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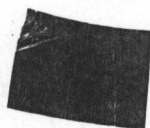
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1983 was a very good year for the BNA Perfin Study Group. We increased our membership, and now have 60 members. We are in good financial condition according to our treasurer, Joe Purcell. His statement is in this issue of the Perforator. We are indebted to those members who sent in some Canadian stamps to be used for postage. Postage is one of the main costs of the Perforator, and this help is appreciated.

Dues



The executive have decided to hold the 1984 dues at \$6.00. Mail your cheque to the editor, Jim Catterick. Cheques to be made out to BNA Perfin Study Group.

Financial Statement 1983

Receipts

Fees	\$360.00
Exchange	13.83
Donation	30.00
Back Issues	76.00
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	\$479.83

Expenditures

Perforator	\$213.00
Bank Charges	2.00
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Cash in Bank 84.1.1 \$256.66

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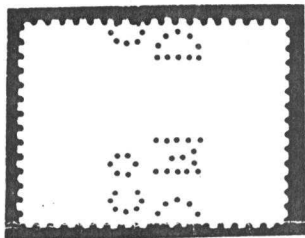
Signed; Joe Purcell

New Canadian Perfins

N 307



Found in a small lot of N8 NYC. This is US No. N 184. It is on Scott's # 109. The new Canadian number is N 14. (The tail of the 4 has 3 holes)

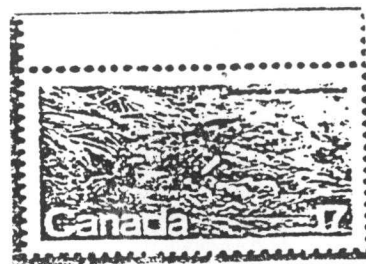
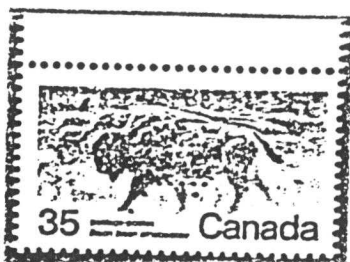


D 5

On R 219 (FDC 6) Customs Duty Stamp. The Perfin is # D 67 in the US Perfin Catalogue, and is from the Dennison Manufacturing Company office in Boston, Mass. (submitted by Jon Johnson)

(125) C129 CH9 Hamilton, Ont.

The survey listed the last stamp known as # 370. Someone has found the Perforator, and has been perforating 1980 issues. To date, all have been mint stamps. They are selling in Montreal for \$1. and \$1.50. Jean-Guy Dalpe found some, and so have I. We both think that this should be discouraged. These are the stamps to date that have been reported.



03 Perforator

Further to the article on 03 Perforator in the November 1983 issue of the Perforator, Mike Behm reports that the Postal Museum has found machines; 03, C6, C12 and MR/MC. 03 is a single die machine. It is undamaged at this point, and he cannot say for sure that it was fixed by the museum, but it looks as if it is in the same condition as when it was received. Is 04 a multiple die machine?

03
04
C6
M22

(17)

C.12 DESIGNS - STUDY AND IDENTIFICATION OF OFFICE USERS WITH MISSING CODE HOLES AND OTHER DIE DAMAGE--TO ALLOCATE AND ELIMINATE THE 'BELLEVILLE' EXAMPLES.



BY NOW SOME OF US WILL HAVE ABSORBED THE VERY FINE JOB THAT JIM CATTERICK HAS DONE IN OUR NOVEMBER ISSUE BY PRODUCING THE INITIAL SERIES OF THIS C.12 STUDY WITH MISSING OFFICE CODE HOLES. THE REPRODUCTION OF MY COPY IS STARK WHITE AND BLACK, EVEN BETTER THAN THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT, AND MOST SUITABLE FOR MAKING ADDITIONAL COPIES AND 3-RING BINDER USE. THE CARE AND EFFORT REQUIRED IN CREATING SATISFACTORY RESULTS FOR MEMBERS USE IS OFTEN FROM POOR PHOTOS, AND 'BLIND HOLES' AND POOR DIE IMPRESSIONS SOMETIMES NEED A LITTLE IMAGINATION AND HELP. MUCH CREDIT RESTS WITH THE EDITOR AND NOT THE MACHINE TO PRODUCE SUCH EXCELLENT COPY. SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE UNKNOWNNS WHO HAVE SPENT THEIR TIME AND EFFORT TO CHECK AND RECHECK MATERIAL, AND ESPECIALLY TO MESSRS. HANES, DALPE, TREMBLAY, JOHNSON, DICKETTS, WHO HAVE SENT ME PHOTOS AND ILLUSTRATIONS OF KEY MATERIAL WHICH HAS BEEN OR WILL BE APPEARING IN THESE COLUMNS.

OUT OF THE 18 OFFICES USING DIFFERENT CODE HOLE POSITIONS, THERE IS POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION NOW OF SEVEN USERS AND EIGHT DIFFERENT DESIGNS ALL WITH MISSING CODE HOLES AND MOST WITH ADDITIONAL DIE HOLES MISSING. IN MOST INSTANCES THESE EXAMPLES WERE RESTING IN THE 'BELLEVILLE' SECTION OR UNIDENTIFIED IN THE OWNER'S COLLECTION. THE SEVEN OFFICE DESIGNS WITH MISSING CODE HOLES THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED TO DATE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

INDEX No.1	-	EDMONTON	INDEX No. 5	-	LONDON (1)
" No.2	-	OTTAWA	" No. 6	-	BRANDON
" No.3	-	ST. JOHN	" No. 7	-	LONDON (2)
" No.4	-	MONTREAL	" No. 8	-	LETHBRIDGE

IN CORRESPONDENCE, MICHAEL DICKETTS AND MYSELF HAVE FOUND THIS STUDY TO ELIMINATE THE 'BELLEVILLE' EXAMPLES MOST INTRIGUING AND SATISFYING, AND WE THINK THE ABOVE LISTING WITH THE SAMPLE INDEX ATTACHED IS AN IMPRESSIVE BEGINNING. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE TOWARDS THE END OF THE STUDY IF THERE WILL BE MORE THAN A DOZEN OR SO BASIC DESIGNS TO TAKE CARE OF ALL 'BELLEVILLES' AND IF ANY REMAIN COMPLETELY ELUSIVE TO IDENTIFY. THAT IS THE CHALLENGE, AND PERHAPS A HANDBOOK NOTE TO ASSIST THIS CAUSE WILL BRING SOME NEW COLLECTORS AND IDEAS INTO THIS FIELD.

AGAIN, WILL MEMBERS PLEASE RECHECK ALL C.12'S FOR A MISSING CODE HOLE, ESPECIALLY LARGE STAMPS, MULTIPLES, COVERS, WHICH MAY NOW BE MOUNTED OR RESTING IN THEIR CORRECT IDENTIFICATION, AND OVERLOOKED FOR THIS STUDY BY REASON THAT ONE DIE PUNCH HAS THE CODE HOLE INTACT. SUCH A CAREFUL RECHECK HAS JUST TURNED UP MUCH NEEDED DATA REQUESTED UNDER INDEX No. 2, WHERE THE 'O' POSITION HOLE WAS OFF THE STAMP AS FIRST SUBMITTED BY DAVE HANES. MICHAEL DICKETTS HAS JUST SUBMITTED THE FINE PAIR WITH A CLEAR 'O' HOLE INTACT AS ILLUSTRATED HEREWITH UNDER INDEX No.2(2). THE DIE DAMAGE TO THE OTTAWA DESIGN WITH MISSING CODE HOLE '9' AND MISSING HOLES C-4-7-11 AND H-2 IS NOW POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AND COMPLETE.

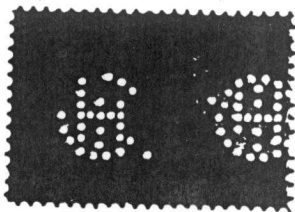
A MASTER INDEX PAGE HAS BEEN CONCEIVED FOR USE IN CO-ORDINATING A QUICK REFERENCE TO ANY MISSING CODE HOLE EXAMPLE THAT MAY TURN UP. THE ATTACHED SAMPLE PAGE SUMMARIZES THE INDEX NUMBERS ALLOCATED TO DATE, WITH THE MISSING CODE HOLE OFFICE TYPE AND OTHER DIE DAMAGE TO LETTERS. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT A LINED PAGE BE MAINTAINED TO THE RIGHT OF THIS INDEX, AND MEMBERS CAN THEMSELVES ENTER THE DIFFERENT STAMP NUMBERS AS THEY ARE REPORTED, AND OTHER RELEVANT DATA FOR UPDATING.

JACK BENNINGEN

STUDY AND IDENTIFICATION OF OFFICE USERS WITH MISSING CODE HOLES AND OTHER DIE DAMAGE--TO ALLOCATE AND ELIMINATE 'BELLEVILLE' EXAMPLES.

C17 C.121 - London, Ont.
Type - 7

Missing Die Punch Holes: No.7



- (a) Code Pin '7' at position outside of C-7.
- (b) Design Pins C-4-6-7
- (c) " " H-6
- (d) " " I-1

#427 - Newfld. Flower.

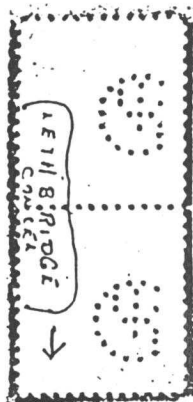
Reported to Study Group
Jan/84. Submitted by
Conrad Tremblay.

THIS HAPPENS TO BE THE 'LAST'
STAMP DESIGN RECORDED FOR
LONDON IN THE HANDBOOK SURVEY.

Note: This is the second London design to surface in this study with missing code hole, and this example shows additional missing holes or damage to all three letters. Due to a completely different pattern of die punch breaks which appear unrelated to the Admiral #106 precancel reported as Index No.5, the new index number has been allocated. It will be interesting to see how early or late in stamp number design this variety will be reported.

C21 C.12e - Lethbridge, Alta.
Type - 3 1/2

Missing Die Punch Holes: No.8



- (a) Code Pin '3 1/2' at position outside of C-3 1/2.
- (b) Design Pins C-1-15
- (c) " " H-3-4-5-6-8
- (d) " " I-4
- (e) " " '0'

#150 - 2¢ Scroll
Lethbridge cancel
Jan 23/30

Note: The vertical pair illustrated has been read downwards as indicated by (↓) to arrive at above missing code and die hole positions. Should this later prove incorrect, a note will be published under Index No.8 reversing the position numbers...Does anyone by chance have a horizontal format on a large stamp or pair with one of the dies showing the '0' position to positively identify the damaged die position?

IDENTIFY

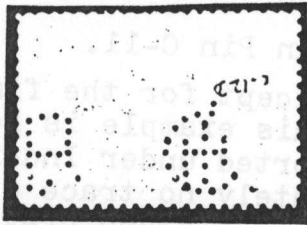
Reported to Study Group Jan/84
Submitted by Dave Hanes.

C-12 - International Harvester Company.

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C20 C.12d - Brandon, Man.
Type - 3

Missing Die Punch Holes: No.6



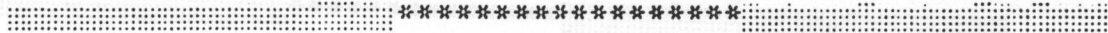
- (a) Code Pin '3' at position outside of C-3.
- (b) Design Pins C-1-13-14
- (c) " " H-10
- (d) " " I-1-2-3
- (e) " " '0'

#246 - 1¢ Royal Visit
Brandon, Sept. 19-PM-
Machine Cancel

Note: Design Pins C-6-7-8-9-10 (the back of the 'C') are off the stamp, and a single unidentified stamp with similar damage or large stamps with a damaged full die should be checked. Please report such stamp number with photo to Jack Benningen for update

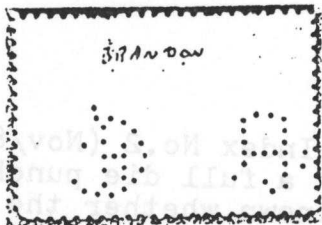
of data needed to complete the letter 'C'. A very quick check of the distinctive missing I-1-2-3-and missing '0' should be a fast lead indicator to identify the rather messy die and Brandon office user.

Reported to Study Group Jan/84 -- Submitted by Geoff. Walburn after a check of his C.12 stock.....



C20 C12d - Brandon, Man.
Type - 3

Missing Die Punch Holes: No.6(2).



- (a) Code Pin '3' at position outside of C-3.
- (b) Design Pins C-1-6-7-10-13-14
- (c) Design Pin H-10
- (d) " " I-1-2-3
- (e) " " '0'

#142 - 2¢ Confeder'n

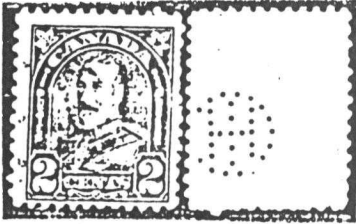
Note: The answer (bonanza to me) was in my old files when three years back Dave

Hanes had sent me a lot of photos of his damaged C.12 material, including the illustration at left. This stamp issued 12 years earlier than #246 clearly shows that the missing holes of Index No.6 were already missing, and in addition C-6-7-10. This rather complex damaged design of Brandon is quite distinctive and easily recognizable by absence of the 'I' and 'H'-12 holes. A number of other stamp numbers with similar die damage may now come to light for reporting under this Index No.6. Reported to Study Group Jan./34 - Submitted by Dave Hanes.

Gerald Drew-Smith, in his extensive C.12 Branch Office research, reported on opening and closing dates of each office in TOPICS, September 1969. The Brandon office was recorded from H.O. information as closed in 1935. Al Pearson, in his C.12 booklet, picked up this information and stated that the perforator was missing and perfins were being reported on issues released much later than the closing date. In his check list he records three C.12 positions on #246, four positions on #243, and on War and '54 Queen issues. The above illustrated #246 bears a clear Brandon postmark. The answer to this now positive use at Brandon after the office supposedly closed is not clear, but the later stamp issues on which C.12 is recorded suggests some kind of regular if limited use, and not, in my opinion, of philatelic origin.

C.12 - International Harvester Company.STUDY AND IDENTIFICATION OF OFFICE USERS WITH MISSING CODE HOLES AND OTHER DIE DAMAGE--TO ALLOCATE AND ELIMINATE THE 'BELLEVILLE' EXAMPLES.

C.12m - Montreal, Que.
Type - 8



#164 - 2¢ Green

The reverse side bears a partial French text from a slogan cancel, as used in Montreal.

Further reportings of different stamp numbers with exactly the same missing holes will be recorded in the Master Index and reported to Members as a note under Index No.4.

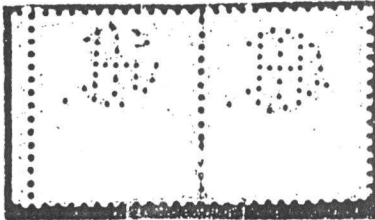
Reported to Study Group Jan/84 to record the finer hole appearance. Submitted by Jack Benningen.

Missing Die Punch Holes: No.4(3).

- (a) Code Pin '8' at position outside of C-8.
- (b) Design Pin C-11.

Note: Except for the finer appearing holes, this example is identical to #155 reported under Index No.4. There is absolutely no trace of a Code Hole '08', and the stamp previously held as a C.12 'Belleville' example has now been allocated in the Montreal Office section as C.12m.

C.12n - Ottawa, Ont.
Type - 9



#150 - 2¢ Scroll
Duplex Cancel, Ottawa
Feb/ 1-/30.

now completes the study of Index No.2, and positively identifies the Ottawa office use of the missing code hole with FOUR additional missing die holes as indicated above. The very positive value of pairs and the large stamp with two die punches is again emphasized for this study.

Reported to Study Group Jan/84
Submitted by Michael Dicketts.

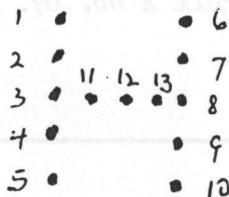
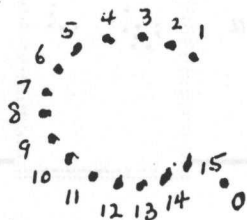
Missing Die Punch Holes: No.2(2).

- (a) Code Pin '9' at Position outside of C-9.
- (b) C-4-7-11
- (c) H-2

Note: Under Index No.2 (Nov/83) an appeal was made for a full die punch example as it was not known whether the design Hole '0' was intact. The damaged die first submitted on #155 was slightly incomplete since the '0' design was off the stamp. The splendid example illustrated at left

For those that may wish to keep the Index numbers and Sub.Index numbers like the above in a numerical order it is suggested that a copy be made of the page and cut it in two at the division. Each half page or office user can then be affixed to a 3-ring binder page in the order suited to the collector.

C.12 - INDEX TO IDENTIFIED OFFICE USERS WITH MISSING CODE HOLES AND DAMAGED DIES--TO ALLOCATE AND ELIMINATE 'BELLEVILLE' EXAMPLES.....



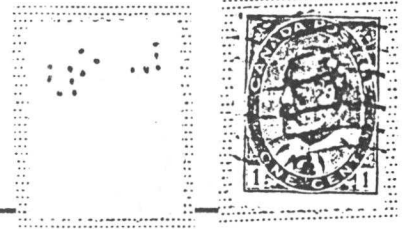
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- 2
- H.12
- 3
- 4

TOTAL - 33 HOL

INDEX REPORT No.	CAT. NO.	TYPE & MISSING CODE HOLE AND '0'	MISSING 'C' HOLES	MISSING 'H' HOLES	MISSING 'I' HOLES	OFFICE USER IDENTIFIED	RECORDED USE STAMP NUMBERS
✓ #1 C13	C.12h	5	7,	13,	-	EDMONTON	217-218
✓ #2 C19	C.12n	9 & (0)	4-7-11,	2,	-	OTTAWA	155--
✓ #3 C31	C.12P	11	-	-	-	ST. JOHN	257-
✓ #4 C28	C.12m	8	11	-	-	MONTREAL	155-164 (SEE ABOVE)
✓ #5 C27	C.12L	7 & 0	7	1-2-3-4-9	-	LONDON ①	106 (1-86a PRECANCEL)
✓ #7(2) C1	C-12m	8 (DEALS WITH FAINT & SMALL HOLES OF CODE PIN 8)	11	-	-	MONTREAL	219 (VERY FAINT)
✓ #4(3) C18	C-12m	8	11	-	-	MONTREAL	164-(SEE ABOVE)
✓ #2(2) C15	C.12n	9	4-7-11	2	-	OTTAWA,	#150
✓ #6 C10	C.12d	3 & 0	1-13-14 (6-7-8-9-10)	10	1-2-3	BRANDON	#246-142
✓ #6(2) C10	C.12d	3 & 0	1-6-7-10-13-14	10	1-2-3	BRANDON	#142 (SEE ABOVE)
✓ #7 C11	C.12L	7	4-6-7	6	1	LONDON ②	#427
✓ #8 C21	C.12L	3 1/2 & 0	1-15	3-4-5-6-8	4	LETHBRIDGE	#150

ANY OBVIOUS ERRORS IN ABOVE INDEX S/B CORRECTED AND ADVISE M. DRKETT'S OR JACK BENNINGEN. THANKS.

Jean-Guy Dalpe sends along this Perfin for possible identification? It is on Scott's No. 89. Can you help?



Positions A sideline to Perfin collecting

Some of the members have asked me if it is possible to get all of the positions on any one stamp. I contacted Jon Johnson, and he informs me that known to exist are C10a and 06.⁰² Has anyone else got an issue with all 8 positions? How about 7 positions? Would you be interested in having a list of stamps with the Perfins in all 8 positions? How about starting with 7 positions, with your wants for the last position to complete the set. We would need the Perfin type, and the Scott Cat. No. To start if off, I have seven positions on C10a, Scott #252. I need position F to complete the set. When we get some additional reports we could do some trading

Trading ?

David Marasco, one of our new members is interested in trading or buying Canadian Perfins.

I have recently acquired a quantity of C21a (NR on Scott's # 714, 715 and 716. Anyone wanting a copy of these can ask for them when they send in their dues. Ask by number. First come, first served. I will return them to you with the next issue of the Perforator.

This issue contains the second of a series on C12 designs. We are indebted to Jack and all of the "Perfinners" who responded to his inquiry. Jack needs your help in sending the C12's that he requests for his further study.

We need more notes, articles, photostats of new or interesting Perfins for future issues. Please send them along to the editor.