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EXCHANGE PACKET

Mr West has just written to say that he finds himself unable to continue acting as the Exchange Packet Superintendent due to ill health. He recently returned home after two months in hospital and has been told to take things easy for some time, and he must, therefore, restrict his activities.

We are sorry to hear this news and wish him a very speedy recovery.

Support for the exchange in the form of saleable material has been sadly lacking in recent years and we wonder whether it is worthwhile continuing. Does anyone have any views on the subject?

SUBSCRIPTIONS

There are one or two subscriptions outstanding from members who have joined the Society at odd times. Certain of these are now three or four months overdue and unless we hear from them soon this will be the last bulletin they receive. A reminder card will be attached and marked FINAL where appropriate.

If your subscription is outstanding and you wish to retain your membership send a remittance to the Secretary right away. Printing of the March issue will be tailored to the number of paid up members and the receipt of a remittance after the end of March may mean that you will miss a copy which cannot be made up.

FURTHER REMINDERS

1. Closing date for bids for the 5th Auction is 9th April.
2. Material is still required for the 6th Auction.
3. A cross alongside indicates that the Secretary is still awaiting your remittance for the last chapter of Mr Jennings' book.

THIS MONTH'S CONTENTS :- General interest - 1 page; Officials Catalogue - Page 29; Council Listing 15.13-1514 , 1 page; Board of Trade article - 2 pages; Identities Catalogue - Pages B4 a B5; Simplified Catalogue - Pages 8 & 9.

as well, as some Police Headquarters had a parcel office attached to them.

Single used copies of "POL" stamps are not worthless. They should have a good legible cancellation for the office of issue of the given type of perforation. Therefore, it is not reasonable for a stamp cancelled in Frankfurt/M, to have the perforation characteristic of Berlin or Hanover.

There are instances of perforations that were applied at a later date by favour.

FIRST PERIOD OF USE 1930 to 1941. The last "POL" stamps from the large Police Headquarters, at that time, situated in PRUSSIA are for the year 1941; after that the stamps were no longer perforated until the SECOND PERIOD OF USE 1945 to 1959.

Herr Mocha divides the towns using the "POL" . perfins into 6 groups, as follows:

1. Berlin 1, Berlin 11.
2. Dortmund, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt/M., Hanover
3. Altona, Beuthen, Breslau, Duisberg, Essen, Gleiwitz, Hindenburg, Kassel, Recklinghausen, Weisbaden
4. Bochum, Erfurt, Frankfurt/O., Gladbach, Halle/S., Hamburg, Harburg-wilhelmsburg, Herne, Koblenz, Konigsburg, Magdeburg, Muhlheim/Ruhr, Oberhausen, Potsdam, Wandsbeck, Wilhelmshaven.
5. Aachen, Elbing, Hamn, Koln, Merseburg, Munster/Westf. Oppaln, Rostock, Stettin, Wuppertal.
6. Beyreuth, Bielefeld, Hagen/Westf., Marieriburg, Ratibor, Schneidemuhl, Tilsit, Waldenburg, Weisenfels, Wesermunde, Witten, Zeitz.

The 1926-1941 list of stamps given on the following pages is divided up into six groups, numbered 1 to 6 and the rariety rating under each column refers to the comparative rating of the "POL" perfins as used by the towns within the six groups given above.

It will be seen that the "POL" perfins' used in Berlin are more common, and that those used in the last group - Bayreuth, etc., are the least plentiful.

15.13 PRESTON (CB) LANCASHIRE

Preston, otherwise PRESTUNE was near the Roman station at Walton-le-Dale and the Roman road from Warrington went through the town.

In the Domesday Book it was mentioned as one of Earl Tostig's possessions which had fallen to Roger de Poictou, and on his defection it went to the crown.

Preston received its Charter in 1179 although there is evidence of an earlier charter granted in 1100. The town became a County Borough in 1888.

Perfin: P.P. H 10,10 (7)

NOTE: The 'PP' stands for Princeps Pacis (Prince of Peace) and is used as a motif on the Coat of Arms of the Borough.

Perfins are produced in the Borough Treasurer's Department on a machine of unknown age and make, although its use can be traced back as far as 1922.

The machine perforates a block of six stamps at a time and at the present time two pins are missing, the top centre of the left hand 'I' of the upper left hand die, and the second from top of the upright of the left hand 'P' in the lower left hand die.

15-14 PRESTON (RDC) LANCASHIRE

See above.

Perfin: PR/DC 2H 10,12/11,8 (6)

It is not known when perfins were first introduced but they ceased to be employed in 1958 when a franking machine was installed.

Stamps were perforated in the Council Offices on a single impression machine of unknown make.

MORE BOGUS & FAKED BOARD OF TRADE PERFINs

By M. Burrows.

A few months ago I was offered a batch of these perfin's by a British dealer, who had acquired them in a collection purchased from abroad.

At first glance I doubted the authenticity of some of the punctures, mainly because of the postmarks. So I decided to submit the whole lot to Capt. Jackson for his expert opinion. After many hours of research Capt. Jackson declared the entire lot to be fakes.

However, from the examination of this material several important facts have emerged. Probably the most significant being the discovery of two new types of fake, these to be known as numbers 10 & 11.

The following list gives details of all the stamps sent for examination, together with Capt. Jackson's remarks. The Fake Numbers are those allocated by Capt. Jackson to previous forgeries he had discovered, and the other numbers are those I gave to each stamp before submitting them.

FAKE No. 1a

1. 1d. Plate 130. Edinburgh 131 postmark.

26. 10d. EVIIR.

"Both these stamps are bogus and could not possibly have the genuine punch".

FAKE No. 1

10. 2½d QV Jubilee.

FAKE No. 2

17. 2d. EVIIR. FE postmark.

"As the above four stamps resemble the respective faked punctures, it is possible that the holes were punched individually, using a stencil, or another fake"

FAKE No. 3

2. 1d. Plate 159. London Duplex postmark.

"This is of course bogus".

FAKE No. 9

11. 3d. QV Jubilee. Punch reversed.

12. 5d. QV Jubilee.

FAKE No. 10

4. 6d. QV. Plate 14. Postmark - Duplex 498 (Manchester).

8. ½d. QV Jubilee, vermilion.

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7. ½d. QV Jubilee, blue-green. Pmk Newcastle-on-Tyne OC 5 01.
 6. ½d. QV Jubilee, blue-green. Postmarked London.
 9. 1d. QV Lilac, 16 dots. Postmarked Llanelly DE 23 81.
 13. 9d. QV Jubilee.
 14. 1/- QV Jubilee, green and carmine. Pmk Coleman St. E.C.
 MY 14 02.
15. ½d. EVIIR. Postmarked MY 28 03
 16. 1½d. EVIIR.
 5. 2d. EVIIR, postmarked E.C. (London).
 18. 2½d. EVIIR, postmarked Liverpool JU 18 06.
 21. 3d. EVIIR, postmarked AU 23 05.
 22. 4d. EVIIR, postmark - London Duplex 1902.
 23. 5d. EVIIR, postmarked London JY 9 06.
 24. 6d. EVIIR, postmarked 1906.
 25. 9d. EVIIR, postmarked Threadneedle St. 8 JY 03.
 19. ½d. EVIIR, yellow-green.
 20. 1d. EV11R, postmarked 1912.

"This is a new and extremely dangerous fake, in which the punch in every stamp is slightly different. So perfect are some - Nos 5, 6 & 25 were at first thought to be genuine, but after hours of careful study using very powerful magnifiers, it was obvious that the punches were from the same source as the other fakes No. 10. Numbers 19 and 20 are bogus".

FAKE No. 11

3. 1/- Plate 14, postmarked (London) W.D.O. 31 JA 84.

Another new fake and at present it is the only copy known to Capt. Jackson and myself,

It will be seen from the foregoing list that the forgers have at times managed to use the correct stamps with the right postmarkes. But in some cases it has been the postmark which gives the game away. All the stamps were used but unfortunately, some of the postmarks are indiscernable.

As I realise that quite a few collectors are not students of postmarks I have illustrated the types of postmarks mentioned above.



Duplex



Foreign Branch

Should any member wish to have a photographic copy of Fakes No. 10 and 11, send a stamped addressed envelope to Michael J. Burrows

*207	BD/GI	14,11/10,5	5	Ø	British Dominions General Insurance Co Ltd.
210.1	B/D/H	11/9/10	4½	)	The British Drug Houses
210.2	B/D/H	12/8/9	4½	)	Ltd. London W1.
217	B.D/&R	13,11/13,12	5½(III)		Barry Docks & Railway Co.
231.1	BE	13,10	5		British Engine Boiler & Electrical Insurance Co.
232.2	B.E.	13,10	5½		British Empire Exhibition 1924-25, Wembling.
234.1	BE/A	11,9/8	4½		The British Engineers Assoc. London S.W.1
244	BE/ECo	14,10/10,8,4	5	Ø	Brush Electrical Engineering Co Ltd. Loughboro'
245.2	BE/11	15,10/8	5½		Benjamin Electrical Co Ltd London.
266	BFC	13,8,8	4½		The Beeston Foundry Co Ltd Beeston, Notts.
*278.1	BF/IC	11,7/4,7	4½	)	Ø British Fire Insurance
*278.2	BF/IC	14,8/5,8	5	)	Co Ltd. London .C.2
281.2	B&F/L	11,12,7/6	4½(Ia)		Barclay & Fry (Printers) Ltd. London.
291.2	BG	11,9	4½		Boroughs of:- Greenwich, Gatheshaad, Bethnal Green Guildford.
296.1	B.G.C	14,10,8	5		Bradford Gas Co, Bradford, Yorks.
303	B.G/Co	14,10/8,4	5		Budenberg Gauge Co Ltd, Manchester.
306	BG/IC	11,9,4,7	4½		British General Insurance Company.
321.1	BH	11,10	4½		Brompton Hospital, London.
*323	B..H	14,12	4½		Betts Haitley & Co, London E.C.
324.3	B&H	11,12,10	4½(Ia)		1.Buck & Hickman Ltd, London 2.Boosey & Hawkes Ltd London.
324.8	B&H	13,13,11	5½(III)		Bourne & Hollingsworth Ltd London W.1
330	BH/C	11,10/7	4½		Burnley Hospital Committee.

*336.1	BHG	13,12,13	6	)	Ø Brighton & Hove General
*336.2	BHG	13,11,11	6½	)	Gas Co
343.	B/HMC	11/10,11,7	4½		1.Bow Group Hosp Man.Cmttee. 2.Bexley Hosp Man. Cmttee.
346	BH/UDC	11,10/8,9,7	4½		Brierley Hill U.D.C. Staffordshire
*347.1	BH/WG	14,12/12,8	5/4½	)	Ø Brighton Hove & Worthing
347.2	BH/WG	13,11/15,10	5½)	
*347.3	BH/WG	13,11/13,12	8	)	Gas Co.
*369	BIRD	14,5,11,11	4½		William Bird & Co London E.C.
371.1	BIRK/BECK	12,4,11,9/12,9,8,9		)	Birkbeck Bank Ltd,
371.2	BIRK/BECK	13,5,12,10/13,10,8,10		)	London.
387	BJ/CoLd	10,6/7,4,6,6	4½		Brown Jenkinson & Co Ltd, London E.C.3
*388	B&J/Ld./M	13,1317/7,8/15	5	Ø	Barlow & Jones Ltd, Bolton & Manchester.
389.1	B&J/M	11,12,6/11	4½(Ia)	)	Barlow & Jones Ltd,
389.2	B&J/M	14,14,7/15	5 (III)	)	Manchester.
*399	B/K	13/10	5		Brintons Ltd. Kidderminster.
*403	Bk/of/T	11,7/6,6/6	4½,2½/2½/4	Ø	Bank of Toronto.
417	BLA/KEY	13,7,10/10,10,7	5½		Blakey's Boot Protectors Ltd,. London.
*420	BL/&B	11,6/12,11	4½		Barrow Lane & Ballard Ltd, London E.C.3
423.2	BL/Co	11,6/7,4	4½		Baxter's Leather Co Ltd, London E.C.2
425	B.L/&Co.	13,7/13,8,6	5½(III)		Baylis Lewis & Company.
*434	BLd/K	13,7,7/10	4½	Ø	Brinton's Ltd, Kidderminster.
*439.2	B.L/H	14,14,7/12	4 (I)	)	Ø Bailey & Leatham Ltd,
*439.3	B.L/H	15,14,7/11	4½	)	Hull.
440	BL/HMC	11,6/10,11,7	4½		Brighton & Lewes Hospital Management Committee.
*453	BL/SM	13,7/10,15	5	Ø	Bentley Silk Mills, Meltham, Yorks.
*454.	B.L/S.M	13,7/10,15	4½	Ø	Bentley Silk Mills, Meltham, Yorks.

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