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SOCIETY INFORMATION

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

I have had a problem this month deciding what to include and what to leave over until February. If I led you to believe your article would be published this time and it is not here, please be patient. It is nice to have so much material to hand and I look forward to receiving more - editors never turn away contributions.

I take this opportunity of wishing each one of the members a peaceful Christmas, where ever you are in the world, and a healthy and happy New Year.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

New Members

STEFAN WRAMMERFORS

NIGEL JONES

GEORGE HEATH

DAN L.DANIEL

D.U.ASTIN

PETER J.FRENCH

J.E.HEWSON

PETER TUCKEY

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Change of Address

R.FRANKLIN

M.WARBURTON

DR.JURGEN SETTGAST

J.C.JOHNSON

Change of Name

MISS B.H.I.GILES is now MRS MAKINS

Rejoined

PETER NORTH

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FULL NAMES WORKSHEET John Donner.

The Full Name study is going extremely well. I am hoping the last of the worksheets will be out by the end of the year. If any member has not received a worksheet and would like one or if you have not received further worksheets please let me know because I have received completed worksheets without the member's name on. N.B. WANTED: Any full name perfins, for swap or sale.

SUBSCRIPTIONS Dave Hill Hon. Treas.

If you have not yet received a membership card then you have not paid your subscription. The label on the envelope of this Bulletin bears a red cross and the amount you owe in sterling. If I still do not receive your subs by the 31st December then I must assume you no longer wish to be a member and your membership will be lapsed.

We have acquired a new GIRO number for the Society. It is 53-9076708 and should be used for any future transactions by those with GIRO facilities.

PUBLICATIONS John Donner.

The update pages of the ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE are now ready. If you wish to purchase these 80 odd pages (A-Z) the price is £5 including post and package. Send to the Publications Officer making cheques payable to "The Perfin Society".

Elsewhere in the Bulletin you will find a complete, and up-to-date Publications list.

LIBRARIAN

You will note on the front page that John Donner is wearing two hats at the moment. Maurice's work has taken him abroad for a year and so John has the Library in his keeping until Maurice returns. Please send to John for any material in the Library or any publications

PERFIN SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS PRICE LIST – NOVEMBER 1993

PUBLICATION	MEMBER		NON-MEMBER	
	HOME	ABROAD	HOME	ABROAD
TOMKINS G.B IDENTIFIED PERFINS	10.00	12.00	11.00	13.00
G.B ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE	35.00	38.00	37.00	40.00
G.B ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE UPDATE	5.00	6.00	6.00	7.00
SLOPERS WARTIME PROVISIONALS	8.00	9.00	9.00	10.00
HANDBOOK OF BRITISH PERFINS	3.00	4.00	4.00	5.00
G.B OFFICIAL PERFINS	3.00	4.00	4.00	5.00
BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION PERFINS	1.25	1.50	1.50	1.75
SLOPERS HISTORY	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00
G.B RAILWAY PERFINS	4.00	5.00	5.00	6.00
WELSH PERFINS	1.50	2.00	2.00	2.50
GB PERFIN - HOSPITAL DIES	2.50	3.00	3.00	3.50
G.B POKO'S	1.00	1.50	2.00	2.50

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LIBRARY CORNER

Before he left, Maurice sent the following:-

Enclosed with the Bulletin is an updated library list of all major handbooks, catalogues and journals that the library holds. Since the last issue of this list just over a year ago the library has acquired a number of important works and the list has grown considerably. All items on the list can be borrowed from the librarian for simply the cost of return postage, when members request any of the items from the listing could they quote the library reference number as it makes finding the particular item much easier for the librarian. Inspection of the list will reveal that we have recently acquired a number of new catalogues for Italy, Portugal, Germany, Spain and France. Reviews of these are:

Catalogue of the Perfins of Portugal and Portuguese Overseas

Provinces by Roy Everett

This comprehensive catalogue of all recorded perfins used in Portugal and the extensive Portuguese Overseas Territories is profusely illustrated and contains a great deal of background information on the period of use, user and the business of the user. Permission was granted for the use of perfins in Portugal in 1884 but it appears that they were never widely used and by 1986 only 15 users were reported to still be using perfins.

Timbres Perfores - France et Colonies published by ANCOPER

This is the second edition of the Catalogue of French Perfins (and Colonies) produced by the three leading lights of the French Perfin Society (ANCOPER), Dedecker, Herbert and Janot. The catalogue runs to over 350 pages as well as having an extensive 40 page introduction to the history and production of perfins in France. For those of you not au fait with the French language the introduction is repeated in English, giving details on how the catalogue should be used. Like most perfin catalogues of today it gives details of user, period of use, pin count as well as illustrations. All together a superb work for the perfin Francophile.

I "Perfin" D'Italia by Giorgio Cerruto

This catalogue was published in 1988 and following a brief introduction it launches into 130 pages of detailed listings. The layout is in the form of a catalogue album permitting the mounting of the perfin alongside the illustration, identity, cancellations and description of the period of use. Unfortunately the catalogue is in Italian throughout but with a little perseverance and a good dictionary most can be fathomed out.

Privatpostmarken mit Lochungen by Horst Muller

A rather specialist publication describing perfins (Lochungen) on private post stamps of Germany, Denmark and Sweden. The private posts of Germany operated in many of the major cities such as Hamburg, Dresden, Hannover etc. and like all stamps they can be found with perfins. The catalogue which runs to 46 pages is presented with the normal illustrations, identities etc.

A Catalogue of Spanish Perfins - Roy Everett

This is the second edition of the Spanish Catalogue from the stable of Roy Everett. It lists and illustrates some 370 different perfins, the majority of which have their users identified. Unlike the Portugese catalogue it lacks an introduction or any other background information or illustrations pertaining to Spanish perfins. Hopefully future editions will put more flesh on the bones of what is a good basic catalogue.

Since Maurice wrote this library list, John has received a number of Dutch Perfin Catalogues, one of which is now in the library for loan as usual. The others he will take to the London meeting for sale to any of our members there.

A.G.M. LONDON

Although it did not occur until the end of the meeting, the most important item on the agenda was the change over from Secretary/Treasurer to President for hardworking member, Michael Rucklidge. Michael has given many years of excellent service to the Society and, apart from the heartfelt thanks from the members present, Michael was presented with the Ron Bowman Memorial Award for his work for the Society.

John Nelson felt it was time he resigned as President after so

many years in the chair and Michael agreed to become our President. He said that he hoped he could give the same lead and encouragement as John had given so willingly in the past.

The Bulletin Editor had been informed by John Luft, who sends out the Bulletin, Auction etc. each time, that because of the increase in postage, less than £1 of the subscription remains after postage to pay for the paper, envelope and printing of the enclosures. It was agreed that the subscription be increased by £1 for 1994.

All the Sloper Ledgers are accounted for except LEDGER N° 1 of the 'MACHINES SOLD' for 1900-1907. Would the member who has this, please let Roy know as he has offered to photocopy all the books to safeguard the information contained in these ledgers.

Catalogue Editor's Report Roy Gault.

In the Spring of 1993 The Perfin Society published the 7th Edition of 'The Tomkins Catalogue of Identified G.B. Perfins'. This new and greatly expanded edition was published in this complete form for the first time. Immediately following this, a sweep was made of the 'New Dies' reported by members and fellow collectors over recent years. These are now available as a set of '1993' Illustrated Updates. Note that these will be the last Update sheets available in this format.

Early in 1994 the first sections of the 'NEW ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE OF BRITISH PERFINS' will be published. Each volume will contain as much detail as is currently known (dates, issues, identities etc) against an illustration of the die taken from an actual stamp (where possible). At 12 illustrations/A4 page the complete alphabet will cover some 2,000 pages and take 5-10 years to complete. A set of 'Illustrations Only' sheets will also be made available. This will eventually involve some 650 A4 sheets at 36 illustrations/page.

After some discussion about the May 1993 'cut-off' date for new members to have to pay for a Tomkins Catalogue, it was voted that all new members will receive one free. Any new member who has paid for a copy since May will have the amount credited to their account against future subs or auction purchases etc.

PERFIN COLLECTORS CHRISTMAS PRESENT LIST

Wishing you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year from Dave Hill.

Members may appreciate this list as a reminder of presents for Christmas.

1. Any of the Society's publications (as list in Bulletin) but the serious collector eventually finds he cannot do without the illustrated Catalogue and at £35 UK and £38 overseas may find it expensive. Ask the family to club together to buy it.

2. Another relatively dear present is an illuminated magnifier which fixes to the table and has an anglepoise or counter-balanced movement to leave your hands free. These can be bought from electronics or office equipment suppliers like Radio Components Ltd. One with an ordinary bulb is about £40. Fluorescent light ones are better but dearer.

3. Collect British Postmarks by Dr. J. T. Whitney helps identifying postmarks.

4. Cheaper are the small plastic "chest of drawers" you see in motoring shops for nuts and bolts. These are ideal for sorting loose perfins into alphabetical order. They usually have 32 drawers and you can sometimes get two for the price of one enabling you to then sort all your "A" perfins into A, AB, AC etc.

5. "Technical pencil with .5 or .3 leads for gently pricking through the perfin, and technical pen for inking in the pattern if you illustrate your perfins in this way. (A small bulldog clip holds the stamp still as you prick the pattern through).

If members can think of other indispensable aids please let me know, I can then put them on my list for next year.

A Late Addition to Answers to Dave Hill's 'Perfin Snippets'

PETER MAYBURY in South Africa confirms the use of BBK by Barclays (Foreign). It is on GV and early GVI stamps and covers but later, B/BK perfins seem to predominate until BBK disappears altogether.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

THE MOST PERFINED STAMP ISSUE IN THE WORLD Bulletin 266 Pg.8.

TERRY PUSTERLA writes that for a number of years he has been making a general study of the KEVII One Penny which includes a perfin section. He found Roy Gault's response article to Joseph Laura's 2,060 patterns found on the 24 red Washington Head most interesting.

The article prompted him to tote up, for the first time, those of his own collection of Edward Pennies, and he found he had 2,603 patterns. This surpassed Laura's figure and was almost half of Roy's predicted figure for the one penny. Terry says he now knows what is in front of him if he wishes to get a complete collection of the one value. Read on Terry!

Harry Skinner brought to my notice Chapter 22, Pg.193 of Jennings' History of British Security Stamps published in 1968 by The Perfin Society. I quote the first two paragraphs:-

"One stamp, more than any other, affords a tremendous scope for specialisation because of its long period of currency. This is the One Penny Lilac of 1881 which, during its 21 years of use, and because of its face value being that of the stamp greatest in demand, was employed by almost every firm then in existence which used punctured stamps.

More than 7,000 different dies are known to have been used on this stamp and the collector who wishes to confine his studies to this one issue alone will find much of interest since it covers the period of railway companies, canal companies, now defunct banks and insurance concerns as well as many private firms now non-existent or absorbed into other larger concerns."

Harry's count of KEVII 1d Reds came to 4,639 different dies. This was from his own collection plus delving into Paul Redmond's material which Harry still holds for auction. This figure only represents actual copies; there are dozens of instances where he has sets of perfins with many other values, but if the 1d was missing he did not include that die in the total. However, he says it would be a racing certainty that the 1d would have been used as well.

In excess of 2,500 different perfins have been used on all our inland letter rate stamps from QV 1d lilac to KGVI in Harry's opinion.

It is obvious from these early comments on Roy's article that the numbers mentioned by both Joseph Laura and Roy could be very much on the low side. Two stamps at least have surpassed the number of dies estimated on the 2c red Washington Head.

Slightly off the point, but as a result of reading Roy's article, DAVE HILL makes the following observations.

Regarding Official Government Policy to perforated stamps:-

Dr Jurgen Settgast tells him that Germany outlawed perfins in 1966. To perforate stamps in some countries required a licence either for the firm doing the perforating or for the pattern. The United States always impresses him with its rules on commercial correspondence bearing "if undelivered in ... days return to . . ."

Great Britain insisted on none of these and perhaps has the most perfins, 21,500 different dies, of which we know the identity of 6,500 users. Around 100 perfins remain in commercial use in the U.K. and he can see a time when members' private perfins may outnumber those in commercial use.

A "league table" of these kind of figures may prove of interest and if members who know the figures for other countries will send him the details he will record them in a future article.

I, (Ed) would find it very interesting to see a list of all the users of perfins in the U.K. today. If Dave's figure of 100 is correct it should be possible for someone to produce one.

DAVE HILL'S PERFIN SNIPPETS Bulletin 266 Pg.12.

ALASTAIR WALTER quite rightly says that Taiwan was Formosa until recently; but we have an entry in Sloper's Ledger, which we believe is just pre-war, of a perfin for "The Bank of Taiwan", so it must have existed, or did it? The Identities Catalogue has a provisional identity for "The Bank of Toronto". From where did this identity come? Has anyone got a proving cover for either of these banks?

COLIN FOUNTAIN & IAN BURNS have JJA (J4310.01) on KGV stamps postmarked Bournemouth, one with clear date of 6th September 1921.

NM/Co N2100) Bulletin 266 Pg.5.

JOHN FROST says it was standard practice for auditors to write to their clients' customers for confirmation of their ledger balance using the clients headed paper and at their expense.

46th INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION CONFERENCE STAMP Bulletin 266/9

G.L.ROBIJN has pointed out that the above stamp was issued on 12th September 1957 not 1961. I like Roy's explanation for his slip - 'he must be suffering from "parallax of the eye-balls"! I had to reach for the dictionary for that one!!

The following dies have been reported on the above stamp:-

G.ROBIJN has a CSS/CoLd (C7280.01):

KEVIN PARKHILL has B&H (B3240.03); CS (C6760.03); CWS (C8510.03); E (E0010.01); and HC/&C^o (H1300.02):

ALAN SANDY has NB/ICo (N0350.03a); a pair on S/SB (S3120.01); and a strip of three on WH/P (W3370.01):

HARRY SKINNER has D (D0010.02); CWS (C8510.03); FRY (F3580.01) and LU/R (L5600.02).

Roy says there seems to be a lot more about than he realised. Keep them coming in.

"CURRIE" PERFIN Bulletin 215/12;216/4;217/2,257/17;265/12;266/17.

Again this has produced correspondence. The first letter to come in was from BRIAN DENNIS who enclosed research on the subject. I publish this, on the next page, exactly as received.

In letters from IAN BURNS and IAN HAMILL the details of dies used are:- 7980.01

4xEVII	Pmk Leith 1904, 06, 07.
2xEVII	Pmk Edinburgh 1904, 10.
1xEVII	Pmk Glasgow 1903.
1x½d Jubilee	Pmk 159 (Glasgow).
2x1d lilac	Pmk London 1893, 97.
1x2½d Jubilee	Pmk London 1897.

Stamps unknown Edinburgh Feb.1910, Grangemouth Nov.1910.

7980.02

1d Plate 185	Scottish Numeral 2? (Could be 221 Leith?)
1d lilac	Duplex 221 (Leith)

I was prompted by Rosemary Smith's article, in Bulletin 265, on the Currie Perfin to study the copies I have of these patterns - unfortunately none on cover. However, Donald Currie & Co was well known in South Africa as the operator of the Castle Line between England and South Africa and which competed with the Union Line for the contract to carry mail Both merged to form the Union Castle Line in 1900, so the Donald Currie perfins and those of the Union Steamship Co. (types 1420.01 and 1420.02) may not be recorded after February 1900, except for using up stocks.

The 115 stamps I hold of the Currie perfins revealed much about the period of use of each. I can also report two apparently unrecorded items. One is new type - a larger version of 7980.02 and the other is an earlier version of 7980.03 but with a code hole near the top of the "C" - see illustrations.



7980.0x



7980.03 + Code Hole

Perfin Type	Period of Use	No. of Copies	Postmark	S.G.
1. 7980.02	1882-83	3	Grace Church St & Numeral 1	SG157 (Plate 23) SG44 (Plate 20x)
2. 7980.0x	188(6?)	1	London	SG194
3. 7980.03 + code hole	1885	3	London & Numeral 237	SG194
4. 7980.03	1886-1893	44	London	172,194,201 205,207 & 208
5. 7980.01	1893-1900	62	London	172,197,201 207
	1896&1900	2	Glasgow & Edinburgh	197 & 201

Postmark evidence therefore points more towards London usage rather than Leith.

7980.03

2xld lilac Pmk London 1892.

1½d Jubilee Pmk Aberfeldy 1898 (no missing pins)

Ian Burns looked at his copies of C7980.03 for the missing pins and found two, both with London postmarks.

Copy 1.- Pins 4 and 5 missing in the C - agrees with David Higgs reporting in Bulletin 266 - but the U also has two pins missing.

Copy 2.- Pins 5, 6 and 7 missing in the C. The U has two pins missing and one missing on the second letter R.

Perhaps, in time, someone could produce a chart similar to that from Brian Dennis, which will show the pattern of use. The link between Donald Currie and The Leith, Mull and Hamburg Steam Packet has yet to be established.

SEEN IN AUCTION

Interstamp Public Auction 201 at Poole Arts Centre on November 12 had the following two lots in the GB Section.

1883 6d on 6d SG 162, used perfined D/C & C°. £14/18 Est.

1883 4d dull green SG192, used perfined NZL, slightly washed colour. £15/20 Est

MEMBERS' NEWS

In an international stamp exhibition in Helsingfors, Finland this year (NORDIA 93), TOKU LAGERWALL from Sweden won a Vermeil Award with his entry of "Perfins of Sweden". His entry was eight frames of 16 sheets each frame and was in the Postal History Section. Congratulations on this award.

Congratulations too to Miss N.K. Wright from Ireland, who achieved Bronze/Silver standard at Autumn Stampex with an exhibit on "Victoria and Her Times". It included some nice perfins, new identities amongst them.

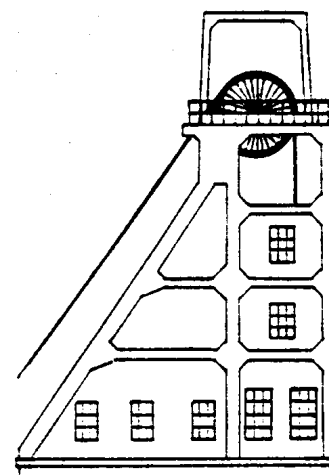
STAMPS FOR SALE

Member John Evans informs me that H & B Philatelists Ltd., 5 Christmas Steps, Bristol BS1 5BS (Tel:0272-265221/240569) have a large number of perfined mint QV Jubilee stamps in singles and blocks. Some of the blocks are very large (eg.9x4 on the 1½d). Most seem to be B3820.02 - BJ&B - Bayliss Jones and Bayliss. John did not mention any price wanted for these.

British Colliery Perfins.

Roy Gault

The existence of coal in Great Britain has been known since early times from exposed outcrops along the coast of Northumberland, hence the term 'Sea Coal'. However, it was not until the 1600's that the commercial exploitation began on any appreciable scale. Coal was central to the development of the Industrial Revolution in the 18th century which heralded the coming of the steam age in the 19th century.



The sinking of new pits increased dramatically during the Victorian era so much so that by 1880 there were some 4,230 collieries in operation. Coal production in Britain peaked in 1913 at 287 million tons, which is still a world record. Sadly, these heights were never to be reached again as by 1926 the number of pits had dwindled to 1,400, down to 250 in 1975, and soon we will be talking in terms of a dozen or so.

Surprisingly, out of this large number of collieries only ten have so far been identified as having used perfins. The illustrations for these and the location of the collieries concerned can be found on the accompanying map. Included here is all known information concerning each die together with the limited historical information so far gleaned by researching.

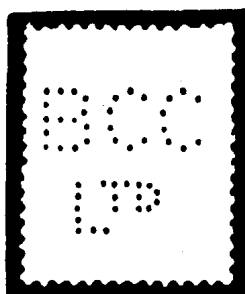
1. AC/Co (A1100.01) Aldridge Colliery Co. Walsall.
History: Unknown.
Issues: B 1d F ½d(ye-gn), 1d E7 Postal Stationery ½d.
Postmarks: Walsall and Aldridge, Staffs.
Date range: 26 Mar 1896 - 9 May 1905.
2. A.K/&S (A3437.01) Pendlebury Colliery. Manchester.
History: Run by Andrew Knowles & Sons Ltd.
Issues: B 1d E ½d(gn) F ½d, 1d H ½d, 1d I(RC) ½d, 1d.
Postmarks: Pendlebury.
Date range: 25 July 1890 - 11 June 1915.

3. BC (B1110.03AH) Brereton Collieries. Nr Rugelev.
 History: Originally owned by the Earl of Shrewsbury & Talbot, it became the Earl of Shrewsbury's Brereton Collieries Ltd in September 1906, and simply Brereton Collieries Ltd in 1920. With the nationalisation of the coal industry 1/1/1947, it formed part of the West Midlands Division (No.2 area) of the National Coal Board.
 Note: Perfin produced by Slopers using a 12x1 multi-headed die and known on issues from GV light colours through to QEII. As it was used by many different users, the postmarks become important on loose stamps.
4. CC/A (C1190.03) Careton, Collieries Association.
 History: Unknown.
 Issues: Unknown. Help needed here!
5. DCC/N (D0680.01) Digby Colliery Co. Nottingham.
 History: Colliery situated at Kimberley just outside Nottingham and known as the Digby Coal Co until 28/8/1899. The colliery closed 3/8/1928.
 Issues: B Id E ½d(verm) F ½d, 1d.
 Date range: 28 June 1900 - 11 Feb 1903.
 Postmarks: Nottingham, Northampton & Bletchley.
 Any explanation for the Northants postmarks?
6. L.A.C. (L0060.01) Lancashire Associated Collieries. Manchester.
 History: Unknown.
 Issues: M 1½d, 2d O ½d, 1d Q ½d-1½d R 1d, 2½d
 Date range: The only date I have on record is 18 Feb 1937.
 Postmarks: Manchester.
7. MC (M1010.01M) Moira Colliery Co.
 History: Moira Colliery (near Ashby-de-la-Zouch) owned originally by Lord Donington and became part of the East Midlands division of the NCB 1/1/1947.
 Note: Perfin produced by Slopers from a 12x1 multi-headed die and used by many different users. Leicestershire postmarks are important on loose stamps.

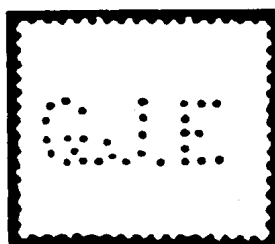
8. M.C (M1030.02) Manchester Collieries Ltd. Walkden.
 History: Unknown.
 Issues: I(BC) ½d, 1d M ½d, 1½d, 3d K 1½d O ½d
 Q W-1W R 2½d GVI 1840/1940 2½d, Victory 2½d
 Postmarks: Manchester.
 Date range: 5 Dec 1932 - 10 Feb 1943.
9. RE in Diamond (R1590.01) Havdock Collieries. Nr St Helens.
 History: Run by Richard Evans & Co Ltd.
 Issues: Unknown. More help needed here !
 The RE in Diamond mark was probably the Trade Mark of Richard Evans and may well have appeared on the side of his coal wagons.
10. RV/CL (R5620.01) Rother Vale Collieries Ltd,
 History: Unknown.
 Issues: E ½d(both) F -W, 1d H ½d I(RC) 1d, 2d
 Postmarks: '655' Rotherham.
 Date range: 14 Mar 1899 - 4 Apr 1914.

In each case the dates quoted are the earliest and latest of those so far reported to me'. The Issue code letters (B, E, F etc.) are from the standard set as used in Tomkins. I would be pleased to hear from anyone who can add any more detail regarding issues, values, dates etc or perhaps fill in some of the gaps in any of the colliery histories.

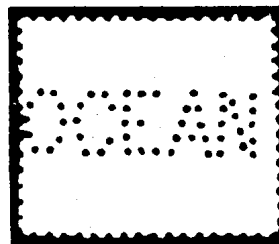
An interesting extension to this group of perfin is the numerous trades associated with coal such as Coal & Iron Companies, Coal & Coke merchants etc. A small selection of such companies known to have used perfin is illustrated below .



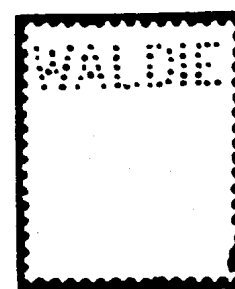
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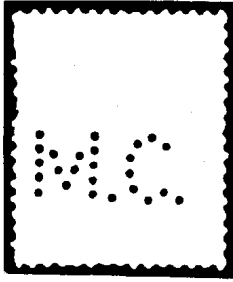
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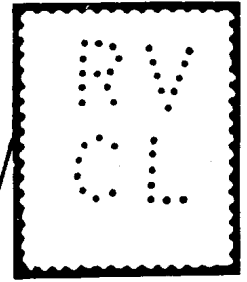
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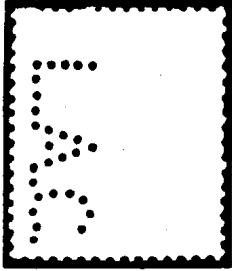
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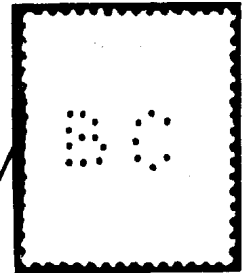
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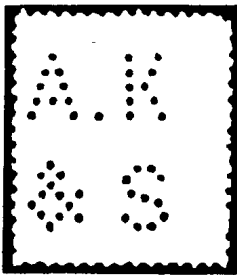
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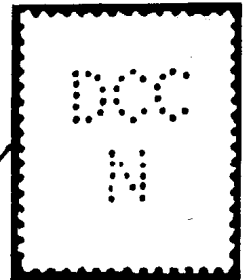
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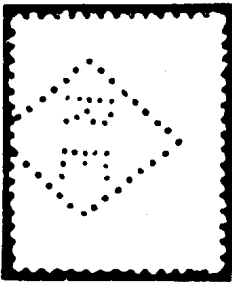
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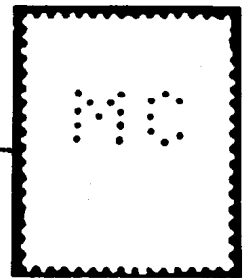
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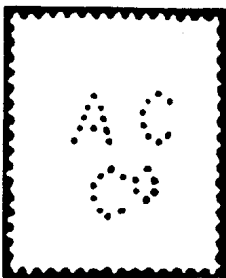
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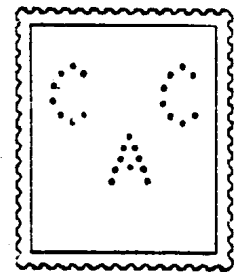
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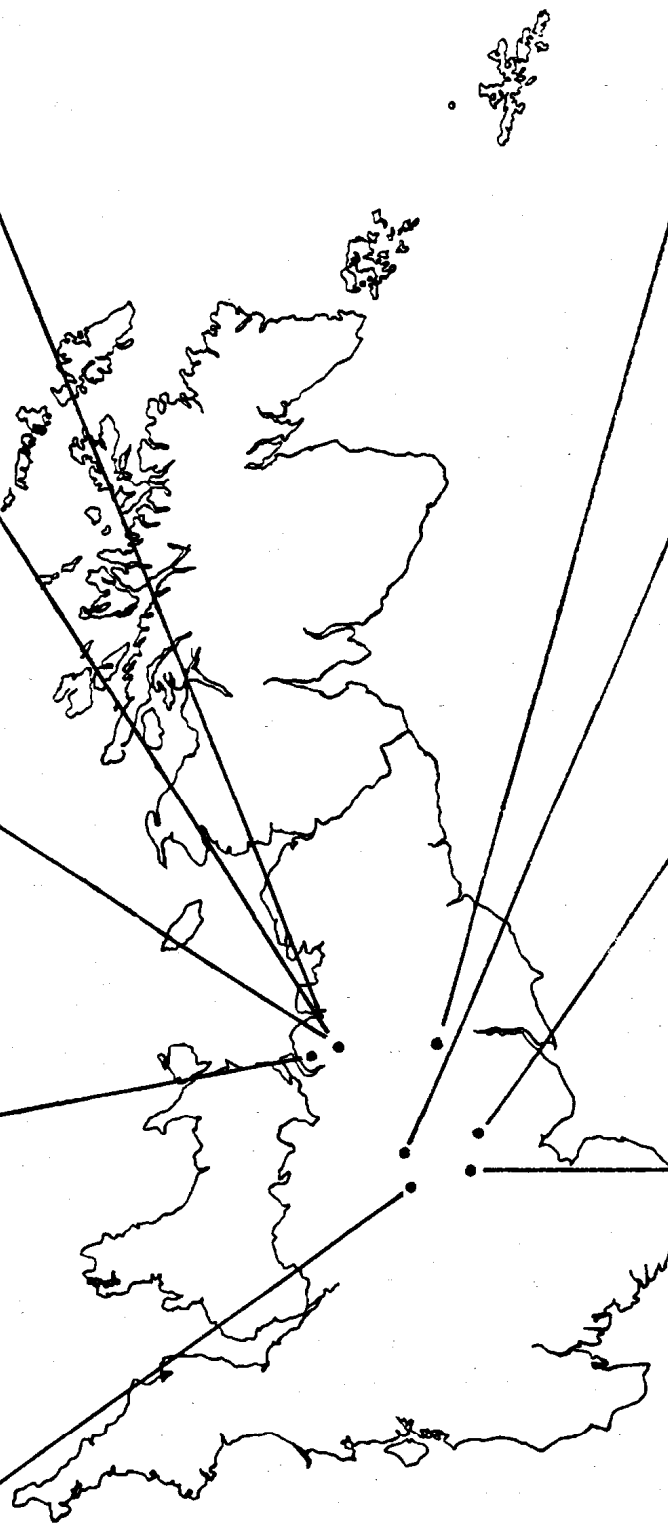
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STAMPS NOT RECORDED AS PERFINs

In Bulletin 253 Pg.9 I asked if it was time to re-publish an up to date list of these stamps which do not appear to have ever been perfined. Since that time (Aug'91) I had not had any replies. Now member ALASTAIR WALTER has reported having three more stamps to be deleted from the list. The 1873-80 Large Coloured Letters 4d vermilion (Wmk L. Garter) Plate 16; 1934 Photogravure 2d Wmk Sideways; 1958 1/3d Empire Games.

For the sake of newer members, and older ones who may not have checked their perfins against the old list, Alastair has rewritten the updated list as far as decimalisation.

1858-64 1d ROSE-RED

Pl's 73, 82, 83, 87, 88, 91.

1858 2d BLUE

Pl's 7, 8, 9, 12.

1870 1/2d ROSE-RED

Pl's 1, 3.

1865-67 LARGE WHITE LETTERS - WMK EMBLEMS

3d ROSE-Plate 4.

6d DEEP LILAC - Plate 5, 6.

9d STRAW-Plate 4, 5.

10d RED-BROWN - Plate 1.

1/- GREEN - Plate 4.

1865-73 LARGE WHITE LETTERS - WMK GARTER

4d VERMILLION- Plates 7, 8, 9, 10.

1867-80 LARGE WHITE LETTERS - WMK SPRAY

3d ROSE - Plate 4.

6d LILAC with HYPHEN - Plate 6.

10d DEEP RED-BROWN - Plate 1.

10d RED-BROWN - Plate 2.

1/- GREEN - Plate 4. 2/- COBALT.

2/- MILKY BLUE - Plate 3.

1867-83 - WMK MALTESE CROSS

£1 BROWN-LILAC.

WMK ANCHOR - BLUED PAPER

5/-, £1 BROWN-LILAC, £5.

WMK ANCHOR - WHITE PAPER

£5.

1873-80 LARGE COLOURED LETTERS - WMK ANCHOR

2½d ROSE-BLUE - Plates 2, 3.

WMK ORB

2½d ROSE - Plate 17.

WMK LARGE GARTER

8d PURPLE-BROWN - Plate 1.

1883 - WMK ANCHOR

BLUED PAPER - 2/6d, 5/-, 10/-.

WHITE PAPER - 10/- COBALT.

1911 HARRISON PRINTING

p.15x14 3d GREY/LEMON.

1911/12 SOMERSET HOUSE PRINTING

10d PURPLE & ANILINE PINK.

1913 WMK MULTI ROYAL CYPHER

½d and 1d.

1913

£1 SEAHORSES.

1924-26 BLOCK CYPHER - WMK SIDEWAYS

1d and 2d.

1929 U.P.U. - WMK SIDEWAYS

½d, 1d, 1½d

1934-36 PHOTOGRAVURE - WMK SIDEWAYS

1d.

1937-52 GEORGE VI - WMK SIDEWAYS

2d ORANGE.

2d LIGHT ORANGE.

2d RED-BROWN.

1948 C.I. LIBERATION

1d and 2½d.

1952-54 Q.E.II - WMK SIDEWAYS

2½d

1957 JAMBOREE

1/3d GREEN.

1957 GRAPHITE LINES

½d ORANGE.

1958 REGIONALS

SCOTLAND:- 1/3d.

N.IRELAND:- 3d, 6d, 1/3d.

WALES:- 3d, 1/3d.

GUERNSEY:- 3d
 JERSEY:- 3d
 I'O'MAN:- 3d

Alastair also adds a list of pre-decimal Machins which he has yet to see perfined, but admits it is only from his own collection. He suggests that members may be able to report these as being used and the list of stamps not recorded as perfins can then be extended to the end of the pre-decimalisation era.

PRE-DECIMAL MACHINS

½d ORANGE.
 6d PURPLE.
 7d GREEN.
 8d TURQUOISE.
 10d DRAB.
 1/9d BLACK/ORANGE.
 1/9d BLACK/ORANGE.

MACHIN HIGH VALUES

1969:-
 2/6d, 5/-, 10/-,
1970:-
 10p (LARGE)

He says he hasn't the will to try to make sense of the vast maze of decimal Machins - Out perhaps some other brave member will have a shot at such a task.

MEMBERS' QUERIES

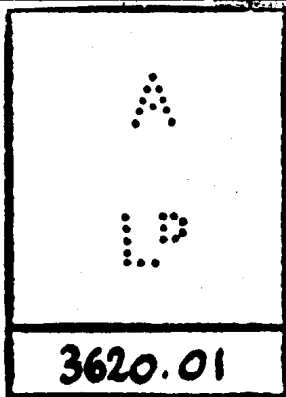
TORD LAGERWALL has sent a damaged cover front which shows a partial identity. The two perfins are A3620.01 (A/Ld 10/7,7 5mm) which are not catalogued in Tomkins as yet. If anyone can come up with an identity from the clues on this photocopy, please send details to Roy or myself.

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PATRICK FETTA is interested in the "Undercover Mail" sent by Thomas Cook in W.W.II. If anyone has any articles from magazines, titles of books, photocopies of actual covers etc., could you drop him a line.

Also he says that a few years ago, the auction firm SANDAFAYRE (in Knutsford, Cheshire) offered some Thomas Cook & Son 'spy' covers. One may have been pictured on the back cover of their catalogue. Can anyone provide a Xerox copy of the photo and of the lot description?

MURPHY'S LAW APPLIED TO PERFINS by Dave Hill.

I recently acquired a cover bearing an early Machin perfined "F" (F10.01M) with a crest on the envelope of an "N" beneath a crown, addressed to a seedsman in Kent, A little research revealed no link between the perfin, envelope or addressee, so I put it in the Sales Packet, pricing it cheaply.

My wife used to run a Bridge Club when we were in Uxbridge and we still get some letters for the club. A few days after I had despatched the Sales Packet we received a letter extolling the virtues of The Cafe Royal as a venue for the Bridge Club's Christmas Dinner (they must have thought all Bridge Club members were rich!). The leaflet had the crest of The Cafe Royal, a crown over N suitably encircled by a seasonal holly wreath. Presumably at the time of my perfin The Cafe Royal was owned by Forte, recorded as using this perfin.

Which particular 'Royal' The Cafe Royal is named after to have the capital "N" as a logo I know not (Nicholas?). It's a bit beyond my pocket - but it illustrates the important principle of Murphy's Law - the identifying evidence for a cover will turn up once you no longer have it.

I doubt there is space in the Bulletin for all the examples of Murphy's Law that members know of.



HISTORY OF PERFIN USERS

SIR TITUS SALT OF SALTAIRE near BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE

By Rosemary Smith.

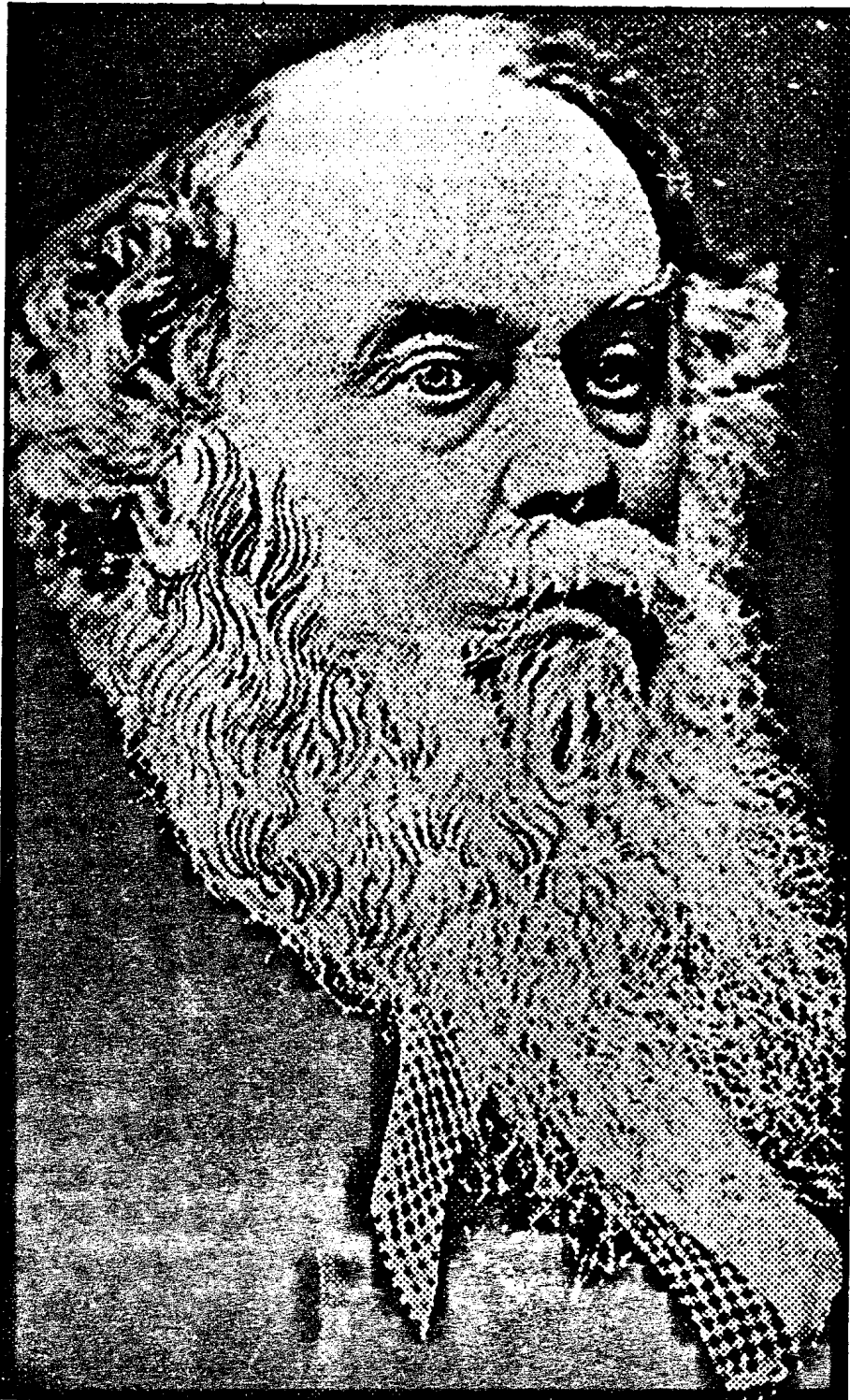
Sir Titus Salt - 1803 to 1876 - ranks equally with contemporary social philanthropists such as Rowntree and Bournville. He was one of the foremost employers of labour in the country and his business ability, flair and imagination helped to establish Bradford as the international centre of the worsted textile trade. Salt, senior, came to Bradford with his family in 1822 and started business as a woolstapler. Titus trained with Rouse & Son for two years and then joined his father's firm. In 1834 he started his own business as a worsted stuff manufacturer. By 1843 he had made a fortune exploiting the use of new fibres in the worsted trade - for example, alpaca. He had six mills on the go at one time and employed many outworkers.

By 1850, new machinery being invented and the depression of the 30's and 40's at an end, he wanted to expand, but the town of Bradford was too crowded, communications poor and water supplies inadequate. He therefore looked to the surrounding countryside and chose a site on the river Aire a few miles to the west of Bradford.

Time Industrial Revolution had spawned much dirt, filth and unhealthy conditions for the working classes as well as vast wealth for factory owners. Titus Salt knew that something had to be done to improve the lives of the working classes, socially, morally and financially. His close working relationships within Bradford had given him first hand experience of the problems of poor housing, inadequate water supplies and unsanitary refuse disposal.

His plans for his new works had to include the whole community. He wanted decent housing for his workers, larger houses for the foremen, a school for the children, a church to cater for the moral well being of his workers, an almshouse for the elderly needy, a baths and washhouse, works dining room, shops and a public park and recreation ground. Every need was catered for; in fact 'from the cradle to the grave' in microcosm. It was the most famous of the Victorian 'model' villages and many national and international politicians and social innovators visited Saltaire.

One building was conspicuous by its absence: especially in the prevalence of such places in the Industrial Slums: this was a public house. Saltaire remained 'dry' until September 1993 when for the first time Bradford magistrates granted a liquor license to a restaurant in Sir Titus' old boathouse. It was seeing this tiny item of news in The Daily Mail which reminded me of my covers from Salt's of Saltaire.

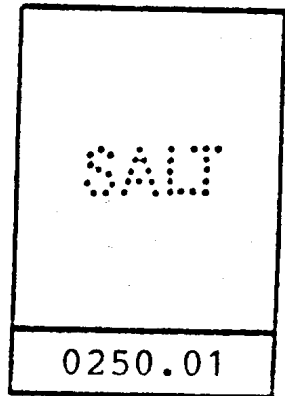


SIR TITUS

SALT

BARONET

1803-1876



Note: Underlined Catalogue Numbers have been Illustrated at the end.

From Rosemary Smith

B0010.33	B	15	5½	Archibald Bathgate & Sons Ltd, Coal Merchants & Shippers, 5 Castle St, Liverpool. PC pmk Liverpool, 30/1/1926.	I
Note: The current entry in Tomkins for B0010.33 should read B0010.32					
B0410.13	BB	14,14	8	Beaty Bros, "The Celebrated Tailors', Market St, Manchester. Also Liverpool, Birmingham, Oldham & Bolton. Receipt dated 16/7/96	B
B1710.01	BC/&S	13,8/12,10	4 IIIa	B Cohen & Sons Ltd, 11-19 Curtain Rd, Worship St, London EC. Cover pmk London E, 12/4/1900.	B&E
B2910.01	BG	11,9	4	Bray, Gibb & Co Ltd, Lloyds, EC. Cover pmk London EC, 26/4/1940.	Q
B7590.03	B/W	14/14	5	Blagden, Waugh & Co, London. Cover pmk London FS, 21/12/1914.	I
C0010.33	C	12	8½	Robert Cock & Co, London. Cover dated 23/3/1896.	B
C1110.02	CC	8,8	5	Croydon Corporation.	F
C1400.01	C&/C.L	8,13/8,7	5½ III	Colebrook & Co Ltd, Reading. Cover pmk Reading, 3/11/1941.	Q
C1730.01	CC/&S	8,8/12,10	6 III	N Corah & Sons, Leicester. Cover dated 28/9/1908.	F
C6110.03p	CP/R	7,8/10	4½	Canadian Pacific Rly, additional address Trafalgar Sq, WC2. Cover dated 18/8/1942.	R
C6760.02M	CS	7,9	4½	2. Church of Scotland, Offices of the Church, 121 George St, Edinburgh. Receipt dated 23/12/1937.	M
D0820.01	D./Co.	11/8,6	5½	2. The Lanchester Motor Co Cover pmk Coventry 25/5/1937	M
D2080.02	D&G	11,14,10	5 III	Drake & Gorham Ltd, Electrical Mechanical & Hydraulic Engineers 42 Spring Gardens, Manchester Cover pmk Manchester 21/3/1916	I

Rosemary Smith continued

E0420.01	EB/L	10,15/7	5½/5	Ehrmann Bros, 43 Finsbury Sq, EC. Cover pmk London EC 3/10/1916.	I
G5640.01	GWS/C°	10,14,10/8,4	5	G W Sheldon & Co (London) Ltd, 36 Leadenhall St, London EC3. Cover pmk London FS, 25/1/1921.	I
H0010.16	H	12	5½	Hammond & Co Ltd, Breeches & Trowser Makers & Tailors, ... 465 Oxford St, London. Receipt dated 27/7/1895.	B
H1430.01	HC/Ld	10,7/6,7	4	Hall & Co Ltd, Radawn House, Station Approach, Cheam. Cover pmk Sutton, 31/8/1935.	M
J2770.05	JF/SC°	8,8/14,11,14	5III	James Finlay & Co, Glasgow. Cover pmk Glasgow, 11/11/1893.	B
J4810.04	JL	9,7	6	John Lewis & Co Ltd, Oxford St, W1 Cover pmk London SW1, 4/7/1941.	Q
L2290.01	LF/O	7,8/10	5	Tomkins entry should read <u>LAW</u> Fire Insurance Society Ltd, 114 Chancery Lane, London. Info from cover dated 25/9/1913.	I
L2290.02	<u>LF</u> /O	8,8/10	5½	Similar comment to L2290.01. Info from cover dated 1/6/1934.	I
L3700.02	L/L ^{td}	7/7,5,7	5½	Levinstein Ltd, Blackley, Manchester. Cover dated 1/2/18.	I
M4420.01	M&P	15,14,10	4½III	Meynell & Pemberton, Solicitors. Conveyancing document, 3/8/1896.	B
N3630.03	N&W/L ^d	10,14,11/6,6	4½I	Neale & Wilkinson Ltd, General Shipping Agents, Head Office 15/16 Camomile St, London EC3. Cover pmk London, 4/6/1931.	I
S0650.02	S.B/&Co.	11,13/13,8,6	5½III	Scriven Bros & Co, Leather & Hide Factors, 44 St Thomas St, Bermondsey, London SE. Cover pmk London SE, 13/12/1904.	F
T0550.01	T.B.K.	7,14,11	5½	T B Kittel, Sheffield. Cover dated 25 May 1892.	E
U0520.04	U&C°/L	10,14,8,4/7	4½III	Ullathorne & Co, 9 Gate St, WC. Cover pmk London WC, 19/12/1916.	I

Rosemary Smith continued

W1340.05	W/&Co	14/14,8,4	6/5 I	2. Wells & Co. Complete House Furnishers and Decorators, 23-25 High St, Bedford. Cover pmk Bedford 23/9/1925. I
W6680.06	W&S	11,14,10	4½ III	The Church of England Waifs & Strays Society, 'Old Town Hall' Kennington, London SE11. Cover dated 3/5/1940.
<u>From Kevin Parkhill</u>				
A2500.01	A/&/G	10/12/10	4½ Ia	Abstainers, & General Insurance Co Ltd, 142 Edmund St, Birmingham. Cover pmk Birmingham 19/1/1928. I
C0010.19	C	10	5½	4. Carter & Sons (Sheffield) Ltd, Mfg Chemists, Offices & Works, Attercliffe Rd, Sheffield 1. Statement dated 15/12/1943. R
C6100.06	CPR	7,8,8	4½	Canadian Pacific Railway Company, 8 Waterloo Place, Pall Mall, London SW. PC dated 1/5/1915. I
K0010.01M K		9	4½	Kodak Ltd, additional address 1 Crown St, Leeds. 1954 Logo Pmk U
M0010.06	M	13	6	Montague L Meyer, Timber buyer to HM government, Salisbury House, Finsbury Circus, London EC2. Receipt dated 4/4/1919. I
R2840.02	RI/C ^o /L ^d	10,4/7,4/6,7	4½	Additional address 45 Trinity St, Hanley, Stoke on Trent. Statement pmk Hanley, 21/11/13. I
S0800.02	SB/L	9,10/6	4	Stollwerck Bros Ltd, Chocolate House, Nile St, City Road, London N. Invoice pmk 8/3/11. F
W2220.04	WEC	15,10,8	5½	Western Electric Co Ltd, North Woolwich, London E16. I

From Stephen Steere

U0910.03	UW	8,10	4½	Lever Bros & Unilever Ltd. R Identity from Sloper Ledger [SI].
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Note: Above now known to be a regular die and NOT a Wartime Provisional.

From Arthur Smith.

B1790.01	B.C/Y	13,10/7	5½	Bradford Corporation, Yorks.	B
B1960.02	B.D.C	13,11,9	4½	Ø Bristol Docks Co. Cover Pmk Bristol, 6/3/1922.	I
C2S40.01p	C/F	7/7	4½	County Fire Office, Clare St, Bristol. (Delete Ø).	
C7900.01	C.U.A.	9,10,10	4½	Commercial Union Assurance Co Ltd, London EC.	B
D0100.01	D/A/C	12/10/9	4½	Dent, Allcroft & Co, London.	I
Note: this perfin can be found with FIXO impaling pin marks.					
G1930.02	G&G	10,14,10	5 III	Geo G Blackwell, Sons & Co Ltd, Liverpool.	F
H0010.19	H	12	8½	3. Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, London.	
H0460.01	HBC	12,14,8	5	Hackney BC. (Delete Ø).	
<u>H6225.01</u>	H.R.S/&C ⁰	12,11,12/13,9,6	4½ I	Henry Rogers, Sons & Co. Wolverhampton.	E
H7450.01aM	HU/DC	10,8/9,7	4½	6. Council Offices, Hinckley.	U
I0710.01	ID/PC	5,10/10,8	5	Imperial Dry Plate Co Ltd, London NW.	F
I0270.01a	I.C	5,8	5½	Innes, Chambers & Co, Hawick. (Delete Ø).	
L2290 .03	LF/O	7,8/8	6	Law Fire Ins Society, London.	R
L5670 .01	L.V/C	7,9/8	4½	Lunken Valve Co, Dover St, London SE.	F
M3920 .01	MMC	13,13,8	5	Murdoch, Murdoch & Cos, Piano Insurance.	I
N2130 .03	NMH	10,11,9	5	Norfolk Mental Hospital, Thorpe, Norwich.	Q
P0135 .01m	PACO mono	91	14½	Patriotic Assurance Co, London EC.	F
S0590.01b	SB/C	9,11/7	4½	2. Simpsons in The Strand, WC2.	
S0650.02	S.B/&Co.	11,13/13,8,6	5½ III	Scriven Bros & Co, Bermondsey, London SE.	F
S2390.01	S/EC	9/9,7	4½	The Sun Electrical Co.	U [SI]
S4310.02M	SL	9,6	4½	3. Spicers Ltd, 33 Park Place, Leeds 1.	
S5000.01p	SM/GC	9,11/9,7	4½	South Metropolitan Gas Co, SE15	R
W0410.13	WB	15,15	4½	William Bull, Kings Road, Chelsea, London SW	

From David Scott

S0630.03b SB/Co 10,14/8,4 5 Swift Beef Co Ltd, 58 West Smithfield
London EC (Dated 14/10/1915) I

From Gary Shayler

J6240.01 J.P/ &S 7,10/13,11 5½ III J Pedley & Son Ltd, Oxford Works
Gt Charles St, B'ham (Est 1840)
Receipt dated 23/9/1921 I

From Paddy Murphy

C1250.02a CC/C 8,8/8 6 Carr & Co Ltd, Carlisle
Receipts dated 1/7/06 & 6/8/07 F

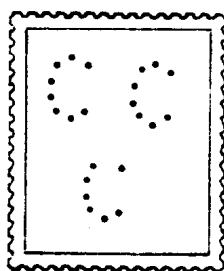
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Receipt dated 4/6/1891 B

From Tord Lagerwall

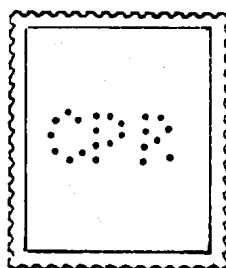
N2560.02 NP/Co 13,10/8,4 5 The Northern Publishing Co Ltd,
16 Fenwick St (Offices), and
17 Goree Piazzas (Works)
Liverpool. Also London & New York

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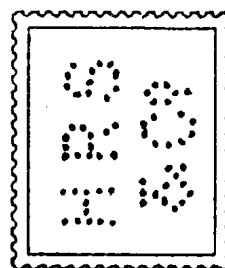
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London EC (Dated 6/5/1905) F



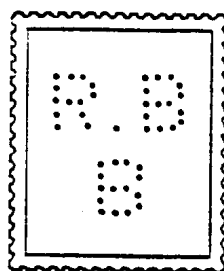
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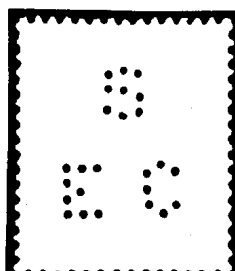
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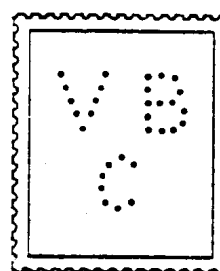
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