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SOCIETY INFORMATION

<u>The A.G.M. in London</u> is on Saturday 16 November at Baden-Powell House, Queen's Gate; from 1p.m. to 5p.m. Parking available nearby. There will be no set agenda this time because after the officer's reports, and any other business, which has to be discussed, it is hoped that we will be able to inspect the material obtained from Slopers, prior to their closure on August 31st.

Do try to come if you can, as most of the documents and books will not be trusted to the post and the die blocks etc. are too heavy for the post. It may be that the only time they will be on view will be at the Society meetings.

Please bring your copy of the Bulletin for reference to the following reports.

Secretary's Report

The Society continues to flourish. Membership is now 282. Over the past seven years we have had 205 new members. This is offset inevitably by deaths, resignations and lapsings, but is indicative of the growing interest in perfins. Introductions are due to both articles in the philatelic press and personal contacts.

This year has seen the demise of J. Sloper & Co. as a separate concern. So ends a 133 year chapter in the history of our hobby. Our regrets at this are tempered by the acquisition, due mainly to the efforts of Stephen Steere, of a considerable amount of records, dies, literature etc. Our thanks are due to Checkpoint for allowing us to acquire these.

Due almost entirely to Roy Gault we have seen the completion of the Edwards catalogue. The companion Tomkins catalogue (6th ed'n) has also been completed, largely due to the efforts of Rosemary Smith in addition to her labours as Editor. Both deserve our thanks. Neither catalogue is the last word, since new dies and new identities are constantly coming to light. It is hoped to issue a supplement to Edwards and start the 7th edition of Tomkins early in 1992.

Our meetings in London and the provinces continue to be useful and interesting. Perhaps more for the informal contacts and exchange of ideas than for the formal part.

Finally may I record on behalf of all members our thanks to officers and other helpers who keep the Society running.

J. M. Rucklidge. (Hon. Sec.)

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Treasurer's Report

The Society continues to flourish financially. The surplus this year is not as large as usual but there are good reasons for this:

- 1. the Bulletin expenses are higher because they include the printing costs of the Tomkins catalogue pages, of which we have some 200+ complete catalogues for sale to new members, trade etc.
- 2. the Sloper material costs include Stephen Steere's expenses for all his work photographing records and a payment of £350 to Checkpoint for records, dies and the Sloper History booklets. Sale of the latter should recover most of this.

The auction surplus is not as high as it should be from the sales figure. This is because the completion of an auction does not coincide with the end of our financial year. Last year it was artificially high: this year it is artificially low. There is a net amount of some £300 due for auction 4.

The publications surplus is substantially that for the year 89/90 which was received too late for inclusion in that year's accounts. The surplus for the year 90/91 is again not to hand.

The Edwards catalogue has now been completed and this year shows a reasonable surplus, as against deficits in previous years. The spare copies held should now ultimately realise some £600 if, as expected, they sell to new members.

It seems that we shall be able to maintain subscriptions at the present level for some time.

J. M. Rucklidge. (Hon. Treas.)

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Income & Expenditure Account Year Ended 31 August 1991

<u>Income</u>	£	Expenditure	£
Subscriptions	1278	Bulletin	2147
Auction 11977		Meetings	126
<u>11296</u>	681	Officer's Expenses	151
Publications 754		Sloper material	647
<u>213</u>	541	BPF subscription	34
Catalogue 1867		Bowman Prize	10
1465	402	Surplus	52
Interest	265		
	£3167		£3167
Balance	Sheet	31 August 1991	
<u>Liabilities</u>	£	Assets	£
Fund 1 Sept 1991	5613	Bank	2538
_		Cash	48
Surplus	52	Abb. Nat. B.S.	3176
		GIRO	1044
Member's balances	1291	Premium Bonds	150
	£6956		£6956
	J.M.Ruck	lidge. (Hon.Treas.)	

Editorial - cum - Bulletin Editor's Report

Looking through the six Bulletins which have been published in this financial year, it is noticeable that we have had at least eight articles about non G.B. Perfins. I make no apology for this as we have many overseas members and many G.B. members who collect foreign perfins.

Visits to Sloper's works and descriptions of perfin related items from Slopers have also been prevalent.

Most queries posed by members have caused others to put pen to paper and pass on their particular snippet of knowledge. I know, from talking to members at London and Morley meetings, that this type of information giving is useful to more than the original enquirer.

It has also been gratifying to receive so many articles giving original research findings. This is invaluable to all collectors of perfins.

Quite a number of correspondents have made complimentary comments about the Bulletin but 1 never forget that the content of the Bulletin is mostly due to you, the members. I say a big 'thank you' to all who have sent in complete articles; or ideas for me to fill out; or taken the trouble to pass on their findings; or asked or answered queries. Please keep sending in any thoughts about perfins and together we can keep producing an interesting magazine. I open suggestions also informative am to how the Bulletin can be improved.

Lastly, the pages of the Tomkins catalogue, which have gone out with the Bulletin, were only checked by myself. The collating and typing was done by our secretary and for this I proffer our thanks to Michael Rucklidge. It has been a mammoth task but I understand that Roy now has the information on disk. This should make it easier to produce the next edition.

Rosemary Smith. (Editor)

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Publications

Mr. J. C. Donner has volunteered to take over as Publications Officer. Handover of stock etc should be completed by the time this Bulletin is out. John's address is on the first page.

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Subscriptions

Subscriptions for the year 1991/92 became due on 1st September. Some of you have already paid, for which I am grateful. You should receive a membership card with this Bulletin. So if you do not have one - please remit. Amounts are on the front page.

The address label on the <u>NEXT</u> Bulletin will bear a red cross plus the amount due: if I do not receive your subscription by 31st Dec I shall have no option dut to assume you do not wish to continue your membership.

J.M.Rucklidge. (Hon.Treas.)

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

New Members

ROOKE P.

HATTERSLEY R.

ALEXANDER M.P.

COKAYNE W.E.

TIMMERMAN B.L.

LOWER S.

EVANS J.P.

Resignation

BARR REV.F.

Change of address

GLERUM J.

SELBY S.A.

HARP M.

STEVENSON J.W.

SLOPER BOOKLETS

Members have shown considerable interest in the Sloper booklets in Auction 4. At the time the auction was prepared these were scarce items and had been donated for charity: a reserve of £5 seemed reasonable. Since then the Society has been fortunate in acquiring the surplus copies from Checkpoint-Sloper. These we can now offer at:-

U.K. £3

Overseas surface mail £4

Overseas airmail £5

There is only a limited quantity available and of course cannot be repeated, so early application is advised. Please contact the Publications Officer (John Donner)

<u>SEP/-/S PERFORATOR</u> Editor - Rosemary Smith.

Prior to using the present SP monogram perfin, our Society used a perforating machine with die SEP/-/S. The whereabouts of this machine is not known. Could the member who has this perforator in their possession please let me know and perhaps something of its history - if known.

<u>JAPANESE CATALOGUE</u> Editor - Rosemary Smith.

Via one of our members, GARY SHAYLER, I have acquired for the Society the catalogue of Japanese perfins by Adachi and published in 1980. I am told it is now out of print. All then known Japanese perfins illustrated under very different are classcatalogues. For example, the perfins are ifications to our not grouped alphabetically but one section is for single letter perfins; one for single letters in a circle, square other or shape; another section for two letter perfins etc.

The text is in Japanese and before I pass on the catalogue to the Librarian I will endeavour to get the names of users translated into English. I have a Japanese contact in London but it may be some time before I can reach this person. If anyone else can obtain a translation in a shorter space of time I would be pleased to hear from them.

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MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

<u>Perfins on the Stamps of Jersey</u> Bulletin 253 Pg. 9

RICHARD THACKER of Jersey has thrown some light upon this topic. He has furnished me with a photocopy of a Sporting Club Français letter which explains that the stamps perforated S.C.F. were for use by the Officers of the Club when sending out correspondence concerning the Club. At the bottom of the letter is a list of all stamps, which had been perforated S.C.F. They are:-

<u>Jersey</u>:- 1976 Defins.- 1p, 5p, 7p, 10p, 40p.

1976 Links with USA - 5p, 7p, 11p, 13p.

1977 Victoria College - 10½p.

1978 Golf - 6p.

<u>G. B.:</u> - Machins - 8½p, 9p.

The Vice-President of the S.C.F. in 1977, when the decision was taken to use a perfin, has told Richard that he is sure the perforating was carried out by Slopers. The die is certainly typical of Sloper.

As an added piece of information, Richard says the only other perfins on 'pre-independent P.A.' stamps are:-

FS/Ld Fuel Supplies C.I. Ltd.

G de (de in G) De Gruchy, Jersey (large department store)

P.A.C. Jersey branch of the Pru., in Royal Square, St. Helier.

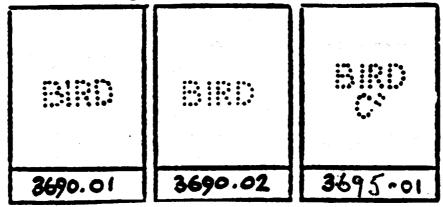
Since writing the query in July, I too have acquired a pre-indept. stamp. This is S.G.10 - 3d Jersey - perforated G de.

"BIRD" Perfin Bulletin 240/3; 241/13; 243/10.

The identity for this perfin (BIRD) was numbered 369 in Tilles and identified as William Bird a Co. London. From members' comments in Bulletin 241/13 we learnt that William Bird had been 'taken-over' by Boiling & Lowe at least as early as 1895. However, they were still using the word BIRD as their Telegraphic Address.

When the B section of Edwards catalogue came out, we saw that there were two dies of 'BIRD'. The 369 in Tilles turned out to be 3690.02 in Edwards with identity of William Bird & Co. London. In view of the comments by Harry Skinner in Bulletin 243/10 I would suggest the identity needs amending. The perfin BIRD/&Co is for the original William Bird & Co., but the two 'BIRD' perfins for Boiling and Lowe.

I have now acquired a cover dated 21-7-30 with 2 x GV stamps with perfin BIRD, die 3690.01. The identity on the envelope is Boiling & Lowe (Overseas) Ltd., London E.C.4. This pushes the date of use a little further. No one sent in any other dates so if you have acquired a later dated cover, please write in.



J. SLOPER CHECKPOINT LTD. Rosemary Smith.

In a later issue of the Bulletin, our President, John Nelson, intends to bring the history of Slopers to a close. In the last two Bulletins there has been a reprint of John's earlier paper, published in 'Stamp Collecting', entitled, "Sloper and Stamp Security."

In the meantime, members may be interested to hear briefly of the fortunes of Slopers over the last 18 months. In 1989/90, after the death of the Company Secretary - who was also a director of Slopers - moves were made to try to sell the company as a going concern, thereby securing the continuance of the company and safeguarding the workforce. In August 1990 the company was sold to a holding company called Widepack Ltd. It was hoped that extra cash resources would be put into the company to help weather the recession in engineering at that time.

However, early in 1991, Checkpoint Security Systems Ltd. took over the business of Slopers: and Widepack Ltd. retained the premises. On March 6th, 1991, the old Sloper name was changed to J. SLOPER CHECKPOINT LTD.

The physical operation of the company has now been transferred to Checkpoint's parent works at Reading in Berkshire. The perforating of Postage Stamps and various other functions of the business will continue only at Reading after 31st August 1991. All Slopers machines and moveable property have been stripped from Tower Royal Works and unfortunately the employees there have been made redundant.

PERFINS OF BRITISH MALAYA

PETER GIFFEN, author of the book on the Perfins of British Malaya, wishes to thank all those who notified him of errors and also sent in extended dates. The following are updates for your catalogues.

- Al. Should be <u>CLOUET</u> not Clourt.
- H2, 7 & 8. Should be Hong Kong AND Shanghai.
- Nl. Should be North CHINA Insurance.
- N2 & S9. Should be MAAtschappij.
- Wl. Should be <u>WHITTALL</u> & Co., Klang, Selangor. Estate Agents and general merchants with head office in Colombo, Ceylon.

Extended dates for the catalogue:-

Gl.	c1898	to	c1920	M7.	c1902	to	c1922
H6.	cl882	to	c1894	S11.	c1904	to	c1923
LI.	cl919	to	c1937	W1.	c1919	to	1935
L2.	c1922	to	c1965	W2.	c1900	to	c1922

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA PERFINS

At the beginning of June 1991, PETER O'KEEFE, editor of the Seven-oaks Philatelic Society Newsletter, sent me a copy of the Spring 1991 edition. In it was a very interesting article on the G.B. stamps used by the Commonwealth of Australia from Australia House, London and perfined C of A (two types). The article was written by Mr. Eric Whitmore who, as packet superintendent and auctioneer of Sevenoaks P.S., had been given a collection of these perfins to sell in their summer auction.

It is unnecessary to publish the whole of his paper as some of the information is in Bulletin 248/8 and in the book, "G. B. OFFICIAL PERFINS" by T.A. Edwards and B.C. Lucas. However, Mr. Whitmore's study of the collection and his enquiries at Australia House gave rise to some new facts.

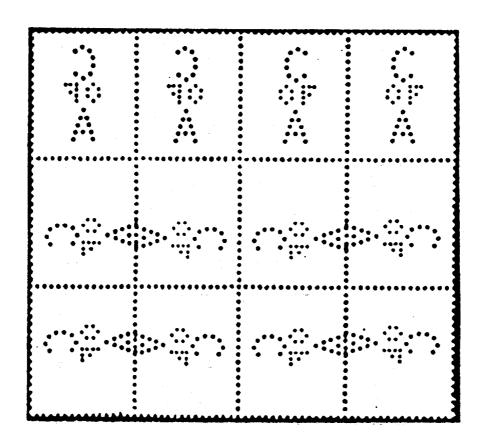
- 1. He was informed that the perfin C/OF/A has definitely not been used since 1972.
- 2. He has seen a cover dated "London 10-2-1911" with the C of A perfin.
- 3. After comparing the 2 types of die, Mr. Whitmore puts forward the following theory on the mechanics of the perforators. The C of A was a single unit, hand operated punch. He has based this assumption on the relatively small quantities required, and the difficulty of positioning on the stamps of more than one unit which were used.

The C/OF/A was almost certainly in pairs. On the majority of large format stamps, the motif appears twice, unnecessary if only one unit was employed. Also on large format stamps, the spacing between the pairs is consistently 20½mm. and this spacing can be verified on the large blocks in the collection, although the spacing from one pair to another may vary.

The large blocks also caused Mr. Whitmore to come to the next

- assumption, namely that the C/OF/A punch was foot operated. The evenness of puncture and regular positioning would be difficult to achieve by a hand punch when six or more thicknesses were being perforated.
- 4. An interesting variety occurred in the GV puncture, when the top pin of both "A"s disappeared for a time, to reappear later, so that all QEII examples are complete. Also for an apparently short period one of the "F"s appeared as an inverted "L".
- 5. The collection for auction included stamps of all appropriate reigns except KEVII, ranging from a GV McKennal 1d to QEII Wildings; values from *sd to £1. It included mint and used (but mainly mint). There were two large blocks which illustrate the 8 different 'permutations' which the perfins can assume in relation to the stamp design depending on the degree of folding of the stamps and direction of insertion into the punch. The block illustrated is on GVI 2d pale orange.
- 6. The whole study collection of some 6 pages, as described above, fetched £57-50 at auction.

I (Editor) am very grateful to Peter O'Keefe & Mr. Whitmore for allowing me to extract information from the Sevenoaks Newsletter.



NAVY & ARMY CANTEEN BOARD.

At the Morley meeting last year, Steve Dunderdale brought along a newspaper cutting based on his query to the Liverpool Echo in 1979 and the answers he received. He had acquired a cover with perfin N.A./C.B. dated 22-11-17 with cache on the back, "From Navy & Army Canteen Board, Royal Liver Building, Liverpool." At the time this was a new identity and Steve wrote to the Echo's 'Helping Hand' column, to see if, to quote, "Can any of your readers give me any information about the Board, particularly when it was formed and abolished, the type of duty it performed, and whether it was an official Government body."

The answers sent into the paper make fascinating reading and together they tell the following potted history of the Board.

When the First World War had been going for nearly 18 months the Government of the day realised that an official canteen service was much needed, and so on January 1, 1916, the Army Canteen Committee (Edwards A1070.01??) was set up to run canteens for the troops.

It wasn't long before the Royal Navy saw that this was a good idea and asked if they could come in too. So the committee was reformed, and became the Navy & Army Canteen Board in June 1917. It was a parent body set up by the Government to maintain and supervise supplies to all Regimental H.Q. Canteens. They sold tea and buns; sometimes 'fags' and 'baccy'; soap and razor blades. Any profit was used for the welfare of the Troops and were mostly run by volunteers and were sited all over the country as well as the Western Front. One reader said he could remember one in Southern Ireland when he was stationed there in 1922. Another lady, aged 87, wrote saying she worked for the Board as a costs clerk around the end of the war. They catered for the men coming back from the war and helped fit them out for civilian life again.

The Board lasted for less than four years. With the end of the war, and the Royal Air Force now in existence (previously "Flying Corps"), as well as the need to cater for garrisons all over the world, the Board was itself superseded, and the N.A.A.F.I. was formed on January 1, 1921. (Edwards N0090.01; .02; .02a)

My cover is dated 12-10-20 with a London S.W.3 return address.

THE NEW ZEALAND PHILATELIC FEDERATION PERFINS 1988-1990 Part 3 by R.D. SAMUEL.

ROYAL 100



For the "Royal 100" national philatelic exhibition the New Zealand Philatelic Federation arranged for 20 sheets of the 40c Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand Centenary stamps, and 400 \$I miniature sheets to be perforated with the words, "ROYAL 100".

The Royal 100 perfins were placed on sale at the exhibition on 6 October 1988. No special first day covers were prepared by Federation but some such covers were obtained by individual collectors and dealers.

The Royal 100 perfins sold quickly and by the last day of the exhibition supplies were virtually exhausted. The \$1 miniature sheets had in fact sold out the day before.

The \$1 miniature sheet is known with a very striking double perfin variety. Five sheets of this variety exist.

NZ 1990



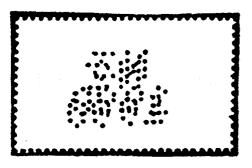
The World Stamp Exhibition, New Zealand 1990, saw the release of another Federation perfin. Various stamps were perforated with the words, "NZ 1990". Federation had agreed to host a reception at this exhibition and the cost of this function, plus a few other sundry

expenses, required an income of about \$4000. The Treasurer's report submitted to the September 1990 Federation showed that this target had been achieved, with a few dollars to spare.

Federation too took responsibility for the production exhibition. purchased the These ports" for sale were at exhibition who visited visitors to the then each postal administration's stand, purchased a affixed this stamp, to the appropriate page in the passport, and had it cancelled with the administration's datestamp. Federation itself had page in the passport and both the lc "Thank You" perfin and the various "NZ 1990" perfins were sold for use in the passports.

Four different stamps were perforated "NZ 1990": the 40c 1990 Heritage stamp (featuring a Maori voyaging canoe), the 40c Commonwealth Games stamp (Kiwi mascot), and the long obsolete and demonitized ½d and ½d stamps of the 1940 Centennial issue. These two latter stamps were chosen because the design of the ½d value complemented the 40c Voyaging Canoe stamp, and the design of the old ½d value complemented the "Kings and Queens" miniature sheet which was released during the exhibition.

First day covers were prepared for both 40c stamps, these being postmarked on the opening day of the exhibition, 14 August 1990. The first day cover of the 40c Voyaging Canoe also bore a copy of the ½d 1940 Centennial, this stamp being "postmarked" with Federation's own rubber datestamp.



Double perfins are known on the ½d and ½d 1940 Centennial stamps, and on the 40c Heritage stamp.

The Treasurer's report for September '90 gave the perforating figures as:

8000 40c Perfins were prepared, 2000 approx. were sold.

600 Perfin FDC's were printed, 100 approx.were sold.

2700 1940 Centennial Perfins were prepared, 2000 approx. sold.

About 2000 "Thank You" Perfins were sold.

Various souvenir cards were prepared by Federation. Those who attended the Federation reception received a card with an additional message printed on the reverse:- "These two stamps from New Zealand's 1940 Centennial set, specially prepared as perfins for NEW ZEALAND 1990, were issued fifty years ago but echo New Zealand Post's issues available during the exhibition. The ½d shows Maoris arriving; the 40c value issued March 7, 1990, depicts an early Polynesian voyaging canoe. The ½d marked a century of New Zealand history under the British crown; the miniature sheet issued on day five of the exhibition shows our six monarchs."

Federation had also managed to obtain a small supply of ½d and 1d King Edward VIII souvenir postcards which had been issued for Tarapex '86. On the day of issue of the "Kings and Queens" miniature sheet, 29 August 1990, the stamp featuring King Edward VIII was placed alongside the printed King Edward stamp and cancelled on the first day of issue. These cards also bore a ½d 1940 Centennial stamp perforated "NZ 1990".

Since New Zealand 1990, copies of the 40c Heritage stamp have been used on Federation correspondence to societies and Federation delegates. These covers will be sought after items.

I understand that Federation intends to continue its "Thank You" perfin scheme in the future. Although the 3c and 4c Mineral stamps have been withdrawn from sale it is understood that Federation has had stocks of these stamps set aside for its future use. All going well, we can expect the 3c stamp to be issued for 1990-91, and the 4c stamp for 1991-92. The Federation "Thank You" perfins are probably unique in the world of philately. If other overseas national philatelic bodies were to introduce similar schemes we could have a completely new collecting field - "Thank You" perfins of the world. So keep your eyes open for stamps perforated "Thank You" in Japanese, Russian, Greek or French.

Thank you for small mercis, perhaps?

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In the April 1991 Newsletter of the New Zealand Federation, there is a list of perfins available for purchase.

\$1 each
\$1 each
\$2 each
\$2 each
\$14 each
\$14 each
\$3 each
\$3 each
\$1 each
\$1 each

The above stamps were available from - The Treasurer, NZPF, Box 786, Palmerston North, NZ - at April 1991.

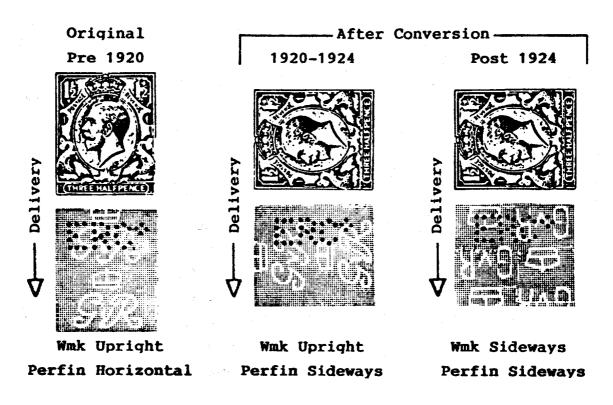
The first 'official' rolls of stamps to be produced by the Post Office appeared in August 1912, and were intended primarily for use in vending and affixing machines. Both the $\frac{1}{2}$ d values of the new Mackennal design were used for this inaugural issue. Rolls of 1000 stamps were produced for use in POKO machines, but smaller rolls of 500 stamps necessary for the rival FIXO and MULTIPOST affixers. Initially all coils delivered the stamps in a vertical format and were made by joining panes of stamps together at their selvedge, giving rise to coil joins every 10th stamp. The FIXO machine required 'Top End Delivery' coils, whereas POKO the MULTIPOST machines employed 'Bottom End Delivery'.

a small, hand operated affixer Multipost machine was The manufactured by the Merkham Trading Company in America to a British design, and was probably introduced into Britain c1912. For many years the company pressed the Post Office to produce rolls of stamps with a sideways delivery format in line American practice. Eventually the Post Office acceded to their request and produced 'Left Side Delivery' coils for the time in September 1920. These rolls were specifically for use with Multipost machines, and were again made up from sheets, but this time by joining them at the side selvedge producing an inevitable coil join every 12th stamp. No doubt in an attempt minimise the financial impact to customers, the Merkham company offered to convert, for a fee of £2, existing Multipost machines to take the new sideways delivery rolls.

With the change of contract in 1924 from Harrison & Sons to Waterlow & Sons came a change in watermark to Block Cypher and an improved method of producing coils by continuous printing. This removed the necessity to join sheets, and for sideways delivery coils, resulted in stamps with the now familiar sideways watermark.

What has all this to do with perfins?

Well, evidence from perfinned stamps show that at least one company availed itself of the Merkham conversion offer. The perfin ERC° (E3850.01) used by the Edinburgh Rubber Company is fairly common and usually appears sideways on stamps with sideways watermark, the hallmark of the Multipost affixer. Recently however, Harry Skinner showed me a horizontal example of this perfin on a ½d George V Typograph with upright Royal Cypher watermark. This must be a product of the affixer in its original condition using vertical delivery coils and prior to its modification to take sideways coils. The perforating head and pins were not affected by the conversion. The following illustrations outline the probable sequence of events.



Please help by checking your holdings of the ERC^o die, looking in particular for both the horizontal and sideways versions on Royal Cypher watermarked stamps. You may well have spotted other perfin dies on coil stamps (normally indicated by the presence of cut edges) that sport both horizontal and vertical versions. If so, please forward the details of issues and watermarks involved, together with any legible postmark information and so provide as complete a picture as possible of this tiny group of perfins.

From Dave Hill/John Nelson (Bulletin No.251 p4 and No.252 p5). B5510.01 BOWS 14,10,13,10 5 Bows Emporium Ltd., House Furnishers, 61-71 High St., Glasgow Cl.								
From Ian H	amill							
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From Frank	Summers							
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From Rosemary Smith							
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Note: Curi	rent entry in	Tomkins for B	1850.01 of	Brunner Mond & Co., Northwich,			
shou	ıld be for B4	850.01a					
C0470.04	C.B	8,13	$5\frac{1}{2}$	Corporation of Bristol,	F.		
				Rates Office, Broad St., Bristol.			
G2280.01	G.H./&M.	11,12/14,15	6 IVa	Gordon, Hunter & Duncan,	F.		
				Solicitors, Bradford.			
H5510.01	$HO/C^{o}L^{d}$.	12,10/8,6,7,7	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Homelight Oil Co. Ltd., Hull.	I.		
I0130.02	IBHL	6,16,13,8	7	International Bank of London.			
N3760.01a	NZ	11,8	$4\frac{1}{2}$	High Commissioner-New Zealand	.R		
R0310.03a	RB	13,15	$5\frac{1}{2}$	Relfe Bros. Ltd., Charterhouse	B.		
				Buildings, Aldersgate, London EC	· •		
R3160.01	RL	10,6	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Research Laboratories.	U.		
Note: The e	ntry in Tomk	kins for R0310.	03 should	be DELETED.			
S5140.02	SM/RC	10,15/12,8	5	Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs	I.		
				Codrington Hse., 23 Water Ln., E0	C4		
T2155.02	T.H/&Co.	7,11/13,8,6	5½ III	Thos. Hinshelwood & Co.,	F.		
				Oil, Colour, Paint & Varnish			
				Works, Glenpark St., Glasgow.			
Note: The entry in Tomkins for T2150.02 should be DELETED.							
U0870.03	UG/L	8,9/6	$4\frac{1}{2}$	United Grand Lodge of England,	Q.		

U0870.03 UG/L 8,9/6 4½ United Grand Lodge of England, Quantum Freemason's Hall, London WC2.

Correction to Bulletin No.251 page 20:

R5685.01 R.W.B/S/CL Ampersand type should read IIIa.

The following new identities and confirmations are from Stephen Steere and have been taken from Sloper's Official Ledgers. The number(s) in brackets is the number of dies in the perforating head - (m x n) indicating n rows of m dies each.

C5645.01 COV/AHA 7,8,7/8,10,8 4½ Confirm - Coventry Area HA. (1) Note: This die was modified to form C5647.01 (COV/HA)

G0010.01N	1 G	9	$4\frac{1}{2}$	2. Gestetner Ltd.	(12x1)
G0090.01M	¶GA/C°	9,8/7,4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Confirm - George Angus Ltd	. (12x1)
G0450.01	G/BC	9/11,7	$4\frac{1}{2}$	2. Black Lion Sports Centre,	(1)
				Mill Lane, Gillingham.	
G0990.02	$G/\&C^0$	9/12,7,4	4½ Ia	H T Greenlaw & Co. Ltd.	(1)
G1410.01	GD/HM	9,9/10,11	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Greenwich & Deptford HMC	2.(1)

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H0010.05M	Н	10	$4\frac{1}{2}$	13. Haymills Ltd.	(12x1)
H0040.01	H in Dian	ond 10,12	4½,14	Ø Humphreys Ltd.	(1)
H0215.01M	HA/HA	10,8/10,8	$4\frac{1}{2}$	1. Hampshire AHA, Basingstoke.	(12x1)
				includes Southampton Central	
				Health Clinic.	
				2. Hillingdon AHA.	
H0360.01M	HB	10,11	$4\frac{1}{2}$	3. Hendry Bros.	(12x1)
				4. Ribak Properties Ltd.	
H0470.02M	HB/C	10,11/7	$4\frac{1}{2}$	7. Havant BC.	(12x1)
H1160.02M	HC	10,7	$4\frac{1}{2}$	7. Harlow DC.	(12x1)
H1940.01	H/DC	10/9,7	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Harlow Development Corporation	(1)
H2685.01	HF/HA	10,7/10,8	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Hammersmith & Fulham (HA)	(1)
Inc	cludes We	st London Ho	spital,	Hammersmith,	
	Cha	aring Cross H	ospital	, Fulham, and Western Hospital, Fu	ılham.
H3330.01	HH/E	10,10/9	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Horton (Health Executive?)	(1)
H5000.02M	HMC/6	10,11,7/10	$4\frac{1}{2}$	2. Merthyr (HMC)	(12x1)
H5010.01	HMC/11	10,11,7/8,8	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Hendon (HMC)	(1)
H5200.02	HM/SO	10,11/9,8	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Her Majesty's Stationery Office.	(1)
H6170.01	HR/DC	10,10/9,7	$4\frac{1}{2}$	2. Hambledon RDC.	(1)
				3. Hawarden RDC.	
H6180.02	H/RDC	10/10,9,7	$4\frac{1}{2}$	1. Holywell RDC.	(1)
				2. Horsham RDC.	
H7450.01aM H	HU/DC	10,8/9,7	$4\frac{1}{2}$	1. Harpenden UDC.	(12x1)
				2. Haselmere UDC.	
				3. Hoddesdon UDC.	
11155.01	I/HA	4/10,8	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Islington (HA).	(1)
11900.01	10	4,8	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Institute of Orthopaedics.	(1)
12032.01M	I/PC	4/8,7	$4\frac{1}{2}$	2. Odhams Press Ltd.	(12x1)
J0210.02	J/A/H	6/8/10	$4\frac{1}{2}$	J A Harrisons (Brokers) Ltd.	(1)
J3010.01	JG	6,9	$4\frac{1}{2}$	2. John Gosheron & Co. Ltd.	(1)
J3010.02	JG	7,10	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Johnson Gibbons (London) Ltd.	(1)
J5030.01	JL/&S	6,6/12,9	4½ la	J Lee & Sons (Stockport) Ltd.	(1)
K0285.01M	K&C	9,12,7	4½ la	2. Kensington, Chelsea and	(12x1)
				Westminster AHA.	
K0910.01	KH	9,10	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Knowle (Hospital).	(1)
K0950.01	K/HD	9/10,9	$4\frac{1}{2}$	1. Kidderminster HD.	(1)
				2. Hereford & Worcester AHA.	
				3. Kidderminster HA.	
J0960.01	KHD/(T)	9,10,9/5,6,5	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Kings College Hospital	(1)
				Denmark Hill, London SE5	