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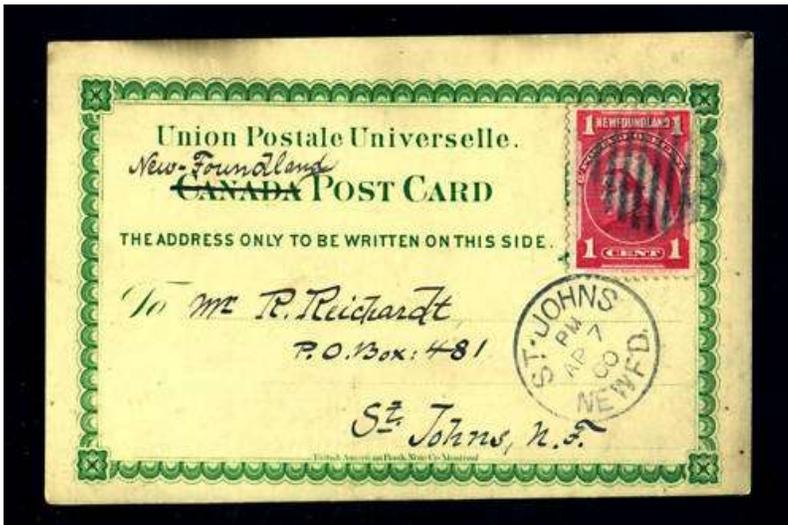
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Please submit some articles and/or photos for future issues.

KRIPPNER AND BUTLER



This issue includes articles about two famous collectors/dealers. E.A. Butler was a reverend and Emil Reichardt Krippner anything but! Krippner even served prison time in Germany for stamp forgery as you will see. The 1879 *Canadian* post card to the left was sent to Krippner in 1900 (using his Reichardt pseudonym) by E. Brehm per Peter Motson (our Krippner expert). Note “CANADA” crossed out and replaced by “New-Foundland”!

Rev. Butler looks more true-to-life than ever, for his part, in this issue and we learn that he operated a farm with his sons.

ERIC YENDALL wonders if there was ever a Special Delivery service of the Newfoundland Posts & Telegraph Depart. He knows of philatelic FDC special delivery covers from 1926 from the U.S. to Newfoundland and notes the 1926 US Post Office Guide listed Newfoundland as a destination for special delivery mail. Any help?

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NEWFOUNDLAND RELATED LETTERS – Colin Lewis

An area of postal history that has long been of interest to me is correspondence not originating or destined for Newfoundland but making specific reference to the colony in the letters' text. Three such letters that meet this criteria are described in the following article.

The first of these is dated 1699 and predates recorded ingoing and outgoing letters, in the public domain, and is the only 17th century letter I have seen that makes reference to Newfoundland. The letter was written at Weymouth, Dorset, England on the 24th May 1699 and received at London on 26th May as per Bishop Mark receiver on reverse. A collect rate of 2 pence Sterling was charged.

Addressed to:-

Mr. John Moore

At the Ware-house

At Due Keys

In London

Letter reads :-

Mr Moore

I have yours of the 20th instant and as to John Symington of this town, he lately sold his vessel in Ireland and since his return from thence has sold one of his houses in this place, by which you may judge as your man. He went this Spring with Capt. Corbing of London, from Poole to Newfoundland.

Mr Symon Cole of your city is concerned in your ship and I suppose at her return will come to London so that then will be a good time to meet him. Mr Cole can advise you when your ship arrives.

I desire you to let me hear from you as soon as Mrs Pouet has power to discharge us. If your money belongs to her, for I will not come to London till that time, though I could wish it maybe in a short time, because my business will now best permit me, for we are willing to do what is just in this matter.

If I can serve you in anything in these parts you may freely command.

Mr Symon Cole in St Ellina

Your Humble Servant

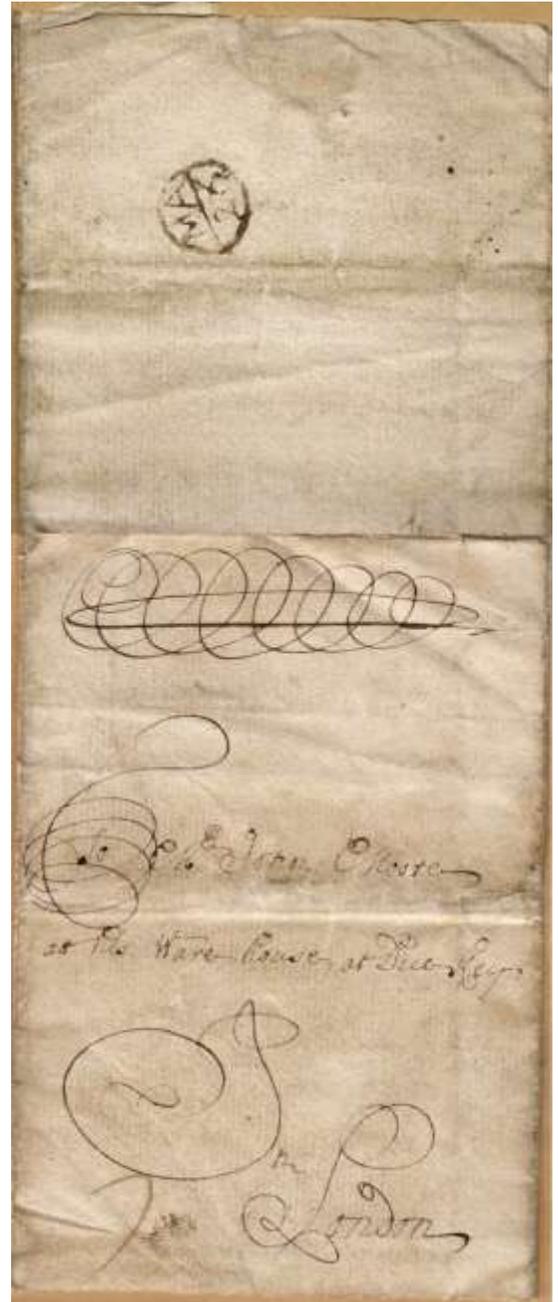
John Carswell

Footnote :-

To Mr Hunnick suggar (sic) 33 to 34 hops 9th.

In 2 months exporters cheap wheat 24 & Barley 24.

Mault (sic) 27 to 28 hops 9th, and will be aboard.



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NEWFOUNDLAND RELATED COVERS (Continued)

Docketing :- St Hellena

Mr Sy Cole, Old Jury inquire for Capt. Corbin from Newfoundland.

Letters from this early period are more often than not grammatically disjointed with many of the words abbreviated. I have transcribed much of the letter into more modern language, that simplifies its reading, but even so to fully understand the context of the letter is still difficult.

The second letter was written at Dartmouth, Devon, England on 26th April 1811 and hand delivered outside of the mails to the addressee :-

The Worshipful

The Mayor

Dartmouth

Sir

We shall feel much obliged by your representing to Admiral Sir John Duckworth (Governor of Newfoundland 1810 to 1812) that three vessels belonging to us, which sailed from hence on 22nd instant to join the Nonpareil Newfoundland Convoy off this port, were prevented from the Convoy standing too far in the offing and carrying a f--ss of sail to the westward they soon were unable to keep him in sight, in consequence they proceeded to Falmouth in the hope of its calling there: but they have been informed today that it has not called at that port.

As it is of considerable importance to the Owners that the Ships should proceed with all possible dispatch (being fitted for the Fishing Voyage) they trust that the Admiral will direct some ship to call at Falmouth to take them under its protection. We are

Sir

Your Very Humble Servants

Henry Holdsworth

Matthew Morry & Co

R Cranford

Thos. Bennett

Footnote :-

It was essential at this time for British vessels to sail with a Naval escort as we were facing hostilities from France under Napoleon during the Peninsular War, as well as the possibility of attacks from pirates.

The signatories were West Country Merchants who had established business houses in St. John's.

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Newfoundland Related Letters (Concluded)

The third letter of the trio was written on 7th November 1766 at Chelsea, London, England. By the sister of the eminent Natural Historian and Botanist Joseph Banks.

It is addressed to :-

*Joseph Banks
At Messrs Purry & Devisme's
At Lisbon
To be sent by the first packet Falmouth*

Rated 8 pence Sterling as a double rate to Falmouth and then 200 Reis collect at Lisbon.

Letter reads in part :-

I was very agreeably surprised with my Dear Brother's of August 11th as I had but little expectation of the pleasure of a letter from you while abroad; was much rejoiced to hear you had got so well of your fever, which is a very ugly thing anywhere, but more particularly at Newfoundland.

I am sorry the Esquimaux were so rude.

My best wishes for your safe and agreeable voyage to England.

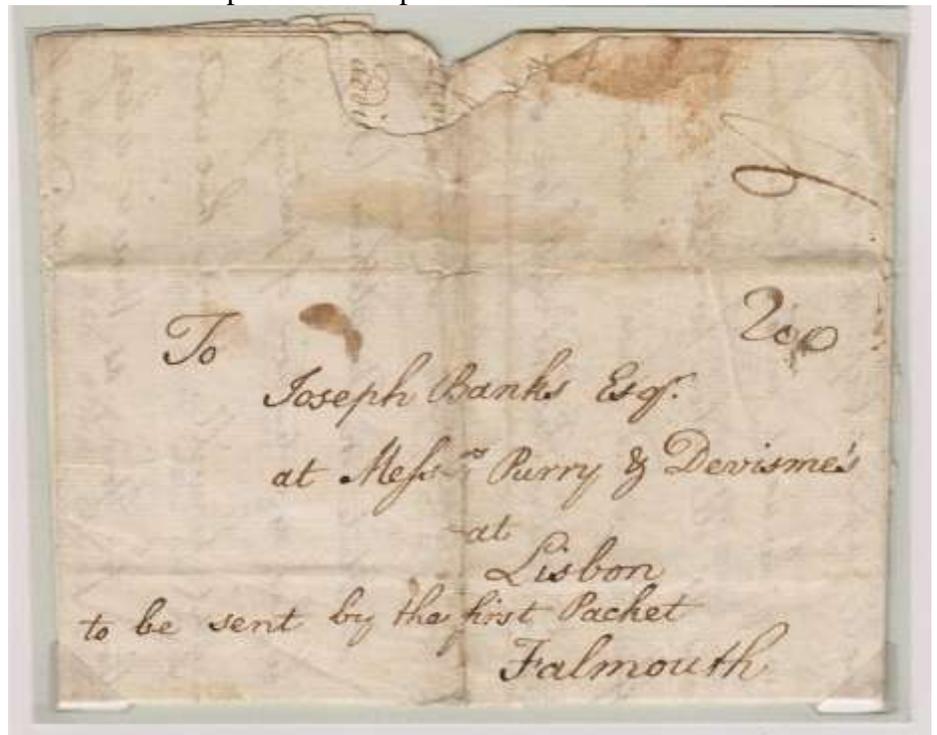
Footnote :-

Joseph Banks (1743-1820) was returning from his first overseas Expedition to Newfoundland and Labrador in 1766, aboard HMS "Niger", where he had been studying the local flora and fauna. As a result of this adventure he made his name by publishing the first Linnean descriptions of the plants and animals of Newfoundland and Labrador. Unfortunately, the vessel was almost lost on the return voyage and most of his collection of specimens were thrown overboard.

From 1768-71 he accompanied Captain James Cook on his first voyage of discovery to the South Pacific aboard His Majesty's Bark "Endeavour".

In 1778 he was elected President of the Royal Society, London, whilst in 1781 he was bestowed the title Baronet by King George III.

Colin Lewis



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**WHO IS THIS DEALER? - Jean-Claude Vasseur
AN ANSWER**



The question in the title (Newfie Newsletter 141), received an answer from **Rob Moore** in the form of the above cover sent from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs on Feb 21 1935. It is a not a direct answer, no “R” – as at top right – but shows similar writing. See the “P”s circled. Fortunately I have found yet another cover (at right in black) showing both the distinctive “R” and a “P”.

From this we can surmise that the “dealer” was just a “clerk” working at the Post Office and mailing covers on order for various people unable to come to the Post Office. It should be reminded that the Balbo stamps were available on July 24th and mail requested to be disposed at the G.P.O. the next day before noon!

From the 13 known covers (a lot more should exist):

- 5 have addresses in Nfld;
- 4 have addresses in England (Geo G Ginn x2 and Mrs G Rusted! well known names);
- 3 have “c/o High Commissioner London” (“Editor Stamp Collecting” x2) and were likely returned from there; and,
- 1 (partially shown here) sent c/o Rome Postmaster General with address in St John’s on back (120 Pleasant Street).

All are likely “philatelic” for return to Newfoundland.

Any additional comments?

EDITOR – See the next page for more on same question.

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WHO IS THIS DEALER? - Dean Mario
ANOTHER RESPONSE

Editor: *Dean Mario sent this response to Jean-Claude Vasseur's question and has come to a similar conclusion.*

I noted Jean-Claude Vasseur's question (Newfie Newsletter #141, p.3) related to his search to identify the "dealer" who may have been responsible for a "great number of covers" associated with the Balbo flight.

I too have often wondered about this "person", as I have also seen a good many similar covers with the same handwriting. Most are either "official" f.d.c.'s from the St. John's G.P.O. or other "philatelic"- related event covers. Note the accompanying 1933 f.d.c. and the similarity of the capital "E's" on both covers [although Dean is referring to the original cover Jean-Claude showed in NN #141, it also applies to the cover on the previous page – look at the "E" is "Esq. on the cover at the right].

Rather than a "dealer" which Jean-Claude alluded to, I had thought that these covers were the work of a postal clerk (male or female?) connected with the G.P.O.'s "Philatelic Division" who simply would have addressed these covers and sent them along to customers who had ordered them. I've noted that many of these covers similarly addressed do not bear a return address of the sender.



Editor: *The answer is actually shown in Newfie Newsletter #139, Page 12. Your editor, as he ages, has memory lapses. A recent email from Jean-Claude finally triggered my memory of this one-pager which shows a stamp price list of 1933. Also shown is the original envelope and LO! & BEHOLD! its author is the same person who inscribed the other covers – obviously a clerk who handled philatelic matters for the G.P.O. at that time. Dealer – no! Civil servant – yes!*

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The perfin corner by Barry Senior

These are with the A9 Ayre perforator. A red dot indicates only known copy.

The 7 and 8 cent stamps of this issue were released later in 1932. The 8 cent position four is one of two recorded while the position six is the discovery copy for this position.



One of two recorded 7 cent issues on cover paying the Airmail Rate to Canada, August 27, 1944.



1933 "L. & S. Post" Overprint

This was issued due to a shortage of regular 15 cent postage stamps. The overprint made the stamp valid for regular mail only, not Airmail.



Two of six recorded copies including the only recorded example in position two.

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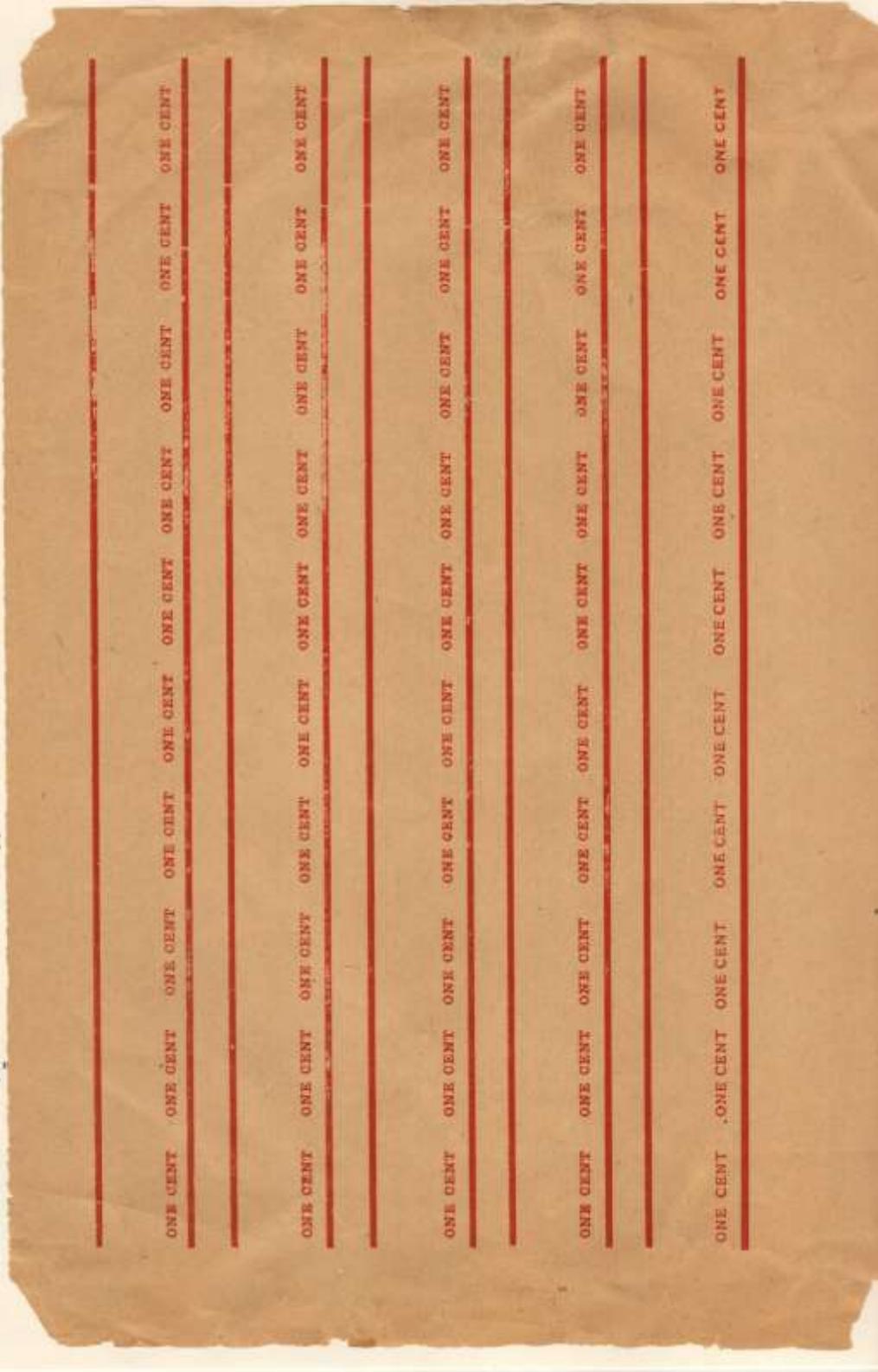
NEWFOUNDLAND'S 1897 POSTAL SHORTAGE- ANNOTATED
Norris (Bob) Dyer - Page 4.

TRIAL
SURCHARGE

Red trial surcharge, fewer than five sheets known. The same setting was used in final version, but in black.

Ex-
E.R. Krippner

He was a stamp dealer in St. John's and a friend of government officials. The sheets, which he later sold, were "taken from the wastebasket of the Kings Printers office."



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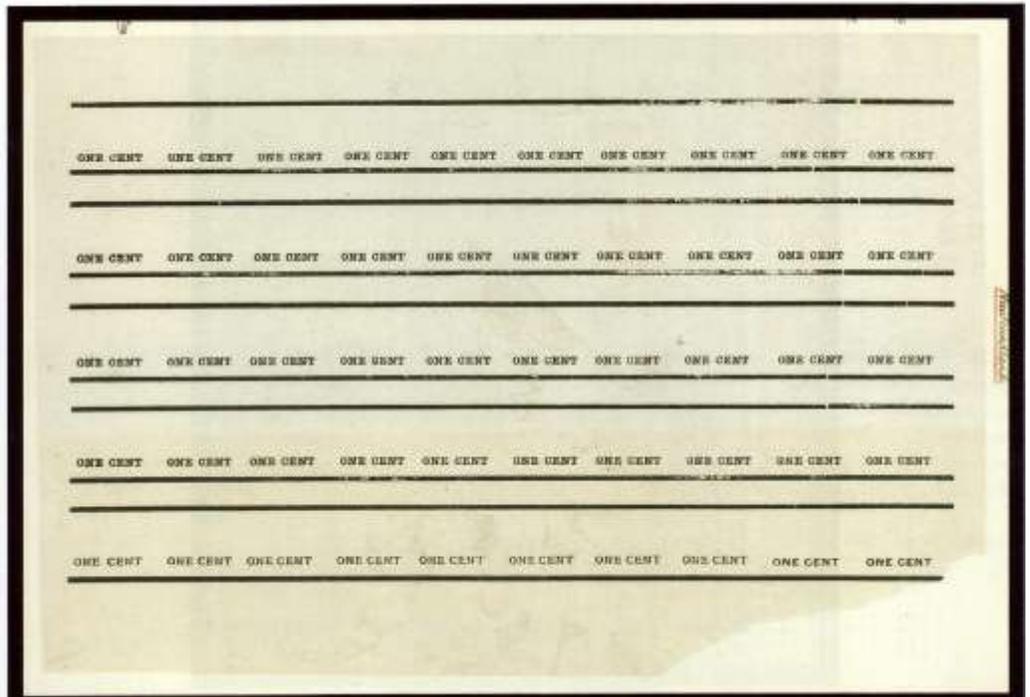
E. R. Krippner was a philatelist who arrived in St. John's in 1899. He is most famous for his patriotic covers featuring his original artwork and stamps from the Royal family Set of 1897-1901. See Pete Motson's article in this issue. Motson has a four-frame exhibit on Krippner which won a vermeil award at BNAPEX 2010.

The sheet I display was owned by a daughter who moved to Marin County in California in the 1980's. It was sold to a dealer friend of mine in an estate sale, and I purchased it from him. Particulars can be found in my article in Newfie Newsletter # 54, available on line at the BNAPS website within the Horace Harrison Library. In Robert Pratt's great article, *Newfoundland - The Gray 1890 Three Cent - Ten years of Turmoil* (Fifty-Second American Philatelic Congress, 1986), he cites a Krippner letter of 1923:

As you have now a nice number of the Nfdld. Red and black surcharged stamps [from 1897], I thought it would interest you to have also a 'Proof Sheet' of these stamps, from which you can locate nearly every stamp. It is the *last* one I have, as two others were sold December 4, 1922 at Morgenthau's. These sheets were taken from the wastebasket of 'The Kings Printers' office and I am the sole possessor.

Pratt shows a picture of a red proof sheet in his article. Saskatoon Stamp Co. owned two of the red version at one point, and over the years I have seen suggestions one or two more may exist. The sheet at the right is in black and I believe the only surviving sheet in that color. It recently was lot #233 in Eastern Auction's sale of August, 2010.

I have found my sheet invaluable for plating examples of the red trial surcharge. You will see examples of the trial surcharges next quarter, from Page 5 of my exhibit.



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EMIL REICHARDT KRIPPNER – Peter Motson



June, 1899 - Krippner advertises in European magazine

Emil Reichardt Krippner spent nearly 20 years of his life in Newfoundland and mainland Canada before re-locating to the USA, where he died January 19th 1942. Krippner was born in Altendorf, Germany, 6th March 1862 and he worked as a professional musician until he opened a stamp shop circa 1883. He applied his artistic talent to German stamps and cancellations forgery but he was charged and convicted in October, 1890 and served a two-year jail sentence resulting in significant disgrace. On his release from prison in April 1893, he travelled as a Musical Instrument Salesman in Europe and also North America. Krippner's daughter Martha was born 5th September 1895. In May 1899 Krippner took up residence in St John's, Newfoundland and he immediately sought philatelic clients by advertising under his pseudonym of *Reichardt* in local St John's newspapers and also in European philatelic publications (such as above). To supplement his income he also advertised musical tuition lessons.

Krippner's patriotic artistic design covers, pre-franked with Royal Family Newfoundland definitive issue stamps, attracted Patriotic clients. Krippner applied his artwork by hand with coloured Indian Inks, using fine artist brushes and fine nibbed "mapping" pens. He "protected" these designs with a lacquer known as Dammar varnish, which also enhanced the colours. The earliest "Frame" design cover that I have found is dated 20th June 1899 and it is a "test mailing" to his pseudonym at his own "new" PO Box. Three 1903 patriotic "F&F" ("Flag and Frame") Newfoundland design covers are the last known artistic design covers produced by E R Krippner, that I have found to- date.

Krippner re-located to Winnipeg in July 1904 where he was joined by his 18 year old son Ludwig. I have found several references to Krippner Musical activities but not "Philatelic Dealer" involvements. His wife, back in Altendorf, died circa 1912. Krippner left Winnipeg sometime between 1916 and 1923.

As far as I am aware, no "post 1893" Krippner forgeries have been substantiated. However, it is possible that Krippner and his son Ludwig, may have offered their philatelic clients, Newfoundland surcharged stamps and proofs of doubtful origin, from their US stamp outlet, circa 1923. This specific "surcharge" application would doubtless have been well within E R Krippner's experience and capability. In 1901/02, whilst in Newfoundland, Krippner did apparently collaborate with Post Office staff and Govt. Ministers, the result of which is evidenced in several covers bearing Imperf and Misperf Newfoundland stamps, all postmarked with the James Cox TPO handstamp,

I have recorded a total of 159 E R Krippner mail items, of which 62 are covers of Krippner artistic design. As I intend to publish a "Census" of Krippner mail items early 2011, any information &/or scans of Krippner data or mail items would be most appreciated, especially regarding ANY covers &/or postcards. Contact: p.motson@btopenworld.com. I would also be pleased to help, if I can, with any questions regarding E R Krippner &/or his mail/s.

Editor – Pete provides us pictures of four representative Krippner items on the next two pages.

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1895 cover, Montreal to Germany, mailed by Krippner while visiting Canada and before taking up residence in St. John's, Newfoundland in 1899.



1901 seldom-seen, registered card from Krippner to one of his European stamp collector friends. 8¢ overpays the 1901 registered rate to Germany by 1¢.

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1902 cover with a typical patriotic “Flag & Frame” design. Note centre stamp panel title – **OUR LATE QUEEN**. This cover bears the 4¢ Duchess of York stamp. Overfranked, of course!



1904 typical Krippner cover from Winnipeg, i.e., without artistic design. Winnipeg mail items recorded from July 1904 until July 1916.

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St. John's Money Order Office - David Piercey

A money order office was established within the St John's main post office in 1864, and John Butt, in his excellent series of articles on the St. John's postal markings, illustrates nine different Money Order Office hand stamps, 1864-1938 used at the main post office (*BNA Topics*, 50, 5, 1993, pp. 6-12).

The money order office was one of the services provided by the Post Office, and John Delaney, the Postmaster General, was a strong proponent in the gradual development and expansion of this service. By 1895, the date of the illustrated cover, there were probably three post office employees, including a superintendent (Pratt, 1985, p. 232) involved in this service, and several thousand money orders, totaling several hundred thousand dollars, were issued each year. (The exception being 1895, the year after the bank crash, when such volume was significantly reduced – see Pratt pp.581-584 for annual statistics).

The illustrated cover shows official correspondence from the Money Order Office. Interestingly, the envelope is a piece of preprinted official postal stationery ("O.H.M.S., Money Order Office, No. 1") with appropriate free franking signature of the postal official, and the Money Order Office date stamp, August 19, 1895. Perhaps a reader will know if other official envelopes (e.g., No. 2, etc.) may exist.

The date stamp appears somewhat different than that illustrated by Butt (1993) from this period. His is drawn more oval at each end; this one appears rounder at the ends. Perhaps there was more than one hammer used during this period?

M.O.O. date stamps from this period are quite uncommon (I have but this one example after many years of collecting). Yet, they probably form a necessary addition to the complete telling of the postal history of this period.

Correspondence on this topic is welcome. You may contact me at dpiercey@telus.net.



REQUEST FROM DAVID JONES

David Jones (BNAPS new Secretary) is seeking post office ephemera from Newfoundland pre-Confederation post offices. Anything that appeared on a bulletin board would be appreciated but he is especially looking for new stamp posters, sailing schedules, postal guides etc. D.G. Jones, BNAPS Postal Ephemera and Philatelic Collaterals Study Group – shibumi.management@gmail.com. 184 Larkin Dr., Nepean, ON K2J 1H9.

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REV. E. A. BUTLER – COLLATERAL MATERIAL – Bruce Robertson & Editor

Collateral – related to, but not strictly a part of the main thing or matter under consideration; hence, subordinate....

Reverend Butler Anecdote -

NF-Roots: Reverend E.A. Butler used to stay at our house (before I was born) when he came out to do services in Robinsons and St. Davids [part of parish when he was at Sandy Point]. My Grandmother said at meals he would start to eat while saying grace. Then when he was done, he would say “I am sufficiently surrencified!” (I’m sure that’s not a word!!) I still say that today because it became the norm in my house in remembrance of Rev. Butler.

Bruce Robertson provided scans of these covers. The first two here are courtesy of Jim Luetje.

BUTLERS’ FARM

Ed: these are the first covers I have seen of “Butlers’ Farm”.

Robertson:

Butler’s youngest son (Bill) was a bit of a tear-away as a youth, but went on to graduate from Agricultural College and establish quite a successful farm operation. He became widely known and respected in the St George’s area for his veterinary skills.

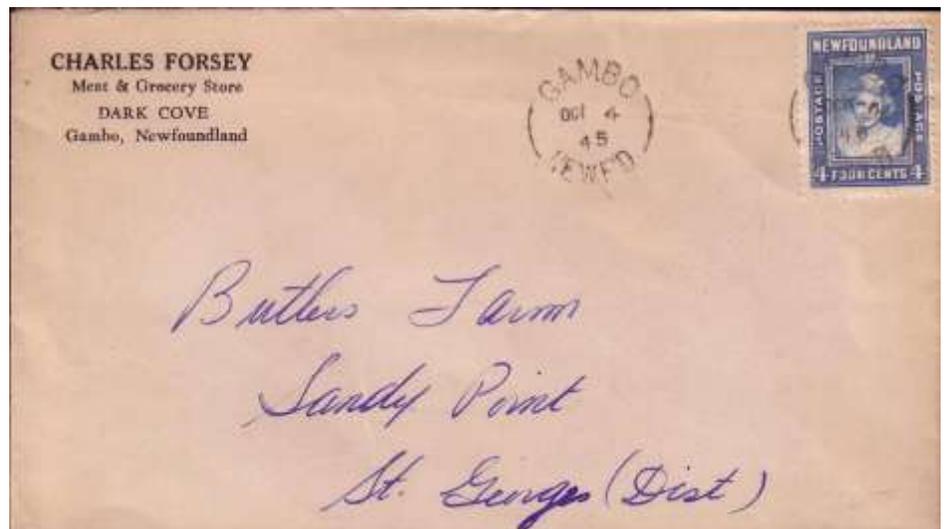


Ed: I contacted a grandson of Butler, asking about the “farm” He reported:

Grandfather did indeed have a farm at Black Bank, it was located on the mainland side of St Georges Bay, the community is now called Barachois Brook. The farm was located on 100 acres of land that he purchased in 1928. His sons

Temple, William and John worked the farm. The Railway line passed right through his property and he was provided with a whistle stop for the loading of his produce for shipment to buyers. The letter is his, yet it is the first of its kind I have seen. --- David Messervey

Gambo- a town in the Bonavista District on Reid Nfld. Railway.



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Robertson: it appears he [Butler] was in Fogo up until 1911 – performing his last baptism there in the newly built Anglican St Andrew’s Church in July 1911. Newspapers give a glimpse of life in Fogo around this time:

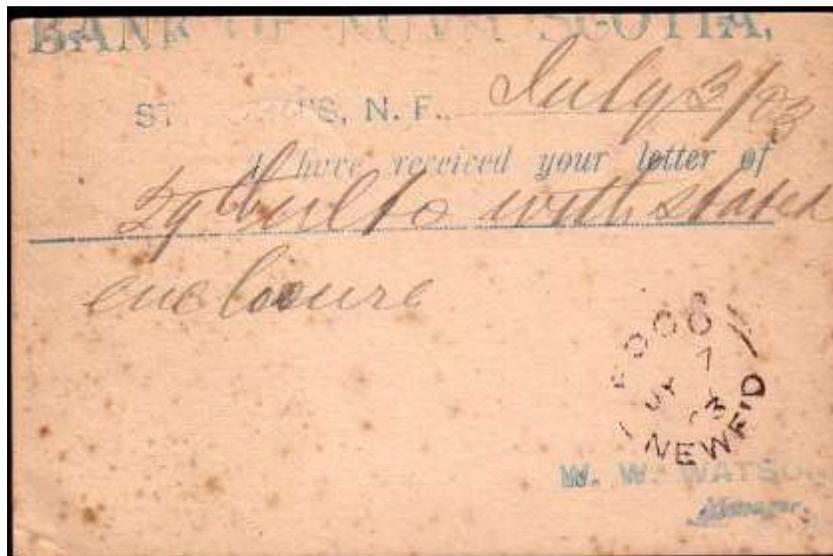
“We are now shut in for the winter and it is not likely that this place will be visited by any steamer until spring. It is to be hoped that the Prospero will reach Seldom, but as it was unable to call here on her trip south this week, we do not expect she will reach here now.

A few of our enterprising young men have made provisions for bad weather by the construction of a skating rink in one of the stores.



**1903 Post Card to E.A. Butler at Fogo (Courtesy Dr. R. D. Lemire)
Earliest known Butler Item**

Though small, it answers its purpose and is well patronized by a select and enthusiastic company of skaters. This, with a round of parties at various houses, has enlivened the past month. Snow is anxiously looked for at present so that snow-shoeing excursions will be possible”.



Reverse of card from Bank of Nova Scotia

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Financial Statement as of December 31, 2010

	Item	Debit	Credit
Dec. 31, 2009	Balance Forward from Previous Year		\$1,106.50
	BNAPS Stipend and Membership Credits		287.00
	70 Membership dues ^(10 memberships were paid in advance in 2008/2009)		716.39
	8 Membership dues paid in advance		51.00
	Newsletter reimbursement (advertising)		87.65
	Donations		54.15
	Service Charges (Cheques, etc.)	12.50	
	Newsletter Postage (5 issues)	335.68	
	Paper and Copying	734.01	
	Misc. Stationary and Postage	12.42	
	Totals	\$1,094.61	\$1,196.19
Dec. 31, 2010	Balance on hand		\$1,208.08

-----&----- **Membership Application / Change of Information Form** -----&-----

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Annual dues:	Canadian Dollars	\$13.00	\$5.00 (email only)
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