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## FROM THE EDITORS DESK:

I am editor only now and I know longer have to do double duty. At the meeting in Vancouver the members voted in a new Chairman, Marcus Fennell.

In the issue you will find the list for Auction # 4. Mike says 6 weeks after the newsletter comes out. I have a few letters to the Editor as well. Also some titbits and fillers. Enjoy!

My thanks to all contributors to this newsletter. We need more like you. So don't stop sending me more information. PLEASE. I am running low on Material for future issues.

## The Chairman's Chatter

Mark Fennell

This heading is no doubt far from original but as it came to mind am going to use it.

Attended BNAPS 91, at the end of August in Vancouver, the 43rd Annual Convention of the Society, and also the Perfin Study Group Annual Meeting which was held in conjunction with the convention. This article is going to deal with our study group meeting, and in subsequent articles other aspects of the convention will be covered.

In the absence of Floyd McNey, who was unable to attend, our meeting was chaired by Jon Johnson. Those attending-  
Barrie Clarke - Whangarei, New Zealand  
Mark Fennell - Saskatoon, SK  
Dave Harding - Victoria, BC  
Tom Hillman - Ottawa, ON  
Lorne James - Victoria, BC  
Jon Johnson - Calgary, AB  
Doug Lingard - Ottawa, ON  
Ed Whiting - Malvern PA

Jon stated that as the finances of the group were in good shape, thanks to the generosity of some members and as a result of auction proceeds, there was no need to raise dues for 1992 and it was agreed they should remain at \$5.00.

When the 4th edition of the handbook was printed in 1985, the intention was to reprint in 5 years time. However as the publisher has about a third of the original press run still on hand, there would be reluctance to print at this time. It is tentatively planned to reprint in 1995 with updates and corrections. Three sections that are badly out of date and need revising are-

Federal Officials Checklist  
Federal Departmental Officials Checklist  
Provincial Government Perfin Checklist

Lorne James felt that the Perfin Factors A, B, and C were out of date and needed revising as auctions were quoting our original survey to assign a

higher scarcity to some perfins than was a fact and thus produce bids that were higher than they should be. He agreed to organize a new survey of these three factors.

This report was prepared from memory sometime after the Study Group meeting so there may be errors, but as I recall it was Lorne who mentioned that a friend showed him an item that had been found in the back of an office desk drawer and it was the old A.E. Ames punch, now delisted. This led to a discussion of perforators themselves and Dave wondered, if for the historical record, whether a list should be made of the known whereabouts of any existing machines, be it in the Postal Museum or without. Mark gave a brief summary of efforts made years ago to track down some perforators, the result being that 3 were located but 1 has since been lost track of. No conclusion was reached in this regard.

The election of officers took place. As Floyd McNey had stated he did not wish to continue as chairman, yours truly was elected. Floyd had agreed to continue as editor of the Perforator, and as Mike Hargraft had not indicated he would not let his name stand for Secretary-Treasurer, they were elected  
TO THESE POSITIONS.

Jon concluded the meeting with a very interesting presentation of CPR perfins, which were not the C49 to C53 perforators listed in the handbook, on other than Canadian stamps. No more will be said as it is hoped Jon will do a write up on this, with illustrations, for a future issue of the Perforator.

The new chairman thanked Jon for chairing the meeting and for his presentation and thanked the study group members for attending.

After the meeting, Barrie gave us a novelty souvenir from 'down under' of a Frama label with a perfin thereon.

Just another item and that concerns our news letter. In speaking to Floyd he said he hoped to print an issue every two months, but that depended on there being enough material on hand to make it productive. At the final banquet of the convention, it was emphasized that the life blood of a study group was the newsletter as it is what keeps the group together and sustains interest. If you have not contributed an article to the Perforator before, would you please give consideration to so doing. Send your material to Floyd.

Mike Hargraft's excellent article, in Perforator Vol. 12 #5 on Perfin Factors A to D, reinforces Lorne James' remarks made at the annual meeting re this subject. For example L4 and L7, currently rated A, should only be found on no more than 3 stamps be it the same catalogue number or different catalogue numbers, yet they each exceed this number and should be rated B. After the survey is completed and tabulated, it may be found that many more adjustments need to be made. Most likely Lorne and Mike will work together on this survey and we will have results that will be of benefit to all and also make the next edition of the handbook that much more accurate.

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PERFINS STUDY GROUP AUCTION # 4

Welcome to the 4th annual auction! This time we have almost 200 lots.

All lots are believed to be genuine as described. Every lot has a minimum bid. Kindly bid by lot number. Increments for lots below \$1.00 should be at 10 cents, and for all others at 25 cents. Successful bids will be 10% above the next highest bid, rounded up according to the above increments. The Study Group will charge a 10% commission on all lots sold, payable by the consignor.

Successful bidders will be notified and billed by mail. Stamps will be forwarded on receipt of funds. Bid in Canadian dollars. Bids will close six weeks after the secretary receives his copy of the Perforator listing the auction.

Send your bids to the Secretary-Treasurer:

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<u>Lot #</u>	<u>Perfin#</u>	<u>Stamp Posn</u>	<u>Min. Bid</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Lot #</u>	<u>Perfin#</u>	<u>Stamp Posn</u>	<u>Min. Bid</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	A4	90-1	2.00		32	C10	355-1	3.00	
2	A8	133-1	2.00		33	C11	10401	0.75	
3		134-1	3.50		34		106-1	0.50	
4		141-1	3.00				106i-1		
5		165-2	2.00		35		106-1	1.00	
6	A9	137-1	6.00		36		108-1	2.00	
7		141-1	2.00				108i-1		
8		211-1	12.00				108i-3		
9		247-3	0.75		37		109-1	0.50	
10		251-2	2.00		38		112-5	0.50	
11	B2	223-1	4.00		39		117-1	2.00	
12	B9	106-1	0.75		40		119-1	5.00	
13		FWT8-4	2.00				119ii-3		
14	B14	117-1	2.25		41		MR1-1	1.00	
15		MR3-1	1.00		42		MR4-1	0.75	
16		135-1	3.50		43	C15	89-1	3.00	
17		150-1	0.75		44	C18	221-1	2.50	
18		167-3	0.75		45	C20	106-1	2.00	
19		196-1	0.75		46	C23	209-7	6.50	
20		251-3	0.75		47	C25	142-1	1.50	
21		252-1	0.75		48	C26	195-5	2.00	
22		274-4	3.00		49		197-5	1.50	
23	B15	249-1	1.00	v.pr.	50	C27	242-3	1.50	
24		249-1	1.00	h.pr.	51	C28	106-1	0.75	
25		250-1	1.00	h.pr.	52	C29	106-3	1.50	
26		269-1	2.00		53	C30	327-3	1.75	
27		286-1	1.00		54	C31	107-1	1.25	
28		287-1	1.00		55	C32	92-7	4.00	
29		301-1	1.00		56	C33	221-1	1.00	
30		305-1	1.00		57		233-3	1.00	
31		338-1	0.50		58	C38	233-5	1.00	

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59	C43	321-6	8.00		114	N3	155-1	4.00	
60	C45	145-1	4.00		115	N6	FCD6-1	10.00	
61	C54	118-1	0.75		116		FCD6-1	10.00	
62		151-1	6.00		117	07	112-1	15.00	
63		169-1	2.00		118		173-1	25.00	
64	C58	FCD6-1	5.00		119	08	242-1	1.00	lt.thin;
65		FCD6-1	15.00						Quebec Station
66		FCD7-1	20.00						SON cancel
67	C63	MR4-1	1.50		120		253-1	1.00	mint; small
68	D4	107-1	1.00						crease; writing
69	D6	FCD2-1	15.00						on gum
70	D8	108-1	5.00		121		253-3	1.00	lt. thin
71	E4	90-3	2.00		122		C6 -1	1.00	
72	G1	106-1	20.00	mint	123		W20c-1	5.00	cut square from
73	G2	105-1	3.00						postal
74	G5	117-3	2.00						stationery
75	G10	340-1	1.50		124		W20c-1	5.00	like lot 123
76	G14	106-1	0.50		125	P6	117-1	1.00	
77	G17	158-3	35.00		126		120-1	5.00	
78	G19	223-5	4.00		127	P7	170-1	60.00	
79		233-5	2.00		128	P14	107-1	1.00	
80	G22	192-1	1.75		129		109-1	1.00	split
81	G23	197-1	3.50		130		118-1	1.00	top holes in
82	I3	232-1	1.00						perforation
83	I6	90-1	2.00		131		141-1	2.00	
84	J3	104-1	1.00		132		150-1	1.00	
85	L1	175-1	2.00		133		155-1	2.00	
86		196-1	1.00		134		SE7-1	3.00	nibbed perfs
87		201-1	5.00						at top
88		224-1	1.50		135		SE8-1	3.00	
89		224-1	3.00		136	P15	149-1	1.00	
90		271-1	1.00		137		150-1	1.00	split
91		593-5	2.00		138		150-3	1.00	split
92	M3	200-1	4.00		139		151-1	5.00	split
93		221-1	1.00		140		152-1	2.00	split
94	M5	106-5	2.50		141		152-1	4.00	
95	M12	106-1	1.00		142		155-1	1.00	
96		119-1	2.00		143		164-1	1.00	
97	M16	114-1	8.00	SE	144		168-1	1.00	split
98		114-1	7.00		145		170-1	1.00	split
99		145-1	2.00		146		194-5	12.00	
100		145-1	3.00		147		201-1	2.00	Regine rollerC.
101		147-1	2.00		148		224-1	1.00	
102		154-1	5.00		149		241-4	1.00	
103		155-1	1.25		150		257-2	1.00	Regina SON
104		155-1	4.00						duplex
105		171-1	4.00		151		328-3	1.00	
106		172-1	3.00		152		339-3	1.00	
107		175-1	2.50		153		352-1	1.00	
108	M22	MR4-1	1.00		154		405-4	0.75	
109		144-7	3.00		155		435-4	1.00	
110		148-5	10.00		156		464-3	1.00	
111		197-2	2.00	dbl	157	P17	104-1	0.75	
112	N1	110-1	2.50		158		106-1	1.00	
113		143-4	1.25		159		MR4II-1	1.50	

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161	R8	91-1	4.00		172	T6	90-4	3.00	
162		91-1	3.00		173	T12	241-2	1.00	
163		91-1	10.00		174	T13	269-1	1.00	
164		93-1	6.00		175	W3	90-1	2.00	
165		106-1	1.00		176	W9	110-6	3.00	
166		106-1	1.00		177	W12	243-1	2.00	
167	S7	107-7	1.50		178	W15	107-5	1.50	
168	S13	93-1	10.00						
169	S18	283-1	5.00	mint					
170	S19	175-1	5.00	v. pr. Trois Rivieres Roller cancel.					
179		50 different stamps with perfins;		no junk					no min. bid
180	C25	197-1		Front of cover; International Harvester, postmarked Hamilton, Oct 24, 1933.					
181	C38	337-5 pr. 352 -1		Window envelope, Canadian General Electric with Vancouver meter Nov 8, '55. Stamps used to pay 6 cents postage due, cancelled Nov 11, 1955 at Trail B.C.					
182	C50	341-3		Canadian Pacific #10 envelope with crease not through stamp - RPO SUD & FT WILLIAM Jul 3, '58.					
183	G6	167-1		Window envelope, Montreal cancel, Nov 5, 1931.					
184	L6	164-5		Window envelope, Algoma Steel, cancelled Sault Ste. Marie, Au 8, 30.					
185	08	242-1		Registered official cover from N.W. to Victoria (5.00)					
186	08	270-3		Registered official cover from N.W. to Victoria (3.00)					
187	08	286-2		Official RCMP cover to/from Victoria (3.00)					
188	09	252-4		O.H.M.S. envelope, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, cancelled Peterborough Jan 19, 1945					
189	R3	165-2		Royal Insurance window envelope, Toronto Jan 14, 1931.					
190	S19	167-1		Window envelope, Sun Life, cancelled Peterborough Nov 24, 1931. (probably S19.12)					
191	S19	167-1		Sun Life, postmarked Peterborough Jan 13, 1932, so probably S19.12.					
192	#1	167		Gutta Percha - Toronto Oct 20 1931. Window envelope, slogan cancel Royal Winter Fair.					

Please note: except where noted, the minimum bid for covers is \$10.00.

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To: Floyd McNey  
 From: Pat Durbano  
 Re: Perfinned Revenue with R.P.O.

In an accumulation that I purchased several months ago, I stumbled across quite a unique philatelic item.

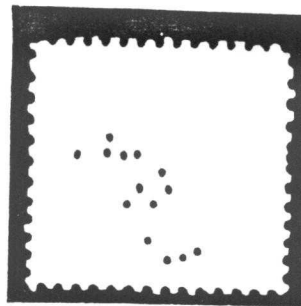
The item is an incomplete pattern C50 on the 2 cent Brown War Tax Stamp FWT 8 in position # 2. Not very scarce. When I looked at the postmark I was surprised to see a R.P.O. cancel. After consulting Ludlow's RPO catalog, I determined that the cancel was O - 335c RP 500\*. This was a mis-spelled hammer used briefly in 1923. The cancel is "28/SP 11/23" "TRAIN No./SUB\*. & SOO. R.P.O. "

This leaves me in quite a predicament. Does this item go into my Perfin; R.P.O. or Revenue collection? Well, I choose the former collection. Enclosed is a xerox copy of the item. Hope you can share this with others.

Regards,

(Editors note: Thank you Pat for that article

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SUB \* & 500. RPO  
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Letter to the Editor from Michael B. Dicketts

I really enjoyed reading Mark Fennell's excellent item on rarity factors in May's newsletter. This is a topic which continues to be talked about and one that we all have to face from time to time when either buying or selling material. To my way of thinking our present system is acceptable (and unlikely to change in value unless an exceptional 'find' of A or B material is uncovered), and only the market can determine the value of any one stamp, and then only AT THAT TIME AND PLACE. Typically, the prices realised at our next Group auction will tell everyone what certain its are currently worth.

Mark also asked for expressions of opinion on the open use of perforators at stamp shows. While I'm sympathetic towards his viewpoint, and have written in the past about the ethics of collector-created material, I feel the benefit of having a perforator at a show for all to see and examine outweighs any 'creations' which eventually come on to the market. Fortunately, all perforators that are likely to be on public view are of designs which are quite common and have little temptation to the fraud artist.

Corrections to Early and Late Dates published in the May newsletter

| <u>Perfin No.</u> | <u>Early Date</u> | <u>Late Date</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| C33               |                   | Sept 13/68       |
| C42               | Mar 17/09         |                  |
| C61               |                   | Oct 6/63         |
| F2                |                   | Nov 17/17        |
| F4                | Apr 14/30         |                  |
| G19               |                   | May 27/33        |
| J3                | May 3/13          |                  |
| M22               |                   | -/-/1951         |
| O11               | July 13/03        |                  |
| P15               | Feb 20/30         |                  |
| Q1                |                   | Feb/-/57         |
| W13               |                   | Nov 3/24         |