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OFFICIALS CATALOGUE

The G.B. Officials Booklet is finally going out to those members who ordered a copy. I apologise for the delay in sending these out, but they only arrived a little over a week ago and I have held them since then to concentrate on the production of this bulletin.

Strange as it may seem, members who are also members of the G.B.P.S. will have learned of the actual publication of this booklet before I did, and those who take Stamp Collecting will have heard about it at the same time as myself. I had hoped that we would have been kept better informed but this was not the case I am afraid.

Would members receiving this booklet please remit 3/9d to cover cost and additional postage?

HELP REQUIRED - OPEN LETTER

In recent months I have requested assistance in some form or another to cut down the amount of time I have to devote to Society affairs, but no offers have been forthcoming.

I have been getting grand help from Miss Thornton and Mr Tomkins without whom the Officials and Identities Catalogues would not have been possible, at least in their present forms. Both persons have obviously devoted a great deal of time to their projects. The material from Miss Thornton comes ready for typing on to stencils and needs little or no editing, while from Mr Tomkins I receive the stencils already cut.

Subs due

Their efforts have been most gratefully received but the remaining work has still made great demands upon my spare time. For example, my evenings rarely start before 8.30 giving me two or three hours before bedtime, and the production of the News Sheet- typing, duplicating, making-up, addressing, filing spare pages and stencils etc., takes 6 to 7 such evenings each month.

In addition to the bulletin there is the Secretarial work which makes demands on my time. I receive on the average some three to four letters a day from various sources.

As a result of my limited spare time neither job really receives the attention it deserves. Letters remain unanswered or at best get answered weeks after receipt. Committee members are not consulted because it means more precious time in writing to them and receiving answers. In fact, the things I do not do that I should are almost as numerous as the things I do do.

I have regretfully come to the decision that I can no longer attempt to do both jobs. I apologise to the Committee members for letting them know of this decision in an open letter, but I cannot do justice to both jobs and there is so much more our Society could achieve with more help.

I am perfectly willing to do either job on its own, or I will remain as Secretary and assist in the bulletin production by cutting the stencils that Mr Tomkins does not produce, if that is desired. I cannot, however, continue as at present for much longer, although I will do so until some other arrangements are made.

If anyone has any suggestions to make or can offer to help would they please contact one of the committee members, Messrs. C Jennings, J Nelson, K Rymer Young, B Tomkins, or C Carr?.

THIS MONTH'S CONTENTS

- Two pages of general interest.
- Pages 60 & 61 of the Officials Catalogue.
- Two pages of the Council Listing - 17.22 to 17.27.
- Pages F2 & F3 of the Identities Catalogue.
- Pages 28 & 29 of the Simplified Catalogue.

B. INTERPROVINCIAL USE OF NGR

Mr. M. Welch takes the following paragraph from the Handbook/catalogue mentioned on the previous page:

"Although the Union of South Africa came into being on May 31st 1910, definitive Union stamps (save the 2½d Commemorative stamp ---) were not available until September 1913. Pending the production of a regular series for the new Dominion, the stamps of the four constituent Colonies remained in use ----. The Union Government in August 1910, authorised their regular use throughout the combined territory,

Thus from August 18th 1910 to September 1st 1913 the stamps of Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Transvaal and Orange Free State were available for use anywhere in the Union, --"

This is the reason why the Natal Government Railway perfin, (NGR) may also be found on the stamps of the Cape of Good Hope, the Orange Free State and Transvaal.

B1. NGR on Cape of Good Hope stamps

The following list is from the above mentioned Handbcook

<u>On the 1902-04 issue</u>			
S.G.	70	½d green	G
	71	1d carmine	G
	72	2d brown	J
	74	3d magenta	L
	76	6d brignt mauve	O

B2. NGR on Orange River Colony stamps

Robson Lowe notes the overprint "N.G.R." on the ½d and 1d stamps of K.E.VII with Springbok and Gnu from 1908 and says that these stamps are also found perforated with the initials "NGR" normal, inverted and reversed.

The Handbook/catalogue only gives the ½d value.

<u>On the 1905-07 issue</u>			
S.G.	256	½d yellow-green	E
	257	1d scarlet	

B3. NGR on Transvaal stamps

The Handbook/catalogue lists the following :-

<u>On the 1905-09 issue</u>			
S.G.	273	½d yellow-green	E
	274	1d sdarlet	J

<u>On the 1904-09 issue</u>			
S.G.	264	3d black & sage-green	O
	267	1/- black & red brown	T

C. CENTRAL SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS

Stanley Gibbons notes in Part 1, under TRANSVAAL that "Many of the King's Head stamps are found overprinted or perforated "CSAR" for use on Central South African Railways"

The same perforation was also used on stamps of ORANGE FREE STATE (Orange River Colony).

C1. Transvaal

The perfin has been recorded on the following stamps - the information being taken from several sources.

<u>On the 1904-09 issue</u>			
S.G.	260	½d yellow-green #	E
	261	1d scarlet	D
	262	2d black & purple	E
	275	2d purple	H
	264	3d black & sage green	H
	265	4d black & brown	H
	266	6d black & orange	I
	267	1/- black & red brown	?

C2. Orange River Colony

<u>On the 1905-07 issue</u>			
S.G.	256	½d yellow-green	E
	257	1d scarlet	E

: reported by members.

17.22 STAFFORD (B) STAFFORDSHIRE

The Anglo Saxon Chronicle, under the date AD 913, mentions that Princess Ethelfleda, daughter of Alfred the Great, built a "burh" where Stafford now stands.

In the Domesday Book the town appears as STADFORD - thought to have been derived from STAEPFORD - a ford near a staep or landing place.

The Charter incorporating Stafford as "a free borough for ever" was granted by King John on 1st May 1206.

Perfin	SB/C	2H	9,11/7	(4½)
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It is believed that perfins were first introduced in the 1930's. They have always been supplied by Slopers.

17.23 STOCKPORT CB CHESHIRE

It is generally believed that the name Stockport is derived from two Saxon words - 'STOC' a stockaded place or castle and 'PORT' a wood.

The first historical reference to the town is found in the Chronicle of Benedict of Peterborough, who recorded that in a rebellion of Barons against Henry II in 1172 the castle of Stockport was held against the King by Geoffrey de Constantyn.

Perfins (i)	S.C.	S	12,8	(4½)
(ii)	SB/C	2H	9,11/7	(4½)

Perfins are thought to have been introduced in 1923. For many years stamps were perforated in the Council Offices but since about the middle of the 1930's they have been obtained from Slopers.

Die (i) is offered as a possible only since it is known with Stockport postmarks. Die (ii) is the current Sloper die.

17.24 STOCKTON-ON-TEES (B) Co. DURHAM

The origin of Stockport is rather obscure but the first reference to the town appeared towards the end of the 11th century in the Bolden Book, which was the Palatine of Durham's equivalent of the Domesday Book.

Probably the greatest single factor which influenced the later expansion and prosperity of the town was the opening of the Stockton and Darlington Railway in 1825.

Perfin	SC	H	9,7	(4½)
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Perfins have been used by this council since November 1955.

17.25 SURBITON (B) SURREY

Surbiton has very little history and is largely residential with the majority of the 63,750 population working in London.

The district owes its development mainly to the electrification of its rail services in the early 1930's.

A Charter of Incorporation was granted in 1936 and was later absorbed by the new London Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames in 1965.

Perfin SB/C 2H 9,11/7 (4½)

The date of introduction of perfin is not known but they were supplied by Slopers for over 15 years prior to the cessation of the Borough as a separate authority in 1965.

17.26 SUTTON & CHEAM (B) SURREY

Not a great deal is known of the district's early history but both areas were brought together when they were confiscated by Henry VIII. Prior to this the Manor of Cheam was owned by Archbishop Lanfranc and the Manor of Sutton had belonged to Chertsey Abbey.

A Charter of Incorporation was granted in 1928 and in 1965, the Authority became the new London Borough of Sutton.

Perfin 18 H 8,12 (5)

These numerals have been in use since 1948 on National Insurance stamps, but only since 1st June 1964 on postage stamps.

Perfins ceased to be used for postage on 31st March 1965 when a franking machine was installed by the new authorities.

17.27 SWAFFHAM (RDC) NORFOLK

The Urban District covers some 93,216 acres of largely agricultural land and is comprised of 27 civil parishes with a total population of 9,750.

The Council Offices are situated in Swaffham to the north of the District but the town of Swaffham is itself a separate Urban District.

Perfin SR/DC 2H 9,10/9,7 (4½)

This Council first started using perfin in January 1954 but discontinued their use in October 1962 in favour of the Pitney Bowes Simplex machine.

All denominations from ½d to 6d were used perforated.

151	FF/&S	201	F/I	251	FLOUR
152	FF/&/S	202	FI/Co	252	F/Ltd ++
153		203	F.I/C°.	253	F.L.
154		204	FIL/&Co	254	
155		205	F.I/S.C	255	
156		206	FI/&S Co/Ltd	256	
157		207	FISON	257	
158	FG ++	208		258	
159	F.G	209		259	
160	F.G.	210		260	
161	FGB	211	FJ	261	FM ++
162	FG/Co	212	F/J	262	F/M
163	FG/&Co	213	F&J ++	263	F&M ++
164	F.G/&Co	214	F/&/J	264	F/&/M
165	F.G.H.	215	F.J&/C° .Ltd	265	FMB
166	F&G/L	216	FJE	266	FM/B
167	F.G.W	217	F.J.E.	267	FMC
168		218	FJ/E	268	FM/C ++ (286)
169		219	F&/JM	269	F.M/&C
170		220	F.J.R	270	FMCo
171		221	F&/JS	271	FM/Co
172		222	FJS/&Co	272	F.M./Co
173		223	FJS/G	273	FM/&Co.
174		224	F&JS/G	274	F..M/Co
175		225		275	FM&Co
176	FH ++	226		276	F.M/&Co
177	F.H ++	227		277	FM/C°..
178	F&H ++	228		278	FMC/R&S
179	FH/&C	229		279	F&M/H
180	FH/&Co	230		280	
181	F.H/&Co	231	FK	281	F.M./L..
182	FH/CoLd ++	232	F/K	282	FMR
183	FH/MB	233	F&K	283	FMS
184	FH/MC	234	FKCo	284	FM/&S
185	FH/MP	235	FK/Co	285	FMS/Ltd
186	FH/P	236	FK/CoLd ++	286	F.M./C. (268)
187	FH&P	237		287	
188	FH/&P	238		288	
189	F.H/S.	239		289	
190	FH&V	240		290	
191	FHW	241	FL ++	291	
192	F.H.W./L.	242	F.L	292	
193		243	F.L.B	293	
194		244	F.L/&Co	294	
195		245	F.L/&C°.	295	
196		246	FLd	296	FN
197		247	F.Ld	297	FN/M
198		248	FLHC&S	298	F/NS
199		249	F&L/Ld	299	FN/W
200		250		300	