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SOCIETY INFORMATION

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NEW MEMBERS

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OBITUARY

BERT JOHNSON

It was with regret that the Officers of the Society who had corresponded with Bert over the years, heard of his death in July. The news came too late to go in the August Bulletin, in which issue appeared a contribution from Bert. He was always ready to send to me, the Editor, any additional information which he could supply about articles in the Bulletin. This was despite the fact that he had been ill for a long time.

Our sympathies are extended to Bert's wife and family.

SECRETARY/ TREASURER'S REPORT CONTACT Dave Hill.

I had not realised the amount of book keeping that went with this job. We use a 16 column cash book to cover income and expenditure, each double page has lines for 40 entries. Members' transactions have covered 25 double pages this year! This makes Michael's efforts in the past even more creditable.

Membership is over 330, subs are up and of course have been increased for the coming year. Auction is down, but this is because I have paid out for Auction 4 but some purchasers have not paid. The Bulletin carries the extra cost of postage for the Auction Lists. A few lots have gone astray in the post, more than in previous years. My Sales Packet account is combined with the main account so the small profit is included in with publications. A number of publications have been published during the year and sales are up. There would be a deficit had I not included the stock at face value.

John's photocopier was at the end of its useful life; a cheap new one was bought. Roy bought a secondhand one to cope with the New Illustrated Catalogue - it was taking too much time to do at work. It will pay for itself producing the catalogue.

I have spent far more than Michael used to do on postage, printing and publicity but have some stock that will last a few years. There were also free Tomkins to new members and to members who had not received their copy.

Members credit is up partly due to advance payments for the New Illustrated Catalogue and subs. Remember that subs were due 1st September, rates shown on the front cover. If you pay before 25th September your membership card should be with this Bulletin.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE for YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 1994

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	INCOME	<u>}</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
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Subscriptions		1479	Bulletin	2000
Auction		812	Meetings	221
Interest		200	Books for Library	109
Publications/ Packet		2448	Assoc.of British Philatelic Societies	100
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		207.	Photocopier	739
			Photocopier	599
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			Surplus	268
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Surplus		268	Bank	1612
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			60 Day A/c (high int.)	4825
			Premium Bonds	150
			Publications a/c	730
			Publications Stock	2874
		£10865		£10865

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BOOK REVIEW

"AN EXHIBITION DISPLAY OF NEW ZEALAND STAMPS WITH PERFORATED INITIALS" By R.D.SAMUEL.

This 64 page (A4 size printed both sides) booklet is plastic spiral bound.

It is a pictorial record of Robert Samuel's 1994 exhibition display. Within the confines of a 128 page exhibit almost 1200 stamps and over 50 covers illustrate both the full range of New Zealand commercial perfins and the British "NZ" perfins used at the Office of the High Commissioner for New Zealand/ London.

As far as he is aware, Mr Samuel believes that the collection is complete (if one can ever use that word) in that it contains at least one example of every recorded New Zealand perfin.

Each perfin is illustrated and details of the user (where known) and the recorded dates of use are given. The ten recognised rarities are all included in this collection as are numerous other scarce and important items.

The "write up" of the exhibit is, of necessity, very brief and only occasionally is the text amplified to more than a few lines. This is a concise display which is not just an exhibition entry but, in its published form, gives an illustrated text book which will be of interest to all collectors of New Zealand perfins.

To order a copy of this very informative publication:-

Cost is \$25 per copy + p.& p. \$10 (\$8 USA & Canada: \$5 Australia) to:- Philatelic Foundation Christchurch (Inc)

LONDON MEETING

Remember the London Meeting at 1:00pm Saturday 12th November - (NOT 13th as in the August Bulletin) - at Baden Powell House, SW1.

If you cannot attend but wish to raise a point, write to the Secretary for the matter to be put on the agenda.

Another alternative is to write to the President.

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THROWING SOME LIGHT ON LOCAL AUTHORITY PERFINS

Notes from Mr. E. D. Chambers

From time to time, I get the impression that members are, understandably, vague about the different titles given to local authorities. Before 1974 there was a period of reasonable stability in England and Wales, and the whole area was divided up as follows:-

County Boroughs - (all purpose authorities)

Counties - divided into Municipal Boroughs; Urban Districts; Rural Districts; sometimes Parishes.

So far as I know, the only exceptions were the area formerly covered by the Greater London Council (only formed in 1965), which was divided into London Boroughs; The City of London; and the Isles of Scilly, whose council was rather like that of a rural district but with some of the powers of a county borough.

There were many boundary changes before 1974, particularly when county boroughs were expanded and took over parts of adjacent counties; also at least one rearrangement of counties. Two counties (Huntingdonshire and the Soke of Peterborough) were amalgamated, at the same time as two others (Cambridgeshire and the Isle of Ely), with a simultaneous unrelated boundary change.

For various reasons some towns or even villages were allowed to call themselves "City", and the council would then call itself a City Council. Usually, but not always, such a town or village had a cathedral.

In Scotland, where the drastic reorganisation took place a year earlier in 1973, the titles were, and are, different.

None of the above is relevant after 1974.

There is another word that some councils favour in their title: "Corporation", but so far as I know this means nothing in particular. The dictionary definition of Municipal Corporation is, 'civic authorities of borough, town or city', and the definition of Council is, 'local administrative body of towns, cities or administrative county'.

I hope this rather rough and ready summary will give some enlightenment to those who collect local authority perfins.

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MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

STAMPS NOT RECORDED AS PERFINS Bulletin 267 to 271.

ALASTAIR WALTER has spotted a previously unrecorded perfin as one of our auction lots. This is the 2½d C.I. Liberation stamp.

MARTIN KNIGHT reports a ½d Machin with perfin LB/B. It is the only one of this value reported so this 'modest' modern stamp may be a rarity.

In the December Bulletin, as promised, I hope to publish the updated list of the remaining sterling stamp issues still to be found with perfin. If you have been meaning to report a new one from your collection, please do so in the next four weeks.

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LONDON REGIONAL PASSENGER COMMITTEE Bulletin 268/26 and 271/8.

MR.E.D.CHAMBERS has been in correspondence with the secretary of the London Regional Passengers Committee and the following precis of the letter may be of interest to members.

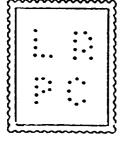
"The report in the Bulletin concerning 1st & 2nd class stamps used by the LRPC, perforated with their initials, is wrong. They would love to have a stock of 1st & 2nd class perfined stamps but Slopers for some reason claim they cannot buy sheets of these stamps - they are available, but apparently only from a few outlets and Slopers do not buy from these suppliers.

"The use of the perfined stamps is limited to when they send a letter, unsigned, to one of their leading members for signature and onward transmission. Their stock is ever diminishing and given the situation over the non-availability of 1st & 2nd class stamps, and the price charged for the work, they may not restock.

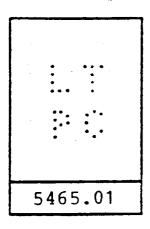
"Before the London Transport Passenger Committee closed (to iDe followed by the LRPC) the Secretary wrote to the Perfin Society giving details of all the Machin values known to him which were perfined LT/PC. The scarcest being the El-30p value of which only one sheet was perfined and most of these were used on bulky packets to Members."

Two points came to mind when I was editing this letter. One was that the 1st & 2nd class stamps mentioned in Bulletin 271 Pg. 8 could have been the 1p & 2p stamps which had been reported.

To back up this theory is the fact that 1p & 2p stamps <u>as well</u> were reported and the stamps on the envelope of the letter to Mr. E. Chambers were a 17p plus 2x1p - all perfined - making up the 2nd class postage rate.



L4815.01



The second point of note is the actual perfin itself. If you look at the illustration of LR/PC as on page 28 of Bulletin 268, you will notice that the 'R' is a very odd shape. The previous committee, the London Transport Passengers Committee, also had a perfin, LT/PC, and it looks as if the 'R' has been made by removing the left hand pin of the 'T' cross piece and adding 4 pins to the right hand side of the upright of the 'T'. Apart from these 4 pins the two dies are identical.

The illustration in Bulletin 268 is slightly distorted as Roy did not have a loose stamp to photocopy at that time - only one on piece.

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SEEN IN AUCTION

ALASTAIR WALTER reported the following in July but too late to get in the August Bulletin. These are from Philangles Postal Auction of 19-9-94 and I would be very interested to know the selling bids for the 3 lots.

- 1. Catalogue of Identified GB perfins produced by the Security Endorsement and Perfin Society of G.B. Large manual with A to Z listing & their associated identities. Invaluable for specialist. Est. £60.
 - (I would guess this is the old identities catalogue, produced a few pages at a time and sent out with each Bulletin. Many years out of date.)
- 2. Perfins The History of British Security Stamps overprinted and perforated. 379 pages in very large bound book. Extremely comprehensive report on all aspects. Very rare as only distributed to members. Exceptional opportunity. Est. £60.

(This must be Charles Jennings' book, surely?)

3. Railway Perfins of G.B. Superb manual detailing all the different railway regions and companies. Over 70 pages plus small handbook. Est. £60.

(The Railway Perfins handbook is still available from John for £4 so presumably the 70 page book is the one estimated at £56)

From Arthur Ryan's private treaty list for July, Alastair also reports:-

S.G.351 (GV 1912 Issue) ½d Block of 4 with <u>forged</u> B.T.& Crown pin perfs. (2 inverted). Interesting. PRICE £18.

(N.B. This is very similar to the 2d block which was reported by Alastair in Bulletin 268 Pg.20. That block was described as genuine and Alastair wrote to Ryan's, pointing out the impossibility of the dates. He did not get a reply but it looks as if they took note of his comments!)

S.G.110 9d (QC) Fine fresh mint copy with perforated initials "ADAM". Unusual and attractive. Cat £600. PRICE £50.

S.G.230 (Ed.VII) 2½d F.U. Pin perf "B.T.and Crown". Unusual £12-50

S.G.245 (Ed.VII) 6d Fine M/M with Board of Trade perfin. PRICE £9.

SG144 3d PI.18 (RB) Fine fresh mint copy with perforated initials "ADAM". Unusual and attractive. Cat.£225. PRICE £22-50.

JOHN MARRINER reports from Cecil Court Postal History Auctions:-

- 1. 1876 1/- green Plate 12 + 6d Grey Plate 15 to LIMA, PERU. Both perfined "HUTH & CO" matching the headed lettersheet. (If this is correct it is a new die but I suspect only "HUTH") Tied by "L 1" hexagonal duplex's remains of 2x5c LLAMA stamps tied on rev. LIMA cds. Fine & scarce. £150.
- 2. 1888 2d Deep Blue Plate 12 + 1d to FINLAND. Perfined "F.H&Co" tied by superb LONDON SQUARED CIRCLES. Very attractive cover. £70. (WOT! No identity?)
- 3. 1902 "HERTZ" Perfined Edward 2d. Manchester cds to Portugal, b/flap HERTZ & CO. Fine condition. £15.

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PERFINS ON KGV HIGH VALUE SEAHORSE STAMPS

Two letters on exactly the same lines have been written to me in the last few weeks. I am not a Solomon, so I print them both in the hope that members will respond to one of the letters and the two writers will liase with each other and produce a combined article for a future Bulletin from their findings.

FROM IAN HAMILL

"It has been suggested to me that the best way to do some research on perfin dies on GV Seahorse stamps is to write a short piece in the Bulletin.

"I am seeing this as a long term project and I have no idea what, if anything, of note will come from this study.

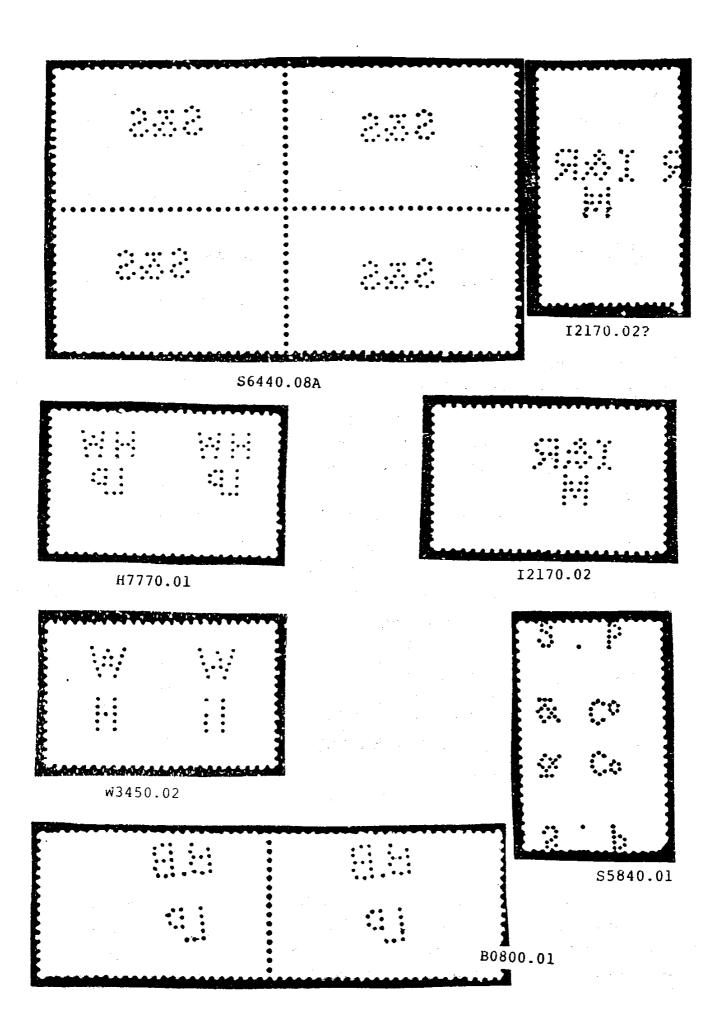
"I illustrate some of the more interesting varieties that I have come across so far. It is unclear whether the dies would be single headed or multiple headed, but at the moment it looks like a 50:50 split. I suspect there are more single headed dies but that may be simply the expectations based on my own collection.

"What is one to make of S5840.01? Did someone really bother to feed the stamps in one way and then again face downwards? We have some mirror images and apparently some multi-headed dies such as P3910.03 but are all the stamps with two die impressions examples of multi-headed dies?

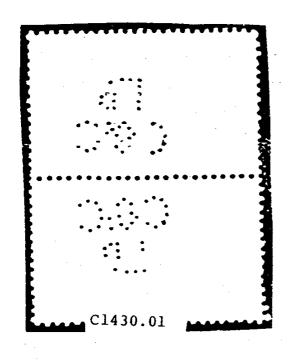
"The information I thought I would need would be:-

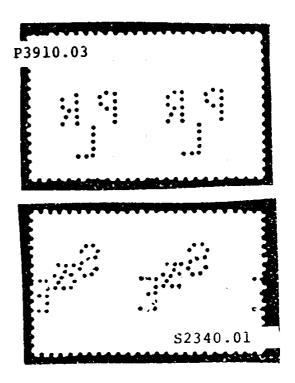
- (i) Die Type
- (ii) Stamp Value
- (iii) Whether there were one or two die strikes
- (iv) Stamp printer (Waterlow, De La Rue, Bradbury, Re-engraved)
- (v) Any other useful information e.g. Covers, mirror image etc.
- (vi) Photocopy if possible

"I will be happy to provide any correspondents and the society with results of any findings and a list of the recorded perfins. We might seem a long way from civilisation down under but we do have a postal service and other forms of communication and I would be happy to collate any information I receive



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FROM P. TUCKEY

"I have developed an interest in KGV Seahorse stamps, of which: have 11 but I know of 44 different dies. I am keen to build on this, so if this has not already been done I would be only too pleased to take on the task. If any members who have copies of these stamps would like to send me the details I will collate a list and eventually circulate it for interested members.

"As these stamps are not always easy to distinguish between the 4 different printings, I have divided them as follows:-

- 1913 Printed by Waterlow Bros & Layton.

 Background around portrait consists of horizontal lines.

 Stamps measure exactly 22mm vertically.
- 1915 Printed by De La Rue & Co.

 As above plus:- perforations around stamp are smaller than those of the Waterlow and Bradbury printings and there is a thick perforation tooth at the top of each vertical side.
- 1918 Printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Ltd.
 As 1913 but:- stamps measure 22.75mm or 23mm vertically.
- Re-engraved Waterlow printings.

 Background around portrait consists of horizontal and diagonal lines.

"I note that the £l Seahorse has not yet been found perforated.

SLOPER CIRCULAR ACQUIRED BY N.P.M. By M. Harp.

During 1993 the National Postal Museum (NPM) acquired a perfin circular issued by Joseph Sloper. The item was originally featured in the National Postal Museum Review of 1993. The NPM has given our society permission to reproduce this item and it is shown opposite slightly reduced (actual size 128.5 mm x 209.5 mm).

The printed circular is clearly an early one and probably dates from around 1870. The mint penny red stuck at the top has a GR/W perfin (G4350.02) and is from plate 96 so it could put the date of the circular as early as 1869. The address of "Walbrook House" also confirms the early nature of this circular.

The circular also has at either side two further examples of Sloper non philatelic work. The NPM believes that the two annotations at the top and bottom of the circular were made by Joseph Sloper himself and it would be interesting to compare these with known copies of his handwriting.

The top inscription reads, "To J. Clutson Esquire with J. Slopers compliments" and the lower one, "The Post Office has adopted the system for money orders etc. etc." The bulk of the text reports a case of theft of stamps in Manchester and then explains how stamps perforated by Sloper's system could avoid this. As far as I know this circular has not been reported before. It is pleasing to see that the NPM is recognising the important part played by Sloper's invention by acquiring this piece for the museum.

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MEMBERS' WANTS

STELLAN SWENSON

wants:- 1d RED with underprint and perfin on same stamp.

Quality for exhibition: top price paid for top quality.

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Our Secretary, DAVE HILL, has a non-member contact who has about 200 perfins from the turn of the century. He wants to swap for 1841 1d red browns. Write direct to Dave.

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I I Clutton Eagh with Mohin Compling Yostage Stamps—Important Case.

The following extract was made from the "MANCHESTER EXAMINER" of 21st February, and appeared in other Provincial and London Papers:—

"CHARGE OF 'RECEIVING' 7,000 STAMPS .- At the Manchester Police-court on Wednesday John Howarth,



provision-dealer, Cross-street, was charged with receiving, from errand-boys and junior clerks in various Manchester offices, a large number of stamps in payment for bread and cheese, he well knowing the said stamps to have been stolen. Inspector Shandley said he searched the prisoner's premises, and in a drawer he found 4,800 penny stamps, 810 twopenny stamps, and 2,210 receipt stamps; the total number heing 7,820, and the value 351, 19s. 2d. The majority of them were new stamps—that is to say, they had not been stuck npon letters, but a certain portion of them—and these the officer found done up in a packet by themselves—had the appearance of having been fixed upon letters and taken off again, the edges being slightly jagged and the 'sticking stuff' looking not fresh. In fact, the charge against the prisoner originated in a letter being so tampered with. Mr. Slater, St. Ann's square, suspecting something amiss in the posting of a letter containing two halves of 51, notes—the letter not having been heard of—had asked Inspector Shandley to make inquiries. The result was that the errand boy confessed he had kept back the letter for the sake of the penny stamp (with which he bought a bun at the prisoner's shop), and when he found, on tearing the letter in two, that it was a money letter, he became frightened at what he had done, and he tucked the letter and the enclosed half notes between the bars of a 'grid' in Red Lion-street, where the officer found them. The stipendiary magistrate (Mr. Fowler) thought it a most important case, and he remanded the



A plan has been devised in connection with "SLOPER'S PATENT PERFORATING SYSTEM" for effectually preventing the recurrence of such cases in future, and has been submitted to and allowed by the Post Office Authorities.

prisoner for a week to enable Inspector Shandley to make

the most searching inquiry possible.

This plan, which has just been adopted by many of the most influential Firms and Public Companies in London, will be in full operation as soon as the Patentee has prepared his Machinery to meet the demands which he anticipates,

All applications addressed to-" THE MANAGER,

"Office for Sloper's Patent,

"WALBROOK HOUSE, WALBROOK, LONDON."

The Post Office have adopted by of the for

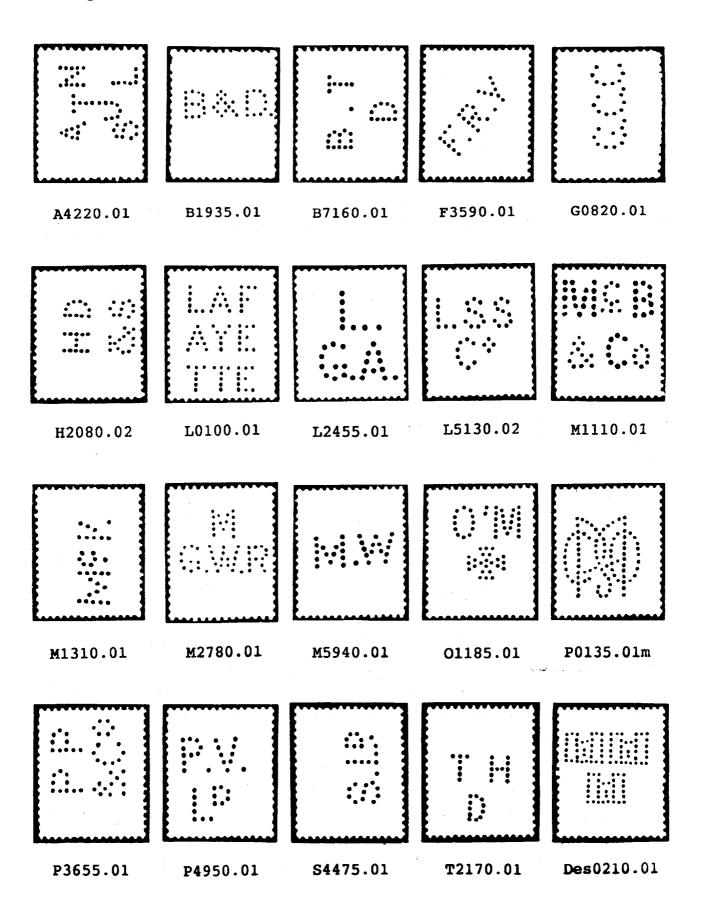
In response to Rosemary's request for more information on Irish perfins, I can offer a list of those found on GB George V Typographs with the Irish Overprints of 1922. Although the list has been compiled over a number of years from details sent in by various members including the late Bert Johnson, it has recently been greatly added to by Paddy Murphy. This list is by no means exhaustive, so I would be very pleased to receive any additional details regarding new dies, values, postmarks/dates etc.

Cat No.	Letters	Values & Overprint Type
A4220.01	AN/J/SL	½d(Tl&T2), ld(Tl), 1½d(T2), 3d(T5)
B1935.01	BSD.	½d(T5)
B7160.01	B.T/D	3d(T2), 6d(T5), 9d(T2), 1/-(T5)
F3590.01	F.R.Y	$\frac{1}{2}d(T2), 2d(T2)$
G0820.01	G.C.C	2d(T2)
H2080.02	HD/&S	1d(Tl)
L0100.01	LAF/AYE/TTE	1d(T1), $2d(T2)$
L2455.01	L./G.A.	½d(T5)
L5130.02	LSS/C°	1d(Tl), 2d(T2)
M1110.01	M.c.B/&CO	2d(T2)
M1310.01	Mc.K	$\frac{1}{2}d(T5)$
M2780.01	M/G.W.R	1d(T1), 2d(T2)
M5940.01	M.W	2d(T2)
O1185.01	O'M/Cross	2d(T2)
P0135.01m	PACO mono	2d(T2)
P3655.01	PP/&C°	½d(T2&T5), 3d(Tl)
P4950.01	P.V./L ^d	2d(T2)
S4475.01	S.Ld.	2d(T2)
T2170.01	TH/D	$\frac{1}{2}d(T5)$
Des0210.01	3 Castles	½d(T1&T2), ld(T2), 2d(T2)

Three different overprints can be found, types Tl, T2 and T5, printed in black (or red on black stamps) on GB stamps of King George V for use in the Republic of Ireland (Eire) during the transitional period. Types 1 and 2 read "Provisional Government of Ireland, 1922" and type 5 reads "Irish Free State, 1922".

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(T1)	(T 2)	(T5)	

To help newer members or those without a copy of the Illustrated Catalogue, the dies involved are shown below.



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Q.E.II COMMEMORATIVES REPORTED PERFINED Alastair Walter.

Since the last Bulletin, the 1960 General Letter Office 1/3d stamp has been reported with perfin.

Below is a list of the quantities of commemorative stamps reported as existing perfined, for issues between 1961 and 1965.

YEAR DESCRI	PTION	SG No	<u>VALUE</u>	No.Of
1961 P.O.Saving	s Bank	623-5	$2\frac{1}{2}d$	12
			3d	21
			1/6d	4
1961 C.E.P.T.		626-8	2d	11
			4d	4
			10d	*0*
1961 Parliamenta	ary Conference	629-30	6d	8
			1/3d	1
1961 National Pr	oductivity Year	631-3	$2\frac{1}{2}d$	26
			3d	43
			1/3d	1
1961 Freedom Fr	om Hunger	634-5	$2\frac{1}{2}d$	28
			1/3d	8
1963 Paris Postal	Conference	636	6d	11
1963 National Na	ature Week	637-8	3d	23
			$4\frac{1}{2}d$	5
1963 Lifeboat Co	onference	639-41	$2\frac{1}{2}d$	25
			4d	7
			1/6d	8
1963 Red Cross		642-4	3d	26
			1/3d	1
			1/6d	3 3
1963 COMPAC		645	1/6d	
1963 Shakespear	e	646-50	3d	16
			6d	3
			1/3d	1
			1/6d	3
1964 Geographic	al Congress	651-4	$2\frac{1}{2}d$	7
			4d	2 4
			8d	
			1/6d	1

1964 Botanical Congress	655-8	3d 6d 9d	23 11 7
		1/3d	3
1964 Forth Road Bridge	659-60	3d 6d	15 *0*
1964 Churchill	661-2	4d	16
		1/3d	1
1965 700th Anniversary of Parliam	ent 663-4	6d 2/6d	7 8
1965 Salvation Army	665-6	2/00 3d	16
		1/6d	2
1965 Lister	667-8	4d	19
1965 Arts Festival	669-70	1/- 6d	7 4
1703 THE TOUTAL	009 70	1/6d	4
1965 Battle of Britain:-	671-8		
671 (Four planes)		4d	6
672 (Pilot in cockpit)		4d	5
673 (Wings)		4d	4
674 (Three planes)		4d	3
675 (Two planes)		4d	1
676 (Tail & Swastika)		4d	3
		9d	2
		1/3d	4
1965 Post Office Tower	679-80	3d	5
		1/3d	*0*
1965 20 Years U.N.O.	681-2	3d	3
		1/6d	*0* 3 1 5
1965 I.T.U. Centenary	683-4	9d	
		1/6d	*0*

My thanks again go to those who have helped and continue to help with the survey. If you have any information, much or little, please send to me

Information on dies is welcome, though not essential, so you do not need to have an Illustrated Catalogue to take part. If you have difficulty in identifying stamps or perfin dies you can always send photocopies or actual stamps to me.

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TELEGRAPH WITH PERFIN THROUGH 'INTEGRAL' FISCAL STAMP-Arthur Smith

The articles headed "When Is A Perfin Not A Perfin" in our Society Bulletins during the past year have been of much interest. The telegrams with a punch through stamp and form (Bulletins 268-71) reminded me of a rather unusual item in my own collection.

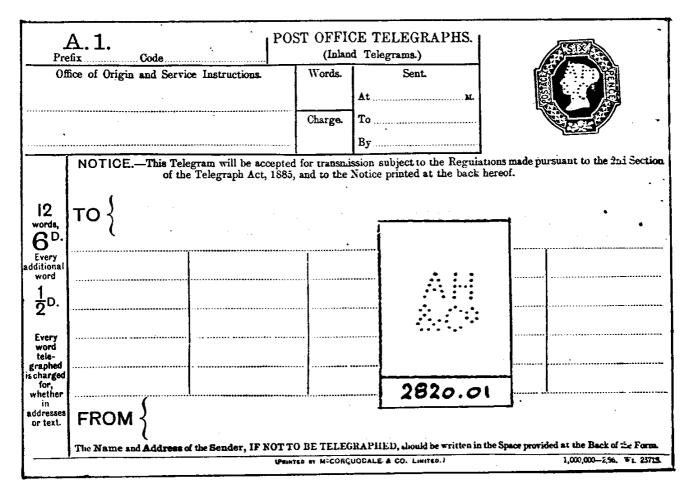
This is a mint QV Post Office Telegraph form with an embossed 6d stamp in the top right hand corner. The perfin through the stamp is A2820.01 AH/&Co 10,12/12,8,6 4½mm (IIIa). The identity in Tomkins is A. Handyside & Co. Ltd., Derby but there is nothing on this item to indicate the user.

My thoughts, or queries, are as follows:-

- 1) Was the telegraph perfined on Post Office authority?
- 2) Was the telegraph perfined by A. Handyside & Co. Ltd.?
- 3) Was the telegraph perfined by McCorquodale & Co. Ltd., who printed the form?

Whatever the answer, it would appear that anyone could perfin a document or stamp if they obtained a perfin die-stamp.

The illustration of the Telegraph form is reduced in size, but the perfin die is shown full size.



PERFIN PAIRS Part 2 By Dave Hill

Continuation of different perfins on the same piece.

H5000.02 HMC/6 Norfolk, Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth HMC)

N0095.01 N/AHA Norfolk AHA, and West Norfolk & Wisbech HA)

D0130.01 DA/HA Dudley AHA)

D4480.01 DS/HG Dudley (and Stourbridge) Hospital Group)

H0215.01 HA/HA Hampshire AHA)

S5505.01 Sn/HA Southampton & S.W. Hants HA)

Bournemouth postmark. This identity was in a recent Bulletin but is not illustrated. The "n" looks like the top of a capital "D".

R2228.01 RH/A8 London Ambulance Service H Q)

R2270.01 RH/B8 S.W. Met. Regional Hosp Board)

Paddington postmark, office in Eastbourne Terrace, Pad.

(By the by, the numbering of the HMC's was a bit arbitrary. Each Regional Health Authority numbered their Hospital Management Committees starting with 1 so that is why Merthyr also used HMC/6. I have a Hospitals Year Book for 1960 but this does not tell me why they were numbered in the order they were.)

C5760.01 CP City of Plymouth) Portsmouth also?

P0910.01 PC Plymouth Corp.) Sloper die made for Waterlow.

R1960.01 RG-wide Royal Insurance Group) Dudley postmark

R1960.01a RG-narrow ?) new identity

LO960.02 LC Various users) Leatherhead is the

Num.0130.02 18 Sutton/Cheam Council) closest geographically but this pair is doubtful.

S1210.01 SC Various users) no postmark to identify this pair

New die SC diagonal) see Bulletin 259 Pg.14 but no information has been forthcoming.

I believe these are all genuine. I am aware that other members use uncancelled perfins on personal mail, as I do, but I have tried to discount these. It is also possible that the operative at Sloper's selected the wrong die to perfin the stamps despite the ledgers provided to prevent this. Members may be able to add to the list further.

HISTORY OF PERFIN USERS

FRASER AND CHALMERS ENGINEERING WORKS, ERITH, KENT By Arthur Smith.

In the early 1800's two Scottish engineers, Tom Chalmers and David Ross Fraser, emigrated independently to the USA to further their studies. It was a coincidence that they met, and after working in various manufacturing places, realised that their knowledge and experience warranted them starting their own business. A mining engineering works was then established by them in Chicago in 1847.

In 1891, with a well won international reputation, they set up a similar works at Erith in Kent, under the supervision of D.R. Fraser, which became one of the largest employers in the Borough. The land sold to Fraser and Chalmers for the works consisted of an 18 acre site which had been excavated for valuable foundry loan and subsequently part was used as a recreation ground. The machine shop of the factory is said to have been built on the site of several historic cricket matches played from 1884 to 1890 between Erith and Australian teams. (This information is well documented.)

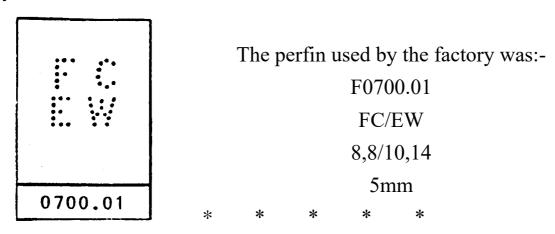
The principal products produced were machinery for mines, including prospecting plants, crushers for rock and ore, and engines for running machinery. Over 90% of the Erith products were exported.

During the Boer War the works had a slack period and the nearby Maxim gun factory made an offer of £300,000 for the Fraser and Chalmers factory which was rejected. The firm began to recover in 1902 and were receiving success in the home market with the growth of conveyor belt and turbine production. Access to the works was improved in 1906 by the construction of Fraser Road alongside the factory where only a rough track existed before. This is a very well known road in the area now.

Conditions in the factory were explained in a small book entitled "The Rules and Regulations of Messrs Fraser and Chalmers Ltd, Erith Works, Erith" dated 1900. Every employee was provided with one of the books. It stated that the working week was to consist of 54 hours, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5.45 p.m. and Saturdays 7 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. No-one was allowed to enter the works after

8 a.m. without special instructions. Workmen were not allowed to bring intoxicating liquids onto the premises or to harass their fellow employees. A medical officer had been appointed after several accidents at the works.

In the pre World War I period there was a marked expansion of trade and intake of workers. Then, on the outbreak of war, men leaving to join the forces were told that their families would be supported up to 10/- a week (i.e. 50p in today's currency). The heavy mechanical work carried out at Erith during the 1914-18 War was attracted to the attention of the General Electric Company Ld. After a period of negotiation the company was acquired by them on 1 April 1918 to complement the G.E.C. works at Witton. The Fraser and Chalmers name was retained as it is still referred to as such by local residents.



EDITOR'S COMMENTS CONTACT Rosemary Smith.

I have had to push this into a convenient empty space this month.

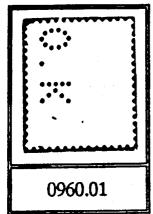
The hardest job for me, editing this issue, was deciding what to leave out. I have a number of contributions which I have to hold over because of lack of space. I try to give a good mix of research, information, queries and comment so the Bulletin is not top heavy with one type of article and, hopefully, there is something of interest for everyone.

Again it is pleasing to see so much research going on within the Society and the results of these surveys coming through. Please continue to support those who are asking for your help as it is of benefit to all in the long term.

More contributions to the Bulletin are always welcome.

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<u>USED ON THE OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE WORLD?</u> By John Mathews



Machine number 644 7 in the workshop ledgers of Joseph Sloper and Co. has a strike of the letters "O.K" and, from dated entries either side of it, must have been made late in 1884.

I had identified it with an Australian perfin known to have been used over the period 1890 to 1974, and had been curious why no dated example could be found earlier than 1890.

Now, in the New Illustrated Catalogue of GB Perfins, I notice the identical pattern with a catalogue number of O0960.01 and a period of usage on GB stamps of 1885 to 1890!

The Australian user is known to be Harrold Bros, and its successor companies Harrold, Colton and Co., and later Colton, Palmer and Preston Ltd., ironmongers and hardware merchants, of Currie St., Adelaide, South Australia. The GB user is not identified but these GB perfins are known with "London EC" postmarks. In Kelly's Post Office London Directory of 1889, the firm of Harrold Bros., merchants, is listed as occupants of 29 Great St. Helen's, E.C. (Great St.Helen's is a short thoroughfare opposite the eastern end of Threadneedle Street.)

"O.K" was one of the company's main trade marks.

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MARK LANE, LONDON E.C.3. By Roy Gault.

From information received for the catalogue, I have begun to wonder quite what went on in Mark Lane, London EC3.

From the perfin evidence we have Bone Crushing and Glue Making at various times at numbers 26-28, 30 and 34 (Tomkins Numbers section 0270.01 and .01a, and probably 0270.02 and .03)

Also connected with animals would be Sidney Smith Ltd. at No.52 with his Flour, Feed and Grain (S0010.04M) and to cap it all we have 'The Tail Waggers Club' (POKO T4960.01 TW/C) at No.58!

Presumably the tail wagging has something to do with cows. I wonder if anyone knows the area well enough to comment or should we draw a veil over what actually went on?

NEW IDENTITIE	ES submitted to the C.	ATALO	GUE EDITOR.	ROY GAULT.
From Bert Johnso				
A4010.02 AM/I	P 10,15/10	5	Anglo-Mexican Pet 16 Finsbury Circus	, London EC2.
D1120.02 D.G	1.4.0	_	TC pmk London. 3	
B1130.03 B.C	14,8	5	Borough of Camber	
D 5 (40 04 D /D	11/0	417	London SE5. Recei	
B5640.01p B/P	11/8	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Confirm Beck & Po	<i>'</i>
			Universal House, L	
			Covers dated 6th &	
C0730.01 CB/E	ES 8,13/10,11	$5\frac{1}{2}$	City of Birminghan	
			Supply Dept, 14 Da	
			TC pmk Birmingha	
S4810.01M SM/E	-))-		2. The Petroleum B	
S4810.01a/b/d SN	MIBP 9,11/11,8	$4\frac{1}{2}$		ish Petroleum Co
				perfins on pieces
			-	& 27 June 1935.I&M
W6695.01 W/&	S 12/12,9	$4\frac{1}{2}$ Ia		s Ltd, London EC2.
			Cover dated 28/6	5/46-2½d(SG491) T
From Dave Hill				
G2060.04 GH	10,12	$5\frac{1}{2},6$, · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
			London WC. PPo	C pmk 18/3/26. I
L2180.02 L&F	7,14,8	5III		Freeman. Identity
suspected from 'Fr	reem' in mls on post	age stam	p used for receipt po	urposes. Q
From John Mathe				
J1650.01 JCS	7,8,10	5	Ø J Sloper & Co.	
			20 King William	
			_	Works, London NW
	9 Trade Directory ent	-	_	
	Lilac dated 15/8/94. (etin No.270, page 23	3).
O0570.01 O.D./	/V. 10,11/9	$5\frac{1}{2}/6$	Ø Ostermeyer. D	•
			Rompaey, Wool	Brokers,
			60 Coleman St, I	London EC.
-	y from QV Jubilee 1/	-		
O0960.01 O.K	10,10	5	Ø Harrold Bros, 29	
			London EC. ('Ok	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
-	6447 (made c1885).			_
	00.Used by Harrold	Brother	rs and their succe	essors until 1971
when the Compan	•			
S1250.05 S&C	11,13,8	5½II	I 2. Stadelbauer & O	Co, Manchester.
Cover dated April	1919. Another repor	ted by Re	oberto Eissler dated	24/5/30. I
From Roy Maltso	<u>n</u>			
P0557.01 PBC/	/&Co 10,13,8/12,	8,6 4½ I	a Peake. Bird, Coll	lins & Co,
			6 Bedford Row, Lo	ndon WC1 Return
			envelope pmk Vall	letta 30/9/29. L
			Bulletin No. 27	2 (Oct '94) Pg. 23.
			Dancin 110. 27.	2 (OOL)7) 1 g. 23.

From Rober E1860.02	rto Eissler EH	10,11	7½	Edward Hayes. Watling Works, Stoney Stratford, Wolverton. TC pmk Stoney Stratford,1895. E
From David B5710.04	l Scott. BP/&C ^O	14,10114,8,4	5 I	Barclay Perkins & Co Ltd, Park St, Southwark, SE1. Dated 28/5/37. O
From Ian B J0010.08	urns <u>J</u>	9	5	The Jaeger Co Ltd, Wholesale & Export. 95 Milton St, London EC2. Receipt dated 7/12/1937. M
From Tony E0620.01	Cornforth EC/C ^O Ld	10,8/8,6,7,7	5½/5	Fredk J Hunt & Co Ltd, Soap Mfrs, Bow. London E3. Prop of George Hearn & Co. Postal invoice pmk
F2680.03	FM/C	8,1518	5	Bow, 27/9/1923. I Fellows Magneto Co Ltd, Magneto Mfrs, Cumberland Ave, Park Royal, Willesden, London NW. Postal
10710.01	ID/PC	5,11/10,8	5½	statement, pmk Willesden 9/1/25. I The Imperial Dry Plate Co Ltd, Cricklewood, London NW2. Propriet dated 21/5/1022
L0560.05	LB/L ^d /PS	6,9/6,6/7,9	5	Receipt dated 31/5/1923. 2. Vinolia Co Ltd, Lever House, London EC4. Dated 2/8/1923. I 3. Lever Bros Ltd, Principality Bldgs. Queen St, Cardiff. Cover pmk Cardiff. 13/4/1922.
P0010.26	P	14	6½	Parke, Davis & Co, Beak St, Regent St, London W1. Postal st'ment, pmk London W1 6/10/22. I
Note: Bo	th postage an	d receipt stame	s came	from sideways delivery coils.
P0580.01	P.B/C ^O	10,14/8,6	5	The Patent Borax Co Ltd, Ledsham
		,		St, Ladywood, Birmingham. Receipts dated 29/10/23 – 30/7/29. I,L
P1510.04	PD	10,12	5½	Parke, Davis & Co. Beak St, Regent St, London W1. Postal St'mont, pmk London W1. 6/11/23 L
	•	shows on th tandard Alphab		St'ment, pmk London W1, 6/11/23. I receipt stamp. This date is the O on a GB stamp.
S1495.01	SC/L	10,8/7	5	2. Sparklets Ltd, Locksley St, Limehouse, E14. Postal stmt pmk Poplar. 1/8/1922.
Note:This is	s the same ad	dress as The Sa	nitas C	o Ltd, Disenfectant Mfr.
	WW/Ltd	11,11/6,5,7	4	W Woodward Ltd Mfrs of Woodward's Gripe Water, 79187 Fortess Rd, London NW5. Postal statements dated 8/5/25 – 5/1/26. Bulletin No. 272 (Oct '94) Pg. 24.

From Rose	mary Smith				
A5425.01	A.TM.	10,7/15	$5\frac{1}{2}$	Alexander Thomson (Manchester)	
				Ltd, Wholesale Stationers,	
D0050 01	D 4	1610	7 1 /	Manchester. Dated 11/2/1905.	F
B0070.01	B.A.	16,12	$7\frac{1}{2}$	Britannic Assurance Co Ltd,	
				Broad St Corner, Birmingham.	
00505.01	COD	10 14 14	7. 11	Receipt dated 11/1/1932.	
C0505.01	C&B.	10,14,14	5 11.	I Castell & Brown, Princes St,	
				Leicester Sq, London. Cover	٨
C5040 01	$C D/\theta_{\tau} C_{\alpha}$	0 10/12 0 6	/1/TT	dated 7/4/1875 - Id plate 145.	A
C5940.01	C.P/&Co	8,10/12,8,0	472111	a Cadbury, Pratt & Co, Poulterers	В
D2290.01	D.H.E/&Co.	11 12 10/12 8	2.6	& Cheesemongers. Rec'pt 1/3/98. Ø D E Evans & Co Ltd,	D
D2290.01	D.11.L/&CO.	11,12,10/12,8		a General Draper & Silk Mercers,	
		7	F/2 111	Oxford St, London W.	
				Receipt dated 1896.	В
F3680.01M	1 FS	7,9	$4\frac{1}{2}$		Ъ
1 3000.011	115	1,0	7/2	Cardiff. Dated 3/3/49.	R
G0010.41	G	15	81/2		IX
G0010.41	O	13	072	Pmk 700 in triangle, mls '1936'.	M
G0360.01b	GB	9,11	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Grace Brothers Ltd,	111
30200.010	G D	,,,,,	1/2	143/9 Fenchurch St, London EC3.	
				Dated 19/1/1945.	R
H8090.02	HY/Ltd	12,8/7,5,7	5	Hotel York, Bernes St, London W	
		<i>y</i> -		Pmk London W1, 25/3/1938.	
10435.01	I.C.I.	5,9,5	$5\frac{1}{2}$	Ø Imperial Chemical Industries.	
Unused re	ply envelope		dator		ved
	ialty of rational				
J0940.03	JB&S			I J Bibby & Sons. Merchants & Mfr	s,
				(Animal Feeds), Exchange Chamb	ers,
				Liverpool. Receipt 24/8/1900.	В
K0290.02	K/C	8/7	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Royal Borough of Kingston upon	
				Thames Corporation. Identified	
				from piece of receipt.	V
N3630.01	N&W/Ld	13,14,14/7,7	4 I	, 11 <i>C</i> ,	
				Forwarding, Insurance & Comm	ission
				Agents and Foreign Carriers	
				H/O 32 St Mary Axe, London EC.	
00610.01	OF AI	10 10/12	<i>C</i> 1/	Cover pmk London EC, 5/5/1915.	
O0610.01	OE/N	10,10/13	6½	Secretary for Education, (office	
C0500 01 -	CD/C	0.11/7	41/	of Education?), Norwich.	
S0590.01c		9,11/7		Ø Stepney BC.	
S0590.01d S0610.01M		9,11/7 10/11/7		Ø Stepney BC.	
			4	Ø Stepney BC. d on 'Poplar' postmarks. S0590.	016
				- multiheaded die status given	
				om a strip of three.	Ю
				•	
S0700.02a	SBD	10,14,11	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Siemens Bros Dynamo Works Ltd	
				Stafford. Cover date 20/7/1909.	F
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Rosemary S	Smith continue			
S0920.01a	SB/SA	10,14/10,10	5½	The Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd, 10 Clements Lane, Lombard St, London EC4. TC dated 14/7/1925 I
<u>\$8047.01</u>	S&WB	11,13,17,13	7 III	I S & W Berisford, Importers of Wines, Spirits 44/46 Mill St, Macclesfield. (Est 1850). Cover dated 11/9/1903.
T1895.02	TG/&Co.	9,11/12,8,6	5½ Ia	Thomas Goode & Go, 19 South Audley St, Grosvenor Sq, London. Receipt dated 11/1/1900. B
V0150.01	VB	9,14	5	V Benoist, Purveyor to H.R.H Cuisine, Charcuterie & Comestibles Français, 36 Piccadilly, London W. Receipt dated 22/8/1896. B
W3710.01c	· WH/MC	12,10/11,7	4½	
W5160.04	WM	14,15	5½	Ø Western Mail, Cardiff. Ident suspected from Cardiff pmks.
Note: Num0260.0		3) is a mirror ir 10,10/11,7	nage 4½	of this die and can now be deleted.
From Arthu S2390.01	ur Smith S/EC	9/9,7	4½	1 The Sun Electrical Co Ltd, 118 Charing Cross Rd, London WC2.
	Loose stamp	identified in Slo	oper l	edger - single headed die.
From John	<u>Donner</u>			
D32,00.01	DM/&Co	11,15/12,8,6	4½	IIIa Dutton, Massey & Co Ltd. Additional address - Norfolk Hse, Laurence Poutney Hill. EC4. Cover pmk London EC, 4/5/20.
G0770.03	G.C	10,8	7	Gateshead Corporation (Rate Collector). Cover dated 5/3/00.
J2120.01	J.D./Ltd	7,11/7,5,7	5½	James Duckworth Ltd, Rochdale. Cover pmk Rochdale, 7/7/1936. M
L2620.02a	LGT	7,12,7	6½	The Law Guarantee & Trust Society Ltd. H10 49 Chancery Lane. WC.
M0590.02	MB/D	15,14/11	5	Entire pmk London WC, 8/8/1906. F Metropolitan Borough of Deptford, Town Hall, New Cross Rd, SE14.
				Rate evaluation pmk 8/6/1920. I
M4970.03	M.S	15,11	5½	Morgan. Squire & Co Ltd. General Drapers & Linen Merchants,

From	John	Nel	lson

S0010.19 S 10 6 R Saxby & Sons. Blind Makers. 50 Upper Tooting Rd & Station Rd,

Balham, London SW. (On piece).

From Frank Summers

W1400.01 W&Co./Ld. 17,13,8.6/7,6 5½III Weaver & Co Ltd. Flour Killers, Swansea. Pmk Swansea, 26/8/96. E

From D Hampson (via Eric Whitehead)

H5800.02 HP/&F 12,10/14,8 4½/5III Henri Picard & Frere, 26 & 27 Bartlett's Bldg, Holborn Circus, London EC. Cover – 28/10/03.

From Stephen Steere - Information from Sloper Ledgers.

Trom Stephen	THIS THE CONTROL	mom stoper	2048018.
A2357.01 AF	S 8,7,9	$4\frac{1}{2}$	A F Smith & Sons Ltd - Single head
			die replaced by AFS/&S(A2390.01).
A4230.03M AN	N/L 8,11/6	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Associated Newspapers Ltd. (S12xl).
A5440.02 A7	TS 8,6,9	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Armstrong & Thompson. (S1)
A5705.01 AV	V/BE 8,12/11	$1,9 4\frac{1}{2}$	Bank of England. (S1)
<u>C5090.05</u> CN	MS/D 7,11,9/	$9 4\frac{1}{2}$	Church Missionary Society,
			6 Salisbury Sq, EC4. (S1) R
<u>C7510.02</u> CT	7,6	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Gledsdale & Jennings Ltd.
			(stamps for Crove & Taylor Ltd),
			63a Koorfields, Liverpool. (S1) U
D4710.08 D7	9,6	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Daily Telegraph Ltd, 135 Fleet St,
			London EC4. Stamps from vertical
			delivery coils. (config nlk) R&S
S0010.04M S	9	$4\frac{1}{2}$	17. Stafford Corporation, Borough
			Hall, Stafford. (S12xl)

As a result of Stephen Steere's article illustrating unreported Sloper dies (Bulletin 270 p14 & 15), the following 9 dies have been reported on GB postage stamps. Dies are either singles or 12xl multi-head. Thanks go to Jack Brandt, Colin Fountain, George Greenhill, John Nelson and Arthur Smith.

C5900.02	C&P/C	7,12,8/7	4½ Ia	Coulsden & Purley UDC,	
				Brighton Rd, Purley, Surrey. R	
D4190.02a	DR/DC	9,10/9,7	$4\frac{1}{2}$	1. Deben RDC, Melton Bill.	
				Woodbridge, Deben, Suffolk. R	
				2. Doncaster RX, Nether Hall,	
				Doncaster, Yorks.	
E1860.01b	EH	9,10	$4\frac{1}{2}$	E Harris & Co (1939) Ltd,	
				Lombard Rd, Worden Rd, SW19. R	

E2230.	. <u>01a</u> E&J/R	9,12,6/10	4½ Ia		mes Richardson Ltd,
E4740.	.01a ET/C ^O	9,617,4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Elswick Leather Works. Newcastle-on-Tyne 4. R ESSO Transportation Co Ltd.	
	01M F&J	7,12,6	4½ Ia		St, London SW1. R&S nson Ltd,
<u>F4130.01</u> FTC		7,6,7	4½	86 Clerkenwell Rd, London EC1. Q F T Cliffords, 26-28 Addiscombe	
G2230	<u>.02</u> GHL	9,10,6	4½	Road, Croyden, Surrey. UG H Lee & Co Ltd,	•
	.01a GI/&S/CL		4½ Ia	Basnett St, Li Glasgow Iron	verpool. R & Steel Co Ltd,
				Wishaw, Glas	
	C5090.05	C5900.02		C7510.02	D4190.02a
_	E1860.01b	E2330.01a		E4740.01a	F2130.01dM
F4130.01		G2060.04	ا 	G2230.02	G2620.01a
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P0557.01		\$2390.01		S8047.01	W8120.03

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