

DANCE SASKATCHEWAN 1967 Slogan, used between June 6th and July 19th. This is followed by the St. Catharines Regatta Slogans 1920, 1963-1965. The balance of the newsletter consists of an updated listing by Steven A. Friedenthal of Canadian Slogan Cancels 1897-1919.

In the R.P.O. Newsletter for August '97, devoted to Newfoundland transportation history, were a number of items submitted by Don Wilson on such topics as: the "Early Postal History of Newfoundland" from an address by the Rev. Hugh Kirby of Harbour Grace submitted to the Historical Society of Harbour Grace 1940. This is followed by a piece taken from the *Mariner*, (Sept. 94) on Newfoundland Coastal Steamers, with extracts from Newfoundland Railway Coastal Steamer Schedules. Another piece recounted the first trial railway run in 1882 from Donovans to St. Johns—a distance of about 8 miles. There was also a short article on the Newfoundland Centennial Train. The newsletter was rounded out with an article by R.A.J. Miller on "The Labrador Mails." The Transatlantic Group Newsletter for August '97 continued its discourse on money letters and registered letters to overseas destinations with a listing of destinations to which registered mail would be accepted from (pre U.P.U) 1837 to (post U.P.U.) 1898.

The *Flag Pole* for June-July '97 starts off with a scurrilous article complete with illustrations? by that trickster and prankster Sally Flagstaff who managed to send the uninitiated into a frenzy looking for the illusive phantom "New Bickerdike Midget Cancel!" after 100 years. I am assured by Doug Lingard this does not exist, so any one still looking should stop now and take another look at the date line of Sally's article - April 1st! On the more serious side, the newsletter continues with an article by Mike Rixon on Toronto "01" dater hubs. The Revenue Group's September '97 issue is devoted to an exhaustive article by Chris Ryan on "Ontario Luxury Tax [tax stamps] on Beverages."

I am happy to report that the Re-Entry Study Group has been successful in finding a new chairperson and editor to take over from Ralph Trimble. John Jamieson is now the president, secretary-treasurer and W. A. MacDonald is the new editor. The first edition of the newsletter under the new regime starts off with an article on the half cent small Queen which asks the question "Is there a Fourth State?" Reiche and Sendbuehier only listed three states. *The Corgi Times* for July and August 1997 contains the usual pot-pourri of articles on modern Queen Elizabeth II material. Margaret Chartrand, however, submitted an article of general interest to all collectors entitled "The Making of a Stamp." Other articles of specialized interest included John Jamieson on "The Wilding Issues - Unique Postal History Piece" (a 2¢ Wilding paying the printed matter rate on a 1961 Fertile Valley Annual Fair Prize List for 1961). John Hillmer wrote on "Borden Precancel Errors" on Caricature and Landscape issues. Eppe Bosch presented "Unusual Markings/Stamps & a Short Story" on the Environments issue and then there were three pieces on the commemoratives: "Varieties on the Canadian Tire Issue" by George Yarkie, "More on Semi-Postals" by Paul Tessington, and "O Canada' Miniature Pane - A Correction" by Harry Voss.

That completes the round up for this time, and as there will not be another issue of *Topics* until the New Year it just remains for me to wish one and all a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year. Happy Hunting and may your Christmas stocking be full of all the goodies you ever wanted.

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There is a note just in from the Military Study Group regarding their upcoming Second Annual Auction of Military related material. The closing date for lots to be submitted is January 23, 1998. For further information & terms and conditions contact auctioneer Jon Johnson at 9604 Kalamalka Road, Vernon B.C., V1B 1L3.