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## DUES

If you are one of the 12 who have not paid your 1988 dues of \$5. there is an X beside this note.

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## NEW-MEMBER

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## EDITOR

In 1982 I volunteered to be interim editor of the Perforator. It has been a rewarding experience. I have increased by knowledge of Canadian perfins, and have developed an interesting correspondence with other "perfinners". Ill health has forced me to curtail some activities, so I am asking for a volunteer to take over as editor of this Perforator. I have material on hand for 3 or 4 editions, and promises of additional articles. Along with the NF perfin survey, there is enough material for the remainder of 1988.

If you would like to volunteer for this interesting hobby, or know of someone who would undertake this editorship, please contact Mike Hargraft, Secty-Tres., or the present editor.

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## IDENTIFICATION

Cancelled can be spelled with one l or two l's. This is a cancelling device used by banks to cancel cheques.

The "SP" may be S15 or S16, but does not match completely. The stamp has been sent to Jon Johnson, and we will await his report.

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## PERFINS IN THE 80's

Have you wondered about the present use of Perfins by companies in Canada. With this issue we have the introduction and Part 1 in a series of articles on various Canadian perfins used in the 80's.

We are indebted to Mike Hargraft for this up-to-date resume of "Perfins in the 80's".

I3 IHC International Harvester Company of America.

In Vol 9, No. 1, Conrad Tremblay raised a question regarding this Perfin. The responses have brought to light some data for study.

One collector looked over his holdings, and discovered some interesting trends. He has divided the period of use of this I3 Perforator into 3 categories:

1. Swift Current cancellations in the early to mid 'thirties.
2. Toronto cancellations from the late 'thirties to the mid-'forties.
3. and cancels from relatively small Ontario cities afterwards

Using this format, I have compiled all of the data received from members. All issues known are listed as well as dates and postmarks.

Of course, there is always an exception. I have a Scott # 233 on cover dated Ap 4, 1940 postmarked Toronto Ont., and a scott #237 with a Jul 2 1937 p.m. with Swift Current postmark.

Check your collection of I3, and send all additions to this list for inclusion in a future report. Does anyone have a "London Ont" cancellation?

Scott's #	Number of Stamps	Date cancel	Comments
107	1		
MR4	1		
149	2	Feb 8 1930	Swift Current
150	18	Feb 4 1930	10 with Sask. or S.C. all 1930
153	1		Sask only
155	1		
156	1		
163	5	Jul 2 1931	Swift Current
164	3		Swift Current
165	3	Jul 17 1931	Swift Current
166	1		
167	4	1932	Swift Current
170	1		
174	4	1932	roller "urrent"
184	1		
190	4	Apr 18 1933	Swift Current
192	1		
193	1		
195	4	Jan 10 1936	Swift Current
196	2		
197	9	Apr 18 1934	Swift Current
199	2	May 5 1934	Swift Current
204	1		
211	2	Oc 25 1935	Swift Current
215	2		

Scott's #	Number of Stamps	Date cancel	Comments
217	1		
218	2		
219	5		
223	3		
231	2		
232	21		
233	6	Ap 9 1940 Sp 19 ?	Toronto Ontario(cover) 4 line Slogan Toronto
235	3		
241	1		
244	1		
247	5		
248	1		
249	2		
250	5	Feb 1946	Toronto
251	3		
253	1		
254	11	Ap 17 1944	Toronto
255	1		
257	2		
286	5		
306	2		Agr. Winter Fair
325	2		
327	3		roller Toronto 4
328	3		
335	1		
337	2		
338	1		
340	25		North Bay
341	3		
351	6		Newmarket, North Bay roller North Bay
352	1		
356	1		
357	1		
359	4	Straight Line	Toronto
361	2		
362	1		
397	1		
401	1		
402	1		
405	1		
417	1		

PERFINS IN THE 1980's

INTRODUCTION

I started collecting perfins shortly after the Perforator came into existence. Since that time I have clipped and filed Ken Rose's articles from the Canadian Stamp News, and, of course, have all the copies of the Perforator, and have corresponded with many collectors. Much of the information I thus have has not been published in the Perforator, and I thought I would have a try at putting it together. For instance, many of our newer members may not be aware of Jon Johnson's articles for BNAPS and the Perforator on the CNR and CPR perforators. For instance, Ken Rose and Stuart Clark have been doing great work on current perfins and perforators.

The reader must be made aware that this writing is in no way my own research. I am certain therefore, that there are errors, and I look forward to hearing from you so that corrections can be made.

I have submitted this material to Ken Rose, Jon Johnson, and Stuart Clark for their permission to quote, for their comments, and for their revisions, and I thank them in advance for their help. I also thank the Canadian Stamp News for permission to quote from Ken's articles which have appeared in that publication, and from other sources in the same.

To make the articles more readable I have used the following routine: anything in quotation marks comes from a previously published article. If not in quotation marks, it is my interpretation of a previous publication. Comments in square brackets are my personal remarks, and generally follow a quote. Numbers in round brackets refer to the source of each item, and the details are given at the end of each part. The date of publication, or the date I received the information precedes each paragraph.

The perfins discussed in this article are: C25, C41, C43, C45, C51, C52, G9, G10, L1, and P15.

I have divided the article into six parts as follows:

- Part I - update on listings of C41, C43, C45 since publication of the Perfins Handbook.
- Part II - C41, CNR "Edmonton"
- Part III - C43, CNR Vancouver
- Part IV - C45, CNR Winnipeg
- Part V - C51 and C53, CPR
- Part VI - C25, G9, G10, L1, P15



Update on listings of C41, C43, C45 since publication of Perfins Handbook.

In many cases, I have information on the positions of the perfins listed, but I have not included positions in the listings below.

The bracketed number following each item is referenced as follows:

- (1) held by the author.
- (2) reported to the Perfins Study Group in 1980-82 Survey.
- (3) reported to the author by another collector.
- (4) reported by Ken Rose in his column Tagging Along in the Canadian Stamp News.

C41 C.N.R. "Edmonton"

415	(3)	448	(3)	470	(2)	524	(3)	607	(1)	786	(3)
444	(2)	449	"	506	(3)	528	"	634	(3)	871	(4)
445	(3)	450	"	515	(1)	531	"	742	(2)	873	"
446	"	451	(3)	517	"	552	(1)	748	"	874	"
447	"	459b	(1)	519	"	555	(2)	781	(3)		

C 43 C.N.R. Vancouver

162	(3)	508	(4)	653	(1)	743	(1)	789	(1)	920	(1)
315	"	509	"	654	"	744	"	790	"	921	"
321	"	510	"	658	"	745	"	792	(4)	922	"
355	"	511	"	659	"	746	"	815	(1)	924	(3)
359	"	518	(1)	660	"	747	"	818	"	925	(1)
388	"	529	"	661	"	748	"	819	"	926	"
394	"	539	(3)	674	"	749	"	820	"	934	(4)
434	(1)	550	"	678	"	750	"	837	"	1003	"
437	"	563	(1)	679	"	751	"	838	"	1004	"
443	(3)	566	(3)	690	"	763	"	842	"	1013	"
452	"	575	(1)	692	"	764	"	848	"	1090	"
459vi	(1)	578	"	693	"	768	"	859	"	36 cent volunteers	(4)
472	(3)	579	"	697	"	770	"	871	(4)	55 cent artifacts	"
485	"	590	"	698	"	771	"	877	(1)	72 cent artifacts	"
486	(1)	592	"	699	"	772	"	899	(3)		
493	"	602	(3)	704	"	780	"	904	(4)	Nf 190	(3)
496	"	633	(1)	717	"	781	"	907	(3)	Nf 191	(2)
500	"	640	"	733	"	783	(4)	917	(1)		
503	(3)	651	"	734	"	786	(1)	918	"		
504	(1)	652	"	741	"	787	"	919	"		

Note: Many of which the author holds (1) above are mint. They were bought from a dealer in a large lot, and there is a strong suspicion that they were perforated for the philatelic trade.

C45 C.N.R. Winnipeg

105	(2)	382	(3)	782	(1)	920	(3)	956	(4)	1091	(1)
109	"	436	"	790	"	921	"	964	"	34 cent Molson	(1)
114	"	438	"	791	"	922	(4)	966	"	1108	(1)
115	"	462	(1)	792	"	923	(1)	981	"		
MR4	"	543p	(4)	900	(4)	924	"	1040	"	E4	(3)
146	"	594a	(1)	907	(1)	925	"	1061	(1)		
193	(1)	625	(3)	917	"	926	"	1081	"		
290	(3)	658	(2)	918	"	934	(4)	1082	"		
376	"	781	(1)	919	"	952	(1)	1090	"		

PF Perfin Factors

M.B. Fennell

David Harding's article in the Perforator, Vol 9, No. 3 brings up a number of interesting and valid points in regard to the value of any individual stamp with a perfin thereon.

Possibly the greatest problem is that both dealers and collectors alike use the term Perfin Factor and Rarity Factor synonymously, which is not the case.

Page 18 of the Handbook defines the Perfin Factor, and it is really a coded chart that would indicate the degree of difficulty in coming across the various "types" of perfins, but does not indicate the scarcity of any given catalogue number within a type.

As was pointed out previously by David, a perfin with a factor of I as prolific as can be found, often contains some very common stamps that are a very scarce perfin within that factor. This could be the result of a comparatively few sheets of that particular stamp being put through the machine, or an unusual position, or being a pre-cancel or revenue or even the completeness of the perfin itself, all of which dictate scarcity and thus value.

Further the catalogue value of the stamp in unperfinned condition is an indicator of the difficulty one would have in obtaining same perfinned, such as the Parliament dollar or the Bluenose 50¢, and thus influences value.

With all the different elements to be considered in regard to the scarcity of any specific stamp with a perfin, for any specific collector, it is an impossible task to come up with anything that would approach an accurate guide or chart or code or whatever one might wish to term it, to indicate value. It's a case of - any factor cannot be everything to all collectors.

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NF PERFINS

From our NF Perfin survey comes this addition to the Canadian firms using NF stamps. T13 TRAV, Travellers Insurance Co. perfin on NF # 270

