

Survey of four Newfoundland patterns being updated

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The intent of this survey is to compile a list of perfins known on stamps of Newfoundland or used by businesses in Newfoundland prior to Confederation. The scope is limited to four patterns:

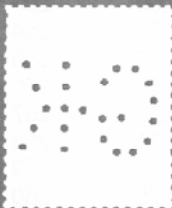
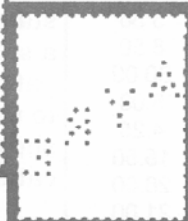
A3—AN/D—Anglo Newfoundland Development Company

A8—AYRE—Ayre and Sons Ltd.

A9—AYRE—Ayre and Sons Ltd.

G5—G K—George Knowling Ltd.

Other perfin patterns are



known on Newfoundland stamps but in my opinion these (except pattern B7, B&F) occurred after April 1, 1949, when Newfoundland became a Province of Canada. At that time the remaining post

office stocks of Newfoundland stamps were distributed throughout Canada. Some of these issues are known to have been used well into the 1950's.

This survey will not deal with cancellation perfins such as CAN'L'D/C.S.O. and C.H. found primarily on Newfoundland revenues but also on some postal issues as well.

This report continues a previous survey published in Volume 16, Number 1- Whole Number 92 of *The BNA Perforator* of March 26, 1995. That report was compiled by Russell

Deveau and dealt with information supplied by 113 collectors in the late 1980's.

All I have done is add

any additional positions or issues brought to light since that time. I have also revised the list of known covers and revenue documents as well as early and late reported dates of usage.

The ERD (earliest reported date) for A8 is now November 21, 1925, on a blue Ayre ad envelope. The ERD for A9 is February 23, 1925, on a revenue document. The last reported date for G5 is October 3, 1922, on a postcard to England.

One item of interest is a piece of cover with an A8 Scott #164 and an A9 Scott #145, both tied with a date of August 19, 1929. This is the only item reported with the two Ayre types on the same piece.

Even though we are dealing with only four patterns, the survey listing is quite lengthy and somewhat detailed.

I would like to thank the people who responded to the survey and urge anyone who has holdings

of any of these patterns who would like to contribute to the survey to contact me so I can keep the list up to date.

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If you would like a copy of the existing survey information, send me a #10 envelope with sufficient equivalent postage to cover the return mailing to you.

If you are on-line, I can e-mail the surveys to you in either MS Word or MS Excel format.

The catalog used is the *Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials* by J.C. Johnson and G. Thomason, 4th Edition. This is available to Perfins Club members through the Club Library or may be purchased from Saskatoon Stamp Center.