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EDITORIAL

This first issue of 1985 bring with it some minor changes in layout, as requested by Members at the London Meeting. The major change being that the list of Society Officers appears on the front page, where it will remain in future issues.

Enclosed with this issue are the first pages of the new edition of the catalogue of identities, now renamed the "Tomkins Catalogue of Identified Perfins". Members should discard the few pages of issue 6 of this catalogue published last year as they contained a number of significant errors, which are now corrected.

As usual, we are in desperate need of short (or long !) articles by members for publication on these pages.

"STAMPS AND FOREIGN STAMPS"

The magazine "Stamps & Foreign Stamps" in their February, 1985 issue, introduced a new series by "Hungerford" (a pen name for two members of the Perfin Society) which will deal exclusively with Perfin matters.

This new departure shows the increased interest in our specialisation and is to be welcomed

Member Boris Pritt has provided illustrations of the TC/&S perfin of Thomas Cook & Sons as found on stamps world wide. This firm is unusual (if not unique) in the wide range of perfined examples which have been identified. The countries of use for the perfins illustrated opposite are :-

- 1 to 8 ... Great Britain
- 9 and 10 ... U.S.A.
- 11 to 14 ... India
- 15 ... Ceylon
- 16 ... China
- 17 and 18 ... Hong Kong
- 19 ... Straits Settlements
- 21 to 23 ... Egypt
- 24 ... Japan
- 25 ... Malaya
- 26 ... South Africa.

We would be pleased to hear of any additional designs or countries to add to this already impressive list. Boris is a keen collector of Thomas Cook material and would be pleased to hear from any member with such items for sale or exchange.

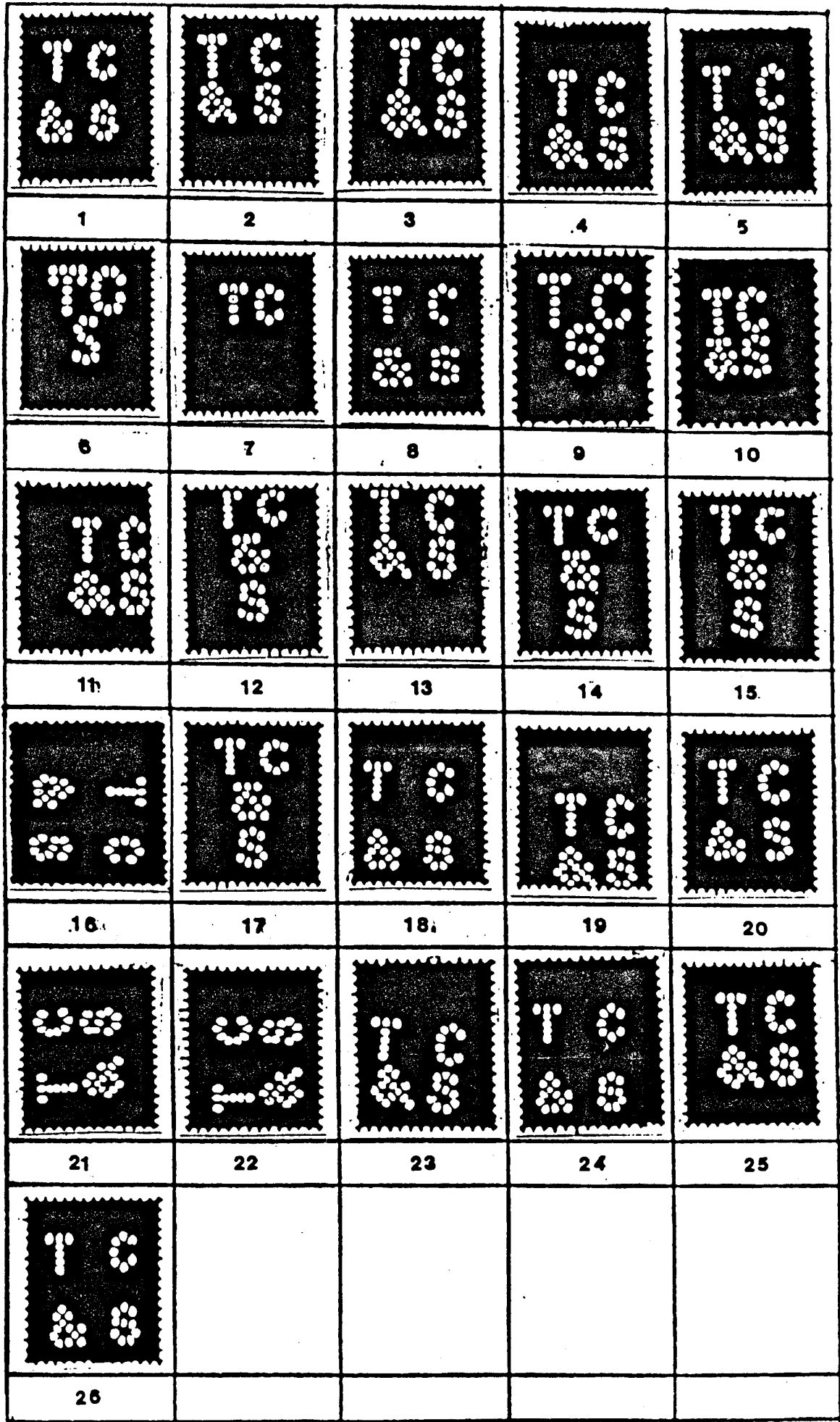
FULL NAME LISTINGS

Member, A.G. Moore

is interested in collaborating with other members in the production of a full listing of full names. He has examples of over 400 and some 150 duplicates to swap. Anyone wishing to trade with him or to help compile a comprehensive full name listing should contact him directly.

INFORMATION REQUIRED

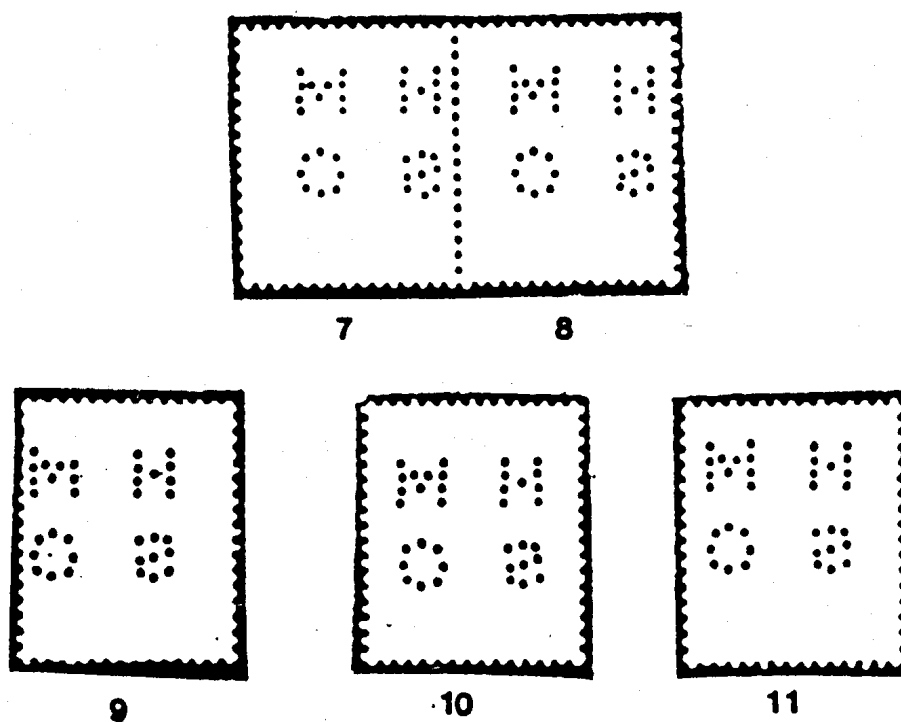
Member A.G. Moore from Canada reports an example of SG 37 (KG V 2d) with the partial perfin ONTI (10,13,7,5 9½). The stamp is overprinted with " ...ceived w.../BONTI ". Can anyone throw any light on the user - presumably fiscal?



HM Stationery Office (Hurlin Die) contd.

Our request for further information regarding the variations to be found in the HMSO Die 11A produced replies from only two members. Mr. D. Shaw provided a photocopy of what may be a new type, now numbered 9. It is characterised by a missing hole in the 'M', but is otherwise very similar to No. 5 (as illustrated on page 5 of Bulletin 213) so its correct number may be 5a. Mr. M. Werner sent us photocopies of four examples from his collection. Two of these are new variations, numbered 10 and 11 below. He also owns the only pair we know of being 'se-tenant' examples of numbers 7 and 8.

This leaves one (or possibly two) variations unaccounted for, assuming the machine originally had twelve dies. There must be a few other examples in members' collections - although this die is very rare it is not that scarce. Dare we hope to find any more pairs or multiple pairs? Photocopies of the backs of any examples should be sent to the editorial address (or actual examples for copying and returning).



GB STAMPS NOT RECORDED AS PERFINS

The question of which GB 3tamps have not been recorded perfinned has again "been asked" and as it was last "answered" some years ago perhaps the issue could be raised again. The following list is of those issues of G.B. which so far have not been recorded perforated for use as perfins.

Any member possessing copies is asked to communicate with the editor who will publish corrections to this list.

1858-64	1d rose-red.	Plate Nos., 71, 73, 78, 80, 81, 82, 83, 81, 87, 88, 91, 96.
1858	2d blue.	Plate Nos., 7, 8, 9, 12.
1870	½d	Plate Nos., 1 & 3
1865-7	Surface printed.	Large white letters. Watermark Emblems. 3d, rose, Plate 4; 6d deep lilac Plates 5 & 6; 9d straw, Plates 4 & 5; 10d red-brown, Plate 1 1/- green, Plate 4.
1865-73	Large white letters.	Watermark Garter. 4d vermilion. Plate Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10.
1867-80	Large white letters.	Watermark Spray. 3d rose, Plate 4; 6d lilac, Plate 6 (with hyphen) Plate 8 (no hyphen), Plate 10; 10d deep red-brown, Plate 1; 10d. red-brown, Plate 2; 1/- green, Plate 4; 2/- cobalt; 2/- milky-blue, Plate 3.
1867-83	Watermark Maltese Cross	10/- grey; £1 brown-lilac.
	Watermark Anchor.	Blued paper. 5/- rose; £1 brown-lilac; £5 orange.
	" "	White paper. £5 orange.
1873-80	Large coloured letters.	Watermark Anchor. 2½d rosy-mauve. Blued paper, Plate 2 & 3; 2½d rosy-mauve (Wmk. Orb), Plate 17; 1/- pale green (Wmk. Spray), Plate 9; 4d vermilion (Wmk. Large Garter), Plate 16; 8d purple-brown (Wmk. Large Garter), Plate 1.

1883	Watermark Anchor.	Blued paper 2/6 lilac, 5/- rose, 10/- cobalt. White paper 1)/- cobalt.
1911	Harrison printing.	Perf. 15 x 11. 3d grey on lemon.
1911-12	Somerset House printing.	1½d. purple & aniline pink.
1913	Watermark Royal Cypher (Multiple)	½d green, 1d scarlet
1913	Watermark Cypher. Waterlow Brothers & Layton printing.	£1 green.
1921-6	Block watermark.	"Watermark sideways" variety. ½d green, 1d scarlet, 1½d chestnut, 2d orange.
1929	U.P.U. "Watermark sideways" variety.	½d green, 1d scarlet, 1½d brown, £1 black.
1934-6	Photogravure.	"Watermark sideways" variety. 1d scarlet, 1½d red-brown, 2d orange.
1937-52	George VI.	"Watermark sideways" variety. 2d orange, 2d pale orange, 2d red-brown.
1948	Silver Wedding	£1 blue.
1948	Channel Islands Liberation.	1d scarlet, 2½d blue.
1952-4	Elizabeth 11	"Wmk. sideways" 2d brown, 2½d carmine.
1957	Jamboree	1/3 green
1957	Graphite Lines	½d orange, 1½d green.
1958	Empire Games	6d purple, 1/3 green
1958	Regionals	Scotland 3d., 1/3. N. Ireland: 3d, 6d, 1/3. Wales: 3d, 1/3 Guernsey: 3d, Jersey: 3d Isle of Man: 3d.

This listing is based on a correction of the list originally drawn up by Chas. Jennings but without including varieties. It is only for non-decimal issues and does not separate QEII watermarks, or recent (post 1960) commemoratives. If anyone wishes to extend the listing we would be pleased to publish it

PERFIN SOCIETY SALES PACKETS

by John Luft

In recent months the Society's Sales Package Scheme has become somewhat moribund. This has been caused by a variety of reasons, but a determined effort is now to be made to revitalise this important source of perfins. To judge from the enthusiastic perusal of sales booklets (and the apparent high sales) which took place during the recent London Meeting, there is a significant demand for material offered for sale in this way.

The scheme is now to be relaunched and new members who wish to buy this way are invited to send their names to the packet superintendent (address on page 1). Sellers are also required and booklets of stamps for sale should be sent to the same address. If members have perfins for sale, but no time to make booklets, the package superintendent will do this for them if stamps are sent to him (you must, however, accept his valuations).

Three classes of material are to be sold. Special packets are the most expensive and are only sent to members who request that their names be added to the special lists. At the moment two special packets are available. The first contains only Canadian stamps, mainly HM/SO, and some BT. The second contains only Australian stamps, mainly OS and other official perfins. Members who wish to be on the circulation list for either (or both) these packets, should contact me - the sooner you do the higher you will be on the list. The second class, which will be sent to all registered members, consists of the usual books containing all material, except the most common items. The final class is new and consists of a package of loose stamps of the more common types, in bulk, priced at a common low price/stamp. (Members are invited to send material for sale this way).

This scheme depends upon the members as both buyers and sellers so it is up to you to send in material or add your name to the lists.

MISSING PIN VARIETIES OF THE BARCLAY'S BANK PERFINS by W.J. Hall

Amongst Bank perfins, Barclays Bank examples seem to be the most commented upon. There are four dies of the perfin altogether (Tomkins Nos. 73.1, 73.2, 74.1 and 74.2). I have studied all my examples of the perfin and have found quite a number of them which have missing pins in various places. At present I have found missing pin varieties on all the dies except 73.2.

The first variety is on Die 1 (No. 73.1) as in Figure 1 (see opposite), the bottom right hand pin of the "k" is missing. There are a number of varieties on Die III (No. 74.1); the first is as in Figure 2, with a missing pin in the "k", another similar variety on this Die III is shown in Figure 3. A much more common variety of the "k" is shown in Figure 4. I have six examples of this variety. A missing pin on the top "B" also occurs on a perfin of this Die, as shown in Figure 5. I also have a couple of missing pin varieties on Die IV (No. 74.2). The first can be seen in Figure 6, with a missing pin from the top "B", the other variety is the same as that in Figure 5 and can be seen in Figure 7.

I would be glad to know of any other missing pin varieties that members have found. I would also be pleased to obtain any Barclays Bank perfins that members do not want.

HABERDASHERS ASKES SCHOOL STAMP CLUB

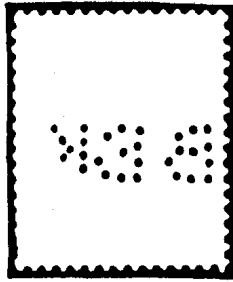
Our thanks to those members who sent duplicates for donation to the Stamp Club at Haberdashers Askes School. The contributions were well received and eagerly sought after by the boys. Further donations would be welcome if any member has perfins to spare. Donations should be sent to the editor who will pass them on.

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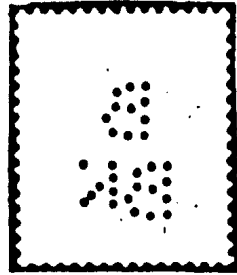
REQUEST

Non-member, Mr. R. Everett
is seeking any perfins of GB lettered A to AZ.

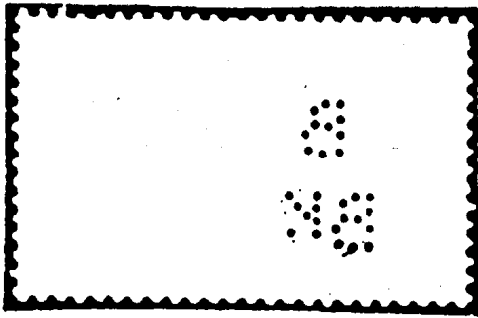
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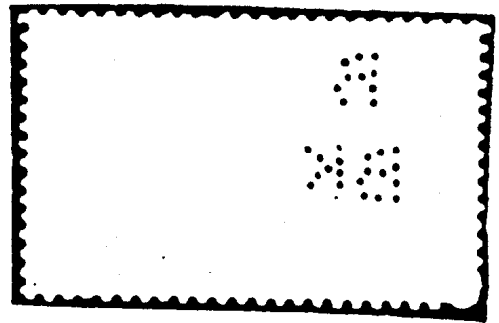
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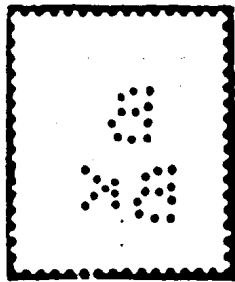
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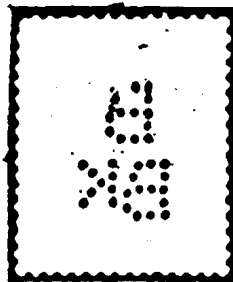
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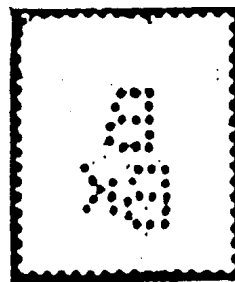
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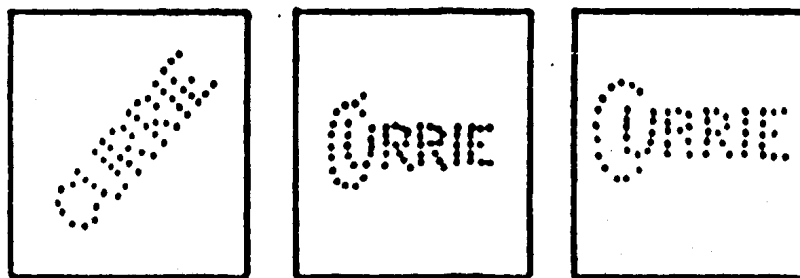
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There are three types of the full name perfin "CURRIE" given in John Coles Full Name Catalogue (Nos. FNC/23, 23a, 23b) and all are identified as belonging to D. Currie & Co., London. The first is recorded on 1d lilacs and the Jubilee issue, while the second is recorded on the QV 1883/1 and Jubilee issue (No usage is indicated for the third). The Tomkins Identities Catalogue only lists one example (No. 798.2) which is the same as FNC/23a and it too is identified with D. Currie & Co. London. The Simplified Catalogue suggests at least two designs whilst the van Lint Catalogue illustrates all three. This, then, is a well-known perfin - but do we know all there is to know about it?

It is certainly known much earlier than recorded by Coles. The van Lint illustration of 23(a) is on a ½d (SG 48) and the Perfins Club (of USA) records one (the exact type not noted) on 1d plate No. 118 which suggests that it is one of Slopers earliest designs. Does any member know which of these three designs was used on early stamps? Later usage also shows a problem as Member Ron Brown has drawn my attention to the fact that type 23 is known on KE VII issues postmarked GLASGOW, EDINBURGH and LEITH - strange postmarks for a London firm.

Can any member add more information (or problems !) to the above?

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARREARS

by J. M. Rucklidge

At the time of writing (early January) there are some seventy subscriptions not paid. We cannot know whether these are due to oversight, or a loss of interest in the Society. Obviously we cannot continue to send you bulletins forever to those who have not paid. If you have paid you will have received a membership card with this, or a previous bulletin (subject to an oversight on my part). Therefore, if you have not received one, this will be the last bulletin you will receive. If you rejoin after, say, the end of February, we shall require a re-joining fee of £2.00, plus subscription and there is no guarantee that you will be able to have the missing bulletins. So, PLEASE pay up. If you are not sure whether you have paid, still send your subscription and if you have paid this will be credited to you.

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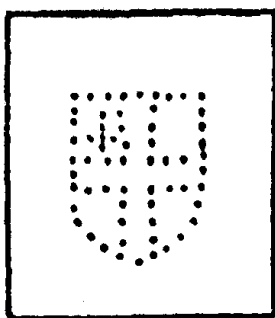
SMITH N.

This is a series of three short pieces covering the Municipal Official Perfins of London. The first part covers the perfins of the Corporation of the City of London, the second the perfins of the County Council, and the final part will cover miscellaneous Municipal bodies which used perfins.

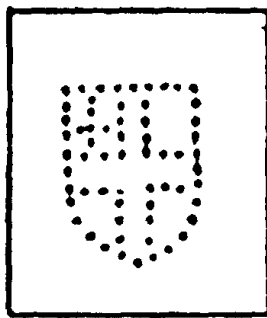
The use of perfinned postage stamps by the Corporation of the City of London originated in a resolution of the City Lands Committee of the 7th April, 1897. Following this resolution, it was decided that the Chamberlain of London should have charge of a supply of suitable stamps, and on the 26th July, 1897 the Officers & Clerks Committee resolved that these stamps should be perforated with a design based on the City's Arms as a security measure. The first stamps were issued to Departments on the 28th September, 1897, and were perforated examples of the then current ½d and 1d issues (SG 197 and 172). In 1898 2½d stamps (SG 201) were issued, followed by the 3d (SG 202) in 1900 and the 6d (SG 215) in 1904. Other denominations were issued in later years as the changes in postage rates demanded.

Die 1a

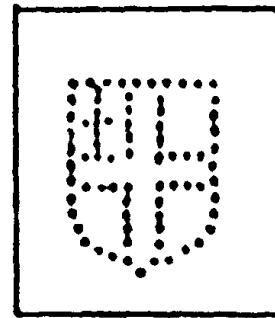
Three different dies are recorded; Die 1 and Die 1a are by Skipper & East, who had the contract from 1897 to 1926, when it was transferred to J. Sloper & Co., who perforated stamps up to 1/- value with Die 11. Dies 1 and 1a were in use concurrently as both are known on Victoria and Edwardian issues, but there seems to be no overlap between these and the later Die 11, which is known on stamps from the 1926 issues up to the current decimal issues. The use of these stamps continued until franking machines were introduced on the 1st April, 1971.



Die 1a



Die 1b



Die 11

from Mrs. M.R. Smith

466.1	GC	9,9	4½	Gibbons Skinner & Co. Ltd. City Road, N.I.
62A	A.B/&Co.	10,13/13,8,6	5½ (III)	Arthur Balfour & Co. Ltd. Sheffield
385. 2	B&J/B	14,14,7/14	5½ (III)	Barlow & Jones Ltd. Bolton
196	EHH/Co	10,12,12/6,	4½	E H Hunter & Co. Billiter Sq. EC/
399	H&H/Ltd..	12,12,12/7,5,7	4½ (IIIa)	Hamil & Harley Ltd., Crutched Friars EC
607.1	HR (monogram)	16	5½	Harrison Robinson & Co. Liverpool
-	HRS	9,10,9	5	Henry Rogers Sons Co. Ltd. Wolverhampton
493.7	JL/&Co	7,7/14,8,4	5 (III)	Jeremiah Lyons & Co. Ltd. Lombard St. EC
549	JMS/Co.	5,11,9/7,4	4½	James Methven Son & Co. Ltd., Liverpool
764A.2	J.T/&Co.	7,7/13,8,6	5½ (III)	James Templeton & Co. Glasgow
-	M	15	10	David Moseley & Sons Ltd. Manchester
547B.2	JM/&S	7,15/13,11	5½ (III)	Morgan Crossley Co. Ltd., Manchester.
-	PCL	8,7,6	5	Prices' Company Ltd. Manchester
461	S.L/&S	10,7/14,10	4½	Samuel Laycocky Sons Ltd., Sheffield
409	T.S./C.	7,11/8	5½	Tweedales & Smalley Ltd., Castleton
418	T.S/Ld.	7,11/7,7	5½	Tillotson & Sons Ltd., Bolton

-	TT/Ld	7,7/7,7	5	T. Taylor Ltd., Saville Mill, Bolton
14.1	KN	10,13	6½	Kemsley Newspapers Ltd., Manchester
130.1	B/CO	15/8,14,8,6	4½ (III)	Borries Craig Co., Newcastle
-	J.D./&Co.	7,11/13,8,6	5½ (III)	John Dickinson & Co. Ltd., Kings Langley
-	CUA	10,10,10	6½,5½,6½	Commercial Union Assurance
30.1a	K/CC	9/7,7	4½	Kesteven County Council
363.4	P&P	10,14,10	5(III)	Price & Parker Ltd., Bristol
404.1	SJ/&Co.	10,7/12,8,6	5/4½(Ia)	Samuel Jones & Co. London.
239.2	S/EC	10/10,8	6	Salford Education Committee
155A	de J/Co. Ltd..	9,8,8/13,8,6/ 7,5,7	5½/4½ (III)	de Jersey & Co Ltd, Manchester
122	H&/C	11,12/10	5½ (IIIa)	GM & Co., Holts Branch S.W.I.
580.3	C.P.	8,10	5½	Oxford University Press
150.2.	B/&O	13/12,8,6	4/4½ (IIIa)	Burrell & Co., Ltd London E14
147.4	B &Co	13,12,8,6	4½ (IIIa)	Burgess & Co., Swansea
582.1	C & P	7,12,8	4 (Ia)	Child & Prescott, Fleet St., EC
680.4a	C & S	7,14,9	4 (I)	Crane & Son Ltd., Liverpool
-	F B	8,15	5	Feddon Brothers & Co., Newcastle-on-Tyne
486.4	H M	12,15	5	Holt & Moseley, London
-	SCW/SLd	10,8,13/10,7,7	4½	Scottish Co-op Wholesale Soc. Ltd., Leith
-	S G	12,12	5½,6	Stratton Gentry & Co. Brentwood

“B” and “C” USED DATES REQUIRED FOR TOMKINS CATALOGUE