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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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I trust that everyone has had an enjoyable start to the New Year. I am writing this as I ponder my personal situation as my current employer, The T. Eaton Company Limited, reorganizes and operates under C.C.A.A. insolvency protection.

As usual, I have been busy with work [especially in light of the February 27th announcement]. Otherwise, my family and other household matters (including stamps) are all in good order.

As for this issue, we are back to our News-Only section as our Auctioneer, Conrad Tremblay, recently released Auction #13 with a March 7, 1997 close date. I hope everyone enjoys the new split format and that you were encouraged enough to send some bids into Conrad. I know that I did.

This issue has our new Chairman's first chatter, or as Barry believes it should be called "Rover's Ramblings". Also, we have 2 reports of new patterns - one Jon Johnson has seen, approved and assigned a new number to and one he has not yet seen. As you know, only patterns that have been physically examined by Jon get listed in our catalogue even if they appear in the Perforator Newsletter.

Also, after much notice and several delays, I have finally found space (and the lost diskette the file

has been on) so I have attached the BNA Perforator Index for 1989-1994 inclusive. Special thanks to Barry Senior who compiled all the articles from our Newsletters and to my wife Nicki for retyping it into the computer.

We have had a request from a collector/writer from Winnipeg to assist him with the publication of Post-Centennial definitive issues. He has asked if we could help compile a listing of all known modern definitive perfins and the estimated number that exist of each pattern and issue combination. I have been working with him on this project for a few months now and believe it is time to survey the membership about their holdings in this area. There are several checklists in this issue, please take the time to review the lists and send updates to me.

Other articles include selected prices realized from the Mike Dicketts perfin auction that was held a couple of years ago; Conrad Tremblay's latest article on Random Holes; a splendid cover submitted by Wally Gutzman and a dues reminder notice from our Secretary/Treasurer.

Best wishes for a Splendid Spring,

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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

BARRY SENIOR

Well here it is, my first Chairman's Chatter or maybe a more appropriate title might be Rover's Ramblings. Time will tell which is more suitable. My first order of business should be to thank Mark Fennell for his five tireless years as Chairman. Even though he has stepped down from the Chair, Mark continues to be involved in matters that promote and benefit the Study Group. Mark now has some well deserved time to pursue his own interests in the world of perfins. I would also like to thank Mark for considering me for the position of Chairman. I look forward to the opportunity to help our Study Group grow and prosper.

I guess now would be an appropriate time to tell you a little about myself. I am 37 years old and married. My wife's name is Pat and we have a 4 year old boy named Brandon. I am originally from Newfoundland and moved to Northwestern Ontario 9 years ago where I am employed as a maintenance mechanic in a pulp mill.

I started collecting Newfoundland perfins 3 years ago and I collect by position. Since there are only five Newfoundland-based perforators (A3, A8, A9, B7 and G5), this makes position collecting possible and provides a reasonable chance of a complete collection. I think the prospect of finding a new issue or position every time I look at a new auction lot or trade is what attracted me to perfin collecting. I currently trade with collectors from as far away as South Africa and California and usually add at least a couple of new Newfoundland items each month. Dealers seem to have almost no Newfoundland perfins at all so trading has become the main source of new material. I have been fortunate enough to pick up some nice collections but it isn't every day that someone decides to sell a Newfoundland collection so acquisitions by that route are few and far between.

Now on to more important matters. Jon Johnson is planning an update (reprint) of our handbook at

some time in the future. Due to several unforeseen circumstances, it's still not clear yet when that may be. In anticipation of a reprint Conrad Tremblay has offered to do an update of all known issues and positions.

Conrad currently has a list of 13,000+ issues and over 24,000 by position. Once his list is rewritten (some 40+ pages) it will be broken down into probably four sections and published in The BNA Perforator. All collectors will have an opportunity to add any new finds to Conrad's list which will surely give us an outstanding piece of reference material which will be a help to old and new members alike. This will be a big undertaking and will probably take a year or so to complete. I urge everyone to send your updates when the time comes.

That will do it for me for this issue. Until next time, Happy Hunting.

Sincerely,

Barry Senior

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NEW DISCOVERY: I7 - IHC!!

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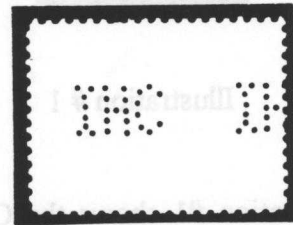
Illustrated below is a copy of a new pattern found on a Canadian stamp. It looks like I2 - IHC however when I compared it to our handbook it didn't match. So I went to the US catalog and located it there. But now I was in a real conundrum. It matched the listing as US pattern I43 but the location of the Perforator was listed as Chicago, IL. The illustration of Pattern I2 on Page 46 of our Handbook matches US pattern I42 but that perforator was located in Milwaukee, WI. So I drafted a letter to Jon Johnson stating the details as I mentioned above along with my stamp and asked him for clarification.

Jon returned my stamp with the following note: "I agree with your observation of the differences between US perfins I42 and I43. I agree that your perfin is a new Canadian type and I will call it I7. This does raise a question in my mind as to how many of the I2's are correctly identified. In the ABC survey there were 6 copies reported. I note that there were 4 copies of FCD6 and 2 copies of FX57. My copy was of the latter and on checking it was correctly identified as I2. So I am wondering if the FCD6's are I7 and the FX57's are I2 or are they mixed up."

Jon indicated that he has made notes of the differences in his master handbook. Illustrated below is a copy of the actual stamp (FCD6 Position 5) plus handbook updates for I2 and I7. Please compare any items in your collection to determine if Jon's hypothesis regarding FCD6 and FX57 is correct. Report the results of your investigation to me and I will update the ABC survey results when I get your responses.



Front of the I7 - FCD6



Back of the I7 - FCD6

I7 A		INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CO.	
		IHC	CHICAGO, IL.
		1935-	N/A
		C. U.S.	

New I7 with Pattern Owner and Issue Details

I2 B		INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CO.	
		IHC	Milwaukee WI
		1935-1948	N/A
		See Addendum F	C. U.S.

Replacement I2 with City of Origin Update

In the past, a member of the Perfin Study Group submitted to the Editor of the Perforator an example of a punch showing a specific pattern with a random hole. Now it is my turn to present what I had aside to show you.

Illustrated are 3 different railway types:

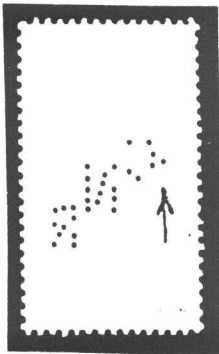


Illustration # 1

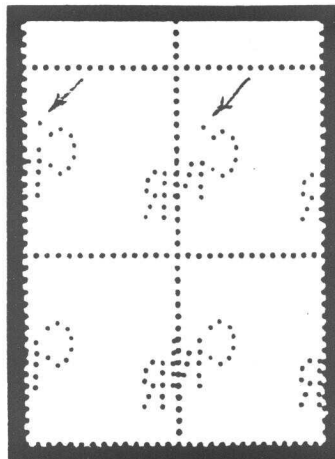


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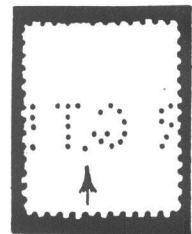


Illustration # 3

Illustration #1 shows the C43 design perforated by the Canadian National Railways at their offices in Vancouver, BC. The stamp is Scott #667, the 1975 Calgary Stampede, issued to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Calgary.

Illustration #2 shows the C45 design perforated by the Canadian National Railways at their office in Winnipeg, MB. The stamps are a block of four of the 3c value from the 1982-1987 Artifacts series. The two stamps at the top of the block show a random hole above the "C" and at the same distance from it. Although the left stamp of the illustration has a "blind random hole" (not completely punched through), it is still a mysterious occurrence.

Illustration #3 shows the G14 design perforated by the Grand Trunk Railway at their office in Montreal, QC. The stamp is Scott 104 the 1c green Admiral. If this random hole would be in line with the bottom of the other letters, one could suggest that the original die had, at one time, a period after each letter!

Let your editor know your comments on these random holes or on any other that you have seen or own. You may have the right explanation for these rare occurrences. That's what a study group is all about.

SELECTED PRICES REALIZED -- MIKE DICKETTS' COLLECTION

Some time ago, Mike sent me the Prices Realized for some of the items in his collection that were sold as single items by John H. Talman Auctions.

Pattern	Scott or Van Dam #	Realized
B12	142 & 164	\$ 55.00
B13	FX 56	\$ 28.00
C5	90	\$ 17.50
E3	75	\$105.00
G3	195 Unused	\$ 17.50
G17	158 Bluenose	\$ 27.50
I1	92 - 7c Edward	\$ 37.50
J5	233	\$ 80.00
J6	35	\$ 85.00
M2	165	\$ 32.50
M14	378	\$160.00
N7	105, 107 & 164	\$ 90.00
N23	248	\$ 60.00
N29	104 (Pair)	\$ 30.00
O2	105	\$ 22.50
S10	232 Unused	\$ 52.50
S18	158 Bluenose	\$ 60.00

1997 DUES NOTICE

Steve Koning our Secretary/Treasurer sent me a note indicating that the 1997 BNA Perfins Study Group fees are now due. Please take a moment right now to write a cheque for \$5.00 payable to the "Perfins Study Group" and mail it to:

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Paid

The following members are already paid up:

Aldrich, Arn, Beaubien, Bimble, Brown, Burrell, Clarke, Cormier, Craig, Dowsley, Durbano, Halpert, Hannay, Hillmer, Hoyles, James, Laura Jr., Lingard, Lohman, McNey, Morrow, Plant, Schwerdt, Senior, Silvestri, Southey and Taylor.

MODERN PERFIN LISTINGS PATRICK DURBANO

Some of our members have been corresponding with a collector/writer in Winnipeg, Robin Harris, regarding the existence of post-Centennial definitive issue perfins. To date, I have supplied a fairly exhaustive listing to him that he is incorporating into a new series of modern definitive handbooks.

With Robin's permission, I have recreated the perfin summary sheets from each of the handbooks. I would ask that any member that has perfins on these issues report their total holdings (position is not required just the quantity on hand - including duplicates) to the Editor, BNA Perforator as I have volunteered to coordinate the data for Robin. Also, any item not listed should also be forwarded to my attention with a photocopy if possible. Of particular interest (and subject to deletion) is the C24-C(HI) pattern from Quebec City. My handbook indicates that the last issue was in 1949 but Rose's handbook has it listed as used on the Caricature issues. I believe that it should be C25-C(HI) from Hamilton since I have a 10c Caricature issue and a 12c Parliament issue each with that pattern. As well, the Rose Catalogue has never listed this pattern in the handbook.

Robin's goal is to produce these handbooks over the next few months so your prompt attention to this request is much appreciated. In exchange for our assistance, we have secured a Free ad for the BNA Perfins Study Group that will appear in each of the handbooks. Steve Koning has already sent the approved advertising copy.

This is another step in furthering the studying and collecting of Perfins by mainstream Philatelists. To date, I have received two letters from collectors looking to acquire these items since "they didn't know the Caricatures existed with perfins" and the book has yet to be published!

The next few pages contain all the known items to date. Please update and return to me.

CARICATURE AND LANDSCAPE SERIES - KNOWN PATTERNS AND ISSUE MATRIX

Scott Number	Description	C15 C/GE	C24-C(HI) Quebec	C25-C(HI) Hamilton	C41-CNR Edmonton	C43-CNR Vancouver	C45-CNR Winnipeg	C51-CPR Montreal	L1 LA	M16 MLI/Co	N6 NLY	W5 W/CB
586	1c MacDonald	✓			✓	✓	✓	Note 1				
586xx	1c MacDonald Precancel					Note 1						
587	2c Laurier		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
588	3c Borden				✓	✓	✓				✓	
589	4c King				✓	✓	✓		✓			
590	5c Bennett				✓	✓	Note 2					
590xx	5c Bennett Precancel					Note 1						
591	6c Pearson	✓			✓	✓	✓					
592	7c St. Laurant						✓					
593	8c QE II	✓			✓	✓	Note 2		✓			
593xx	8c QE II Precancel					Note 1						
593A	10c QE II	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			
594iii	10c Forest, WPG. Tag						✓				✓	✓
594	10c Forest				✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
594i	10c Forest, Type 2						✓		✓			
594ii	10c Forest, Type 2, HB						✓					
594a	10c Forest, Type 2, 13.33		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓			
595	15c Sheep, Type 1				✓	✓			✓			
595i	15c Sheep, Type 2								✓			
596	20c Prairie				✓	✓	✓		✓			
596i	20c Prairie, WPG. Tag						✓					
596a	20c Prairie, Perf 13.33						✓		✓			
597	25c Polar Bear				✓	✓						
597i	25c Polar Bear, Type 2								✓			
598	50c Seashore				✓	✓						
599	\$1.00 Vancouver						✓					

Note 1: Exists in mint only. Most likely a FAVOUR PERFIN.

Note 2: Exists both mint and used. Most likely proper usage.

ENVIRONMENT SERIES - KNOWN PATTERNS AND ISSUE MATRIX

Scott Number	Description	C25-C(HI) Hamilton	C41-CNR Edmonton	C43-CNR Vancouver	C45-CNR Winnipeg	L1 LA
705	1c Bottle Gentian		✓	✓	✓	✓
705xx	1c Bottle Gentian - Precancel			Note 1		
781	1c Bottle Gentian		✓	✓	✓	
707	2c Western Columbine		✓	✓	✓	✓
782	2c Western Columbine		✓	✓	✓	
708	3c Canada Lily		✓	✓	✓	✓
783	3c Canada Lily		✓	✓	✓	
709	4c Hepatica		✓	✓	✓	
784	4c Hepatica		✓	✓	✓	
710	5c Shooting Star		✓	✓	✓	
785	5c Shooting Star		✓	✓	✓	
711	10c Lady's Slipper		✓	✓	✓	✓
711a	10c Lady's Slipper		✓	✓	✓	
786	10c Lady's Slipper		✓	✓	✓	
712	12c Jewelweed			✓	✓	
712xx	12c Jewelweed - Precancel			Note 1		
787	15c Canada Violet			✓	✓	
787xx	15c Canada Violet - Precancel					✓
717	15c Trembling Aspen		✓	✓		
718	20c Douglas Fir		✓	✓	✓	
719	25c Sugar Maple		✓	Note 2	✓	
720	30c Red Oak		✓			
723	50c Prairie Town		✓	✓	✓	
723A	50c Prairie Town		✓		✓	
726a	\$1.00 Fundy, not tagged		✓	✓	✓	
934	\$1.00 Glacier Park			✓	✓	
713	12c Queen Elizabeth II	✓	✓	✓	✓	
716	14c Queen Elizabeth II		✓	✓	✓	✓
789	17c Queen Elizabeth II		✓	✓	✓	✓
791	30c Queen Elizabeth II			✓	✓	
792	32c Queen Elizabeth II			✓	✓	✓
926	34c Queen Elizabeth II			✓	✓	✓
926A	36c Queen Elizabeth II					✓
714	12c Parliament		✓	✓	✓	
715	14c Parliament		✓	✓	✓	
790	17c Parliament		✓	✓	✓	
907	A (30c) Maple Leaf			✓	✓	✓
923	30c Maple Leaf			✓	✓	
924	32c Maple Leaf			✓	✓	

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ARTIFACT & PARLIAMENT SERIES - KNOWN PATTERNS AND ISSUE MATRIX

Scott #	Description	Perf.	C41-CNR	C43-CNR	C45-CNR	L1-LA
917	1c Decoy	14x13.5		✓	✓	
917a	1c Decoy	13x13.5		✓		
918	2c Fishing Spear	14x13.5		✓	✓	
918a	2c Fishing Spear	13x13.5		✓	✓	
919	3c Lantern	14x13.5		✓	✓	✓
919a	3c Lantern	13x13.5		✓		
920	5c Bucket	14x13.5		✓	✓	
920a	5c Bucket	13x13.5		✓		
921	10c Weathercock	14x13.5		✓	✓	
921a	10c Weathercock	13x13.5		✓		
922	20c Skates		✓	✓	✓	
1080	25c Butter Stamp			✓	✓	
927	37c Wooden Plow			✓		
929	48c Cradle					✓
930	50c Sleigh			✓	✓	✓
933	68c Spinning Wheel			✓		
925	34c Parliament			✓	✓	
926B	36c Parliament			✓	✓	
1163	37c Parliament			✓	✓	
1165	38c Parliament				✓	
952	34c Parliament - Coil				✓	

WILDLIFE & ARCHITECTURE SERIES - KNOWN PATTERNS AND ISSUE MATRIX

Scott Number	Description	C45 - CNR (Winnipeg)	L1 - LA
1155	1c Flying Squirrel	✓	
1156	2c Porcupine	✓	
1157	3c Muskrat	✓	
1158	5c Varying Hare	✓	
1160	10c Skunk	✓	
1160ii	10c Skunk - Not Tagged	✓	
1161	25c Beaver	✓	
1174	59c Musk Ox - 14.4x13.8	✓	
1181	\$1.00 Runnymede Library	✓	
1182	\$2.00 McAdam Railway Station		✓
1162	37c Queen Elizabeth II	✓	
1164	38c Queen Elizabeth II	✓	
1167	39c Queen Elizabeth II	✓	
1359	42c Queen Elizabeth II	✓	
1360	43c Queen Elizabeth II	✓	

FRUIT & FLAG SERIES - KNOWN PATTERNS AND ISSUE MATRIX

Scott Number	Description	C45 - CNR (Winnipeg)	L1 - LA
1349	1c Blueberry		Note 1
1352	5c Rosehip	✓	
1354	10c Kinnikinnick	✓	
1361	48c Macintosh Apple	✓	
1166	39c Flag over Clouds	✓	
1169	40c Flag over Mountains	✓	
1358	42c Flag over Hills	✓	
1360B	43c Flag over Field	✓	

Note 1: Exists in mint only. Most likely a FAVOUR PERFIN.

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WALLY GUTZMAN

Attached is a spectacular Air Mail Special Delivery cover. It contains a block of four and two singles of the 12c Laurier & MacDonald, four copies of the 5c McGee, one of the 3c Scroll as well as an E2 20c Special Delivery stamp. All stamps are postmarked with Winnipeg rollers.

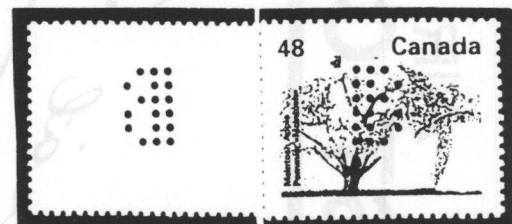
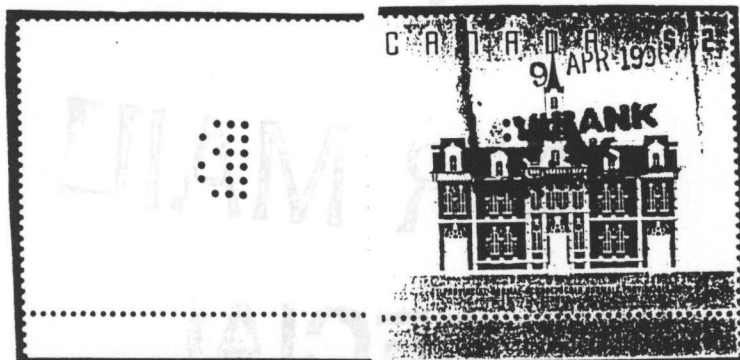
NEW DISCOVERY? MAYBE?

PATRICK DURBANO

Recently I received a letter from Neil Dowsley who had a question regarding a pattern he acquired last summer in Victoria. The pattern is IB and is found only on the Fruit and Architecture issue definitives. The items are illustrated (front and back) for your information and assistance.

I started to research this pattern and found that Conrad Tremblay had illustrated it as part of his May 31, 1996 article "WHAT ARE THEY?" that appeared in our Whole number 98 issue of The BNA Perforator. At that time he had no idea of its origin either and reported it on the Small Mammal and Parliament issues of 1987- 91.

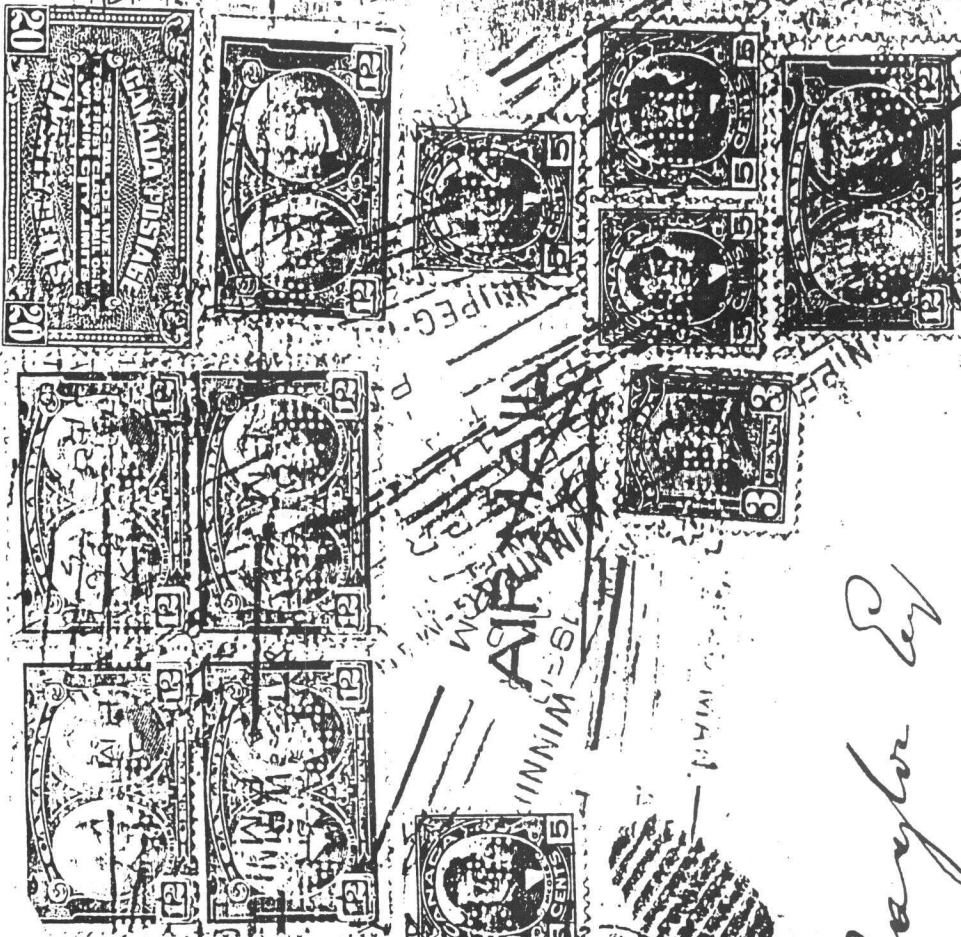
Neil has requested that I help identify the pattern. However, other than it appears to be a single-die machine, I have no information to add so I'll refer it to you, the Study Group Membership, for further assistance. Please address any comments, theories or perhaps the identification of the user, to your me. I'll publish updates.



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