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PERFIN FRANKING - MAY ISSUE

It has been pointed out to us that we omitted to mention the user of the 2½d. Q.E.II perfin used to frank our May issue. The only thing we know is that the concern from whom these were obtained is a General Store in Sheffield. The perfin type was:

RB/Ld 2H 10,11/6,6 4½/4½ ROBERTS BRDTHERS (SHEFFIELD)
LTD.

WHO KNOWS THE ANSWER?

The following queries have been submitted by Mr. F. Summers, both of which are on K.E.VII ½d. green.

T.M/B 2H 7,15/14 5½/5½

This is on a small piece of postcard which bears a Birmingham, postmark dated December 1908 and whitch has the following 'clues' on the back, THOM..... Telegraphic Address "DRYSALTERS,..... Telephone Nos. 1203

Type III

AH/&/S 3H 11,11/13/12 4½/4½/4½

Also on piece of postcard with the following printing on the back:-
Branches OLDHAM, STOCKPORT, ASHTON, PRESTON, BURNLEY.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PERFIN

Mr. Summers tells us that, although our method of describing perfin types shows the perfins used by the Lancashire County to be identical with those used by the London County Council, there is a discernable difference between the two.

This difference is to be found in the two letters 'C' which n the case of the Lancashire perfin have straight backs and hence have a squarer appearance.

SECRETARY'S COMMENTS

Subscription time has come round again for many members and a mark in the box to the right of this paragraph indicates that yours is due as from 1st September. I shall be grateful for an early remittance which will save time, worry and money.



This year a Membership Application form is attached and whether you are fully paid up or not, would you please complete and return it to me as soon as possible. Those who have already cleared their subscription for next year should just ignore the top portion.

It will be noticed that the form carried a space in which members are requested to signify their willingness to stand for office within the Group. This does not mean that the present Officers are retiring but that we should like to have a 'Shadow Cabinet' upon whom we can call should the need arise.

In the same space there is a new office shown, that of Catalogue Editor. I feel that we have reached the stage where to do our catalogue justice, we should think about revising the layout and perhaps simplifying the code. There are a number of ways we could do this and I think that it requires someone to take this on as their sole job. Members comments on this are welcomed.

I should also welcome comments on the following points and perhaps you would be good enough to use the back of the form for this.

- 1) Please vote on one of the following: -
(a) PERFINIS (b) SECURITY ENDORSKRENTS (c) SECURITY PERFORATIONS
- 2) If your vote is other than perfins what name would you suggest for the Group?
- 3) It has been suggested that we copy the American Perfins Club (no apologies needed for stealing a good idea!) and publish short biographies of our members. This is certainly a good way of getting to know the fellow members who are unable to meet each other, so do not be shy - let us have short biographies to publish. The back of the form should also be used for this. As a guide, the type of thing that would be of interest might include, profession, school, family, philatelic interests, length of time one has collected, service in H. H. Forces, other hobbies etc.

If you feel that you are not too good at writing such things just let us have a few notes and we will do the rest.

AUCTION

Providing sufficient material is submitted a further Postal Auction is to be held with the profit going into the Duplicator Fund.

The final date for receipt of lots will be 17th October 1962, and overseas members are requested to send details of any lots they wish to submit by AIRMAIL. The lots themselves may follow by SURFACE MAIL.

A catalogue will be produced and included with the November issue of our bulletin.

The final date for receipt of bids will be 4th January 1963, and a commission of 10 per cent will be deducted from sales & purchasing members will be charged postal costs on the lots bought.

All material for inclusion in the auction should be sent to C. Carr, Esq. 4 Mount Road, Dover, Kent, who will reserve the right to return, either, in part or in whole, lots which are considered unsaleable.

LONDON MEETING

A meeting has been arranged for Saturday, 29th September at 3.00 p.m. in a room over the Crown and Sugar Loaf, 14 Garlick Hill, London, E.C.4. Garlick Hill is close to Mansion House Underground Station.

Would members who will be attending this meeting please let Mr. Carr know this and also whether they will be taking displays with them.

PERFIN PRICES

To augment the price lists Mr. Jennings is producing, we should like to produce such a list for the 'Officials'.

To this end we attach a list of all known Board of Trade types and request that members add such information as they possess and then return it to the Secretary. Please use the Remarks column to state where and when these prices were current.

From: Editor

'PERFIN' or discussion

I recently received a letter from our President, Mr. Jennings on the above subject and as the members are being asked to vote and comment this month, I feel that the letter should be published. The letter appears so heart felt that I have decided to include Mr. Jennings' actual words rather than alter any thing and so loose the point of his views:

Dear Sir,

Further to the correspondence in the July Newsletter regarding the term 'Perfin', I would like to observe that, if it is thee sole purpose of the Group to collect and study punctured stamps and to ignore their origins in the under and over-printed issues, then there is nothing wrong with the term 'Perfins' or any other name they care to call them. Neither they nor their hobby will ever be regarded seriously by other accepted philatelists and the Group will ba looked upon with some amusement as a minority pursuing some 'back-alley' of philately.

If, however, members are seriously concerned with the mole subject of stamps specially treated, no _matter how, for security purposes then they must also include, if only on simplified lines, some examples of the early processes. In this event the term 'Perfins' is not wholly descriptive of the subject. 'Security Endorsements' is not, I agree, a correct definition and it is a little pompous. Let us just call them 'Security Stamps' or something that will, at least embrace the whole subject.

If members are not interested in the earlier stamps, then I an afraid that one-third of my proposed book wind be so much waste to them.

Non-collectors of these stamps do not yet realise that the so-called 'Perfins' are the authorised substitute for under and over-prints and while they will avidly seek the latter they reject punctured stamps as defective specimens.

Unless we can bring other sections of the collecting fraternity to regard us seriously we can never hope to gain recognition for our subject by the stamp trade or by organisers of major stamp exhibitions.

Is it just possible that a section of the members are afraid that the introduction of the earlier issues would bring some high-priced material into their subject and that they are quite happy collecting 'damaged' stamps at a fraction of their catalogue value and displaying them under the guise that they are interesting as 'Perfins'.?

Yours sincerely,

I feel that I must thank Mr. Jennings for his letter which shows more than ever that his thoughts and comments for the Group are all intended to raise our status in the eyes of the philatelic world, a thing which definitely needs to be one.