

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Norris Dyer for his fine article on *Newfoundland's Columbia Revisited*. While I do not share his collecting interest in this field, I certainly appreciate his effort and the way it was presented.

Robert A. Bayes

Dear sir;

In my article "Famous Newfoundland Flights of the 1930's—Then and Now" (*Topics* Vol. 55, #1) on page 28, the pilots's name should have been "Hoiriss." Also, the "Liberty" flight generated mail but did not carry it—the 227 covers were postmarked in Harbour Grace but carried by sea to Copenhagen.

In "Newfoundland's Columbia Air Mail" (*Topics* Vol. 55, #2) on page 45, the lower left and lower right stamps in the setting feature a raised "s" in "Cents", not a raised "e".

Norris R. Dyer

Dear sir:

The latest BNA *Topics* arrived the other day. There is a letter to the editor inquiring about spots found on the current 45c Flag definitive. We (at Saskatoon Stamps) have received too many calls on this. We published a brief article awhile back that we send to clients who inquire from us.

45¢ Flag "Snowstorm Variety"

Have you seen the current 45¢ Flag definitive with randomly placed white spots of varying sizes? Chances are you have, either in person or in recent ads. We have had many calls (in fact, too many) regarding this "variety."



These are damaged stamps! These are not printing varieties and, in our opinion, have no value!

Multicoloured 45¢ Flag stamps come in various formats¹: sheets of 100 and 120; booklets of 10, 25, and 30. The spots occur only on the stamps from booklets. These stamps did **not miss any ink** (colour) in the printing process. As the booklet is opened and the stamps are spread out, spots of colour are removed from the stamps and are left adhering to the inside of the booklet cover.

1. Leigh-Mardon Pty, Limited printed sheets of 100 and booklets of 10 and 25, released Jul 31/95.

Canadian Bank Note printed sheets of 100 and booklets of 10 and 25, released Oct 6/95 on Coated Paper and Apr 5/96 on Peterborough paper. The spots discussed in this article originate from these printings.

In 1998 (Feb 2), the 45¢ Flag stamp was released in a smaller stamp/design size: Canadian Bank Note printed sheets of 120 and booklets of 10; Ashton-Potter printed booklets of 30.