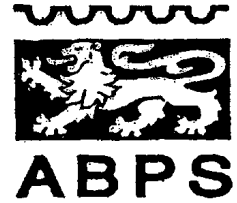


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BULLETIN



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SOCIETY INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP CHANCES to May 2000 Total Membership 350

New Members

KEN CLEMENTS

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Rejoined

CHRIS PEARCE

Change of Address

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Correction to Address

ALAN SANDY

LIBRARY

Alastair Walter has now taken possession of the library material. A 12 page booklet listing all the catalogues and handbooks held by the Perfin Society was sent out with the Bulletin of Dec '93 (No.267). Alastair says there is a copy dated June 1996 but I do not think this was distributed to members. He is going to incorporate all the new additions to the library into the existing list. In the meantime, he is ready for enquiries.

Publications

Jeff has been through the publications, which are available and he does not see any need to increase existing prices at this time. The list on the next page is as the list in the Dec 1998 Bulletin but with the latest additions. Like Alastair, he too is waiting to resume filling the orders from members.

For the members who have bought Jeff's "*The Perfined Revenue Stamps Of Great Britain - Foreign Bills*" there are four new additions to the book. The details and illustrations are on a later page.

Also for those interested in Revenue Stamps, this year is the tenth anniversary of The Revenue Society of Great Britain. This society has been asked to host the 82nd Philatelic Congress of Great Britain. It will take place on September 8th to 10th at the Shaw Plaza Hotel, London. Details can be obtained from Tony Hall

November Meeting in London Dave Hill

This meeting will be on Saturday 4th November from 12:30 to 4:30 but at a new venue. It will be at the Independent Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity Friendly Society, Loyal Duchess of Kent Lodge, 18/19 Warren Street, London W1P 5DB. A long name which we will abbreviate in future but it gets us back to the £60 rent we were paying before Baden Powell House was refurbished, not the £180 we had to pay for the last meeting.

The building is near to Warren Street and Euston Square tube stations and Euston main line. Members who drive should allow themselves extra time to find parking. I hope the map I have drawn will prove helpful. We meet in the Committee Room on the first floor and there is a lift.

Perfin Society Publications Price List

PUBLICATION	HOME	EUROPE	OVERSEAS
Tomkins Identities 8 th Ed	10-00	12-00	15-00
Tomkins Updated 7 th Ed	3-00	4-50	6-00
Edwards Gault Updates	5-00	6-50	8-00
Slopers History	3-00	4-00	5-00
Wartime Provisionals	8-00	9-50	11-00
Foreign Bills	8-50	10-50	13-50
Railway Perfins	6-00	7-50	9-00
Hospital Dies	2-50	3-50	5-00
GB Official Perfins	3-00	4-00	5-00
Handbook of GB Perfins	3-00	4-00	5-00
Silver Jubilees	2-50	3-50	5-00
British Empire Exhibitions	2-50	3-50	5-00
GB Graphite Lined Issues	0-50	1-00	2-00
46 ^{mm} Parliamentary Union	0-50	1-00	2-00
Gault (I) Details	3-50	4-50	6-00
Gault (I) Silhouettes	2-50	3-50	5-00
Gault (J) Part 1	4-50	5-50	6-50
Gault (J) Part 2	4-50	5-50	6-50
Gault (J) Part 3	4-50	5-50	6-50
Gault (J) Silhouettes	4-50	5-50	6-50
Gault (K) Details	3-50	4-50	6-00
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Gault (N) Details	4-50	5-50	6-50
Gault (N) Silhouettes	3-00	4-00	5-00
Gault (O,Q) Details	4-00	5-00	6-00
Gault (O,Q) Silhouettes	2-50	3-50	5-00
Gault (R) Part 1	4-50	5-50	6-50
Gault (R) Part 2	4-50	5-50	6-50
Gault (R) Silhouettes	4-50	5-50	6-50
Gault (S) Part 1	4-00	5-00	6-00
Gault (S) Part 2	4-00	5-00	6-00
Gault (S) Part 3	4-00	5-00	6-00
Gault (S) Silhouettes	4-50	5-50	6-50
Gault (U,V,X) Details	4-00	5-00	6-00
Gault (U,V,X) Silhouettes	2-50	3-50	5-00
Gault (W) Part 1	4-50	5-50	6-50
Gault (W) Part 2	4-50	5-50	6-50
Gault (W) Part 3	4-50	5-50	6-50
Gault (Y,Z,Des) Details	4-00	5-00	6-00
Gault (Y,Z,Des) Silhouettes	2-50	3-50	5-00

THE PERFINED REVENUE STAMPS OF G.B.

FOREIGN BILLS

NEW ADDITIONS

In use: 1871-1890

Dates: 1876

Issues: Qvic.1/-,

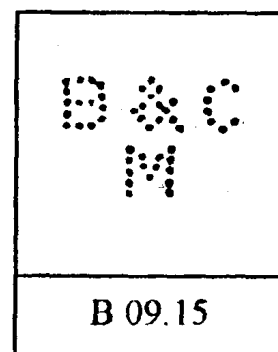
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Blackfriars St Salford

Manchester.

New Illustrated

Cat No B 1450.01



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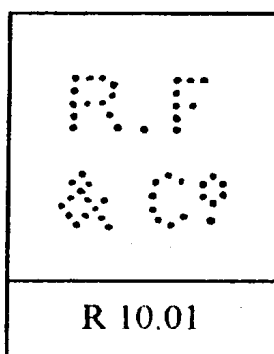
Issues: Qvic,5/-,

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1 Dale Street Manchester.

New Illustrated

Cat No R 1840.01



In use:

Dates: 18-1-1922

Issues: GV.2/-, 10/-,

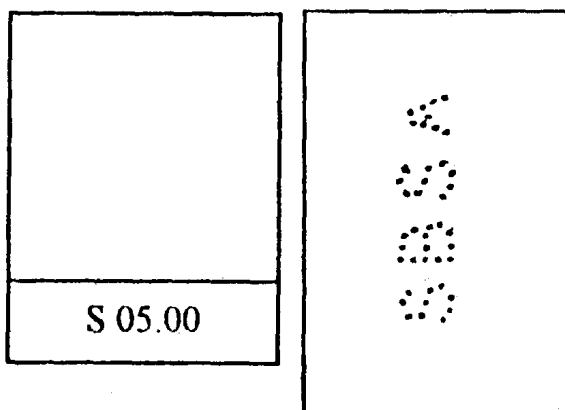
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Standard Bank of South Africa.

New Illustrated

Cat No



In use: 1877-1920

Dates: 22-5-1878

Issues: Qvic,4/-,

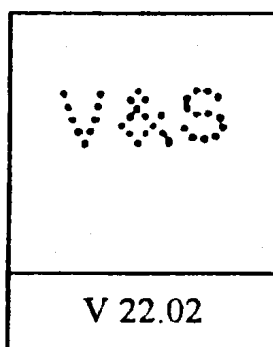
Ident: Vivian & Sons

3 Bond Court, Wallbrook,

London EC2. (Copper Smelters)

New Illustrated

Cat No V 1580.02



Auctions

John Donner

Amongst the auction lots 1 received from the previous Auctioneer there were some items which were not tied to an owner. If you sent in material for auctions prior to Auction No. 1 (2000), and would have expected it to appear in the auction catalogue by now but have not seen it go through, please send me details either by post or e-mail. Some of these items could be unsold lots from previous auctions so again, if you know your lot/s did not sell and have not received them back, let me know.

Society Meeting at Stampshow 2000.

The most important item to be mentioned about the Society's involvement with Stampshow 2000, was the outstanding 64 sheet display of "*An Illustrated History of Great British Perfins*" shown on the Specialist Society stands. Our catalogue editor, **ROY GAULT**, must take full credit for this comprehensive display of all facets of perfin history and collecting.

Members **Ian Burns, John Coles, Tony Cornforth, Norman Hewerdine, John Hewson, John Marriner, John Nelson, Peter Maybury, Harry Skinner, Brian Smith, Stephen Steere and Terry Wood** loaned individual items and/or covers but the majority of the material was from the collections of **Roy Gault and Rosemary Smith**. Thanks are also due to the other members who offered material, which was not needed.

Roy faced the daunting task, at short notice, of putting this wonderful, and in some cases unique or rare, material into a display which would give the story of perfins from 1868. It had to be shown in a way, which would not

only satisfy the enthusiastic perfin collector but interest the general philatelist who may have stopped to look at the display.

To every one of our members who was at Stampshow 2000 this aim was fully realised. The comments at the meeting showed the appreciation that was felt for Roy's efforts. At a conservative estimate, he must have spent 2/3 hours on each sheet before being satisfied with the end result. Unfortunately, as it was a work-day, Roy was unable to be at the meeting to receive this accolade in person.

In a great hurry, before the display went to London, Roy photocopied the 64 sheets and produced two bound booklets of the display. Rosemary took her copy to the meeting and it could have been sold a dozen times, this was despite the fact that the photocopying density was not of good quality. When Roy receives back the display, before it is broken up, he plans to photocopy the pages more carefully so that the material shows to full advantage. The revised booklets will then be sold via the Publications Officer. Watch this space.

At the Society meeting in the afternoon we had about thirty persons present. We did send a paper round for members to 'sign in' but Dave has this and so I cannot give details. I can say that we had members from Germany, Egypt and Sweden as well as from Dover to Wales and up to the North East. It would have been better had there been tables to sit round instead of rows of chairs, but the meeting did break up into chatting groups when Stephen Steere put up a display of some of the sheets from John Luft's Council collection.

Commercial Overprints If anyone is interested in buying Bill Hanson's large collection ring Norman Hewerdine

Thoughts, Ideas & Queries re Research

Dave Hill

Full Name 'LINES' L3190.01

I have said before that there is a strong possibility that this unidentified perfin is Lines Bros of Morden, London SW19, makers of TRIANG and MOBO toys.

In 1897 15 year old Walter Lines invented the scooter. His father advised against patenting it as he thought it would never catch on! Walter is perhaps the youngest inventor of something that went on to be mass-produced. His Fairy Cycle went into production in 1920.

In the 1956 Stock Exchange Year book there were many 'Lines' on the board and in 1965 they owned the following, whose names boys of that vintage will well remember:- Spot On Models, Hamley Brothers, International Model Aircraft, Meccano, Minic, Rovex, Unique & Unity Cycles.

Full Name 'WILKS BROS' W4330.01

I can find a firm of this name in 1938 in Sheffield. Did they exist in 1870-79 when this perfin is known used and have you a copy with a Sheffield postmark? *[Ed:- Wilks Brothers & Co indeed were in Sheffield in 1870-1879. They were granted their Trade Mark in 1838. Unfortunately, this firm is one of the few Sheffield firms for which I have no identifying cover - in fact I do not even have the perfin.]*

Perfin 'S.G.H.S' S3200.01

Until I read Maurice Harp's article in Bulletin 299 Pg 12, I had not thought that this perfin might be St George's Hanover Square. I have a strange little book "*Tuckers Metropolitan Guide*" dated 1929 which lists a lot of London, i.e. Squares and Courts - county, coroners and residential! It states that as well as assembly rooms, St Georges Hanover Square might refer to the Registrar of Marriages there. These may or may not have been connected to any church there as well. Any of these could have used the perfin although few actual churches are known using perfins.

Perfin 'S^tG/MS' S7385.01

I thought the previous solution may fit this perfin too but spent a fruitless night searching my A-Z. However, in a 1914 Whittackers Almanac the following was listed under National Insurance Act Sanatorium : St Georges Home, Milmans Street, London SW which sounds a distinct possibility, although the perfin is known used in 1895.

Perfin BK/OF/T B4030.01

Recently I picked up (with some difficulty, it weighs over 61bs!) a 1927 Bankers Almanac and Year Book. Not a very useful book for perfin purposes but it did tell me that the Bank of Taiwan was founded in 1899 and in 1928 had London offices at 40-41 Old Broad Street, London EC2. Slopers first ledger lists them as the users of the perfin BK/OF/T in manuscript but there are no actual perfins in the ledger. B4030.01 is the only candidate. I had put this forward in the past but members doubted whether Taiwan existed then. This book proves it did. The perfin was once listed as possibly the Bank of Toronto but I cannot find that they had a London Office so would hardly have needed perfins.

HISTORY OF FIRMS USING PERFINS

J. LYONS A CO LTD

Dave Hill

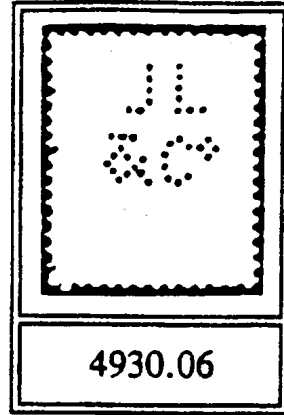
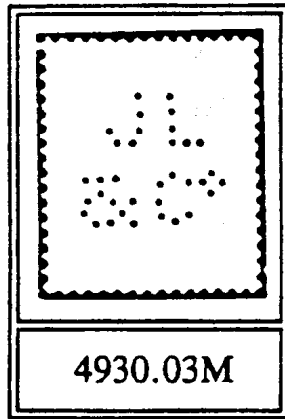
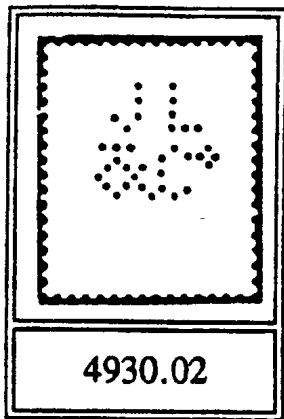
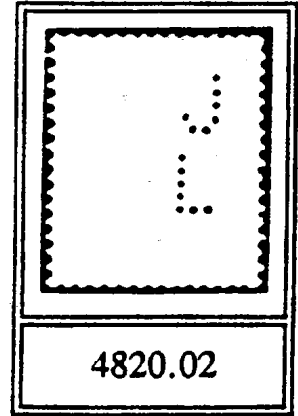
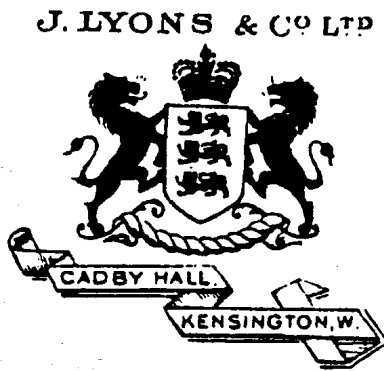
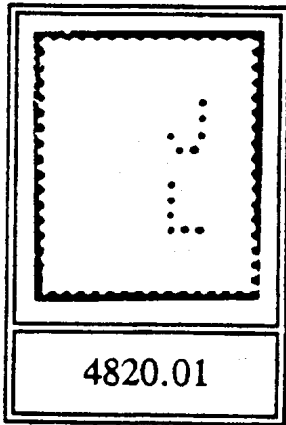
Many people will remember Lyons corner house tea shops and their staff of "Nippy" waitresses. The company was formed as a catering business in 1886 and ceased trading in 1995. by which time it was an international food manufacturer. It made its name in a few years by catering for large exhibitions in Newcastle, Glasgow, Paris and London Olympia. Exhibitions were very popular at this time and they were one of the few ways firms could bring their products to the notice of the public before the days of television.

Lyons became a public company in 1894 with its head office and food factory at Cadby Hall in Hammersmith, west London. They opened their first tea shop in the same year - the Trocadero Restaurant in 1896 and the first corner house in 1909. To keep pace with demand they opened the largest tea packing plant in the world in Greenford, Middlesex.

During the second world war Lyons developed FROOD, a revolutionary frozen cooked food process and operated a munitions factory near Bedford. In 1954 they developed the first computer capable of commercial use, LEO (Lyons Electronic Office).

This short history is taken from an article in London Metropolitan Archives News Release. This is the new name for The Greater London Record Office and they hold Lyons records amongst many other archives of London. They can be found at 40 Northampton Road, London EC1 near the Post Office Archives. Open weekdays: late opening (7:30) on Tuesday and Thursday.

Dies Used by J Lyons & Co. Ltd.



Map of Location for November Meeting



MEMBERS' QUERIES

Des. 0556.01 Diamond

In Auction No. 1 (2000), Lot 316 is a QV cover with 1d Venetian SGI66, perfin Diamond with dot inside (0556.01) and identity of H. Halford & Co, Change Alley, Lombard Street. The cover is dated 10 My 81. This would appear to be a new, but second, identity for this die.

Rosemary Smith identified this die some years ago from a cover with the name, G Ross & Co, 80 Cornhill, London EC. The perfin was on 3 QV ½d's SGI64 and dated 13 Mar 83.

The question is - are both these identities correct or only one of the two. John Nelson has been asked to look through his directories for the period to see if he can shed any light on the matter. John replied:- *I have not been able to find a sensible answer to your query. Henry Halford & Co were described as Stock & Share & Mining Brokers: George Ross & Co were Bankers and Merchants. These are not the sort of businesses one would expect to have been connected or later joined up and indeed in 1895 Halfords were at Palmerston Buildings, Old Broad Street, EC and Ross at 55 Bishopsgate Street Within, EC. The suggestion of firms borrowing other firms' stamps might be nearer the mark. Change Alley did in fact open out on to Cornhill, but at No.23, and 80 Cornhill was quite a distance away. What is required is access to directories for 1880 and 1883, which I do not have, which might show the firms at adjoining addresses. Perhaps Maurice Harp or John Mathews might be able to help.*

The ball is in your court Maurice, John or anyone else.

New York Stock Transfer Tax Stamps

GAILLE ELLIS

has acquired some New York Stock Transfer Tax stamps which have letters and/or numeral perfins on them. She would like to know the years in which these stamps were in use. A 'potted history' of these stamps would be most useful and I am sure Gaille will pass any data on to the Bulletin Editor for general information to all our members.

Die E1310.01 EE/C From Stephen Steere

This die has long been identified as being used by the English Electric Co Ltd of Stafford. (*Ed:- I have a 'M' issue postmarked BRADFORD*) Recently I found a further identity of the ESSEX EDUCATION COMMITTEE, and have over ten covers dated between 1944 & 1945, all with Chelmsford postmarks.

As this die is believed to be a 'POKO' machine die then only one user should exist, unless there are two identical machines or the die is not a POKO'.

Please send information on identities, with date & stamp issue to Stephen

A New German Perfin? Bulletin 305 Page 10.

I apologise to the person who did send in this photocopy - it was not Ken Dee. If the real contributor writes again, I have some information sent to Ken Dee by mistake.

NAPOSTA 2001

from Dick Scheper

In 2001 the German Perfin Club "ArGe Lochungen" will have been in existence for 40 years and they want to organise an exhibition of perfins, if possible with contributions of collectors from all over the world.

This exhibition will be held in the same venue as the large (traditional) Stamp Exhibition "NAPOSTA 2001" in Wuppertal (Germany) during 24th to 27th May 2001. A good reason to visit Germany in the spring.

As we did during the Dutch Perfin Exhibition 'PERFILEX '97' in The Hague there will be an auction of perfin (collection)s and plenty of possibilities for exchange or buy/sell or just to discuss perfins amongst friends.

It would be great to welcome GB collectors in Wuppertal as either exhibitors or as friends. A very nice way to meet collectors 'from over the sea' who, until now, only know each other by writing letters or sending e-mails.

Collectors who want to take part in showing their perfins during the Exhibition should contact:- **Mr. A. Wirth**

They should contact him before August 1st 2000 and tell him how many pages of perfins they want to show and of what country or topic.

More Queries From Sloper's First Ledger

Dave Hill

In Ledger 1, the Lancashire Training Home is shown as the user of a perfin 'LNS/TH', which can only be L4210.01.

Does anyone know what was the Lancashire Training Home. Is it related to Henshaws Institute for the Blind, the user of H3740.01 (H/I/B) or Henthams Institution for the Blind who used POKO H0010.09 (H). These were both based in Manchester.

Ledger 1 lists:-

Dagenham Food Control as using perfin D/FC

Stepney Food Control as using perfin S/FC

These entries are just after the perfins listed for their Borough Councils.

Chichester Food Control is listed as using CR/FC.

Perhaps because it was a Rural District and used CR/DC for the council perfin.

Battersea Food Control only used an overprint.

What were Food Controls? Just as important - when were they introduced? Was it just prior to W.W.II or earlier during the depression? This may tell us when Ledger 1 was written.

Thos Cook Perfins – Part 1

By Tam Llewellyn-Edwards & Dick Scheper

This article is a history of Thos Cook & Son perfins world-wide. It has been prepared largely from the collection of the authors, and any additional information from readers' own collections will be most welcome.

Thomas Cook organised his first excursion, a charity rail excursion for the Temperance Society, in 1841. His commercial concern started with a advertised excursions for the general public in 1845. The firm of Thos Cook & Son was incorporated in 1872. The earliest dated perfins in the authors' collections are dated 1881, but Die 1 is known on SG43 plate 179 which must have been much earlier. Initially, the perfins were used in the United Kingdom, but their use spread world-wide as Thos Cook set up offices abroad. The company was effectively taken out of the family's control by "*Compagnie International des Wagon Lits*" in 1928, but the original name was retained and the use of the perfin continued. The company used perfins initially in the United Kingdom and later world-wide. The latest use known by the authors is on a Ceylonese issue of 1951(SG426).

Perfins on GB Issues

There are at least 47 recorded types of perfin dies used by Thos Cook & Son world-wide, and with so many new dies we have introduced a new numbering system. All known designs, with their die numbers, are shown in figures 1a & 1b.

Identification of Dies

These dies are often difficult to separate, and are best separated initially by the type and position of the ampersand used as follows:-

Die 1 is rare and is easy to separate from the subsequent dies as it has a 'stop' between the 'T' and the 'C'.

Die 2 has a type III ampersand with the ampersand centred directly below the stem of the 'T' and it has a 13 hole 'S'.

Die 3 has a type IIIa ampersand and the ampersand is well to the left of the 'T'.

Die 4 is similar to die 2, but its 'S' has only 9 holes and the ampersand is much closer to the stem of the 'T'.

Die 5 has a type I ampersand, so is easily identified.

Dies 6, 7 and 9 also have ampersand III and can be separated as follows

❖ **Die 6** is 10mm wide (the same as die 4) but it has a larger ampersand that is centred to the right of the stem of the 'T'.

❖ **Die 7** is 9mm wide with the ampersand centred to the left of the stem of the 'T'. This die can be separated from Die 4 as the ampersand is further from the 'T'.

❖ **Die 8** is 9.5mm wide with the ampersand centred directly below the stem of the 'T' It can be separated from die 2 by its greater width and because the ampersand is further from the 'F'.

❖ **Die 9** is very similar to die 7, but has slightly smaller letters.

Die 10 has ampersand la.

Die 11 is similar to die 6 but the ampersand is not as far to the right of the stem of the 'T' and it is only 9.5mm wide. Except for early examples it is usually found with two missing pins in the 'T'.

Dies 12, 13 and 14

These are **POKO** type perfin and seem to have originated from at least two different machines as they are in use concurrently for long periods.

❖ **Die 12** has a 10 hole 'S'

❖ **Die 13** has a 9 hole 'S'

❖ **Die 14** has an 11 hole 'S'.

Die 15 is the only one of these perfin with the letters 'TC' only, so it is easily identified. It should be noted that this perfin is not exclusive to Thos Cook and some other companies use an identical die. More than one of these users are based in London so perfin off cover cannot be identified with Thos Cook & Son.

Usage.

The sequence of usage is roughly in line with the numbering system although there is considerable overlap when more than one die was in use at the same time.

Die 1 is known on SG 43 and must be the first die used. It is very rare.

Die 2 is found on the 1880-3 Imperial crown issues used in the period 1882-1884, while **Die 3** is also found on these issues but its use extends

into the Victorian Jubilee issues, and known dates in the period 1882-1898.

Die 4 is the most common and is known from the Id lilac issue through the Jubilee issues and into the issues of Edward VII until at least 1905. It is also known on the high value Edward VII issues (SG 261).

Die 5 appears to be rare and the authors can report it on SG 221, 225, 230 & 329.

Die 6 was first used on Edward VII issues and continued into the early George V period where it is also used on high value issues.

Die 7 also first appeared in the Edward VII period but its use continues right through George V issues and is also found on Edward VIII issues.

Die 8 starts in the George VI period and was used into the reign of Edward VIII.

Die 9 is first seen in the typographed George V period and stayed in use throughout the reign. It is known on the "Universal Postal Congress" issue.

Die 10 is a long-lived die. It came into use during the typographed George V period and stayed in use until well into the reign of George VI. It is known on the re-engraved high value George V issues.

Die 11 seems to have had a short period of use being only known on George V and Edward VIII issues.

Dies 12, 13 & 14, the POKO dies, seem to have been used simultaneously during the George V, Edward VIII and George VI reigns. Die 13 could have been **Die 12** with a pin missing, but the two dies seem to have been used simultaneously so are probably from different machines. Die 14 has a completely different shaped 'S' and must have been from another machine - perhaps the first to be brought into use.

Die 15 is known from the early George VI issues. It could have been a "War Time Provisional" die. It is known used into Elizabeth II Wilding period, but it is not possible to separate Thos Cook & Son usage from the identical dies used by other firms.

All identifiable postmarks on GB issues appear to be from London.

