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FROM THE LIBRARIAN

Members will recall that a few months ago I requested information about Tunisia perfins on behalf of a non-member. Letters received personal acknowledgement, but I would like to express via the News-Sheet thanks to Mrs Van Dyke, Mr Mazurie and Mr Regnier. (Mr Regnier also wrote appreciatively of our bulletin)

I can now reveal that the enquiry was by a member of the staff of "Stamp Collecting", and has led to a suggestion by him which I gladly pass on for serious attention of members.

He says, "Why don't you write, or have some of your members write, articles on perfins of all sorts of countries, from a novice viewpoint? Point out their interest, value in expanding a collection, actual scarcity, what exists, who made them, and why etc. The less popular the country perhaps the better, as it is unlikely that an editor will have had ANY articles on that country for some time, and so new material will be more acceptable. Such articles should NOT deal with all the geography, history, stamps and postal history of the country, but be merely short articles on the perfins, and how they fit into the country's story."

Not being the Editor, he cannot guarantee publication, but is sure that any well-written and interesting article has a good chance of appearing. Members will hardly need reminding that anything in the library which may be helpful is at their disposal. In turn, their articles may become useful additions to the library for which a future generation may be grateful.

May I make a further suggestion, viz:- that each member supplies the necessary information for the Society to compile a list of members' perfin interests. Time (with other factors) compels me to confine mine to G.B, and Australia.

One further note : Herr Litschke has kindly sent us a copy of his article published in DER SAMMLER-DIENST under the title, "Bibliographic des Schrifttums uber Firmen- und Behordliche Lochungen". This has been added to the Library, and for those interested who cannot read German, a (somewhat free) translation is available. Incidentally, the Library has been little used during 1968.

CHRIS CARR'S CHAT.

Prices realised - 9th Perfin Auction.

Lot 1.	31/-	Lot 17.	3/6d	Lot 35.	6d	Lot 58.	1/-
2.	13/-	18.	2/3d	36.	6d	59.	1/-
3.	8/-	19.	5/-	38.	6d	60.	1/-
4.	8/-	20.	1/-	40.	1/-	61.	1/-
5.	8/-	21.	2/6d	43.	6d	63.	1/6d
8.	11/-	22.	2/6d	48,	1/-	64.	9d
9.	10/-	23.	2/-	49.	2/6d	65.	1/-
10.	45/-	25.	1/3d	50.	1/3d	66.	2/6d
11.	105/-	26.	1/-	51.	2/6d	67.	7/-
12.	2/9d	27.	1/-	53.	1/-	68.	10/-
13.	2/-	28.	9d	54.	1/-	69.	10/-
14.	2/9d	29.	1/-	55.	1/6d	70.	10/-
15.	2/3d	31.	1/-	56.	1/6d	71.	10/-
16.	4/6d	32.	1/9d	57.	1/-	72.	10/-

Unsold: 6, 7, 24, 30, 33, 34, 37, 39, 41, 42, 44-47, 52, 62.

Auctioneer's Comments.

Bidding was very keen for many items resulting in high prices but some members were slow in sending in their bids. The closing date represents the final date on which bids will be accepted NOT the date on which bids should arrive. When two or more bids are received for the same amount for a particular lot, that lot goes to the bid which was posted first as this is the fairest way to overcome postal delays and to help our overseas members. New Year Resolution - post your auction bids early.

Perfin Census.

Many members have now sent in their census form but if you have not already done so please complete it soon. The idea of the census is to get an idea of each members collecting interests, the size of collections and the number of dies per letter of the alphabet. When the information is published nobody will be identified in any way so, whether you have a large collection or just a small one, please complete the form. If you have mislaid it, I will send another on receipt of a S.A.E.

SEPS Perfin.

Do you use the Society's own perfin on your mail? It is a good form of advertisement. I will perforate any current mint stamps (see below) that you send, the only charge being 1d in the 1/- commission to the soc., with a maximum of 1/6d, and return postage, both of which can be paid in stamps. By current stamps I mean the Machin Head 1967-69 series, Castle High Values, Commemoratives issued in 1968 & 1969 and Phosphor Regionals.

Prices of Perfins

Many members ask where they can get perfins, how much do they cost or how much should they pay. The known sources are few but my wife and I do sell them (through our business - Erith Stamp Company) and our prices are as follows:

KG V 2/6d per 50 KG VI 2/6d per 100 QE II 10/- per 1000

The above are for mixed lots of definitives, values 2d to 1/6d, undamaged. Larger lots pro-rata when in stock. Earlier stamps and commemoratives can be supplied, priced 1d each and upwards depending on basic stamp and perfin, on approval.

NEW OFFICIAL?

John Nelson recently acquired a K.G.V 1d stamp perforated
ONT/GOV 8,10,6/9,8,7 4½mm.

Guessing that this might have been used by the Ontario Government offices in London he wrote to the Agent General. The Director of Public Relations replied that they did have an office in the Strand during the early 1930's which used perfins.

There appears to be no doubt that this perfin was used by the Ontario Government but the question is do we afford it Official status?

If anyone has firm arguments for or against would they let us have them please?

MR JENNINGS' BOOK

A statement on the standing of each subscriber will be given at the foot of this page. It should be noted, however, that it may be incorrect for any member who has sent a remittance since 1st December.

The figures given are based on the situation at the end of November amended as appropriate for the the two instalments sent since (i.e. with the November issue and this issue).

If you have sent John Nelson a remittance, please forgive us and amend the figures accordingly. If not, would you please clear your deficit as soon as possible? When the amount owing reaches 10/- instalments will automatically stop being sent to you.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

I also have a list of members who had not paid their current subscriptions as of 8th December. Again this will be noted below and bulletins will cease to be sent until we hear from you.

THIS MONTH'S CONTENTS

Chris Carr supplied page 2 of this issue and in my haste to get it duplicated the page number and date was omitted. Would you please mark your copies appropriately.

Contents : Three pages of general interest. 3 sheets
Official Perfins - two pages of notes on Australia
Hospital Perfins - further notes - HP.12
Identities Catalogue - pages 01 & 02
Simplified Catalogue - pages 63 & 64

JENNINGS : Debit/credit

AUSTRALIAN OFFICIAL PERFINs - CORRECTIONS

The following comments have been extracted from a letter received some months back from Mr D Taylor of the Australian Commonwealth Specialists' Society.

It is suggested that members should append these notes as an addendum to the Australian Section of the Officials Catalogue until such time as we are able to revise the appropriate pages.

Page 77 "OS" does not mean 'On Service' but 'Official Service'.
Line 4.

Para 3. Not all the 1913 issue of Kangaroos were made up in sheets of two panes. A few of the ½d, 1d and 2d values were initially issued to the postmasters in sheets of 240. These are extremely scarce and I count myself very fortunate to have a corner block of 4 showing one from each of the four panes. This fact is not generally known, except, maybe, to the specialist.

Die 1. It would perhaps have been of interest if you gave the overall dimensions, which are 14 x 14 mm. Then you would have found that there are three dies , and not two.

Page 78 Overall dimensions are 8½ x 15½ mm.
Die 2.

Page 79 Although your article is mainly concerned with perfins,
SG 50b I think it would have been of interest to have given other details so that this stamp may be easily identified and distinguished from other 5d. chestnuts, also perforated OS. The particular issue (SG 50b) was a small printing on the unsurfaced paper used for the 1918 stamp, and gummed locally. This gave the effect off a badly produced stamp and, as in such cases, it was perforated OS and only used for Official use. The most easily distinguished feature of the stamp is that it is perforated SINGLE LINE, 14.2 and not comb, perf 14. The stamp first appeared about 1920 and the most often seen postmarks are Melbourne and Perth, but other towns did use supplies.

Page 80. All the 'other issues' listed were actually perforated OS
Die 2. with a different size perforator measuring 9 x 17 mm overall. This was probably overlooked due to the very small (relatively) quantity so perforated. Of the Canberra issue, only 18,800 were so perforated, and they were only for the use of Members of the Federal Parliament. A few left over were included in CTO sets sold to the public, thus mint copies really are scarce. Until the time when issues were overprinted, this practice continued. The numbers perforated were:

3d Kookaburra (+) 15,000

3d Air Mail 18,000

Centenary of W.A. 12,000

Sturt (Not Stuart) Centen. 1½d 12,000, 3d 9,000

(+) There are two different printings of this stamp, fairly easily distinguishable by the shade at least.

a/ A plate of 120. 12 x 10, for general issue.

b/ A plate of 15 (5 x 3) blocks of 4(= 60) with wide gutters between each block, and forming a sheet of 15 miniature sheets, perf 11, single line all round. These latter sheets were printed and perforated at the Melbourne Philatelic Exhibition and appeared in October 1928. Of both issues, 5,043,000 stamps were printed.

Page 80
Last line

The word 'Department' should be omitted.

Page 81
Para. 4

Although it has been said in places that each Aussie patient in hospital was given SIX free stamps weekly, I doubt the figure! Aussies are not that good correspondents.

ADDITIONAL NOTES ON HOSPITAL PERFINs

By K. Rymer Young

- BH Mr Nelson confirms the earlier die for Brompton.
- BH/C Burnley. Miss Thornton produces this one on the 2½d Scout Jubilee, the first recording of a large commemorative.
- CH/GH Reported by Mr Nelson on cover with Guys Hospital on back. No clue at present as to what the CH portion stands for.
- ERH/MC Both Mr Nelson & Miss Thornton remind me that this is listed as East Riding HMC in the catalogue. My omission!
- FC/H Mr Nelson has this with Haywards Heath postmark and I have it with Wivelsfield. This seems to be St. Francis and the Lady, Chichester Hospitals but leaves SFH/MC (see original article) uncertain.
- HB/MC Query by Miss Thornton and Mr Whitehead. Lettering suggests a hospital but I have three dies, 12,13/15,8 (4½); 12,14/15,8 (5) and 10,11/11,7 (4½) all only on K.G.V low value dark colours which are too early for hospital management committees. All postmarks are illegible.
- LG/H Reported by Mr Nelson on cover from South Western Hospital, Stockwell, S.W.9. This hospital was in the Lambeth Group which in July 1964 became the South West London Group (see L/HMC)
- RH/B8 Mr Nelson has further confirmation of this as South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board. (Area 8)
- RH/MC) Mr Whitehead draws my attention to the fact that recent
RN/MC) perfins from Reigate show the second letter as a sort of monogram of H & N. This Group became the Reigate & Netherne in July 1964 which probably accounts for the odd phenomena.
- SH/MC Confirmed as also used by Shrewsbury by Mr Nelson.
- SO/HMC This is Birmingham (Selley Oak) HMC, No. 25 in the Birmingham Region, and should have been included in the original list. My omission again!
- TH/MC Produced by Miss Thornton with London, E.1, postmark that does not fit any present group. The nearest possibility seems to be Tottenham.
- UC/H Mr Nelson and Miss Thornton have London postmarks. No one seems to fancy Cambridge.

Any additions and corrections to Mr Young
please

(HP.12)

1.2	O	8	4½	1) Ormskirk UDC Lancs 2) A.Oppenheimer & Co., London E.C.2. Ø 3) Oldbury Corporation, Birmingham
6	OA/BG	8,8/11,9	4½	Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corpn.- British General Insurance Co.Ltd.
8.1	OA/GC	8,8/9,7	4½	(Ocean Accident &
8.2	OA/GC	10,10/10,8	4½	(Guarantee Corpn.Ltd (
9.	O.A./G.C.	10,10/7,8	6	(
26.	OB/T	8,11/6	4½	O'Brian Thomas Ltd., London
36.2	OC	12,9	6½	OXFORD CITY
38.	O.C.	10,9	5	Oldham Corporation
76.	O&G	10,14,10	5(III)	Oscar Moenich & Co., London
82.	O/H	8/10	4½	William O'Hanlon & Co. Ltd., Manchester.
84.	OH/BR	8,10/11,10	4½	Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry
86.1	OHG	8,10,9	4½	Giddy & Giddy, Windsor
102	O.L	10,7	5	Otto Lechlan, London EC
118.2	O&M	10,14,15	4½(III)	Osborn & Mercer, London W1
120.2	OM/Co	10,15/8,4	5	1) Oetzes & Gerritsen, London 2) Oscar Moeniach & Co.Ltd., London EC
*136.	O'N/&S	10,3,13/14,10	5½	Ø O'Neill & Sons Ltd., Castleton, Rochdale
145	O.O/L	10,10/7	4½	Owen & Owen Ltd., Liverpool
146	O.O./L	10,10/7	5½	ditto.
151	OP	8,8	4½	1) Odhams Press Ltd., London + 2) Oxford University Press IC/O1

154.2	OP/L	8,8/6	4½	A.Oppenheimer A, Co., London E.C.2.
172.	OS/CL	8,9/7,6	4½	Ormes Shipping Co.Ltd., London W1
174.2	OS/&Co	8,9/12,7,4	4½(Ia)	Oppenheimer Sons & Co. Ltd
*174.4	OS/&Co	10,10/14,8,4	5(III) Ø	Osborne Stevens & Co., Uxbridge
191.1	OU/DC	8,8/9,7	4½	Orpington Urban District Council, Kent
203.1	O/W	8/11	4½	The Oil Well Engineering Co.Ltd., Stockport
216.1	OYEZ	8,6,9,8	4½	(The Solicitor Law
.2	OYEZ	10,8,10,9	4½	(Stationery Society
.3	OYEZ	10,8,10,9	5	(

Note: Three dies of No.216.2 are reported
with overall lengths of 15mm, 17mm and
16½mm.

1	O ++	51	O&Co	101	OL ++
2	O("Co" in centre)	52	O/&/C°.	102	O.L
3		53	O&Co/Ltd	103	OL/E
4		54		104	O/L/E
5		55		105	OLH
6	OA/BG	56		106	OLL
7	OA/CO	57		107	OL/S
8	OA/GC ++	58		108	OLtd
9	O.A./GC.	59		109	
10	OA/&S ++	60		110	
11	O.A/&S	61	OE/N	111	
12		62	OETZANN (in arc)	112	
13		63		113	
14		64		114	
15		65		115	
16	OB ++	66	OF	116	OM
17	O.B	67	O.F.	117	O.M.
18	O.B.	68	O&F	118	O&M ++
19	O.B/B	69	OF/CF	119	O/M
20	OBC	70		120	OM/Co
21	OB/C°.	71		121	OM/&Co
22	OB/&Co	72		122	OML
23	OBE/&Co	73		123	OM/Ld
24	O&B/Ltd..	74		124	O&M/Ld
25	OBS ++	75		125	O&M/Ltd
26	OB/T	76	O&G	126	OM/PC
27	OBT/&Co ++	77	OG/EC	127	OM/S
28	O.BT/&Co	78		128	
29	OB/T/&Co	79		129	
30		80		130	
31		81	OH	131	
32		82	O/H	132	
33		83	OHB/&Co	133	
34		84	OH/BR	134	
35		85	OH/&C°	135	
36	OC ++	86	OHG	136	O'N/&S
37	O.C	87	O&H/L	137	ONT/GOV
38	O.C.	88	O/HMC	138	
39	O/C	89		139	
40	OC/C	90		140	
41	OCCo	91		141	OO
42	OCC/L	92		142	O.O
43	OC/E	93		143	O/O
44	OCEAN	94		144	OOGO
45	OC/Ld	95		145	O.O/L
46		96	O.K	146	O.O./L
47	OCM	97		147	
48	O&Co	98		148	
49	O&Co.	99		149	
50	O/&Co ++	100		150	

151	OP ++	201	OW ++
152	O&P	202	O.W
153	O/P	203	O/W
154	OP/L ++	204	OW/Co
155	O&P/L.	205	OWS
156		206	OW/SL
157		207	
158		208	
159		209	
160		210	
161	ORG	211	OX
162	O/R/L	212	
163	ORR.	213	
164		214	
165		215	
166	OS	216	OYEZ ++
167	OS (Monogram)	217	O/Y/E/Z
168	O.S.	218	
169	O/S	219	
170	O&S	220	
171	OSB	221	OZO
172	OS/CL	222	
173	OS/Co	223	
174	OS/&Co ++	224	
175	O.S/&C ^o .	225	
176	OS/L		
177	OS/PC		
178	OSLIN		
179	OS/SCo.		
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191	OU/DC		
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196	OV ++		
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