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## Annual Meeting

The BNAPS Convention is being held in Charlottetown, P.E.I. on Sept. 17, 18 and 19. Our StudyGroup will hold our annual meeting during the convention. Date and time have not been published. Watch "Topics" for this information. The Election of Officers will be followed by the business meeting. Please send the editor any suggestions for improving our study Group and/or the Perforator.

## New Members

We welcome the following new members:

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## G15 GUNN Gunn, Langlois & Co.

In this issue, one of our members, Bob Traquair, has researched G15, GUNN, and is seeking answers to questions that he outlines in the last two paragraphs. Send any information to Bob or to the editor. We thank Bob for this interesting article, and trust that it is the first of many.

## W13 WR/Co. William Rennie Co. Ltd., Vancouver B.C.

Further to the article on W13 in the Feb. 87 issue of the Perforator, Colin Pomfret reports that he has Scott's No. 104 with A Vancouver CDS, and No. 122 and No. 168 with a Toronto Roller Cancellation. Can any other collector supply dates for this Toronto use? Were there any other issues used with a Toronto cancellation?

GUNN, LANGLOIS & CO.

G 15

Dates of use indicated in the handbook are 1903 - 1927.

PLEASE RETURN TO

**GUNN, LANGLOIS & COMPANY**  
LIMITED  
ALAND EXPORT PROVISION MERCHANTS  
MONTREAL, QUE.

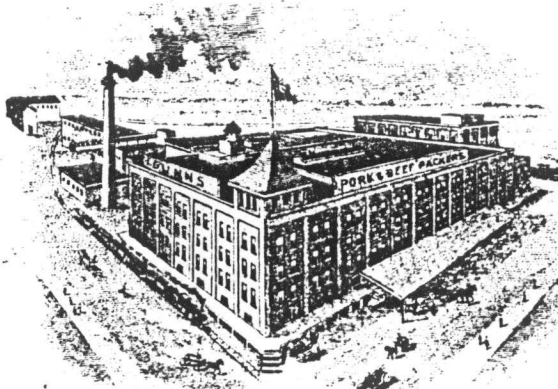


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IF YOU WANT A REAL BREAKFAST TREAT TRY GUNNS MAPLE LEAF BREAKFAST BACON

From the cover illustrated, the business of Gunn Langlois & Co. Limited was "(Loc)?al and Export Provision Merchants" in Montreal. Gunn Langlois was a subsidiary of Gunns Limited, incorporated in Ontario in 1902. Gunns Limited had its Head Office in Harriston, Ontario, with general office, slaughtering and packing plant in Toronto. The cover below - not a perfin - shows a view of the Toronto facilities.

**GUNNS**  
LIMITED



Messrs. J. & W. Jean,  
Arichat,  
C.E.

Gunns Limited had distributing points at:

Harriston, Ont.

Walkerton, Ont.

Wingham, Ont.

Montreal, Que.

St. John, N.B.

Gunns Limited principal business was meat packing and conducted a large business in produce lines, refined oil, fertilizer and poultry food. In addition to Gunn Langlois, other subsidiaries were:

Walkerton Egg & Dairy Co. Ltd. in walkerton

Wellington Produce Co. Ltd. in Harriston

In 1927, Harris Abattoir Company Ltd. acquired the assets and liabilities of Gunns Limited. In the same year, the new holding company - Canada Packers Ltd. - was formed to consolidate the 4 packing plants formerly operated by:

Gunns Limited

Harris Abattoir

Canadian Packing Co.

Wm. Davies Inc. (Perfin #6)

Canada Packers Ltd. continues today.

This research raises these questions:

Though this is not unique, why did a subsidiary company apply and receive Post Office approval for the use of perfins?

The perfin used, suggests more appropriate useage by the parent company ie. no indication of "Langlois" Does anyone have any evidence of useage by the parent? or at least anywhere but Montreal?

Newfoundland Perfins

Our Perfin Handbook, "Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials" 4th edition by J.C. Johnson and G. Tomasson lists FIVE different types of Perfins by Newfoundland companies A3 AN/D; A8 AYRE; A9 AYRE; B7 B&F; and G5 GK. In addition to these five types, there are stamps of Newfoundland known with these Perfins: C43 CNR; L1 LA, and P15 PS. Are there others?

There is a very limited knowledge of these Perfins on Newfoundland stamps, including quantity, scarcity, covers, etc. There are some extensive collections of these Perfins, and it was recommended by one of our members that a survey be undertaken. Added to this issue of the Perforator is a separate sheet for listing your holdings of this interesting group of Canadian Perfins.

If you know of other collectors who have Perfins on Newfoundland stamps, will you please send us their listing also. We are asking for input from the Newfoundland study group, and also the revenue study group.

Why not sit down right now and fill in your list, and return it to the editor. Whether you have only one of each Perfin, or a large collection, your reply and input to this survey is important.

The results of this survey will be published in a future issue of the Perforator.

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