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NEW MEMBER

Another new member has joined our Society this month, and we are pleased to be able to welcome,

No. 105 Mr R Sperring 2734

REMINDERS

Auction - There is still time for U.K. members to get off lots for the forthcoming auction. Closing date is March 22nd so if you have any Line Engraved material to offer please get it off to Chris Carr now.

MEETING - Some months back it was proposed that a meeting be arranged in London early this year if sufficient interest was shown. Support for this proposal has been very sparse to-date and in the hope that there are other members willing to attend, but who have not indicated their willingness yet, we are putting out this reminder. If you are prepared to attend such a meeting please let Basil Tomkins or John Nelson have your names.

Monies - Various amounts are due from a number of members for their subscriptions and for chapters of Mr Jennings' book which have been issued. We appreciate that it can be a bit irksome to have to send 2/- each month, both for the sender and for the Treasurer who has the bookwork to do. May we suggest that once you have become more than 4/- in arrears you send in a cheque or postal order for 10/-? There are a lot more pages to come and we will give you ample warning when the end is in sight.

For those members who have payments outstanding a statement will be added to the foot of this page.

THIS ISSUE

This issue which will contain 10 pages is going out late (11th March) due to a variety of domestic problems which hit me at the crucial time. Once again my apologies.

JENNINGS' PAGES:-

SUBSCRIPTION:-

It has been suggested that we hold a census of members collections, not to see who has the largest but with the idea of finding out just how many different dies there are for each letter of the alphabet.

RULES

1. For each letter of the alphabet count each different die, not stamp, and insert the number of dies on the return. Part A.
2. Do the same for numerals and designs (but see note below).
3. Complete Part B as fully as possible.
4. Send to Chris J.T. Carr, SEPS Census, 28, Eastry Road, Erith, Kent. There is no deadline but it would help if members sent their details in soon.

NOTES

HMC/6 should be listed under H
 6/HMC " " " " numerals
 S Crown O " " " S
 Crown/BT " " " Designs
 Monograms should be listed under the letter, or part of the letter, which appears first in the die.

If in doubt, please make a separate note. Please enclose a stamp if you require a reply. NEITHER YOUR NAME OR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER WILL BE PUBLISHED.

PART A

A..	G..	M..	S..	Y..
B..	H..	N..	T..	Z..
C..	I..	O..	U..	Numbers..
D..	J..	P..	V..	Designs..
E..	K..	Q..	W..	
F..	L..	R..	X..	

PART B

I collect:- Line Engraved Surface Printed/All QV/KE VII/
 KG V/KE VIII KG VI/QE II.
 Railways only. (Please delete those)
 Local Government only. (which do not apply)
 Only

Name Membership No

BUILDING A PERFINS LIBRARY

By F.H.B. Smith.

A word of introduction. The writer first made contact with Mr Bowman through the medium of an Irish philatelic paper ("Green Isle Philately") - although at that time we lived only a few miles from each other. I already possessed a few perfins and knew the origin of some of them.

Early in 1955 I joined the Perfins Study Group as it was then called, and in due course received the first News-Letter, dated July/August 1955. It has now attained its 'century'. This and all subsequent News-Letters have been bound into three volumes, and volume four steadily grows month by month.

Actually the first volume in my Library is dated November 1953 and bears the formidable title of "Simplified List of Punctured Endorsements on Stamps Issued for Security Purposes from 1864 to 1953". This was the painstaking work of Mr C. Jennings. It was based on lists originally made by Charles Bein, Hugh Vallancey and Charles Nissen, and was obviously complete to date. It ran to 42 full quarto pages and has formed the basis for much recent research.

Shortly afterwards a slimmer volume, of 29 pages, appeared. This was entitled "Punctured Endorsements on the Line Engraved Issues of G.B.", and was compiled by Mr C. Jennings and Mr K. Rymer Young. It is also both interesting and informative.

A further but vastly expanded "Simplified Catalogue" followed, carefully produced by our indefatigable catalogue editor - Mr Basil Tomkins. This was naturally based on the earlier "Simplified" of Mr Jennings, but included additional material provided by Van Lint and others, which increased it to 52 pages plus 13 additional sheets.

On the subject of Lists, it is appropriate at this stage to make reference to completed Catalogues of Identified Perfins. My two sets of these range from 1959 to 1965, but they are being rapidly outdated by Mr Tomkin's new Simplified and new Identified with the official numbers. These, in combination, will certainly be the most up-to-date of anything of this character on G.B. perfins, and will indeed be invaluable when complete.

Many of our prominent members have also been consistently busy on similar projects. In addition to his exacting duties as Secretary and Editor, we have Mr Bowman's survey of "Council Perfins" - a monumental piece of research and specialisation. Also, we have Miss Mary Thornton's "Catalogue of Official Perfins" - no wonder the G.B.P.S. were keen on the G.B. section!

From time to time I have 'lifted' important articles from the News-Letter. These include some by Capt. H.T. Jackson and Mr M.

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Burrows on Board of Trade Perfins; John Nelson on the firm of Slopers and his outstanding Municipal Arms article; special notes by Mr Muggleton, Chris. Carr and others. These will eventually be made up in a separate folder with a simple index.

Mention has already been made of the expert work of our President, Mr Charles Jennings, but it would be unpardonable not to pay a heartfelt tribute to him. From his articles in "Stamp Collecting" in 1956; his "Surface Printed" perfins; his "Railway" and many other subjects up to his extensive survey of G.B. Perfins published by the Perfins Club of the U.S.A. And now, his great Handbook is coming into final publication. For all of these we owe him an immeasurable debt.

It is also right to include in such a library list as this printed brochures and booklets. There are "British Stamps Perforated with Firm's Initials" by F. Hugh Vallancey, 2nd edition, 1948; Miss Mary Thornton's "Catalogue of Official Perfins" published by the G.B.P.S. (1967); and "The Handbook of British Perfins" written and published by John Nelson (1967).

To summarise, I now have 12 complete perfin "books" and 6 in the making.

It is hoped that these notes will indicate the advisability of preserving perfin literature in such a form that the various items of information are readily available when needed.

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<u>On 1929 (small mult. wmk.)</u>		
S.G.	107	6d chestnut
	108	9d violet
	109	1/- blue-green (W.I.)
	110	2/- maroon
	111	5/- grey & yellow
	112	10/- grey & pink
	114	£2 black & rose

Die 2 on King George V Stamps

Between 1915-25 many stamps were issued in a number of colours, shades and varieties, with broad or narrow crown watermark. Rather than attempt a complicated list, it seems more simple to say that the perfin "OS" is known to exist on almost all the stamps of this period, and therefore, one can include those examples best suited to personal requirements. The following list gives only the values and basic colours.

Many of the stamps may also be found with watermark inverted.

Again, the value of these "OS" stamps is considered, generally to be about half the price of normal stamps, although those with inverted watermark are worth more.

<u>Watermark-Single _Crown A</u>			
½d	green	2d	red
	orange		brown
1d	red	3d	blue
	violet	4d	yellow
	green		violet
1½d	brown		blue
	sepia		olive
	green	4½d	violet
	red	5d	brown
2d	orange	1/4	blue

The 4½d violet also exists with watermark inverted but is very rare.

The 5d bright chestnut is S.G.50b and is from a very small printing and exists only with "OS" puncture.

<u>Watermark-Large Multiple Crown</u>			
½d	green (W.I.)	1d	green
1d	red	1½d	brown (W.I.)

<u>1924 No Watermark</u>		
1d	green	1½d red
<u>1926-30 Small Multiple Watermark</u>		
	<u>Perf 14</u>	<u>Perf 13½ x 12½</u>
½d	orange	
1d	sage-green (W.I.)	
1½d	scarlet (W.I.)	(W.I.)
1½d	red-brown (no stamp)	
2d	red-brown	
2d	scarlet (no stamp)	
3d	ultramarine (W.I.)	(W.I.)
4d	yellow-olive	
4½d	violet	
5d	orange-brown (no stamp)	
1/4	blue	

No perforated "OS" stamps were used by Federal Departments or, stamps having C of A watermark. Any "OS" punctures on stamps with that watermark would only be used by State Departments.

Die 2 on Other Issues

- Canberra 1½d brownish lake
 Kooka burra 3d blue for Melbourne Philatelic
 Exhibition 1929
- * Air Stamp 3d green (shades) 1929
 - * Centenary of Western Australia, 1½d dull scarlet
 - * Stuart Centenary 1½d scarlet
 3d blue
 - * Imprint and some plate numbers exist with perforation "OS" but are very scarce, and fakes have been made.

It seems that other scarce "OS" stamps and varieties have also been skilfully faked.

Much of the information in this section has been adapted from a very useful book, "The Australian Specialists' Catalogue" (it may be obtained from Harris Publications, London, although printed in Melbourne).

The catalogue has detailed lists of all "OS" stamps used by Commonwealth Government Departments and, although prices are given, the publishers point out that they do not supply stamps.

State Department perfins are not included.

493.2	JL/&Co	5,6/14,7,4	4/4½ (Ia)	J. Lyons & Co Ltd, London
493.3	JL/&Co	6,6/12,7,4	4½ (Ia)	1. James Little & Co, London 2. John Louden & Co Ltd, London S.E.1. *3. J. Lyons & Co Ltd, London W.4
494.2	J.L.&Co.	7,7/13,8,6	5½ (III)	Ø John Lovering & Co Ltd, St Austell
497	J/Ld	7,7/8	5½/6,5	Jarrards Ltd, London W.1
504	J.L./&S.	9,10/12,13	6½/5,6½(IIIa)	J. Langdon & Sons Ltd, Liverpool
506	J.L.T.	7,7,7	5½	Joseph L. Thompson & Sons Ltd Sunderland
510	J.L.T.&Sons	8,7,7/14,13,10,11,10	5/5,3½	Ø do. do. do.
521.1	JM	6,11	4½	Ø John Manners Ltd.
523	J.M.	10,25	7½	John Miller & Co Ltd, Liverpool
527.2	JM/C	9,13/8	6	Johnson Matthey & Co Ltd, London E.C.1
536	J.M./HX	7,13/12,9	5½	John Mackintosh & Sons Ltd, Halifax
592.2	JM/&Co	6,11/12,7,4	4½ (Ia)	John Mowlem & Co Ltd, London S.W1
573	JN/&Co	6,11/12,7,4	4½ (Ia)	John Nayler & Son Ltd, Dudley, Worcs
*574	J.N./Ld.	7,13/7,7	5½	John Noble Ltd, Manchester 1
582.2	JN/&S	7,13/13,11	5½ (III)	John Needham, Manchester
596.1	JP	6,8	4½	J. Peasall Ltd, London
612	JP/COATS	5,7/6,6,8,6,7	4	J & P Coats Ltd.
*615	JPH	7,16,11	6½,12½,6½	J.H.Potter & Sons Ltd, Sheffield
623.1	JP/&S	7,9/12,10	4½ (IIIa))
623.2	JP/&S	7,10/14,10	5 (I)) John Player & Sons Ltd,
623.3	JP/&S	7,9/12,10	5½/4,5½(Ia)) Nottingham
646.3	JR/&Co	7,11/14,8,4	5 (III)	John Richardson & Co Ltd Leicester
655.1	JR/&J	7,11/12,7	4½	Ø J. Rands & Jeckell Ltd, Ipswich
664.2	J.R/&S	10,12/14,12	5½	John Round & Son Ltd, Sheffield

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669	JR&S/S	7,11,14,10/10	5		Joseph Rodgers & Sons Ltd, Sheffield,
671	J/R&Co	9/15,14,8,6	5½/5 (III)		John Rankin & Co. London E.C.
682.2	J.S	7,10	6		James Spicer & Sons, London E.C.
682.3	J.S	8,9	4½	Ø	John Smedley Ltd, Matlock, Derbyshire.
683	J.S.	8,9	4½		John Smedley Ltd, Matlock, Derbyshire.
684.1	J'S	10,10	6½,4½)	Jeye's Ltd,
684.2	J'S	10,10	6½,5)	London.
*685	JS (Monogram)	11 overall	27 (Total)		J.S.Sloper & Co, London.
697.3	JS/&Co	6,9/12,7,4	4½ (Ia)		J.S.Sloper & Co Ltd, London.
703	J.S.Co/Ld	7,10,8,4/7,8	5		J. Schweppes & Co Ltd
716	J/SMITH	6/9,11,4,6,10	3½	Ø	John Smith's Tadcaster Brewery Ltd.
728	J.S.&/S.Ltd/W	7,11,13/11,7,6,9/15	5½ (IVa)	Ø	John Shannon & Son Ltd., Walsall,
764.1	JT/&Co	5,6/14,7,4	4/4½ (I))	Joseph Tetley & Co Ltd,
764.2	JT/&Co	6,6/12,7,4	4½ (Ia))	London.
778	J.T/&/J.T	7,7/13/7,7	5½ (III)		J.T&J. Taylor Ltd, Batley, Yorks.
827.1	JW	7,16	4½		James Williamson & Son, Leceister.
840	J.W/C.Co	7,13/8,8,6	4½		J & W Cambell & Co, Glasgow.
841.1	J&W/C&Co	9,14,16/8,14,8,6	4½(III)		do. do.
841.2	J&W/C&Co	8,14,13/11,14,11,14	5/5½ (III)		do. do.
*863	JW&S/C	8,15,14,13/8	5	Ø	John Williams & Sons, Cardiff.
*866	J.W/S.L	7,16/10,7	5		Joseph Wallis & Son Ltd, London N.W.
867	JW/&S/Ld	6,12/12,9/6,6	4½ (Ia)		Joseph Wilsons & Sons Ltd, Denton, Manchester.

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