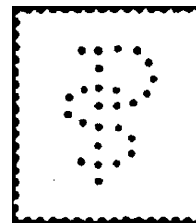


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EDITOR'S COMMENTS Rosemary Smith

As I write this in mid November, Christmas seems a long way away. However, by the time you receive this Bulletin, Christmas will be considerably closer. I therefore wish you all a happy Christmas and hope that you will join me in praying for peace in the world during these very troubled times.

I have received a letter from the Vice President of the *Scouts On Stamps Society International (SOSSI)* in the USA. He was the lucky buyer of the "BP" design on the 1957 Scout set which appeared on a F.D.C. on the Internet auctions. I quote from his letter:- *"Your article (this was in Bulletin 312 Pg.20/21) along with previous articles from the bulletin, has been a great help in closing the circle of interest in these perfins."*

I too am pleased that the authenticity of these perfins seems to be proved. I have now bought a mint set, being very sceptical on previous occasions when I saw them being offered for sale. I do not want any come back from the Race Relations Board if I say that Yorkshire people are known to be as canny as the Scots when it comes to being parted from their money unless it be for a good cause.

The Vice President of the SOSSI also sent me coloured photographs of the cover and an enlargement of the stamped part of the envelope. This I shall use for display purposes but eventually it can be added to the Society's "Sloper File".

SOCIETY INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES to November 2001 Total Members 360

New Members

MR R E HOLMAN

MALCOLM HIRONS

NEIL DONEN

Resigned

DAVID ALLEN

STUART REID

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S COMMENTS Dave Hill

The London meeting on October 27th was not very well attended, only 13 present. However, it was a very useful meeting where views on various items were exchanged and everyone was able to get round and speak to all present. Some of the topics discussed were:-

❖ **Stampshow 2000 Display Book.** As Roy is very busy getting the letter 'P' of the New Illustrated Catalogue proofread, the Irish Catalogue and Line Engraved Catalogues moving along, this publication has gone on the back burner for a while. Another reason being that Rosemary still has the original display for use as part of her display to Rotherham Philatelic Society in the New Year. As we have money available for publications, it was felt that some of the more unusual or colourful pages of the display could be produced in colour. It would put up the price but it was felt that it would be worthwhile.

❖ **The Railway Perfins Catalogue.** Rosemary acquainted the meeting with a suggestion which had been put to her by Fred Taylor, secretary of The Railway Philatelic Group. A number of their members were interested in Railway perfins and wanted a reproduction of our original publication. This was first published in 1976, with updated pages in the 1980's, but is completely out of date. Since that time a great deal more information about dies, dates, and postmarks from the railway routes has been reported. Some of our members have evinced an interest in producing a new Railways Catalogue, but nothing concrete has been attempted. We hope that Terry Comper from our Society, with additional material given to him by John Donner and Rosemary Smith (plus others I suspect) is going to liase with Fred Taylor to get this project started. The members at the meeting agreed that input from the Railway Philatelic Group would add to the new information available but our Society must have the final say in the format of worksheets to ensure the accuracy of the die illustrations and catalogue numbering. It is hoped that the first attempt to obtain new information will be with the next Bulletin. This is likely to be at least a two-year project.

❖ **Perfin Die Machines held by the Society.** Brian Merryweather, who holds three of these machines on behalf of the Society, brought them to the meeting for members to examine. These were perfin die machines obtained from Slopers Works prior to their closure. Others are kept by other members of the Society. Some discussion took place about the storage of the collection of these perfin machines. Since the demise of the NPM it was thought that the present method was best and the secretary would update the Society property holdings to ensure the whereabouts of the various items were accurate.

❖ **KGV Silver Jubilee stamps with perfin.** Jeff Turnbull has had so much new data about these perfins from a non-member source, that it is no longer viable to put these new dies and values in the Bulletin. [Amongst the hundred or so items reported there were even some new dies for the ordinary perfin catalogue.] With this in mind, it has been decided to publish a new KGV Silver Jubilee with Perfins Catalogue. This should be announced in the next Bulletin.

❖ Treasurer's Report and Figures. This was accepted by the meeting. Balance sheet and report in the following pages.

The Post Office Archives are still behind Mount Pleasant Sorting Office, Farringdon Street. The staff are as pleasant and helpful as ever. No appointment is necessary: you just sign in with proof of identity. I found the files about perfins once again, from 1868 onwards (actually earlier as it starts with Copestake Moore Crampton request to underprint). It was misnumbered and therefore not indexed. I do not think it has been seen for over 10 years. File numbers are Post 30/853 and /854. Post 30/1313 has some interesting stuff as well. The only drawback to photocopying any of the material is that it is done on yellow paper.

Membership cards for those members who have paid since the October Bulletin should be enclosed with this Bulletin. If you have still not paid the amount you owe is written in red on the label of this Bulletin. Cost prevents us from reminding you individually. If you do not pay this may be the last Bulletin you receive. I do not write to individual members before lapsing their membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st August 2001

DAVE HILL

A less expensive year.

INCOME

The auction surplus shown is high. I have received many payments for Auction 3 but did not have the paperwork to enable me to pay out or to pay members' credit. Members' credit would be much the same (having to pay members' credit but also paying in for those members who credit sales) but auction surplus would be less. Auction surplus varies for a number of reasons; number of Auctions and value (this has been down); actual position on 31st August, i.e. have I been able to pay out, are we owed a lot, incidental expenses.

Interest is higher, we have only been with the Girobank Business Direct for a few months.

Sales of publications from stock give a good surplus, much of this from members' credit.

Only one packet circulated, late in the year. Members find it easier to use the auction to dispose of material.

EXPENSES

I have shown the library separately this year, it was included in Officers' Expenses etc before. A small copier for the Library cost £323. A second hand computer for me cost £164. Other expensive items are cartridges for copiers/printers.

THE PERFIN SOCIETY - Statement of Accounts.

INCOME & EXPENSES for year ended 31st August 2001.

BALANCE SHEET at 31st August 2001.

	2001 £	2000 £		2001 £	2000 £
INCOME			CURRENT ASSETS		
AUCTION PUBLICATIONS	11,248	13,865	BANK ACCOUNT	---	1,375
	<u>715</u>	<u>1,444</u>	CASH IN HAND	327	65
	11,963	15,309	GIRO	1,701	349
LESS COST OF SALES			60 DAY ACCOUNT	15,072	14,128
AUCTION PUBLICATIONS	9,398	13,170	PREMIUM BONDS	150	150
	<u>293</u>	<u>1,532</u>	PUBLICATIONS	276	518
	(9,691)	(14,702)		<u>17,526</u>	<u>16,585</u>
	2,272	607			
+ OTHER INCOME			REPRESENTED BY		
SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,849	1,839	ACCUMULATED FUND*	10,299	12,330
INTEREST	561	382	SURPLUS/DEFICIT	398	(2,031)
PACKET	<u>8</u>	<u>42</u>	MEMBERS CREDIT	6,829	6,286
	4,690	2,870		<u>17,526</u>	<u>16,585</u>
LESS EXPENSES					
BULLETIN	2,233	2,282			
MEETINGS	203	228			
ASSOCIATION OF BPS	165	165			
PPSA & OFFICERS EXPENSES	974	2,124			
LIBRARY	543	---			
BANK CHARGES	115	---			
CORPORATION TAX	59	102			
	<u>(4,292)</u>	<u>(4,901)</u>			
	398	(2,031)			
SURPLUS/DEFICIT					

* As at 1st September 2000.

Note:
PPSA=Printing/Postage/Stationery/Advertising

ASSETS

Don't worry, the '0' in the bank column is the old account. It is all in Giro now with our "savings" in Girobank Business Reserve.

The new account works well, generally all by post. Foreign cheques do take a little longer as they have to be sent back to the originating bank for encashment. I think all banks do this now.

I carry forward a large stock of stamps for postage - I have taken many in payment this year.

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MEMBERS' COMMENTS FROM PREVIOUS ARTICLES

Frank Braham Advert Bulletin 314 Page 14

Vincent West, who sent me the original details, noticed that the "*perforated proof W9/AC*" as described in the catalogue from which he quoted, should have read "*W&/AC*".

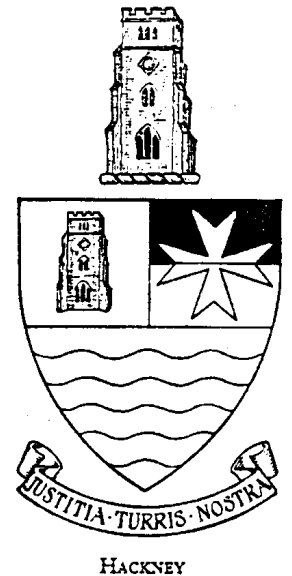
He has sent a photocopy of the actual stamp as illustrated in the sale catalogue. It would appear to be W0100.01. Vincent is not sure what is meant by "**Proof**" as related to a perfin and queries if the illustration is a blank perforated stamp or the back of an ordinary stamp. (Sloper certainly perforated blank stamps, of various colours, to use as examples in his advertising literature.) Why the horizontal lines above and below the perfin and the manuscript number **2024** above the lower line?



EX. 6867

I have had some very interesting, useful, colourful and detailed answers to this query. Many thanks to **Alastair Walter, Michael Blackman and Ken Dee** who all appear to be able to find their way around the Internet.

Mike Blackman says, "The arms are relevant to Hackney. The illustration here is for the coat of arms granted to *Hackney Borough Council* in 1924. At the time of the cover (1916) my guess is that Hackney was using the device illustrated in Bulletin 314 without authority and that they regulated the position with a proper grant, including other changes, in 1924. The motto 'Justitia Turris Nostra' means 'Justice is our Tower'".



The Tower is that of St. Augustine's Church and is the only part of the 13th century fabric that remains. This was used on the Corporation seal before arms were obtained. The Maltese Cross stands for the Knights of the Temple and the Knights of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem who successively held the manor of Hackney. The Templars' cross was in red on white, that of the Hospitalers' white on black and the colours are combined on the arms. The wavy white and blue bars represents the rivers and canals in and bounding the Borough.

Alastair Walter gives the added information about the present "**The London Borough of Hackney**". The Borough Arms were granted on **July 25th 1969** and formed by the amalgamation of the Metropolitan Boroughs of Hackney, Shoreditch and Stoke Newington.

The two golden oak trees with red acorns derive from the arms of the Metropolitan Borough of Stoke Newington and recall the forest, which once covered the northern part of the Borough. The three golden

bells represent the Bells of St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, referred to in the nursery rhyme, "Oranges and Lemons". The green mound represents the island in the River Lea - "Halcon's Eyot" - from which the name "Hackney" is thought by some authorities to be derived.

From this description, The London Borough of Hackney arms seems to be similar to the Hackney Borough Council Arms but the tower and oak trees as in the illustration in Bulletin 314, used in 1916, are as this post 1969 arms.

Ken Dee has sent me a large number of coat of arms and descriptions of the arms for various London Metropolitan Borough Councils, taken from <http://www.ciricheraldry.co.uk/lcc.html> I know that many members collect Council Perfin as a theme. The above web site would perhaps be of help if you wish to write up your different council dies and covers.

Large Letter "R" Perfin Bulletin 314 Page 13

A former Officer of the Society has written to say that in 1986 the origins of this "R" perfin was investigated. In the February 1987 Bulletin the Officers of the Society put in a small article headed "*Stamp Perforators in Private Hands*". The main paragraph read:-

"All owners of such perforators are reminded that everything possible must be done to ensure that they are not used to perforate stamps which might subsequently come into the possession of perfin collectors who are unaware of the true origins of such stamps. Such items can only be regarded as fakes."

There is nothing to prevent any member who buys an old perforator altering the pins for their own use but only current, mint stamps should be used. All the perforators used by present members have been reported to the Catalogue Editor and are recorded in the files as for private use.

To return to the large letter "R" on high value machin stamps. The Officers of the Society in 1986 adjudged that these were used stamps that had been perforated. As such they must be regarded as fakes. However, it was thought that this could have been a genuine perforator, no longer in true use, and therefore there may well be earlier genuine examples of this perfin, user still unknown.

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MORE ABOUT COPESTAKE, CRAMPTON & CO

This company, which is thought to have used the first perfin, holds some fascination for many perfin collectors. Some two years ago, our Secretary, Dave Hill, wrote an article entitled **Underprints & Perfins** in "Gibbons Stamp Monthly". The following letter was received by Dave from a Mr.L. W. Pheby which has great social and historical interest. Mr Pheby is allowing me to quote from his letter.

“Your article on "Underprints & Perfins" was of particular interest to me because back in 1940 I was an employee of Copestake Crampton & Co, albeit for only a few months as explained later.

As you said, Copestake, Crampton & Co were wholesale Drapers and in 1940 had a warehouse and offices in Bow Churchyard, which was a cul de sac adjoining St Mary le Bow Church in Cheapside in the City of London. St Mary le Bow Church is of course well known for "Bow Bells" and the link that states that to be a true "Cockney" you have to have been born within the sound of those bells. The Company was, what would probably now be called "old fashioned", and when I was interviewed for and subsequently got the job of "office boy" (the lowest rank in the office) I was required to sign a "contract of employment" in a bound book. My salary was, if I remember correctly, the sum of £3-10

shillings per **month**, say 85p per week in today's money. This salary was paid monthly in arrears and on payday I collected my earnings from the pay office in the basement. The money was handed to you in a small black tin box with your number on it and you returned the tin so that it could be used next month: all very economical: no wasteful pay packets!

Now to explain my "Perfin" connection. I was employed as the office boy in the Post Room and I used to go round all the various departments distributing and collecting the post. The Post Room was on the first floor overlooking the road known as Bow Churchyard which led up to Cheapside. On the bench in front of the window was the machine that affixed the "perfin" stamps to the envelopes. One of my jobs was to put the envelopes through the machine (approx 24"x16"x16" in size), by turning the handle. The stamps came to us in large reels and were loaded into the machine by my "boss", a very pleasant lady. So I may have been responsible for the use of the "perfin" stamp illustrated in the magazine! (As illustrated by Dave's article in Stamp Monthly)

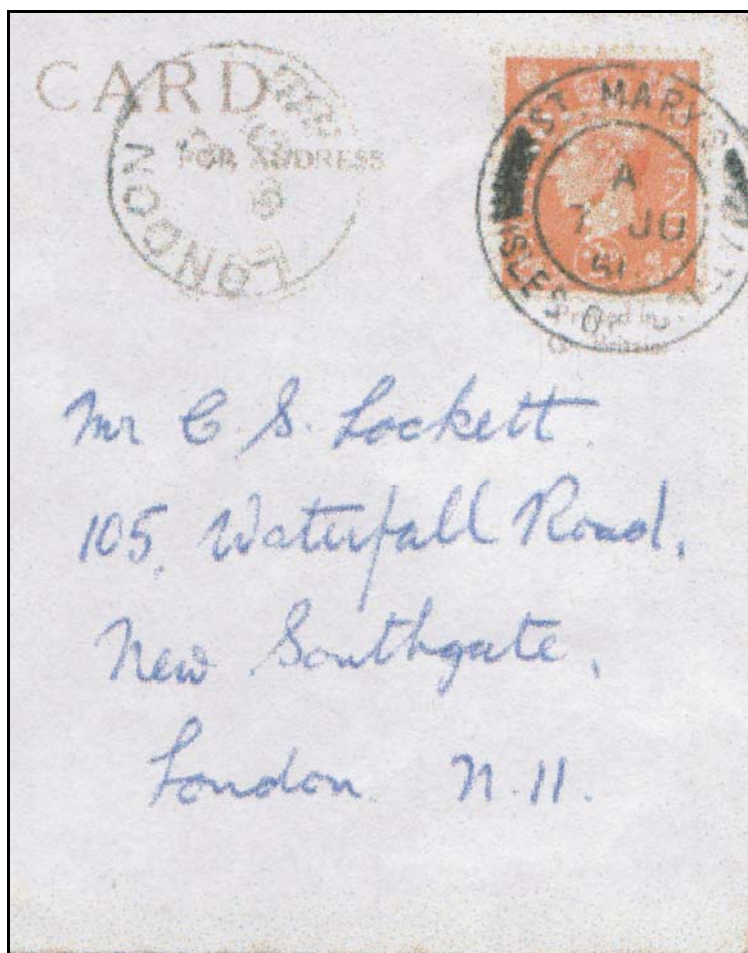
I was very happy working at Copestakes but sadly my job did not last very long because of course the "Blitz" had started in the autumn of 1940 and one day after a particularly heavy night raid I arrived (eventually) at Cheapside to find that the warehouse and offices in Bow Churchyard had been badly damaged. My "employment cards" were eventually returned to me undamaged and I imagine they had been held in the safe in the basement. The company did try to find me another job but as my home was damaged by air raids my parents left the district. After I returned to England from the Far East after my war service, I was given to understand that Copestake Crampton & Co had had offices in St Paul's Churchyard but I could find no trace and have no idea what happened to the company."

PERFIN FROM THE ISLES OF SCILLY

Gaille Ellis has sent details of a postcard, dated June 7th 1950, posted at St.Mary's, Isles of Scilly, with a KGVI 2d light colour stamp perfined "AS/P". This die is only known as a Sloper Provisional and this is way out of time. The user is known as The Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. Ltd. The sender is a male, writing, presumably, to his father in London. From the following message I am guessing that this was an employee of the Petroleum Company calling at various Company sites.

"Wonderful weather, going fine & all according to plan. Most satisfactory at Exeter & Penzance. Hence to Scilly this morning, foggy & had to delay an hour. St. Mary's more one-eyed than Killarney. Cyprus put together."

Gaille lives in Devon and says she knows of no Scilly Isles Company who used perfins. We know of some rep's, travelling in the Channel Islands who used their firms' perfins on correspondence from Jersey and Guernsey but is this a first for the Scilly Isles?



In response to a letter from Jon C Johnson (co-author of the Canadian Perfins catalogue) offering post-town information for some of the "CP/R" dies, I extended the 'trawl' for information to cover all known dies on G.B. stamps with 'Canadian Pacific' connections.

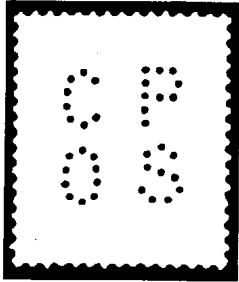
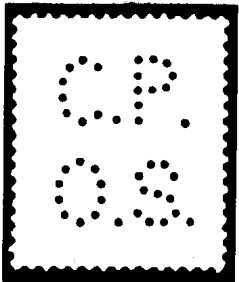
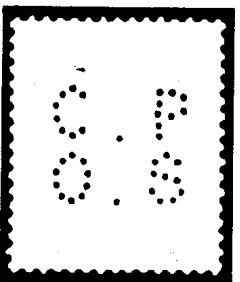
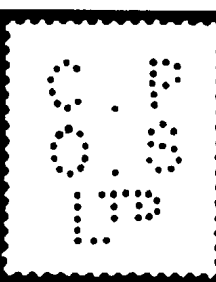
The following is a precis of the results, with special thanks to Joe Dooley, Jon C Johnson, John Nelson, Mike Oxley and Stephen Steere for their contributions.

1. Canadian Pacific Ocean Services Ltd.,

Pier Head, Liverpool. Also Glasgow & London SW1.

Formed in 1915 by combining the 'The Allen Line' (formerly the Montreal Ocean Steamship Co, Established 1854) with the 'Canadian Pacific Line'. The name changed in 1921 to become the 'Canadian Pacific Steamships Co Ltd'. The following four dies were probably used by this company, although only "C.P./O.S." (C6095.01) has so far been positively identified.

Note: "Ltd" has been added to the "C.P/O.S" die, although the company always seems to have been a Limited Company from when it was first formed in 1915.

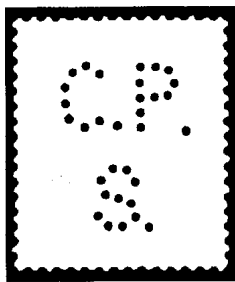
1915-1920	1915-1928	1915-1920	1920-1921
			
C6080.01 London	C6095.01 Liverpool & London S.W	C6090.01 Glasgow	C6097.01 Pmk n/k

All four dies are known only on KGV typographs (Royal Cypher)

2. **Canadian Pacific Steamships Co. Ltd.,** Liverpool & London.
(Formerly the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services Ltd.)

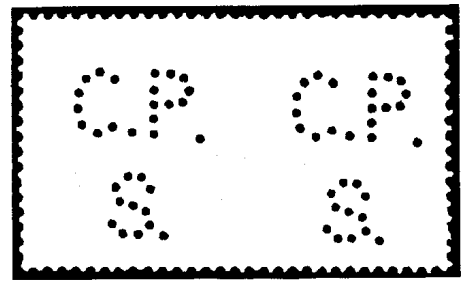
Although the name changed in 1921, the company appears to have continued using the 'old' "C.P./O.S." (C6095.01) die until c1928. The replacement die "C.P./S." (C6150.01M) is known to have been multi-headed, although the precise configuration is not yet known.

1928-1960



C6150.01M

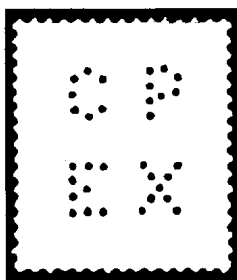
Note the subtle differences in the S's in the large format stamp.



3. **Canadian Pacific Express Co.,**
62 Trafalgar Square, London WC2.

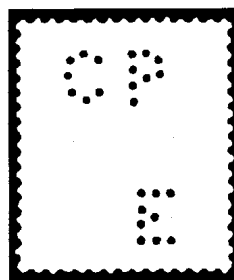
Until 1926, the company was known as the 'Dominion Express Co', having been originally incorporated in 1873.

1926-1941



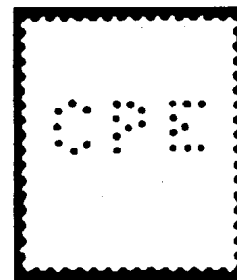
C5990.01

1941-1950



C5980.01p

1950-1965

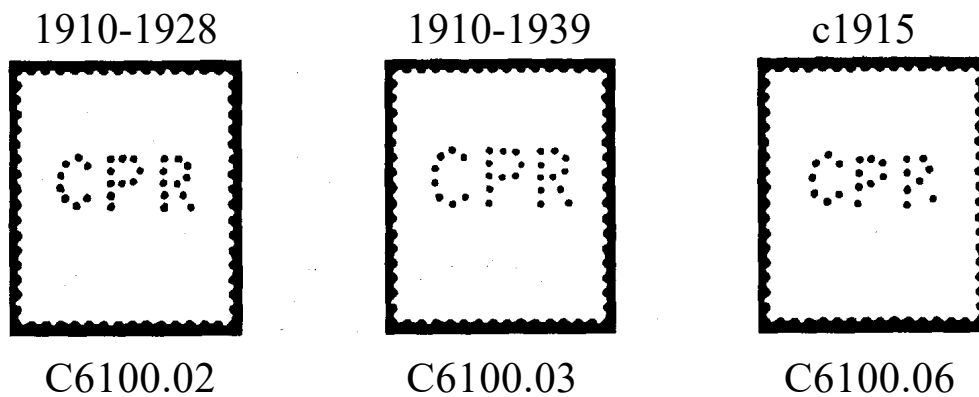


C5970.01

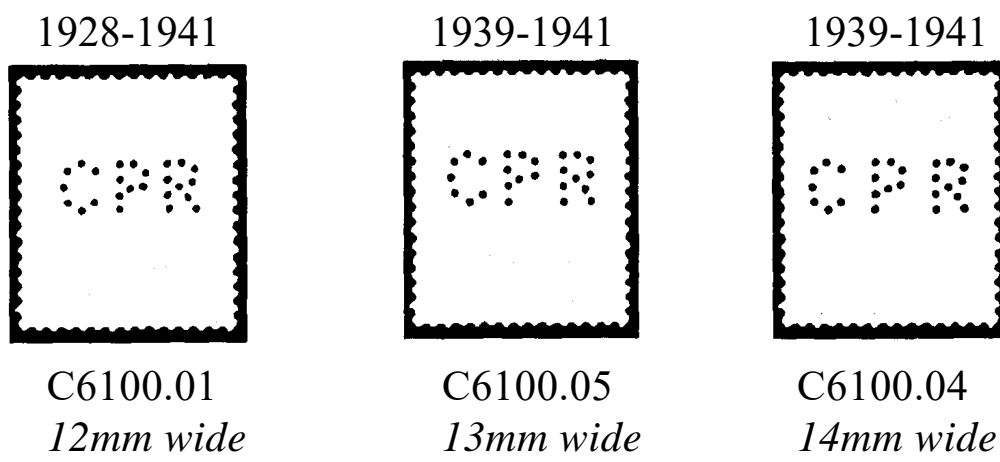
The original Sloper single headed die "CP/EX" (C5990.01) was destroyed in the "Blitz" on Sloper's premises in May 1941. Sloper's 'Emergency' replacement "CP/E" (C5980.01p) was itself replaced by "CPE" (C5970.01), a typical post-war Sloper single headed die.

4. **Canadian Pacific Railway Co.,**
 62-65 Charing Cross and 8 Waterloo Place, London SW1,
 Trafalgar Square, London WC2, 25
 Bothwell St, Glasgow, and Canute Rd, Southampton.

The earliest of all the various Canadian Pacific Railway dies is "CPR" (C6100.02), known used as early as 6 May 1899. This die had an above average life, and was probably replaced c1928 by "CPR" (C6100.01). Two more relatively early examples of this single line of initials were introduced c1910 and c1915.



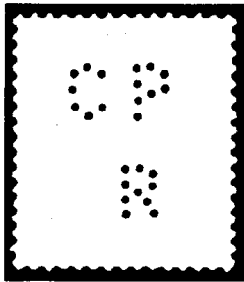
The pre-war era saw the introduction of three more "CPR" dies using the now familiar 4 hole high Sloper letters. These last three dies were probably destroyed in the "Blitz" on Sloper's premises in 1941.



Of the above, only C6100.01/02/03/06 have been positively identified as being used by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

Sloper's response to the loss of the "CPR" dies was to initial stamps using a 12x1 multi-headed "CP" die, and as a second operation, a 12x1 "R" die to produce "CP/R" (C6110.03p).

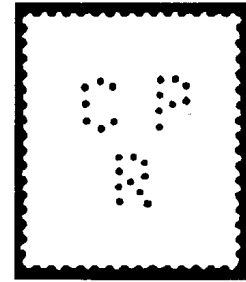
1941-1948



C6110.03p

A 'regular' Sloper single headed replacement die was introduced sometime between December 1947 and January 1949.

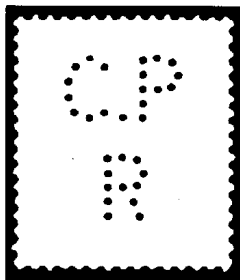
1948-1968



C6110.01

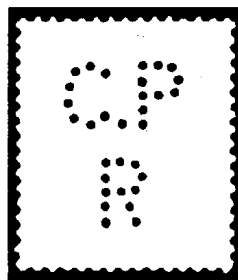
The next three dies, introduced at various times, seem to have been used at specific offices (based on postmark evidence). Care should be taken with the two "C.P/R" dies, which are very similar to each other, and both known to have been multi-headed. The shape to the top of the "P" can be used to differentiate them.

1904-1955



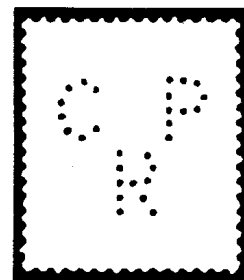
C6120.01M
Liverpool

1925-1965



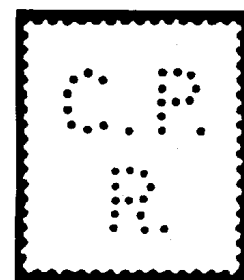
C6120.01aM
Southampton

1922-1955



C6110.02
Glasgow

1910-1930



C6125.01

Finally, this "C.P./R." die (C6125.01) appears to have seen spasmodic use over a twenty year period at their Charing Cross offices in London.

While preparing the draft sheets for Section 'P' of the New Illustrated Catalogue, it became clear that a number of dies were probably from the same maker and almost certainly used by the same user. The initial series I chanced upon, quickly expanded into the sequence that follows. John Nelson and Rosemary Smith have kindly provided supporting documentary evidence:

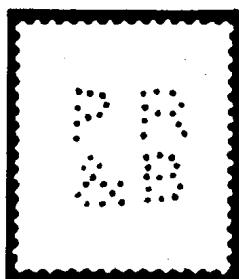
Plummer, Roddis & Tyrrell Ltd were registered on 24th June 1896 to acquire the businesses of:

Plummer & Lawford
Plummer, Roddis & Beecroft Ltd
R Tyrrell & Sons



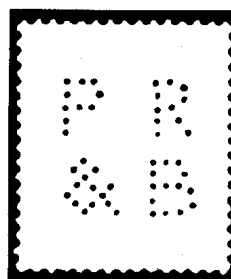
Fortunately, there are only two G.B. dies known with "PR/&B" lettering, and both are recorded with '342' Hastings postmarks on issues of Queen Victoria. This points to the likely user being *Plummer, Roddis & Beecroft Ltd*, Drapers, Robertson St, Hastings.

1890-1895



P3800.01

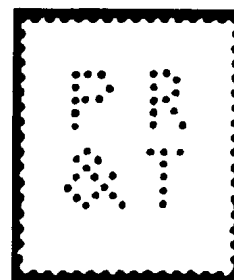
1895-1896



P3800.02

Plummer, Roddis & Tyrrell Ltd are known to have used the perfin "PR/&T" at their premises in Eastbourne, Folkstone and Hastings. They also had premises in Bournemouth and Boscombe

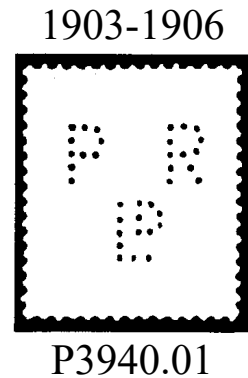
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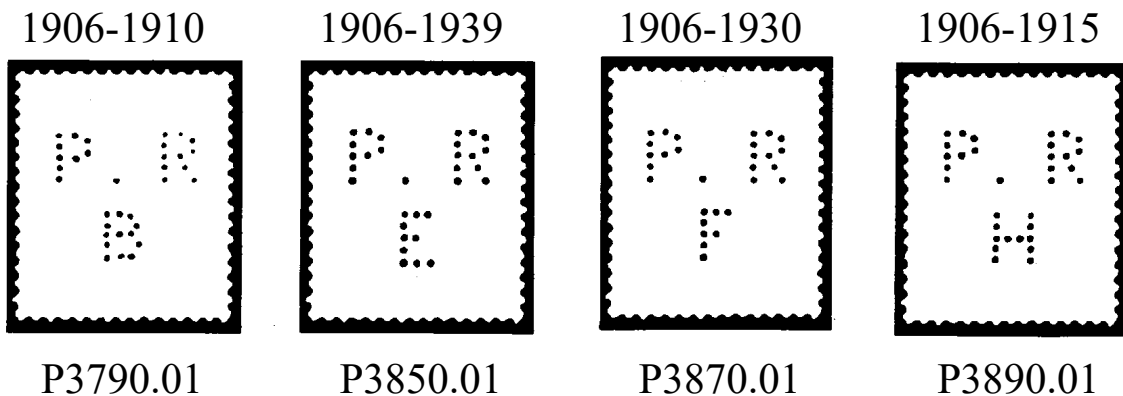
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Rosemary Smith records their business as "General Drapers and Complete House Furnishers", and John Nelson adds that the name was changed from 'Plummer, Roddis & Tyrrell Ltd' to '*Plummer Roddis Ltd?*' in March 1903.

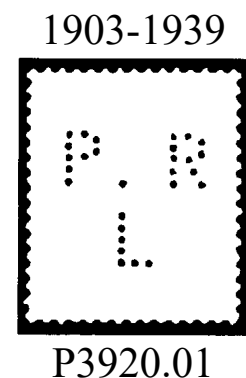
This allows us to assign 'Plummer Roddis Ltd' as a suspected identity for "PR/L^d" (P3940.01), known used during the early years of King Edward VII's reign. (East)bourne, Folkestone and Hastings postmarks have been reported.



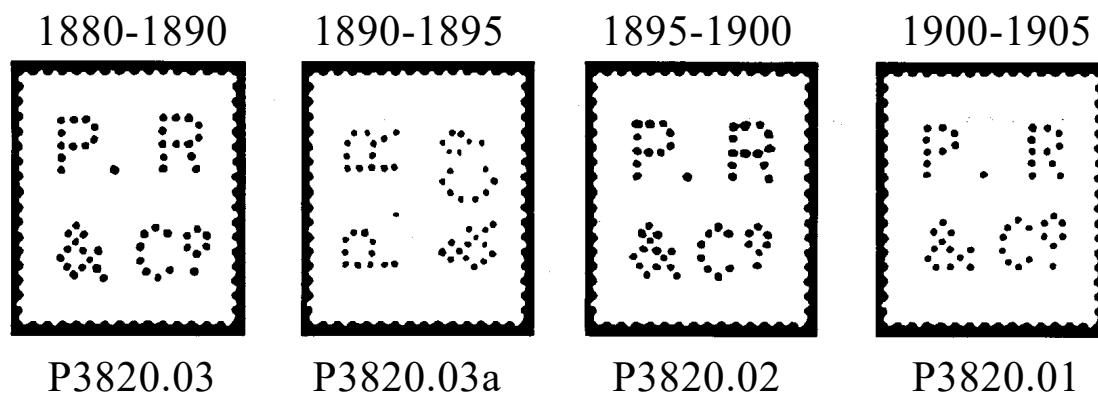
The original sequence noticed with the 'common format' was the following five dies. From postmark evidence, the bottom letter probably stands for Bournemouth, Eastbourne, Folkestone, Hastings and London. Plummer Roddis Ltd certainly had premises in the first four of these places.



The fifth die dates from a few years earlier and was the longest lived. It is known with both London & Hastings postmarks, although no premises are known in London.



The final twist to the sequence is the existence of yet another die which fits the same format, that of "P.R./&C⁰" (P3820.01). This die also dates from the early part of King Edward VII's reign and is known with Plymouth, Devon postmarks.



Unfortunately, Plummer Roddis Ltd do not seem to have had premises in Plymouth, so presumably the die was simply made by the same manufacturer as the preceding five. Four dies are shown above for completion, as all four are known with Plymouth postmarks, and were probably used sequentially by the same user.

I would be pleased to hear from anyone who can add anything in the way of dates, postmarks, issues etc., for any of the dies illustrated in the article.

As an aside, I searched the 1881 Census of Great Britain for the unusual name of Roddis and find that there was only one 'Roddis' family living in the whole of Sussex - George Roddis, aged 45, *Draper*, living in Harborough House, *Hastings*. On the other hand, the surname Plummer is more common, but worthy of note is the entry for William Plummer, aged 44, *Draper*, employing 50 persons, and living at 3 Holmesdale Gardens, *Hastings*. These two must surely be the individuals involved in the various South Coast Drapery businesses.

Finally, a surf of the Internet for 'Plummer Roddis' resulted in the following piece of 'trivia'. *Kipps* written by the English novelist H. G. Wells, featured a young man who started work at **Plummer Roddis's Emporium** in Folkestone!

THE PERFINED REVENUE STAMPS OF G.B.

From Jeff Turnbull

Since the last Bulletin, another 4 dies have been reported for the Revenues Book. These dies will be included in all new orders for the catalogue.

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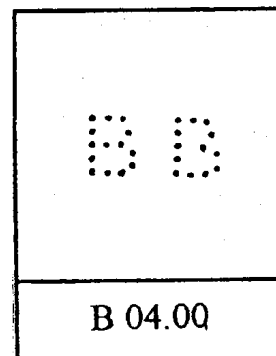
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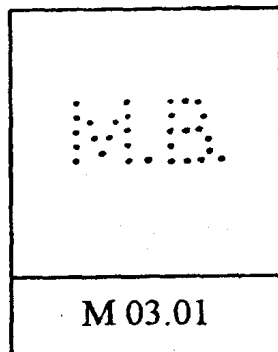


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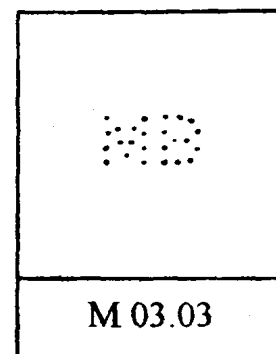
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Lombard Street London EC.

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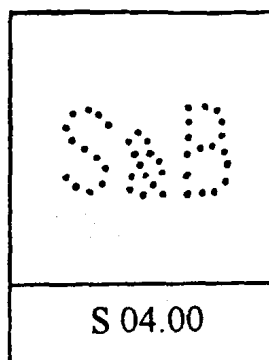


In use:

Dates: 12-2-1874

Issues: Qvic,9d,2/-,3/-,4/-,5/-> 10/-,

Ident:



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SEEN IN AUCTION

In Bulletin 314 Page 5 I said I would continue with the auction lots which Frank Brown had noticed and had estimated the lowest average per stamp. I have had three comments from members about these lots and all seem surprised when the price is broken down to 'per stamp'.

Belgium - remarkable lifetime collection housed in two albums with 1600+ perfins arranged A-Z by company initials. Very few issues after 1930's with strength in earlies. A vast colln seldom offered inc unclassified 'shape' types, many diff types of stamps used. Est £800/£880 = 50p each.

Germany - a lifetimes collection of 1000's (guess 4000+) mainly all different arranged in 6 albums. An amazing assembly, almost impossible to replicate. No stamps after 1930's and arranged in companies initials A-Z with a vast range of diff issues represented. A magnificent lot, seldom offered for sale by auction. Est £3000/£3300 = 75p each

Czechoslovakia - lifetime coll of 240 perfins, seldom seen in such numbers neatly arranged in album by company initials A-Z with no issues after 1930's, good variety of issues used. Est £150/£165 = 62p each

KEN DEE noted the following from MAT Stamp Auctions.

Perfins:- Attractive assembly on high values QV 5/- (3), 10/- (3) & EDVII 2/6 (3) & 5/- (3). All with diff perfined initials, company names etc. Useful lot for specialist. Cat £2100. Mainly sound. Est:-£180

Underprints:- Copestake & Moore in blue on 2d blue plate 15, difficult to find. Est:-£25

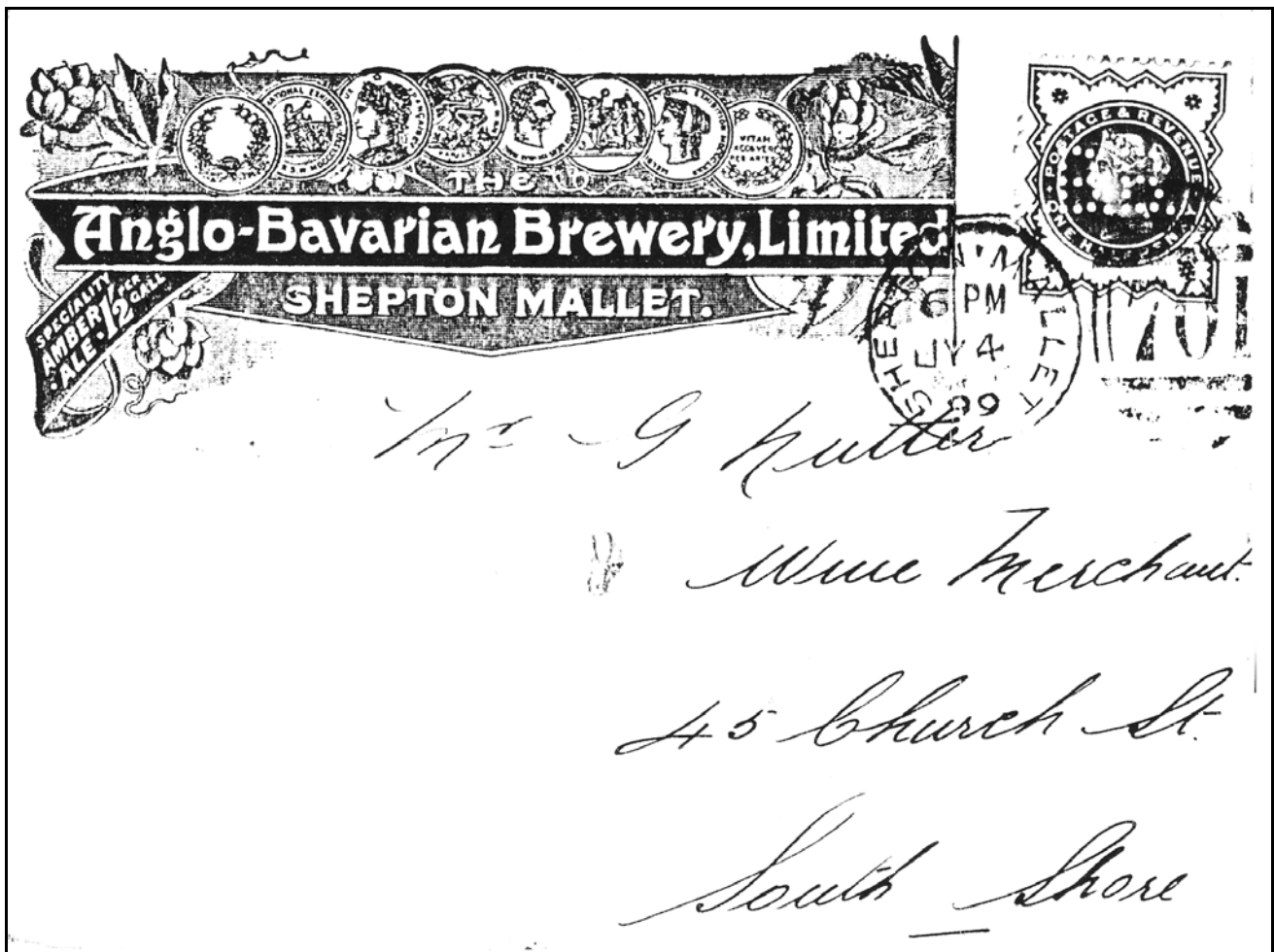
Underpants:- Copestake & Moore on fine used nearly all intact 1d plates (diff numbers) couple with faults but 8 copies incl diff shades. Est:- £50

Underprints:- Copestake & Moore on used 1d plates (diff numbers) various faults but 20 copies incl diff shades of red. Est:- £100

ANGLO-BAVARIAN BREWERY. LIMITED

JOHN FROST has sent me a photocopy of a very attractive trade card from *The Anglo-Bavarian Brewery, Limited, Shepton Mallet*. Brewery related perfin are a very popular collecting theme and this one would grace any display. All illustrated postal items are getting very expensive these days but they do enhance an otherwise boring card or envelope.

The perfin is ABB. Catalogue Number A0500.01. The reverse side also has an even more intricate illuminated heading. Apparently their speciality was *Amber Ale* at ½d per gallon. No wonder the Victorian poor could forget their troubles in drink!!



MEMBERS' WANTS

KGV Silver Jubilee with Perfin - World Wide

New member **NEIL DONNEN**

has a particular interest in the 1935 Silver Jubilee issue of KGV. He is trying to identify those **non-GB and Canadian** stamps of this issue that had perfins on them. It includes all common design stamps as well as the non-common design stamps of the issue, including the Morocco Agencies. He is looking for information on the Perfin design, the name of the colony and face value of the stamp.

The list to date includes:-

Common Design:- Ceylon (13); Hong Kong (2); Mauritius (2); Newfoundland (1); Straits Settlements (12)

Non-Common Design:- Australia (32 Private & 7 Government); India (10); Morocco (British Agencies 1, Tangier 1)

British Malaya Perfins

New member **JEFF READMAN**

whose main interest is the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, is now seeking perfins of British Malaya -as covered in Giffens Catalogue of "The Perfins of British Malaya". His Telephone number is 01423 879485.

Railway Perfins

Member **TERRY COMPER**

is looking to buy any Railway Perfins.