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BNAPEX 85, Perfin Study Group Seminar

This was well attended, with 25 present. Our retiring Chairman presented an excellent set of slides on W10 W.J.G., showing illustrated covers, and an earlier date of use, Oct. 1887.

Highlights of the business conducted by Jon Johnson

Officers: Chairman David A. Hanes
Secretary Joe Purcell

Dues: 1986 dues were set at \$5. (The increase due to postal rates)

Catalogue: Scott's numbering system to be used.

Handbook: Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials, 4th edition
new type numbers will be in use as of this issue.
(This Handbook may be purchased from the Book Dept.
see Topics.)

Positions. Clock Design, with numbers 1 to 8.

Members Reinstated;

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It is with regret that we report the death of two of our members since our last meeting. David L.M. Lambert, and Murray Freedman. They were both ardent collectors, and we have lost their knowledge of Perfins.

Change of Address:

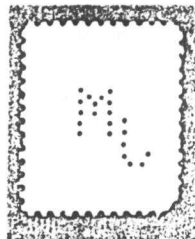
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B3K 2V0

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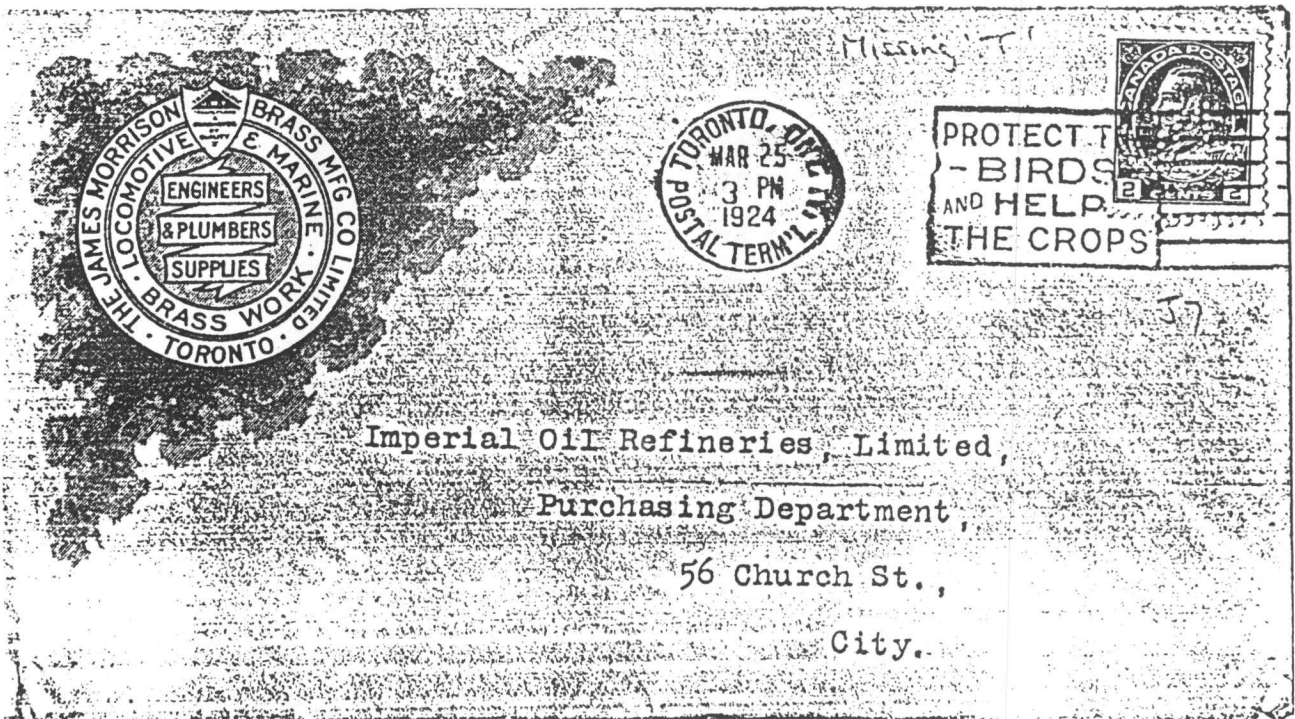


The above illustrations are NOT a newly discovered design. Although not commonly seen, I am sure that a number of members have examples of this variant of J9. In talking with member Doug Lingard recently he mentioned to me he owned a copy, and put forth the idea that the "T" was removed by the user to indicate that James Morrison had either moved from Toronto, or had re-located the perforator to a branch in another city.

This is an interesting theory which could be supported if someone has researched the history of the user. Certainly the "T" does not appear to support either the company's name or product. My own example, shown below, on Scott #107, happens to be on a cover from Toronto, dated March 25, 1924. It might be interesting to check your J9's to see if any cancels, other than Toronto, can be identified.

Above illustrations courtesy Doug Lingard

Michael Dicketts



Federal Departmental Official Use of CPR Perfins? by Jon Johnson

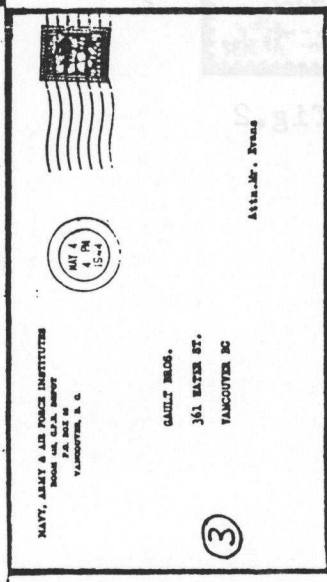
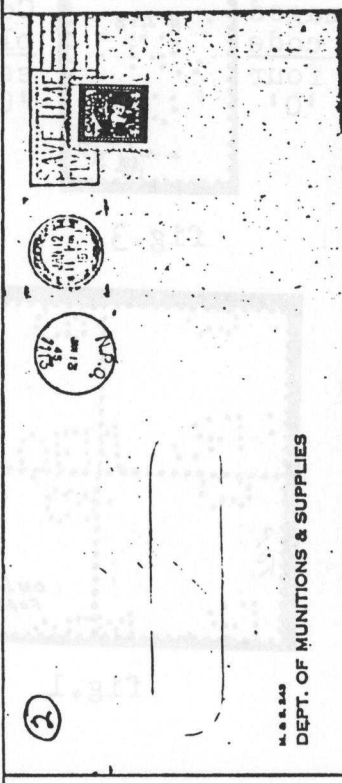
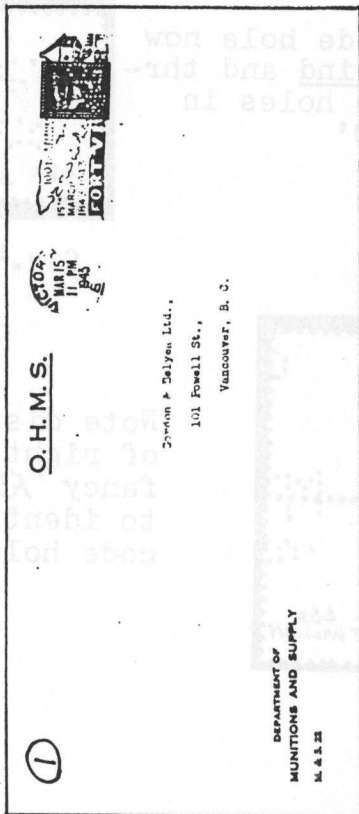
This is a followup to Joe Purcell's question in Volume 6 Number 4 of the Perforator. Why does a ^{C53}G27 CPR perfin have a military postmark - HMC Dockyard, Victoria, B.C.

I do not have the answer but I have seen covers which probably are the result of similar use. Cover 1 below is an OHMS Department of Munitions and Supply, Victoria, B.C. postmarked Mar 15, 1943. The stamp is a ^{C53}G27 C53 perfin.

Cover 2 is again a Dept. of Munitions & Supplies cover with a ^{C53}G27 perfin dated Jan 12, 11 PM, 1945 within a blackout hammer. Also on the front and back of the cover NPO1113 (Esquimalt, B.C. - HMCS Naden) cancel which may be either a receiving or transit cancel dated Jan 13, 1945. Any ideas the intention of the NPO cancel?

Cover 3 is of a different nature. The stamp is a ^{C53}G27 perfin tied with a May 4, 1944 blackout cancel. The return address is the Navy, Army & Air Force Institutes, Room 412, C.P.R. Depot, Vancouver. Can this be considered to be a military related cover?

There appears to be a use of the ^{C53}G27 CPR perfin by the Dept. of Munitions & Supplies over a period of possibly two years or more. I have heard of similar use of the CPR perfins (^{G26a}) in Calgary, AB as well. Was this a regular and authorized use of the CPR perfins by one of the Federal Government agencies? It would be very interesting to discover the answer.



OGILVY FLOUR MILLS BRANCH PERFINs

- Some new discoveries



Recently Jack Benningen submitted this block of #255, postmarked Fort William July 25, 1945, which provides an important guide to the identification of OFM perfin. The three rows of impressions in fig.1 support the fact that at least one die of the (five?) die perforator sustained damage, resulting in the loss of the code hole pin as well as several others in the lettering. Two of the three vertical impressions on the left display (as far as can be seen) identical missing pins. In the upper right impression the code hole is distinctly blind, while the impression below it shows the Fort William code hole.

Collectors should therefore re-check their stamps, especially those which are unidentified, and assign any which match the damaged die to 06 0.4b. From other stamps Jack owns there is evidence of missing pins which first appear around 1935, and from #223 onward increasing damage can be found as more and more pins broke. See Figs. 2, 3 & 4. Any 0.4 stamps bearing Ft. William cancels should be re-checked as they are likely 0.4b designs lacking the code hole pin.

The missing holes progression of the damaged die used by the Ft. William office remained static for at least 8-10 years, prior to the end of the perforator's use, as shown in these examples.



fig.2

Early damaged die with code hole and four holes in '0'



fig.3

Code hole now blind and three holes in '0'

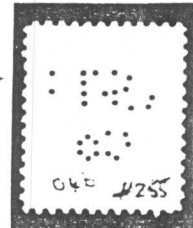


fig.4

Identical to fig.1 showing distinctive fancy 'R' identifies this as Ft.W. office.

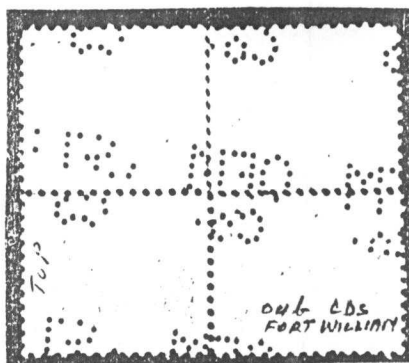


fig.1

Note distinctive two holes of right arm of 'M' and fancy 'R' design as keys to identify 0.4b with missing code hole. 06

The discovery of this block offers a clue to the comparative quantities of 0.4 and 0.4b.06. Until now 0.4b has been much harder to find, and the current RF does not reflect its true scarcity. It can now be seen that a number of 0.4's in collections are really from the Fort William branch perforator, and that the proportions can be re-adjusted to reflect more quantities of 0.4b's available.

From records kept by Michael Dicketts the following stamps are known from the Fort William perforator. Scott #89, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 111, 116, 163, 165, 167, 197, 218, 219, 221, 223, 231, 232, 233, 235, 241, 247, 248, 250, 251, 253, 255, 257 and MR.4.

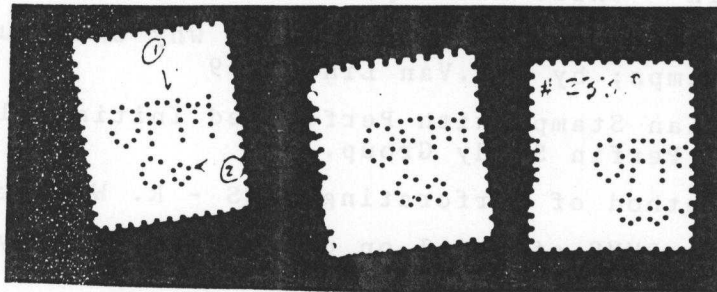


fig.5

fig.6
05fig.7
06

A further means of identifying OFM perfins has been discovered by Conrad Tremblay, who submits the three contact photographs. Figs. 6 and 7 will be found useful when sorting out stamps into the correct branches. Close observation of the die of 0.4 reveals two distinct constant features which will enable the reader to confirm if stamps without a code hole are truly from the Montreal office. As shown in fig.5 there is a low pin (1) on the 'F' and (2) the pin in the small 'o' is out to the right. Those with partials should check for these features.

Jack Benningen
Conrad Tremblay
Michael Dicketts

Another Note from Michael Dicketts

While on a recent visit to Stratford to attend the Festival, I had some spare time to spend in the local library to see if I could find out anything about the only Perfin user to originate from that city.

C12 is a tough stamp to find and I have recorded nine Admiral issues bearing the design. A search through local directories revealed that Canadian Edison Appliances were first listed in 1920, and became a part of Canadian General Electric in 1923. The short independent life of the company is confirmed by the scarcity of Perfin material, and a cover would be a gem in anyone's collection.

Don Makinen, our BNAPS Librarian advises that the following can be found in the library regarding Canadian Perfins:

- CCP - 30 - 5 Canada; Perforated Initials found on Canadian Stamps.
C.M. Jephcott
- B2 - 13 Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials (3rd edition)
by the BNAPS Study Group 1967
- A 3 - 4 Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials (2nd edition)
by the BNAPS Perfin Study Group 1961
- F - 168 Perfin - their History, Production and use
- F - 526 Perfins, SPIFS or Punches - or why they punched holes
in stamps; by V.J.Van Lint 1959
- D - 19 Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials 1955 by
BNAPS Perfin Study Group.
- F 631 The method of Perforating OHMS - R. Wrigley
- F 607 Canada OHMS official on cover - R. Wrigley 1964
- F 659 About Canada OHMS - J. Webb
- F 660 Canada Officials J. Webb
- F1090 Canada Officials Perf OHMS, 5 hole. R. Wrigley
- F 693 Classification of Privately Perfed coil stamps
F. Hutchings 1934
- A3 - 90 Official catalog of Canada Precancels 12th H. Walburn 1978

Contact Don Makinen, Librarian, Rt. 2, Box 38, Freeport TX 77541

Dave Harding sends along some illustrations of strikes, or partial strikes that he would like to have identified.

Illustration 1 has holes of normal pin size on the face, which only barely show through on th back. There is a distinct R followed by an E. with an X below.

