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The Perfin Study Group will hold a seminar at the annual convention at Winnipeg. We have no plans for a programme at this time, so that if anyone who is attending would like to give a presentation or talk would he please get in touch with Michael Dicketts, our President immediately. This should be a super show so let's make this the best study group meeting to date.

PLAN NOW ON ATTENDING

To All Members of Study Groups - from our Study Group Co-Ordinator

We have just finished a survey of study groups and find one common thread of concern, and that is the limited number of contributors to the group. I would like to personally urge you to send your study group chairperson any and all data you have. It may seem to you that what you have would not offer much in the way of help, but you can never tell until you try! May I suggest photocopies of sheets from your collection, or maybe questions to the group.

You know you represent the core of BNAPS: only 25% of BNAPSers are members of study groups. You are part of that cadre, and I solicit your help in keeping the groups going. So let's get that article, question, or copy in to your group chairperson -- why not do it now! (Signed John Burnett)

News from our members:

Al Steeves of Halifax gave a very interesting and informative talk Show and tell - to both the Nova Scotia Stamp Club of Halifax and the Truro Philatelic Society. This is one of the best ways to enlarge our membership with this type of publicity.

Maurice Decarie is spending a couple of months in Spain. While vacationing, he is going to check up on certain Spanish Perfins. He will be exhibiting his Perfins at the spring show in Montreal.

R.H. Jamieson, our BNAPS Sales Circuit Manager tells me that they now have 2 circuits of Perfins. With more to come. Let Bob know if you wish to receive these Perfin Circuits.

Additions to Jean-Guy's check list of Stamps Perforated by companies in Quebec Province (Continued)

D5/D6 D- 3	157	L4 L- 2	149	P17 P- 11	105a	S18 S- 10	159
	169		168		109a		173
	204	M11 M- 8	211		112a		211
	247			Q1 Q- 1	105a		231
	289	M22 M- 15	112a		163b		247
	330		197b				252
	349		250	R3 R- 2	109a		323
	361		255		153		327
	412		257		191		329
	E220		260		202		337
					212		376
E2 E- 2	162	M24 M- 17	184		247		
	191		191		248	S19 S- 11	112a
	253		197b		257		158
			215				246
F4 F- 3	162		257	R5 R- 4	163b		287
	191				231		291
	197b	N4 N- 4	118		257		375
	212				C8		R229
	214	N9 N- 10a	105		C-9		R282
	224		191a				
	304	N11 N- 10c	92	R7 R- 5	163	T17 J- 6	163b
	318		109a		195		197b
			237		217		340
G2 G- 2	108		293		276		C8
	119		299		C1		
			R278		C8	W1 W- 2	247
G6 G- 5	109a				105a		
	141	N21 N- 10m	197		109a		<u>Delete</u>
	195						
G14 G- 11	93	O4 O- 4	91	S9 S- 4	104	Q1 Q- 1	157
	100		92				
			165	S13 S- 8	81		
			MR2		97		
G15 G- 12	153				109		
					119		
H2 H- 1	97	P4 P- 2b	148				
			197b				
J1 J- 1	109		283				
	142						

We are indebted to Ken Rose for this check list of General Tag Perflins.

Comments should be sent direct to Ken Rose.

c41 c43 c45

C.S.# (1981)	C19	C20a	C21a	Other <small>W12 W16</small>	C.S.# (1981)	C19	C20a	C21a	Other	C.S.# (1981)	C19	C20a	C21a	Other
454viii				L1 L1	662					774				892
455vi	x	x	x	L1 L1 W4	663			x						893
457vi	x	x		L1 W4	664			x						907
460fiii	x	x			668			x		781	x			
544vi	x	x		L1	669	x		x		784	x	x		
544iii	x	x	x	L1 W4	670	x		x		785	x	x		
565					671			x		786	x			304E
566			x		676			x		789	x			
568	x				677			x	W17	790	x			lan
569	x				681				W14					Paint-
575	x				684				L1	806				ing
576			x		689			x						
577	x				691	x		x	L1	813	x	x		
578	x				694			x		815	x			
596	x	x	x		695			x		816	x			
597	x	x	x	L1 W4	696			x		817	x	x		
598	x	x	x		700					818				
599	x	x	x	L1	702					819	x	x		
590	x	x	x		705	x	x	x		820	x			
591	x	x	x		707	x	x	x		821				
592	x	x	x		708	x	x	x		822	x	x		
593	x	x	x	C15	709	x	x	x		823	x	x		
593a	x	x	x	C10a L1	710	x	x	x		824	x	x		
594	x	x	x	C10a L1	711	x	x	x		825	x	x		
594a	x	x	x	L1	713	x	x	x		826	x	x		
595	x			L1	714	x	x	x		827	x	x		
596	x	x	x	L1	715	x	x	x		828	x	x		
596a	x	x	x	L1	716	x	x	x		829	x	x		
598	x	x		L1	718	x		x		830	x	x		
599	x	x	x	L1	719	x	x			831				
612	x	x			720	x				834	x	x		
616	x				723	x		x		835	x	x		
618	x				723a			x		836	x	x		
619	x				726	x		x		837				
620	x	x	x							838				
622	x	x	x		733					840	x			
625	x	x	x		734			x		842	x			
627	x	x	x		738			x	C51	843		x	x	
629	x	x	x		739				C26b	844		x	x	
630	x				740			x	C26b	847		x		
631	x				741	x		x		849		x	x	
632	x				742	x		x		850		x	x	
640	x				748			x		853	x	x	x	
641	x				749	x		x		854	x	x	x	
643	x		x		750	x		x		855	x	x	x	
648	x		x		751	x		x		856	x	x		
650	x	x			753			x		857				
651	x				754	x		x		859	x	x	x	
652				L1	757			x		860	x	x	x	
654			x		760	x				861	x	x		
655	x				768	x				862	x	x		
659		x			769			x		864	x	x	x	
660			x		770			x		871	x	x		
					771			x		873	x			
					772			x		874	x	x		
					773	x		x						

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Canadian Industries and their perforators

C36

by

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I'm sure that many collectors own copies of stamps perfed C.14 which, in addition to revealing several missing pins, show an additional hole slightly to the right of the vertical 'I'. For want of a better name I've always called the random hole the result of a bent pin. With so many copies showing incomplete strikes, something strange must have happened early in the life of the C.14 perforator. Some years ago Joe Purcell first mentioned to me his theory of why C.14 exists as a distinct design from C.13, and why he believed so many pins became broken.

It is Purcell's opinion that sometime around 1933 problems were encountered with the C.13 machine and, rather than scrap it, pins were removed to create the design we identify as C.14. If you place a C.14 perfin over a copy of a C.13 you will see that the two match perfectly in common areas of design. Another way of saying this is that by removing only six pins from C.13 you create the C.14 design - see rough sketch. To further support his argument, Joe advises that from information gleaned from the Study Group's recent survey, dated copies of C.13, covering stamps 162 to 225, range from October 22, 1931 to October 3, 1933, while copies of C.14, covering stamps 163 to 247, range from November 19, 1933 to February 13, 1942. Thus there is no overlap among the dated copies reported to date, which lends considerable credence to the theory. Purcell points out that during the Depression, stocks of Admirals, Scrolls and Maple Leaves were to be found in most Post Offices, long after it would be normal for them to be sold out. This would explain why there is an overlap in issues, ~~xxxxxxxiixxx~~

All of this may sound a bit far-fetched to some hard-headed readers, but the fun has only just begun. You will recall my earlier mention of the so-called bent pin observed in stamps punched C.14, creating a random hole. I should further mention that I have a copy of C.13 showing an indential 'variety', as well as another C.13 with a random hole in another location (see rough sketch).

Recently Michael Behm told me that a friend of his, Colin Ponfret, who is not a member of the Study Group, had pointed out two facts which I had ignored up to now. One was that Canadian Explosives Ltd., was part of the same corporate family as Canadian Industries Ltd. Joe Purcell adds that Canadian Explosives moved to Brownsburg, P.Q. in the early 1930's. The second fact was that if you place a copy of C.34 over a C.13 or C.14 they match exactly as far as the 'C' and 'L' are concerned. Furthermore, if you do the same thing with an example showing either of the 'random hole varieties', these holes correspond to the 'X' design of C.34. Reports of dated copies of C.34 run between March 1, 1919 and July 15, 1931.

Where does all this lead us? Certainly to a lot of unexplained questions, but to summarise the various theories given me, it is possibly to conjecture as follows.

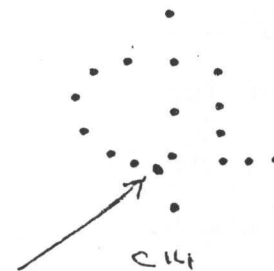
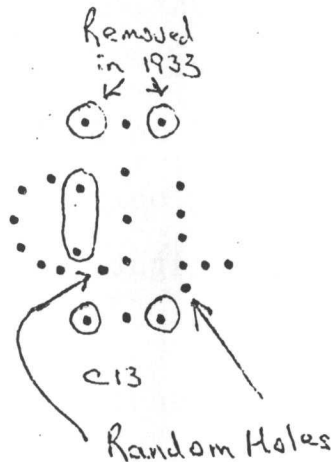
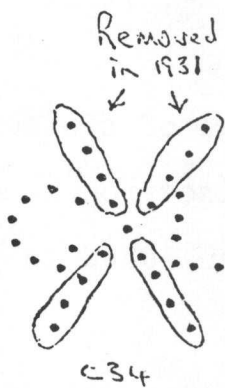
- a) The C.34 machine was altered in 1931 by the removal of sixteen pins forming the 'X' leaving only the centre pin (see rough sketch). By re-machining, eight new pins were then added to create the C.13 design.
- b) During the life of C.13 at least two of the partially cut off pins, which once formed the 'X' letter, punctured stamps when enough sheets were inserted into the perforator, producing the random holes I've mentioned. An alternative theory is that

plugs were inserted after removal of the 'X', and these worked free sufficient to punch the extra holes.

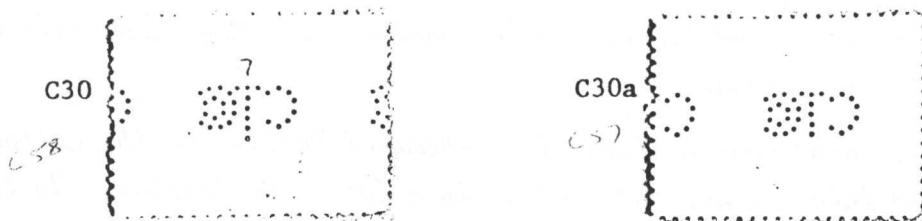
- c) In 1933 a further alteration to the perforator, involving the removal of six pins created the C.14 design. During the remaining nine years of its known usage, many pins broke causing the usually found missing pin examples. This may be due to metal fatigue caused by extensive re-working of the dies. Meanwhile 'random hole varieties' continued to appear.

Readers are invited to submit their comments on this fascinating topic in an attempt to further resolve the matter. It might be useful to carry out a mini-survey to determine which stamps are known with both random holes and missing pin varieties. Also a re-checking of dated copies could be of value. If anyone cares to write to me I'll compile additional data and write up the results. Meanwhile, why not take another look at stamps in your collection in case you hold the key to this puzzle.

C63



And another new Perfin Type.



This all started when I received a letter dated November 24th, from the National Postal Museum. They had a cover from Caterpillar Magazine (Tractor Company), Oakland, Calif. which had a 2¢ crown Customs Duty stamp on it which was perforated. The perfin was incomplete but there were enough holes to develop much of the CTCO initials.

The regular C30 perfin originates in Peoria, Ill. the company's head office. The only other U.S. Caterpillar perfin is from Oakland, Calif. The only difference between the two machines is that Peoria has one more hole at the base of the 'T', a code hole.

After discussion between several collectors there was agreement that from the evidence available, both U.S. machines perforated the Canadian Customs stamps. There was some lack of conviction however, especially as the probable new perfin type was so incomplete that the visual confirmation of the machine was impossible. Then Gary Tomasson went to work and was able to plate the Peoria machine using C30's from three sources, it is a ten die machine. The only other stamp that had been found by then that appeared to be a good candidate as a Oakland machine did not match any of the Peoria dies. So there definitely is a second CTCO machine in the Customs stamps and from the evidence it is the Oakland machine.

WARNING. Incomplete C30 perfins can appear to be C30a when they are missing the code hole. So the perfin should be complete or almost complete, and minus the code hole before you even begin to ask yourself, is this a C30a? There is insufficient data to compare the scarcity of the two machines, but at a guess the C30a will be much harder to find.

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We have again experienced late delivery of the Perforator to some of our Study Group Members.

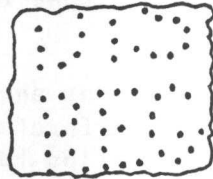
This note will serve as a reminder that the dues for 1983 are due - please send them to the editor of the Perforator. The May issue will only be sent to paid up members.

Also please send your listing of Pre-Admiral Perfins to the editor so that we can complete a list, and publish in a future Perforator. Up to now the response has been very good. May I have your list soon?

Dave Hanes of Borden Ont. with another Perfin

He writes: I have picked up something new in the last short while. It appears more as a revenue punch, as the holes are too large for a normal Perfin; but it appears on the 5¢ Medallion issue of 1932/33. The tracing appears as DDS, maybe District Register; something different. Any comments.

REG



Jon Johnson of Calgary will trade a S-14 for any wanted RF 75 or higher - for want list contact Jon.

Jim Catterick has 15 different issues surplus of P-10a PS, between 233 and 544. Will trade for issues of other Canadian Perfins RF 10 or higher.

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