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NEW MEMBERS

We have two new members to welcome into the Society.
Mr J.H.J. King
Mr D. Bartlett

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Messrs. Broome & Ward have lapsed.
Miss Norah Wright has moved

SOCIETY TREASURER

We are sad to announce that Richard husband has to resign from the office of Treasurer due to an eye complaint which has caused him to severely curtail close work. We would like to express our gratitude on behalf of all members, for the excellent job, Richard has done during the past five years, and we hope that his affliction will not prevent enjoyment of his other hobbies.

Michael Rucklidge offered to take over the office of Treasurer as soon as he learned of Richard's decision and the changeover will be effective from the end of November. Would members please ensure that all monies sent to the Society to arrive after 29th November 1975 should be sent to Michael Rucklidge rather than Richard Husband?

LONDON MEETING

A further meeting has been arranged in London on Saturday 29th November between 2 - 6pm at the National Liberal Club, in the Large Oak Room. We hope that the meeting will be well attended and we particularly look forward to seeing some of our newer members there.

Please come along and introduce yourselves, the meeting is quite informal.

PERFIN PRICES NOTED

Bournemouth Stamp Auctions 30th July 1975

Lot 353. 1902-13 K.E.VII1 : 2/6d (30) all perforated "GNR" and nearly all with violet "EXAMINED" cancellation; and 1913-18 2/6d,(21) fiscally used (51)

Price realised £20

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

Our surplus of only 92 for the year ended 31st August 1975 is largely attributable to the increase in the cost of producing and posting the Bulletin. Despite our small surplus in 1974/75 and our expected deficit in the year 1975/76, the annual subscription remains at £1 since the Society's resources are not required to finance the production of any publications in the immediate future.

Membership Cards will be sent out with the Bulletin in future, and this action should save about £10 in cost in 1975/76.

Membership is very slightly increased at 121.

Members living overseas and sending money or cheques in currencies other than Sterling should be prepared to suffer bank charges in the U.K. of approximately £0.30 and should remit sufficient funds to cover both their subscription and the bank charges.

This is my last report as Hon. Treasurer as I have to resign through ill-health. The five and a half years I have held this Office have been very happy ones for me and I wish my successor, Michael Rucklidge all the best in his additional task as Treasurer.

My resignation takes effect from 29th November, 1975 and I would ask all, members living in North America, South Africa, and Australia to send their subscriptions to Michael and not to me as they are likely to arrive in Britain after I have resigned and handed over the books.

RICHARD HUSBAND.

INDIAN PERFINs

Member A.K. Bayanwala

requests that anyone having information on Indian perfins, either supplementary or additional to his list published in our March/April issue, should write to him with details.

Information is sought on stamp issues as well as perfin dies and Xerox copies of hitherto unrecorded types would be much appreciated. Indian States are also included in his reseaches.

ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE

The latest news from Harvey Tilles is that a change to the format of catalogue giving it a black background to enhance its appearance, has necessitated the use of costlier paper resulting in an increase in the prepayment cost to \$35 U.S.

For members who wish to purchase by instalments the first batch of pages will cost \$10. Subsequent instalments will be priced according to the number of pages but it should be borne in mind that purchase by the instalment plan will be dearer in the long run.

Harvey reported a total of 70 subscribers as of August 3rd with only 10 from Europe.

We received no information on progress of publication so are unable to report any expected publication dates.

POSTAL AUCTION NEWS

Prices Realised - August 15th 1975

<u>Lot</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>£</u>
1	0.10	27	1.60	53	0.95	79	0.10
2	0.20	28	1.60	54	1.20	80	0.10
3	0.35	29	0.20	55	2.00	81	0.25
4	0.10	30	0.50	56	0.55	82	0.55
5	0.20	31	0.35	57	0.50	83	0.30
6	0.20	32	0.40	58	0.15	84	0.15
7	0.35	33	0.15	59	0.40	85	0.20
8	0.10	34	2.35	60	0.30	86	0.15
9	0.35	35	0.45	61	0.15	87	0.30
10	0.35	36	0.30	62	0.25	88	0.60
11	0.25	37	0.35	63	0.25	89	0.40
12	0.25	38	0.20	64	0.30	90	0.20
13	0.35	39	0.25	65	0.30	91	0.40
14	0.40	40	0.35	66	0.20	92	0.20
15	0.50	41	0.35	67	0.40	93	0.15
16	0.20	42	0.25	68	0.35	94	0.15
1T	0.20	43	0.10	69	1.25	95	0.15
18	0.65	44	0.15	70	1.35	96	0.15
19	0.75	45	0.20	71	1.90	97	1.00
20	0.25	46	0.25	72	0.45	98	0.35
21	0.20	47	0.20	73	0.40	99	0.45
22	0.30	48	0.18	74	0.40	100	0.50
23	0.25	49	0.20	75	0.45	101	0.30
24	3.30	50	0.35	76	0.50	102	0.50
25	0.25	51	0.25	77	0.85	103	0.20
26	0.60	52	0.20	78	0.25		

Total Realised £47.03
Postal Expenses .55
10% Commission 4.70
Paid to Vendors £41.78

E. Francombe
Hon. Auctioneer.

Next Auction

Given the support, Ted Francombe hopes to hold an auction twice a year with the next taking place earlyy in 1976. It is proposed that the closing date for lots for our next auction be 31st December 1975 so that the auction list can be published in our Jan/Feb 1976 issue.

Let Ted have your support and send him your duplicate perfins before the end of the year.

PERFINS FOR SALE

Q.E. II. on paper mostly, mainly Machins and a fair amount of duplication, but a reasonable spread of denominations.

500 for £1.25 just as they come.

Ron Bowman

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership Cards will be accompanying this issue for all those members who are paid up for 1975/76, and Remittance Advice Notes for all those yet to pay. Please return the latter with your subscription as soon as possible.

Cards for those members renewing after publication of this issue will be included with our next number.

WHO KNOWS THE ANSWER?

1. With reference to Bob Schwerdt's queries in our last issue, Chris Tennant offers the followingo

B.B,	Cat. B.41.1	Baring Brothers & Co., Ltd. London.
C.B.	Cat. C.47.4	The Colonial Bank London.
C.B.I.	Cat. C.78/78.2	Chartered Bank of India
C.L.	Cat. C421.6	Credit Lyonnais S.A.
I.B.H.L.	Cat. I.13	International Bank of London.

Chris has all these companies' cancellations on Foreign Bill stamps from 1857.

2. In an earlier issue we queried the use of 'LB/&Co' by The Chestergate Hat Manufacturing Company. Frank Summers says that in Kelly's Directory for 1958, there is no reference to this Company but under 'Ladies Hat Manufacturers' a company called Lincoln, Bennett & Co., Ltd., 68, Brewer Street, London, W.1. is listed. Frank suggested that there may be some connection between the two companies.

3. Ron Bowman has several pieces containing various combinations of Q.E.II denominations. In every case all values except the 4p are perforated RB/15 (or is it RB/13 - a vital pin is missing). The 4p stamp is perforated 05/18 in each case. Can anyone explain this use of numerals?

4. Another query. From Chris Tennant. He has two Irish stamps - S.G. 71 and S.G. 72 ' perforated GWR die 111. The perfins are well centred so there is no missing 'M' as in M/GWR. Can some explain this usage?

IDENTITIES CATALOGUE

Despite our promise in the last issue we have still not managed to get stencils for further catalogue pages in time for this issue. Basil Tomkins tells us that he is once again in a position to cut the stencils himself and it is proposed that he should do so from now on, so the future looks a bit brighter in that respect.

Newer members may be interested to learn that the Editor can supply back pages comprising a complete Identities Catalogue of G.B. perfins at £1.20.

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Four pages of general interest - 4 sheets
Society Accounts - 1 sheet
Article 'Bushire Official?' - 1 sheet.
Article 'Royal Niger Company' 2 sheets.
Pages 33 & 34 of Railway listing - 2 sheets.
Page F.N.6 of Full Names listing - 1 sheet.
Pages 2, 3, 4, & 5 of Perfin Abstracts - 4 sheets.

We apologise for The badly corrected errors in the earlier pages This was caused by an inefficient correcting fluid allowing both the error and the correction to be printed.

THE SECURITY ENDORSEMENT & PERFIN SOCIETY OF G.B.
Balance Sheet at 31st August, 1975

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1974</u>
Balance 1st September 1974	272	217
Accumulated Exchange Packet Profit to 31:8:73	-	8
Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	2	47
Balance 31st August 1975	<u>£274</u>	<u>£272</u>
 <u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>		
<u>Assets</u>		
Office machinery at cost	36	36
Less: Depreciation	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>
 Premium Bonds:	 1	 1
(70k574681-50, 90b827951-828100)	200	200
Members' Current Accounts	1	1
Debtors & Prepayments	12	14
Cash & Bank Balances	145	113
	<u>£359</u>	<u>£329</u>
 <u>LESS: LIABILITIES</u>		
Members' Current Accounts	76	52
Creditors & Accrued Charges	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>
	85	57
	<u>£274</u>	<u>£272</u>

R.R. Husband, A.C.A.
Hon Treasurer.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUG. 1975

<u>INCOME</u>		
Subscriptions	125	117
Sales of Publications	6	3
Auction Commission	5	-
Exchange Packet Profits	6	14
Donations	-	4
	<u>£142</u>	<u>£138</u>
 <u>LESS: EXPENDITURE</u>		
<u>Cost of Bulletins & Publications</u>		
Duplicating costs	54	29
Postage & envelopes	63	42
	<u>£117</u>	<u>£71</u>
 <u>Administrative Expenses</u>		
Meeting expenses	5	3
B.P.A. Affiliation Fee	3	3
Postage and Sundry Expenses:		
Treasurer	8	8
Other Officers	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>£140</u>	<u>£57</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>£2</u>	<u>£47</u>

Notes To The Accounts At 31st August 1975

1. Expenditure on stationery, duplicating materials and included in the Accounts for year in which they are purchased.
2. The cumulative Exchange Packet profits amounted to £28 at 31st August, 1975. There is a contingent liability not exceeding the cumulative profits for the value of packets which are lost or damaged while completing their circuit.

A BUSHIRE OFFICIAL?

By M.J. Burrows

The Persian sea-port of Bushire was occupied by the British on the 8th August 1915. In the autumn, the Viceroy of India addressed the Indian Legislative Council and announced that the occupation would continue until the Persian Government were able to get their house in order. A new Persian Governor took over the control of Bushire on 16th October 1915, thereby bringing the British occupation to a close.

During the occupation various Persian stamps that were on hand were overprinted, proliably by native labour, on a small hand press obtained from the British Residency. However, the so called officials have never been, to my knowledge, given catalogue status.

On page 248 of volume 25 of the Philatelist can be found an illustration of a strip of three of the official stamp. Of interest to perfin collectors is the fact that this apparently unused strip is perforated with the letter "F". It is unfortunate that the overprinting does not allow the perfin to reproduce very clearly.

This rare item was part of the marvellous 1914-18 War Stamp collection formed by the Marquess of Bute. The second portion of which was auctioned by Robson Lowe on 20th May 1959.

THE ROYAL NIGER COMPANY CHARTERED & LIMITED

By M.J. Burrows

In 1972 member Jack Brandt had an article published in the Perfins Club Bulletin entitled:

"AKASSA AND THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY PERFINS"

Hopefully that one day I might be lucky enough to come across an example of this unusual use of a fairly common G.B. perfin, I have very carefully checked all the copies that have come my way for the tell-tale postmark. This hope has, finally become a reality with the discovery of a Q.V. 2½d Jubilee used in Akassa.

As there were no supplies of stamps available in the Niger Territories, The Royal Niger Company purchased various quantities of the Q.V. 1881-87 issues, values ½d to 2/6d, and had them forwarded, in parcels of £500 value, to the main trading station Akassa. This was the chief post town, the post office opening at the end of 1887. The purchase of British stamps for use in the Territory was to overcome the annoying, and costly, double fee surcharge that was levied by the post office of a foreign country for handling an unstamped postal item.

At first, the transmission fee was 6d and before the Company purchased its own stamps, an arrangement with the British Post Office was made, whereby if a letter was rubber handstamped by The Royal Niger Company a fee of only 6d was collected upon delivery. Any unmarked mail without the handstamp could be subject to a 1/- surcharge. By 1892 the transmission rate had been reduced to 2½d per half ounce.

Internal letters between The Royal Niger Company's employees were carried without charge. Mail between missions, traders and strangers was carried by The Royal Niger Company's agents but at a special parcel handling fee. Any other concern having the need to use the external mail service soon saw that to avoid the heavy surcharge a supply of stamps was needed.

Die. 1

Die. 2

Die. 3

Two perfins are known on G.B. stamps originating from Akassa,

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|----------------------|---|
| 1. C.M.S. (Fig.1) | Church Missionary Society |
| 2. UN/Co (Figs. 2&3) | A trading company operating within the Territory, identity unknown. |

S.E.P.S.

R.N.C.1.

From the above information it will be apparent that G.B. stamps originating from the Territory may be cancelled on arrival at a British port, say Liverpool or Southampton (or even foreign post offices such as Portuguese) as well as the Akassa postmarks that can be found illustrated in Gibbons catalogues.

Details of all the known examples of perfins so far reported are:

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|----------|-----|---|
| 1. C.M.S | 2½d | (S.G. 201 : Scott 114)
Cancelled 466 at Liverpool with Akassa rubber stamp to the left dated 11 DEC 95 (S.G. Type 4). This item is illustrated in The Philatelist volume 25, being offered for auction by Robson Lowe, as part of the fwilliam 'C. Hinde' collection. 14th January 1959. |
| 1a C M.S | | Jack Brandt collection, Akassa 22 JUL 97 (S.G. Type 4). Another example with the same pin missing is known, date not clear. |
| 1b C.M S | 5d | (S.G, 207a : Scott 118)
Listed by Jack Brandt, cancelled Akassa 24 JUL 96 (S.G. Type 5). Note the different missing pin. |

In my own collection I have the following UN/Co dies cancelled at Southampton. From a map of that area it will be seen that the Oxford Street Branch Office was in the dock area. Other examples of these two perfins are known postmarked at London.

At present, however, the list that follows must be regarded as suspect.

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| 2. UN/Co (Fig. 2) | 2½d | (S.G. 201 : Scott 114)
Cancelled OXFORD STREET B.O.
SOUTHAMPTON MAY 19 87 |
| 2a. UN/Co (Fig. 3) | 1d | (S.G. 172 ; Scott 89)
OXFORD ST. BO. SOUTHAMPTON date not clear. |
| | 2½d. | (S.G. 201 : Scott 114)
LISBON (Portugal) date not clear.
OXFORD ST. BO. SOUTHAMPTON 16 MY 98 |

To summarize,

G.B. used in the Niger Territories:

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1d (S.G. 172 : Scott 89) | 1 possible. |
| 2½d (S.G. 201 : Scott 118) | 3 examples plus 2 possibles. |
| 5d (S.G. 207a: Scott 118) | 1 example only. |

S.E.P.S.

R.N.C.2.

TOTTENHAM & FOREST GATE RAILWAY

This line was incorporated by special act in 1890 and operated as a separate company until merged into the London, Midland, & Scottish Railway in 1923.

T F	9,7		This die was reported in Mr Jennings' book but has not been confirmed by anyone else.
G R	10,11	5mm	

T F	9,9	5mm	Reported by Mr K. Rymer Young who has it on Q.V, 1d lilac with London E.C. postmark and dated 28:6:1901.
G R	11,12		

T F	6,7	5½mm	Reported by Mr Mackie identified on cover with King Edward VII 1d red, London E.C, postmark and dated 21:4:1909.
G R	10,10		

0005 continued

In the listing perfin 16 should read N./PA not N./AP. The perfins "Seven hole dot" and T.X. were loaned to Maxa by Jack Brandt.

0006 A Checklist of Texas Perfins

Pfalser I. & Walker F.A.

Perfins Bulletin. June 1973, 26, (6), 9 - 11

A list of all known perfins used in Texas provides us with 92 patterns, all identified by both user and catalogue no. A rarity factor is quoted also.

0007 Perfins Machinery

Stump D.

Perfins Bulletin Oct. 1973, 26, (9), 1& 5-6.

The various different types of perforating machine which have been used to produce perfins are described and a Czech, single die perforator is illustrated.

0008 Officials Perforated "O.H.M.S."

Lyman R.W.

Lyman's British North America Retail Catalogue 1972, 55.

A one page, simplified list of Canadian OHMS perfins is given. Prices are for used "5 hole" issues (up to about 1939) and both mint and used "4 hole" issues. Whilst not nearly as comprehensive as Wrigley's catalogue (0009) it has the virtue of being an annual and the latest editions should, therefore, have up to date prices.

0009 Canadian Postage Staaps Perforated, and Over-Printed OHMS and

Wrigley R.

5th Ed. 1972

This very comprehensive catalogue begins with their background and then lists all known stamps perforated OHMS, prices being given for each known position (inverted, reversed etc.) as well as double and treble perfins.

0010 Embossed Stamps with Advertising Rings
Huggins A.K.
British Postal Stationery. 1971, 167-171
Pub. Great Britain Philatelic Society. London
Considered nowadays to have served the same
purpose as perfins, advertising rings were either
printed at the same time as the stamp (so-called
official issues) or subsequently on finished envelopes
(private issues). Huggins lists all known rings and
indicates which embossed stamps they are found with.

0011 Officials a) Punctured
Neil D.M.
The 1d King George V Australian Commonwealth
Stamps. 1947, 68 - 70
Pub. Australian Commonwealth Specialists Society
of Great Britain. London.
A brief but by no means superficial account of
the various government perfins used on this stamp
during the period 1914 - 1937. (OS : G/NSW : OS/NSW
T : VG : WA)

0012 A Catalog of the Perfins of Bulgaria
Maxa V.
Perfins Bulletin, Oct. 1974, 27, (9), 3 - 6
This brief article details the official
sanctioning of Bulgarian perfins in 1901 and also the
unofficial P L perfin used in 1894. There are only
twelve different perfins from this country and ten of
these are identified.

0013 B. F. Cummins Co Perforated Corner Card
(Crow R.)
Perfins Bulletin, Oct. 1974, 27, (9), 8.
An illustration is shown of a cover from the B.F.
cummins Co (Manufacturers of perforating machinery)
which is perforated through the left hand corner "The
B F Cummins Co Chicago." The cover bears a BFC
perfinned stamp.

0014 "Catalogue" Value Versus "Perfint" Value

Walker F.A. & Stump D.C.

Perfins Bulletin, Nov-Dec. 1974, 27, (10), 2 - 4

The article is divided into two parts, one by each of the authors, setting out his own views on the vexing question "what relationship is there between the value of a perfin and the value of the stamp on which it appears". Although they both agree that generally, a common perfin detracts about 90% from the value of a stamp, several exceptions are quoted to "prove the rule".

0015 U.S. LB Perfin used to Cancel a Credit Note

(Kloss B.)

Perfins Bulletin, Nov-Dec. 1974, 27, (10), 5

A credit note (illustrated) in the form of a post card has the U.S. perfin LB (L-34) Lane Bryant, perforated across its centre apparently to cancel it or possibly to validate the card. This perfin is also found on stamps.

0016 What are Perfins for - except to collect?

Perfins Bulletin Nov-Dec. 1974, 27, (10), 5

A brief note about two burglars caught in possession of SP and SP & S perfins. (U.S.A. Railroads)

0017 Hungarian Stamps with Official Punching - Some Corrected Data

Ettre L.S.

Perfins Bulletin. Nov-Dec 1974, 27, (10), 6 - 7

Between 1921 and 1924 many of the current Hungarian stamps were perforated with a triangle of three holes, only two rows of each sheet being so perforated. Mr. Ettre shows, with the aid of four drawings the positions of the perforated rows in the sheets and corrects some old misconceptions.

- 0018 The Perfins of Iowa
Clark F.
Perfins Bulletin, Nov-Dec, 1974, 27, (10), 8-9
An alphabetical checklist of the perfins of Iowa including the catalogue number rarity factor and user with an indication of those still in use.
- 0019 Perfin Collectors are not necessarily crazy
Regnier C.H.
Perfins Bulletin. Nov-Dec. 1974, 27, (10), 10
Reprinted from Perfins, Aug. 1948, 4, (3), 1
Even today with hundreds of members in the SEPS and Perfins Club, many people look, incredulous when told you collect perfins. Regnier illustrates with two nice anecdotes that things were just as bad in 1948.
- 0020 Panama - Pacific-International Exposition Company
(Crow R.)
Perfins Bulletin. Nov-Dec. 1974, 27, (10), 12
A cover showing the PPL/EC° (USA P 188) perfin on cover with the corner card of the Panama - Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco 1915, and Postmarked with the model post office cancel is illustrated.
- 0021 Schermack Perfins
Travell W.
Perfins Bulletin Nov-Dec. 1974, 27, (10), 18.
Partial reprint from Perfins, July 1948.
Normally the Schermack perfin is derived from a nine-hole square with up to five holes absent to denote different users. (An exception to this is Schermack's own perfin - a hollow square consisting of four holes on each side). The author wonders how many combinations could exist giving rise to different perfins.
- 0022 Perfins of Prance
Prins J.
Perfins Bulletin. Jan. 1975, 28, (1), 23-4
A reprint, in revised format, of an earlier article by Mr. Prins. Well illustrated but rather