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# Another International Perfin

by Jack Brandt

Who knows the user of the "U.D.Co.Ld." perfin? It is listed as catalogue no. U62A, and does occur on postal issues, as I have it on a Staats Settlements issue, but it is quite rare so used. However it is very common on GB foreign bill revenues of Victoria, Edward VII, and George V. Cancels are from 1895 to 1932, and are "U.D.Co. of L. Ld.". So far we only have an unknown user, but there is more. I have or have heard of this perfin on revenue issues of the following list of countries :- Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Cuba, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Mexico, Sweden, Trinidad & Tobago, and the United States.

It would appear to be a cancelling device rather than a true security perfin, and the foreign issues were perfined in England by the firm to which documents from other countries came. So who was the user and can anyone add to the list of countries of use?

## Editorial

From the type-face of this issue you will see that we have a new typist for the bulletin so my computer can have a rest while the humans take over again. The new typist is Bob Putman. Thank you Bob for your efforts. The new typist means that the Identities Catalogue work can continue and in this issue you will find more 'New Identities'. Next issue will see the Tomkins Catalogue pages continuing. Between the setting of this issue and the time you receive it we will have had our London Meeting so that is not reported in this issue, but in the next.

Keep the copy rolling in for future issues. I am always very pleased to see it, and your ideas large and small will be published.

# Y Catalog Bach Perffinau Cymraeg

## -- Catalogue of Welsh Perfins

The catalogue of Welsh perfins produced by the Society is now available, and can be obtained

This catalogue is a comprehensive illustrated listing of all known Welsh perfins. It includes both perfins identified with Welsh users and those known with Welsh postmarks. Some 125 types are listed and illustrated full size in alphabetic order. Additionally there are four Appenices covering the perfins of Great Western Railways, Pryce Jones Ltd, Wm. Cory & Son, and University College Cardiff. The illustrations are accompanied by details of user and a code indicating the range of known usage.

The catalogue which costs £3 (or \$6) post free is supplied on 25 single sided A4 size sheets loose bound between coloured covers in a plastic spine holder so users may, if they wish, bind it to suit their tastes.

The prize offered for the largest number of Welsh perfins for the above catalogue ( a free copy ) was won by a Welsh member, Ralph Wornum. This was an especially good effort as Ralph had previously published a list of Welsh perfins in an early edition of this Bulletin and all these were counted as already reported and not counted in his list. Well done Ralph your free copy should be in your hand by now.

# Board of Trade Fakes

By Tony Edwards

The existence of these fakes has been known for some time. It was first fully disclosed by Capt. H. T. Jackson in the 1950's, and is extensively covered in the Society's Booklet "GB Official Perfins". All told sixteen different types of fake are known. It has often been a source of wonderment that people would go to the trouble of faking perfins. One reason, of course, is that it is easy to do. However the returns are not high as the perfin is usually worth less than the unperfined example. In this one area, however, the perfins command high prices. Officials, and particularly the Board of Trade perfins are listed in some catalogues and this inflates prices.

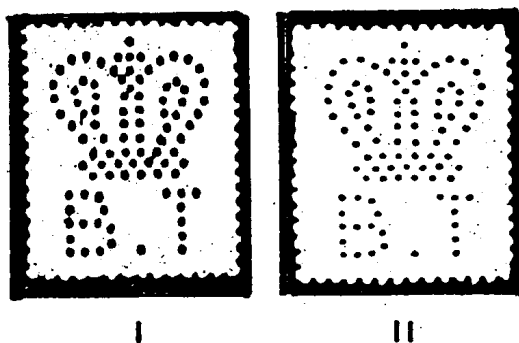
These fakes have appeared on the market again and at very high asking prices. Recently I have seen two instances of faked examples offered for sale by very reputable firms in London. There is no point in naming these firms as I do not doubt that they are completely innocent, but one was a top flight dealer and the other a well respected auctioneer.

The stamps offered for sale were two KEVII examples on piece. The piece seemed genuine enough being part of an OKMS cover from the Board of Trade addressed abroad and postmarked 1908. The date provides the clue as these stamps were withdrawn in 1904. Close examination of the postmarks tying the stamps to the piece showed that they had been removed, perfined and re-affixed. This item was on offer at £150. The second item was an auction lot containing a number of mostly mint stamps of Victoria and Edward VII all perfined "crown" /B.T The lot was purchased for over £300 and after the purchaser had received them I was allowed to inspect them and all were fakes.

Collectors can look after themselves to some extent if they follow some elementary rules. All stamps which were not used after 1881 or which were introduced after 1904 must be fakes. Mint stamps are always suspect as are these without

## Board of Trade Fakes (cont)

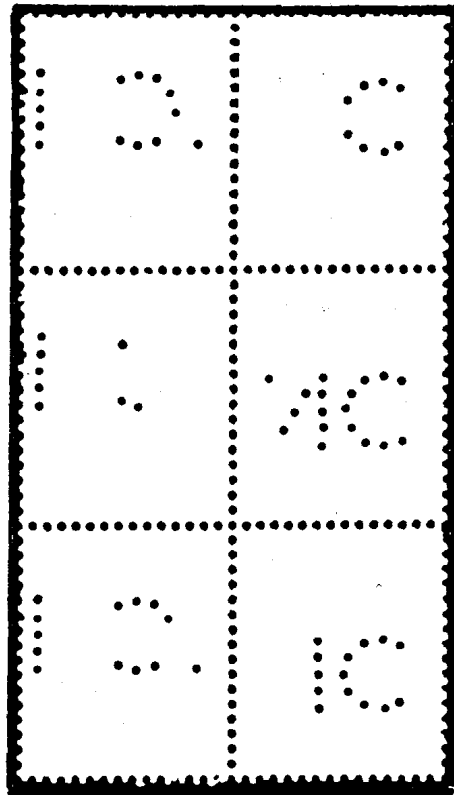
London postmarks. Of course those with dated marks outside the range 1881 to 1904 must also be fakes. The design must be identical to the published genuine one as there are no minor variations except the small hole type. An example of the genuine perfin is shown below. The small hole type is identical except for hole size. I have developed a series of further tests which I do not wish to publish, but I would be pleased to comment upon examples sent to me either from existing collections, or which may be offered for sale. This service is free to collectors



### New Perfin Handbooks

The publication of the Welsh Catalogue ( reported elsewhere in this issue ) means that the Society no longer has a under preparation any handbooks or catalogues. Members are asked to consider subjects suitable for publication. The Welsh Catalogue was produced on a small budget and is intended to be for a small circulation only. This shows the way to the production of small circulation low cost projects. If any member is considering the possibility of producing a booklet on their specialist subject, or a local catalogue (Anyone fancy producing a Scottish Catalogue?) the editor will try to give advice and practical help.

Anyone with any ideas should contact the editor.



As catalogue editor I receive many "new" designs and not an inconsiderable number are not "new", but are the result of partial perforation of known designs or reversals of them. Illustrated above is a block of six stamps which show this problem well. They should all be the same perfin, but taken separately they could be read different ways. Taking them in turn they may have been identified as follows :-

- (i) 10. (". " prevents the second letter being "C")
- (ii) C (or possibly 0 )
- (iii) I
- (iv) NC (or possibly NO )
- (v) same as (i)
- (vi) IC (different width to (i) )

What is the correct identification? The postmark gives the being "Nottingham Sorting Office". The perfins illustrated are partials of the well known NC of Nottingham Corporation. It pays to take care with "new" designs.

# NZ High Commission Perfins

## On GB Stamps

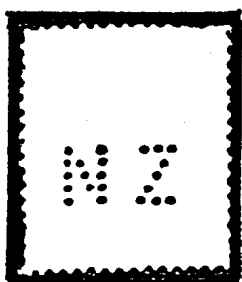
by Tony Edwards

### Introduction

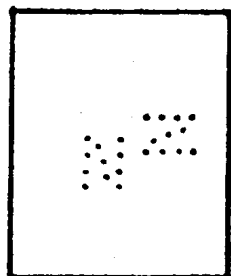
Since I wrote the section on these perfins in " GB Official Perfins", I have had my attention drawn to a number of errors in it and have seen further examples. This article can be considered as a replacement section based on first hand knowledge only.

### The Dies

The dies used by the High Commission can be grouped into six types, but types 'D' and 'E' are known with minor variations which could indicate more than one die, or a multi-headed machine. In this article the dies are given letters to identify them rather than numbers to avoid confusion with earlier listings.



A



B

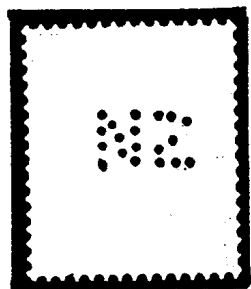
Tillies No. N376.2, van Lint No. 8216  
This die is characterised by a 13 hole N and is taller than the others. It is known with a wide range of postmarks from 23/4/1322 to 30/4/1940, and on the following stamps :-

KGV	1912 Royal Cypher	1½d, 2d, 4d
	1924 Block Cypher	6d
	1934 Photogravure	1½d, 2d, 3d, 4d
	High Values (re-engraved)	2/6
KEVIH	1936	½d, 1d, 1½d
KGVI	1937 Dark	½d, 1d, 6d, 1/-
	High Values	2/6(brown)

Only one, unidentified example of this die has been reported. It is postmarked LONDON EC 25th July 1941 and it has the

## NZ High Commission (cont)

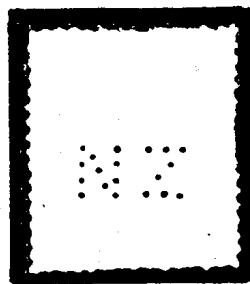
look of a provisional. It can not be definitely identified with the Commission but its postmark and the date suggest it is an emergency provisional made for them by Sloper after the bombing of their works in 1941. It appears to have been produced using two separate strikes of the same 'N' one being sideways.



C

This die is characterised by a malformed 'Z'. It would appear to be another provisional with a hurriedly produced Z. It is known with postmarks dating from 25/7/1941 to 15/3/1945, and it is known on the following issues :-

KGVI 1937 1/-  
1939 2/6(brown), 10/-(dark)



D

Tillies No.376.1

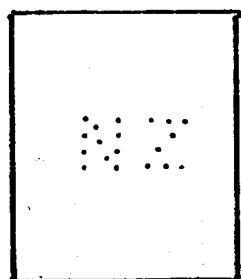
This die has 4½mm high letters 2mm apart and is known with a number of slightly different letter shapes due to either minor repairs or multiple dies. Its dated postmarks range from 27/5/1943 to 8/11/54 and it is known on the following issues :-

KGVI	1937	3d, 4d, 6d, 1/-
	1939	2/6 (brown)
	1941	½, 2½d, 3d
	1950	2½d, 4d, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-, £1
QEII	Wilding	1d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1/-, 2/6, 5/-

The final die is similar to die D, but has letters 3mm apart. It is known used over the same period as die D and may be a variant of that die or a separate machine. Its postmarks range from 4/3/1940 to 16/9/1964, and so overlap dies B & C. It is known on the following issues



## NZ High Commission (cont)



£

KGVI	1937	2½d
	1939	2/6(brown)
	1941	1d, 3d
	1950	4d
QEII	Wilding	½d, 1d, 3d, 4d, 10/-

## Conclusions

From the above analysis of usage a simple story appears. Die A was the original die used at least from 1922 until World War II when it was destroyed in the bombing of Slopers Works. As an emergency measure dies B 1 C were used until the new die D was ready to replace them. Die E does not easily fall into this scheme with its first usage date of 4th March 1940 which was before the bombing. This date was reported in 'Stanley Gibbons Stamp Monthly' of April 1961 but I have not seen any examples with such an early date.

I give my thanks to the many members of the Society who have supplied information and examples to make this article possible, and would be pleased to hear further from anyone who can add anything.

## HMSO Machine

Following an article printed in the HMSO Newsletter, (PROGRESS, we received a letter from the operator of the HMSO perfin machine, and very interesting it was being a personal report. Mr Runacre tells us that he used to perforate £30-40.00 worth of stamps every two weeks, and that all denominations were perfined. They were perfined three sheets at a time and the needles became so warm they would stick. They were then used to perforate a sheet of waxed paper to lubricate them. He also mentions that the large format £1 stamps were folded before perforating

PRICES REALISED IN PERFIN SOCIETY AUCTION NO. 5 (1985)

LOT No.	REALISED
113	2.10
114	5.60
115	1.60
116	1.80
117	0.55
118	0.45
119	0.80
120	2.10
121	1.50
122	1.10
123	3.10
124	1.60
125	0.60
126	1.60
127	1.60
128	1.00
129	0.45
130	0.80
131	2.40
132	1.90
133	0.35
134	1.80
135	1.60
136	8.60
137	7.50
138	2.20
139	35.10
140	18.10

LOT No.	REALISED
141	6.40
142	12.80
143	6.10
144	4.00
145	4.60
146	7.10
147	5.40
148	1.20
149	2.30
150	12.90
151	6.10
152	11.00
153	1.50
154	1.50
155	1.60
156	1.60
157	3.80
158	9.10
159	18.10
160	4.10
161	4.30
162	4.60
163	3.80
164	2.70
165	3.20
166	1.30
167	1.00
168	15.20

LOT No.	REALISED
169	12.00
170	3.20
171	6.10
172	4.10
173	5.10
174	5.10
175	5.00
176	6.60
177	6.10
178	1.30
179	0.40
180	7.60
181	7.10
182	4.10
183	2.60
184	0.70
185	2.60
186	1.10
187	1.00
188	1.10
189	1.00
190	2.10
191	1.10
192	1.00
193	11.60
194	2.10
195	2.10
196	3.00

LOT No.	REALISED
197	1.00
198	2.10
199	2.10
200	1.00
201	1.00
202	u/s
203	1.60
204	1.00
205	2.00
206	1.50
207	1.60
208	3.60
209	1.50
210	2.10
211	6.20
212	3.70
213	2.60
214	25.40
215	2.10
216	1.80
217	2.10
218	1.60
219	1.70
220	1.50
221	12.40
222	4.10
223	3.60
224	u/s

THE PERFIN SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure Account for Year ended 31st August 1985

83/84	INCOME	£	83/84	EXPENDITURE	£
640	Subscriptions	663	533	Bulletin	770
419	Publications	866	37	Officers Expenses	40
-	Auction	367	20	Hire of room	25
-	Sales Packet	-	14	BPF subscription	15
29	B.S. Interest	25	207	Officials book	650
-	GIRO Interest	4	I	Auction deficit	
-	Donations	2	297	Miscellaneous	2
21	Deficit	-		Surplus	425
<u>1109</u>		<u>1927</u>	<u>1109</u>		<u>1927</u>

Balance Sheet 31st August 1985

<u>LIABILITIES</u>		£	<u>ASSETS</u>		£
Balance 1.9.84		1881		Cash, Bank and GIRO	2330
Surplus	425	2306		Premium Bonds	150
Advance				Building Society	376
subscriptions		<u>550</u>			
		<u>2856</u>			<u>2856</u>

LOT No.	REAL-ISED
225	u/s
226	1.30
227	u/s
228	0.55
229	2.90
230	18.40

AUCTION NUMBER 5 (1985)

GRAND TOTAL £486.05

## Treasurer's Report

As you will see from the accounts we are in a sound financial position. You may, perhaps, think that there was no need to increase the subscription, but expenses rise all the time and it is possible that income may fall. Also I feel that it is very desirable to maintain a balance sufficient to finance new ventures such as the proposed new catalogues.

Once more I have been very conservative and stocks (chiefly of publications) are written off.

At the time of writing (early November) about one hundred members owe all or part of this year's subscription, which is £4 or £7 for airmail posting of the bulletin. These were due on 1st September. If you have not received a membership card yet you probably have not paid. When I was a little boy I was taught that if I said "Please" I would probably get what I asked for and sometimes it worked. So PLEASE do send your subscription. It makes life much easier for me. And if you have lost interest in perfins PLEASE resign. If I do not receive your subscription by 31st December I shall assume that you do not wish to continue as a member and no more bulletins will be sent. To rejoin after that date will cost you the subscription plus a rejoining fee of £2. I am sorry to sound so dictatorial but we cannot afford to continue sending bulletins free.

Overseas members are advised not to send cheques in local currency as the bank charges a large commission and I can only credit you with the nett amount received. Postage stamps are not acceptable. Cheques in sterling, international money orders or currency notes are acceptable. European members can use GIRO - our number is

Most successful bidders in the auction do pay promptly. Please try to emulate them. Until I receive all the monies for an auction I cannot be sure that lots have been accepted and so sellers cannot be paid out until this is so.

J M Rucklidge

Hon Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

NEW MEMBERS

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NIEVERGELT R.H.

LONGBOTTOM E.G.

HIDER T.

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WHITFIELD S.P., PUTMAN R.A.

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BUCKNER Dr.J.M., BURKIN F.G.

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JOHNSON MRS. J.M.

WHITFIELDS. P.

## Secretary's Report

Another successful year. It is obvious on several counts that the perfin world is booming and the Society is riding on the crest. We have registered 34 new members this year and although this is offset by resignations and lapses we now have 223 members. Also look at the prices realised in the auction. When I first ran the sales packet perfins were priced at an (old) penny or less. Now they sell for ten times that or more. Cinderella is rapidly turning into a princess!

I hope all members appreciate the immense amount of work put in by our officers

Tony Edwards for his work on the bulletin (without which the Society could not exist) and the catalogues

Keith Moore for printing the bulletin

John Loft for despatching the bulletin

Peter Day for running the auction

David Higgs for his work on the publications

Mike Hankin for his work on the library (in the future as the transfer has only recently been accomplished)

John Luft for running the sales packet

Our thanks to them for their dedicated work without which the Society could not carry on.

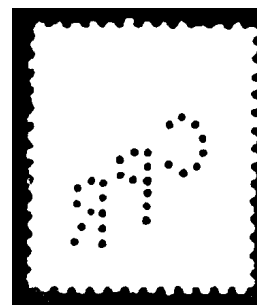
As you will see from the accounts the efforts of Peter and David yield very useful sums for the Society as well as providing useful services.

J H Rucklidge

Hon Secretary

## Canadian Handbook

The author of the recent Canadian Perfin Handbook has sent a correction to it in the form of a new illustration. The illustration No. C52 lost the code hole below the "C" in the final preparation for printing the book. Please note that your copies should be amended to show a code hole as in the illustration shown below.



## NEW IDENTITIES

### From Mr Colin Fountain.

- WT/&C<sup>0</sup> 16,7/12,8,6 6 Wiggins Teape, London B

### From Mr Roy Gault.

- J.C 8,11 5½ Joseph Cookson, Ltd.,  
Manchester F

- J.C.M 7,8,15 6 Rich, Johnson, Clapham &  
Morris Ltd., Manchester E

- WP/&C<sup>0</sup> 15,10/  
13,8,6 5½ Constantine Pichering & Co Ltd., I  
Cardiff

- S.U./L<sup>d</sup> 12,10/7,7 4½ The Salt Union Ltd., Winsford F

- TB&C<sup>0</sup> 7,14,14,8,4 4 Turney Bros & Co Nottingham A

### From Mr G. G. Palmer

- L&F 8,14,8 5 Langridge & Freeman,  
Tunbridge Wells F

251 B.E.T 13,10,7 5½ Bombay Electric Supply &  
Tramway Co Ltd., WC F

### From Mr K. Rowland.

- M.A.B/S 15,10,13/10 Borough of Southport B

- StJ/H 9,5,6/10 St Johns Hospital, Lisle St;  
London WC2 W

- AF/EC 10,8/10,8 Anglo French Exploration Co. F

- K&H 10,14,12 Kahn & Herzfelder F

- W&Co. 15,15,9,6 Wessermann Peaut & Co,  
London EC F

## NEW IDENTITIES

### From Peter Day.

12A	LAMB	W T Lamb & Sons, London	M
736.2	BUTT	John Eede Butt & Sons, Littlehampton	M
192.1	DFM/Ltd	Davis's Feather Mills Ltd., 59-63 High St, Whitechapel, EC	M
15.1	WAH	W A Hudson Ltd., 117-121 Curtain Rd, London EC	M
1.2	E	Richard Evans & Co. Ltd., Watling St, EC4	M
566.3	WNF/&S	William N Froy & Sons Brunswick Works, Hammersmith, W	M
653.2a	HS/Co	Hines, Stroud & Co. Ltd., 13 Friday St, EC4	M
472.2	JK/&S	J Keeves & Sons Ltd., Boundary St, Shoreditch, E2	M
445	J.J.S/ &CoLd	J & J Simpson & Co. Ltd., 19/20 Old Bailey	M
488	SM/CL	Shell Marketing Co Ltd., 39 & 41 Parker St, London, WC2	M
579.4	WHO/&Co	W O'H & Co Ltd., 79 Newgate St, EC	M
371	AL/&S	A Lloyd & Sons Ltd., Pier Wharf, Deptford Green, SE	M
512	A.S/L	Alfred Syer, 14-17 Pentonville Rd, London N1	M
36.2	DB/CoLd	Dalton, Barton & Co. Ltd., 49-52 Jewin St, London EC	M
482.3	SMC	Sterling Manufacturing Co, Cubitt Town, London E14	M