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Welcome to our Second edition of the Perforator for 2002. This issue contains a couple of articles from Mark Fennell as well as a couple of bits of housekeeping and a dues reminder.

From the Treasurer

Our assets after paying for Volume 23, Issue #1 are \$717.18 These will be soon depleted with our new publication schedule (The last Perforator cost \$388, which is more than \$4.- per member) to produce and mail, but was an exceptionally large document. At this rate we will just have enough for the next two issues. Annual dues need to be sent in now, to the Treasurer, whose address is below.

Annual Dues are: Canadian mail locations; \$5.00 Can, USA locations: \$5 US
All others: \$10 US.

The following 15 members are paid up for 2002 . Thanks, Early Birds.

James Carcary, Russell Deveau, John Hillmer, Steve Koning, David Marasco
Floyd McNey, John Newman, Bob Pickell, John Perry-Hooker, Charles Plant
Thomas Southey, Erik Thureson, Bob Traquair, Walter Veraart, J. Don Wilson.

Would all others please send in the dues as soon as you read this. I will delete the names of those who don't, by the very next issue. Thanks for doing this right away.

New Members

Alfred Weiner, 4105 Marietta Drive, Vestal, NY 13850, USA

He is interested in general Canadian perfins

John Newman - His interests are Revenue perfins, pre-cancelled perfins and regular perfins (Canadian).

Closed Album

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Mervin Woike who recently passed away, our thoughts are with you.

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The previous issue of the Perforator was a combined effort by 4 members of the Study Group. Barry Senior was the co-ordinator and wrote the front page, Conrad Tremblay provided the contents, and Steve Koning supplied the address labels, all of which were sent to myself and I undertook to have the photocopying done and do the mailing.

It is hoped to continue with this format, for the time being at least, with one change - we hope that our membership will contribute to the contents instead of leaving it up to one person.

Conrad's survey represents years of dedicated work and research which is to date a definitive checklist of known Canadian perfins and positions. It is hoped that this listing will not be intimidating to our membership and that you will add any catalogue numbers, and if possible positions, that you might have in your collection. Most perfin collectors keep a checklist of their holdings and can do a comparison, a few types at a time, and send Conrad any new information. You may not be a position collector but that doesn't mean that you cannot check for catalogue numbers by type. Some of our members may be position collectors by specific type only, such as myself with P14 and P15, but we can all do our bit in our own way to furnish more information. The task is not a small one and may take many months to complete, but it is hoped that Study Group members will do it.

Volume 23 Number 1 was the largest Perforator yet produced and very costly, a total of \$388.32 for 100 copies mailed, 57% being the cost of postage to Study Group members - Canadian \$1.60 ea; United States \$2.60 ea; Overseas \$5.20 ea. It was also found that our membership list needs revision and you will probably hear more about that from either Barry or Steve.

The following are housekeeping items.

Volume 23 Number 1 - Add Whole Number 115
Whole Number 110 should read Volume 21 Number 2
Whole Number 111 should read Volume 21 Number 3
Whole Number 112 should read Volume 21 Number 4
Whole Number 113 should read Volume 22 Number 1
Whole Number 114 should read Volume 22 Number 2



The above is a genuine imperf block of 4 - catalogue number 138, mint, original gum with lathework with a genuine C43 perfin, but put them together and the result is hanky panky by someone who had access to the machine.



Here again we have a genuine 3¢ Small Queen with a genuine C51 perfin but strictly a 100% novelty creation. The stamp used has a postmark of Beauharnois Que dated Aug. 31, 1889, yet the C51 perforator did not go into service until much later, sometime around 1932. Either the creator of this item was smart enough to realize the date would give it away for what it is or dumb enough to think it would fool a perfin collector not realizing the dated postmark would reveal the truth.



I have always considered Philatelic Insignia, Cancelling Perforations, Miscellaneous Cancels and Punches as shown on pages 113 and 114 of the 4th edition of the Handbook as adjuncts to perfin and thus collect them. As the saying goes, to each his own.

Have done some research to try to ascertain the user of the above illustrated canceller - it is known on NFR2,4,6 and possibly more.

At BNAPS99, I asked Erling Van Dam if he knew the user and he said no. I wrote to the Revenue Study Group and they didn't know. I then wrote to the Newfoundland Study Group and received the following reply from Mr. John Butt, which does not name a specific user but does narrow it down.

"The snowflake design perfin punch was first found in a bunch of revenue material from a local law office. It has not been found on any revenues from Newfoundland government files or banking institutions here in St. John's. It is still unknown if this design was used by lawyers only or the firm from where it was originally found. I am sorry this is all that we know of this mystery."

Perfins of the 1935 Silver Jubilee Omnibus Issue

The 1935 issues celebrating the Silver Jubilee of King George V's accession to the throne included the first ever-commemorative common colonial design stamps for a reigning monarch's jubilee. The issue garnered additional attention because of the King's special interest in stamps. The omnibus set comprises 250 stamps from 6 countries, 44 Crown Colonies, 7 dependencies or protectorates and two agencies. Forty-four Crown Colonies shared a common design. Newfoundland was included in the common design group, but in deference to its special status at the time, its stamps were printed in a single colour, rather than the two combination vignette and frame colours used for the other colonies. The remaining Countries, Agencies and Dependencies had their own unique designs.

The Common design stamps included a vignette of a view of Windsor Castle above the River Thames and a profile of the King on the right. Printing of the common design stamps were undertaken by three companies based on duplicates from a master die. Different varieties are found on the stamps and are easily identified back to the specific printing company. Varieties are also noted amongst the countries and dependencies. A detailed description of the various stamps and their varieties can be found on a web site dedicated to the issue (<http://www.philatel2.com/jubilee>).

A number of companies in the various countries and colonies were applying perfins to their stamps at the time of the Silver Jubilee. Thus, it is not unexpected that perfins should appear on the stamps. Some work and research has been done in identifying perfins found on this issue. Greenhill and Turnbull have collated all the known perfins found on the 1935 Great Britain Silver Jubilee stamps (A Catalogue of Great Britain Perfins: KGV Silver Jubilees. GB Perfin Society, 2000). Conrad Tremblay has undertaken a similar task on Canadian perfins. I have been able to add a few more to his existing list. These are listed in Table 2.

Over the past year I have been able to identify many different perfins appearing on the various issues. These are summarized in Table 1. Interestingly I have not found any associated varieties. These would immeasurably increase the value of the perfined stamp.

If any readers are in possession of 1935 Silver Jubilee perfin stamps, the author would be very interested in hearing from them. Information including the country, face value and die should be included.

Table 1
Number of Perfin dies identified in 1935 Silver Jubilee Issue

Colony	Number of Dies
Barbados	1
British Guiana	1
British Honduras	1
Ceylon	18
Hong Kong	6
Jamaica	1
Mauritius	2
Newfoundland	1
Straits Settlements	13
Swaziland	1
Countries	
Australia - Commercial	40
Australia - Official	7
Canada - Commercial	94
Canada - Official	4
Great Britain	819
India	21
New Zealand	1
South Africa	4
Agencies	
Morocco	1
Tangier	1

Note:
Additional perfins have been described for the following colonies/countries but their face value is unknown

Malta	One perfin noted
Mauritius	A third perfin noted
New Zealand:	Three other perfins have been noted
Hong Kong	One additional perfin noted

Table 2
1935 Canadian Silver Jubilee Stamps with Perfins

Pattern	Die	Name of Organization	1c	2c	3c	5c	10c	13c
			211	212	213	214	215	216
B2	(B) star	Burroughs Adding Machine Co.			◆			
B14	BT	Bell Telephone	◆	◆		◆	◆	
C8	CCC	Canada Cement Co.					◆	
C10	C (Co)	Codville Co.	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
C14	C/GE	Canadian General Electric		◆	◆			
C15	C/GE	Canadian General Electric	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
C17	C (HI)	International Harvester					◆	
C18	C (HI)	International Harvester			◆			
C20	C (HI)	International Harvester				◆		
C22	C (HI)	International Harvester		◆	◆	◆		
C23	C (HI)	International Harvester	◆	◆	◆			
C24	C (HI)	International Harvester	◆		◆			
C25	C (HI)	International Harvester	◆	◆				
C26	C (HI)	International Harvester			◆	◆		
C28	C (HI)	International Harvester		◆		◆	◆	◆
C29	C (HI)	International Harvester			◆	◆		
C30	C (HI)	International Harvester	◆	◆		◆		
C31	C (HI)	International Harvester	◆			◆	◆	
C32	C (HI)	International Harvester			◆	◆		
C33	C (HI)	International Harvester	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
C34	C (HI)	International Harvester		◆	◆		◆	
C36	CIL	Canadian Industries Ltd.	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
C41	C/N/R	Canadian National Railways			◆			
C42	CNR	Canadian Northern Railway	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
C43	CNR	Canadian National Railway	◆	◆	◆	◆		
C45	CNR	Canadian National Railway	◆	◆		◆		◆
C46	CNR	Canadian National Railway	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
C50	CPR	Canadian Pacific Railway			◆			
C51	CPR	Canadian Pacific Railway	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
C52	CPR	Canadian Pacific Railway	◆	◆		◆		
C53	CPR	Canadian Pacific Railway	◆	◆	◆			
C54	CSL	Canadian Steamship Lines		◆			◆	
C63	CXL	Canadian Explosive						
D2	D (1)	Dennison Manufacturing Co.		◆	◆		◆	
D4	DG/CO	Dominion Glass		◆		◆		

Table 2 (continued)

Pattern	Die	Name of Organization	1c	2c	3c	5c	10c	13c
			211	212	213	214	215	216
D6	DM/Co	Dennison Manufacturing Co.					◆	
E2	E	T. Eaton Company		◆	◆			
F4	FS/Co	Finlay, Smith & Co.	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
G8	GM/Co	Gordon Mackay & Co.	◆		◆	◆	◆	
G10	GN	Great Northern Railway	◆					
G17	GWL	Great West Life Assurance	◆	◆	◆			
G19	GWL	Great West Life Assurance		◆	◆		◆	
G22	GWL	Great West Life Assurance					◆	
i3	IHC	International Harvester	◆	◆	◆		◆	
L1	LA	Legislative Assembly, Ontario	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆
L6	LSC	Lake Superior Corp.		◆	◆		◆	
M3	M (C/C)	McClary Manufacturing Co.		◆		◆	◆	◆
M11	M-H	Massey-Harris Co. Ltd.	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
M16	MLI/Co	Metropolitan Life	◆	◆				◆
M22	MR/MC	Montreal Rolling Mills	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
M23	MS/W	Montreal Stencil Works		◆	◆	◆	◆	
N1	NA/LIFE	North American Life Assurance Co.					◆	
N9	NLY	New York Life Insurance Co.	◆	◆	◆			
N11	NLY	NY Life Insurance Co.	◆	◆	◆			
N12	NLY	NY Life Insurance Co.	◆	◆	◆			
N15	NLY	NY Life Insurance Co.		◆				
N16	NLY	NY Life Insurance Co.	◆					
O1	OAG	Ocean Accident & Guarantee Cor.		◆	◆	◆	◆	
O5	OFM/Co	Ogilvie Flour Mills	◆					
O6	OFM/Co	Ogilvie Flour Mills				◆		
O7	OH/MS	Dept. of Finance (OHMS)		◆		◆		
O11	OHN	Osler, Hammond & Nanton		◆	◆		◆	
P4	PD	Parke, Davis & Co.	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
P5	PD	Parke, Davis & Co.	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆
P10	P&L	Pratt & Lambert		◆	◆	◆		
P15	PS	Province of Saskatchewan	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Q1	Q/CLQ/C	Quebec Liquor Commission		◆	◆	◆		

Table 2 (continued)

Pattern	Die	Name of Organization	1c	2c	3c	5c	10c	13c
			211	212	213	214	215	216
R3	RIC(o)/LD	Royal Insurance Co.		◆	◆	◆		
R5	R&Q/COS	Royal & Queens Insurance		◆				
R7	R&Q/COS	Royal & Queens Insurance		◆	◆			
S2	S	Swift Canadian Co.		◆	◆	◆		
S4	S	Swift Canadian Co.	◆	◆		◆		
S9	SC/C	Steel Company of Canada	◆	◆		◆	◆	
S18	SUN/LIFE	Sun Life Assurance	◆	◆	◆			
S19	SUN/LIFE	Sun Life Assurance	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
S19-1				◆	◆			
S19-3				◆		◆	◆	
S19-4					◆			
S19-5				◆				
S19-6			◆	◆				
S19-7				◆	◆			
S19-9				◆				
S19-10					◆			
S19-14					◆			
S19-15			◆	◆				
S19-18			◆					
T12	TRAV	Travelers Insurance	◆	◆	◆	◆		
W3	WBR	Warwick Brothers & Rutter				◆		
W5	WC/B	Workers Compensation Board of B.C.	◆	◆				
W9	WJG	W.J. Gage Co.	◆		◆	◆	◆	
W14	WT/7Co	William Tyrrell			◆		◆	
W15	WU	Western Union Telegraph Co.		◆	◆			
W17	WW/JR	William Wrigley Jr. Co.		◆	◆	◆		

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