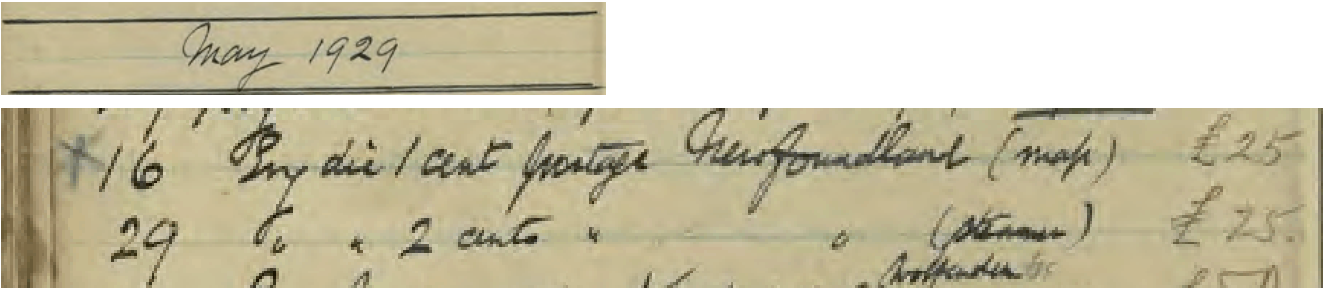


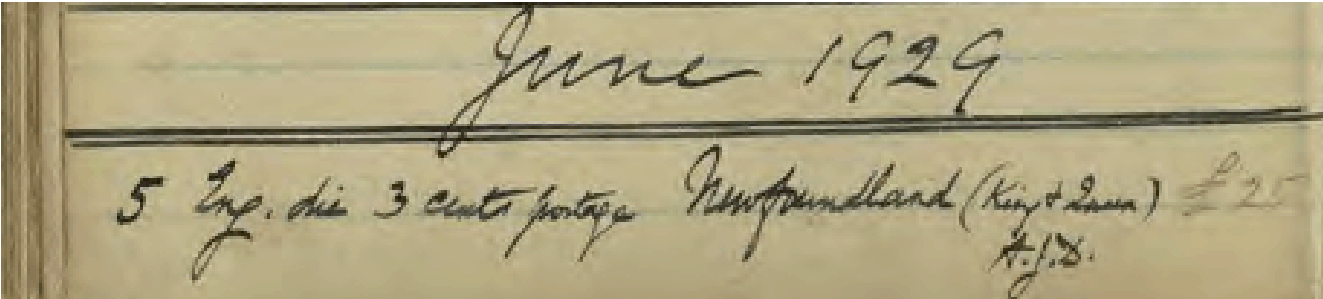
THE PERKINS BACON ENGRAVINGS BOOK 1923 - 1935

In the January 2024 and April 2024 issues of *Maple Leaves*, authors John Walsh, Julian Goldberg and Robin Moore published an article on the Newfoundland 1932 - 35 First Resources Issue. This article provided additional detailed research adding to a series of articles published by Walsh and Moore in *Maple Leaves* in January 2021, July 2021 and October 2022. This additional research made much use of *The Perkins Bacon Engravings Book 1923 - 1935* which the authors were able to access through the courtesy of The Spear Museum of Philatelic History. It was not practical to include all of the extracts from this volume which had been used in the research in the confines of a *Maple Leaves* article so we have provided them here for the benefit of students of Newfoundland philately.

The *Perkins Bacon Engravings Book 1923–1935* delineates the assigned daily work jobs. The pages we viewed started 12 Feb 1929 continuing to 06 December 1935 when PB&Co went into bankruptcy. We saw that much Newfoundland stamp development was taking place in May 1929 and that is where our information extraction begins. We only provide digital cuts from this ledger pertaining to the PB&Co daily workings being done on Newfoundland stamps. These digital cuts will allow future researchers easy accessibility to study this section of Newfoundland philatelic history. This enables readers to do their own visual understanding. We provide our interpretation. What is shown is the gradual work change from use of the wet paper press, to the attempted dry paper press, which upon failure, went back to using wet paper press.



May 1929	16	Engrave die 1 cent postage Newfoundland (Map)
	29	Engrave die 2 cents postage Newfoundland (Steamer) Wolfenden (engraver H.K. Wolfenden)



June 1929	5	Engrave die 3 cents postage Newfoundland (King & Queen) AJD (engraver A.J. Downey)
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July 1929

3 Engrave die for postage 4 cts. Newfoundland vignette P of W ^{vignette} P of W _{£10} £25

July 1929 3 Engrave die for postage 4 cts. Newfoundland vignette P of W AJD (engraver A.J. Downey)

August 1929
7 Engrave serial letters & date (lay) £1 b.n. Northern Bly Co 12/6
die 5 cents (train) Newfoundland Postage £25

Aug. 1929 7 Engrave die 5 cents (train) Newfoundland Postage

Aug. 1929

Engrave fitting for Chapin Arthur Cook & Co. 3/-
29 die 10 cents Newfoundland (war memorial) £25

Aug. 1929 29 Engrave die 10 cents Newfoundland (War Memorial)

Nov. 1929 (cont)

25th Engrave die 8 cents Newfoundland (view) £25
29 Re new design for stp. 10 cents Greece ^{C.S. Sigrist £10 10} _{£10 10} 30/-
die 15 cents Newfoundland (aeroplane) £25
Downey & Co. £15

Nov. 1929 25 Engrave stamp die 8 cents Newfoundland (view) C. Sigrist (engraver C. Sigrist)
29 Engrave stamp die 15 cents Newfoundland (aeroplane) Downey & C. S. (engravers)

*Authors discovery: here we are finally able to identify the engraver of the 1931 issue 8¢ Hearts Content

March 1930 (cont)

11 Reengraving lettering on stp. die 28 cts. Newfoundland

March 1930 11 Re engraving lettering on stamp die 28 cts Newfoundland

April 1930 (cont)

30
Engrave 2nd die 14 cents Newfoundland postage £ 25

April 1930 30 Engrave 2nd die 14 cents Newfoundland postage

May 1930 (cont).

21 Engrave for D/W. Lorian Bank Ltd. 7/6
23 " stamp die 30 cts. Newfoundland. C.S. £ 25
£10.10

May 1930 23 Engrave stamp die 30 cts Newfoundland C. S. (engraver C. Sigrist)

July 1930 (cont.)

15 Sk Bond Industrial Mortgage Bank of Finland £ 10
" " small book cover with arms Newfoundland 7/6

July 1930 15 Sketch small book cover with arms Newfoundland

November 1930

13th Design for air mail stamp 15 cts. Newfoundland £2.10
" " " 25 " " £2.10
" " " \$1 One dollar " £2.10
27th Engrave stamp die \$1 air mail Newfoundland £ 25
28th " " 15 cents " " £ 30

Nov. 1930 13 Design for Air Mail stamp 15 cts Newfoundland
Design for Air Mail stamp 25 cts Newfoundland
Design for Air Mail stamp \$1 One Dollar Newfoundland
27 Engrave stamp die \$1 air mail Chart Newfoundland JYS (engraver J.Y. Scott)
28 Engrave stamp die 15 cents Dogs Newfoundland AJD (engraver A.J. Downey)

December 1930

5 Engr. stp die 50 cents air mail. Newfoundland £30

Dec. 1930 5 Engrave stamp die 50 cents Air Mail *Harbour* Newfoundland AJD (engraver A.J. Downey)

Feby. 1931 (cont)

24 Making 4 folders & mty stps Newfoundland Air Mail 10/

Feb. 1931 24 Making 4 folders and mounting stamps Newfoundland Air Mail

April 1931

20 2 designs for p. stps 1 cent + 5 cts. "Newfoundland" £4
(codfish) (Caribou)

April 1931 20 2 designs for postage stamps 1 cent (*Codfish*) & 5 cts (*Caribou*) Newfoundland

May. 1931.
4th 8 designs for p. stps. Newfoundland new series
1 - 5 - 10 - 14 - 15 - 20 - 25 - 30 cents £12
Cod Caribou Salmon Dog Seal Cape Race Sealing Fleet Fishing Fleet

May 1931 4 8 designs for postage stamps Newfoundland new series
1 - 5 - 10 - 14 - 15 - 20 - 25 - 30 cents
Cod Caribou Salmon Dog Seal Cape Race Sealing Fleet Fishing Fleet

June 1931

4	Revised sk 10 cts. Newfoundland Postage	£ 2
	(Leaping Salmon)	
5	Engr stamp die 1 cent Newfoundland (Codfish) A.J.D.	£ 30
8	" " " 20 cts " (Cape Race) Wolfenden	£ 30
10	2 nd sk. 30 cts " (Leaving for the Banks)	£ 10

June 1931	4	Revised sketch 10 cts Newfoundland Postage (Leaping Salmon)
	5	Engrave stamp die 1 cent Newfoundland (Codfish) AJD (engraver A.J. Downey)
	8	Engrave stamp die 20 cts Newfoundland (Cape Race) Wolfenden (engraver H.K. Wolfenden)
	10	2 nd sketch die 30 cts Newfoundland (Leaving for the Banks)

June 1931 (Cont)

17	2 nd sk. stp 25 Cents Newfoundland (Sealing Fleet)	
23	Engr st 3 rd cent Enrique Cucalón Jr.	3/-
25	Sk. air mail stp 2 dr Hellenic Airways Co.	£ 2
	" " " " 5 dr " " " " " " " "	£ 2
	" 2 cents stp. Newfoundland King George V	£ 5
	" 3 " " " " " " " " " "	£ 5
30	2 nd sk 5 cts " " " " " " " " " "	£ 2

June 1931	17	2 nd sketch stamp 25 cents Newfoundland (Sealing Fleet)
	25	Sketch 2 cents stamp Newfoundland King George V
		Sketch 3 cents stamp Newfoundland Royal Family
	30	2 nd sketch 5 cents stamp Newfoundland Caribou (C.S.) (engraver C. Sigrist)

July 1931

2	Exp invite card His Britannic Majesty's Govt.	£2. 2
3	1st sk. 5 cts Newfoundland Caribou (C.S.)	£2 10
6	Ruled lines pl for stp. paper Rep de Colombia	£2 10
8	Exp fitting for £1 b.a. The States of Guernsey 6th June 1931	7/6
10	" 15 cts. stp die Newfoundland - Seal (W)	£30
13	2nd sk 2 cts. stp " King George V (A.J.D.)	£5
15	Sk. 3 cts. stp. Newfoundland The Queen "	£5
17	" 4. " " The P of Wales	
17	Eng. Altar. B of Ex. steel pl. B of A.	£2-10-
24	2nd sk 3 cents Newfoundland The Queen	£3
"	Sk 6 cents " P. Elizabeth	£5
"	Exp. stp die " Caribou (C.S.)	£30

July 1931	3	3rd sketch 5 cts Newfoundland Caribou (C.S.) (engraver C. Sigrist)
	10	Engrave 15 cts stamp die Newfoundland Seal (W) (engraver H.K. Wolfenden)
	13	2nd sketch 2 cts stamp Newfoundland King George V (AJD) (engraver A.J. Downey)
	15	Sketch 3 cts stamp Newfoundland The Queen (AJD) (engraver A.J. Downey)
	17	Sketch 4 cts stamp Newfoundland The P of Wales
	24	2nd sketch 3 cents Newfoundland The Queen
		Sketch 6 cents Newfoundland P. Elizabeth
		Engrave stamp die Newfoundland Caribou (C.S.) (engraver C. Sigrist)

August 1931

Exp. die for stamp paper Republica de Colombia 20^{cts} £25
13th " new die for stp. 1 di. "Greece" extra deep for paper £3
" 25 cts. stp die Newfoundland (sailing fleet) £30

Aug. 1931 13 Engrave 25 cts stamp die Newfoundland (Sealing Fleet)

31 Ruling plate wave line for Carter Davis Ltd £45
Exp stp die 3 cts Newfoundland (The Queen) 10/8 £35

31 Engrave stamp die 3 cts Newfoundland (The Queen) AJD (engraver A.J. Downey)

September 1931

15 3rd design for 10 cts stp Newfoundland (salmon) No 1. 4 'Say £1 4/3' 10/8

Sept. 1931 15 3rd design for 10 cts stamp Newfoundland (Salmon)

Sept. 1931 (cont)

16 Sk altus inv. hdp. { Allen Stamp & Co Ltd 5/-
Fred Johnston & Co Ltd
Exp stp die 2 cents Newfoundland. King George V AJD £35

Sept. 1931 16 Engrave stamp die 2 cents Newfoundland King George V AJD (engraver A.J. Downey)

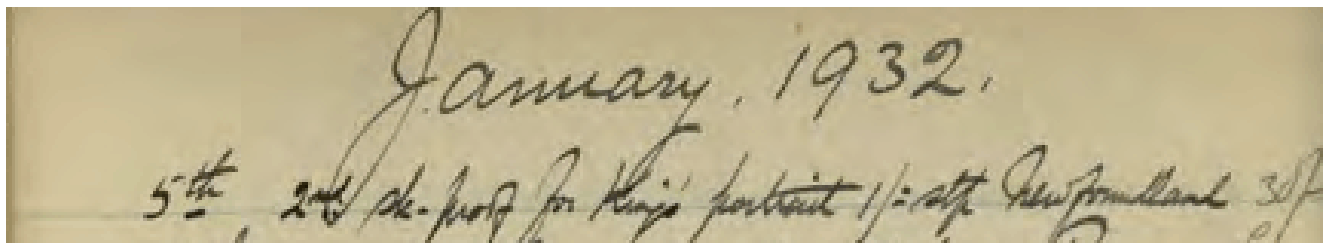
Sept. 1931	21	Sketch Newfoundland Stamp Booklet small cover
	22	Engrave stamp die 4 cts Newfoundland P of Wales AJD (<i>engraver A.J. Downey</i>)
	25	Engrave copper plate for small cover Newfoundland Stamp Booklet
		Engrave copper plate for inside cover Newfoundland Stamp Booklet
		Ayre & Co. Limited

Oct. 1931	19	Engrave stamp die 10 cts Newfoundland Salmon (C.S.) (<i>engraver C. Sigrist</i>)
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Nov. 1931	9	Engrave stamp die 6 cts Newfoundland (P. Elizabeth) AJD (<i>engraver A.J. Downey</i>)
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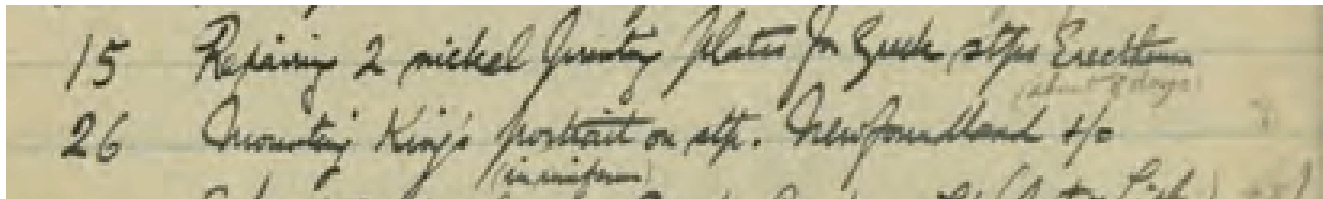
Dec. 1931	14	Remounting & touching up 4 sketches (Royal Family) Newfoundland
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Dec. 1931	29	Remounting 8 sketches for King's collection Newfoundland Revised sketch proof for King's portrait Newfoundland
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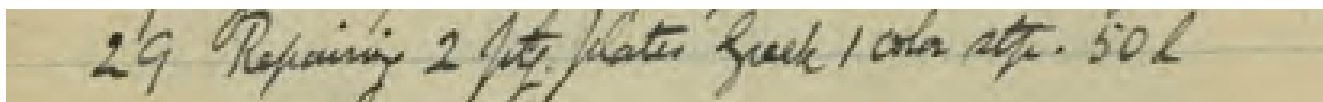
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5th, 2nd sk-proof for King's portrait 1/: stp Newfoundland 30f

Jan. 1932 5 2nd sketch proof for King's portrait 1/: stamp Newfoundland



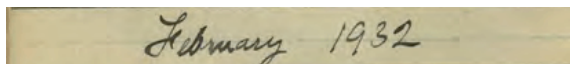
15 Repairing 2 nickel printing plates for Greek stps Erechthum
26 Mounting King's portrait on stp. Newfoundland 4/c

Jan. 1932 15 Repairing 2 nickel printing plates for
26 Mounting King's portrait (*inscription*) on stamp Newfoundland




29 Repairing 2 jpy. plates Greek 1 color stp. 50L

Jan. 1932 29 Repairing 2 printing plates for



February 1932



10 Burnishing & repairing nickel pl. cigarette Greek stps

Feb. 1932 10 Burnishing & repairing nickel plate

Reading the *PB&Co Engravings Book 1923-35* job entries the authors observed that both nickel and copper plates were utilized. Next to the written job lines are initials and surnames. We realized that they are the names of the assigned engraver for that specific image. We even discovered the previously unknown engravers of several images. And found written as early as Jan 15 and 29, 1932 and in Feb 10, 1932 that problems with PB&Co nickel plates were occurring. It seems that these problems continued with both engraved plate types throughout the ongoing daily work schedules.

May 1932

11 Recutting die for press pty. 2^{cts} Newfoundland

May 1932 11 Recutting die for press printing 2 cts Newfoundland

May, 1932. (cont).

18 " £5 b. n. front pl. The National Bank Limited
Sk p. pty 8 cents Newfoundland (Corner Brook Paper Mills)
25 Sketch pattern for 2. c. on steel die Whitehead Morris
Rebiting & recutting new original 5 cts. Newfoundland.

May 1932 18 Sketch postage stamp 8 cents Newfoundland (Corner Brook Paper Mills)
25 Rebiting & recutting new original 5 cts Newfoundland
(Authors definition: Rebiting is to refresh the engraved lines on a printing plate by applying acid;
it was noticed on a page that an acid composition is mentioned)

31 " " " three " 20. 50. 100 "
Recutting 2nd die 5 cts. Newfoundland postage
for machine pty.

May 1932 31 Recutting 2nd die 5 cts. Newfoundland postage for machine printing

April 1933 (cont)
6th Sk. air mail stp ³⁰ 35 et Newfoundland

April 1933 6 Sketch air mail stamp 35 (5 crossed out) 30 cts Newfoundland

13th Sk. for sent on bond Cochui Government
Engr. original die for rev. stp. Rep. de Panama
2nd sk air mail stp 30 cts Newfoundland
19th Sk. air mail stp 60 cts. Newfoundland
" " " " 75 " "

April 1933 13 2nd Sketch air mail stamp 30cts Newfoundland
19 Sketch air mail stamp 60 cts Newfoundland
Sketch air mail stamp 75 cts Newfoundland

24th Engr. air mail stp die 30 cts. Newfoundland

April 1933 24 Engrave air mail stamp die 30 cts Newfoundland Sigrist (engraver C. Sigrist)

27th Sk air mail stp 5 cts Newfoundland
" " " " 10 "

April 1933 27 Sketch air mail stamp 5 cts Newfoundland
Sketch air mail stamp 10 cts Newfoundland

May 1933 (cont)

19th Exp strip die 20 cents (Lions) Rep de Panama
 Sk calendar 1934 Salmond Royal Hospital
 " strip 1 cent Sir Humphrey Gilbert - Newfoundland
 " " 24 cents " " (Queen Elizabeth)
 " " 2 " " " (Compton Devon)
 " " 4 " " " (Eton College)
 22nd " " 9 " " " (Arrival at St. John's)
 " " 20 " " " Map
 23rd " " 14 " " (Royal Arms)
 " " 3 " " " Gilbert (large view)
 Engrave frame die " " " for 10 values

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| May 1933 | 19 | Sketch stamp 1 cent Sir Humphrey Gilbert Newfoundland |
| | | Sketch stamp 24 cents Sir Humphrey Gilbert (Queen Elizabeth) Newfoundland |
| | | Sketch stamp 2 cents Sir Humphrey Gilbert (Compton Devon) Newfoundland |
| | | Sketch stamp 4 cents Sir Humphrey Gilbert (Eton College) Newfoundland |
| | 22 | Sketch stamp 9 cents Sir Humphrey Gilbert (Arrival at St. John's) Newfoundland |
| | | Sketch stamp 20 cents Sir Humphrey Gilbert Map Newfoundland |
| | 23 | Sketch stamp 14 cents Sir Humphrey Gilbert (Royal Arms) Newfoundland |
| | | Sketch stamp 3 cents Sir Humphrey Gilbert's (Royal Arms) Newfoundland (large view) |
| | | Engrave frame die Sir Humphrey Gilbert for 10 values |

May 1933 (cont)

31st May sk. die 2 cts Newfoundland (Compton Devon)
" " " 4 " " (Eton College)
" " " 1 ct " (Sir H. G.)
" " " 3 cts " (Sir H. G. Crest of Arms)

- May 1933 31 Engrave stamp die 2 cts Newfoundland (Compton Devon) Phillips (engraver L.V. Phillips)
Engrave stamp die 4 cts Newfoundland (Eton College) Sigrist (engraver C. Sigrist)
Engrave stamp die 1 ct Newfoundland (Sir H. G.) AJD (engraver A.J. Downey)
Engrave stamp die 3 cts Newfoundland (Sir H. G. Crest of Arms) AJD (engraver A.J. Downey)

June 1933
1st June sk. die 7 cts Newfoundland (~~His~~ Commission)
" " " 10 " " (The Annexation)

- June 1933 1 Sketch stamp die 7 cts Newfoundland (His (crossed out) The Commission)
Sketch stamp die 10 cts Newfoundland (The Annexation)

2nd Eng. orthi pl. hist on all Tanganyika Coenozoic Lk.
7th " little pl. for cent " " " " " "
" coal pl. from S. St. Leon. Parana " 349
" str. die 9 etc. Newfoundland (Am. & S. pl.)
8th Sk. str. die 5 etc " (The Tolan)
" " " 15 " " (Last words)
" " " 32 " " (Statue)

June 1933	7	Engrave stamp die 9 cts Newfoundland (Arrival at St. John's)	Sigrist (<i>engraver C. Sigrist</i>)
	8	Sketch stamp die 5 cts Newfoundland (The Token)	
		Sketch stamp die 15 cts Newfoundland (Last words)	
		Sketch stamp die 32 cts Newfoundland (Statute)	

9th Exp added by pl Joseph Lucas
13th " 314 card The Red Boy of Commerce
14th " str. die 7 cts Newfoundland (the Comm.)
" " " 14. " (2.50 Am. Day)
16th " " 5 cts " (The John) sign
" " 24. " (2.50 Am. Day)

June 1933	14	Engrave stamp die 7 cts Newfoundland (The Commission) Wolfenden (<i>engraver H.K. Wolfenden</i>)
		Engrave stamp die 14 cts Newfoundland (Royal Arms) Downey (<i>engraver A.J. Downey</i>)
	16	Engrave stamp die 5 cts Newfoundland (The Token) Sigrist (<i>engraver C. Sigrist</i>)
		Engrave stamp die 24 cts Newfoundland (Queen Elizabeth) Downey (<i>engraver A.J. Downey</i>)

June 1933 (cont)
 19th Sk stp die 8 cts Newfoundland (Fleet leaving Plymouth)

June 1933 19 Sketch stamp die 8 cts Newfoundland (Fleet leaving Plymouth)

22nd Eng stp die 10 cts Newfoundland (The Annexation) Sigrist

June 1933 22 Engrave stamp die 10cts Newfoundland (The Annexation) Sigrist (engraver C. Sigrist)

26th Eng stp die 15 cts Newfoundland "last words" Sir H. G. Downey
 27th " " " 32 cts " Statute at Truro Sigrist
 29th " " " 20 " " Old Map JPS

June 1933 26 Engrave stamp die 15 cts Newfoundland "Last words" Sir H. G. Downey (engraver A.J. Downey)
 27 Engrave stamp die 32 cts Newfoundland Statute at Truro Sigrist (engraver C. Sigrist)
 29 Engrave stamp die 20 cts Newfoundland Old Map JPS (engraver J.Y. Scott)

July 1933
 3. Sk (patch up) cheque Standard Bank of S.A. I^a
 4. Eng stp die 8 cts. Newfoundland "Fleet leaving Plymouth 1583" AJD

July 1933 4 Engrave stamp die 8 cts Newfoundland "Fleet Leaving Plymouth 1583" AJD (engraver A.J. Downey)

June 1934

28th "Plates for cent. The African Inland Trust Ltd £12
Sk. 2 book labels "Presented by Newfoundland" (circ ab) 6p

June 1934 28 Sketch 2 book labels "Presented by Newfoundland"

November, 1934

12th Mounting 2 stamps as specimens St. John's Newfoundland

Nov. 1934 12 Mounting 2 stamps as specimens St. John's Newfoundland

In the *PB&Co Engraving Book* are listed references of work having been made to do repairs to copper printing plates belonging to other clients. It certainly shows that one of the deployed printing plate methods to give fast production was definitely causing interference in a smooth economical work job production finish.

From our reading of the *PB&Co Engraving Book 1923-35* entries, indications are that the company in 1932 tried to institute a new method of rotary dry paper press production. From all of the visible development work by PB&Co it suggests that while they were trying to move to a fast production method in 1932, to remain economically viable as printers, they encountered problems associated with developing their fast dry paper printing press machine. Even the daily work entries and those notations observed on archived samples give credibility to this. It also shows that their rotary machines gave many problems. The plates noted as being bent or made of copper certainly became damaged and required to be repaired often. In those Walsh and Moore articles are shown their limited samples that exist in the marketplace as having being printed in a larger image format than what is produced by a wet paper press format. The problems of keeping these rotary presses working without breaking down seems to have become a monetary drain on PB&Co. This most likely interfered in their business financial outlook, thereby suggesting that this problem could have given cause that led them to go into bankruptcy at the end of 1935.

From evidence gathered while investigating and writing this study it has been found that these specific PB&Co 1932 Newfoundland stamp printing styles have been utilized:

NSSC # & denomination	press type	NSSC # & denomination	press type
NSSC # 174		NSSC # 180	
1¢ gray Codfish	wet flat press	4¢ red King Geo. V	wet flat press
1¢ gray Codfish	wet rotary press	4¢ red King Geo. V	dry rotary press
1¢ gray Codfish	dry rotary press		
NSSC # 176		NSSC # 181	
2¢ green King Geo. V die I	wet flat press	5¢ violet Caribou die I	wet flat press
		5¢ violet Caribou die I	dry rotary press
NSSC # 177		NSSC # 182	
2¢ green King Geo. V die II	dry rotary press	5¢ violet Caribou die II	wet rotary press
		5¢ violet Caribou die II	dry rotary press
		5¢ violet Caribou die II	wet flat press

Much research information on other countries is to be found inside that *Perkins Bacon Engravings Book 1923–1935*. The information contained in this study shows that with this PB&Co 1932 Newfoundland stamp issue series much remains to be discovered by inquisitive collectors.