

NEW INFORMATION REVEALED BY SURVEYS

by Michael Dicketts

✓ Covers have recently been found which confirm the location cities of two perfin designs. The Bank of Montreal^{B1}(B5) is now considered to have used their perforator exclusively in Winnipeg and not, as previously assumed, from their Montreal Head Office. Covers are also now reported bearing D3 perfins and used from Dennison's office in Toronto. ^{D5}

✓ From Jean-Guy Dalpe's recent survey of Quebec perfins a number of doubts have been expressed concerning location cities in that province. S7S4 is reported exclusively with Montreal cancels and Joe Purcell confirms this in our own survey. Jean-Guy tells me that Shawinigan's Head Office was located on Craig Street, Montreal. It seems reasonable to suggest that the perforator was used there, rather than at the company's facilities in Shawinigan Falls. Does anyone have a cover to confirm or dispute this assumption?

^{R3} Covers exist bearing R2 perfins with an address on Wellington Street, Toronto. Jean-Guy advises that all cancels reported were from Toronto. However I own a cover which was mailed from Montreal in 1910. This could be explained by Royal Insurance supplying their Montreal office with stamps perforated in Toronto, or a Toronto employee using company stamps while on a visit to the Montreal office. The overwhelming evidence points to Toronto as the location city, unless someone has conclusive evidence to the contrary.

^{R7} R5 is another design Jean-Guy raises doubts about. His survey indicates only Winnipeg and Halifax cancels were found. Joe Purcell advises me that our survey has produced cancels from Calgary, Montreal and a number of Western Canada RPO's. As Royal and Queens had offices in all major cities a variety of cancels is to be expected. And why two similar designs (R4^{R5} and R5) perforated the same stamps in the same office, unless we have another Traveller or Sun Life situation on our hands. It would seem that the R5 perforator was located in one of the cities mentioned - possibly Winnipeg (Ed - or a Branch Office dept. in the Montreal Head Office?). Only cover will help to clear this matter up and I ask everyone to report anything of interest to me or Jean-Guy.

The Dalpe survey demonstrates the importance of collective work of this nature and how everyone can assist in resolving matters of this kind. Anyone who has not sent in questionnaires recently to Joe Purcell is asked to do so as soon as possible.

This study was prompted by reading Harry Rickard's article on U.S.A. perfin T-81 in the May 1981 issue of the Perfins Bulletin.

To summarize, he found 4 distinct TRAV perfins on U.S. stamps (since then he has found a 5th type) which he arranged chronologically according to the stamp issue dates.

I have personally examined Canadian stamps with perfins to match #1, 2, 3 and 4 (the #4's are in Jean-Guy Dalpe's collection) but no match for his #5. In addition there appear to be two other Canadian TRAV types without reported U.S.A. equivalents.

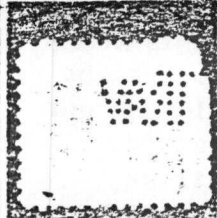
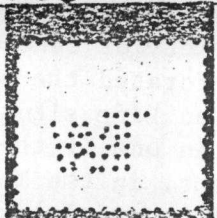
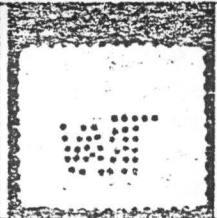
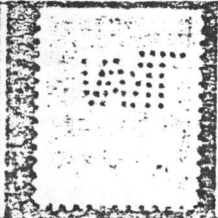
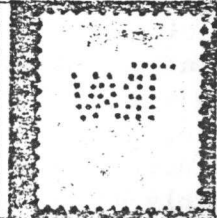


Using the same chronologic approach, I am suggesting Canadian perfin catalogue numbers T6 to T6e.

T6a with small holes matches Richard's #2 and there is an identical type with large holes (T6ai) not found in U.S. stamps.





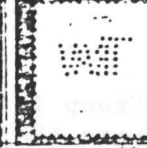

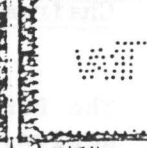

The Canadian types are distinctly different from each other but somewhat frustrating to check unless one superimposes the designs. The differences lie in the height of the 'T' and 'R' when compared to the tops of the 'A' and 'V', the slope of the top two holes of the 'R', the width of 'Trav' and many other minor differences.

No clear cancels reported on T6, T6a or T6ai; T6b - Montreal and Quebec City; T6c - Baddeck, N.S., Toronto, Montreal and Quebec City; T6d - Montreal, Quebec City, Ottawa and Halifax; T6e - no clear cancels.

I have prepared a table with the different types illustrated and the known Canadian stamps (Scott Cat. No.) for each type. It would be interesting to compile more information and to see if a Canadian equivalent exists to Richard's #5 (T6f) or if U.S.A. equivalents exist to numbers T6ai, T6c or T6d. Perhaps there was more than one machine or location for this interesting perfin. Also I am sure that the rarity of the different types varies considerably. I would appreciate if the readers checked their Canadian T6 and U.S.A. T81 against the chart and advised the Editor or myself of their findings. (See table on the next page.)

SUGGESTED CANADIAN PERFIN CATALOGUE NUMBERS						
						
? 1903 - T-6	? 1911 - T-6a (SMALL HOLES)	? 1911 - T-6ai (LARGE HOLES)	? 1918 - T-6b	? 1927 - 42 T-6c	? 1942 - T-6d	? 1954 - T-6e

Ed note: Jon Johnson apologizes for omitting a comment in the Perforator last month when the T6 questionnaire was sent. Those questionnaires were copied in 1980 thus tentative dates of use (range) was not included. With the various research that is in progress even the identifications are different between collectors. The questionnaire T6a, b, c, d, e, and f are (from the June 1981 article by Tom Inglis) T6a, c, d, f, g and h respectively. Subsequent discussion with Jack Brandt resulted in my being corrected, he has found eight not six Canadian TRAV's, more next month?

U. S. A. EQUIVALENTS	SUGGESTED CANADIAN PERFIN CATALOGUE NUMBERS							NO CANAD EQUIVALE REPORT AT TIME ARTICLE ? - (T-6f)
	 ?1902 - T-6	 ?1911 - T-6a (SMALL HOLE)	 ?1911 - T-6ai (LARGE HOLE)	 ?1918 - T-6b	 ?1927 - 42 T-6c	 ?1442 - T-6d	 ?1454 - T-6e	
RICKARD'S #1	*89, 90, 104, 106							
RICKARD'S #2		*104, 106 MR4						
NO U.S.A. EQUIVALENT			*104, 106 MR-1					
RICKARD'S #3				*104, 105, 106, 107 108, 109, 111, 112 142, 144				
NO U.S.A. EQUIVALENT				*114, 116, 150, 153, 162-68, 170, 175 190-2, 196-7, 199 202, 211-4, 217-7, 222 223, 224-3, 235, 246, 248, 249, 251-5, 257, 264				
NO U.S.A. EQUIVALENT						*219, 250-2, 254-5, 260-1, 269, 276-7 286-7, 291-2 303		
RICKARD'S #4							341, 371	
 RICKARD'S NEW TYPE (*5)								

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Chairman's Notes.

The Perfin Study Group is now completing the second year that it has been active. To celebrate the anniversary attached are the last eight pages of perfin questionnaires. With the completion of the questionnaires it will now be possible to begin to prepare the information for its final format in the revised Handbook. As such it is very important that those collectors who are not up to date in returning the questionnaires immediately. For those of you in the majority, you are asked to review your collections for additions that are significant to the research.

The information that is significant at this stage are additions to your collections with an RF of over 50, large acquisitions of stamps in the RF 40 to 50 range and stamps that extend the range of use either earlier or later. All of these additions are those from the date of reporting on the questionnaires. New covers that are unusual, scarce or different should also be given due consideration. If you are uncertain about having already reported an item, please mention it to Joe Purcell but also mention that you are not sure if it has already been reported so Joe can attempt to avoid duplication. This information is important so please do the review, it would be a waste of paper and time to send out another complete set of questionnaires to catch errors and additions.

So the next few Perforators will include the preliminary survey results, checklists of specialty items for the back of the Handbook and any questions and/or articles which anyone wishes to send in. The difficult part of the work is over for most of you and I would like to thank you for supplying the core of the revised Handbook.

Tentatively the next few months will see the development of the Handbook and with a little luck the manuscript will be available for printing during the summer of 1982.

Dates that the questionnaires were issued:

March, 1980	All A's
April, 1980	All B's
May, 1980	C1 to C10b
September, 1980	C11 to C12k
October, 1980	C121 to C15
November, 1980	C16 to C22
December, 1980	C23 to C28
January, 1981	C29 to C42
February, 1981	D1 to F5
March, 1981	G1 to I6
April, 1981	J1 to M22
May, 1981	M23 to N101
September, 1981	N10m to Q1
October, 1981	R1 to S19
November, 1981	T1 to W8
December, 1981	W9 to #1