

CANADIAN NOTE

In a recent article in the BNAPS Journal, Perfins Club Member Michael Dicketts (#1440) points out that Perfins on the Small Queens of Canada are very elusive and eagerly sought after.

Dicketts' article notes that the first recorded Canadian Perfin user was W. J. Gage Co., Ltd., of Toronto. He states that the Gage Perfin (Figure 1) is known on seven values of the Small Queens. In ascending order of scarcity, he names these as the 3¢, 1¢, 2¢, 10¢, 5¢, 6¢ and 8¢. He adds, "fortunate is the collector who has more than the first three."



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

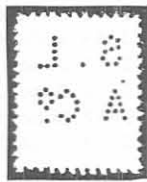


Fig. 4

According to the article, the next confirmed user to perforate the Small Queen issue was the Intercolonial Railway of Montreal and Moncton, whose two-line design IC/R (Figure 2) is reported on the 3¢ value.

Figure 3 illustrates a J.H.S. pattern which Dicketts says is known on the 1¢ Small Queen bearing Montreal cancellations. He adds that some collectors think this Perfin may have been used by J. H. Semple of Montreal, but no cover has come to light to positively identify its user.

Dicketts states that many years ago a report was received that the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Montreal used its S.L/AC^o Perfin (Figure 4) on the Small Queens, but that he has not seen anything to confirm this. He points out that the Sun Life Perfin is known on the 15¢ Large Queen and the two higher value Widow's Weeds.

Any member who can add further information on Perfins on the Small Queens should write to Dicketts at 61 Alwington Avenue, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 4R4.