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Total Membership to date - 350.

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NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER DAVE HILL

I omitted to remind members in the August Bulletin that subscriptions, as on the front cover, were due on 1st September. I do copy for Rosemary a month before the Bulletin comes out and I am afraid that late in June my mind was not on subscriptions.

Members who had sufficient credit in their accounts or remembered without being reminded, should find their membership card with this Bulletin. If you have credit I make a note of the amount on the back of your card or enclose a statement.

This task is courtesy of member JOHN LUFT who stamps the envelopes with interesting stamps, fixes the labels I provide from the membership database, puts in the Bulletins, Auction Lists and posts them. All this between worrying about how he is going to feed his cows in the present (August) drought.

(Ed:- a little bird tells me that John has taken up breeding mice - not to feed the cows I hope!!)

This is also your last reminder about THE LONDON MEETING ON SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER from 1:00pm until about 4:30pm. If you have a point to raise and cannot attend please write to one of the Officers. This is our Annual General Meeting but the formal business is soon over and there is a chance to have a chat. John Donner brings along Society Publications for sale, there is news of the latest research and often members have items to trade. Harry is usually there and only too ready to accept your lots for the Auction. Bring along your latest finds to show (or show off!) to the rest of us.

The address is BADEN POWELL HOUSE, CROMWELL ROAD, SW1 (next to the Natural History Museum), close to South Kensington or Gloucester Road Tube Stations. There is usually plenty of meter parking nearby. We would love to see some new faces as well as all the "old faithfuls".

AUTUMN STAMPEX

Once again I have tickets for Autumn Stampex (11-15th Oct). Any member wanting one please send (to Dave) a SAE.

NOTES FROM THE CATALOGUE EDITOR ROY GAULT.

The "I" pages of the New Illustrated Catalogue are now with the printer. John has ascertained that the price for the "I" pages of Illustrations with Details will be £3-50p U.K., £4-50p Europe and £6-50p Elsewhere. The price for 'elsewhere' has had to be increased because John has been making a considerable loss on the postage. Orders to John for the Catalogue, not Roy.

The letter "K" worksheets have been started and if anyone has any more new letter "K" material - dies or identities - please report to me.

The letter "J" will be the next to be put under the microscope so be looking out your new dies now please and send them in as soon as possible.

A great deal more information about perfins on the Irish 1922 overprint stamps has been sent in by Nora Wright, so there will be a slight delay in producing the final result of the survey. The results may well take the form of a booklet, probably along the lines of John Nelson's Wembley perfins.

THE NEW ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE By DAVE HILL.

With the completion of the letter "I" in the New Illustrated Catalogue, I thought it might be useful to review the catalogue for those members who are not taking it.

In the Illustration with Details version there are usually 12 perfins to the page - as usual on one side of good quality paper so stamps can be mounted directly onto the page as a printed album if so desired. (See illustrated page) Sometimes the number of dies shown is less than 12 when there are many users for one perfin or when Roy has included a trade mark or logo of the user. There is a space against each perfin for period and dates of use; stamp issues and values upon which it is known; identity if known; postmarks seen. So, even if the identity is not known, there can still be plenty of information about a perfin. There is room also for notes - i.e. "stamps from sideways delivery coil", "evidence for single head die" or "thought to be a partial of". You can add information from the Bulletin or your own research.

It is worth noting that the perfins are shown as far as possible as they appear on the stamps. It is useful to know that a perfin usually appears sideways etc. With the latest research it is possible to indicate multiple headed dies so these are not catalogued as separate dies.

The notes include historical facts for important dies and even "potted histories" for some. Where the letters of the perfin do not match the user an explanation is given if it is known and even where research is not complete, its progress is given. An example which caught my eye was the die "SPG" of which many different dies are known. Although a wide variety of individual letter sizes and styles are known it has been found that they often appear in different combinations. A possible explanation is given, that they were formed by individual letter perfins "clamped" together as a printer clamped type together. (See illustration)

Each letter section ends with one of Roy's computer summaries of number of dies in use; life of dies; an analysis of most prolific issues and values; lists of perfins known on coil stamps; Regionals; Irish Issues; Line Engraved stamps. Finally there is a squared sheet ready for new dies. Of course, with so much detail, new information is being found which supersedes that

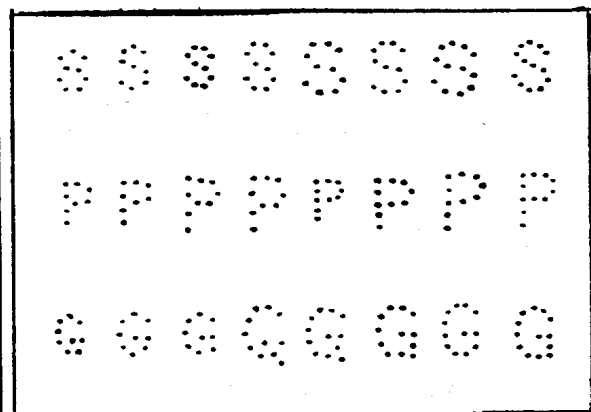
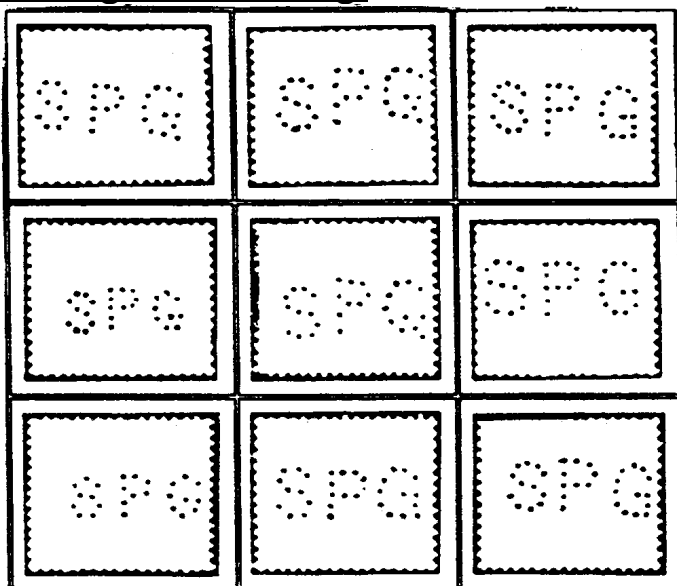
given but it is far better than the "Old" Illustrated, with just 49 illustrations of the perfin die given on each page. It was necessary to scribble any notes of usage or postmark within the perfin illustration and one never knew the results of others' research. For example:- you will find an unidentified perfin on piece with part of the name of the user; the New Illustrated should tell you the postmarks known and a search through a directory of that town should enable you to complete the name of the user and positively identify it.

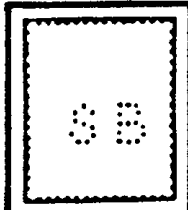
Letters so far available are "I, O, Q, S, U, V, X, Y, Z, Designs and Numerals". The cost to members so far, for all these letters is:- £24-00p U.K.; £28-50p Europe; £36 Elsewhere.

The "Illustrations Only" version has just 36 illustrations to the page and for the largest section completed to date - the letter "S" - it is 48 pages long. The total cost for all letters published so far in this version is £13-50p U.K.; £17-50p Europe; £22 Elsewhere.

It is hoped to complete the catalogue by the year 2000. With 21,500 known GB perfin dies I leave it to members to compute eventual size and cost allowing for inflation. The letters so far issued, which apart from the "S" are some of the smallest sections, already fill one lever arch file. Obviously the eventual total cost will be high and I would urge members to buy the catalogue a letter at a time as they are published.

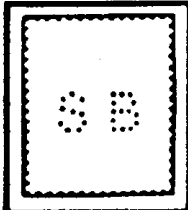
Of course, not all members collect perfins at this level, and many keen collectors still use old catalogues and even old catalogue numbering. Each to their own!





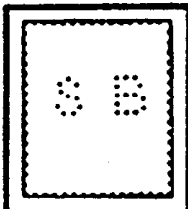
0460.03

In use: 1895-1939.
 Dates: 20 Apr 1900 - ... 1939.
 Issues: B 1d E ½d(gn)
 I ½d, 1d, 2½d M 1½d
 Q ½d, 1½d, 2½d
 Note: Small, peaked top to 'S'.
 Ident:
 Pmks: Watworth.



0460.03a

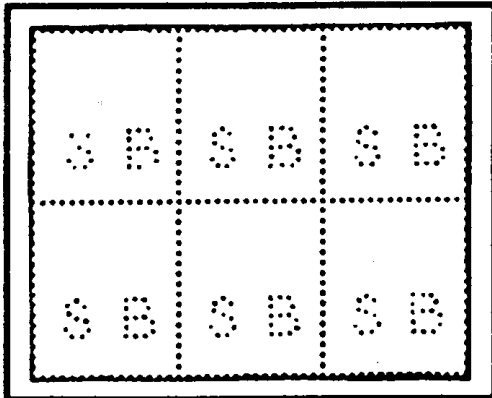
In use: 1905-1918.
 Dates:
 Issues: F 1d H ½d I(RC) ½d
 Note: Slightly wider than S0460.03
 Ident:
 Pmks: ... ham.



0460.03bM

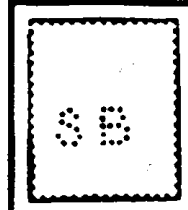
In use: 1891-1960.
 Dates: 4 Nov 1898 - 8 Apr 1955.
 Issues: B 1d E ½d(both), 1½d, 3d-6d, 9d
 F ½d-1½d, 2½d-6d H ½d, 1d
 I ½d-6d, 9d, 1/- M 1½d O 1½d
 Q ½d-2d, 9d, 1/- R 1d, 1½d, 2½d
 S ½d, 1½d, 10/- T 2½d(SG491)
 U(TC/MC) 2d, 2½d
 Ident: © Somervell Brothers Ltd,
 Shoe Manufacturers,
 Kendal, Cumberland.

Sloper m/c N^o.7390 with 3x2 bead arrangement, made c1891. Minor variation in letter spacing may be found as shown in this block of 6.



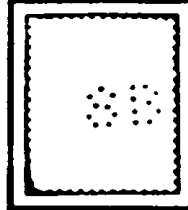
0460.03c

In use: 1895-1922.
 Dates: 24 July 1899 - 18 Dec 1922.
 Issues: B 1d E ½d(verm), 2½d
 F ½d(both), 2½d H 1d
 I(RC) ½d, 1d, 2d
 Ident: The South British Ins Co Ltd,
 Cowper's Ct, Cornhill, BC3.
 Previously, South British Fire
 & Marine Ins Co until 11/10/07.



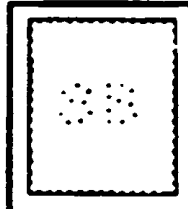
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In use: c1895.
 Dates:
 Issues: E ½d(verm)
 Note: Very small top to 'S', with
 letters closer than S0460.03c
 Ident:
 Pmks: London.



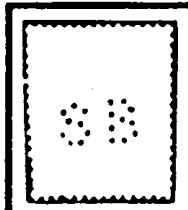
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In use: 1905-1910.
 Dates: 17 July 1909.
 Issues: F ½d(ye-gn), 1½d
 Ident:
 Pmks: London.



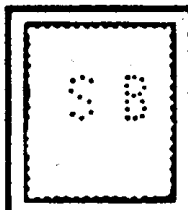
0460.03Aa

In use: 1912-1918.
 Dates:
 Issues: H 1d I(RC) ½d, 2½d
 Note: 10 pin 'B'.
 Slight variations recorded.
 Ident:
 Pmks:



0460.03Ab

In use: c1918.
 Dates:
 Issues: I(RC) ½d
 Note: 10 pin 'B'. Letters wider
 spaced than S0460.03Aa.
 Ident:
 Pmks:



0460.03B

In use: c1915.
 Dates:
 Issues: I(RC) ½d, 1d
 Note: Stamps from vertical delivery
 coils perfined by a German
 'Michelius' affixing machine.
 Ident:
 Pmks:

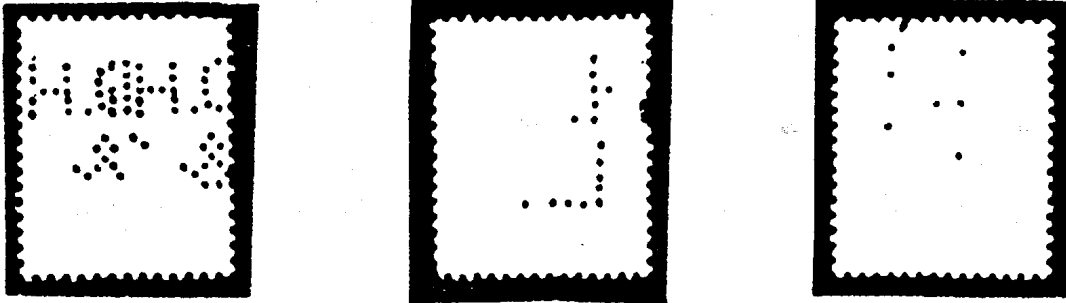


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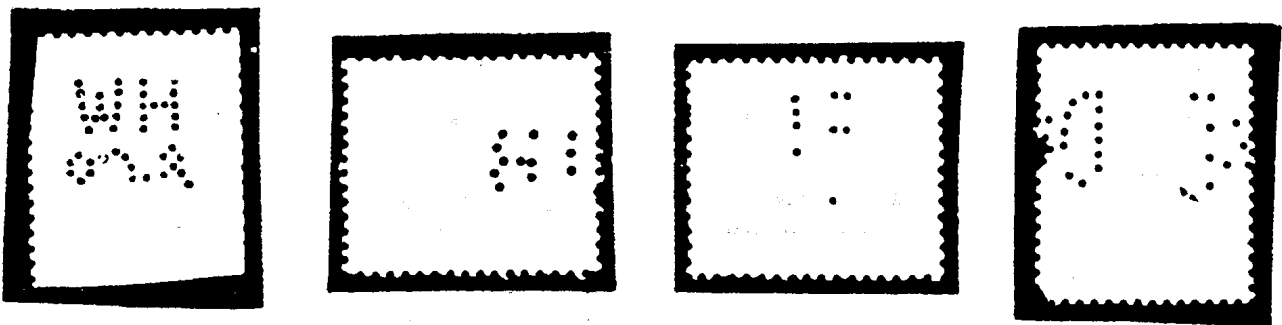
In use: 1932-1945.
 Dates: 3 Sep 1935 - 27 May 1938.
 Issues: I(BC) ½d, 2d, 2½d
 M ½d, 1½d-3d, 9d
 O ½d Q ½d-1½d, 2½d, 6d
 R 1d, 2d, 2½d
 Note: Standard alphabet POKO.
 Ident: Sissons Bros & Co Ltd, Paint
 & Varnish Mfrs, Hull.

PERFINS - PARTIALS - OR JUST PLAIN RUBBISH?

By Rosemary Smith.

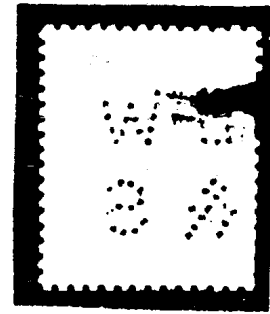
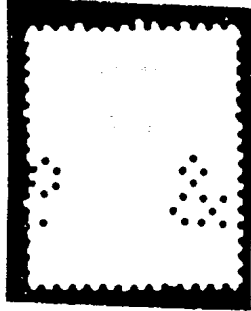
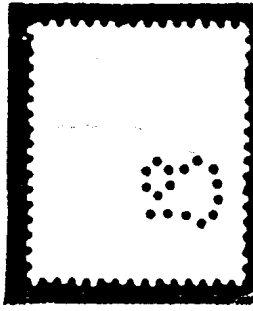


This problem of stamps with incomplete perfin dies has troubled me for many years. Are they of any use? Should they be tucked away in a corner in case they can be deciphered? Should they be passed on? Should they be thrown away?

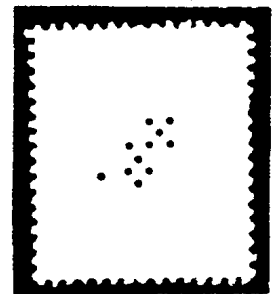
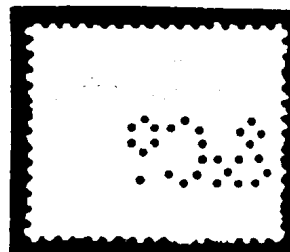
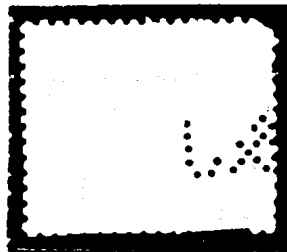
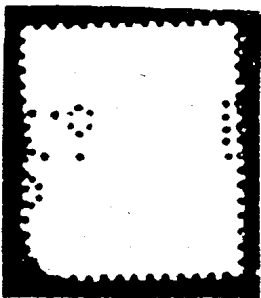


My personal opinion has always leaned towards the view that the majority should be totally destroyed. This opinion was cemented when a dealer offered me a huge bag of perfins at 20p each, the majority of which were, to my mind, rubbish. When I pointed out the very poor quality of these 'perfins' and that 20p was way over the top for such cut and torn stamps with partial and blind-pin perfins, I heard a rather disquieting statement.

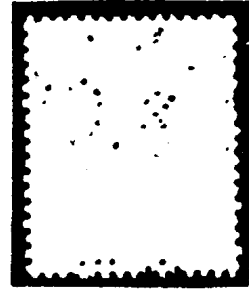
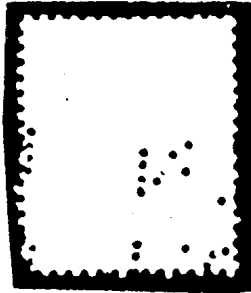
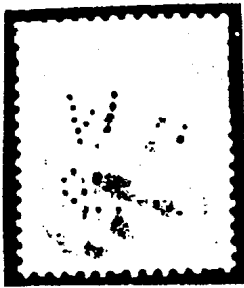
I was told that he had a collector in the States who paid him 20p for all he could send, whatever the quality. I sincerely hope that person is not one of our members as he is getting a very raw deal and making it difficult to wean dealers away from the idea that any perfin means 'big bucks'.



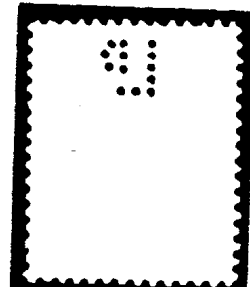
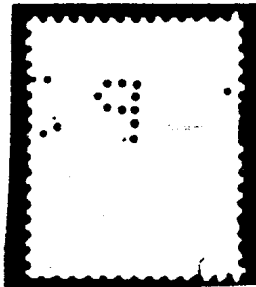
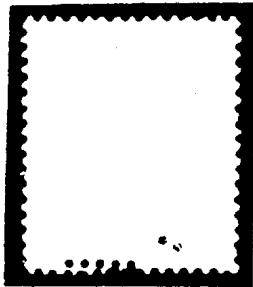
How many hands had sorted those perfins before they were accumulated in that bag? Five? Ten? The first in line takes the best or those dies which are new to them, discarding the rest as duplicates. They are then passed to a friend or sent to the auction. As each succeeding collector goes through them, the uncommon and decent perfins get fewer and fewer. What then of the dross? Do collectors con dealers into thinking that they are "perfins"? Most dealers have only to see holes in the stamps to think of 10 to 20p each. It might be good business for the collector to 'get his own back' on a dealer but I ask you to remember that the rubbish is then sold back into the chain where it does not metamorphose into decent perfins - it is still rubbish.



I know that there is the odd partial which can be deciphered: QV stamps which need to be looked at very carefully and checked against the Illustrated Catalogue: examples of progressive pin loss in certain dies: these can be spotted by the more experienced collectors. However, I am making a plea for the real rubbish to be destroyed and not to be passed on until it gets gathered together in a huge bag similar to the one I saw last month. The majority of these were dies with so many missing pins, blind pins, torn or cut stamps and double strikes, that it was impossible to tell the original letter configuration. The dealer was not very pleased when I suggested that the whole bag should be burned to prevent them getting back into circulation



The stamps illustrated through this article are some of the "best rubbish" I have not yet destroyed. (I say 'destroyed' quite deliberately as opposed to 'thrown away'.) One or two you can guess the die but are they worth saving in that condition?



I would like to hear your views on this subject, especially if you think these stamps should not be destroyed and the reasons for your opinion. If you have had any experiences of poor perfins being offered to you, let the rest of the members know about it by writing to the Bulletin Editor.

PERFINS STILL IN USE George Dyke.

See Bulletins 273/11 & 275/14

The following perfin dies have been reported as used on current stamps.

L0630.01 LB/R 25p London Borough of Redbridge

T4910.01 TW 25p Thames Water

These two are later use than reported previously.

T2060.01 TH 25p Tower Hamlets

New user to existing list.

C0520.01 CB/B 25p County Borough of Bournemouth

This may be a 'One-Off' as Bournemouth has been using a franking machine for about 10 years.

Checking my copies of this perfin die, most are sideways watermark and/or apparently from a vertical delivery coil. Can anyone confirm and/or explain this?

The list of my holdings is:-

SG No	ISSUE	VALUE	S/W	wmk	COIL
441	GV Photogravure	1½d	Yes	No	
465	GVI Dark Colours	2d	Yes	Yes	
467		3d	No	Yes	
487	GVI Light Colours	1½d	No	Yes	
488		2d	Yes	No	
489		2½d	Yes	Yes	
490		3d	No	Yes	
505	GVI Changed Colours	1½d	Yes	Yes	
543	QEII Edward Crown	2d	Yes	Yes	
544		2½d	Yes	Yes	
546		4d	Yes	Yes	
547		5d	No	Yes	
548a		6d	No	Yes	
573	QEII Multiple Crown	2d	Yes	Yes	
581		8d	No	No	
731	Sterling Machin (deep sepia, 2 band)	4d	No	Yes	

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MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

SLOPERS - "TOWER ROYAL WORKS" Bulletin 276 Page 16.

BILL COKAYNE (Sloper ex-director) supplies the information:-

"To quote the late technical director of Slopers (Mr Alfred Slater) there was originally a tower at the Western end of the building in Blackburn Road, the base structure of which was still in place when the company closed at August '91. The 'Royal' part of the title was assumed from the Royal Letters Patent and Warrant from Queen Victoria. These documents were seen by various visiting members of the Perfin Society just prior to the closure of the works."

JOHN NELSON found the name WILLIAM DUFF & CO., 113 Cannon St. London E.C. as Merchants and Bankers.

JOHN MATHEWS adds the following, taken from a 1914 Kelly's London Directory:- "DUFF, William & Co., were merchants & bankers, whose office was next door to "The British Trade Review" in the London Joint Stock Bank Ltd Building at 113 Cannon St., London E.C. (corner of St. Swithin's Lane).

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QEII COMMEMORATIVES REPORTED PERFINED Alastair Walter.

The following previously unrecorded values have now been reported perfined.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION & S.G. Nos.</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>No. Of</u>
1964	Forth Road Bridge (SG 660)	6d	
1964	P.O. Tower (SG 680)	1/3d	
1990	Xmas (SG 1526 & 1529)	17,31p	
1991	Greetings (SG 1541-Duck)	1st	
1991	Dinosaurs (SG 1576)	33p	
1992	Accession Anniv. Queen in purple hat (SG 1606)	24p	
1992	Europa (SG 1619)	39p	
1992	Xmas (SG 1635-7)	28,33,39p	
1992	Sherlock Holmes (SG 1786 & 1787)	24p	
1993	Xmas (SG 1794)	41p	
1994	D. Day (SG 1828)	25p	
1994	Summertime (SG 1835)	25p	
1994	Xmas (SG 1843)	19p	

The following are quantities of commemorative stamps reported as existing perfined for 1995 issues. The vast majority of these are from our own Society perforator.

1995	Cats (SG 1848-52)	19p	5
		25p	4
		30p	*0*
		35p	1
1995	Springtime (SG 1853-7)	19p	4
		25,30,35,41p	*0*
1995	Greetings (SG 1858-67)	10x1st	*0*

1995	National Trust (SG 1868-72)	19p,25p 30,35,41p	1 *0*
1995	Peace & Freedom (SG 1873-7)		
	1873 Celebrating Crowds	19p	2
	1873 Red Cross	19p	2
	1873 St. Paul's Cathedral	25p	1
	1873 Dove (U.N.)	25p	1
		30p	*0*
1995	Science Fiction (SG 1878-81)	25,30,35,41p	*0*
1995	Shakespeare (SG 1882-6)		
	1882 The Swan-1595	25p	*0*
	1882 The Rose-1592	25p	*0*
	1882 The Globe-1599	25p	*0*
	1882 The Hope-1613	25p	1
	1882 The Globe-1614	25p	1

The list in the last Bulletin also contained two errors.
(Ed.- this was my mistake)

1. 1992 Europa SG 1618 (Boat) 24p, should read 39p.

2. Add between 1992 Xmas and 1993 Greetings:-

1993 Swans (SG 1639-43)	18p	14
	24p	2
	28,33,39p	*0*

This has been a very worthwhile piece of research and it has taken Alastair over twelve months to complete the lists. On his behalf I would like to thank everyone who has written to him with reports of their holdings. It is not too late to continue to report QEII Commemoratives which you have or acquire in the future as Alastair will be updating this list as and when necessary. It will also help to establish the numbers of these commemoratives which are in circulation. Alastair is trying to collate the actual dies which have been used on these stamps but that is a mammoth task and it may not be possible to publish this information but at least it will be on someone's computer.

On behalf of the Society, a sincere 'thank-you' to Alastair for all the work he has done on this project.

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"BNZ": "B.N.Z": "NZ" PERFINS From Barry Pawson

The BNZ perfins were used by The Bank of New Zealand, London and the NZ perfins by The High Commissioner for N.Z. in London.

Barry has tried to note all the values of GB stamps on which these perfins are found. If anyone has additional values to add to those below please write to Barry at 34 Maire Street, Inglewood, New Zealand.

1. BNZ B5220.01

1883 2/6: 5/-: 10/-.

1887 Jubilee 2½d: 4d: 5d: 6d: 10d: 1/- green.

2. B.N.Z B5230.01

1883 2/6: 5/-: 10/-: 1d lilac 16 dots.

1887 Jubilee ½d org: ½d grn: 1½d: 2d: 2½d: 3d: 4d: 4½d: 5d: 10d

1902 E7 P14 ½d yellow-green: 1d: 1½d: 2d: 2½d: 3d: 4d brn.& grn
5d: 6d: 9d: 10d: 1/-: 2/6d: 5/-.

P15x14 4d orange.

1912 Royal Cypher ½d: 1d: 1½d: 2d: 2½d: 3d: 4d: 5d: 6d: 7d: 8d:
9d agate: 10d: 1/-.

1918 2/6d.

1924 Block Wmk ½d: 1d: 1½d: 2d: 2½d: 3d: 4d: 6d: 1/-.

1934 Photogravure ½d: 2½d.

1935 Silver Jub. 1½d: 2½d.

1937 Dark Colours ½d: 1d: 1½d: 2½d : 3d

One of the 1½d Jubilees is on piece with pmk BRADFORD, YORKS
14 AUGUST 1935. This is a long way from the bank!

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With regard to the NZ perfins there now seems to be seven possible dies.

3. NZ N3760.01

QEII Ed. Wmk. 6d: 2/6: 10/-.

Mult. Wmk. 1d: 3d: 6d: 1/-: 1/6d.

4. NZ N3760.01a

1937 6d: 1/-: 2/6 green: 5/-: 10/- ultra.

1941 ½d: 1d: 2½d: 3d.

1950 1½d: 2d: 4d: also 2½d on cover with identity of
N. Zealand Scientific Office, BCSO, Africa House.

1950 2/6d: 5/-: 10/-: £1.

1952 QEII Tudor 1½d: 2½d: 6d: 1/-: 1/6d.

1959 QEII Crowns 2/6: 5/-: 10/-.

5. NZ N3760.02

1924 Block Wmk 1½d: 1½d block of 4: 6d: 1/-.

1934 Photo' 3d: 4d: 1/-.

1934 Re-engraved 2/6d.

1934 KEVIII 1½d.

1934 KGVI ½d: 1d: 3d: 6d: 2/6 brown (block of 4): 5/-.

6. NZ N3760.03

I don't have a copy of this but a collector acquaintance of mine has a couple.

7. NZ N3760.05p

1937 KGVI dark ½d: 6d: 1/-: 2/6 brown:5/-:10/- dark blue.

1941 pale ½d: 1d: 3d.

I have a cover with the 1937 ½d used along with 1d pale red and a 6d (both N3760.01a). It has a London dumb cancel. The reverse is embossed with the crest and the words HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND.

8. NZ N3760.06p

A few years ago I came across a copy of this in a dealer's stock book amongst his ordinary stamps. It was on a 10/- dark blue, pmk JUNE 1941 LONDON EC.

9. NZ N3760.07

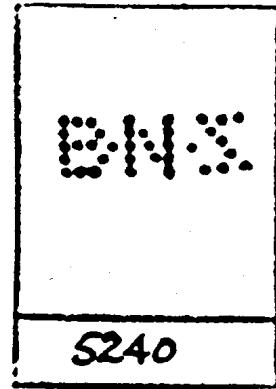
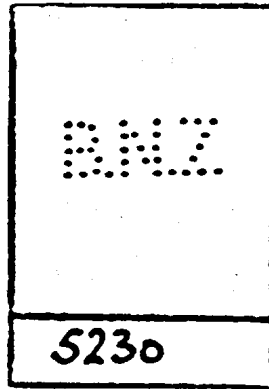
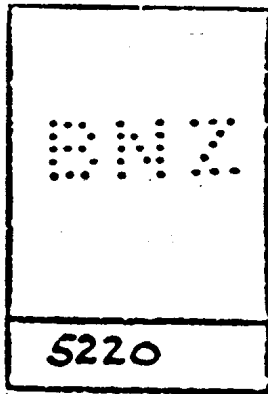
1937 1d: 6d: 1/-: 2/6 brown: 10/- dark blue.

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With regard to the .01 and .01a dies, I showed stamps with what I thought were these two dies (they fitted the picture in our catalogue) to Robert Samuel, who is the authority on perfins relating to New Zealand. He was convinced there was no difference between them.

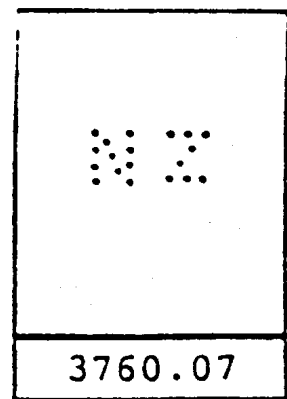
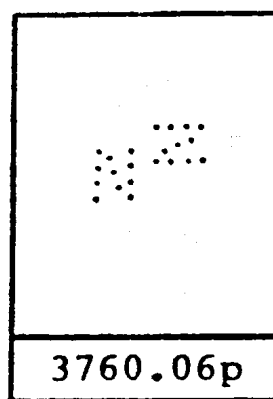
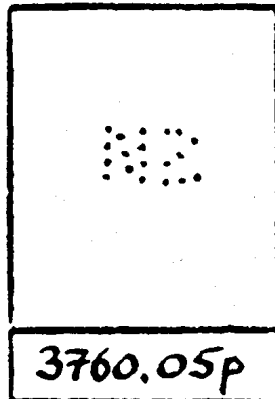
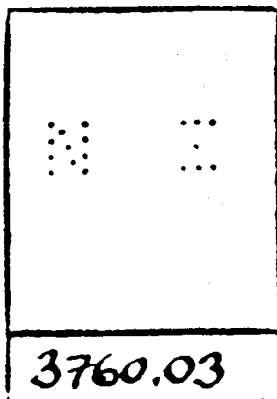
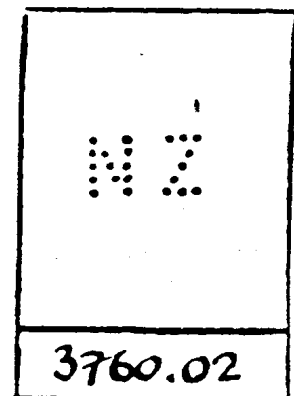
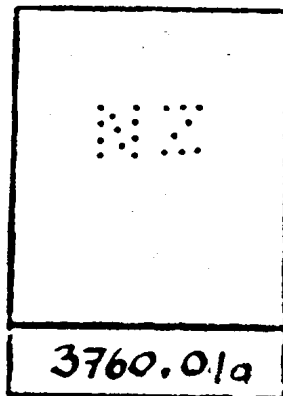
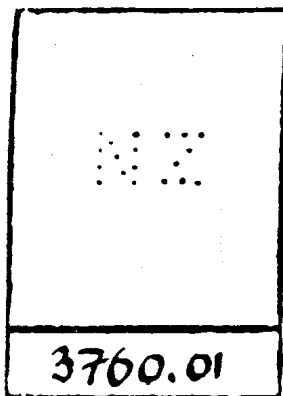
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Illustrations for The Bank of New Zealand perfin,



(This B5240 die, with reversed 'Z', is also identified in Tomkins with The Bank of New Zealand, but Barry made no mention of this one.)

Illustrations for The High Commissioner for New Zealand perfin



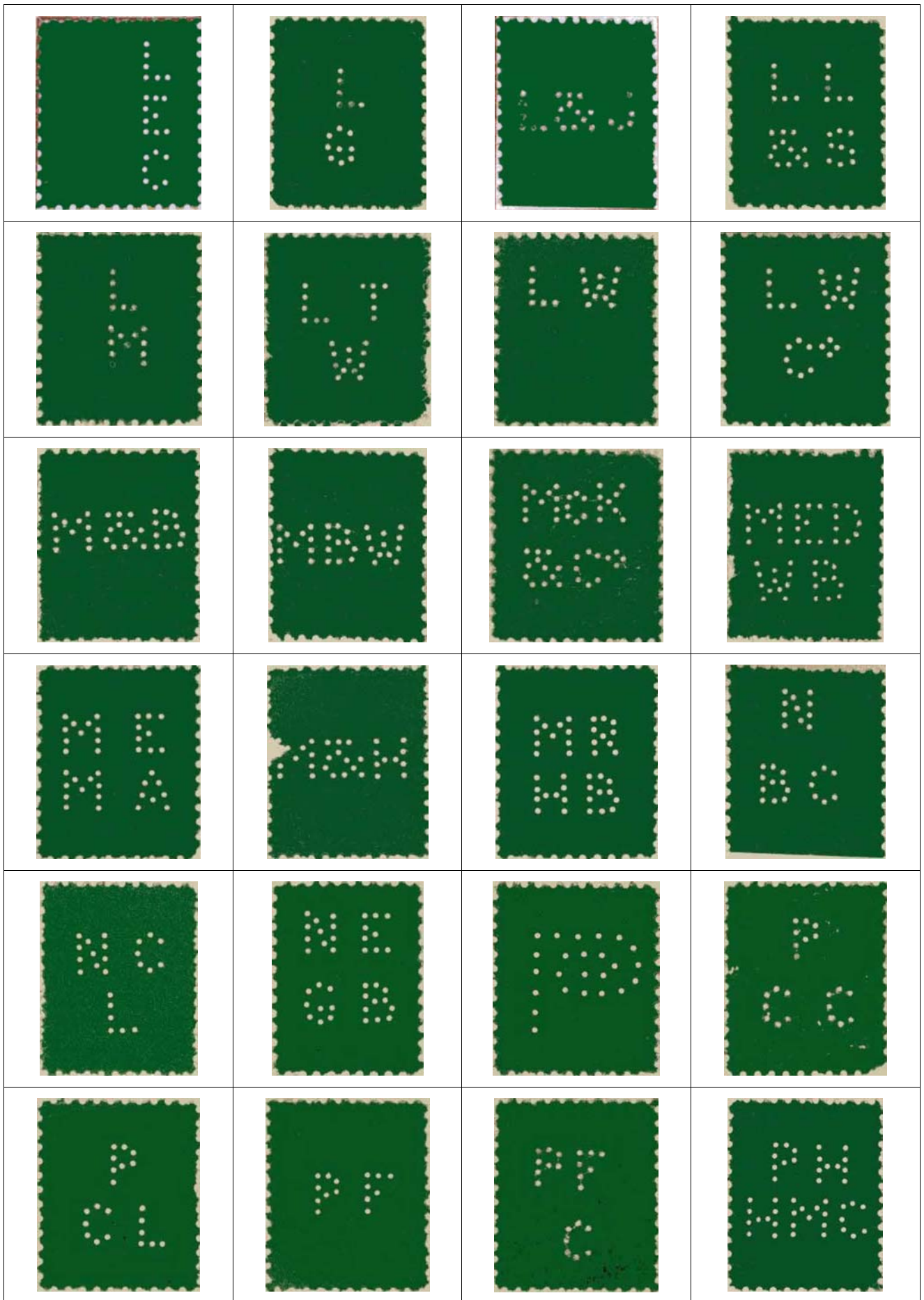
MORE FROM THE SLOPER LEDGERS From Stephen Steere.

To continue the success from requests in previous Bulletins, Stephen has made up another page of these unproven Sloper dies for members to look for. They are most likely to be found on KGVI light colours up to early QEII, and some may be amongst the "Provisionals". None of the dies shown are in either the old or new Illustrated Catalogues.

If you have an exact match or very similar one, can the actual stamp, or a photocopy of it, be sent to Stephen Steere

LETTERS DETAILS IN LEDGER

L/E/C	London Executive Committee.
L/G	Liverpool Gas Company.
L&J	Lee & James Ltd., Cannock and Birmingham.
LL/SS	1. Louis London & Sons, London. 2. Lyon Lohr & Sly, London.
L/M	Fredk. Litherland, Manchester.
LT/W	Lighting Trades & Weisbach Ltd., London.
LW	Littlewoods Warehouses, Bolton.
LW/C	Liverpool Warehousing Co. Ltd., Liverpool.
M&B	Mitton & Butler.
MBW	Mark Brown's Wharf & Cold Stores, London.
McK/&Co	McKenna & Co., London.
MED/WB	Medway Water Board.
ME/MA	Midland Employers Mutual Assurance Co., Birmingham.
M&H	May & Hassell Ltd.
MR/HB	Manchester Regional Hospital Board.
N/BC	Napier Brown & Co. Ltd., London.
NC/L	Norfolk Canneries Ltd., North Walsham.
NE/GB	North Eastern Gas Board.
Pe?	Peacock & Sons Ltd.
P/CC	Peterborough City Council.
P/CL	Pontexport Co. Ltd., London.
PF	P.A. Reuters Features, London.
PF/C	Peak Freat Club, London.
PH/HMC	Preston Hall HMC, Maidstone. * * * * *



GREGORY, ROWCLIFFE & CO. By DAVE HILL.

With a few notes from Rosemary Smith.

Gregory, Rowcliffe & Co., solicitors, were founded over 200 years ago and have had an office at No.1 Bedford Row, London W.C.1 for much of that time. This is near London's "stampland" which could account for the fact that covers with their perfins are so frequently seen.

When I wrote to them they sent me a book giving their history but could tell me nothing about their perfins. The book lists the company's names over the years but this does not tie up with known usage of the various perfins.

KNOWN PERFINS

STAMP

G0970.05	G&C ^o	Gregory & Co.	B
G1005.01	G/&C..	Gregory & Co.	D
G4270.01	GR&C ^o	Gregory Rowcliffe & Co. Gregory & Co.	B-E
G4280.01	GR/&C ^o	Ø Gregory Rowcliffe & Co.	B-M
G4290.01	G.R/&C. ^o .	Gregory Rowcliffe & Co.	M-U
R1060.01	R/SC. ^o .	Rowcliffe & Co. Rawle Johnstone & Co.	B-F 1919

Names of the firm 1866 -

1866-1880	Gregory Rowcliffes & Rawle.
1880-1887	Gregory Rowcliffes & Co.
1887-1904	Rowcliffes Rawle & Co.
1904-1927	Rawle Johnstone & Co.
1927-	Gregory Rowcliffe & Co. (Now Gregory Rowcliffe & Milners)

Actual Dates Seen On Covers By Rosemary Smith

G0970.05	28-7-85 to 11-8-85
G1005.01	27-8-86 to 7-6-87
G4270.01	25-4-81 to 13-7-84
G4280.01	None
G4290.01	29-8-47 (Only cover noted but stamps seen GVI to Wilding)
R1060.01	13-11-88 to 2-8-24

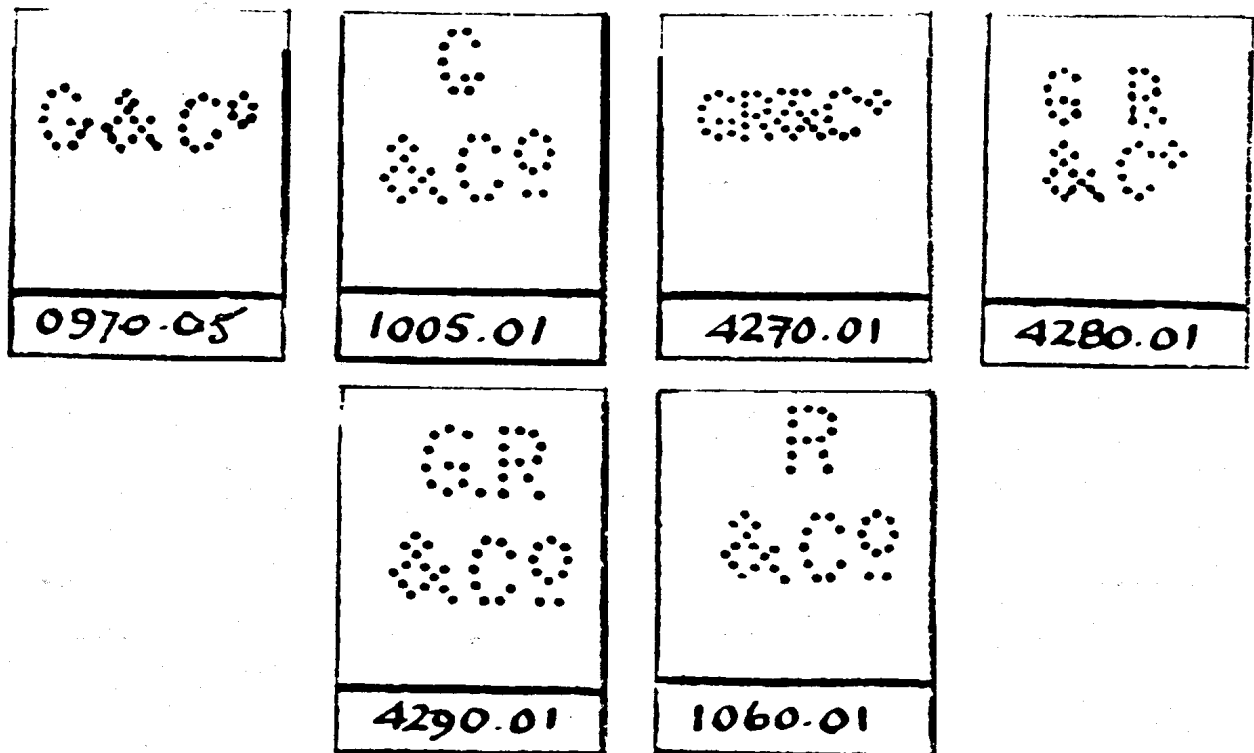
As most of these covers are common there must be many more earlier and later dates. Please report new ones to Rosemary.

There may be a number of reasons why these names, dates and perfins do not match. One may be that the different partners may have used their own perfins (Gregory-G&C, Rowcliffe-R&C°). Also the firm's name did not appear on the letter headings until 1914, just the address, although the telegraphic address "Rowcliffes" did appear from about 1890. The identities in some cases may have been taken from a partner's manuscript signature on the letter.

Rosemary has two envelopes with initials of firm and address embossed on the flap. The first envelope has a 1d lilac, perfin G1005.01, dated 7-6-87 and the embossed initials GR&R. The second envelope has a 1d EVII stamp, perfin R1060.01, dated 21-7-08 and embossed initials RJ&Co. These initials do match the known name of the firm at that date. So keep a look out for these different initials on the flap of Rowcliffe covers.

It would appear that in the early days Rowcliffes were Somerset solicitors and Gregorys acted as their London agents as county solicitors were not allowed to practice in London. I do not know whether any of the Rowcliffe perfins are known used from Somerset. It also seems that the London office was in two almost separate parts so two machines may have been used in different parts of the office.

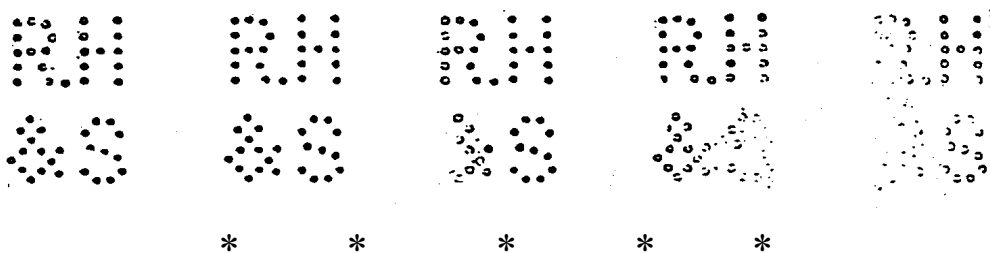
It is a pity that despite the very helpful attitude of the firm when I wrote, the information was not more conclusive.



I summarised in Bulletin 262 some records from Post Office Archives relating to perfins. One of these related to the Postmaster at Grantham perforating stamps for Hornsby & Sons in 1908. With the records was an impression of a 12 head die "RH/&S". When I came to check it I found that the die was not in the Illustrated Catalogue and that was where I left the matter at the time.

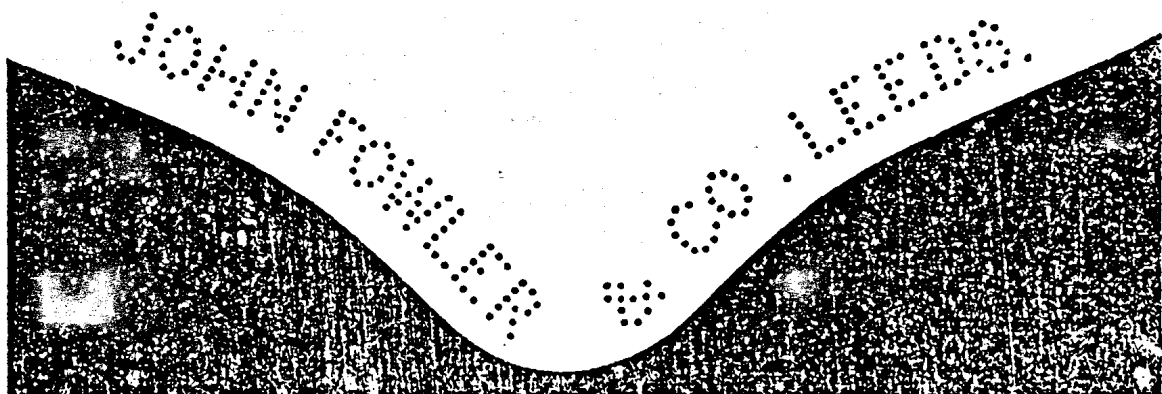
We have an impression of the die, an identity and a statement that the die was used but the die is unknown. Therefore, I have concluded that examples of this perfin are lurking in someone's collection and it has been confused with one of the known dies. Whilst looking for the new dies from the Sloper Ledgers for Stephen (see elsewhere in the Bulletin) please check your RH/&S perfins against the Illustration below and let me know if any fit.

The photocopy from the Archives is on yellow paper and does not reproduce very well. These five of the 12 head die are the clearest ones.

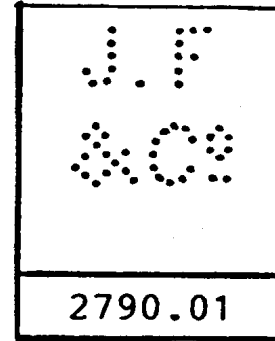
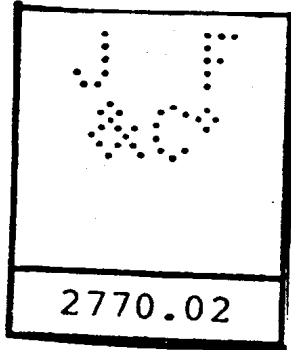


JOHN FOWLER & CO., LEEDS From Mike Oxley.

This photocopy is of an item which I have acquired. The envelope does not have a perfin but the name of the firm is perforated through the flap



Looking in my Tomkins I see that John Fowler & Co., Leeds is identified as using two perfins:- J2770.02 - JF/&Co - (which appears to have been used by their London office) and J2790.01 - J.F/&Co.. I wonder if we will ever see the perfin used on one of these perforated envelopes? A nice item to look for.



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MEMBERS' WANTS

ROY COOPER

is looking for anything connected with "ELDER DEMPSTER SHIPPING LINE". Picture Postcards of their ships; perfins on identified covers; ephemera of any kind. Will buy or exchange.

BORIS PRITT

is trying to obtain information about perfins on Russian stamps. He is hoping to write a definitive pamphlet on these perfins and would appreciate photocopies of any stamps or covers. If the value of the stamp; or the perfin; or the postmark and date is not clear in the photocopy would you please send him a description of same. Obviously any identified covers are worth reporting.

BOBO HARTMANN, (Non-member) collects only PERSIA-IRAN stamps and philatelic items. He has written two handbooks on Iranian Philately. One item is missing from his collection and this is a Persian stamp (about 1903-11) with a "C" or "O" perfin die. He is not sure if it is a C or an O because there is only one hole gap in the die.

If anyone has any of these perfins, or indeed any details about them, please write

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STEVE NETTEN

is trying to set up a sub-collection of banking perfins, including stock-brokers, of Great Britain. (He does the same for Dutch perfins.)

In Holland it is difficult to get accurate information about which firm is a bank or a stock-broker, apart from the well known names.

Are any other members interested in this subject: collecting similar information: have information from their own covers or literature which would help him to compile an accurate list? If so, please get in touch with Steve.

STEPHEN STEERE

seems to be a glutton for punishment. Not only does he spend many hours on the Sloper Records (on behalf of the Society) but now he is looking at multiple dies.

He would like to purchase or do swaps of blocks, strips and even pairs; from QV to KGVI, for letters NOT yet done in the New Illustrated Catalogue. (See elsewhere in this Bulletin for letters completed.) This would enable him, and the Society, to identify single and multi-dies. It would appear that most people do not look very closely at these blocks etc, so if you are happy to have them used for research, please get in touch with Stephen.

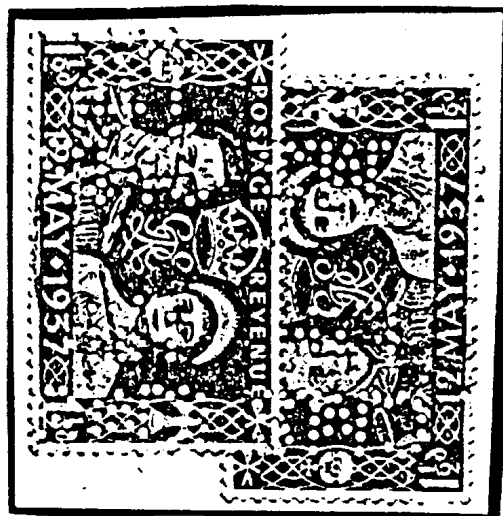
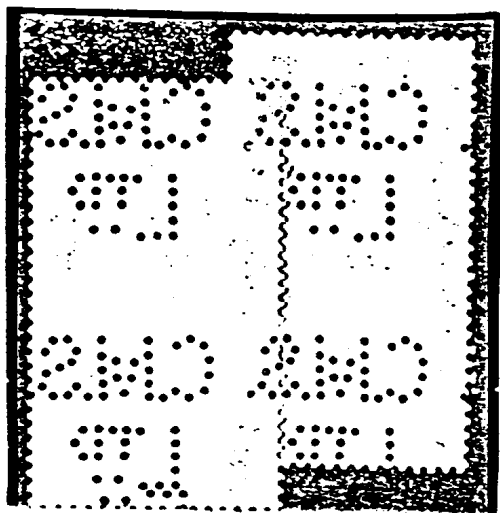
The article below touches on the same theme.

MULTIPLE DIES By DAVE HILL.

Research into multiple dies is another way of reducing the number of dies the user of which has not been identified. Providing the user of one of the dies and the make-up of the multidie is known, then it follows that the other dies can be ascribed to this same user.

This is not only achieved by seeing the multidie on a block of definitive stamps but also by noting overlapping impressions on commemorative stamps. Illustrated are stamps from what, at first sight, may seem to be an uninteresting duplication of the same die but closer examination reveals they fit together to give an impression of a 2x2 multidie. So look again at those apparently uninteresting duplications!

Example of overlapping dies on commemorative stamps.

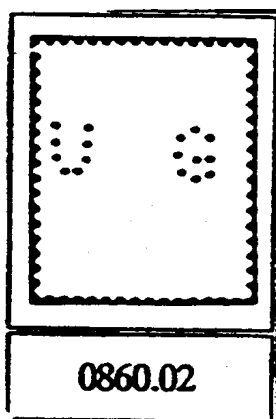


(This example could show one valid reason for not agreeing with my article "Perfins, Partials or Rubbish.")

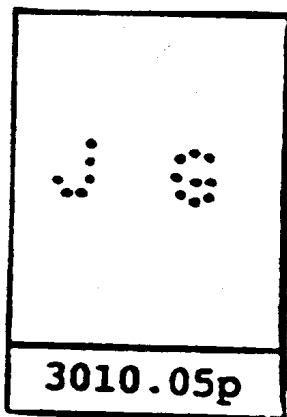
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"UG/L" and "JG" PROVISIONAL PERFINS

By DAVE HILL.



I acquired a copy of the United Grand Lodge provisional perfin UG/L (U0870.01p) and noted from Roy's Provisionals Catalogue that the position of the "L" varies, as you would expect in a provisional, but the "U" & "G" are always the same distance apart. So it would seem that Sloper made a die "UG" in this period but examination of Roy's Catalogue of Provisional Dies reveals no intended user for a "UG" perfin, so why not make it "UG/L"?



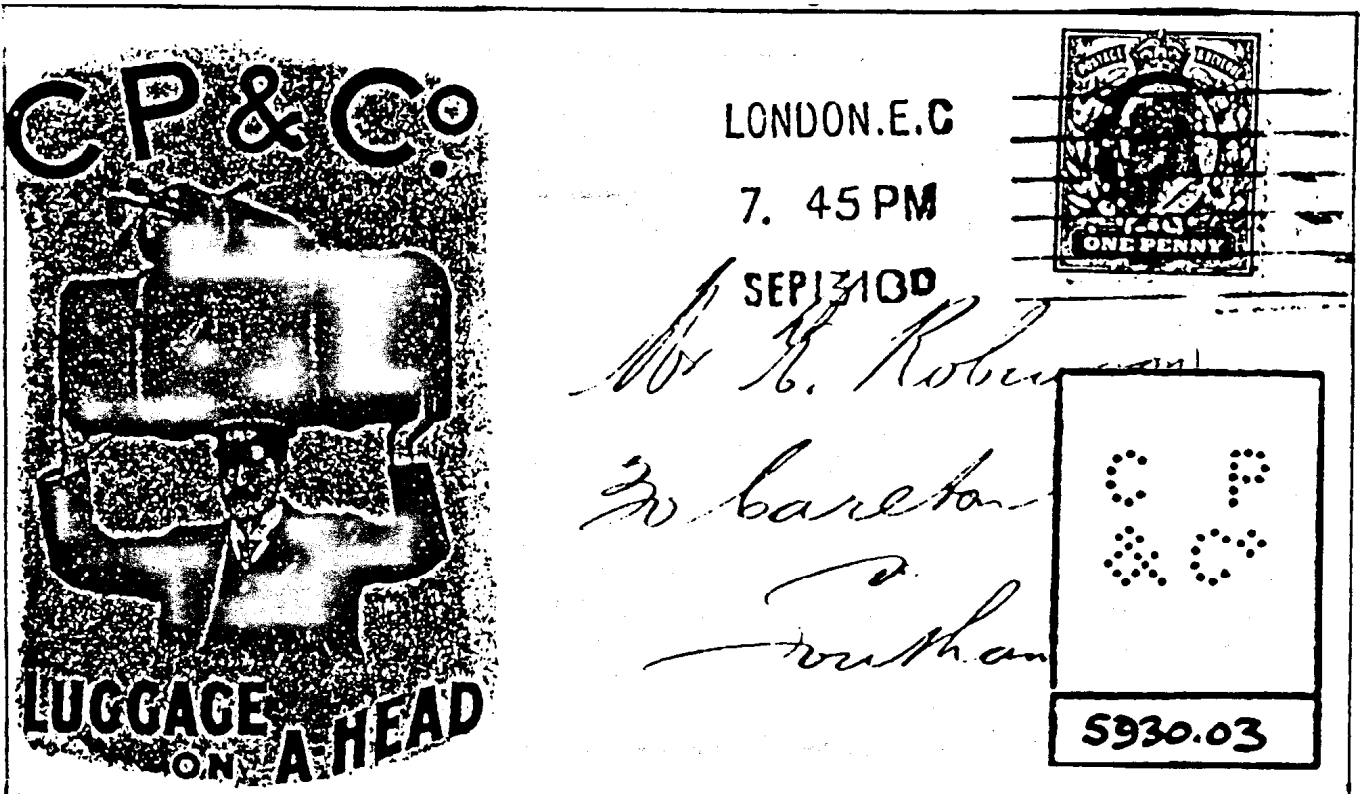
However, I note that the provisional "JG" (J3010.05p) has exactly the same spacing and presume that the "UG" die was for the "UG/L" provisional and with some pins removed it made the "JG" provisional.

I would be pleased to have any comments on this theory. I have asked some collectors of Masonic Philately for details of any covers they have - the "UG" perfin may yet appear used by the United Grand Lodge.

CARTER, PATTERSON & CO. LTD: PERFIN CP/&C: C5930.03

BRIAN SMITH provided this photocopy of an advertising envelope with a rather amusing illustration. The original letter was still inside, giving the full identity.

In my teacher training days, my parents always used this company to send my trunk to college and have it picked up again before the summer vacations. A very efficient, reliable and prompt service I remember - but I can't remember my trunk going on anyone's head - I'm sure it was too heavy!



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NEW IDENTITIES submitted to the CATALOGUE EDITOR (Roy Gault) - 6 Contributors.

Note: Underlined Catalogue Numbers are also New Dies and have been illustrated at the end.

From Rosemary Smith.

A3330.01	AJW	10,7,17	5½	Arthur James White, Hat & Cap Maker, 74 Jermyn St, St James's, London SW. Receipt dated 28/8/1908.	F
A3620.02	A/Ld	10/7,7	5	2. Aerators Ltd. [Prana " Sparklets and "Prana" Sparklovine (Syphons)]. Advertising PPC - Pmk Upper Edmonton S.O., 10/8/1909.	F
B1150.02	B.C.	13,8	6	2. Beverley Corporation. Receipt dated 11/5/1936, actually reads Borough of Beverley.	M
B1180.03	B&C	14,12,8	4½ IIIa	Butler & Crispe, 82 Clerkenwell Rd, London EC. Receipt dated 21/9/1909.	F
B1500.01	B/&Co	14/14,8,4	4½ I	I & H Browning & Co, 27 Bartholomew Cl, West Smithfield, London EC. Receipt dated 21/9/1909.	F
B2380.01	BEB/Y	10,9,10/6	4	B & E Bushell, Manufacturing & Furnishing Ironmongers & Ironfounders, Low Ousegate, York. (Est 1750). Receipt dated 17/4/1920.	I
B3860.01	BJ/&Co	14,7/14,8,4	4½ III	Brown, Jenkinson & Co, 4 Lloyd's Ave, London EC. TC dated 16/3/1907.	F
<u>B3950.01</u>	BJ/Y	14,10/7	5½	Ben Johnson & Co, Wholesale & Mfg Stationers, 'Ampersand' Works, 100/101 Micklegate, York. Receipt dated 19/6/1903.	F
B4290.01	B.Ld.	13,7,8	5½	Bladons (Drapers & Furnishers) Ltd, 37-42 & 45 Prospect St; also 8, 10, 12 North St; 1 & 2 Spencer St, Hull. Also Tailors & Boot Factors, Cabinet Works, North St; Furniture Repositories, North St & Albert Ave; General Drapers, Complete House Furnishers, Removal Contractors. Receipt - 21/6/1933.	I
B4875.01	B.M/H	13,17/12	5½	Bladon's Ltd, House Furnishers, Family Drapers, Cabinet Makers, Carpet Factors, and Removal Contractors, Prospect St, Hull. Receipt - 25/11/10.	F
B6380.02	B.S.	13,11	7½	A Brown & Sons Ltd, Hull & London. Receipt dated 8/7/1932.	I
C4810.02	CM	7,11	4½	Charles Morgan & Co Ltd, Paper Makers, London.	Q
Note: In combination with C4810.02ap - Cover dated 25/2/1942.					
C6480.01	CR/&Co	8,11/12,8,6	4½ IIIa Ø	Cock Russell & Co, 36 Gt Tower St, London EC.	
D3110.03	DM	14,19	9½	The Daily Mail - Associated Newspapers Ltd, Carmelite House, London EC4. TC pink London EC, 28/4/1924.	K

From Rosemary Smith - continued.

D4390.15	D&S	11,12,10	4½ IIIa	W J Davies & Sons, Imperial Emery Works, 109 Weston St, London SE. TC pmk London SE, 18/4/1918.	I
Note: Distorted 'D', modified die? Appears to be a good match with B&S/Y (B6915.01).					
E1550.06	EF/L	10,8/7	5	Messieurs Ehrmann Freres, 28 Basinghall St, London EC.	F
E2950.01	EM/Co	10,15/8,6	4½	Elliott's Metal Co Ltd, Selly Oak Works, Birmingham. TC dated 29/3/1906.	F
E4910.01b	EU/DC	9,8/9,7	4½	Enfield UDC. TC pmk Enfield, 20/7/1939.	Q
H0010.40	H	12	9	2. Horner & Sons, 24 George St, Tower Hill (late Mitre Sq, Aldgate), London EC. Receipt - 12/9/1909.	F
Note: May be more than one die represented, but too close to separate.					
H0920.02	HB&S/Y	10,10,14,9/8	4½/5 I	H Bushell & Sons, Engineers, Railway St, York. Full trade description reads Agricultural & Horticultural Implement Makers, Ironfounders & Millwrights, Dairy Outfitters, Traction, Portable, Gas & Oil Engines. Receipt dated 27/4/1915.	I
Note: This company may be related to BEB/Y (B2380.01) reported above.					
H1160.13	HC	12,9	7½	Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation. Receipts dated 2/7/1895 & 3/2/1909.	B&F
H1610.01	H/&Co/L	12/12,8,617	4/4½/4 IIIa	Holland & Co, Deptford Distillery, London SE. TC dated 3/4/1906.	F
M4410.01M	MP	11,8	4½	2. The Morning Post, 346 Strand, London WC2.	I
Note: Horizontal joined pair with letters 4½mm & 4mm apart show die was multiheaded.					
R4600.01	RS/&C	12,11/13,8	5½ III	Routh, Stacey & Castle, 14 Southampton St, Bloomsbury, WC. Receipt dated 29/8/1906.	F
S1250.08	S&C	13,14,9	5½ III	Smee & Cobay, Furniture Mfrs, 89 Finsbury Pavement, London. Cover dated 4/11/1889.	B
S4310.02bp	SL	9,6	4½	2. The Solicitors' Law Stationery Society Ltd, Counting House, 79 Fetter Lane, London EC 1. Receipt dated 14/3/1945.	R
Note: Could also be 'read' as S/L, although the letters are more horizontal than vertical.					
S4340.07	S&L	13,13,7	6 III	Sworder & Longmore, Hertford. Receipt dated 10/ 10/1911.	F
S7470.01	STORY	9,6,8,10,6	3½	Story & Triggs, House Furnishers, 152/154/156 Queen Victoria St, EC. Factory in Church Entry, Carter Lane. Receipt dated 5/12/1907.	F
W2370.01	W.E.W/&Co	14,10,14/12,8,6	4½ Ia	W E Wimpenny & Co, Stock & Share Brokers, Cloth Hall St, Huddersfield. Receipt dated 20/5/1911.	F

From Stephen Steere - More identities from the Sloper Ledgers. All believed to be single headed dies except where stated.

C4210.01b	CL	7,6	4½		2. Chater-Lea Manufacturing Co Ltd, New Icknield Way, Letchworth. 3. Cooling Lawrence & Sons, 47 Maddox St, London W1. 4. Ø Currie Line Ltd, Trinity Cottage, Goldenacre, Edinburgh.
C5030.01a	C/MP	7/11,8	4½		2. United Creameries Ltd.
C5310.01a	CN/&Co	7,11/12,7,4	4½	Ia	Clements Mewling & Co Ltd, Manor Farm Rd, Alperton, Wembley, Middx.
C5315.01	CN/&Co	7,13/10,7,6	4½	Ia	Clements Mewling & Co Ltd, Manor Farm Rd, Alperton, Wembley, Middx.
C5420.01	C/NT	7/11,6	4½		3. Commissioners for the New Towns, Broadfield, Crawley, Sussex.
C5600.03a	CORY	7,8,10,6	4½		Cory Bros & Co Ltd, Cory's Buildings, Cardiff.
C5820.04a	C&P	7,12,8	4½	Ia	1. Hopkins, Manley Son & Cookes, 91 Gracechurch St, London EC3. 2. Curry & Paxton Ltd, 195-199 Gt Portland St, London W1.
C5930.02b	CP/&Co	7,8/12,7,4	4½	Ia	1. Carter, Paterson & Co Ltd, 128 Goswell Rd, London EC1. 2. Cooper Pegler & Co Ltd, Burgess Hill, Sussex.
C6760.02M	CS	7,9	4½		3. City of Sheffield.
C6800.02aM	C&S	7,12,9	4½	Ia	1. Churchill & Sim Ltd, 29 Clements Lane, London EC4. Formerly 233 Cromwell Rd, SW5. 2. George Cohen Sons & Co Ltd, Broadway Chambers, London W6. 3. G T Cox & Sons Ltd, 24 Railway Approach, London SE1. Formerly 56 Ennismore Gardens, South Kensington, SW7. 4. Crowson & Son Ltd, 61 Charterhouse St, London EC 1. Note: Sloper 12x1 multi-headed die.
C7950.01M	CU/DC	7,8/9,7	4½		10. Consett UDC_
C7950.01cM	CU/DC	7,8/9,7	4½		Also Carton UDC.
C7970.02	CU/G	7,8/9	4½		Commercial Union Group.
D0860.02M	D/&Co	9/12,7,4	4½	Ia	11. J A Davis & Co, 94/104 Denmark Hill, London SE5.
D2220.01p	D/H	9/10	4½		2. Dernier & Hamlyn Ltd, 23 Newman St, London W 1.
D3630.01	DO/HM	9,8/10,11	4½		Dohm Ltd, 167 Victoria St, SW1. Branch at Mortlake, SW14. Also associated with: British Cork Mills Ltd, and Tellus Vacuum Co Ltd.-

From Dave Hill, - noted in an old Bulletin (B206).

D2130.01	DG/K	9,9/9	4½	Ø Danish General Consulate, (Dansk General Konsulat), London.	
J8200.01	J.V.F/Co	7,9,8/8,4	5	Ø Johan Valdemar Faber & Co, Butter Importer, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Later became Consul General of Denmark, London. Cover pmk London 26/8/1905.	F

Note: Peter Engelbrecht (ob) provided the original research for the above two suspected identities - results published on page 6 of Bulletin No.206 (Aug 1983). In short, Johan Valdemar Faber (1849-1917) was born in Odense, Denmark and established a butter import business in Newcastle in 1876. He became Danish Viceconsul in Newcastle in 1882, Consul in 1898, and Consul General in London in 1904.

From Roy Maltson.

A4550.02	A. P/C. M	10,10/9,15	5	The Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers (1900) Ltd, Park House, 4/5 Park Pl, Gravesend. The '1900' was later dropped. Also includes: (a) Tolhurst's Cement Works Ltd, Red Lion Wharf, Northfleet. (b) The Stone Court Chalk Land & Pier Co Ltd, 6 Park PI, Gravesend.	I
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Note: Range of Trade Cards reported with dates from 6 May 1919 through to 22 June 1923.

From Alastair Walter.

P2030.01b	PF/TS	8,7/6,9	4½	Ø Preston & District Farmers Trading Society Ltd.	
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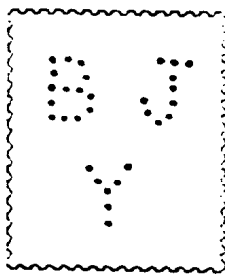
Note: Identity suspected from Preston postmark.

From John Nelson.

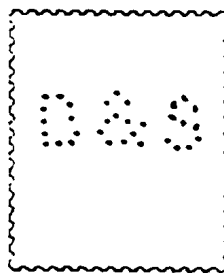
B5490.01	BOV'Y	15,10,9,8	4	Ø John Bovey & Co, Rothesay Chambers, Bute Docks, Cardiff. Recorded as Steamship Owners, Ship & Insurance Brokers, Coal Owners & Colliery Proprietors.	A
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Note: An entry dated 28/3/1874 in the Sloper records "Small single initialling machine originally J&I/B&G repaired and altered to BOV'Y - Press N°2666."

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B3950.01



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