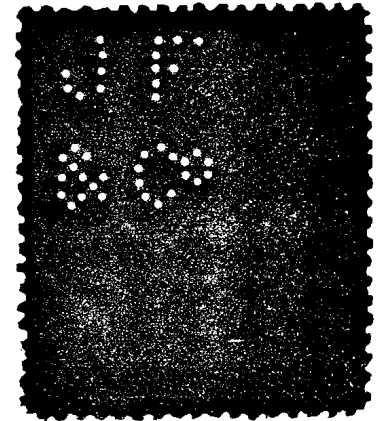


Two Items of Railway Interest.

Both taken from Railway Philately, Vol. 38 No. 2, March 2004

Alan Hewitt writes:- Although perfins had widespread use on normal postage stamps they are relatively scarce to find on railway newspaper stamps. The particular example shown here was issued by the Midland Railway and has been perforated with a firm's initials "JF/&Co". The identity of the firm is unknown.



Unfortunately the Midland Railway served a very extensive area so the range of newspaper companies who could have used the Midland Railway stamps is huge. Can anyone help to identify the newspaper company, which used these initials?



The Editor of Railway Philately was shown the lilac stamp shown along side, which was postally used, has a Liverpool roller parcel cancellation and overprinted 'CP/R'. Strictly speaking stamps overprinted with company initials should not have been used for postal purposes. The initials 'CP/R' are thought to be those of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

