## ROLLING STOCK BUILDERS - G R TURNER Ltd.

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Many thanks to **Steve Netten** and **Joe Dooley** for stamp details for dies illustrated in the original article (B344, pages 24-26). All has been added to the master sheets in readiness for publication of the 'Railway Perfins of Great Britain'. I hope to have this ready sometime next year.

**Tony Swales** has also added to our knowledge by providing details for G R Turner Ltd, Langley Mill. Tony's source was 'Whitaker's Red Book of Commerce' (or Who's Who in Business) for 1910.

**G. R. Turner Ltd** were manufacturers of Railway Rolling Stock, and Colliery Engineers, based in Langley Mill, (near Heanor, Derbyshire). They held patents for doors on hopper wagons, but their speciality was steel-framed bogie stock. The firm was established in c1869 by George Reynolds Turner, and incorporated as a limited company in 1902. They also had extensive wagon repair depots all over the country. The 1881 census records George R Turner, aged 55, Railway Waggon (sic) Builder, born at sea!

## G. R. Turner Ltd, Railway Wagon Builders, Langley Mill.



"GRT" was a Sloper die (head configuration unknown) that would have been destroyed in the "Blitz" in May 1941, and replaced by the single-letter "T". Fourteen customers of Sloper used this latter perfin, so <u>Langley Mill/Nottingham postmarks are crucial for loose stamps</u>.

Again, <u>can you please help</u> by reporting stamp issue/denomination and postmark details of your holdings of these dies?

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