

# The BNA PERFORATOR

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## From the Editor's Desk

**Patrick Durbano**

First off, I want to thank all of the members that sent me their thanks and encouragement after they received the last issue. I really appreciated all the positive response.

Secondly, I have recently changed jobs and am now working for McIntyre & Dodd Marketing Inc. in Toronto as a Database Development Manager. You may know M&D as we are the company that distributes the blue Carole Martin co-op envelope four times per year. Because of this promotion, I now am using WordPerfect 6.0a for Windows (which I am still learning) and a new IBM laser printer, so you may notice some differences in the masthead and formatting. These changes have caused me to be late with the September issue and my apologies go out to all those affected by its late arrival.

As for the issue at hand, we again have our Chairman's Chatter (please read carefully since Mark has addressed several important issues) plus we have our Treasurer's Annual Financial report. Additionally, we have a new feature that I am sure others will find as interesting as I did and that is "Auction Watch." Our feature article this month is from Jon Johnson and is entitled "Canadian Pacific Railway Perfins Overseas."

For the next issue, we will hopefully have Auction #9 (Conrad will it be ready soon?) plus another

feature article. After that issue, material will be pretty much dried up so I am soliciting new articles, photos, information or other news worthy items for our 1995 issues. If you don't have anything to contribute, then send me your listings of any and all of your perf 12 X 8 stamps as I am trying to compile a list of users on Scott #184 and MR5 and will publish it in 1995.

Now for an update on the largest block of the O7 - "OH/MS". It seems that the last issue illustrated the second largest known block as Bob Traquair has sent me a photocopy of a block of 40 of the 2 cent brown KGVI (Scott #232) showing 10 rows of positions 2 to 5. This is illustrated on Page 5. Now that the race is on, does anyone have a larger block? Please let me know and send a photocopy.

Finally, some housekeeping issues.

Your dues are due and our Treasurer informs me that there are still a couple of you that have not paid yet. If you don't, this will be your last issue.

### NEW MEMBERS:

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On a sad note, I regretfully inform you that George Ross has passed away. Our sympathy goes out to his family and friends.

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## Chairman's Chatter

Mark Fennell

I'm sure that all our study group members will join me in extending congratulations to Patrick Durban on the very professional production, as editor/publisher, of his first Perforator. I was particularly pleased that he got our newsletter out so quickly after taking over his new responsibilities, as everyone was made aware that we had filled the vacancy created by Floyd's resignation.

Praising Patrick is not belittling the efforts of other editors by any means. We all have different tools to work with, some just a pen, others like me just a beat up old typewriter, and others have computers, printers, etc. and with access to other allied equipment. We all do the best we can and we certainly appreciate and are grateful for the work and effort of all past Perforator editors.

I hope as many members as possible are supporting Conrad Tremblay's auctions as they provide an excellent opportunity to acquire new material. Another terrific one in issue #89. Most of us, I'm afraid, take the finished auction listing for granted and do not stop to realize the tremendous amount of work and dedication that Conrad puts into the preparation, it not only takes hours and days but weeks to complete. Preparing the listing for the Perforator is just the beginning, there is the auction itself to complete and then sending out the lots to successful bidders, receiving payment, paying the vendors and compiling a prices realized list. All in all you can see that Conrad puts forth a top notch effort with these auctions and all, as the saying goes, as a labour of love and for the benefit of our hobby.

I recently acquired a C22 (IHC Calgary) perfin on 1-107 precancel and upon checking the listing at the back of the 1988 Precancel catalogue saw that it was unlisted. I then also referred to the Perfins Checklist on page 100 in our handbook, which can

be very confusing unless you realize that the identification is by the Noble/Walburn system now supplanted by Scott catalogue numbers in the latest edition of the Precancel Catalogue, and it was not listed. Our Precancel Perfin Checklist is now entirely out of date and the whole section needs revision. (ED. note: The 1992 Precancel Catalogue also does not list this stamp.)

Speaking of revisions, another section woefully inadequate in our handbook is the listing of OHMS perfins on page 91. Granted Wrigley does not differentiate between O8 and O9 in the 4 hole, I would assume his listing of the 5 hole would be fairly accurate and we should use it. I know of a dealer in Windsor who is knowledgeable in all aspects of OHMS perfined stamps, as I would assume is our editor, as he specializes in these. I don't know how our Tag Perfin Checklist stacks up with Ken Rose's latest listing as I do not have a copy to compare.

The point I am trying to make is that we are not alone in the study of perfins, as other specialty fields have also done an in depth investigation of perfined stamps as related to their particular interests. I strongly feel that before we issue a revised handbook, that all other sources of information should be consulted so that any checklists will be as complete and accurate as possible.

I'm sure that most of our members are interested in knowing what happens to the collection of deceased members. For your information, Mike Hargraft's perfin collection and research material was in John Talman's (Toronto) auction of August 29, 1994.

It is our custom, whenever possible, to hold our study group annual meeting and election of officers at the BNAPS annual, however, this may or may not be possible this year. Neither myself, Steven, Patrick nor Conrad is attending and upon contacting Jon Johnson to see if he would chair our seminar, found out that he wasn't going either.

I phoned Michael Dicketts, who has so kindly come to our aid several times, and his plans are uncertain, but if he did go, it would be towards the end of the convention and if there, he would chair the meeting.

With this in mind, I was able to book time for a

perfin seminar at 3:15 p.m. on Saturday October 1st. If Michael is not there, at least members can meet to get acquainted and talk. If there are any suggestions made, would someone please pass them on to Steve Koning. If a formal meeting is not possible, we will hold it via the next issue of the Perforator.

## Auction Watch

Compiled by: Steve Koning

The following report was compiled from information sent to Steve Koning. Members are asked to write to Steve with this type of information that is of interest and benefit to all members of our Study Group.

Stamp numbers refer to the 1993 Unitrade stamp catalogue. The prices shown are the Hammer Prices and do not include any Buyer's premiums, GST or provincial sales tax.

Auctioneer	Date	Item/Description	Hammer Price
Bow City	93-04-03	16 Canadian perfins, Mostly LA, 1930's	\$20.00
Hennok	93-12-18	1,850 Different Issues on 160 patterns including high values, 20 stamps with a factor of D, others were E, F, G or H.	\$750.00
Kimmerly	93-10-16	#92	\$21.00
Robert Lee	93-02-13	#106 with S20 - SYS/TEM	\$270.00
	93-02-13	31 Rail Road perfins on covers	\$50.00
	93-02-13	560 CMS on J15, J16, J17, J18 & J20	\$650.00
	93-02-13	#98 with W8 - WHM/Co	\$70.00
Talman	93-03-24	275 Excise tax perfins including HBK; E; BT; CCR; CPR and SUN/LIFE	\$210.00
Vance	93-04-23	200 Canadian perfins, no rarities	\$100.00
	93-04-23	#99, with JMD	\$47.00

(Ed. Note: This is something that I enjoined reading about and I encourage others to contribute information to Steve for this venture.)

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PERFINS STUDY GROUP

1. We started the year with 46 members. We now have 54 members, sixteen of them have not yet sent in their dues as of August 15, 1994. All members are asked to help promote our study group by increasing its membership.

2. Our bank balance as of September 4, 1994 was \$372.39  
 Since then, income has been as follows:

- dues received	\$182.36		
- B.N.A.P.S.	\$145.00		
- Auctions 6 & 7	<u>\$96.00</u>		
TOTAL INCOME		\$423.36	<u>\$423.36</u>
			TOTAL <u>\$795.75</u>

Expenses have been:

- Bank Charges	\$8.00		
- Perforator			
- McNey	\$277.49		
- Durbano	\$151.77		
- Advance, Durbano	<u>\$100.00</u>		
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$537.26	<u>\$537.26</u>
			BALANCE <u>\$258.49</u>

Bank Balance as of August 8, 1994: \$258.49

### ASSETS

- Bank Account	\$258.49	
- Dues Receivable	\$80.00	
- Advance	<u>\$100.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$438.49

### LIABILITIES

- Prepaid Dues	<u>(\$70.00)</u>	
NET ASSETS 1994		\$368.49
NET ASSETS 1993		\$397.39

3. Motion: That the study group fee for 1995 remains at \$5.00.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Steven M. Koning  
 Secretary-Treasurer

## Update - Largest Multiple Known of the O7 - "OH/MS"

As mentioned in "From the Editor's Desk", this block of 40 submitted by Bob Traquair is now the largest multiple known of the 5-Hole "OH/MS". Bob told me that he has owned this gem for about 40 years and obtained it from a legitimate source.

As you can see from the illustration, it contains positions 2 to 5 with the first column being 10 copies of the "Broken S" variety. The piece is CDS cancelled "Edmonton, Alberta - September 22, 1939" and is on Scott 232 - 2 cent George VI.

Now that the cat is out of the bag, where is a block of 50?

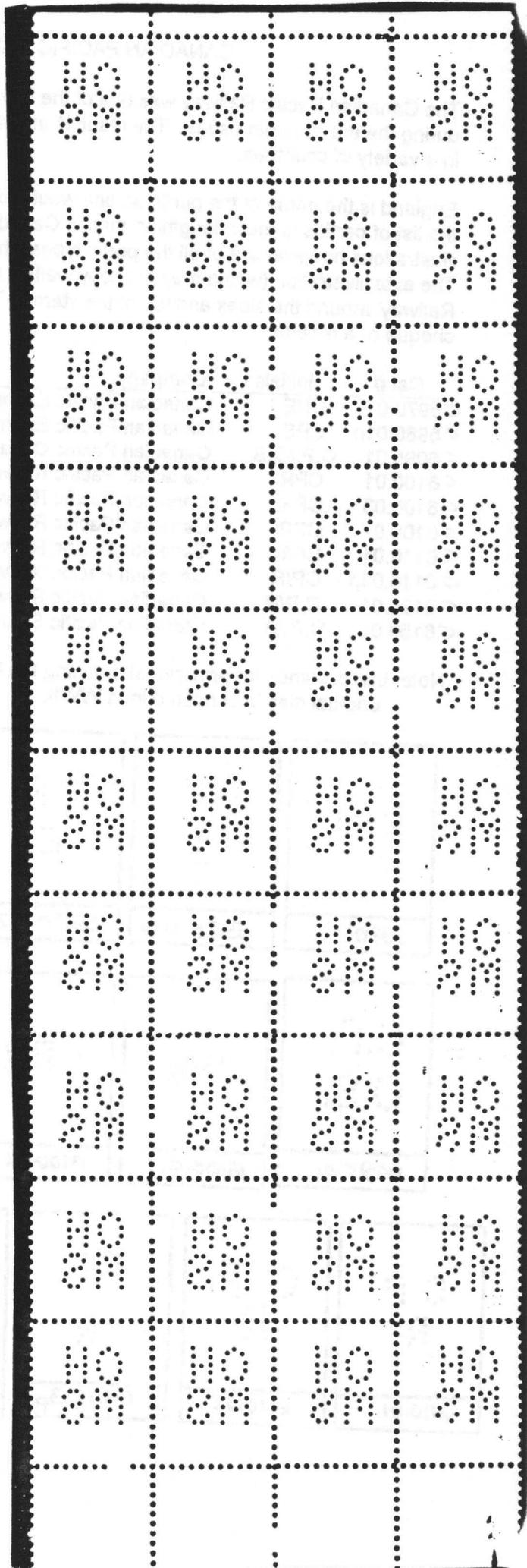
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### Back Copies Available from our Secretary/Treasurer

At an auction held recently by John Talman in Toronto, the collection of Michael Hargraft, a former secretary-treasurer of our study group, was sold in about 30 lots. One of the lots contained each back copy. Another lot contained multiple copies of many back copies. Steve Koning has purchased these lots, with his own funds, and is quite willing to send anyone who wishes back copies, whatever they need, at a cost of \$1.00 per issue, plus \$1.00 for postage for up to three copies. Included in the lot was also an index of past articles in the Perforator. These are also available at a cost of \$2.00, which includes the cost of mailing them. Any profit he makes on this crass capitalist venture will be donated to the club.

For new members, Steve suggests that you buy the index first, decide which issues have articles in your particular area of interest and then order the back copies containing those articles

(ED. Note - See front page for Steve Koning's mailing address.)



## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY PERFINS OVERSEAS

The Canadian Pacific Railway was one of the few Canadian companies who operated internationally during the era of perfin usage. The result is an interesting list of perfins used by the CPR and subsidiaries in a variety of countries.

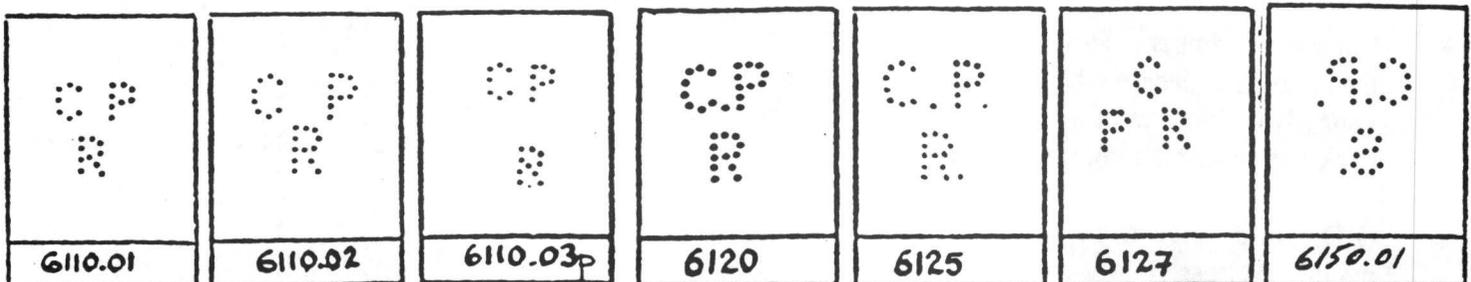
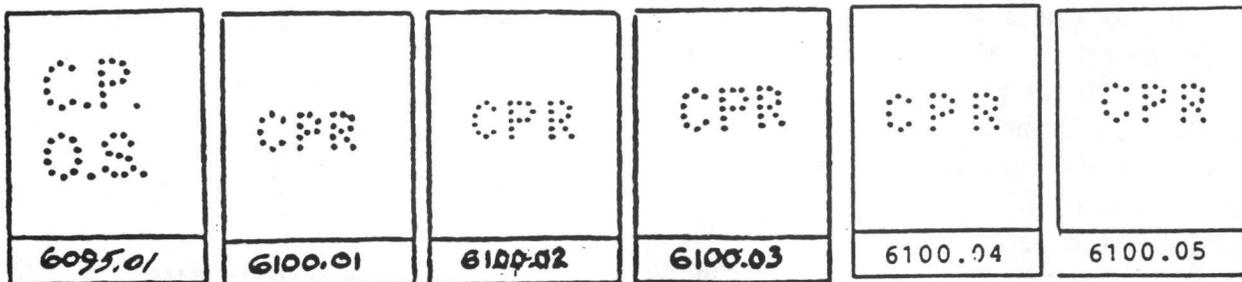
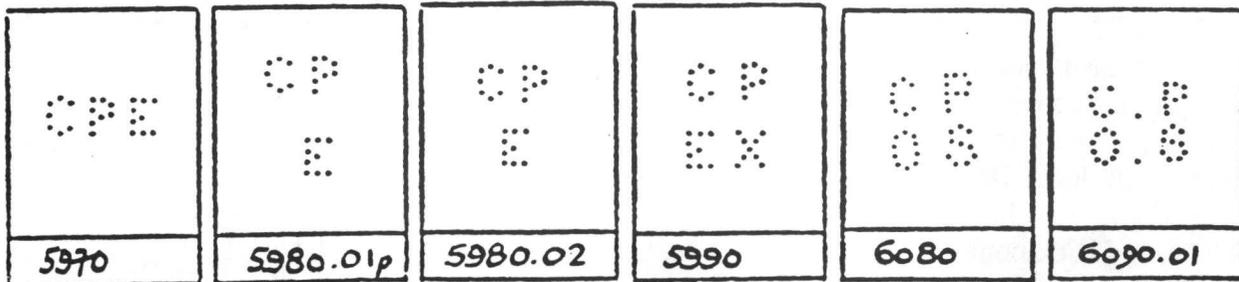
England is the home of the perfin so one would expect to find CPR perfins in England. Surprisingly the list of perfins is much lengthier than in Canada. Below are only the confirmed identities, the illustrations however are of all the perfin types which potentially belong to the Canadian Pacific Railway. The extra illustration (which may not copy well) is not a perfin but is overprinted with 'Canadian / Pacific / Railway' around the sides and top of the stamp. This stamp was used to pay excise tax on either a cheque or a receipt.

Cat #	Initials	Company
< 5970.01	CPE	Canadian Pacific Express Co
< 5980.01p	CPE	Canadian Pacific Express
< 6095.01	C.P./O.S.	Canadian Pacific Ocean Services Ltd, London
< 6100.01	CPR	Canadian Pacific Railway, Liverpool
< 6100.03	CPR	Canadian Pacific Railway, Liverpool
< 6100.07	CPR	Canadian Pacific Railway, Liverpool
< 6110.01	CP/R	Canadian Pacific Railway, Liverpool
< 6110.03p	CP/R	Canadian Pacific Railway
< 6120.01	C.P/R	Canadian Pacific Railway, Liverpool
< 6150.01	C.P./S.	Canadian Pacific Steamship Co Ltd



CPR overprint

Note: the 'p' stands for provisional meaning the letters may move around a result of destruction of the original dies in London during WWII.



The next most likely country to find CPR perfins is the United States. And sure enough there are two of them in the U.S.

Cat #	Initials	Company
C279	CP/R	Canadian Pacific Railway, Chicago
C280	CP/R.	Canadian Pacific Railway, Chicago



C279



C280

Tied with the U.S. for the number of perfins is the Belgium. There are two perfins, the small one being used after the larger one.

Cat #	Initials	Company
C104	C.P.R.	Canadian Pacific Railway, Amsterdam
C105	C.P.R.	unconfirmed



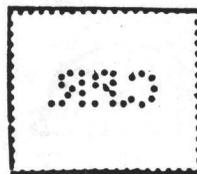
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An interesting addition to the list is the CPR perfin in Germany. The cover illustrated is the identifying cover so not too many of the covers mayt have been sent to German addresses.

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1.CPR,2	CPR	Canadian Pacific Railway, Hamburg



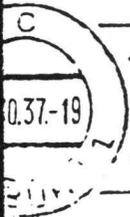
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illustration  
not available

1.CPR,2

It should be noted that there is a CPR perfin in France but it has been identified belonging to French company and has no connection to the Canadian Pacific Railway.

If you are aware of any CPR perfins not included in the above drop a note to Jon Johnson at 9604 Kalamalka Road, Vernon, BC V1B 1L3



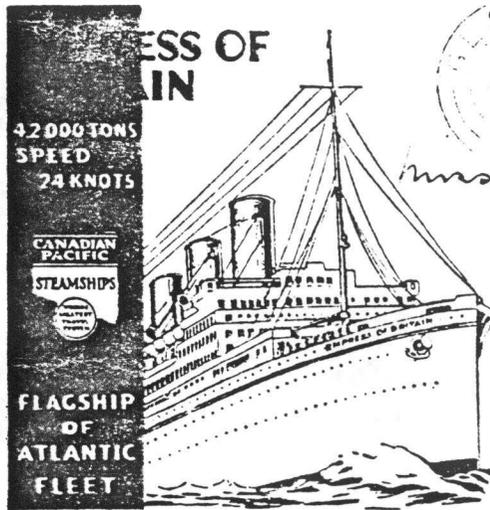
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