

MY PERFIN ENTRY STAMPEX 1975

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A short while ago the Editor asked me to describe my entry to Stampex which, I am pleased to say, won a bronze award. The Judges' comments were "A very interesting entry".

In November of last year I gave a display of 60 pages of perfins to the Irish Philatelic Society. This display was so well received by members that I decided to make up a 36 page entry for Stampex.

In preparing this exhibit I used Mr Nelson's book "The Perfins of Great Britain" as a guide and inspiration. The entry was as follows,

- Pages 1,2,3 was headed 'The Forerunners' and displayed O.U.S over-prints on and off cover plus the protective underprints with suitable write-up.
- Page 4 displayed perfins on stamps of all reigns and gave the history of Sloper's invention.
- " 5 'The Purpose of Perfins'. The write-up told of the purpose and showed perfins used on Q.V. stamps to the present reign.
  - " 6&7 both pages were devoted to Arms and Trademarks on stamps of G.B. and Ireland, mostly Q.V. and K.VII stamps.
  - " 8 Full Names starting with ADAM on a 1d red.
  - " 9 Monograms
  - " 10 Numbers
  - " 11 Unusual Designs.
  - " 12 Crowns.
  - " 13 Positional variations of perfins.
  - " 14 Early 1d reds on which the perfin did not touch the Queen's head.
  - " 15 Later 1d reds on which the perfins pierced the Queen's head.
  - " 16 Perfins on the small ½d Q.V. issue of 1870
  - " 17 Stamps showing the firms' special postmark as well as perfin.
  - " 18 "High Values". Showing the use of perfins on high value stamps. This included the K.E.VII 2/6, 5/-, 10/- & £1 set.
  - " 19 'Commemoratives with Perfins". Starting with the 1d & 1½d 1924 Wembley issue.
  - " 20 'Combination Cover'. Postal Stationery cover with a perfined stamp added.
  - " 21 a Q.V. newspaper wrapper and postal stationery cover plus a K.E.VII postal stationery cover all perforated with firms' initials.
  - " 22 C of A perfins and special event perfins such as the Shepherds Bush Exhibition.
  - " 23 "The Corner Card". Showing the ideal way of collecting perfins with name of firm on cover. In this instance a ½d and 1d red on an old newspaper with a book post label of the sender.
  - " 24 "Official Perfins" Stationery Office die I
  - " 25 "Official Perfins" Stationery Office die II
  - " 26 "Official Perfins" D.S.I.R.
  - \* " 28 Official Perfins of World War I.
  - " 29 Provisional Perforations.
  - " 30 Ireland. Ireland quickly followed G.B. in the use of perfins. A page of Guinness perfins on 1d red plate nos.
  - " 31 Early Irish dies on 1d reds.

- Page 32 Unusual dies used in Ireland.  
" 33 Selection of Irish firms on 1d reds.  
" 34 1d lilac on cover (1889) with the perfin of the Irish  
Distillers BANDON and an amusing story about the founder.  
" 35 Cork Bandon & South Coast Railway. Stamps of Q.V.,  
K.E.VII, and K.G.V.

\* Page 27 The Patent Office.

In many cases I had photostat copies made of the perfins which I mounted on black paper and cut to just show a fine border of black.

I do hope other members will follow my display success and will enter their own perfin displays in National Exhibitions and thereby help to bring perfins into the limelight.