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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

PATRICK DURBANO

Hello from Markham. It has certainly been a long time since the last THE BNA PERFORATOR. According to many people (myself included) too long. This delay, coupled with the fact that my responsibilities in other areas have increased (we recently expanded the Durbano household to include Eric David our third son and a kitten named "Felix") are the reasons that I am resigning, effective immediately, as the Editor and Publisher of THE BNA PERFORATOR.

Although I enjoyed the past 5 years, my time has been stretched too thin to properly devote the required time to producing and distributing this important Philatelic Journal. I have already addressed the issue with our Chairman, Barry Senior and he has accepted my resignation. I will be forwarding to Barry all of the unpublished articles and notes that many of you have forwarded to me over the past 2 years. Barry will become the acting Newsletter Editor as well as the Chairman. Any one interested in taking on this important role for our Study Group is asked to contact Barry at the address below.

This issue (the 20th that I have been fortunate enough to have worked on) contains an article supplied by Jon Johnson that follows the postal history of the Militia Department and the Department of National Defence. There is an article from Barry Senior regarding the

Newfoundland Survey known issues in light of some date inconsistency. Also, a scarce cover of O12 - "OP/Co" the Ontario Power Company of Niagara Falls that is owned by a non-perfin collector and the usual housekeeping items such as New Members and Changes of Address.

Thank you for reading this newsletter and all the other BNA PERFORATOR issues that I have sent to you over the past 5 years. I have certainly enjoyed the role and have made many new acquaintances over that time. I will still remain as an active member but for now I am going to be a passive, but still quite interested member.

I want to thank my previous Board Member colleagues (Mark Fennell, Steve Koning, Conrad Tremblay and Barry Senior) for the time and energy they also devoted to me in an effort to produce this newsletter. We all volunteered our time and energy for the advancement of our specialized philatelic interests. I trust that someone in our membership will step forward and donate of themselves for the good of the Study Group.

All the best to you and your families.

Sincerely,

*Patrick Durbano*

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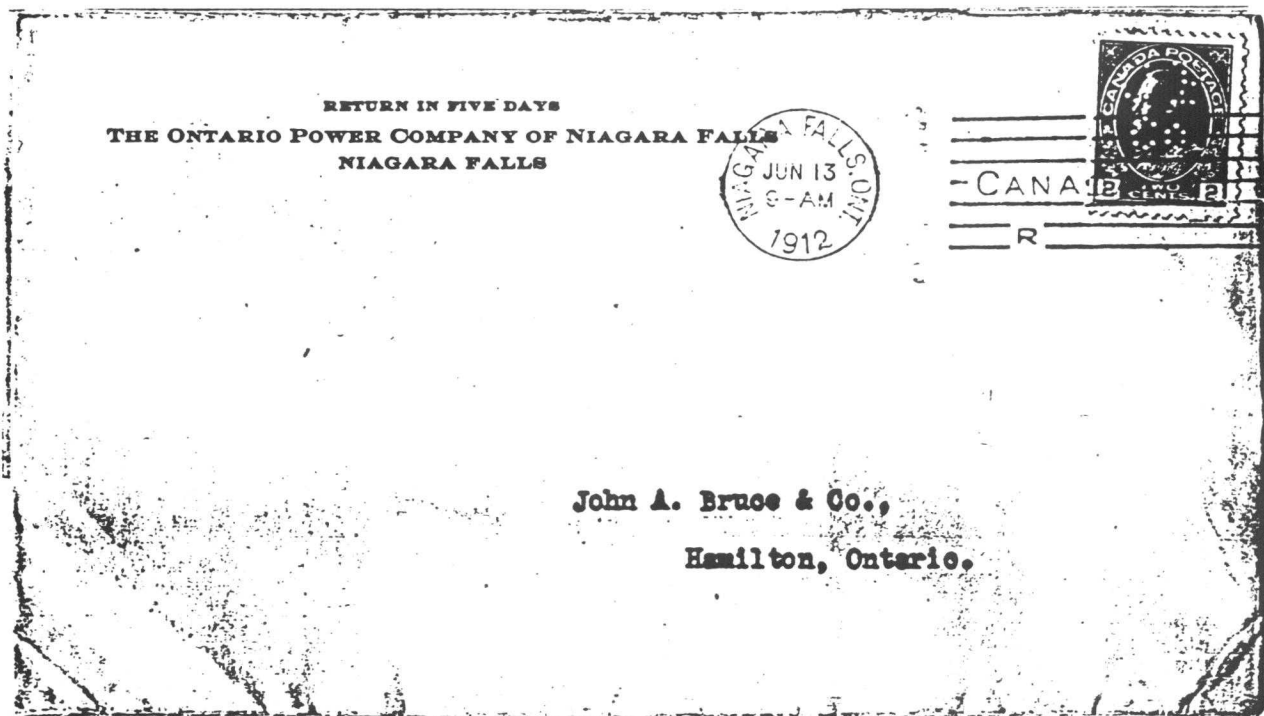
Ivan is interested in acquiring perfins on Scott #1162, 1164, 1167, 1359 and 1360. It seems that his wife's nephew is one of the designers for these stamps!

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## ONTARIO POWER COMPANY OF NIAGARA FALLS "OP/CO"

DOUG IRWIN

A collector of Centennials and the Ontario County of Niagara supplied me with this photocopy. It clearly shows the new earliest date for the O12 - "OP/Co" pattern: June 13, 1912. Just goes to show that not all the perfins are in perfin collector's hands. This is certainly a nice item.



# POSTAL HISTORY FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RECORDS IN THE MILITIA COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

**Jon Johnson**

I have long been fascinated by how the covers from the Director of Records, Militia Council, (and subsequent Department of National Defence) were franked. As you will shortly see there were frequent changes which ended up turning full circle over a period of 30 years. Reports, which add to the information below, would be greatly appreciated. I can be contacted at 9604 Kalamalka Road, Vernon, BC, V1B 1L3 or email at [jjohnso@junction.net](mailto:jjohnso@junction.net). All the covers are brown manila envelopes so in some cases it has not been possible to eliminate all of the brown background without fading the markings.

- Cover 1 March 28, 1922 – Free Franked. Cover to the US with a rubber stamp franking over which there is a Free Meter cancel.
- Cover 2 October 6, 1922 – “MD” perfins. Cover to England using Militia Department perfins.
- Cover 3 June 18, 1926 – OTTAWA precancelled stamps. Registered cover to Edmonton mailing medals to recipient. Return address preprinted on envelope. Note: precancelled stamps were an effort to avoid the medals from being hit by the metal cancellers.
- Cover 4 February 14, 1926 – “ND” perfins. Registered cover to Jersey, Channel Islands with a medal. The OTTAWA precancelled stamps are perforated National Defence.
- Cover 5 April 18, 1939 – “ND” perfins. Registered cover to Calgary with two medals enclosed. Sender changed to “Officer i/c Records”.
- Cover 6 October 3, 1945 – “OH/MS” perfins. Larger registered cover to Nursing Sister at Sherbrooke.
- Cover 7 April 16, 1951 – “OHMS” overprint. Registered cover to Vancouver with medals enclosed. Sender changed to “War Service Records”.
- Cover 8 August 3, 1953 – meter tape. Registered cover to Kelowna, BC.
- Cover 9 February 2, 1959 – Free Franked. Cover to Victoria with “R” blacked out, using up old stock of registered envelopes.

So the Director of Records initially had free franking privileges. He then started using the MD perfin. While the perforator was being changed to ND the stamps were unperfed. The ND perfin was used until it was replaced by the 4-hole “OH/MS” perfin that was then followed by the OHMS overprint. The meter tapes were used for awhile until free franking privileges were returned. (Editor Note: Based on the duration involved, there should exist an item with a “G” overprinted official on cover.)

O. H. M. S.



FREE

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Pte. Wm. Sunderland Morley,

8 Railway Ave.,

Sunderland, N.Y., U.S.A.

If not delivered to  
Secretary of  
Director of  
Militia Headquarters  
Ottawa, Ont.  
M. F. B. 299.

1 MILLION-3-18  
H. Q. 1772-39-278

Cover 1 March 28, 1922 - Free Franked. Cover to the US with a rubber stamp franking over which there is a Free Meter cancel.

O. H. M. S.

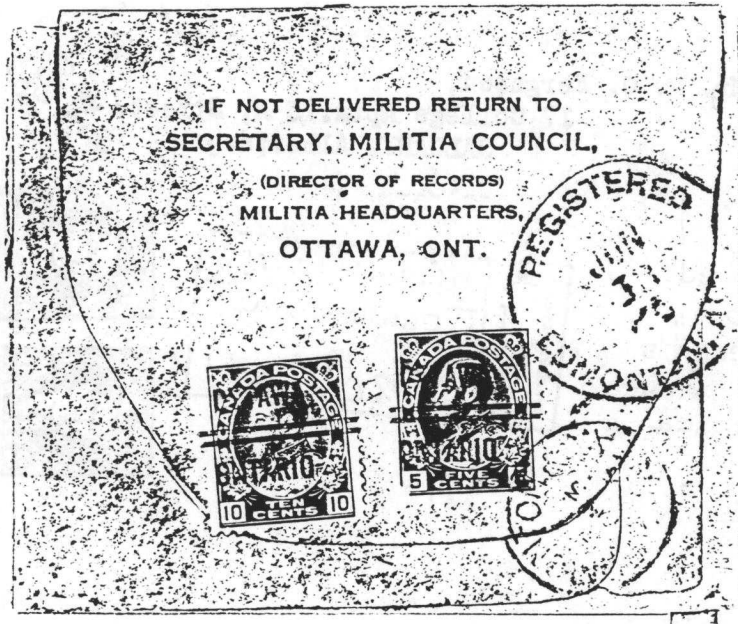


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Militia Headquarters,  
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200 M-9-21.  
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No. 259215 Pte. Alfred White, *C/o Post Insip*  
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~~Strewsbury~~ *Strewsbury*  
~~England.~~ *England.*

Cover 2 October 6, 1922 - "MD" perfins. Cover to England using Militia Department perfins.



Cover 3 June 18, 1926 – OTTAWA precancelled stamps. Registered cover to Edmonton mailing medals to recipient. Return address preprinted on envelope. Note: precancelled stamps were an effort to avoid the medals from being hit by the metal cancellers.



Cover 4 February 14, 1926 – “ND” perfins. Registered cover to Jersey, Channel Islands with a medal. The OTTAWA precancelled stamps are perforated National Defence.

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Officer i/c Records  
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Ottawa, Canada.

ORIGINAL NO.  
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10M-4-36(8732)  
H.Q. 1772-45-8

Cover 5 April 18, 1939 – “ND” perfins. Registered cover to Calgary with two medals enclosed. Sender changed to “Officer i/c Records”.

**R**

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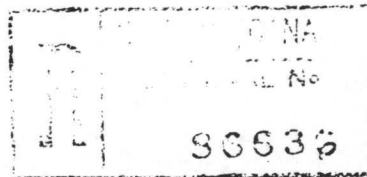
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RETURN TO  
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Dept. of National Defence  
Ottawa, Canada

O. H. M. S.



Nursing-Sister Margaret J. Gelinas,  
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50M-11-44 (6119)  
H.Q. 1772-45-8

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Cover 6 October 3, 1945 - "OH/MS" perfins. Larger registered cover to Nursing Sister at Sherbrooke.

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Cover 8 August 3, 1953 – meter tape. Registered cover to Kelowna, BC.



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**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Cover 9 February 2, 1959 – Free Franked. Cover to Victoria with "R" blacked out, using up old stock of registered envelopes.



# PERFINS ON STAMPS OF NEWFOUNDLAND

BARRY SENIOR

On March 26, 1995 an article was published in THE BNA PERFORATOR (Vol.16, No.1, Issue 92) which presented the results of a survey begun some 10 years earlier. This survey, completed by Russ Deveau, listed all known perfins on stamps of Newfoundland. These were listed by pattern, issue and position of the perfin. Two additional updates boosted the number of known perfins to some 500+. Until recently this information was taken for granted and no questions were raised as to its accuracy.

Anyone collecting Newfoundland stamps will surely understand the problem of identifying some of the issues that were issued with different perforations, new dies or watermarked vs. unwatermarked papers. I know that some of the original information was erroneous and with this article I hope to begin a process to correct these problems and issue an accurate update. Part of the problem with the original survey was that it sat unattended for ten years and as such it was impossible to contact some of the original respondents therefore corrections and or confirmations could not be done.

My intent is to undertake a new survey of all known perfins on stamps of Newfoundland including documents, covers etc. I am asking that all collectors with Newfoundland perfin material please send me a list of your holdings with the stamps identified by pattern, issue and perfin position as well as how many of each item you have. To help with some of the harder items I am including a checklist to help differentiate one issue from another. The original survey had a total of 113 respondents from Canada the United States and Great Britain. With this in mind I am sending this article to the BNAPS Perfin Study Group, The Perfins Club in the United States and the Great Britain Perfin Society, as well as the BNAPS Newfoundland study group. If you know of anyone who collects this area and is not a member of one of the above groups please invite them to respond as well. The more people involved the more accurate the survey will be.

The following table lists stamps that have the same pattern (picture), but were issued with two different perforations. The first column lists the original Scott (Unitrade) number (Perf 13.5), and the second column lists the second issue (Perf 12.5).

<u>Perf 13.5</u>	<u>Perf 12.5</u>
184	253
190	257
191	
191a	
193	260
194	261
195	262
196	263
197	265
199	266
209	259
245	254
246	255
247	256
248	258

The other area with major difficulty in identification is the three series of the Publicity Issue. Perforations are not a concern here since all three sets were issued in a multitude of perforations. There are however some major differences in the three sets. The first issue, in 1928, was printed by Whitehead, Morris & Co but in 1929 Messrs. John Dickinson & Co, through Perkins Bacon & Co, used re-engraved dies for the second printing. This is on unwatermarked paper. The third issue, using the re-engraved dies, was printed on watermarked paper. The major differences in the dies are summarized below.

Value	Notable Characteristic	1928 Issues	1929, 1931 Issues
1¢	Cape Bauld vs. Cape Norman	Above	Below
2¢	Rear mast guy wires	Two	One
3¢	Left Column Pillar	White	Shaded
4¢	Side Rosettes	Six	Five
5¢	Spur around ornament of 5 tablet	No	Yes
6¢	Period after JOHN'S	Yes	No
8¢	Stylized "x" before NEWFOUNDLAND	Yes	No
10¢	Left side flame tips	One	Two
15¢	"L" of LEAVING under	A	T
20¢	Bottom points of "w" in NEW	Flat & Square	Pointed
30¢	Period after FALLS	NO	Yes

This table used with permission of Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalog (NSSC), John M. Walsh and John G. Butt editors.

I urge everyone with any Newfoundland perfins to please send in your list so we can compile this list as accurately as possible. Please send your list to:

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## 1999 DUES NOTICE

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Steven Koning, our Treasurer/Secretary, sent me a note indicating that 1999 will be a "Due's Free Year" meaning that no dues are due. There are currently 81 members of our Study Group.