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LIBRARY

Mr Holden has volunteered to take on the job of Librarian and in due course members will be able to borrow the literature contained therein.

At the time of preparing this issue details of the manner in which the library will operate had not been settled. However, it is hoped to complete these in time for publication in our next issue when a list of the available literature will be given.

ILLUSTRATED ALBUM PAGES

So far the response to the proposed production of illustrated album pages has been very disappointing. Unless more members are interested this project will not be economical and will founder before it has started.

There is still time for this work to be got under way so if anyone is interested, and has not already done so, perhaps they would write to Mr Rucklidge.

PERFIN ALBUM PAGES

The perfin album pages produced by the Peerless Album Company U.S.A. are still available if any member is interested. Delivery has been speeded up now that certain troubles within their organisation have been ironed out and orders are despatched almost by return of post.

The Secretary will be willing to obtain them providing there is sufficient interest.

THE SWISS 'CROSS' PERFINS by F.H. B. Smith.

The question raised in the Nov.-Dec. 'News Sheet' on the above stamps is both interesting and important. Apart from some emergency war time overprints, in German, issued during 1918, for the Industrial War Economy Section of the Federal Department of Economic Affairs (Industrielle Kriegswirtschaft), Swiss stamps bearing the "perfed in" Cross of the Confederation were the first Swiss Officials.

The 'Cross' measures 7mm. by 7mm, is formed by 9 holes, and various issues so perforated were in use during 1935-37. The designs and values used are as follows;

Helvetia with Sword (L'Eplattenier design) 35c to 1f - 7vals.

1934 (Jordi) Landscapes, all values, 3c to 30c.

All four high values of the 1924 bi-coloured, Shield with Emblem & Cross.

All denominations of the 1936 (Bickel) Landscapes on both ordinary and 'grilled' papers.

So that, allowing for 'specialised' duplication in the last mentioned set, an aggregate 38 "in perfed" Crosses exist. None of these is very common, and although some of these may be picked up for a few shillings, the cost of acquiring a full set, including one rarity listed at £75 would entail a very considerable total outlay.

It is therefore, obviously advisable, when looking over any odd lots of Swiss, or searching through commercial perfins of that country, to keep a sharp look out for these interesting. Officials mit Eingelechtem Kreuz. They were only current for about two years being replaced in 1938 by an overprinted shaded Cross; and subsequently, in 1942, by the diagonal overprint "Officiell, in heavy script type.

A word of warning however, should you buy any of these stamps with perfin Cross, beware of clever fakes: demand a guarantee or authentic evidence of their genuineness, as many, if not all of these items have attracted the attention of the skilled forger.

MEMBERS WANTS

Mr P Fetta
would like to hear from anyone interested in exchanging perfins.

He is also looking for two Penguin books, Parts I & II of "MEN OF MATHEMATICS" by E.T.Bell. Can anyone help.

Mr K Misegades
wishes to contact anyone with an interest in the perfins of Czechoslovakia with a view to collaborating in compiling a set of photographic reproductions.

1. In our last issue we requested information on the perfin HM/F which was reported on cover with a Carlisle postmark.

This has been identified as HIS MAJESTY'S FACTORIES which presumably were the Royal Ordnance Factories situated in various parts of the country.

A similar type HM/F/QF is also known and was used by H.M. FACTORIES Queens Ferry.

2. CG H 7,9 4½mm.

This type has been reported by Mr Rucklidge as being used by C.C. Wakefield & Company Limited the well known oil company.

Could these letters stand for the CASTROL GROUP?

3. The following scraps of information have been submitted by Mr. M.O. Welch as partial clues to the identity of the user.

They have all been gleaned from the torn-off corners of business postcards, and whilst many of the 'clues' would be insufficient in themselves to identify the user, they have been included in the hope that someone else has something to add.

ASC	S	10,11,8	5½rson & Co. Ltd. ... colour & Varnish Works Hull. (1930)
A.U/&Co.	2H	10,10/14,9,8	5½liam Strcet, ...don Bridge, E (1907 Finsbury Park Pmk)
CR/&Co.	2H	10,12/13,10,6	5½/5½	Telegrams CRES..... (K.E.VII)
DP/TCo.	2H	11,10/7,9,6	6/6	The DUNL..... Birmingham Pmk. (K.E.VII)
FS/&Co/Ld	3H	8,11/12,8,6/6,7	4	From FALK..... London 1915 Pmk.
HE/&Co	2H	12,10/12,8,6	5	Higgi..... (Postmark) 4 &..... (1913 Lower..
J&J/C	2H	7,14,7/8	5	Telegraphi..... (Pmk 1906) "STERLING, (Coventry)
LBH	H	6,11,10	4½	London Business.... 18, New Hibernia Chamber. (K.G.VI)
L.L./Ld	2H	7,7/7,8	5/5,3½	Telegrams LOILO.... (K.G.V 1912 issue)
LS/H	2H	7,11/11	4½	Telegrams "LINTOTT.... Pmk 1913RSHAM

S&S	H	9,12,10	5	Stuart & Manufactu.....
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U.O/&C.M	3H	10,10/13/6,15	5½	Fiscal cancellation Received with For Unio
				The British (K.E.VII)
WVA/&S	2H	14,9,10/14,10	4	W.V.A1..... Oils..... Telephone No. 2089 K... London Pmk. 1906.
Y&M/S	2H	8,14,15/10	4½	Telephone No. 80..... From You
				Caed
				Trowbridge Pmk. 1905.
AG/C°.Ld.	2H	10,10/8,6,7,7	4½/4½	From Alfr 127,129 & Telephone 3550... (K.E.VII)

WANTED

We are always in need of material for future issues of the News-Sheet so if you have anything of interest please send it to the Secretary.

Scraps of information such as the above invariably lead to one or two 'new' identities so we are always willing to publish such items. Let us have anything in that line.

Similarly short histories of any known perfin user are of interest and assist in writing up a collection.

Member's 'Wants' or 'Offers' are welcome and are published free of charge.

MEMBERSHIP

Since our last issue appeared in December we have lost 5 members whilst only gaining 2 new ones. This is not a very healthy trend and one which could spell 'FINI' to our Group if it continued. There is no need for alarm at the moment since we still have a fairly good membership. However, new members are always required to replace the normal wastage. Remember that your News-Sheet depends upon a reasonable membership level and see whom you can recruit from your local club. The Secretary is always willing to write to prospective members.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions from certain members fall due on 1st January. A Reminder will be enclosed for those who have not yet remitted. Would our American members please send bills or mint stamps?