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First things first!

Dear members of the BNAPS Perfin Study Group:

Over the past $1\frac{1}{2}$ years, the BNA Perforator has been sent to you without charge. This was achieved through the efforts of Jon Johnson, and Gary Tomasson, who contributed the typing, copying and mailing. Stamps were donated as well. Postage was only 17¢ remember.

Now that postage is 30¢, 35¢ and 60¢ (to England); and going up in Feb., and copying must be paid for, it is necessary to go back to "dues".

The executive have decided on 4 to 6 issues per year, depending on you members submitting material, and have set the dues at \$6. per year. Make cheques payable to Perfin Study Group, and send direct to Jim Catterick, editor, 210 Steeles Ave. W., Apt. 2102, Brampton, Ont. L6Y 2K3.

Dues for 1983 must be received by Mar. 31, or we cannot send out the BNA Perforator. Why not mail that cheque now, right after you read the Perforator.

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News from members of the study group.

Jean-Guy Dalpe sends along some interesting items.

- 519 S-11 Sun Life. Be prepared to take a good look at your S-11. Conrad Tremblay, after a deep study, proved the existence of at least 16 machines. He will soon write an article for the Perforator, giving the characteristics of each machine, and some statistics.

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- 03 C-1 CB Mr. Jack Brandt suggests that C-1 should be listed in the Quebec list. In his collection he has a C-1 copy with a Montreal Cancellation. He has the following in his collection # 90, 104 and 106

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- 04 O-4 OJM/Co Jack Bennington says that O-4 should end with MR 1 and 2 in 1915. All later stamps he has examined showed traces of an unpunched dot.

As you know, Joe Purcell was involved in gathering the reports on various Perfins for the revised handbook. I asked him to comment on the work. He closed by telling me that "It was a task I enjoyed, and I would undertake a similar project again". Thanks Joe for a job well done.

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"Jim Catterick has asked me to comment on the work involved in assembling and finalizing the reports that you people sent me during the recent Perfin survey.

First of all I want to thank all those who participated, and most of all, those who answered queries that I sent them in order to clear up various points.

Secondly I would like to offer an explanation for the disastrous manner in which I treated the Revenue stamps. I had never collected revenues, and so had little background. To compound the confusion, reporters were using four different catalogues, with 3 different numbering systems. Two of these catalogues were long out of print, one for 30 odd years. But several reporters used it.

As to the work involved, I suppose this depends on one's definition of work. Each time a new bulletin came out, my mail increased dramatically. On two occasions, the volume of mail was large enough for the Post Office to give me special service.

About 50 people completed the questionnaires. In addition a number of persons did not complete the pro-forma, but sent in lists of their holdings. Some of these holdings were important, and the lists were of significant importance.

When I received the pro-formas, each one was given its owner's number, and were filed in a temporary file. After 30 or 35 were received, an interim total was made, and this information sent to Jon Johnson. These pro-formas were then transferred to a permanent file.

Probably the only time the word "labor" would apply would be during the preparation of the final report. Only those pro-formas with reports were kept. Any form with nil returns for all four spaces were discarded. Even so, over 3400 pro-formas were involved in the final report. This was a stack 37 cm high, and weighed 16 kilograms. Over 100 hours were used to prepare the final report."

Joe Purcell

In Oct. 1981, Jean-Guy Dalpe published a check list of stamps perforated by companies in the Province of Quebec. He has had a good response from members of the study group, and others.

Here are some comments on certain Perfins on the list.

- ✓ B¹¹ B-5 B of M. Delete from the Quebec list. Messrs. Cormier, Dicketts and Tomasson have covers that prove that B-5 had been used in Winnipeg.
- ✓ B¹⁴
B¹⁵ B-10 BJ and B-10a BJ. Were these machines in Montreal? As Mr. Tomasson tells me, people have covers from all over Eastern Canada. Were the stamps perforated in Montreal, and sent out to various offices?
- ✓ D⁵
D⁶ D-3 DM/Co It seems that we must check our D-3 Perfins again. Mr. Tremblay thinks that there were three machines.
- ✓ N²¹ N-10m NLY The first copy known had been reported by Mr. Tomasson.
- ✓ R¹³ R-2 RQ/Co/LD. Two covers (1937 - 38) from Mr. Dicketts, and one from Mr. Tomasson indicate the following return address 27-29 Wellington St. Toronto. But Mr. Tomasson has found a Montreal cancellation of 1910. A machine used in two cities?
- ✓ R⁷ R-5 R & Q/CO Mr. Tomasson reported a Winnipeg cover.
- ✓ S¹³ S-8 SL/Co Mr. Tomasson reports a Montreal cover Mar. 1902, and he described it as a four die machine.
Mr. Brandt reported a S-8 Perfin on 1¢ wrapper (Webb #6)
- ✓ T⁶⁰ T-6 TRAV Mr. Jack Brandt thinks that there were eight machines.
- ✓ L² L-2 LQ Lucerne in Quebec is not an insurance company. It seems that it is an earlier name for the CPR's Montebello Club, a private club located on the site of the present Chateau Montebello. (Thanks to Joe Purcell for the information). Was the machine in Montebello? Has anyone a Post Mark of Montebello?

We thank Jean-Guy for all of this information on these Perfins.

It is reports such as this that enlarge our knowledge of this fascinating hobby. There is still much to be learned, so send in your comments and findings on any Canadian Perfins.

Editor's note. I would be interested in compiling a list of Perfins used on issues prior to the Admirals. How about sending in a list of thses in your collection, listing the Perfin No. and the Scott Cat. No. A list will then be published in the Perforator.

Jean-Guy Dalpe also sends along some additions to his published check list of stamps Perforated by companies in Quebec Province.

Please contact Jean-Guy direct for any further information, or additions.

B11	B- 5	143	C11	C- 7	105a	C ²⁶	C- 14	197b	C ⁵⁴	C- 28	162
B9	B- 6	R281			115	C ⁴⁴	C- 21	120			167
B12	B- 8	164	C ²⁴	C-12i	90			149	C ⁶³	C- 34	154
					110			150			163b
B14	B-10	R230			141			C1			167
C8	C- 4	109a			286	C ¹⁶	C- 22	144			174
		149	C ²⁶	C-12m	116			159			R235
		167			142a			402p	D ²	D- 1	213
		199			162			Prec. Jo.	D ⁴	D- 2	104
		R243			216			15-201			195
		R253			241a	C ⁵⁰	C- 26	90			204
		R278			316			C5			217
		R281			R243	C ⁵¹	C- 26b	460c			
		R283			R278			R237			To be continued
		R308	C ³⁶	C-13	172			R259			in the next issue
C9	C- 5	90			202						of The Perforator
					R278						

From the President of BNAPS, Michael Dicketts

At the 1982 BNAPS Convention, held at Virginia Beach in October, the Study Group held a seminar to discuss matters of general interest. Michael Dicketts discussed the present status of the proposed handbook, outlining the problems that have forced a delay in its completion. It was generally agreed that letters of support should go out to Jon Johnson, encouraging him in the difficult task of getting the book together. Members were introduced to Joe Purcell who will serve as Secretary-treasurer and it is expected that membership in the group will expand now that the newsletter is again being produced. Those attending expressed thanks to Jim Catterick for offering to edit the BNA Perforator. Charles Morgan suggested that one way to develop more interest in Perfins, and increase study through a larger membership was to put exhibits in at the various regional group meetings.

From our Chairman, Jon Johnson, comes these reports:

Collection Review:

It appears that there will not be any further large size collections reported, so a summary of the results is as follows. The averages are only for the collections reporting that particular item.

Total Perfin Types (24 reports)	Highest 246	Average 165
Total Perfin Issues (19 reports)	5,624	1,343
Total Perfin Positions (7 reports)	6,748	3,315
Total Perfin Holdings (23 reports)	30,000	6,649

Chairman's notes.

It has been awhile since I have written some notes. The past nine months has seen a reduction of activity within the Study Group as most of you are doing your usual collecting instead of completing the questionnaires. Surprisingly it took over two years to gather the information produced from the questionnaires. Regretfully during that same period of time, we lost three members of the Study Group with their passing away.

For all of you who are patiently waiting to buy the fourth edition of the Canadian Perfin Handbook, it is progressing. At present, as you are aware, most of the information is in. Most of the text of the book is complete so the majority of the work left is to prepare the checklists, take the photos for the body of the book, and to transfer the final information results to the body of the book. Yours truly tried to avoid Perfins without much success during the summer after having worked on the Study Group and Perfin research for two and a half years straight. The Fall was spend making notes and converting them to the text of the book. The manuscript should be finished in the early summer providing there are no major surprises.

Hopefully Jean-Guy Dalpe and Conrad Tremblay will have successfully solved the puzzle of the Travellers (T6) and Sun Life (S-11) Perfins so that those respective Perfins can be listed properly in the new book. Anyone else who is doing indepth work on these Perfins should contact them with their results so that a common conclusion can be included in the handbook. We know that the present listing of T6 and S11 are the result of more than one perforator, but how many and how can they be separated?

With the New Year upon us I hope that you all continue to enjoy Perfin collecting and are successful in finding them at reasonable prices. If in the process you find something note-worthy let Joe Purcell know.

Study Group appointment

Most of you would be aware that Mike Dicketts, our Study Group secretary has been elected as President of BNAPS. With the size of his up-coming duties on behalf of all of us he has submitted his resignation as the Secretary of the Study Group. He will continue to participate within the Study Group as a member. Joe Purcell has agreed to accept the duties as our Secretary. With the reduction of his work as Data Co-ordinator, has found the time to take over the secretarial duties.

Thank you, Mike for your three years work as the Study Group's Secretary.

Thanks Joe for continuing to organize the Study Group after having spent three years doing the most time consuming work of making sense of all of our funny writing and different catalogues.

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