PERFIN C.M/&Co.. (C4956.01) THRU' P.S. CARDS

Details from **DEREK IVE**

Earlier in the year Derek told me that he had been looking round in the local museum [Gosport] when he spotted a group of QV trade post cards and return cards. Some of them were perfined and, despite the attendant not being able at that time to get into the display case, Derek sent me a drawing which I took to be C4956.01.

I sent him a copy from the Edwards Catalogue, and armed with this, and an agreement from the Curator of *Hampshire Museum Service, he* was given access to the cards. The result of his search is as follows:-

•   All cards are QV ½d brown (value at top) Postal Stationery Cards - as Type 2 on Page 14, Bulletin 284 - including all that were not perfined.
•   The cards covered the period of June 1883 to June 1885.
•   There were about 1000 to 1100 postcards but no pattern as to why some were perfined and others not.
•   The *Return Cards* all had the address:- Messrs Mumby & Co., Soda Water Manufacturers, GOSPORT:
•   The **Order Cards** all had the address:- Messrs C MUMBY & Co., GOSPORT
•   The perfin, as the example I sent of C4956.01, proved to be the correct die with no variations throughout the perfined cards.
•   He did find three cards which were addressed to:- Messrs Mumby & Co., Soda Water Manufacturers, PORTSMOUTH, (not perfined). Whilst in the Curators office he spotted an old lemonade bottle which was marked as Mumby & Co. Gosport and Portsmouth and the curator thought they also used to have an office in Portsmouth.

The quantities of perfined cards was:-

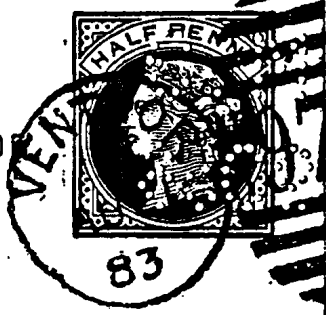**ORDER CARDS**   [1883] 20; [1884]13; [1885] 1; Total **34.**

RETURN CARDS [1883] 1; Total 1.

Thanks should be expressed to Derek, and to *Hampshire Museum Service,* for establishing the identity of the user of C4956.01

POST CARD

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE

HALF PENNY

VEN 83

Messrs. C. MUMBY & Co.,

GOSPORT.

C.M & C°

4956.01

Send per

Ginger Beer

Lemonade

Soda Water

Seltzer   ,,

Potash   ,,

Ginger Ale

JAMES KNIGHT
WINE & SPIRIT
MERCHANT
103, HIGH STREET

Name..........

Address..........