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NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to report the enrolment of three more members this month and we extend a welcome to,

Mr W. McHarry

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Mr B. Ehreich

EDITORIAL JOTTINGS

Due to falling so far behind with last month's issue we will not be able to get this one out at the end of the month as was once normal. We hope that it will be out not later than mid May, and to help to attain that hope, it is not proposed to issue an instalment of Mr Jennings' book this month.

Two pages (Nos. 2 & 3) have been provided by Chris Carr this month one of which gives a useful guide to perfin prices. It will be as well to keep this guide in mind when bidding in the next auction. It may help to prevent disappointments.

On another page Chris Carr gives some notes on a perfin user. I would welcome similar notes on other companies using perfins. Perhaps someone could provide notes on Councils which have not yet appeared in the Council Listing. I am finding it increasingly difficult to find the time for writing to obtain information from these councils, and it would be nice to complete the work.

THIS MONTH'S CONTENTS

Three pages of general interest - 3 sheets.

Page 70 of the Simplified Catalogue.

Page R1 of the Identities Catalogue.

Pages 101 & 102 of the Officials Catalogue - 2 sheets.

A Question of Value.

A recurring question from collectors and non-collectors, from buyers and sellers, is "What is a perfin worth?". Various articles have been written on this subject but they are all too brief or too lengthy.

I think that as the first step one must assume that all perfin dies, not the basic stamps, are of equal value. Thus we are left with the basic stamp as the means of determining the value and so I have been able to get down to the true value of perfins. At this stage I should point out that as a result of the whims of collectors, certain dies are more sought after than most and these, mainly officials and railways, cannot be included but must be placed in a separate category. With the aid of prices realised in the 3rd to 9th auctions plus my own buying and selling prices and ignoring certain realised prices which were obviously too low or too high as a result of lack of bidding or "no-limit" bidding, I have arrived at a series of prices which I consider to be fair values for perfins. By showing the value as a percentage of catalogue value, it will be seen that as the catalogue value of the basic stamp rises so will the value of the perfin, e.g. in 1964, a stamp with a catalogue value of 20/- and a perfin percentage of 10% would obviously be worth 2/- as a perfin. If, in 1969, the same stamp was catalogued at 40/- then as a perfin it would be worth 4/-.

The list which follows ignores all watermark and shade differences as I believe that few people collect such differences where perfins are concerned.

Basic stamp	Gibbons cat. no.	Perfin %	Basic stamp	Gibbons Cat. no.	Perfin %
1d red plates	43-44	75-100	1d Wembley 1924	430	28
2d blue ..	45-47	75-100	1½d ..	431	66¼
½d red ..	48-49	50-75	1d Wembley 1925	432	8½
2½d-1/- ..			1½d ..	433	8½
1873-83 issues	138-163	5-10	2d P.U.C.	434	33¼
½d green 1880	164-165	20	1d ..	435	25
1d V, red ..	166	50	1½d ..	436	50
1½d-5d ..	167-169	5	2½d ..	437	88
1d lilac 14 dots	170-171	13¼	2/6d 1934	450	13¼
1d lilac 16 dots	172-174	25	5/- ..	451	11
2/6d-10/- 1883	175-183a	10	10/- ..	452	10
½d slate 1883	187	16¼	Silver Jubilee	453-456	75-150
1d-3d lilac 1883	188-191	6	½d-1½d KE VIII	457-459	25
4d-1/- green ..	192-196	2½	½d-1/- KG VI	462-475	(2/6d per etc. 100)
½d-1/- Jubilee	197-214	16¼	2/6d KG VI	476-478a	30
½d-1/- KE VII	215-320	10	5/- ..	&	10
2/6d-10/- ..	215-320	5	10/- ..	509-511	10
½d-1/- KG V	321-396	(5/- per	½d-1/6 QE		(1/- per 100)
..	418-429	100	2/6d-£1 QE		20-30
..	439-449	stamps)	KG VI & QE Commems	2d-5d face	50-87½
2/6d 1913-18	399-417	8-15	..	over 5d face	20
5/- ..	399-417	12½-20			
10/- ..	399-417	8			

The three items above priced per 100 stamps instead of a percentage are included because this appears to be the main method of selling them.

Many issues ago this used, to be a regular feature of the bulletin and in an attempt to revive it I offer the following.

BME 13.15.9 6 British Metal Engraving Co. Ltd., Twickenham, Middx,

I first met this perfin some 8 years ago when I bought a box of GB mixture. All the stamps with this perfin had the Richmond & Twickenham postmark and all the stamps had been collected by someone in an engineering works so I had two clues to start with, namely that the firm could be located in one of the two towns and that they were probably metalworkers. By an extensive search of the trade directories for the two towns, which, whilst they shared the same postmark, they certainly had different directories, produced the above as the possible user. A vague phone call to the firm eventually located someone who knew about the machine and this was followed up by a letter which produced the following.

The machine is a single die hand operated machine, the die having been made in the firm's tool room and fitted into a disused company seal embossing machine. It was first used sometime between 1954 and 1956 and discontinued in 1963 being replaced by the use of unperforated stamps. I have the following stamps perforated:- QE 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1/-, 2/6d, 3d 1958 Games and 2½d 1962 N.P.Y.

The company has been in existence for over 50 years and, at their St. Margarets Works, make scientific instrument scales and dials, name plates, advertising novelties, etc.

An aid to perfin collecting.

(Advertisement)

Do you find that whilst sorting perfins your wife needs to use the same table or that it is time to pack it in for the night before the sorting has been completed? I expect that many members keep their unmounted perfins, whether sorted or not, in envelopes and tins which tend to get lost or mislaid from time to time. All this could end if you used a sorting tray. I have been using one for many months and can thoroughly recommend it. Made in durable plastic and contained in a stout cardboard box, it measures 18" x 11" x 1½" and has 25 sections each 3½" x 1¾" x 1". I have written a letter of the alphabet on the sloping part of each section and by experimenting I have found that the best arrangement for sorting is to have the trays labelled thus

A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
PQ	R	S	S	T
UV	W	XYZ	No.	Designs

I can supply a tray to any member for 22/6d post paid, in a strong protective box and franked with perfins or commemoratives, if you will write to me at the address shown at the top of the previous page.

Wanted.

I need perfins of Mauritius, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador and Central America. Any quantity will do but they must be undamaged. Would prefer them to be individually priced but will take mixed lots but they must be priced. Please send to me at address on previous page.

1	R ++	51	Rbk	101	RC/Ltd
2	RA ++	52	RBK	102	
3	R&A (diagonally)	53	RB/L ++	103	R&Co ++
4	R&A	54	R/BL (66)	104	R/Co
5	R.A	55	R&B/Ld	105	R/&Co ++
6	RA	56	RB/Ltd	106	R/&Co..
7	RAB	57	R.B/M	107	RCo/L
8	R.A.C	58	RB/N	108	R&Co/Ld ++
9	RA/&Co	59	RB/&P	109	R&Co/Ltd
10	R.A/&Co	60	R.B&S	110	R&Co./M
11	RAG/LAN	61	RB/&S	111	RCo/Y
12	RAL	62	R.B./&S./Ld.	112	R.C.R
13	R/A/L ++	63	RB/W	113	RC/&S
14	RAM	64	RB/15	114	RC/SL
15	R&A/ML	65	RB/Co (45)	115	RCS/Ld
16	RA/N	66	RB/Ld (54)	116	R/C&S/Ld.
17	RA/&S	67		117	RC/Y
18	R.A.S.E	68		118	
19	RA/T	69		119	
20	RATE/OFFICE	70		120	
21	RATES	71		121	
22		72		122	
23		73		123	
24		74		124	
25		75		125	
26		76		126	
27		77		127	
28		78		128	
29		79		129	
30		80		130	
31	RB ++	81	RC ++	131	RD
32	R.B ++	82	R.C.	132	R&D
33	R.B.	83	R&C ++	133	R.D.C
34	R..B	84	R/C	134	RD/C
35	R&B ++	85	RCA	135	R/DC
36	RB/B	86	R.C.A/Ld	136	R/D/C
37	R.B/B	87	R&C/B	137	RD/&Co
38	R.B/&/B	88	RC/&C	138	R.D./&Co..
39	RBB/Co	89	R&C/C	139	RD/&Co/Ld
40	R.B.B/&C°	90	R.C/C.I	140	RD/&/Co.Ld.
41	RBC	91	R.C/C.Ld	141	RdeC/&Co.
42	R/BC	92		142	RD/EVAN/&Co
43	RBCo	93	RC/Co	143	RD/F/JB
44	RB&C°	94	RC&Co..	144	RD/DOVER
45	RB/C° (65)	95	RC/&Co ++	145	R&D/HMC
46	RB/&Co ++	96	R.C/&Co	146	RD./L.C.
47	R.B/&Co	97	R.C/&Co/Ld	147	RD/Ld
48	RB/CL	98	RCG/ICo	148	R.D/Ld
49	R./BH/B	99	RCH	149	R.D/&S
50	R.B.I/Ltd..	100	RCJ (under crown)	150	Rd.v.G

1.2	R	10	4½	1.E.M.Richford Ltd., London E.C.1 2.G.H.Renton & Co.Ltd., London E.C.4 3.Regent Oil Co.Ltd., Man- chester 4.Ross Optical Works, Clapham, S.W.4.
1.5	R	12	5½	City of Rochester, Kent
2.1	RA	10,8	4½	London Carriers Ltd., Weddon, Surrey
12	RAL	12,10,7	5½	Ø R.A.Lister & Co., Dursley
13.1	R/A/L	10,8/6	4½	R.A.Lister & Co., Dursley
13.2	R/A/L	12/10/7	4½	Ø ditto.
33.2	R.B.	17,18	6½	Ralli Bros., London E.C.4.
36.2	RB/B	11,12/12	5	Rabone Bros.& Co.,Birm'm.
41.1	RBC	10,11,7	4½	Richmond Borough Council
41,2	RBC	12,14,8	5	ditto.
*42.	R/BC	10/11,7	4½	Ø ditto.
*43.	RBCo	12,14,8,4	5	Robbins Billing Co., London W.C.
45	RB/Co	11,14/8,4	5/4½	Rosing Bros.& Co., London E.C.
46.1	RB/&Co	12,13/12,8,6	4(IIIa)	ditto.
46.3	RB/&Co	10,11/12,7,4	4½ (Ia)	ditto.
*46.7	RB/&Co	13,13/13,8,6	5½	Redpath Brown & Co.Ltd., Edinburgh 7.
46.8	RB/&Co	11,12/13,9,6	4(111)	Robert Balloch & Co., London E.C.& Glasgow
*50.	R.B.I/Ltd..	12,13,5/7,5,7	5	Ø Royal Bank of Ireland Ltd.
52.1	R B K	10,11,9	4½)	Royal Borough of
52.2	RBK	12,14,10	4)	Kensington
53.2	RB/L	12,14/7	5	Redpath Brown & Co.Ltd., London

IC/R1

4.6. SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Very little can be added to the information already given on the Worksheet for this State, which was as follows,

At the time of Federation stamps used by State Departments were being overprinted 'OS' and a request that this be continued was turned down in favour of perforating by the Deputy Postmaster General, Adelaide, in November 1902.

Delay in obtaining a suitable perforating machine prevented the puncturing of stamps until April 1905. The first die was able to perforate 12 stamps at one operation but was only suitable for small size stamps. Later, a separate die was brought into use for the 'long' stamps.

Stamps perforated 'SA' had been introduced a year earlier for use by State Departments, but from 1905, both Commonwealth and State Departments used the 'OS' perforated stamps.

This puncture 'OS' was applied in the Stamp Printing Branch of the Postmaster General's Department in Adelaide.

Commonwealth Departments in Darwin were not supplied with 'OS' stamps until October 1906.

The stamp list is as before. Where members have made returns, their stamps are marked #.



No example of
the OS with
larger letters.

Stamps with Perforation SA (South Australia)

On stamps of 1893 - 1904

<u>Small designs</u>	<u>Long designs</u>
½d green (Post Office)	(a) 'Postage' thin
1d rose (Queen, oval)	
2d violet (Queen, circle) #	3d olive #
2½d blue (Queen & Kangaroo)	4d red
5d violet (Queen & Arms)	6d green
	1/- brown
	2/6 violet
	5/- red
	(b) 'Postage' thick
	6d green

(b) continued :- 9d claret
 1/- brown #
 5/- red

On stamps of 1904-05 Watermark Crown A except the first
 2/6 and the £1, which are on old Crown SA paper.

½d green #
 1d red # Mr F. Summers has a mint block of
 2d violet # of the 1d with inverted watermark
 2½d blue Mr C. Carr has a mint copy of the 2d
 3d olive violet in vertical pair with margin
 4d vermilion (guttering) which is also perforated
 4d orange # SA
 5d violet #
 6d green #
 1/- brown
 2/6 violet (Crown SA) #
 2/6 violet (Crown A)
 5/- red
 £1 blue

Stamps of 1893-1906 with OS in two dies?

OS as illustrated on small stamps

½d green	Watermark Crown	SA	
1d red	"	"	A #
2d violet	"	"	SA
2d violet	"	"	A #
2½d blue	"	"	SA
5d violet	"	"	SA

OS in larger letters on long stamps?

(a) 'Postage' thin	(b) 'Postage' thick
3d olive	3d olive
4d vermilion #	4d vermilion
8d blue	6d green
10d orange	8d ultramarine
2/6 violet	9d claret
	1/- brown
	2/6 violet
	5/- vermilion

On stamps of 1904-06 Watermark Crown A

½d green
 5d violet
 9d rose
 £1 blue (Crown SA)

Mr Marcuse has a 6d stamp of Victoria perforated SA