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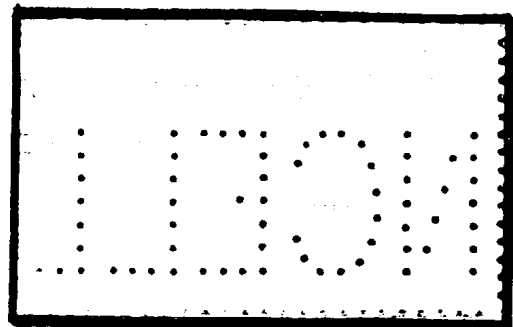
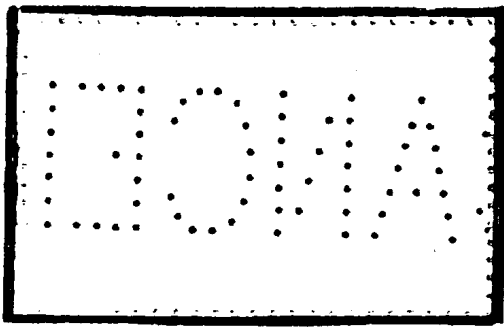
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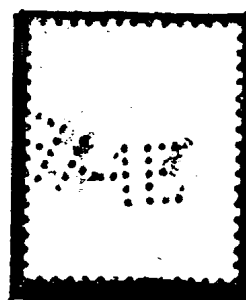
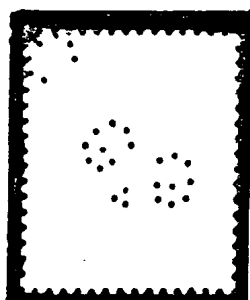
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The "R.B.N" perfin of the Registry of Business Names is well known, used from 1939 (see the Society's Publication "GB Official Perfins"). However I have what may prove to be an earlier perfin from this Registry. Above are illustrations of two KGV 5/- Seahorse issues which show parts of a large carpet perfin which I assume reads "CANCELLED". The stamps have clear cancellations "Registry of Business Names Princes House Kingsway WC2" and are dated in 1931. Are these examples of the earlier use of a perforated device to cancel stamps used to pay fees at this registry. If any members have examples or further information the catalogue editor would be pleased to hear from them.

MORE "NEW" DESIGNS



The above designs were shown to me by member Arthur Smith and we thought that you may like to see them. Of course they are not new designs, but the result of paper fold before perfinning.

## PERFINNED OVERPRINTED ISSUES

by Arthur Smith

Both perfins and overprints are security endorsements so it is of interest to record the use of both on the same stamp. I can record:-

	Overprint	Perfin
KGVI 2d	"Received for General Electric Co Ltd"	GE/C
QEII 2d Wilding	"Corporation of Sheffield"	CS
KGV 1d	"Received for Mappin & Webb Ltd"	PAID THANKS

These are examples of fiscally used items, and the last is obviously a cancel rather than a perfin.

An even more interesting type are perfinned official issues.

I can record:-

	Overprint	Perfin
QV 1d Lilac	"IR OFFICIAL"	D.S (No. D4370)
QV ½d Green	"BOARD OF EDUCATION"	NS/PCC (No. N3080.03)

This latter group is perplexing because the overprinted stamps had no intrinsic value, being accountancy labels in effect. They were not available to the general public and it was illegal to hold or use mint examples except for official duties.

Can anyone add any information or any more examples ?

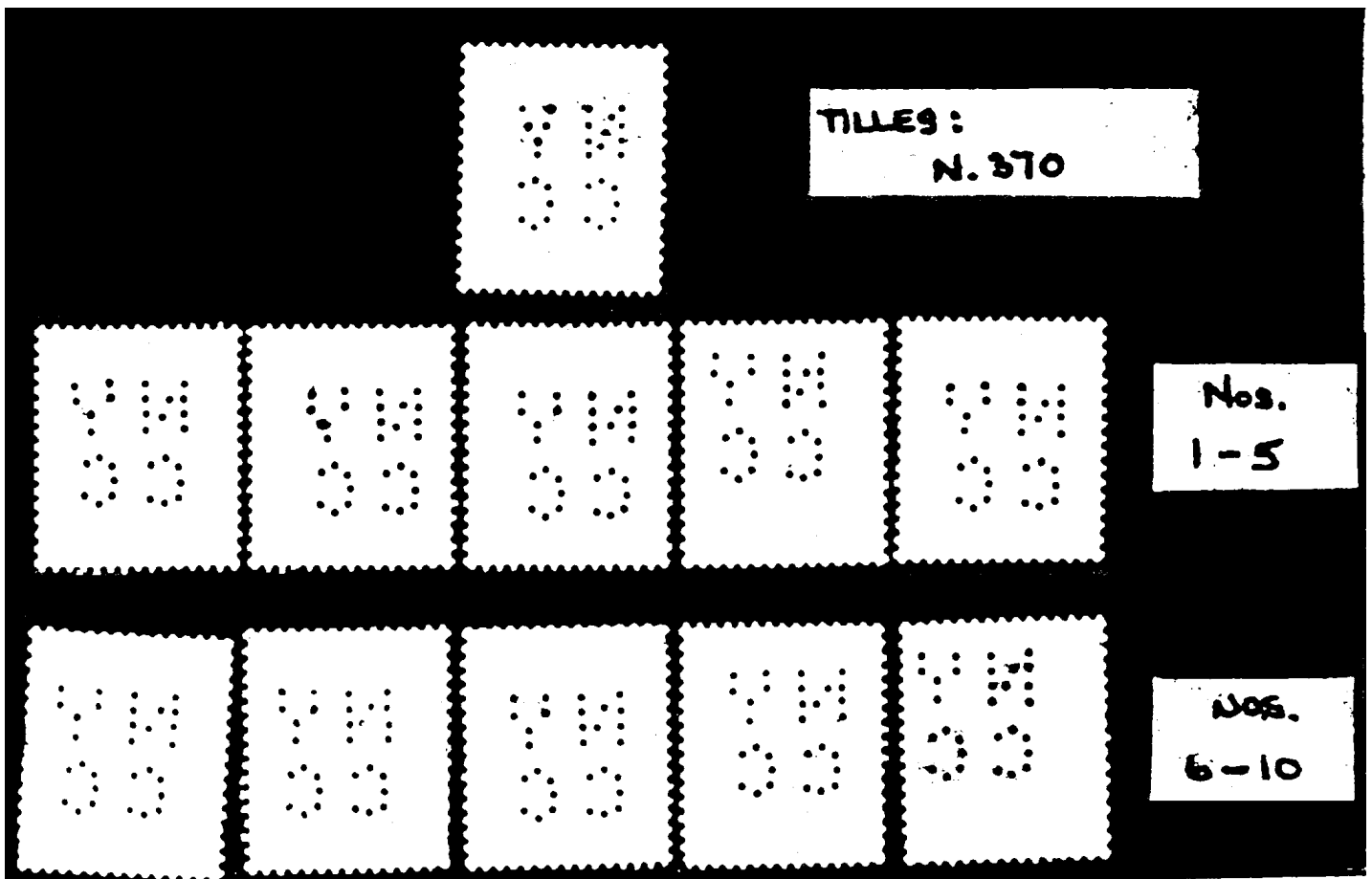
## CURRENT PERFIN USERS

With the passing of the GLC the number of perfin users was reduced by one. Nevertheless there is still a fairly large number. If you supply names we will print a list of current users in a future issue. Such a list will date quickly so we suggest a list of uses known on postal items dated in 1986. Information to the editor please.

Collectors will be very well acquainted with the N.370 die for this user. However a new series of dies (1-10) have been used for a while now, each die is distinctly different, and the 10 dies have been used on various Machin issues which proves, having checked a few hundred stamps, that these differences are consistent.

All the new dies are 4½ (10,6/7,7): and the differences relate to the 'N' and 'Y' in most instances, in some only one of these letters differs. All the dies are between 11mm's and 12mm's wide, use these illustrations to check holdings to ascertain whether 10 is the die head maximum or do other dies exist. Does anyone have any multiple pieces ?

Members requiring a set of 10 of these dies can obtain them by writing c/o the Bulletin Editor with a cheque for £5 made out to "WAR ON WANT". Those members who enclosed donations to "LIVE AID" in sealed envelopes in response to a sale list request would, I feel, like to know that War on Want sent a letter thanking you for your donations they were "Greatly appreciated". I do not know how much was sent but I thank those members as well, you'll know who you individually are.



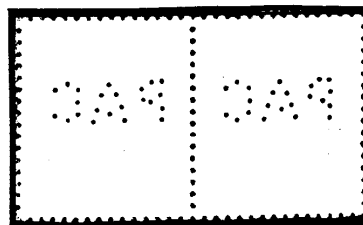
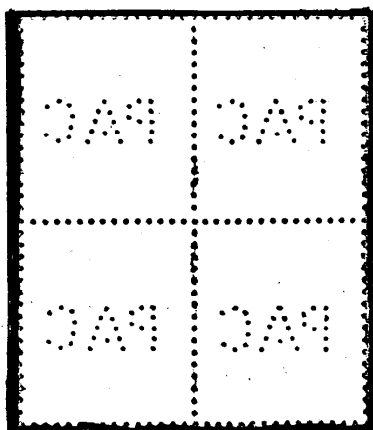
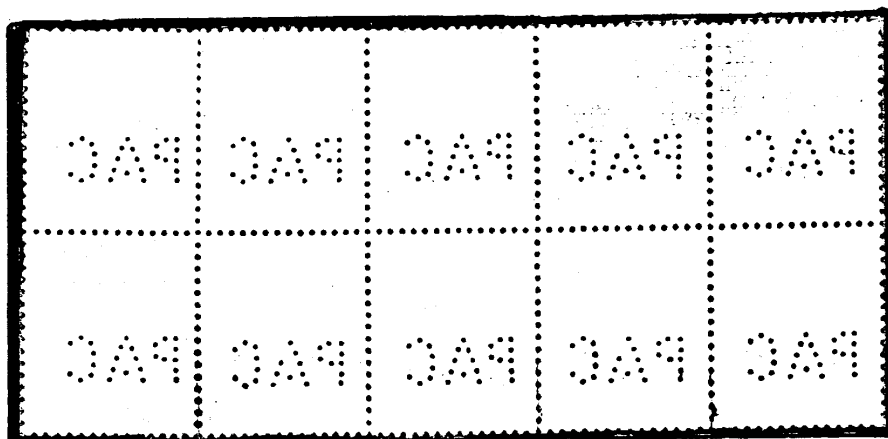
## THE PAC PERFIN

by Nancy Barrowclough

Most collectors eventually find a few (or few thousand!) examples of the Prudential Assurance Company perfins in their stock, but usually try to rid themselves of this extremely common perfin. However they can become an interesting study. The two illustrations shown below are of No P0120.03 which was used by the Pru. Careful inspection shows that a number of slightly different heads have been used so presumably this is an example of a multi die head. Can it be reconstructed? The pieces below make a good start. The upper and lower rows are identical as would be expected but horizontally there are seven different types. Members are invited to search both for additional types (there probably are at least twelve) and for blocks which help put the types in their correct relationship to each other.

For those who have large accumulations of the later die (No P0120.01) it would seem from the third illustration that this too is a multiple head die. Can that be re-constructed?

Examples and information please to the Catalogue Editor, either in the form of photocopies of the backs of the stamps, or the actual stamps if you do not want them (after recording they will be passed on to Haberdashers Askes Boys School Stamp Club).



## THE ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE

by J. M. Rucklidge

It has become obvious, at least to the producers, that the decision to include identities in the new catalogue was ill-advised as they could only be based upon the 5th edition of Tomkins which is out of date and is being currently superseded by the 6th edition. It is therefore proposed to omit the identities and issue future pages with 49 (7 x 7) patterns per page. This action has been taken with the following considerations in mind:

- (1) there will probably be about 18,000 patterns. On the admittedly sparse evidence available it seems that there will be on average about 30 patterns per page, giving a total of 600+ pages. The new proposal reduces this to some 400 pages with a considerable reduction in cost.
- (2) Identities are contained in the Tomkins catalogue which all members possess as it is issued free with the bulletin (new members can obtain the last complete edition from the Publications Officer at £8.00 post free). It would be a simple matter to mark identified patterns in the new catalogue - which I suggest we should call the Edwards Catalogue as an acknowledgement of the Editor's efforts. I know that other members have contributed in many ways but he has been the driving force behind the project.
- (3) as more identities are discovered the space available on the present plan would soon be filled and they would then have to go on the reverse of the previous page.

As new patterns are discovered, as they undoubtedly will be, they will be collected by Tony Edwards and issued as addenda sheets, in the same way as was, and will be, done for the Tomkins catalogue. It is obviously desirable that all pages should be in the same format so that when we reach the end of the alphabet we shall provide on request those pages already prepared in the new format. As each section of the updated 6th edition of Tomkins is completed the catalogue editor will supply on request pages of identities in the Edwards Catalogue format and A4 size to add to the catalogue. At the time of writing we have almost sufficient subscribers to result in a reduction of the cost per page. It is hoped that the reduced total cost caused by the revised arrangements will attract more subscribers and hence cause another significant fall in total cost bringing it down to about £40. So if you are considering buying this catalogue do it now.

The following sections are now available from me by post:-

Introduction .....	90p	Z.....	15p
Q.....	30p	Numbers.....	30p
U.....	90p	Designs.....	45p
V.....	60p	Monograms.....	30p
X.....	15p	* A.....	300p
Y.....	45p	* B.....	400p

\* Available for the first time this month.

## THE SOCIETY'S POSTAL AUCTION

Peter Day, who has run this Auction so well for so many years, has found himself forced to retire from the post due to family and business commitments. We are sure that you would want to join us in thanking Peter for undertaking such an arduous task and doing it so well on our behalf. No doubt many members will have prized items in their collections obtained via Peter's auctions with which to remember him.

We are to continue the auction as best we can until a new auctioneer is found (see an appeal elsewhere in this issue). Auctions Nos 2 and 3 (1986) went out in our last issue and have been dealt with by Peter. Together with this issue you will find Auction 4 (1986), which will be caretakered by Michael Rucklidge. All bids should be sent to him not Peter Day.

Members are asked not to send further items for auction until they are informed of the address of the new auctioneer in a future issue.

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

### NEW MEMBERS

HOLT W.E.

LIFSHIN A.

KERSHAW MRS. J.

SWANSON DR. B. Z

NOBILO A. G. F.

\*AIRMAIL SENDING

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BUTLER J. G.

## CHANGES IN THE SOCIETY'S OFFICERS

Two of the Society's Officers are announcing their "retirement" from their posts in the Society in this issue so we are urgently seeking volunteers to replace them. The posts are, of course, unpaid but postholders are granted free Society membership.

### (i) Editorship of the Bulletin

Tony Edwards has edited the Bulletin since 1982 and has overseen a number of important changes including the introduction of the smaller size format and the start of an illustrated Bulletin. He now feels that it is time to pass this task on to another so that he can start collecting stamps again! Tony is to continue as Catalogue Editor dealing with the "Illustrated GB Catalogue" and the "Tomkins Catalogue of Identified Perfins" and is prepared to act as sub-editor for a while as the new editor finds his feet.

The task of editor is not heavily loaded except for a week near the start of every second month while the material is prepared for publication. It is the editors job to receive correspondence and articles from members and to edit them into a common format for publication. No typing is involved because our typist Bob Putman produces typed versions of the Bulletin pages to the editors drafts. Neither does the task include reproduction as that is done by Keith Moore. What is required of the editor is the organisation and facilitation of the task. No previous experience is necessary and the current editor will work alongside the new editor until he learns the task.

Editorship of our Bulletin is an important and essential task for the Society so anyone who feels he may like to carry on the good work should contact the editor or the secretary as soon as possible.

### (ii) Auction Superintendent

Peter Day must reluctantly give up the post of Auction Superintendent for family and business reasons so we are seeking a replacement for this equally important task.

The Auctioneer receives items for auction from members and builds them into the lotted auctions so familiar to members. When all the bids are collected on the closing date he organizes the assignment of the various lots to the successful bidders and then posts them off to their new owners. He is not involved with the collection of payment as this is done by our treasurer Michael Rucklidge. A considerable amount of safe storage for the auction material is necessary for the officer undertaking the task.

Anyone prepared to become the Society's Auctioneer should contact the Secretary as soon as possible.



PRICES REALISED IN PERFIN SOCIETY AUCTION NO. 1 (1986)

LOT NO.	REALISED
1	20.10
2	1.30
3	2.20
4	0.55
5	4.50
6	3.20
7	8.60
8	u/s
9	u/s
10	u/s
11	2.60
12	10.00
13	8.60
14	0.80
15	12.10
16	u/s
17	4.10
18	10.10
19	2.50
20	12.10
21	7.60
22	1.25
23	2.80
24	u/s
25	4.10
26	4.00
27	1.10
28	2.10

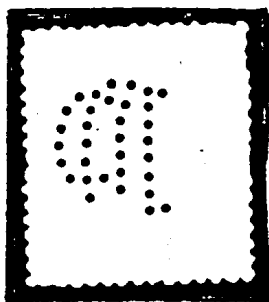
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29	0.65
30	2.60
31	2.10
32	2.60
33	13.10
34	6.10
35	9.10
36	2.70
37	3.10
38	1.60
39	2.10
40	2.50
41	3.10
42	3.80
43	4.60
44	2.70
45	3.30
46	9.10
47	5.50
48	4.10
49	4.70
50	3.30
51	2.70
52	7.10
53	2.10
54	6.10
55	u/s
56	2.70

LOT NO.	REALISED
57	2.10
58	2.10
59	2.40
60	2.10
61	0.80
62	1.30
63	0.40
64	1.40
65	1.90
66	6.80
67	13.80
68	0.55
69	1.10
70	1.60
71	0.90
72	1.40
73	2.75
74	2.10
75	2.40
76	1.50
77	1.20
78	4.10
79	1.60
80	1.10
81	1.10
82	1.10
83	1.10
84	10.30

LOT NO.	REALISED
85	3.10
86	3.10
87	2.10
88	6.50
89	6.30
90	2.25
91	1.30
92	4.10
93	1.30
94	5.10
95	1.20
96	8.20
97	5.10
98	5.20
99	7.60
100	38.10
101	10.00
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Grand Total £421.00

## MEMBERS QUERIES



Member Roy Everett is seeking an identity or information regarding the full design of this Spanish perfin which seems to be a partial. If anyone can help contact him direct

Roy is also interested in details of Portugal and Portuguese Colonial Perfins.

## IRISH CATALOGUE

The Addendum and Correction pages for the "Ireland : Catalog of Perfins" reported in our December 1984 issue are now available from the editor, Richard Mewhinney

No price has been reported. The catalogue is available from the same address priced at £6.50.

## COMPETITION RESULTS

We are sorry to announce that no attempts at a solution to the competition which appeared in the February Bulletin have been received, so no prize has been awarded.

## PERFIN SALES

We understand that "Glass Slipper" PO BOX 62, York, is to include perfins in their regular postal auction as they have recently acquired a large stock of these. Members interested in receiving the catalogue should write to the above address.

NEW IDENTITIES

by Catalogue Editor

For the second month running all these new identities have been reported by member Rosemary Smith, who must be our most successful new identity member.

B5180.02	BN/SA	14,13/10,10	5	Latus, Linsley & Co (London) Ltd., E.C.3.	R
-	E&Co.	10,12,9,6	7,5,7(III)	Endemann & Co., Glasgow	I
J3570	J.H/&Co.	7,12/12,8,6	4½(IIIa)	G.W.Jones Heard & Co., Newport, Mon.	B
L3640.01	L.L/Ld	8,8/8,8	4½	Lloyd Lowe Ltd., London E.C.	B
-	LR/O	7,11/10	(4?4½?)	Lloyds Register of Shipping, E.C.3.	I
M2870	M.H.	15,11	5½	May & Hassel, Bristol.	I
M3630.01	M&L	15,14,7	5(III)	Matthews & Luff. London,E.C.	E
M6055	MW/Co.Ld.	15,15/9,6,7,7	5½	Morgan, Wakley & Co. Ltd., Cardiff.	B
T0060.02	TA	7,10	5½	Thomas Atkinson, Mosley St., Newcastle.	B
-	V.M.	9,17	5	Vogt & Maguire, Liverpool.	I
A2820.01	AN/&CO	10,12/12,8,6	4½(IIIa)	A. Handyside & Co. Ltd., Derby.	
-	H	14	11½	Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, London, E.G.	F
C0655.01	CB/&Co.	8,13/12,8,6	4½(IIIa)	Cunliffe Brooks & Co. Bankers, E Darwen.	E
G4070	G&P/Ltd	10,12,9/7,5,7	4½(IIIa)	Gale & Polden Ltd., (Confirmation)	
J7800.01	JTM	8,8,12	4½	J.T. Morton, Provisions Manufacturers, Millwall, E.	A
S3515	SH/&Co.	13,11/14,8,6	5(III)	Suter Harpman & Ratitjeu's Corp., Ltd., E.C.	B-E
D0700	D/C&Co	11/8,14,8,6	4½(III)	Dennistoun, Cross & Co., London	
A2260	A.F/B.	10,8/13	5½	Anglo Foreign Banking Co. Ltd.	
A1260.01	ACo.	10,8,6	6	The Anderton Company, Stoke-on-Trent.	B
K1580.02	K&S/B	12,14,13/15	4½(III)	Kean & Scott, Birmingham.	

F3550.03	FRW	7,10,12	4½	Fowlie, Reid & Wills Ltd, London EC1.	Q
S0630.03a	SB/C°	10,14/8,4	5/4½	Sieman Bros & Co Ltd	F
S1580	S..C/Ld	11,8/7,7	5½	Simon-Carves,Manchester.	M
R03206	R.B	12,14	7½	Russian Bank, London Branch for Foreign Trade.	M
R1860	R.F./H.	12,8/11	6½	Royal Free Hospital, London WC.	M
-	L	7	5	Lazard Bros & Co Ltd, London.EC2.	M
S6440.17	S&S	10,12,10	6	Sutton & Sons, Reading.	B
S0510.04	S&B	11,13,13	5½ (III)	Scrempft & Co Ltd, Liverpool.	M
F2130.01a	F&J	7,12,6	4½(Ia)	FASSETT not Fossett.	
B2010.03	BD/CLD	14.11/8,7,7	5	Imperial Chemical Ind Ltd, (British Dyestuffs Corp Ltd), Manchester.	M
C3150	CH&Co	8,12,14,814	4(1)	Clark, Hunt & Co, Shoreditch, London.	M
P3540	POTTER	9,10,7,7,10,11	4	C & J G Potter, Belgrave Mills.	E
S0680	SB/CoLd	11,13/8,6,7,7	5½	The Stroud Brewery Co Ltd, Stroud.	M
J5820.01	JN/TS	7,13/14,10	4½(III)	John Needham & Sons, Manchester.	E
S7150.02	ST/&B	9,6/12,11	4½(Ia)	Spencer Turner & Boldero Ltd, Lisson Grove, NW.	
C5350	C.N./E.P.	8,13/10,10	5½	Comptoir National D'Escomplie de Paris.	M
S0590.04b	SB/C	10,14/8	5	Swiss Bank Corp,Lothbury EC	M
W2650.01	W/F/F	11,7,7	4	W T F Faulker, SE1. (Branch of Imperial Tob. Co).	I
-	M	15	7	Horace Marshall & Son Ltd, London.	O
M2020	M.D.	15,11	5½	Martin Dunn, W.Bromwich.	M
C3730.03	C.I.H./&S	8,5,11/14,13	4½(III)	C J Hambro & Son, London.	A
R4830. 01	R&S/Ld	11,12,10/7,7	4½(III)	RECKITT not Reckett.	M
O1030.02	OL/E	10,7/10	5	Oxford Local Examinations.	E
A2820.01a	AH/&Co	10,12/12,8,6	4½(IIIa)	A Handyside & Co Ltd,Derby.	F
B3820.01	BJ/&B	14,7/14,14	4½(III)	Nayliss Jones & Bayliss.	B
G515/3or4	GTR	12,8,11	6	Grand Trunk Railways of Canada.	F
6420	J.R.	10,15	6½	J T Hutchinson, Saltrington Corn Mills, Malton.	-