

# CANADIAN REVENUE PERFINS

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Most collectors of Canadian Perfins are aware that the listings in the Canadian Perfin handbook include revenue Perfins, but I have been surprised several times by some who didn't. So, I submit a little information on them.

The revenue Perfins can be divided into several groups. First there are those types which are found mainly on postal issues, but also on a few revenues. Most firms prior to about 20 years ago used many revenue stamps in their business, and they wished to protect these stamps, too, from theft. Some examples of these include the DTC(o) (D5), E (E2), and G/LD (G5) types shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3, respectively.

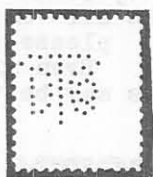


Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

A second group may be found only on revenue stamps. Examples of these are BR (B9) and M&M (new), shown in Figures 4 and 5. Many of this group are US Perfin types used by companies conducting part of their business in Canada. The small CH (C11) shown in Figure 6 is also known only on revenues, but may be more of a cancelling device than a true Perfin.



Fig. 4

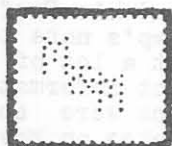


Fig. 5

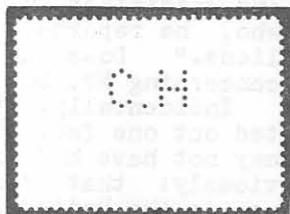


Fig. 6

A third group is represented by punches, having solid-cut letters rather than a series of holes. All of these have only  
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been recorded on revenues to date. Examples are AEA (A2) and WG (W16) shown in Figures 7 and 8. There are many examples of single letter (or design) punches, but most of them are thought to be cancelling devices. More research is needed in this area. They could be classified as a fourth group.



Fig. 7



Fig. 8

A fifth group is for the leftovers. One of these is the  $\frac{1}{2}$  Perfin, found on Quebec revenue stamps (Figure 9). This one is mentioned in the handbook, but not listed as a type. It is possible that this was a cancelling device, but I like to think it is a Perfin.

Another item for this group is on a Newfoundland revenue (Figure 10), and I have been calling it an X, really a fancy X.

This also may have been a cancelling device. However, I consider it a true Perfin and it gives my Canadian collection an X Perfin, which it didn't have before. Now all I need are some K, Y and Z Perfins to complete the alphabet.



Fig. 9

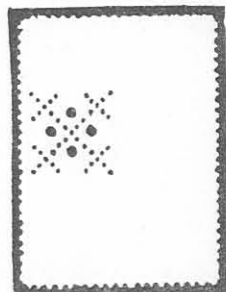


Fig. 10

Revenue Perfins are interesting, and much more work has to be done, not only on Canadian revenues, but from all countries.