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ON THE FRINGES

It turned from winter to summer in one week in this area. Good weather tends to make one forget all about winter very quickly. The ROYAL was a reasonably good show. It was nice to run across so many BNAPS members and congratulations are in order to all those who exhibited, especially Jack Arnell for having been awarded the Grand Prize for his showing of *From Sail to Steam on the North Atlantic*. The exhibit was also awarded Best Postal History O.P.S. Plaque and of course a Gold medal.

After an absence of a year the **Newfie Newsletter** showed up recently under the directorship of three interim people. Work commitments have forced C.A. Stillions to step down, with his place being taken by Acting Chairman J. Don Wilson, Acting Editor John Butt and Acting Treasurer Martin Goebel. Don Wilson reproduced a letter of appreciation to

C.A. for his dedication over the past eight years and he was given a print of the M.V. Trepassey which is also reproduced in the newsletter. Permanent officers will be elected at BNAPEX this September. Don is trying to get some information on the five cent Caribou Revenue to give out to collectors coming to St. John in 1997. A reproduction of correspondence with officialdom is enclosed. John McCrea sends in three copies of Scott #154, the Twelve Cent Publicity Issue-Double Print, One Albino, One Colour. Comments should be sent directly to Dr. McCrea. Brian Nobel is trying to identify a cancellation and asks for assistance from the membership. The editor chipped in with one suggestion. David Piercey is also looking for some help in identifying a cancellation on a Scott #48. From Dean Mario a photocopy of a PAID ALL cover first ever recorded used to the

U.S.A. via the circular rate. Another photocopy is similar to the *Smith & Forbes* card from the Ford Employees Stamp Club. John Butt writes on new finds in Newfoundland Perfins and would like some input from the membership. Maybe someone from **Perforator** can help out. Everyone knows of the famous Newfie dealer, Rev. Butler. Now Robert Soper asks was there a Pre-Rev. Butler Dealer? Robert has illustrated in the newsletter six covers addressed to Mr. Nils Ohman between the years 1890 to 1897. Robert would like to hear from anyone having further information on Mr. Ohman. The last page of the newsletter outlines the two principal people of this study group you will be dealing with for the time being. It's nice to see that three people have stepped in to do what was being done by one. It's nice to see the **Newfie** back again.

Henk Burgers of the **Canadian Military Mail** study group makes sure you read the whole newsletter in order to find out about the cover cover. Colin Campbell sent in a story with a nice cover about *The Canadian Reserve Cyclist Company*. From the Letter Box comes a request from Michael Rixon for information about the Canadian Voyageur Contingent sent to Egypt as part of the Khartoum Relief Expedition. Airmail Covers from World War II by Walter Plomish in this newsletter refers to the Commonwealth Air Training Plan. The illustrated cover is from an Australian participant to his relatives back home.

Ken Ellison sent in a nice cover illustrating his story, *The USA-Canada First Special Service Force*. The history of the force is listed and Ken is looking for photocopies of the covers to help in the postal history of the force. Another issue of *The Observer* from the Australian Forces Mail Research Group was received with an article on mail to internees in Canada during WW II. Finally we come to Hank Narbonne's *A Fenian Raid Story* with a Fenian Raid Cover from Dunnville to Oakville. It is certainly interesting reading. Henk loves to research these things. A picture shows the last two surviving members of the Canadian Corps of Cyclists, Billy Richardson and Dick Ellis, ninety-eight and ninety-six years of age respectively. They are sharing a glass of vintage champagne. On the last page we see the reverse of the cover cover. Small ads finish the newsletter. Well put together Henk.

The newsletter from the **Air Mail** study group is disturbing. The status of the group is

still up in the air as Bill Topping puts it. He and Mike Painter agreed to put out three editions only with the last to appear just before BNAPEX. There is conflict with the **Semi-Official Air Mail** Group who are still in existence by the way, despite the confusion of the past year. I do hope for the benefit of philately that the existing situation will be resolved at the end of the convention in Toronto so there will be an amiable existence or co-existence of members of one or two groups. There is room for both gentlemen. John Wheeler sent in a copy of a letter from Western Canada Airways Limited over the signature of the famous pioneer pilot Doc Oaks. The story is called a Brush With Roessler. Murray Heifetz responded to the item on guidelines on Canadian Airways panes. Trelle Morrow reviews a book entitled *Spirit of The Yukon* by June Cruickshank Lunny. A fine edition to a Collector's library says Morrow. Basil Burrell sent in what he believes is a method of identifying the stamp in possession of the Elliot Fairchild Transport stamps. Basil would like to hear from anyone with a comment. Bill Topping includes the February 1939 supplement to the Canada Official Postal Guide. You can have all thirteen pages for one dollar plus postage. This rounds out this addition of the newsletter.

The March Newsletter of the **Canadian Revenue** Study Group illustrates two new findings. The first is sent in by John Gaudio and is an imperf between on the 20c Third Bill Issue. The second is also submitted by John Gaudio and is the SE 8 one dollar value without the P.S. perfins cancel. There is the adlet section and two pages of illustrated Bell Telephone Issue submitted by Ed Zaluski. These are from his revenue reference manual. Zaluski's seventh and last volume of the series, Revenue Stamp Manuals will be published in 1994.

From Wilmer Rocket of the **Canadian Revenue** Study Group comes the itinerary planned for the Willow Grove Revenue Group Mini-Convention. Gus Quattrocchi has some Custom Stamps to share for a small fee. Some revenue publications were generously donated to the group for resale. The article in the March-April **TOPICS** by Harry Lussey is brought to your attention. Congratulations to Harry for his vermeil award at the ROYAL in Ottawa. Wilmer thinks the exhibit merited a gold. Sorry I didn't meet you there Wilmer. Winnipeg Game and Fish Association Wildlife Conservation stamps are illustrated with major and minor perf. vari-