MORE ON PERFIN POSITIONS

David Harding - M17

Until I decided to change every stamp in my collection to the "Clock" system, I never realized how much superior the new system of identifying perfin was to the old system used in Wrigley's 'OHMS' catalogue.

No doubt you will agree that to keep the Design upright and then see where the top of the stamp lies, is much simpler than keeping the stamp upright and then standing on your head to visualize what position the Design is in, especially on the reverse side. With the "Clock" system, if the Design is obviously punched on the back of the stamp, you need only to hold it up to the light to see where the top of the stamp is and presto - the position letter becomes automatic.

On the back of each stamp in my collection I had recorded lightly with HB pencil, the Catalogue no., Design no. (type as defined in Glossary Vol. 1 No. 2) and Position. The thought of having to change about 1,000 perfin (if one is a Type, Issue and Position collector) was not something to look forward to, but when I began it proved to be quite a simple task.

I found that three of the positions in each system remain the same - A, C and H and the first two of these are most common. Two are interchanged - B and E. The other three cause the only problem - D, F and G. Here is a simple chart you can use to change your inventory:

CHANGES IN POSITIONSWRIGLEYCLOCK

A
B
C
D
E
F
G
H

A
E
C
G
B
D
F
H

Get started now and you'll be pleasantly surprised. When it comes to buying, selling or trading, the "Clock" system will be the one I use in the future.

Punches

If you are interested in punches in stamps or know of someone who is, please let the Editor know. The Editor is looking for someone to do a survey of punches including those not in the present Handbook. If a checklist of punches by issue is contemplated that will be the discretion of the individual.

BNA Perforator Index

In the January and February 1981 Perforators we have published a Subject Index for 1980. If you would like to see any other headings or information in the index of 1981 please contact the Editor.

Official Questionnaire

The enclosed Official Questionnaire will be used to produce a checklist of every stamp that was perforated by the various Governments and their departments. This is an updating of the lists already in the Handbook. Please mark this questionnaire to indicate the "Canada Specialized" stamp numbers of the stamps that you have in your collection. If you have revenue stamps please use "Sissons" numbers. If you do not use "Canada Specialized" or "Sissons" please make a note on the Questionnaire as to which catalogue you are using. Please include any other information that might be useful and mail these questionnaires to the address on the top of the questionnaire which is: Mr. D.E. Harding, #403 - 928 Southgate Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 2Y2

Chairman's Note

Due to a misunderstanding in the last Perforator I mentioned that the February Perforator will be the only larger edition. This is not true, there will be several of these larger editions as the scope of the preparation for the new Handbook broadens and hopefully more feedback is received as a result of this change. Please watch the addresses on the questionnaires carefully, as the different questionnaires are to be mailed to different co-ordinators.

The attached questionnaire on what you would like to see in the revised Perfin Handbook will be used as the first of many steps towards establishing the format to be used in the Handbook. I would like to get a feel for the preferences of the majority prior to future discussion. Also, several of you probably have ideas that are constructive improvements on the existing presentation. Please be as lengthy as you like and toss in any ideas that cross your mind. In future Perforators most of the categories will be discussed in detail - from the questionnaire results and feedback.

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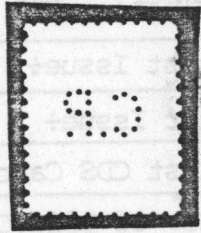
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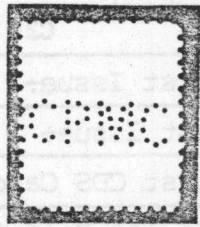
Although there are times when I've taken the names of perfin users for granted, from time to time, as I go through my collection, I've often wondered about the business activities of firms that I have never heard of. Organizations like, for example, Canadian General Electric are reasonably self explanatory, but what about Chase Brothers of Colborne, Ontario?

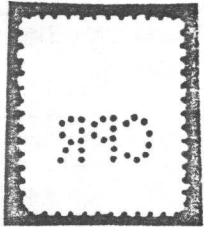
Although I've made my home in Canada for more than twenty two years, I was brought up in England and lack the experience of what are probably still household names to many reading these notes. To correct this lack of knowledge I've made notes of any scraps of information about the activities of some of the perfin users. There's a big gap in my records which, I hope, someone can supply. For a start I list the business activity of the following. Can anyone add to the list?


A.6	ARI	Although the name is self explanatory, there's an excellent history of the company in Topics, March 1969 issue.
A.8	AYRE	Dry goods merchants and general importers.
B.9	BR	Investment councillors.
C.2	CB	Nurseryman, and a depot for apple storage.
C.6	Cco	Wholesale grocers, packers and manufacturers.
C.37	Case	Manufacturer of agricultural machinery.
G.4	GK	Dry goods merchant and general importer.
J.3	JBM	J.B. McLean Publishing, also found on Hardware and Metal, Canadian Foundryman and Metal Industry News and The Financial Post of Canada.
J.7	JMT	Manufacturers of plumbing supplies.
L.4	LSC	Steel conglomerate, shortly after starting, broken up with one division, Algoma Steel Corp. continuing to use the perfin.
M.3	Mcc	Tinware, later manufacturers of household appliances.
M.15	MR/MC	Steel supplier, perfin continued in use after purchased by Steel Company of Canada (now Stelco). When perfin ceased use, Stelco perfin continued.
P.2	PD	Pharmaceutical manufacturers.
R.1	RB	Jewellery and silversmiths.
T.5	TP&T	Lawyers. An excellent history of the firm appears in Topics, February 1971 issue, and also September 1978 issue.
W.6	WHM	Wholesale grocers.
W.8	WJG	Book publishers and stationers.
W.11	WRCo	Seed merchants.

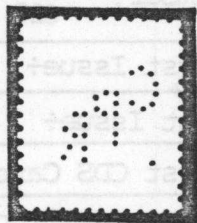
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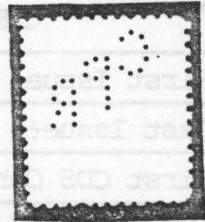
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6.Last Issue: 1922	7.Last Stamp No.: 106		
8.First CDS Cancel:	9.Last CDS Cancel:		
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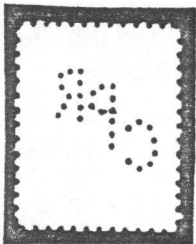
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6.Last Issue:	7.Last Stamp No.:		
8.First CDS Cancel: 2 JUL 1904	9.Last CDS Cancel:		
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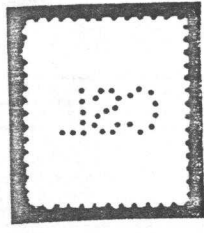
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8. First CDS Cancel: 17 SEP 1908	9. Last CDS Cancel: 3 DEC 1910		
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18. Other Comments			20 REPORTS
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4. First Issue: 1911	5. First Stamp No.: 104		
6. Last Issue: 1933	7. Last Stamp No.: 204		
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6. Last Issue: 1965	7. Last Stamp No.: 464		
8. First CDS Cancel: 3 MAR 16	9. Last CDS Cancel: 15 4 65		
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18. Other Comments: 32 REPORTS MANY CANCELS FROM FT WILLIAM WEST TO ALBERTA			
R 276 305		MR 124	

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4. First Issue: 1932	5. First Stamp No.: 195		
6. Last Issue: 1970	7. Last Stamp No.: 530		
8. First CDS Cancel: 8 JAN 35	9. Last CDS Cancel: 3 OCT 70		
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14. Airmail & Special Delivery: C5 7-9	15. Coils: ÷		
16. Tagged: Winnipeg <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , General <input type="checkbox"/>	17. Precancel:		
18. Other Comments: 28 REPORTS (MANY COMBINED WITH C26) MANY CANCELS ONT. P.Q. NB N.S. COVERS FOR CP RAILWAYS, CP EXPRESS, CP TELEGRAPHS, CP HOTELS			
R 305 309 259			
SO US # 277			
Return to: Mr. Joe L. Purcell, 6 Richardson Dr., Kingston, Ontario K7M 2S6			

1. Canadian Perfin Number: C27	2. Name of User: Canadian Pacific Railway	3. Perforator Location: Vancouver, B.C.	 RF.5
4. First Issue: 1911	5. First Stamp No.: 106		
6. Last Issue: 1965	7. Last Stamp No.: 465 A		
8. First CDS Cancel: 6 NOV 15	9. Last CDS Cancel: 2 NOV 70		
10. No. of Diff. Cat. No.: 83	11. Total Perfins: 3200		
12. Postage Stamps: Canada <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Newfoundland <input type="checkbox"/> , United States <input type="checkbox"/> , None <input type="checkbox"/>			
13. Revenue Stamps: Customs 1912 <input type="checkbox"/> , 1935 <input type="checkbox"/> , Excise Tax 1915 <input type="checkbox"/> , 1934 <input type="checkbox"/> , Inland Rev. War Tax 1915 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Inland Rev. Excise Tax 1915 <input type="checkbox"/> , Nfld Inland Rev. <input type="checkbox"/> , Sask. Elec. 1929 <input type="checkbox"/> , Ont. Stock <input type="checkbox"/> , Que. Stock <input type="checkbox"/> , Others <input type="checkbox"/>			
14. Airmail & Special Delivery: C5-9	15. Coils: ÷		
16. Tagged: Winnipeg <input type="checkbox"/> , General <input type="checkbox"/> 17. Precancel-			
18. Other Comments: 29 REPORTS			
MANY B.C. CANCELS			
R 235 276		MR 12 4	

1. Canadian Perfin Number: C28	2. Name of User: Canadian Steamship Lines	3. Perforator Location: Montreal, P.Q.	 RF.20
4. First Issue: 1911	5. First Stamp No.: 104		
6. Last Issue: 1937	7. Last Stamp No.: 233		
8. First CDS Cancel: 29 JUN 16	9. Last CDS Cancel: 28 JUN 35		
10. No. of Diff. Cat. No.: 29	11. Total Perfins: 522		
12. Postage Stamps: Canada <input type="checkbox"/> , Newfoundland <input type="checkbox"/> , United States <input type="checkbox"/> , None <input type="checkbox"/>			
13. Revenue Stamps: Customs 1912 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , 1935 <input type="checkbox"/> , Excise Tax 1915 <input type="checkbox"/> , 1934 <input type="checkbox"/> , Inland Rev. War Tax 1915 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Inland Rev. Excise Tax 1915 <input type="checkbox"/> , Nfld Inland Rev. <input type="checkbox"/> , Sask. Elec. 1929 <input type="checkbox"/> , Ont. Stock <input type="checkbox"/> , Que. Stock <input type="checkbox"/> , Others <input type="checkbox"/>			
14. Airmail & Special Delivery:	15. Coils: ÷ PAIR 130		
16. Tagged: Winnipeg <input type="checkbox"/> , General <input type="checkbox"/> 17. Precancel-			
18. Other Comments: 26 REPORTS			
CANCELS MONTREAL, PORT ALBERT ONT			
		MR 1 4	

PERFIN HANDBOOK QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire is designed to find out what the Study Group membership would like for a Perfin Handbook.

1. What size would you like to see the Handbook? (check one) 8½ x11" 5½"x8½"
Other _____

2. What cover would you like on the Handbook? (check one) Hard Soft

3. What would be the maximum you would pay for a Handbook? _____ per copy.

4. What would be the maximum price other people would pay for a Handbook? _____ per copy.

5. What do you think would be the maximum number of Handbooks sold at the price in Question 4? Under 500 500-1000 1000-2000 2000-5000 5000+

6. What information would you like to see beside each perfin type? (please check each)

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Name of Company | <input type="checkbox"/> | Address of Company | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Perfin Number | <input type="checkbox"/> | Perfin Factor (RF) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| First Issue | <input type="checkbox"/> | Last Issue | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| First Date Cancel | <input type="checkbox"/> | Last Date Cancel | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Post Office Approval Date | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | _____ |

7. What rarity (perfin) factors would you like to use? As presently used in the Handbook (see Perforator Vol.1, No.9 for information) or a New System

If 'A New System' is marked X , the perfin factor should be: (please check)

Letters Numbers Both

There should be: 1-5 5-10 10-20 20-50 different divisions.

Should the Perfin Factor (RF) be based on the exact numbers reported in the Questionnaire or on the estimated volume of each perfin type Other

comments on Perfin Factors: _____

8. The perfin numbering system should reflect an orderly list of the various perfin types or remain as is .

9. The introduction need not exist or should give an explanation of:

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Early G.B. perfin history | <input type="checkbox"/> | How perfins are catalogued | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Early Cdn. perfin history | <input type="checkbox"/> | How Perfin Factors were calculated | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Perforating Devices | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | _____ |

