NON-PHILATELIC PERFINS Rosemary Smith

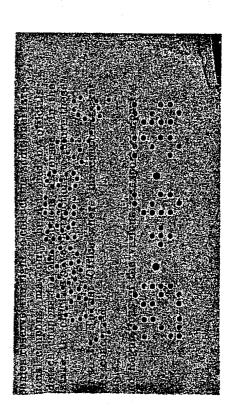
I think it was June 1994 when I last published one of these 'non-perfin' items. Today I have two for you.

- 1. TERENCE WOOD has sent the original booklet for rail travel through Germany. The front and back are perforated LONDRES A.G. (curved) and the date 29.6.36. On each page the regulations are printed in German, English and French. The tickets inside were valid for one week and the used stubs show travel through Bonn, Koln, Koblenz, St Goarshausen, Rhudesheim, Wiesbaden, Mainz, Frankfurt, Nurnberg, Aachen Sud Grenze, and there were 3 stubs too torn away to read the town name. Is this the original "Whistle-Stop Tour"?
- 2. In some previous Bulletins I printed the Library perforation on the inside fly leaf of some books. I assume these perforations were to prevent the books being stolen, much like the security intention of perforating postage stamps. I had vowed not to print any more as 'enough is enough'. However, this item, sent by JACK

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BRANDT tickled my sense of humour - near the surface for most of my life!

The perforation reads, "MECHANICS INSTITUTE MONTREAL" but it was the title of the book which caught my eye - "THE LUNATIC IN CHARGE". When it gets near the time for the Bulletin to go to the printer and I am frantically deciding what to include, what to leave out, juggling to get pages in the right order so that illustrations face the text page and putting correctly numbered footers on each page, I feel like THE LUNATIC IN CHARGE.