

Letters

MISSPELLING OF SOCIETY NAME

Lately I have noticed an increasing incidence of the misspelling of our society name. The full and proper name of our esteemed organization is *British North America Philatelic Society with Ltd.* recently added to comply with an administrative change. The spelling error occurs in the third word *America* which must be spelled with an *a* as the final letter, not an *n*.

It is easy to understand how our members south of the border can make this error, but Canadian members too, frequently make this mistake.

I treat the correct spelling of our society name as a very important point and I hope this letter will start an awareness among members to ensure correct spelling of our society name in all publications, documents, and notices.

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INFORMATION REQUESTED

Your help and that of the readers is needed please. With our continuing research into the stamps of Newfoundland for the Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue, we (Walsh & Butt, authors) would like to receive information on the following subjects. Readers have written to us suggesting that this information, if known, would be beneficial.

We are looking for the numbers printed of the following stamps and the earliest date cancelled. Please forward a photostat of your cancelled cover or stamp. Information is requested of the 1868-75 Second Cents Issue; the 1876-79 Rouletted Issue; the 1880-98 British American Bank Note Co. Issue which contains the 1/2¢ Dog, 1¢ Prince of Wales in its multiple colour shades, 2¢ Codfish, 3¢ blue, amber-brown Vickie; the 1890 3¢ slate Vickie; the 1897 Royal Family Issue; 1908 Map Stamp and the 1905 Officially Sealed as well as the 1873-1933 Post Cards.

With the John Guy Issues of 1910 and 1911 the numbers printed are requested. In the 1928 Publicity Issue the earliest date cancelled of the 28¢ General Post Office is sought. With the 1929 Re-engraved Publicity Issue the numbers printed are required with the date of the issue of the 15¢ Flight being requested. The 1931

Publicity Issue requires numbers printed with the issue dates of the 1¢-5¢ values being sought.

For the 1932 Resources Issue; 1933 Gilbert Issue; 1937 Long Coronation Issue; 1938 Royal Family; the 1939 Royal Visit and overprints; 30¢ Memorial College and overprint; 1939 Postage Due Issue and the 1943 7¢ Airmail Issue the numbers printed would be of benefit if known.

This seems like a tall request for help, but with all those active Newfoundland stamp collectors many of these unknown (to us) will cease to be hidden. Possibly employees and ex-employees of the printing firms may be able to find the requested information in the company archive files that is not readily accessible to the average collector.

We thank you for your interest and cooperation.

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NEWFOUNDLAND REVENUE INFORMATION REQUESTED

For the past several years there has been a problem regarding a Newfoundland revenue item and if you can run the following it might bring some vital information to the fore.

The 5¢ printed overprint on Newfoundland 25¢ value received this overprint in 1963 when the supply of the 5¢ ran out and there was a surplus of the 25¢ value available. The basic 25¢ stamp, which was overprinted, was printed in sheets of 50 with a gutter separating the two panes of 25. Complete sheets of this stamp were available and such a sheet of 50 would have 5 gutter pairs available. These gutter pairs are recognized in the Revenue Catalog and command a premium. The Catalog also lists further pairs of this stamp with the 5¢ printed overprint at \$250.00 each.

The problem is that while this overprinted gutter pair is listed I have never been able to locate an example and I don't know of anyone who has positive evidence that such an item exists. Perhaps this letter will attract some proof, one way or the other.

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My own feeling is that any printer being called upon to overprint a sheet of 50 which was divided into two panes of 25 would recognize the advantage of setting up an overprinting plate for 25 positions and then cut the sheet into panes of 25. It would be more economical and panes of 25 would be easier to handle than a sheet of 50. This, however, is merely a theory. Is there anyone out there who can HELP?

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they have given their blessings to the proposal. Fellow BNAPSers, the ball is now in your court. I look forward to receiving your responses.

Bob Marcello
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NEW REGIONAL GROUP PROPOSED

Calling all BNAPSers in the Northeast ... Are you interested in joining a New England Regional Group of the BNAPS? If so, please let me know.

I understand that past attempts to start a regional group in New England fizzled out. Perhaps the prospects for forming such a group are more promising now.

I would be happy to assist anyone who is willing to take on the responsibility of leading the regional group. Bill Robinson, BNAPS President, and Dr. Bob Carr, Vice-President of Regional Groups, have been contacted and

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