

We are now well into the New Year, and your correspondent has just returned from a trip to Europe to find his mail box overflowing with newsletters. Obviously editors have taken advantage of the Christmas break to get those winter editions out. So with a lot to get through I will start right in.

Two editions of the "Newfie Newsletter" have arrived. The September issue contains items by Kevin O'Reilly on "Labrador Post Offices", a listing of G.P.O. railway and travelling post office clerks 1898-1932 (with more to come in future editions), the first instalment of a complete list of "Newfoundland Post Offices 1851 - 1998" and finally there is a report of a new re-entry found on the Seal issue 1865-1879 (reprinted from the *Re-Entry Study Group Newsletter* of November/December 1997). The November/December issue contains items from Barry Senior on "Newfoundland Perfins", another instalment of "Newfoundland Post Offices", more examples of travelling post offices and railway mail clerks and finally more Labrador post offices from Kevin O'Reilly. From the "Military Study Group" November edition comes the usual pot-pourri of Christmas related items sent in by a number of contributors including Wilf Whitehouse (naval), L.G. Clinton and A.D. Hanes. John Daynes sent along some comments on Jim Felton's H.M. Ship censor query and Bill Robinson provided an answer to Kevin O'Reilly's question regarding an Edmonton Emergency R.P.O. marking. "Confederation" for January 1999 contained a query from Ron Ribler regarding a Small Crown overprint on a 3¢ Small Queen with a postmark of March 5, 1895. Roy Sass in his editor's column asks for help in locating earliest date cancels for Large Queens. There is also a request more articles, comments and questions. T.R. Morgan has submitted a listing of Allan Line sailing dates for the winter 1872-73 and for the summer of 1873. John Verge sent along a photocopy of a 12¢ Large Queen rate cover to Newfoundland dated Sep. 14, 1868.

The R.P.O. Newsletter for October 1998 contained items on the 1979 Discovery Train (John Miller), on the Newfoundland Railway (Don Wilson), and some articles by Lionel Gillam regarding the deletion of "Ludlow W-20A." Bill Pekonen sent along some Railway Statistics for B.C. from 1905; Horace Harrison forwarded a photocopy of a R.P.O. cover from his collection, and John Cheramy sent along a postcard showing mail being delivered by row boat at the C.P. railway station at High River, Alberta. The December 1998 edition arrived with items from Gerry Carr, pictures of a postcard of the C.P.R. Great Loop near Glacier B.C and of other postcards from Don Wilson on the Newfoundland Railway and the end of steam power on passenger trains. Chris Anstead contributed a breakdown of Canadian Pacific Passenger Equipment Mail and Mail and Express and Baggage and Express as in use during 1929. Bill Pekonen sent in a piece from the British Columbia Year Book for 1905 listing main- and branch-line railway service in the Province. Bill also, as a follow up to Bill Topping's remarks on the Judging of Postal History exhibits, sent along an interesting definition of Postal History taken from a three volume work by Kenneth A. Wood, *This is Philately*. Horace Harrison contributed a C.P.R. wrapper used to mail the Company's annual report. Finally, Ken Ellison sent along more extracts from the "Vernon Daily News." The British Columbia Postal History Research Group's newsletter for October 1998 contained an article on postal censorship during World War I and a piece by Kevin O'Reilly on MOON and POCAN cancels in Vancouver. There was a further article on the Van. & Vic.