

*The*  
**“DUBOIS”**  
 COLLECTION

IMPORTANT PRE-STAMP COVERS & POSTAL MARKINGS  
 OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA, 1694 - 1861

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The “Dubois” collection is more than just a collection of British North America covers—it is the *history* of British North America. The covers essentially form a historical textbook of the French and British periods from the 1690s through 1860s, reflecting the events and circumstances that shaped the country we now know as Canada. The covers and letters from this formative period demonstrate how mail routes were influenced by the discovery and settlement of new lands, by colonial and international trade, by border disputes, and by land-based and naval warfare.

This sale of the “Dubois” collection provides the intellectually minded postal history collector the opportunity to hold, handle and potentially own a tangible piece of history. While every item is related to British North America, the collection represents a diverse and far-reaching range of subjects. The United States postal historian will be impressed by the remarkable rarities found in cross-border mail, Colonial American mail, Revolutionary War mail and covers carried by various routes through Boston and New York. The military specialist will be intrigued by the concessionary rates from different provinces and

important war-time letters. The collector of ship and maritime letters will be enthused by the numerous rare or unique handstamps and by the unusual rates and markings. Those who collect Hudson Bay Company and fur-trade mail have a tremendous opportunity to acquire key pieces, including no less than five examples of the uniquely configured Red River Settlement manuscript postmarks—about half the number thought to exist—and featuring the unique “small circle” postmark.

Over the past 60 years, there have been several award-winning and prestigious collections containing early British North America postal history—those formed by J. Grant Glassco, Vincent Graves Greene, J. Ronald Saint, Dr. John L. Robertson, Allan L. Steinhart, Frederick R. Mayer, Dorothy Sanderson, “Maritimus,” Malcolm Montgomery, A. M. Clark, Alan Griffiths, “Skywalk” and others. In the constellation of these great collections, the “Dubois” collection shines bright, as it was carefully formed by selecting the finest material from each of its predecessor collections, as well as acquiring important items privately through the gravitational pull of wealth, determination, and numerous relationships with leading dealers and collectors. Throughout this catalogue, one will find statements detailing the immense rarity of different postmarks and handstamps—many unique and others with very few recorded—and even if no words were written to describe the quality, it would be obvious that the examples offered here are the finest extant.

On a personal note, I am honored that the Meritus Trust has chosen Siegel International to sell the marvelous “Dubois” collection. I knew the collector who formed the collection over four decades, and he was a true gentleman who assembled his philatelic collections with extraordinary knowledge and impeccable taste.

— CHARLES F. SHREVE

ARRANGEMENT OF SALE

New France.....	2001-2009
Mail between Canada and Great Britain:	
Canada to Great Britain.....	2010-2042
Great Britain to Canada.....	2043-2058
Mail between Canada and United States:	
Canada to United States .....	2059-2068
United States to Canada .....	2069-2072
Early Inter-Canadian Mail to 1800 .....	2073-2089
Canadian 19th Century Straightlines .....	2090-2102
Other Canadian Markings (by Town) .....	2103-2111
Canadian Intaglio Town Markings .....	2112-2114
Other Canadian Markings (by Date).....	2115-2120
New Brunswick:	
To and from Great Britain.....	2121-2147
To and from United States.....	2148-2153
To and from Other Countries .....	2154-2160
New Brunswick Postal Markings .....	2161-2178
New Brunswick Ship Letter Markings .....	2179-2185
Newfoundland .....	2186-2187
Nova Scotia:	
To and from Great Britain.....	2188-2205
To United States.....	2206-2208
To and from Other Countries .....	2209-2214
Nova Scotia Postal Markings .....	2215-2225
Nova Scotia “Post Office” Double-Circles .....	2226-2242
Nova Scotia Crown Circles.....	2243-2251
Nova Scotia Ship Letter Markings.....	2252-2263
Nova Scotia Instructional & Special Markings ....	2264-2267
Prince Edward Island.....	2268-2281
Prince Rupert's Land, Hudson Bay Co. and Western Mail:	
Mail to Western Territory .....	2282-2289
Mail from Western Territory .....	2290-2302
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