

BIRKBECK BANK

The following is extracted from a letter sent to us by Mr Eades some 15 months ago which we have been intending to find space for ever since.

"BIRKBECK - I have never been happy about this identification. Does definite proof exist that these stamps were used by the Bank?

I speak as a more or less interested party as I worked in that most wonderful building - then possessing the second largest dome in London - in 1914, when we, the then London County and Westminster Bank took over the Birkbeck Bank.

Incidentally, this Bank should never have been made bankrupt. Even so, it paid out nearly 20/- in the £1.

However, the Bank stemmed out of the Building Society which had been established for some years but was then - just prior to World War 1 - short of liquid funds. Were these perfin by any chance issued by the Building Society? The address of both was Chancery Lane. The Banking Building became our Chancery Lane Branch."

Editor's Note: Mr K. Rymer Young has a piece definitely identifying the Bank with the perfin.