

## Improvements in the Cataloging of Perfins

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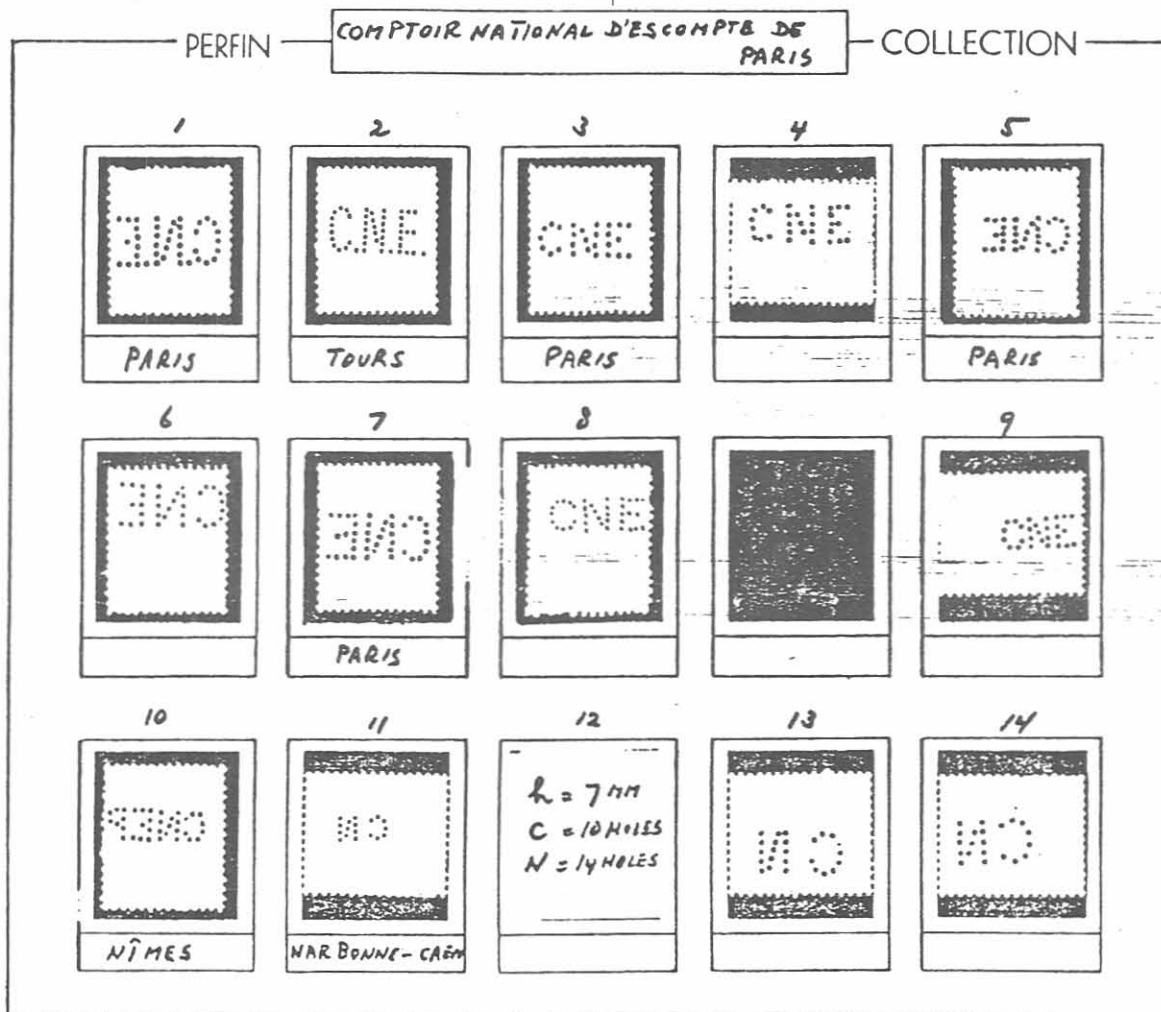
"Perfins of the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris" by Jan Prins appeared in the July/August 1976, edition of *The Perfins Bulletin*. The illustrations that accompanied that article are reproduced later in this article along with the same illustrations from the new catalog, *Timbres Perfores: France et Colonies*. The intent is two-fold: 1. To illustrate the improvements in cataloging since 1979, and 2. To publicize the French Catalog which is available from our Catalog Sales and Distribution Chairman. The Prins' article as been reproduced here followed by some of the illustrations out of the newer catalog.

## "Perfins of the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris"

Jan Prins

The Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, one of the largest banks in France, was founded on June 11, 1889. They are affiliated with the French American Banking Corporation in New York (perfin FA/BC).

Apart from a few hundred branches in France, they had offices in Algeria, Tunisia, Monaco, and Madagascar. In the last-mentioned country, there were three branches, at Tananarive, Diego Suarez, and Majunga. In Port Said (Egypt) the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris had a branch, and



the perfin C.N. can be found on the stamps of the French post office in Port Said.

In Egypt, two perfins C.N. were used, and in Tangier (Morocco) the perfin C.N. has been found on the stamps of the German Offices in Morocco.

In Europe, the CNE has branches in

Great Britain (London), Belgium (Brussels), and in Spain.

In the beginning, the CNE perfin was used, but later there was a change to the CN initial. To avoid confusion, it should be noted that two CN types of France were not used by CNE, but by other firms listed below.

Credit National,  
Paris →



These two Perfin designs on French stamps were not used by the CNE



← Credit du Nord,  
Lille

C.N 286 h:9 13-19		COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE NOMBREUSES AGENCES banque	130-970 A 6-17 1912-1954 4 A
C.N 287 h:9,25 12-19			414-517 1938-1942 6
C.N 288 h:9,5 8-12 p:3			179-432 1925-1939 7
C.N 289 h:10 10-17 p:3,5		BREST FINISTERE	111-886 A 6 1922-1954 7
C.N 289-1 h:10 13-19			886-962 8
C.N.290 h:6,75 10-14		COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE NICE ALPES MARITIMES banque	143-843 1926-1946 5 A
C.N.291 h:7,25 12-16		COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE LE MANS SARTHE	111-514 1906-1925 4 C
C.N.292 h:7,25 10-14		MONTELMAR DROME	158-978 1930-1951
		PETITS TROUS	5

C.N.293 h:7,75 12-17 p:4	M.O	COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE ROUEN SEINE INFERIEURE banque	80-88 1898-1900 3 A
C.N.294 h:8 14-24	C.N.	COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE NANTES LOIRE ATLANTIQUE banque	111-28 1903-1904 3 B
CNE 307 h:5,25 11-14-13	3MO	COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE PARIS SEINE banque	75-140 1892-1903 4 B
CNE 308 h:5,5 7-11-9	3MO	COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE PARIS SEINE banque	700-981 A 24-31 1952-1954 4 A
CNE 309 h:6 8-13-10	3MO	COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE TOULOUSE HAUTE GARONNE banque	129-310 A 6 1928-1934 6 B
CNE 310 h:5,75-6 9-14-10	CNE	COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE PARIS SEINE banque	82-978 A 5-29 1898-1954 1 A
CNE 311 h:7 10-14-20	3MO	COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE AVIGNON VAUCLUSE banque	MONTPELLIER HERAULT 1896-1908 5 A
CNE 312 h:7,5 10-17-14	3MO	COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE PARIS SEINE banque	80-143 1890-1906 4 A
C.N.11 h:8,5 12-20	C.N.	COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE MONTE CARLO	17-162 1905-1939 4 C
C.N.12 h:9,5 13-19	C.N.	COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE MONTE-CARLO	24-259 1924-1947 3 C
COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS MAJUNGA		98-321 PA 60-74 1928-1954 4 D	C.N 2 h:8,25 14-20
COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE TUNIS		17-346 PA 3-9 1906-1955 2 C	M.O C.N. 9 h:9 13-19