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A note from our chairman:

As your new chairman of the Canadian Perfins Study Group, I figure that I should write a short note to all. First off I wish to thank Jon Johnson and Gary Tomasson, personally and for all other study group members, and fellow Canadian Perfiners, for "A job well done" on the new Handbook on Canadian Perfins. Of course we cannot forget all the other members of the study group, who supported Jon and Gary, and supplied the information to make such a book possible.

Now that the book has been published, what is to happen to the Study Group. Fold up? NO WAY. I understand that there are already new finds to report. What about those partial designs we all have, which we cannot identify, but I am sure someone else can easily identify. What about those outstanding covers or pieces you have in your collection well worth showing off to other members. What about the study Conrad Tremblay is doing on the different dies of SUN/LIFE? What about new studies I'm sure someone is about to start!

I am sure that with everyone's support, the Study Group will survive, the Perforator will continue to be printed with news for everyone.

The study group is YOUR group, and through your own efforts we can continue to function. But don't sit back and not pull your share of weight. Get those submissions into Jim Catterick for publication in "The Perforator".

Dave Hanes

Change of Address

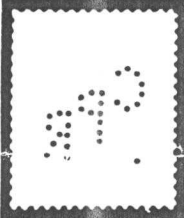
Dave Hanes, 126 School Street, Site 20, Borden ON L0M 1C0

New Members



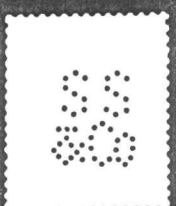
* Harry Dingenthal, Box 472777 Garland, Texas
John E. Frith, Box 286, Copper Cliff, ON POM 1N0

Handbook Illustration Correction.

The illustration of Type C52, CPR, in the new Handbook is missing the Code Hole under the 'C'. The illustration actually is correct as far as it goes. The correct contact photograph was supplied to the printer and it was correctly located in the proof copy however the print run somehow lost the hole. Please note the correction in your copy of the book.

C52		<p style="text-align: center;">Perfin Handbook Illustration Correction</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Note: Code hole below 'C'.</p>
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New Perfins to add to your Handbook

M29		<p>THE McCALL COMPANY</p> <p>McC</p> <p>1922-1928</p> <p>-</p>	<p>NEW YORK, NY</p> <p>-</p>
A		<p>-</p>	<p>C,U.S.</p>
N30		<p>NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM</p> <p>NYC</p> <p>1923-1928</p> <p>-</p>	<p>CHICAGO, IL</p> <p>-</p>
A		<p>-</p>	<p>C,U.S.</p>
S21		<p>STERNOU INC.</p> <p>SS/&Co</p> <p>1930-1932</p> <p>-</p>	<p>NEW YORK, NY</p> <p>-</p>
A		<p>-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Note: Mint only reported.</p> <p>-</p>	<p>C,U.S.</p>

The following article was received in May for publication. My apologies to Jack Benningen for the delay.

C12 - International Harvester Company. - C.12-1 London, Ontario.

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

C.12-1 - London, Ont.

C27 Type - 07



#1-86 A 2¢ Carmine Precancel sub-
mitted by C. Allan Burger.
#1-106 A 1¢ Yellow Precancel sub-
mitted by Jack Benningen.

(Die III)

could theoretically all happen from a totally 'complete' die and from a few successive pulls--all on the same day!

Missing Die Punch Holes - Index No. 5(3).

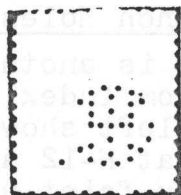
- (a) Missing Code Pin Hole outside of C-7.
- (b) C-1-4-7-8-12-15
- (c) H-1-2-3-4-9-(12 Blind).
- (d) I-3
- (e) 'O' position hole

The original damage as recorded in Oct/33 under Index No. 5 was also on a 2¢ Carmine Precancel, and Index No.5 damage is indicated by the underlined letters and position numbers. This more advanced progression, especially on the 'C' and the new I-3 damage clearly shows how rapidly the appearance of the damaged die is altered. This damage and progression

C.12 1 - London, Ont.

Type - 07

C17



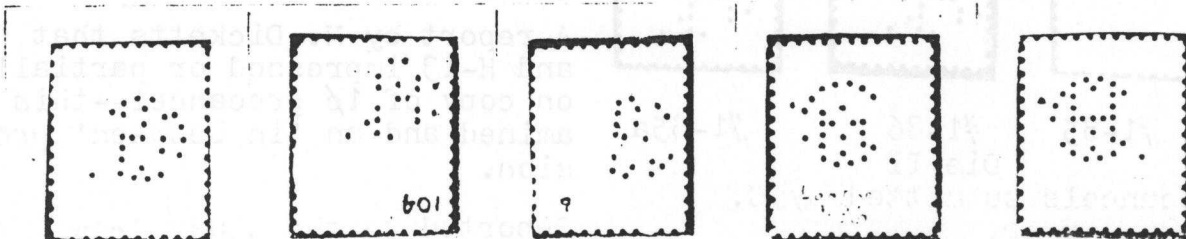
#116 - 10¢ Plum - Part-Die sub-
mitted by M. Dicketts.
#1-107 2¢ Green Precancel sub-
mitted by C. Allan Burger.

Missing Die Punch Holes - Index No.5(2).

- (a) #116 - Missing Code Hole outside of C-7, but note that a strong C-7 hole is still present on this early design.
- (b) H-4 and H-9.
- (c) #1-107 Precancel design shows the later and progressive missing hole at C-7, as well as the missing code hole outside of position C-7.
- (d) H-4 and H-9.

Both examples at left with the candelabra design are at this time believed to be earlier damage which progressed into the

Index No.5 reported in Oct/33, and referred to in Index No.5(3). Even though the 2¢ green precancel was issued later, and has less missing holes than the 2¢ carmine, it is now presumed by the die examples available that both of these precancelled stamps were in use by the London Office after June 1922. For over a year now I have been holding Allan Burger's 2¢ green #1-107 as a separate die from Index No.5 until I had assembled six dies in the Admiral period. As with the recent reporting of the Ottawa dies in these columns, it may still turn up that there was an early repair made to the die heads, but for now, in State I at least, we will work as a starting point with five die heads.



I

II

III

IV

V

C.12 - International Harvester Company. - C.12-1 London, Ontario.

C.12-1 - London, Ont. Missing Die Punch Holes - Index No. 5(4).
Type 07

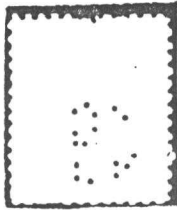
(a) Similar damage as in the above Index No.5(3), but with the further progression and deterioration of the die with missing holes at:

(b) H-12 (and H-6-11 are now blind)

(c) I-4

There are now more missing holes than those present, and further progressions may assist identification of difficult 'Bellevilles' which Members have set aside, and may not even relate to the basic C.12 design.

#1-36a 2¢ Carmine Precancel. Submitted by C. Allan Burger. (Die III)

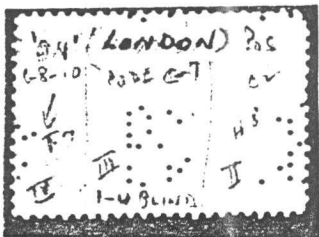


This Index No.5 and the Subs. numbered as Die III, and Die II which is described later, have been the most complex and perplexing of the missing code hole series. What is completely missing thus far are reportings of 'complete' C.12-1 designs on perhaps Edwards and the first colors of Admirals such as Mike's 10¢ plum illustrated but already showing the code hole and two others missing. If Members will report any stamps held that have complete perfin designs, or list missing holes of items not already described, I will coordinate and report anything of value in this column. This situation is identical for Lethbridge for which I have not yet had word of any early 'complete' designs.

C.12-1 - London, Ont. Missing Die Punch Holes - Index No.5(4).
Type 07

As above, this is another example of the progression from Index No.5(3) and the illustration at left shows the additional missing holes at H-12 and I-4. However there is a very faint uncut impression of the old I-4 and is mentioned for record only. Flanking each side on the large stamp is a partial Die II & IV described elsewhere in this article, showing full perfin designs with damaged holes submitted as Admiral precancels by C. Allan Burger. Note that Die IV (and V) have the Code Hole intact and therefore do not qualify with a new Index listing.

#155 - Die III & Partials of Dies II & IV Submitted and owned by David Hanes.



C.12-1 - London, Ont. Missing Die Punch Holes - Index No. 17.
Type 07

(a) Code Pin Hole outside of C-7.

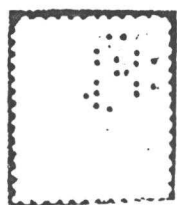
(b) C-1-2-5-6-8-10-11-12

(c) H-3-8-13 (H-12 is blind-uncut)

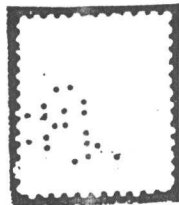
(d) I-1-3-4

A report by M. Dicketts that C-1 and H-13 impressed or partially cut on copy of 1¢ precancel--this examined and an 'in between' progression.

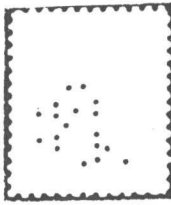
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#1-85



#1-86 Die II



#1-85a

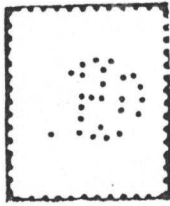
Precancels submitted by C. Allan Burger.

Ctd...

C.12 - International Harvester Company. - C.12-1 London, Ontario.

C.12-1 - London, Ont. Missing Die Punch Holes - Index No.18.

C27



#1-85a

1¢ Green Admiral
Die I

(a) Code Pin Hole outside of C-7.

(b) C-5-10-15

(c) H-2-5-7-11

(d) I-3

Submitted by C. Allan Burger and is the only example to date of this early type.

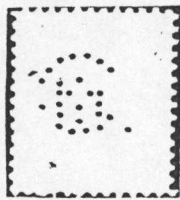
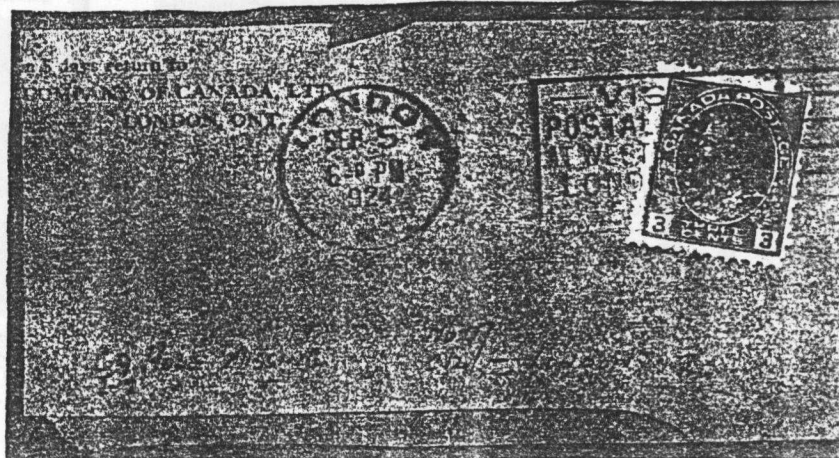
STATE I - In use to about 1926-27: Dies I to V as illustrated are not necessarily in their correct order, but the sequence of Dies II, III and IV is fixed by the large stamp #155 as already described. In Dies IV and V, both have code hole '7' intact, and up to now, only one example of each is recorded. The damage and stamp detail for these two dies are shown below for further study of possible progressions up and into the State II period which closely follows with its 'complete' (5?) beautiful die impressions.

Missing Holes

C-8-10

H-1-6-7-12

I-1

Submitted by
Joe Purcell.#1-86 2¢
Carmine Pre-
cancel
Die(iv)Right-#109 on
piece submitted
by Jack Benning-
gen.

#109 d/Sep/5/1924 - Stamp was floated with missing holes at: C-9 and I-2 and perhaps short lived. Die (v).

STATE II - In use to about 1966: Again our thanks to Allan Burger for all of his splendid precancel submissions shown in State I and for the attached two pages showing a hoard of large stamps. The two or more designs on the large sized stamps are indispensable for the study and placement of damaged dies. The illustrations clearly show that at least three of the die heads, No.I, II, and V remained complete and intact to about 1940, and on the early side, stamp #142 shows complete design. In my own things, I have #150 in all four positions, all holes intact. These three 'complete' dies are (all) believed to be damaged before retirement, missing holes on record are as follows:

Die I - Progression to Index No.7, Stamp No.427, reported by Conrad Tremblay Jan/84 in The Perforator - Code Pin 7 - C-4-6-7, H-6, I-1
Die II - C-7 and H-5. Stamp #252, 3¢ War, from Jack Benning n.
Die V -- C-1-4 and H-4-9. Stamp #252 & 254 from Jack Benningen and #405 from Joe Purcell.

Reported to Study Group March/85

Jack Benningen

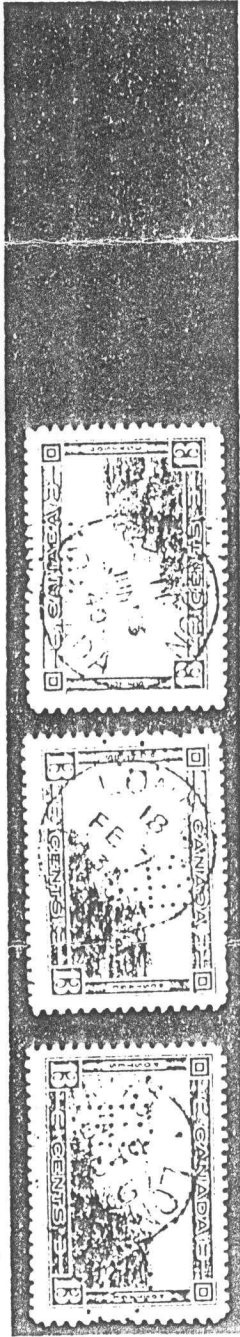
13c

SCOTT # 242

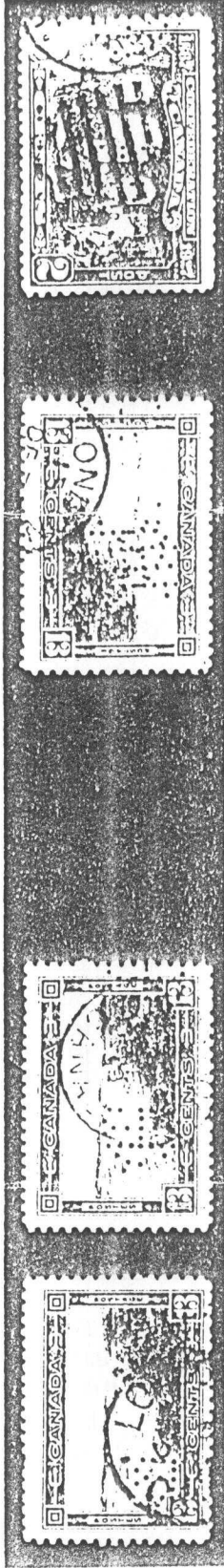
C 12 L LONDON ONTARIO



#1 "NO DATE" #4 "15/MAR 5/41" #7 "FE 2/39"

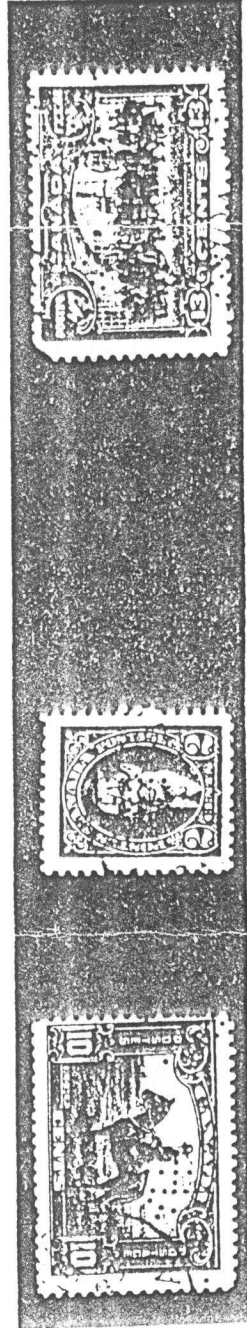


#5 "9/APR 23/39" #8 "18/FE 2/39" #6 "11/JUN 3/40"



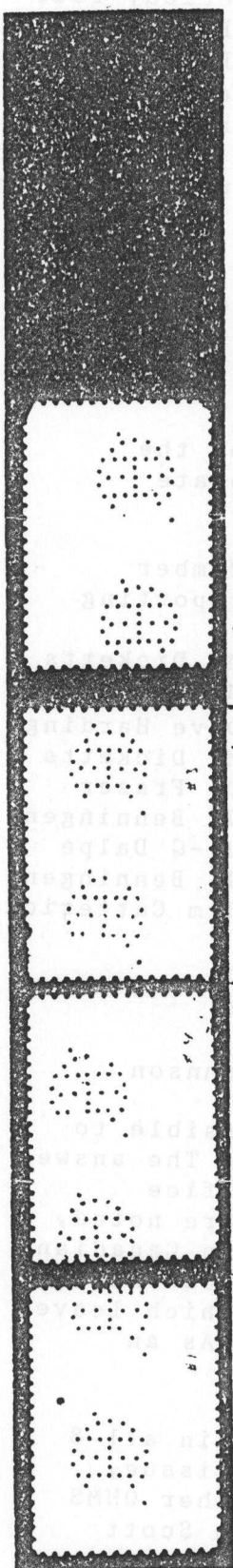
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DIE I II III IV I

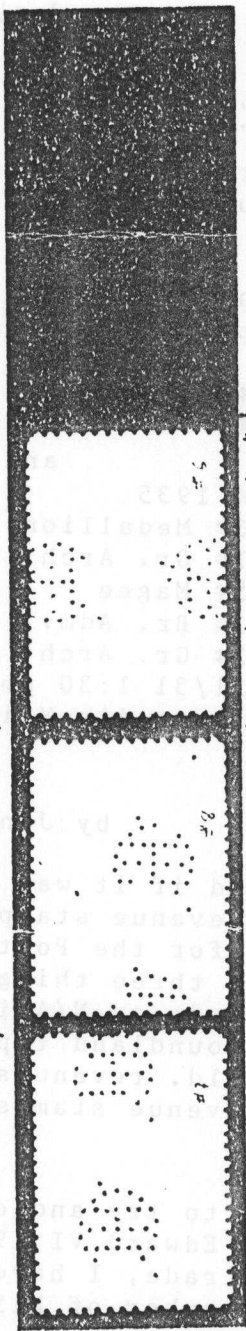


SC# 233 "19/ 23/" SC# 232 "16/NO 3/40" SC# 214 "15/DE 23/39"

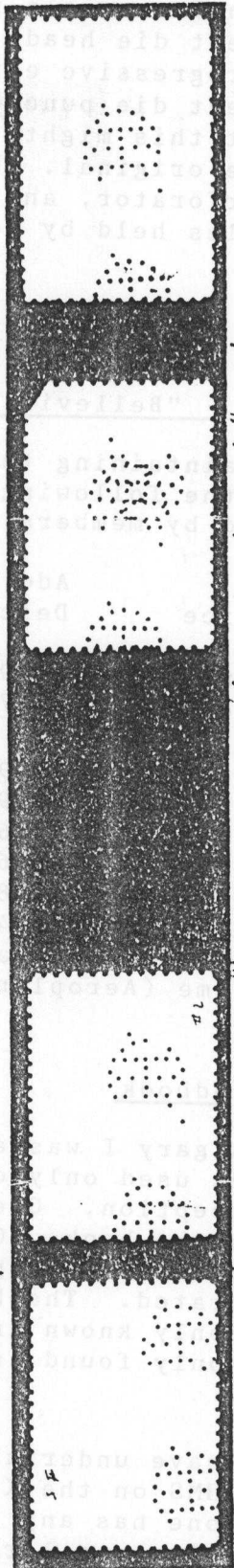
C 12 R LONDON ONTARIO SCOTT # 242 13c



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"9/APR 23/39" "18/FE 2/37" "11/JUN 3/40"



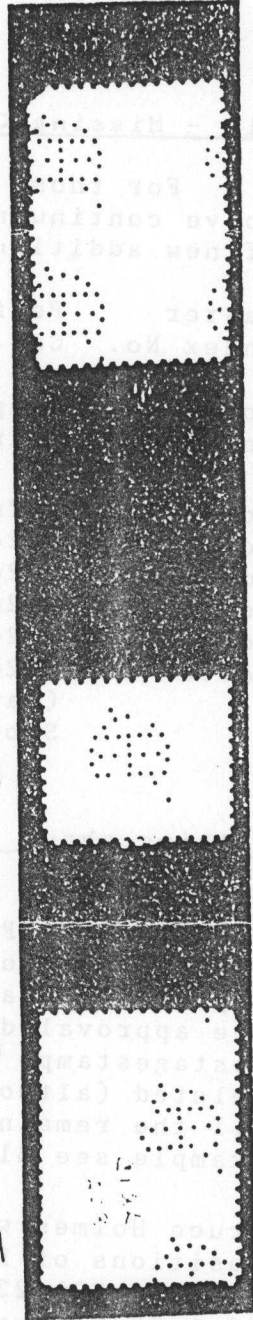
"13/DE 31/42" "20/FE 2/39" "15/DE 3/40"

SC# 142 COMPLETE COMPLETE

COMPLETE COMPLETE

COMPLETE C-1-5 H-10 C-1-9 H-7

DIE I II III IV V



SC# 123 "17/ 23/ " SC# 124 "15/DE 23/39" SC# 132 "16/NO 3/40"

PHOTO COPIES AS SUBMITTED BY C. ALLAN BURGER

I am indebted to C. Allan Burger who sent me seven diagrams, front and back, of London Precancels from the Admiral period, four of which are from different die heads. All seven C121 Perfins show the extensive and progressive early damage to the London perforator, and with perfect die punches as late as at least 1937, my first thought was that this might indicate either a new machine or major retooling of the original. We will be putting together for a future issue of the Perforator, and possibly will require a listing of the London missing holes held by members, similar to that requested for Ottawa.

Jack Benningen

C12 - Missing Code Holes - "Bellevilles"

For those who are maintaining their index charts on the above continuing study, the following numbers are an update of new additions reported by members as indicated:

Master Index No.	Perfin Cat.No.	Office	Add Stamp Description	Member reporting
No. 3	C12p ^{C31}	Saint John	#199 5¢ Medallion	M. Dicketts
No.10(2)	C12n ^{C29}	Ottawa	#197 3¢ "	M. Dicketts
				and Dave Harding
No.10(2)	C12n	Ottawa	#219 3¢ 1935	M. Dicketts
No.16	C12e ^{C21}	Lethbridge	# 197 3¢ Medallion	D. Fraser
No.16	C12e	"	# 163 1¢ Gr. Arch	J. Benningen
No.11	C12n	Ottawa	#146 5¢ Magee	J.-G Dalpe
No.13	C12e	Lethbridge	#108 3¢ Br. Adm.	J. Benningen
No.16	C12e	"	#164 2¢ Gr. Arch	Jim Catterick
			(Large piece Lethbridge Jan 31/31 1;30 pm Slogan SAVE Time (Aeroplane) Use Air Mail)	

Talking about the New Handbook

by Jon Johnson

At the BNAPEX show in Calgary I was asked if it was possible to identify the Perfin types used only on revenue stamps. The answer is Yes, with only one exception. Check for the Post Office approval on each type in the book. Only three things are noted, the approval date, no date if not approved, or N/A if no Canadian postage stamps were perforated. The Newfoundland types can be deleted (although B7 is only known in Nfld. revenues) which leaves all the remaining Types only found in revenue stamps. As an example see B10 and M10.

Bruce Holmes writes-" I have undertaken to try and obtain all 8 positions of Perfin 08 OHMS on the Kind Edward VI 1937 issue, Scott # 231-236. If anyone has any to trade, I have other OHMS 08 & 09 to exchange as well as a large number of B15 on Scott # 316 and 351. Contact Bruce direct, please.

A NEW PERFIN TYPE

by Michael Hargraft

While sorting through my envelope of unidentified perfins, I came across two copies of Scott No.106 - the 2 cent carmine Admiral - which were clearly the same, and one of which was punched well enough that I thought identification should be possible. I consulted the new handbook, but had no luck there. Just for fun I glanced through the catalogue of United States perfins published by the Perfins Club - and much to my surprise came up with an identification!! I concluded that they were M53, McC, the McCall Company of New York City.

I believe the stamps were both used as revenue stamps on cheques rather than as postage stamps. The back of both stamps is discoloured in exactly the same way that many revenue stamps and Admirals used on cheques were discoloured in a group of stamps I found years ago; those stamps fell away from the cheques to which they had been affixed without having to be soaked, and these perfins look like that. Furthermore, the cancellations have a bluish tinge to them, and a partial 'PAI', clearly for PAID, is visible on one of them.

At the moment of writing I have no information on the McCall Company.

I do have a speculation on the source of the stamps and how they might have been used. About 20 years ago I helped an uncle clear out some cartons of old cheques and documents which had been stored by his father in the loft of their garage. Most of the cheques I went through were stamped with Admirals or with the revenue stamps then current for the cashing of cheques. His family had been in the dry goods business in Cobourg, Ontario - 'Field Brothers' - and most of the cancelled cheques from this source had been cleared either through the Bank of Toronto or the Dominion Bank to their account.

Here is what could have happened. The McCall Company supplied Field Bros. in Cobourg with some goods, for which Field Bros. issued a cheque in payment. McCall cashed the cheque in Canada, as evidenced by the Canadian stamps found on the cheque. The cheque was cleared to the Cobourg bank of Field Bros.

Two questions thus emerge: did the McCall Company do business with other Canadian companies since they apparently did banking in Canada? Or, was there in fact a branch of the McCall Company in Canada - and if so, where?

I would be glad to hear from anyone who can help identify the McCall Company, or who would care to comment on my speculation. Michael A. Hargraft, Trinity College School, Box 60, Port Hope, ON L1A 3W2

Perfin Handbook Update #1

by Jon Johnson

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11	-	line 7 - holes for hole
23	B9	Lamontagne
30	C26	Weyburn up to 1935, then moved to Winnipeg
27	C15	early date 1913/06/11
31	C33	Addendum I
33	C47	Tor. Sat. Night published by Consolidated Press
34	C52	add Code Hole below the 'C'
54	M15	last issue 1948
63	O9	dates 1947/12/19 - 1949/10/20
63	O10	early date 1905/06/19
69	R7	early date 1916/04/?
78	W5	initials W/CB
79	W11	late date 1916/??
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104	G20	1934 Excise Tax
104	G21	1934 Excise Tax
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111	O11	E9

Note:

89 T9 reported in Position 2 on Scott #142

International Harvester Company

Jack Benningen sends in the following appeal regarding both Lethbridge and Ottawa Perfins.

"In two recent issues of the Perforator I requested if members would PLEASE report their stamp numbers held and identified from either the Lethbridge and Ottawa offices. Just a sheet of paper is sufficient listing the stampnumber, and indicate complete if Perfin design is intact, or missing holes are apparent, the index number, if code hole is missing, or description of missing holes if otherwise. Position of Perfin is not needed for this study where we particularly need a record of the earlier stamps (Edwards and Admirals) to tie into the new die heads apparently used as State II about 1926. Even one or two stamp designs may be of considerable help, as in Lethbridge, no record of an early "complete" design has yet reached me."

Two later stamp reportings received are :

C12e (C 21) Lethbridge # 223, 10¢ Mountie - complete Jim Catterick
 C12e (C 21) Lethbridge # 235 5¢ 1937 - Complete Joe Purcell