

There were several bogus values prepared of the cents issue, probably by Samuel Alan Taylor. The 10 cent and 15 cent values (like so many old forgeries) are now quite rare and much desired by collectors. A steamboat stamp is very rare.

I hope this brief coverage of P.E.I. issues at least introduced you to this largely unknown area of British North American postal usage. Anyone looking for new areas of collecting and research should give real consideration to this small BNA province.

Viva Atlantic Canada

Lola Caron

These few lines are by way of saying how much I enjoyed being at BNAPEX'97 in St. John's Newfoundland the last week of September 1997 while the 500th anniversary of the landing of John Cabot was still being celebrated. We had a very pleasant convention. It all started with the Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Honorable A.M. House, C.M., M.D., FRPSC, visiting us at the opening. Everything went fine, and we greatly appreciated the warm hospitality received—and also the musical and hilarious performance of Professor Myrle Vokey after the salmon dinner and screech-in at the Colony. The exhibits shown were wonderful, also presenting important Newfoundland history philatelic items.

There is an interesting cover in my own stamp collection (Figure 1) showing two Newfoundland sets, both issued on May 12, 1937, all on the same registered envelope.

Figure 1



One set is the Coronation Omnibus (England's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth)—three stamps: 2¢, 4¢ and 5¢, the second set is the "long" Coronation issue of eleven stamps:

1¢ Codfish
3¢ Newfoundland Map
7¢ Caribou

15¢ Harp Seal Pup
20¢ Cape Race
24¢ Loading Ore, Bell Isld.

8¢ Corner Brook Paper Mill
 10¢ Salmon
 14¢ Newfoundland Dog

25¢ Sealing Fleet
 48¢ Fishing Fleet.

This nice registered letter from St. John's, Newfoundland, was cancelled May 15, 1937 (three days after issue date of these stamps). The cover was addressed to Mrs. Virginia H. Van Kirk, 3012 Norwood Avenue N.5., Pittsburgh, Pa, USA, and went by Boston, Mass., May 28, arriving in Pittsburgh May 29. Both cancels appearing on the back of the envelope. Unfortunately, there is no mention of the sender and it seems questionable that the envelope could contain material so heavy it needed \$1.86 worth of stamps; it is more likely this is a souvenir-cover sent to a U.S.A. friend. The original size of the cover is 8½" by 5¼".

Something to be noticed in this second set: the stamp-designs were inspired by the 1932-37 series. However, the shape was changed and the frame was extended horizontally to allow room to insert the King's portrait in a small oval—this oval is at the right on ten of the stamps, and on the left on one of them (the 8¢).

Figure 2



Coming back to our visit in St. John's, the BNAPEX'97 participants received a copy of the recent First Day Cover showing the two similar commemorative stamps of Canada and Italy marking the 500th anniversary of the historical North American landing of John Cabot (Italian: Giovanni Caboto) and his crew on board the *Matthew*. The two stamps have a common design, with each country adding the denomination and descriptive text in the appropriate language(s). The cover (Figure 2) has a 24 June 1997 Ottawa FDC souvenir postmark. The stamps are on a beautiful cover with a historical theme cachet.

Appearing also on this FDC, is the impressive BNAPEX'97 handstamp cachet, (there was a different BNAPEX cachet for each day of the show)—a fine set of philatelic souvenir items.