



The PEI Perforator

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Nothing has appeared in print for a long time on the P.E.I perfin, which appears to be a very scarce item. The last article I have seen on this item appeared in *Popular Stamps* in February 1957.

Recently a perfin specialist visited the P.E.I Archives and as a result of his investigation the actual machine has appeared from a dusty corner and now has been identified.

This particular machine was made by the Cummins Perforator Company in the U.S. and is identified as machine #52. It was used by the Provincial Government from about 1928 to 1937 according to examples of this perfin found on Canadian stamps, Scott #149 and #235.

Readers are advised that authentic copies of this scarce item when found on cover, would most likely be found on covers bearing a return address "P.O. Box 9" as shown in the illustration below.

The machine is of a heavy cast iron construction and was capable of perforating five stamps at one time, probably full sheets of stamps folded down the center.

Reports of other stamps used with this PEI perfin and possible actual dates of usage would be appreciated -- if you can assist, please write:

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