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EDITORIAL

I write this soon after the publication of the last issue (sorry that was delayed due to "production" difficulties). Nevertheless we have received a number of comments about the proposed new Illustrated GB Catalogue and its new numbering system. The comments received to date have been overwhelmingly in favour of both the production of the illustrated version of the catalogue and the use of the new numbering system. An interesting suggestion is that alongside the Illustrated Catalogue we sell A4 (twice this size) pages of the Tomkins Identified Catalogue. This is quite feasible as we have the original proof sheets of the A5 version issued free with the Bulletin and could provide them letter by letter to coincide with the Illustrated Catalogue at the cost of about 10p / page. Also we find that double-sided and single-sided versions will cost the same so we can provide either, though the single-sided one seems to be more useful, if bulkier.

In any event, the decisions will not be made until after the London Meeting, so feel free to write in with your comments and suggestions until then, especially if you will not be able to attend.

"CANADIAN STAMPS WITH PERFORATED INITIALS (4TH ED.)

.....A REVIEW

This well produced book has been prepared by the Perfin Study Group of the British North American Philatelic Society, and was edited by Jonathan Johnson and Gary Tomasson. It is nicely printed and illustrated, a 125 page book in soft covers. The first few pages contain interesting background material on perfins, perfin machines and perfin use. Also included in this introductory material is a useful glossary of perfin terms - filling a long felt need, if from an American angle. The main body of the book is a comprehensive catalogue of Canadian Perfins. These are very well presented and each one is illustrated against a white ground, full size, viewed from the rear. About seven types are on each page, with the usual data such as user, period of use and rarity. The rather difficult perfins, with moving hole codes, such as the monograms of International Harvester Co., and New York Life Insurance Co. are exceptionally well explained and illustrated. Following the catalogue is a series of Addenda, comprising about a third of the book, which go further into various specialist aspects of perfins. This is a useful scheme which should appeal to both general collector and specialist. The general collector has a clear, uncluttered listing, while the specialist has access to more detailed notes.

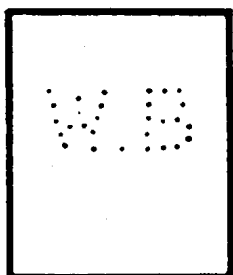
This very useful hand book must be essential reading for any Canadian collector, and is a good buy at about £7.50 or C \$10. T.A.E.

DIE VARIATIONS

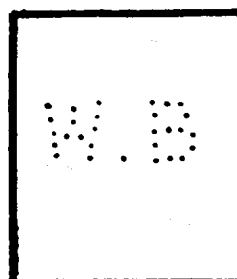
In our last issue Reg Powell brought up the subject of dies which differed slightly from each other. Different members will view this in different ways, but studies of these small variations can usefully lead to the identification of different users of the same lettering, or to one user with two machines. The issue is confused by multi-die machines with slight variations between the dies. We are very happy to publish details of this type of research, so members can share their results and increase the basis of the search for variations and limits for usage. Postmark place and date and stamp are always useful in this type of research, so please report them.

Below is a selection of items supplied by Harry Skinner and we would be pleased to publish any further selections supplied by members.

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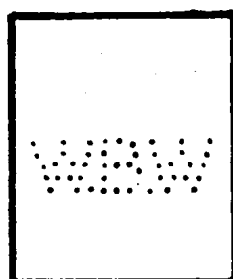


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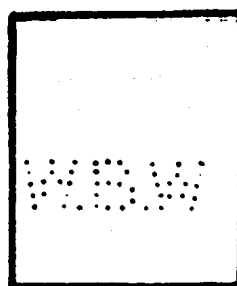


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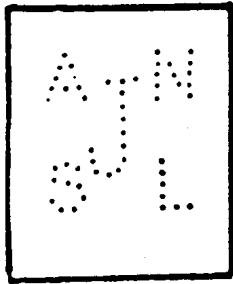
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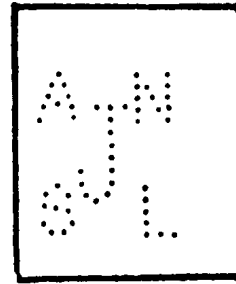
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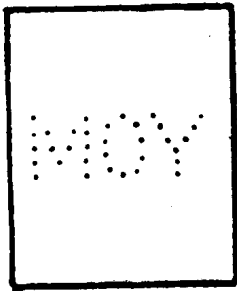


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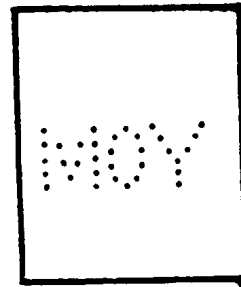


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1d lilac

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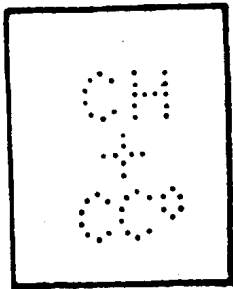


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GV (Photo)

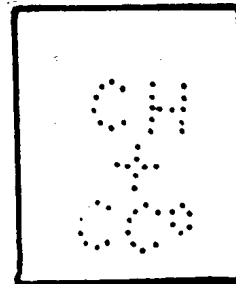


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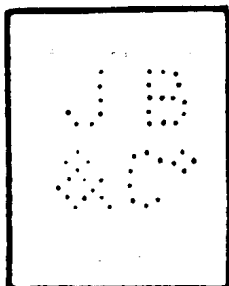


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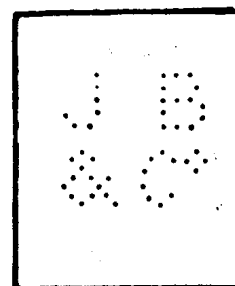


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Three different settings of 22/CSC identified with Cook Son & Co. were illustrated in issue 207 (October 1983) and I have illustrated a fourth die which may belong to the same company. A number of CSC/22 examples are known which are simply offsets of the original three, but this one is quite different, being much smaller in size. Its Tillies No. is C698A and I have it on a Victorian 1/2d issue with a London (Newspaper Branch) postmark which, of course, is undated but the stamp identifies it as prior to 1887.

Has anyone seen any other examples, or can it to be identified definitely with Cook Son & Co.?

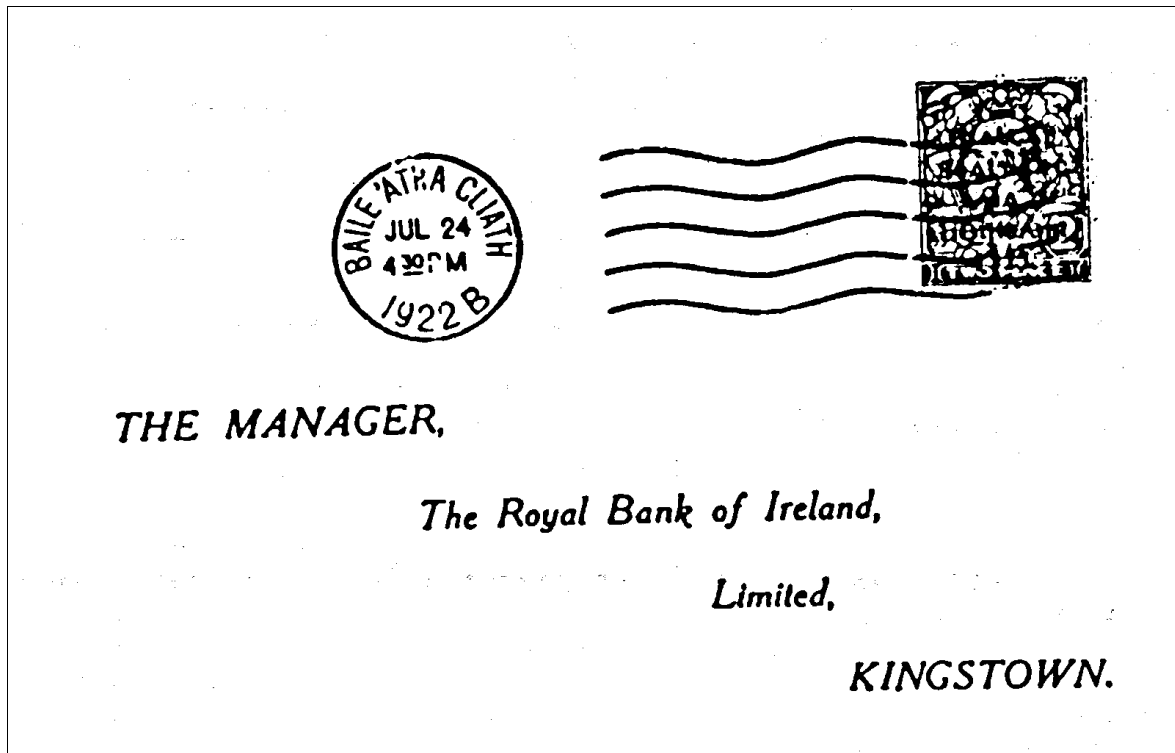
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THE NAME GAME

Since we changed our name to the Perfin Society in 1983 there has been a danger of confusion between us and our American friends, the Perfins Club, although the avoidance of such confusion was a major factor when we discussed our new name. However, we now hear that the Perfins Club is to consider changing its name. One of the suggestions (in jest we hope) was that the Perfins Club should be re-named the Security Endorsement & Perfins Society, or SEPS for short.

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No, the pieces on the Windmill Study Unit and the "new" GLC die in our April issue were not April Fool pranks – honestly!!



For some time I have been trying to identify the users of what appeared to be a large carpet die of the letters ANK. They are found on George V overprinted stamps of Ireland. Sometimes one or two letters are on a stamp and occasionally parts of the third are visible.

At last I have obtained three covers (as above) addressed to The Royal Bank of Ireland and bearing perfined stamps with parts of this die. The full die now appears to be BANK, 10, 13, 12 6½. The hole count of the "B" is unreliable as a number of holes are missing. Does anyone have any further information regarding this die?

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POSTAL HISTORY AUCTION

Member, Derrick Muggleton, is organising a postal history auction and he informs us that it will include perfins identified on cover. The free catalogue is available from Derrick but you should write soon as the auction date is 31st August.

MODIFIED HEALTH SERVICE PERFINs

Following the article in our last issue regarding the removal of the "A" from some Health Authority perfin, we have received some more useful information from member Frank Summers.

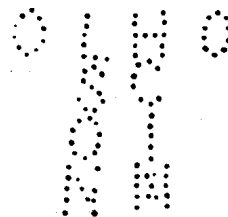
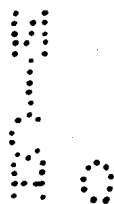
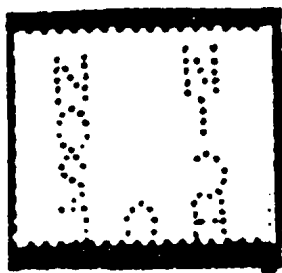
He tells us that CA/HA was used by the Cheshire Area Health Authority and that following re-organisation on the 1st April, 1982 the hospitals in the Crewe area were re-organised into the Crewe Health Authority. This new grouping used the old perfin with the "A" pins removed. Thus C/HA belongs to Crewe (not Cheshire) Health Authority. In 1983, or before, a new perfin was introduced for the new group, C/HA, again - but with the 'C' centrally placed.

Frank informs us that the perfin were distributed from the Barony Hospital, Nantwich, although the Barony Hospital itself used a postage meter, not perfin.

Any further information about these "A" deleted perfin would be welcomed.

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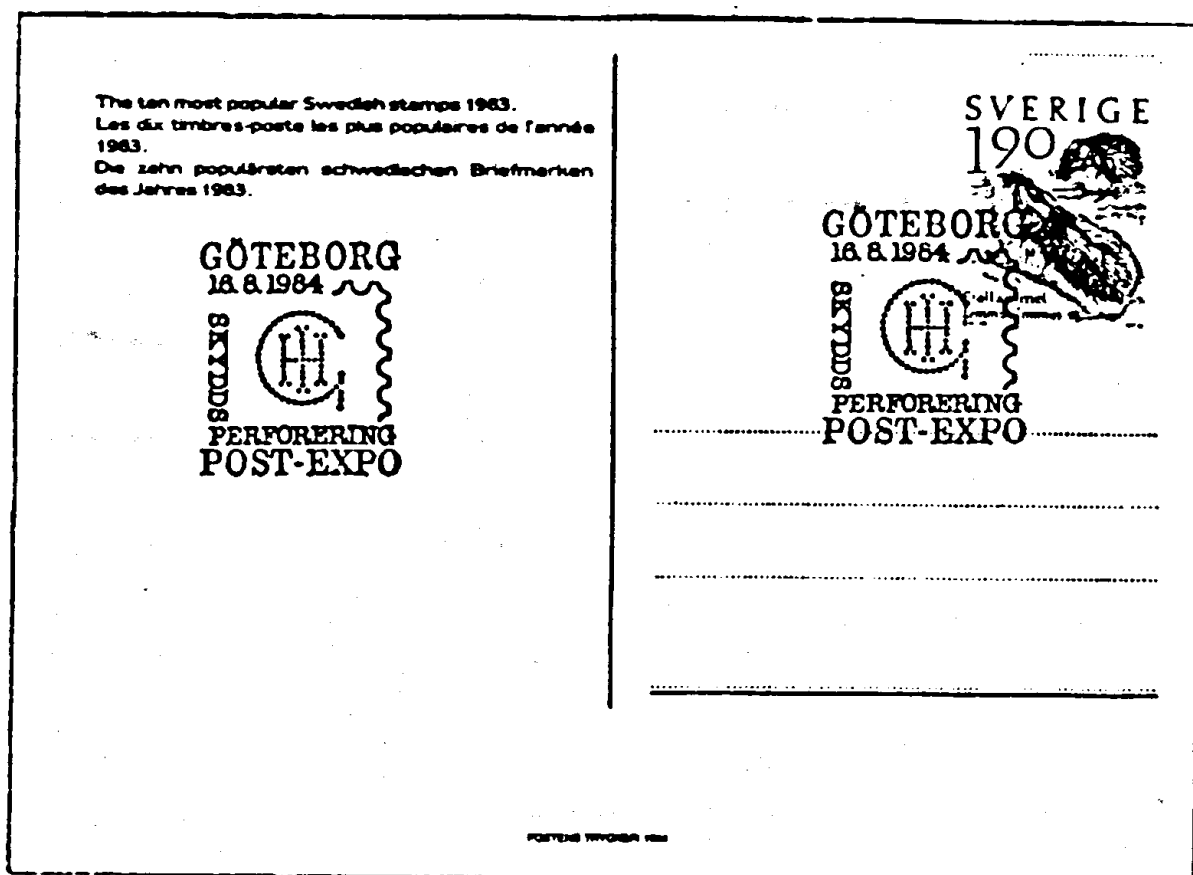
FULL NAME DIE "NICHOLSON"



The unusual layout of this full name die has caused some difficulties, especially when it is realised that it can be found reversed and with over-lapping double strikes. The standard description is HOL/CS/ID/NN and members could be excused for not recognising it as the full name NICHOLSON ! Above we have reproduced a good strike of this design for readers interest, together with two poor strikes (supplied by Harry Skinner) for the readers amusement.

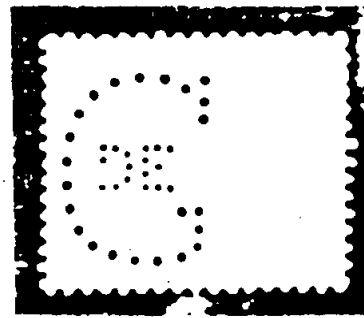
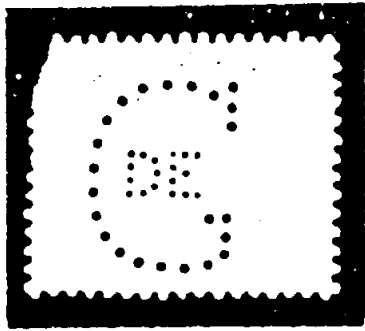
PERFIN ON POSTMARK

Tord Lagerwall, a Swedish member, has sent us a postcard franked with a non-perfined Swedish stamp. The interest lies in the postmark which commemorates the first day of the Gothenburg POST-EXPO and which depicts the CHI monogram perfin of the International Harvester Corporation; see illustration:



HELP WANTED

Non-member interested in thematics - fossils, rocks, minerals, mines and sea-shells, would welcome contacts with anyone interested in the same themes. Perfins, cancellations, documents, FDC etc. etc. Would prefer correspondence in French.



G (DE) McKee-Tomkins G139 was used by A. de Gruchy Co. Ltd. of St. Helier, Hersey. I have this perfin type on issue from the 1d lilac to the Wildings, on a Jersey war occupation issue, on Jersey regionals, and I believe it has been found in Independent Postal Administration issues. However, I have only one copy as illustrated in the catalogue, with no missing holes. It is the 1d lilac, with cancel Jersey/C/DE12/84. Unfortunately, my collection has a big issue gap between this and the 1934 George V issue, and those and all others have a missing hole in the 'D'. I am curious to know if anyone can pin down the date of breakage a little closer than between 1884 and 1934. I am, of course, also interested in obtaining any of these issues (late Victoria, Edward VIII and early George V) and also Independent Postal Administration issues with this perfin.

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AVAILABILITY OF PUBLICATIONS

In issue 216 we informed you that the "Catalogue of Irish Perfins" would not be available via the publications officer. We are now informed that it is available in this country from one of our members, Maurice Gough

. This excellent catalogue, reviewed in issue 214, is available at about £5, post free in the U.K. (the price is subject to change after 31st August). Maurice can also supply the Canadian catalogue, reviewed in this issue, at £7.50, post free within the U.K.

SEPS MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

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HERINGTON D.S.

SKERMAN P. J.

BISPHAM, Wendy

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NEWTON, Mrs. L. E.

INGRAM, Dr. A. J. L.

OLDHAM, Dr. C.

KUBIN, L. J.

Re-Instatement:

GEACH D.H.

Change of Address:

GEACH D.H.

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(BUCKNER Dr. J. M.

THORNTON

LONDON MEETING

The London Meeting will be held in the Library at Baden Powell House, Queens Gate, London SW7 on Saturday, 30th November, 1985. at 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. A cafeteria is available in the building and there is plenty of metered parking close by. The nearest underground stations are Gloucester Road and South Kensington.

NEW IDENTITIES RECEIVED

by Tony Edwards

from Dr. Reg Powell

(these designs are not in Tillies so numbers are provisional only)

256.2a	EL	10,7	5x10	Electrolux Ltd. 153/155 Regent St W.I.
133A	SC/CL	9,8/8,7	4½	The Staveley Coal & Iron Co. Ltd., Barrow Hill, Nr. Chesterfield .
159.1A	H&Co/Ld	10,7,4/6,7	4/4½	Hall & Co. Ltd, Station Parade, Eastbourne.
63a	P.B/Co.Ld.	14,17/8,6,7,7	4½x12	Pyman, Bell & Co. , Glasgow
6.3	R/A	12/8	4½	Philips Lamps Ltd. , Shaftesbury Ave, WC2
1.6A	S	9	5	Sangers Ltd., Euston Road, N.W.I.
351A	SH/&Co.	12,11/14,8,6	5(III)	Suter Harpman & Ratitjen's Composition Ltd., EC1
233AA	PHA	8,10,8	4½	Peterborough Health Authority.
546.1a	SN	9,11	4½x10	Santiago Neuhofer Spitalfields, El.
-	G/&S	10/13,11	5½(III)	Wm Gaymer & Son Ltd., Norfolk
44	TB&C°	14,14,8,4	4 (I)	Turney Bros & Co., Nottingham
729	S.T/Co	10,7/8,4	5	Steed Thomson & Co. Ltd., London SE1

from Roy Gault

D159 DENT (in triangle) Ø E. Dent & Co., London
EC

from Philip Whitfield

C1.8 C 9 7½ Wm Cooper & Newpews
Ltd., Berkhamstead.
050A.1 O/&C° 10/12,8,6 5 Oetzmann & Co., London NW
B 479 B/McC/&C° 10/11,7,7/14,7,4 4½ I Barton Mc.Cabe & Co.,
London

from Paul Reynolds

W204.2 WD/&S 12,9/12,9 4½ Ia (ii) Frank Hammond,
Sutton Coldfield
(Propr. Wm. Dawson
& Sons)
B656.1 B&S/C 14,10/14,8 5 I Bird & Son, East Moors,
Cardiff
- WG/B Wales Gas Board, Rhondd.

from Roy Everett

- R 17 13 R. Harris, Bury St,
Edmonds

from Arthur Smith

- V&Z 9,13,9 5½ (III) B.H. Vos & Zorren, I
Bradford

from Mrs. M.R. Smith

B1.28 B 19 9½ Boom, Alexander & Coy H
Belfast
B147.6 B&Co 15,14,8,6 4½ III H.H.&S. Budgett & Co.
London EC
B426 BL/Co/Ld 14,7/8,6,7,7 5 British Liquozone F
Co. Ltd. London EC

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STOP PRESS

A number of fake (crown) B.T examples appear to be on the market originating from very reputable dealers. Buyers should take care.