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BNAPS Convention Sep. 1-2-3 are dates to remember. Our Convention is to be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba on these dates. The Perfin Study Group will be holding a seminar on Sat. at 3:30 p.m.

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David Harding sends along these photostats of Perfins on Canadian Stamps, and asks for clues as to their identity. You can send answers direct or to me.

No. 1 is on # 106, 2¢ Carmine

No. 2 is on # 192, 3¢ Red

No. 3 is on # 404a 4¢ Booklet

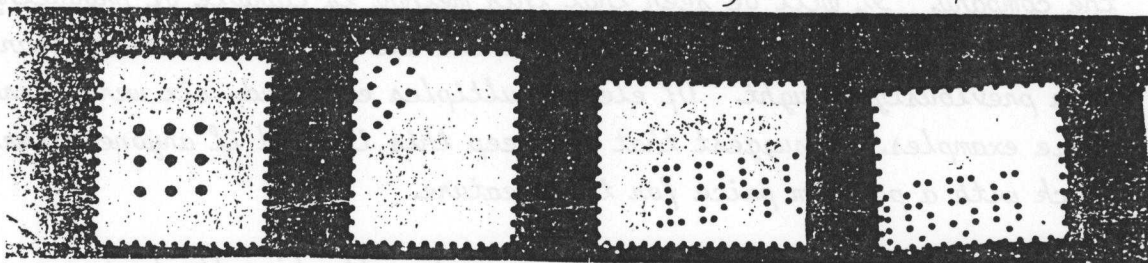
No. 4 is on # 460 6¢ Black booklet

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Merv Cormier sends along some news:

As a follow-up on the <sup>C57</sup>C-30a Caterpillar Tractor Co., reports a CDS of ~~C57~~ Saskatoon Sask.

<sup>I1</sup>A later cancel on I-1, Intercolonial Railway # 92. An oval purple register, May 29, 1909, from Moncton N.B.

He will trade a J-1 # 89 for one of either G-3, G-9, L-2, O-2, P-4 or W-5

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Back issues of the Perforator are available at 15¢ per sheet, or \$10.00 for all of the issues to date. Contact Joe Purcell 6 Richardson Drive, Kingston, Ont. K7M 2S6, our treasurer.

Further Notes on W. J. Gage

by

Michael Dicketts

Since writing my article on W.8 and W.9 in the January 1982 issue of "The Perforator", a few things have come to light which I would like to pass on.

As I have had a chance to examine a number of blocks of W.9, many of which are examples of "mirror image" punchings, I feel confident in stating that it was the operator's usual practice to fold the sheet of stamps into ten or fewer single rows, either vertically or horizontally, and then insert them into the perforator. Knowing as we do now that this machine was a single die model it is readily apparent that this method was followed to speed up the production of perfined stamps to be used by the company. It will be seen that this method is capable of producing many mirror pairs or blocks and that these are far more abundant than had been previously thought. Of eleven multiples examined, six were mirror image examples. I suggest that you keep this in mind if anyone offers a block with a premium price for this feature.

It is now possible for me to narrow down the time the broken pin in the upright stroke of the "W" first occurred. You will recall I own two copies of #108, one of which has the missing hole. After studying George Marler's recent definitive study of the Admiral issues, I can now identify this stamp as one that originated from Plates 7 or 8, approved August 8, 1918. Any reasonable time after this date, sheets would be available for sale to W. J. Gage, and purchased for use.

Two copies of #74 punched W.9 have surfaced and are now in Perfin collector's hands. This pushed back the date of issue from 1903 to 1898. W.8 is known on #75, #76 and #78 (in fact up to #91), but I do not have a record of this design used on #74. The  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ stamp at this time (1903) paid the rate for newspapers and periodicals, and it is likely that stocks of both #50 and #74 existed for sale until the rate changed in 1908. The overlap of certain issues punched with both machines can be explained by an increased need for stamps by Gage, requiring two machines to be used concurrently. This theory, however, does not explain why Gage bought a

single die machine for their second machine, when Cummins five-die models could be purchased. My guess would be that #74 is the earliest issue to be found with W.9 design, but that the true date the perforator was brought into use was 1905-06, rather than 1898.

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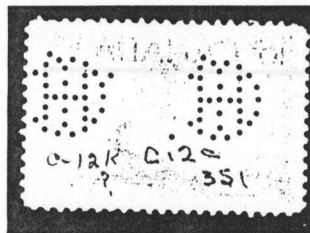
Bob Jamieson, Sales Manager of BNAPS, reports 3 large circuits (value over \$1000. each circuit) of Perfins already in circulation. Two additional circuits are ready to go. Are you on a Perfin Sales Circuit? If not contact Bob. If you have duplicates that you want to dispose of, you can get them into a circuit.

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We welcome a number of new members to our study group. A complete list of members is included with this issue.

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I recently found this Perfin at a local show. Can someone clarify this. The stamp is Canada # 351. Looking at it face down, the Perfin on the left is punched  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and  $6\frac{1}{2}$ , whereas the right Perfin is only punched  $2\frac{1}{2}$ . There is a partial barrel cancel Fort W ?



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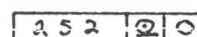
Stock Control Card for Perfins

How many times have you bought Perfins at a show or a stamp club meeting only to find that you already owned one, especially if you paid \$5 or \$10 for it.

Mike Behm has come up with a suggested method of recording the Perfin, the issue, and also the positions

Here is his suggested type of sheet, the final product would have a grid of spaces for issues, and two spaces for positions:

Country		
Pattern		Pattern Number
Number of Holes		Height
User		
Issue	Known	Owned
First		
Last		
Total		
Cancels:		Last
First		
Number of Dies		



The first space is for the Catalogue number, the next space represents a stamp face up, and the next space, the stamp face down. A line would indicate the orientation of the Perfins.

The sheets would be printed on both sides. These sheets would cost approx 2½-3¢ each, and the complete set of records of your Perfins would be very easy to carry and would provide a ready reference.

Your comments would be appreciated. Contact Mike Behm for further information.

Has any other "Perfinner" a system such as this that has worked well?

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