

Stamps by Larry McInnis

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Last week I told you about the deal to print and market the Wayzata St Newfoundland airmail stamp of 1932 to promote an airmail flight from North America to Europe. The printing turned out to be the easiest part of the soon-to-unfold drama. The stamp that is now called the Wayzata was so named for the place where

the transatlantic flying boat flight was to begin: Wayzata Bay on Lake Minnetonka, near Minneapolis. The aircraft was to go from Wayzata to Toronto, Montreal, St. Pierre and Miquelon, St. John's and Holyrood, across the Atlantic via Greenland, Iceland, and Norway, and then on to Sweden, Germany, Denmark, and Britain. The Minneapolis firm printed the stamps and they were duly delivered to the bank. The deal, between Aerial World Tours Inc. (AWT) and Newfoundland, was that 300,000 of the total printing of 400,000 stamps were to be released to AWT in lots of 25,000, with the firm paying

\$5,000 in Canadian funds for each package delivered. Part of what happened next hinged on the tricky wording of the AWT- Newfoundland agreement: **LETTERS** Letters are invited. Please send enquiries to the writer at P.O. Box 40, Beauharnois, Quebec, J6N 3C1.

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