strikes and shall appreciate receiving photostats of covers carried by the various private carriers during such periods; and information concerning the rates charged, etc.

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### NEW MEMBER

Just having become a member of BNAPS, I would like to say a few words on how both my wife and I have been received from the first introduction to BNAPS, even though she is not a member. Nevertheless, it is important how she feels, as we all know.

From the first approach to becoming a mem-

ber of the society and then being asked to become a member of the regional group, I have been most impressed with how this is done. And then going to our first regional meeting in Chilliwack, B.C., friendship was shown by all people involved from the first evening at the hospitality suite to the Saturday night banquet.

At the seminars I attended, I was made to feel right at home from the start. Plus the day trips for my wife were outstanding as well.

The sharing of those many years of experience and the manner in which it was given was truly felt and received as I know it was intended to be.

Being a new member, one talks to other new members. They expressed to me they feel the same way.

Ian Mowat  
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## NOTES

### Dr. Ian Taylor

Dr. Ian Taylor, BNAPS # 1984, was recently honored by the Senator Paul Simon of the United States by recording in the Congressional Record on October 12, 1989, the resolution of the State of Illinois No. 1022, commending Dr. Taylor for his lifelong service to his community, state, and country, commenting especially on his international work with the Lions Club International. BNAPS also extends its congratulations.

Dr. Taylor is currently recuperating from serious heart surgery. We wish him a good recovery and a chance to continue his avocations after recent retirement from 44 years of veterinary practice. (Victor Willson).

### AN APOLOGY TO BNA TOPICS READERS

This is meant to be a follow up to my article *Newfoundland Plate Numbers Part 2 - The 1932 Resources Issue*, BNA TOPICS Vol. 44, No. 6, Nov - Dec 1987, pgs. 26-28.

In that article on page 26 I state *What I have found is that the 1¢-5¢ values were printed in sheets of 200 subjects containing two panes of 100 stamps. The two panes were separated by a 24 millimeter gutter.* My reasons were then given.

What I must do now is to make a public apology for my incorrect information.

Several readers notably Derek Paul, Robert Pratt, Clarence Stillions, all of whom are very knowledgeable, have been quite vocal with their pens, taking me to task. It has even been written that I was a 'philatelic illiterate' because I had not gone into the archives and/or the premises of the printing companies. Whereas some of these writers professed to have done so.

They said that these stamps were printed in sheets of 100 subjects in the same manner as they were sold by the Newfoundland Post Office.

Accordingly, please accept my humble apology as I hope to correct my previous statement.

First, I must apologize for having been born after these plants had finished their work for the Newfoundland Post Office. Thus, by the time I was capable of doing any on-site visiting, relevant material was unavailable. However, their visits may not have been as fruitful as they have maintained.

Evidence for this has surfaced in the form of a recent offering by Gary Lyon (see list #89-11 Special Offerings #2208 in the *Canadian Stamp News*, Vol. 14, No. 12, Nov 4, 1989).

I am referring specifically to the unprinted

sheet of watermark stamp paper stock used by Perkins Bacon Ltd. to print the 1932 Resources Issue. The sheet of paper has a cut size of 22 1/2 inches x 26 5/8 inches. It has the straight line date 22 JUN. 1932 stamped on it as well as the hand written words 'Cut new working sheet 22 1/2 inches x 26 5/8 inches'. This sheet has incorporated into the paper 400 watermarks each being 23 millimeters wide. The watermark is the Newfoundland Coat of Arms. The watermark format size consists of four panes of 100 watermarks separated by a horizontal and a vertical cross gutter between all panes. This cross gutter is 46 millimeters between the outside Coat of Arms watermarks. At the top of the sheet are positioning lines in the form of a street intersection to enable the setting up of the four panes by the papermarker. From this sheet layout it is easy to see how the stamp design subject plate would be impressed on to this paper sheet so that the Newfoundland Coat of Arms watermark would be centered under each stamp. It also becomes obvious to see what would happen if the press sheet wasn't accurately cut at the positioning lines before going onto the press. The watermarks would then become off center to the stamp subject plate. The result being watermarked and unwatermarked stamp pairs that have become desirable collectibles.

Once the stamp design was printed, the sheet of 400 subjects would be perforated. The four panes separated and then trimmed to clean up the edges for delivery to the Post Office. As does happen, mispositioning for trimming occurs with the end result being samples demonstrating the printing plate size and format. (See article for the gray 1¢ plate 6 picture and as well see letter to editor in a later *BNA TOPICS* showing the 5¢ Caribou).

As an aside, it would also seem that this size of printing sheet (400 subjects) was used for the 1942 2nd Resources Issue. This observation is notable because in my possession was a large vertical 2 X 8 block of the 1¢ gray perf. 12.5 x 12.5. This piece was void of any watermarks. To be so it had to be printed on the unwatermark gutter between the panes. (Ed. - or unwatermarked paper?)

Thus was the size of the paper stock that went into the press upon which the stamp plate was impressed. It was then perforated and cut up into Post Office sheet size of 100 subjects.

So again, please accept my apology, and

likewise I look forward to seeing similar expressions from the aforementioned authorities who also misled you.

(John M. Walsh)

(Ed. note: the plate layout appears on the next page from a sketch by Mr. Walsh, once again challenging us to do something new.)

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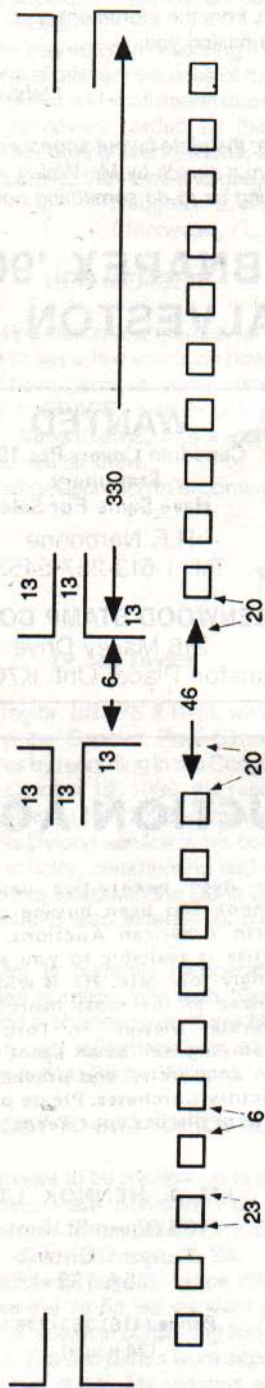
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# Sheet from new working cut, 26 5/8" to 22 1/2"

Top of sheet



Measurements are in millimeters except as noted.

 Denotes watermark

Centre piece of sheet

showing cross gutter format.

