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E.1 Swift Canadian Co.

21 Mike Dicketts sends along this information.

The following note was found among the papers of the late Bob Woolley. While the handwriting has not been confirmed it is thought to be that of Mr. Woolley. To this brief comment and its accompanying illustration I have added some further information.



"From left to right" as perforated on a strip of ten stamps face up and bottom of sheet aligned so that 'E' will read correctly when the stamp is face up and vertical."

It will be noted that this ten-die machine has many broken pins since being brought into use around 1912, leaving only two dies intact. Dies 7, 9 and 10 are such that examples may be resting in someone's can't identify category, and it is hoped that the illustration will be of assistance.

My own collection consists of four values, Scott #104, 106, 111 and 233 none of which show any missing pins. My records indicate a further twenty-eight stamps, plus three revenues, are known with this design. These encompass all the definitive sets up to the 1949 Geo. VI issues, followed by a scattering of values thereafter. It can be assumed that when pin damage reached a certain level Swift's abandoned use of the perforator. What is not known is either the machine's present location or if the damage was mainly after the machine was taken out of use. It would be of interest to learn what stamps owned by members show damage as depicted in the illustration. With enough feedback it would be possible to plot the deterioration of the dies by date.

Perfins of the Sun Life Assurance Co.
Part 3

The purpose of this third article on S11 perfins is to give you additional tools and clues to identify your S11 types. I realize more than ever the difficulties the general collector has in sorting his holdings. I understand also that with so many similar patterns (95 in total) it is enough to make anybody blind!

However, practice makes perfect!

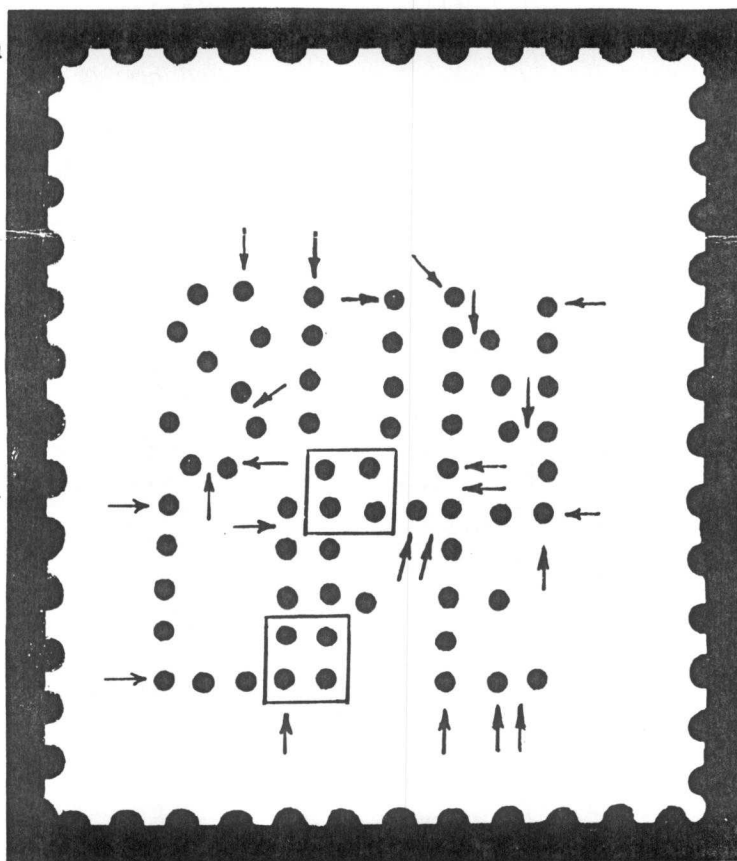
... at least it is a goal to aim and lets give a try.

The illustration here shows some of the checking points one must have in mind in order to eliminate some of the patterns until the right one seems to be found. Then, by laying your perfin on the printed pattern from my last article, using a 10X magnifying glass you can see if the holes match exactly.

Several patterns are similar, so it is only by checking out every characteristics of your perfin very carefully that you have a chance to identify it positively.

The more you will increase your knowledge on the various types of S11, the prouder you'll be and this great feeling and satisfaction will eventually reflect in your collection.

Following in the next three pages you will find more clues to make you concentrate your efforts on existing records. Example: you have a No. 119 perfined S11. The survey shows that issue in the Toronto column. Indeed, your chances are good. I found it in five collections all with a roller cancel from Toronto. But they are not all that easy. In this survey, I listed only the types and positions seen by me. Many more catalogue numbers exist perforated S11 and I am anxious to list them in this survey, if only I can see them.



Not shown in the preceeding compilation but of great interest to position collector are the double punches (overlapping or at least touching), two different positions on the same stamps and a couple late entries: S11.1 195AX, 196 EX, FX, 199 EX, FX and a mirror single giving an EG image, and finally the No. 197H (cr²cked plate variety).
 S11.3 237A - late entry.
 S11.4 142 AX
 S11.5 165 AX, 197 BX, 233 AX.
 S11.10 199 AX.
 S11.12 167 AX
 S11.14 195 BC, AD, 196 BD, 197 BX, 197b AX.
 S11.15 192 AX.
 S11.17 190 AC.
 S11.18 198 BX, 199 AX.
 S11.19 110 AX, 167 AX, 196 AX, 197 CX, GX, 197b AX, C3A - late entry and it is the only known airmail seen so far.

Summary of S11 perfins recorded as of February 15, 1985

<u>S11 types</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>No. of Issues</u>	<u>No. of Positions</u>	<u>Approx. No. of perfins seen</u>
S11.1	Halifax, N.S.	29	88	800
S11.2	Saint John, N.B.	28	36	470
S11.3	Quebec, P.Q.	51	79	355
S11.4	Trois Rivières, P.Q.	37	53	550
S11.5	Sherbrooke, P.Q.	33	66	265
S11.6	Ottawa, Ont.	35	63	380
S11.7	North Bay, Ont.	20	28	235
S11.8	Toronto, Ont.	13	19	25
S11.9	London, Ont.	18	28	545
S11.10	Guelph, Ont.	11	26	315
S11.11	Windsor, Ont.	12	15	320
S11.12	Peterboro, Ont.	14	16	30
S11.13	Fort Williams, Ont.	13	13	25
S11.14	Winnipeg, Man.	16	42	580
S11.15	Regina, Sask.	20	31	315
S11.16	Saskatoon, Sask.	25	34	335
S11.17	Edmonton, Alta.	22	40	345
S11.18	Calgary, Alta.	36	55	800
S11.19	Vancouver, B.C.	17	50	810
TOTAL		450	782	7500+

Looking forward to hearing from YOU

S11.1-1, WHAT'S THAT?

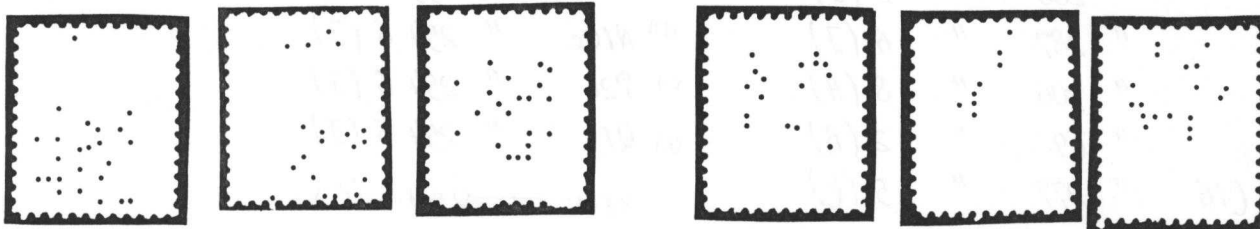
I just hear the good news from Jon that all the new types of S11 will be listed and illustrated at the end of the Canadian perfin Handbook presently in the hands of the typesetters. It will be inserted as an Appendix, been too late to be incorporated in the 'S' section where these new types belong. The numbering will be the same as used in my last two articles. In the future, when referring to any type of S11, it will only be a decimal figure replacing the city of origin, giving us S11.1 for Halifax and when referring to any of the 5 patterns from that perforator, it will be indicated in that manner: S11.1-1 for the first punch from the left, S11.1-2 for the second, etc.

I hope to stimulate enough interest with this 3rd article to receive more questions, more material to identify and add to my survey of issues and positions and finally more requests for my recent list with 16 types of the S11, with a good representation of the issues of the 30's offered for sale or trade.

After the publication of my 2 preceeding articles, only 10% of the readers of this paper had questions to ask me - leaving a comfortable 90% with no problems!

I offered a free identification service and honestly I was expecting more correspondence than received. From now on I'll be asking .25 per perfin identified. By doing so, every body will feel better. I identify 3 to 5 perfins S11 an hour. No, I am not faster than that. It would take a computer to speed up the operations!

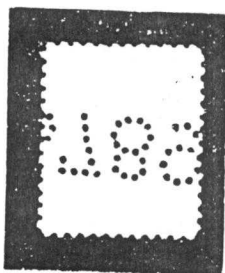
ARE THESE S11's?



Your guest is right. The first three: S11.1 - the others: S11.19
 In my next article, all about these incomplete patterns from the various perforators.

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Identify? Anyone



From Merv J. Cormier. A photocopy of the perforation on a 2¢ Edward, perforated 6789. These numbers are a design different from the usual Kodak. These holes are oval, while Kodak have angles at the corners, etc. (Can anyone identify this for Merv.)

Results of Position Survey

All 8 positions were reported on the following :

C15 (10a Scott 252 (4 reports)	3b 96 Scott 90 (2)
254 (3 reports) ✓	m22 M15 233
286 (2 reports)	m24 M17 233 ✓
287 (1 report)	p4 P26 197
291 (2 reports)	252 (2 reports)
292 (1 report)	f3 R2 104
306 (3 reports) ✓	s14 S11 190
C45 (21a 254	w9 W9 MR 4
269	v12 W11 254

Seven positions were reported on these, using (lock positions

C14 (10 Scott 248 Missing 5 (E)	C45 (21a Scott 249 8 (H)
C15 (10a " 252 " 8 (H) ✓	" 252 6 (F)
" 249 " 4 (D)	m24 M17 " 233 2 (B)
" 286 " 6 (F)	" 233 4 (D)
" 287 " 6 (F)	n11 N10c " 254 6 (F)
" 306 " 8 (H)	p4 P26 " 254 6 (F)
" (9 " 2 (B)	q1 Q1 " 254 6 (F)
C38 (16 " 277 " 5 (E)	w H 254 (C)

We need some additional articles for the Perforator. A one page, or even a half page. Illustrations of Covers or stamps, or your most recent find? Any item that interests you, will interest us Perfinners..