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MORE ON PERFINS POSITIONS

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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 perfins was to the old system used in Wrigleys '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 perfins (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:

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F	D
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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 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 catagories will be discussed in detail - from the questionnaire results and feedback.

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What's Behind the Name.

By Michael Dicketts

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 activites of firms that I have never heard of. Organizations like, for example, Canadian General Electric are reasonably self explanator, 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 activites 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 explanator, 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 councellors.
C.2	СВ	Nurseryman, and a depot for apple storage.
C.6	Cco	Wholesale grocers, packers and manufacturers.
C.37	Case	Manufacturer of agricultural machinery.
		Dry goods merchant and general importer.
G.4	GK	J.B. McLean Publishing, also found on Hardware and Metal, Canadian
J.3	JBM	J.B. McLean Fublishing, also found on hardware and fleeting, outlier of Canada
_		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	Jewellry and silversmiths.
T.5	TP&T	Lawyers. An excellent history of the firm appears in Topics, February
1.5	11 01	1971 issue, and also September 1978 issue.
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W.6	WHM	Wholesale grocers.
W.8	WJG	Book publishers and stationers.
W.11	WRCo	Seed merchants.

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This questionnaire is designed to find out what the Study Group membership would like

for a Perfin Handbook. And an Island of sangradi attending bes Isnosted bloods What size would you like to see the Handbook? (check one) 81/2 x11" 51/2"x81/2" 1. Other What cover would you like on the Handbook? (check one) Hard Soft 2. 3. What would be the maximum you would pay for a Handbook? per copy. What would be the maximum price other people would pay for a Handbook? per copy. 4. 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) Address of Company Name of Company Perfin Number Perfin Factor (RF) First Issue Last Issue First Date Cancel Last Date Cancel Post Office Approval Date Other What rarity (perfin) factors would you like to use? As presently used in the 7. 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 5-10 10-20 20-50 different divisions. There should be: 1-5 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: 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 explaination of: Early G.B. perfin history How perfins are catalogued How Perfin Factors were calculated Early Cdn. perfin history Perforating Devices Other

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	and placed in the appendex? Yes No
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11.	What appendex would you like to see at the end of the Handbook? (please check)
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	Perfin Terminology
	Other comments on Appendex
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