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RESIGNATION

We regret to announce the resignation of member No. 54
Mr G. Collison

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to be able to welcome two new members into
the Society this month,

No.94 Mrs M.B. Turnock

No.95 Mr P.G. Rogers

OFFERS

1. Mr Collison wishes to dispose of the back numbers of the
News Sheet which he has received during his 5 years membership
of the Society.

If anyone is interested would they please write to Mr
Collison direct and not to the Secretary.

2. Mr Chambers has donated to the Society a large quantity of
Council Perfins on pieces of paper. They include most of the
Counties and County Boroughs using perfins in the British Isles
and are all on Q.E.II stamps.

Perhaps if any member is interested in picking these over
for items for their collections they would contact the secretary.
A circulation list will be made up in the order that
notification is received and the batch sent out. If the list
looms like being very big, and there is a large enough
duplication to satisfy a fairly lengthy list, the lot will be
split.

A small charge will be made for those retained to help
swell the Society's funds.

Subs due

MEMBERS ACTIVITIES

It has been brought to our notice that one of our American members, James Lambert, scored a first with an exhibit entitled "First 'Spifs' of Great Britain" at the Cleveland Stamp Club's 39th Exhibition earlier this year. In addition to the 1st prize the exhibit gained the Society of Philatelic Americans' Research Medal.

Mr Muggleton informs us that he will be in charge of the Exhibition at Congress this year and expects to have a few perfins on show. He would also welcome meeting any other of our members who may be attending so perhaps anyone going would make themselves known to Mr Muggleton on arrival.

Mr Jennings is preparing an article on G.B. Officials for the Philatelic Magazine and this is expected to be published at the beginning of the next stamp season.

THIS MONTH'S CONTENTS

Two pages of general interest - 2 sheets.
Two pages of Council Listing for 'S', 17.16-17.21 - 2 sheets.
Pages 57, 58, and 59 of the Officials Catalogue - 3 sheets.
Page F1 of the Identities Catalogue - 1 sheet.
Page 27 of the Simplified Catalogue - 1 sheet.

LIBRARY

We hear from Mr Summers that the Library has reposed untouched since just after he took it over. Surely there must be something there of interest, especially to our newer members. Why not have another look at your Library List and get Mr Summers to shake the dust off some of the items.

17.16 SOUTHALL (B) MIDDLESEX

One of the earliest records of the district is the bequest of the manor of Norwood by Warberdun to the Archbishop of Canterbury in 830.

The Urban District of Southall - Norwood was created in 1936 and the Manor House (1581) was preserved as the Municipal Offices.

On 1st April 1965 Southall was merged with the Boroughs of Acton and Ealing to form the new London Borough of Ealing.

Perfin: SB/C 2H 9,11/7 (4½)

Perfins were first adopted on 1st April 1948 and were discontinued when this Authority ceased to exist in 1965.

Supplies were obtained from Slopers.

17.17 SOUTHEND ON SEA (CB) ESSEX

Southend became a fashionable seaside resort as a result of the visit by Princess Charlotte of Wales in 1801 and by her mother Princess Caroline in 1803.

The town received its Charter of Incorporation in 1892 and was created a County Borough in 1914.

In addition to the holiday industry, the town also has a thriving engineering industry including a large factory manufacturing radio and television sets.

Perfin: (i) SB/C 2H 11,11/8 (5)
(ii) 106 H 8,10,10 (5½)

Stamps have been purchased from Slopers for many years but no records are available to show when they were first introduced.

The usage of die (ii) has been noted on postage stamps but it is probably a die normally reserved for National Insurance stamps as is the case with other authorities.

17.18 SOUTHGATE (B)

The origin of the Borough's name probably stems from a south gate in the fortifications which once surrounded London.

The Borough ceased to exist as a separate authority on 1st April 1965 when it was amalgamated with Edmonton and Enfield to form the new London Borough of Enfield.

Perfin: SB/C 2H 9,11/7 (4½)

No details are known except that perfins were supplied by Slopers.

17.20 SOUTH SHIELDS (CB) DURHAM

South Shields is thought to have originated with the establishment of a Roman Camp ARBEIA about AD 80, but the Romans became more interested in the "New Castle" further up the River Tyne.

From then on "SOUTH SHELES" was for centuries denied opportunities for development by the dominant up-river town, which claimed exclusive rights over the whole navigable part of the river.

South Shields obtained its Charter of Incorporation on 3rd September 1850 and, today, is a seaport with large docks and shipbuilding yards.

Perfin: S.C/C 2H 11,11/8 (5½)

Perfins are produced in the Borough Treasurer's Department on a hand machine containing four dies.

They have been used since March 1926 when the machine was purchased from a local stationer for £3:5:-.

17.21 SOUTHWARK (B) LONDON, S.E.17

It is believed that the name is taken from the southward works or fortifications of London.

The convergence of numerous roads to cross London bridge gave Southwark its medieval importance and its inns became quite famous, (e.g. the Tabard of Canterbury Tales).

In 1327 Edward 111 granted Southwark to the citizens of London forever and its title "THE BOROUGH" still survives.

On 1st April 1965 the Borough was increased in size by the inclusion within its boundaries of the previously separate boroughs of Bermondsey and Camberwell.

Perfin: SP/C 2H 9,11/7 (4½)

No details are known except that they were supplied by Slopers in denominations of ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, & 1/-.

3.2 CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

It would seem that it is not easy to get information about the officially perforated stamps used in the Cape of Good Hope. I wrote to the Royal Philatelic Society of Cape Town, and the Secretary very kindly informed me that my letter had been read out at a Meeting, and that my queries had been sent to the G.P.O. and to the Editor of the "South African Philatelist", who was good enough to print a paragraph in the May, 1965 issue But all this brought me only one reply.

The following notes are based on information received from Mr J. T. Burrell of Transvaal, and from our member Mr. B Tomkins.

Period of use. The curiously shaped eleven-hole design, shaped either like a diagonal cross with two additional holes, or like two adjoining triangles, is said to have come into use in 1906, but Mr Tomkins has a scrap of printed paper which reads as follows :

"--- has shown us the 6d with "M" in large holes and suggests that the surcharge may be two triangles, the central hole representing both apexes. Our list now stands:

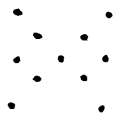
1d	rose	King's Head
4d	green	" "
6d	violet	Hope seated
1/-	ochre	King's Head

This scrap of paper has the words "Ewens Weekly, May 04" written on it. Mr Tomkins also has S.G. 75 - the 4d olive green with the date "04" in the postmark, so that the stamps appear to have been used since at least early in 1904.

The Cape of Good Hope became a province of the Union of South Africa in 1910, but the official stamps continued to be used for a time after the constitution of the Union.

The Cape Government Printing and Stationery Department had the stamps perforated for use on foreign or overseas mail. I have no information about the type of machine or machines used, or how many stamps could be punctured at a time. Some stamps show the perfin sideways, and Mr Tomkins also has an upright example which shows the holes to be $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. larger than the general perforation.

The postmarks noted are generally Cape Town (one is Cape Town N.P.B. presumably "Newspaper Branch"). Two others are numerals, which, though indistinct, appear to be 138 and 367.



The Official Perfin used by
the Cape government Printing
and Stationery Department

The perfin is known on the following stamps.

1884-90 Hope seated, watermark Anchor

S.G. 52 6d reddish purple #

1900 Penny Postage Commemorative

S.G. 69 1d carmine #

1902-04 Head of K.E.Vll

S.G. 70	½d	green	
71	1d	carmine	
72	2d	brown	
74	3d	magenta	#
75	4d	olive-green	#
76	6d	bright mauve	#
77	1/-	yellow-ochre	#
78	5/-	brown-orange	

Indicates the stamps reported by members
(C.R. Rice of California, notes 6 copies
of the 1/- stamp)

NOTES: In the Robson Lowe Encyclopaedia, Part 11 the stamps of 1902-04 with official perforation are rated as R - (worth £1.1.0 to £5) for the values ½d to 1/- & V - (worth £5.5.0 to £20) for the 5/-

Mr K. Misegades says that in the "South African Philatelist" of Nov. 1946 there was an article on the Official Postage Stamps of Cape of Good Hope by S. Kasser.

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3.3 RAILWAYS IN SOUTH AFRICA

A. NATAL GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

The main line of the Natal Government Railways ran from Durban, the Capital and great Port, to the Transvaal at Volksrust, and to the Orange Free State at Van Reenens.

The Railway also had other branch lines.



The perfih NGR was used on a number of stamps. It has but a brief mention in Stanley Gibbons, Part 1, and S.C.A. 1944 notes only the ½d value of the 1904-08 issue, with a postmark dated Sep 2 07, however Mr M. Welch sends information that the NGR perfin is listed in the "Handbook/Catalogue Union of South Africa Catalogue". The ½d, 1d and 2d values have been reported by members on the 1902-03 issue, but it seems more probable that these stamps belong to the 1904-08 issue, and they are marked thus I on the list below, as given in the above mentioned handbook.

	<u>On 1902-03 issue</u>				
S.G.	132	3d	purple & grey	#	E
	<u>On 1904-08 issue</u>				
S.G.	146	½d	blue green	#	
	147	1d	Rose carmine	#	C
	148	1d	deep carmine	#	D
	149	2d	red & olive green	#	E
	155	1/-	carmine & blue		Z
	<u>On Official issue</u>				
S.G.	308	1/-	carmine & blue		Z

Mr B.Tomkins has S.G.132 postmarked Pietermaritzburg July 1910.

1	F ++	51		101	FD
2	<u>F</u>	52		102	F.D
3	<u>F.</u>	53		103	FDB ++
4		54		104	FD/B
5		55		105	F/DB
6	FA	56		106	FD/&B
7	F&A	57		107	FDC
8	FA/Co	58		108	FD/C
9	F.A./&Co.	59		109	F.D.C.L
10	FAD	60		110	FD/CL (118)
11	FAF/&S	61	FC ++	111	F.D/&C°..
12	FA/G	62	F+C	112	F.D/&/Co
13	FA/H	63	F+C.	113	FD/&H ++
14	F&A/L	64	F&C	114	FDJ
15	F.A/&L	65	FCB	115	FD/J
16		66	FC/B	116	F/D/J
17		67	FC/&C	117	FDS
18		68	FCCo	118	F.D/Co (110)
19		69	F.C/DCo	119	
20		70	FC/EW	120	
21	FB ++	71	F.C.F	121	
22	F.B ++	72	FC/H	122	
23	F.B.	73	FC/H	123	
24	F/B	74	FC/M	124	
25	F&B	75	F&CO	125	
26	F/&/B ++	76	F&C°.	126	FE
27	FBC ++	77	F/&Co ++	127	FEB
28	FB/C	78	F./&C°.	128	F.E.C
29	F/BC	79	F&Co/C	129	FE/&Co.
30	FB/&Co ++	80	F.C./OCo	130	F.E.G
31	FB/&Co.	81	F/&Co/H	131	FES
32	F.B/&Co.	82	FCo/L	132	FE/S
33	F.B/C°..	83	FCo/Ld	133	
34	F/B&Co	84	F&CoLtd..	134	
35	FB/CoLd ++	85	F&Co/(N/S)Ld.	135	
36	FB/C°Ld.	86	FC/PC	136	
37	F.B/C°Ld.	87	F.CS	137	
38	FB/GV	88	FC/&S ++	138	
39	F.B./K.	89	FC/SCo	139	
40	FB/L	90	F.C.S/&C°.	140	
41	FBA ++	91	FC/SD	141	F&F ++
42	F.B/L	92		142	FFC ++
43	FB/Ld	93		143	F/FC
44	F.B/M	94		144	FFCo
45	FBO	95		145	FF/Co
46	F/B/O	96		146	FF&Co
47	F/Bros	97		147	FF/&Co
48	F/BROS	98		148	F.F./&H
49	F/Brs	99		149	FF/L
50	FBS	100		150	F.F/L