

# Newfoundland First Day Covers by Rev. Nathaniel Cole

by Gordon Smith

This article continues to describe first day covers created by Rev. Nathaniel Cole. The previous article published in Issue 59 of *First Impressions*, illustrated his Canadian covers and this article shows FDCs he created for Newfoundland stamp issues.

Dickinson (2023) states that Rev. Cole used the cachet illustrated in Figure 1 for his first day covers for Newfoundland stamps #230 to 232, the Coronation Omnibus issue of May 12, 1937. Rev. Cole also used this cachet in 1937 on first day covers for Canadian stamps in the Mufti and Coronation issues #231 to 237.

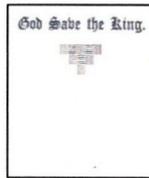


Figure 1

Figures 2a and 2b show both sides of a FDC that Rev. Cole created for Newfoundland stamps #233 to 243, the King George VI Newfoundland Long Coronation issue. The cover contains all the stamps of the issue from one to 48 cents. The cover, postmarked in “CLARKE’S BEACH, NEWF’D” on May 12, 1937, contains a professionally printed address that is identical to other covers created by Rev. Cole addressed to Granville Ferry NS; however, the envelope is



Figure 2a



Figure 2b

larger than other preprinted envelopes of same style. The backflap provides a professionally printed return address to Rev. Cole’s P.O. box in Granville Ferry, the only such return addressing that I have seen. The professionally printed cachet “Coronation, May 12th, 1937, God Save the King” with a hatched triangle below is the same as cachets used for the Canadian Mufti and Coronation issues.

Figure 3 shows a cachet illustrated in the *Catalogue of Privately Produced First Day Covers of Canada, 1927 – 1989* (Dickinson, 2023) for Newfoundland stamps #245 to 248, the Royal Family issue of May 12, 1938. The professionally printed cachet contains the text “Newfoundland Regular issue of the reign of Their Majesties George and Elizabeth First Day

Cover” in blue with a triangular hatched pattern below. The illustration also shows the professionally printed address to Lloyd E. A. Cole, Granville Ferry NS.

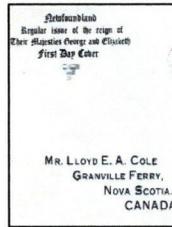


Figure 3

Figure 4 illustrates a FDC for the Newfoundland Royal Visit stamp, #249. This cachet is similar to the one shown as Figure 9 in the previous article, except that “Newfoundland” has been substituted for “Canada”, making this Figure 4 the same as the one illustrated in Figure 10 of the previous article which was used on a first day cover for the Canada Royal Visit issue, Canada #246 to 248. This cachet (on Figure 4 in this article) says “May” for the month despite the postmark and first day of issue for stamp being June 17, 1939. The cover is marked with a special postmark from Holyrood, Newfoundland for the Royal Landing. The cover has a handwritten address to Miss M.I. Cole in Rev. Cole’s script.



Figure 4

Figure 5 is also a first day cover for the Newfoundland Royal Visit stamp, #249 and has the same cachet as Figure 4, except a cut out containing professionally printed word “June” has



Figure 5

been pasted over the month “May” on a small piece of paper. The address in Rev. Cole’s handwriting is to “The Parsonage, Granville Ferry, Nova Scotia, Canada. The cover is marked with a special postmark from St. John’s, NFLD, dated June 17, 1939, stating “ISSUED TO COMMEMORATE VISIT OF THEIR GRACIOUS MAJESTIES VISIT TO BRITAIN’S OLDEST COLONY”.

Figure 6 is a scan from Dickinson (2023) illustrating a cachet commemorating the 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jean Cabot’s arrival in Newfoundland, Newfoundland #270, issued on June 23, 1947. This was the last stamp issued by Newfoundland before it joined the Canadian confederation.

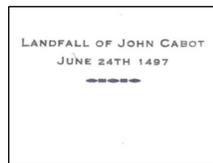


Figure 6

Reference: Dickinson, Gary. *Catalogue of Privately Produced First Day Covers of Canada, 1927 - 1989*, second edition. The British North American Philatelic Society, 2023

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#### Editor's Notes by Gary Dickinson

Our FDC Study Group Chairperson and Treasurer, Bob Vogel, had to resign recently due to ill health. Bob was instrumental in establishing the Study Group some 18 years ago and has played a key role in its continuation since then, for which we are most appreciative.

Jack Heath has agreed to serve as Chairperson and Mark Oakley as Treasurer, effective immediately. I will continue to serve as Editor of the newsletter. Jack has a message for our members on page 2.

This edition includes four relatively short articles and a note from Ian Smillie regarding ORAPEX 2026 being held in Ottawa on the May 2-3 weekend. An internet link to exhibition information is included in the notice.

Gordon Smith concludes his two-part study of Rev. Nathaniel Cole's FDCs with his Newfoundland contributions while John Berg discusses slogan cancellations on Canadian FDCs. Don Wainwright seeks information about an unusual maximum card and Gary Dickinson introduces the use of Picture Postage stamps on FDCs.

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Written contributions to First Impressions are sought and welcomed, and new issues of the newsletter will be published when warranted by the contributions received, hopefully on a quarterly basis. Articles should be in Word format with each scan a separate attachment in jpg format at 300 dpi. Contributions may be submitted to editor Gary Dickinson at [gandbdickinson@shaw.ca](mailto:gandbdickinson@shaw.ca).