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FROM THE EDITORS DESK:

I am very late with this issue of the Perforator. It is one of these things that could not be helped. We started renovating our home in late October. This was the complete upstairs done. The time that we were told to completion and actual time was too different things. Everything was a mess dirt and dust everywhere. Lost articles are now showing up, thank God. In this issue Chairmans Chatter who is starting to run out of chatter, OHMS POSTAGE VOLUME by Jon Johnson, GTR Perfin by Bob Traquair, The Constitution of our study group and some fronts from Colin Pomfret. Next 3 issues we will have the A B C factor surveys. This is all from my desk. It is nice to be back in business again.

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Afraid I'm running out of steam as there are not many items to chat about this time round.

1991 Auction - Received a note from Conrad Tremblay stating, as is the case with most of us, plans often go awry. He had hoped, as part of his summer holidays, to visit Michael Dicketts and pick up the auction material, but that didn't happen. Early in October he was corresponding with Michael in this regard, and to use Conrad's words - "I will work on the double to get things straightened out". Thanks to all concerned for bearing with us all these months and please continue to do so for a while longer.

1992 BNAPS Convention - Did not attend personally but Michael Dicketts did. I'm hopeful he will have a report in this issue of the Perforator

A B C Factor Survey - The information is in the hands of the Editor of our newsletter, who feels this series of forms would best fit into his plans by having them start in the first issue of 1993.

Study Group Constitution - In looking for some information in old issues of the Perforator, came across our constitution dated 1979. It was in need of revision, so between Jon Johnson and myself we came up with a revised version, which is included with this mailing as the last page.

A Subject For Thought - The A B C Factor Survey undertaken by Lorne James reminded me of a matter that has crossed my mind on occasion and that is the possibility of trying to prepare a Perfin Price List. The A B C survey, when completed, should give us a list, by position, of all stamps reported (I don't think we will ever have a 100% listing) to have been perforated by the users concerned. The higher the letter Factor in the alphabet the more time consuming and difficult the task. Maybe just a listing could be the first step, with pricing by a consensus of those knowledgeable in this field, to be added later. In fact a start of a sorts was made on pages 91 to 99 in the fourth edition of the handbook, granted now badly in need of updating. Efforts have been made in this regard from time to time and published in the Perforator, one example being on page 5 of Volume 8 Number 2. This would be a project of some magnitude involving a volunteer member with a computer to do the recording. Maybe this is what we need to stir up interest. I would appreciate each member's comments regarding this.

GTR Perfin used by Stedman Bros., Limited of Brantford, Ont.

For some time I have had in my collection of perfins on cover, a commercial post card of Stedman Bros., Limited, Brantford, Ont. The card acknowledges a remittance which has been place to the credit of the addressee. Cancelled on April 27, 1920, the stamp, a 2 cent carmine Admiral, is perforated GTR, that is G14 identified as Grand Trunk Railway System. In the absence of any obvious explanation, I considered this useage an anomoly and rather curious.

In November, I attended the annual show and bourse of The Calgary Philatelic Society and from a dealer, acquired another example of the use of a GTR perfin by Stedman Bros., Limited. This example is the same 2 cent Admiral but applied as excise tax to a bankers sight draft issued by Stedmans. The date of the draft is September 30, 1920.

It is apparent that the use of GTR perfinned stamps by Stedmans was not just a "one-off" incident but perhaps continued for a period of time suggesting that Stedmans had a supply or a source.

I suspect that Grand Trunk may have had a presence in Brantford. I have not been able to imagine a logical explanation and before I conclude a nefarious explanation, thought I would, through The Perforator, ask other members if they might have an example of the use by Stedmans of GTR perfinned stamps and if anyone can suggest a logical reason for this to have happened.

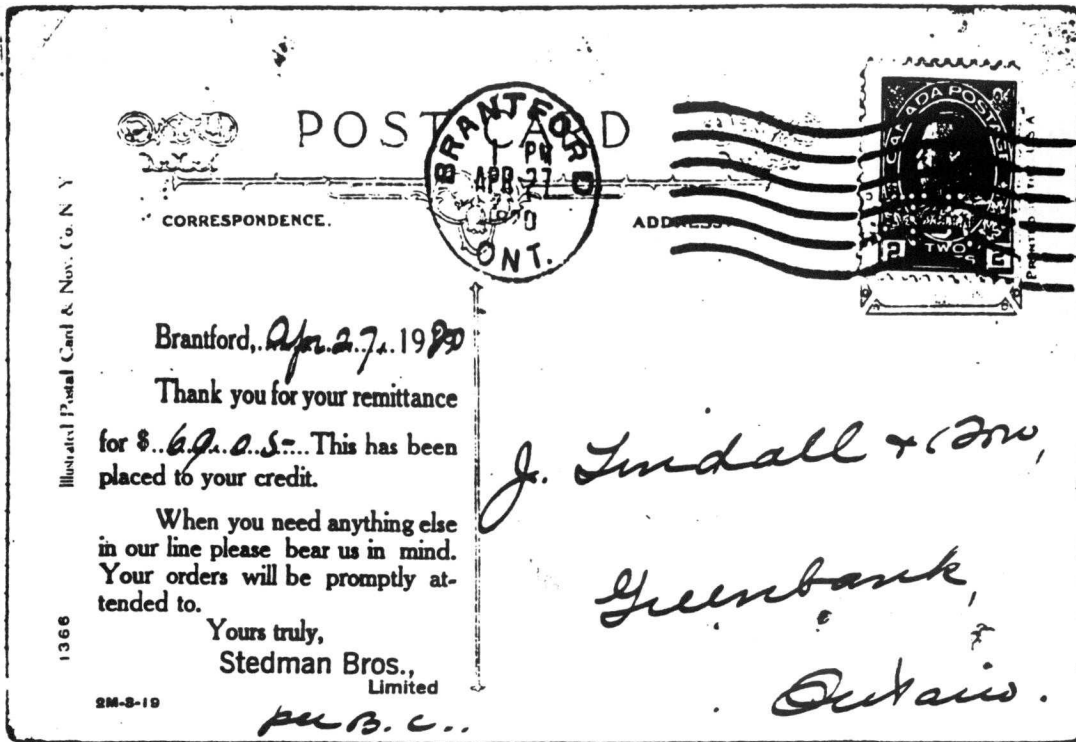
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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

Montreal

G 14

GTR



This usage is a puzzle. Normally used in Montreal, this example is used on a commercial card of Stedman Bros. Limited from Brantford. A most unusual "private" usage!

OHMS POSTAGE VOLUME

by Jon Johnson

Everyone has a quantity of the 4 hole OHMS perfins. For those who have a number of covers, the following will give you some guidance as to the volume of mail with perfins from the various government departments. Below is a listing from government archives showing the cost of postage stamps used. Keep in mind that in 1946 the first class postage rate was four cents.

O.H.M.S. PERFORATED STAMPS SOLD TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE FISCAL YEAR 1946-47.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Agriculture	\$ 41,473.62
Auditor General	17.00
Canadian Commercial Corp.	306.00
Central Mortgage and Housing Corp.	359.00
Chief Electoral Officer	8.00
Civil Service Commission	4,910.00
Exchequer Court	137.00
External Affairs	2,475.00
Federal District Commission	88.00
Finance	30,152.19
Fisheries	7,319.91
House of Commons	503.00
International Joint Comm.	47.00
Justice	4,380.90
Labour	18,585.00
" Wartime Prices & Trade Board	110,515.00
Mines & Resources	27,812.51
National Defence	7,951.03
National Health & Welfare	41,151.50
National Research Council	4,279.00
National Revenue	82,800.00
National Film Board	7,160.00
Privy Council	60.00
Public Archives	60.00
Public Works	14,979.35
Reconstruction	13,970.00
R.C.M.P.	21,903.54
Secretary of State	878.97
Soldier Settlement & V. L. A.	70,949.00
Supreme Court of Canada	100.00
Trade & Commerce	25,763.20
Transport	25,009.11
Board of Transport Comm.	64.00
Air Transport Board	100.00
Unemployment Insurance Comm.	313,650.00

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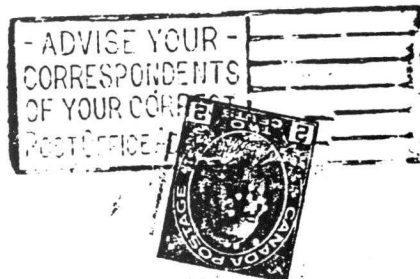
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