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RESIGNATIONS.

Messrs, M.J. Marcuse and A. T. Sedgely have sent in their resignations.

LAPSED MEMBERSHIPS,

The following members have failed to renew their subscriptions by the end of December 1971 and have been dropped from the roll.

Messrs. E.T. Moors, B.L. Parry, & G. Richardson.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS,

Mr B.N. Skelton now lives at, "Jasmine Cottage; 87, High Street, Blunham, Bedford.

INFORMATION WANTED

A non-member wishes information on identities of Argentina commercial perfins.

Please contact the Secretary.

MEETING

Although the next meeting in London is not to take place until April it is suggested that members might start thinking about it. If you are proposing to come, and we hope you are, perhaps you would like to consider what you would like to discuss and view. Perhaps you would rather an agenda was drawn up or perhaps you would rather leave it to be decided on the day?

Would those who intend coming let the Editor have their suggestions? All suggestions and comments will be published in our next issue and this will allow other members to come along prepared with the appropriate material.

There should be plenty of time for any business that is suggested so let us have your ideas.

ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE

Basil Tomkins reports that the support for this project has been very poor and that any idea of our Society producing such a catalogue will have to be dropped. The Society has insufficient funds to finance such a project on a speculative basis so we would have to rely on financial support from members. This has not been forthcoming however, there is no point in proceeding further.

Members who have already sent money to Basil will have had it returned by now with our thanks and regrets.

All is not lost, however, since two of our American members

are, through the auspices of the American Perfins Club, starting researching for an illustrated catalogue of G.B. We quote from the American Perfins Club bulletin,

"Dr. Harvey G. Tiles (851) and Robert McKee (900) are doing research for an illustrated catalog of British Perfins. They have already compiled data on about 7000 patterns, but they estimate that there are another 3000 patterns they have not yet catalogued. Most of these are of the pre-1915 variety; the modern material has been well covered."

This item which appeared in the October 1971 issue, went on to say that Dr. Tiles would like to hear from anyone with pre-1915 material with a view to checking this against the information already to hand.

In the November 1971 issue the following appeared,

"In the next issue, we hope to publish an illustrated worksheet of all the known British Perfins beginning with the letter 'I'. If the response to this plan is favorable, we will consider publishing illustrated worksheets of all the British Perfins as space is available. Members will be asked to make whatever additions to each worksheet they can."

We have not yet seen the December issue of The Perfins Club bulletin but Basil Tomkins is writing to Dr. Tiles offering to co-operate by providing material from this side of the Atlantic. It is envisaged that Basil could act as co-ordinator of any material provided by U.K. members.

We will report on this further in our next issue.

#### THIS MONTH'S CONTENTS

Two pages of general interest - 2 sheets.  
Pages 54a, 54b, 54c of the Officials Catalogue - 3 sheets  
Pages 43a & 43b of Officials Catalogue - 2 sheets  
One page of "New Identities".  
Page E5, F4 & G4 of Identities Catalogue - 3 sheets.  
Railway Worksheets 11 & 12 - 2 sheets.

That is it for this issue. We could certainly do with some contributions from other sources in addition to those from Miss Thornton and Basil Tomkins. Before many more issues have gone by we shall have completed all available material on the Officials and that will create a vacuum.

Can anyone suggest a new project? We have one or two ideas ourselves but all entail more work than we are able to cope with alone. Can anyone help?

Mr B. Pritt has kindly written to inform me about his examples of perfins on Russian stamps, and he has also lent me copies of the Journal published by the British Society of Russian Philately which have reference to them.

In reply to a query in the "British Journal of Russian Philately" in 1954 about "Perforated Initials and Number on Romanov Stamps" there was an answer given in the Journal No. 14/15 May 1954. I am pleased to have permission to quote this as follows:

"While several members wrote stating that these are Officials, we are indebted to Mr. Worth for the following information regarding their use."

"Tsarist Russia had no Postage Due stamps, and if a letter was underpaid the amount due, as usual double the amount of the underpayment was collected by the postman when he delivered the letter. If the addressee refused to pay, the letter was taken back by the postman to the post office. In this way there was a check on the amount collected by every postman, for on coming back to the post office he had to hand over the money or the returned letter. Every day, the amounts so collected in cash by the postman of a particular post office were entered in a book and stamps to the value of the total amount were affixed in the book. These stamps were perforated with the initial of the post office and tied with a dated postmark to the page of the book. In most cases these stamps were of high denomination to make up the large amount collected and entered in the book. As the total amount collected in a day would probably come to an odd figure, say 26 Rub. 28 kop., the 28 kop. would have to be in small denomination stamps and the 26 Rub. made up of the highest denomination stamps to save space in the accounting book.

"Mr. Werth says he has various stamps with these perforations which are by no means uniform, either in position or shape of the perforated letters, e.g.

B.K. sideways (vert.) on 15 kop. Romanov 7-10-13  
(B.K. = W Office)

M.P. over V sideways (horizontal) on 2 Rub. Romanov  
(Moscow General Post Office)

Note "V" is the Roman five. Date not clear.

M.P. over 1 vertical on 5 Rub. Romanov. Postmark  
Moscow 7-7-14

M.P. over 66 horizontal on 3 Rub. Romanov. Postmark  
Moscow 23-9-13.

M.P. over 19 vertical on 5 Rub. Romanov. Postmark  
Moscow 22-5-15

When the postmark is clear, the number of the office is repeated at the bottom of the postmark.

"While all the above are on Romanov stamps, Mr. Werth says he remembers seeing this type of perforation on the arms type stamps. He mentions that the last stamp above is in copper-red ink and must have been one of the last printings.

"In all his copies the figures "1" has a stroke to the figure, whereas in the example given in Notes and Queries the "11" is without strokes. It must be a Roman "2".

"During the Revolution these books were pilfered from the post office archives and the stamps torn out and sold to dealers, thus finding their way to collectors. The same thing happened to the Post Office Savings books in which amounts deposited were accounted for by Saving and stamps and cancelled with an ordinary postmark. When later the Saving and Control stamps were used as postage stamps, it became impossible to tell if a used stamp was from a letter or a savings book,"

"Mr. Werth thinks that as a general rule the post offices tried to use for accounting purposes stamps which were not in big demand, or which were to be taken out of circulation or which had some error. The Finnish stamp S.G.146 3½ Rub. yellow and black was withdrawn and used almost entirely (with but few exceptions) for inter-postal reckoning purposes. The Finnish authorities used a special postmark for this purpose and the stamps are easily recognisable as having been used in this way.

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There was a further note in the Journal dated April 1955.

"The question on Perforated initials on Romanov stamps in Journal No 11 was answered in Journal 14/15. I have also been shown a Russian Levant stamp No-87b perforated with the letters OII about 7 mm high, which is suggested might stand for "Orientalnya Potcha" (Mr. B. Pritt notes the name as Odessa Potohta).

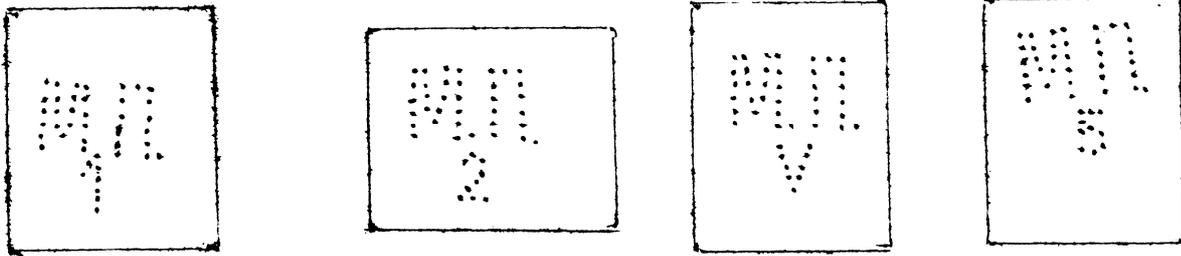
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Mr. B. Pritt has also sent me the following information which he received from Leningrad. His correspondent writes,

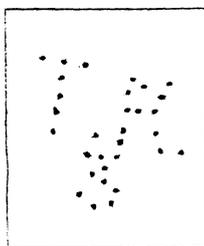
"In the Petrograd Journal "Philatelia" for the year 1917 No.3, page 26 was a small article entitled "Latest

News", and that instead of postmarking the stamps they were perforated as precancels". His correspondant knows of Russian stamps, 1909-1917 issue, used for pre-payment of money transfers and parcels.

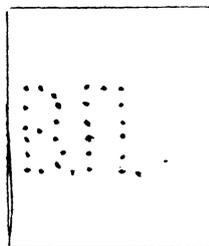
"In his own collection, he writes, that he possesses similar Moscow perfins from 1-66 with some omissions, as well as 1 Rub. Romanov issue with "Kiev" perfin, as well as stamps-of the 1909-17 issue with Polish perfin "ZAPLACONO". He has some Sov:Let stamps with perfin, saying "paid" and "handed over" (in Russian)."



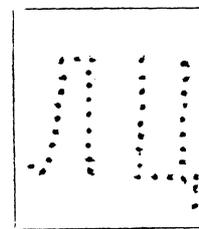
A few examples of MOSCOW. Other numbers reported by Mr. Pritt are:- 3, 6, V1, 9, 10, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 35, 40, 55, 66.



TIFLIS  
Kontora  
Also 1 and 2



VLADIVOSTOK



LODZ CENTRAL

Mr. Pritt's own examples are from the set S.G. 92-106 and 107-123 as well as 77 and 78. The postmarks range from 1913 to 1920.





NEW IDENTITIES RECEIVED

From Mr J.G. Wright:

204.2	WD/&S	16,11/14,10	5 (III)	Wm Dawson & Sons Ltd. London, E.C.4.
9	SA (Monogram)	23	11	Salvationist Publishing & Supplies Ltd. London, WCI.

From Mr Tomkins:

85.1	CB/Ld	7,11/6,6	4½	Curles & Chamberlins Wholesale. Norwich.
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From Mr K Rymer Young:

147.12	B&Co	14,14,8,6	5 (111)	Braden & Company Ltd. London, S.E.
509.1	CMS/D	7,11,10/9	4½	Church Missionary Society London, E.C.4.
803.2	S/W	10/14	5	J.H. Simpson & J.R. Watkins Ltd. London, SE.
817	S&W/Ld	9,14,11/6,7	4½	- ditto -
1.10	A	17	10	Agfa Photo Limited.
1.40	A	10	5½	1.W.H. Allen Sons & Co. Ld. Bedford. 2.Allders Limited. Croydon. 3.J.J. Allen Limited Bournemouth.

14.1	A.C.P./C°	10,10,10/10,6	6	Anglo Continental Produce Company Ltd.
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162	A/D	8/9	4½	Amalgamated Dairies Ltd. London, . S.E.1.
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228	A.F/C°.	10,8/8,6	5½	Alfred Field & Co. Ltd. Birmingham.
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154	ACT	10,8,7	6	A.C. Thomson. Glasgow.
276.2	A/H		4½	Archbishop's House Westminster, S.W.1.

290	A.H/&/S	10,11/13/11	4½	Abel Hayward & Sons Ltd. Manchester.
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385.1	A/M	8/11	4½	Addressograph & Multigraph Ltd. London, N.W.2.
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424	AN/P	11,14/11	5½	Allied Newspapers Ltd.
446.2	AP	8,8	4½	Apollinaris Co., Ltd.

447	A.P	10,10	5	) Anglo Portugese Colonial and Overseas Bank.
448	A..P	10,10	5	

484	ARROL	10,12,12,10,7	5	Ø Sir William Arrol & Co Ld. Glasgow.
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493	A.S.	10,11	5½	Armstrong Stevens & Son Ltd. Birmingham.
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ADDITIONAL IDENTITIES - E

25.4	EB	10,14	5	Ø Elliott Brothers (London) Ltd.
151	EF	9,7	4½	Eden Fisher & Co.Ltd., London EC
153.2	E&F	10,14,8	5 (III)	Elliott & Fry, London W.
217	EIA	10,5,10	4½	The Earlswood Asylum, London Bridge.
262	E.L/&Co	10,7/14,8,6	4½(III)	Ed.Lazard & Co., London
273	E.L/&S	10,7/15,13	5½(IIIb)	E.Lazenby & Sons Ltd., London S .E .
276.1	ELW	9,6,12	4½	Evans Sons Lescher & Webb Ltd., London EC1
277.1	EL/W	9,5/12	4½	do. do, do.
411.1	ES	9,9	4½	Ernest Stevens Ltd., Cradley Heath.
416.3	ESA	10,10,10	5 (x12½mm)	Educational Supply Assoc. Ltd., London EC
470.3	ETC	9,6,7	5½	The Eastern Telearaph Co.Ltd.
491.1	EU/DC	9,8/9,7	4½	The Treasurer & Adcount- ant, Enfield.

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ADDITIONAL IDENTITIES - F

312	FB/&C°.	8,13/13,8,6	5½(III)	Fownes Bros.& Co., London EC.
43.2	FB/Ld	8,14/7,7	4½	Fuerst Bros.& Co.Ltd., London EC3
70	FC/EW	8,8/10,14	5	Fraser & Chalmers Engin- eering Works, Erith.
91	FC/SD	8,8/10,11	5	Francis Chapman Sons & Deekes Ltd., London WC 2
179	F.H/&C	8,10/ ??	5	Furley Hallet & Creary, Ashford, Kent.
300	F.N/&S	8,13/13,10	5½	F.Newton & Sons, Sheffield
318	F.P.	8,9	6	Frederick Penberthy, London
332	FPN	8,9,13	4½	Footman Pretty & Nicholson Ipswich
333	F.P/&N	8,11/14,13	4½(III)	do. do. do.
370.2	F&S	8,12,10	4½(IIIa)	Fordham & Son, London N.
370.5	F&S	8,14,10	4½(I)	B.Fordham & Sons Ltd., London N.1
375	F.S/&C°.	8,11/13,8,6	5½(III)	F.Steiner & Co.Ltd., Manchester
437.3	FW/&Co	8,14/12,8,6	5/4½	F.Warren & Co., London EC
441	FW/&Co/L	8,14/12,8,6/6,7	4½(IIIa)	do. do.

ADDITIONAL IDENTITIES - G

1.3	G	9	5	R.W.Greef & Co.Ltd., Little Hadham, Herts.
1.7	G	10	6	L.Gardner & Sons Ltd., Patricroft, Eccles, Manchester
1.15	G	11	7½(5mm wide)	Glasgow Corporation
9.1	GA/Co	9,8/7,4	4½	George Angus & Co.Ltd., Newcastle -on-Tyne
97.3	G&Co	11,14,9,6	5(III)	Gregory & Co., Bedford Row, London
191.1	G&G	9,12,9	4(Ia)	Hachette Gotch Ltd., London E.C.4
238.2	GHS/K	10,12,10/10	5½	G.Hattersley & Sons Ltd., Keighley.
347	G.M.S	10,15,10	5	George Jence Smith Ltd., London S .E .15
348	G/M/S	9/11/9	4½	do. do.
397.2	GP/Co	10,10/8,4	5	Grace Brothers & Co.Ltd., London. E.C.3.
427	GR&Co	10,11,14,8,4	4½(I)	Gregory Rowcliffe & Co., London W.C.
446.1	GS	9,9	4½	Glasgow South Co-op.Soc. Ltd., Glasgow C5
447.2	G&S	10,14,10	4½(III)Ø	John J.Griffin & Son Ltd., London W.C.
458.3	GS/&C°.	10,13/13,8,6	5 (III)Ø	George Salter & Co,Ltd., West Bromwich
458.4	GS/&C°.	10,13/14,8,6	4½(III)	do. do.
481	G&S/S	10,14,10/10	4½(III)	John J.Griffin & Sons Ltd., Kingsway, London WC
542.2	GW/A	10,14/10	5	George Wills & Sons Ltd., London E.C.2

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RAILWAY WORKSHEET No. 12

London Brighton & South Coast Railway

Die III LB/SC

Stamps

Postmarks

6,12/10,9

QV Jubilee ½d

Guildford

Dot above 'C'

1d lilac

Haywards heath

EVII ½d, 1d

London

Redhill

Lewes

Heathfield

Portsmouth

Earliest date seen; Nov. 20 1891

Latest date seen; Apr. 7 1905

Die IV LB/SC

8,15/11,9

QV Jubilee ½d

Heathfield Tower

Dot above 'C'

1d lilac

Earliest date seen;

Latest date seen;

Die V LB/SC

6,12/10,9

EVII ½d

Portsmouth

Heathfield

Die 1 with dot

above 'C' missing?

Earliest date seen; Jun 22 1905

Latest date seen;

Die VI L.B/S.C

7,14/11,8

EVII ½d

Rudgwick

Ju 2 06

Die VII LB/SC

7,14/11,8

EVII ½d, 1d

Hailsham

Die VI with stops

Burgess Hill

missing?

GV (Lion) ½d, 1d

Forest Hill

GV (1912-22) 1d

Portsmouth

Earliest date; Oct 21 1909

Latest date; 6 Jan 1915

Name . . . . .