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NEW MEMBER

This month I am pleased to be able to report the enrolment of another,

No. 93 M.R. Hewlett

REINSTATED

F.N. Chase

CORRECTION

The offer of exchanging perfins and registration labels for stamps of the Crown Colonies which appear in our last issue incorrectly gave the quantity of 5. Mr Baert says that he would obviously give considerably more than just stamp for stamp. The exact quantity would be mutually agreed between himself and the member concerned.

WANTED

Mr R.S. Cheshire, is beginning a perfin collection of Canada to add to his specialised collection of that country, and wishes to hear from anyone with Canadian perfins to offer. In exchange he can offer almost anything from his part of the world.

EDITORIAL JOTTINGS

* Once again this issue looks like being a week late. This is largely due to a sudden influx of letters from people who have recently read about our Society. Apparently we received a mention in the "Stamp Lover" and the "Stamp Magazine". Does anyone know anything about this?

* To date I have only had four worksheets returned, one from a new member and the others from members who can always be counted upon to respond. What about you others?

* In an attempt to improve my efficiency and reduce the time it takes me to prepare the bulletin for distribution only one side of a page will be used in future. This will save checking both sides of a sheet to ensure that it has printing on it.

One further thought in this direction. Many of our members have gummed labels with their addresses printed on them. If such members would let me have 12 or so each time they pay their subscription it would help ease the envelope addressing problem.

THIS MONTH'S CONTENTS

Two pages of general interest.

One page of the Councils Listing - 17.13-17.15.

Pages 55 & 56 of the Officials Catalogue._

Article "Seeking Information" - one page.

Pages 25 & 26 of the Simplified Catalogue.

Pages E3 & E4 of the Identities Catalogue.

Worksheet for perfins on sideways watermarx stamps.

17.13 SMETHWICK (CB) STAFFORDSHIRE

The earliest record of Smethwick is in the Domesday Book when it was known as SMEDEUIIICH. In 1221 it became SMETHEWIC while towards the end of the 13th century it was referred to as SYNEWYK. Other spellings throughout the years have been SMETHEWYKE, SMEYTHWIK, SMETHIK and SMITHMICK.

Its name is derived from the Anglo-Saxon SMETHE WIC - the village on the plain.

A Charter of Incorporation was granted in 1899 and on 1st April 1907 it was raised to the status of County Borough. Smethwick was amalgamated with Oldbury and Rowley Regis on 1st April 1966 to form the new County Borough of Warley.

Perfin SC/BC 2H 9,7/11,7 (4½)

Perfins were first adopted in 1957 and it is believed that they were obtained from Slopers. Use of the above die by this Authority ceased in 1966.

17.14 SOMERSET

Somerset is mostly a farming county, well known for its cidar and cheese.

The County has a host of historic cities and places, the most romantic of which is Glastonbury. The Abbey there is said to have been founded by Joseph of Arimathea, the man, who buried Christ, and the holy Glastonbury thorn which blooms there at Christmas is also said to have grown from his staff.

Perfin SC/C 2H 9,7/7 (4½)

No details are known.

17.15 SOUTHAMPTON (CB) HAMPSHIRE

First recorded in a charter of King Edgar dated 962 AD when it was known as SUTHAMPTUNE.

The importance of Southampton as a world port can be traced from the reign of Claudius when the Romans built a settlement and port at the place known today as Bitterne Manor.

Southampton's Charter dates from 1217 and on 24th February 1964 Queen Elizabeth granted the town a further charter raising its status to that of a City.

Perfins: (i) SC H 12,9 (6½)
 (ii) SC H 9,7 (4½)

Die (i) has not been positively identified and is offered as a possible only since it is known with Southampton postmarks. No other details are known except that Die (ii) is used on stamps currently obtained from Slopers.

SECTION 3. BRITISH COMMONWEALTH

This chapter is concerned with the Perforated Officials known to have been used in a number of countries in the British Commonwealth, but excluding those from the States and Commonwealth of Australia, and from Canada. These are so complex that it seems best to provide a complete chapter for each of them later in the catalogue.

S.C.A.1944 under the heading "British Empire", has a note about stamps perforated with the word "SPECIMEN" in a semi-circle and says that many of the (then) current Crown Colony issues were so perforated and sent to the U.P.F. at Berne for distribution to member-countries. Perhaps something about the different types of "SPECIMEN" used could be included in an appendix.

The "SPECIMEN" perforation found on a few of the early stamps of British Guiana was there for a different reason, and although the stamps were for public use, they are included here.

Section 3 contains the following:

- 3.1 BRITISH GUIANA
- 3.2 CAPE OF GOOD HOPE
- 3.3 Government Railways
 - A. NATAL
 - B. ORANGE RIVER COLONY
 - C. TRANSVAAL
- 3.4 HYDERABAD
- 3.5 NEW ZEALAND
- 3.6 PAPUA
- 3.7 RHODESIA (British South Africa Company)
- 3.8 SUDAN

3.1 BRITISH GUIANA

The "Ship" stamps of British Guiana were generally printed in London, either by Waterlow & Sons or De La Rue & Co., but a few sets were printed locally at Georgetown. Such an issue was that of 1882 when two types of Ship stamps were set up and printed by Baldwin & Co., Georgetown. It was evidently found that it was possible for these to be copied, and so, as a precaution against fraud, they were perforated with the word "SPECIMEN", applied diagonally.

Stanley Gibbons lists the stamps, and includes a note about them as follows:

"These stamps were arranged on the sheet in six rows of two in a row, or in three rows of four. In every sheet of the 1c. one stamp has a "1" with a foot, and in every sheet of the 2c. are four stamps with the "2" smaller than in T 26" (the stamp with two masts).

Stamps are known with the perforation double.

SPECIMEN No. of holes: 12,10,10,8,5,15,10,15

On Stamps of 1882 (Ship with two masts)

S.G.	162	1c.	magenta
	163	2c.	yellow

(Ship with three masts)

	164	1c.	magenta
	165	2c.	yellow

SEEKING INFORMATION

BY Mary F. Thornton.

The story below is just one example of the efforts made by a number of people.

Although a certain number of members did respond very well to the worksheets sent out in connection with the "Officials Catalogue", it is very clear that in many cases our knowledge is most limited. Much as I would like to find the answers to some of the outstanding questions, there is a limit to the number of letters I can write, or the postage I can afford.

When it came to the turn of the Cape of Good Hope official perfins, there were no more than three Worksheets giving any information, and so I decided to write to South Africa, and sent off a letter to the Secretary of the Royal Philatelic Society of Cape Town asking if anyone could help with information about the Cape of Good Hope officials.

In her airmail reply the Secretary said, "---Your letter was read out at one of our Meetings, and copies made and sent to the Publicity Officer of the G.P.O., Pretoria, and also to the Editor of the South African Philatelist in Johannesburg, The Assistant Editor has written to me today advising me that your enquiries are being published in this magazine in May (1965), and we hope that some information will be forthcoming in due course ---".

Under "Information Required" a notice was duly inserted in the May, 1965 "South African Philatelist". The last paragraph asked for information about the way in which the official perfins were made, the machine used, dates of use, and values of stamps perforated.

The result of this was that I had one letter (airmail) from Mr. J.T. Burrell of Transvaal, who most kindly wrote to tell me about some of these stamps in his collection, and he enclosed a photostat copy of the page. He also told me that he understood there would be a chapter on these stamps in the new publication to be produced by the Philatelic Federation of South Africa, but he gave no date as to when this would appear. I regret I cannot buy it.

When the page on Cape of Good Hope appears in the next chapter of the Officials Catalogue, it will look "so easy", but having read this short story, I hope our members will give a thought to the work done in connection with this compilation, and very many thanks to the philatelists overseas who have taken so much trouble on our behalf.

(Editors Note:- I am sure we are all very appreciative of)
 (the work Miss Thornton must have put into this catalogue)
 (The 54 pages issued so far bear witness to this effort)
 (and the chapter to come keeps up the same high standard.)

301	EM/GB	351	E/PINK	401	E.R.W.
302	E.M/G.B	352	E&P/Ld	402	
303	E.M.J	353	EPM/Co	403	
304	E.M./Ltd	354	EPM/CoLd	404	
305	E.McM/&Co	355	EPO	405	
306	EMNK	356	EP/PC	406	
307	EMR	357	EP/PCo	407	
308	EMS	358	EP/&/Co	408	
309	EM/&S	359	EPS ++	409	
310	EMU ++	360	E.P.S	410	
311	EMW	361	EP/S	411	ES ++
312	EM/EB (298)	362	E.P/S	412	E.S
313		363	E&P/S	413	E&S ++
314		364	E&/PS	414	E/&S
315		365	EP/&S	415	E&/S
316		366	EP/&/WB	416	ESA ++
317		367		417	ES/&/AR
318		368		418	ES/B
319		369		419	ES/BD/Ld
320		370		420	ES/BW
321	EN/E	371		421	ESC
322	EN	372		422	ES/C
323	EN/FT ++	373		423	E.S.C/CoLtd
324		374		424	E&S/Co ++
325	ENN/8	375		425	E&S/Co.
326		376	ER	426	E.S/&C°.
327		377	E/R	427	E/S&Co
328		378	E&R	428	ES/Co/Ltd
329		379	E.R. (in tri)/I	429	ES/Co./Ltd..
330		380	ER(in tri)/L	430	ES&E/Co
331	E&O	381	E.R.B	431	E&/SI ++
332	E/O' /B	382	E.R.B.	432	E&S/L
333	E.O/D	383	ERC	433	E&S/Ld ++
334	EO/DC	384	ER/CC ++	434	ES/Ld/CC
335	E of D	385	ERCo	435	ES/Ltd
336	EOLd	386	E.R./Co.	436	E.S/Ltd
337	E.O/Ld/A.C	387	ER/&Co	437	ES/PL
338		388	ER/DC	438	ESS
339		389	ERF	439	E/SS
340		390	ERF/Co	440	ES&S
341	EP	391	ER/GCo	441	E/S&S
342	E&P	392	ERH/MC	442	ES&S/Ld
343	EP/B	393	E.R.I.E	443	ESS/Ltd
344	EPC	394	ER/LD ++	444	ESSO
345	E.P/&C	395	E&R/Ld	445	
346	E.P./&C	396	ERL/&S	446	EST
347	EPCo.	397	ER/Ltd	447	ES/&W
348	EP/Co	398	ER/M	448	ES/WC ++
349	EP/&Co ++	399	ER/RS	449	ES/WO
350	E.P./&Co.Ld.	400	ER/&S	450	ES/WS

451		501	EWC/&Co
452		502	EW/&Co
453		503	E&W/IDCo
454		504	EW/L
455		505	EWM/Co
456		506	E.W/P
457		507	EW&S
458		508	EW/&S
459		509	E.W./&S
460		510	E.W./&S.
461		511	E.W.W
462		512	EWY/&Co
463		513	
464		514	
465		515	
466	ET ++	516	
467	E/T	517	
468	E.T.A	518	
469	ETA/Ld	519	
474	ETC ++	520	
471	ET/C		
472	E/T/C		
473	E/TC/L		
474	ET/Co		
475	ET/&Co		
47b	E.T.L.		
477	ETNA		
478	ETP		
479	ETP/&Co		
480	E&T/PINK		
481	E.T.S		
482	ET/&S		
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491	EU/DC ++		
492	EU'P'N/MAIL		
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496	EW ++		
497	E.W		
498	E&W		
499	EWA		
500	EWC		

299	EM/EB	9,11/9,11	4½	East Midlands Electricity Board
288.1	EM	9,11	4½	Evans Medical Ltd, Speke, Liverpool.
301	EM/GB	9,11/9,11	4½	East Midlands Gas Board.
307	EMR	10,15,11	5	E.M.Richford Ltd, London E.C.
308	EMS	9,11,9	4½	Evans Medical Supplies Ltd
309	EM/ES	13,17/18,15	5½(IVa)	E. Marriage & Son Ltd, Colchester.
310.1	EMU	9,11,8	4½	The EMU Wine Co Ltd. London E3.
322	EN/E	9,11/9	4½	Railway Executive, Eastern Region.
331	E&O	10,12,10	4½(IIIa)	Evans & Owen Ltd, Bath, Somerset.
334	EO/DC	9,8/9,7	4½	Epping & Ongar Rural District Council.
341	EP	10,10	5½	E Pollard & Co Ltd.
343	EP/B	9,8/11	4½	E.P.Barrus Ltd, London.
344	EPC	9,8,7	4½	Ellesmere Port Corporation.
346	E.P./&C	10,14/13,8	5½(III)	L.Posselt & Co. Bradford.
376.1	ER	9,10	4½	Evans & Reid Coal Co Ltd, Cardiff.
376.2	ER	10,12	5	Ø Ever Ready Co.
384.1	ER/CC	10,12/8,8	4) East Riding
384.2	ER/CC	9,10/7,7	4½) County Council.
385	ERCo	9,10,7,4	4½	Edinburgh Rubber Company.
386	E.R./Co.	10,12/8,6	5½)
392	ERH/MC	9,10,10/11,7	4½) East Riding Hosp. Management Committee.
411.1	ES	9,9	4½	1.Eyre & Spottiswoode Ltd, London. 2.E & F.N.Spon Ltd. London SW1. 3.Education Supply Assoc.
411.4	ES	10,9	6,3½	EHRmanns Ltd., London.
412	E.S	10,11	5½	E. Stimpson & Sons London S.E.
413.1	E&S	9,12,9	4½(Ia)) Elliott & Sons Ltd,
413.3	E&S	10,14,10	5(III)) Barnet, Herts.
416.1	ESA	9,9,8	4½) Educational Supply
416.3	ESA	10,10,10	4½) Association.
417	ES/&/AR	10,11/13/10,12	5½(III)	E.S.&A. Robinson Ltd, Bristol.

WORKSHEET FOR PERFIN ON SIDEWAYS WATERMARKED STAMPSK.G.VI ISSUES

Please append below details of the perfins you have on any of the K.G.VI issues with sideways watermark. Since there are three separate issues of the same values, it would be helpful if the Stanley Gibbons numbers or the colours were given stating dark or light.

There will be no values above 2½d.

When completed please return this form to the Secretary.

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