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Due to a misunderstanding on my part, I erroneously reported that the new edition of "Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials" would be published this fall. Sorry, folks, save your money till "83"

In the September issue of the "BNA Perforator" we had an article by Clayton Rubec on Perfin Revenues. The response has been good. Here is the 1st addenda to the Perfin Revenues Checklist.

Several additions to the listing of Perfins on Revenue issues which was published in the September issue of the Perforator have been brought to my attention by A.D. Hanes, J.L. Purcell, D. Cooper, M.J. Cormier, N.F. Dowsley, W. Turney, M. Behm and H.G. Walburn. These are listed below. Further reports are welcome (C. Rubec, 488 Athlone Ave., Ottawa, Ont. K1Z 5M8) Those marked with an asterisk\* have been reported more than once.

R-214 - G7, <sup>G10</sup> G8, <sup>G12</sup> G9	R-240 G4	R-281 - C4*
R-215 - E5* E6	R-243 - C4* C6	R-282 - C26a
R-220 - D3 <sup>D5106</sup>	R-247 - S2	R-283 - C4
R-229 - M2, <sup>M2</sup> G13*	R-248 - B6, W16	R-305 - D5*, G13*, W14
R-230 - B10, C9, C20	R-253 - C4	R-308 - S2, W14
R-231 - P3	R-276 - C12q, G13f* N10i, S2	R-309 - C12j, 92
R-233 - G1	R-278 - N10c, O1	
R-235 - G13d*	R-279 - C9, G13c	

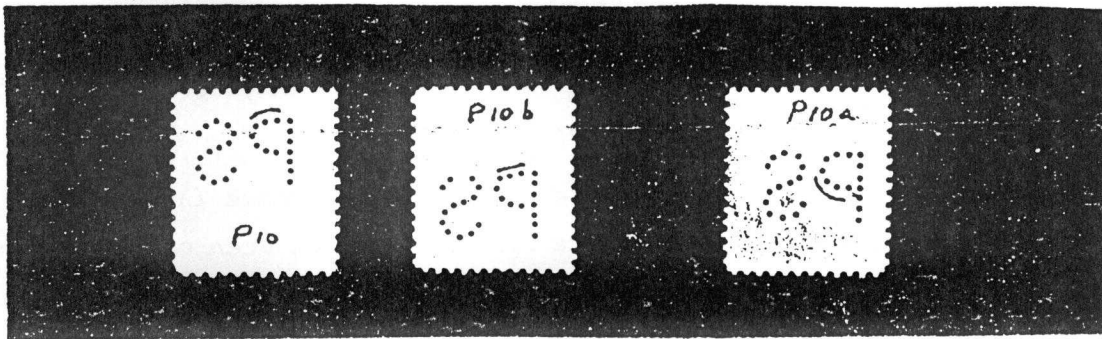
Joe Purcell writes to say that the 1982 supplement to the U.S. Perfin Catalogue contains information of the user's name for one design known on Canadian Stamps. (U.1) is assigned to United States Lines of New York, and readers should amend their present handbook accordingly. Our survey produced one report only of this extremely scarce perfin.

The following is an article provided by David Harding, BNAPS 3293, Perfin Study Group M47, on the Province of Saskatchewan Official Perfins.

Province of Saskatchewan Official Perfins

David Harding BNAPS 3292, Perfins M47

In the Sep/Oct 1978 issue of BNA Topics, Jon Johnson, chairman of the Perfins Study Group, published an article on "THE HISTORY OF PERFORATED STAMPS IN THE PROVINCIAL TREASURY". John reviewed the two major types which were in use from 1924-31 (P10) and from about 1927-72 (P10a). There is also the shifted pin variety found in the P10 perforator which produces 3 of the holes at the top of the "P" in a straight line and referred to herein as P10b, although it may not be listed in the new handbook. The basic types are shown.



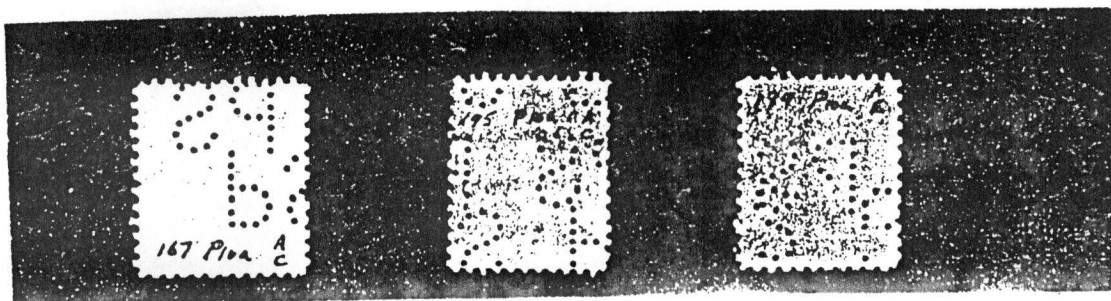
Further anomalies have turned up in this interesting group of Perfins and the writer wishes to share some of them with the Study Group. No doubt some of the information will be included in the new Handbook. Positions shown are all on the "Clock" system.

FEWEST HOLES

The P10 perforator was showing severe damage prior to replacement or repair by P10a. Jon reported the worst confirmed having only 13 holes remaining on P10 and only 16 left on P10b out of 28. I have a P10 with only 8 holes left and a P10b with 11. There are perhaps some with less but the identification cannot be positive with so few holes. On P10a the damage is even worse when you can count only 6 holes (2 not punched through) in one design as early as 1955.

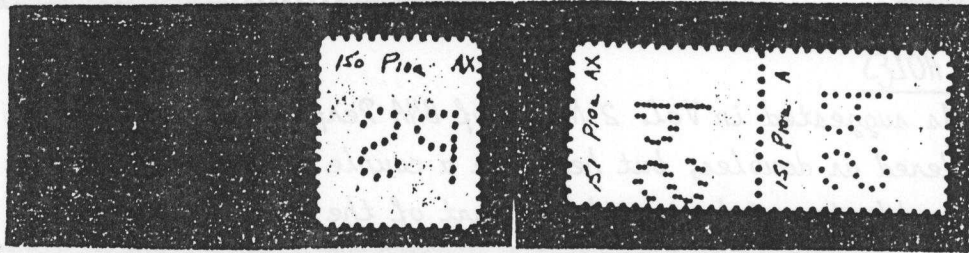
TWO POSITIONS ON ONE STAMP

There are a few examples of Perfins in more than one position on the same stamp. I have P10a's on # 167, 195 and 199 in two positions, but no P10's. These have been described as multi-position doubles.

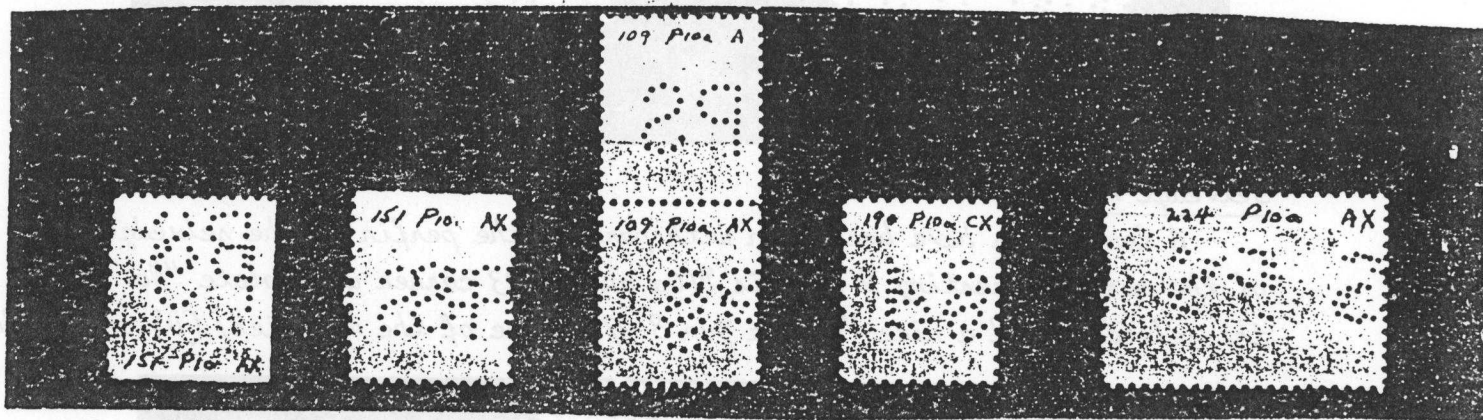


## DOUBLES AND TRIPLES

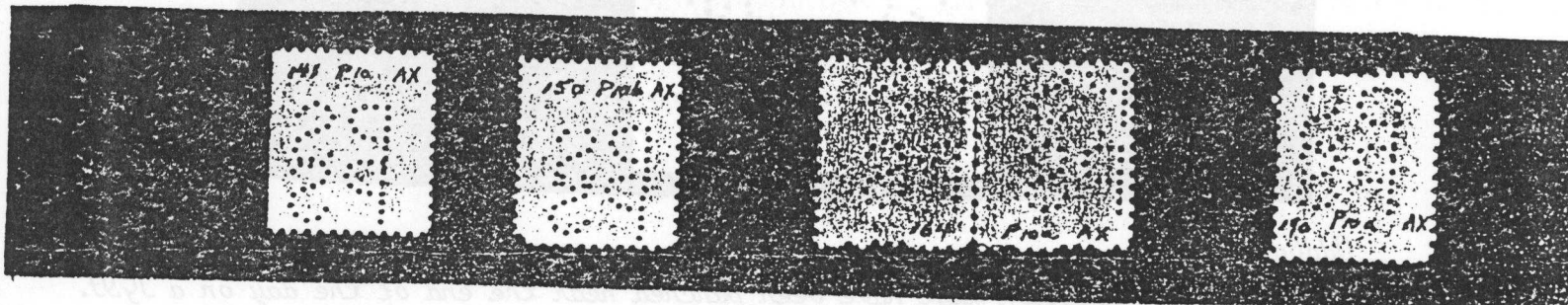
Many examples of single position double perfins appear on both P10 and P10a. I have the former on 4 issues and the latter on 13. These consist of various types of doubles as defined in Vol. 3 of No. 3 of BNA Perforator. Examples of perfect or near perfect double are:



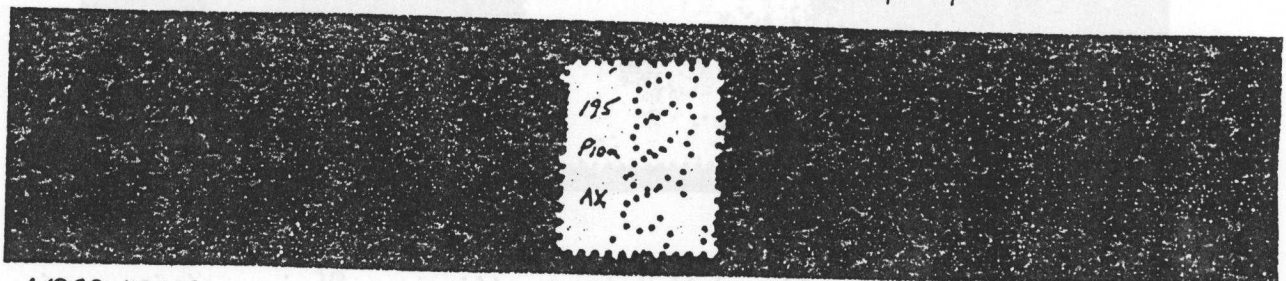
These are examples of overlapping doubles:



And these are non-overlapping doubles:



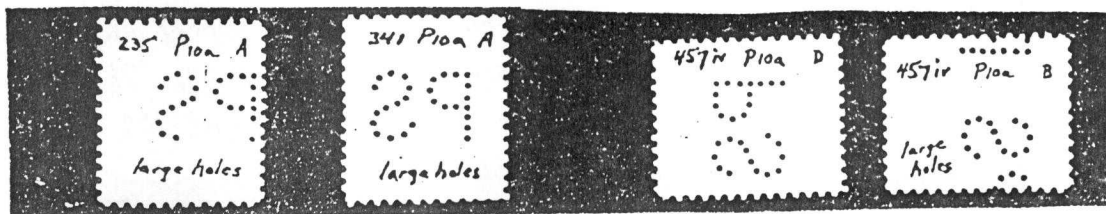
The only stamp I have on which 3 perforating operations can be seen is #195 with P10a in A position. In fact, there is a trace of a fourth:



## LARGE HOLES

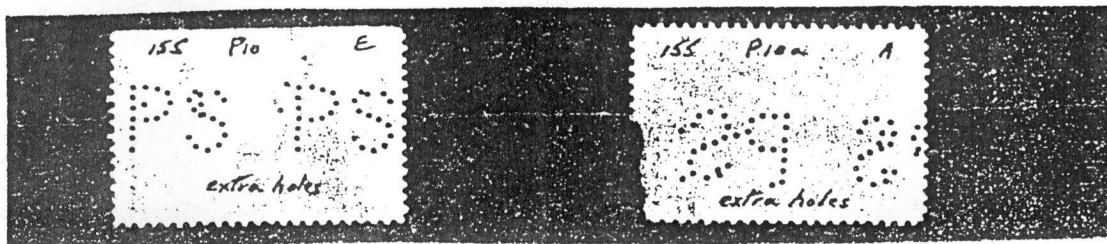
I have several examples of perfins with larger holes than normal, which do not appear to be perfect doubles. The best way to see this is to have

"normal" and "larger" holes side by side on the same issue, as with #457 is:



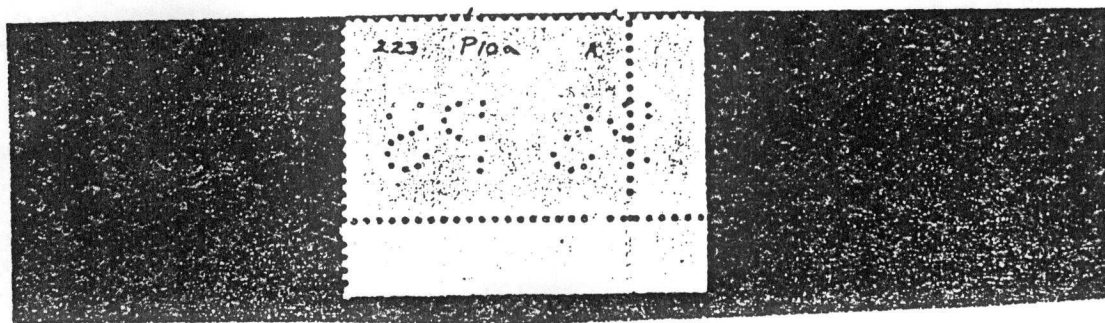
### EXTRA HOLES

As suggested in Vol. 2 No. 7 of BNA Perforator, extra holes are usually considered as doubles, but here are a couple of interesting ones that I have been unable to match up with any part of the same design:



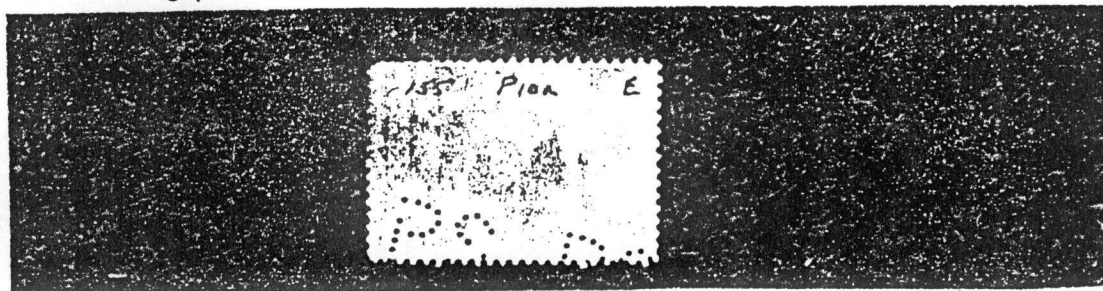
### Selvedge Perforins

A few stamps have been seen with part of the perforin on the selvedge. One of the most interesting I have is P10a on a #223 corner with plate "No. 2" on the selvedge, and a nice "Regina Jun 8 37" (Home of the mounties) (CDS on the face)



### Oddballs

This one in E position must have been punched near the end of the day on a JG97.



### No. of Positions

Jon has earlier mentioned that two positions on PS in most issues is common, but three positions are difficult and more than three unusual. The only P10 I have in 3 positions is #155. In P10a I have four positions of #194, 201 and 202, while Jon reported several issues with five and one with six!

(Note: The author has a large number of PS duplicates (Mainly pre-1956) available for Perfin specialists on a first come, first served basis. He will trade for other PS or Canadian Perfins he needs on a Catalogue Value basis (Can. Spec. suggested), or sell them at 1/2 cat. value. Send S.A.S.E. for a list of those available, and what you have for trade to: #406 - 1010 McKenzie Ave. Victoria, B.C. V8X 4B2 )

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### Problems With Branch Code Holes

by Michael Dicketts

As everyone is aware, several companies employed perforators with designs containing code pins to distinguish their various branches. Although these can be found illustrated at the back of the current handbook, the recent survey of collections indicates that a number of collectors have been unable to correctly identify and separate branch designs.

It will be readily apparent that if stamps are poorly centred when placed in the perforator, the dies will punch the design either too high, or too low, or too far to the left or right. The result is that a portion of the insignia is missing when viewing a single stamp. In the case of a code hole pin located at the edge of the die, the above act can cause problems in identification. Thus if M.3a or M.<sup>m4</sup>3b are punched too close to the edge of the stamp, the code hole is lost and the stamp then appears as an example of M.<sup>m3</sup>3.

One way to assist in overcoming the problem lies in knowing which stamps are likely to be punched with a particular insignia. For instance, C.<sup>c14</sup>10 was last reported in use on Scott #283 so that any stamp after 1949 must be C.<sup>c15</sup>10a. M3a and M.3b are only reported on stamps of the Admiral period, and, hence, anything later must be M.3. W.<sup>w13</sup>11a can be found between Scott 104 and 198; after 1933 all stamps would have to be W.<sup>w12</sup>11

An even more difficult problem occurs when one of the code hole pins break. I suspect that this is more common than we currently realize and the only answer lies in collectors reporting examples of pairs with one showing the missing pin. The obsolete design C.12 is an example of how misleading a broken pin can be.

One of our more experienced members Jack Benningen has pointed out that at least one of the dies of 0.4<sup>a</sup> or 0.4<sup>b</sup> has a broken code hole pin. 0.4 itself is reported on #89, 90, 91, 92, 104, 105, 106, 108, 111, 115, MR.1 and MR.2. Any subsequent stamps are actually 0.4a or 0.4b with a broken code pin.

Caution and a critical mind should therefore be exercised when viewing stamps with certain perforin designs. By applying the knowledge gained from the results of our survey you are in a good position to re-examine your collection and reassign certain stamps to their proper pages. With the aid of a good magnifying glass it is often possible to spot a portion of the design at the extreme edge of the stamp that will assist in proper identification. Be alert to off-centre struck insignia involving a user with branches.

I would be glad to assist anyone to identify problem stamps if they write to me enclosing a s. a. s. e.

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