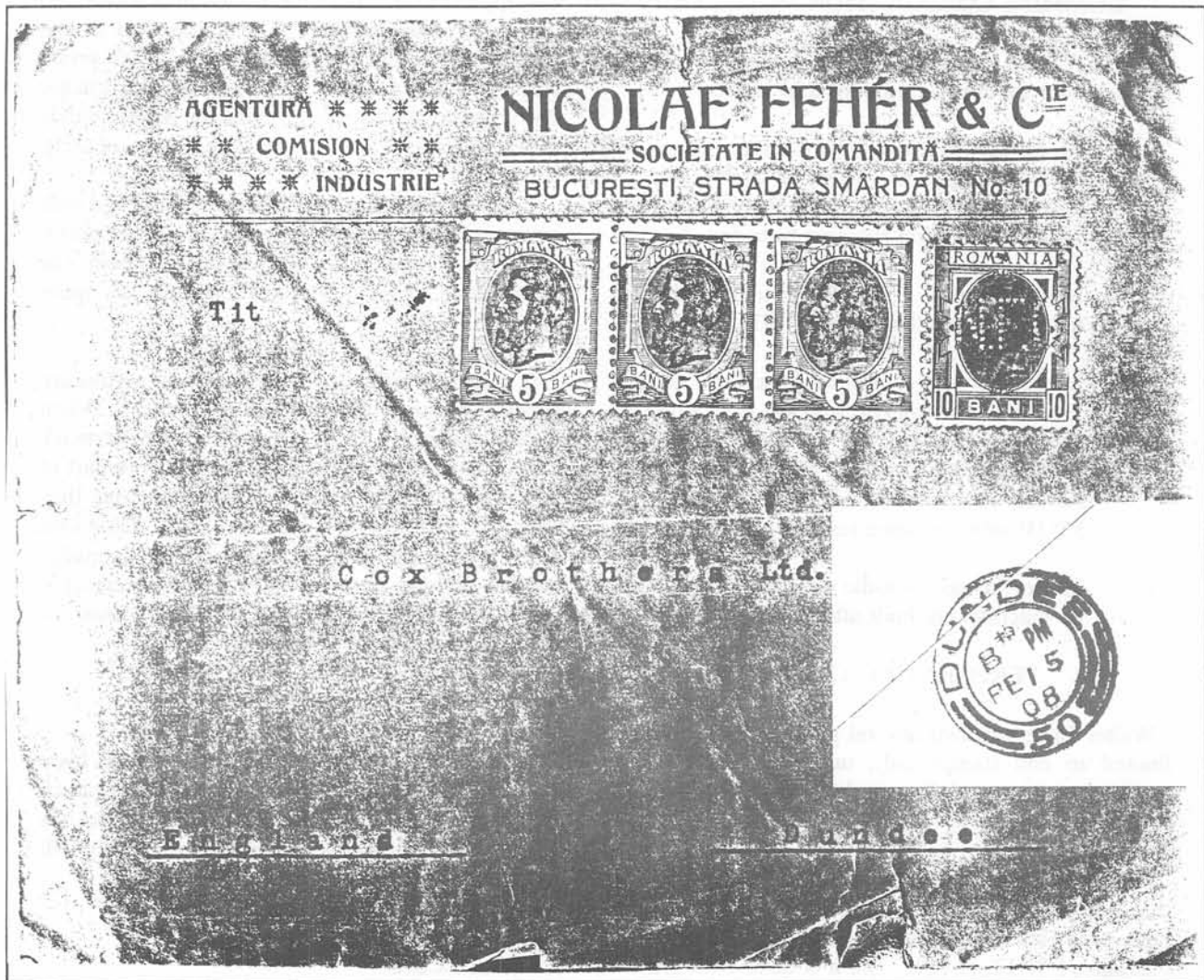


Romanian Cover

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Sometime in the past I purchased the Romanian cover that is illustrated on the next page. One of the four stamps is perfinned. I almost did not buy the cover because the stamps have not been canceled and I am fussy about items that have not been properly used.

The cover did go through the mail despite the lack of a postal cancellation on the stamps. The question is, where did it enter the mail stream? Up until the early part of this century, postal workers were very proud of their services; however, this cover is probably a precursor of the recent uncanceled covers that I have seen. The back of the envelope has a double ring DUNDEE (Scotland) receiving stamp showing receipt after 8:00 PM on February 15, 1908. This ties in fairly well with the



three copies of a 5 bani yellow green and a 10 bani rose issue showing King Carol I.

The 10 bani rose has a fine "N.F.C." perfin which agrees with the return address, "NICHOLE FEHER & CIE, BUCURESTI, STRADASMARDAN, No. 10." This perfin pattern is illustrated as N6 in the *Catalog of Romanian Perfins*, by László Erös published by the Perfins Club in 1989. However, the user is not identified in the catalog nor is the user identified in the *Catalog of Romanian Perfins Supplement No. 1, 1991* by Bob Schwerdt.