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NEW MEMBERS

We have five new members to welcome into the Society,
Mr P.D. Baxter

Mrs A.P. Bradbeer

Mr P.J. Butcher

Mr H.C. Dutting

Mr W. Smith

ADDRESS CHANGES

Mr Norman Stewart has moved

Mr F.W.H. ('Peter') Hewitt

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership Cards for paid up members will be going out with this issue once again. At the time of going to press 46 people had not renewed. May we remind those members that this is the only and final reminder that they will be getting, and draw their attention to Michael Rucklidge's Report elsewhere in this issue?

SALES PACKET REPORT

It would appear that 1976 is fated to be a very bad year for the Sales Packet. Having just reported the loss of one packet, another has now gone astray:- Packet C value £48.28 with sales prior to loss of £21.00½. All contributors to this Packet have been paid in full (less commission). Total loss to the Society of £20.66½

In a happier vein - Packet D has returned from circulation with receipts of £49.13 - sales of over 76% - a record for any packet. By the time this report is published, I should have put two more packets into circulation (full details in the next bulletin). These packets have been held up because I am short of booklets. Packet D demonstrates that material sells extremely well so please make an effort to send same booklets in.

Brian Birch. Hon. Packet Sup.

HON TREASURER'S REPORT

It is my melancholy duty to report that the excess of expenditure over income for the year ended 31st August 1976 is £46. This is almost entirely due to an increase of 50% in the cost of producing and distributing the bulletin. Most of this swingeing increase is because of increased postal charges and therefore not within our control.

The expected loss in the coming year is of the order of £60 to £80 although it is difficult to be exact in these inflationary times. This means that we shall have to realise some of our Premium Bonds. It would be unwise to reduce our reserves to below £100. It is clear that members must expect an increase of perhaps 50% in their subscriptions next year.

In the interests of economy no reminder of unpaid subscriptions will be sent. If your subscription is not paid by 31st December no more bulletins will be sent. The Committee regrets this rather peremptory action, but it is unfair to paid-up members to expect them to subsidise non-payers.

It will be appreciated if members will bear the following in mind when making remittances:

- a) remittances will not be acknowledged except by the enclosure of membership card/statement of account with the next bulletin.
- b) postage stamps cannot be accepted.
- c) overseas members are reminded that bank notes, international money orders or sterling cheques are preferable to cheques in local currency. The latter bear a substantial collection charge which is debited to members.

Membership at 1st September 1976 was 146.

It remains for me to thank the Officers and Committee members for their support and to express my particular gratitude to Richard Husband for the immaculate system of book-keeping he handed over. I should also like to express my thanks on behalf of all members for his past services and our hopes for his continued improvement in health.

J. M. Rucklidge
Hon. Treasurer.

WANTED

Member F.A. Clarke
would appreciate hearing from anyone with surplus or unwanted perfins of the Netherlands to offer.

FRENCH PERFINS CATALOGUE

A catalogue of French perfins will be published at the end of this year at a cost of £9.50 post free.

Interested members should contact:
M. Daniel Ribault

SHEPHERDS BUSH EXHIBITION

By Mike. J. Burrows

Whilst checking information on the SB/Ex perfin and its relationship with the Shepherds Bush Exhibitions, I turned to the article published nearly 20 years ago in the second issue of the Bulletin (at that time known as the G.B. Perfin Study Group News-Sheet).



In this brief article (author unknown) it is Stated,

'One presumes that their use was restricted to mail sent by Exhibition Officials and that they were not available to the general public, even though they are known to have been posted in the Exhibition buildings. The first of the Exhibitions was the British Empire Exhibition held at Shepherds Bush, London in 1911 to mark the occasion of the coronation of King George V. The perfin used was:-

SB/Ex 2H 10,14/10,9 5/4¾, 3¼

Some time ago I acquired two copies of this perfin on K.E.V11, both of which are cancelled with partial strikes of the ordinary Shepherds Bush postmark. One is clearly dated 12.15 AM MY 13 10 which could well have been a late collection from the Exhibition Site. The perfin on this stamp has a missing pin at the bottom of the left leg of the 'X'. The other stamp (the year used is not clear) has a complete perfin.

Several questions arise:

How many years was the perfin in use?

Does it exist on the issues of K.G.V.?

Is it a single or multiple die?

Any comments direct to Mike Burrows please.

OTHER "BURROWS" ARTICLES

Some additional information has been received on the following subjects,

- Royal Niger Company (9&10/75)
- Cancellations Identify Perfins (11 & 12/75)
- G.W.R. in Ireland (5&6/76)
- Numeral Perfins (6&7/76)

If any other member has anything to add, Mike would be pleased to hear from them at "Englewood", Bildeston Road, Little Finborough Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 2LA. It is proposed to publish the additional notes in the new year.

WANTED

Wanted by member to complete perfins exhibition entry - O.U.S. overprint on cover, and other overprints and underprints.

Will buy or trade.

T. Lagerwall

FULL NAME STUDY

We have received the following notes from Mike Burrows who reports that the project is progressing well.

After perusal of the worksheet returns and the completed pages published so far, it was realised just how awkward and complicated the project could become. In an endeavour to overcome the presentation problems that could occur, it has been decided to split the study into sections:

	Page.	Code
1. Full Names, identified and unidentified.	FN	
2. Abbreviated Names " "	AN	
3. Identified Telegraphic Address	TN	
4. Irish Names, identified & unidentified	IN	
5.1 Gas Undertakings	GN	
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.3 Newspapers & Publications	NN	
6. Addresses, full and abbreviated	IN	

Any unidentified perfin that is identified at a later date may be admitted to its appropriate section. All perfins will be cross-referenced in Section 1. Each die will be given it's catalogue number which is also used in the illustrated catalogue at present being produced in the U.S.A.

When an identification has been proven it is expected that the entry will give 'chapter and verse' concerning the company history. If the business is shipping, only a brief entry will be made. A detailed version will appear in the Shipping Company study.

POSTAL LABEL STUDY GROUP

Member Ray Woodward-Clarke

who is already issuing a quarterly bulletin in connection with registration labels, is forming a Postal Label Study Group which will deal with all forms of non-monetary postal labels, Air Mail Labels, Express Delivery Labels, Registration Labels etc. His quarterly bulletin will henceforth be called the Postal Label Bulletin and will become the journal of the Group.

The annual subscripLion for membership will be £1.50. Anyone interested should contact Ray at the above address.

NEWS OF PERFIN CATALOGUES

Hong Kong A catalogue of the Perfins of Hong Kong has just been published by Dr Harvey Tilles at \$3.00 per copy postpaid.

The Catalogue is offset printed and covers the 72 known perfins used in the Crown Colony between the 1970's and the present. A copy has been donated to the S.E.P.S. Library by Harvey Tilles but members wishing to have their own copies can purchase direct from him at the above address.

G.B. Illustrated Harvey Tilles asks us to print a ckecklist of the pages that purchasers of this work should have received. He has sent them by printed paper rate recently and suspects that some pages may have fallen out of the packaging in the post. Please check that you have received the

following pages, INTRODUCTION, D, E, F, K, Q, U, V, X, Y & Z. If any were missing in the package you received let Harvey Tilles know and the shortages will be made good.

Pages I, J N, P, R, T & NUMBERS will be mailed shortly and should be with subscribers in Europe in early December.

We are told that only 175 copies of the catalogue will be printed and that no reprinting will be undertaken under any circumstances. The total price, including one binder, is now \$55. If anyone is interested would they contact Harvey Tilles direct?

RAILWAYS We have more or less overcome the various teething troubles with this publication and it will be ready to go out about mid-November to those members who have requested a copy. We are, however, planning to have this bulletin in the mail at approximately the same time so they will probably held to go out with the bulletin.

Price to members is £1.00 post paid. Members receiving a copy with this bulletin are requested to remit that amount to Ron Bowman. Overseas members are particularly requested not to send remittances by persobal cheque without adding something like 30% to cover bank charges. Members who have a credit balance with the Treasurer may have the cost, of the booklet deducted should they so desire, providing the balance is sufficient to cover the cost.

The booklet consists of 73 pages contained within a thin card cover (blue) and bound with a plastic slide on binder strip (black). It lists some 41 companies which have used perfins in the British Isles on the stamps of G.B., and illustrates 119 different dies. Each railway company's listing is headed by a few notes on the history and geography of the Company.

The booklet which has been offset litho printed is also available to non-members at £1.30 postpaid. We have 300 copies printed so we would be grateful if the word was passed around at your local Society.

OVERPRINT & UNDERPRINT PRICES

Seen in Birmingham & Bristol Stamp Auctions Ltd catalogues.

29th Nov. 1975 Protective Overprints red "O,U.S." on one 1d red "star" and four 1d red "plates" used (5)

Estimated £9 - £10.

21st Feb. 1976 1867 1d Postal Fiscal showing private protective overprint "Grimble, Hughe a & Dewe, Oxford"

Estimated £4 - £5

1st May 1976 Protective overprints, accumulation on leaves of private overprints on Q.V. to K.G.VI. postage stamps used for revenue purposes. Many different firms with used and unused. (147)

Estimated £7 - £12

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Three pages of New Identities - 3 sheets

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Perfin Abstracts Pages 29, 30, 31 & 32 - 4 sheets

SECURITY ENDORSEMENT & PERFIN SOCIETY OF G.B.

Balance Sheet at 31st August 1976

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1975</u>
Balance 1st September 1975	£274	£272
Excess of income over expenditure	-	2
Excess of expenditure over income	<u>46</u>	<u>-</u>
	228	274
Represented by:		
<u>Assets</u>		
Office machinery at cost	£36	£36
Less depreciation.	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>
	1	1
Premium Bonds (7QK 574601-50 9QB827951-828100)	200	200
Debtors & Prepayments	-	12
Members' Current Accounts	2	1
Cash & Bank Balance	<u>108</u>	<u>145</u>
	£311	£359
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Members Current Accounts	£83	£76
Creditors & Accrued Charges	<u>- 83</u>	<u>9 85</u>
	£228	£274
J.M. Rucklidge. Hon. Treasurer.		

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUG. 1976

<u>INCOME</u>		
Subscriptions	£151	£125
Publications	17	6
Auction	8	5
Sales Packet	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>
	£176	£142
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
<u>Cost of Bulletin & Publications</u>		
Duplication	£69	£54
Postage	<u>£106</u>	<u>63</u>
	£175	£117
<u>Administration Expenses</u>		
Meeting	10	5
B.P.A. Affiliation Fee	4	3
Officers' Expenses - misc.	14	15
- postage	14	-
Written off (lapsed members)	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>
	£222	£140
	<u>£222</u>	<u>£140</u>
Excess of income over expenditure	--	2
Excess of expenditure over income	£46	-

During the same year my catalogue appeared in a German version. It was published by the Czechoslovakian Stamp Society of West Germany whose secretary, Mr Peter Vouhsem, is a devoted student of Czechoslovakian stamps and an ardent promoter of Czechoslovakian philately.

Now it became obvious that a Czechoslovakian edition of the catalogue should be produced also. Thanks to the sympathy shown towards perfin by my friend Ivan Tvrdy from Hlohovec, his stamp club undertook the responsibility for publishing the work. The catalogue was ready in the Spring of 1973 and all 500 copies were quickly sold. This is a large figure and needs some explanation. There are not five hundred perfin collectors in my country and most probably never will be, but as the catalogue was really cheap (it's price was 15Kcs, i.e. a sum which represents the fee for four letters to England or 2.5 airmail letters to the U.S.A.) it was bought by many collectors who buy all philatelic publications dealing with Czechoslovakian stamps.

I also ventured into exhibiting my own perfin collection and was very successful at the first attempt: I won a Silver medal with congratulations from the Jury at the Regional Stamp Exhibition in Jihlava in 1972. More Silver came from the National Postal History Exhibition in Pisek in 1973, and from the National Stamp Exhibition, Brno in 1974. I also exhibited at ELPEX, held in 1973 in El Paso, Texas (where the American Perfin Club celebrated thirty years of existence) and where I won a Gold Medal and the "Best Perfin Exhibit Award".

Publication of the catalogue attracted new philatelists to perfin collecting (there are now even three ladies among the members of our Group). I maintained correspondence with many of them; and soon found this to be taking up too much of my time without really giving satisfactory results. Therefore, I decided to publish a monthly bulletin for those interested and to organise a Study Group.

My own stamp club gave me full support and backed the venture both technically and financially. The first number of the Bulletin - duplicated and consisting of two pages - was out on June 1st 1974. Being typed on a special typewriter each number consists, of six to seven pages of normal manuscript.

The saving of time for which I hoped is not so great, since I write, edit, type, and mail all the bulletins myself. Only slowly am I getting some articles written by the readers. But the effect on the promotion of perfin collecting and studying is really great.

What does our Group give to its members and what are its aims?

Our aim is to help members to enlarge their knowledge of Czechoslovakian perfin, to inform them about the activities of perfin collectors abroad, to help them in any way and to promote perfin collecting in Czechoslovakia.

For an annual fee of 8 Kes (i.e. 13 inland letters or two letters to England) members receive ten numbers of Zpravodaj Perfiny which appears monthly with the exception of July and August. They can place advertisements in the Bulletin free of cost and also use the Group's library. To obtain the bulletin they have to provide ten self addressed stamped envelopes.

The members of our Group are recruited from the whole Republic and, although we have not met yet, I know many of them personally. We hope to arrange a meeting during some important stamp exhibition in Prague later on.

In 1974 a second edition of my catalogue was published by the U.S. Perfins Club as the first one was sold out. Altogether I have prepared four supplements to it containing more than 200 new dies and about the same number of new identifications. At the present time I am preparing a new Czechoslovakian edition which will be published by the Group.

My perfin studies embrace the whole of Eastern Europe. I have prepared drafts of catalogues of Romanian and Hungarian perfins, and I am working on catalogues of the perfins of Greece, Bulgaria, Jugoslavia and Turkey. The catalogue of Hungarian perfins will be published soon by the Magyar Philatelic Society of G.B. The first Hungarian Catalogue published by that Society in 1973 was planned by me as a check list only and should not have been published in that form. The catalogue of the Balkan Peninsular will - I hope - be published later on by the U.S. Perfins Club. I also am studying the perfins of Russia, Poland and the Baltic States with the ultimate aim of publishing catalogues of these also.

The U.S. Perfins Club chose me for the 'Hallock Card Award' for 1974 which is given annually to that member of the Club who contributed substantially to perfins promotion. That I was chosen for this great honour was only because I have been lucky enough to find so many collectors at home and abroad who generously helped me and encouraged me in my research on Czechoslovakian and other Perfins.

From Mr K. Rymer Young.

16	RA/N	12,10/13	4½	Ø R.A.Naylor Ltd, Warrington.
13A	RALLI (in script)	32,10,9,9,6		Ø Ralli Bros., London.
194.2	TGL	7,10,7	4½	"The Gentlewoman Ltd"
61	RB/&S	11,13/12,10	4 (IIIa)	Robert Bond & Son, Ipswich.
71.4	PBL	10,13,7	6½	Ø Pilkington Bros, St Helen's
71.1	PBL	8,9,6	5	Ø do. do.
71.3	PBL	9,12,7	6	Ø do. do.
113.3	P/&Co	8/12,7,4	4½	2.Pountney & Co Ltd, Bristol.
291	PLAYER	9,7,10,8,10,11	4½	John Player Ltd, Nottingham.
296.3	PL/Ld	10,7/7,7	5	Pawsons & Leafs Ltd, London.
336	FN/C	10,13/8	4½	Pictorial Newspaper Co (1910) Ltd. London
371	P.P.R/&Co.	11,11,14/14,10,8	5½ (III)	P.F.Rudocanachi & Co, London.
411.1	PS	8,9	4½	Pitt & Scott ltd, London E.C.4
439	PSN/Co	11,10,13/8,4	5	Ø Pacific Steam Navigation Co. Liverpool.

From. Mr R.J.McKee.

67	BB&Co	15,19,16,10,8	5½ (II)	Blessing Braun & Co, Liverpool.
	(1st B reversed)			
304.4	BG/&Co	14,16/17,8,4	4½ (III)	Brandels Gaeschmiedt & Co. London.
368	HB	12,14	6	Hunter Barr & Co Ltd, Glasgow.
361	JH/&/Co.Ld.	6,11/13/8,6,7,7	6/5½ (III)	Japp Hatch & Co Ltd London. E.C.
285B	JF/P	7,8/10	4½	John F. Power. London.
99.5	L&C	7,13,8	5½ (III)	Liberty, & Co. London W
394.2	LM/&Co	7,15/14,8,4	5 (III)	L. Vessel & Co, London E.C.
449A	LP/HC	6,8/10,7	4½	Londonderry Port & Haven Commission.
101.3	PAC	11,7	5	Magdalen College, Oxford.
342.2	R&M	13,14,15	4½ (III)	Robinson & Marjoribanns Market Reports, Glasgow.

NEW IDENTITIES ADVISED.

From Mr Eschede

41.3	BB	14,14	4½	Barry Bros Ltd, Liverpool.
571.2	BP/&Co	14,10/14,8,4	4 (I)	Beyer Peacock & Co Ltd Manchester.
770.1	BW/&Co	13,14/12,8,6	4/4½ (IIIa)	Blagden Waugh & Co London.

From Mr P.G. Day.

331.3	NU	14,11	5½	Norwich Union Fire Ins: Soc : Norwich.
21.4	DB	11,14	5	Daniels Bros Ltd (Nurseymen), Norwich
1.7A	C	10	6	R. Coller & Sons Ltd, Norwich.
48.2	C.B.	8,14	5	Curl Bros, Norwich.
48.3	C.B.	9,14	9½	Cranfield Bros, Ltd, Ipswich.
45	M/BC	11/11,7	4½	Maidstone Boro' Council.
259	AG/I	10,10/5	4½	Ashton & Green Iron Co London & Bristol.
628.3	BRYCE	15,11,8,8,10	4	William Bryce & Co Glasgow & London
548.2	GW/&Co	10,14/12,8,6	4 (IIIa)	George Wright & Co, London E.C.
549.3	SM/L	10,15/7	5	Shell-Mex Ltd.
191.7	<u>PF</u>	14,13	5	Peak Freen & Co, London S.E.
262	CFSt/&Co	8,8,10,5/12,8,6	4	C.F.Stahlecker & Co, London E.C.
281.4	SF	11,8	7½	The Sunderland Forge & Engineering Co Ltd, Sunderland.
292.6	DLR	11,7,13	7	Thomas De La Rue & Co
104	L.C/C	7,10/10	5	London County Council

From Mr K. Rymer Young.

310	TW/&JW	7,15/14/8,15	4½ (III)	T.W. & J. Walker, Wolverhampton & London
509	TW/JW	7,15/7,15	4½	Ø do. do. do.
651.2	WRW	15,13,15	4½	Warrington Wire Rope works, Liverpool.
644.13	S&S	12,14,12	7,5,7(III)	Stevens & Sons Ltd, London.
645	HS&B	12,14,13,14	4½ (III)	Samuel Hanson Son & Barter. London.

401.4	TS	7,10	5	"The London Banks" (Publication)
377.3	WH/P	14,12/10	5	Wm H. Pim, Junn & Co Ltd. London.
<u>From Mr A. Mackie</u>				
206.4	JD/&Co	7,11/14,8,4	5 (III)	John Dickinson & Co Ltd. London,
77.2	E&Co.	10,13,8,6	5½ (III) Ø	Ellis & Co
382.3	BJ/&B	14,10/14,14	5½/6,5½ (III)	Baylies Jones & Raylies Ltd, Wolverhampton
10.3	S&A	12,14,10	6 (IVa)	The Smithfield & Argentine Meat Co London.
186	T&G/B	7,12,10/15	5½/4½(IIIa)	Trapnell & Gane, Bristol
736.2	WT/AL	14,7/10,7	5	World Transport Agency. Ltd.
803.2	S/W	10/14	5	J.H.Simpson & J.R. Watkins Ltd. London.
506.6	PWC	7,11,7	5	The Borough of Ports- mouth Waterworks Co.

From Mr R.J.McKee

271A	A.H	14,16	10	Anderton's Hotel, London E.C.
11	I.B/&/Co.Ld.	5,15/14/8,6,7,8	4½(III)	Ibbotson Brothers & Co Ltd. Sheffield
82.3	JW/&Co	7,14/16,8,7	5 (II)	J. Wippel & Co Ltd, Exeter.
10.1	ED/Co	9,9/7,4	4½	Esso Development Co Ltd. London WC 2.

Please complete and return to Ron Bowmwn.

CROWN AGENTS

Perfin :- CA 7,8 4¼,5½

Care should be taken not to confuse this with other 'CA' perfins. In the Crown Agents die, the 'C' is visibly shorter than the 'A'.

Stamps Known

King George V	1912	½d green	Please tick where you have a copy and add quantity where more than one.
	1912-22	½d green	
		1d red	
		1½d brown	
		2d orange_	

Comments & additions:

BOARD OF TRADE

The Board of Trade perfin "CROWN over B,T." was in use from about November 1880 to 14th May 1904 and has received the attention of the forger on many occasions. The following list is of stamps known to have been genuinely perforated and we would ask members to mark those they have in their collections. Please do this regardless of your suspicions and only indicate them as forgeries where you are certain that this is the case.

Similarly, please note postmarks other than those of London, E.C.

Line Engraved _ _
 2d blue plate 15
1881
 ½d deep green
 ½d pale green
 1d venetian red
 1½d venetian red
 2d rose
 2½d blue plate 21_
 plate 22
 plate 23
 4d grey-brown
 plate 17
 plate 18
 6d grey plate 17
 1/- orange brown
 plate 13
 plate 14
 1d lilac 16 dote
 6d carmine on 6d lilac

1884
 ½d slate blue
 1½d lilac
 2d lilac
 2½d lilac
 3d green
 4d green
 6d green
 1/- green

1887 - Jubilee
 ½d vermilion
 1d purple & green
 2d green & vermilion
 2½d purple/blue
 3d purple/yellow
 4d green & brown
 4½d green & carmine
 5d purple & blue
 6d purple/rose red
 9d purple & blue
 10d purple & carmine
 1/- green

Continued overleaf.

Name

Board of Trade Continued

1900

½d blue-green
1/- green & carmine

1902 (K.E. VII)

1d blue-green
1d scarlet
2d green & carmine
2½d blue
3d purple
5d Purple & blue
6d purple

MINISTRY OF MUNITIONS NATIONAL FACTORIES

- a) HM/F His Majesty's Factories
K.G.V 1912-22 Postmarks
½d green Gretna/Carlisle
1d re Gretna/Dumfriesshire
2d orange
2½d blue
- b) HM/F/QF His Majesty's Factory Queensferry
K.G.V 1912-22 Postmarks
2d green Chester
1d red Queensferry/Chester
1½d brown
- c) NS/FF National Shell Filling Factory
K.G.V 1912-22 Postmarks
2d green Beeston/Nottingham
1d red
1½d brown
- d) N°2/N.F.F. No. 2 National Filling Factory
K. G. V 1912-22 Postmarks
½d green Fazakerly/Liverpool
1d red Rice Lane/Liverpool

0140 continued

different designs. He collects only good copies, scrapping damaged ones and those with incomplete designs, leaving him only 2 out of 10 of a large assortment he bought.

0141 The history of British Security Stamps (overprinted and perforated)

Jennings C.
SEPS, 1968, pp.381

Generally referred to as "Jennings Book", this is the most comprehensive and authoritative handbook on British Security endorsements and perfins. Since most of the chapters contain more information than many of the individual items included in Perfins Abstracts, each chapter will be considered individually. Originally, Jennings' book reached page JB76. It was then revised and retyped in a "script" typeface. Only pages JB57-76 and JB19-48 being re-used.

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- With the expiry of his patent in 1872, Sloper had competitors for the first time. Since the subject was brought to the Post Office notice by one of Sloper's competitors, the use of full-name dies and the Post Offices objection to them are fully considered here.
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21. Perforated postal stationery 190
- When post cards were placed on sale by the Post , Office in 1870, their usage was so great that they put a considerable strain on the Post Offices cancelling resources. To counter this difficulty several cancelling punches were obtained - some from Sloper - and used for a few years. Postal stationery is also found with private perfins on the imprinted stamps.
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- Although Sloper's perforating system which produced initials, numbers or designs is the most widely used throughout the world, there are several different methods such as embossing, carpet dies or the Schermack system involving a nine pin square.
24. The provisional perforations of 1941-2 201
- Sloper's works, and consequently many of his dies, were destroyed in an air-raid in May, 1941. Pending the production of new dies, single or double letter dies were used, the stamps being passed through two or more machines to give the required combination of letters. Such provisionals can be identified by irregularities of spacing with overlapping of letters on occasion.
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- The crown over B.T perfin which was used by the Board of Trade from 1880-1904 are amongst the best known and most valuable British perfins. Their popularity, even with those who wouldn't normally include perfins in their collection has lead to their being forged. Details are given of the two