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NEW MEMBERS

This month we are pleased to be able to welcome three new members into the Society.

Mr R BRICE
Mr G CLINCH
Miss S GREEN

MISSING SUBSCRIPTIONS

Despite two previous reminders two or three members have not renewed their subscription or indicated their wish to resign. These members will receive a further reminder with this issue marked "Final". And, we do mean FINAL. Unless we hear from you this will be the last you hear from us, so if you wish to continue to receive the bulletin send in your subscription now.

B.P.A

In our last issue we forgot to mention (before we ran out of space) that the Society was elected to affiliation with the British Philatelic Association on 25th September. Society members are, therefore, now able to take advantage of the various services that the B.P.A. offers by making an application through the Secretary.

PERFINS OFFER

Mr V Hugo has approximately 1,000 perfins which he is willing to give away to anyone interested. The only condition he makes is that they should not be sold for profit to other members. The first letter he receives will obtain the batch.

EDITORIAL JOTTINGS

In our September issue we mentioned that a copy of our Identities Catalogue was up for sale in the Garratt Adams auction and valued at 10/-. Mr Tomkins informs us that the price realised for this item was actually £1.2.6d, which seems to indicate that we give pretty fair value for money.

An article in June 1963 issue on the Stamp Distribution

company ended with a query on the fate of the company. Mr Young says that he recently came across the following entry in the Stock Exchange Register of Defunct Companies:

Stamp Distribution Company Limited. Registered 1892
Court order to wind up 13th March 1895. Removed from register 1907.

Mr Burrows reports that he has just seen an article by Dr Gordon Ward entitled "Thief-proof Stamps and True Philately" which was published in "Background to Philately", in 1925. The paragraph which he feels is of most interest is,

"It may be noted that there is one official overprint which was intended only for fiscal purposes, namely, the letters 'C.A.' on penny stamps of King Edward. These letters stand for 'Crown Agents' and Mr. Charles Nissan informs me that he has seen copies postally used".

POSTAL AUCTION

It is proposed to hold another postal auction early in the new year. All lots should be sent to Chris. J.T. Carr, 28, Eastry Road, Erith, Kent, or advised to him by 16th January 1965 so that a catalogue may be issued with the January issue.

The conditions appropriate to previous auctions apply and Mr Carr can only acknowledge receipt of lots if a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

EXCHANGE PACKET

Due to pressure of other work Mr Rucklidge has asked to be relieved of the position of Packet Superintendent. We are sorry to lose Mr Rucklidge in this capacity which he has filled admirably, but he feels that he can no longer run the exchange as he would wish. We are now looking for another member to take over the Exchange Packet. If you feel that you can help in this direction please write to the Secretary.

THIS MONTH'S ISSUE

This issue, I am afraid, will be slightly smaller than usual and be a few days late in publication. The reason being that for three of the four weeks in November I had absolutely no spare time at all and only returned home from work to sleep. Fortunately, these occurrences are extremely rare and future editions should be up to scratch.

Contents are:- Two pages of general interest (1 sheet), Official Perfins Worksheet No 15, (1 sheet), Page 7 of Official Perfins Catalogue, 2 pages of identities, P.3 and P.4, and 3 pages of the Council Listing (5.16 and 6.1 to 6.6).

***** A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL MEMBERS *****

The following information is taken from Robson Lowe's
"Encyclopaedia of British Empire Postage Stamps" - Part 1V.

A. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

Perfin: GR 10,11

This was in use from 1895 on the following stamps:-

1888-99	1d
1892	½d
1897	1d, 2d, 2½d Die 11
1902	9d on 10d
1903-08	5d
1905-10	½d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 8d, 10d, 1/-

Copies are also found with the initials inverted, reversed and inverted reversed.

B. PUBLIC WORKS

Perfin: PW (No illustration)

1888-89	1d
1903-08	3d, 5d
1903	9d (Wmk. double line V over crown)
1905-10	½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 4d.

C. GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK or BRANCH ?

Perfin (i) GSB/NSW

In use from 1907, but soon replaced by (ii)

1903-08	5d
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Perfin (ii) GSB 10,8,11

1903-08	3d, 5d
1905-10	½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 4d, 6d, 8d, 10d, 1/-
1907	9d (Wmk. Crown over A double lined)
1897	5/-

Perfin (iii) SB

Sideways on 1d of 1902

Please return this sheet with any additional information to,
Miss M.F. THORNTON, Ael-y-Bryn, Cwm, Rhyl, Flintshire.

1.3 CROWN AGENTS

The Crown Agents for Overseas Governments and Administrations are the officially appointed business and financial agents of a large number of Governments and public authorities.

The Crown Agents overprint "C.A." is known on postage stamps of the reign of Edward VII, but the 1d and 6d so overprinted were for fiscal use. The 6d on a telegram piece was recently sold by auction for £11.10.0. Some examples of the 1d are known used on letters.

The perfin "CA" was only discovered in 1962 when two covers were seen, illustrated in the "Great Britain Philatelist". It was heard that another 10 covers were known with stamps so perforated, each having the embossed seal of the Crown Agents on the flap of the envelope.

Only one of our members reported having an example of this perfin.



A number of other concerns have used the same initials and it is important to ensure that the Crown Agents type is not confused with these. It is, however, fairly distinctive for the A is slightly taller than the C on the copies seen so far.

The known values are:

1912	Watermark Royal Cypher (multiple) K.G.V. ½d green
1912-22	Watermark Royal Cypher K.G.V. ½d green 1½d brown 2d orange

These must qualify for one of the Z ratings.

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				<u>P. 3</u>	11/64
P.M/&Co	2H	11,15/14,8,4	4½(III)	Palgrave Murphy & Co., Dublin.	
P&O	H	8,12,8	3½) Peninsular & Oriental	
P&O/Co	2H	9,13,5/9,6	5½/5,4½	) Steam Navigation Co	
P&O/Co.	2H	10,13,10/8,6	5½	) London E.C.3	
POLY	D	8,8,6,6	4½	) Polytechnic	
POLY	H	9,10,7,8	4½	) London W.1	
POTTER	S	9,10,7,7,10,11	4	The Wall-paper Manufacturers Ltd., Darwen, Lancs.	
P.P	H	10,10	7	Port of Preston Authority	
PR	H	8,10	4½	Dairy Supply Company, Park Royal, London N.W.10	
PR/DC	2H	8,10/9,7	4½	Petersfield Rural District Council, Hants.	
PR/DC	2S	10,12/11,8	6	Preston Rural District Council, Lancs.	
PR/L	2H	9,11/7	5½	Peter Robinson Ltd London.	
*PR/&T	2H	10,11/14,7	5	Plummer Roddis & Tyrell, Eastbourne.	
PS	H	8,9	4½	The Pharmaceutical Society of GB. London W.C.1	
P/&/S	3H	8/12/9	4½(Ia)	Puttick & Simpson. London.	
PS/&Co	2H	10,10/14,8,4	4½	Paul Solul & Co., London	
PS/ <u>L</u>	2H	10,9/8	5½	Petty & Sons Ltd., Leeds.	
P.S/NC	2H	10,11/13,8	5½	Pacific Steam Navigation Co Liverpool.	
PT	H	8,6	4½	Philip & Tacy Ltd London S. W. 6	
PT/C	2H	8,6/7	4½	Perishables Transport Co Ltd London W. C. 2	
*PT/O	2H	10,9/10		Public Trustee Office, London.	
PU/DC	2H	8,8/9,7	4½	1. Paignton Urban Dist. Council 2. Penrith " " " 3. Penge " " "	
PW/&A	2H	8,12/12,8	4½ (Ia)	) Parker Winder & Achurch	
PW/&A	2H	10,14/14,10	5 (III)	) Birmingham.	

PWC	H	8,12,7	5)	
PWC	S	10,13,9	6	)	Ø Portsmouth Waterworks
PWC	S	10,13,9	7,7,6	)	Company.
PWC	S	10,14,8	5)	
PWC	S	10,17,8	6)	
PWC	S	10,13,9	7)	
P/W8	2H	9,14,14	5½	)	Pontings (John Barker
P/W8	2H	10,12,10	5½/4½	)	& Co Ltd)
P/W8	2H	10,14,12	5½	)	London W.8
PY/Co	2H	8,6/7,4	4½	)	The Pyrene Co Ltd
					London S.W.1
PZ/C	2H	10,8/8	5,4/5	)	Penzance Corporation
					Cornwall.

"Q" IDENTIFICATIONS

Q	H	12	7	)	Quick, Reek & Smith Ltd
					London E.C.3
QHC	H	12,12,8	4½	)	Queens Hospital for
QHC	H	12,12,8	5	)	Children.
Q/HC	2H	10/10,7	4½)	
QO/CoLd	2H	10,4/7,4,6,6	4½	)	Bankers & Traders Insurance
					Co Ltd. London E.C.3

5.16 EXMOUTH (UDC) DEVON

Exmouth is a very popular seaside resort which, as its name suggests, is situated at the mouth of the River Exe.

It has a present day population of over 19,000.

Perfin: EU/DC 2H 9,8/9,7 (4½)

Perfins have been in use by this authority since 1936 and are supplied by Slopers.

6.1 FAREHAM (UDC) HAMPSHIRE

Fareham is the largest urban district in Hampshire covering some 18,350 acres, and the town itself is built around Fareham Creek which was an anchorage of the Royal Navy in the days of wooden sailing ships.

When the Domesday Book was compiled the area forming the present Urban District consisted of three great Manors of England - FERNEHAM (Fareham), TICEFELLE (Tichfield), and PORTCESTRE (Porchester)

Perfin: F.U/D.C 2H 8,8/11,8 (4½)

Perfins were first adopted in November 1950 and are produced in the Treasurer's Department on a perforator of unknown make. The machine perforates a block of four stamps in a single operation.

At the present time two pins are missing, the upper left hand pin of the 'U' in the lower left hand die, and the lower of the three centre pins forming the upright of the 'P' in the lower right hand die.

6.2 FELTHAM (UDC) MIDDLESEX

Feltham first appears in a charter dated 969 and derived its name from FELD - 'Open Place'.

The district which is largely residential includes a part of London Airport and has a population of 51,700.

Perfin: FU/DC 2H 7,8/9,7 (4½)

Perfins have been in use since about 1947 and are supplied by Slopers.

Current values perforated are, 1½d, 2d, 3d, 4½d, 1/-, 1/6. In the past ½d and 1d stamps were also used.

6.3 FINCHLEY (B) HERTFORDSHIRE

Finchley does not appear in the Domesday Book and was largely uncultivated until the 18th century.

Finchley Common was one of the notorious resorts of Highwaymen near London and was the favorite haunt of Dick Turpin and Jack Sheppard.

The Borough which received its Charter on the 5th July 1933 is mainly residential with a population of 69,150.

Perfin: FC H 7,7

Nothing is known about this council's perfins except that the type in current use is obviously the work of Slopers.

6.4 FINSBURY (B) LONDON E.C.1.

An early form of the name was VYNESBURY but the derivation is unknown.

The district was a frequent resort of Pepys who mentions its houses of a entertainment, wrestling, and other pastimes.

It has a population of 32,540 which increses in the daytime to some 150,000.

Perfin: F/BC 2H 7/11,7 (4½)

Perfins have been in use since at least 1934 and are supplied by J Sloper.

6.5 FLAXTON (RDC) YORKSHIRE

Situated in the month Riding of Yorkshire, the Rural District consists of 24 separate parishes and covers a total area of 36,230 acres.

Apart from onc or two villages the district was, in previous times, under forest and today remains mainly agricultural in nature.

Perfin: FR/DC 2H 7,10/9,7 (4½)

It is not known when the measure was first adopted but perfins ceased to be used about 1954.

6.6 FLEETWOOD (B) LANCASHIRE

Fleetwood is a very popular seaside resort on the west coast of England with 4½ miles of promenade.

In addition to the holiday industry it has many connections with the sea. There are two docks within the Borough, a Navigational Training School, and a harbour which houses the many fishing vessels and shrimp boats operating from the area.

Fleetwood, which has been termed "Gateway of the West" for the fishing industry, received its Charter of Incorporation in 19

Perfin: FC H 7,7 (4½)

Perfins have been, in use since 1934 and are presently obtained from Slopers.

Current values in use are, ½d to 3d inclusive plus 6d and 1/-.