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NEW MEMBERS

The following members have joined our ranks in recent weeks and we are pleased to welcome them into the Society.

Mr J. Eldridge

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REINSTATED

Guy Ubaghs has now renewed his subscription and we are very happy to reinstate him as a member in good standing.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Mr J. Johnson has the new address

W.O.1. Parkhurst has moved

Mr Rowlands

CHANGE OF NAME

Mrs Marion Turnock recently remarried and now is Mrs Marion Cox. We wish her every happiness with her new partner.

AUCTION

The Spring Auction is now complete and the lucky bidders will have received their lots from Ted Francombe. Soon Ted will be looking for more lots for the Autumn Auction so now is the time to start digging out your spare material.

WHO KNOWS THE ANSWER?

Basil Tomkins poses the following query which was sent in by Mrs Rosemary Smith,

Cat. No.158 S..C/Ld 11,8/7,7 5½mm 1½d dark brown K.G.Vl on part cover postmarked 30/4/38 with a portion of the senders address still showing as opposite. ...OCKPORT.

Basil suggests that it is probably Simon Carves Ltd., Cheadle Heath, Stockport. Can anyone confirm?

PERFINS FOR SALE

Ron Bowman has a further supply of Q.E.II perfins, on paper, mainly machin but a fair sprinkling of Wildings. Offered just-as-they-come out of the box at,

500 for £1.25 post free 1000 for £2.25 post free.

10% will be added to cover damaged.

OFFICIALS WORKSHEETS

Having finally caught up with the backlog and collated all the information returned on Worksheets to-date, we are now in a position to accept more data.

Worksheets will be going out with this and our next few issues which will give details of the information requested. Would members please make a return to Ron Bowman no matter how little information they have. Even a nil return can be useful in assess rarity factors.

It is hoped that we shall be in a position to publish a handbook similar to the Railways Catalogue next Spring.

PERFIN PRICES

Prices realised for perfins in the Mercia Auction for June 1977,

Q.V, ld Plate 225 Good used T&H £19
S.G. 129 £1 Good used EB/&Co £105
S.G. 185 £1 Good used WS/SG £40
" " " Good used HJB £37

Philip Butcher.

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SEEKING SLOPERS

By Mike J. Burrows.

To speculate what issues would have been available to Joseph Sloper from the Head Office of Inland Revenue at Somerset House, from 13th March 1868, the official beginning of the perfin method of security endorsement, to the end of his monopoly on 31st August 1872, is not an easy task.

It is at this point that one really appreciates the pioneer work already published by researchers of the Charles Jennings calibre. Of course one must not forget the person that offers the small tit-bit of information as and when it comes to hand.

By collating data scattered about the philatelic press, monographs and catalogues, the following is arrived at.

At the beginning of 1868, eleven different denominations of stamps for postal purposes were deemed necessary by the Postal Officials. To meet the daily demand many plates of the 1d value were needed to satisfy the print order. In contrast the $1\frac{1}{2}$ d, 10d, 2/- and 5/- required only one plate each.

 1d. Plates 71 to 74, 76, 78 to 125,
 6d. Plates 6, 8, 9,11.

 127, 129 to 158.***
 9d. Plate 4

 1½d. Plate (1)
 10d. Plate 1

 2d. Plates 9, 12, 13, 14
 1/- Plates 4, 5, 6.

 3d. Plates 5, 6, 7, 8.
 2/- Plate 1

 4d. Plates 11, 12.
 5/- Plate 1

To meet the requirements of the Newspaper Post Act, which gave reduced rates on newspapers and book-post, a ½d stamp was issued on 1st October 1870.

%d Plates 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9.

Because of the small size of the image, it soon became apparent that a reduced overall perfin pattern was required. Whether this came about before the end of 1872 has yet to be established. Also as plate 9 was only used in emrgencies, perfins on this plate are scarce.

Another source for examples of Sloper's work is the range of postal stationery. The earliest recorded die is the full-name CORY on a ld pink on blu cut-out, posted in London on 25th January 1870.

Yet further Sloper specimens lie with the collection of revenue stamps. Official sanction for private perfin use being given on 27th June 1870. On revenues two reasons for perfins are known. Besides the obvious security perfin, there is the cancellation device. The earliest cancellation device recorded by the writer is date: device, 20 66 11, which it is presumed stands for 20th November 1866, on an Admiralty Court fiscal. Several other different date devices can also be found.

Although fiscals were in use in about sixteen other departments or sections during this time, only those for Foreign Bill have been seen with perfins for private concerns.

*** Plates 71, 73, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 88 & 91 are not as yet recorded as perfins.

UNWIN BROTHERS LIMITED

UNWIN/BROS 8,11,11,4,11/11,10,8,9 Cat. No-146, (sideways) 3½mm.

Jacob Unwin established the beginnings of The Gresham Press in 1826. A telephone directory for 1885 gives the location as Little Bridge Stree, Ludgate Hill, London, E.C.

Incorporated on July 1st 1901, the directors saw fit to engage their interests in most aspects of the printing industry. This is borne out by the fact that by 1910 the, Company is listed as old style, modern, and music type printers; sterotypers; lithographers; engravers; bookbinders; account book manufacturers; general and export stationers.

The proud possessors of five prize medals, the Gresham Press was located at 27, Pilgrim Street, Ludgate Hill, and at 15, Queen Victoria Street. They also had the St. Martha Printing Works at Woking in Surrey.

By the 1920's the well-known Press was at 6, West Harding Street, London, E.C.4.

A check in directories of the 1960's gives a London, W.C.1. address.

Issues Reported

Queen Victoria 1880-1 1½d.

1d. lilac

Jubilee 2d. vermilion

1½d.

½d. blue-green

Postmarks are known from 22nd November 1897. Woking & Guildford.

Other perfins are known used by this concern:

Cat. No.21 UB 8,11 $4,4\frac{1}{2}$ mm. Cat. No.25.1 UB/L^D 8,11/6,6 $4\frac{1}{2}$ mm. Cat. No.26.1 U.B/L^D 10,15/7,8 $4\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

NOTE: An excellent illustration of UNWIN/BROS is shown on page 20 of John Nelson's book (Fig. 47)

FN/U1

DAVID MACIVER & COMPANY LIMITED

McI 17,7,8 5, 3½ 5mm. Cat. No.128.2

The City of Glasgow Steam Packet Company was founded by David MacIver in 1831. Joined by his younger brother in 1835 they formed Davd MacIver & Company. By 1845 this Company was known as D & C MacIver.

In 1863 the son of Charles Maclver (the second David) joined D & C MacIver, Charles MacIver & Company, and the joint Burns MacIver venture. Leaving after 11 years he established a separate steamship company under the old title of David MacIver & Company.

The association between Burns and MacIver ceased in 1881. In the same year a new company the Birkenhead Shipping Company was formed. Yet another change!

In 1894, trading as David MacIver Sons & Company Limited, with Head Office remaining in Liverpool, it was found appropriate to have a London Office at 22, Billiter Street, E.C.

After the first world war the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company gained an interest, the name reverting back to David Maclver & Company Limited. By 1931 the Company was wholly owned by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.

Issues Reported

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Q.V, ld Plates:
                  101, 107, 117, 118, 120, 121, 122, 123, 125, 129,
                  130, 131, 132, 134, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141,
                  143, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153,
                  154, 155, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 165,
                  166, 167, 169, 171, 172, 173, 174, 176, 179, 180,
                  181, 183, 184, 186, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194,
                  196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 204, 205, 207,
                  213, 221, 222.
                   13, 14, 15.
   %d Plates:
                                            6d Plate: 9
                   14.
                                            1/- Plate: 5
    2d Plate:
    2½d Plates:
                   3, 10, 11, 13, 14.
                                            Telegraph 3d rose.
    3d Plate:
                   14.
                                            1880-81 1d venetian red.
    4d Plate:
                   13.
                                            K.E.Vll 2d yellow-green.
  Postal Stationery: Postcard - Post Office issue: Q.V. 1879 1d
                      brown (without '& IRELAND'), size 3½in x 4½in.
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NOTE: Q.V ld red Plate 122 is known postmarked with the Irish Diamond killer 157 (Queenstown) dated 12. Ap. 71. This early use seems to indicate a Sloper die.

Probably the most common enquiry I receive as S.E.P.S. librarian is for a catalogue of the perfins of a particular country. In some cases the answer is readily obtainable from Perfins Abstracts by checking the entry "Catalogue", under the particular country in question, in the index. Unfortunately, there are more catalogues absent from Perfins Abstracts than are listed in it and this generally means a tedious search through all my files. Accordingly, I have picked out all the catalogues that I know of, whether listed in Perfins Abstracts or not, and have drawn up the following tentative list.

I realise that the list is not complete and I plan to publish ammended lists periodically. If anybody is aware of any additions or corrections I would be pleased to hear from them.

For the purpose of this list, I have used the same criterion that governs my indexing for Perfins Abstracts: a perfins catalogue is any attempt to list all of the perfins of a particular country. Those items already listed in Perfins Abstracts are shown by the inclusion of their abstract number.

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

The perfins of Bosnia and Hercegovina. - J. Prins
Perfins Bull., Sept. 1975, 28, (8), 5 (0108)

BULGARIA

A catalogue of the perfins of Bulgaria. - V. Maxa Perfins Bull., Oct. 1974, 27, (9), 3-6 (0012)

CANADA

Canadian stamps with perforated initials. - R.J. Woolley
British North America Philatelic Society, 1955, pp.32 (0127)
As above but 3rd Edn., 1967, pp.32: plus additions,

Jan. 1973, pp.4 (0050)

CHINA

Perfins of China. - H. Tilles

Harvey Tilles, High Point, U.S.A., 1975, pp.6 (0134)

COLOMBIA

Some perfins of Colombia. - E. Harris

S.E.P.S. Bull., Jan./Feb. 1977, (167), 4 (0191)

CRETE

See GREECE (0227)

CUBA

The perfins of Cuba. - R. Roy

Perfins Bull., Feb. 1977, 30, (2), 3-4 (0206)

CURACAO

see NETHERLANDS

CZECHOSLOVAKTA

Perfins from the territory of Czechoslovakia. - V. Maxa Perfins Club, 1972, pp.57. (+ supplements 1-4, pp.20)

DENMARK

Danske perferoringer. - O. Hansen

Denmark, pp.22

EGYPT

Perfins of the Middle East. - H. Tilles
Harvey Tilles, High Point, U.S.A., 1975, pp.12 (0139)

EIRE

Catalogue of the perfins of Ireland. - N.K. Wright Irish Philately, Mar. 1977, (1), 3-9; June, (2), 25-29; Sept., (3), 54-57

FAROE ISLANDS

Faroe Islands perfins. - L. Bergman
Perfins Bull., May 1977, 30, (5), 4 (0171)

FRANCE

Catalogue des timbres perfores Français - D. Ribault La Frette Sur Seine, 1977, pp.185.

GREAT BRITAIN

Catalogue of identified G.B. perfins. - B. Tomkins S.E.P.S., 1972, (Unfinished)

The perfins of Great Britain - A catalog - album. - R. McKee & B. Tomkins.
Harvey Tilles, High Point, U.S.A., 1972 (Unfinished)

GREECE

Greek perfins/The perfins of Greece. - R. Durden & P.J. Drossos Bull. Hellenic Phil. Soc. of G.B., 6, (20), 242-245 (0227)

HONG KONG

The perfins of Hong Kong. - H.G. Tilles Harvey Tilles, High Point, U.S.A., C.1975, pp.8.

HUNGARY

Perfins of Hungary. - V. Maxa, D. Malyon & L. Grof Magyar Phil. Soc. of G.B., 1974, pp.50 (0073)

INDIA

Perfins of India. - A.K. Bayanwala India's Stamp Journal, June 1976, 110-116

INDIAN STATES

See INDIA

IRELAND

See EIRE

JAPAN

Japanese perfin. - S. Adachi S. Adachi, 1972, pp. 91. (12 page translation)

Translation only of 2nd Edn.

LEBANON

See EGYPT (0139)

LUXEMBOURG

The perfins of Luxembourg - J. Prins Perfins Bull., Sept. 1977, 30, (8), 3-4 NETHERLANDS

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NETHERLANDS

List of perfins of the Netherlands, Curacao, the Netherlands Antilles, the Netherlands Indies. - E.J. Enschede 3rd Edn., E.J. Enschede, Utrecht, 1976, pp. 187.

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

See NETHERLANDS

NETHERLANDS INDIES

See NETHERLANDS

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand stamps with perforated initials. - R.D. Samuel Postal History Society of New Zealand, Aukland, 1968, pp.55

The Tasman catalogue of New Zealand "perfins"

Laurie Franks Ltd., Christchurch, N.Z., 1975, pp.20 (0110)

PALESTINE

See EGYPT (0139)

PERSIA

See EGYPT (0139)

RUSSIA

The perfins of Russia. - V. Maxa
Perfins Bull., June 1973, 26, (6), 5-8 (0005)

SUDAN

See EGYPT (0139)

SWEDEN

Register of Swedish perfins. - L. Bergman Scandinavian International Philately, Rotterdam, 1972, Ppp. 11 (+Supplement pp. 1)

TURKEY

See EGYPT (0139)

U.S.A.

Catalog of United States perfins. - K.F. Loughee
Perfins Club, 1966, pp.413 (+ additions & corrections). (0066)

NEW IDENTITITIES RECEIVED.

From Mr	Bavin.			
291.2	BG	11,9	4½	Town Clerk, Bethnal Green. London E2.
494.1	TWA	6,12,8	4½	2.Thames Water Authority.
246	A&G	10,14,10	4½ III	Ashton & Green Ltd, London EC
126.1	C/CC	7/7,7	4½	Ø Cambridge City Council.
553.1	C/OF/W	8/8,7/14	5/3½/5	Ø City of Winchester
651	CR/DC	7,10/9,7	4½	Ø Cranbrook Rural Dist: Council.
771.2	C&T/Ld	8,14,7/7,7	5 III	Crone & Taylor Ltd, St Helens, Lancs.
359.2	DO/&Co	12,10/14,8,6	4½ III	David Cnnenheimer & Co London EC.
209	E.J.A		Delete Ø I	dentity now confirmed.
25.3	F&B	8,11,14	6½,5,6½ IIIa	Foster & Braithwaite, London.
223.1	GHL	10,12,7	5	George Henry Lee & Co Ltd, Liverpool.
298A	G&K/Ld	10,12,10/7,7	4½ IIIa	Gysi & Kleinjung Ltd, Manchester.
384A	H.I./S	12,5/10	4	C. J.Hambro & Son. London.
142.1	J/C&Co	7/8,13,8,6	5 III	Carter's, High Holborn, London.
827.4	JW	7,16	5½	John Wheeler, London EC
444	PS&S	10,11,13,11	5½ III	Stedall & Son
18	R.A.S.F.	11,10,10,10	4½	Royal Agricultural Soc: of Fngland, London W.
149A	SC/L	10,8/7	5	Sanitas Co Ltd, LondonEl
247	S/E/E	9/9/9	4½	South Eastern Electric ity Board.
251	SE/G	9,10/9	6	South Eastern Gas Board
443.2	SL/&Co	11,7/13,9,6	5	Ø Sampson, Low, Marston, Searle & Rivington Ltd London EC.
712A	StA/DC	9,5,8/9,7	$4\frac{1}{2}$	St Albans District Coun:
175	T.F./U.	7,8/10	5½	Thomas Fisher & Unwin, London EC.
160.3	VS/C	9,10/8	5½	Vyse, Sons & Co Ltd, London EC.
149	W/C/R	12/7/10	4½	Watney Combe & Reid Ltd London.
291.1	WG	12,9	4½	3.Williams & Glynn's Bank Ltd.
355.2	W/H&Co	16/12,14,8,4	6 III	Williamson, Hill & Co, London EC.

NEW IDENTITIES RECEIVED.

From Mr	A. Smith.						
790.1	J/TS	6/9,6	4½	Joseph Travers & Sons Ltd, London EC4.			
L47	LPD	7,10,11	5	The Liberal Magazine, London SWl.			
231B	E.J.F/&Co.	10,8,8/13,10,6	6 III	Edward J. Frankland & Co. London EC			
From Mr	s M. Roseman	ry_Smith.					
635.3	H&S	10,12,9	4½	7. R. Hovenden & Sons Ltd, London W1.			
156	IL/EA	4,6/9,8	4½	Inner London Education Authority.			
666.1	W&S	12,12,10	4⅓ IIIa	Waifs & Strays Society.			
11.1_	TAC/Co	6,8,7/7,4	4½	T A C Construction Mat- erials Ltd. Manchester			
27	QH/C	10,10/7	4½_	Queen's Hospital for Children.			
From Mr P.J.Butcher							
70	AB/H	10,13/12	4	Ayre Bros.			
583	M&V	15,13,9	5½ III	Metcalf Valkering & Stephenson. Hull			
From Mr R.J. McKee							
118.5	B&C	11,14,7	4½ III	Bedford United Evangel- ical Mission. Bedford			
From Dr Doering_ per Mr McKee.							
437.1	ES/PL	9,9/8,6	4½	Eyre & Spottiswoode, (Publishers) London EC4			
289.1a	HG/&Co	10,9/12,7,4	4½	Henry reenwood & CoLtd London WC2.			
148	J.C.H/&Co	7,8,12/12,8,6	4½ IIIa	J.C.Houghton & Co Ltd. Liverpool.			
533	RT/&R	13,9/13,13	5 III	Richardson, Tee, Rycroft & Co. Manchester.			
179	US/L	10,10/7	5	United States Lines, American Merchant Lines London SW1.			

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148.3 WCR 12,7,10 4\frac{1}{2} Watney, Coombe & Reid
                                              Ltd., London.
                           4\frac{1}{2}
151.2
       WCS
             12,7,9
                                             William Cory & Son Ltd,
                                               London EC3
                                            W.C.Slocombe, Woking.
151.3
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                  14,8/14,11
152.3
       WC/&S
153.2 W.C/&S 15,10/14,12 5 III
                                           William Crawford & Sons
                                               (Biscuits)
156.1 T•TCS/L 11,7,9/6 41/-- '-Tillia.,~- Cory PSon Ltd,
135.3 'TCS/L 14,S,1C/7 5 do. do. do.
159 1:T.C./CZS.f`Ld 1,7,10/12,11/'7,10 414 IIIa 'fTilliam Crawford
~: Sons Ltd, Liverpool
152A wC/VC 14 ,8/8,L 4/a Whitweli Cole '.- Co Ltd.,
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London S`43
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Oils Ltd. London TFT1
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London EC2
2D4, 1 '; TD/-s 10 , ii/14, 1C Ll/~ Tlr-II, jm Da=vson Cc Sons Ltd,
London '•7C2
204.2 ',,TD /& S 12,9/12,9 !°,?/p Ia do. ~o. c'o.
2.C4.3 ;-T;'/~cs 16.11/14,1Q 5 TTI d o. do. Lonc';o'^-EC4
220.1 'TE/,qC 12,9/11,7 i\sim'/\sim '--Test of England `=acon
Co. ''edruth, Cornwall
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Exeter.
2 WE/T© 15,1D/5,1^{\circ} 5 ~'o, 00. do.
239 '-7EY/'Ld 12,9~6/6,E 4s/2 W.E.Yates Ltd, Rra"ley, Leeds.
2hC.2 WEY/Ltd 14,1Q,8/7,5,7 5 c:od do. do.
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ceutical Products Ltd.
2,F~TattS rin.ct:ac`i Ltd,
Bar!-irq, Essex.
?CB 14,8/13,7/6,7 0i~/4'iz/3~/? 0 willows, Francis,
T3ut ler F-- Thorpson. Ltd.
258.2 TqF/i.-/Ll_Y 12,7/11,6/69V `11/: 0 do. do. do.
London PC.
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0226 continued

In 1941 a charity souvenir sheet was issued by Belgium. This was perforated with Queen Elizabeth's Monogram in 1942.

Greek perfins/The perfins of Greece Durden R. & Drossos P.J.

Bull. Hell. Phil. Soc. G.B., (1974?) $\underline{6}$, (20), 242-245 Although not officially permitted until 1930, several concerns perforated their stamps prior to this date. All known Greek and Cretan perfins are listed and illustrated. Details of a forged perf in "T.E." are also included.

The Method of perforating "OHMS" Wrigly, R.

Am. Phil., Feb. 1972, 86, (2), 137-138

There are eight possible positions that the Canadian OHMS perfin can have in relation to the stamp. These are described and given a rating depending on the frequency with which they occur in the author's collection.

0229 Sierra Leone

Smith R.

SEPS Bull., July/Aug. 1976, (164), 3

A cover, dated 1896, used by the Second West India Regiment, who were stationed on the coast of Sierra Leone at this time, is known bearing a stamp with the perfin 2/WIR 12/17, 5, 12 6mm. (Complete)

0230 Bushire perfin

Burrows M.

SEPS Bull., July/Aug. 1976, (164), 3

The following item was sold by Robson Lowe Ltd., in his Overseas Sale No. 4025, Jan. 27th., 1976. Lot 541 - Fiscal stamps: 1915 portrait type 2kr. overprinted "Chancellerie" (15) with strips on a registration certificate headed "British Administration/Customs Department/Registration of Boats; " each stamp is perforated by a large "F". valuation - £150. Although the document was creased, it fetched £210.

0231 Festival of stamps perfins Clinch G.

SEPS Bull., July/Aug. 1976, ((164), 3

The U.K. Stamp Collecting Promotion Council have produced perfins for sale at their "Festival of Stamps" for both 1975 During the festival, the perfins were used on and 1976. covers postmarked with the special "National Stamp Day" postmark. In 1975, the perf in NSD/1975 was used on the 7p architecture se-tenant pair and in 1976 the perfin NSD/1976 was used only on the 8½p telephone commemorative stamp.

0232 Numeral perfins

Burrows M.

SEPS, July/Aug. 1976, pp. 1. On plate 118 of Van Lint's Catalogue of illustrations of British perfins there is a series of numeral perfins, all of which are based on the same 18 holes arranged in six horizontal rows of three. Van Lint illustrates the numbers 1, 2, 6, 8, 10 and 11 whilst the present author has 4 and 9. The question arises - do the numbers 3, 5 and 7 exist?

Perfins of Thomas Cook & Sons Limited Thornton M.E.

SEPS, July/Aug. 1976, pp.4.

0233 continued

Thomas Cook & Sons are known to have used the perfin TC/&S not only on British stamps but also on those of India and Malaya (Straits Settlements). Various TC/&S and TC/&/S pert ins are known from other countries throughout the world. Although these are thought to be Thomas Cook, no confirmation is available. All known and possible Thomas Cook perfins are listed with the stamps on which they have been found. Apart from those countries already mentioned, Thomas Cook is thought to have used perfins in the following countries:- Egypt; France; Hong Kong; Ceylon and U.S.A.

0234 Officials perforated OHMS

Standard catalogue of Canada and the Provinces revenue stamps. Sissons Publications Ltd., Toronto, 1969, 40-42.

A simplified, priced catalogue of the large and small OHMS perfins on the stamps of Canada.

O235 Guatemala - Official stamps*
Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue - Volume 1,
1971, Scott Publishing Co., New York, 1970,
pp. 749-752 & 762

During the years 1912-1926 the Post Office Department perforated the word "OFICIAL" on limited quantities of the following stamps: Nos 114-123, 132, 141-149, 151-539 158, 202, 210-229 and RA2. The perforating was done in blocks of four stamps at a time and was of two types. The perforating was done in the post office at Guatemala City and the use of the stamps was limited to that city. (Complete)

0236 U.S. Companies perfins usedd abroad* Powell R.W.

Perfins Bull., Nov./Dec. 1976, 29, (10), 2

Some examples are given of foreign companies using perfins and overprints on the stamps of Great Britain. Comptoir/d'Escompte/de Paris is shown overprinted on a Queen Victoria 1d lilac, whilst the TC/&S perfin listed in an earlier article by Jan Prins, is known on the stamps of King Edward VII. An NC/R perfin of National Cash Register is illustrated as is a "57" - with a postulated user - Heinz for the latter.

0237 Perfins of U.S. companies abroad - Part 5 Prins J.

Perfins Bull., Nov./Dec. 1976, 29, (10), 3-4
Essentially an illustrated list of additions to the author's previous four articles on the perfins of the overseas branches of U.S. Companies.

0238 Cinderella perfins

Crow R.B.

Perfins Bull., Nov./Dec. 1976, 29, (10), 7

The author suggests that a survey should be carried out on perfins on Cinderella stamps. His collection contains a Danish Christmas seal of 1953 perfinned H.S. and a 10c Spanish civil war local charity stamp inscribed "Pro-Combatantes Coruna" with the perfin S./I.P.

OFFICIALS WORKSHEET - H.M. STATIONERY OFFICE

Die : HM/SO

It is now over a year since we sent out the last worksheet which included the above die and we would like to bring the Q.E.11 issues up-to-date.

Member E.J. Enschede reported that he had a die on Q.E.11 issues in which the die has 10 holes in the 'H' rather than the more usual 9.

Would members please check their stamps and enter the quantities of each denomination that they hold in the appropriate column? Any dates in connection with the 10 hole 'H' die would be of great interest. Please make a return to Ron Bowman even if you contributed to the previous survey.

Q.E.II Machin 1967-69 %d orange-brown 1d olive 2d brown 3d violet 4d sepia 4d vermilion 5d blue 6d purple 7d emerald 8d vermilion	H= 9 H= 10	H= 9 H= 10 8d turquoise 9d green 10d brown 1/- violet 1/6 blue 1/9 orange & blk. 2/6 brown 5/- lake 10/- ultramarine £1 black
1970 Decimal %p turquoise lp crimson 1%p black 2p green 2%p magenta 3p ultramarine 3%p olive grey 4p ochre 4%p blue-grey 5p violet 5%p mauve 6p emerald		7p brown 7½p chestnut 8p red 8½p green 9p orange & blk. 9p mauve 10p orange 10p brown 10p (large) 20p (small) 20p (large) 50p ultramarine

Remarks:

6½p blue

PUBLIC TRUSTEE OFFICE, Die: PT/O 10,9/10

This perfin was originally reported by W.J. Pieterse on cover and no other member reported having a copy in our 1977 survey.

£1 black

Has anyone discovered an example since? Details:

OFFICIALS WORKSHEET - ONTARIO GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON

Although the Ontario Government has had representatives in the United Kingdom since 1869, the first official office was not opened in London until 1908.

A few years later the perf in ONT/GOV appeared and from the dates known it seems to have been in use for some 9 years.

Stamps Known

K.G.V 1911-12
 ld scarlet
No. Copies
Postmarks

K.G.V. 1912-22

ld scarlet
1½d brown
2d orange

Earliest date known: - 18th May 1912

Latest date known: - 22nd June 1921

Remarks:

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY

Cat. No. 649.3 BSA 12,1098 52mm.

An article in Stamp Collecting of 1st November 1919 refers to the above perfin as being used by the office of the London Agent for the Mashonaland Railway.

Our stamp catalogues tell us that the British South Africa Company looked after the internal and postal affairs of the territory, later known as Rhodesia, from the late 1800's until October 1923.

The perfin is known on K.G.Vl 1937-47 issue (S.G. 464) so it is possible that the London Office remained open for some years after 1924. Can anyone shed any light on this?

Stamps Known

King Edward VII:

King George V:

King George Vl:

Please add details of stamps held, including quantity if more than one and return form to Ron Bowman.