

COIL STAMPS

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I recently purchased 2 books on coil stamps. Lesley Wilkinson's recent one on George V and the older Langston and Carless one on coils since 1938. I found mention of affixing machines very illuminating and thought I would pass them on.

Multipost affixing machines were used in Labour Exchanges for dispensing National Insurance Stamps.

From 1918 to 1920 the Merkhams Trading Co who distributed Multipost machines asked the P.O. to produce coils for sideways delivery.

In 1921 trials in continuous printing of stamps (from flat plates) were sufficiently advanced for experiments to be made with coils for Multipost machines; one at Somerset House and one at the London Insurance Committee. Could this last one be LIC (L3080.01), in use 1925-1939? Some values are known on sideways wmk stamps with sideways die. Can anyone confirm this as a Multipost Perfin?

Mail Room Equipment Ltd had taken over the agency for POKO in 1927.

The 2d stamp was always very popular in coils for affixing machines as it was used for receipts.

Coils of the Irish overprints were made for the Multipost machine .

Figures for coils produced in 1928 were:-

21,000 for POKO's

60,000 for Kermode vending machines

300,000 for Multipost machines.

All this, and more no doubt, will be in Roy Gault's book on coil stamp perfins, when he gets time from all his other catalogue work, to finalise it.