



# THE NEWFIE NEWSLETTER

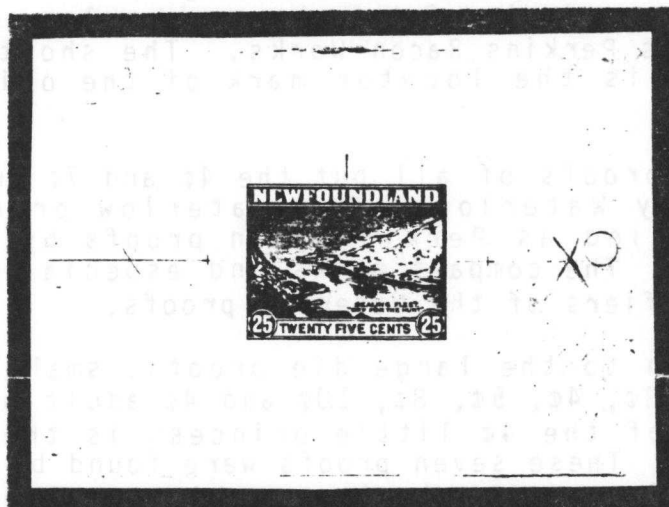
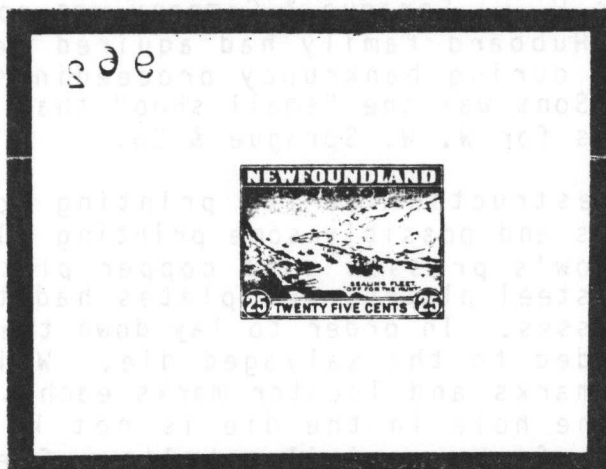
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## MORE ON THE LAST DEFINITIVES OF NEWFOUNDLAND

by C. A. Stillions



While these two proofs may look the same, they are considerably different for they were produced by two different security printing companies. The top one is Perkins Bacon die number 962 of the 25 cent value in the 1932 Industrial Issue. While the bottom one was proofed by Waterlow and Sons for the 1941 war printings -- the last definitives.

When the W. W. Sprague and Company's Perkins Bacon Works on Southwark Bridge Road was destroyed on the night of 10 May 1941 during a Nazi bombing attack on London, the owners and managers of Perkins Bacon had to find ways to deliver on printing contracts without a printing plant. The "About the Authors" section of NORTH ATLANTIC MAIL SAILINGS 1840-75 by Hubbard and Winter says they managed to survive by apportioning operations among many small shops. Walter Hubbard was one of the managers. At this time W. W. Sprague & Company was controlled by the Hubbard family. The Hubbard family had acquired Perkins Bacon from the Heath family during bankruptcy proceedings at the end of 1935. Waterlow and Sons was the "small shop" that produced Newfoundland postage stamps for W. W. Sprague & Co.

After the destruction of the printing works, some dies, some transfer rolls and possibly some printing plates were recovered. Since Waterlow's presses used copper plates and Perkins Bacon's presses used steel plates, new plates had to be made to fit the Waterlow presses. In order to lay down the new plates, new guide marks were added to the salvaged die. Which is the reason for the compass marks and locator marks each side of the image. The reason for the hole in the die is not known, but almost all Waterlow proofs have similar holes. Speculation has it that these holes were used for storing the dies. The "T" locator marks at the middle of the short side also appear on proofs by W. W. Sprague's Perkins Bacon Works. The short dash at the top of the image is the locator mark of the original Perkins Bacon Company.

Large die proofs of all but the 4¢ and 7¢ are known to have been produced by Waterlow. The Waterlow proofs are frequently misidentified as Perkin Bacon proofs by dealers and auction describers. The compass marks and especially the hole are sure fire identifiers of the Waterlow proofs.

In addition to the large die proofs, small die proofs are known of the 2¢, 3¢, 4¢, 5¢, 8¢, 10¢ and 4¢ adult princess. The small die proof of the 4¢ little princess is the only proof known of this value. These seven proofs were found by Robson Lowe in some old files from the Waterlow archives. The condition of these seven is dreadful. They are ugly, dirty, creased, and most have a notch cut from the upper right margin where the cylinder number was removed. The number in the lower left is Waterlow's die number.



When John Ayshford wrote up the Waterlow records for the Newfoundland printings in his THE LAST STAMPS OF NEWFOUNDLAND, it was noted that some of the denominations are known used prior to the first recorded printing in February 1942. These have become known as the Blitz issues (see Newfie Newsletter No. 23, May/June 1989). In fact the actual first day of use of all the last definitives, except for the 4¢ adult princess (Scott no. 269), is not known. The following list has been tabulated from several sources. The most important being George Sloane's column which appeared in STAMPS magazine during the 1930's and 1940's. Frequently, Mr. Sloane only indicated that a particular value had appeared. When this occurs, the notation "prior to xx xxx xx" appears in the EARLIEST REPORTED DATE column and the date listed is the STAMPS magazine edition date in which Mr. Sloane's column appeared. Any member with earlier dates is ask to send that information to your Newsletter editor.

NEWFOUNDLAND INDUSTRIAL SERIES  
WATERLOW & SONS PRINTINGS  
(THE LAST DEFINITIVES)

| <u>DESCRIPTION</u>                                  | <u>SCOTT<br/>NO.</u> | <u>SG<br/>NO.</u> | <u>EARLIEST<br/>PRINTING<br/>RECORDED<br/>BY<br/>AYSHFORD</u> | <u>EARLIEST<br/>REPORTED<br/>DATE</u> | <u>SOURCE</u>                                    |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1c Codfish  | 253                  | 276               | May 42  | Prior to<br>26 Sep 42                 | Sloane STAMPS<br>26 Sep 42                       |
| 2c King George VI                                   | 254                  | 277               | Feb 42  | 14 Nov 41<br>17 Nov 41<br>25 Nov 41   | Boggs<br>Sloane STAMPS<br>13 Dec 42<br>CAS coll. |
| 3c Queen<br>Elizabeth                               | 255                  | 278               | Feb 42  | 15 Nov 41<br>Prior to<br>17 Jan 42    | Boggs<br>Sloane STAMPS<br>17 Jan 42              |
| 4c Princess<br>Elizabeth                            | 256                  | 279               | Feb 42  | Oct 41<br>1 Oct 41<br>15 Oct 41       | Boggs<br>Sloane STAMPS<br>25 Oct 41<br>CAS coll. |
| 4c Princess<br>Elizabeth<br>21 year old<br>princess | 269                  | 293               | Mar 47  | 21 Apr 47                             | Scott's Canada<br>Specialized                    |
| 5c Caribou<br>p. 13.2                               | N.L.                 | 280               | Feb 42  | Nov 41<br>14 Oct 41                   | Boggs<br>CAS coll.                               |
| 5c Caribou<br>p. 12.5                               | 257                  | 280a              | Jul 42  | 4Jun42                                | D. Paul coll.                                    |
| 7c Queen Mary                                       | 258                  | 281               | Jul 42  | Jan 42<br>Prior to<br>24 Apr 43       | Boggs<br>Sloane STAMPS<br>24 Apr 43              |
| 8c Paper Mills                                      | 259                  | 282               | Feb 42  | Prior to<br>26 Sep 42                 | Sloane STAMPS<br>26 Sep 42                       |
| 10c Salmon  | 260                  | 283               | Jul 42  | Prior to<br>24 Apr 43<br>30 Jun 43    | Sloane STAMPS<br>24 Apr 43<br>CAS coll.          |

| DESCRIPTION       | SCOTT NO. | SG NO. | EARLIEST PRINTING RECORDED BY AYSHFORD | EARLIEST REPORTED DATE          | SOURCE                     |
|-------------------|-----------|--------|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 14c Dog           | 261       | 284    | Jul 42                                 | Prior to 8 Jan 44               | Sloane STAMPS              |
| 15c Seal          | 262       | 285    | Jul 42                                 | Prior to 24 Apr 43<br>17 Jul 43 | Sloane STAMPS<br>CAS coll. |
| 20c Cape Race     | 263       | 286    | Jul 42                                 | Prior to 8 Jan 44               | Sloane STAMPS              |
| 24c Loading Ore   | 264       | 287    | Jul 42                                 | Prior to 24 Apr 43              | Sloane STAMPS              |
| 25c Sealing Fleet | 265       | 288    | Jul 42                                 | Prior to 24 Apr 43              | Sloane STAMPS              |
| 48c Fishing Fleet | 266       | 289    | Jul 42                                 | Prior to 8 Jan 44<br>24 Jan 43  | Sloane STAMPS<br>CAS coll. |



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The "Zurich Collection" of the cents issues of Newfoundland and additional issues to be sold at public auction 2 March 1991 in London by Cavendish Philatelic Auctions, Ltd. Over 800 lots of proofs, trade samples, covers, large multiples and even full sheets. Sale catalog available from Cavendish C.A. Ltd., Sitwell Street, Derby, DE1 2JP, U.K. for \$25.00 in USA funds.

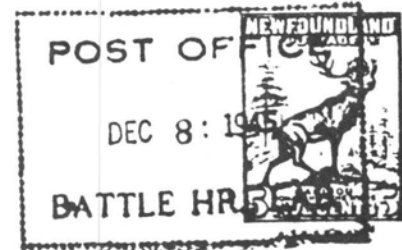
INFOFINDER

There still are a number of copies available of Bob Pratt's INFOFINDER, the index to his book THE NINETEENTH CENTURY POSTAL HISTORY OF NEWFOUNDLAND. If you do not have one, you can get one by sending your check to me, C. A. Stillions, 5031 Eskridge Terrace, N. W., Washington, D.C. 20016. The price is \$5.00US to study group members or \$7.00 to nonmembers. Remember, Bob is donating all profits from the sale of the INFOFINDER to the study group.

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BOXES AND OVALS UPDATE -- 1 December 1990

BY Palmer Moffat



Dotted Box

BATTLE HR. LAB. new LRD 8 DE 45 new reporter DM  
BONAVISTA new LRD 2 AU 35 new reporter JB (on #226)  
BUCHANS new LRD 18 JU 39 reporter JB  
HAWKE HR LRD change SA to PM  
LONG HARBOUR new LRD and reporter 20 OC 34 JB  
NORRIS ARM new ERD and reporter 04 MR 37 DW  
new LRD and reporter 12 MY 37 DC (on Coronation stamp)

Wavy Box

CLARK'S BEACH new LRD and reporter 21 SP 34 JB  
MUNDY POND add ERD 07 FE 29 JB

Double Oval (Postal Telegraphs)

BURGEO new ERD and reporter 22 FE 28 RS  
new LRD and reporter 26 FE 34 CS  
JACKSON'S ARM new LRD and reporter 07 AU 34 JB  
NORRIS' ARM, NFLD correct town spelling - apostrophe and NFLD.  
new LRD and reporter 10 JUU 34 JB  
PORT AU PORT new LRD new reporter 25 SP 34 JB

Double Oval (Post Office)

First report place before BURLINGTON, N.D.B.  
BELL ISLAND MINES, NFLD 23 SP 15 DW, color Blue, very small  
uppercase letters

Double Oval (Department)

First report, place after RENCONTRE EAST  
ST. JOHN'S, NEWF'LD 14 NO 03 DC MONEY ORDER OFFICE/DATE/TOWN

New Reporters

DM Dean Mario  
RS Robert Soper

