

CANADA C14 (CIL) ——— by Jack Brandt

Have you ever noticed missing and misplaced pins in the CIL Perfin (C14)? I had noticed these, but had not thought too much of it until a comment from a friend prompted me to look closer. Using pairs, and large stamps, I found that I could "plate" the perforator. It had ten heads, and one could say there are nine subtypes. There are only two heads with no missing or misplaced pins. These are the fourth and fifth from the left. Pins shown circled on the illustration below became missing after a period of use. Quite possible other minor changes are shown by examples not in my collection.

I have always thought the C14 type was derived by removal of some pins from the C13 type, and it would appear that the job was not done too well. This is only a personal guess.

Now, the question is, does the specialist collect all nine subtypes or not?

